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New county budget to be considered Tuesday

By Joyce May
Staff Writer

A county budget for 2000 totaling $20,457,701 with a proposed tax rate of .5494 cents per $100 valuation will be presented to Scurry County Commissioners Tuesday morning.

A bulk of the budget - $14,510,687 – belongs to Cogdell Memorial Hospital.

The proposed rate is almost 2½ cents lower than the effective rate of .5735, which is the rate required to generate the same amount of tax dollars as last year.

"We are actually under the effective rate which means we are collecting less tax dollars than the previous year," Scurry County Judge Ricky Fritz explained.

The proposed rate is four cents higher than the 1999 tax rate of .51 cents per $100 valuation.

Included in the proposed 2000 budget is a 1.5 percent cost of living adjustment for all full time county employees.

"This is the same number the social security administration uses," Fritz said. "It is not a merit raise. It is the same adjustment teacher's retirement uses and most retirement companies use."

Capital items budgeted include two sheriff department cars and a motorgrader. The county plans to trade in a motorgrader on a new one.

The county also expects to fund a new ambulance next year at a cost of about $70,000.

Included in the budget, but not funded by tax dollars, are new filing systems for the district and county clerk offices.

Fritz said the new filing systems will be space saving. The two offices are currently running out of filing space.

In addition, the purchases can be made out of the Record Management Fund, which receives money from a fee that is charged when persons file cases in either of the offices.

"The good thing is these will be funded not by taxpayers, but by the people who file cases," Fritz said.

Concerning the tobacco settlement money, Fritz said 75 percent of that, or $140,000, will go to Cogdell Memorial Hospital for indigent care. However, the total amount of funds the county will receive is unknown.

"Those figures are pure estimate. No one knows," Fritz said.

The estimated amount of reserve funds the county projects to have at the end of 2000 totals $4,699,565. The county projects the reserves to be $5,617,929 at the end of 1999.

The majority of the reserve funds are from the hospital, which projects to have $2,885,383 at the end of 1999 and $1,966,802 at the end of 2000.

Fritz noted that the reserves have decreased. "We are not just hoarding it, we are using it."

The court will meet at 10 a.m.



COUNTRY-STYLE RIBS — Frank Ortegon checks on the country-style ribs he is barbecuing for his family over the Labor Day weekend. A Sunday evening shower threatened to put a damper on outdoor cooking as the city water plant recorded just over one-half inch of rain. (SDN Staff Photo by Joyce May)

"Taste" event set this week

The third annual "Taste of Scurry County" will be held Thursday in the Family Life Center of First Baptist Church.

The annual fund-raiser for the Scurry County Museum will feature restaurant fare from most local food establishments.

In addition, there will be a silent auction beginning at 6 p.m. and continuing until 7:30 p.m.

A regular auction of numerous items will be held at 7:30 p.m.

The serving of the food will begin at 6:30 p.m.

Tickets are $10 for adults and $5 for children ages 5-12. Children under five are free.

Tickets are available at the Scurry County Museum, Bullard's Computer Solutions, Snyder Drug's Gifts and Collectible and Wright Colonial Funeral Home.

Busy weekend...

Twelve arrested on various charges

Twelve subjects were taken into custody over the weekend on charges ranging from possession of a firearm to public intoxication.

A disturbance in the 600 block of 29th Street at 6:45 p.m. Saturday led to the arrest of three individuals including 40-year-old Mike Martinez of 701 29th Street for possession of a firearm by a felon.

Also taken into custody were two 17-year-old males both for resisting arrest and disorderly conduct.

A 20-year-old male was arrested at 10:10 a.m. Saturday at Whataburger on a warrant for issuance of a bad check.

Officers took a 22-year-old male into custody at 1:18 p.m. Saturday in the 1700 block of 25th Street on outstanding Department of Public Safety warrants from Garland.

Misdemeanor driving while intoxicated sent a 37-year-old male to jail Saturday. He was arrested at 6:08 p.m. in the 3100 block of Avenue T.

A 21-year-old male was taken into custody on outstanding warrants for theft and failure to appear at 12:11 a.m. Sunday.

Officers arrested him in the 3900 block of Avenue O.

DPS troopers arrested a 20-year-old female at 12:41 a.m. Sunday at the intersection of 28th Street and Avenue K for misdemeanor driving while intoxicated.

At 9:54 a.m. Sunday, officers took a 23-year-old female into custody for public intoxication.

A Lubbock County warrant for bond surrender/failure to identify landed a 28-year-old female in jail at 2:21 p.m. Sunday.

A 30-year-old male was arrested by officers at 12:40 a.m. today in the 2600 block of College on an outstanding Nolan County warrant for theft by check. He also had justice of the peace warrants on three counts of issuance of a bad check.

DPS troopers took a 23-year-old male into custody at 1:49 a.m. today on Hwy. 350 for misdemeanor driving while intoxicated.

Other weekend activity included officers filing offense reports for dog bite at 9:41 p.m. Saturday and at 5:04 a.m. today. Cogdell Memorial Hospital reported the incidents.

At 2:48 p.m. Sunday, Ted Olsen reported the theft of his cellular phone from his vehicle while it was parked at the Hair Station. An offense report was filed for burglary of a vehicle.

Officers filed an offense report for Class C theft at 5:09 a.m. today in reference to a gas drive-off in the amount of $13 from Town & Country on East Coliseum Dr.

Homecoming dates set for Hermleigh

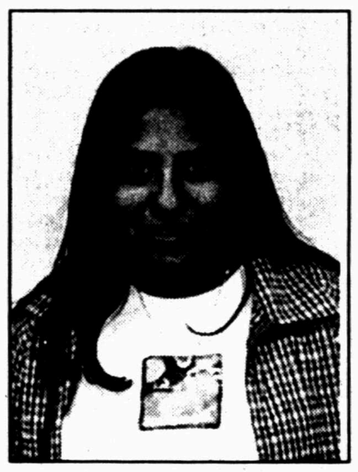
Homecoming for Hermleigh schools will be Sept. 24-25.

The every-other-year event will feature a football game Friday night as the Cardinals will host Trent to kick off the activities.

On Saturday, registration at the high school will begin at 9 a.m. followed by a meal served at 11:30 a.m.

The business meeting will be at 2 p.m. Saturday.

The classes of 1949, 1950 and 1951 will be honored and all alumni, family and friends are invited to the festivities.



Christy Garcia

Fund-raising event set for Sept. 18-19 at Catholic church

The annual Dieciseis de Septiembre Fiesta will be held Sept. 18-19 at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church.

Snyder eighth grader Christy Garcia, 13, will reign as queen. She is the daughter of Ricky and Lucy Garcia.

Activities include a downtown parade and numerous activities including game booths, music and food booths serving traditional Mexican fare.

Waco dispute center of weekend talk shows

WASHINGTON (AP) — Congress returns this week with Republicans intent on investigating the latest Waco dispute and asking whether Janet Reno should resign over what one senator said was a Justice Department "in shambles."

On the Democratic side, Sen. Charles Schumer of New York said Sunday he had written GOP committee chairmen asking them to put off hearings until an independent investigator finishes looking into new controversies swirling around the 1993 siege of the Branch Davidian compound.

Schumer, on ABC's "This Week," said hearings would probably descend into partisan squabbling. "My worry is that congressional investigations would bring up a lot of heat and not very much light."

But Sen. Phil Gramm, R-Texas, said Congress must be involved. "You can't have the country misled for six years by the Justice Department and the FBI and not have Congress do something about it," he said on ABC.

At issue is recent FBI revelations that it fired several flammable tear gas canisters at a storm shelter hours before the main Branch Davidian building went up in flames. The FBI and the Justice Department had previously denied use of any incendiary devices, and investigations will focus on whether this misinformation was the result of a bureaucratic slip-up or a coverup.

The Justice Department insists there is no change in conclusions that it was David Koresh and his followers that started the fatal fire. The department also stresses that military special operations officers were on the scene only as observers and advisers, and not in an illegal capacity as participants in the operation.

Any GOP-led investigation would be sure to touch on the competence of Reno, who has constantly clashed with Republicans over campaign finance and Chinese spying scandals, to be attorney general.

Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, on NBC's "Meet the Press" and CNN's "Late Edition," said he had lost confidence in Reno's ability to lead. "The Justice Department is in a shambles. There is a demoralization over there because they realize they are not doing the job."

FBI Director Louis Freeh, in contrast, is the "single best" director he had known, Hatch said. On Freeh's reported differences with Reno, Hatch said "you don't want some milquetoast guy in there who won't stand up and do what's right."

Schumer, however, said there was a double standard in attacking Reno and defending Freeh when it was the FBI that was apparently responsible for not getting the facts to Reno, their ultimate superior.

President Clinton, asked by reporters Saturday if he had confidence in Reno and Freeh, pointedly supported Reno but not Freeh. On Freeh, he said he said there wasn't "any purpose to assign blame until the investigation is concluded."

Reno is expected to name an outside investigator sometime this week, with the emphasis on an impartial judge, possibly a Republican, who is respected by both sides.

"As the attorney general has said, she wants to get to the bottom of this and will appoint an outside investigator to do just that," Justice Department spokesman Myron Marlin said.

Freeh was not FBI director at the time of the Waco siege, but did head the agency later when Reno, relying on FBI information, was denying that flammable devices were used against the Branch Davidians.

"Maybe Louis Freeh is to blame too," Gramm said. "Maybe they both should go."

Former Attorney General Dick Thornburgh, on CNN, said it was "very regrettable that people up to and including the president are now being asked to choose sides. This is unprecedented. I have never seen a situation like this where there has been this split between the two agencies."

But Hatch also said he had talked to both Reno and Freeh this week and had been assured by both that they were on good terms and reports of differences between the two were blown out of proportion.

Also on Sunday, filmmaker Michael McNulty, who has questioned government findings that the Davidians were responsible for their tragic end, said on "Fox News Sunday" that he had new evidence that federal operatives were firing "long streams of automatic weapons fire" at the back of the compound, preventing those inside from escaping the fire.

Former FBI agent Richard Schwein, who was at Waco, said that was "absolutely false," that "not one round was fired by an FBI agent during that tragic day." Schwein, on Fox, also denied that military officers on the scene as observers had any role in operations against Koresh and the Davidians.

ASK US

Q—How does the Department of Public Safety make its estimate on how many people will be killed over the Labor Day weekend?

A—The DPS takes into account past history, projected weather and road conditions and events.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Area Forecast: Tonight, partly cloudy, slight chance of storms. Low, mid 60s. Tuesday, partly cloudy, isolated afternoon storms. High, lower 90s.

Snyder Temps: High Saturday, 95 degrees; low, 75; high Sunday, 93; low, 68; 7 a.m. Monday, 68; .55 of an inch precipitation; total for 1999, 19.87 inches.

Marci Pinkerton
Slight Chance

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7:23 a.m.
Of 248 days in 1999, the sun has shone 241 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

For unto whomsoever much is given, of him much will be required.
Luke 12:48

Rainfall Reports

Snyder	.55
East of City	.80
West of City	None
Lake Thomas	Trace
Hermleigh	Trace
NE of Hermleigh	.25
Polar	Trace
Loyd Mountain	.80
Camp Springs	1.3
Dunn	None
Ira	Trace
Union	.60
Gail	Trace

Sunday totals as reported by area residents.

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1999 summer said record for movie industry

LOS ANGELES (AP) — At a time when the Internet, video rentals and cable and satellite television offer plenty of diversions, movie theaters were still as popular as ever this summer.

