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Gore says he will step up Bush attack

WINSTON-SALEM, N.C. (AP) — After a largely polite debate, Al Gore's campaign early today said it would step up criticism of the record of Texas Gov. George W. Bush.

Gore's campaign accused Bush of making several mistakes, "including errors of life-and-death issues" in their second debate, and promised to make his record as governor a top issue in the final four weeks of the campaign.

Gore, who slipped in polls after the first debate as the Bush campaign highlighted mistakes and exaggerations he made, is trying to turn the tables on Bush.

Gore spokesman Mark Fabiani said the campaign was releasing examples of miscues made by Bush in the debate, including a statement that three men convicted in the 1998 Texas dragging death of James Byrd Jr. behind a pickup truck would be put to death. Bush later acknowledged that he'd misspoken twice when he said all three are to be executed for the crime — only two got the death penalty; the third received life imprisonment.

During Wednesday's debate, Gore did not pick up on the error, but Fabiani on Thursday said Bush's statement that the men "would" be put to death risks hurting the prosecution's case against all three. He said appeals are pending in all three cases.

"As a result of last night's debate, the Texas record is squarely on the table for the public to examine," Fabiani said in a telephone interview with The Associated Press.

Bush acknowledged the error in a post-debate interview on ABC.

"Listen, we all make mistakes," he said. Bush declined to say whether his mistake on the Byrd case was comparable to Gore's alleged miscues.

Bush spokeswoman Karen Hughes said Gore was inconsistent in his comments on energy. She said the Bush campaign would continue to welcome Gore's attacks on Texas, which she said were largely erroneous.

"The vice president has some explaining of his own to do after last night's debate," she said.

Fabiani on Thursday outlined planned attacks to keep the pressure on Bush after the debate, saying Gore himself would begin addressing the issue Thursday. He said Gore's running mate, Sen. Joe Lieberman, would do the same during a visit to Texas.

Fabiani said the Democratic National Committee and the Gore campaign were sending surrogates across the country to criticize Bush. Also, Democratic ads would increasingly focus on the Texas governor's record, Fabiani said.

"Governor Bush made serious errors, including errors of life-and-death issues," he said. "Mr. Bush needs to be held to the same exacting standard applied to Al Gore last week."

Fabiani pointed to both large and small mistakes.

—An appearance on ABC's "Good Morning America" on Thursday, in which Bush said 111 children had returned to the Medicaid system; Bush should have said the figure was 111,000.

—Bush later remarked, "I don't know the numbers," Fabiani said.

Hermleigh trustees will meet tonight

Hermleigh ISD board of trustees have a brief agenda for this evening's meeting at 7 o'clock in the high school.

The board will consider the monthly financial statements, including the paying of bills, and will consider adopting the teacher appraisal calendar for this school year.

SWEETHEART CANDIDATES — Hermleigh High School's candidates for football sweetheart are from left, Lori Eckert, Sheena Callaway, Janet Eckert, Sabrina Terry. The sweetheart will be crowned during halftime Friday when the Cardinals take on Westbrook. (See page 8 for photo of hero candidates) (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

Police follow Levelland man to possible murder locations

ETNA, Maine (AP) — Police officers arrived at two sites this morning to begin the grim process of retrieving the bodies of three women believed to have been murdered by James Rodney Hicks.

A team including police investigators and representatives of the state medical examiner's office returned to two sites pointed out by Hicks on Wednesday.

One site where two bodies are believed to be buried is near a home where Hicks once lived in Etna in Penobscot County. The other site is at a Maine Department of Transportation dumping ground for sand, gravel and road debris in southern Aroostook County.

Investigators were confident all three bodies would be located by day's end, said Stephen McCausland, spokesman for the Maine Department of Public Safety.

Hicks, who led police to the sites on Wednesday, was charged Tuesday with murdering Lynn Willette, 40, whom he lived and worked with in Brewer. She disappeared in 1996.

Prosecutors say he is expected to be charged with the murder of Jerilyn Towers, 34, after her remains are recovered. Towers was last seen leaving a Newport bar with Hicks in 1982.

Hicks already served six years in prison for the 1977 killing of his first wife, Jennie Hicks, 23, whose body was never found.

Partial remains of one of the women were found late Wednesday afternoon in Etna, where a team was dispatched Thursday morning, McCausland said.

The Maine Department of Transportation was providing excavation equipment to assist in the other search of the site in Forks Town, which is 15 miles south of Houlton, he said.

Hicks was returned to the Penobscot County Jail after the search Wednesday. He has been friendly and cooperative, state police Detective Lt. Darrell Ouellette. Returning to the sites "has not been an emotional experience" for Hicks, the detective added.

Recovered remains will be sent to the medical examiner's office to be examined and identified, McCausland said.

Hicks, 49, decided to cooperate with Maine authorities in exchange for going to prison in Maine instead of Texas, where he faced a long prison term for attacking and robbing a woman in her home. The Levelland man intended to kill the woman, but she escaped, police said.

Snyder trustees schedule work session tonight

Snyder ISD board of trustees will have a work session at 6 o'clock today with representatives of Lubbock's BGR Architects-Engineers on plans to update the heating and air conditioning system at one or more elementary schools.

This comes as a result of action last month when the trustees approved $520,000 in maintenance bonds for facility improvements.

Following the work session, the board will consider giving its okay for the work.

In other action items, the board will consider the approval of the textbook committee for this school year, and consider adopting several policy updates.

DEMONSTRATION — Lori Walker, registered mammography technologist, demonstrates the new mammography unit to Betty Woodard during a reception Wednesday at Cogdell Memorial Hospital. (SDN Staff Photo)

Court revokes probation

A 43-year-old Ector County man will serve five years in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice following a probation revocation hearing Tuesday in 132nd District Court.

Oscar C. Rangel, convicted in 1995 of felony driving while intoxicated, was ordered by Senior District Judge Gene Dulaney to serve five years in the state's prison system.

Rangel was originally assessed a five-year probated prison term and fined $750.

The motion to revoke probation was based on the defendant's failure to abstain from alcohol, failure to stay away from establishments that serve alcohol and failure to remain inside his residence between the hours of 10 p.m. and 6 a.m.

Rangel also had a prior felony DWI conviction in Lamb County.

Pep rally tonight in Hermleigh

Hermleigh High School's homecoming activities will start at 7:30 p.m. today with a "community pep rally" at the high school gym.

Sponsored by the Hermleigh booster club and the high school cheerleaders, the pep rally will feature the "mini cheerleaders" and the drill team.

There will also be drawings for various Cardinal souvenirs during the pep rally.

Hermleigh hosts Westbrook Friday evening.

The football sweetheart will be announced at halftime.

Candidates are Lori Eckert, Sheena Callaway and Janet Eckert, all seniors, and Sabrina Terry, junior.

A football hero will also be named. Candidates are Chris Bilberry, junior, Billy Lambaren, senior, David Digby, senior and Chris McClure, senior.

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "Chances are – if the phone rings – it's a salesman, or the wrong number."

We've tried to read, generally in a doctor's waiting room, that highbrow New Yorker Magazine.

We finally found an item that we understood. In the back, there is a feature devoted to readers' contributions. Recently, readers were invited to suggest titles for country and western songs.

Here are some titles offered:

—I'm proud to be an Okie Singin' Karoakie.

—Some assembly is required for the pieces of my heart.

—I only miss you on a day that ends in why.

—She walked with her hair held high.

—Ain't no trash been in my trailer since the night I threw you out.

—You want to get hitched, but my heart is filled with Whoa.

—Baked my sweetie a pie, but he left with a tart.

—The peach I picked in Georgia didn't cling to me for long.

—My baby put me through the wringer and then stole the washer from my front porch.

—The chicken ain't been the same since you been gone.

—I've got a Rambler in my driveway and Rover in my bed.

