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Home Of Brittni Danielle Chaidez

Police identify killer of seven church-goers

FORT WORTH (AP) — Police today searched the trashed home of a man who burst into a church service for teen-agers and spewed anti-Baptist rhetoric as he opened fire and rolled a pipe bomb down an aisle.

Seven people were fatally shot Wednesday night before the gunman — identified today as 47-year-old Larry Gene Ashbrook — killed himself in a pew at the Wedgwood Baptist Church. Seven others were wounded, three of them seriously.

"It looked like a skit, it looked like something out of a movie," said Bethany Williams, 16, her eyes red with tears and her green crocheted purse splattered with blood. "And I thought it was a fake gun making fake noises."

Authorities this morning still had no idea what motivated the shooting. Ashbrook carried no note, and none was found during a search this morning of his home about 10 minutes from the church.

Several years-old journals found in the home yielded no clues, said Robert Garrity, the FBI's special agent in charge.

"I don't know that we'll ever know the answer to the question of why it happened," Garrity said. "It may just be an enigma for a long time."

Ashbrook apparently wrecked his house before heading to the church. Agents found overturned furniture, holes in walls, concrete poured down toilets and family photos hacked to pieces, Garrity said.

"He virtually destroyed the interior of his house," he said. "This has the appearance of being a very troubled man, who, for whatever reason in his own mind, sought to quiet whatever demons that bothered him."

Ashbrook had no known police record. He acted alone, and there was no indication that he knew anyone at the Southern Baptist church, police chief Ralph Mendoza said.

The shootings happened during a service for teen-agers at the large, red brick church on the southwest side of the city. More than 150 people were inside the building, and the Christian rock group Forty Days was performing after the annual "See You at the Pole" gathering at local schools, where students affirm their faith and concern for the problems of society by holding prayer time around school flagpoles.

Witnesses said the teens were in the sanctuary when the shooter, wearing a black jacket, jeans and a white T-shirt, arrived.

"He hits the door real hard to make his presence known and he just immediately started firing."

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "You're past middle age if the doc tells you to slow down, instead of the police."

Most of us think rules and regulations are for other folks.

Although it wasn't a capital crime, we had to chuckle at Dallas Cowboy owner Jerry Jones getting cuffed for leaving the scene of a traffic stop.

And over the years, citizens have found it necessary to adopt laws that meet needs that existed at the time. Often, those circumstances change, but the laws remain on the books.

Here are some examples of laws:

—When two trains meet at a railroad crossing, each shall come to a full stop, and neither shall proceed until the other has gone.

—A city ordinance states that a person cannot go barefoot without first obtaining a $5 permit.

—It is illegal to take more than three sips of beer at a time while standing.

—You can be legally married by publicly introducing a person as your husband or wife three times.

—It is illegal to drive without windshield wipers. You don't have to have a windshield, but you must have the wipers.

—It is illegal to milk some other person's cow.

—A recently-passed anti-crime law requires criminals to give their victims 24 hours notice, either orally or in writing, and to explain the nature of the crime to be committed.

—The entire Encyclopedia Britannica is banned in Texas because it contains a formula for home brew.

Some odd city laws;

—Austin: wire cutters cannot be carried in one's pocket.

—Beaumont: Collegiate football is banned.

—Clarendon: It is illegal to dust any public building using a feather duster.

—El Paso: Churches, hotels, halls of assembly, stores, markets, banking rooms, railroad depots and saloons are required to provide spittons "of a kind and number to efficiently contain expectorations into them."

—Houston: Beer may not be purchased after midnight on a Sunday, but it may be purchased on Monday. Also, it illegal to sell Limburger cheese on Sunday.

—Mesquite: It is illegal for children to have unusual haircuts.

—And in abilene: Any person is prohibited from loitering anyplace within the corporate city limits for the purpose of flirting or mashing.

Gorman makes semifinalist list



Trey Gorman, Snyder High School senior, has been named a National Merit Scholarship Semifinalist.

He is one of approximately 16,000 high school seniors announced as semifinalists in the 45th annual National Merit Scholarship Program.

Gorman now has an opportunity to continue in the competition for some 7,600 Merit Scholarship awards, worth over $28 million, that will be offered next spring.

He is the son of Jack and Kim Gorman.

He is active in band, basketball, piano and computer programming.

He is also active in Snyder Neighbors Sharing and the First Baptist Church Praise Band.

Gorman has received awards and honors in science and computer science, and was named as an All-State Musician for piano and to All-Region Band playing the trumpet.

He has varsity letters in band, basketball, and UIL calculator applications, science and computer science.

He is currently band captain, SUN Club treasurer and a member of the National Honor Society, the Superintendent's Student Advisory Committee and the Family Life Center Committee at First Baptist Church.

He is also a Bible study teacher.



WARDENS' MEETING – Wardens from 22 Texas Department of Criminal Justice units in Region V were in Snyder Wednesday. About 100 persons attended a luncheon at the Wagon Wheel Ranch. Pictured from left are Rodney Cooper, warden in Colorado City; Wilhelmenia Howard, warden at Snyder's Price Daniel unit; and Les Woods, PDU's first warden and now warden in Wichita Falls. (SDN Staff Photo)



CANNED FOODS — Viola Stirl, Scurry County Fair canned foods superintendent, writes judging results down this morning in the canned foods division. Most fair displays opened today at noon. The 34th edition of the fair will continue through Saturday. (SDN Staff Photo)

County fair events are ready for three-day run

Area residents can get a coliseum full of entertainment for the admission charge of only $1 as the 34th annual Scurry County Fair begins today.

All sorts of exhibits are on the coliseum floor with displays from local merchants and service organizations, and booths full of handicrafts, food items, textiles and items made by school children.

The event continues through Saturday.

Entries in the annual domino tournament will be accepted beginning at 5 p.m. today, and play will begin at 6 p.m. The domino tourney championship will be held at 9 a.m. Saturday.

Kiddie event entries will be accepted today and Friday from 1-9 p.m. The kiddie parade will be held at 9 a.m. Saturday at in the annex of the coliseum.

Other kiddie events on Saturday are the tractor pull at 10 a.m., the fish pond beginning at 1 p.m. and the stick horse rodeo beginning at 2 o'clock.

The tractor pull has three weight classes: up to 33 pounds; 34 to 45 pounds; and 46 to 59 pounds.

The fish pond event is for one to three-year-old children.

The stick horse rodeo has two divisions. One division is for three-five-year olds, while the other division is for six to eight-year-old youngsters.

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

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

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

Baked goods will be accepted Friday from 5-9 p.m. and Saturday from 8-9 a.m.

Saturday's horse show will be held at 10 a.m. and entries will be accepted one hour before the show opens.

The horseshoe and washer-pitching contest will be held Saturday. Entry fee in these events are $5 per person and prizes will be awarded.

A variety of entertainment will fill the stage in the auditorium with a live band on stage Friday and Saturday from 7-10 p.m..

A quilt and style show will also be held Saturday on the coliseum stage.

The fair association has scheduled its first cake walk on Saturday in the coliseum annex. There will be a $1 charge to participate.

In addition, there will be displays of new cars, boats, four-wheelers and tractors in the coliseum area.

Phil Robinson serves as the fair president and other officers are Joan Treadway, vice president, Sandra Barboza, secretary, and Teresa Kariainen, treasurer.

Hurricane Floyd roars ashore in N. Carolina

WILMINGTON, N.C. (AP) — Hurricane Floyd roared ashore today near Cape Fear with 110 mph wind, flooding the Carolina coasts with more than a foot of rain as tens of thousands of people huddled in shelters.

The eye of the huge storm hit the mainland at about 3 a.m., preceded by hours of violent weather that included several tornadoes. Floyd then weakened rapidly as it headed across the southeastern corner of Virginia on its way back to the ocean.

Some 1.3 million utility customers in the Carolinas and Virginia lost power, and 125,000 still had no power today in Florida. Flooding and power failures combined to shut down Portsmouth, Va.'s water supply system, which serves 110,000 customers.

At least seven deaths were blamed on Floyd.

"I've never been in nothing like this before," said Norma Childers, 62, a retired Rustburg, Va., nurse who came to North Carolina on vacation and was in a Wilmington motel when it lost power this morning. "I'm getting too much fuss from my children. They're at home. They think that's where I'm supposed to be."

At 11 a.m., the storm was at the coast near Virginia Beach, Va., and moving north-northeast at about 24 mph. After Floyd hit land, the top sustained wind around its center slowed to near 80 mph.

The next targets after Virginia were expected to be the coasts of Maryland, Delaware and New Jersey, then New York's Long Island early Friday. Disaster preparations were under way in New York City, Massachusetts' Cape Cod and along the coast of Maine.

Hurricane warnings were posted as far north as Plymouth, Mass. Public schools were closed in Washington, D.C., all of New Jersey, Philadelphia and New York City.

Authorities had urged more than 2.6 million people along the southern Atlantic coast to clear out of Floyd's path — the biggest evacuation in U.S. history — and more people were urged to evacuate today in parts of Virginia.

Local budget work to end

Snyder ISD trustees will meet this evening to conclude the 1999-2000 budget process as they will conduct a public hearing on the budget and consider the proposed tax rate.

The district has proposed keeping its existing tax rate of $1.50 per $100 valuation to finance the budget in the amount of $18,413,804.

The public hearing is set for 6 p.m. in the school's administration building, while the regular monthly meeting will follow at 6:15.

The main order of business in the regular meeting will be the adoption of the tax rate.

Representatives of Central Elementary, Stanfield Elementary and Northeast Elementary will be at the meeting to discuss and be recognized for their TAAS scores.

Also, Carol Bullard will make a presentation of art work by elementary students.

ASK US

Q—Why did the sex offender notice in the paper Wedneday not include a picture of the offender?

A—Because the offense occured prior to the law requiring the picture be published. The law went into effect Sept. 1.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Wednesday, 80 degrees; low, 61; 7 a.m. Thursday, 61; .60 precipitation; total for 1999, 21.14 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, cloudy; 40% chance of storms. Low near 60. E-SE wind 5-10 mph. Friday, partly cloudy; 20% chance of storms. High, low-mid 80s. SE wind 10-15 mph.



Cody Burney
Chance of Storms

Sunset:
7:48 p.m.
Sunrise:
7:29 a.m.
Of 258 days in 1999, the sun has shone 251 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

Quality is never an accident. It is always the result of intelligent effort.

—John Ruskin

Starr reflects on Lewinsky investigation

LOS ANGELES (AP) — If he had it to do over again, special counsel Kenneth Starr says he would have let another investigator delve into the messy details surrounding President Clinton's affair with Monica Lewinsky.

Even though Starr defended his work, he acknowledged that by the time the scandal was uncovered, his investigation of Clinton for Whitewater had already dragged on for so long that the public was growing weary and suspicious.

"I think in retrospect I made a serious mistake," he told some 550 people at a public forum here Wednesday. "I think it would have been much better for the country for the Lewinsky matter to have been handled by another independent counsel."

Starr also expressed mixed feelings about Clinton, calling him "gifted and talented" on the one hand, but adding he was disappointed with the president's personal behavior and the fact Clinton wasn't truthful with the American public when the affair was first uncovered.

"My real disappointment with our leader was when he took a poll on whether to tell the truth," Starr said.

During his speech, Starr reiterated his opinion that the congressional statute calling for the appointment of special prosecutors not be renewed.

The 21-year-old law was allowed to lapse in June amid lack of support. Starr said it was born in the post-Watergate era of good intentions but was hopelessly flawed.

"I opposed the statute when I first served in the Justice Department in 1981," he said.

"The statute," he continued, "simply does not work. The Congress was trying in effect to create a separate branch of government."

But he made it clear where he thinks the real blame in a scandal lies — and it's not with the special counsel.

"I think the real responsibility is on our public officials to be as transparent and honest as possible," he said, "and if there is a problem, to get the problem out there and deal with it."



COUNTY SHOW SET — The Scurry County Fair Horse Show is slated Saturday with books opening at 8:30 a.m. in the coliseum annex. The 1998 fair pt-timed winners include from left, Meggan Minor, 9-12; Jessica Bradshaw, 13 and up; and Luke Robertson, 8 and under. (Contributed Photo)

Dr. Gott By Peter Gott, M.D.

See neurosurgeon about back pain

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I've had intractable, severe back pain for 10 months. Tests confirmed that I have a herniated disc that is pinching a nerve. My friend says not to worry; the nerve will grow back in three years. Even with Elavil, I'm in agony. How can I live with this for three years?