From Memorial Day weekend to Labor Day, the take at U.S. theaters was estimated at just less than $3 billion, shattering the previous high of $2.6 billion a year ago.

The strong summer showing has helped push ticket sales for the year up 6 percent over last year.

"We are a culture that likes to get out of the house," said Tom Sherak, head of distribution for 20th Century Fox. "We like to get away from our problems. Movies give us the opportunity for two hours to get out and get away and just let go."

A record 11 movies have taken in more than $100 million each, and a 12th is expected to join the club.

This summer's films also have had staying power. In summer 1998, movies on average took in 27 percent of their total gross in the opening weekend, said Wayne Lewellen, distribution president for Paramount. This summer, that average was down to 24 percent, indicating films are lasting longer in theaters.

Not only were the films good enough to keep moviegoers going back for more, but blistering heat over much of the nation also helped send people to air-conditioned theaters.

The season started with a bang. "Star Wars: Episode I — The Phantom Menace" opened May 19 and became the fastest movie ever to gross $100 million, hitting that in five days. The 20th Century Fox release has taken in about $420 million.

Two weeks before "Phantom Menace," audiences got a preseason warmup with Universal's "The Mummy," an unexpected horror smash. And over Memorial Day weekend, Universal slipped in "Notting Hill," the Julia Roberts-Hugh Grant romance.

"'Star Wars' didn't scare us off," said Nikki Rocco, head of distribution for Universal. "We knew we had two big hits."

Bookending those movies around "Phantom Menace" paid off for Universal. "Mummy" kept going to gross $155 million and "Notting Hill" collected $115 million.

Then things got crowded. Between "Phantom Menace" and current box-office champ "The Sixth Sense" came a rare period when a different movie opened atop the box office in each of nine straight weeks.

"It was so competitive that no matter how good you were, you got knocked out the next weekend by another movie," said Paul Dergarabedian, president of Exhibitor Relations Co. Inc., which tracks movie attendance.

"Phantom Menace" was followed by New Line's "Austin Powers: The Spy Who Shagged Me." The Mike Myers spy spoof has grossed about $205 million.

The string of high-grossing wonders also included "Tarzan," "Big Daddy," "Wild, Wild West," "The General's Daughter," and "Runaway Bride," Roberts' second comedy of the summer to top $100 million.

The usual late-summer doldrums, when movie attendance usually trails off, never materialized, largely because of "Sixth Sense" and the surprise hit "The Blair Witch Project."

The low-budget "Blair Witch" is on track to gross about $140 million. "Sixth Sense," about a boy who communicates with the dead, has been No. 1 the last four weekends and should finish well above $200 million.

The bawdy teen comedy "American Pie" also topped the box office in July and should pass $100 million this fall, making it the 12th summer film to hit that mark.

There's still a solid slate of films for fall and the holidays, and 1999 could break the full-year record of $6.95 billion set last year.

"Let the fall begin," said Fox's Sherak.

Contaminated water may be cause of fair death, illnesses

ALBANY, N.Y. (AP) — High levels of E. coli bacteria found at a county fair's water supply could be the link that connects the death of a 3-year-old girl and the sickening of 118 fairgoers, officials said.

Rain water runoff from a barn housing hundreds of cattle apparently seeped into an aquifer used to supply the Washington County Fairgrounds, state Health Department spokeswoman Kristine A. Smith said Sunday.

Water samples taken over the weekend showed high levels of E. coli bacteria. Smith said scientists must test the bacteria to verify whether it is the potentially deadly strain that sent scores of doubled-over patients to area hospitals.

"What could have happened is that the storm event brought cattle fecal material to the ground surface, where it leaked into the soil and through to the aquifer," Smith said.

Those who became ill — mostly children — have been treated at hospitals in New York, Vermont and Massachusetts since Friday. At least 41 remained hospitalized Sunday evening, Smith said.

All had visited the Washington County Fair in the town of Greenwich, about 35 miles north of Albany, on either Aug. 28 or 29 — the final days of the weeklong fair, Smith said.

Rachel Aldrich, 3, of Clifton Park, died Saturday at Albany Medical Center Hospital. She had been in critical condition with E. coli contamination since Friday, according to hospital spokesman Richard Puff.

The girl died after developing hemolytic uremic syndrome, or HUS, as a result of the E. coli contamination, Smith said. HUS attacks the blood cells and can result in kidney failure.

By Sunday evening, a 4-year-old boy also had developed HUS and was being treated at Albany Medical Center Hospital, Smith said. The boy was listed in serious condition today.

State and county health officials interviewed the steady stream of patients over the weekend, but couldn't uncover any common foods or activities that could have caused the illness.

The possibility of water contamination "would explain why people who had different foods and drinks from different booths got sick," Smith said.

"Water went into the booths there, and could have been used for things like making lemonade, fruit juice, ice, rinsing lettuce for sandwiches and washing people's hands," Smith said.

Some 27,000 people attended the fair on its last day, officials said.

E. coli bacteria normally live in the intestines of humans and other warm-blooded animals. Most strains are harmless but some, including 0157:H7, can be deadly. Symptoms of the infection include abdominal cramps, diarrhea and fever.

E. coli bacteria must be ingested to cause infection. Illness can be caused by exposure to an infected person, or by ingesting tainted food or liquids.

Falling dollar may hurt consumers but help some farmers

NEW YORK (AP) — If car prices start rising in the United States, consumers may need to look no further than the dollar's recent slide against major foreign currencies.

On the other hand, economically depressed Midwestern farmers may find it easier to sell surplus grain if a weak dollar makes it cheaper for fore the United States has led currency traders and international money managers to sell their dollar-based stocks and bonds in favor of assets tied to the yen and the euro. That, in turn strengthens those currencies against the dollar.

An extended slide by the dollar will eventually hit U.S. consumers' pocketbooks.

When the value of the dollar goes down, the price of shoes, toys and other goods imported into the United States goes up because it takes more U.S. dollars to purchase those items.

When imports cost more, U.S. goods competing with those imports generally raise their prices in tandem, said Sung Won Sohn, chief economist at Wells Fargo & Co. in Minneapolis

"It's too early to tell what's going to happen, but we've been in this box before," said Al Young, president of Dan Young Chevrolet-Honda in Indianapolis.

When the dollar hit a similar skid a decade ago and it became more expensive to buy a Japanese car, U.S. automakers were quick to boost their prices, Young recalled.

"If I was the president of one of these (U.S.) companies, I'd take the opportunity to maybe get some market-share back. But they must see it as a way to increase their profits," he said.

Travel abroad, which enabled Americans to stretch their vacation budgets when the dollar was stronger, has become more expensive, too.

The dollar last week fell below 110 yen for the first time since January, and only the second time in three years. That's well below its May high for the year of more than 124 yen to the dollar.

In a rebound Friday, a day when U.S. stocks and bonds rallied, the dollar ended New York trading at 110.05 yen.

But that still was nearly 25 percent below the eight-year high of 146.57 yen to the dollar, reached as recently as June 1998.

The dollar has also slid against the euro, as confidence has emerged in Europe's fledgling unified economy.

Sohn said the dollar's decline has resulted from a recovery in Asian economies since the financial meltdown that started spreading across Asia two years ago, when currency devaluations rippled across the continent.

In addition, fears that the powerful economic expansion of the 1990s in the United States might be hobbled by rising inflation and interest rate increases by the Federal Reserve has led some international investors to take their money out of the United States and seek more profitable investments overseas.

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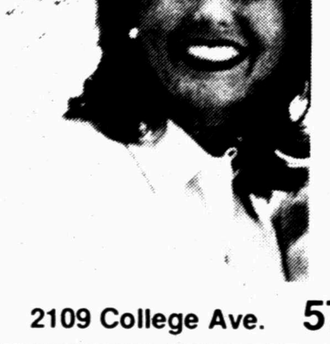
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Impotence from bicycling

DEAR DR. GOTT: I exercise avidly on my bicycle, riding about 100 miles a week, and I really enjoy the activity. However, I've recently noticed that my penis becomes numb during particularly arduous rides. Should this concern me?

DEAR READER: Without a doubt, yes. The standard bike seat presses hard on the arteries and nerves to the penis and can, over time, lead to serious injury that results in erectile dysfunction. Urologists are just beginning to appreciate this danger. Authorities have estimated that tens of thousands of men each year suffer impotence from bicycling. Usually, the trouble is temporary, but in many cases, it may be permanent. Penile numbness — even if the symptom is short-lived — is the first warning sign that progressive damage is occurring.

There are several methods to avoid this. First, alter your riding technique so that you move around more on the saddle: sit on one side of your behind when coasting, stand more often when you pedal and make sure that the seat is at a proper height and angle. For example, your knee should be slightly bent when the pedal is in its lowest position.

Second, don't ignore penile numbness or tingling. Get off the bike — or change riding positions — until the symptom has disappeared. Finally, and most important, purchase one of the newer special seats designed to minimize penile injury: some saddles have extra padding, some come with a gel cushion, still others have a cut-out position in the center to prevent compression.

As a serious biker myself, I am shocked that bicycle manufacturers have failed thus far to use their combined technological resources to come up with a bike seat that protects the penis. The current standard equipment is certainly a liability, and I believe that manufacturers have an obligation to design a more suitable saddle that will replace the standard — and, in my opinion, dangerous — current model. For instance, a wider seat without a horn (that resembles a tractor seat) would not only be more comfortable but would also protect the delicate nerves and blood vessels to a vital part of the male anatomy. In summary, penile numbness while biking is a serious forewarning of major problems that should be actively addressed by the bicycling industry — and should alert bikers to change their technique or equipment.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I'm taking calcium supplements for osteoporosis. A friend told me that calcium carbonate is not absorbed as readily as calcium citrate. Is this true?

DEAR READER: No. Provided the mineral is consumed with food — the best time to maximize its absorption — the carbonate is just as effective as the citrate. To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Osteoporosis." 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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Bush speaks to conservatives with new 'call to conscience'

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. (AP) — Texas Gov. George W. Bush addressed conservatives Sunday with what he said was "a call to conscience."

"One of the reasons I seek the presidency is to help usher in an era of personal responsibility, an era in which every person understands that they are responsible for the decisions they make in life," Bush said in a five-minute videotaped speech.

He was addressing Republicans, pundits and cultural figures at the close of "The Weekend," an annual retreat that is a conservative counterpoint to "The Renaissance Weekend," attended by President Clinton.

"Today Americans are rich in possessions. We also must be rich in our ideals," he said. "There must be a purpose to our prosperity."

Bush, the front-runner for the 2000 Republican presidential nomination, told his audience that Americans today are relearning that public interest depends on pride and that standards and commitments produce integrity.

"We don't all meet ideals or perfectly symbolize them," he said. But "this is not a search for scapegoats. It's a call to conscience."

Actor planned squint

NEW YORK (AP) — French Stewart's trademark expression on "3rd Rock From the Sun" wasn't something the show's producers dreamed up.

"I came in with the squint," Stewart told Newsday in Sunday's editions. "I'm just naturally lidded and it was something I'd done before. I knew the character was an idiot, and it gave me a dull, uncomprehending look."

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Oil Patch News

Howard County

Santa Fe Energy Resources Inc. will drill the No. 2-23 Texaco in the Hutto South field, seven miles south of Coahoma. Planned for a depth of 8,000 feet, location is in Section 23, Block 31, T1S, T&P survey.

Santa Fe Energy will drill the No. 2701 Powell Ranch in the Hutto field, seven miles south of Coahoma. Planned for a depth of 8,000 feet, drill site is in Section 27, Block 31, T1S, T&P survey.