—If you leave me, can I come too?

—Whacked between the eyes with the two-by-four of love.

—Her coffee's so bad, I've got grounds for divorce.

—I got 57 channels to my heart and you lost the remote.

Overheard at the post office:

An older lady approached another customer in the lobby and asked: "Sir, could I get you to address this card for me?"

Like a gentleman, the man did so courteously, then agreed to write a short message and sign the card for her.

"Is there any thing else I can do for you?" he asked.

The woman grinned. "Yes, add this to the end: "P.S. Please excuse the handwriting.'"

And from "everything I needed to know I learned from my dog:"

—If you stare at someone long enough, eventually you'll get what you want.

—Be aware of when to hold your tongue and when to use it.

—Leave room in your schedule for a good nap.

—Don't go out without your I.D.

—If it's not wet and sloppy, it's not a real kiss.

ASK US

Q—With Halloween falling on Tuesday, will the kids trick-or-treat on the preceding Saturday, or on the 31st?

A—On Halloween, the 31st.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Wednesday, 69 degrees; low, 50; 7 a.m. Thursday, 59; no precipitation; total for 2000, 15.03 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, cloudy, slight rain chance, low mid 50s, S wind 10-20 mph; Friday, cloudy, breezy, 30% rain chance, high 70-75, S wind 15-25 mph.

Cassie Cochran
Rain Chance

Sunset:
7:16 p.m.
Sunrise:
7:46 a.m.

Of 285 days in 2000, the sun has shone 282 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

The creation of a thousand forests is in one acorn.
—Ralph Waldo Emerson

Chinese novelist garners Nobel in literature

STOCKHOLM, Sweden (AP) — Dissident writer Gao Xingjian, who fled his native China after his play was banned, won the Nobel Prize in literature Thursday for writings about the struggle for individuality in mass culture.

The Swedish Academy cited Gao, 60, for his "bitter insights and linguistic ingenuity."

Gao survived the upheaval of Mao Tse-tung's 1966-76 Cultural Revolution. He became a leading cultural figure in China but had to leave in 1987 and settled in Paris the following year as a political refugee.

He was the first Chinese writer to receive the prestigious literature prize.

"In the writing of Gao Xingjian literature is born anew from the struggle of the individual to survive the history of the masses," the academy said in its citation. "He is a perspicacious skeptic who makes no claim to be able to explain the world. He asserts that he has found freedom only in writing."

None of his plays have been performed in China since 1986, when his work "The Other Shore" was banned.

The prize this year is worth $915,000.

Guenter Grass won last year's prize as one of the most prominent authors to emerge from a group of young intellectuals who set out to revive German literature after the Nazi era.

The literature award — usually the first — was the fifth and last Nobel prize unveiled in Stockholm this week. The Nobel Peace Prize winner will be named Friday in Oslo, Norway.

Two Americans won the Nobel Memorial Prize in Economics on Wednesday for developing theories on how people work and live, contributing greatly to employment training programs and transportation and communication systems.

James J. Heckman, 56, of the University of Chicago, and Daniel L. McFadden, 63, of the University of California at Berkeley, were cited for methods of analyzing statistics that have had wide-ranging practical applications, according to the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences.

The physics prize was shared by American Jack Kilby, 76, who invented the integrated circuit at Texas Instruments in 1958, Herbert Kroemer, 72, of the University of California-Santa Barbara, and Zhores Alferov, 70, of the A.F. Ioffe Physico-Technico Institute in St. Petersburg, Russia.

This year's chemistry prize went to Alan Heeger, 64, of the University of California-Santa Barbara, Alan MacDiarmid, 73, of the University of Pennsylvania and Hideki Shirakawa, 64, of the University of Tsukuba in Japan, for their discovery that plastic could be modified to conduct electricity.

The medicine prize recognized Arvid Carlsson, 77, a professor emiritus of the University of Goteborg in Sweden, Paul Greengard, 74, of Rockefeller University in New York, and Eric Kandel, 70, an Austrian-born U.S. citizen with Columbia University in New York, for discoveries about how messages are transmitted between brain cells, leading to treatments of Parkinson's disease and depression.

The Nobel Prizes are funded by a trust set up in the will of Swedish industrialist Alfred Nobel, the inventor of dynamite.

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Friday, Oct. 13, 2000

Although you like partners, your progress in the year ahead might be more rapid in what you do alone. When it comes to important aims, do what needs doing independent of others.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Relationships with others could be a bit touchy today if you become more assertive than cooperative with them. Go ahead and be pushy for mutual benefits, but not for selfish ones. Get a jump on life by understanding the influences that'll govern you in the year ahead. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions by mailing $2 to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to state your Zodiac sign.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Should you fall behind today, it will be extremely difficult for you to catch up later, so it's best to keep pace with your duties and assignments. Stay on schedule.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Select social activities today where you're comfortable with the people, as well as the place. Should you have to deal with someone you dislike, an unpleasant incident could occur.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) When it comes to your career, it might be best today to avoid getting involved in a competitive situation where the odds are against you. If you lose, it could hurt your reputation.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Unfortunately, you could turn a deaf ear to some very sound advice today, merely because you don't like the person who is giving it. Your bias will work against you.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) You're not likely to be an even match today against the enticing merchandise found in the stores. It might be smart today not to go shopping in the first place — even window wishing.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Ignoring your mate's suggestions today may be asking for trouble, especially if events should prove that what she or he had to say was sounder wisdom than yours.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) It could be your own fault if you end up carrying more of the load at work today than your cohorts. Chances are it'll be because you didn't trust their ability to do the job.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) If you don't interfere with the flow of events today, things will have a way of working out to your ultimate benefit. But if you start changing things around, the results could be lousy.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Be prepared to put forth a second or even third effort today, and a difficult objective can be achieved. If you expect perfection on the first try, you'll be sorely disappointed.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Your biggest problem today could be your lack of patience for those who can't or won't immediately go along with your way of thinking. The harder you push, the more resistant they'll be.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) It's wonderful to be a nice person today, but, by the same token, it's foolish to allow another to ace you out of something to which you're entitled in order to be the good guy or gal.

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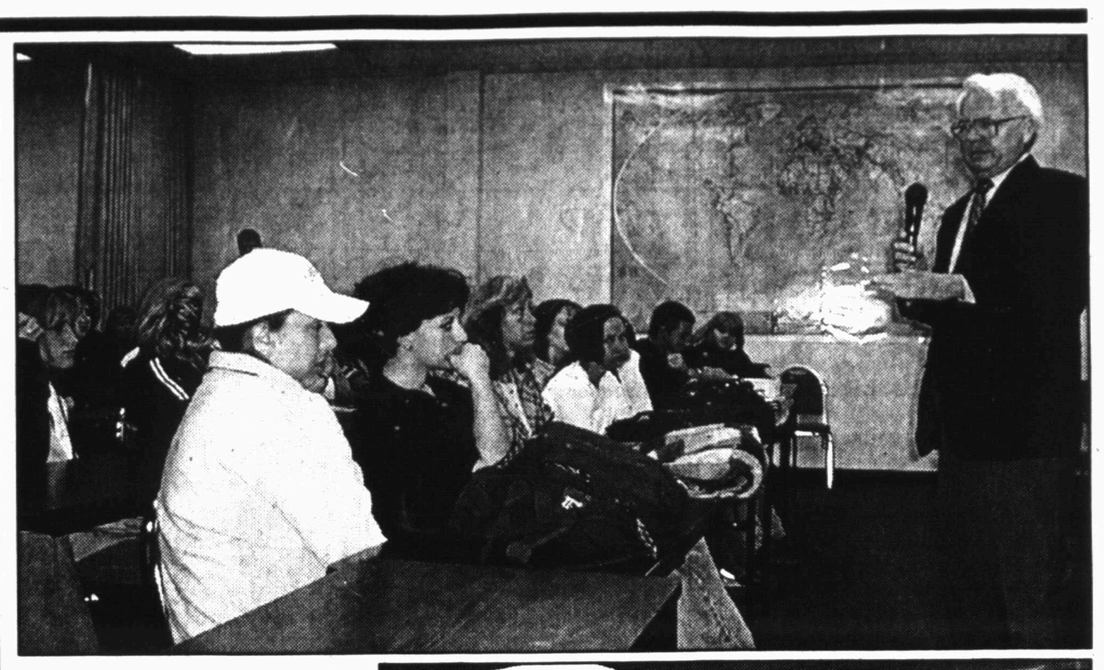
LOVELADY PRESENTS PROGRAM — Marsha Lovelady gave a program on "Decorative Blinds" to 15 members of the Atheneum Study Club Tuesday at the Martha Ann Woman's Club. Marsha and her husband, David, have been selling and installing various blinds and window treatments for several years in Snyder and surrounding towns. Both do the work after hours from their 5-day-a-week jobs. Vice president Loy Forbes, left, presented Marsha a gift of appreciation. Gayle Burleson and Margaret Glass were hostesses. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)



