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Home of Steve Rich

Fiesta had plenty of good food...

Event coordinator Debbie Landa, right, looks over food booth locations with Delfina Lopez

At left, Albino Aguirre and Maria Lopez prepare pork ribs, while James Shrum, right, and Versain Benitez prepare chicken fajitas during Sunday's Jamaica celebration at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church. (SDN Staff Photos)

Lawmakers close to Iraq authorization

WASHINGTON (AP) — Lawmakers are close to giving President Bush the congressional authorization he wants to take on Saddam Hussein, saying they will limit the mandate to Iraq to satisfy Democrats' unease about Bush's request to restore security to the whole region.

On Sunday's television talk shows, Democrats also said Bush needs to more aggressively explain his plans in order to win domestic and international support for any action.

The administration has proposed a resolution that would authorize the president "to use all means that he determines to be appropriate, including force, in order to ... defend the national security interests of the United States against the threat posed by Iraq, and restore international peace and security in the region."

"It's much too broad; there's no limit at all on presidential powers," said Sen. Carl Levin, chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee.

"There needs to be some changes ... it's not even limited to Iraq," Levin, D-Mich., said on "Fox News Sunday."

Bush wants the U.N. Security Council to enforce bans on weapons of mass destruction against Iraq. The United States believes Iraq is stockpiling deadly chemical and biological weapons, and is rebuilding its nuclear weapons program.

Sen. Joseph Biden, chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, said keeping "region" in the resolution would set too broad a precedent.

The administration is amenable to change, and "I predict that won't be the language," Biden, D-Del., told CNN's "Late Edition."

White House press secretary Ari Fleischer said today that the language was "boilerplate" borrowed from earlier U.N. Security Council resolutions and said he couldn't imagine why that wouldn't be acceptable to lawmakers. But, Fleischer added, "of course we're amenable to working with Congress on the resolution."

Some Republicans sympathized with the need to contain the language. "These are very, very important definitions, because it will guide the president and this nation probably into war," Sen. Chuck Hagel, R-Neb., said on ABC's "This Week."

Even those comfortable with the proposed language said they would accommodate change to speed it through. The White House wants the legislation to pass before Congress recesses before elections Nov. 5.

"We can correct that, I don't think that's fatal to the heart of the resolution," said Rep. Henry Hyde, R-Ill., chairman of the House International Relations Committee.

Hagel and Sen. John Kyl, R-Ariz. predicted the resolution would easily pass before the November elections.

Stabbing victim is in hospital

Sheriff Darren Jackson said today that an investigation continues into the Sunday morning stabbing of a 19-year-old Scurry County man.

Gary Lopez Hernandez suffered a stab wound in the upper chest and was taken to Cogdell Memorial Hospital and later transferred to Lubbock's University Medical Center where he is listed in stable condition.

The sheriff said the incident occurred at 10018 Hwy 350 at 12:21 a.m. Sunday.

A 21-year-old man has been identified as a suspect in the assault and is currently in custody on other charges.

Jackson said the case remains under investigation and will most likely be referred to the district attorney's office this week.

Isidore batters Mexican state capital

MERIDA, Mexico (AP) — Hurricane Isidore dove into the Yucatan Peninsula, killing at least one person and leaving hundreds of thousands of people without power early today as howling winds ripped up trees, tore away rooftops and blocked highways.

The storm was downgraded to a tropical storm, with maximum sustained winds weakened to 70 mph. At 7 a.m. today, Isidore was 60 miles south of Merida and heading south at 5 mph.

The National Hurricane Center said the storm is expected to head west and back over water, where it would likely regain strength and again become a hurricane on Tuesday. It could eventually turn north — possibly toward the U.S. Gulf coast. Residents of coastal Louisiana towns started heading north as forecasters predicted the storm could hit the Gulf Coast this week.

In Mexico, Yucatan Gov. Patricio Patron said that because of ravaged communications, officials had little immediate information about damage and unconfirmed reports of two dead. Federal emergency protection officials said they had confirmed one death, although details were not immediately available.

Telephone service was disrupted and roads were blocked.

"This is a disaster. We don't have enough information, and we don't have enough communication," Patron told The Associated Press early today between meetings with disaster officials.

Later, he toured the town of Motul, 20 miles northeast of Merida where residents were beginning to clean up under a light, steady rain.

"Nothing is left," Maria Eleana Dizib said, gazing at her empty, concrete-block home, which like many others was flooded and roofless. "Everything flew away."

After causing heavy flooding in western Cuba, Isidore ran along the Yucatan shore with 125 mph (205 kph) winds and fearsome waves on Sunday as officials tried to evacuate approximately 70,000 people from coastal communities.

It veered suddenly inland to the southwest in the late afternoon. While its center barely avoided Merida, Yucatan's state capital with 800,000 residents, winds and sheets of rain shattered windows, downed trees and power lines and even collapsed the balconies of elegant old houses.

Nearly all the city was left without power.

Classes were canceled statewide as many schools were turned into temporary shelters. Some 150 miles east in the resort city of Cancun, rain and winds ruined beach vacations, but no major damage or injuries were reported.

In Merida, winds howled over toppled branches piling up in the main plaza as residents huddled in darkened homes, hotels and public buildings. The winds were strong enough to ring church bells throughout the city.

The state oil monopoly, Petroleos Mexicanos, evacuated more than 8,000 workers from drilling platforms in the Gulf of Mexico, leaving skeleton crews aboard.

Isidore dumped 12 to 20 inches of rain on the sparsely populated northern coastline and caused havoc with phone and power services across the peninsula.

CADA urging family dinners for tonight

Turn off the TV, round up the family and sit down for a meal together.

Today is Family Day — a day to eat dinner with your children.

The day is being touted nationally as an effort to promote family dinners as a natural, effective way to reduce teen substance abuse.

The goal of Family Day, according to information provided by the Snyder Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse, is not simply to promote family dinners today, but to symbolize the importance of regular family dinners.

Research has shown that the more often a teen eats dinner with his or her family, the less likely that child is to smoke, drink or use illegal drugs.

Blood drive is set for two days

This week's blood drive will honor those who lost their lives in last year's terrorist attacks.

"A year ago, people in Snyder came together to donate blood immediately following the terrorist attacks," said Rhonda Teal, community relations representative of the blood service.

"We're now asking those who are able to donate blood to honor those who perished in the attacks by giving lifesaving blood for patients who need it now," said Teal.

Teal said the community-wide drive, sponsored by Cogdell Memorial Hospital Auxiliary, would be from 10 a.m. until 7 p.m. Tuesday at First Baptist Church Family Life Center.

The drive at Cogdell Hospital will be Wednesday from noon until 5 p.m. in the donor van in the hospital parking lot.

Those wishing to donate should bring a picture identification and a list of medications they are taking.

"Waiting to donate when an emergency happens only creates other emergencies," said Teal. "Blood must be available at all times and in sufficient amounts to meet the needs of Snyder."

ASK US

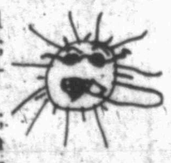
Q—Who funds the STAR Program in Scurry County?

A—Funding comes from the city, county and the Snyder school district.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Saturday, 91 degrees; low, 58; high Sunday, 79; low, 57; 7 a.m. reading Monday, 57; no precipitation; total for 2002, 16.30 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, mostly clear; low mid 50s. Tuesday, mostly clear; high near 80; SE winds 5-10 mph. Tuesday night, mostly clear; low near 55.



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Clear and sunny

Sunset:
7:39 p.m.
Sunrise:
7:33 a.m.
Of 265 days in 2002, the sun has shone 258 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

Apparent failure often proves a blessing.
—Robert E. Lee

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'Friends' and 'The West Wing' garner Emmys

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Mostly overlooked for eight seasons, a resurgent "Friends" walked away with its first comedy series Emmy Award, while voters heaped more Emmy gold on "The West Wing."

Jennifer Aniston of NBC's "Friends" earned lead comedy actress honors for playing the pregnant Rachel after having previously competed in the supporting category.

"This has been the greatest nine years of my entire life," an emotional Aniston said.

"It was our time maybe," co-star Matt LeBlanc said backstage.

The venerable comedy, in its ninth and likely final season, had won only once before for Lisa Kudrow's supporting role in 1998. "Friends" had lost the comedy series trophy five previous times.

NBC's "The West Wing" won four awards Sunday night, including its third consecutive as best drama series. Allison Janney, Stockard Channing and John Spencer collected acting awards.

The White House drama had a second-best 21 nominations, despite what critics said was not its best season creatively.

"Wow. We're just as surprised as you are," executive producer Aaron Sorkin said. "This is a terrific compliment for all of us."

The major networks dominated the 54th annual show, with quirky cable fare such as "Six Feet Under," the HBO series about a family mortuary business, and the risque HBO comedy "Sex and the City" getting shut out in the major categories.

"Six Feet Under," which entered the Emmy competition with a leading 23 nominations, won only a directing nod for series creator Alan Ball on Sunday to add to four won in the creative arts presentations a week earlier. "Sex and the City" added just a directing Emmy on Sunday to its two honors in the earlier ceremony.

The night's lone upset came in the dramatic actor category. Michael Chiklis won as a corrupt cop in "The Shield," which airs on the FX cable network and has lost sponsors because of its gritty content.

"It vindicates us tremendously," Chiklis said backstage. "I always said from the beginning if this were something vacuous and shocking for shock's sake, I wouldn't have done it."

The Emmys finally showed some love to "Everybody Loves Raymond" star Ray Romano, a best comedy actor winner after three previous losses. Brad Garrett, who plays Romano's long-suffering brother, and Doris Roberts, Romano's meddling mother, won supporting awards.

Romano was the last of the CBS show's five stars to earn an Emmy. Previously, Peter Boyle and Patricia Heaton had won.

"I'm not making it up when I tell you it's great and I appreciate it," Romano said.

NBC, which aired Sunday's three-hour, 20-minute awards show, and HBO tied for most wins at 24 apiece, including the creative arts presentations a week earlier. CBS had eight and Fox won seven, while ABC was shut out Sunday night after winning five creative arts awards.

HBO's "The Gathering Storm" was named best TV movie and Albert Finney was honored as lead actor in a miniseries or movie for his portrayal of Winston Churchill. It also won a writing Emmy.

"Band of Brothers," the 10-part HBO drama about World War II created by Steven Spielberg and Tom Hanks, won awards for miniseries and directing.

