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HISTORICAL TALK – Drew Bullard (right) tells the crowd gathered for the unveiling of the historical marker about the history of Santa Fe Railroad in Scurry County this morning. The railroad first reached Snyder in 1911. (SDN Staff Photo)

Routine action of appointing election judges is postponed

By Joyce May
SDN Staff Writer

A motion to table action concerning appointment of election judges drew opposition from Precinct 3 Commissioner Howard Limmer when the court met this morning.

Precinct 1 Commissioner Ralph Trevey made the motion to table the action until a list of Democratic-selected alternate judges could be obtained.

The Republican Party, who has the option of choosing head judges, submitted its list of election judges this morning.

In explaining his opposition, Limmer said, "Mainly the reason is because of the law. The governor who was elected happened to be a Republican, so the Republican Party has the opportunity to assign election judges and the other party elects alternates."

Limmer added, "The reason I voted to not postpone the vote was because that's how the law reads. If that is the way the law is written, that's the way it should be."

Trevey's motion to table the action was approved, 3-1.

In other business, the court voted unanimously not to change the amount of the road and bridge fee, which is charged at the time a person registers an automobile.

The current amount of $10 will remain.

Commissioners also decided against charging a crossing guard fee.

Members of the Scurry County Historical Commission gathered with county officials on the southwest corner of the courthouse for the unveiling of the Santa Fe Railroad historical marker.

Drew Bullard made a presentation of the history of the railroad and Billy Bob McMullan, president of the historical society, unveiled the marker.

Two line-item transfers were also approved.

The court approved a line-item transfer for Precinct 4, transferring $8,410 from road materials into repairs and machine hire.

A line-item transfer was also approved for the district attorney's office, transferring $71 from postage and public office liability insurance into bonds and notary seals.

Council to meet

Snyder City Council will consider the first reading of an ordinance approving the city's 1999-2000 budget when it meets this evening at 6:30.

The proposed budget is $8,784,275 – up slightly from last year's figure of $8,379,530. It will require a small tax increase.

The proposed tax rate is $.3961 per $100 valuation while the present rate is $.3935 per $100 valuation.

With the increase in property values this year, taxes on the average homestead will increase 7.87 percent, or $9.55 per year.

In other business this evening, the council will consider the second reading of an ordinance amending the licensing standards for electricians in the city, and a request from TXU Electric to amend switchover costs for retail customers.

The council will also consider a request to close an alley in a block bounded by 24th and 25th Streets and Avenue G.

WTC seminar set

Western Texas College will hold its second success seminar Tuesday as the college prepares for the first day of school on Aug. 30.

Tuesday's activities will get underway at 8 a.m. as students will check in at the administration building.

Students will receive housing and financial information during the day, as well as tours of the campus.

Registration at the college will begin on Aug. 25 from 1-7 p.m., and continues Aug. 26 at 8:30 a.m.

Three Snyder schools get exemplary rating

Snyder ISD received the latest TAAS tests ratings this morning and three of the district's campuses received exemplary ratings.

Central Elementary, Northeast Elementary and Stanfield Elementary were all rated exemplary by the Texas Education Agency.

Snyder Junior High, West Elementary and East Elementary received recognized status.

Snyder High School was listed as acceptable.

Overall, the district received recognized status.

To receive exemplary status, at least 90 percent of the students must pass each section of the TAAS test.

Recognized status means at least 80 percent of the students passed each section of the test.

For an acceptable rating, at least 45 percent of the students must pass each section of the TAAS.



UNVEILING – Scurry County Historical Commission president Billy Bob McMullan unveils the historical marker about the Santa Fe Railroad during ceremonies this morning on the lawn of the Scurry County Courthouse. (SDN Staff Photo)

Attendance and dropout rates are also considered when campuses and districts are rated.

Two Texas school districts — Austin and West Texas' Ysleta — received a new, low rating in the state's school accountability system because of serious errors in dropout reporting, the Texas Education Agency said today.

An official with Ysleta Independent School District, in El Paso, said the district has a new administration and began to address the data problem as soon as it was discovered.

"As soon as we determined there was a problem we moved on it immediately," said Larry Trejo, executive director of community initiatives and information services.

A.C. Gonzalez, Austin ISD interim superintendent, also said steps are being taken to correct the problems.

"Truly, it is unacceptable," Gonzalez said.

The state looks not only at overall student test performance and dropout data, but at figures for specific student categories: black, white, Hispanic and economically disadvantaged. TEA was posting ratings on its Web site.

In addition to the new rating, there are other changes this year in the state accountability system for schools.

Special education students' test scores and third- and fourth-grade Spanish TAAS scores will be included for the first time in school ratings.

In addition, an acceptable rating this year requires 45 percent of the student body and each student group — white, black, Hispanic and economically disadvantaged — to pass the TAAS. That's up from 40 percent last year.

An acceptable rating also requires a dropout rate of 6 percent or less for the student body and each of those student groups, and a 94 percent attendance rate.

Last year, 585 school districts and 3,365 campuses were rated acceptable.

The highest rating of exemplary was given to 120 school districts and 1,048 campuses, while the second-highest tag of recognized went to 329 school districts and 1,666 campuses.

Domestic abuse pain lingers for many years



Sometimes the wounds are visible, hidden scars in a tiny psyche, torn apart as a loved one is beaten. Watching Mommy and Daddy self-destruct. For the children who witness domestic violence, the pain from those invisible wounds can linger years after the beatings stop.

Sometimes, the wounds are masked by drugs or alcohol and sometimes hidden as they lash out at the world. But none of the children escape. They're all trauma victims. It's like war. You don't walk out of the situation unscathed. Daily, we are dealing with traumatized youth deprived of a basic ingredient in development: a feeling of security. To feel physically safe is to be able to concentrate, to eat, to sleep, to develop relationships.

Children are getting impressions of the world around them. The major thing that goes through the kids' head is, "If I'm not safe at home, am I going to be safe at school, in the world?"

But looking a little closer, that's not all.

They all feel worthless - like a nobody - can't do anything. The feelings also include shame, embarrassment, anger, sadness, guilt and thoughts of suicide. They often think that all the abuse is actually their fault, and if they would be a better person, the abuse would stop. The abuser uses these emotions and feelings to continue having power and control. So the abusive cycle continues. Do we dare look a little closer?

At shelters and at our office we watch toddlers play "house." They play mommy and daddy and they hit each other. Kids model what they see. However, we believe that the model can change by giving children, as young as possible, a vision of what life can be. We work with the children and the parents to provide healthy role modeling skills. Shelters and therapists provide a safe place for children to tell their story and begin to heal their wounds, inside and out.

According to one study, children from abusive homes are six or seven times more likely to abuse drugs and alcohol as those who don't come from those types of homes. Seventy percent of the children who grow up in abusive homes are likely to become abusive in their own relationship. An Oregon study found that 65 percent of boys, ages 12 to 20, incarcerated for murder had killed their mother's abuser.

When children are not able to trust the environment in which they live, especially to trust adults who are supposed to provide them with safety and protection, it can be a hindrance to them throughout their lives.

This is more than changing ones attitude. It is educating people on what is the correct way to behave and how to control impulses. While the place to teach people how to control angry impulses can range from the pre-school classroom to the prison cell, authorities say extra effort must be taken to reach out to youngsters before they begin to follow the violent footsteps of their parents.

There is no way to stop it this year and there is no way to stop it next year. The only way to reduce it in the future years is by recognizing the problem and educating people.

With study after study showing the children reared in violence are more likely to become violent adults, experts in law enforcement, education and social services insist changing behavior today will pay off tomorrow. If we don't protect the young victims, we're perpetuating the violence.

But education and helping the child may not be enough.

Adults must be held accountable for their actions.

(This is the second in a four-part series written by Gayla Neff Hall, a therapist at Marriage & Family Therapist Associates. Comments and questions can be sent to MFTA, 1600 25th St., Snyder, TX, 79549 or call 915-573-2299.)

ASK US

Q-Did the airplane that was being towed through Snyder Saturday morning ever arrive in Midland?

A-It had not by Sunday afternoon as it was parked at Gail. The airplane had its second flat about six miles from Gail around 11 a.m. Saturday and the tow crew had used its only spare Friday night in Roby.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Saturday, 100 degrees; low, 73; high Sunday, 101; low, 75; 7 a.m. Monday, 77 degrees; no precipitation; total for 1999, 19.31 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight night, clear. Low, lower 70s. Tuesday, sunny. High around 102. Tuesday night, mostly clear. Low, lower 70s.



Kaden Billingsley
Sunny

Sunset: 8:26 p.m.
Sunrise: 7:10 a.m.
Of 227 days in 1999, the sun has shone 220 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

"Stumbling is not the same as falling."
—Portuguese Proverb

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Aspirin-size computer can do many things

WASHINGTON (AP) — The latest from the cyberworld: an aspirin-size computer that, embedded in household appliances, could let people on the road or at the office use the Internet to cool their homes, heat coffee and tape TV shows.

Believed to be the smallest such computer ever built, the inexpensive device could help usher in a new generation of connected home appliances, from VCRs to coffee makers to small cameras, controlled over the Internet from almost anywhere.

"The implications of this are more than a silly little competition among a bunch of researchers," said H. Shrikumar, who studies specialized machine automation at the University of Massachusetts in Amherst. "This has tremendous application in the way it might change our lives."

The project also testifies to how much utility a concise programmer can pack into a limited amount of computer memory, even in these days of multi-megabyte software applications with millions of lines of code.

The tiny computer, slightly larger than the head of a match, is connected to the Internet from Shrikumar's apartment near the university. It includes a tiny 4-megahertz processor he bought for 49 cents and a small 32-kilobyte memory chip that stores World Wide Web pages and other data.

Although those numbers are paltry compared to the speed and storage of modern personal computers, which run thousands of times faster and contain hundreds of times more storage, the tiny computer still is more powerful than typical computers less than a decade ago.

Shrikumar, 33, said his computer can be built for less than $1, making it practical to install the devices in a variety of home electronics and appliances.

Some existing appliances, such as modern thermostats or newer coffee makers, can be programmed individually. But appliances connected using the language of the Internet, called "TCP/IP," could communicate with each other even if made by different manufacturers.

Just before the hour the homeowner sets for his alarm clock, for example, the thermostat could automatically turn up the heat, the television could turn on the morning news and the coffee could begin brewing.

"In one click, the whole house now wakes up with you," he said. "This can make our way of life much easier."

Similarly, with the appliances connected to a home network that also maintained a continuous connection with the Internet, consumers could use the Web browser on an office computer to program their VCRs, turn on their porch lights, even activate cameras to check on the baby sitter.

The new wave of high-speed Internet connections using cable TV modems or new digital phone lines already offer such continuous hookups.

"I'm not sure I want a computer in my refrigerator that's controllable, but the heating system, that's a legitimate one you'll want to control," said Richard Smith, president of Phar Lap Software Inc. in Cambridge, Mass., who built the first small Internet computer more than two years ago.

"This could solve the problem of programming the VCR. You could have more sophisticated control mechanisms, have different time schedules on the weekdays," Smith said.

Shrikumar's Internet computer is smaller than one built earlier this year at Stanford University, which includes a much more powerful processor and lots more memory. But the Stanford computer costs more than $800.

Vaughan Pratt, the Stanford professor in charge of that project, said the implications of Shrikumar's work are enormous. "Everything that shrinks down to a size that can be embedded in small spaces will have a big impact," Pratt said.

Since Shrikumar began testing his computer this summer, and after he announced it on a private Internet discussion group, about 5,000 people daily from around 70 countries have visited the tiny computer's Web site.

Accused doctor reportedly ran 'drug mill'

REDDING, Calif. (AP) — Dr. Frank Fisher's supporters consider him a pioneer in the field of pain management.

The Harvard-educated physician says he prescribed heavy doses of painkillers to ease the suffering of his chronically ill patients.

But prosecutors say Fisher did nothing more than run a drug mill, overprescribing medications that caused the deaths of five people.

"His practice was a sham," says Deputy Attorney General Anthony Lewis. "He wasn't providing medical care. He was providing drugs to the community, to people who wanted to abuse narcotics."

Fisher and the co-owners of a pharmacy that filled the prescriptions, Stephen and Madeline Miller, were charged with five counts of murder — charges that Fisher says reflect a terrible misunderstanding of his work.

"I feel like I'm being punished for behaving with good conscience and doing the right thing," he told The Sacramento Bee. "I don't think the attorney general's office understands the issue of chronic pain or how you treat it."

A Shasta County judge ruled last month that there wasn't enough evidence to try the three for murder and reduced charges against Fisher, 45, to involuntary manslaughter in three of the deaths.

Stephen Miller, 49, now faces two counts of involuntary manslaughter. Murder charges were dismissed against his wife, Madeline, 45.

The three still face 19 counts of fraud for billing Medi-Cal $2 million last year. They have pleaded innocent.