COUNTS VISITS CLASSES — Rep. David Counts talked to government students at Western Texas College Monday in instructor Jack Price's classroom. He talked to students about the upcoming legislative session and the importance of voting. Counts said that only 19 percent under the age of 25 vote. He concluded with a question/answer session. Students Justin Guy, left, and Kevin Gutierrez visit with Counts following the meeting. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Swiss chard is a garden's Old Faithful

POUND RIDGE, N.Y. (AP) — When the days are getting cool, I like to go out to the garden and cut Swiss chard for my dinner.

There was a time when most garden-grown chard consisted of bunches of long whitish stalks crowned by large, crinkled green leaves. Now red stalks or even varicolored ones have become just as popular.

One thing is constant about chard. Of all the garden crops, none is more reliable or deserving to be called Old Faithful.

To begin with, it really is old. Plant historians say the earliest existing records show chard already being used as food in Europe. Aristotle wrote about a red chard and the Romans valued the vegetable. The name "Swiss" apparently only became attached to it in the 16th century when a Swiss botanist described a yellow variety.

The plant, by the way, is a close relative of the beet, but the beets that produce ball-shaped roots were not known until much later than the ancient chard. As for its reliability, it grows easily, without any problems. Summer heat doesn't bother it and so it is often used as a spinach substitute. If well mulched, it will winter over in normally cold weather and produce tender new leaves in early spring.

The young leaves may be eaten raw and mixed in a mesclun salad. But I like chard best in late summer and early fall when the plants are at their fullest maturity.

Four or five long stalks and their large leaves are enough for a meal for two. I line them up tightly together on a cutting board and slice them in quarter-inch slices from end to end. Then I boil the lot for about 10 minutes, or until tender, in salted water and serve well buttered.

The stalks may also be cooked alone and served like asparagus.

At nurseries, nowadays, a chard named Bright Lights is much on display. As the name suggests, this is a rainbow variety boasting of whites, pinks, crimsons, oranges and purples. But in growing it, I've found the red and yellows eventually dominating the row.

Bright Lights are offered in many seed catalogs as are the established whites, Fordhook Giant and Lucullus, and the red Rhubarb Chard.

Chard likes a rich, well-drained soil. To sweeten the soil, I add wood ashes before sowing and more as a side-dressing as the season progresses. If you like, 5-10-10 fertilizer may also be used. The soil should have a pH reading of 6 to 6.8.

Seeds may be sown as early as two or three weeks before the last average frost date in your area, but I prefer waiting until the soil warms up a little, which, I have found, gives me better germination. The seeds are put in about a half inch deep and spaced an inch and a half apart. You thin the young plants later to stand about six inches apart.

You'll find out by experience how much chard you want, depending on your tastes and the size of your family. Eight plants have been plenty for me and my wife. If well-cared for, a plant will come again for a second crop after the first leaves are harvested. You should cut off individual stalks and their leaves about one and a half inches above ground. Before long, new growth will show.

You can also increase your production into late fall and early winter by sowing seeds again in late summer a month or so before the average first frost date.

Chard needs watering, especially in summer heat. To preserve the moisture and also to prevent competition from weeds, it's a good idea to mulch with salt hay or dead leaves or both. Mulching deeply after the last late cutting gives you a good chance to see your chard again come spring.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

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

Vulnerable: East-West
Dealer: South

South	West	North	East
1 ♠	2 ♥	Dbl.	Pass
3 ♣	Pass	4 ♣	All pass

Opening lead: ♦ Q

Thursday, Oct. 12, 2000

Man beats machine — for now?

By Phillip Alder

Regular readers will remember that last year Zia Mahmood played a tournament with and against seven bridge computer programs. In a close contest, Zia finished ahead of a four-way tie for second between Blue-Chip, Oxford, Q-Plus and Saitek. If you would like to read all about the contest, buy "Man vs. Machine" by Mark Smith (Bridge Plus).

Occasionally, the programs produced excellent play, but some of their mistakes would never have been perpetrated by a human — as in this deal.

North's double was negative, promising length in both unbid minor suits and enough count to contest the bidding. South had a promising hand, but his heart king could be devalued. North should have passed out South's three-club rebid, because he had a minimum double.

Zia (West) led the diamond queen. Meadowlark won with dummy's king and cashed the ace to discard his low heart. It drew trumps, then ducked a spade. Zia took his three major-suit winners to hold Meadowlark to its contract.

At the other table, Saitek was in five clubs. Micro Bridge (West) cashed its two top spades. Then, a human would have taken the heart ace for one down. But Micro switched to the diamond queen. Saitek made no mistake. After winning with dummy's king, declarer drew trumps, threw one of dummy's hearts on the spade queen, ruffed a spade in the dummy, trumped a diamond in hand, and cashed the spade eight, discarding dummy's last heart.

The man won this time, but for how much longer?

The book is approximately $10.30 postpaid from www.bridgeplus.co.uk.

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Community Calendar

THURSDAY

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

Rock and Roll Quilting Club evening meeting; Hermleigh Community Center; for more information call 863-2426; 6:30 p.m.

Canyon Gun Club, 1910 25th Street; 7:30 p.m.

Deep Creek Cloggers lesson; American Legion; 6:30 to 8 p.m.

New Horizons AA, closed meeting; for information call 573-8268, 573-9458 or 574-1292; 8 p.m.

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

FRIDAY

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

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

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

Cornelius-Dodson House; open by appointment, call 573-0538 or 573-0770.

Scurry County AA closed meeting; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-8268, 573-9458 or 574-1292; 8 p.m.

Al-Anon open meeting; Park Club; 8 p.m.

SATURDAY

Defensive Driving Class; cost is $30; Texas State Bank, no reservations needed, for more information call 573-2850; 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Rolling Plains Ratite Association; The Shack; 7 p.m.

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

Rolling Plains Ratite Assn.; The Shack; 7 p.m.

SUNDAY

Scurry County AA open meeting; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-8268, 573-9458 or 574-1292; 10 a.m.

Library received long overdue book

CEDAR RAPIDS, Iowa (AP) — The Cedar Rapids Public Library has received a long overdue book, passed on by a Louisiana woman who got it from the Home Shopping Network.

"This is all very strange," said library spokeswoman Diana Baculis about the book, "Plato, Not Prozac!" recently sent by Lou Echols of Baton Rouge, La.

Baculis said the book's circulation records were destroyed.

"Nobody could find it, no one had any record of it anywhere," she said.

Echols said she received the book free and unsolicited in February after returning an electric frying pan to a cable TV network that sells sundry items for the home.

Hospital

ADMISSIONS: Oct. 11-Nancy Almanza, George Ann Brown, Janie Dever, Tristan Hernandez, Joe Michie, Belia Torres and Bertha Willis.