Fisher County

Bettis Boyle and Stovall has completed the No. 1-A Willingham in the Que field, 15 miles west of Roby. The well was completed to produce 130 barrels of oil and no water. Perfortions were from 4,202-218 feet, and location is in Section 67, Block 3, H&TC survey.

Memorial to mark spot where students died

KENT, Ohio (AP) — The promise of young lives shattered. Tear gas wafting across a place of learning. A nation at its most divided and chaotic.

The deaths of four Kent State University students shot by National Guardsmen during a 1970 Vietnam War protest seemed to crystallize the turmoil of an unsettled and tragic era.

The emotional power of the shootings lingers, even among students who weren't born when they happened. This week, new markers are to be dedicated in the parking lot where the students fell.

"It's really an emotional subject," said Kent State senior Kim Larson, 24, her voice choked. "It's such a shame that it had to happen. Every one of those people had a great future ahead of them. They were caring people. To me, it was just a terrible tragedy."

As part of the student-run May 4 Task Force, Larson helped collect petition signatures last year to press the university to mark the parking spaces where Allison Krause, Jeffrey Miller, Sandra Scheuer and William Schroeder fell dead.

The memorials are to be dedicated Wednesday.

"I think the spirit of those four students lives today in these Kent State students who fight to keep their memories alive," said 50-year-old Alan Canfora, who was a junior when he was shot in the wrist that day. He was one of nine who were injured.

Guardsmen were sent to the campus on May 2, 1970, after days of student protests and the burning of the campus Army ROTC building. On May 4, they used tear gas to disperse taunting, rock-throwing students.

About midday, 28 Guardsmen fired at least 61 shots in a 13-second burst, hitting protesters, bystanders and students walking to class. Some Guardsmen said they felt their lives were in danger.

The shootings sent shock waves across a country growing weary of the war. Demonstrations and class boycotts spread to hundreds of campuses as the Kent State shootings highlighted domestic fallout from the conflict.

Former Gov. James A. Rhodes, the state and guardsmen in 1978 settled a lawsuit filed by wounded students and the parents of the dead. The state agreed to pay $675,000 and several Guardsmen expressed their regret.

While every campus instills memories of times gone by, the shootings have given Kent State a unique and painful legacy.

There's the sculpture marked by Guard gunfire and the hill the Guardsmen climbed to pursue protesters. A granite plaza stands as a memorial to the victims, while 51,175 daffodils have been planted in honor of the nation's Vietnam War dead.

The university has offered a course about the shootings for years and, with an eye toward drawing something positive from the tragedy, has institutes that study peacemaking and conflict resolution.

The four parking spaces have been roped off each May 3 for an overnight vigil, with a single student holding a lighted candle at each spot.

Wendy Semon, 22, felt little emotional connection to the shootings — even though her father was a Guardsman elsewhere on campus during the shooting. Her feelings changed when she stood vigil in 1995 at the spot where Miller was killed.

"I was really taken aback by all the emotions," she said. "I felt myself becoming an activist at Kent State, just realizing all that happened here, all the tension. I really felt a connection, not only to the students but to that time, that something like that could happen."

Work on the parking space markers took three weeks and cost about $100,000, from private sources. Each memorial has a rough-edge granite border and six waist-high lamp posts. A polished triangle of granite in each space has the date May 4, 1970, and the name of a slain student.

Semon said the petitions and letters of endorsement from the parents of the dead students helped get the idea moving.

"I think the university acted pretty quickly after we put the force on them," she said. "But in our minds, it will always be belated. They should have been here years ago."

University president Carol A. Cartwright, who endorsed the idea, said, "Until recently, there wasn't unanimity among the families about doing it." She added, "I see this as a bit of unfinished business."

Miller's mother, Elaine Holstein, 75, of New York, said she has mixed feelings about the markers.

"For a long time I couldn't even step into Ohio. It's been 30 years now and, over time, I've gotten a little more rational about it," Mrs. Holstein said.

Still, she added, it will be good to have the spots marked off.

"It always bothered me," she said, "to think that the spot where Jeff was killed was being parked over by cars."

Rev. Jackson: Law should be changed

NEW YORK (AP) — Texas Gov. George W. Bush is "a rich man's son caught in a poor man's trap" on the subject of answering questions about whether he used illegal drugs in his younger days, Rev. Jesse Jackson said Sunday.

Speaking with reporters after giving a sermon at a Manhattan church, Jackson said the Republican presidential candidate and Texas governor had failed to show leadership on the drug issue in a state whose "No. 1 growth economy ... is jails, based upon drugs."

Jackson claimed that 80 percent of a Texas prison population of 140,000 are under drug sentences, while Bush himself refuses to say whether he did or did not use narcotics in his youth.

"I say, free George Bush. And also a generation of youth trapped in that same trap, because above all we must not sacrifice equal protection under the law. And there is no category called 'youthful indiscretion' on cocaine," Jackson said.

"The fact is that drug policy is a President's business," Jackson said, adding that being "a rich man's son ... caught in a poor man's trap," had forced Bush to modify his own strict position on the drug issue.

During his sermon at Manhattan's interdenominational Riverside Church, Jackson also mentioned in passing that Bush had not attended or sent a representative to the funeral of James Byrd, the black man who was dragged to his death behind a truck by two avowed white supremacists in Jasper, Texas, last year.

Jackson criticized Bush for ignoring the Byrd funeral and not supporting hate crime legislation.

But Karen Hughes, Gov. Bush's spokeswoman in Austin, said Bush called Byrd's family to express his deepest sympathy "at what he called a barbaric act that would not be tolerated in Texas."

"Perhaps Rev. Jackson is unaware that Gov. Bush was respecting the wishes of the Byrd family and local officials in the community who had asked people not to attend (the funeral)," Hughes said.

"Texas has a hate crimes law which Gov. Bush signed tougher penalties for two years ago," she added.

Hawaii, Alaska excluded from contest

HONOLULU (AP) — ABC's affiliate in Honolulu is miffed that Regis Philbin can't make its viewers millionaires.

Philbin is host of ABC's new "Who Wants to be a Millionaire," the prime-time quiz show that was one of the most popular television programs of this summer.

KITV general manager Michael Rosenberg is upset that the show's producers limit prospective contestants to residents of the 48 contiguous states.

He said those who qualify are expected to be in New York the following day for the show's taping.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

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Vulnerable: Neither
Dealer: North

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5 ♣	Pass	5 ♦	Pass
5 ♠	Pass	6 ♠	All pass

Opening lead: ♦ 4

Two roads, if not more

By Phillip Alder

After you have made a contract, do you ever reanalyze the deal, wondering if you could have overcome a more testing opening lead or a less friendly distribution?

This deal was declared by both Giorgio Belladonna and Arturo Franco during the 1976 Italian trials. They were in six spades. Belladonna received the lead of the diamond jack, Franco the diamond four. How did each continue?

Despite having only 21 high-card points, that North hand, with four aces and a king, is a tad strong for two no-trump. North conveyed that message, along with his suitability for a spade contract, with his four-club cue-bid. After South aggressively cue-bid the club king, North investigated seven.

Belladonna had no trouble when the first trick went diamond jack, king, queen, six. He drew trumps, finessed the diamond nine successfully, and lost only one heart trick. (Yes, he also could have played the ace and another diamond, establishing his nine for a heart discard from the dummy.)

Franco had a much tougher task. After winning with the diamond king and drawing trumps, declarer cashed the club king, played a club to dummy's ace, and ruffed a club in hand. Back to dummy with a diamond to the ace, Franco ruffed the last club. Now, more in hope than expectation, Franco exited with the ace and another heart. Lo and behold, East had to win the trick and return a heart, allowing declarer to ruff in hand and discard dummy's remaining diamond. That was a pretty partial elimination and endplay.

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Law officers crack down on violaters

HOUSTON (AP) — An illegal turn turned into a trip to jail for 17-year-old Philip Paras, as Harris County Sheriff's deputies conducted a "zero-tolerance" crackdown over the weekend in a part of the county known for drag racing.

The teen's mom said he was caught driving in the wrong place at the wrong time.

"He knows what goes on in that area, but he wasn't doing any of that," said Millette Paras. "He just made an illegal turn, and they took him to jail."

Harris County deputies carted 27 people away for overnight jail stays Saturday evening and Sunday morning. Meanwhile, the statewide toll of Labor Day weekend traffic fatalities grew to 11 by Sunday afternoon, according to the Texas Department of Public Safety.

The 11 people died in nine crashes since 6 p.m. Friday. That compares to 18 deaths in the same span last year. The DPS estimated 39 people would die in traffic this holiday period. The forecast is down from the 45 deaths recorded in 41 accidents during the 78-hour Labor Day holiday period last year.

The Harris County violations include tail-light violations, playing music too loud and improper lane changes. The zero tolerance enforcement was directed at all violators, "especially the ones with high-performance vehicles," according to a statement from the department.

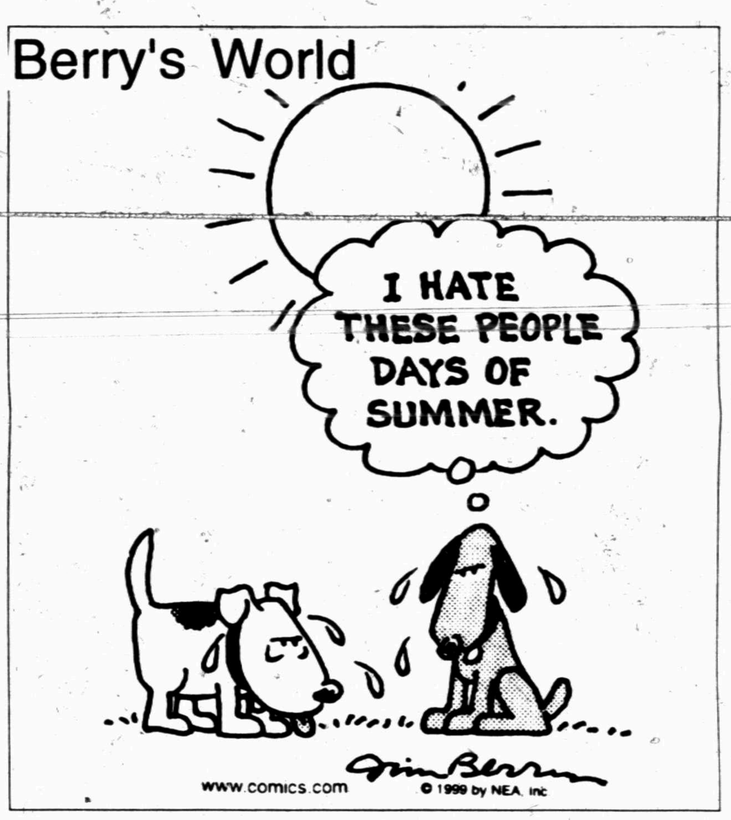
It was uncertain why the motorists were not simply issued citations.

Some parents described the people arrested as "kids," but all of them weren't exactly youths.

Karen Usmani said her 27-year-old nephew was put in Harris County Jail for an improper lane change.

"He'd never even gotten a traffic ticket before," Usmani told the Houston Chronicle.

Berry's World



Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Winner's Share of Limelight Is Stolen by Long-Winded Partner

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DEAR ABBY: I recently watched a country music award given to two men. The first to speak hogged the mike, gabbed about his sick child at home, thanked everyone in the music business and then invited his partner to speak. As the other man approached the mike, the first remembered he hadn't thanked his wife, shouldered his way back in and droned on about how many years they had been together, yadda-yadda-yadda.

