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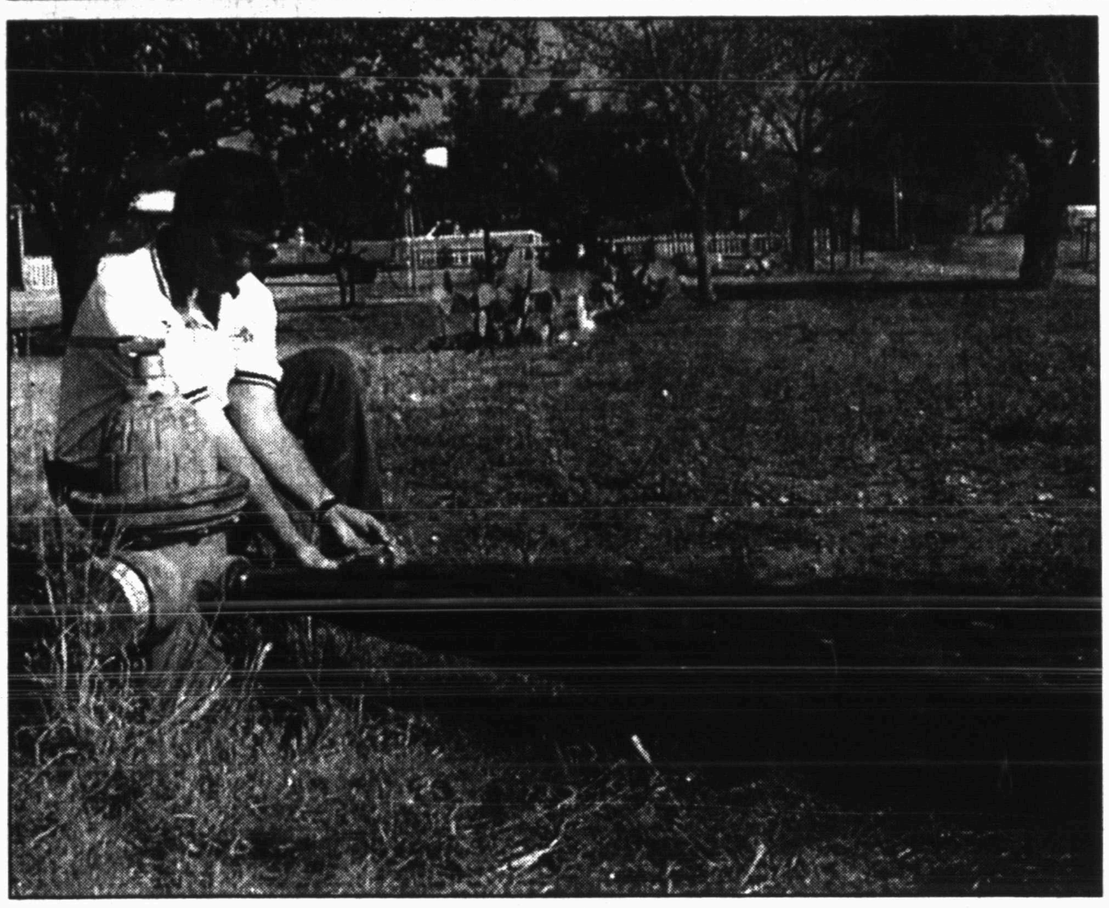
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Home Of Donna Farley



HYDRANT TESTING —Fire Chief Perry Westmoreland measures the gallons per minute out of this fire hydrant. The annual program tests each hydrant and color code it according to pressure. Westmoreland said the city earns credits with the state which helps lower the cost of homeowners' premiums. At 11 a.m., the department had tested 30 hydrants and found three with problems, including one that is unusable. (SDN Staff Photo)

City ends budget work as figures get final okay

By Wade Warren
SDN Managing Editor

Snyder's city council ended some five months of budget work Tuesday night as the city's 2000-01 spending plan was approved with little comment from council members.

A public hearing on the budget also failed to draw any taxpayers, as did an August meeting on the city's tax rate that was also adopted last night.

The council met Aug. 22 and approved the first reading of an $8.7 million budget and a tax rate of $0.4246 per $100 valuation. The current tax rate is $0.3935.

The new tax rate will add $10.68 to the tax bill of a person owning an average-priced homestead valued at $32,980.

The council also approved the second reading of ordinances calling for hikes in water and sewer rates – subjects that did draw some questions and comments from the council.

Councilman Terry Martin questioned whether citizens were aware of the options available to figure sewer rates.

The present ordinance, and the one approved last night, states that if a residential customer has no history of water consumption, they will have three options when applying for service to figure their base rate for sewer service.

Option one allows for 75 gallons of wastewater per day per household times the number of days in the billing period (30).

Another option is based on 90 percent of actual water used by the customer during each month, or 2,000 gallons per month, or whichever is greater.

The option that Martin pinpointed is based on water usage for the months of December, January and February, traditionally the lowest water consumption months for a household.

Martin said some constituents had told him that they felt they were being charged higher rates than they would be if they had been using the winter month's option.

Customer Service Director Carolyn House told the council that 90 percent of the city's customers use the winter month option.

Following a brief discussion on how city customers could change their options, the council voted to leave the ordinance as written, but customers could call the city to determine which plan their sewer rates are based.

"Let's be more customer-oriented," said Mayor Dayton Robertson.

With the passage of the ordinances, customers will see a increase in water rates as the minimum will increase from $9.13 to $9.40 per month, and the sewer rates from a minimum of $8.21 to $8.46.

Sanitation rates are unchanged.

Jeff Arrington of Freese & Nichols presented a report on the status of the city's landfill and the construction of a new cell.

Arrington said the present cell, or area where trash can be dumped, has a life span of about six to eight months.

The new cell is expected to be ready in January or February of next year.

The estimated cost of the new cell is around $1 million.

Arrington made note of the fact that city employees at the landfill have been doing the excavation work for the new cell.

"Their work probably has saved the city $1 million in excavation costs," said Arrington.

In other business, the council reappointed Lynn McLarty to the Permian Basin Airport Board, and okayed a resolution granting Cox Communications authority to operate the cable TV system for another month.

Mike Post, chairman of the cable TV franchise committee, told the council that he had hoped to have an agreement for them to review.

"Cox made some changes this week," said Post. "We will now have to go back and renegotiate some things."

Post said he now hopes to be able to present the agreement to the council by the October meeting.

The annual review of the city's investment policy was approved.

Robertson presided at the meeting and council members in attendance were Martin, James Ashley, Vernest Tippens, David Harrell and I.E. Martin. James Jenkins was absent.

Two CMH departments to see major changes

Two departments at Cogdell Memorial Hospital will have new looks following this morning's hospital board meeting.

After meeting for almost 2½ hours in closed session, the board voted to pursue contracts with firms to operate the hospital's pharmacy and home health division.

Interim CEO Steve Holmes said the changes would see management companies providing new heads of the pharmacy and home health departments, but other personnel would be hospital employees.

Holmes said he planned to meet with employees of the two affected departments this afternoon to explain the changes.

Holmes also said Harry L. Holt, who had been serving as director of the pharmacy, had recently resigned, and that home health director Sherma Barham has submitted her resignation to pursue a position in another community.

"Basically these are cost-saving measures," said Holmes. "We expect the pharmacy contract to save the hospital some $64,000 this year alone."

The pharmacy contract is with PharmaCare Services, while the home health contract is with Arapaho Health Care Resources.

This action came after a brief business session in which the board voted unanimously to purchase a time and attendance system, and to contract with an electronic claims management system company.

Both hospital controller Selina McGuire, and Holmes said the systems would save the hospital money.

The time system will cost $33,461 and Holmes estimated it would pay for itself in about 17½ months.

The claims system will cost the hospital about $1,100 per month, McGuire said, but would result in savings by reducing the number of employees doing billing from four to one.

"This will expedite the billing process and give a quicker turnaround on cash," McGuire added.

Board president Jim Bob Cave presided and members present were E.D. Walton, Terry Williams, Nan Swanson, Stanley Martin and Dink Foree.

Last pipeline victim dies from injuries

Amanda Smith, the last survivor of an Aug. 19 pipeline explosion near Carlsbad, N.M., died in University Medical Center in Lubbock Tuesday.

Smith's father-in-law, Bobby Smith, 43, also died in the explosion.

Bobby Smith, 45, is the son of Snyder resident Geneva Smith and the brother of Fletcher Smith and Effie Witte, both Snyder residents.

Bobby Smith's son, Terry, 23, and his grandson, Dustin, three-years-old, also died in the explosion.

Others who were killed were Amanda Smith's parents, Don Sumler and Glenda Sumler, both 47 of Loving, N.M., and Kirsten Sumler, 5, Smith's daughter.

Also killed were Royle Heady, 20, and his wife, Amy, 18, of Artesia, N.M., and their three daughters, 22-month-old Kelsey and six-month-old twins, Timber and Tamber.

The pipeline, owned by El Paso Energy Co., blew up along the Pecos River south of Carlsbad where the families had camped and fished for a number of years.



DEDICATION — A dedication ceremony was held this morning at the site of the Highway 350 entrance to Snyder sign. Pictured from left are Mike Molter, area engineer for the Texas Department of Transportation; Mary Beth Vestal of the Snyder Beautification Committee; Rusty Carter and Chris Dunson with United Supermarkets; and Mayor Dayton Robertson. United donated $5,000 for the sign while the TxDOT spent approximately $50,000 constructing the entrance way. (SDN Staff Photo)

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "The trouble with a hike in the country is you have to walk most of the way."

Thanks again to Sandra Robinson, the unretired wife of semi-retired Baptist minister Miller, here are a few church gems that might brighten your day:

A Sunday school teacher asked the children just before she dismissed them for worship service, "And why is it necessary to be quiet in church?"

A little boy replied, "Because people are sleeping."

A Sunday school teacher asked her class why Joseph and Mary took Jesus with them to Jerusalem. A small child replied, "They couldn't get a babysitter.'

Another Bible class teacher was discussing the Ten Commandments with her five and six-year-old students.

After explaining the commandment to 'honor thy father and mother,' she asked, "Is there another commandment that teaches us how to treat our brothers and sisters?"

Without missing a beat, one little kid answered, "Thou shall not kill."

On Sunday, the minister noticed little Alex staring up at the large plaque that hung in the church foyer.

It was covered with names and small American flags were mounted on either side.

The young boy asked the minister, "What is this?"

The preacher explained that it was a memorial – to all the men and women who have died in the service. Soberly, they stood together, staring at the large plaque.

Finally, little Alex had to ask. "Which service, preacher, the 8 o'clock or the 10 o'clock service?"

The class was discussing how God created everything, including human beings.

Little Johnny seemed especially intent when they told him how Eve was created out of one of Adam's ribs.

Later in the week, his mother noticed him lying down as though he was ill. She asked what was the matter.

He responded, "I have a pain in my side. I think I'm going to have a wife.

ASK US

Q—How much money did Snyder residents donate to the Muscular Dystrophy Telethon?

A—There is no way of knowing. The Lubbock office of MDA, where the money from Snyder goes, no longer keeps separate records for each town.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Tuesday, 105 degrees; low, 71; 7 a.m. Wednesday, 79; no precipitation; total for 2000, 15.01 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, clear. Low upper 60s. E wind 5-15 mph. Thursday, sunny. High in mid 90s. E wind 5-15 mph.



Bailey Minor
Not as Hot

Sunset:
8:01 p.m.
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Of 249 days in 2000, the sun has shone 246 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

"It is always better to fail in doing something than to excel in doing nothing."
Thomas Edison

Foot-powered scooter fad causing injuries

TUSTIN, Calif. (AP) — Eight-year-old David Raphael thinks those fold-up, foot-powered metal scooters are safe.

So does his mom.

"This is much better than riding a bicycle ... or a skateboard," said Elizabeth Raphael, who bought her son a scooter this summer to ride in his suburban Southern California neighborhood. "They are much safer. You can use your feet."

But the shiny, silver scooters that everyone seems to be riding these days have sent nearly 9,500 Americans, mostly children, to emergency rooms with injuries, the Consumer Product Safety Commission said Tuesday.

By comparison, about 60,000 people suffered injuries using skateboards last year and about 100,000 were injured using inline skates, according to the commission.

Scooter injuries surged this summer with more than 4,000 reported in August, compared with 500 in May, the commission said. Children younger than 15 accounted for nearly nine out of 10 of the 9,411 accidents this year.

Although the majority resulted in only cuts, scrapes, bruises and sprains, a third involved broken bones or dislocations. No deaths were reported.

"People don't think about the fact that these scooters can be as dangerous as bikes and skateboards," said Dr. Jill Posner, 33, who practices emergency pediatric medicine at Children's Hospital in Philadelphia.

There, she said, she has seen an increasing number of scooter injuries this summer, the most serious ones involving children with head injuries who were hit by cars.