"The Sopranos" was ineligible for awards because it sat out a season, but it managed to have an impact: A new episode aired Sunday on HBO in competition with the Emmys, and host Conan O'Brien joked that he would turn the numerous TV sets that decorated the Shrine Auditorium stage to "The Sopranos."

Scientists develop alternative batteries

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Scientists have developed a variant of the batteries used in cell phones as a cheaper, safer and more compact alternative to the nickel-metal hydride cells that power electric cars.

The automotive versions of new lithium-ion batteries will be much bigger than those used in cell phones but will share other traits that make the technology popular, said Yet-Ming Chiang, of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

The work appeared Sunday in the electronic version of the journal Nature Materials.

Since Sony Corp. introduced lithium-ion batteries in 1991, they have become popular in many consumer electronics, including laptop computers, digital cameras and mobile phones. They're compact, lightweight and can store a lot of energy.

But they're also expensive to make, since they often contain pricey cobalt. Larger lithium-ion batteries can also be more dangerous, because of the risk of overheating.

Together, that has precluded their use in electric and hybrid-electric cars, which rely on heavier and bulkier — but safer — nickel-metal hydride batteries.

Scientists have long searched for cheaper and safer alternatives to the lithium metal oxides commonly used in the cathode, or positive electrode, of lithium-ion batteries. Among them is a material called lithium iron phosphate, which is also nontoxic.

"Iron has long been the holy grail for lithium-ion battery people as a cathode material," said Fritz Kalhammer, a Palo Alto, Calif., battery expert.

Its drawback has been its low conductivity: such batteries store a lot of energy but charge and discharge slowly. That's not a problem for cell phones, but electric cars require batteries that can be drawn down quickly to allow rapid acceleration.

Chiang and his colleagues at MIT report that modifying the composition of the material with metallic elements such as niobium or zirconium dramatically improves its conductivity. It is also safer.

"What we expect this new material to enable is larger lithium-ion batteries of higher performance," Chiang said.

MIT has patented the technology and has licensed it for commercial use, Chiang said. The new batteries could be on the market in a couple of years and could extend the limited range of electric vehicles, he added.

The discovery will not be a watershed event unless the new batteries are proven to be durable and safe in tests, said Daniel Doughty, manager of the lithium battery research and development department at Sandia National Laboratories.

Scientists designing new batteries must weigh multiple variables, including power, cost, weight, safety, durability and ease of manufacture, making it a game of trade-offs, Doughty said.

"There have been a lot of new materials proposed, and unless they solve this balance of properties, which is very hard to get, they are not going to make any impact on the industry, which is why the companies making lithium-ion batteries, in Japan and around the Pacific Rim, are using materials remarkably similar to what Sony used 10 years ago," Doughty said.

Berry's World

Enron masked loans as sales, independent examiner says

HOUSTON (AP) — Enron masked loans as sales, inflating its bottom line by nearly $1.4 million, according to a report issued by an independent bankruptcy examiner.

Using a maze of swaps, transfers and hedges, the little-known deals inflated Enron's bottom line between 1997 and late 2001, contributing to the energy company's meteoric rise.

The six transactions outlined in examiner Neal Batson's report issued Saturday also raise substantial questions about the role large investment banks played in financing the transactions.

Several banks mentioned in the report, including J.P. Morgan Chase, Citibank and ABN AMRO, are among Enron's largest creditors in the company's bankruptcy proceedings. The potential for conflicts of interest is a prime reason Judge Arthur Gonzalez named Batson to study the financial transactions.

"Once the court enables him to get full disclosure for the investment banks he is going to go substantially further," Andrew Entwistle, a lawyer representing institutional investors, and a lead advocate for the appointment of an independent examiner, said in Sunday's editions of the Houston Chronicle.

"(He will) really be in a position to not only recover assets that belong to the estate, but also to make recommendations as to the complicity of the investment banks in Enron's collapse. It's clear they were involved, they've been doing everything in their power to avoid discovery."

The deals involve the swapping of whatever assets Enron apparently had on hand — such as broadband cable, sulfur dioxide emissions credits and options on NewPower Co. stock — for cash.

If these "asset sales" were properly reclassified as loans, Batson suggested, Enron and its creditors might be able to recover the assets, valued at a half-billion dollars, because they may have been improperly transferred.

In this and future reports — the next is due in January — Batson is seeking to give Enron and its creditors a road map for potential legal actions to recover money to pay its creditors.

Date Book

Monday, Sept. 23, 2002

Today is the 266th day of 2002 and the second day of fall.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1846, the planet Neptune was discovered by Johann Gottfried Galle and Heinrich Louis d'Arrest.

On this day in 1939, Sigmund Freud died at the age of 83.

On this day in 1952, U.S. Senator and vice presidential candidate Richard Nixon delivered his famous Checkers speech, wherein he invoked his dog Checkers while answering to charges that he used an improper expense fund.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Victoria Woodhull (1838-1927), social reformer; Walter Lippmann (1889-1974), journalist; Mickey Rooney (1920-), actor, is 82; John Coltrane (1926-1967), musician; Ray Charles (1930-), singer-pianist, is 72; Julio Iglesias (1943-), singer, is 59; Bruce Springsteen (1949-), singer and songwriter, is 53.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1926, in Philadelphia, Gene Tunney won the heavyweight boxing title by defeating Jack Dempsey.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "The best music is essentially there to provide you something to face the world with." — Bruce Springsteen

TODAY'S MOON: Between full moon (Sept. 21) and last quarter (Sept. 29).

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TEXAS LOTTERY

RESULTS

Saturday's Lottery Numbers

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

The ticket was worth an estimated $7 million.

The ticket was sold in: Taft.

The numbers drawn Saturday night from a field of 54 were: 6-10-19-32-35-47.

Wednesday night's drawing will be worth an estimated $4 million.

Pick 3
(Day) 0-8-7
(Night) 6-7-9
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1-7-11-20-22

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Second man is convicted of murder in yogurt shop case

AUSTIN (AP) — A second man has been convicted of capital murder in the death of a 13-year-old girl at an Austin yogurt shop 11 years ago.

Jurors took about 22½ hours over three days to find Michael Scott, who confessed to police he shot and strangled 13-year-old Amy Ayers, guilty of capital murder Sunday afternoon.

Ayers was killed on Dec. 6, 1991, along with Eliza Hope Thomas, 17, and sisters Jennifer and Sarah Harbison, 17 and 15, at the I Can't Believe It's Yogurt Shop where two of the girls worked. The girls were bound, gagged and shot in the head, and the store was set on fire.

Scott, 28, was tried only for Ayers' murder so that prosecutors could preserve the possibility of trying him for the others in the event of an acquittal.

He showed no emotion as state District Judge Mike Lynch read the verdict, the Austin American-Statesman reported today. Scott faces the death penalty or life in prison when the jury returns for the punishment phase today.

When the judge read the verdict, the victims' families kept their emotions in check. Maria Thomas, Eliza's mother, clenched her jaw and stared straight ahead after hearing the word "guilty."

Scott's wife, Jeannine Scott, held back the tears until her husband was escorted out of the room. Then she leaned forward and sobbed, burying her face in her hands.

"Instead of spending the money they have spent to find the actual perpetrators of these girls' deaths, they have succeeded in putting another innocent man in prison," she said before rushing out of the courthouse. "God, I can only hope the jury has enough sense to realize it's not worth his life. ... I don't know what I'm going to tell his 6-year-old.

"The fight starts now," Jeannine Scott said. "It ain't over today."

The case remained unsolved until 1999, when Scott and friend Robert Springsteen IV, 27, confessed, although both men later recanted and accused police of coercion. Last year Springsteen was convicted and sentenced to death in the murders.

A third suspect, Maurice Pierce, 27, has been awaiting trial since police arrested the three suspects in October 1999.

Prosecutors built their case around Scott's 20-hour videotaped confession to Austin police in 1999. In the statement, prosecutors said Scott revealed details only someone involved in the slayings would know.

Scott's confession also matched that of Springsteen, a former McCallum High School classmate, in several key areas.

Scott's lawyers tried unsuccessfully to have his confession excluded from trial. They said detectives intimidated Scott and fed him details of the crime scene that he later passed on in his own words.

Other parts of the confession, such as what was used to tie up the victims and where their bodies were in the shop, were wrong, defense attorney Carlos Garcia told the jury.

Prosecutors urged jurors to reject Scott's claims that he gave police a "false confession."

The crime had stumped detectives for eight years as Austin police chased thousands of leads.It wasn't until detectives retraced a 1991 interview with Pierce that they turned to Springsteen and Scott for new interviews.

Charges against a fourth suspect were dropped after two grand juries refused to indict him.

Sprint will sell its directory business

OVERLAND PARK, Kan. (AP) — Sprint Corp. has become the most recent debt-laden telecommunications company to sell its profitable phone book business.

The Overland Park-based company said Sunday that R.H. Donnelley, a seller of yellow page advertising, had offered $2.23 billion for its Sprint Publishing & Advertising.

The all-cash deal — expected to close early next year — gives R.H. Donnelley the nation's sixth-largest directory publisher, with more than 260 white and yellow page books in 18 states.

The unit has annual revenue of about $560 million and 1,033 employees, including about 400 in the Kansas City area. R.H. Donnelley will continue operating the directory business from Sprint's suburban Kansas City, Mo., headquarters.

A growing number of telecommunications companies have sold their phone directory businesses in recent months to ease investors' concerns about liquidity issues and to lower debt.

In August, Denver-based Qwest Communications sold its Qwest-Dex directory unit for $7.05 billion to reduce some of its $26.6 billion in debt. Five months earlier, telecom McLeodUSA Inc. closed a deal to sell its directory to the British Yell Group, which already owned Yellow Book USA.

The print phone directory business has been the most profitable in the media world of magazines and newspapers during the latest economic slump, with its steady revenues and predictable cost structure.

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.

Is DNR tattoo appropriate?

DEAR DR. GOTT: My 83-year-old grandmother wants a tattoo. She feels it would help reduce one of her great fears. She worries that if she collapsed, someone would try to resuscitate her. Therefore, she wants "Do Not Resuscitate" tattooed on her chest. She is not ill or depressed. She simply believes that she has lived a good life and is ready to leave it whenever Nature decides to end her time. She wants no money spent and no fuss when the time comes. She is fearful about losing her independence or becoming demented. For her, a sudden collapse would be a perfect death, so why waste the opportunity? Any comments?