The partner looked sad as the music came up and they went to commercial. I felt angry that he wasn't acknowledged and didn't get to say a word or two. It happens so often, I wanted to comment.

At every Oscar, Emmy, Grammy, etc., award ceremony, every double or group award has one windbag who grabs the mike, tells his kids to go to bed and thanks everyone from his kindergarten teacher to his mailman while the others wait patiently until the allotted time runs out. It hurts to see the pained expressions on the faces of the partners whose finest hour is ruined by a selfish, egotistical microphone hog.

Since we know we can't teach them to be considerate and to share, maybe the awards committee could make new rules that would stifle the selfish windbags and eliminate those endlessly long programs. What do you think?
RUTH W., VIRGINIA BEACH, VA.

DEAR RUTH: Take a bow. You deserve a standing ovation for saying what a great many members of a captive audience have long been thinking. In the days of vaudeville, a long-handled hook was used to remove lingering performers from the stage.

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DEAR ABBY: After reading the letter from "Frustrated," who was looking for an alternative to a religious wedding ceremony, may I suggest secular Humanist clergy?

I am a Humanist minister from the Humanist Society of Friends whose celebrants, ministers, chaplains, counselors and pastors are all secular Humanists. You can find us throughout the United States and Canada. For details, your readers can call the American Humanist Association toll-free number: (800) 743-6646, or e-mail them at humanism@juno.com.

I have performed nonreligious weddings, funerals and naming ceremonies since 1963, when I first obtained my license from the state of Ohio to solemnize marriages. My state license is identical to that of any other clergy.

DR. RICK RICKARDS, CLEVELAND

DEAR DR. RICKARDS: Thank you for pointing this out. After I printed that letter, I was flooded with letters from readers telling me that Humanist celebrants function the same way members of traditional clergy do — with one exception: They are nontheists.

Many people also wrote to remind me that Unitarian Universalist ministers are also willing to perform ceremonies without reference to God. The telephone number of the Unitarian Universalist Association is (617) 742-2100. Their Web address is: www.uua.org/main.html.

To all of you who took the time to write, thank you for the input.

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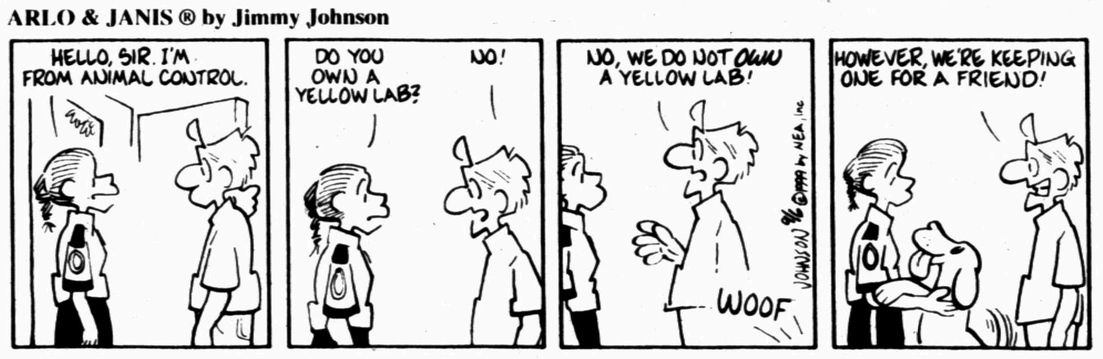
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21 Actress Carter
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25 Russian ruler
27 Income
29 Payable
31 Small lump
32 Scale units (abbr.)
33 Nahoor sheep
34 Conceive
37 "— well that ends well"
40 Type of missile
41 Dawn goddess
43 First-rate (2 wds.)
45 Casual shirt
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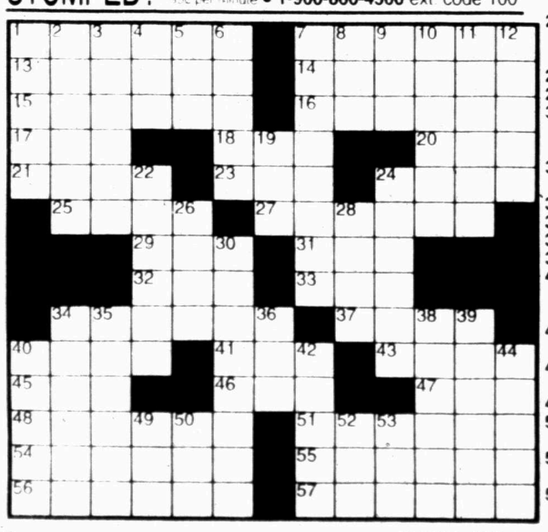
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36 Vast age
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50 Miner's quest
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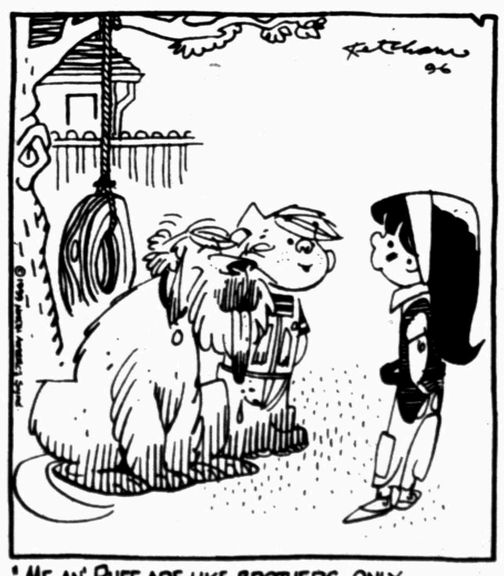


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SPORTS

Lady Tigers round into form at Wayland Baptist tourney

PLAINVIEW — With the start of district action less than two weeks away, the Lady Tigers are rounding into shape.

Snyder, in its best effort of the season, knocked off Big Spring in the semifinals, before falling to Lubbock Monterey to claim second place in the Wayland Baptist tournament over the weekend.

Snyder tied for the top spot in its pool, then kept up its impressive play during bracket competition.

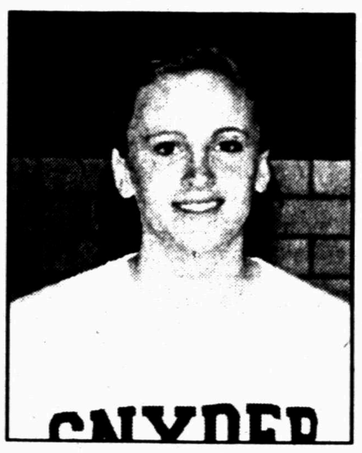
"This was the best we've looked all season," Snyder coach Patty Grimmett said. "Our teamwork was tremendous. No matter who was on the floor, they were communicating with each other, and the bench was cheering them on. It was great."

The Lady Tigers were led by the play of Kameron Kallemeyn and Ashley Delce at the net. Both players were named to the all-tournament team.

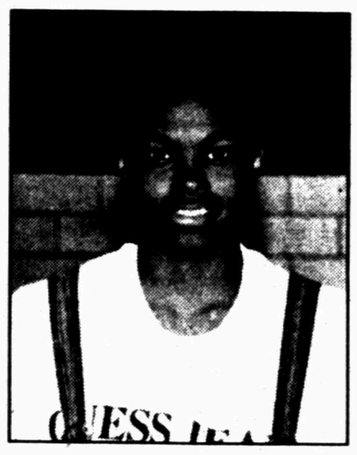
Kallemeyn registered 17 kills in Saturday's two matches, including 10 against district foe Big Spring. Delce was also a force in the middle, posting 14 blocks and 10 kills on Saturday.

"We played really well at the net," Grimmett said. "Monterey had a girl (Angela Mooney) who verbally committed to Tech, and we were blocking her. Our play at the net got us going, and then we played really solid in every other aspect."

But even with the recent success, Grimmett admitted there are a few things to work on



Kameron Kallemeyn



Ashley Delce

before Sept. 18's district opener at Andrews.

"We need to correct some things before district starts," Grimmett stated. "Some of our play defensively needs some work. There are certain kinds of attacks that we aren't able to pick up, like the deep cross-court hit. So we'll work on those for our next few matches."

In the pool play portion of the tournament, Snyder split games with Monterey, before taking two from Sanford-Fritch. Lady Tigers then swept Levelland to finish tied for first with Lady Plainsmen.

In the tourney semifinals against Big Spring, the Lady Tigers dropped the opening game, 9-15, before taking the next two, 15-13, 15-4.

Snyder met Monterey once again in the finals, falling 15-11, 16-14.

The Lady Tigers will host their first home match of the season Tuesday at 6 p.m. against Abilene High.

Pool play: Snyder/Monterey, 15-13, 9-15; Snyder/Sanford-Fritch, 15-6, 15-4; Snyder/Levelland, 15-2, 15-7.

Gold bracket play

Snyder def. Big Spring 9-15, 15-13, 15-4

Snyder service points: Hildebrand, 13; Eicke, 11; Holder, 7; Martinez, 6; Kallemeyn and Tomlinson, 1. **Kills:** 10; Delce, 8; Hildebrand, 4; Holder, 2; Best and Geiger, 1. **Blocks:** Delce, 9; Hildebrand and Geiger, 5; Holder, 3; Best, 2; Kallemeyn, 1. **Digs:** Hildebrand, 9; Tomlinson, 5; Holder and Webb, 4.

Monterey def. Snyder 15-11, 16-14

Snyder service points: Eicke, 7; Tomlinson, 5; Kallemeyn, 4; Holder, Martinez and Hildebrand, 3. **Kills:** Kallemeyn, 7; Delce, Best, Hildebrand and Holder, 2; Geiger, 1. **Blocks:** Delce, 5; Geiger, 3; Best and Holder, 2; Kallemeyn, 1. **Digs:** Holder, 5; Kallemeyn, 4; Eicke and Geiger, 2; Delce, Hildebrand, Mackey and Martinez, 1.

Tailbacks will be featured in tonight's Tech-ASU match-up

TEMPE, Ariz. (AP) — The Heisman Trophy will not be awarded Monday night after Texas Tech plays No. 25 Arizona State.

It just seems that way from the attention being paid to the tailback duel between Ricky Williams and J.R. Redmond.

Each school's designated Heisman candidate will have a national audience for a day, because the game — the first Labor Day contest for either program — has no NFL or college competition on television.

Williams ran for 1,582 yards and 13 touchdowns last year and has some name recognition, but for the wrong reasons. Last year, he shared headlines with Ricky Williams of Texas, who went on to win the Heisman.

Williams thought about going by his middle name for a while, but this year he has an identity to himself and his own reputation to build on — the top returning rusher in the Big 12 Conference.

"It's a dream come true just being a Heisman candidate," Williams said. "It's something I've wished for since I was little. I've been playing running back since I was 4 years old. But the great goal for this team as well as me is to try and win some games."

Williams has a bigger blocking back this season in 220-pound Sammy Morris, who sat out two seasons because of eligibility problems.

"Ricky ought to be able to run a little better with Sammy back there," coach Spike Dykes said.

Redmond had more modest numbers for the Sun Devils — 883 yards and 11 touchdowns rushing — while missing all or part of three games because of ankle injuries. When he was healthy, Redmond was devastating, setting an Arizona State record for all-purpose yardage when he gained 350 yards against Southern California, including 214 on carries from scrimmage.