The scooters, first widely sold in the United States late last year, are souped-up versions of the low-tech, kick-powered vehicles made popular in the 1950s.

The scooter industry expects to sell 2 million to 5 million this year, the commission said. That's at least $200 million in business, up from virtually zero last year.

Unlike old-fashioned scooters, which were sometimes fashioned from boards and roller skates, the new models have narrow wheels similar to those on fast-moving inline skates and metal frames that weigh less than 10 pounds. They cost about $80 to $120.

"These are certainly not your grandmother's scooters from the 50's," said Ann Brown, the safety commission's chairwoman. "Many kids are ending up in hospital emergency rooms instead of classrooms."

Brown said nearly two-thirds of scooter-related injuries could have been prevented or lessened if riders had been wearing helmets, wrist guards and knee and elbow pads. Children younger than 8 shouldn't use the scooters without close supervision, she added.

Some scooter manufacturers blamed the accidents on smaller models with inline skate wheels.

"If you hit a little pebble, that's all it takes for you to go down," said Tim Patmont, a spokesman for Go-Ped, made by Patmont Motor Werks of Livermore, Calif. His company offers larger scooters with rubber wheels.

The Sharper Image, a San Francisco-based scooter seller, said in a statement it supported the commission's safety guidelines. "Our print and television advertising encourages the use of safety gear while riding our scooter products," the company said.

Razor.com, which sells the scooters via the Internet and resells them to retail stores, notes on its web site that "a helmet and protective gear" are needed while riding its vehicles.

On Tuesday, a group of children, ages 4 to 14, largely shrugged off the commission's concerns when they gathered at an Orange County apartment complex.

"All this is just like with skateboards," said 14-year-old Adriana Garcia. "I remember when my older brother got his skateboard, everybody said he was going to get hurt and he didn't."

Still, Garcia's younger brother, 6-year-old Hector, was among the walking wounded, having recently scraped his left knee while riding a scooter.

HMOs better at providing immunizations

WASHINGTON (AP) — HMOs improved in 1999, showing significant gains in the number of childhood immunizations and in providing cardiac care, a study found.

The study, released by the National Committee for Quality Assurance, a Washington-based HMO accrediting group, said more than 65 percent of 2-year-olds in the HMOs which responded to the survey received a recommended chicken pox vaccine, compared to 41 percent in 1997. The percentage of adolescents who received a booster shot for measles, mumps and rubella increased by 7 percent over a year, reaching 59 percent in 1999.

"When we see immunization rates going up," said Dr. Walt Orenstein of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. "I view that as an enormous victory because what it really means is that disease rates are going down."

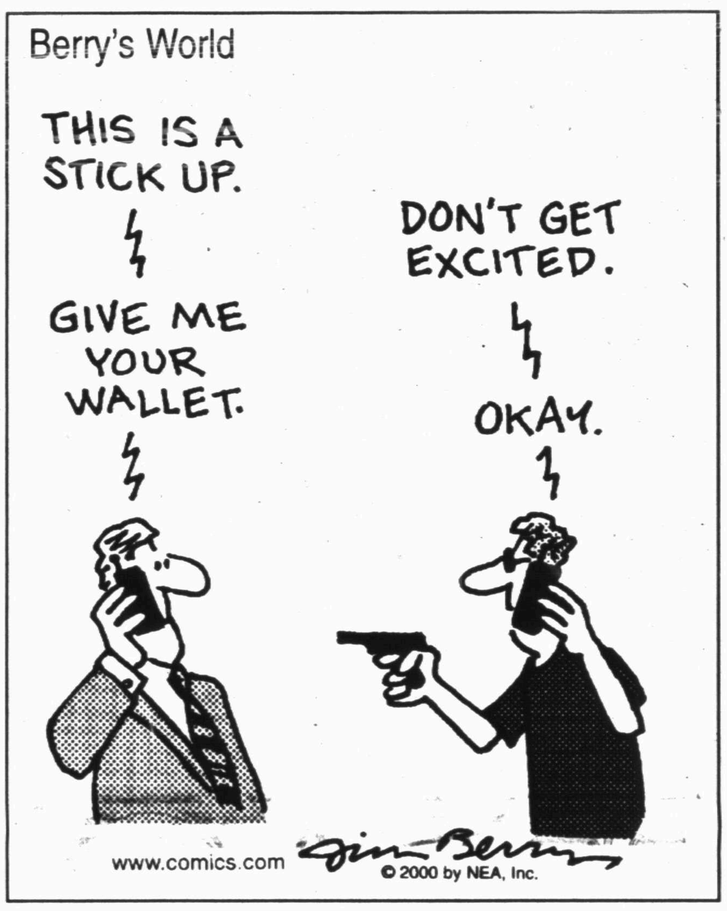
The report said the rate of cholesterol screenings and prescriptions of drugs following a heart attack have also showed marked improvements. Sixty-nine percent of patients in the plans received cholesterol checks in 1999, an increase of 10 percent over 1998.

The NCQA said the reporting plans made their largest gains ever in 1999, across every category and in every geographic region, though it did note weaknesses as well.

"In terms of quality, 1999 was by far the best year in the history of managed care," said Margaret E. O'Kane, president of the group. "But when we look at care for certain populations like people with diabetes or depression, it's obvious that there is still room for improvement."

The report notes that there is a large degree of variation among the plans in many preventative measures, including diabetic eye exams, cervical cancer screenings and rates for controlling high blood pressure.

The report is based on data compiled by NCQA and provided by the health plans. In the past, the NCQA has been critical of reports criticizing for-profit HMOs by groups that advocate a government-controlled health insurance system.



Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Thursday, Sept. 7, 2000

Your financial prospects look extremely encouraging for you in the year ahead, but your spending habits could leave a lot to be desired. Try to end next year with money in the bank.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) It's tempting to throw caution to the winds and blow the budget when something yummy you'd love to have is placed right under your eyes, but think of the consequences. Be prudent, not foolish. Know where to look for romance and you'll find it. The Astro-Graph Matchmaker instantly reveals which signs are romantically perfect for you. Mail $2.75 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) A quality appearance could be your ace in the hole today when going someplace where there is someone you'd love to impress. Look your greatest and act your best.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) It's commendable that you'll make a difficult promise today for reasons of compassion, but it'll count for nil if its one that is done at the expense of another. Be logical.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) You may mean well, but to do something for a friend that is far beyond his or her capacity to reciprocate could put this pal in a position of feeling totally inadequate. Be careful.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Be on your best behavior and act in a manner that will add luster to your image, because, whether you like it or not, you'll attract attention today wherever you go.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) You're barking up the wrong tree if you hope to achieve your aims through flattery or subterfuge. In order to deal effectively with others, sincerity is a must.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Give a wide berth today to someone who behaves off limits and could cause complications. Be especially careful you don't get involved in any romantic intrigues.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) The people who promise the most today are likely to be the very ones who do the least, so be prepared to operate on your own if the support you expected isn't forthcoming.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Instead of spending a lot of time today trying to come up with elaborate excuses to rationalize away your responsibilities, simply get them done and out of the way. It takes less effort.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Romance can't blossom under restrictive, binding conditions. Subdue any tendencies today toward being overly possessive of the one you cherish the most.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) There's a chance you could make some very unwise concessions today in hopes of appeasing someone you love. Unfortunately, it'll only make matters worse.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Have any work or services being performed for you spelled out in writing today. Verbal promises may get lost in thin air and count for little.

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Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Living together not a sin for seniors sharing expenses

DEAR ABBY: I just had to write after reading the letter from the lady who signed herself, "Tired of All This Misbehaving."

I am 80, and I found her remarks offensive. When I was retired by my employer, I couldn't manage on my Social Security check. I tried to find another job, but no one wanted to hire me at my age.

A male acquaintance retired soon after, and realized that he, too, didn't have the funds to keep his apartment. I had a five-bedroom townhouse, and thought of renting out some rooms. However, a lawyer friend told me that if I advertised for roomers I would have to rent to anyone who had the money; I could not pick and choose. I was afraid to do that because I would continue to live there, too.

So I invited this man, who was a trusted neighbor, to share my home and expenses. This way we both could live in comfort, and it would cost us less money. We go shopping and attend church together. We also visit friends who are now in nursing homes. We have never slept together or had sex.

I know of other seniors who have similar arrangements so they can live decently and not go broke in the bargain. Recently, another senior male has joined us. We share expenses and household chores so it's easier on all of us. We get along like a family of sisters and brothers. Marrying just so outsiders won't criticize one's living arrangement is not always the right thing to do.

Please print this, Abby. I want people to know that it isn't always "living in sin" or "shacking up" as that lady thinks. — **AN ABBY FAN IN PENNSYLVANIA**

DEAR FAN: I'm pleased to print your letter. As I said to the woman whose letter prompted yours, "Seniors who live together choose to do so for a variety of reasons, which are usually well thought out." People should not judge others.

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DEAR ABBY: My fiancee is having financial problems. I want to help her, but she insists that I shouldn't because she'll be mad at me. I really want to help her. I don't like to see her struggle, and I have the money to do it — plus, we're being married soon, so what's the big deal? What should I do? — **IN LOVE IN FLORIDA**

DEAR IN LOVE: Don't force your help on your fiancee after she has refused it. This could be an important learning experience for her, and it's a chance for you to see her level of ingenuity and perseverance. I respect her stance and for not taking the easy way out. For the time being, be patient and keep your checkbook closed.

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DEAR ABBY: I have a friend whose husband tries to scare his 2-year-old child by jumping out of closets, from behind trees, etc.

I have seen the child tremble, cry and turn pale. The man thinks it is a "fun time" with his child.

What do you think of his behavior? He will see your answer. — **CONCERNED IN PHOENIX**

DEAR CONCERNED: I hope you'll make sure he sees it. There is nothing "fun" about traumatizing a child. The father is sadistic, and he should consult with a psychotherapist to understand why he gets pleasure out of his child's pain, and to learn firsthand how damaging his "scare tactics" are.

If he refuses to stop, he should be reported to Children's Protective Services.

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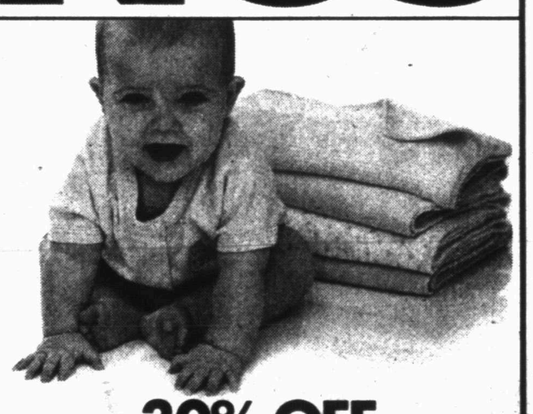
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New state hotline set up for insurance fraud

DALLAS (AP) — State regulators are investigating one of Texas' top auto insurers for overcharging thousands of drivers who watched their premiums go up after they were involved in accidents.

The estimated overcharges by the Farmers Insurance Group could amount to several million dollars, according to the Texas Department of Insurance.

The agency said Tuesday it will seek refunds for all affected Farmers Insurance policyholders and consider fines against the company.

"This will surely involve restitution and could involve some sort of punitive action, including fines," Jim Davis, of the Department of Insurance, told Wednesday's edition of The Dallas Morning News.

A spokesman for Farmers declined to estimate the total amount of overcharges. When asked how many Farmers policyholders were affected, Bob Huxel told the newspaper, "We hope to have those numbers firmed up by next week."

The Texas Department of Insurance began looking at the allegations after they were reported by Farmers.

The company — the second largest auto insurer in Texas with more than $1 billion in premiums — acknowledged that a class-action lawsuit by a group of policyholders was being prepared when executives approached state regulators.

That lawsuit has been abandoned now that insurance regulators are looking into the overcharges, The Morning News reported.

The excessive charges involved drivers who were in accidents in which they were at fault. Farmers reportedly levied surcharges against these at-fault policyholders for longer than state regulations allow.

Also on Tuesday, Insurance Commissioner Jose Montemayor announced a new toll-free hotline for reporting possible insurance fraud.

Montemayor said the state loses at least $2 billion a year to insurance scams.

He outlined the state's top 10 insurance fraud cases, which range from a Bowie County man who beat his knee with a ball peen hammer as he tried to fake injuries after falling in a fast-food restaurant to the "kingpin" of a multimillion-dollar life insurance and viatical settlement swindle in the Dallas area.

"These cases illustrate the many ways people try to cheat insurance companies and individual insurance consumers," Montemayor said.

Studies show that insurance claim fraud can add from $200 to $1,000 a year to the average cost of insurance for policyholders nationwide. Montemayor said the department estimates that about $2 billion goes by the wayside in Texas because of fraud.

The department says about 10 percent of claims are fraudulent in the state.