DEAR READER: A tattoo might seem a bit drastic — until you consider the alternatives.

Even if she carried a living will with her, a medic responding to a cardiac collapse is not going to waste precious seconds searching for such a document.

A DNR pendant might work but, in such a critical situation, would anyone look at it? A Medic Alert bracelet is out; it's company policy not to engrave medical directives. You might get a bracelet stating that she has a living will on file with the company that could be faxed it to the medics, but this seems highly unlikely — and too time consuming.

While a sudden collapse on the street would be an uncommon occurrence, your grandmother is to be congratulated on considering such an event; few, if any of us, have thought through the issue. Mistakenly or not, most adults assume that death will come slowly, giving them and their families adequate time to make known their preferences. Therefore, resuscitation decisions are ordinarily made in hospitals and nursing homes. Perhaps we should all consider the potential problems of sudden life-threatening situations where medics and other health professionals may have to make momentous decisions — usually to resuscitate — without really knowing a patient's directives.

Thus, a DNR tattoo may not be all that far out. It gives immediate guidance to emergency personnel and should, if honored, prevent the very consequences feared by your grandmother.

Because this is such a sensitive topic, I welcome letters — both pro and con — from readers and medical personnel. And, if I get enough mail, I'll revisit this subject in a future column.

For now, bless your grandmother. I hope that the discomfort of her tattoo and the fact that she won't be able to wear a low-cut evening gown will be counterbalanced by the knowledge that she is in control of her life — at least in theory.

DEAR DR. GOTT: Since much of our food supply comes packaged in tin cans, I am concerned about the possible hazards of swallowing the tiny metal particles that accompany the opening of such containers. Could this stuff cause illness?

DEAR READER: Most canned goods are treated to minimize the spillage of metal particles into food. To my knowledge, the small amount of metal dust that remains is not metabolized by the body, but is excreted in the stool. Therefore, I do not believe that canned food poses any health risks, providing the cans are opened properly with appropriate devices that are sharp enough not to leave metallic residue.

To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Eating Right For A Healthy Heart." Other readers who would like a copy should send a self-addressed, stamped envelope and $2 to Newsletter, PO Box 167, Wickliffe, OH 44092-0167. Be sure to mention the title.

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Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

Friend doesn't know how to react to lonely widower

DEAR ABBY: Three weeks ago, a dear friend, "Mary," died, only four days after being diagnosed with lung cancer. I spent those four days in the hospital with her, sleeping in a chair by her bed at night.

Her husband, "Jim," was also by her side. He held her hand and spoke to her even though she could no longer speak due to the morphine that was controlling her pain. The time we spent at the hospital was only the second time I had met him. We talked for hours while we sat in Mary's room. I thought Jim was a very sweet man.

Last week, Jim said he wanted to see me. I didn't think much about it because I had helped him with some insurance documents. When we met, I was surprised when he expressed a desire to spend time with me.

Abby, I'm not sure Jim should be dating anyone at this time. I think he may be lonely. Any suggestions? **— E.H. IN VIRGINIA BEACH**

DEAR E.H.: I agree that Jim is lonely, and it's too soon for him to make any important decisions. However, I see no reason why you and he can't see each other on a more or less platonic basis for a few months — until the shock of losing his wife subsides. You appear to be a caring and sensible woman. He may — or may not — be transferring his feelings for Mary to you because you were such a good friend. Trust your judgment.

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DEAR ABBY: I am 15. I just found out my father was married before he married my mother. He had a couple of kids with his first wife.

My parents are very upset that I know and are against my having any relationship with my half-siblings. I realize I didn't grow up with them, but it would be nice to meet them since I am an only child.

Can you think of anything I can do to convince my parents to let me talk to them? **— LONELY SIBLING IN NOVA SCOTIA**

DEAR LONELY SIB: Not at this time. Since they are uncomfortable with your contacting your siblings, wait until you are 18.

Family secrets like the one you have described usually have a way of revealing themselves sooner or later. I don't know the circumstances of your father's divorce, but it's important to prepare yourself for the possibility that the children your dad left behind might not know about — or want a relationship with — you. It sometimes happens.

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DEAR ABBY: "Vicki," my best friend for 30 years, is under a doctor's care. The trouble is, she's been lying to him about taking antidepressants and painkillers while still consuming large amounts of alcohol. For the past six months, Vicki has pushed away all those who love her.

Abby, Vicki and I are treated by the same doctor. I was wondering if it would be breaking a trust to tell him what Vicki is doing. I think he should know. What do you think? **— WORRIED FRIEND IN MISSISSIPPI**

DEAR WORRIED FRIEND: By all means tell your doctor about your concerns. Through some "routine" questions, the doctor will have the opportunity to intervene without revealing who tipped him off. Please don't wait. It could save your friend's life, because alcohol and prescription drugs can be a lethal combination.

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Epilepsy drug also prevents migraines

WASHINGTON (AP) — The epilepsy drug topiramate appears to prevent migraine headaches — and unlike some other migraine medications that seem to attract pounds, its main side effect is weight loss, said a study released today.

Some 28 million Americans suffer from migraines, an intense, pulsing headache that can last hours, even days. There are a number of drugs sold to prevent migraines, but they don't work for everyone, so scientists are seeking new medications.

In recent years that search has included epilepsy drugs — after scientists discovered that migraines are not caused by the abnormal blood vessels once blamed but by a unique electrical disorder of brain cells.

Somewhat like epilepsy patient do, migraine sufferers have abnormally excitable brain nerve cells that, when triggered, fire across important pain centers to awaken nerve pain and inflame blood vessels.

Some drugs that fight epilepsy also suppress abnormal neuron firings, and one, Depakote, is often used as a migraine preventer. Now. scientists have found that another epilepsy drug, topiramate, may be useful, too.

In a study of more than 400 migraine sufferers given varying doses of topiramate or dummy pills for four months, about half found their number and duration of migraines cut in half, said Dr. Stephen Silberstein of Thomas Jefferson University in Philadelphia.

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SPORTS

Cleveland, Pats win thrilling OT games

By The Associated Press

The Cleveland Browns kept their composure and finally pulled out a close game.

The Browns rallied from a 28-14 deficit with 5:06 remaining to beat the Tennessee Titans 31-28 in overtime Sunday.

Phil Dawson's 33-yard field goal won it in the extra period after Tim Couch rallied the visiting Browns by throwing two touchdowns in the final 2:35 of regulation.

The win was especially meaningful to coach Butch Davis, who saw the Browns lose the season opener in heartbreaking fashion when Dwayne Rudd was penalized for taking off his helmet. That gave the Kansas City Chiefs the chance to win on a field goal with no time left.

"I don't think there is a team in the NFL more deserving to win a game like this, with the times we've been snake-bitten the last few years," Davis said. "I talked to the team early in the week, and we brought up the first game of the year.

"We said we can let that game do one of two things. It can either build some character for the team, teach us a lesson to fight the entire 60 minutes, or we can let it break us. I knew this team wouldn't want to surrender."

Couch, who sat out the first two games after tearing scar tissue in his right elbow, showed why Davis had no problem putting him back in even though replacement Kelly Holcomb was the NFL's second-rated passer.

Couch helped the Browns overcome four turnovers and went 36-of-50 for 326 yards and three touchdowns in what he called his biggest moment in the NFL.

"There was a lot of talk this week whether I should even be the quarterback of this team," Couch said. "I've said all along I don't care what a lot of people on the outside think, but I know these guys in this locker room believe in me and I believe in myself.

"Hopefully, today maybe I proved a point."

Dolphins 30, Jets 3

MIAMI (AP) — The Dolphins (3-0) snapped their streak of eight consecutive losses to the Jets behind Ricky Williams, who rushed for 151 yards and sealed the win with a 53-yard touchdown sprint, the longest gain in his four-year career.

Miami, which committed no turnovers, has won 17 straight home games in August or September.

Jets QB Vinny Testaverde was picked off twice and fumbled once.

Patriots 41, Chiefs 38, OT

FOXBORO, Mass. (AP) — Super Bowl hero Adam Vinatieri kicked a 35-yard field goal 4:40 into overtime.

Kansas City (1-2) tied it on two touchdowns by Priest Holmes in the last five minutes of regulation. Holmes scored on a 1-yard run as time expired, and Morten Andersen's extra point forced overtime.

The Patriots (3-0) won the coin toss and marched to the winning kick, Vinatieri's first game-winner since his 48-yarder against St. Louis gave the Patriots the championship.

Troy Brown set a team record with 16 catches and a personal high of 176 yards receiving. Tom Brady completed 39 of 54 passes for a career-high 410 yards and four touchdowns.

Holmes, the league's top rusher in 2001, had 180 yards and two touchdowns on 30 carries and caught one of Trent Green's three TD passes.

Saints 29, Bears 23

CHAMPAIGN, Ill. (AP) — New Orleans rallied from a 20-point deficit behind Aaron Brooks and rookie Donte' Stallworth.

Stallworth scored on a 29-yard pass from Brooks with 1:11 remaining and Sammy Knight stopped a last-second Chicago drive with a goal-line interception.

Chicago (2-1) had won all 12 previous games decided by a touchdown or less. But this time, the Saints won the close one to go 3-0 for the first time since 1998.

The Bears drove to the Saints 18, but Jim Miller threw into a crowd at the front of the end zone and Knight intercepted with :02 remaining.

Packers 37, Lions 31

DETROIT (AP) — Brett Favre spoiled rookie Joey Harrington's debut. Favre threw for 357 yards and three touchdowns as the Packers (2-1) held off the Lions (0-3).

Favre completed 31 of 47 passes and moved past Warren Moon for fourth on the NFL's career list with 294 TD passes.

Detroit scored two TDs, including a 52-yard pass to James Stewart with 1:37 left, to cut the deficit to 34-31 before Ryan Longwell's 47-yard field goal ended the scoring.

Broncos 28, Bills 23

DENVER (AP) — The Broncos, who opened the season by stopping St. Louis and San Francisco, are 3-0 for the first time since 1998, when they won their second straight Super Bowl.

Brian Griese threw for two touchdowns and Clinton Portis ran for 103 yards and a touchdown. Denver lost starting tailback Olandis Gary early with a sprained left ankle.

The Bills (1-2) entered as the league leader in yards passing and second in total yards, but finished with just 291 yards, 39 rushing.