"He's a very, very talented individual," Dykes said. "He's a great runner, a great receiver. He returns kicks, and in the open field he's unbelievable. He's one of those athletes that you run across about every 10 years that can do anything, anywhere, anytime."

Arizona State's Bruce Snyder is trying to right the ship after coaching a 5-6 team last season, but that doesn't keep him from appreciating the quality of both teams' running games.

"I believe that next April when they draft, your top tailbacks will be Ricky Williams, J.R. Redmond and the guy from Oregon (Rueben Droughns)," Snyder said. "Those are the two best that I've seen. I think it's going to be spectacular for the fans."

Redmond tried to downplay the tailback hoopla and focus on a winning season.

"It's no more exciting than my first game," Redmond said. "The only thing I could get excited about is getting to watch another quality back. Maybe I'll learn something."

Given the parity at tailback, the contest may be decided by another position.

Ryan Kealy, a junior going into his third straight year as a starter, should give the Sun Devils an edge at quarterback. He was fourth in the Pac-10 last year in passing yards (216.1 average) and efficiency (144.1).

The Red Raiders will start Rob Peters, who broke his throwing hand and separated a shoulder last season and was limited to 1,289 yards passing and nine TD throws. Peters' backup is heralded freshman Kliff Kingsbury.

Biggio helps Houston to 6-2 victory

MONTREAL (AP) — Craig Biggio singled in the go-ahead run in the seventh inning to send the Houston Astros to a 6-2 win over the Montreal Expos on Sunday and a three-game sweep.

Houston has won four of five games to remain 21/2 games ahead of Cincinnati in the NL Central.

Scott Elarton (8-4) gave up two unearned runs and seven hits in six innings for his third win in 11 starts since joining the Astros starting rotation on July 3.

With the game tied at 2, Ricky Gutierrez singled off reliever Anthony Telford (4-3) and advanced to second on a sacrifice bunt. Biggio followed with a single to left to put the Astros ahead 3-2.

Ryan Thompson added a two-run single in the ninth to make it 6-2.

Comets retain third straight crown

HOUSTON (AP) — The Houston Comets' third WNBA championship was one for Kim.

One day after playing one of her worst games, Cynthia Cooper played one of her toughest, scoring 24 points as the Comets remained the league's only champion, beating the New York Liberty 59-47 Sunday.

Even in the heat of the championship game, thoughts were never far from Comets guard Kim Perrot, who died Aug. 19 following a seven-month battle with cancer.

One banner read "3 for 10" imploring the Comets to win their third WNBA title for Perrot, who wore No. 10. The Comets did just that by winning the final game of the best-of-3 series.

In the emotional final moments, the crowd broke into chants of "three for Kim, three for Kim."

Cooper, who was just 1-for-10 from the field in Saturday's 68-67 last-second loss, equaled that with her first shot Sunday and then helped the Comets break it open in the second half. She finished 13-of-15 from the foul line.

Major League Baseball

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East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
New York	84	52	.618	—
Boston	77	60	.562	7½
Toronto	74	65	.532	11½
Baltimore	61	75	.449	23
Tampa Bay	61	76	.445	23½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Cleveland	85	51	.625	—
Chicago	63	73	.463	22
Minnesota	57	78	.422	27½
Detroit	55	81	.404	30
Kansas City	53	84	.387	32½

West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Texas	81	56	.591	—
Oakland	75	62	.547	6
Seattle	68	68	.500	12½
Anaheim	52	84	.382	28½

Saturday's Games

Baltimore 3, Cleveland 1
Chicago 12, Texas 3
Boston 4, Seattle 0
Oakland 2, Detroit 1
New York 9, Anaheim 6
Tampa Bay 11, Minnesota 3
Toronto 6, Kansas City 3, 8 innings, rain

Sunday's Games

Minnesota 4, Tampa Bay 1
Kansas City 6, Toronto 3
Cleveland 15, Baltimore 7
Detroit 5, Oakland 4
Boston 9, Seattle 7
New York 8, Anaheim 3
Chicago at Texas, ppd., rain

Monday's Games

Cleveland (Burba 12-7) at Baltimore (Johns 4-2), 1:35 p.m.
Minnesota (Milton 6-11) at Tampa Bay (Wheeler 0-1), 1:35 p.m.
Boston (Mercker 1-0) at Seattle (Halama 11-5), 4:35 p.m.
Chicago (Parque 9-11 and Snyder 9-10) at Texas (Helling 12-7 and Fassero 4-14), 2, 6:05 p.m.
New York (Clemens 12-7) at Anaheim (Washburn 0-3), 8:05 p.m.
Detroit (Weaver 8-10) at Oakland (Olivares 13-9), 9:15 p.m.
Only games scheduled

Tuesday's Games

Baltimore (Erickson 11-11) at Minnesota (Mays 5-7), 8:05 p.m.
New York (Cone 11-7) at Kansas City (Rosado 7-13), 8:05 p.m.
Cleveland (Nagy 15-9) at Texas (Sele 15-7), 8:05 p.m.
Chicago (Sirotka 8-12) at Anaheim (Cooper 0-0), 10:05 p.m.
Boston (Wakefield 4-9) at Oakland (Heredia 11-6), 10:05 p.m.
Toronto (Wells 13-9) at Seattle (Meche 5-4), 10:05 p.m.
Only games scheduled

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East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Atlanta	86	52	623	—
New York	83	54	.606	2½
Philadelphia	68	68	.500	17
Montreal	57	79	.419	28
Florida	54	82	.397	31

Central Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Houston	82	56	.594	—
Cincinnati	78	57	.578	2½
Pittsburgh	68	69	.496	13½
St. Louis	67	71	.486	15
Milwaukee	60	76	.441	21
Chicago	55	80	.407	25½

West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Arizona	81	56	.591	—
San Francisco	75	62	.547	6
Los Angeles	65	71	.478	15½
San Diego	63	74	.460	18
Colorado	61	77	.442	20½

Saturday's Games

Milwaukee 4, St. Louis 2
Los Angeles 6, Chicago 0
Arizona 5, Atlanta 4
Florida 6, San Diego 4
New York 4, Colorado 2
Houston 5, Montreal 2, 10 innings
Cincinnati 22, Philadelphia 3
San Francisco 9, Pittsburgh 2

Sunday's Games

Arizona 7, Atlanta 5
Pittsburgh 8, San Francisco 4
Cincinnati 9, Philadelphia 7
Houston 6, Montreal 2
New York 6, Colorado 2
Los Angeles 4, Chicago 1
St. Louis 13, Milwaukee 9, 10 innings
San Diego 5, Florida 2

Monday's Games

Colorado (Astacio 14-10) at Montreal (Thurman 6-10), 1:35 p.m.
San Diego (Ashby 13-7) at Pittsburgh (Ritchie 12-8), 1:35 p.m.
San Francisco (L.Hernandez 7-11) at New York (Rogers 3-0), 1:40 p.m.
Cincinnati (Guzman 4-2) at Chicago (Bowie 1-4), 2:20 p.m.
Los Angeles (Valdes 9-12) at Florida (Meadows 10-14), 4:05 p.m.
Houston (Lima 18-7) at Philadelphia (Wolf 5-6), 7:05 p.m.
St. Louis (Stephenson 5-0) at Atlanta (Maddux 17-6), 7:40 p.m.
Only games scheduled

Tuesday's Games

Cincinnati (Villone 7-5 and Tomko 4-7) at Chicago (Trachsel 5-16 and McNichol 0-0), 2, 5:05 p.m.
Colorado (Thomson 1-6) at Montreal (Hermanson 6-12), 7:05 p.m.
Houston (Holt 3-13) at Philadelphia (Grace 1-1), 7:05 p.m.
Los Angeles (Gagne 0-0) at Florida (Dempster 6-7), 7:05 p.m.
San Diego (Hitchcock 11-10) at Pittsburgh (Schmidt 11-9), 7:05 p.m.
San Francisco (Nathan 5-3) at New York (Reed 10-4), 7:10 p.m.
St. Louis (Oliver 7-8) at Atlanta (Mulholland 8-7), 7:40 p.m.
Arizona (Stottlemyre 5-2) at Milwaukee (Eldred 2-7), 8:05 p.m.

Major College Football Scores

EAST

Albany, N.Y. 35, Cent. Connecticut St. 13
Boston College 30, Baylor 29, OT
Bucknell 37, Morgan St. 10
Buffalo St. 32, Robert Morris 20
Colgate 28, Maine 21
Georgia Tech 49, Navy 14
Hofstra 56, Connecticut 17
La Salle 44, St. Francis, Pa. 7
New Hampshire 37, Rhode Island 14
Northeastern 44, American Intl. 7
Penn St. 70, Akron 24
Pittsburgh 30, Bowling Green 10
Towson 34, Monmouth, N.J. 7

SOUTH

Alabama 28, Vanderbilt 17
Alabama A&M 37, Jacksonville St. 20
Auburn 22, Appalachian St. 15
Bethune-Cookman 17, Savannah St. 14
East Carolina 30, West Virginia 23
Elon 24, Furman 22
Florida 55, W. Michigan 26
Georgia 38, Utah St. 7
Georgia Southern 76, Fayetteville St. 0
Grambling St. 41, Alcorn St. 25
Hampton U. 21, Delaware St. 0
Jackson St. 35, Howard U. 21
LSU 29, San Jose St. 21
Lenoir-Rhyne 28, Jacksonville 13
Liberty 21, Virginia Union 12
Louisiana-Monroe 27, Nicholls St. 10
Louisville 56, Kentucky 28
Marshall 13, Clemson 10
Miami 57, Florida A&M 3
Mississippi 3, Memphis 0
Mississippi St. 40, Middle Tennessee 7
N. Iowa 41, McNeese St. 17
N.C. State 10, South Carolina 0
Purdue 47, Cent. Florida 13
Richmond 42, VMI 6
S. Carolina St. 20, Charleston Southern 14
Southern U. 20, NW Louisiana 13
Tennessee 42, Wyoming 17
Tennessee St. 41, Alabama St. 8
Texas A&M 37, Louisiana Tech 17
Virginia 20, North Carolina 17
Virginia Tech 47, James Madison 0

MIDWEST

Albion 27, Butler 20, OT
Cincinnati 41, Kent 3
Drake 21, Morningside 17
Illinois 41, Arkansas St. 3
Indiana 21, Ball St. 9
McKendree 38, Dayton 31, 2OT
Miami, Ohio 28, Northwestern 3
Michigan 26, Notre Dame 22
Minnesota 33, Ohio 7
Missouri 31, UAB 28
Nebraska 42, Iowa 7
Wisconsin 49, Murray St. 10

SOUTHWEST

Arizona 35, TCU 31
Ark.-Pine Bluff 13, MVSU 9
Arkansas 26, SMU 0
Houston 28, Rice 0
Oklahoma St. 24, Louisiana-Lafayette 7
Stephen F.Austin 51, Abilene Christian 34
Texas 69, Stanford 17
Texas Southern 34, Prairie View 0
Tulsa 45, SW Missouri St. 21
UTEP 13, New Mexico 10

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Colorado St. 41, Colorado 14
Fresno St. 34, Portland St. 6
Idaho St. 54, E. Oregon 28
Montana 45, South Dakota 13
Montana St. 20, Chadron St. 10
Oregon St. 28, Nevada 13
S. Utah 50, Fort Lewis 7
Sacramento St. 41, St. Mary's, Cal. 7
San Diego St. 41, South Florida 12
Southern Cal 62, Hawaii 7
UCLA 38, Boise St. 7
Utah 27, Washington St. 7

SDN Sports Briefs

Slingin' Sammy Baugh Snyder tourney

The eighth annual Slingin' Sammy Baugh Snyder Golf Tournament will be held Saturday at Western Texas College. Shotgun starts will be at 8 a.m. and 2 p.m.