"Insurance fraud is an increasingly expensive 'hidden tax' to Texas consumers and one of the most costly problems for insurance companies who are trying to serve millions of honest policyholders," said the Southwestern Insurance Information Service's Sandra Ray, who praised Montemayor's efforts.

Last year, the insurance department handled more than 2,000 complaints that led to 74 convictions. About 200 cases are under investigation now.

Editor's Note: The toll-free hotline is 1-888-327-8818.

On the Net: Texas Department of Insurance: http://www.tdi.state.tx.us

One suspect arrested in two bathtub slayings, two rapes

ARLINGTON (AP) — Police have searched the North Texas home of a suspect charged in the bathtub murders of two teachers and two sexual assaults that have eluded investigators for years.

Officers late Tuesday were searching for evidence in the case after officers arrested Dale Devon Scheannette, a suspect in the 1996 slayings, hours earlier. The 27-year-old Arlington man was arrested at his home on a capital murder warrant for both killings.

Scheannette remained behind bars Wednesday with no bond set, Arlington jail supervisor Sgt. Tony Folkers said. The suspect is charged in the killings of Wendie Prescott and Christine Vu.

The two teachers were slain months apart in 1996 at the same apartment complex in southwest Arlington after being strangled and beaten.

Both women were found dead, naked and face down in a partially filled bathtub. Prescott was found murdered on Christmas Day in 1996, three months after Vu's murder in the same complex.

Scheannette was identified from a fingerprint obtained during an Austin burglary, according to Arlington Police Department spokesman Dee Anderson. Using an FBI computer database, investigators matched his fingerprint to one taken from the scene of a sexual assault at the University of Texas at Arlington in February 1999.

DNA evidence already has linked the slayings to that sexual assault and another in Grand Prairie in 1999.

A woman sexually assaulted in her Grand Prairie apartment in October told investigators that there was a noticeable scar on the suspect's genitalia. The UT Arlington student told police she escaped her attacker by biting him in the groin.

Both women provided similar descriptions of the suspect, who wore pantyhose to cover most of his head. They reported the same oily smell and that the man was uncircumcised, details not released until earlier this year.

Vu's mother, Ra Thi Nguyen, said Tuesday she prayed for an arrest every day since her daughter was killed.

"I would like to look at him (Scheannette) and ask him why killed my daughter," Nguyen told the Arlington Morning News. "My daughter was a good person."

Some Peartree Apartments residents said the suspect's arrest eased their concerns about living in the complex where Vu and Prescott were killed.

"I feel safe now that they've got him," said Yolanda Fouche, who has lived at Peartree for more than three years. "As a single mother, I was relieved."

Officials called Tuesday's arrest a major breakthrough in the case.

"It's ironic that a case we've worked on for four years broke so suddenly for us," Anderson told the Fort Worth Star-Telegram. "This should certainly ease the minds of people who to this day have not forgotten this crime."

Illinois sues gas company to speed cleanup

CHICAGO (AP) — The state of Illinois has sued a gas company in an attempt to pressure the utility to speed inspections of more than 200,000 homes that may have been contaminated by mercury.

Nicor Gas has been scrambling to inspect homes since learning in July that a contractor hired to update its gas meters may have spilled small amounts of mercury while removing old gas pressure regulators. Mercury is a toxic substance that can damage the kidneys and brain.

Illinois Attorney General Jim Ryan and prosecutors in two counties are asking a Cook County circuit judge to force Nicor to immediately notify all homes, scrap yards and other businesses that may have mercury contamination.

"Every time we turn around, there's another problem," Ryan said. "We think we have to take the next step."

Nicor officials said they were disappointed with the lawsuit but would continue to cooperate with officials.

As of Tuesday, the company said it had inspected 618 homes, and 66 tested positive for mercury.

The lawsuit would force Nicor to abide by a schedule set up by authorities for identifying and cleaning contaminated homes. It also would require the company to pay for health screenings and set up a court fund to repay residents for relocation or repairs.

Named in the suit are Naperville-based Nicor and two contractors that also removed regulators in homes where mercury was detected, according to the lawsuit.

Nicor serves 1.9 million customers in northern Illinois.

On the Net:

Nicor Gas mercury update: http://www.nicor.com/gas/mercury.htm

Illinois Department of Public Health mercury fact sheet: http://www.idph.state.il.us/envhealth/factsheets/mercuryspills.htm

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♣ Q 7 4

West
♠ A K J 8 3
♥ K Q J 9 4
♦ —
♣ 9 8 2

East
♠ Q 9 4
♥ 10 7 2
♦ J 9 6 4
♣ 10 6 5

South
♠ 10 7 5
♥ 3
♦ A Q 7 5 2
♣ A K J 3

Vulnerable: Both
Dealer: South

South	West	North	East
1 ♦	2 ♦	3 ♦	Pass
4 ♣	Pass	4 ♥	Pass
5 ♦	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♠ A

Wednesday, Sept. 6, 2000

Still not a guarantee of success

By Phillip Alder

As regular readers will know, I do not like the Unusual No-Trump, a jump overcall of two no-trump to show at least 5-5 in the minors. The problem is that usually the opponents win the auction. Then, the declarer knows where (virtually) all the cards lie as soon as the dummy tracks. Better is the Michaels Cue-Bid because, over a minor-suit opening, it describes a major two-suiter. This makes it more likely you will buy the contract. However, even Michaels has its bad days — as in this deal from a tournament in Poughkeepsie, N.Y.

West's two-diamond cue-bid promised at least 5-5 in the majors. North raised to show his diamond support. Then, when South took another bid (which wasn't clear-cut), North control-bid (cue-bid) his heart ace in case a slam was available.

After cashing his two top spades, West switched to the heart king.

The contract looked easy to make. Yet South correctly paused for a moment to consider any problems, realizing the only snag was a 4-0 trump split. However, the suit could be picked up if declarer worked out who held the four. Here, from the bidding, it was obviously East. So, South started with dummy's diamond king. When West discarded, declarer continued with dummy's diamond 10, capturing East's jack with the ace. Back to dummy by ruffing his last spade with the diamond eight, declarer finessed his diamond seven, drew East's last trump and claimed.

Without West's revealing overcall, declarer might have started with a diamond to his ace and gone down, losing a trump trick.

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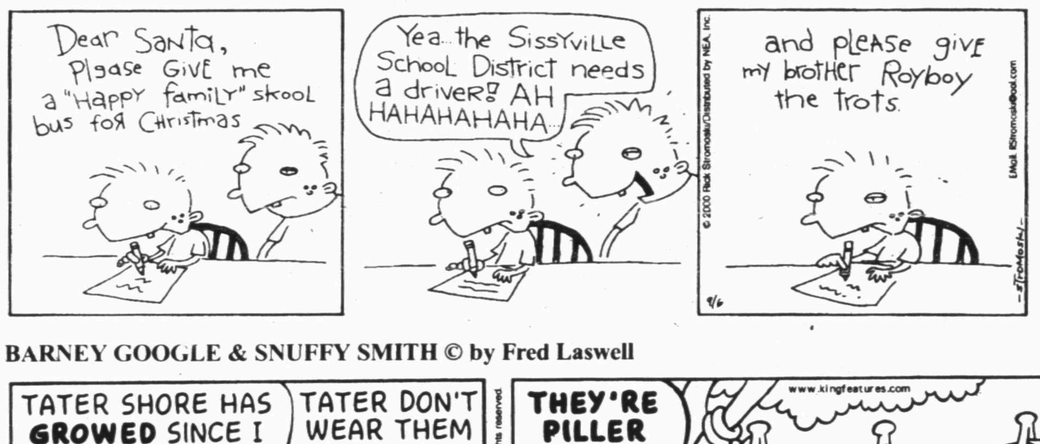
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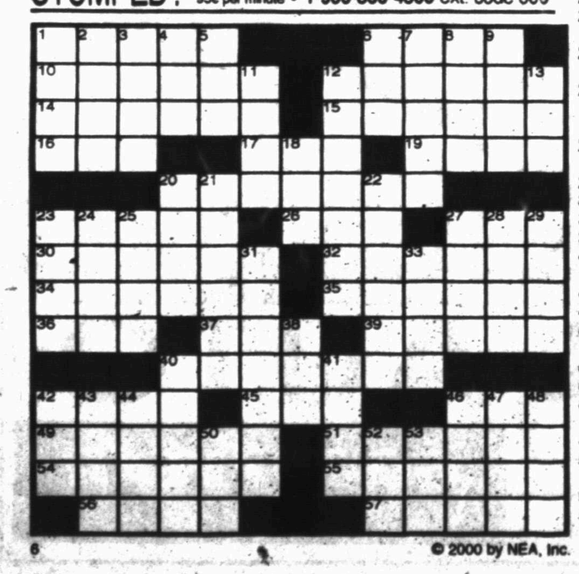
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6 Invitation request (abbr.)
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12 Shooting star
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15 Mrs. Marcos
16 Army VIP
17 Ape
19 Orient
20 More meticulous
23 Use a broom
26 Apiece
27 Room in a harem
30 — Beach, S.C.
32 Made night noises
34 Involve
35 Strained
36 Chemical suffix
37 Orlando's st.
39 Spills over
40 Public service
42 Baseballer Nolan —
45 Dance step
46 Animal foot
49 Samples
51 Unit
54 Plaza Hotel girl
55 Afternoon sleep
56 Author Gardner
57 "Merry Widow" composer

DOWN

1 Self-satisfied
2 Theater section
3 Novelist Hunter
4 Bowling target
5 Koppel or Kennedy
6 Sleep stage
7 Take the helm
8 Constellation near Pyxis
9 Pea holders
11 Maglie and Mineo
12 Muddiest
13 Rodent
18 Cause of Cleopatra's death
20 Greek cheese
21 Elevate
22 — Borgnine
23 Pintail duck
24 Actress Keenan —
25 Art deco illustrator
27 Approximately (2 wds.)
28 Like the ocean
29 Totals
31 Oval
33 No more than
38 Cotton st.
40 "Wait — Dark"
41 Doctrines
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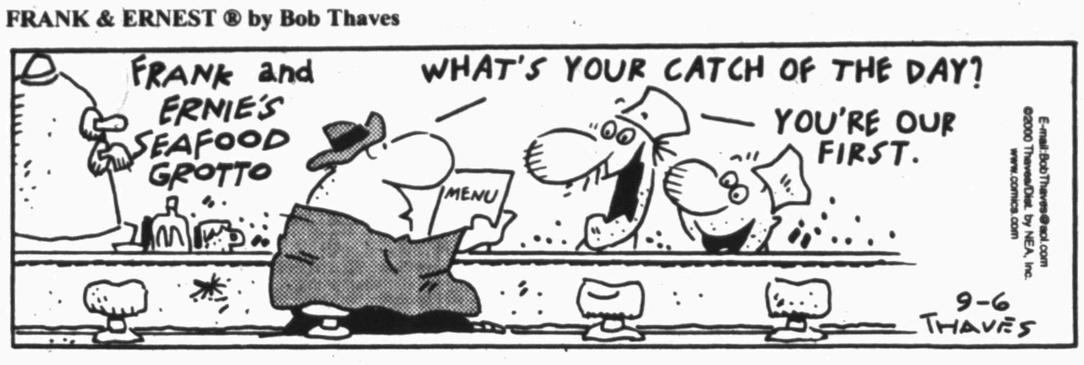
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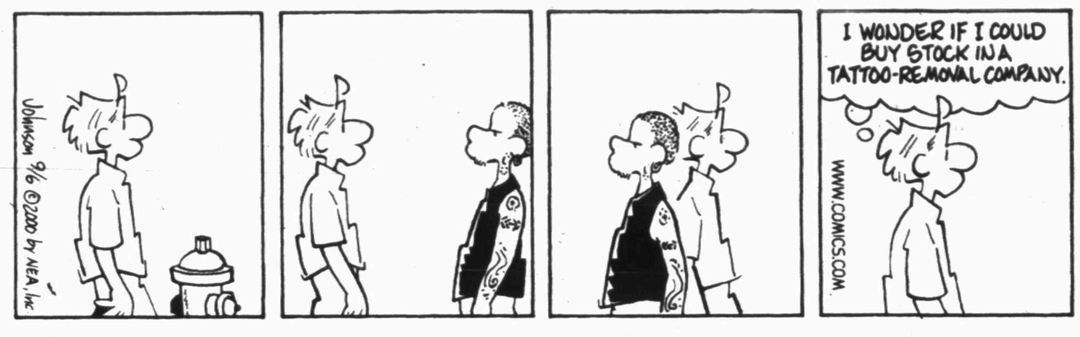
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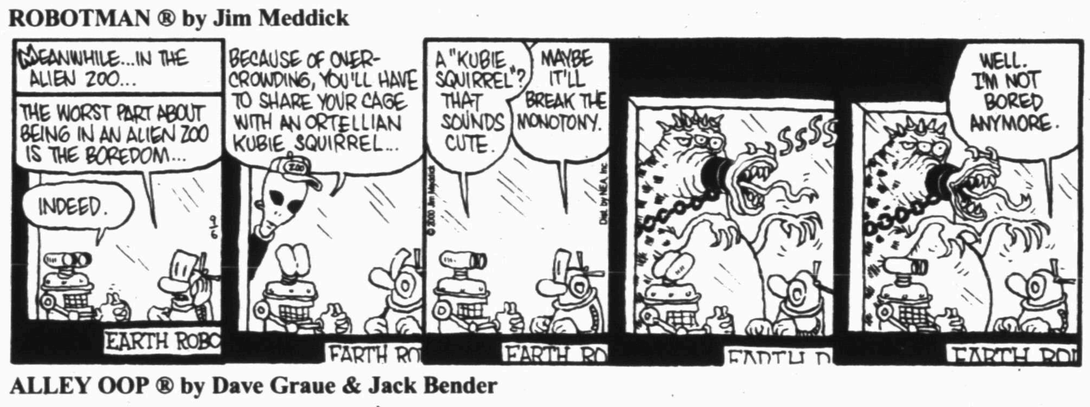
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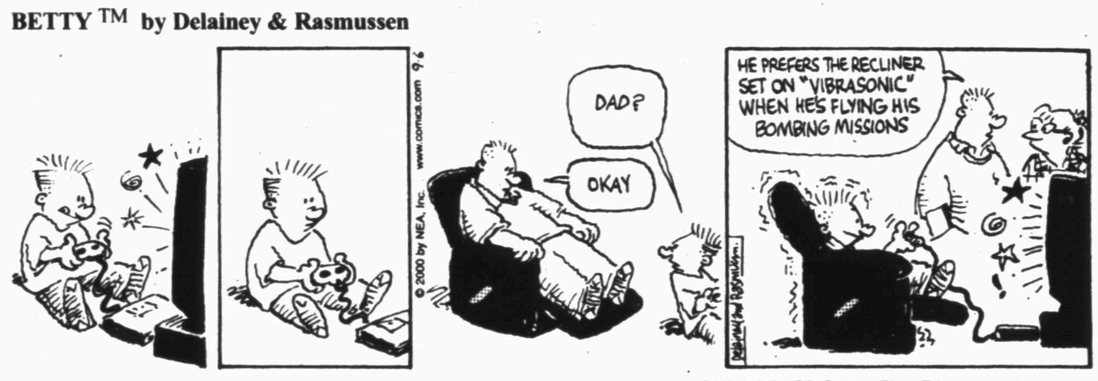
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SPORTS