Falcons 30, Bengals 3

ATLANTA (AP) — Michael Vick took care of hapless Cincinnati (0-3) almost by himself. He threw a pair of touchdown passes to Brian Finneran and outgained the Bengals all by himself. He completed 16 of 26 passes for 174 yards and pulled off several scintillating runs, finishing with 56 yards on the ground.

Atlanta (1-2) began the season with an overtime loss at Green Bay, followed by a one-point defeat to Chicago when the Falcons missed a field goal in the final minute.

Cincinnat has been outscored 84-16.

49ers 20, Redskins 10

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — All-Pro receiver Terrell Owens scored on a spectacular 38-yard run and the 49ers rushed for 252 yards.

San Francisco (2-1) capped its win with an eight-minute drive led by backup quarterback Tim Rattay, who relieved ill Jeff Garcia (stomach virus). Garrison Hearst rushed for 97, while Kevan Barlow rushed for 94 and a touchdown.

Washington (1-2) gained just 41 yards and was scoreless in the second half.

Chargers 23, Cardinals 15

TEMPE, Ariz. (AP) — The Chargers (3-0) used a late goal-line stand to preserve victory. Star linebacker Junior Seau had to be helped to the locker room with a sprained right ankle after he was hurt on the last play of that stand, but said he should be fine.

For the first time this season, the Chargers allowed a touchdown as Jake Plummer threw for two scores, but also was intercepted twice. The first, by Marcellus Wiley, set up a San Diego touchdown. The second was returned 20 yards by Donnie Edwards for a score.

The Cardinals (1-2) came back in triple-digit heat, but were stopped at the San Diego 9.

Giants 9, Seahawks 6

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP) — Rookie Matt Bryant kicked a game-winning 47-yard field goal with 2:04 to play, the longest of his career. Bryant added field goals of 33 and 21 yards for the Giants (2-1). He is 9-for-9 this season.

William Peterson iced the win for the second straight week with an interception in the final two minutes.

Rian Lindell staked Seattle to a 6-0 halftime lead with field goals of 42 and 27 yards. The Seahawks lost their third straight, their worst start since Mike Holmgren took over in 1999.

Sports Briefs

Basketball booster club

The basketball booster club will meet tonight at 7 at the student center.

Hunter education course

A Texas parks and wildlife hunter education course is scheduled for Oct. 12 at the SHS agriculture building for a fee of $10. To register, call 574-6046.

Youth bowling league

The Snyder youth bowling league meets Saturdays at 10 a.m. at Snyder Lanes for bowlers age 3 to 21. Call 573-4438 for more info.

WTC golf tournament

The second annual WTC SGA four-man select Golf Tournament will be held Oct. 5 at the WTC Golf Course. Shotgun starts are slated for 9 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Entry fee is $160 per team and first prize is $360. Proceeds will benefit the Student Government Association.

Ladies play day

The Women's Golf Association hosts a ladies play day every Tuesday at 9 a.m. Format this week is play the pro.

Couples golf tournament

The second annual Putters and Duffers couples golf tournament will be held Oct. 5-6 at the Scurry County golf course. Cost is $140 per couple. To register contact Xalyn Palacios at 574-3343.

Dele's brother close to death

PAPEETE, Tahiti (AP) — The brother of missing former NBA player Bison Dele reportedly is on life support, and FBI agents were wrapping up their investigation in Tahiti.

The Los Angeles Times reported that Dele's brother, Miles Dabord, is "dead, living only through artificial means," according to his mother, Patricia Phillips. She said doctors discovered severe damage to her son's brain as a result of an insulin overdose and failure to take his asthma medication.

Harwell calls last game

DETROIT (AP) — Ernie Harwell called his last Tigers game in Detroit. The 84-year-old radio announcer will retire after 42 seasons with the team and 55 seasons of calling major league games.

McGriff hits 30th for fifth club

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Chicago Cubs first baseman Fred McGriff became the first major leaguer to hit 30 homers in a season with five teams when he homered in Pittsburgh. It also was his first in PNC Park, the record 42nd park in which he has homered.

Emmitt breaks record for attempts

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Dallas Cowboys running back Emmitt Smith broke Walter Payton's NFL record for career rushing attempts in the 44-13 loss to the Philadelphia Eagles. Smith took a handoff, ran off left tackle and gained 2 yards on his sixth carry of the game and his 3,849th overall. He ran 11 times for 52 yards.

Carter, 'Boys regress in loss to Eagles

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — The difference between the Dallas Cowboys and the Philadelphia Eagles was as wide as the gap between the performances of Quincy Carter and Donovan McNabb.

McNabb finished with 354 yards of offense and four touchdowns in the Eagles' 44-13 win over the Cowboys on Sunday, while Carter failed to lead Dallas to an offensive touchdown and turned the ball over three times.

Carter finished 21-of-35 for 201 yards with an interception and two fumbles in his first career start against the Eagles. The second-year quarterback is now 4-7 as a starter.

"He was a little inconsistent today," Cowboys coach Dave Campo said. "We didn't do much offensively all day. We didn't feel like we were in football game."

McNabb, however, kept his poise and picked apart the Cowboys after being pressured, harassed and forced to run in the first quarter. He completed 24 of 37 passes for 287 yards and three touchdowns, and ran for 67 yards and one touchdown.

His scrambles of 26 and 25 yards in the opening quarter kept Dallas off-balance and opened up the passing game after a slow start.

"I think I stopped them from blitzing," McNabb said. "I took it upon myself to get some yards and move the chains."

Reggie Swinton's 100-yard kickoff return was the only touchdown for Dallas (1-2) in its fifth loss in the past six games against the Eagles. The Cowboys also lost their third straight game at Veterans Stadium, their final appearance at the 31-year-old venue before the Eagles move to the new Lincoln Financial Field next year.

It was the Cowboys' second sluggish offensive performance of the season, including an embarrassing 19-10 loss to the expansion Houston Texans in the season opener.

Last week, the Cowboys appeared to find an offensive groove in a 21-13 win over the Tennessee Titans.

MLB Standings

American League
All Times EDT

East Division	W	L	Pct	GB
y-New York	98	57	.632	—
Boston	89	66	.574	9
Toronto	72	84	.462	26½
Baltimore	67	88	.432	31
Tampa Bay	53	102	.342	45
Central Division	**W**	**L**	**Pct**	**GB**
y-Minnesota	89	66	.574	—
Chicago	79	77	.506	10½
Cleveland	70	86	.449	19½
Kansas City	60	96	.385	29½
Detroit	54	101	.348	35
West Division	**W**	**L**	**Pct**	**GB**
x-Oakland	99	57	.635	—
Anaheim	96	60	.615	3
Seattle	90	66	.577	9
Texas	70	86	.449	29

x-clinched playoff spot
y-clinched division

Sunday's Games

N.Y. Yankees 4, Detroit 3
Toronto 12, Tampa Bay 6
Boston 13, Baltimore 2
Cleveland 6, Kansas City 5
Oakland 7, Texas 5
Seattle 3, Anaheim 2
Chicago White Sox 8, Minnesota 2

Monday's Games

Boston (Wakefield 11-5) at Baltimore (Stephens 2-4), 7:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Zambrano 6-8) at N.Y. Yankees (O.Hernandez 8-4), 7:05 p.m.

Tuesday's Games

Baltimore (Douglass 0-4) at Toronto (Halladay 17-7), 7:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Harper 5-8) at N.Y. Yankees (Mussina 16-10), 7:05 p.m.
Anaheim (Appier 14-11) at Texas (Benoit 3-4), 8:05 p.m.
Cleveland (R.Rodriguez 2-2) at Minnesota (Milton 13-9), 8:05 p.m.
Boston (Fossum 4-4) at Chicago White Sox (Garland 12-11), 8:05 p.m.
Detroit (Loux 0-2) at Kansas City (Asencio 3-7), 8:05 p.m.
Oakland (Zito 22-5) at Seattle (Valdes 8-11), 10:05 p.m.

National League
All Times EDT

East Division	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Atlanta	97	57	.630	—
Montreal	79	77	.506	19
Philadelphia	78	78	.500	20
Florida	75	81	.481	23
New York	74	81	.477	23½
Central Division	**W**	**L**	**Pct**	**GB**
x-St. Louis	91	64	.587	—
Houston	82	74	.526	9½
Cincinnati	75	81	.481	16½
Pittsburgh	69	87	.442	22½
Chicago	65	91	.417	26½
Milwaukee	54	101	.348	37
West Division	**W**	**L**	**Pct**	**GB**
Arizona	94	61	.606	—
San Francisco	90	66	.577	4½
Los Angeles	88	68	.564	6½
Colorado	72	84	.462	22½
San Diego	65	91	.417	29½

x-clinched division

Sunday's Games

Atlanta 4, Florida 1
Montreal 5, N.Y. Mets 1
Philadelphia 4, Cincinnati 3
Pittsburgh 5, Chicago Cubs 4
San Francisco 3, Milwaukee 1
St. Louis 7, Houston 3
Colorado 11, Arizona 7
Los Angeles 4, San Diego 3

Monday's Games

Milwaukee (Rusch 10-14) at Houston (Mlicki 4-10), 8:05 p.m.
Arizona (Helling 9-11) at St. Louis (Jam.Wright 6-13), 8:10 p.m.

Tuesday's Games

Florida (Pavano 5-10) at Montreal (Ohka 13-8), 7:05 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Trachsel 10-11) at Pittsburgh (Fogg 12-11), 7:05 p.m.
Atlanta (Glavine 18-10) at Philadelphia (Padilla 14-11), 7:05 p.m.
Cincinnati (Haynes 14-9) at Chicago Cubs (Wood 11-10), 8:05 p.m.
Milwaukee (Franklin 1-1) at Houston (Oswalt 19-7), 8:05 p.m.
Arizona (Johnson 23-5) at St. Louis (An.Benes 5-4), 8:10 p.m.
Colorado (Stark 10-3) at Los Angeles (Od.Perez 15-9), 10:10 p.m.
San Diego (Ol.Perez 3-4) at San Francisco (Ortiz 13-10), 10:15 p.m.