Format will be a four-person scramble and cost is $140 per team. All proceeds benefit Snyder I.S.D. golf programs.

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SISD sports tickets

Season passes for all Snyder volleyball and basketball games are on sale now at the SISD business administration office. Passes are $30 for each sport, or $50 for a combined volleyball/basketball pass. The passes are good for all home games, from the varsity level through seventh grade. If purchased individually, adult tickets to home games are $2 each.

WGA play day

The Women's Golf Association of Snyder Country Club will hold its play day at 9 a.m. Tuesday. Format will be least and most strokes to the green on the back nine. A luncheon and business meeting will be held after play.

Bowling league news

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Some vehicle donations draw IRS scrutiny and scam artists

WASHINGTON (AP) — Donating that old clunker to charity can mean a hefty tax deduction, but the Internal Revenue Service is warning people not to overvalue used cars and trucks — and keep an eye out for scam artists.

With ads soliciting car contributions everywhere in newspapers, on radio and on the Internet, taxpayers should be aware of fake charity rip-offs and take care that for-profit car haulers aren't skimming most of the money in a charity's name.

"People need to use common sense," said Marc Owens, who oversees regulation of tax-exempt organizations at the IRS. "You need to ask yourself what the vehicle is really worth. If you're giving something to a charity, don't you want to know it is actually going to a charity?"

Tax laws permit people to deduct the "fair market value" of a vehicle, but there's no conclusive way to determine what that is.

IRS officials say people should use auto Blue Books and other valuation guides as a starting point — charities often advertise that the vehicles can be deducted to the "full Blue Book" price — but should not claim full value unless the car is in perfect working order with low mileage.

"The problem is, the charity implies that you'll be able to deduct the full Blue Book value, but that's a misstatement," said Alan Feld, a Boston University law professor who has written extensively on tax-exempt organizations. "The charity is relying on that little bit of larceny in everybody's heart."

All sorts of vehicles are given away, from inoperable heaps worth a few dollars for the parts to a classic 1964 Corvette Stingray that fetched $17,500 at a recent auction held by Davis Memorial Goodwill Industries of Washington.

No exact estimates are available on how many cars are donated each year, but experts say the number has grown leaps and bounds during the 1990s. The National Kidney Foundation, for example, accepted 56,000 vehicles in 1998 — a 39 percent increase in "Kidney Cars" over the year before.

Reasons for the popularity are many: Charities are always searching for novel ways to raise money, and many people simply don't want the hassle of selling a car themselves or getting stuck with a low trade-in value when buying a new car or truck.

"People want to make a donation and this is an easy way to do it," said Rusty Burwell, associate director of fund-raising at the American Lung Association. "Maybe it has something to do with the fact that they just want to get rid of a car."

To avoid an IRS headache, taxpayers should document their donated vehicle's mileage, condition and features, including photographs, Owens said. IRS Form 8283 must be completed for a non-cash charitable deduction of more than $500, and above $5,000 the form must be signed by someone who has independently appraised the vehicle.

Donated vehicles are usually auctioned or sold to salvage yards, depending on their condition. Some sales are targeted at low-income people, such as a Goodwill Industries International "Wheels to Work" program aimed at former welfare recipients.

Big charities like the Lung Association and Goodwill contract with towing companies and auctioneers to handle the transactions for relatively modest fees, ensuring they get the lion's share of the proceeds.

Detroit School District and striking teachers near pact

DETROIT (AP) — After negotiating through the weekend, representatives of both Detroit's public schools and striking teachers voiced optimism that a settlement was near.

Talks resumed Sunday morning and continued without a break until 11 p.m. EDT, when representatives for both sides emerged with settlement proposals, a sign that talks had progressed to final stages, a district spokesman said.

The dialogue was to resume at noon today.

"Hopefully, they'll be able to work out what remains of the details," said Stan Childress, a spokesman for the district's interim chief executive, David Adamany. "Both sides sounded optimistic that could happen" as early as today, he said.

John Elliott, the president of the Detroit Federation of Teachers, told the Detroit Free Press in today's editions that an agreement on substantial issues had been reached, but that stumbling blocks of an economic nature remained.

Childress said "all of the issues had economic implications," though he declined to elaborate whether such issues included merit pay, which had been mentioned as a sticking point.

As negotiators met Sunday behind closed doors inside the Schools Center Building, about 125 people rallied outside to show support for the walkout.

"No more second-class education for Detroit youths," said Cass Tech High School math teacher Steve Conn. "Equal opportunity now. That should be the banner at the union hall. That should be the banner right here at the Schools Center Building. Give Detroit youth and give Detroit teachers what they deserve."

The rally was organized by a group of teachers and community supporters who want the teachers' union to push harder for smaller class sizes and other concessions. The district educates 172,000 students.

Conn said he believes teachers could be called as soon as Tuesday to vote on a new proposal. Although he has not seen what has been negotiated, he called on teachers to reject whatever contract was presented.

"It will likely have some reforms that we want, but I'm here to say it's not going to be enough. It's not what we deserve. And it's not really what we can get if we continue to fight," Conn said.

Experimental surgery offers hope for prostate patients

WASHINGTON (AP) — One of men's greatest fears about prostate cancer surgery is that it will leave them impotent. Now Texas surgeons hunting a solution have successfully transplanted a nerve from men's legs into the pelvic area to restore erectile function.

So far, only a very small number of men have received this experimental nerve graft during prostate cancer surgery. But enough are regaining erectile function that the doctors told The Associated Press the early results signal an important advance.

"This is no question but that it's an exciting therapy and it's going to become very widespread," said Dr. Rahul Nath, a nerve specialist at Baylor College of Medicine who meticulously stitches the new nerve into place.

Many urologists were openly skeptical — some laughed — when surgeons from Baylor and M.D. Anderson Cancer Center told medical meetings they were going to try the procedure.

"People thought this was the most ridiculous thing they'd ever heard of," recalled M.D. Anderson urologist Dr. Christopher G. Wood. "You could come up with a million explanations for why this shouldn't work — but if it does work, who cares?"

Surgery to remove the walnut-sized prostate gland can damage the delicate cavernous nerves, tiny nerves that nestle on either side of the prostate and are vital for erectile function.

"Nerve-sparing surgery," developed at Johns Hopkins University, has helped many men avoid impotency after prostate surgery. But nerve-sparing surgery doesn't always work — there's a 30 percent to 60 percent chance of erections afterwards, depending on the surgeon's skill and the extent of the cancer.

Some men must have both cavernous nerves removed for their best chance at getting rid of all the cancer, leaving them with no erectile function.

Peaceful crowd gathered for Million Youth March

NEW YORK (AP) — A peaceful crowd of about 2,000 people turned out today for the Million Youth March, a controversial rally and march that ended in violence a year ago.

"Whose streets? Our streets!" shouted one group of marchers among the crowd that arrived in Harlem to hear a variety of speakers, including organizer Khalid Abdul Muhammad.

Paulette Washington was walking with a sandwich board reading, "Execute racism."

"If we can't live together, we'll die together," she said.

Police lined the scheduled parade route and stood on building roofs. A police helicopter flew overhead, but stayed a distance away; the arrival of police helicopters last year coincided with the start of the violence.

The prelude to today's march was eerily similar to the events that preceded last year's rally, whose stated purpose was to empower black and Latino youth. Instead, participants delivered speeches excoriating Jews, whites, black elected officials and others.

Many leaders in Harlem encouraged people to boycott this year's event, which was scheduled to run for four hours on Malcolm X Boulevard between 118th and 124th streets.

Prior to both marches, Mayor Rudolph Giuliani and march organizer Khallid Abdul Muhammad traded insults: After the mayor called the rally a "hate march," Muhammad — a former Nation of Islam spokesman fired for his anti-Semitic comments — called Giuliani a "cracker."

On both occasions, the city denied the group a permit to march. And in both years, organizers sued the city in federal court and won the right to hold a smaller four-hour event.

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Economy strong, but some workers struggle

WASHINGTON (AP) — Charles Goldman has a Labor Day wish: He won't be told, every time he turns on the television or picks up a newspaper, about how there's a good job for everyone in the miraculous 1990s economy.

The 30-year-old Phoenix resident has been looking for full-time work as a mechanical engineer since he got his degree in 1995. It's not that he can't find work. Goldman toils on and off as a telemarketer or selling computer equipment. But those jobs are part time, lack benefits, and don't make use of his hard-earned education.

"I'm very frustrated," said Goldman.

The manufacturing industry, where Goldman's education would be most relevant, is a dark spot in today's bright economy, losing nearly 1 million jobs in the past decade. No one seems to want to help the inexperienced young engineer make a start.

"They could maybe train and help us along a little bit," wishes Goldman.

In contrast, the booming construction industry, which has added more than a million jobs since 1989, is rolling out the red carpet for inexperienced job seekers.

Gary Edgington, president of Edgewel Electric Inc. in Des Moines, Iowa, is investing in a new on-site training program, using computer CD-ROMs, in order to widen the pool of potential workers he can recruit from and get them trained more quickly.

"I can look at a lesser qualified, but capable person," said Edgington. "We need people to get into this field and get trained."

With unemployment at a 29-year low, work is relatively easy to find this Labor Day, but the U.S. job market is hardly a placid place.

For workers, times are tumultuous, with the significant transition under way in the mix of jobs available, skills required and benefits offered. For some, it has meant opportunity; for others frustration.

Overall, the U.S. economy generated more than 21 million nonfarm jobs between July 1989 and July 1999, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

The biggest job gains have been in the service sector, with more than 12 million employees added. There are also more than 4 million more Americans working in retail and wholesale jobs. Jobs in finance, insurance and real estate have grown by nearly 1 million.

Job losses during the 10-year period have been confined mainly to manufacturing and mining.

The Labor Department estimates that about three-quarters of the jobs created since President Clinton took office in 1993 pay more than $11 an hour.

"These are not low-wage, low-skill jobs," said Labor Secretary Alexis Herman. "You've got good jobs being created at the high end of the wage scale, but the critical factor here is skills."

In the future, the Labor Department predicts that many of the fastest-growing jobs will require, if not a college degree, at least some special training. These include computer engineers, database administrators, desktop publishers, medical assistants, and securities and financial sales people.

Labor leaders, however, worry that those without education and training will be worse off as traditionally unionized manufacturing jobs, with high pay and good benefits, dry up.

The jobs on the low-skill end that are expected to be among the most plentiful in coming years? Cashiers and retail sales positions that pay an average of less than $300 a week — below the poverty level.

Those in the market now for jobs, especially young people, are encountering other disquieting trends, says AFL-CIO president John Sweeney, who believes a growing malaise will boost union membership in coming years.

"Young workers see fundamental inequities that education alone won't solve," Sweeney said.

Among these is erosion in benefits offered by employers. Recent studies show:

—The percentage of workers with a high school diploma who are covered by employer-sponsored health insurance fell from 72 percent in 1989 to 69.5 percent in 1997.

—Overall, the annual growth in what employers spend on employee benefits has slowed during the 1990s to 4.2 percent from 8 percent in the 1980s.

—Meanwhile, pay for top executives, including stock options, has more than quadrupled since 1990.

Another concern is that non-traditional work arrangements, such as temping and independent contractor status, are beginning to raise serious questions about who is legally responsible for the fair treatment of a growing number of workers.