Fisher billed Medi-Cal, a government-funded health-care program, for treating patients with no legitimate medical need, then steered them to the pharmacy with costly prescriptions for hundreds of morphine-like pills, prosecutors say.

Lewis says prosecutors "are not attacking the pain-management industry."

The doctor had seen — at least once — up to 3,000 patients from Redding and surrounding communities in northern California, and probably no more than about 200 were being treated for chronic pain, Lewis says.

But Fisher's supporters say the case is misguided. They have started a newsletter on his behalf and printed T-shirts to show their support.

"I think these people who are prosecuting (Fisher) have never even had a headache," says former patient Barbara Hackett, who has lupus, an inflammatory disease that can affect the skin, joints, kidneys and nervous system.

"If they had a family member with the kind of pain that every one of us puts up with every day, then this wouldn't be happening."

There is no consensus in the medical community on the best way to relieve chronic pain. While debate continues, doctors risk discipline from medical licensing boards for prescribing powerful narcotics.

In California, the Intractable Pain Act of 1990 lets physicians prescribe any level of medication they think is needed so long as an increase in dosages is gradual, among other precautions.

Dr. Mitchell Max, director of the pain research clinic at the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, Md., is testing potential alternatives to the powerful opiates like oxycodone that Fisher prescribed.

"But nothing we've come up with is a good as opiates," Max says. "Every physician has patients who do well on them. But they also have patients who take them like candy."

Among Fisher's patients who died was 19-year-old Bruce Johannsen Jr. He choked on vomit "due to oxycodone intoxication" on July 1, 1998, investigators say.

Johannsen's father, Bruce Sr., blames Fisher. "He flooded this town with pills and my son got some of them."

If convicted, Fisher faces up to 16 years in prison; Stephen Miller, 14 years; and Madeline Miller, eight. They could be fined $4 million each. The three are barred from their jobs pending the case's outcome. No trial date has been set.

Fisher's supporters include Robert Stevens, whose wife, Tamara, 38, was among those Fisher was originally accused of murdering. After other doctors gave her 18 months to live, she survived almost four years under Fisher's care, he said.

"They're prosecuting him for something he didn't do," Stevens said. "He provided a service to this community."

Stanford drug tests on teen inmates probed

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — State officials are investigating the legality of a Stanford University program that tested a powerful psychiatric drug on teen-age inmates, the Los Angeles Times reported today.

"We're not going to put up with wards being used as guinea pigs," Hilary McLean, Gov. Gray Davis' spokeswoman, told the newspaper.

Earlier this month, the state attorney general and the state inspector general were ordered to look into the "legality of Stanford's study," McLean said.

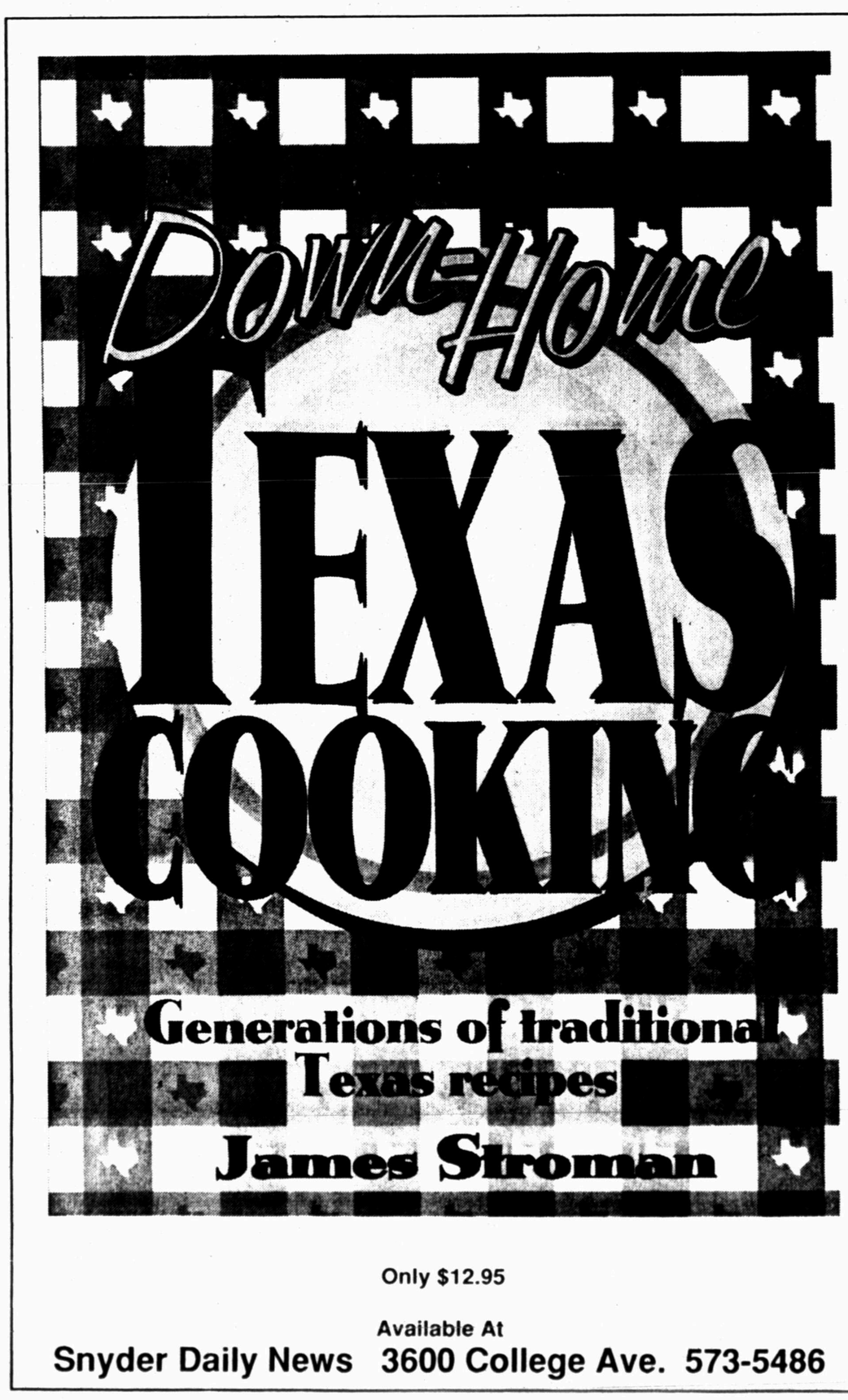
The eight-week Stanford experiment took place in 1997 at a detention facility in Stockton. Sixty-one boys and men, ages 14 to 18, were given Depakote — a drug used to treat seizures and mania — to see if it would curtail aggression; all agreed to take part, the newspaper reported.

None of the youths appear to have been harmed, according to subsequent examinations. However, state officials question whether the drug tests were in the best interest of the teen-agers.

"In the legal sense, and maybe in the moral sense, we missed the boat on this one," said Robert Presley, the state's top corrections official.

Stanford officials said the facility's former medical director, Dr. Dan Cashman, assured them the testing was legal.

To end the confusion, Presley issued a directive two weeks ago, stating the youth detention centers cannot conduct, or allow anyone else to conduct, medical research on inmates unless it meets the governor's approval and is codified into law.

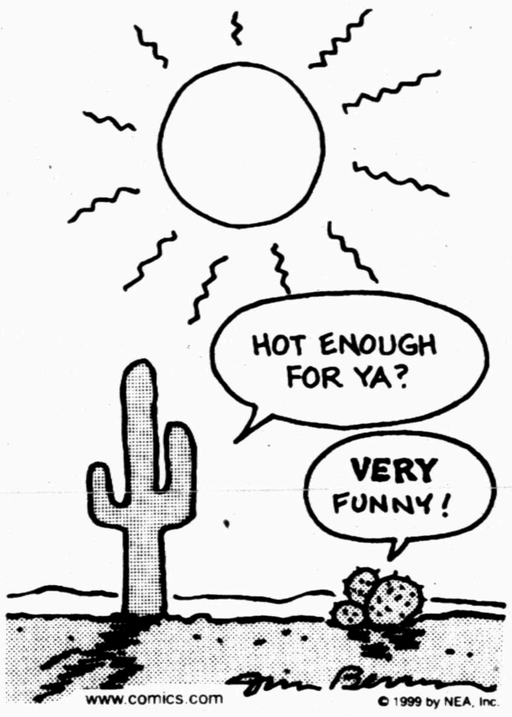


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Scurry County

Sharp Image Energy will drill the No.2-A Murphy, a 7,500-foot wildcat located three miles northwest of Ira. Location is in Section 132, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Nolan County

Sinclair Oil Corp. has completed the No. 3 Holt in the R.E.H. field, 15 miles northeast of Sweetwater. The well was finaled to produce 192 barrels of oil and 11 barrels of water. Perforations were from 4,891-957 feet, and location is in Section 1, Block Z, T&P survey.

Walter Exploration Inc. will drill the No. 303-X Pace, a 4,000-foot re-entry project in the Sprague field, two miles southeast of Sweetwater. Location is in Section 3, Block X, T&P survey.

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Monday, Aug. 16, 1999

Today is the 228th day of 1999 and the 57th day of summer.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1829, Chang and Eng Bunker, the original Siamese twins, arrived in Boston aboard a sailing ship named Sachem.

On this day in 1956, actor Bela Lugosi died in Los Angeles, Calif.

On this day in 1985, Sean Penn and Madonna were married.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: George Meany (1894-1980), labor leader; Fess Parker (1925-), actor, is 74; Robert Culp (1930-), actor, is 69; Frank Gifford (1930-), football great-sportscaster, is 69; Eydie Gorme (1932-), singer, is 67; Lesley Ann Warren (1946-), actress, is 53; Madonna (1958-), singer-actress, is 41.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1920, Charles Paddock won the 100-meter dash at the Antwerp Olympics.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Talking and eloquence are not the same: to speak, and to speak well, are two things. A fool may talk, but a wise man speaks." — Ben Johnson

TODAY'S MOON: Between new moon (Aug. 11) and first quarter (Aug. 18).

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Reno studies ways to cut gun violence

WASHINGTON (AP) — Attorney General Janet Reno says gun violence might be reduced if prospective gun owners are required to be licensed and show they can use a firearm safely and legally.

Reno said Sunday on CNN's "Late Edition" that she favored "not registering guns, but licensing the people who use guns on the common-sense principle that you shouldn't ... use a gun unless you know how to safely and lawfully use it, and unless you have evidenced the capacity and willingness to do so."

"I'd have them take a written and manual test demonstrating that they know how to safely and ... to lawfully use it under state law," along with passing a background check, she said.

The attorney general said her proposal was based on common sense. "I think it would have a real impact, because now people can possess a weapon without knowing how to use it," she said.

She told of a friend who got a gun for self-protection. "I said, 'Do you know how to use that thing?' She said no. I said, 'Take it back. You're going to be more dangerous with it than without it.'"

Reno, who also offered the idea of licensing gun owners in April after the Colorado school shootings, could not say if such a law would have prevented last week's shootings at a Jewish community center in Los Angeles.

"But if we have one law that focuses on the user, ensures that they have the capacity and the knowledge to use it safely and lawfully, then we can really go after people who possess a gun without a license, because there is no excuse," she added. "Be licensed, know how to use it, and I think we could have a far greater impact in the whole area of gun violence."

President Clinton has been seeking to strengthen federal gun and hate-crimes laws, but he has made no formal proposal regarding Reno's idea of licensing gun owners.

Reno would not say whether federal or state charges would be pursued first against Buford O. Furrow Jr., the white supremacist accused of wounding five people at the Jewish center Tuesday and of killing a Filipino-American postal worker later that day.

Reno said the Justice Department would confer with local authorities to determine a course of action. She also said it was too early to say whether her prosecutors would seek the death penalty in the killing of the postal worker.

Thousands attend talk by Dalai Lama in New York City

NEW YORK (AP) — The Dalai Lama came to the heart of New York City with a message for its conscience.

Speaking for nearly two hours to a Central Park crowd of more than 40,000 on Sunday, the exiled Tibetan Buddhist leader chided the nation's largest city for allowing a gulf between rich and poor that helps fan "a lot of trouble, a lot of fear, killings."

"The huge gap is very unfortunate," he said.

The lecture capped a four-day visit to New York, and marked the Dalai Lama's second appearance in the park since 1991. That event, a "meditation" held two years after his winning of the Nobel Peace Prize, was attended by 5,000 people.

The applause that followed the Dalai Lama's remarks on the city's ills broke a reverential silence that spanned most of his address, which dwelled on themes of peace and tolerance.

"My life, when I look back, has not been easy," the 64-year-old said. "But one thing I learned — the compassion, the sense of caring about others' welfare — brings to me inner strength. It has defined the purpose of my life."

He said every person has "the same potential for inner tranquility," but "negative forces" such as "fear, suspicion, selfishness and self-hatred, can destroy inner peace."