NFL

National Football League
AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Miami	3	0	0	1.000	100	37
New England	3	0	0	1.000	115	59
Buffalo	1	2	0	.333	99	104
N.Y. Jets	1	2	0	.333	47	105
South	**W**	**L**	**T**	**Pct**	**PF**	**PA**
Indianapolis	2	1	0	.667	64	49
Jacksonville	1	1	0	.500	48	44
Houston	1	2	0	.333	25	57
Tennessee	1	2	0	.333	68	76
North	**W**	**L**	**T**	**Pct**	**PF**	**PA**
Cleveland	2	1	0	.667	90	75
Baltimore	0	2	0	.000	7	35
Pittsburgh	0	2	0	.000	31	60
Cincinnati	0	3	0	.000	16	84
West	**W**	**L**	**T**	**Pct**	**PF**	**PA**
Denver	3	0	0	1.000	75	53
San Diego	3	0	0	1.000	81	24
Oakland	2	0	0	1.000	61	34
Kansas City	1	2	0	.333	94	103
NATIONAL CONFERENCE						
East	**W**	**L**	**T**	**Pct**	**PF**	**PA**
N.Y. Giants	2	1	0	.667	48	43
Philadelphia	2	1	0	.667	105	47
Dallas	1	2	0	.333	44	76
Washington	1	2	0	.333	48	80
South	**W**	**L**	**T**	**Pct**	**PF**	**PA**
Carolina	3	0	0	1.000	62	28
New Orleans	3	0	0	1.000	90	63
Tampa Bay	1	1	0	.500	45	26
Atlanta	1	2	0	.333	77	54
North	**W**	**L**	**T**	**Pct**	**PF**	**PA**
Chicago	2	1	0	.667	64	65
Green Bay	2	1	0	.667	94	100
Detroit	0	3	0	.000	59	117
Minnesota	0	3	0	.000	76	93
West	**W**	**L**	**T**	**Pct**	**PF**	**PA**
San Francisco	2	1	0	.667	50	47
Arizona	1	2	0	.333	62	67
St. Louis	0	2	0	.000	37	49
Seattle	0	3	0	.000	36	64

Monday's Game

St. Louis at Tampa Bay, 9 p.m.

Sunday, Sept. 29

Dallas at St. Louis, 1 p.m.
Chicago at Buffalo, 1 p.m.
New Orleans at Detroit, 1 p.m.
Miami at Kansas City, 1 p.m.
Carolina at Green Bay, 1 p.m.
Cleveland at Pittsburgh, 1 p.m.
N.Y. Jets at Jacksonville, 1 p.m.
Houston at Philadelphia, 1 p.m.
N.Y. Giants at Arizona, 4:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Cincinnati, 4:05 p.m.
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SPORTS

JV and frosh roll...

SHS varsity spikers fall at Seminole

The Lady Tigers volleyball team lost big hitter Ashley Tuttle to illness, then lost its match.

The spikers were roughed up at Seminole in a district match Saturday, getting swept 7-15 and 4-15.

"The score doesn't really show just how tough we played," Head Coach Laura Moses said. "But we are still make some mental errors that we need to correct."

Moses said Sarah Crawford played well on the net, and Kelsey Johnson had a great match on the back line, getting 12 digs in the match.

"Kelsey started both games, and she will probably start at Denver City also," she said.

Zipporah Peoples had four blocks and three kills, and Shelley Fisk had five service points, including an ace.

Aaryn Stewart smashed an ace and had three service points in the match.

Moses said the team has played well together for the most part, but said the girls need to trust each other to be in proper position.

"They are still doing some reaching for the ball when their teammates are right behind them."

The junior varsity squad came on to beat Sweetwater at home Saturday, taking the match in three sets, 15-10, 14-16, 15-7.

Head Coach Wendy Parks said the team made big strides in the match.

"We came together as a team," she said. "We played good defense and everything finally clicked for us."

Beth Clements contributed to the win with 10 service points, adding an ace to her impressive play, and Parks said Courtney Cox had another outstanding match.

Parks said the play of the setters, Heather Zajicek and Heather Holmes, helped the JV get the win.

"They played well together and had some nice sets for the team," she said. "And Stacey Williamson played great all the way around."

She said the improved fundamentals were a major factor in the win.

"We got our feet moving and didn't have as much trouble picking up the hard spots."

In freshman action, Snyder dominated their Sweetwater rivals, posting a 15-7, 15-1 sweep.

"The girls played very well together in this match," freshman coach Shelley Hayes said.

Glyn Wright had 12 service points for the ninth-graders, and Bianca Gonzales added seven points and Erica Little had five points for the winners.

The teams next play at home Tuesday against Denver City, with the first serve scheduled for 5:30 p.m.

AP Top 25

The AP Top 25

	Record	Pts	Pvs
1. Miami (69)	4-0	1,845	1
2. Oklahoma (3)	3-0	1,717	2
3. Texas (2)	3-0	1,699	3
4. Florida St.	4-0	1,661	5
5. Virginia Tech	4-0	1,501	7
6. Ohio St.	4-0	1,436	6
7. Florida	3-1	1,369	10
8. Georgia	3-0	1,312	8
9. Oregon	4-0	1,213	9
10. Notre Dame	4-0	1,170	12
11. Tennessee	2-1	1,070	4
12. Penn St.	3-0	998	15
13. Washington	2-1	887	13
14. Michigan	3-1	805	14
15. Kansas St.	4-0	732	25
16. Washington St.	3-1	668	16
17. N.C. State	5-0	657	17
18. Southern Cal	2-1	528	11
19. Iowa St.	4-1	485	21
20. Nebraska	3-1	477	18
21. Wisconsin	5-0	470	22
22. LSU	2-1	255	24
23. Oregon St.	4-0	228	—
24. Texas A&M	2-1	207	19
25. Colorado St.	3-1	189	—

Others receiving votes: Alabama 133, Auburn 67, Clemson 50, Air Force 43, Kentucky 43, Marshall 39, Arkansas 30, UCLA 18, California 15, Colorado 15, Bowling Green 7, Boston College 5, Georgia Tech 2, Michigan St. 2, Minnesota 1, Mississippi 1.

Sports Calendar

TODAY

Volleyball: Snyder jr. high vs. Sweetwater, 5:30 p.m.

TUESDAY

Volleyball: Snyder frosh, junior varsity and varsity at Denver City, 10 a.m.

Tennis: Snyder at Big Spring

THURSDAY

Football: Snyder JV at Post, 8 p.m.

Football: Ira JV vs. New Home, 7 p.m.

Football: Snyder 8th vs. Big Spring, 5 p.m.

Football: Snyder 7th at Big Spring, 5 p.m.

FRIDAY

Football: Snyder vs. Ft. Stockton, homecoming, 7:30 p.m.

Football: Ira at New Home, 7:30 p.m.

Football: Hermleigh at Loop, 7:30 p.m.

Football: Borden Co. at Wellman, 7:30 p.m.

3-3A Football Standings

	District		Season	
Team	W	L	W	L
Snyder	0	0	0	3
Sweetwater	0	0	2	2
Lamesa	0	0	2	1
Merkel	0	0	3	1
Denver City	0	0	2	1
Seminole	0	0	3	1

Sept. 27 games: Ft. Stockton at Snyder; Lamesa at Littlefield; Kermit at Denver City; Lubbock Cooper at Seminole; Abilene Wylie at Sweetwater; Merkel, open.

Oct. 4 games: Snyder at Levelland; Lamesa at Monahans; Denver City at Lubbock Cooper; Breckenridge at Merkel; Seminole and Sweetwater, open.

Oct. 11 games: Sweetwater at Snyder; Denver City at Lamesa; Merkel at Seminole.

Oct. 18 games: Snyder at Merkel; Lamesa at Seminole; Denver City at Sweetwater.

Oct. 25 games: Seminole at Snyder; Sweetwater at Lamesa; Merkel at Denver City.

Nov. 1 games: Lamesa at Snyder; Denver City at Seminole; Sweetwater at Merkel.

Nov. 8 games: Snyder at Denver City; Merkel at Lamesa; Seminole at Sweetwater.

End of regular season

FOREHAND WINNER — Horacio de Paz practices in anticipation for the teams' match at Big Spring Tuesday. The netters took second in the Wichita Falls tournament over the weekend, falling to Vernon 11-8 in the final. (SDN Staff Photo)

Netters place 2nd at tourney

The Snyder varsity tennis team dominated at the Wichita Falls tournament, finishing second overall in the eight-team tournament.

Only 3A powerhouse Vernon kept the Snyder netters from winning the tournament, and head coach Ted Phillips said that match was extremely close.

"It was very close," he said. "We lost three split set matches to them, and it could have been an 11-8 win for us."

Snyder beat a Vernon team that has won state five out of the last six years 10-9 last year, and Phillips said the revenge factor probably motivated them in this match.

"We play them again Saturday," he said. "We are right there with them, and we can make a run this year."

The Tigers rolled on their way to the finals showdown, blanking Iowa Park 19-0 in the first round, and manhandling Borger 16-3 in the second round.

"Iowa Park is a very young team, but they are going to be tough in the future," Phillips said.

Snyder stomped Burkburnett 17-2 in the third round match to set up the match with Vernon. Other teams that competed in the tournament were Hirschi, Graham and Denton.

"It was a good tournament," he said. "There was some good competition."

Phillips was so pleased with the play of the team, he could not single out any one player as having an outstanding tournament.

"Everybody played well," he said. "I couldn't ask for better performances."

Snyder travels to Big Spring Tuesday for its next match, then will head to Lubbock Saturday to take on Vernon and Canyon.

Texans fall to Manning, Colts

HOUSTON (AP) —An efficient Peyton Manning compensated for a mediocre running game and quieted a raucous Houston crowd Sunday in leading the Colts (2-1) to a 23-3 victory over the Texans (1-2).

"It's an expansion team, but these are good players," Manning said. "We feel good about a win on the road."

Manning, who donned a black cowboy hat and boots after the game — "When in Rome, do as the Romans" — completed 21 of 28 passes for 272 yards, with two touchdowns and no interceptions. He was sacked three times even though the Texans rarely blitzed.

Colts coach Tony Dungy said the game stayed too tight for his taste. The offense wasted scoring opportunities and the defense allowed Houston to gain 126 rushing yards, including 93 by rookie Jonathan Wells.

The Colts yielded just 78 yards passing to the Texans and their No. 1 overall draft pick, quarterback David Carr. Still, Dungy was critical.

Despite the Texans' inability to mount a drive, they were down only 13-3 midway into the fourth quarter.

Rangers lose to A's again

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — Jermaine Dye hit two home runs, including a shot initially ruled foul, and the A's beat the Texas Rangers 7-5 to maintain their lead in the AL West.