Lady Tigers drop 4-4A opener

By Eric Drennan
Sports Editor

It wouldn't be surprising if Snyder volleyball coach Patty Grimmett felt a little dizzy this morning, following her squad's up-and-down performance Tuesday night in the District 4-4A opener.

Snyder showed flashes of brilliance at times, while struggling at others, to drop the league opener to rival Lake View, 15-8, 7-15, 15-8, at the SHS gym.

"Talk about up and down," said Grimmett, following the match. "When we were up, we were playing well. But when when we were down, we were really down. The effort was there the whole night, but we need to be more consistent in our execution."

Inconsistencies caught up to Snyder in the third game.

Lake View opened the decisive set with six consecutive points, four of them off Snyder miscues.

After a pair of sideouts, the Maidens stretched their advantage to 9-0 on three more Lady Tiger errors.

"Passing has been a strong suit of ours this season," Grimmett remarked. "We've been doing a good job of getting our offense set up. But in the third game, we struggled with our passing, so we couldn't give Lake View any offense to deal with."



Grimmett

The Lady Tigers tried to mount a rally, scoring five straight points, before Lake View got back on track.

Relying heavily on front-line players Jennifer Hill and Kristi Caples, the Maidens ran the tally to 14-5, before finishing off the Lady Tigers, 15-8.

Hill and Caples accounted for practically all of Lake View's offense. Hill finished the night with 15 kills, with Caples adding eight more.

The match had the look of a blowout at the opening, with Lake View building a considerable lead in Game 1.

Snyder, however, came fighting back.

The Lady Tigers recovered from a 14-3 deficit in the opening game, to fall 15-8.

Snyder continued to gain momentum in Game 2, using a balanced attack of front-line players to keep Lake View on its heels.

Kameron Kallemeyn and Ashley Delce registered five kills apiece, while Cameron Mackey recorded two.



Mackey

Mackey finished the night with five kills, despite suffering an injury during warm-up. After twisting her ankle while attempting a spike, it was questionable whether the senior would even play.

"She rolled her ankle pretty good, but got it taped and said she was ready to go," Grimmett said. "That showed a lot of character and a lot of heart. You could tell it was hurting her, but she played anyway, and probably had one of her best matches of the season."

T'Leah Eicke served up three consecutive points to put Snyder up, 7-3, and the Lady Tigers never let Lake View off the mat for the remainder of Game 2.

The combination of Kallemeyn and Delce's power, mixed with short dinks from setter T'Leah Eicke, fueled Snyder's 15-7 win to force a third game.

But the momentum the Lady Tigers had gained in the second set, was absent in the final game.

"After winning the second game, we should have had the momentum for the third game," Grimmett stated. 'But for some reason, we didn't get off to a good start in the third game. That's the thing about volleyball, once you get the momentum, you have to keep it. Once it's gone, it is a difficult thing to get back."

Kallemeyn paced the Lady Tigers up front, finishing the night with 10 kills and a block.

Eicke led Snyder from the service line with 11 points.

Snyder falls to 10-9 on the season and 0-1 in district play, while the Maidens improve to 12-5, 1-0.

In other action around the district, Big Spring took care of Lubbock Estacado in two games, while Andrews did the same to Levelland. Frenship posted a three-game win over Plainview.

Snyder will be in action again at 3 p.m. Saturday at Levelland.

Lake View def. Snyder
15-8, 7-15, 15-8
Game 1

Lake View service points: Freeman and Hill, 5; Baker, 3; Leifeste, 2. **Kills:** Hill, 6; Caples, 2. **Blocks:** Caples, 2; Hill, 1.

Snyder service points: Eicke and Geiger, 3; Kallemeyn and L. Billingsley, 1. **Kills:** Kallemeyn, 3; Delce and Mackey, 2; Geiger, 1. **Blocks:** Kallemeyn, Delce and Geiger, 1.

Game 2

Lake View service points: Burris, 3; Hill, 2; Guenat and Baker, 1. **Kills:** Hill and Caples, 4.

Snyder service points: Eicke and L. Billingsley, 5; Kallemeyn, 3; Geiger and Wright, 1. **Kills:** Kallemeyn and Delce, 5; Mackey, 2; Voss, 1. **Blocks:** Delce, 1.

Game 3

Lake View service points: Burris, 6; Leifeste, 5; Hill, 3. Caples, 1. **Kills:** Hill, 5; Caples, 2.

Snyder service points: Eicke, 3; L. Billingsley and Webb, 2; Kallemeyn, 1. **Kills:** Kallemeyn, 2; Delce, Voss and Mackey, 1.

District 4-4A Volleyball

Team	District W	L
Big Spring	1	0
Frenship	1	0
Andrews	1	0
Lake View	1	0
Snyder	0	1
Levelland	0	1
Estacado	0	1
Plainview	0	1

Tuesday's results: Lake View def. Snyder, 15-8, 7-15, 15-7; Big Spring def. Estacado, 15-11, 15-6; Frenship def. Plainview, 13-15, 15-10, 17-15; Andrews def. Levelland, 15-9, 15-7.

JV spikers knock off Lake View

Snyder used a balanced attack to knock off San Angelo Lake View, 15-5, 15-9, in Tuesday night's junior varsity volleyball action.

Six different Lady Tigers registered service points, while Zipporah Peoples and Afton Schwertner anchored the squad up front.

Leticia Martinez served up 11 points to pace Snyder, with Shelley Fisk adding eight more.

Dara Chambers tallied five points, while Loryn Brown recorded three. Amber Alexander accounted for two points, and Chaelyn Robinson chipped in one.

Snyder will be in action again Saturday when it takes part in the

Hermleigh changes opener to Thursday

Texas High School football faces a problem, and the Hermleigh Cardinals are feeling the effects.

A shortage of officials has forced Hermleigh to move its season opener from Friday to Thursday night at Grady.

The contest was originally slated for 7:30 p.m. Friday at Cardinal Stadium, but will now kick off at 7 Thursday night in Grady.

Hermleigh Junior High will take on the Wildcats at 5 p.m., with the varsity to follow, so that the same officiating crew can be used.

"We just couldn't find any referees," said Hermleigh superintendent Jerry Church. "We tried every officiating chapter in this part of the state, but none of them could send anybody on Friday night.

"We're not the only school that's had to do this. I'm told there are others that are having to shift their schedules to accommodate the referees."

The shortage of officials is a state-wide problem, according to local referee Phil Robinson, who works out of the Abilene chapter.

"We're more short-handed now than we have been in a long time," Robinson said. "The Abilene chapter is down from 108 to 85 officials, and a lot of other places are just as short, or shorter.

"It's a result of everybody being so busy with their regular jobs. Guys are busier at work, and can't take the time off to officiate ballgames."

To accommodate the workload, the Abilene chapter has asked schools to move some of their games to Thursdays or Saturdays.

Other local officiating chapters that are feeling the crunch are Lubbock, San Angelo, Permian Basin and Wichita Falls.

Aikman feels effects of concussion

IRVING (AP) — When Troy Aikman got up from his fourth sack, everything looked blurry out of one eye. So he started looking for the contact lens he figured had been knocked loose.

Thing is, he hasn't worn contacts since having laser surgery more than a year ago.

Vision problems and slight memory loss were among the early symptoms Aikman felt Sunday after suffering the ninth concussion of his career. As of Tuesday night, the Dallas quarterback still had a headache and some dizziness.

Despite it all, Aikman told his agent, Leigh Steinberg, he's determined to continue playing football — maybe as soon as Sunday against Arizona.

"I talked to him an hour ago and he has not made a final decision," Steinberg said late Tuesday. "It's partly going to be a reaction to his symptoms.

"Troy's tough, but I'm hopeful he'll sit out a week."

Steinberg said he and Aikman "really haven't" talked about retirement because this latest head injury is not as severe as either of the two he suffered last season. And, earlier this year, a comprehensive exam showed that none of his previous injuries caused permanent damage.

"In essence, they gave him a clean bill of health," Steinberg said.

Steinberg always encourages his clients not to take any risks after suffering head injuries. His pleading helped convince Steve Young to retire after symptoms lingered long after a concussion last season.

With Aikman, Steinberg's biggest fear is that he'll return too soon and be susceptible to another concussion. Young's last hit came a week after an undiagnosed concussion.

"Someone who has had one concussion has a greater chance of a second in close proximity to the first," Steinberg said. "The safer route is to sit out a week."

Aikman was hurt during a season-opening 41-14 loss to Philadelphia on Sunday.

Local Sports Schedule

THURSDAY

VOLLEYBALL: Big Spring at Snyder seventh grade, at SJHS, 5:30

VOLLEYBALL: Big Spring at Snyder eighth grade, at SHS, 5:30

FOOTBALL: Hermleigh jr. high & varsity at Grady, 5 & 7 p.m.

FOOTBALL: Littlefield at Snyder JV, 6:30

FOOTBALL: Snyder freshmen at Littlefield, 6 p.m.

FOOTBALL: Big Spring at Snyder eighth grade, 5 & 6:30

FOOTBALL: Snyder seventh grade at Big Spring, 5 & 6:30

FRIDAY

FOOTBALL: Snyder at Littlefield, 8 p.m.

FOOTBALL: Ira at Veribest, 7:30

FOOTBALL: Borden County at Trent, 7:30

SATURDAY

GOLF: Slingin' Sammy Baugh Golf Tournament, at Western Texas College

TENNIS: Snyder at Plainview

VOLLEYBALL: Snyder freshmen & varsity at Levelland, 2 & 3 p.m.

VOLLEYBALL: Snyder JV at Lamesa tourney

VOLLEYBALL: Snyder seventh grade hosts Snyder tourney, at SJHS

VOLLEYBALL: Snyder eighth grade hosts Snyder tourney, at SHS

Sports Briefs

Youth bowling

Snyder Youth Bowling League will hold registration from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. Saturday at Snyder Lanes. Ages 3-21 are eligible to sign up.

League play begins Sept. 16. For more information, call 573-4438.

Men's flag football

Registration is underway for Snyder men's Flag Football League. Cost is $220 per team, and must be paid before the season starts Sept. 23. All games will be played on Saturdays under the TAAF flag football rules. To sign-up, call Earl Ware at 573-0800, (817) 797-8078 or (817) 370-1317.

Slingin' Sammy Baugh tourney

The ninth annual Slingin' Sammy Baugh Golf Tournament to benefit the SISD golf program will be held Saturday at Western Texas College. Format will be a four-person scramble with shotgun starts at 8:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.