DEAR READER: You probably cannot. I suspect that you will have to address the problem more aggressively.

Pinched nerves due to ruptured discs do not "grow back." Occasionally, "slipped" discs can, over time, return to their normal configuration; this simply removes painful pressure from the nerve. However, if the pain you experience is unbearable, you may develop further injury, including numbness and weakness. With continuing pressure on a spinal nerve, disability may result.

Your friend was doing you no favors. His advice was irresponsible. Although the antidepressant drug Elavil can aid some people with chronic discomfort, it is not an appropriate antidote for the pain of discogenic disease.

I urge you to see a neurosurgeon. You may need further testing — such as an MRI or a myelogram X-ray — to define the extent of the disc slippage. Although medical/chiropractic treatment may help you avoid surgery, I suspect that an operation to remove or repair the diseased disc may be your most promising therapy.

To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Reports "Managing Chronic Pain" and "An Informed Approach To surgery." Other readers who would like a copy should send $2 for each report to P.O. Box 2017, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to mention the title(s).

DEAR DR. GOTT: My nephew was accidentally shot with a.38 revolver when he was 8. He's had to have reconstructive surgery on his jaw but, miraculously, he suffered no brain damage. I've never seen you discuss guns in your column, but perhaps it's time for you to remind gun owners to keep their weapons out of the reach of children.

DEAR READER: The necessity for gun owners to exercise extreme caution with their weapons — and to keep pistols, rifles and ammunition under lock and key — is so self-evident that it hardly needs reiteration. Still, as you point out, innocent people are shot every year because of carelessness and the easy availability of firearms. You are correct; gun owners need constant reminding. A weapon in the house should be unloaded, preferably field-stripped or locked up, and the ammunition stored in a safe, inaccessible location.

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DR. GOTT



PETER GOTT, M.D.

Despite gender barriers, more jobs open to military women

WASHINGTON (AP) — More women are holding military jobs previously open only went to men, but a government audit found that female soldiers still run into barriers that restrict them from certain military occupations.

Military women traditionally have worked in areas of health care, administration and personnel. Recent data suggest that hasn't changed over the years. However, since 1993-94, when legislative changes opened more combat-related jobs to women, female enlistees and officers have increasingly entered nontraditional fields such as aviation, surface warfare, air traffic control and field artillery.

According to a report Wednesday by the General Accounting Office, the investigative branch of Congress, the number of female Marine Corps officers who were pilots or naval flight officers increased from zero in 1993 to 62 — about 7 percent of all officers) last year. The number of enlisted Army women that were in field artillery increased from 32 during 1992 to 122 in 1998 — a dramatic increased considering the number of men in that field decreased by 26.5 percent during the same period.

Still, GAO auditors found Department of Defense and service barriers limiting the number of women going into nontraditional occupations.

For example, the Navy limits the number of enlisted women in its nuclear training program because it does not allow women to serve on submarines, mainly because of a lack of privacy aboard the vessels.

In the Army, some occupations are open to women, but the number of women in those occupations is limited because many of the jobs slots are in male-only units, like those involving direct ground combat.

Red Man will acquire assets of Gallagher

Red Man Pipe & Supply Co. has announced that a definitive agreement has been signed to purchase assets and the business operations of R.J. Gallagher Co., a privately-held corporation headquartered in Houston, and to merge this operation into Red Man.

The Texas-based R.J. Gallagher Co. is a leading supplier of stainless steel and carbon pipe, fittings, flanges and valves with 15 distribution points primarily in the Gulf Coast region.

Craig Ketchum, president and CEO of Red Man Pipe & Supply, stated that "Gallagher fits Red Man's strategy to grow our downstream business, providing additional locations, experienced personnel, and product offering.

"Gallagher's 50 plus years of industrial market knowledge and strength will enhance Red Man's market value.

Red Man is a minority-owned primary distributor of products principally used in the upstream, midstream and downstream segments of the energy industry.

Consumation of this purchase agreement is expected to close in the last quarter of 1999. The addition of these new locations will bring the number of service and supply centers operated by Red Man in 12 different states to 61.

Red Man also operates through its 11 sales offices and Red Man Measurement Co., a fabrication facility serving the gas industry.

Red Man's Snyder office is located on the Lamesa Highway.

PUBLIC NOTICE

BRIEF EXPLANATORY STATEMENTS OF PROPOSED

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

Special Election

NOVEMBER 2, 1999

PROPOSITION NO. 1 ON THE BALLOT

HJR 44 - HJR 44 proposes a constitutional amendment that would ensure a clear succession in event of vacancies in the offices of Governor and Lieutenant Governor. Specifically, the amendment would provide that if after qualifying for the office, the Governor is temporarily unable to serve, the Lieutenant Governor shall act as Governor until the Governor is able to serve, but if the Governor is permanently unable to serve, the Lieutenant Governor shall become the Governor for the remainder of the unexpired term. The amendment would require a Lieutenant Governor who becomes Governor to forfeit the office of Lieutenant Governor. The amendment would also provide similar succession procedures when a vacancy occurs in the office of Governor before the newly elected Governor qualifies for office, and when the newly elected Governor is temporarily unable to take office. The amendment also would provide that if there is a temporary vacancy in the office of Lieutenant Governor, the President pro tempore of the Senate will fill the position, but if there is a permanent vacancy in the office of Lieutenant Governor, the President pro tempore of the Senate shall serve as Lieutenant Governor only until such time as the whole senate can convene to elect one of its members to perform the duties of Lieutenant Governor. Finally, the amendment would provide that if the Lieutenant Governor, while temporarily exercising the powers of the Governor, becomes temporarily disabled or unable to serve, the President pro tempore of the senate shall exercise the powers and authority of the office of the Governor until such time as the Governor or Lieutenant Governor reassumes those powers and duties.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to revise the provisions for the filling of a vacancy in the office of governor or lieutenant governor."

PROPOSITION NO. 2 ON THE BALLOT

SJR 12 - SJR 12 proposes a constitutional amendment that would resolve conflicts between the Texas Constitution and federal law relating to the definition, rules, and procedures of reverse mortgages. The amendment would define "reverse mortgage" in part as an extension of credit made against the homestead of a person who is 62 years or older, or whose spouse is 62 years or older. It would expand the list of circumstances under which payment of principal and interest become due and the procedures involved in foreclosure, and would require certain advances to be made according to specific terms in loan documents, including advances by the lender, on behalf of the borrower for payments necessary to protect the lender's interest. Finally, the amendment would require the Texas Supreme Court to promulgate rules of civil procedure expediting court-ordered foreclosures of reverse mortgage liens.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment relating to the making of advances under a reverse mortgage and payment of a reverse mortgage."

PROPOSITION NO. 3 ON THE BALLOT

HJR 62 - HJR 62 proposes a constitutional amendment that would simplify and clarify the language of the Texas Constitution. The amendment would make no substantive changes, but would eliminate duplicative, expired, out-of-date, and ineffective terms.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to eliminate duplicative, executed, obsolete, archaic, and ineffective provisions of the Texas Constitution."

PROPOSITION NO. 4 ON THE BALLOT

HJR 4 - HJR 4 proposes a constitutional amendment that would broaden the definition of charitable organizations. The amendment would exempt from ad valorem taxation the property of any organization engaged primarily in public charitable functions, and it would allow such an organization to conduct additional activities to support its charitable functions.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to authorize the legislature to exempt property owned by institutions engaged primarily in public charitable functions from ad valorem taxation."

PROPOSITION NO. 5 ON THE BALLOT

SJR 26 - SJR 26 proposes an amendment that would remove the restriction prohibiting state employees who receive all or part of their compensation from the state from serving as members of a governing body of a school district, city, town, or other local governmental district unless the state employee receives no salary for such service. The amendment would allow state employees to receive compensation from the governing bodies of which they are members.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment allowing state employees to receive compensation for serving as a member of a governing body of a school district, city, town, or other local governmental district."

PROPOSITION NO. 6 ON THE BALLOT

SJR 22 - SJR 22 proposes a constitutional amendment that would increase the maximum size of an urban homestead, which is a homestead in a city, town, or village, from one acre to ten acres and require the urban homestead to be composed of either a single lot or several lots that are adjacent to one another. The amendment also would provide that the urban homestead must be used as a home or as both a home and place of business, whereas current law does not require that an urban homestead that is used as a place of business be used also as a home.

Current law further allows a person to secure a home equity loan on their homestead, provided that the loan does not overburden the homestead. That is, the principal amount of the home equity loan, when added to the total of the outstanding principal balances of all other indebtedness secured against the homestead, does not exceed 80 percent of the fair market value of the homestead on the date the extension of credit is made. The proposed amendment would clarify current law by specifically allowing home equity loans on all or part of urban homesteads of up to ten acres and subject such loans to the same requirement that the refinanced or new loan not overburden the homestead.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment increasing the maximum size of an urban homestead to 10 acres, prescribing permissible uses of urban homesteads, and preventing the overburdening of a homestead."

PROPOSITION NO. 7 ON THE BALLOT

HJR 16 - HJR 16 proposes a constitutional amendment that would provide that if an employee is delinquent in paying court-ordered spousal maintenance, a portion of that employee's wages may be withheld to pay the spousal maintenance. Current law allows such withholding, or garnishment, only for payment of delinquent court-ordered child support.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing garnishment of wages for the enforcement of court-ordered spousal maintenance."

PROPOSITION NO. 8 ON THE BALLOT

HJR 95 - HJR 95 proposes a constitutional amendment that would provide that the adjutant general, who is appointed by the Governor and who serves as the governing officer of the state military forces, serves as long as the Governor wishes the appointed person to serve in that capacity rather than serving a specific two-year term set by the legislature.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to provide that the adjutant general serves at the pleasure of the governor."

PROPOSITION NO. 9 ON THE BALLOT

SJR 10 - SJR 10 proposes a constitutional amendment that would authorize the legislature to create a judicial compensation committee to make recommendations for salaries for the justices and judges of the Supreme Court, the Court of Criminal Appeals, the Courts of Appeals, and the District Courts. The amendment would mandate that the recommendations become law if neither the Senate nor the House of Representatives rejects them by majority vote.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to create a judicial compensation commission."

PROPOSITION NO. 10 ON THE BALLOT

HJR 74 - HJR 74 proposes a constitutional amendment that would provide that the commissioner of health and human services, who is appointed by the Governor, serves as long as the Governor wishes the appointed person to serve in that capacity rather than serving a specific two-year term set by the legislature.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to provide that the commissioner of health and human services serves at the pleasure of the governor."

PROPOSITION NO. 11 ON THE BALLOT

HJR 69 - HJR 69 proposes a constitutional amendment that would authorize a county, city, town, or other political subdivision to spend public funds or extend credit to purchase nonassessable property or casualty insurance from a mutual insurance company authorized to do business in Texas. Under current law, a political subdivision is generally prohibited from spending public funds or extending credit to become a stockholder in a corporation but is permitted to purchase nonassessable life, health or accident insurance policies from a mutual insurance company authorized to do business in Texas. This amendment would authorize a political subdivision to also obtain non-assessable property and casualty insurance from such a company.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment permitting a political subdivision to purchase nonassessable property and casualty insurance from an authorized mutual insurance company in the same manner that the political subdivision purchases life, health, and accident insurance."

PROPOSITION NO. 12 ON THE BALLOT

SJR 21 - SJR 21 proposes a constitutional amendment that would exempt from ad valorem taxation a leased motor vehicle that is not used by the lessee primarily to produce income. The amendment would provide that the legislature also may limit the ability of a political subdivision to subject such a vehicle to taxation.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to authorize the legislature to exempt from ad valorem taxation leased motor vehicles not held by the lessee primarily to produce income."

PROPOSITION NO. 13 ON THE BALLOT

SJR 16 - SJR 16 proposes a constitutional amendment that would authorize the legislature to allow the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board to issue and sell general obligation bonds in an amount not to exceed $400 million in order to finance educational loans to students. The amendment also would authorize the Legislature to limit the amount of interest the bonds can bear and establish procedures for the investment of the bond proceeds. The proposed amendment would specify the method of repaying the bonds.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment providing for the issuance of $400 million in general obligation bonds to finance educational loans to students."