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Miss America reign never ends for companion

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. (AP) — After Miss America 1999 Nicole Johnson relinquishes her rhinestone crown later this month, she gets to go home.

For Bonnie Sirgany the reign never stops, it only pauses long enough for her to catch up on her own personal life before resuming her responsibilities as aide, confidante, road manager, mother and 24-hour adviser to the world-famous beauty queen.

She is one of two women who alternate each month as Miss America's official travel companion.

"It's the best job," said former companion Ellie Taylor, 72, who held the job for 17 years. "You get paid to see the world and go to all these wonderful places and meet all these celebrities. But it's a hectic month. You need a month off to recuperate."

Ms. Sirgany — who temporarily gives up her duties to Michele Brennan next month — sometimes logs as many as 20,000 miles in a month accompanying Miss America on her yearlong national speaking tour.

While Miss America gives speeches, poses for pictures and signs autographs, Ms. Sirgany tips the porters, writes expense reports, runs interference and provides a shoulder to cry on when Miss America gets homesick.

"A lot of tears have been shed on these shoulders," she said. "She gives the speeches, I handle the problems. If someone has to be a bad guy, it has to be the traveling companion: 'I'm sorry, but there will be no more autographs.' She can't say that."

Ms. Sirgany will take another winner under her wing Sept. 18, when a new Miss America is crowned. Contestants for the 79th annual pageant begin arriving in Atlantic City today.

Typically, Miss America makes one or two appearances a day, but the travel never ends. In July, Miss Johnson visited 14 states — some twice.

The sponsoring group that requests Miss America's appearance is responsible for providing two first-class airline tickets, a two-bedroom hotel suite, three meals a day for two people and transportation in a vehicle with $1 million worth of insurance.

Sometimes the accommodations are posh, but not always.

"I've slept everywhere from a $15,000-a-night suite at the Plaza Hotel in New York to a cardboard box at a college campus in Oskaloosa, Iowa, and everywhere in between," Ms. Sirgany said.

After each appearance, Ms. Sirgany reports to pageant officials on how Miss America performed and how well she was prepared.

There's also a touch of mothering involved, such as when Miss America wants to go on a date. Miss America can go out without her traveling companion, but only if the companion knows where she's going and with whom. And the traveling companion waits up for her.

"You worry more about them than you do about your own kids," Ms. Sirgany said. "It's somebody else's child and you're responsible for them 24 hours a day."

Ms. Sirgany, who is divorced, started her career with the pageant as a volunteer in 1972. She began traveling with Miss America 10 years ago, after her three children all were out of college.

She keeps her personal life simple — plants that thrive on neglect, like cactus and yucca, and no pets.

Dan Quayle seeks to restart campaign

WASHINGTON (AP) — Former Vice President Dan Quayle, seeking to revive his stuttering presidential campaign, is pulling significant staff and resources out of Iowa and other states to narrow his focus to the first-in-the-nation New Hampshire primary.

With his campaign locked in the single digits, Quayle also will work to sharpen his political message for the fall by drawing starker contrasts to Republican presidential front-runner George W. Bush.

"The campaign has been quite boring frankly," said the former vice president, who will retain a minimal presence in Iowa. "We're going to turn the temperature up."

The remarks provided the first clue to Quayle's plans for rebounding from an embarrassing eighth-place finish in last month's non-binding Iowa straw poll. Almost immediately, Republican strategists predicted Quayle's donations would dry up and force his departure from the race. His South Carolina team bolted for another campaign.

Quayle vowed to tough it out.

Seeking an opportunity to prove his political viability, the former vice president has determined that New Hampshire was the best place to rejuvenate his campaign. The state seems the best fit for his massive tax-cut plan, aides said, and is perhaps more willing than Iowa to give an underdog candidate a second look.

"In New Hampshire, they take their responsibility seriously. It has that one-on-one character," Quayle said in a telephone interview with The Associated Press this week. "They have a different view. It's a smaller state than Iowa."

It also is the home of former Gov. John Sununu, a cochairman of the Quayle campaign. The former White House chief of staff has urged Quayle to ignore doomsayers and stay in the race.

Quayle will spend part of Labor Day weekend campaigning in New Hampshire.

Surveys of the state's voters show Quayle with only minimal support. A poll by Franklin Pierce College and WNDS-TV said Quayle was supported by 4 percent of Republicans. The poll, taken Sunday through Wednesday, had a margin of error of 6 percentage points.

Quayle spokesman Jonathan Baron provided no details about how much money or number of staff will shift to New Hampshire, saying the magnitude of the changes has not been determined.

"The campaign is in the process of making important decisions about how to reorganize, restructure and reallocate our resources," Baron said. "There will be additional staff and resources sent to New Hampshire — from everywhere."

John McCain, who is in a much stronger political position than Quayle, has decided to bypass the Iowa caucuses for New Hampshire, where he expects to find a more receptive audience.

With Bush raising records amounts of money, his rivals are frequently cutting back their spending plans. Lamar Alexander moved his entire operation to Iowa in failed effort to save his campaign. The former vice president has slimmed down his operation once already this year.

Quayle's final Iowa strategy is up in the air, pending a review of his options later in the fall after seeing whether a new tact in New Hampshire pays off, aides said.

"I don't think he has any intention of turning off the lights here," said David Hudson, Quayle's Iowa campaign manager.

Asked how long the focus will remain on New Hampshire, Baron said: "That depends on what we see in September and October" from polls, fund-raising efforts and media coverage, Baron said.

"This doesn't mean we're not going to continue in Iowa. We're just focusing on New Hampshire as we make additional decisions on the fall strategy and make additional announcements," he said.

He said the Iowa results were not surprising because Quayle spent just $50,000 on the pay-to-vote event — saving his cash for the fall strategy beginning to take shape now.

"Had we spent hundreds of thousands of dollars in Iowa, we would not have the flexibility to make the decisions we are now," he said.

On his message, Quayle plans to narrow the list of issues he discusses to a handful that draw natural contrasts to Bush. The decisions are still being made, but aides said his plan to reduce federal taxes by 30 percent and his experience in foreign policy are likely candidates.

Quayle promised a battle.

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'Ocean ranch' to provide fish, energy

YARMOUTH, Mass. (AP) — A Cape Cod environmentalist is trying to promote his plan for a so-called "ocean ranch," a $30 million proposal that weds wind power and aquaculture to create sustainable energy and a food source.

The plan by Conservation Consortium Foundation director Brian Braginton-Smith involves building an ocean platform where ocean ranchers would generate electricity for 10,000 users with 250 foot high wind towers, while raising fish in giant pens.

The idea is in the early stages of development, and would likely face heavy opposition from neighbors objecting to unsightly wind towers, and the waste created by fish farms.

But Braginton-Smith said now is the time to start building an ocean ranch.

"If we don't do this, 20 years from now our kids are going to be suffering from higher and higher costs for imported energy and imported seafood," Braginton-Smith told The Boston Globe.

Braginton-Smith met last week with James Baker, administrator of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, an agency that supports offshore aquaculture.

The proposal comes at a time when fishermen are hurting from tougher fishing restrictions designed to boost dwindling stocks. The plan is also in line with the Clinton administration's goal of encouraging nonpolluting energy sources.

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Tuesday, Sept. 7, 1999

Don't become dismayed if you should have to shoulder a trifle more responsibility where your work is concerned in the year ahead, because they will be accompanied by greater rewards.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) If you jump to conclusions without first giving adequate time to researching something important, it will not be too easy to get back on track and could severely impair your success today. Trying to patch up a broken romance? The Astro-Graph Matchmaker can help you understand what to do to make the relationship work. 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) Save yourself from potential embarrassment by being the first one to mention to a friend a matter under which you're obligated to fulfill. Let him or her know you're taking care of it.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Be extra careful you do not team up with losers today, because persons with whom you affiliate will have a greater influence on your thinking than usual.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Jobs or tasks that pop up out of nowhere for which you hadn't planned could overwhelm you today if you view what occurs through a magnifying glass. Instead take things in stride.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Should you run into one of your least favorite people in a convivial setting today, don't let this individual dampen your gregarious spirit. Maintain control of your mood.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Should any volatile issue be introduced into your relationship with your mate today, you can expect the day to turn into a bummer. Avoid or side step them in the first place.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) The last thing you'll promote today is competency if you unduly criticize the work of another. The person could completely lose interest and even do a worse job.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) If you didn't manage your resources too wisely yesterday, you might find yourself unable to participate in doing something fun with friends today. You'll remember this lesson.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Don't make matters worse for yourself today by taking by getting mad at others for a restriction that has been placed on you at this time. It's not their fault.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) The best way to make the world look gloomy today is to dwell exclusively on your own problems. Instead, turn your attention on the concerns of others, and things won't appear so bad.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) It would be best today not to hang out with pals who do not share your predicament of operating on a stringent budget. You'll only make yourself upset.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) If you're unprepared to put forth the necessary effort required to achieve that which is worthwhile, meaningful objectives might be quite difficult to come by today.

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Date Book

Monday, Sept. 6, 1999

Today is LABOR DAY. It is the 249th day of 1999 and the 78th day of summer.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1901, President William McKinley was shot by anarchist Leon Czolgosz, in Buffalo, N.Y. The president died eight days later.

On this day in 1975, Czechoslovakian tennis player Martina Navratilova requested political asylum in the United States.

On this day in 1991, the name of Russia's second-largest city was changed from Leningrad back to its original name — 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 55; Jane Curtin (1947-), actress, is 52.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1920, boxer Jack Dempsey knocked out Billy Miske in the third round of a heavyweight championship match at Benton Harbor, Mich.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "The common stock of intellectual enjoyment should not be difficult of access because of the economic position of him who would approach it." — Jane Addams

TODAY'S MOON: Between last quarter (Sept. 2) and new moon (Sept. 9).

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Rioting prompts evacuations

DILI, Indonesia (AP) — Pro-Indonesian militiamen set fire to the home of an East Timorese Nobel Peace laureate today, and the heads of victims were reportedly displayed on sticks outside the capital in a rampage following the territory's vote for independence.

Days of rioting prompted tens of thousands to flee East Timor, and Australia launched an airlift to evacuate U.N. elections officials and Australians from the half-island territory. East Timorese were streaming into neighboring West Timor at a rate of 1,000 per hour today, the International Committee of the Red Cross said in Geneva.

A top U.N. envoy met in Jakarta with the Indonesian president amid calls for an international peacekeeping force and accusations that Indonesian security forces were doing nothing to halt the bloodshed.

The East Timorese International Support Center, based in Darwin, Australia, said more than 170 people were slaughtered today by militiamen.

Witnesses said the Indonesian military fired guns to intimidate and chase out journalists and U.N. workers. They also accused the military of supporting militia gangs terrorizing the population with guns, machetes and fire.

The home of Bishop Carlos Belo, East Timor's spiritual leader and winner of the 1996 Nobel Peace Prize, appeared to be burning out of control after militiamen attacked 6,000 refugees who had taken refuge in his compound, witnesses said.

Pro-independence leader Manuel Carrascalao said that "the attack on Bishop Belo's residence left at least 39 people dead." The death toll could not be independently confirmed.

Belo was at home at the time of the attack but was uninjured. He was later flown in a police helicopter to the eastern town of Bacau.

Bacau Bishop Basilio Nascimento told Portugal's Antena 1 news station that Belo was "deeply hurt, especially psychologically. He's in a state of shock. From the scarce words he uttered, the attack was violent."