Cash prizes will be awarded, with $600 going to the first-place team. Entry fee is $140 per team, and the deadline to register is Friday.

Horseshoe pitching

Snyder Slingers Horseshoe Club has league play at 7 p.m. Thursdays at the courts adjacent to the coliseum. For more information, call T.C. Nunn at 573-6710 or Terry Duncan at 573-5589.

Martin outlasts Moya

NEW YORK (AP) — Todd Martin beat Carlos Moya 6-7 (3), 6-7 (7), 6-1, 7-6 (6), 6-2 in the fourth round of the $15 million U.S. Open.

The match lasted 4 hours, 17 minutes and ended at 1:22 a.m. Martin had a similar comeback last year in the same fourth round against Greg Rusedski en route to the final.

In the quarterfinals, Martin will play another unseeded player, Thomas Johansson, who eliminated Wayne Arthurs 6-4, 6-7 (7), 6-3, 6-4.

No. 3 Magnus Norman was upset by No. 14 Nicolas Kiefer, 6-2, 6-7 (3), 6-1, 6-3, putting Kiefer in the quarterfinals against No. 6 Marat Safin, who battered No. 12 Juan Carlos Ferrero 6-1, 6-2, 6-2.

No. 1 Martina Hingis beat No. 6 Monica Seles 6-0, 7-5, and No. 3 Venus Williams beat No. 8 Nathalie Tauziat 6-4, 1-6, 6-1.

Williams dropped her first set of the Open but extended her winning streak to 24 matches, longest of the season. She will meet Hingis in the semifinals.

Seles' loss was her sixth straight against Hingis and left her at 2-11 lifetime against her.

Players suspended for brawl

NEW YORK (AP) — Tampa Bay outfielder Gerald Williams was suspended for five games and fined $2,000 for last week's fights against the Boston Red Sox, and four teammates were suspended for three games apiece.

Pitchers Dave Eiland, Tony Fiore and Cory Lidle were suspended for three games each and fined. Devil Rays manager Larry Rothschild was suspended for three games and fined.

Rangers topple Sox, 2-1

CHICAGO (AP) — They hoped to ride into a showdown series at Cleveland this weekend with a comfortable lead and some momentum.

Now after two straight losses to the Texas Rangers, the Chicago White Sox are only 61/2 games up in the AL Central, their smallest lead since June 21.

"We don't want to go into Cleveland 41/2 up," outfielder Jeff Abbott said following Tuesday night's 2-1 loss to the Rangers. "We didn't hit well. We've got to pick it up, do some serious work. We need some fire."

The surging Indians beat Tampa Bay 7-4 Tuesday and have been gearing for their three-game set against the White Sox.

The Rangers, meanwhile, aren't going anywhere with only 62 wins this season, but they're making it tough on the White Sox.

"We know where the White Sox are," Rangers manager Johnny Oates said. "We've got some pride at stake. We've had an effort like this all year, but lately the results have been there."

The struggling Rangers have won three straight, their longest since capturing four in a row from July 25-28.

Chad Curtis hit a two-out RBI single in the ninth after Chicago shortstop Jose Valentin started the inning by committing his 31st error of the season.

Local Golf Results

Labor Day Scramble
at Snyder Country Club

1. Joe LaRoux, John Greene, Curt Rinehart and Becky Knipe, 59.
2. Wes Key, Missy Jones, Dutch Stehley and David Hines, 60.
3. David Holt, Cloyce Talbott, Lane Beaty and Hayden Mills, 60.
4. Mike Rodriguez, Jason Markum, Kevin Winter and Judy Moss, 61.
5. Elliot Cox, Jan Kruse, Keith Bryant and Richard Schulze, 62.
5. John Reed, Carolyn Greene, Suzy Reed and James Barnhill, 62.
7. Anita Talbott, John Greene, Jack Whitworth and Pinky Ferguson, 64.
8. Billy Wayne Harris, Mackey Greene, Johnnie Eicke and Peggy Hardin, 65.
8. Rick Billingsley, Mackey Mandrell, Giles Kemp and Don Sealy, 65.
10. Lonnie Terry, Karen Terry, Terry Leatherwood and Barbara Leatherwood, 71.

Major League Baseball

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East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Atlanta	81	57	.587	—
New York	80	58	.580	1
Florida	67	70	.489	13½
Montreal	56	79	.415	23½
Philadelphia	56	81	.409	24½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
St. Louis	80	58	.580	—
Cincinnati	70	68	.507	10
Milwaukee	60	78	.435	20
Chicago	58	80	.420	22
Pittsburgh	58	79	.423	21½
Houston	58	80	.420	22

West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
San Francisco	81	56	.591	—
Arizona	74	62	.544	6½
Los Angeles	73	66	.525	9
Colorado	71	67	.514	10½
San Diego	67	72	.482	15

Tuesday's Games

N.Y. Mets 3, Cincinnati 2, 10 innings
Atlanta 5, Arizona 2
St. Louis 7, Montreal 6
Houston 9, Florida 5
Colorado 10, Chicago Cubs 2
San Diego 3, Milwaukee 1
San Francisco 8, Philadelphia 5
Pittsburgh 8, Los Angeles 0

Wednesday's Games

N.Y. Mets (Jones 8-5) at Cincinnati (Bell 6-7), 12:35 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (Wood 6-7) at Colorado (Astacio 12-8), 3:05 p.m.
Arizona (Anderson 10-5) at Atlanta (Millwood 8-10), 7:40 p.m.
Florida (Sanchez 8-9) at Houston (Lima 6-15), 8:05 p.m.
Montreal (Hermanson 10-12) at St. Louis (Stephenson 15-7), 8:10 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Serafini 1-3) at Los Angeles (Valdes 2-6), 10:05 p.m.
Milwaukee (Snyder 3-7) at San Diego (Williams 8-5), 10:05 p.m.
Philadelphia (Wolf 10-7) at San Francisco (Gardner 10-6), 10:15 p.m.

American League
East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
New York	78	57	.578	—
Boston	72	63	.533	6
Toronto	71	67	.514	8½
Baltimore	63	75	.457	16½
Tampa Bay	59	79	.428	20½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Chicago	82	56	.594	—
Cleveland	74	61	.548	6½
Detroit	70	67	.511	11½
Kansas City	65	73	.471	17
Minnesota	60	78	.435	22

West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Seattle	75	63	.543	—
Oakland	72	65	.526	2½
Anaheim	68	70	.493	7
Texas	62	76	.449	13

Tuesday's Games

Detroit 7, Anaheim 5
Cleveland 7, Tampa Bay 4
Seattle 4, Toronto 3
Boston 10, Oakland 3
N.Y. Yankees 10, Kansas City 5
Texas 2, Chicago White Sox 1
Baltimore 6, Minnesota 4

Wednesday's Games

Baltimore (Ponson 7-10) at Minnesota (Radke 10-14), 1:05 p.m.
Anaheim (Schoeneweis 6-7) at Detroit (Sparks 6-2), 7:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Rupe 5-6) at Cleveland (Finley 11-10), 7:05 p.m.
Seattle (Halama 11-7) at Toronto (Hamilton 1-0), 7:05 p.m.
Oakland (Mulder 7-10) at Boston (Arrojo 4-1), 7:05 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Hernandez 11-10) at Kansas City (Meadows 3-2), 8:05 p.m.
Texas (Helling 14-10) at Chicago White Sox (K. Wells 4-5), 8:05 p.m.

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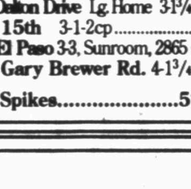
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USDA, inspectors spar over new rules for meat plants

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Agriculture Department sparred Tuesday with representatives of its meat inspectors over whether a new system for overseeing packing plants has improved the safety of beef, pork and poultry.

Union representatives, who have long criticized the 4-year-old science-based system, said it has given companies too much power to police themselves and allowed unsafe meat to reach American households.

"It is not working and shows no sign of working in the future," said Arthur Hughes, a spokesman for the National Joint Council of Food Inspection Locals.

The new inspection system, supported by major consumer groups, requires companies to identify potential hazards in slaughterhouses and processing plants and implement controls for food-borne pathogens.

Previously, companies relied on USDA inspectors to find contaminated meat by poking and sniffing it. The inspectors' jobs now are to ensure that the plants follow their sanitation plans and to do some microbial testing.

"There is no question" that meat is safer under the new system, said Thomas Billy, administrator of USDA's Food Safety and Inspection Service. "We have seen remarkable improvement, and we expect that to continue."

A report released in June by USDA's inspector general agreed that meat is safer but said Billy's agency had "reduced its oversight beyond what was prudent and necessary for the protection of the consumer."

The inspector general said plants should be required to do more testing of meat, and USDA's enforcement actions are inconsistent and often ineffective in preventing repeat violations of federal safety standards.

Two advocacy groups that support the position of the inspectors' union, the Government Accountability Project and Public Citizen, released results of a survey that was distributed by union leaders to about 2,340 of the 3,850 inspectors trained to oversee the new system.

Of those queried, 451 inspectors responded, and 210 reported instances when they had not taken "direct action" after spotting contamination such as feces on carcasses, something they would have done under the old system. Inspectors also said they were threatened with lawsuits by processors.

Some inspectors also said that while they support the system in concept, they don't think USDA has implemented it properly.

"The meat industry has been able to call the shots because of their enormous political clout," said Wenonah Hauter of Public Citizen, a group founded by Green Party presidential candidate Ralph Nader.

Billy attributed the complaints to disgruntled inspectors but said the survey results "indicate we need to provide further training and education for our employees."

Nutrition

Are supplements contaminated?

By Dr. Ed Blonz

DEAR DR. BLONZ: I have read that fish-oil supplements may be contaminated due to pollution of the seas. Is a supplement that contains flaxseed oil a better alternative? — **P.Z., London, England**

Dear P.Z.: I recommend eating fish rather than taking fish-oil supplements. Population studies have shown that those who consume fish regularly have a lower risk of several chronic diseases, including heart disease, hypertension and certain inflammatory conditions such as arthritis. Your question, however, relates to supplements, so let's look at the differences between fish oil and flaxseed oil. I will follow this with a comment on the pollution issue.

Health benefits from the consumption of fish or from fish-oil supplements are related to the specific omega-3 fatty acids they contain. Fish containing high omega-3 levels include salmon, mackerel, tuna, herring, yellow tale and trout.

You can, however, also find omega-3 fatty acids in flaxseed and, to a lesser extent, in canola and walnut oils. But — and this is key — all omega-3 fatty acids are not the same. In particular, the ones found in flaxseed and other plants are not the same as those found in fish.

What's the difference? To answer this will require a little biochemistry lesson.

It helps to appreciate that oils are made up of fatty acids, and all fatty acids are primarily long chains of carbon atoms that are bonded together.

The omega-3 fatty acids in fish are often referred to by the initials EPA (eicosapentaenoic acid) and DHA (docosahexaenoic acid), and they are 20 and 24 carbons long, respectively. The omega-3s in flaxseed and other plant sources are called linolenic acid, and they are only 18 carbons long.

Many people need more omega-3 fats in their diets, whether the fats come from fish or flax, but the key benefits come from EPA and DHA. The body has an ability to take the 18-carbon-long omega-3s from flaxseed and lengthen them into EPA and DHA, but it is not an efficient process.

The bottom line is that, if you are looking for omega-3 fats, the two supplements are similar but certainly not equal. It is, however, better to have the omega-3s from flaxseed than to not have any at all.

I would be remiss if I didn't point out that flaxseed has other health attributes. It is an excellent source of lignan, a phytochemical that may protect against cancer. Flaxseed is also an excellent source of dietary fiber.

What about the pollution factor?

Ocean pollution is a disturbing topic, and it is true that some fish have been affected. Because fish from polluted waters can get contaminated, it's best, when eating fish, to avoid those caught or raised near industrial plants. Stick with offshore or deep-sea areas, or lakes and streams known to be free from harmful chemicals. In this case, you should seek guidance from an employee at a reputable fish market.

Where supplements are concerned, it is best to check individual products to find one that is free of contaminants. There are processes that allow manufacturers to filter out environmental toxins without affecting the omega-3 fatty acids concentration. Look for descriptive claims on the label stating that the product is contaminant free. If in doubt, give the manufacturer a call.

One final note: Fish-oil supplements should be avoided by those with bleeding disorders and those on anticoagulant medications. Caution is also dictated for those with high blood pressure. Always consult your physician if you have any questions.

Send questions to: "On Nutrition," Ed Blonz, c/o Newspaper Enterprise Association, 200 Madison Ave., New York, NY 10016. For e-mail, address inquiries to: ed@blonz.com. Due to the volume of mail, personal replies cannot be provided.

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Steinem marries

STILWELL, Okla. (AP) — Gloria Steinem, the feminist icon who once dismissed marriage as an institution that destroys relationships, is a first-time bride at the age of 66.