PROPOSITION NO. 14 ON THE BALLOT

HJR 29 - HJR 29 proposes a constitutional amendment which would authorize the Legislature to require the board of regents of the state university and boards of trustees or managers of the educational, charitable, and penal institutions of the state, whose members serve six year terms, to be composed of an odd number of three or more board members (for example, 5, 7, or 9 members). The proposed amendment would allow approximately one-third of members of boards whose membership is not evenly divisible by three to be elected or appointed every two years. The amendment also would allow the Legislature to set the composition of constitutionally required boards, whose members serve for a term of six years, to a number divisible by three so that exactly one-third of the board members may be elected or appointed every two years.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide that a state board, commission, or other agency shall be governed by a board composed of an odd number of three or more members."

PROPOSITION NO. 15 ON THE BALLOT

HJR 36 - HJR 36 proposes a constitutional amendment that would allow spouses, by an agreement in writing, to convert all or part of their separate property into community property. Separate property is primarily the property owned or claimed by the spouse before marriage and the property acquired by the spouse during the marriage by gift or inheritance. Community property consists of the property, other than separate property, acquired by either spouse during marriage.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment permitting spouses to agree to convert separate property to community property."

PROPOSITION NO. 16 ON THE BALLOT

HJR 71 - HJR 71 proposes a constitutional amendment that would allow a county with a population of 50,000 or more, rather than 30,000 or more, to be divided into four to eight justice of the peace and constable precincts. The amendment also would allow a county with a population between 18,000 and 50,000 to have two to eight justice of the peace and constable precincts, rather than the current maximum of five precincts. Furthermore, the amendment would limit Randall County to not less than two and not more than six precincts. Finally, the amendment would set a minimum of four precincts for any county that as of November 2, 1999, is divided into four or more precincts.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to provide that certain counties shall be divided into a specific number of precincts."

PROPOSITION NO. 17 ON THE BALLOT

HJR 58 - HJR 58 proposes a constitutional amendment which would require the board of regents of the University of Texas System to manage investments of the permanent university fund (PUF) according to the standards of a prudent investor. Generally, earnings from the PUF are distributed to the available university fund (AUF) and then ultimately distributed to the public university systems of Texas. Under the amendment, the amount distributed to the AUF would consist of distributions, as determined by the University of Texas System board of regents, from the total return on all investment assets of the PUF, instead of consisting only of the dividends, interest, and other income of the PUF minus administrative expenses. The amendment also would provide guidelines for minimum and maximum amounts to be distributed to the AUF, and require that the board of regents manage distributions to the AUF in a manner that will provide the AUF with a stable and predictable stream of annual distributions and maintain the purchasing power of the PUF investments and annual distributions to the AUF.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment relating to the investment of the permanent university fund and the distribution from the permanent university fund to the available university fund."

Estos son los informes explanatorios sobre las enmiendas propuestas a la contitución que aparecerán en la boleta el 2 de noviembre de 1999. Si usted no ha recibido una copia de los informes in enpañol, podrá obtener una gratis por llama al 1/800/252/8683 or por escribir al Secretario de Estado, P.O. Box 12060, Austin, Tx 78711.

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DELTA KAPPA BEGINS — Members of Delta Kappa Gamma Sorority met Monday evening at the Martha Ann Woman's Club. Visiting prior to the meeting were, from left, Beverly Robertson, corresponding secretary; Connie Huddleston, hostess chairman; Betty Richardson, hostess; Carol Miller, MAWC representative; and Helen Mock, president. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)



BRIDE-TO-BE HONORED — A bridal shower for Laura Ready, bride-elect of Bryan Vincent, was held Aug. 28 in the First Baptist Garden Room. They will marry on Oct. 15 in Austin. From left are Sue Ready, her stepmother from Austin; the honoree; and Mrs. J.D. Row, grandmother of the prospective groom. (Contributed Photo)

Community Calendar

THURSDAY

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

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

Hermleigh Community Center family Night; 6:30 p.m. Deep Creek Cloggers lesson; American Legion; 6:30 to 8 p.m.

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

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

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

FRIDAY

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

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

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

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

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

Scurry County AA closed meeting; Park Club in Winston Park; for information cal 573-8626, 573-9458 or 574-1292; 8 p.m.

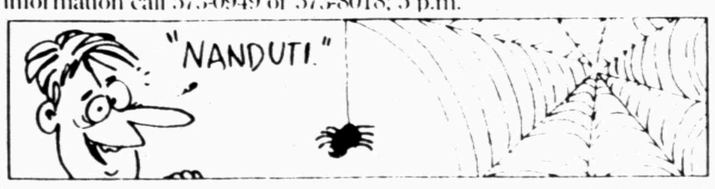
SATURDAY

Just For Today NA open meeting; Park Club; for information call 573-0949 or 573-8018; 7 p.m.

SUNDAY

Scurry County AA open meeting; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-8626, 573-9458 or 574-1292; 10 a.m. p.m.

Just For Today closed meeting; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-0949 or 573-8018; 5 p.m.



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Ward presents report on Safe Child Program

Zeta Lambda Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma Society International met Monday evening to hear a program on the Safe Child After School Program and a report from the 70th Alpha State Convention in Abilene.

Rhonda Ward, two-year director of the safe child program themed "Touching Tomorrow" said there were approximately 150 students this year with 15 staff members. She said the purpose of the program, at each elementary campus was to provide a safe place to go after school. Planned curriculum helps build self-esteem and teaches person safety skills.

T : program is to help the ever-increasing number of latchkey children, and children from single parent homes. Through visits from EMS units, CADA representatives, business people, Senior Citizens Kitchen Band, the police and fire departments, WTC cheerleaders and mascot and student, and may other local entities that promotes responsibility and productivity for the children.

Judy Barkowsky presented the meditation. She shared a selection, "Exploring Nature with a Child" from the book "The Sense of Wonder," by Rachel Carson.

Connie Huddleston, Jean McMillon, Betty Richardson and Beverly Robertson were hostesses to 23 members.

Members were asked to look for the arts and crafts made by the Safe Child children at the Scurry County Fair that opens today and continues through Saturday.

DKG members were asked to participate in the MAWC's garage sale to be held on Oct. 9 at Towle Park Barn.

The next meeting will be on Oct. 11 at 7 p.m. at MAWC.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

09-16-99

North
♠ 8 2
♥ K 3
♦ 7 6 5 4 2
♣ A J 7 4

West
♠ K 9
♥ Q 10 6 5
♦ Q J 10 3
♣ Q 6 3

East
♠ 5 4
♥ A 9 8 7
♦ 9 8
♣ K 10 9 8 5

South
♠ A Q J 10 7 6 3
♥ J 4 2
♦ A K
♣ 2

Vulnerable: Both
Dealer: South

South	West	North	East
1 ♠	Pass	1 NT	Pass
4 ♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♦ Q

The fourth time around the block

By Phillip Alder

The fourth deal in Alan Hiron's article in the June issue of Bridge Magazine has a history. Originally, Giorgio Belladonna, the late, great Italian star, was credited with having found the right play at the table. Yet when asked about it, he always denied ever having done so. He just said that he liked to think he would have found the best play.

The deal was devised by Paul Lukacs, who composed many wonderful single-dummy problems (where you must choose your play without being able to peek at the defenders' hands).

You are in four spades. West leads the diamond queen. What would you do? This is very difficult, but remember that Hiron's article was about maneuvers when you hold either K-x-x opposite J-x, or K-x opposite J-x-x.

What is the danger to the contract? That you could lose one spade and *three* heart tricks.

Suppose you play in a straightforward manner, leading a heart to dummy's king at trick two. Here, East wins with the ace and switches to a trump. Now, however you turn, you lose those four tricks.

The correct play is to enter dummy with a club to the ace at trick two, then to call for the heart *three*. If East can win with the queen, you have only two heart losers. And here, after West wins with the queen, he cannot profitably switch to a spade. You win his minor-suit exit, play a heart to the king and ace, take East's trump switch with the ace, and ruff your last heart in the dummy. You lose only one spade and two heart tricks.

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Pigs have day also

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. (AP) — Every dog has its day. So do some pigs.

Miss America 1999 Nicole Johnson found that out when she was enlisted in another fundraising effort for diabetes research.

Johnson, 25, who will crown her successor Saturday in the 79th annual Miss America Pageant, suffers from diabetes. She spent her yearlong reign traversing the nation speaking about the disease and helping raise money for research.

On Wednesday, the makers of sugar substitute Equal offered a $10,000 donation for the American Diabetes Association's research program in Johnson's name if she would kiss a pig.

Gardeners think twice about using chemical weed killers

POUND RIDGE, N.Y. (AP) — A reader writes: "I was weeding in my garden when it suddenly occurred to me that this is 90 percent of gardening — weeding.

"I take weeds out by hand, I take them out chemically, I say nasty incantations over them, but they always win. I would love to know what works best. I'm interested in EXTERMINATION!"

The question, not an easy one, goes to the very core of gardening and its differing philosophies. There are people who even like weeding, relishing both the outdoor exercise and the result — what seems to them a better-looking garden with each weed they zap.

There are also those who like weeds, consider them ecologically important and love the butterflies and birds some of them attract.

Take the dandelion. Is it a weed? Is it a wildflower? Is it a vegetable?

To the devotee of velvety green lawns dandelions are an excrescence and he or she will go after them by hand, by herbicide, or both.

Others love the yellow blossoms brightening the landscape in early spring. In "To the Dandelion," the 19th-century American poet, James Russell Lowell, said, "Thou are more dear to me than all the prouder summer blooms may be."

And to the salad lover, dandelions are a springtime delicacy packing an awesome powerhouse of vitamins, minerals, protein, fiber. And there is dandelion wine, too.

What is a weed? Author Jack Sanders defines them "not as pests, but as the most successful wildflowers."

He says "weeds that are exceedingly common in field, lawn or garden are simply wildflowers that are able to adapt and survive better than others. Often, they are among the most highly evolved plants on the evolutionary scale."

Be all that as it may, what are good ways of getting rid of plants you don't want in your garden?

Pulling them up by hand is clearly a good way, depending on the size of the area you're weeding. Or you can hoe them out, the scuffle hoe being the favored tool. It has a horizontal blade enabling you to cut the weeds just below the surface of the soil.

Smothering unwanted vegetation by mulching has become increasingly popular in both the flower garden and the vegetable garden. In my own asparagus patch, I have kept weeds out for many years with an annual mulch of salt hay. The hay, available in bales at nurseries, decomposes with time and adds to soil fertility.

Mulching takes many forms, one of the most drastic being to lay down heavy layers of newspapers, building paper or both where you seek to eradicate unwanted growth. Black plastic may also serve. It takes several weeks to kill everything, provided no light leaks in.

Dead leaves make good mulches in flower beds or among vegetables as do wood chips. You can make your own chips with gasoline-driven or electric chippers and you can also buy bags of them. Sometimes a road crew will give you a big mound of them when they cut down tree limbs and put them through big chippers on the spot.

In our environmentally conscious era, many gardeners think twice before resorting to chemical weed killers, called herbicides, because of real or feared harmful effects. But, when properly used, herbicides do a fine job.

Special treats for everyone

7 cups crisp rice cereal
¼ cup margarine or butter
1 package (10 oz.) regular marshmallows, about 40
Crystal color plastic wrap
Construction paper
Ribbon

Melt margarine in large saucepan over low heat. Add marshmallows; cook until melted, stirring occasionally. Stir in rice cereal; mix well. Lightly spray 14x10x2-inch-baking pan with nonstick cooking spray. Transfer cereal mixture to the baking pan.

To prevent messy fingers, place a sheet of plastic wrap over cereal mixture and press firmly and evenly into the pan. Chill briefly.

Cut out stars with large cookie cutter, Cut out a dozen or more small stars (about 2 inches at the widest part) from construction paper. Inscribe each with a special messmage. Wrap a star crispy cutout in colored plastic wrap, pinching the extra wrap together at the top. Place one construction paper message on the crispy cutout and wrap a second time. Tie plastic wrap at the top with ribbon. Repeat with the remaining crispy cutouts and messages.