DISMISSALS: Terri Blocker, Jabus Hall, William Johnson and Rose Jones.

CENSUS: 41 (Med./Surg.-14, Long-term Care-24, ICU-1, OB-1 and Nursery-1)

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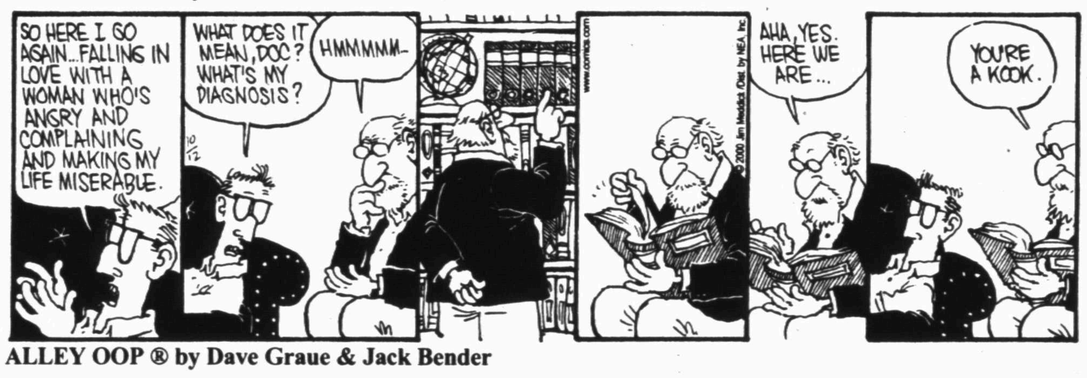

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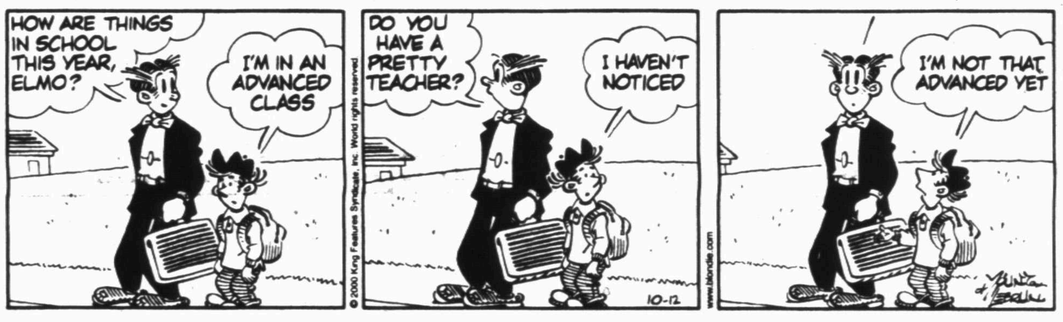

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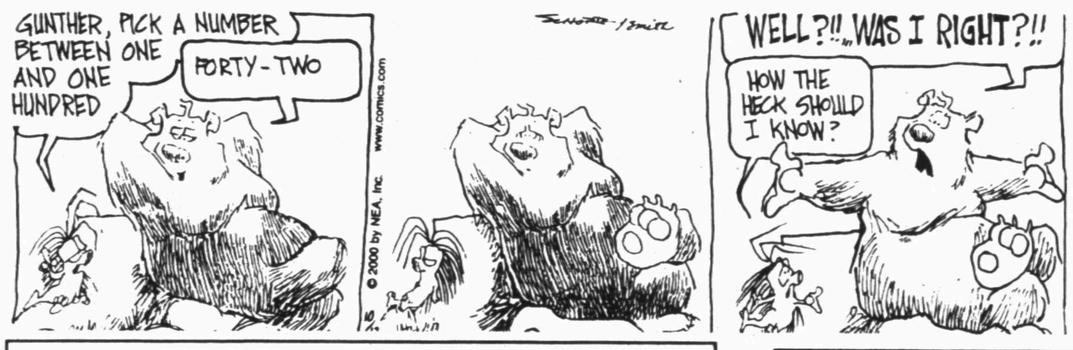

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NEA Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

1 Fool's gold
7 Articles of furniture
13 Smoother
14 Bearlike
15 Moister
16 Earl Grey holder
17 Opp. of NNW
18 River island
20 Fast plane (abbr.)
21 Waltzing
25 Small French bagpipe
28 Habituate
32 Pertaining to sheep
33 Drive back
34 Tropical rain forest
35 Author Gore —
36 Stories
37 Unpleasant sight
39 Make amends for a grievance
41 Take to court
44 W. hemisphere assn.
45 1974 kidnapping grp.
48 Correct
51 Exhaled audibly
54 Tennis player Andre —
55 Jerry's friend
56 Disavows
57 Type of sleeve

DOWN

1 Church seats
2 — St. Laurent
3 Nerve network
4 Savings-account info
5 Casual shirt
6 Like some knights
7 — -frutti
8 Exist
9 Youth org.
10 Gloss targets
11 Baseballer Slaughter
12 Paving stone
19 Frost
21 Colorado city
22 Army order (2 wds.)
23 Jitters
24 Kind of rock
25 Maximum
26 Part of the eye
27 Window part
29 Hairstyle
30 Back
31 "Vogue" competitor
37 History chapter
38 Affirmed
40 Actress Day
41 WWI plane
42 Persuade
43 Of the dawn
45 Wood used to fill gaps
46 Ms. Horne
47 Seaport in Yemen
49 Greek letter
50 Compass pt.
52 Workers' assn.
53 Liquid mess.

Answer to Previous Puzzle

B	H	U	T	T	O			B	Y	P	A	S	S
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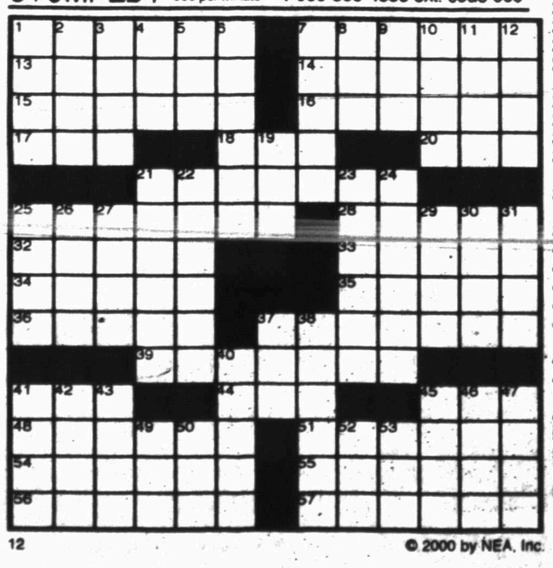

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Snyder Daily News Comics

DENNIS THE MENACE ® by Hank Ketcham

"YOU DON'T HAFTA BUY ANY MORE STICKY NOTES, MOM. WE'RE MAKIN' A WHOLE BUNCH!"

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KIT 'N' CARLYLE ® by Larry Wright

SPORTS

Local squads host District 6 openers

After five weeks of football, this is the biggest weekend to date for area six-man teams.

District 6 Six-Man action kicks off Friday night with all three local squads hosting feature match-ups.

Ira welcomes top-ranked Highland to Bulldog Stadium. Hermleigh hosts its homecoming contest against Westbrook, and Borden County looks for its first victory of the season when it squares off with Loraine. All three games get underway at 7:30.

Ira, which sports a mark of 2-3, faces the challenge of unseating No. 1 Highland.

The Bulldogs will likely rely on the running of Nathan Smith and Jeremy Bowden to control the ball, and keep the high-powered Hornets' offense off the field.

In Hermleigh, the Cardinals are set for their second consecutive contest, after a two-week layoff.

Hermleigh, which was forced to forfeit a pair of games due to injuries, made its return to the gridiron last week in a setback to Sands.