Born as the 14th heir to Tibet's 600-year-old religious dynasty, the Dalai Lama was driven into exile in 1959 at age 24 following a failed uprising against Chinese troops that had taken over the Himalayan nation nine years earlier. He has lived for most of the past 40 years in India, the head of a Tibetan government in exile.

Nicholas Vreeland, director of New York's Tibet Center, said Sunday's crowd was "about what we expected." The Dalai Lama, he said, "is not proselytizing, he is imploring people to become better people."

Spectators said the message was an enunciation of principles that the human race would do well to embrace.

"It codifies what I've always believed," said Adam Rosen, 28, an art and sculpture student. "It shows that people are spiritually starved. I hope some will hear this message."

Actor Richard Gere, a friend and disciple of the Dalai Lama, introduced him as a man whose words transcend religion.

Repeatedly stressing the idea of a single human race, the Dalai Lama noted that when seen from outer space, "our beautiful blue planet" has no national boundaries, and drew applause again in declaring that "the concept of war is now irrelevant, the concept of violence is out of date."

City Parks Commissioner Henry Stern said Sunday's crowd was second in size only to Pope John Paul II's for a non-entertainment event, but could not put a figure on the latter.

Despite poor showing, Quayle still confident

SANDOWN, N.H. (AP) — Former Vice President Dan Quayle reacted Sunday to his dismal showing in Iowa straw poll by giving confident, emotional speeches punctuated by applause from his supporters.

He alluded to the obstacles he faces, spoke of forging ahead and congratulated Texas Gov. George W. Bush for his Saturday victory.

"As you look at America and the American spirit ... we have always been optimistic," he said. "The thing I resent most about this administration is the cynicism and distrust they have put out into America."

Later, at a picnic in Amherst, Quayle said he wasn't disappointed by his eighth-place Iowa showing and will make no changes in strategy because of it.

"I congratulate George Bush," Quayle said. "He won fair and square. But you have to win on Election Day. You can buy a straw poll. You can't buy an election."

Quayle attributed his finish to spending less money than the Texas governor and to a late start in the straw poll campaigning.

In Sandown and Amherst, Quayle won applause by deriding President Clinton, calling for classroom discipline and better pay for teachers, and promising to cut taxes 30 percent.

Quayle compared Clinton's administration to the Woodstock music festivals in 1969 and this year. Like the first show, Clinton began full of youthful ideals, Quayle said. But like this year's festival, his administration turned chaotic.

Dole likes results

BEDFORD, N.H. (AP) — With a swimming pool as a backdrop, Elizabeth Dole said Sunday she is diving into the rest of her presidential campaign buoyed by the results of the Iowa straw poll.

Dole, who finished behind Texas Gov. George W. Bush and publisher Steve Forbes, called the backyard meeting with several hundred supporters a victory party.

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Modern Rules for Dating Apply to Women as Well

by Abigail Van Buren

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DEAR ABBY: As a man who has been dating for years, I'd like to respond to the "Rules for Dating" that you printed from "20-Something in L.A." and her girlfriends:

If "20-Something" and her friends think they're getting shabby treatment from men, maybe it's because they're treating men rather shabbily. Men aren't obligated to treat women like princesses, buy them dinner or take them to a movie. It's a gift a man chooses to give a woman, and she shouldn't take it for granted.

TOM IN SAN DIEGO

DEAR TOM: That column on "dating rules" generated a barrage of responses (some not fit for a family newspaper) from both men and women of every age group. Today we'll hear from the male readers. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: I agree it's a good idea to call days ahead and plan a date, and then call the day before to confirm it, but the woman shouldn't cancel at the last minute. Just because a guy is not an Adonis, Fabio or Donald Trump doesn't mean he's worthless. Once you get to know him, the ugly frog just might turn out to be Prince Charming after all.

WISEGUY TURNED WISE IN ST. LOUIS

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DEAR ABBY: Try not to be rude or cold when turning down a date. Remember, a man puts his self-respect on the line every time he approaches a lady. He's nervous — just as you would be if you were approaching an attractive man for the first time.

30-YEAR-OLD ROMANTIC IN KANSAS CITY

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DEAR ABBY: These are the '90s. Many women have excellent careers. Often a woman earns even more than a man does. You can't expect the guy to always be the one to pay. If the girl has not offered to pay for something in the first three dates, we regard that as a sign she is just "marking time" until someone she really likes comes along.

TWO ANONYMOUS GUYS IN L.A.

DEAR ABBY: If you're asked, "What would you like to do?" the man is not being indecisive — just courteous. Give honest suggestions. "Whatever you want to do is fine with me" gets old — quick.

If you're going to dinner — *eat*. If you're not hungry, say so beforehand. What exactly are you trying to show your date by leaving nearly all of a $20-and-up dinner on your plate?

If you go dancing with your date and another man asks you to dance, decline — even if the other man is better looking.

Men are not mind-readers. Speak up or they won't know. If you like them — and want to continue dating, etc. — *say so*. Three words men really hate to hear: "Couldn't you tell ...?"

If you're going out simply because you don't want to go to dinner, a movie, a wedding, a party, etc. alone, do him a favor: Leave him alone. He's a person, not an escort service.

OTHER SIDE OF L.A.

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DEAR ABBY: Be happy with who you are and what you have. Don't expect a man to make you feel good about yourself. Accept the fact that not everybody is born looking like Cindy Crawford.

Don't play games — be honest and up-front with us. We like that and deserve at least that much.

MALE READER IN CALIFORNIA

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DEAR ABBY: The one-size-fits-all set of dating rules would be a problem for many people. Some men feel insulted when a woman offers to share expenses, while others appreciate it. Some women feel insulted when asked to share expenses, while others wouldn't dream of having men pay their way.

Rather than a fixed set of rules, I suggest a novel approach: *Talk about it!* Communication is essential. Discussing dating etiquette provides a quick insight into the other person's values about money and relationships. It also provides an early test of how easily the two of you can discuss and resolve a difficult issue.

PSYCHOLOGIST IN BERKELEY

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Tuesday, Aug. 17, 1999

Someone who may not be too popular with others could become very instrumental in your life in the year ahead in helping you produce large benefits. It behooves you to befriend this person.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) When seeking advice today, make certain the person to whom you turn has his or her head on straight. An ineffective pal could get you so confused you'd be worse off than when you began. 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.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) It's very unlike you, yet today you could spend more time rationalizing about what you want to do instead of rolling up your sleeves and getting the job done. Take control of yourself.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Although you normally have good taste, today this talent might desert you. There's a chance you could hastily purchase something expensive which will turn out to be a waste of money.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Don't expect those with whom you're involved today to suspend what they're doing at a moment's notice to gratify your whims. Be realistic, as well as considerate.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) If you rush to judgment regarding the intentions of others today, you could introduce severe complications in the relationships. Those you judge negatively will judge you in kind.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Be on guard today for someone who might attempt to stick you with a bill that was incurred by both you and this person. Pay your fair share, but make him or her do likewise.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) It might not be due to an absence of initiative on your part that you'll suffer from a lack of accomplishment today. It's more likely that your procedures could be counterproductive.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) There's a strong chance that uncertainties could be present in several developments today, so it's best you not take anything for granted, even with that which you usually feel comfortable.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Be especially careful today when dealing with new people about whom you know little. Someone with ulterior motives could take advantage of you in the blink of an eye.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Just because someone makes a good appearance doesn't mean you should allow that person to make any important decisions for you. Think for yourself, especially today.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) You could be completely intolerant today with people whose performance do not measure up to par, but totally ambiguous to the fact that yours might not either. Don't react unreasonably.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Avoid complex financial or business relationships with persons who have a difficult time viewing life realistically. She or he could take you down the garden path as well.

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Bridge

By Phillip Alder



	North	08-16-99
	♠ J 10 8 6	
	♥ Q J 10	
	♦ K 7	
	♣ J 8 6 4	
West		**East**
♠ Q 7 2		♠ 5 3
♥ 9		♥ K 8 6 5 4 2
♦ A J 10 6 4		♦ Q 8 2
♣ Q 10 5 3		♣ K 9
	South	
	♠ A K 9 4	
	♥ A 7 3	
	♦ 9 5 3	
	♣ A 7 2	

Vulnerable: North-South
Dealer: East

South	West	North	East
			Pass
1 ♠	Pass	2 ♠	All pass

Opening lead: ♣ 3

One of the most enduring champions

By Phillip Alder

The first Bermuda Bowl world championship was played in 1950. The United States won this one and the next three before losing to Great Britain in 1955. (There was no event in 1952.) A member of the 1950-53 winning teams was George Rapee, who died in April at the age of 84.

Rapee was a small man physically, but he was a great player with a big heart; he was a friend to everyone who met him. His other major claim to fame was having the idea of responding two clubs to a one-no-trump opening to ask for a four-card major — what is now known as the Stayman convention. (At the time, Rapee and Stayman were partners. Stayman wrote the first article published about it.)

Here is a deal from the December 1949 Winter Nationals in Philadelphia. It occurred during a board-a-match teams, when every trick counts.

In the modern tournament game, East might begin with a weak two hearts. If not, South would probably open and close the auction with one no-trump.

Against two spades, Rapee led his fourth-highest club. Here came the first good play: Ozzie Jacoby, East, put in the nine, which forced declarer's ace. Now came a diamond, Rapee going in with the ace and switching to his singleton heart; declarer won the trick with dummy's 10.

Cashing the two top spades would now land the contract, but with his eye on an overtrick, and not anticipating the denouement, declarer took the spade finesse. After winning with the queen, Rapee led a club to his partner's king, received a heart ruff, then led the club 10, forcing Jacoby to trump. A second heart ruff defeated the contract.

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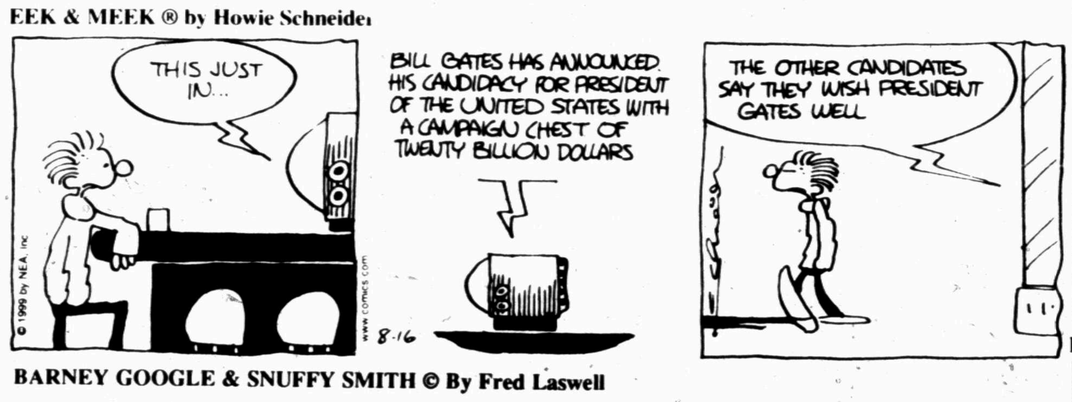
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NEA Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

1 Of medicine
7 Poetic foot
13 Scold
14 Popeye, e.g.
15 Did a laundry job
16 Greet, in the military
17 Carbonated beverage
18 Unit of mass
20 Make a picture
21 Dress fussily
23 Talk foolishly
27 Connecting device
32 Diner
33 Arrow poison
34 Heaps
35 Seasons
36 "— — to Live"
39 Roast host
40 Farewell to the Islands
42 Attention-getting sound
46 Compass pt.
47 Look before you do this
51 Crystalline gem
53 Mrs. Marcos
55 Biblical mountain
56 Fisherman, at times
57 Illness indicators
58 Emphasize

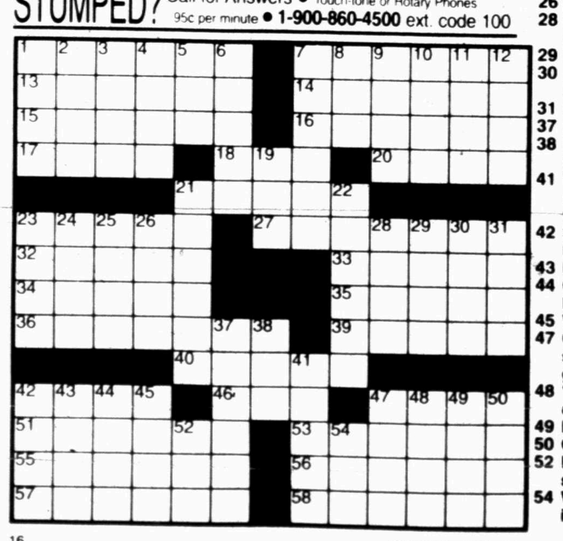
DOWN

1 Nile bird
2 Prefix for "dynamics"
3 Stepped on
4 Genus of frogs
5 Ending for "meteor"
6 Fragrant wood
7 Published
8 Motorists' org.
9 Temperate
10 Become
11 Speck
12 Type of cut
19 — culpa
21 Iran, once
22 Queasy feeling
23 Gourd
24 Shower
25 Tamarisk salt tree
26 Sesame
28 English baby carriage
29 Baby powder
30 Art deco illustrator
31 Get up
37 Armadas
38 Dawn goddess
41 They're mentioned in wills
42 Singer Edith —
43 Painful
44 Certain European
45 Whitewall
47 Cast a sidelong glance
48 "Vogue" competitor
49 Fruit drinks
50 Golf scores
52 Paving stuff
54 Was introduced to

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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SPORTS

James-Sharrock duo wins Blowout by two

Coby James and Dave Sharrock didn't lap the field, but they played good enough to win.