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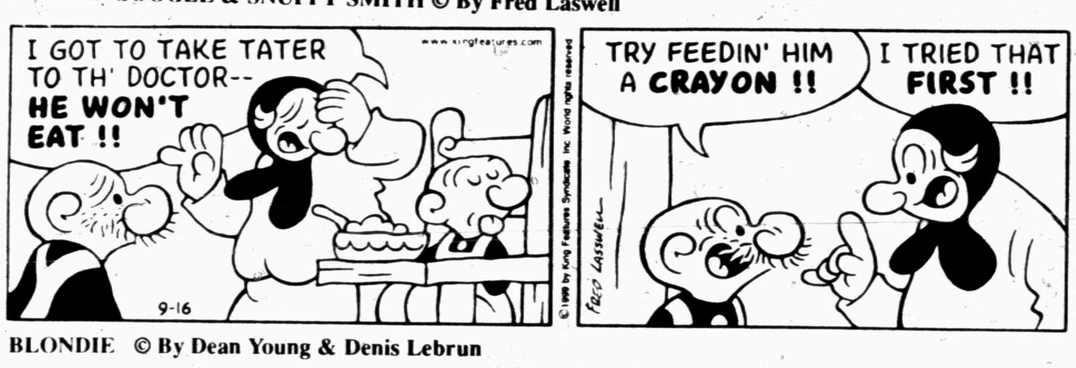
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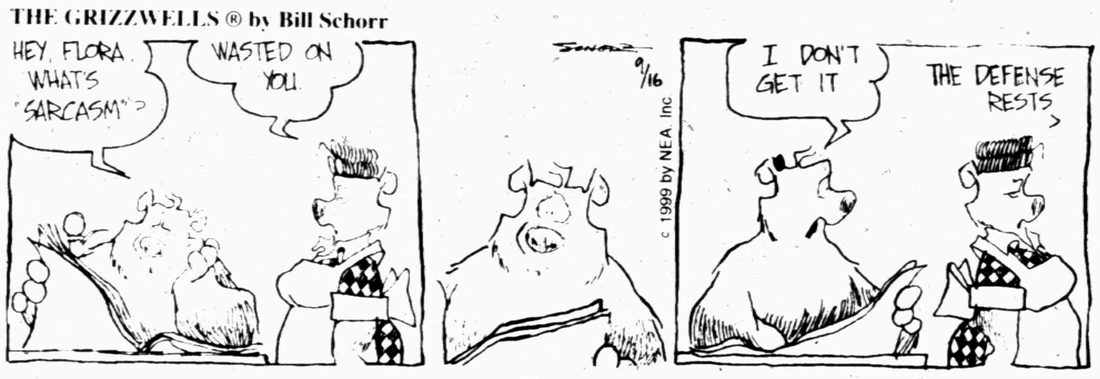
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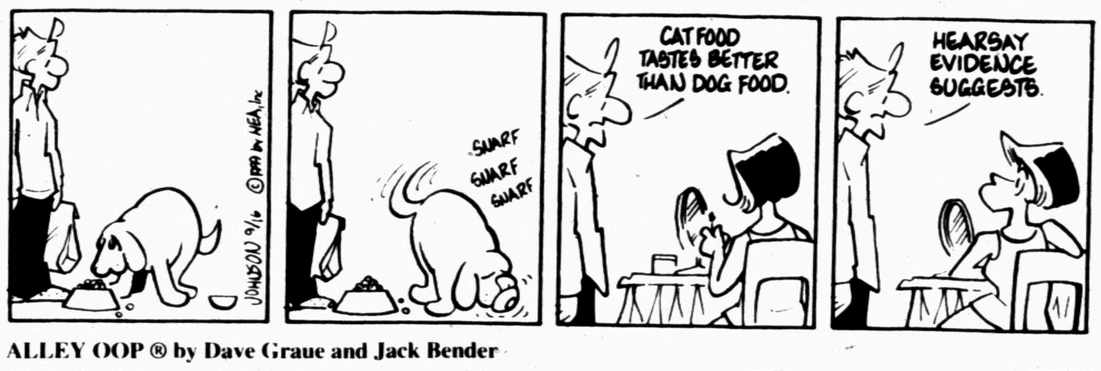
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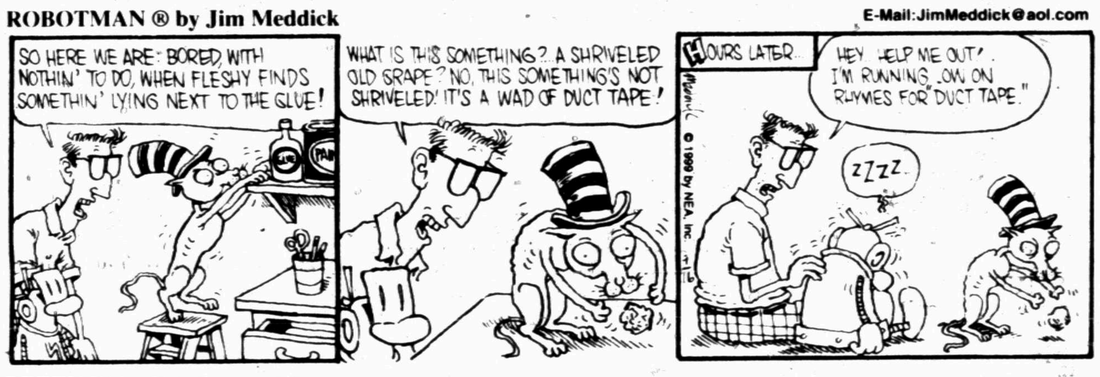


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1 Solidify
7 Musician Cugat
13 Some Boy Scouts
14 Maliciously
15 Omits syllables in speech
16 Metal decoration
17 "— Miserables"
18 WWII area
20 Swift aircraft (abbr.)
21 Meet by chance (2 wds.)
25 Young hare
28 Thespian
32 Assumed name
33 English writer Charles —
34 A Judd
35 Lively dance
36 Director Woody —
37 Bottle-cap removers
39 Stops
41 "I get it!"
44 Guido's high note
45 It could be dry
48 Rolled up (a flag)
51 Wolfish
54 Leave the work force
55 Church rites
56 Cocktail seafood
57 Steals

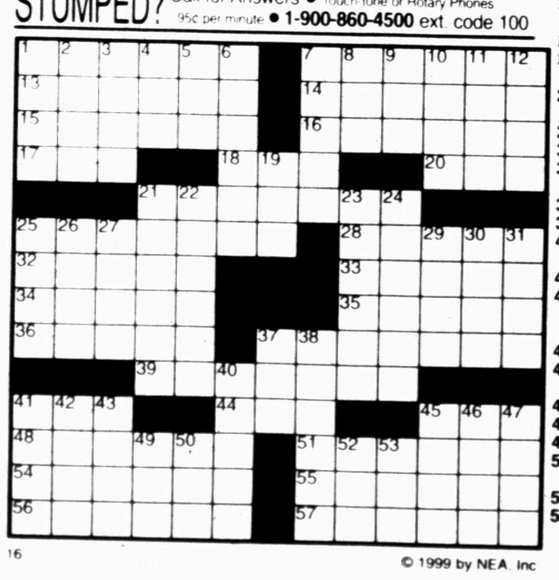
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1 Touch
2 Bad respiratory sound
3 Protection
4 Old age
5 Last letter
6 Ancient Jewish ascetic
7 Rare gas
8 Bird (comb. form)
9 Compete
10 Infirmities
11 House wings
12 Hindu peasant
19 — for tat
21 Enlarged (a hole)
22 Bearlike
23 On — (precise)
24 Atlantic and Indian
25 Ms. Turner
26 Israeli airline (2 wds.)
27 Stringed instrument
29 Story
30 Smell
31 Agents, for short
37 Petroleum
38 Hymns
40 Passover meal
41 Bushy hairdo
42 Former politician — P. Long
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53 Pressure abbr.

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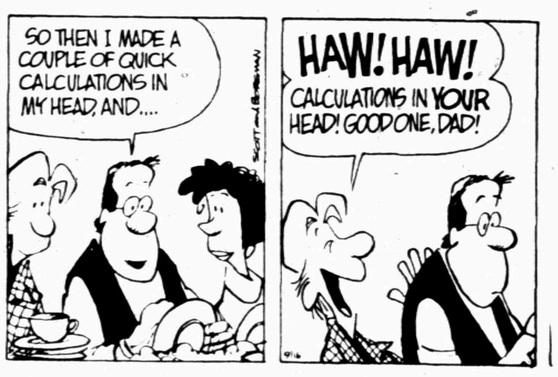
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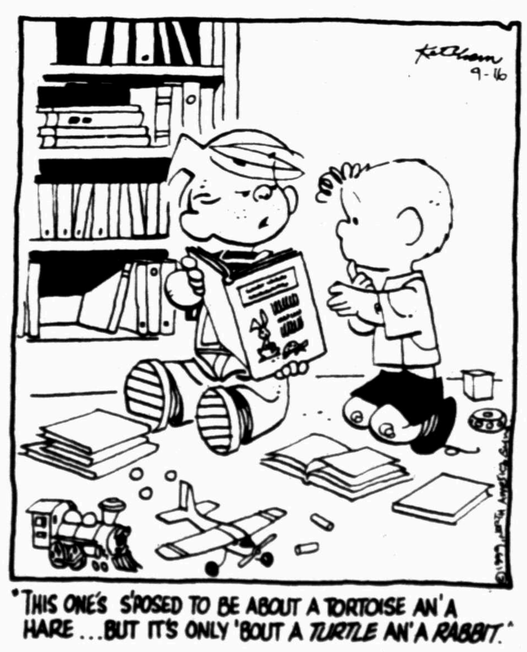






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SPORTS

Against state-ranked Abilene Wylie...

Tigers hope to contain 'Dogs

When the Snyder Tigers hit the field Friday night, they'll be facing a team similar to last week's opponent. But this time around, the Tigers are hoping for a different outcome.

Snyder visits a balanced Abilene Wylie ballclub at 7:30 Friday night, looking to pull its record back to .500

Snyder fell to 1-2 on the season, after dropping a 21-17 decision last week to Frenship. The Bulldogs enter Friday's match-up with a 2-1 mark and the state's No. 9 ranking in Class 3A.

"Wylie is a very good football team," Snyder head coach David Baugh said. "They throw it well, and have a great running game. They are very balanced and will give you a lot of different looks. They'll line up in a bunch of different formations and run a bunch of motion to try to confuse you. They're hard to prepare for."

Wylie opened its season with a loss to Lake View, before rebounding with wins over Breckenridge and Graham. The Tigers' two losses came against Frenship and the fifth-ranked team in 3A Monahans. Snyder knocked off Littlefield in Week 2.

Offensively, the Tigers will take an approach similar to last week's. Against Frenship, Snyder used multiple formations to keep its opponent guessing.

"We are going to have to do some things that can counteract the quickness of their defensive line," Baugh stated. "That's one of their major strengths. We'll have to try some different things and see what's working best."

The Tigers have featured a balanced offensive attack this year, rushing for 330 yards, while passing for 331, and they'll need more of the same against the Bulldogs.

"We're a pretty balanced team this year, and we need to be able to run and pass against Wylie," Baugh said. "I'd like to get more production out of our running game, because we're running the ball more often than we throw it, but we're not getting more yardage out of it."

Wylie has won the last two meetings between the two squads, but Baugh isn't worried about past history.

"Last week we improved against Frenship," the SHS coach remarked. "And this week we want to improve again. We want to be as good a football team as we can be by the time district starts. That's the main goal."

Following action at Wylie, the Tigers have one tune-up remaining before opening 5-4A play Oct. 8. Snyder hosts its homecoming contest next week against Seminole.

District 5-4A Standings

Team	District W	District L	Season W	Season L
Big Spring	0	0	3	0
Andrews	0	0	1	1
Snyder	0	0	1	2
Lake View	0	0	1	2
Fort Stockton	0	0	0	2
Sweetwater	0	0	0	2

Last week's results: Frenship 21, Snyder 17; Big Spring 52, Monahans 12; Levelland 21, Sweetwater 18; EP Riverside 50, Fort Stockton 0; Brownwood 28, Lake View 0; Hereford 29, Andrews 14.

Friday's games: Snyder at Abilene Wylie; Del Rio at Lake View; Monahans at Andrews; Sweetwater at Borger; Big Spring at Estacado; Pecos at Fort Stockton.