Like the Cardinals, the Borden County Coyotes hope to turn things around in district play, after struggling through an 0-5 non-district campaign.

Following Friday's action, Borden County visits Ira next week, while Hermleigh hosts Loraine.

Tigers face crucial district tilt

Way back in August, Snyder High School coach David Baugh said the first three district games would be key for his Tiger squad.

Now, after two consecutive setbacks, the Tigers' season could hinge on Friday night's outcome.

Snyder (0-2, 2-3) visits Andrews (1-1, 2-3) at 7:30 Friday night, in dire need of a District 4-4A win.

District 4-4A Football

Team	District W	District L	Season W	Season L
Frenship	2	0	4	1
Levelland	2	0	4	1
Big Spring	2	0	3	2
Plainview	1	1	2	3
Andrews	1	1	2	3
Snyder	0	2	2	3
Lake View	0	2	1	4
Estacado	0	2	0	5

-note: Estacado forfeited its two non-district victories for using an ineligible player.

Friday's games: Snyder at Andrews; Big Spring at Levelland; Estacado at Lake View; Plainview at Frenship.

While another loss wouldn't completely kill Snyder's playoff hopes, it would certainly turn the Tigers' postseason chase into an uphill battle.

"This is a big game for us, there's no doubt about it," said Baugh. "We played pretty well last week, and we'll need that kind of performance again this week."

The Tigers first objective will be to stop the Mustangs' standout running back Jamie Bueno.

Bueno, a 5-10 165-pound senior, leads the district in rushing with 862 yards, an average of 172 per game.

While Andrews averages 217 yards on the ground, Snyder gives up only 122 rushing yards per outing, tops in the district.

Something has to give.

"They don't throw the ball very much at all," Baugh stated. "They'll use a lot of double tight end formations, and just give it Bueno, over and over. Pretty much, they're a typical Andrews team. They play good defense, and they have an outstanding running back."

But the Mustangs will have to contend with the Tigers' running attack, as well.

Senior fullback Tovares Brandon is coming off a 179-yard performance last week against Frenship, and will likely be Snyder's workhorse against Andrews.

The Mustangs' defense is anchored by 6-4, 225-pound, senior defensive end Jayme Jackson.

"One thing that worries me, is that their defense is bigger than we are. I'm not sure that we can just fire off, and push them back," Baugh said. "But I think we can block them with some traps and misdirection plays.

"Jackson is great athlete. One good thing though, is that you always know where he is. He doesn't switch sides. He always plays on the defense's right side."

Snyder lineman Lance Foreman, who fractured his hand against Frenship, has recovered from the injury and will start on Friday.

There will be one change in the Tigers' defensive line-up, where Matthew Grimmett will move from free safety to cornerback, with Jesse Haines inserted at free safety.

In Friday night's other district action, Levelland hosts Big Spring; Plainview visits Frenship; and Estacado travels to San Angelo Lake View.

PROJECTED STARTERS
(Snyder in bold)

DEFENSE
ENDS
Max Blackwell, 5-11, 225, sr.
Jamaal Pruitt, 6-1, 185, jr.
Jayme Jackson, 6-4, 225, sr.
K.C. White, 5-11, 190, jr.
TACKLES
R.J. Hernandez, 5-8, 205, sr.
Tremaine Johnson, 6-0, 275, sr.
Eric Nunez, 5-6, 190, sr.
Brandon Hearne, 6-2, 250, jr.
LINEBACKERS
Mark Medley, 5-11, 205, sr.
Justin Pechacek, 6-1, 175, jr.
Ralph Ramon, 5-6, 150, sr.
Tyson Dever, 6-0, 210, sr.
Eric Edwards, 6-0, 185, sr.
Andres Maltos, 5-10, 175, sr.
CORNERBACKS
Edwin James, 5-5, 155, sr.
Matthew Grimmett, 6-1, 170, sr.
Rusty Rex, 5-7, 145, sr.
Josh Hadley, 6-2, 175, sr.
STRONG SAFETY
T.J. Cagle, 5-11, 175, jr.
Brady Haygood, 5-8, 150, sr.
FREE SAFETY
Jesse Haines, 5-10, 165, sr.
Ben Huddleston, 6-1, 165, sr.

OFFENSE
QUARTERBACK
Jesse Haines, 5-10, 165, sr.
Ryan Newbrough, 5-9, 160, soph.
RUNNING BACKS
Josh Arizmendi, 5-10, 180, sr.
Tovares Brandon, 5-11, 150, sr.
Jamie Bueno, 5-10, 165, sr.
Jacob Nunez, 5-7, 185, sr.
WINGBACK/FLANKER
Edwin James, 5-5, 155, sr.
Chris Little, 5-11, 165, sr.
SPLIT END
Matthew Grimmett, 6-1, 170, sr.
Ben Huddleston, 6-1, 165, sr.
TIGHT END
Daniel Highfield, 6-3, 235, sr.
Matt Bolding, 6-3, 230, jr.
CENTER
Josh Knox, 5-10, 230, soph.
Cole Wilkins, 5-10, 200, sr.
GUARDS
R.J. Hernandez, 5-8, 205, sr.
Stephen Ortegon, 5-10, 205, jr.
James Garcia, 5-10, 205, sr.
Ryan Miller, 6-0, 265, sr.
TACKLES
Tremaine Johnson, 6-0, 275, sr.
Lance Foreman, 6-2, 280, sr.
Daniel Lujan, 6-1, 280, sr.
Jeff Lebby, 6-5, 275, jr.

Snyder's Pigskin Prognosticators

STANDINGS

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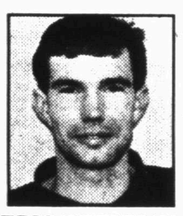

ERIC DRENNAN
SDN Sports Editor

Snyder at Andrews	Snyder	Snyder	Snyder	Snyder
Highland at Ira	Ira	Ira	Ira	Ira
Westbrook at Hermleigh	Hermleigh	Hermleigh	Hermleigh	Hermleigh
Loraine at Borden County	Borden County	Borden County	Borden County	Borden County
Big Spring t Levelland	Big Spring	Levelland	Big Spring	Big Spring
Plainview at Frenship	Frenship	Frenship	Frenship	Frenship
Estacado at Lake View	Estacado	Estacado	Lake View	Lake View
Nebraska at Texas Tech	Nebraska	Nebraska	Nebraska	Nebraska
Oklahoma at Kansas St.	Oklahoma	Kansas St.	Kansas St.	Oklahoma
Purdue at Northwestern	Purdue	Northwestern	Purdue	Northwestern
Wisconsin at Michigan St.	Wisconsin	Wisconsin	Wisconsin	Wisconsin
Oregon at Southern Cal	Oregon	Oregon	Oregon	Oregon
Arkansas at South Carolina	South Carolina	South Carolina	South Carolina	South Carolina
Stanford at Oregon St.	Oregon St.	Oregon St.	Oregon St.	Oregon St.
Auburn at Florida	Florida	Florida	Auburn	Florida
Washington St. at Arizona	Arizona	Arizona	Arizona	Arizona
Dallas at NY Giants	NY Giants	NY Giants	NY Giants	NY Giants
Baltimore at Washington	Washington	Baltimore	Washington	Baltimore
NY Jets at New England	New England	NY Jets	NY Jets	NY Jets
Oakland at New England	Kansas City	Kansas City	Oakland	Oakland

Local Sports Schedule

TODAY

FOOTBALL: Andrews at Snyder JV, 5:30

FOOTBALL: Snyder freshmen at Andrews, 5:30

FOOTBALL: Andrews at Snyder 7th grade, 5 and 6:30

FOOTBALL: Snyder 8th grade at Andrews, 5 and 6:30

FRIDAY

FOOTBALL: Snyder at Andrews, 7:30

FOOTBALL: Westbrook at Hermleigh, 7:30

FOOTBALL: Highland at Ira, 7:30

FOOTBALL: Loraine at Borden County, 7:30

Hampton, Piazza lead Mets past Cards

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Mike Hampton and the New York Mets kept Mark McGwire and the St. Louis Cardinals right where they wanted them.