James and Sharrock teamed up to fire rounds of 62 and 66 over the weekend to win the Men's Blowout Partnership at Snyder Country Club by two shots.

The James-Sharrock duo held just a one stroke lead over Jason Hewett and Jack Poe after the opening round, before doubling the margin to two shots by tournament's end.

Hewett and Poe carded a 67 on Sunday to finish in the runner-up slot, with Abel Alvarez and Todd Henderson taking third place with a 132.

Top honors in the president's flight went to the team of Donny Stelzer and Robert Lopez. The Stelzer-Lopez pairing turned in a 137 to finish one stroke ahead of the second-place team of Randy May and Donnie Kubala. David and Steven Stobaugh were third with a 139.

Tommy Lay and Mike Strickland came in with a two-day total of 140 to win the first flight, with Kelly Ragland and Dave Sebo taking second with a 138. The third spot went to Dobie Williams and Stan Bippin with a 144.

In the second flight, it took a scorecard playoff to crown the top duo, as two teams shot 149. Tracy Lammert and Jack Schoults took top honors, while Mike Levens and Jim Petty were second. Just one shot back in third place were Jay Pollard and Rick Hanna.

James Caldwell and Jay Cumbie teamed up for a total of 150 to win the third flight, while Jene Steakley and Earl McKinstry nabbed second on a scorecard playoff over John Reed and O.L. Schuch. Both teams finished at 152.

The tightest race of all was in the fourth flight, where the top three teams turned in scores of 159. By virtue of another scorecard playoff, Sam Robertson and David Harrell were awarded the top spot, with Ricky Williams and Mike Tyrrell taking second place. Steve Olsen and Nolan Von Roeder were third.

Tuesday night in Abilene...

Lady Tigers primed for opener

After just two weeks of practice, it's time for the Lady Tigers to open their volleyball season.

Snyder gets its season underway Tuesday when it squares off with Abilene High and Brownwood in Abilene. Matches begin at 5 p.m., with the freshman and JV squads also seeing action.

Despite playing together such a short time so far, SHS coach Patty Grimmett believes her players are progressing at quick pace.

"The girls are still learning to play together, but we're probably farther along now, than we were at the same time last year," Grimmett said. "There's some things we still to work on, of course, but overall I'm very pleased with how we looked in our scrimmages."

The Lady Tigers visited Monahans and Big Spring over the weekend for scrimmages against Denver City, Midland Greenwood, Monahans, Lamesa and Colorado City.

"We looked good offensively and defensively," Grimmett remarked. "Our hitting needs to be fine-tuned, but we still had a lot of offense. And defensively, our blocking was great and the girls improved on serve receive."



Patty Grimmett

Paving the way in the middle, with their hitting and blocking, will be juniors Ashley Delce and Kameron Kallemeyn.

"Ashley and Kameron had good scrimmages," said Grimmett. "We had a lot of kills as a team, and they were spread around pretty evenly, so that shows that everybody's getting the job done. I put quite a few different combinations on the court, and the girls responded and worked well together each time."

The Lady Tigers still have some rough edges to smooth out, such as service errors, but that should come in times, according to Grimmett.

"We made a few too many service errors, but the girls will get better at that," the SHS coach stated. "Their overall flow is good and they're making good transitions from offense to defense, so that's good to see this early in the season."

Following Tuesday's action, the Lady Tigers return to Abilene on Friday for the Bev Ball Classic. Snyder, which will play its Friday matches at Cooper, is pooled with Arlington Bowie, Peaster and Abilene Cooper. Bracket play begins Saturday morning at 9 o'clock.

Also competing in the event will be Abilene High, Vernon, Mineral Wells, Cleburne, O.D. Wyatt, Sweetwater, Colorado City, Springtown, Killeen Ellison, Brownwood and Albany.

Cowboys sloppy again in 10-3 loss to Raiders

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — Scott Dreisbach rallied Oakland to an exhibition victory for the second straight week, but the backup quarterback missed the end of Sunday's 10-3 win over Dallas after breaking his right leg on a bootleg that set up the decisive touchdown.

Dreisbach, taken off the field on a cart with 1:45 to play, led the Raiders for most of a 10-play, 77-yard drive capped by Tyrone Wheatley's 1-yard plunge with 35 seconds left that gave the Raiders the victory over the penalty-prone Cowboys.

Dreisbach was tackled while trying to get to the sideline, landing on his leg at the Dallas 5. Grimacing in pain and then covering his face with his hands, Dreisbach was taken off the field.

The Cowboys lost for the second time in a week and are 0-7 in exhibition games under second-year coach Chan Gailey. They lost 20-17 in overtime to Cleveland on Monday night.

The Cowboys were plagued by penalties for the second consecutive game. Six days after being flagged 17 times for 149 yards in the loss to Cleveland, Dallas was penalized 11 times for 80 yards against the Raiders.

The score was tied 3-3 heading into the final minute. Richie Cunningham kicked a 25-yard field goal for the Cowboys in the first quarter and Michael Husted kicked a 25-yarder for the Raiders in the second period.

Troy Aikman was 10-of-14 for 104 yards in slightly more than a quarter of action for the Cowboys. Oakland starter Rich Gannon played until midway through the second period, going 6-of-8 for 73 yards.

Football Top 25

The Top Twenty Five teams in The Associated Press preseason college football poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, 1998 records, total points based on 25 points for a first place vote through one point for a 25th place vote and ranking in the 1998 final poll:

	Record	Pts	Pvs
1. Florida St. (48)	11-2	1,720	3
2. Tennessee (15)	13-0	1,643	1
3. Penn St. (4)	9-3	1,582	17
4. Arizona (1)	12-1	1,537	4
5. Florida (1)	10-2	1,361	5
6. Nebraska	9-4	1,327	19
7. Texas A&M	11-3	1,314	11
8. Michigan	10-3	1,292	12
9. Ohio St.	11-1	1,160	2
10. Wisconsin	11-1	1,091	6
11. Georgia Tech	10-2	979	9
12. Miami	9-3	928	20
13. Virginia Tech (1)	9-3	896	23
14. Georgia	9-3	829	14
15. Colorado	8-4	636	—
16. UCLA	10-2	587	8
17. Texas	9-3	487	15
18. Notre Dame	9-3	463	22
19. Southern Cal	8-5	455	—
20. Alabama	7-5	445	—
tie. Kansas St.	11-2	445	10
22. Arkansas	9-3	441	16
23. Purdue	9-4	370	24
24. Virginia	9-3	222	18
25. Arizona St.	5-6	108	—

Others receiving votes: BYU 93, Marshall 75, Mississippi St. 72, Michigan St. 34, Air Force 25, Mississippi 23, Syracuse 23, Louisville 20, Wyoming 15, LSU 13, Oklahoma St. 9, Missouri 7, North Carolina 6, Oregon 6, Southern Miss. 2, Washington 2, Miami, Ohio 1, N.C. State 1, TCU 1, Texas Tech 1, Utah 1, Western Michigan 1, West Virginia 1.

Woods holds on for PGA title

MEDINAH, Ill. (AP) — Tiger got the trophy. Sergio became a star.

And golf got a tough act to follow in the last major championship of the century.

Woods won his second major title Sunday, winning the PGA Championship in an exciting and entertaining duel that provided a tantalizing glimpse of the future of golf.

That Woods belongs to that future cannot be argued, especially after he became the youngest since Seve Ballesteros in 1980 to win a second major title. But so does Sergio Garcia, who won the crowd and a lot more in a wild finish that left the winner looking exhausted well beyond his 23 years.

"He was fiery and he was trying," Woods said. "He never dogged it and it was wonderful to see."

On a day when Woods seemed only to need the back nine for a coronation walk, he and Garcia engaged in a duel that wasn't settled until Woods safely hit an iron onto the 18th green.

In between, Garcia twirled and whirled. He smashed irons off tree roots and thoroughly charmed the crowd. About the only thing he didn't do was hoist the Wanamaker Trophy in the end.

That belonged to Woods, who eschewed the theatrics he once loved to display to make a gutsy 8-foot par putt on the 17th hole and stem the tide that almost saw him blow a five-stroke lead over the final seven holes.

"I couldn't afford to show any emotion because of the way the fans were," Woods said. "They were saying some things they shouldn't have said. And if I would have showed any kind of emotion, they would have got on me pretty good."

Tigermania, already a fading phenomenon, may have sputtered to an end as the thousands at Medinah Country Club turned against golf's reigning superstar to cheer on the 19-year-old Spanish sensation who was playing like he was having the time of his young life.

Which was just what Garcia was having as he rolled in a birdie putt on the 13th hole, then looked across a lake and tipped his hat to Woods on the tee box.

"I wanted him to know I was still there," Garcia said, "and to show him that he has to finish well to win. I did it with good feelings, not like, make a triple bogey or anything."

"But I was kind of telling him, if you want to win, you have to play well."

Woods didn't exactly do that, botching the par-3 with a series of misplayed shots for a double bogey that put Garcia within one shot. But he regrouped and, when he made the 8-footer on No. 17, he had only to make an easy par on the final hole to win.

He did, tapping in for the win, then sighing deeply and closing his eyes in relief.

"A five-shot lead can evaporate pretty quickly," Woods said. "I got it back together and I made a wonderful par putt on 17."

Jay Haas had a 70 and Stewart Cink a 73 to tie for third at 280. Mike Weir, who started the final round tied with Woods, shot an 80 and finished eight strokes back.

Woods, who ran away to a 12-stroke victory in the 1997 Masters, had not won a major since, although he was in the hunt in both the British and U.S. Opens.

Major League Baseball

American League
All Times EDT

East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
New York	71	45	.612	—
Boston	65	52	.556	6½
Toronto	65	55	.542	8
Baltimore	51	66	.436	20½
Tampa Bay	50	68	.424	22

Central Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Cleveland	72	44	.621	—
Chicago	54	62	.466	18
Minnesota	50	65	.435	21½
Kansas City	47	70	.402	25½
Detroit	46	71	.393	26½

West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Texas	69	49	.585	—
Oakland	64	53	.547	4½
Seattle	57	60	.487	11½
Anaheim	48	68	.414	20

Saturday's Games

Cleveland 7, Baltimore 1
Minnesota 6, New York 3
Oakland 13, Toronto 5
Anaheim 7, Detroit 4
Boston 13, Seattle 2
Chicago 8, Texas 7
Tampa Bay 11, Kansas City 4

Sunday's Games

Anaheim 10, Detroit 2
Seattle 4, Boston 3
Oakland 9, Toronto 5
Minnesota 5, New York 3
Tampa Bay 5, Kansas City 3
Texas 10, Chicago 0
Cleveland 5, Baltimore 1

Monday's Games

Oakland (Olivares 10-9) at Boston (Rose 6-4), 7:05 p.m.
Seattle (Moyer 11-6) at Toronto (Carpenter 9-5), 7:05 p.m.
Texas (Helling 9-7) at Cleveland (Burba 9-7), 7:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Arrojo 2-8) at Detroit (Weaver 6-8), 7:05 p.m.
Minnesota (Milton 4-9) at New York (Clemens 10-5), 7:35 p.m.
Anaheim (Sparks 5-9) at Chicago (Sirotka 7-10), 8:05 p.m.
Only games scheduled

Tuesday's Games

Oakland at Boston, 7:05 p.m.
Minnesota at Baltimore, 7:05 p.m.
Seattle at Toronto, 7:05 p.m.
Texas at Cleveland, 7:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Detroit, 7:05 p.m.
Kansas City at New York, 7:35 p.m.
Anaheim at Chicago, 8:05 p.m.