District 5-4A Statistics

Offense	Rushing	Passing	Total	Average	Points
Big Spring	736	376	1,112	370.7	97
Sweetwater	395	211	606	303.0	39
Andrews	366	153	519	259.5	35
Snyder	330	331	661	220.3	51
Lake View	323	284	607	202.3	39
Fort Stockton	167	45	212	106.0	0

Defense	Rushing	Passing	Total	Average	Points
Big Spring	404	142	546	182.0	40
Andrews	214	206	420	210.0	32
Lake View	437	260	697	232.3	67
Snyder	437	395	832	277.3	73
Sweetwater	289	450	739	369.5	56
Fort Stockton	555	323	878	439.0	100

Rushing	Carries	Yards	Average	TDs
Colby Ford, Big Spring	65	382	5.9	2
Geremy Woods, Andrews	38	226	5.9	2
Paul Camp, Snyder	31	223	7.2	3
Willie Amos, Sweetwater	38	184	4.8	2
Rashad Chance, Lake View	42	178	4.2	1

Passing	Comp.	Att.	Yards	Int.	TDs
Lance Brock, Big Spring	16	30	376	1	5
Sonny Cumbie, Snyder	23	51	331	2	3
David Lankford, Lake View	30	69	284	3	3
Rusty Rainbolt, Sweetwater	16	32	211	1	1
Jaime Bueno, Andrews	8	18	153	2	1
Nathan Sawyer, Fort Stockton	2	16	36	4	0

Receiving	Catches	Yards	Average	TDs
Matthew Grimmett, Snyder	9	158	17.6	3
Aaron Linthicum, Lake View	11	144	13.1	2
Derek Carr, Sweetwater	7	135	19.3	0
Blair Nutting, Big Spring	2	89	44.5	2
Justin Phillips, Snyder	4	78	19.5	0

Phillies halt Astros' win streak with 8-6 victory

HOUSTON (AP) — The Philadelphia Phillies stopped their 11-game losing streak and ended Houston's team-record 12-game winning string, beating the Astros 8-6 Wednesday night on Doug Glanville's career-high five hits.

The Astros had their lead in the NL Central cut to three games by Cincinnati, which beat Chicago 5-4.

The Phillies won hours after announcing ace Curt Schilling would not pitch again this season because of shoulder problems. Philadelphia won for only the second time in 20 games.

Glanville opened the 10th with a single off Doug Henry (2-3) and stole second. After a one-out walk to Bobby Abreu, Mike Lieberthal hit an RBI double and Rico Brogna added an RBI single.

The Astros scored twice in the ninth off Wayne Gomes (5-5) to tie it at 6.

Ken Caminiti had an infield single that shortstop Desi Relaford threw away for a run, and Houston loaded the bases with no outs. Paul Bako grounded into a double play, scoring a run that made it 6-all.

Billy Brewer got two outs for his first save since 1994 with Kansas City.

Talbott earns chance at match play tourney title

BORGER — Anita Talbott needs just one more win to become the Western Lone Star Senior Ladies Golf Association champion.

Talbott defeated Pat Christensen, 4 and 3, on Wednesday to move into the finals of the championship flight.

The match play event, being held at Phillips Golf Club, teed off on Tuesday. The winners bracket and consolation bracket finals were to have been played today.

In the third flight on Wednesday, Mary Shelton topped Esther Guelker, 2-up, in the winner's bracket, while Sue Reed knocked off Beverly Obenshain, 5 and 3, in consolation action.

Peggy Hardin fell to Joy Elmore, 5 and 4, in fourth flight competition, with Jo Sterling cruising past Myrtle Helm, 5 and 3, in the fifth flight. Juanita Hester eliminated Doris Stevenson, 2-up, in the sixth flight consolation semifinals.

Smith speaks out on Gailey's play calling

IRVING (AP) — Emmitt Smith was tired of seeing the Dallas Cowboys throw incompletion after incompletion, so he took his complaint to the boss, coach Chan Gailey.

Speaking with more passion and volume than usual, Smith reminded Gailey how well they had been running the ball against Washington. The passing game, he noted, wasn't working and the Redskins were building a big lead.

Gailey sensed Smith's determination and gave in. He called runs on the next eight plays and ended up triggering one of the best comebacks in franchise history as Dallas turned a 35-14 deficit into a 41-35 overtime victory Sunday.

Although the glow of that game is wearing off as the Cowboys prepare to play Atlanta on Monday night, there's still talk about Smith's emotional outburst — and Smith doesn't like it.

Wearing the same steely glare, Smith on Wednesday shot down the notion that he challenged his coach and demanded the ball, and he insisted there are no problems between them.

"We're humans and humans have emotions," Smith said. "It's nice to let your emotions show sometimes. I felt like it was an appropriate time for everyone to let them go.

"I'm not trying to create some kind of controversy between me and my head coach because I have a great deal of respect for my head coach. I believe in what we're doing, in our offensive system and in our team."

Smith said he puts so much time and energy into preparing for the season that there would've been something wrong if he hadn't spoken up.

"You go through training camp, two-a-days in the heat, people hollering at you and then when you get in the middle of a very heated game and you're behind by 21, you've got to have some kind of emotions," he said.

"The emotions drive you to come back and push it into overtime. The emotions also help you go into overtime and pull it out. That's what the game is all about.

"If you take out the emotional part of the game, you've just got a doggone chess match."

The Cowboys led 14-13 at halftime and ran on their first two plays of the third quarter. They then passed on nine of the next 10, resulting in an interception and two punts — and three straight Redskins touchdowns.

Gailey admitted he goofed on his play calling.

"After going back and watching the film, I'd probably change that and run the ball a little more in the third quarter," he said. "At the time, I thought we were doing the right thing."

Local Sports Schedule

TODAY

Rodeo: WTC at Portales, N.M.
Football: Ira JV vs. Rule, at Paint Creek, 7:30.
Football: Abilene Wylie at Snyder 9th, 5 p.m.
Football: Abilene Wylie at Snyder JV, 7 p.m.
Football: Snyder 7th and 8th at Abilene Wylie, 5 p.m., 6:30.

FRIDAY

Rodeo: WTC at Portales, N.M.
Football: Snyder at Abilene Wylie, 7:30.
Football: Klondike at Hermleigh, 7:30.
Football: Borden County at Balmorhea, 7:30.

SATURDAY

Rodeo: WTC at Portales, N.M.
Football: Veribest at Ira, 7:30.
Tennis: Fort Stockton at Snyder JV and varsity.
Volleyball: Snyder JV and varsity at Andrews, 2 p.m.
Volleyball: Snyder 9th at Denver City tourney.

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NY Jets at Buffalo	NY Jets	Buffalo	NY Jets	NY Jets
Arizona at Miami	Miami	Miami	Miami	Miami
Washington at NY Giants	Washington	Washington	NY Giants	NY Giants
Denver at Kansas City	Denver	Kansas City	Denver	Denver

SDN Sports Briefs

MGA annual tournament

The Men's Golf Association of Western Texas College will hold its annual tournament Saturday. Tee time for C and D flights will be 8:30 a.m., with A and B flights teeing off at 1:30.

An awards dinner will be held Monday at 7 p.m. at Martha Ann Woman's Club. To sign-up for the tourney and awards dinner, call Wayne Monroney at 573-9920.

Major League Baseball

American League
All Times EDT
East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
New York	87	58	600	—
Boston	84	62	575	3½
Toronto	77	70	524	11
Baltimore	69	76	476	18
Tampa Bay	63	83	432	24½
Central Division				
	W	L	Pct.	GB
x-Cleveland	89	56	614	—
Chicago	65	81	445	24½
Detroit	60	85	414	29
Minnesota	59	86	407	30
Kansas City	57	89	390	32½
West Division				
	W	L	Pct.	GB
Texas	88	59	599	—
Oakland	80	65	552	7
Seattle	71	74	490	16
Anaheim	61	85	418	26½

x-clinched division title

Wednesday's Games

Oakland at Baltimore, ppd., hurricane
Texas 8, Minnesota 3
Tampa Bay 8, Seattle 4
New York 6, Toronto 4
Chicago 3, Detroit 1
Anaheim 1, Kansas City 0
Boston 6, Cleveland 4, 13 innings

Thursday's Games

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

National League
All Times EDT
East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Atlanta	91	56	619	—
New York	90	57	612	1
Philadelphia	69	77	473	21½
Montreal	62	84	425	28½
Florida	57	88	393	33
Central Division				
	W	L	Pct.	GB
Houston	91	57	615	—
Cincinnati	87	59	596	3
Pittsburgh	71	74	490	18½
St. Louis	68	78	466	22
Milwaukee	65	80	448	24½
Chicago	57	88	393	32½
West Division				
	W	L	Pct.	GB
Arizona	88	58	603	—
San Francisco	80	65	552	7½
San Diego	69	78	469	19½
Los Angeles	67	79	459	21
Colorado	66	81	449	22½

Wednesday's Games

New York 10, Colorado 5
Cincinnati 5, Chicago 4
Philadelphia 8, Houston 6, 10 innings
San Francisco 4, Florida 3
Milwaukee 10, St. Louis 8, 12 innings
San Diego 4, Atlanta 1
Pittsburgh 5, Arizona 1
Montreal 10, Los Angeles 7

Thursday's Games

Florida (Nunez 6-8) at San Francisco (Rueter 14-8), 4:05 p.m.
Chicago (Lorraine 1-4) at Cincinnati (Guzman 6-2), 7:05 p.m.
Only games scheduled

National Football League

All Times EDT
AMERICAN CONFERENCE
East

	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
Indianapolis	1	0	0	1.000	31	14
Miami	1	0	0	1.000	38	21
New England	1	0	0	1.000	30	28
Buffalo	0	1	0	.000	14	31
N.Y. Jets	0	1	0	.000	28	30
Central						
Jacksonville	1	0	0	1.000	41	3
Pittsburgh	1	0	0	1.000	43	0
Tennessee	1	0	0	1.000	36	35
Baltimore	0	1	0	.000	10	27
Cincinnati	0	1	0	.000	35	36
Cleveland	0	1	0	.000	0	43
West						
San Diego	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Denver	0	1	0	.000	21	38
Kansas City	0	1	0	.000	17	20
Oakland	0	1	0	.000	24	28
Seattle	0	1	0	.000	20	28
NATIONAL CONFERENCE						
East						
	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
Arizona	1	0	0	1.000	25	24
Dallas	1	0	0	1.000	41	35
N.Y. Giants	1	0	0	1.000	17	13
Philadelphia	0	1	0	.000	24	25
Washington	0	1	0	.000	35	41
Central						
Chicago	1	0	0	1.000	20	17
Detroit	1	0	0	1.000	28	20
Green Bay	1	0	0	1.000	28	24
Minnesota	1	0	0	1.000	17	14
Tampa Bay	0	1	0	.000	13	17
West						
New Orleans	1	0	0	1.000	19	10
St. Louis	1	0	0	1.000	27	10
Atlanta	0	1	0	.000	14	17
Carolina	0	1	0	.000	10	19
San Francisco	0	1	0	.000	3	41

Sunday, Sept. 19

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

Monday, Sept. 20

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Requests for public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected, or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to the Environmental Services Section, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 12967, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711-2967 (Telephone 512-463-6792).

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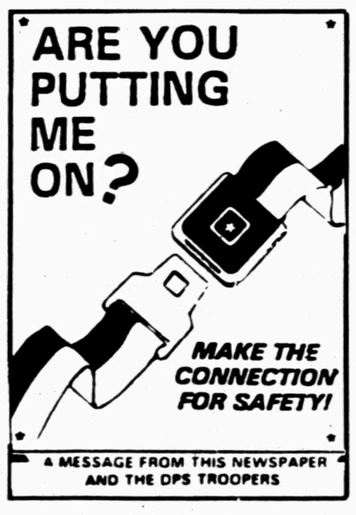
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UAW, DaimlerChrysler OK agreement

AUBURN HILLS, Mich. (AP) — The United Auto Workers and DaimlerChrysler AG reached a tentative agreement today on a new national contract for 75,000 workers.

Terms of the agreement were not immediately announced. A UAW spokesman, Frank Joyce, declined to provide details and said a ratification vote has yet to be scheduled.

The deal came after a marathon round of negotiations between the UAW and the company formed by the merger of Chrysler Corp. and Germany's Daimler-Benz AG.

Both sides have released little information about the talks. Wages, job security, health-care costs, overtime demands and the assignment of work to outside suppliers were expected to be among the top issues in this year's talks, as they were during the last round in 1996.

Union leaders have said that workers were entitled to a share of record automaker profits. DaimlerChrysler, General Motors Corp. and Ford Motor Co. had combined earnings of more than $5.5 billion in the second quarter of 1999.