Scott Hatteberg added a two-run homer for the A's, who increased their lead over second-place Anaheim to three games when the Angels lost 3-2 at Seattle.

Mark Mulder (18-7) pitched six strong innings to win his fifth straight decision as the A's won their fifth in a row and eighth of 10.

Tiger bogeys once in win

THOMASTOWN, Ireland (AP) — Despite his first and only bogey on the final hole Sunday, TigerWoods closed with a 6-under 66 for a one-stroke victory over Retief Goosen, his second wire-to-wire victory this year.

It was his fifth World Golf Championship title in 10 tries since the series began in 1999, and his 25-under 263 matched his lowest score in relation to par over 72 holes.

"I played so good the entire week," Woods said. "I played 71 consecutive holes without dropping a shot. That's pretty good golf."

And it comes at a pretty good time.

Woods has never been fired up about the Ryder Cup, mostly because of a long week of photo sessions, orchestrated practice rounds and gala dinners. In fact, he caused a stir by saying he would rather win the American Express Championship and its $1 million prize than the Ryder Cup and a 14-inch gold chalice.

No one will care how he feels about the Ryder Cup, just as long he brings his game. And there's no reason to think it will disappear when the team makes that short flight Monday over the Irish Sea to The Belfry.

Woods won for the sixth time worldwide this year, and his fifth PGA Tour victory made him the first player since Arnold Palmer (1960-63) to win at least five times on tour in four consecutive seasons.

WTC men finish 2nd at ENMU rodeo, women 5th

The Western Texas College men's rodeo left Portales with a second place finish and valuable experience at the Eastern New Mexico University rodeo this weekend.

"We are a pretty young team," coach Greg Rhodes said. "We are getting to where we need to be."

Strong showings in the short round bull riding event by Steven Turner, who placed third in average, and Will Morris, who finished fourth, helped the team, as did a fourth-place showing by Cody Horwedel in the saddle bronc competition.

"We had five of our six men in the short round again," Rhodes said. "They are putting themselves in positions to accomplish what they need to accomplish."

Tyson Thompson took second in average in bare back riding with a third-place 74 in the short round.

The women's team finished fifth in the rodeo, but none placed in the short round.

Rhodes was enthusiastic about the progress the team's progress following its second rodeo this year.

"I'm pretty satisfied," he said. "We are doing what needs to be done."

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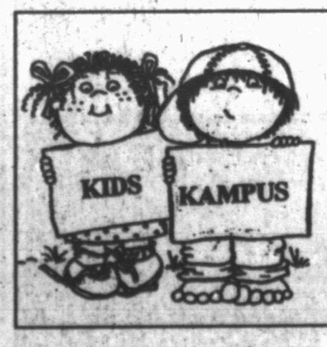

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Vietnam veteran's photos show a country at peace

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Geoffrey Clifford first saw the pockmarked landscape of Vietnam from the U.S. Army combat helicopter he flew during the war.

Clifford, who served in Da Nang as a first lieutenant in 1971, came home after he was discharged to study photography and filmmaking. In 1986, what he considered a "huge career opportunity" to return became a chance to capture the culture, beauty and people of a Vietnam he never met — a Vietnam at peace.

Clifford's collection, "Vietnam: Journey of the Heart," opened Sunday at San Francisco Public Library as part of a nationwide exhibition.

"When you're flying missions on a daily basis, and you see that landscape from the air, it's pretty hard not to see that this was a beautiful county," said Clifford, 52, who viewed the exhibit for the first time since it began its tour last year.

"I was going to go back to Vietnam, go back in time to correct something I had done wrong. I have only good memories of Vietnam now."

His photos depict the simple life that has defined Vietnam's countryside for thousands of years. Picturesque images of Ha Long Bay's fabled limestone islands and bucolic scenes of emerald rice fields dotted by straw conical hats represent a beauty seemingly untouched by a history of invaders.

"It gives me a feeling of old Vietnam — the essence of Vietnam," said Shu Schenck, who attended the opening and was born in an ethnic Chinese village of what was then Saigon.

Clifford's collection isn't reflective of parts of modern Vietnam where capitalism is evident, such as the thousands of motorbikes that zoom through the streets of Ho Chi Minh City. He said he consciously avoids focusing on the country's growing Westernization and instead gathers images of an older, more traditional Vietnam.

Campaign worker for Sanchez gets fired

WEST COLUMBIA (AP) — A man working as a door-to-door canvasser for Democratic gubernatorial nominee Tony Sanchez was arrested Sunday after he allegedly pulled a gun on a truck driver.

Ian Davis, 18, told police he was soliciting support for Sanchez when he and a West Columbia man, who was driving a truck at the time, began arguing, Michael Palmer of the West Columbia Police Department said.

Palmer said Davis then pulled a black pistol from his backpack.

The unidentified truck driver then went home and called police, Palmer said.

A second campaign worker who was with Davis stayed out of the altercation, Palmer said.

Closing arguments expected in Ross trial

LUBBOCK (AP) — Prosecutors in the trial of Vaughn Ross, a 31-year-old former college student accused of killing his girlfriend's sister and a Texas Tech dean, Douglas Birdsall, say the murders stemmed from an ongoing dispute between the Ross and the 18-year-old girl.

Ross, 31, is charged with capital murder for the Jan. 30, 2001, fatal shooting of Birdsall and Viola Ross McVade.

Prosecutors say Birdsall was killed because he was with McVade, whom he met that night.

Attorneys concluded evidence presentation Friday. Closing arguments are to begin today in the 137th District Court, the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal reported in today's editions. If convicted, Ross faces life in prison or death.

Birdsall, 53, was associate dean of libraries at Tech. McVade, 18, a lifelong Lubbock resident, was not related to Vaughn Ross.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

North 09-23-02
♠ 3
♥ K Q 6 5 4
♦ Q 10 7 5 4 3 2
♣ —

West
♠ A 9 7 6
♥ 9 7 3
♦ A 9
♣ 10 9 8 7

East
♠ 2
♥ A J 10 2
♦ K J 8
♣ 6 5 4 3 2

South
♠ K Q J 10 8 5 4
♥ 8
♦ 6
♣ A K Q J

Dealer: North
Vulnerable: Both

South	West	North	East
		Pass	Pass
4 ♠	Pass	Pass	Dbl.
Pass	Pass	Pass	

Opening lead: ♦ A

Monday, Sept. 23, 2002

Break their line of communication

By Phillip Alder

Michel de Montaigne, a 16th-century French essayist, claimed, "There is no pleasure to me without communication: there is not so much as a sprightly thought comes into my mind that it does not grieve me to have produced alone, and that I have no one to tell it to."

When I was challenged by today's contract, immediately I thought about communicating it via this column. Look only at the North-South hands. How would you try to make four spades doubled? West starts with the ace and another diamond, East beating dummy's card. Take it as given that West had ace-nine-fourth of trumps.

If you are having trouble, look at all 52 cards and hope that the key sprightly thought comes into your mind.

The given auction is the best I could devise for reaching four spades doubled. However, because the opening bid and the double are grievous, this must be a composed deal.

If you ruff the second diamond and play a top spade, West will win with his ace and shift to a heart. East, after winning with the ace, will lead his last diamond to promote West's spade nine, giving you four losers: two spades, one heart and one diamond.

You must cut the defenders' communication. At trick three, ruff a winning club in the dummy — the ace if you are a flamboyant type. Then call for a diamond yourself and discard the heart eight. You ruff low whatever East returns, continue with the spade king, and a moment later draw trumps. You lose only one spade and two diamonds — it's a beautiful loser-on-loser scissors coup.

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Alltel	42.10	41.20	41.33	—.87
AmEl Pw	27.66	27.00	27.12	—.76
AndarkPtr	43.10	42.20	42.50	—.17
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Aviall	10.30	10.25	10.25	—.02
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BakerHughes	27.68	26.97	27.02	—.34
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BellSouth	21.48	21.11	21.20	—.89
BurlNoSFe	26.30	25.76	25.89	—.61
Caterpillar	38.03	37.10	37.26	—.61
ChevronTex	70.80	69.75	69.99	—.56
Citigroup	26.84	24.42	26.29	—.54
CocaCola	47.69	46.56	46.63	—.89
ColgatePal	53.95	53.05	53.06	—.24
CmclMetals s	18.65	17.79	17.79	—.96
ConocoPhill	49.19	48.25	48.40	—.40
Cooper Inds	31.33	30.76	31.15	—.14
DaimlrChry	36.59	35.47	35.60	—1.99
DeltaAirl	12.15	11.69	11.79	—.50
Dillards Inc	24.00	23.30	23.54	—1.05
DowChem	29.00	28.12	28.23	—1.03
DuPont	38.98	37.75	37.89	—1.49
EastmanChem	40.96	39.76	40.01	—.97
EstKodak	27.19	26.51	26.83	+ .20
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ExxonMobil	33.00	32.51	32.63	—.24
FootLocker	10.21	10.02	10.05	—.19
GenDynam	83.68	82.80	83.67	+ .60
GenElec	26.57	25.93	26.00	—.75
GenMills	43.81	42.95	43.15	—.49
GenMotors	42.55	41.34	41.40	—1.53
GaPacific	16.05	15.20	15.42	+ .30
Goodrich	20.22	19.95	20.01	—.77
Goodyear	10.14	9.78	9.78	—.41
GtAtlPac	8.29	7.55	8.23	—.02
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Hanson ADS	28.75	28.03	28.20	—1.28
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HomeDepot	31.00	29.45	29.60	—1.63
HoneywellIntl	23.55	22.97	23.00	—.65
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Kroger Co	15.30	15.10	15.22	—.15
LockheedM	66.18	64.97	65.92	+ .69
Lowes Cos	42.26	40.93	41.08	—1.31
Lubys	5.10	5.09	5.09	—.06
LucentTech	1.03	.98	.99	—.06
MarathonOil	23.22	22.84	22.97	—.29
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SherwinW	24.00	23.28	23.81	—.30
SouthernCo	28.27	27.56	27.93	—.35
SwstAirl	13.74	13.14	13.40	—.44
SprintFON	9.79	9.22	9.37	+ .35
SprintPCS	2.89	2.44	2.45	—.29
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TempleInland	45.09	43.79	44.08	—.39
TexInd	25.60	25.10	25.16	—.18
TexasInst	15.62	14.90	15.04	—.74
Textron	35.87	35.03	35.03	—.90
TrinityInds	17.95	17.70	17.71	—.09
TylerTech	4.40	4.30	4.38	—.01
UnionPacif	59.02	58.09	58.35	—1.05
USSteel	11.73	10.95	11.22	—.79
UnitedTech	57.55	56.35	56.93	—1.30
Unocal	31.16	30.64	30.70	—.58
VerizonComm	29.15	28.32	28.45	—1.21
WalMart	53.71	52.50	52.59	—2.11
WellsFargo	46.72	46.23	46.30	—.59
WstnGasRs	31.35	31.25	31.30	+ .19
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38 Like circus lions
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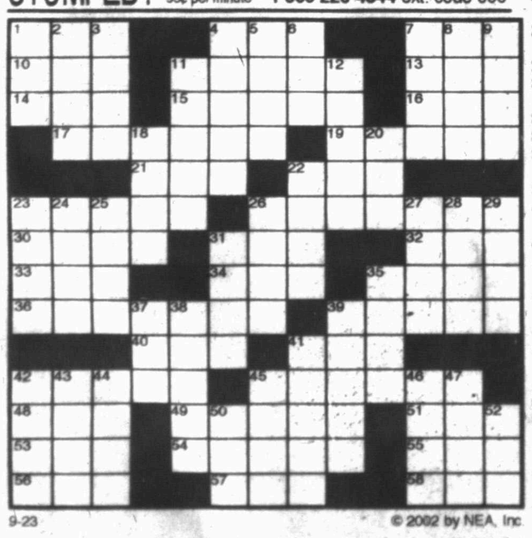