National League
All Times EDT
East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
New York	72	47	.605	—
Atlanta	72	47	.605	—
Philadelphia	63	54	.538	8
Montreal	48	69	.410	23
Florida	48	70	.407	23½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Cincinnati	68	47	.591	—
Houston	70	49	.588	—
St. Louis	60	59	.504	10
Pittsburgh	59	58	.504	10
Milwaukee	54	61	.470	14
Chicago	51	65	.440	17½

West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Arizona	67	51	.568	—
San Francisco	59	58	.504	7½
San Diego	54	64	.458	13
Los Angeles	53	65	.449	14
Colorado	52	67	.437	15½

Saturday's Games

Cincinnati 4, Philadelphia 1
Chicago 9, St. Louis 7
New York 6, San Francisco 1
Colorado 11, Montreal 8
Houston 7, Pittsburgh 1
San Diego 6, Florida 4
Milwaukee 4, Arizona 2
Los Angeles 8, Atlanta 1

Sunday's Games

Philadelphia 9, Cincinnati 3
Colorado 8, Montreal 2, 1st game
Colorado 12, Montreal 4, 2nd game
Pittsburgh 2, Houston 0
St. Louis 6, Chicago 5
San Diego 7, Florida 6
New York 12, San Francisco 5
Arizona 4, Milwaukee 0
Atlanta 5, Los Angeles 4, 11 innings

Monday's Games

Pittsburgh (Schourek 3-6) at Cincinnati (Guzman 1-1), 7:05 p.m.
Milwaukee (Peterson 1-2) at Houston (Lima 15-7), 8:05 p.m.
Philadelphia (Wolf 5-4) at St. Louis (Mercker 5-4), 8:10 p.m.
Atlanta (Maddux 14-6) at Colorado (B.M.Jones 6-9), 9:05 p.m.
Chicago (Lieber 8-6) at Arizona (Johnson 11-8), 10:05 p.m.
New York (Dotel 4-1) at San Diego (Hitchcock 11-9), 10:05 p.m.
Montreal (Armas 0-0) at San Francisco (Gardner 3-9), 10:05 p.m.
Florida (Nunez 4-5) at Los Angeles (Park 6-9), 10:10 p.m.

Tuesday's Games

Montreal (Hermanson 5-11) at San Francisco (Estes 7-7), 4:05 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Schmidt 10-8) at Cincinnati (Villone 6-4), 7:05 p.m.
Milwaukee (Eldred 1-5) at Houston (Elarton 6-3), 8:05 p.m.
Philadelphia (Shumaker 0-1) at St. Louis (Stephenson 3-0), 8:10 p.m.
Atlanta (Mulholland 7-6) at Colorado (Wright 0-2), 9:05 p.m.
Chicago (Lorraine 1-0) at Arizona (Anderson 4-2), 10:05 p.m.
New York (Leiter 10-7) at San Diego (W.Williams 5-11), 10:05 p.m.
Florida (Burnett 0-0) at Los Angeles (Judd 1-0), 10:10 p.m.

WTC Men's Golf Association

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Nolan Von Roeder and Ricky Hunter, 66.

Russell Fisk and Tracy Lammert, 66.

Clay Hill and Harley Bynum, 67.

SDN Sports Briefs

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.

SCC scramble and MGA

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

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 queen of the hill.

Bowling league meeting

The Men's Commercial Bowling League will hold its meeting Sept. 2 at 7 p.m. at Snyder Lanes. League play begins Sept. 9.

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Charlotte	15	15	.500	1½
Detroit	13	16	.448	3
Orlando	13	16	.448	3
Washington	12	18	.400	4½
Cleveland	6	23	.207	10

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Houston	23	5	.821	—
x-Sacramento	19	11	.633	5
Los Angeles	17	11	.607	6
Phoenix	14	15	.483	9½
Minnesota	13	15	.464	10
Utah	13	16	.448	10½

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Saturday's Games

Washington 55, Los Angeles 53
Houston 71, Minnesota 53
Orlando 73, Cleveland 61
Utah 97, Sacramento 89

Sunday's Games

Detroit 63, New York 57
Orlando 81, Washington 54
Phoenix 65, Charlotte 54

Monday's Games

Cleveland at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Utah at Houston, 8 p.m.
Charlotte at Los Angeles, 10:30 p.m.

Tuesday's Games

Washington at New York, 7:30 p.m.
Sacramento at Phoenix, 10 p.m.

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AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East

	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
Buffalo	1	0	0	1.000	24	10
Indianapolis	1	1	0	.500	26	26
Miami	0	1	0	.000	14	26
New England	0	1	0	.000	14	20
N.Y. Jets	0	1	0	.000	16	27

Central

	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
Baltimore	1	0	0	1.000	10	7
Jacksonville	1	0	0	1.000	35	10
Pittsburgh	1	0	0	1.000	30	23
Cleveland	1	1	0	.500	23	47
Cincinnati	0	1	0	.000	17	20
Tennessee	0	1	0	.000	20	22

West

	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
Denver	2	0	0	1.000	58	24
Oakland	2	0	0	1.000	28	20
Kansas City	1	0	0	1.000	22	20
Seattle	0	1	0	.000	10	24
San Diego	0	2	0	.000	41	51

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East

	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
N.Y. Giants	1	0	0	1.000	36	21
Washington	1	0	0	1.000	20	14
Arizona	0	1	0	.000	7	38
Dallas	0	2	0	.000	20	30
Philadelphia	0	1	0	.000	7	10

Central

	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
Green Bay	1	0	0	1.000	27	16
Tampa Bay	1	0	0	1.000	30	3
Chicago	1	1	0	.500	32	36
Detroit	0	1	0	.000	31	35
Minnesota	0	1	0	.000	21	36

West

	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
Atlanta	1	0	0	1.000	35	31
New Orleans	1	0	0	1.000	26	14
San Francisco	1	0	0	1.000	31	24
Carolina	0	1	0	.000	10	35
St. Louis	0	1	0	.000	17	18

Thursday's Games

Baltimore 10, Philadelphia 7
San Francisco 31, San Diego 24

Friday's Games

Atlanta 35, Detroit 31
Jacksonville 35, Carolina 10
New Orleans 26, Miami 14
Washington 20, New England 14
Pittsburgh 30, Chicago 23
N.Y. Giants 36, Minnesota 21

Saturday's Games

Green Bay 27, N.Y. Jets 16
Indianapolis 20, Cincinnati 17
Tampa Bay 30, Cleveland 3
Denver 38, Arizona 7
Buffalo 24, Seattle 10

Sunday's Games

Oakland 10, Dallas 3
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Their purpose has nothing to do with religion, everything to do with economics.

For two years, the two 100-foot-tall wind turbines have been saving money and generating electricity for the monastery's 24 Benedictine sisters.

"I love to watch them," said Sister Barbara Ann Schwab. "When I get up in the morning, the first thing I do is look to see if they're moving."

If the turbine blades are moving, then the sisters need to buy less electricity from their utility in southwestern North Dakota. If the wind is really blowing, they can sell any excess power to a wholesaler.

The monastery is one of the forerunners of what likely will be a boom in wind energy projects in North Dakota, say officials involved with the developing science.

"The costs have come way down with wind energy; it's much more competitive with fossil fuel resources," said Kim Christianson, energy programs manager for the state Division of Community Services.

The sisters, who get no financial aid from the Roman Catholic Church, raise llamas on the prairie to help pay their bills. About 3½ years ago, they decided to try wind power to cut costs and be friendlier to the environment, said Prioress Sister Paula Larson.

"It was a leap of faith," Larson said. "We thought, if it works in the rest of the world, why wouldn't it work here?"

In the first year of operation, the turbine generated 37 percent of the electricity the monastery used at a savings of $12,105. Second year production reached 44 percent at a savings of $15,836, Larson said.

The project cost $120,000.

The Pacific Northwest National Laboratory, a branch of the U.S. Department of Energy, determined that North Dakota has the greatest wind resource of any of the lower 48 states, Christianson said.

Even so, the state trails others in wind energy development.

"Anybody that's involved in wind energy will tell you we're way behind," said Brad Stevens, a project engineer at the University of North Dakota's Energy and Environmental Research Center.

The reasons, he said, are low utility rates in North Dakota and resistance to new forms of energy that might threaten the state's coal industry.

But support for "green" power could encourage wider development.

Nutrition By Ed Blonz, PH.D.

Does vitamin D help with calcium absorption?

By Ed Blonz, Ph.D.

DEAR DR. BLONZ: I enjoyed reading your information about calcium supplementation. As usual, your column was filled with useful info. One question: I take a calcium/magnesium/vitamin D mixture (from Schiff) which contains calcium carbonate. Given that this is the least absorbable form of calcium, does the presence of vitamin D make up for, or at least help with, the absorption issue? Are the other forms of calcium still more absorbable than calcium carbonate with vitamin D ? Thanks for any light you can shed on this for me. — F.D.M.

DEAR F.D.M.: Thanks for your kind comments. Vitamin D doesn't provide any direct help with absorption, but it is needed for the production of "calcium-binding" protein. That's the internally manufactured protein that grabs on to calcium in the digestive tract and serves as its passport during absorption. Vitamin D doesn't need to be in the stomach at the same time as the calcium, but adequate D nutrition is a definite part of the picture. This helps explain why it is often included in supplements. The body makes its own vitamin D when it is exposed to sunlight (about 15 minutes on the face and hands is plenty). Seniors, particularly the homebound elderly, are at risk for a D deficiency because they often don't go out in the sun.

Regarding your supplement, don't be concerned just because you have a calcium carbonate product. As long as you take it regularly, and preferably with a meal or an acid beverage such as orange or tomato juice, you are probably fine. People always want to know what's the absolute best supplement, but in the case of calcium, the degrees of improvement are not significant enough for you to toss your pills. Regarding vitamin D, if you take an all-purpose multivitamin, it probably contains D. This frees you up to shop around for other calcium sources, if you wish.

DEAR DR. BLONZ: I am interested in St. John's Wort as an antidepressant and was wondering if you know whether it's an MAO inhibitor. This is very important when considering which medications can be safely used in conjunction with this herb. — K.C.

DEAR K.C.: The precise mechanism behind St. John's Wort's antidepressant effect is not yet known with any degree of certainty. It was initially thought that St. John's Wort worked via MAO (mono-amine oxidase) inhibition. The MAO system helps break down certain brain chemicals that affect our state of mind. By inhibiting MAO, these brain chemicals, or neurotransmitters, persist for a longer period of time. MAO inhibitors have been used as antidepressants, and if St. John's Wort works by this mechanism, one might overload the system if the herb is taken in addition to other such drugs. There is some thought that St. John's Wort might not act as an MAO inhibitor, but one cannot state this with complete confidence.

There is also some thought that St. John's Wort may work by slowing the uptake of serotonin, another neurotransmitter. Antidepressant drugs that work this way are referred to as SSRIs, or Selective Serotonin Re-uptake Inhibitors. If St. John's Wort has this effect, herb-drug interactions might again be possible, but of course, the interactions would occur with different drugs.

Finally, it may be that the herb works through a number of different mechanisms operating in concert. Suffice it to say that St. John's Wort has an effect on the chemical environment of the brain and, as research is ongoing, it is hoped that we will soon understand precisely how this herb works. Until then, caution is indicated — especially when other medications are being used. You need to consult with your health professional as to whether it is advisable for you to use this herb.

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Out-of-print books brought back

NEW YORK (AP) — For years, Sidney Offit's acclaimed children's story "The Adventures of Homer Fink" has been out-of-print. He thought it was never coming back.

Now, his book may never be gone again.

"I feel like I've come back from the dead," said Offit, whose work is one of hundreds being reissued through a service set up by the Authors Guild.

The new program allows guild members to reissue their own out-of-print works both in stores and on the Internet. Novels by Thornton Wilder and Mary McCarthy and nonfiction works by William F. Buckley and Judy Blume are among the hundreds of newly available titles.

"Books stay in print for a very short time and they often don't get to find their audience. This is a way to keep the books out there," said Paul Aiken, the guild's executive director.

Guild authors now can either sell leftover copies of their books or sell new editions via "print-on-demand," the computerized process that quickly produces copies at customer request. Current technology enables a book to be printed and bound within minutes. ToExcel, which provides on-demand services to the presses for Harvard and Columbia University, will republish the guild books.

Print-on-demand is a small, but growing industry that could solve two major problems: the expense of keeping books in warehouses, which has made publishers less and less willing to keep a slow-selling title in print; and the excessive number of "returns," unsold books sent back by stores to publishers.

Many believe on-demand printing could eventually keep all books in print forever.

"It's a fabulous development," said Buckley, who is reissuing "The Blackford Oakes Reader," a compilation of excerpts from his spy novels.

The guild has set up its own online store, Backinprint.com, and has made distribution deals with Amazon.com, Barnesandnoble.com and many other Internet and traditional sellers. Ten percent of sales from Backinprint.com will go back to the guild, a nonprofit organization.

"If everyone bought through our service, that would be great," Aiken said. "But we want the books to be as widely available as possible."

Back-in-print titles include Wilder's novel "Theophilus North" and his essay collection "American Characteristics."