There were few indications of what proposals the UAW and DaimlerChrysler negotiated. The union has discussed efforts to organize DaimlerChrysler's nonunion plants in the United States: a Mercedes-Benz sport utility factory in Alabama with 1,600 workers and Freightliner commercial truck plants in the Carolinas.

UAW leaders have complained about company moves against organizers. DaimlerChrysler has vowed to remain neutral in the UAW's efforts. It is against federal labor rules for the issue to be part of the UAW's contract. But problems in the organizing campaign will affect DaimlerChrysler's relationship with its largest U.S. union.

The UAW usually chooses one automaker to make a deal with first, then uses that deal as the pattern for other contracts. This year, the union kept talks going with both GM and DaimlerChrysler, and refused to publicly name a target.

According to DaimlerChrysler, its average assembly worker is 43 years old, has 16 years of experience and earns about $70,000 a year, thanks to overtime and profit sharing. The same worker gets 37 paid vacation days a year.

The UAW is expected to turn its attention now to GM, where lower level talks are being held. That contract covers 222,000 workers, including those at Delphi Automotive, GM's former parts division.

Wages are an issue at GM, which has sought to mend fences with the UAW after last summer's 54-day strike at two Flint, Mich., parts factories. The strike virtually shut down the automaker's North American production.

The thorniest issue appears to be at Ford, which would like to spin off its Visteon parts unit that employs 23,500 UAW workers. The UAW opposes the move, fearing job cuts and lower wages at a separate company.

The union granted an indefinite extension of the contract to the automakers Tuesday — but not before flexing its muscles at DaimlerChrysler. National negotiators were meeting at DaimlerChrysler headquarters when workers at five plants in Missouri and Indiana staged a brief walkout Tuesday night.

The plants, which employ about 15,500 workers, included the assembly lines of the company's highly profitable Dodge Ram trucks and all the company's minivans. Picket signs were up for about an hour before the contract extension was announced. Production at all five plants resumed as normal on Wednesday.

State, local officials foresee need for Internet sales tax

NEW YORK (AP)— They may be awash in surpluses now, but state and local officials say they will eventually need to collect sales taxes on billions of dollars in Internet transactions to avoid serious erosion in services such as schools and fire protection.

"Local government and state government cannot operate on an empty tank," Randy Johnson, Republican chairman of the Hennepin, Minn., County Board, told the federal Advisory Commission on Electronic Commerce.

If Internet sales reach $100 billion by 2003, an estimated $4 billion in sales tax would go uncollected because no system exists to do so, said Harley Duncan, director of the Federation of Tax Administrators.

"This is of profound importance to the states," Duncan told the 19-member commission, created by Congress to recommend by April a national tax policy for the burgeoning electronic marketplace.

Opponents, however, say a new tax would slow Internet commerce. They say the economic boom has left the 50 states with a combined $36 billion surplus in 1998.

"It's not a problem now and I don't believe it's going to be a problem in the future," said Dean Andal, a commission member and Republican chairman of the California Board of Equalization. "If you look at state tax revenues now, it's boom time."

Sales taxes are the single largest source of revenue for most states and local governments, amounting to $147 billion in 1997. But under a 1992 U.S. Supreme Court decision known as Quill, a state cannot collect taxes from companies operating outside its boundaries unless the company has some physical presence in that state, such as a store or warehouse.

Although that case involved mail-order sales, it has been interpreted to apply also to Internet transactions. Whether that decision should stand is perhaps the question facing the commission and ultimately Congress.

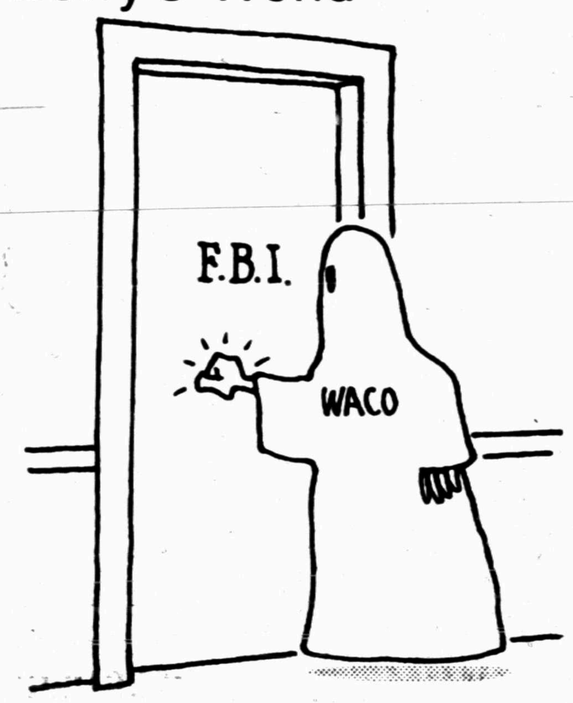
Abolishing the Quill standards, say supporters, would protect state revenues and ensure that traditional "brick and mortar" merchants and Internet companies face the same tax-compliance costs.

It would also force creation of a simpler collection system — perhaps even a single national tax rate, or at least one per state.

Congress, however, has defeated multiple attempts to override the Quill ruling. Apart from worries about the cost of taxing Internet sales, some say it would invade privacy as well.

"It is simply too complex," said Jim Eads, a partner at the Ernst & Young accounting firm.

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Markets

Midday Stocks

NEW YORK (AP)

	High	Low	Last
AMR Corp	55 1-16	53¼	53½—1 9-16
AT&T Corp s	45 5-16	44 13-16	44 15-16+ 7-16
Albertsons	46	45¼	45 11-16+ ⅛
AlldSignal	63 3-16	61¼	61 9-16—1 13-16
Alltel	68	67 1-16	67 7-16+ ⅛
AmOnline s	88 15-16	85 15-16	86¼— 2¾
Ameritech	62¼	61 3-16	61 11-16— ⅛
AndarkPtr	36	35¾	35¾+ ⅛
Armcolnc	6 9-16	6½	6½— ⅛
AtlRichfld	87 5-16	85 9-16	85¾— 1¾
ATMOS Egy	25¼	2525	— ⅛
Aviall	10¾	10 3-16	10¾— 5-16
BP Amoco	110¼	108½	108¾—2 7-16
BakerHughes	32 1-16	31 9-16	31 15-16+ 3-16
Bank of Amer	56 3-16	55	55 9-16+ 1-16
BellAtl	63¾	62 11-16	63¾
BellSouth s	44	43 5-16	43¾— ¼
BethSteel	7 11-16	7 9-16	7⅞— 1-16
BurlNoSFe	29¼	28¾	28¾— ¾
CBS Corp	48 11-16	48 1-16	48 5-16
Caterpillar	58¾	56 11-16	57½—1 7-16
CenSoWst	22	21¾	21¾— 1-16
Chevron	92 15-16	91 15-16	92¼— 1-16
Citigroup s	43 5-16	42¼	42½— 9-16
Coastal	42¾	42 7-16	42 9-16
CocaCola	54 11-16	54 1-16	54¼+ 1-16
ColgatePal s	51	15-16	5151 — 1⅛
ComclMetals	29 3-16	29	29 —1 5-16
Cooperln	51¾	50 7-16	50½— ⅞
CyprusAmax	17	9-16	17 5-16 17 9-16
DaimlrChry n	71 3-16	70 5-16	70½—1 9-16
DallSemicn	53	13-16	52½ 52¾—1 1-16
DeltaAirl s	50½	48 13-16	48 15-16—1 7-16
Dillards Inc	20¾	20½	20 11-16— ¾
DowChem	115	114 1-16	114⅞— ¾
DuPont	62¾	61 9-16	62¾+ ¼
EastmanChem	44½	43	44⅛—2 3-16
EstKodak	76 5-16	75 9-16	75 11-16— 1
EDS Corp	58¾	57¼	57 13-16—1 1-16
Entergy	30¾	30 9-16	30¾+ 1-16
Exxon	77⅛	76¾	76 13-16— 7-16
FstBksAm			17 1717
Flowers	16 5-16	16 1-16	16 1-16 1-16
FordMotor	49 15-16	49¼	49⅞— ⅛
GTE Cp		71	70¾ 70¾+ ⅛
GenDynam	63 3-16	61½	61½— 1⅞
GenElec	116 11-16	115⅛	116¼+ ⅛
GenMills	83 11-16	82¾	83¾— 3-16
GenMotors	63¾	63 1-16	63½— 5-16
GaPacGP s	45 15-16	45¼	45¾+ 5-16
GlobalMar	19	18 9-16	18 15-16+ ⅛
Goodrich	38 15-16	38¼	38 13-16— 1-16
Goodyear s	52 15-16	52¼	52 3-16— ⅛
GtAtlPac	36½	35¾	36¼— 11-16
Halliburtn	48¾	47 9-16	48⅜+ 1⅜
Hanson ADS	37⅛	36¾	36¾ 3-16
HarteHanks	23¼	23 7-16	23 7-16 3-16
HomeDepot	66⅞	65¾	66¼+ ⅜
IBM s	132	130 7-16	130⅝ 1 5-16
IntlPaper	51 11-16	50 7-16	50 7-16 ⅞
JohnsonJn	97 5-16	96¾	96½— 11-16
K mart	12⅛	12 11-16	12 11-16— ⅛
Kroger Co s	25 15-16	25 5-16	25⅜+ 3-16
Litton	59	9-16	5959⅛— 7-16
LockheedM s	34	9-16	34¼ 34½— ⅜
Lowes Cos	48¾	47 3-16	47 15-16— 5-16
Lubys	13¼	13 1-16	13 1-16— ⅛
LucentTech s	67⅛		66¼ 66½— ½
MayDeptStr s	37¾	36½	37 1-16— ½
MediaOne	65 13-16	65 3-16	65 11-16+11-16
Medtronic	76¾	75¾	76 1-16— 7-16
Mobil	100 15-16	99 13-16	100 3-16+ 1-16
Monsanto	37 13-16	37¼	37⅜+ 1-16
MorganJP	122¾	120¾	120 11-16 — ⅞
Motorola		88⅛	87¼ 88¼+ 1⅛
NCR Corp	34¼	33¾	33 9-16— 7-16
Navistar	45⅛	45	1-16 45 3-16+ ⅛
Penney JC	37	5-16	36⅛ 36½— ⅜
PepBoys	14 15-16	14	11-16 14 11-16— 5-16
PepsiCo	34	1-16	33¼ 33⅛
PhelpDodge	58 1-16	57	13-16 57 15-16+ 3-16
PhilipPet	52¾	51	13-16 52¼— ¼
PilgrmPrd B	9¾	9	9 1-16— 3-16
Polaroid	28 5-16	27	15-16 28⅛—11-16
Praxair	47¼	46	7-16 46 15-16+ ¼
ProctGamb	99¼	98	1-16 99 3-16+11-16
PubSNwMx	18¼	17¾	18 — 5-16
ReliantEngy	28¼	27	13-16 28 — 1-16
RoyalDut	62¼	61	7-16 61¾—13-16
SBC Comm	48¼	47	5-16 47⅜— ¾
SaraLee s	22	15-16	22 9-16 22 11-16— ¼
Scripps EW	49¾	48	15-16 48 15-16— ¼
SearsRoeb	33¾	32¼	33 1-16— 3-16
SherwinW	23	21¼	21¾—1 3-16
SmithKlBchm	63¼	62¾	62¾+ ⅜
SouthernCo	26⅞	26¼	26 13-16— 5-16
SwstAirl s	16	1-16	15 7-16 15¾— ⅛
SprintFON s	49⅞	48¾	48 5-16+ ⅜
SprintPCS n	69¾	68¾	68 9-16+ ¼
Sunoco Inc	32	7-16	31¾ 31¾— 7-16
TNP Ent	37	15-16	37 9-16 37 9-16— ¼
Tandy s	47¾	46	9-16 46¾—11-16
TempleInland	67¼	66¾	66¾— ¼
Tenneco	18¾	18	5-16 18 7-16— 3-16
Texaco	66¾	65¾	66 7-16+15-16
TexInd	33¾	33	11-16 33¾— 1-16
TexasInst s	86	13-16	85¾ 86 1-16—11-16
TexUtil	39¾	38¾	38¾— 7-16
Textron	77	5-16	75¾ 76 3-16— ⅜
TriconGlbR			42 41¾ 41¾— ⅜
TrinityInds	33	3-16	32¾ 32¾— ⅜
TritonEngy			12 13-16 12 9-16 12¾
US West Inc	56¼		54¾ 55 15-16+ ⅜
USX-Marathn	32¾	31	11-16 32¼+1 1-16
USX-USS			26¼ 26¾ 26¼
UnCarbde	57¾		57¼ 57¾— ½
UnionPacif	53	9-16	53 53 —11-16
UnitedTech s	61	15-16	60¾ 61 — ⅜
Unocal	41¾	41	41 3-16+ 3-16
Venator Grp	9	8	13-16 8 15-16+ 1-16
WalMart s	45¾	44	9-16 44¾— ⅜
WellsFargo	38¾	37	7-16 37 11-16— 9-16
WstnGasRs	19¾	19½	19¾+ 1-16
WinnDixie	33¾	33¼	33 9-16— ⅛
Xerox Cp s	45¼	42	3-16 42 11-16— 4¾

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Patterson	15 9/16	+1/8
Dell	45 31/32	-23/32
Wal Mart	44 15/16	-9/16
Compac	23 3/4	+3/16
Dol. Gen.	25 15/16	-5/8
GTE	71 1/4	+7/8
SBC Comm.	47	-1 1/4
Tx Instr.	85 7/8	-7/8
LU	66 1/2	-1/2
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FAIR HORSE SHOW — The Scurry County Fair Horse Show will be held Saturday. Books open at 8:30 a.m. and the show starts at 9:30 a.m. in the coliseum annex. Last year's winners are from left, Garrett Hale, grand champion mare; Meggan Minor, reserved champion mare; Aaron Cooley, grand champion gelding; and Veronica Williams, reserve champion gelding. (Contributed Photo)

Hormone made in fat cells may aid weight loss

By The Associated Press

A hormone produced in fat cells can be used to help people lose weight, according to a study of an obese child with a rare genetic defect.