Steinem, the co-founder of Ms. magazine, married South African-born entrepreneur David Bale, 61, in rural Oklahoma on Sunday.

"Though I've worked many years to make marriage more equal, I never expected to take advantage of it myself," Steinem said in a release issued Tuesday by Voters for Choice, a political action committee she helped create.

"I'm happy, surprised and one day will write about it, but for now, I hope this proves what feminists have always said — that feminism is about the ability to choose what's right at each time of our lives."

For years, Steinem said the chances of her ever marrying were slim. In 1987, she said: "I don't think marriage has a good name. ... Legally speaking, it was designed for a person and a half. You became a semi-non-person when you got married."

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DellSemicn s	38.38	37.38	37.81—.94
DeltaAirl	50.50	50.06	50.31 + .50
Dillards Inc	13.00	12.81	13.00 + .13
DowChem s	27.94	27.19	27.69 + .50
DuPont	47.19	46.56	46.69 + .56
EastmanChem	46.25	44.50	46.06 + 1.56
EstKodak	63.88	63.19	63.44 + .19
EDS Corp	50.75	50.44	50.69 + .13
Entergy	32.38	31.88	32.38 + .50
ExxonMobil	84.06	83.44	83.88 + 1.06
Flowers	21.94	21.13	21.69—.06
GenDynam	61.13	60.38	60.81—.81
GenElec s	59.25	58.81	59.06 + .31
GenMills s	31.88	31.38	31.56—.13
GenMotors	74.50	73.13	74.00 + 1.06
GaPacGP	29.19	28.00	29.00 + .94
GlobalMar	33.56	32.88	33.50 + .50
Goodrich	41.56	40.63	41.50 + .88
Goodyear s	26.75	25.13	25.88 + 1.06
GtAtlPac	14.13	13.94	13.94—.13
Halliburtn	54.50	53.50	54.38 + .75
Hanson ADS	29.44	29.13	29.44 + .19
HartleHanks	25.44	25.25	25.44 + .13
HomeDepot s	51.00	50.50	51.00 + .50
Honeywellntl	41.75	40.06	41.69 + 1.94
IBM	132.19	130.38	130.63—.88
IntlPaper	34.00	33.19	33.88 + .94
JohnsonJn	94.00	93.06	93.44 + .19
K mart	7.00	6.88	7.00 + .06
Kroger Co	22.69	22.38	22.50—.13
Litton	43.44	40.81	41.69—12.38
LockheedM	28.00	27.00	28.00 + .50
Lowes Cos	48.44	47.06	48.38 + 1.13
ILubys	5.44	5.31	5.44 + .13
LucentTech	42.63	41.81	42.38—.13
MayDeptStr	23.56	23.25	23.50
Medtronic s	52.31	51.63	52.19 + 1.06
MorganJP	172.00	167.50	169.38 + 9.44
Motorola s	35.06	34.44	34.94—.19
NCR Corp	41.00	39.38	39.75—1.44
Navistar	38.81	38.06	38.81 + .50
Penney JC	14.50	14.25	14.44—.25
PepBoys	5.81	5.69	5.75—.06
PepsiCo	42.50	41.38	41.50—1.06
Pharmacia	56.13	55.75	55.81—.63
PhelpDodge	46.75	45.88	46.56—.13
PhilipPet	62.94	62.50	62.75 + .25
PilgrmPrd B	6.63	6.50	6.63 + .13
Polaroid	16.88	16.81	16.88 + .06
Praxair	45.19	43.94	45.00 + 1.06
ProctGamb	64.38	62.50	63.56 + 1.06
PubS NwMx	22.50	22.19	22.44 + .50
RadioShack	64.03	62.75	63.81 + 3.06
ReliantEngy	38.25	37.88	38.25 + .38
RoyalDut	62.50	61.88	62.44 + .44
SBC Comm	44.00	43.19	43.50 + .31
SaraLee	19.06	18.88	19.00 + .13
Scripps EW	50.31	49.81	49.81
SearsRoeb	34.38	33.38	34.31 + 1.13
SherwinW	24.00	23.75	23.94 + .25
SmithklBchm	63.63	62.56	63.13—.69
SouthernCo	31.13	30.63	31.06 + .44
SwstAirl	23.75	22.94	23.50 + .63
SprintFON	31.94	30.94	31.19—1.63
SprintPCS s	49.69	49.25	49.63 + .19
Sunoco Inc	28.13	27.63	28.06 + .63
TXU Corp	36.44	36.00	36.38 + .63
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Texaco	53.25	52.50	53.19 + 1.19
TexInd	33.06	32.81	32.81—.19
TexasInst s	66.00	63.00	63.13—2.88
Textron	56.94	55.56	56.56 + .50
TriconGlbR	30.13	29.72	29.94
TrinityInds	22.00	21.31	21.75 + .94
TritonEngy	44.63	43.94	44.38 + .63
TylerTech	2.31	2.25	2.25
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UnitedTech	61.94	61.13	61.94 + .69
Unocal	34.31	33.44	34.31 + .94
Venator Grp	14.50	14.31	14.44
VerizonComm	43.88	43.19	43.63 + .13
WalMart	50.75	50.00	50.69 + .94
WellsFargo	44.88	43.75	44.63 + .94
WstnGasRs	21.81	21.50	21.69—.25
WinnDixie	14.88	14.75	14.81
Xerox Cp	16.13	15.94	16.13 + .25

Scurry County Country

Diversified

By Greg Gruben, County Extension Agent

The director of the Texas Forest Service has issued an appeal to Texans to do everything they can to prevent wildfires after the driest summer on record in many parts of the state.

Dry conditions are very severe, says James Hull of College Station. "Across the state, we're building on top of a drought that's been in existence for four to five years."

According to Dr. Travis Miller, agronomist with Texas Agricultural Extension Service, "We had enough rain over a good part of the state in May and June that we had a little growth in our grass and it's drying out now. We have an extreme fire danger now."

Usually, the state will dry out from the west to the east; this year, it is opposite, the eastern side of the state is drier than the High Plains, he says.

Approximately 125 counties are currently under a burn ban, and about 10 to 12 are being added each day.

"As the drought continues to build, you can expect wildfires to ignite faster and spread faster, and these are more difficult to suppress. We just must not let a big fire get started," Hull says.

Texas cannot rely on manpower and resources from other states to fight fires this year, Hull adds. That is already committed to fires in the western United States, with the federal government thinking about calling in crews from Mexico and Australia.

In 1998, more than 4,000 firefighters and one-third of the aerial resources the United States had to offer were used in fighting fires in Texas. Last year, a late summer and fall dry spell caused more than 1,000 firefighters to be called in from other states.

"Texans would rather not have wildfires in the first place," he says. "This is an all-out effort to know what the hazard is and put the right resources in the right place at the right time to put out fires if we can't prevent them in the first place."

Hull says he has been identifying every fire fighting or fire prevention resource the state has to offer. "You don't wait until the whole state is in a catastrophe to start trying to deal with," he says.

Texas has more than 1,800 volunteer fire departments with 42,000 to 45,000 members. The Forest Service is committed to equip and train members and coordinate resources to help them safely and efficiently fight fires, Hull says.

The forest service also has trained fire-fighting personnel and heavy equipment, such as heavy tankers, pumpers and fire plows.

He also has asked for the assistance of:

- The Texas Department of Criminal Justice to train inmate fire fighting crews. About 15 crews each with 15 members, have been trained thus far.
- The Texas Department of Transportation and the Texas Army National Guard to donate manpower, heavy equipment, airplanes, helicopters and serial tankers that can be used in fighting fires.

Additionally, Hull says, if conditions are bad enough, federal help can be enlisted, including military fire-fighting teams. Two Army battalions — one of which was trained at Fort Hood — have already been called up to fight fires in the western United States.

Unlike that region, only 5 percent of the fires in Texas are caused by lightning. Wildfires usually have human origins, with 50-55 percent being caused by burning debris and about 30 percent caused by arson. A small percentage is caused by things such as equipment use, catalytic converters in automobiles or throwing cigarettes out of the window.

The best prevention, Hull says, is not starting fires in the first place.

If burning is necessary, it should be done with extreme caution. "When it gets this dry, any kind of spark causes a major fire."

Other fire-fighting tips, especially for rural areas, include:

- Avoid driving or parking vehicles in grassy areas when tall, dry grass comes into contact with hot pollution control equipment.
- Create a defensible space of at least 30 feet around houses and outbuildings, closely mow lawns. Trees should be pruned and spaced widely apart.
- Establish fuel breaks along roadways and between building and fields or woodlands.
- Keep mufflers and spark arresters on agricultural equipment improper working order and watch out for rocks and metal when bush hogging or mowing.
- Monitor hay-baling operations closely; dry hay can ignite within the baler.
- Watch out for sparks when using welding equipment to build fences or repair equipment.
- Postpone outdoor burning until your area greens up. Check with the local fire department to determine if a ban on outdoor burning has been imposed.
- If debris burning is allowed, establish wide control lines down to bare earth prior to lighting your fire.

Texans win second place

SPARKS, Nev. (AP) — Jim Clayton of Elizabethtown, Ky., is this year's crowned champion of rib cookers.

Second place went to Texas Brothers Bar-B-Que of Dalhart, Texas.

Clayton said his first place award in the annual Best in the West Rib Cook-off is the most coveted rib cooker award in the nation.

He won second place in 1994, his first year at the event, and he said he's been hoping for the big prize ever since.

"If I never win another rib cook-off again I'll still be happy," he said. "This is the greatest accomplishment possible in the rib business."

Markets

Lubbock

The Lubbock Stockyards, Inc. had a run of 1,024 head of cattle for the Thursday, Aug. 31, sale. Cows were $2 to $3 cheaper. Yearlings and calves were steady. Trading and demand were good.

Slaughter cows
(High dressing — cutters — utilities:
36-41
Canner and low cutters: 28-36
Slaughter bulls: 45-51
Feeder steers — choice:
300-400: 100-117
400-500: 90-108
500-600: 83-93
600-700: 80-86
700-800: 77-83
Feeder heifers:
300-400: 88-105
400-500: 83-95
500-600: 80-85
600-700: 75-83
700-800: 70-75
Feeder Bulls — good and choice:
500-600: 83-90
700-800: 70-77.50
Cow and calf pairs:
Good: 650-775
Grade: 500-650
Springers: 350-600
Baby calves: 100-175
Doodlers: 150-235

Graham

Graham Livestock Comm., Inc. had a run of 998 head of cattle for the Monday, Sept. 4, sale. Packer cows and bulls were $1 lower. Bred cows and pairs were steady. Heifers were $1 to $2 lower. Steers were $2 lower. Market was active and demand good.

Representative Sales
Frank Perry, Throckmorton
Blk Heifer 425 lbs. @ $94
Blk Heifer 640 lbs. @$78
Max Self, Poolville
Red Bull, 460 lbs. @ $84
Red WF Bull 325 lbs. @ $112.50
Pat Kinder, Bryson
Red WF Heifer, 575 lbs. $80.50
Blk. Steer 625 lbs. $81
Don King, Fort Worth
6 Hrfrd. Heifers, 396 lbs. @ $83
16 Hrfrd. Heifers, 469 lbs. @ $83.50
D.R. Sloan, Newcastle
3 Blk WF. Heifers 472 lbs., @ $88.50
5 Blk Steers, 397 lbs. @ $103
Justin Glover, Graham
2 Black Prs., 1,155 lbs., @ $700
5 Black Prs., 1,293 lbs., @ $715
Mark McAdams, Aledo
3 Fancy 3 Yr. Old Blk. Prs. 1,380 lbs. @ $950
Kenneth Mitchell, Strawn
CNR Cow, 1,310 lbs., @ $34
4 Older Cows, 1,240 lbs., @ $35.50
Jolene Jones, Loving
4 Limy Strs., 421 lbs. @ $99
4 Limy Hrs., 489 lbs. $87.50

Scurry 4-Hers garner awards

Scurry County 4-H members took part in the Junior Steer Show in Big Spring, Aug. 25-28.

Taking home awards were:

Corbin Smith — 7th place and 9th place in the Fine Wool Cross Lamb;

A'lex Koonce — Champion Simbrah, Reserve American, and 4th place Polled Hereford;

Morgan Miller — Champion Gert Champion American Overall and Reserve Champion Maine;

Malorye Miller — Champion Polled Hereford and Reserve Champion Limousin.

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Miami-Dade mayor squeaks through Primary

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (AP) — Two candidates hoping to become this battleground state's next senator glided through primaries while the Miami-Dade mayor won a second term following months of tumult over the Elian Gonzalez case.

Democrat Bill Nelson and GOP Rep. Bill McCollum on Tuesday easily won their parties' nominations to fill retiring Republican Sen. Connie Mack's seat, setting up a competitive race in the fall with national importance.