Big Mac never got off the bench and the Cardinals never got close to scoring until it was too late as the Mets won 6-2 Wednesday night in Game 1 of the NL Championship Series.

Hampton and Mike Piazza put their playoff problems in the past as the wild card Mets won their fourth in a row in this postseason.

"A good start for us, we know it's far from over," Piazza said. "Got to keep the pedal down."

Hampton pitched like an October ace, blanking the Cardinals on six hits for seven innings.

"I wanted to be a contributor instead of a liability," Hampton said. "I just wanted to do my part and help this team win. I didn't do that in the first series."

Hampton earned his first playoff win as the Mets extended their postseason scoreless streak to a team-record 26 innings before allowing two unearned runs with two outs in the ninth.

"There had been some doubts cast over Mike because of a small sample of postseason play, and I think he erased those doubts," Mets manager Bobby Valentine said.

Hampton kept the big guy — McGwire, the Cardinals' pinch-hitter deluxe — on the bench and left with a 3-0 lead. Relievers John Franco and Armando Benitez finished up.

Cardinals manager Tony La Russa tried without success to get McGwire an at-bat in a key spot.

"He was hot a couple of times," La Russa said. "Couldn't ever get it going."

Piazza, who had zero RBIs in the opening round against San Francisco, hit an RBI double in a two-run first inning. He also singled his next time up.

"I swung the bat a lot better, only because of my teammates getting on ahead of me, giving me the opportunity to drive in the runs," Piazza said.

Todd Zeile and Jay Payton homered in the ninth and Edgardo Alfonzo scored a run and drove in another for New York.

And it was a good-luck victory for the Mets — the last seven teams to win the NLCS opener went on to reach the World Series.

"I liked the way we played, I just didn't like the final score," La Russa said. "Hampton and the Mets were a little better."

Game 2 will be Thursday night at Busch Stadium, with Al Leiter starting for the Mets against rookie Rick Ankiel.

Acquired from Houston last winter to win at crunch time, Hampton delivered. He outpitched former Astros teammate Darryl Kile, silencing the sellout crowd of 52,255.

Hampton began the evening with a career postseason record of 0-2 and a 5.87 ERA in four starts.

A loser last week in the opening round at San Francisco, prompting some to suggest Leiter should start the opener, Hampton tamed a Cardinals team that averaged eight runs a game in its first-round sweep of the Braves.

Not that St. Louis didn't have its chances. It went 0-for-13 with runners in scoring position, stranding 11.

The Cardinals left the bases loaded in the first when Carlos Hernandez grounded out.

Sports Briefs

Final MGA event

The Men's Golf Association of Snyder Country Club will hold its final event of the year at 12:30 Saturday. A business meeting and election of officers will be held following play.

Parent-Child tourney

A parent-child golf tournament will be held Oct. 21 at Western Texas College. Registration deadline is Oct. 20. To sign-up, call the WTC pro shop at 573-9291.

Men's basketball league

Snyder Men's Basketball League will accept entries through Sunday. Entry fee is $25 per player. League play begins Monday. To register, call Bryan Cave at 573-3916.

WGA weekly play day

The Women's Golf Association of Snyder Country Club will hold its weekly play day at 10 a.m. Tuesday. Format will be low score on odd holes.

Horseshoe pitching

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

Ladies' tournament

The Women's Golf Association of Snyder County Club will host the Ladies Tournament of Champions Saturday and Sunday. Tee times are 11 a.m. Saturday and 1:30 p.m. Sunday.

Golf tournament

Price Daniel will host an A-B-C-D scramble to benefit Texas Special Olympics Monday at Quicksand GC in San Angelo. Cost is $50 per player, and includes cart and lunch.

Hole-in-one prizes are a set of irons, 5-day cruise to the Bahamas, two round-trip airline tickets, and $15,000. To register, or for sponsorship information, call Debra Cheyne at 573-1114.

National Hockey League

All Times EDT

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
N.Y. Rangers	2	0	0	0	4	5	2
Philadelphia	1	1	1	0	3	10	11
New Jersey	1	0	0	0	2	8	4
Pittsburgh	1	1	0	0	2	4	4
N.Y. Islanders	0	1	1	0	1	5	6

Northeast Division

	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
Boston	3	0	1	0	7	16	9
Buffalo	2	0	0	0	4	9	5
Toronto	2	1	0	0	4	6	5
Ottawa	1	0	1	0	3	7	5
Montreal	1	3	0	0	2	10	15

Southeast Division

	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
Carolina	1	0	1	0	3	8	5
Washington	0	1	2	0	2	7	10
Atlanta	0	1	1	0	1	4	5
Tampa Bay	0	1	1	0	1	7	8
Florida	0	1	0	1	1	5	8

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
St. Louis	2	1	1	0	5	14	10
Chicago	1	1	0	0	2	7	7
Nashville	1	1	0	0	2	4	4
Detroit	1	2	0	0	2	8	9
Columbus	0	2	0	0	0	4	12

Northwest Division

	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
Edmonton	2	1	1	0	5	9	10
Vancouver	2	1	0	0	4	12	13
Colorado	1	0	2	0	4	6	4
Minnesota	0	2	1	0	1	5	10
Calgary	0	2	0	0		4	7

Pacific Division

	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
Los Angeles	2	1	1	0	5	18	11
Phoenix	2	0	0	0	4	8	2
Anaheim	1	1	0	1	3	6	9
Dallas	1	2	1	0	3	8	11
San Jose	0	1	0	0	0	1	4

Two points for a win, one point for a tie and overtime loss.

Wednesday's Games
N.Y. Rangers 3, Montreal 1
Toronto 3, N.Y. Islanders 2
Washington 3, Atlanta 3, tie
Edmonton 4, Detroit 3
Philadelphia 3, Minnesota 3, tie
Boston 3, Anaheim 2, OT
St. Louis 4, Los Angeles 4, tie

Thursday's Games
Philadelphia at Dallas, 8 p.m.
Detroit at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
Columbus at Calgary, 9 p.m.
Colorado at Vancouver, 10 p.m.
Phoenix at San Jose, 10:30 p.m.

Major League Baseball Playoffs

LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES
All Times EDT
American League
(NBC)
Tuesday, Oct. 10
Seattle 2, New York 0
Wednesday, Oct. 11
New York 7, Seattle 1, series tied 1-1
Friday, Oct. 13
New York (Pettitte 19-9) at Seattle (Sele 17-10), 8:12 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 14
New York (Clemens 13-8) at Seattle (Abbott 9-7), 7:42 p.m.
Sunday, Oct. 15
New York at Seattle, 4:09 p.m.
Tuesday, Oct. 17
Seattle at New York, 8:12 p.m., if necessary
Wednesday, Oct. 18
Seattle at New York, 8:12 p.m., if necessary

National League
(FOX)
Wednesday, Oct. 11
New York 6, St. Louis 2, New York leads series 1-0
Thursday, Oct. 12
New York (Leiter 16-8) at St. Louis (Ankiel 11-7), 8:18 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 14
St. Louis (An.Benes 12-9) at New York (Reed 11-5), 4:18 p.m.
Sunday, Oct. 15
St. Louis (Kile 20-9) at New York (B.J.Jones 11-6), 8 p.m.
Monday, Oct. 16
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Few checks were made on some emergency oil bidders

WASHINGTON (AP) — In a rush to release emergency oil, the Energy Department failed to make even rudimentary checks on some of the successful bidders — offering millions of barrels of oil to several one-man operations with little experience handling large amounts of oil.