Scientists caused a stir four years ago when they announced that the hormone leptin could evoke weight loss in mice, but until now a direct role in human obesity had not been confirmed.

The findings by doctors at Addenbrooke's Hospital in Cambridge, England, provide important clues as researchers try to decipher the genetic and environmental factors in obesity. The work could lead to medical treatments for some forms of the condition.

The study published in today's edition of The New England Journal of Medicine involved a severely overweight 9-year-old girl whose body produced virtually no leptin, a hormone that is supposed to signal the brain to stop eating. The signal does not get through properly in some overweight people.

At the age of 6, the girl was so overweight that doctors performed liposuction on her legs to increase her mobility. She was constantly hungry and became disruptive when denied food.

In 1997, when the girl was 9 and weighed 208 pounds, doctors began administering daily injections of leptin. Within a week of treatment, the girl's appetite had diminished significantly. After a year of injections, she had lost 36 pounds — and 95 percent of that weight was fat.

While the girl's condition is uncommon, the researchers, led by Dr. I Sadaf Farooqi, believe the findings have implications for the general population.

Children attended classes by mistake

NEW YORK (AP) — Imagine spending your summer in school and then finding out you didn't have to. That's what happened to 8,686 New York City elementary school students.

The third- and sixth-grade students were sent to summer school or held back at the end of the last school year because they were told they had failing grades. It turns out the testing company was the one that failed.

CTB/McGraw-Hill, a Monterey, Calif.-based company which has tested millions of students across the nation in its 72 years, notified the Board of Education about the mistake this week.

"I want to sincerely apologize to everyone affected," the company's president, David Taggart, told board members Wednesday.

The results of the tests, given last spring to 300,000 public school students in grades three, five, six and seven, weighed heavily in determining that 35,000 students needed to attend summer school.

Of those students incorrectly ordered to summer school, 5,176 students took another test at the end of summer school and passed, and will be moving on to the next grade. Another 1,168 failed the summer test. Their parents will meet with teachers to discuss whether the students can be promoted.

The 2,324 students who never took the second test for various reasons will still be promoted.

Schools Chancellor Rudy Crew, who oversees the 1.1 million-student system, called for an independent audit of the testing company, which received more than $2 million from the school board in 1998.



BIG CHECK – Special Olympics was recipient of $203,482 raised by Texas Department of Criminal Justice employees in West Texas, representing 35 percent of the $580,000 raised statewide. Region V's effort was recognized Wednesday during a regional warden's meeting held at the Wagon Wheel Ranch. From left are Rodney Cooper, warden at Colorado City; Patsy Bell, staff asssistant at the Region V office in Plainview; and John Gilbert, TDCJ regional director. (SDN Staff Photo)

Principal sends back religious books after lawsuit by ACLU

BELRIDGE, Calif. (AP) — Following pressure from the ACLU, a public elementary school has decided not to use Christian textbooks that describe other religions as cults and say God helped Columbus discover America.

Belridge Elementary Principal Steven Wentland, who also serves as superintendent of the 60-student, one-school district, said Wednesday that "every last flashcard" would be delivered back to A Beka Books Inc., a Pensacola, Fla.-based Christian publishing company.

"We'll pull them out. It's OK," he said, adding that he doesn't want to get into a courtroom battle or generate negative publicity. "We don't hold any grudges."

The legal dispute began last month in this community in the oil fields northwest of Bakersfield, where the few housing tracts are virtually invisible among the hundreds of oil pumps.

Wentland approved the use of the A Beka curriculum after holding public meetings about the contents over the summer.

The school board also approved them, and all of the parents signed consent forms after they were shown samples and reassured that some material would be edited to avoid problems. An anonymous donor offered to pay for the books, so approval by state education officials was not mandatory.

A Beka describes itself as "unashamedly Christian and traditional in its approach" and weaves fundamental Christian ideologies into daily exercises.

One grammar book asks students to place the correct punctuation at the end of the following sentence: "The Hebrew people often grumbled and complained."

History books tell students that although American Indians "attained a degree of civilization," they "had no knowledge of the true God, and without this knowledge all other attainments are worthless." Another book warns that non-Christians will be denied a place in heaven.

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Friday, Sept. 17, 1999

Because you could be experiencing life from an entirely new perspective in the year ahead, you may become more involved in arrangements that have elements of glamour or grandeur.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) If you're too difficult to deal with today, someone might make you a big promise she or he doesn't intend to keep just to appease you. By taking it to heart, you could cause yourself problems down the line. Get a jump on life by understanding the influences that'll govern you in the year ahead. Send the required refund form and for your Astro-Graph predictions by mailing $2 to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to state your Zodiac sign.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) If you think you'll be able to coast today and still have everything come out to your expectations, you could be in for a big disappointment. No pain, no gain.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Too much involvement in frivolous, costly interests today could double your problems tomorrow. Take your responsibilities seriously and attend to them first.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) No matter how interesting embellishing the facts would make a story, don't do so, even if you believe it won't hurt anything. You'll be wrong; it will.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Should you skip over some extremely significant details today in a haste to accomplish your tasks and get on to other things, these oversights will pop up to haunt you later.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Through simple carelessness or indifference there's a possibility you could make a major mistake today involving your financial concerns. Take nothing for granted.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) An agreement you put together today could collapse at an early date unless you lock down tight on all the details so that they are clearly and concisely spelled out.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) If confronted with a number of responsibilities today you've allowed to pile up on you, strive to be methodical and systematic. Tackle the most undesirable one first.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Sometimes Taureans can be so self-absorbed in what they're tackling that they inadvertently treat friends indifferently. This might be the case for you today. Pay attention to others.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Forego the bravado of attempting to bluff your way through a testy development today and deal with the problem in a realistic manner. You stand a better chance of controlling the situation.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Make an effort today to not fabricate or spin any issue in order to mask the truth a bit. Later, when it comes home to roost, you won't have to worry about what you told to whom and why.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Financial trends which affect your social life, as well as gambles, could have a few kinks in them today. Be careful how you manage your resources, especially those you can't afford to lose.

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Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Attitude Check Is First Step On Road to Becoming Happy

by Abigail Van Buren

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DEAR ABBY: The letter from "Bored in Roanoke, Va.," the twice-divorced man who asked for your help in changing his life, prompts this letter. Please pass this message on to him:

DEAR BORED: No one "finds" happiness. Happiness is not to be found in another person, place or thing. Happiness comes from within. The first thing you need to do is change your thinking about being "middle-aged" in your 40s. I'm 63 and find it hard to think of myself as "middle-aged" — much less the senior citizen I really am.

Attitudes are learned. You can learn to think of others instead of thinking of yourself all the time. No one is going to "make" you happy. You will not find a happy person until you, yourself, are happy. Like attracts like. Always act interested in others. Find out all you can about the person you are with. Do good things for others and soon you'll feel good about yourself.

Be thankful each day: thankful you live in America, thankful for your health, your family, your friends, your job, your home and your pet(s). Look around you. Smile. It takes fewer muscles to smile than it does to frown. Life is wonderful if you *think* it's wonderful, and it stinks if you think it stinks. Most of your story hasn't been written yet, and the end is up to you. Make it happen.

SHIRLEY IN SPRINGFIELD, MO.

DEAR SHIRLEY: With an attitude like yours, I'm sure you're a force to be reckoned with and the center of a large circle of friends. People love the company of those who make them feel good about themselves.

Many readers wanted to reach out and help "Bored in Roanoke." Read on:

DEAR ABBY: Didn't anything ring a bell with you when "Bored in Roanoke" said he didn't enjoy life and could not find happiness anymore? These are strong statements. Possibly this man should seek help from a professional to determine whether or not he's suffering from depression. Those two statements show that the man clearly has met two of the criteria for depression. Depression is terribly scary, very dark, and deeper than the deepest. If that's where he is, he doesn't have to stay there, and he should know it.

LIZ IN SOLON, IOWA

DEAR LIZ: You are a caring woman. I agree with you that if "Bored's" symptoms persist, medical help is indicated. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: "Bored" may also want to find a divorce support group in the Roanoke area. Many people do not realize that people who have been through a divorce need to go through a grieving process for their lost relationship, and may need help in rebuilding their self-esteem. Without help and support, many divorced people shut down emotionally to avoid possible future hurt.

Many communities have divorce support groups, often through a local church. These are *not* dating groups, but opportunities to connect with others who understand the needs of divorced people. It is vital that we heal ourselves before getting involved in new relationships.

MARTHA
IN GRANTS PASS, ORE.

DEAR MARTHA: Thank you for the helpful input. I'm sure it will be of interest to many people. Support and empathy can do wonders in healing a broken heart.

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Raises included in finance bill

WASHINGTON (AP) — Congress sent legislation to President Clinton today that would boost salaries for the next president, federal workers and lawmakers themselves.

The pay raises were part of a $28 billion measure financing the Treasury Department and smaller agencies for fiscal 2000, which begins Oct. 1. The Senate gave final congressional approval to the bill by 54-38, with several senators saying that many "no" votes were because of the pay raises for lawmakers. The House passed it by 292-126.

The bill, which Clinton is expected to sign, would open the door for a $4,600 pay raise for members of Congress to $141,300 a year. The boost, which would take effect in January, would be lawmakers' first since January 1998 and second since 1993.

By law, legislators receive an annual salary increase unless they vote to block it, and the Treasury bill is the traditional vehicle for doing that. The measure contained no language preventing the 3.4 percent increase, nor was it mentioned during brief debate.

Under the legislation, the next president's salary would double to $400,000 in January 2001, the first increase for the chief executive since 1969. And federal workers would get average pay raises of 4.8 percent, their highest annual increase since 1981.

The Senate also voted 95-0 for a $49.5 billion transportation measure that boosts spending for roads, mass transit and airports.

Last week, Republicans were forced to drop a provision that would have cut mass transit aid to New York and California after Democrats objected. The House approved a different version of the bill in June.

The Senate Appropriations Committee was also expected to approve a huge spending bill today that would top Clinton's request for veterans' health care by $1.1 billion and ease House-approved cuts in space programs and housing, but trim some environmental programs.

The money was part of a $90.9 billion measure financing veterans, housing, space and environmental programs for fiscal 2000. A subcommittee of the Senate Appropriations Committee approved the bill by voice vote Wednesday as lawmakers, just two weeks from the new fiscal year, sorted through spending legislation.

The Senate's veterans-housing bill illustrated that even as Republicans walk away from budget fights with Clinton, others are brewing.

Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Carol Browner complained that a $196 million cut by the subcommittee in her agency's operations budget threatens "the backbone of our national environmental effort."