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Plan outlines guidelines for mass smallpox vaccinations

WASHINGTON (AP) — Federal officials are sending states detailed guidelines today for vaccinating their entire populations against smallpox should the deadly disease return in an act of terrorism.

The plan offers instructions for how to vaccinate the U.S. population within days should it become necessary. No decisions have been made, though, about the circumstances under which those plans would be activated, officials said.

The highly contagious disease has not been seen in this country for decades and routine vaccinations ended in 1971. Although smallpox was declared eradicated in 1980, experts fear that hostile nations or terrorist groups may have acquired the virus and could release it on a population that now harbors very little natural immunity.

The new blueprint does not address a much thornier issue now under intense discussion within the Bush administration: who to vaccinate before an attack even occurs. A decision on that issue is expected by month's end.

Rather, the state planning guide addresses mass vaccinations after smallpox is discovered. It goes well beyond earlier planning, which has revolved around "ring" vaccination," where authorities deliver shots first to those closest to the contagious patient.

Under ring vaccination, health officials work away from the central smallpox patient in concentric circles, delivering shots to people the patient may have exposed and then to others who those people may have exposed.

Mass vaccination is a much more aggressive approach and officials believe it could be necessary in order to halt a fast-spreading smallpox virus.

The smallpox vaccine offers protection against the disease even if administered after someone is exposed, as long as they get the shot within a few days.

The logistics of vaccinating large numbers of people all at once are exceedingly complicated. The plan being sent today, nearly 100 pages long, addresses "anything you can think of in running a vaccine clinic," one federal official said Sunday, speaking on condition of anonymity.

"It literally says, 'here's how you set one up and here's how you run it,'" the official said.

Specific questions addressed include how many clinics and health care workers would be needed, where the clinics should be stationed and how to deal with the news media. The plan also addresses security issues including how to keep order among an anxious public.

The blueprint was first reported by The Washington Post on its Web site.

Federal health officials are also in the final stages of planning for who to vaccinate in the short term, absent a smallpox case.

The vaccine carries significant risks, including death, leaving officials to balance the risk of the side effects against the risk of the disease's return.

Officials at the White House and the Department of Health and Human Services are nearing a final decision on who to vaccinate right away.

They have settled on a staged approach, beginning with health care workers and emergency responders who face the greatest risk of seeing a contagious smallpox patient.

Then, they plan to offer the vaccine to others, such as other health care workers and emergency responders, officials have said.

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Tuesday, Sept. 24, 2002

In the year ahead keep all your affairs in proper balance and don't let your scales dip too far in either direction. Steady, sure steps will carry you further than those you take on the run or make in haste.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — It might be wise today to resist an urge to buy something that you know is too expensive for you to handle at this time. Unfortunately, bigger repercussions than you had thought possible could come from it. 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 167, Wickliffe, OH 44092.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Poor timing today could deprive you of reaching an objective you're rather anxious to achieve. Wait until the conditions are exactly right before you make your play.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Double-check any information that may be passed onto you today to make certain it is of value. If it should turn out to be erroneous, it could cause major complications for you.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — In any situation that places you in a position to put money on the table, make sure everyone involved antes up equally. Someone could attempt to get a free ride.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Inappropriate behavior on your part will leave a lasting impression on others, so be especially careful with how you conduct yourself in front of associates today.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — A task you've been postponing may catch up with you today and force you to cancel some plans you've been looking forward to. Some lessons can be unpleasant, and this may be one of them.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Take risks today only with those things that belong to you. A friend will be angered if your recklessness with something that belongs to him/her causes a mishap.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Keep outsiders out of discussions or activities that are personal or only involve your family. Their input could be more detrimental than it would be constructive.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — If you hope to get others to do your bidding today, you're going to have to be extremely tactful and sincere. Neither flattery nor assertiveness will work.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Indifference concerning matters that could affect your financial position will not be too smart on your part today. Any failure to manage your resources can invite a loss.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Some very sage advice is going to be offered today. Unfortunately, you may completely ignore it just because you dislike the source. Don't let your ego cause you to be foolish.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — If you are guilty of some type of infraction or mistake today, don't try to shift the blame onto whomever happens to be around. Others will have more respect for you if you fess up.

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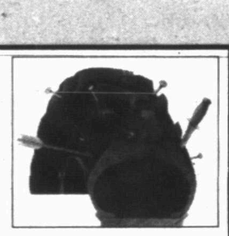
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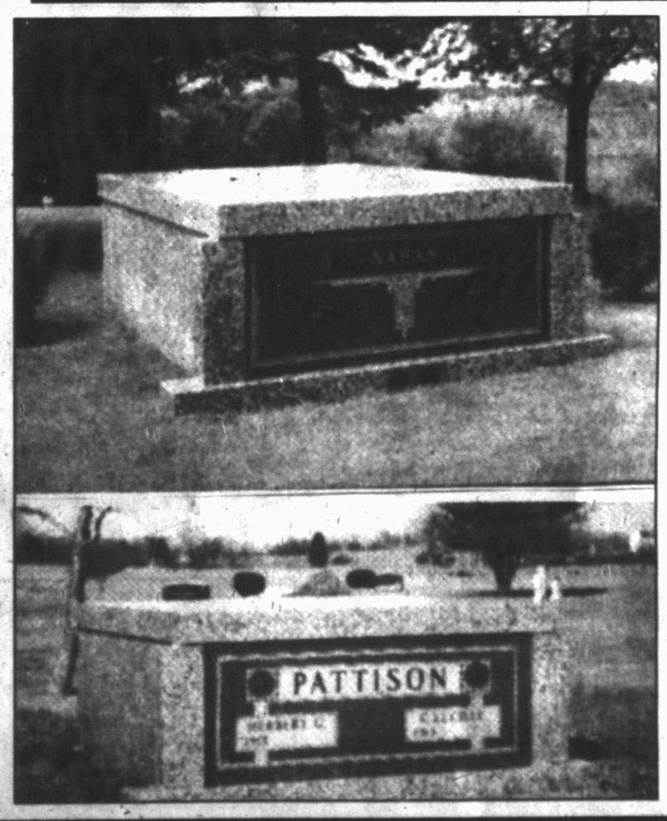

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THE SNYDER DAILY NEWS

Price of crude oil creeps higher

OSAKA, Japan (AP) — Oil futures shot above $30 per barrel today as the world's top crude producers and importers wrapped up a three-day energy conference overshadowed by worries about prices that have been nudged higher by Iraqi war fears.

"We are watching the market closely, but we are not concerned yet," OPEC Secretary-General Alvaro Silva Calderon said on the sidelines of the International Energy Forum, held every two years to promote market stability through dialogue between buyers and sellers.

Silva reiterated that OPEC will put more crude onto the market if OPEC's price breaks out of its target range between $22 and $28 for 20 trading days.

Crude to be delivered in November was up 44 cents at $30.28 in pre-market computer trading operated by the New York Mercantile Exchange, on concerns that President Bush could be getting closer to ordering an attack to topple Iraqi President Saddam Hussein. The New York futures price is for a premium-grade oil worth about $2 more than OPEC's average barrel.

Traders fear war could disrupt supplies.

Big importers in the West wanted OPEC to raise its official output ceiling during a meeting in Osaka last week, but the oil producers refused, insisting supply remains adequate and the price is inflated by a so-called "war premium" estimated at $2 to $4 per barrel.

The United States and European Union worry that expensive oil will harm their economies.

California OKs stem cell research law

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — In a move that runs counter to Bush administration policy, California has adopted a new law that opens the state's doors to stem cell researchers.

Gov. Gray Davis signed legislation Sunday that expressly permits the research, which has been strongly opposed by anti-abortion groups and the Roman Catholic church because it involves the use of fetal and embryonic tissue.

The issue captured headlines more than a year ago when President Bush restricted federal funding for human embryonic stem cell research to a select number of existing cell lines.

Supporters of the California legislation say the law will attract scientists who someday may be able to cure chronic diseases through the research. Proponents include actor Christopher Reeve, who has been a stem cell research activist since an accident left him paralyzed from the neck down. He believes stem cell research could help treat paralysis.

"Since stem cells were first isolated in 1998, the political debate has had a chilling affect on our scientists," Reeve said Sunday. "It is painful to contemplate what advances could have been made" if that research wasn't stifled.

Stem cells, which are found in human embryos, umbilical cords and placentas, can divide and become any kind of cell in the body. Opponents contend the research is tantamount to murder because it starts with the destruction of a human embryo.

On board Air Force One as President Bush flew to New Jersey today, White House press secretary Ari Fleischer initially chalked up the California law to states' rights.

"The president has always said states have authority within their states," Fleisher said.

Later, Fleisher amended his remarks.

"The president thinks that all policies — state or federal — need to promote a culture that respects life and, in that, he does differ from what California and the governor there have done," he said.

White House: Israeli assault doesn't help peace process

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush admonished Israel today for laying siege to Yasser Arafat's headquarters. Bush said through his spokesman that Israel was harming the cause of peace among the Palestinians.