'The Sixth Sense' scares up 2nd weekend as top movie

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Disney had a premonition "The Sixth Sense" would do well at the box office. The studio was right: The Bruce Willis thriller returned to haunt theaters as the No. 1 film for the second straight weekend.

"Sixth Sense," about a psychologist treating a boy who communicates with the dead, took in $26.1 million, a scant 2 percent drop from the gross in its opening weekend, according to estimates Sunday. The movie has taken in $70 million in its first 10 days.

"Bowfinger," the Steve Martin-Eddie Murphy comedy about a shyster producer trying to make it in Hollywood, bowed in at No. 2 with $18.2 million in its first weekend.

Two other movies had disappointing debuts. "Brokedown Palace," starring Claire Danes and Kate Beckinsale as Americans jailed for drug smuggling in Thailand, came in ninth with $4 million. "Detroit Rock City," a comedy about teens trying to score KISS concert tickets, opened with $2 million for a likely 13th-place premiere.

"The Blair Witch Project" slipped from second to third place with $15.3 million, according to Exhibitor Relations Co. Inc. The horror film shot on a tiny budget has grossed $108 million, most of that since it went into wide release three weeks ago.

"Sixth Sense" is expected to hit $100 million by next weekend, said Chuck Viane, head of distribution for Disney, which released the film.

Originally scheduled for October release, "Sixth Sense" was moved ahead to the busier summer season "because we knew we had something good on our hands," Viane said. "Obviously, it's paid off."

Playing in 2,395 theaters, "Sixth Sense" maintained an impressive average of about $10,900 a screen.

"Sixth Sense" was the first movie since "Star Wars: Episode I — The Phantom Menace" to remain No. 1 at the box office for more than one weekend.

"Phantom Menace" topped the box office for its first three weeks in May and June. Since then, different movies had debuted in first place for nine straight weekends.

"There's been a lot of great marketing this summer," said Paul Dergarabedian, president of Exhibitor Relations Co. Inc., which tracks movie ticket sales.

"What opens a picture is great marketing. After that, it's word of mouth, which 'Sixth Sense' has gotten. People really like the movie."

"Phantom Menace" contributed to the string of different first-place finishers at the box office. Big movie openings were packed into the mid- and late summer as studios shuffled their slate to avoid bumping up against the sci-fi epic, Dergarabedian said.

Markets

Midday Stocks

NEWYORK(AP)

High	Low	Last		
AMR Corp		63	61 5-16	62¾+ ⅜
AT&T Corp s		49¾	4949	— ¼
Albertsons		52	50 13-16	51⅝+11-16
AlldSignal		63	15-16	6363¾+ 7-16
Alltel		70	15-16	70⅛ 70 9-16— 9-16
AmOnline s		98	95¾	97⅛+ ⅜
Ameritech		72	71¼	71⅜—13-16
AndarkPtr		37	3-16	36½ 36½— ½
ArmcoInc		6¼	6 11-16	6 11-16— 1-16
AtlRichfld		93	1-16	92 5-16 92⅜— 1-16
ATMOS Egy		24	13-16	24 11-16 24 11-16— 1-16
Aviall		13	11-16	12¾ 13 9-16— ¼
BP Amoco		119	1-16	118¾ 119 + ¼
BakerHughes		34¼		33¾ 33 13-16— ¾
Bank of Amer		62	3-16	61¾ 61 15-16— ¾
BellAtl		64⅜	64	5-16 64⅜+ 3-16
BellSouth s		48	9-16	48¼ 48 7-16— 3-16
BethSteel			8	7⅛ 8 + ¼
BurlNoSFe		30½	29	9-16 30⅝+ ⅛
CBS Corp		45¼	44	9-16 44 11-16— 5-16
Caterpillar		62¾	61⅛	62 5-16+ 1-16
CenSoWst		21	11-16	21¼ 21 7-16— ⅜
Chevron		96½	94¼	94⅜— 2⅛
Citigroup s		46⅛	45½	46 + 1-16
Coastal		42¼	41¼	41⅜— 5-16
CocaCola		59	11-16	59 5-16 59⅜— 3-16
ColgatePal s		49¾	49	5-16 49¾+ 5-16
ComclMetals		33	7-16	33 3-16 33 7-16+ ⅛
CooperIn		55	7-16	55 3-16 55 5-16+ ⅛
CyprusAmax		14	5-16	14 1-16 14 1-16— ⅛
DaimlrChry n		77⅛	76	15-16 77 1-16— 7-16
DallSemicn		49¾	49¾	49 11-16— 1-16
DeltaAirl s		53	13-16	5353¼+ ¼
Dillards Inc		29¾	29	1-16 29¾— ⅛
DowChem		128⅛	127	5-16 127 7-16— 1⅛
DuPont		72	3-16	71 7-16 71 9-16—1 3-16
EastmanChem		51¾	51	51 1-16+ 1-16
EstKodak			71¼	7171 7-16
EDS Corp		59¼	57¼	57 11-16 1½
Entergy		29	7-16	29 1-16 29 1-16— ¼
Exxon		81	5-16	80⅞ 80¾ —13-16
FstBksAm			17¾	17¼ 17¾
Flowers		15	13-16	15¾ 15 11-16— 3-16
FordMotor		48	9-16	47¼ 48 — ⅜
GTE Cp		75	11-16	7575½— ⅜
GenDynam		62¼		61¼ 62 9-16+15-16
GenElec		109¼	108	3-16 108 15-16+1 3-16
GenMills		83¾		82¼ 82¼— 7-16
GenMotors		64	3-16	62¼ 62 7-16— 1¾
GaPacGP s		46	13-16	45¾ 45¾—1 5-16
GlobalMar		18	7-16	18 1-16 18⅛— 1-16
Goodrich		39	13-16	39 9-16 39¾+ 3-16
Goodyear s		57¼	56	5-16 56¾— ⅞
GtAtlPac		35¾	35¼	35⅜— 5-16
Halliburtn		48¼	47	5-16 47⅛— 9-16
Hanson ADS			45¾	45⅞ 45½+ ⅛
HarteHanks		23	15-16	23¼ 23 13-16— 1-16
HomeDepot				64 6363¼+ ¼
IBM s		126½		124½ 126½+ 3¼
IntlPaper		53	15-16	53 53 5-16—11-16
JohnsonJn			97	96¼ 96¼— 7-16
K mart			14¼	13¼ 14⅛+ 1-16
Kroger Co s		25½		24¼ 25 1-16— ⅛
Litton			65¼	64¾ 65 + ⅜
LockheedM s		36¾		36¼ 36⅜— 3-16
Lowes Cos		49¾		47¼ 48¾—1 13-16
Lubys		14	7-16	14 5-16 14⅜+ 1-16
LucentTech s		67	7-16	66 3-16 67 1-16+1 3-16
MayDeptStr s		41		40 5-16 40⅝— ⅞
MediaOne		69¾	69	7-16 69⅝— ¼
Medtronic		71⅛		70⅜ 71⅜+ ⅛
Mobil		104	15-16	103¾ 104 3-16 ⅛
Monsanto		39	15-16	39 3-16 39¼ 1
MorganJP		133½		131¼ 131¾— 2
Motorola		92	5-16	91 5-16 91¼— 1¼
NCR Corp			45¼	4545⅝+ 7-16
Navistar		48	47	5-16 47 5-16+1 1-16
Penney JC		42¼	42	9-16 42 13-16— 1-16
PennzEargy s			18⅜	18¼ 18⅜+ ⅛
PepBoys		16¼		16 16 3-16— 1-16
PepsiCo		38	5-16	37 15-16 38⅛+ 1-16
PhelpDodge			60¼	59⅛ 59⅞— ¼
PhilipPet		51¼		51⅛ 51 13-16— 3-16
PilgrmPrd B		11	15-16	11 13-16 11⅛+ 3-16
Polaroid		25		24½ 24 13-16+ 9-16
Praxair		50	7-16	49¼ 49½—15-16
ProctGamb		93¾	92	13-16 93 1-16+ 1-16
PubSNwMx		19	11-16	19 9-16 19⅝— ⅛
ReliantEngy		26¼	26	9-16 26¼— 1-16
RoyalDut		65	7-16	64¼ 64 13-16— 1
SBC Comm		55¼	55	3-16 55 5-16—11-16
SaraLee s			22	21¾ 21¾— ⅛
Scripps EW			49	48¾ 48¾— 3-16
SearsRoeb		40	15-16	40⅝ 40 7-16— ⅛
SherwinW			25¼	24¾ 25 — 1
SmithKlBchm			62¼	61½ 61½—13-16
SouthernCo		26	9-16	26⅛ 26½— 3-16
SwstAirl s		17¾		17⅛ 17 9-16+ 1-16
SprintFON s		53	7-16	52 11-16 53 3-16+ 1-16
SprintPCS n			57⅛	56¾ 57¼+ ⅛
Sunoco Inc		32¼	32	1-16 32 3-16— 1-16
TNP Ent				37 3737
Tandy s			44⅛	43¾ 44¼+ 7-16
TempleInland			71⅞	70⅝ 70½—15-16
Tenneco		21	5-16	21 1-16 21 1-16— 3-16
Texaco		65	11-16	64¾ 64 15-16— 1⅛
TexInd			36¾	36¼ 36 11-16+ 1-16
TexasInst		152¾	149	5-16 152⅞+2 5-16
TexasInst wi			75½	75½ 75⅛+ 1⅞
TexUtil		40	5-16	39 15-16 40 — 7-16
Textron			84	82⅞ 82 13-16+ 1-16
TriconGlbR				40 38¾ 39¼— 1
TrinityInds		32	13-16	32 11-16 32¾— ⅛
TritonEngy			12½	12 3-16 12 3-16— ⅛
TylerTech				6¼ 66¼— 1-16
US West Inc		55	15-16	55¾ 55 9-16+ ⅛
USX-Marathn			32	1-16 31 13-16 31 15-16
USX-USS		27	7-16	26 13-16 27 5-16+ ⅛
UnCarbde			64	9-16 63 15-16 64½+ 1-16
UnionPacif				54 1-16 53 13-16 54
UnitedTech s			66½	65¼ 65¼+ ⅛
Unocal			41	3-16 40¾ 40¾— 3-16
Venator Grp				10¼ 910 + 1⅛
WalMart s		45	1-16	44 1-16 44 3-16— ⅛
WellsFargo		39	13-16	39¼ 39 11-16— ⅛
WstnGasRs			16¼	15 15-16 16¼+ ⅛
WinnDixie		38	5-16	37¾ 37 13-16— ¾
Xerox Cp s			46⅛	44 15-16 46 + 1⅛

Local Interest STOCKS

Patterson	11 9/16	-3/4
Dell	41 5/8	+3/16
Wal Mart	44 5/16	-1/2
Compac	23 1/2	+7/16
Dol. Gen.	26 3/4	+1/8
GTE	75 5/16	-9/16
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Tx Instr.	152 13/16	+2 1/2
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Houston stages child safety awareness event

HOUSTON (AP) — Most parents hate to see their kids with dirty fingers, but in this case, a little black ink could save their lives.

Children lined up to have police take their fingerprints at Houston's first Parent and Child Safety Awareness Conference. Having fingerprints on file could help police find children who disappear.

Police Chief C.O. "Brad" Bradford said Saturday's five-hour event was a good opportunity to bring children and their parents together.

"We go into the school and we talk to the children about safety, and we talk to parents in other settings about safety, but very rarely do we have a chance to talk to parents and children in a combined setting," Bradford told the Houston Chronicle.

Trista DeVille, who helped facilitate the conference, said she wished she'd brought her 3-year-old son and 18-month-old son to roll their fingers across a black ink pad.

"I've never had a chance to get them fingerprinted," Ms. Deville said. "I think that's great, the way things have been happening in Houston these days."

Another mom, Valerie Reliford, took advantage of the police department's Child I.D. table. She brought a group of children from her northwest Houston apartment complex and said she wanted copies of her daughter's fingerprints "in case she gets lost or kidnapped."

The conference offered plenty of free stuff — stickers, molded plastic drinking straws twisted into loops, coloring books, picture books, pencils, refrigerator magnets, glow-in-the dark lists of emergency numbers, rulers.

Shanique Lloyd, 7, showed off stickers on her tiny biceps. One proclaimed her a junior deputy of the Harris County Sheriff's Department.

Shanique had deposited an armload of stuff with her mother, Olivia Brown, while she danced the macarena with a robot from the police department's Community Services Division.

The robot, one of three the department uses at schools and special events, not only plays music but also can "talk" to children about safety rules.

Operated by a police officer, the robot reminds children not to talk to strangers, to wear safety belts in cars, to cross streets at the corner, to look both ways before crossing, and to follow two guidelines with any gun they might find — don't touch it and tell an adult.

Rally protests 'runaway producers'

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Thousands of film industry workers rallied in Hollywood to support state legislation aimed at preventing the flight of film productions to other countries, most notably Canada.