Some of these small companies — including one that operates out of a New York City apartment and another just recently incorporated in Florida — were reported to be having trouble obtaining last-minute financial backing to sew up the deals.

A failure to get the required letters of credit this week could force the Energy Department to reopen some of the bids, preventing the release of all 30 million barrels of oil from the government's emergency stocks before the end of November as planned, department officials said.

President Clinton on Sept. 22 ordered the release, under a "swap" arrangement, of 30 million barrels of oil from the Strategic Petroleum Reserve to ease tight supplies before winter. The Energy Department announced Oct. 4 the names of 11 companies that would take the oil.

But the selection of several of the bidders has astonished some within the oil industry and prompted a call for a congressional investigation into the bidding process and whether it is primarily benefitting oil speculators.

On Wednesday, Sen. Frank Murkowski, R-Alaska, chairman of the Senate Energy Committee, demanded the Energy Department provide detailed information about how the bids were selected and explain why it selected a number of companies that "had no experience in refining oil or even getting products to market."

Robert Kripowicz, the Energy Department's acting assistant secretary for fossil fuels, acknowledged in an interview that little was known about several of the companies when their bids were selected.

These included three companies that would receive a total of 10 million barrels — a third of the total — worth more than $334 million at current prices, although they were essentially one-man operations not widely known within the petroleum industry.

"We wanted to get the bids out quickly. ... We didn't prequalify any bidders," he said.

Kripowicz said in each of the three cases the department gave heavy weight to information from other oil traders and industry representatives who said they were "in serious discussions" with the small companies to purchase the government oil from them.

He emphasized that none of the deals would be final, or any oil released, until the bidders produced a letter of credit from a third party guaranteeing the full value of the oil.

Several of the companies were still seeking out the required financial backing on Wednesday, according to Kripowicz.

The second largest award of oil at the Oct. 4 bid selection — after the 6 million barrels that went to Marathon Ashland Petroleum — went to a company called Lance Stroud Enterprises of New York City, which bid for 4 million barrels worth $133 million at current market price.

Bumper crop has farmers looking for storage for corn

DOVER, Del. (AP) — A record corn crop on the Delmarva Peninsula has posed a problem for farmers looking for storage space to keep their corn until it can be milled.

Ray Burton, an inspector with the Delaware Department of Agriculture, said the situation is nearing a crisis.

"There will be a critical storage problem before the corn harvest has been completed," Burton said.

Delaware corn farmers are expected to harvest 24.6 million bushels of corn this year — an 80 percent increase over last year and a new high over the previous record set in 1996 of 22 million bushels of corn. Farmers on Maryland's Eastern Shore are expected to see similar record yields.

The "bin buster" crop has pushed grain elevators and grain mills to their limits.

Despite the booming corn crop, the state of Delaware and the Eastern Shore of Maryland may still have to import approximately 20 million bushels of corn to feed the region's poultry.

Last year, poultry growers on the Delmarva Peninsula raised 606 million broilers and fed them about 71 million bushels of corn. Delmarva corn farmers provided about 50 million bushels to poultry growers, said Bill Satterfield, executive director of Delmarva Poultry Industry, Inc.

Meanwhile, mills in Maryland and Delaware are running nearly around the clock processing the corn into poultry feed. The more corn that is milled, the more space is available for storage, Burton said.

Between Maryland and Delaware, the peninsula can store about 90 million bushels of grain, but according to some estimates as much as 4 million bushels of corn will be stored on the ground by the end of the harvest.

Ground storage is more common in the Midwest, which has longer and colder winters than the temperate Mid-Atlantic. Moisture can destroy as much as 5 percent of corn stored on the ground.

Perdue Farms Inc. has begun storing corn on the ground at both its Salisbury, Md., headquarters and its mill in Hurlock, Md., said John Cassidy, grain operations manager for the poultry processing company.

The company, which has the capacity to hold from 21 to 22 million bushels of grain, expects to buy almost all its corn feed from area farmers, Cassidy said.

Judge says DNA evidence clear man of rape

AUSTIN (AP) — Citing new DNA evidence, a Texas judge on Wednesday recommended a man convicted of rape 16 years ago be exonerated and set free.

Carlos Lavernia was convicted of the 1983 attack after the victim positively identified his picture as the only one that "anywhere near resembles" her attacker. Lavernia was sentenced to 99 years in prison.

This summer, prosecutors located the victim's running shorts and hospital swabs. DNA tests, conducted at Lavernia's request, absolved him.

Travis County Judge Mike Lynch's recommendation now goes to the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals for a final decision. Attorneys in the case expect Lavernia's conviction to be set aside within three weeks.

During the hearing, Lavernia took deep breaths as he listened to court proceedings through an interpreter. After the ruling, he shook the prosecutors' hands and told them, "I appreciate it."

"I thought I was going to die in the penitentiary," he said.

Lavernia's future is still uncertain. He came to the United States in 1980 during the Mariel boatlift and served a probation sentence for another crime before he was charged with rape.

If freed from prison, he would be turned over to the Immigration and Naturalization Service, which could keep him in permanent custody since he cannot be deported to Cuba.

Wednesday's ruling came after a long battle by Lavernia to clear his name. Since 1986, he has written his own appeals. After several rejections, his 1999 request for DNA testing was approved.