"First, they struck the windows, then they threw in a Molotov cocktail, which dispersed the refugees," Nascimento said.

The militiamen then stormed the nearby headquarters of the International Committee of the Red Cross. They "entered the compound and started shooting and people started fleeing," said Australian Red Cross spokesman Vedran Drakulic.

Speaking in Melbourne, Australia, Drakulic said 11 Red Cross delegates and eight other foreign aid workers fled to a local police station, but the whereabouts of the building's local employees and more than 2,000 displaced people who sought shelter in its compound were unknown.

According to the Western official, Indonesian military forces accompanied the militias to the bishop's residence along the waterfront, though they did not take part in the shooting. The official said the military loaded the refugees onto trucks and hauled them away.

Timorese resistance leaders in Australia said today that hundreds of independence supporters had been decapitated and that their heads were mounted on sticks lining roads out of the capital, Dili.

The claim came from a Timorese woman married to an Indonesian official who was taking her sick baby out of Dili. "On the road she passed hundreds of decapitated bodies," Joao Carrascalao, head of the National Council for Timorese Resistance, said in Australia.

Just a week agothe the U.N.-sponsored independence referendum received 78.5 percent of the vote.

North Texas cities say they are prepared for year 2000

DALLAS (AP) — Most North Texas cities say they are prepared for Y2K.

A survey of 40 cities by The Dallas Morning News indicates that come Jan. 1, traffic signals will work, water will run, and police will be on hand and in communication with each other.

The cities have spent millions of tax dollars preparing for Y2K, computer-speak for year 2000. For decades, computer programs were written with two digits to [illegible] a year. With those digits rolling over to "00," some computers could be confused about which century it is and malfunction.

None of the North Texas cities surveyed reports being less than 70 percent ready and several report 100 percent compliance. None expect to come up short Jan. 1.

"Our philosophy is to fix everything in sight," said Mike Rogers, Plano's internal audit manager, who is heading Y2K efforts there.

Rogers said cities [illegible] must be wary of systems that are out of their control, such as those of suppliers and other government bodies.

Like some other cities, Plano has purchased portable generators in case of power failures.

"I have a book 10 inches high" of contingency plans, said Garland Assistant City Manager Denny Wheat, who said he will ring in the new year at work — just in case.

According to information provided by area cities, more than $17 million has gone into the effort, and about a dozen cities, including Dallas, said they couldn't estimate their costs.

"It's been millions, for sure," said Dan McFarland, who is overseeing efforts for Dallas.

Among smaller cities, Frisco reports having spent about $100,000, mostly to upgrade and replace computer systems.

Russia sends troops to battle rebel incursion in republic

MAKHACHKALA, Russia (AP) — Government tanks and artillery today bombarded hundreds of Islamic insurgents who invaded a southern Russian republic for the second time in a month.

At least 14 members of the government security forces were killed in fierce fighting Sunday and today in Novolakskoye, a village in western Dagestan where the rebels surrounded a police station until Russian reinforcements arrived. There was no immediate word on rebel casualties.

Also, the death toll reached 40, with 120 injured, from a Saturday night bomb attack that demolished a building housing military families in central Dagestan, the ITAR-Tass news agency reported.

The weekend violence made clear the rebels were still intent on attacking Russian targets, and were not the beaten force that the Russian military leadership had described.

The Russians again appeared to be caught off guard by the latest rebel actions, even though Dagestan has been the scene of almost daily fighting for the past month and the militants have repeatedly announced plans to launch new strikes.

"There is nothing extraordinary (with the military operation). Everything is going according to plan," said Russian Prime Minister Vladimir Putin. The premier made his remarks Saturday, before the bomb blast and the rebel invasion, but his comments were not broadcast on Russian television until Sunday evening.

The rebels are far outnumbered by the Russian forces, but have battled government troops in three separate Dagestan regions since the hostilities began Aug. 7.

In another development, Russian war planes bombed rebel targets in neighboring Chechnya, the breakaway region from which the rebels came. Several Chechen regions were bombed Sunday night near the border with Dagestan, Chechen officials said today.

The move risks spreading the conflict into Chechnya, a lawless territory that has effectively been independent since the end of its 1994-96 war with Russia.

In Dagestan, the latest escalation began Saturday night when a car bomb went off, collapsing most of a five-story apartment block housing military families in the central Dagestani town of Buinaksk.

Rescue workers continued to scour the rubble today, looking for survivors.

Obituaries

Bill Banks

1926-1999

Graveside service for Bill Banks, longtime Snyder resident, will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday in Hillside Memorial Gardens. The Rev. James Brigham, Baptist minister, will officiate and Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Mr. Banks, 73, died Sunday, Sept. 5, in Cogdell Memorial Hospital after an illness.

Born on Jan. 1, 1926 in Teterville, Kan., Mr. Banks married Ruth Dole on Nov. 9, 1944 in Marion, Kan. Living in Snyder since 1958, he was a sales representative for Smith Tool International for 28 years. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge.

A son, Philip Dale Banks, preceded him in death in 1984.

Survivors include his wife, Ruth Banks of Snyder; two daughters and a son-in-law, Barbara and Robert Miller of Colorado City and Susan Banks of Snyder; a son and daughter-in –law, Glenn and Ann Banks of Garland; a daughter-in-law, Sylvia Banks of Sweetwater; three granddaughters, Stephanie Efurd of Garland, Wendy Taylor of Lubbock and Lana Banks of Sweetwater; and three great-granddaughters, Kaitlyn Efurd, Madison Taylor and Chloe Baker.

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Memorial committee taking event by storm

GALVESTON (AP) — When a monster hurricane hit this island in 1900, residents were caught off guard as the tides surged and winds roared. With no time to flee or plan, about 8,000 people died.

As the 100-year anniversary of the nation's worst natural disaster approaches, residents have started planning well in advance to honor those who faced the Sept. 8, 1900, storm.

"It was such a defining moment in our history," said Betty Massey, director of the Galveston Historical Foundation. "People want to connect themselves to the past, to learn more about the tragedy."

For 20 months, a committee of residents has been plotting a massive commemoration not only of the tragedy, but of the city's rebirth and rebuilding.

Massey said the group wants to show how islanders rallied together amid all the destruction.

One project, backed by the Galveston Commission for the Arts, is acquiring a sculpture of a man, woman and daughter to stand on the seawall.

"We felt the city needed a place where people could go to remember the survivors of the storm," Massey told The Galveston County Daily News. "The only one we have right now is a large rock. We wanted to create a place to remember them."

Also planned is a memorial service at Kermit Courville Stadium and plaques for all buildings or homes that withstood the storm.

The Galveston County Historical Museum plans a display of storm memorabilia.

Museum director Alice Wygant said any time the storm receives publicity, the museum sees a flurry of donations.

The museum already has received one of its more impressive possessions, a governmental medal awarded to a man who saved more than 100 lives on the island.

Of course, some of the offers are slightly odd.

Hospital

ADMISSIONS: Sept. 3-M.C. Burditt, D.L. Hammit, Opal Minton, Rhonda Parrish, Dora Vineyard, Rosalio Gutierrez, Stephanie Parham; Sept. 4-Aurelia Almanzo, M.C. Burditt, Billy Goldesberry, Bill Hayes, Angie Davis, Vanice Lovett; Sept. 5-Kolten Cox, Marvin Howard, Carlton Sanders and Sheila Talbert.

DISMISSALS: Sept. 3-Patricia Scott, Holli Welch and baby boy, Rachel Bass, Rosalio Gutierrez, D.L. Hammit, Pauline Luna, Opal Minton, Rhonda Parrish; Sept. 4-Bill Hayes, Rhonda Parrish, Melody Smith and baby girl, Stephanie Parham; Sept. 5-Aurelia Almanza, Chrystal Lindsey and baby boy, Angie Davis.

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ONGOINGS

Bible study tapes

Bible study video tapes air each week on cable TV channel 2. The tapes to be shown at 7 p.m. today are "Satan, The Christian's Great Enemy," followed by "Freud vs. God."

Grand jury

The Scurry County grand jury will hear 17 felony cases when it convenes at 9 a.m. Tuesday in 132nd District Court.

Masonic Lodge

The Scurry Masonic Lodge will have it stated meeting at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday. All master masons are invited.

Hermleigh booster club

The Hermleigh booster club will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the school cafeteria.

Social Security rep

A representative of the Social Security office in Big Spring will be in Snyder Tuesday at the Senior Citizens Center.

Snyder Lions Club

The Snyder Lions Club will not meet Tuesday but instead will attend the United Way kickoff luncheon Thursday at noon at the Martha Ann Woman's Club.

Workforce reception

A reception honoring Dave Hanes, director of Workforce Education at WTC, and Terry Stephens, extension workforce coordinator, will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday, in the Development Corporation of Snyder offices at American State Bank. The reception is sponsored by the City of Snyder, chamber of commerce, Scurry County and the DCOS.

United Way kickoff

The Scurry County United Way will have a kickoff luncheon at noon Thursday at Martha Ann Woman's Club.

Support groups

The Support Group Ministry of First Baptist Church's regular meeting will be a kick-off social (Dutch treat) Thursday at 6:30 p.m. at the Spanish Inn. Anyone interested in cancer, grief or divorce support groups is encouraged to attend this special time of fun and fellowship. Please R.S.V.P. by Wednesday by calling 573-1822 and asking for Brenda or Dee. Nursery will be provided at the First Baptist Church.

Northeast parent council

The council will meet at 7 p.m. Thursday in the school auditorium. All parents are welcome.

Weigh-Down workshop

Weigh Down is a Bible-based weight-loss program. First class begins next Monday and cost is $103 for 12 weeks. For more information, call 573-7044 or 573-3988.

WTC continuing education

Basic Internet will be taught on consecutive Mondays and Thursdays starting next Monday. Time is 7-9 p.m. Windows 98 will be taught on the same days from 4:30-6:30 p.m. Each class is $30 and pre-registration is required by calling 573-8511, ext 390.

GED classes

GED classes will start Sept. 14 in library room 209 at Western Texas College. Both English as a second language and GED classes will be offered.

At the pole

See You At The Pole will be Wednesday, Sept. 15, at 8:09 a.m. at the flagpole on the courthouse lawn.

Conversational Spanish

A course in conversational Spanish will be taught at Western Texas College on Thursdays from 6-8 p.m. beginning Sept. 16. The cost is $50 and pre-registration is required. Call 573-8511, ext. 390.

Fajita supper

A fajita supper to benefit SHS Spanish Club students will be held from 5-8 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 16, in the St. Elizabeth's Church Hall. Tickets are $5 and may be purchased from any club member or by calling 574-6012.

Millennium T-Shirts

East Elementary has student millennium T-Shirts for sale and the last day to place an order is Sept. 17. Youth sizes are $7, adult sizes are $8 and XX and XXX sizes are $10. Call Christy Smith at the school at 573-1769.

Scurry County Fair entries needed

Agriculture, barnyard and men's division entries should call 573-3026. All other booths, or entries should call 573-3558. The fair will be Sept. 16-18 in the Scurry County Coliseum. All entries are needed by Sept. 15 for all divisions and categories.

AARP meetings

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

Canyon community reunion

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

Pick 3

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

9-0-3

nine, zero, three

Lottto Texas

AUSTIN (AP) — No ticket(s) correctly matched all six numbers drawn Saturday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials said.

The jackpot was worth an estimated $7 million.

The numbers drawn Saturday night from a field of 50 were: 1, 10, 19, 23, 33 and 41.

Wednesday night's drawing will be worth an estimated $10 million.