Victims of shooting identified

By The Associated Press

The eight dead and seven wounded Wednesday night at Wedgwood Baptist Church, according to police, hospital, medical examiner and church officials:

The Dead

1. Larry Gene Ashbrook, 47, of Fort Worth, the alleged killer
2. Kristi Beckel, 14, died of a gunshot wound to the head at John Peter Smith Hospital
3. Joseph D. Ennis, 14, a Brewer High School freshman
4. Susan "Kim" Jones, 23, a student at Southwest Baptist Theological Seminary
5. Shawn Brown, 23, a seminary student
6. Sydney R. Browning, 36, a children's choir director at the church and graduate of the seminary
7. Cassandra Griffin, 14
8. Justin M. Ray, 17

The Wounded

1. Robert DeBord, 17, serious, ICU, gunshot wound to the chest, JPS
2. Justin Laird, 16, serious, ICU, gunshot wound to the back, JPS
3. Jeff Laster, 36, serious, gunshot wound

Corruption fight should get top billing in Russia

WASHINGTON (AP) — Secretary of State Madeleine Albright today called on Russian President Boris Yeltsin to make fighting corruption a top priority.

Making her appeal in friendly terms — and dismissing any intention to embarrass Russia — Albright said the Russian people are losing confidence in their government and suffering hardships.

"The problem is real and must be taken seriously," Albright said in a speech. "Our message to Russian leaders has been to get tough on corruption and to cooperate, in full, with investigations into it."

Prime Minister Vladimir Putin has sent aides here for talks as Congress prepares for hearings next week on whether any U.S. aid to Russia was improperly diverted.

The International Monetary Fund has come under criticism from Congress for not demanding stricter accounting by Russia of the $20 billion it has lent since 1992. IMF officials have said previously that its own review of Russia, conducted by the PricewaterhouseCoopers accounting firm, uncovered no evidence that IMF funds had been improperly diverted.

A senior IMF official, briefing reporters today in Washington, said his agency so far has uncovered nothing to change the findings of the independent audit earlier in the year that the $20 billion in loans provided by the IMF since 1992 had not been improperly diverted by Russian authorities.

The official, who spoke to reporters in the agency's executive dining room under rules preventing use of his name, said he expected the IMF would soon hand out the next loan installment once the Russian central bank provides extra information that IMF authorities have requested to account for its handling of earlier loans. The installment is expected to total around $640 million.

"We need to be assured everything is clean after this flurry of accusations," the IMF official said. "It is important for the central bank to come forward and then we will be ready to go forward quickly with the Russian program, given how well it is performing."

Albright declined to say whether the administration suspected any U.S. or other Western assistance was misused or whether the Yeltsin government was involved. "We are in the process of having the fullest possible investigation," she said.

Obituaries

Winifred Proctor

1935-1999

Funeral service for William Winifred Proctor is set for 11 a.m. Friday in the First Christian Church. Dr. Tim Griffin, pastor, will officiate.

Graveside service is set for 4 p.m. Friday in the Glenrest Cemetery in Big Lake. Arrangements are under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Mr. Proctor 64, died Tuesday, Sept. 14, at his home, eight miles west of Snyder, following a sudden illness.

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

A son, Winifred Lee Proctor, preceded Mr. Proctor in death.

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

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Vera Vinson

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Vera Katherine Shivers Vinson and twin Tera were born in Bassfield, and survived all her large family.

She did her R.N. training in Natchez, Miss, and served many people in that capacity. She married Sam Vinson and remained married to him until his death on Aug. 30, 1984.

She began her Christian life in Ebenezer Baptist Church in Bassfield and remained a devoted member of Colonial Hill Baptist Church in Snyder.

She is survived by her loving adopted daughter, Samijane Webb of Snyder, a devoted grandson, Justin Webb of Wake Village and his wife, Denise, and two great-grandsons, Chase and Cutter Webb of Wake Village.

She is also survived by a caring ex-son-in-law Levon Webb of Aspermont and many nieces and nephews.

Her funeral was held Tuesday in Hattiesburg, Miss., under the direction of Moore Funeral Home. She will be missed.

Paid Obituary

Rainfall Reports

Snyder	.60
East of City	None
West of City	Trace
Lake Thomas	None
Hermleigh	Trace
NE of Hermleigh	.12
Fluvanna	.30
Polar	.90
Camp Springs	Trace
Dunn	.60
Ira	Trace
Dermott	.13
Union	Trace

Totals from Wednesday night and Thursday morning as reported by area citizens.

Four arrests on Wednesday

Activity Wednesday for local law enforcement included four arrests.

Officers took a 21-year-old male into custody at 10:31 p.m. in the 1900 block of 23rd Street on a capias pro fine out of Garza County.

A 36-year-old male was arrested at 8:18 p.m. in the 2400 block of North Towle Park Road on outstanding Department of Public Safety warrants from Sutton County.

Public intoxication sent two subjects to jail Wednesday. A 58-year-old male was arrested at 10:45 p.m. in the 1500 block of 26th Street and a 51-year-old male was arrested at 10:50 in the 2600 block of Avenue M.

Officers filed an offense report for found property at 6:39 a.m. in reference to a bicycle and bicycle parts being found at Sunset Machine Shop.

An officer was called to Allsup's at 11:57 a.m. in reference to a juvenile male shoplifting. The juvenile was transported to the police department where he was later released to his parent. An offense report was filed for Class C theft.

A 15-year-old girl was reported as a runaway at 10:06 p.m. An offense report was submitted.

State Sen. Haywood won't seek RR post

State Senator Tom Haywood announced Wednesday that he will not seek the Republican nomination for Texas Railroad Commissioner.

Haywood had considered challenging Michael Williams for the post, but actually decided against the race last week.

Haywood has now pledged his support for Williams.

The senator, who represents Scurry County, said the possibility of Republicans giving up his Senate seat strongly influenced his decision not to run for the commission.

"Republicans now hold a one-seat majority in the Texas Senate," Haywood said. "Giving up my seat might change that balance, complicating the situation in regards to redistricting next session."

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

Ira annuals for sale

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

Ira homecoming reception

Ira School's classes 1977-1982 invite friends, family, and faculty to a reception at Texas Savings Bank Community Room on Saturday at 6 p.m. for fellowship and refreshments. For more information, call Darryl Calley at 573-1509 or Cindy Fritz at 573-5538.

Diabetes support group

The Diabetes support group will meet at 7 this evening in the Cogdell Hospital cafeteria. The speaker will be a dietician.

Conversational Spanish

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

Swimnastics for seniors

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

Fajita supper

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

Gold Coat luncheon

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

Ira homecoming

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

Glow-in-the-dark T-Shirts

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

AARP meetings

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

Tennis boosters

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

GED classes

GED classes will begin Oct. 5 in room 209 of Western Texas College's library. On Tuesdays and Thursdays, the morning session begins at 8 a.m. and ends at 11-30 a.m. and the evening session begins at 6 p.m. and ends at 8:30 p.m. The classes are for people needing GEDs, a refresher course or English as a second language.

Ira school pictures

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

MAWC game day

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

Hermleigh bi-annual homecoming

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

Inmate art show

The third annual Inmate Art show continues through Oct. 21 at the Scurry County Museum on the campus of Western Texas College.

Canyon community reunion

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

Car wash

The WTC student government will sponsor a cash wash from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 25, in the United parking lot.

First Christian fajita cookout

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

Pick 3

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

Lotto Texas

AUSTIN (AP) — Zero tickets correctly matched all six numbers drawn Wednesday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials said.

The tickets were worth an estimated $7 million.

The numbers drawn Wednesday night from a field of 50 were:

7-41-31-36-46-4

Clinton administration says farm law failing

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Clinton administration says the government's market-oriented farm law is failing and wants lawmakers to come up with a new way of subsidizing growers.

"We need a farm policy that empowers farmers not only to survive, but to prosper," Agriculture Secretary Dan Glickman said.

The 1996 law that ended a Depression-era system of crop subsidies has come under increasing criticism from Democrats and some farm groups after a second straight year of depressed commodity prices.

With Congress considering another multibillion-dollar bailout of the farm economy, Glickman told the House Agriculture Committee on Wednesday that it's time to change the way that federal farm aid is distributed.

He indicated support for a proposal by Rep. Charles Stenholm, D-Texas, to set up a new system of farm subsidies that would be tied to changes in crop yields and commodity prices.

"We should not lurch from one emergency bill to the next," Glickman said. "It is not good for the taxpayers and it is not good for agriculture."

Prices for corn and soybeans are at their lowest levels in more than a decade because of a worldwide glut of grain.

The White House budget office sent a letter to congressional leaders saying it "generally agrees" with the size of a $7.4 billion farm-aid package approved last month by the Senate.

But the letter criticized both the way the money would be allocated to growers and its lack of disaster aid for weather-related losses.

The letter also said Congress should address the "fundamental shortcomings" of the 1996 law. Clinton signed the law which was aimed at ending much of the government intervention in agriculture, moving towards a more market-based system and giving farmers the freedom to plant what they choose, but the administration has always maintained that farmers need some type of price support.

The Senate bill was designed primarily to compensate farmers for low commodity prices, not damaged crops.

The Agriculture Department estimates this year's drought has cost farmers $800 million to $1.2 billion, and is monitoring Hurricane Floyd for potential damage to crops that haven't been harvested yet, Glickman said.

"In some states this is the driest growing season in history — or at least since such records have been kept," he said.

Earlier in the day, Democratic senators — flanked by dozens of farmers from across the country — demanded that Congress pass emergency farm relief and overhaul the 1996 law.

"This Congress cannot leave without acting on agriculture," said Minority Leader Tom Daschle of South Dakota. "We cannot afford to wait."

Most of the money in the Senate bill would go toward doubling the annual "market transition" payments that farmers are guaranteed under the 1996 law.

Glickman said that shortchanges soybean growers, whose crop wasn't included in calculating those payments. And he said some of the payments go to producers who aren't even farming anymore.

But Mary Kay Thatcher, a lobbyist for the American Farm Bureau Federation, said it's too late in the year to write a new subsidy program, such as the one Stenholm has proposed.

"If we gave the administration a new program like this to deal with, sure enough, we'd have them getting out the money eight months from now," she said.

Glickman also suggested other measures, including an expansion of the land-idling Conservation Reserve Program to take additional acreage out of production and subsidies for storing grain on farms.

Voters OK prison near observatory

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. (AP) — Residents gave final approval to build a prison near a historic observatory in Vermont, despite concerns by astronomers that it would mar the center's pristine view of the heavens.

Springfield town Clerk Bonnie Reynolds said 2,332 people voted in favor of the prison while 1,545 voted against it, a margin of about 20 percentage points.

About 60 percent of the community's eligible voters cast ballots, Reynolds said.

"It was an excellent turnout," she said.

Tuesday's vote was the second on whether or not the community in the southeastern section of the state would allow construction of a 350-bed medium security prison about three miles away from Stellafane — Latin for "Shrine to the Stars." A national landmark, it is the site of a conference that attracts more than 2,000 amateur astronomers every summer.

Opponents of the prison said its lights would ruin star viewing from the hilltop observatory, but state officials denied that.

In June, townspeople approved the prison, but only by a margin of 69 votes, 1,633 to 1,564. Tuesday's vote was forced by a petition drive led by prison opponents

The state offered the town a $7 million economic incentive package for the prison. State officials also say the prison could bring about 160 new jobs to Springfield residents, one of the most depressed areas of the state since the machine tool industry fell on hard times.

Date Book

Thursday, Sept. 16, 1999

Today is the 259th day of 1999 and the 88th day of summer.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1853, Steinway sold his first American-made piano.

On this day in 1908, William Durant of Flint, Mich., founded General Motors.

On this day in 1968, the last episode of the television show "Andy Griffith" was broadcast.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Francis Parkman (1823-1893), historian; Lauren Bacall (1924-), actress, is 75; B.B. King (1925-), musician, is 74; Peter Falk (1927-), actor, is 72; Elgin Baylor (1934-), basketball great, is 65; Ed Begley Jr. (1949-), actor, is 50; Mark McEwen (1954-), weatherman, is 45; Robin Yount (1955-), baseball star, is 44; Orel Hershiser (1958-), baseball star, is 41.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1981, Sugar Ray Leonard stopped Thomas Hearns in the 14 round, winning the welterweight boxing title.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "The growth of New England was a result of the aggregate efforts of a busy multitude, each in his narrow circle toiling for himself, to gather competence or wealth." — Francis Parkman

TODAY'S MOON: Day before first quarter (Sept. 17).

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