Pounding drums and hoisting American flags, the protesters marched on Sunday down a closed-off stretch of Hollywood Boulevard, then listened to speeches by actor Edward James Olmos and other industry workers.

"I am saying, bring Hollywood home," Olmos said. "How do we do that? We get the best minds we have to tell our politicians that our workers be included. Don't leave the United States of America."

In the state Assembly, two bills have been passed that would provide tax credits for certain productions using California labor.

According to a recent study commissioned by the Screen Actors Guild and the Directors Guild of America, 285 of 1,075 U.S.-developed film and TV productions last year were so-called "runaway productions" for economic reasons.

Many filmmakers take their projects to other countries to save money. In Canada, it can be 25 percent cheaper to make a film. That country captured 81 percent of those "runaway" productions last year, the study said.

In all, "runaway" production has doubled since 1990, the study said.

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Bush throws down gauntlet to Republican field

By Mike Glover
Associated Press Writer

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) — Texas Gov. George W. Bush threw down a gauntlet to the Republican presidential field with a clear and convincing victory in a battle he had been advised to duck.

In some ways, the story line of the upcoming campaign will be how those rivals respond to the challenge.

"The race is now George W. Bush's to lose," said Drake University political scientist Hugh Winebrenner.

Bush started late, raised the bar of expectations by vowing to win Saturday's straw poll against candidates building toward the event for months, and then did precisely that.

"We have more than accomplished what we set out to do," an elated Bush declared.

AP Analysis

"There's no way to say this is anything but a solid win," Michigan Gov. John Engler said as the strategists and campaigns began to assess a straw poll eagerly awaited by many to take the measure of a large and diverse Republican field.

Publisher Steve Forbes met one challenge, and then found himself confronted immediately by another. He demonstrated that an expensive and intensive grass-roots campaign could land him a second-place showing, and he was arguing that set him up as the alternative to Bush.

"Now Bush will have to engage us on the issues and the issues are our playing field," said Forbes strategist Greg Mueller. "The wind of inevitability is out of the Bush sails."

"I think I am the conservative alternative to challenge the status quo candidates," Forbes said. Like the third-place finisher, Elizabeth Dole, Forbes has never held elective office and faces the challenge of seeking the nation's highest office as his first.

Dole argued that her showing earned her top-tier standing and respect from the pundits, saying a brand-new pool of young and professional women is fueling her campaign.

"We have an invisible army and that's another reason we won," she said. "It's the people the pollsters didn't survey."

It's far from clear that Dole can motivate that army in numbers that pose a threat to Bush, well beyond the 3,410 votes she drew in the straw poll.

Conservative activist Gary Bauer finished fourth with his church-based network and seeks to coalesce social conservatives, although Forbes is courting the same group. The publisher brings along a personal fortune, and some pragmatists argue he can level the financial playing field with Bush.

"I think I've got staying power," Bauer contended. "We expect to go all the way to the convention.

For the other Republican candidates, there was little good news in the straw polls results. Some acknowledged it openly, others did not.

"The No. 1 rule in politics is to peak on Election Day" and not in a summertime straw poll, former Vice President Dan Quayle said on CNN. He said he "absolutely" will continue in the race despite his eighth-place finish.

Former Tennessee Gov. Lamar Alexander headed home to assess his options. Both he and Quayle face serious fundraising questions, and it will be hard to convince financial backers they have a realistic shot at the nomination.

There have been frequent suggestions that commentator Pat Buchanan could move to another party if his bid for the GOP nomination falters. His fifth-place showing, along with his reaction to it, did little to quell the rumbling.

"I don't know exactly where I'm going to be in August of 2000," when the nomination is awarded, Buchanan said. His fiery blend of conservative populism isn't a good fit with most of the alternative parties, and it's difficult to see him carving out a role within the GOP either.

Arizona Sen. John McCain skipped the straw poll, and he has left little doubt he'll bypass Iowa's leadoff caucuses next February to focus on the New Hampshire primary.

"I may not want to be a part of that," said McCain, arguing he'd prefer to focus on more traditional election campaigns.

He faces trouble, however, because he is left out of the political mix in the meantime, and candidates criss-crossing in Iowa get far more attention.

"It's a meaningless kind of senseless thing," McCain said of the straw poll.

It also offered an early definition of the presidential campaign, and McCain wasn't included.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Mike Glover has covered Iowa presidential campaigns for The Associated Press since 1984.

Insurance little help against disaster

By The Associated Press

Bob Puskas' 300 acres of corn outside Somerset, N.J. is stunted, sickly and just 2 feet high, a withered victim of the Northeast's historic drought.

Puskas has farmer's insurance, but his pocketbook stands to take a beating, too.

Last week, adjusters told him the crop was a complete loss, but also said he'll be lucky to get back $10,000 of the $75,000 he spent to raise it.

"Insurance doesn't pay," Puskas said. "Really, it's next to nothing."

While uninsured farms will account for most of the hundreds of millions of dollars lost due to the drought, critics say people like Puskas who participate in the federally subsidized crop insurance program aren't provided much of a safety net.

Farmers say the premiums are too expensive, the paperwork too complicated, and the payments too paltry.

Since Congress scaled back production-based crop subsidies in 1996, the Department of Agriculture has encouraged farmers to buy insurance by covering a wider variety of crops and offering a 30 percent discount on premiums.

But the majority of growers in the Northeast still go without, unlike farmers in the bigger agricultural states across the Midwest. In Pennsylvania and New York, just 23 percent of the corn and soybean acres are insured. In New Jersey, 31 percent of corn and 43 percent of soybeans are covered.

By comparison, 99 percent of the cotton in Texas and 94 percent of the wheat in North Dakota was insured last year.

Many Northeast farmers say they buy insurance only to qualify for bank loans or USDA programs.

Catastrophic insurance, like Puskas' policy, is actually pretty cheap, a lump sum of $60 per crop. But a farmer must spend several hundred dollars more for a policy that would recoup planting costs.

"What are you going to spend that extra money on? Crop insurance or fertilizer?" asked Tom Shockley, executive director of the Maryland Farm Service Agency. "Farmers honestly believe that the crop insurance in existence at this point does them no good. They've got to have a total disaster to get anything back."

Some farmers complain of being asked to take out separate policies on each crop, or separate policies on the same crop planted on different rental properties.

Bill Beam, who expects to recoup barely 40 percent of the $250,000 he spent planting 1,000 acres of corn in Chester County, Pa., got fed up when he tried to get insurance this year.

"I got an agent from across the state who sent me a form I didn't quite understand and it kinda slipped by me," Beam said.

New Jersey's corn crop is projected to yield just 40 bushels per acre, down 57 percent from last year's 92 bushels. Soybean yields are projected to be down 25 percent. Losses could reach $80 million, according to the state.

In Pennsylvania, corn and soybean yields could be down 36 percent from 1998. The governor's office estimates that losses may reach $500 million.

Prison population starting to stabalize

WASHINGTON (AP) — Declining crime rates are beginning to help stabilize the nation's prison population, but nearly 60,000 more inmates were added to federal and state prisons last year, the Justice Department reports.

As of Dec. 30, 1998, there were 1,178,978 state prisoners and 123,041 federal inmates for a total of 1,302,019, the department's Bureau of Justice Statistics said Sunday.

That was up 59,866 or 4.8 percent from 1997 — below the average annual increase of 63,144 or 6.7 percent since 1990 and the lowest rate of growth since the 2.3 percent boost in 1979.

Counting the 592,000 jail inmates as well, more than 1.8 million men and women were behind bars in the United States, the report said. That represented an incarceration rate of 627 inmates per 100,000 U.S. residents, a rate higher than in any other country except Russia.

Although crime rates have been declining since 1993, it has taken time for that trend to move through the court system and show up in prison populations. Meantime, sharp expansion of mandatory minimum sentences and longer sentences, especially for drug crimes during the 1980s and for violent crimes in the 1990s, coupled with less generous parole continued to drive prison populations up.

Tougher federal and state sentencing laws and parole rulings pushed the U.S. incarceration rate up from one of every 217 residents in 1990 to one of every 149 in 1998, the bureau reported.

"There are beginning to be some signs of stability in the prison population," said statistician Allen J. Beck, co-author of the report. Only 4 percent of the state inmate growth from 1990 through 1997, the latest available data, came from new court commitments.

"That small increase from new court commitments reflects a declining number of arrests for violent crimes, including murder, robbery, rape and assault," Beck said.

"The increasing length of stay in prison is the biggest factor pushing prison populations up at this point," he added. The growth is largest among inmates serving three to five years behind bars, with a smaller increase among those serving 20 years or life.

The result is that the average time served increased from 22 months in 1990 to 27 months in 1997, the report said. New prisoners expected to serve 38 months in 1990, but 43 months in 1997. Meantime, inmate release rates dropped from 37 percent in 1990 to 31 percent in 1997.

The 1990-1997 period also saw a 39 percent increase in the number of parole violators returned to prison, although Beck said that is beginning to level off.

The rise in returning parole violators was cited by The Sentencing Project, a private group that advocates alternatives to prison, as evidence of an unforeseen effect of tougher sentencing.

"Current punitive sentencing policies have resulted in overcrowded prisons and budgets stretched to meet even the basic needs," the project said. "Drug treatment, mental health care, education programs and vocational training are all in short supply within prisons.

Mexico releases American

REYNOSA, Mexico (AP) — Pablo Garcia returned home to his family today after spending 14 months in a Reynosa, Mexico, jail.

In the predawn hours of this morning, a Mexican judge found the longtime U.S. postal worker guilty of smuggling, then sentenced Garcia to time served.

In Edinburg, radio station KURV reported today that Mexican authorities dropped Garcia off at Hidalgo international bridge and drove off. Garcia crossed the bridge and called his family.

The family says it had no notice that Garcia would be released. But it was something they had been working toward since his arrest in June of last year.

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.

'Sciatica' can be a confusing term

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: My father has sciatica. His doctor has him on prescription pain-killers, which he refuses to take because they make him confused and constipated. What are his other options?

DEAR READER: The term "sciatica" is sometimes confusing and is too readily bandied about. Let me give you some background. I apologize if my reply is too long-winded.

There are two sciatic nerves, one going to each leg. Actually, these are nerve bundles composed of many fibers feeding out from the lower spine. There are sensory nerves (for sensation) mixed with motor nerves (which control movement). The components of each sciatic nerve join to form a large nerve-trunk that supplies the buttocks, thighs and lower legs.

When nerves are irritated, they malfunction. Sciatic nerves are no exception. The sensory nerves not only send pain messages to the brain, but they also transmit information about heat, cold and body position. Therefore, when the sciatic nerve is pinched or inflamed, a person will experience sensory symptoms (such as numbness and tingling) as well as pain along the course of the nerve.

When motor components are irritated (a relatively late and serious manifestation), a patient will be aware of weakness or clumsiness of the leg; a foot drop may appear. Ordinarily, the motor consequences indicate a much more serious prognosis. If the inflammation or nerve-pressure is not relieved, permanent nerve damage may result and the victim may become handicapped.

Irritation of the sciatic nerve may occur at any point along the course of the nerve. Sometimes viral infections can cause sciatica, but any tissue can rub against the nerve to cause symptoms. For example, pelvic tumors, abscesses or swollen organs can also cause sciatica.

However, the most common form of sciatica stems from the pinching of the nerve bundle as it leaves the spinal cord, such as results from a herniated ("slipped") disc. Arthritis of the spinal column is another extremely common cause of nerve irritation, because of an abnormal calcium buildup along the edges of the vertebral bones, where the nerves enter and exit from the spinal cord.

Pain medication may help the discomfort of sciatica, but it will not cure the condition. In my opinion, a doctor should investigate the cause of your father's problem. For example, does he have a herniated disc? An abscess? Spinal arthritis? Depending on the cause of his sciatica, he may need physical therapy and special exercises. Or he may require surgery to repair the damage.

In any case, he shouldn't be content with simple analgesia. He should be examined by a doctor who will take his symptoms more seriously. In addition, he needs an MRI scan, perhaps followed by a myelogram which is a special type of X-ray that will show where and to what extent the nerve is being pinched. Three special types of doctors deal with sciatic disease: neurologists, neurosurgeons and orthopedic surgeons. Ask your father's primary care physician for a referral.

DEAR DR. GOTT: What causes me to awaken suddenly from an unpleasant dream?

DEAR READER: People who awaken from such dreams are exercising a natural prerogative: fight or flight. The body becomes primed for crisis, and Nature makes sure that the dreamer wakes up in order to cope with stress in a realistic way.

Of course, some dreams are frightening — this is our way of problem-solving. Awakening is the method by which the brain shuts off the continuing barrage of threatening stimuli. In this way, sudden awakening can be viewed as a normal adaptive mechanism to avoid unwanted or unusually scary thoughts, much as our brains use the startle response when we are awake.