While McCollum says he's anticipating a race on the issues, Nelson, the state insurance commissioner, says he fears a nasty barrage of ads funded from GOP donors across the country.

In another Florida race, Miami-Dade Mayor Alex Penelas outpaced nine other candidates after being widely accused of pandering to Cuban-Americans for vowing to deny police assistance for Elian's removal.

Needing more than 50 percent of the vote to avoid a runoff, Penelas got 133,558 votes, or 51.6 percent, to county Commissioner Miguel Diaz de la Portilla's 54,044 votes, or 20.9 percent. Businessman Jay Love had 51,789 votes, or 20 percent.

In Nevada, former Republican Rep. John Ensign swiftly won the GOP primary Tuesday for an open Senate seat. Final results showed Ensign trouncing his closest opponent by nearly a 20-to-1 margin.

Ensign next faces millionaire lawyer Ed Bernstein, who ran unopposed, in a race GOP leaders consider one of their best chances nationally to turn a formerly Democratic seat their way.

"We've been so focused on the general election that we haven't even paid that much attention to the primary," Ensign said from campaign headquarters in Las Vegas where his supporters gathered to celebrate.

Still, much of the nation's attention, and most of the big money, will likely be in the U.S. Senate race in Florida, where the Democrats have made inroads in recent years.

McCollum, 56, can no longer count on long coattails from Republican nominee George W. Bush. The older brother of Florida Gov. Jeb Bush is in a tight race for Florida's 25 electoral votes.

"I'm confident we can run a race and win it regardless of what he does, but I don't think he will lose in Florida," McCollum said Tuesday. "I've been planning this race as if there were no presidential race."

McCollum, who served as a floor manager in President Clinton's impeachment hearing, took 82 percent of the 800,000 Republican votes, while Nelson won about 77 percent of the 850,000 Democratic votes.

Juvenile crime law bill faces hurdles

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Six months after voters overwhelmingly approved an overhaul of California's juvenile justice system, the initiative is being challenged in court and its effectiveness is being questioned.

Teen-age criminals face tougher prosecutions and stiffer penalties under the measure that allows prosecutors, rather than juvenile court judges, to decide whether youths 14 to 17 are tried as adults for serious crimes.

Legal attacks on Proposition 21, filed in courtrooms in a dozen counties from San Diego to San Francisco and from groups including the American Civil Liberties Union and the League of Women Voters, are being crafted with an eye on winning in the state Supreme Court.

Juveniles tried in adult court face adult sentences of up to life in prison. Sentences in juvenile court last only until age 25.

Critics argue incarcerating juveniles with adults and for longer sentences is cruel and unusual punishment, and say that young people sent to adult prisons generally get no chance at rehabilitation.

But their legal challenges focus on technicalities the state Supreme Court has used before to nullify or uphold other voter initiatives. approved by nearly two-thirds of voters March 7, granted prosecutors, not judges, the power to decide whether to try youth offenders as adults or juveniles.

One argument is that Proposition 21, approved by nearly two-thirds of voters in March, violates the separation of powers doctrine. It gives the authority to decide whether to try juveniles as adults to prosecutors, who are members of the executive branch, rather than judges.

"We think that the power to determine whether a case should be tried in juvenile court cannot be stripped from judges and put in the hands of prosecutors," said Bob Kim, an attorney with the ACLU.

Alameda County prosecutor Dan Rubinstein believes Proposition 21 will hold up in court.

"My opinion is that this is constitutional on all fronts," he said.

Another argument is that the measure violates the state constitution's single-subject rule, which forbids too many topics in one initiative to avoid voter confusion.

Experts say the state's high court could review one of the Proposition 21 cases next year.

Additionally, there are no firm statistics to determine whether more youths are being tried as adults. Anecdotal evidence suggests the measure is being seriously implemented in certain counties where juveniles have historically been dealt with more harshly, while fewer changes have been made elsewhere.

"You don't have any solid effort to collect the county-by-county data," said Dan Macallair, vice president for the Center on Juvenile Criminal Justice in San Francisco.

The California District Attorneys Association said prosecutors are trying about the same number of youths in adult courts as before.

"I don't think a whole lot has changed," said Larry Brown, the group's executive director. "It's the same considerations that district attorneys have historically made, such as the gravity of the offense, the juvenile's criminal history and amenability to rehabilitation."

On the Net:
California District Attorneys Association: http://www.cdaa.org
California Department of Corrections: http://www.cdc.state.ca.us
American Civil Liberties Union: http://www.aclu.org
League of Women Voters: .org

Private workers exposed to toxic material

ARLINGTON, Va. (AP) — Government records filed away for decades document how the U.S. government used hundreds of private companies during the 1940s and 1950s to handle dangerous materials used to make nuclear weapons, exposing thousands of workers to potential health risks, USA Today reported.

A White House panel — the President's Advisory Committee on Human Radiation Experiments — was set up in 1994 to investigate health risks from various secret Cold War studies and other government inquiries have focused on risks to workers — public and private — who handled nuclear material.

While some of the most dramatic cases involving private companies have been written about previously, USA Today said it has documented for the first time the scope of the programs.

In a series of three stories beginning in Wednesday's editions, the paper reports on material gleaned from a review of 100,000 pages of government records, many of which it said were only recently declassified.

Reporters visited archives and former contracting sites in 10 states and interviewed scores of former employees, neighbors and government officials.

They found the government relied on a vast network of private plants, mills and shops to build the early U.S. nuclear arsenal, with grave health and environmental consequences for thousands of workers and dozens of communities.

Energy Secretary Bill Richardson told the paper he was "receptive" to the idea of developing a government database for all of the sites that can be shared with the public and said the administration will "continue to be aggressive, whether at federal or private sites," in efforts to obtain compensation for workers harmed in the various nuclear programs.

Among the major findings of the USA Today review:

—The government hired about 300 private companies during World War II to process and produce material used in nuclear weapons production.

Date Book

Wednesday, Sept. 6, 2000

Today is the 250th day of 2000 and the 79th day of summer.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1930, the comic strip "Blondie" appeared in newspapers for the first time.

On this day in 1975, while in New York City for the U.S. Open, Czechoslovakian tennis player Martina Navratilova requested political asylum.

On this day in 1991, the name of Russia's second-largest city was changed from Leningrad to St. Petersburg.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Marquis de Lafayette (1757-1834), Revolutionary War hero; Jane Addams (1860-1935), social reformer; Joseph P. Kennedy (1888-1969), financier-diplomat; Billy Rose (1899-1966), theatrical producer; Swoosie Kurtz (1944-), actress, is 56; Jane Curtin (1947-), actress, is 53.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1920, Jack Dempsey knocked out Billy Miske in the third round.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "The market economy as such does not respect political frontiers. Its field is the world." — Ludwig Edler von Mises

TODAY'S MOON: Day after first quarter (Sept. 5).

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Dr. Gott



By Peter Gott, M.D.

Treating the terminally ill

DEAR DR. GOTT: My 76-year-old wife has pancreatic cancer that has spread to her lungs and liver. She has been on extensive chemotherapy for six months, with great suffering. Recent tests revealed that the liver lesions have somewhat regressed, the pancreas is unchanged and that there are new lymph glands in her abdomen that have been involved. Moreover, she is anemic, her platelets are low and she requires transfusions every two weeks. Since there is no cure for pancreatic cancer, why should she endure more fruitless therapy?

DEAR READER: Why indeed? Your wife has shown enormous determination and courage in battling a ferocious and incurable malignancy. I commend her. I'm not sure I'd have the guts to survive what she has survived, given the fact that pancreatic cancer — especially if it has metastasized (spread) to adjacent organs — is incurable by our pitifully inadequate methods of therapy.

At the risk of sounding arrogant and insensitive, I recommend — based on your limited information — that you, your wife and the family accept the inevitable: Your wife's illness is terminal. By this I mean that you need to take care of unfinished business, resolve necessary issues and agree that there has been a good fight — but that now surrender seems inevitable. Allow your wife to say "enough." Request that her doctors prescribe whatever medication she needs for comfort. Involve your clergyman. Obtain hospice care or visiting-nurse monitoring. Most important: Bring the family together. Be there. Express your love. Reinforce your conviction that she will not be allowed to suffer. I lost a mother to cancer and I know how important these issues are, especially, the privilege of saying, "I've had enough. Make me comfortable, please." All too often, we choose to ignore the pleas of the dying, the heartfelt requests of the terminally ill. Doctors want to maintain life — sometimes at any cost. Family members may be unable — or unwilling — to accept the obvious, even though their loved one is experiencing unnecessary agony that could easily be remedied with medication. In my view, in a terminal situation, existence is not the issue; quality of life and freedom from pain are what is important. When and if I reach that point, I pray that my family and physicians will be sensitive and realistic enough to allow me to die in peace, without unnecessary pain. Your wife appears to have reached that point.

My most intense and overwhelming feelings reach out to you. Do what you have to do.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I cannot sleep. Although I take allergy medication I do not feel drowsy at night. I have heard about Ambien, but my doctor is reluctant to prescribe it. Is it safe?

DEAR READER: Doctors deal with the common complaint of insomnia on a daily basis.

For the most part, insomnia is a self-limiting, temporary condition, usually related to stress or anxiety. In some cases, however, it is a chronic, distressing symptom.

I don't have a problem prescribing temporary use of sleep aids. However, chronic dependence on these medications could, in theory, be dangerous. Therefore, I limit my prescriptions for sleeping pills.

In my experience, Ambien is a safe medicine. I regularly prescribe it to patients who use the medication responsibly and carefully. Ask your doctor to explain his reluctance to prescribe it; he has more information than I do about your health and general welfare. To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Sleep/Wake Disorders." Other readers who would like a copy should send $2 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to P.O. Box 2017, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to mention the title.

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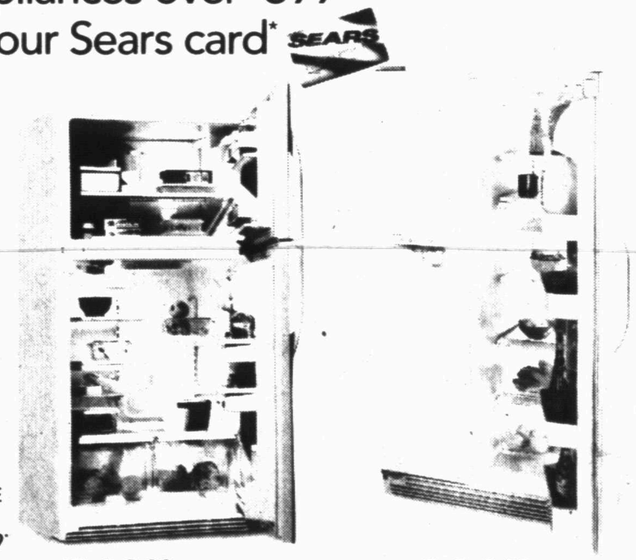
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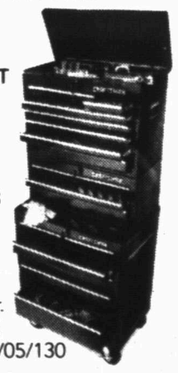


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THE SNYDER DAILY NEWS

UT staff members set to walk off jobs

AUSTIN (AP) — University of Texas at Austin employees upset with pay and working conditions began a three-day "sickout" Wednesday. A UT official said operations early in the day at the state's largest university were normal.

"We have had some communication with some of the larger areas like physical plant and it appears that everything is just fine," said Pat Clubb, vice president of employee and campus operations.

An estimated count of how many workers stayed home would not be available until later in the day, Clubb said.

The university has predicted about 500 of its 17,000 non-teaching employees would participate in the work disruption. About 4,800 have agreed to call in sick this week, according to Peg Kramer, president of the University Staff Association.

The staff wants wage increases, including an hourly minimum of $9.16, as well as reinstatement of comprehensive, paid dental coverage. They also want their insurance premiums to remain unchanged.

The university has said it was forced to raise premiums to offset rising insurance costs caused by higher hospital and doctor fees, and more expensive prescriptions. Workers earning $30,000 a year or less were given a $50-a-month raise to help offset the increases.

Most workers earn less than $30,000 a year and about 11 percent earn less than $20,000.

Appraisal district approves collection budgets for 2001

The board of directors of the Scurry County Appraisal District adopted the 2001 appraisal and collection budgets Tuesday.

A public hearing was also held Tuesday, but no one from the community was present to make comments.

The appraisal budget for 2001 is down almost $3,900 from 2000 at a total of $553,261 compared to the 2000 amended budget of $557,100.

The collection budget is up slightly compared to the current year — $24,235 compared to $23,338 in 2000.

The almost $900 increase is due primarily to additional time spent in collections, Chief Appraiser Larry Crooks said.

The appraisal district collects for Hermleigh and Ira school districts.

Included in the appraisal budget are salary increases for five employees.