American officials have conveyed the president's views to Prime Minister Ariel Sharon, spokesman Ari Fleischer said.

Through two days of siege the Bush administration has said virtually nothing about Israel's actions.

On Sunday, the third day of the encircling of Arafat's battered compound in Ramallah, on the West Bank, a White House spokeswoman said the assault was not helpful.

Spokeswoman Jeanne Mamo said Palestinian hopes for an independent state are greatly harmed by suicide attacks.

"Israel's actions in and around the (Arafat compound) are not helpful in reducing terrorist violence or promoting Palestinian reforms."

Bush in June called for Arafat's ouster. He never explained how he expected that to come about. Israel's third assault on the compound this year seemed designed to force Arafat into exile.

The only building left standing was the one housing the Palestinian leader.

Mamo added, "We urge Israel to continue considering the consequences of its actions on progress" toward reaching goals President Bush has set: Palestinian elections next year, Arafat's removal as leader and creation of a Palestinian state within three years to exist peacefully with Israel.

The White House's words of warning to Israel were also notable because during other recent waves of violence, the administration has generally criticized Palestinian suicide attacks far more sharply than Israeli retaliations.

Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres said his country remains committed to Bush's ideas but insisted: "The Palestinian fate is in the hands of the Palestinians."

Two dead, three missing in Texas boating accident

DALLAS (AP) — A 16-foot fishing boat carrying 10 family members and their friends during a late-night outing struck an underwater obstruction and sank, killing two people and leaving three others missing early today.

A 22-year-old woman swam more than a mile to a lakefront home, and four other people, including boys ages 6 and 15, were rescued after the accident shortly after midnight Sunday on Lake Ray Hubbard, police said.

All the survivors were in good condition this morning.

An 18-year-old woman was among the dead and a 12-year-old girl was among the missing, Dallas police spokeswoman Diana Watts said.

There were only two life jackets aboard the boat, Dallas police Lt. Doug Dickerson said.

The jackets were worn by an 18-year-old woman who was pulled from the water along with the 6- and 15-year-old boys, and a 20-year-old man who was rescued, police said.

The search for survivors began about 3:30 a.m. and continued into late morning.

Two police helicopters circled over the blue, wind-swept waters early today and four rescue boats were methodically patrolling the general area where authorities believe the boat sank.

Authorities don't know exactly where it went down in the 40-foot deep lake, which is ringed by large lakefront homes.

Obituaries

Bob Copeland

1923-2002

LUBBOCK — Robert C. "Bob" Copeland, the brother of Martha Beavers of Snyder, died Saturday, Sept. 21.

Funeral service for Mr. Copeland, 79, is set for 3:30 p.m. Tuesday in the Resthaven Abbey Chapel with Bob Reynolds officiating. Burial will follow in Resthaven Memorial Park.

Born July 23, 1923 in Wichita Falls, he graduated from Childress High School in 1942. He married Ima Jo Gafford on July 27, 1946 in Childress.

A U.S. Marines Corps veteran, he also attended Harding College in Searcy, Ark.

Mr. Copeland was a minister for 15 years. He lived in Levelland and was in the insurance business and graduated from South Plain College. He moved to Lubbock in 1976 and became a pipefitter. A 32nd Degree Mason, he was a member of the Levelland Masonic Lodge.

Survivors also include his wife, Ima Joe Copeland of Lubbock; two daughters, Candie Bennett of Lubbock and Vickie Copeland of Arlington; and four grandchildren.

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Woman is arrested after hitting husband with gun

Arrests

Snyder police officers arrested Sharonda Smith, 35, of 4104 Midland Ave. Saturday morning for aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

The officers responded to the residence after her husband reported she was hitting him over the head with a .25 caliber handgun and pointing the weapon at him.

Officers took a 27-year-old man into custody at 12:07 a.m. Sunday for driving while intoxicated in the 400 block of 37th Street.

A 37-year-old woman was taken into custody at 4:30 p.m. Saturday for violation of compulsory school attendance laws.

At 9:30 p.m. Saturday a 21-year-old man was arrested in the 4000 block of Ave. U for driving with a suspended license.

Officers arrested a 17-year-old man in the 2100 block of Ave. E early Sunday for consuming alcohol as a minor.

At 1:20 a.m. Sunday deputies arrested a 21-year-old man for public intoxication

At 5:30 a.m. Sunday, an officer advised he was in pursuit of a vehicle on 29th Street.

The vehicle was stopped and a 22-year-old man was taken into custody for disregarding stop signs and for evading arrest. He was taken to jail and his vehicle was towed.

A 22-year-old man was arrested in the 400 block of 26th Street Sunday evening for use of inhalants.

Deputies arrested a 19-year-old man on Hwy 208 at 11:36 p.m. Sunday on warrants for speeding, failure to appear before a judge and driving without a license.

Theft

Anna Rodriquez Sunday morning reported a water heater stolen from the California Apartments. Officers submitted a report for burglary of a building.

Fire report

A caller reported a fire in a dumpster behind Gill's Fried Chicken Saturday afternoon and the fire department was dispatched.

Close patrols

A man reported a break-in at his residence Saturday evening but told officers nothing was missing and requested a close patrol.

A woman reported a possible prowler on her patio Sunday night in the 3900 block of Ave. O. A close patrol was initiated.

Gas drive off

A clerk at Town and Country East reported a gas drive off worth $36 Saturday.

A gas drive off in the amount of $17.33 was reported by a clerk at United Fuel Sunday night.

Births

Matt C. and Becky Cross of Snyder announce the birth of a son, Antonio Custis Cross, born at 5:54 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 21, in Cogdell Memorial Hospital. He weighed 8 lbs., 5 ozs.

Paternal grandparents are Fred and Ann Cross of Snyder. Maternal grandparents are Ben Rodriguez and Fred and Julia Lewis, all of Snyder.

Emily Gutierrez announces the birth of a daughter, Mary Grace Bernal, born Thursday, Sept. 19, in Cogdell Memorial Hospital. She weighed 7 lbs., 10 ozs.

Paternal grandparents are Juan and Licha Bernal of Snyder. Maternal grandparents are Gracie and Albert Gutierrez of Snyder.

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Bible study tapes

Bible videos air each week on Channel 2. To be shown at 7 this evening is "Seeing Scripture as Jesus Did," followed by "I Have Sinned, I Have Excuses."

Hermleigh Booster Club

The Hermleigh Booster Club will meet at 7 tonight in the school cafeteria.

Technology student booster meeting

SHS Technology Studenet Association Booster Club will meet at 7 this evening in the SHS shop classroom. Parents of shop students are invited as well as trade and industry leaders. The drawing for the handmade oak, cedar-lined chest will be discussed.

Ira School pictures

School pictures of all students will be taken at Ira Tuesday. Also to be taken will be high school and junior high football, cheerleaders and mascot. This is a pre-pay program, so students must have the money in their envelopes if they are buying a package of pictures. All students will be photographed for the annual, even if they don't buy picture. Class officers for grades 6-12 will be photographed. Picture envelopes will be sent home with students.

Historical commission meeting

The Scurry County Historical Commission will meet at noon Tuesday at The Shack.

ACS board meeting

The Scurry Unit of the American Cancer Society will hold a board of directors meeting at 5 p.m. Tuesday in the boardroom of Cogdell Memorial Hospital.

Scurry County Genealogical Society

The local Genealogical Society will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the Scurry County Library. Visitors are welcome at the meeting that will feature tips and hints for successful research on computers.

Bible school

Son Canyon River Adventure Bible School will be held at Trinity United Methodist Church from 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesday and on Saturdayfrom 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Open to all children from infants to 7th grade.

FBC services televised

First Baptist Church services are televised on channel 2 at 3 p.m. each Thursday.

SHS homecoming parade

The homecoming parade is Thursday. The SHS student council invites all local organizations to enter. Entry fee is $15 for floats, $10 for vehicles and $5 for golf carts. Cash prizes will be awarded for best overall, most creative and best Tiger spirit. To enter, contact Christy Smith at SHS.

Homecoming fajita dinner

The annual homecoming fajita dinner will be from 5-7 p.m. Friday at First Christian Church. Everyone is invited to park cars at the church and enjoy the meal before the game.

Joint class reunion

The Snyder High School graduating classes of 1943, 1944 and 1945 will have their reunion at Martha Ann Woman's Club Friday and Saturday. Events include a social from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Friday, a 9 a.m. Saturday brunch and a 6:30 p.m. Saturday dinner.

SHS class of 1988 homecoming

The SHS class of 1988 will meet at 5 p.m. for the before game meal at the high school and then attend the game between the Tigers and Ft. Stockton Friday. There will be a get-together after the game. Call Meredith at 254-223-3193 for more information.

SJHS choir fundraiser

Snyder Junior High School's choir will serve a hamburger supper from 5-7:30 p.m. Friday. Tickets at $5 must be bought in advance from the junior high office or any choir student.

Football T-shirt sale

SHS student council will sell football t-shirts before home games at the front stadium gate. Shirts are also available by calling Christy Smith at 573-6301.

Burrito sale

First Assembly of God will hold a fundraiser burrito sale from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. Saturday at the church at 1809 College Ave. Orders will be taken beginning at 10 a.m. and delivery is available on orders of five or more by calling 573-3316.

Leona Wiggins to retire

Leona Wiggins, Ira postmaster, will retire on Sept. 30. A reception is set for 2 p.m. Saturday at the fellowship hall of the First Baptist Church in Ira.

Ira First Baptist Church revival

Ira First Baptist Church will hold a revival at 7 p.m. nightly from Saturday until Wednesday, Oct. 2. Murlyn Keller is the evangelist.

Lord's Acre fish fry

First United Methodist Church's Lord's Acre fish fry is 5-7 p.m. Oct. 1. Adult tickets are $7 and children's tickets – 10 and under – are $3.50. Tickets available at the church office or at the door.

Ira homecoming

Ira School's homecoming is set for Friday and Saturday, Oct. 11-12. The ex's basketball game on Friday begins at 6:30 p.m., followed by a victory bonfire at the baseball field, weather permitting. Saturday's noon meal will be brisket and sausage plate plus all the trimmings cooked by the senior class. Tickets are $6.50 each. Children under 10 will be $3.25. Send money for the number of plates wanted to Ira School, Box 121 in Ira, 79527. Registration will be $5 per family and meal tickets can be picked up at registration.