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

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Columbine students return to class

LITTLETON, Colo. (AP) — With cheers and words of hope, nearly 2,000 Columbine High students reclaimed their school today, returning to classes for the first time since two classmates went on a deadly rampage four months ago.

"Although we were surrounded by terror and destruction, we still stood strong," student body President Mike Sheehan told classmates at a "take back the school" rally.

"We have prevailed. We have overcome. Each of us is the spirit of Columbine. Welcome home, Rebels!"

Principal Frank DeAngelis told the cheering crowd, "I have been looking forward to this day for a long time. Last year, you made me make a promise that I would not allow anyone or anything to take our school.

"Well, today, I am fulfilling that promise."

Teachers and students, many wearing Columbine T-shirts, gave a rousing, sustained cheer as the sun peeked over the sprawling buildings on campus. With shouts of "We are Columbine," DeAngelis raised the flags that had been at half-staff since the April 20 shooting.

The upbeat students, laden with backpacks and wearing identification badges, then filed into the newly renovated school as staff members inside applauded.

Tom Mauser, whose 15-year-old son, Daniel, was killed, watched silently outside as students filed in. "I'm glad to see they're able to return," he said. "I'm glad to see this kind of community support for moving on ... healing."

News organizations had agreed not to fly helicopters close to the school today, but Mauser had heard them, choking up a bit at the way the sound reminded him of the day Daniel died.

Dylan Klebold, 17, and Eric Harris, 18, opened fire inside the school last April, killing 12 classmates and a teacher and injuring 23 others before committing suicide. Harris and Klebold were misfits who apparently did not believe they fit into the typical high school cliques.

DeAngelis told the students today it is essential to "respect what people are feeling ... for all members of Columbine High School."

"I'm ready to go back. I'm so excited," said Jennifer Despain, a 17-year-old junior. "Most people have already had some kind of closure at the school. We went back a couple of times for renovation, registration, to paint tiles. Now, we're just ready to move on."

Sophomore Chanelle Plank, 15, said: "Everyone wants us to go back and just have this be a regular day. This isn't regular."

Rash of thefts are reported in Snyder

Bicycles, purses and weedeaters appeared to be favored among thieves over the weekend as law enforcement officers investigated several theft reports involving the items.

Joanna Browning reported at 7:39 a.m. Saturday the theft of two bicycles from her residence in the 2500 block of 28th Street. An offense report was submitted for Class B theft.

One of the bicycles was located at 4:01 p.m. in the 2300 block of 41st Street.

At 10:09 a.m. Saturday, Beatrice Calderone reported the burglary of two separate vehicles at her residence in the 2500 block of 31st Street. Bricks had been thrown through the vehicle windows and a purse taken from one and assorted change from the other.

Two offense reports were filed for burglary of a vehicle.

Yosef Shlezinger reported his wife's purse being stolen from his vehicle in the 3700 block of Avenue U at 10:50 a.m. Saturday. An offense report was filed for burglary of a vehicle.

Officers submitted an offense report for theft at 12:09 p.m. Sunday in reference to a weedeater being stolen from Bryan Hibbitt's pickup while it was parked in the 2200 block of Sunset.

Chris Smith reported the theft of a weedeater at 7:18 p.m. Sunday from the 3000 block of 41st Street. Officers filed an offense report for Class B theft.

Deputies filed an offense report for theft at 11:17 p.m. Saturday after Alonso Silva reported that several items had been taken from his residence at the Cooper Apartments.

At 7:23 a.m. Sunday, Evie Ortagon notified officers that she had found a bicycle in front of her residence in the 1200 block of Avenue N. An offense report was submitted for found property.

Connie Romero of 906 30th Street reported at 9:48 a.m. Sunday that her vehicle tires had been punctured. An offense report for Class B criminal mischief was filed.

A clerk with Rip Griffin's truck stop reported a gas drive-off in the amount of $18 at 10:49 a.m. Sunday. Officers submitted an offense report for Class C theft.

Officers received a report at 11:34 a.m. of possible gunshots in the area of 2381 Uvalde. The area was checked, but officers were unable to locate anyone with a gun.

Danielle Selders of 4400 Avenue U requested to speak to an officer at 6:44 p.m. Sunday in reference to her wallet she reported missing on Aug. 11. Selders advised she wished to file a report and officers submitted one for burglary of a habitation.

An offense report for Class B theft was filed at 7:17 p.m. Sunday in reference to the theft of a ring from Teresa Courtney at 3737 Gary Brewer Road.

Deputies submitted an offense report for Class C assault/family violence at 11:41 p.m. Sunday.

A caller requested an attempt to locate on his two sons, ages 9 and 7, at 11:41 p.m. Sunday in reference to the boys last being seen around 4:30 p.m. Sunday and not returning home.

An offense report for runaway was submitted.

Five misdemeanor arrests were also made over the weekend.

Officers took a 20-year-old male into custody at 6:10 p.m. Saturday in the 3300 block of College on warrants for speeding and failure to appear.

A 24-year-old male was arrested by deputies at 7:54 p.m. Saturday in the 1600 block of 25th Street on outstanding DPS warrants for speeding and failure to appear.

At 4:33 a.m. Sunday, officers took a 32-year-old male into custody in the 1000 block of 25th Street for public intoxication.

A 53-year-old female was arrested by officers at 10:05 p.m. Sunday in the 100 block of Coliseum for driving while intoxicated.

Class C assault/family violence sent a 36-year-old man to jail at 11:59 p.m. Sunday. Deputies arrested him at the Royal Trailer Park.

Alexander withdraws

WASHINGTON (AP) — Lamar Alexander, the former Tennessee governor who finished poorly in Saturday's Iowa straw poll, has decided to withdraw from the 2000 presidential race, a campaign official said today.

Alexander scheduled an afternoon news conference in Nashville, Tenn., to announce his decision, said the official, who spoke on condition of anonymity. There also were troubling signs for former Vice President Dan Quayle's campaign.

Alexander, 59, suggested Sunday that he would not be in the race long, after finishing a weak sixth in the non-binding Iowa straw poll. Alexander, who ran unsuccessfully for president in 1996, had focused all his energies on the initial caucus state.

The former Tennessee governor received 1,428 out of 25,549 votes cast.

The straw poll was won by Texas Gov. George W. Bush, whose front-running campaign has dried up Alexander's fundraising sources and competed for the same base of moderate Republican voters.

Bush stands to benefit from today's announcement, because many Alexander supporters could be expected to shift to Bush. Sen. John McCain of Arizona and former American Red Cross president Elizabeth Dole, who finished a strong third in Saturday's poll, also may pick up some Alexander supporters.

Assault filed in wreck here

A 19-year-old Snyder man, charged with intoxicated assault, a third-degree felony, has been released from the Scurry County Jail on a $10,000 bond.

Laurence Brice Odom of 6066 North Hwy. 208 was arrested at 10:32 p.m. Saturday at the scene of a two-vehicle collision.

According to Department of Public Safety trooper Mark Phillips, Odom was westbound on CR 452 in a 1999 Ford Escort when he ran a stop sign and slid out in front of a 1995 Plymouth Neon driven by Lupe Casas of Roby. Casas was headed northbound on Hwy. 208.

Casas, 39, and Sammy Castillo, 2, were transported by Snyder EMS to Cogdell Memorial Hospital where they were both treated and released.

Odom was charged with intoxicated assault and misdemeanor possession of marijuana. He also posted a $750 bond for the possession charge.

Three passengers in Odom's vehicle were also arrested, including a 17-year-old male for misdemeanor possession of marijuana. Two juveniles were taken into custody and transported to the Law Enforcement Center where they were issued citations and released to their parents.

A 25-year-old Lubbock man was injured in a separate accident that occurred around 3:20 p.m. Saturday about mile east of Hermleigh on U.S. Hwy. 84.

James Turner of Lubbock was transported by Snyder EMS to Cogdell Memorial Hospital where he was listed in good condition this morning.

No other information was available this morning about the accident.

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Obituaries

Margie Lou Ellis

1921-1999

Funeral service was held this morning at Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home Chapel for Margie Lou Ellis of Snyder. Tom Holcomb, minister of East Side Church of Christ, officiated. Interment followed in Hillside Memorial Gardens.

Mrs. Ellis, 77, died Saturday, Aug. 14, at Covenant Healthcare in Lubbock after a lengthy illness.

She was born on Aug. 20, 1921 in Emory, Tex., and married Jackson P. Ellis on May 20, 1977 in Post. Mrs. Ellis was a seamstress and a member of East Side Church of Christ.

She was preceded in death by one son, Steve Nail in 1974; three brothers, Wallace, L.E. and Elmer McCollum; and two sisters, Lucille Jenkins and Georgie Shipman.

Survivors include her husband, Jackson P. Ellis of Snyder; a son and daughter-in-law, Jimmy and Brenda Nail of Clyde three daughters and sons-in-law, Gina and Coy Dale Rhodes of Snyder, Renee and Rudy Norwood of Dunn, and Barbara and Richard Smith of Odessa; a sister, Gladys Skinner of De Soto; 16 grandchildren; and 21 great-grandchildren.

Grandsons served as pallbearers.

Mary Harris

1938-1999

ODESSA – Mary Jane Harris, the sister of Myrtle Spruill of Snyder, died Monday, Aug. 9, at her home in Odessa.

Funeral service for Mrs. Harris, 60, was held Saturday at the Life Unlimited Church of which she was a member. She was born Oct. 21, 1938 in Kermit.

Survivors include her husband, Melvin Harris of Gardendale; four sons, Melvin Harris, Lee Harris and Dean Harris, all of Gardendale and Steve Harris of Okemah, Okla.; another sister, Adalene Smart of San Angelo; and seven grandchildren.

Hospital

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Births

Maria Medrano announces the birth of her six-pound daughter at 5:15 p.m. on Aug. 15 in Cogdell Memorial Hospital.

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Shane and Shannon Jones of Ira announce the birth of their daughter at 5:14 a.m. on Aug. 14 in Cogdell Memorial Hospital. She weighed six pounds, seven ounces.

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ONGOINGS

Faith Baptist revival slated

Faith Baptist Church, 208 37th St., will have a revival today through Wednesday at 7 p.m. featuring Evangelist Monty Martin.

Bible study tapes

Bible study video tapes air weekly on cable TV channel 2. The tapes to be shown at 7 p.m. Monday are "The Invitation of Jesus," followed by "The Cross: What's So Bad About Sin?"

Youth football, volleyball

Signup for youth football and volleyball, as well as for cheerleaders, will be held today through Friday at the Boys and Girls Club. Participants must be ages 9-12 by Aug. 31. A fee of $25 and birth certificate is required. Parents must accompany the child. Football uniforms will be issued at time of signup. Call 573-3344 for more information.

Immunization clinic

An immunization clinic at the Scurry County Health Center will be held Tuesday.

Parkinson's support group

The Parkinson's Support Group will meet at 10 a.m. Tuesday in the board room at Cogdell Hospital. A program on home health services will be presented by Sherma Barham, nurse manager of Cogdell Home Health. A video, "Community Involvement for Parkinson's, will be shown.

SHS booster club

The Snyder High School football booster club will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the Student Center.

Model Airplane Club

The Snyder Model Airplane Club will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the club flying field, located south of 30th Street on Deep creek. Visitors and guests are welcome.

First day of class at Ira

Ira School students will return to class on Wednesday. All students are asked to meet at the Old Gym at 8 a.m.

Lone Wolf Cemetery Association

The Lone Wolf Cemetery Association will hold a meeting at 9 a.m. Thursday at the cemetery.

Church of Nazarene revival

First Church of Nazarene will hold a revival Thursday through Sunday. Weeknight services begin at 7 p.m. and the Sunday service is set for 10:45 a m. and will be followed by lunch on the grounds. Keith and Peggy Hatter are the evangelists.

School supplies needed

Snyder ISD and the Scurry County welfare board are seeking donations for school supplies for needy children. Boxes are set up at Wal-Mart, United and Lawrence IGA. For more information, call Mary Ann Juarez at 574-6012.

Joy School

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

Sonshine School

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

King's Kids registration

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

Children's Day Out

Children's Day Out, a Tuesday-Thursday child care program at First United Methodist Church, has begun, but spaces are available for two and three year olds. Call 573-4770.

Cub Scout rally

There will be a rally for Cub Scouts on Aug. 24 at West Elementary. The time will be announced at a later date. Cub Scouts are for boys first grade (seven years old) through the fifth grade. For more information, call James Garvin at 573-3310.

Rock and Roll quilting club

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

Fair booths available

Food and vendor booths are available for the Scurry County Fair to be held Sept. 16-18 in the Scurry County Coliseum. Costs vary, depending on size and type. For more information, call Sandra Barboza at the chamber, 573-3558.

Garage sale items needed

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

Pick 3

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

1-3-0

(one, three, zero)

Lotto Texas

Austin (AP) — No ticket 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: 5, 8, 25, 35, 38 and 50.

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