Crooks said that the district eliminated one position, reducing the number of employees to 11, and spread the responsibilities of that position.

The portion in the 2001 budget for salaries is $279,931. That is a $756 increase over the 2000 figure of $279,175.

The district budgeted $38,445 in 2000 for insurance and has increased that to $42,500 for the upcoming year.

In other business, the board was updated concerning maintenance on the office building.

Crooks said the appraisal district will hire Ronnie Wooldridge, local painting contractor, to seal the exterior of the building to prevent further damage to the interior of the building from moisture.

The work is expected to begin near the end of this month, Crooks said, and is estimated to cost $6,800.

Snake bite victim's condition serious

A three-year-old bitten Sunday evening by a rattlesnake remains in serious condition today at Lubbock's Covenant Medical Center.

Jake Guerrero, son of Johnny and Lezli Guerrero, was struck in the left calf by the rattler while in the front yard of his Fluvanna home.

The youth was being transported by private vehicle to Cogdell Memorial Hospital when a Snyder EMS unit met the vehicle. Treatment began immediately for the snakebite.

He then received additional treatment at CMH before being transferred to Lubbock.

Eight indictments returned against seven individuals

Scurry County grand jury returned eight indictments against seven individuals Tuesday.

Ramon Anthony Guzman, 26, of 3718 Highland was indicted for the Aug. 6 offense of injury to a child. He is accused of striking a child younger than 14 years of age with his hand.

Guzman currently is in jail with bond set at $20,000.

Josephine Olivarez Lujan, 36, of 119 Mt. Nebo in Dallas was indicted for the first-degree felony offense of aggravated assault.

She is accused of striking Snyder police officer Mike Duddleston with a leg brace on Aug. 26. She remains in jail on a $25,000 bond.

Lujan also was indicted for the Aug. 26 offense of assaulting a police officer. She is accused of kicking Snyder police officer Brian Peterson. Her bond for the second offense is $5,000.

Windi Lenelle Seymoure, 22, of 2224 Eisenhower Dr., #159, in Arlington was indicted for the July 16 offense of aggravated assault. Seymoure is out of jail on a $5,000 bond, charged with kicking DPS trooper Todd Snyder.

Ricardo Quinones Rivas, 27, of 905 LaPaz in El Paso was indicted for possession of marijuana.

Rivas is accused of being in possession of more than 50 pounds of marijuana on July 1. He is free from jail on a $25,000 bond.

Lorenzo Rodriguez Larralde, 18, of Room #117 at the American Motor Inn was indicted for the Aug. 28 offense of failing to register as a sex offender. Larralde remains in jail on a $5,000 bond.

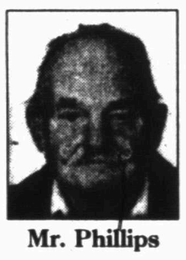
Two other persons have been indicted but have not been arrested.

Obituaries

George Phillips

1934-2000

Funeral service for George Phillips, 65, is set for 2 p.m. Friday in the Wright Colonial Funeral Home Chapel.



Mr. Phillips

Officiating will be the Revs. Bobbie Woods, minister of the Church of God; Vernon Groce, Mr. Phillips' great-nephew; and Raymond Bugg, Hospice chaplain of Odessa. Burial will follow in Hillside Memorial Gardens.

Mr. Phillips, a resident of Snyder for the past three years, died Monday, Sept. 4, at his sister's home in Snyder following a brief battle with cancer.

Born Oct. 31, 1934 in Archer City, he was an U.S. Navy veteran of the Korean War.

Survivors include his wife, Patsy Phillips of Hesperia, Calif.; five daughters, Patty Wilco of Hesperia, Susan Crosby and Rebecca Kirby, both of Snyder, and Debbie Phillips and Nancy Leffers, both of Soda Springs, Idaho; a son, William George Phillips of Santana, Calif.; three sisters Stella Bailey and Johnnie Pyburn, both of Snyder, and Ruth Tillman of Downey, Calif.; a brother, Marvin Holmes of Edmond, Okla.; 13 grandchildren; and numerous aunts and uncles of Snyder and Graham; and a host of nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and by one brother.

Family visitation will be from 7 t 8 p.m. this evening at Wright Colonial Funeral Home.

Mrs. Henderson

1915-2000

Frankie Henderson, longtime Snyder resident, died Monday, Sept. 4, in Cogdell Memorial Hospital



Henderson

Funeral service for Mrs. Henderson, 84, was set for 4 p.m. today in Wright Colonial Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Dan Crawford, pastor of Victory Baptist Church, officiating. Burial was to follow in Hillside Memorial Gardens.

Born on Nov. 20, 1915 in Drennon, Ky., She married J.D. Henderson on May 3, 1953. Mrs. Henderson, a resident of Snyder for 48 years, was a homemaker and a member of Victory Baptist Church.

Survivors include her husband, J.D. Henderson of Snyder; a son and daughter-in-law, Howard and Dolores Jones of Snyder; three granddaughters, Kathy Vickers and her husband, Dane of Post, Jeannie Kashirin and her husband, Sasha of Lubbock, and Kelly Jones of Dallas; one grandson, Clay Hoblit and his wife, Carol of Corpus Christi; a great-grandson, Jarrett Vickers of Post; and two great-granddaughters, Rachel Hoblit and Martha Hoblit, both of Corpus Christi.

Vera Dawson

1918-2000

GATESVILLE – Vera Dawson, the sister of Joyce Parker of Snyder, died Sunday, Sept. 3, in a Houston hospital.

Funeral service for Mrs. Dawson, 81, is set for 11 a.m. Thursday in the Gatesville Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. R.L. Whitworth officiating. Burial will follow in the Restland Cemetery.

Born Sept 13, 1918 in Mound, Tex., she was reared in Central Texas and married Jack Dawson on May 28, 1938.

She lived in Oglesby, Oklahoma City, McGregor and Moody. The Dawsons owned and operated restaurants in McGregor and Moody for many years.

She was a member of the Hilltop Christian Fellowship Church in Waco.

Survivors include her husband, Jack Dawson of Moody; a son, Jack O. Dawson Jr. of Sugar Land; a daughter, Joyce Sparks of Austin; four other sisters, Marie McFadden of McGregor, Pearl Jones of Mound, Euna Owens of Lake Belton and Margie Parkinson of San Angelo; two brothers, Carold Kinsey of San Antonio and Luther Kinsey of Mineral Wells; three grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Jerry Harbin

1944-2000

WICKETT – Jerry Dean Harbin, the brother of two Snyder residents, died Monday, Sept. 4, at his home in Wickett.

Funeral service for Mr. Harbin, 55, is set for 2 p.m. Thursday in the First Baptist Church in Wickett. Burial will follow in Monahans Memorial Cemetery under the direction of Harkey Funeral Home.

Born Oct. 2, 1944 in Whitesboro, Mr. Harbin had been a resident of Wickett for 35 years. A Baptist, he worked for the city of Wickett in meter service.

Survivors include his wife, Ocie Harbin of Wickett; a son, Gary Harbin of Wickett; a daughter, Terry Vaughan of Gardendale; three brothers, James Harbin of Snyder, Raymond Harbin of Dublin and Bob Harbin of Gainesville; two sisters, Shirley Guynes of Snyder and Wanda Slaughter of Killeen; six grandchildren; and three stepgrandchildren.

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Radio stolen from vehicle

• ***Radio taken***

A woman in the 1300 block of 24th Street requested a close patrol of the area in reference to someone taking a radio from a vehicle. The owner of the vehicle did not wish to file a report.

• ***Family violence***

Officers were called to the 2800 block of Avenue Y at 8:36 a.m. Tuesday to a disturbance between a mother and a daughter. A report for family violence was taken.

• ***Runaway***

At 12:51 p.m. Tuesday, a woman reported her 15-year-old daughter as a runaway.

• ***Bicycle stolen***

William Ornelas reported his bicycle stolen from 3105 Avenue I at 3:58 p.m. Tuesday. At 7:16 p.m., a man in the 1000 block of 23rd Street located the bicycle in his yard, and it was returned to Ornelas.

• ***Gas drive-off***

A clerk at Town & Country on East Coliseum Drive notified officers of a gas drive-off in the amount of $5 at 10:45 p.m. Tuesday.

• ***Accidents***

A two-vehicle mishap occurred at 4:36 p.m. Tuesday in the 1300 block of College. Involved were a 1993 Ford Tempo driven by Marcus Anthony Galindo, 18, of 2900 Avenue W and a 1997 Mercury Mystique driven by Sandra Jo Nichols, 42, of 4208 Gilmore.

At 9:10 p.m. Tuesday, officers investigated an accident in the 3700 block of Austin involving a 1996 Plymouth and a parked, unoccupied 1996 Chevrolet Blazer. Robert Reyes, 41, of 3002 39th Street was the driver of the Plymouth and Bill Overhulser of 3712 Austin is the owner of the Blazer.

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Special account

A special account for the family of those killed in the Carlsbad pipeline explosion has been established at Snyder National Bank. The Smith Family Fund account number is 181-697-7.

SHS school pictures

Snyder High School is taking school pictures today and Thursday.

Nazarene church revival

The First Church of the Nazarene will host a revival today through Sunday. Services will begin at 7 p.m. Speakers will include the Revs. Malcolm Bolger and Wales Lankford. Special music will be provided. All are invited.

Hermleigh early release

Hermleigh ISD will have an early release day Thursday with school being dismissed at 2:30 p.m.

FBC worship service

The First Baptist Church Sunday morning worship service airs at 3 p.m. every Thursday on TV Channel 2.

SHS basketball booster club

The SHS boys basketball booster club will meet at 7 p.m. Thursday at the College Avenue Dairy Queen.

GED exams

GED exams will be administered Friday and again Friday, Sept. 22, at Western Texas College. For more information, call Emily Hataway at 574-211, or Molly Kattes at 573-2919.

MAWC fish fry

The Martha Ann Woman's Club fish fry fundraiser will be at 6:30 p.m. Friday. The complete meal is $8.50 for adults, and $4.50 for children under 12. For tickets call Jan Harrell at 573-6443 or the club at 573-3427.

School farm workday

Snyder FFA and Booster Club members will have a clean-up, fix-up day at the school farm beginning at 7:30 a.m. Saturday. Anyone wanting to help is welcome. Bring tools. For more information, call 574-6046.

Fish fry

An all-you-can-eat fish fry will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. Sunday at the American Legion, 1800 Ave. R. Tickets, $5 each, can be purchased at the Legion in advance or at the door. Call 574-6805.

Social Security reps

Representatives of the Social Security Administration will be in Snyder at the Senior Citizens Center Tuesday. Hours are from 10 a.m. until noon and from 1-2 p.m.

Snyder Lions Club

The Snyder Lions Club will meet as part of the United Way kickoff luncheon Tuesday at noon.

West parents meeting

West Elementary parents and teachers organization will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the school library. Projects and fundraisers will be discussed.

Hamburger supper

The junior high choir will host a hamburger supper fundraiser from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 15, in the high school cafeteria. Tickets are $5 and may be purchased from any junior high choir member. For more information, call Marci Dennis at 573-6356.

Women's prayer day

Women from various churches in Snyder will have a prayer study starting at 9 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 16, in the building behind the main auditorium of East Side Church of Christ. A luncheon will be provided. Contact Sue Lyon at 573-5495 for more information.

Weigh down workshop

Exodus out of Egypt, a weigh down workshop, begins with an orientation and registration at 7 p.m. Monday, Sept. 18, in the fellowship hall of Word is Life Church, 312 Coliseum Drive. The 12-week session begins at 7 p.m. Oct. 2. Coordinator is Claudia Sanchez. For more information call 573-9615.

Weigh down workshop

The weigh down workshop will be held at 7 p.m. on Thursdays at Colonial Hill Baptist Church, beginning Oct. 5. Orientation will be Thursday, Sept. 21. For more information, call Debbie Hicks at 574-1061.

Joint class reunion

The SHS classes of 1946, 1947 and 1948 will hold a joint reunion Saturday, Sept. 23, at the Wagon Wheel Ranch. Registration begins at 1 p.m.

Glory Room open

The Glory Room, a Christian library located at Trinity United Methodist Church (across from the hospital), is open to everyone from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Mondays through Fridays, and from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Wednesdays. Everyone is asked to please return materials so that others may check them out. If other hours are needed, contact the church at 573-3988.

Ira annuals

The Ira 2000 Bulldog yearbooks have arrived and several extras are available at $22 each. To purchase one, call 573-2628.

Millennium cookbooks

Copies of the Northeast Elementary millennium cookbook are being sold on a first-come, first-served basis. Anyone wanting to purchase a cookbook needs to contact Libby Whitworth at 573-6870, or Diane Arnold at 573-2159 to set up a time to pick one up. Cost is $7.

Pick 3

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

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Cash Five

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Tuesday by the Texas Lottery:-8-15-21-35