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AndarkPtr	73.45	70.80	72.98	+ 1.48
ATMOS Egy	20.69	20.19	20.63	+ .31
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Citigroup s	49.44	45.00	47.00	—2.50
Coastal	75.50	73.13	75.44	+ 2.56
CocaCola	58.75	57.63	58.00	—.56
ColgatePal	50.12	47.75	48.58	—1.58
ComclMetals	22.94	22.75	22.94	+ .31
CooperIn	34.56	34.06	34.50	+ .31
DaimlrChry	46.19	44.50	45.30	—.08
DallSemicn s	31.63	30.19	31.38	+ .94
DeltaAirl	44.00	41.69	42.38	—1.38
Dillards Inc	9.63	9.44	9.50	—.13
DowChem s	25.88	24.19	24.94	—.31
DuPont	43.31	41.25	42.25	—1.31
EastmanChem	37.50	36.31	37.00	—.38
EstKodak	40.56	39.63	39.94	—.69
EDS Corp	46.44	45.13	45.50	+ .63
Entergy	38.19	36.56	37.94	+ .31
ExxonMobil	94.88	92.94	94.19	+ .44
FstBksAm	16.69	16.44	16.44	—.50
Flowers	18.44	17.88	18.13	—.38
GenDynam	65.50	64.38	65.06	+ .50
GenlElec s	57.13	54.00	55.63	—1.00
GenMills	37.75	37.19	37.69	
GenMotors	60.00	57.06	58.63	
GaPacGP	23.50	22.75	23.19	—.50
GlobalMar	32.44	30.38	31.63	+ 1.31
Goodrich	38.19	37.31	37.69	—.19
Goodyear s	16.50	15.71	16.07	+ .47
GtAtlPac	9.38	9.13	9.19	—.06
Halliburtn	49.19	46.69	48.63	+ 2.19
Hanson ADS	23.25	23.19	23.25	—.06
HarteHanks	26.81	26.00	26.25	—.50
HomeDepot s	37.75	35.13	36.31	—12.63
HoneywellIntl	36.19	35.31	35.81	—.25
IBM	114.38	109.69	112.06	+ .06
IntlPaper	29.69	28.56	29.25	—.56
JohnsonJn	96.50	94.63	96.50	+ .50
K mart	6.06	5.75	5.81	—.19
Kroger Co	21.19	20.63	20.75	—.50
Litton	45.63	44.69	45.00	—.63
LockheedM	33.07	32.20	32.71	—.02
Lowes Cos	37.19	34.25	35.50	—5.56
Lubys	4.88	4.69	4.69	—.31
LucentTech	21.94	21.00	21.31	—.06
MayDeptStr	20.06	19.19	19.31	—.75
Medtronic	53.88	52.00	53.88	+ 1.94
MorganJP	145.25	137.50	141.00	—5.81
Motorola s	22.25	20.88	21.44	—.19
NCR Corp	40.19	39.81	40.06	+ .38
Navistar	35.88	35.00	35.31	—.69
Penney JC	8.94	8.69	8.75	—.13
PepBoys	4.81	4.69	4.69	—.06
PepsiCo	46.94	46.13	46.75	—.06
Pharmacia	57.63	56.63	57.00	—.81
PhelpDodge	43.25	41.31	42.63	+ 1.19
PhilipPet	68.25	64.56	67.50	+ 3.00
PilgrmPrd B	6.38	6.25	6.38	
Polaroid	12.75	11.81	12.19	+ .06
Praxair	37.81	35.75	36.25	—1.13
ProctGamb	73.50	72.44	73.31	—.19
PubS NwMx	26.13	25.38	26.13	+ .38
RadioShack	55.38	49.00	51.25	—4.63
ReliantEngy	45.88	44.94	45.50	—.31
RoyalDut	65.13	63.75	64.75	+ 1.56
SBC Comm	50.38	48.81	50.19	+ 1.06
SaraLee	19.63	19.38	19.56	—.06
Scripps EW	54.38	53.44	53.81	+ .31
SearsRoeb	30.90	30.13	30.31	—1.39
SherwinW	19.75	19.38	19.69	—.31
SmithIdBchm	65.50	64.50	65.50	—.25
SouthernCo	30.25	29.19	30.00	—.19
SwstAirl	25.50	24.44	24.75	—.56
SprintFON	23.94	22.94	23.75	—.44
SprintPCS s	34.19	32.38	32.94	—.56
Sunoco Inc	29.25	28.44	28.56	+ .25
TXU Corp	38.19	36.63	38.00	+ .50
TempleInland	38.00	37.06	37.94	—.13
Texaco	57.38	55.44	56.63	+ 1.44
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TexasInst s	43.13	39.25	42.00	+ .19
Textron	47.31	46.19	46.25	—1.06
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TrinityInds	23.63	23.13	23.50	+ .25
TritonEngy	37.13	35.31	36.63	+ 2.56
TylerTech	1.94	1.69	1.75	—.06
USX-Marathn	29.81	29.25	29.75	+ .75
USX-USS	14.75	14.19	14.50	—.25
UnCarbde	38.38	36.06	37.38	—.25
UnionPacif	41.31	40.25	41.19	
UnitedTech	71.81	70.25	71.13	—.38
Unoca	38.94	36.81	38.31	+ 1.56
Venator Grp	12.75	12.19	12.25	—.56
VerizonComm	47.06	45.44	46.81	+ .38
WalMart	43.63	41.44	43.06	—2.25
WellsFargo	44.25	42.13	42.63	—1.25
WstrnGasRs	26.31	25.63	26.00	+ .44
WinnDixie	16.81	16.19	16.31	—.44
Xerox Cp	11.13	10.92	11.06	+ .13

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FROM ALL THE GANG

Plant in China to make pill

WASHINGTON (AP) — A Chinese company that has made the abortion pill RU-486 for at least nine years will manufacture the drug for the U.S. market, The Washington Post reported Thursday.

U.S. Food and Drug Administration approved the pill two weeks ago for U.S. consumption, but did not disclose the manufacturer's identity and location because of safety and security concerns. The drug distributor in the United States, Danco Laboratories, has also refused to identify the company.

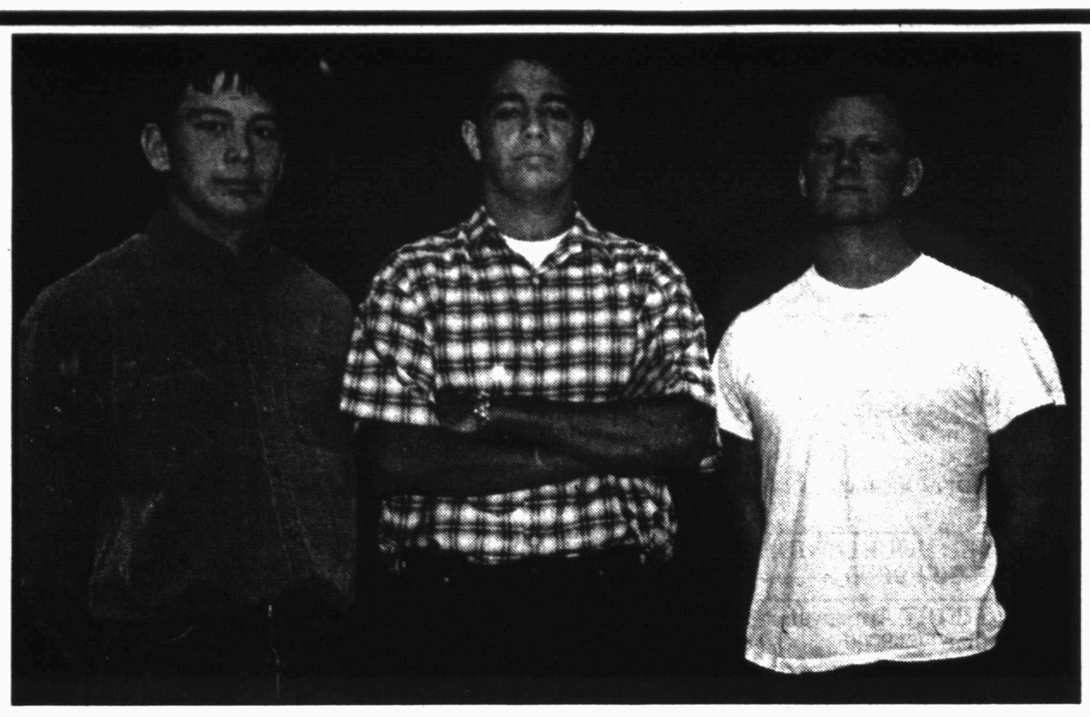
The Hua Lian Pharmaceutical Co. factory in Shanghai will make the pill, the Post reported, quoting Joachim Oehler, who heads the Concept Foundation, which assists companies in developing countries to make medical products, and has worked closely with the company. Oehler told the newspaper that FDA inspectors spent a week at the factory in July and agreed to allow the company to produce the pill in bulk amounts for export to the United States. The factory is not yet certified to export the drug in pill form, but Oehler said he expects it to meet those standards in three to five months.

"The factory is in very good shape," he said. "It would not have survived the FDA inspection otherwise."

Douglas Johnson, National Right to Life legislative director, told the newspaper his group found the news "very disturbing."

"They said they wanted to protect the company from violence or protests, but it's ludicrous to say that it is an issue in China, where demonstrations aren't permitted," he said. "It's a public relations problem they want to avoid — they don't want the association with Chinese coercive abortion practices."

China has used the pill for population control. Of the estimated 10 million abortions performed annually, about half are carried out with RU-486, Gao Ersheng, director of the Shanghai Institute of Planned Parenthood Research, told the Post.



HERO CANDIDATES — Hermleigh High School's homecoming will be Friday. Candidates for football hero are from left, Chris Bilberry, Billy Lambaren, David Digby. Chris McClure is not pictured. (See front page for sweetheart candidates' photo) (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

With tire recall and ignition ruling, Ford's problems rise

DETROIT (AP) — A critic of Ford Motor Co. recently remarked that the person in charge of the automaker's TV ads, which featured CEO Jacques Nasser talking about the Firestone tire recall, should be cast into a public relations version of hell.

To which Ford's chief spokesman, Jason Vines, quipped Wednesday: "If this is not it, I'm going to need asbestos underwear on the way down."

Vines was referring to the company's involvement with the recall of 6.5 million Firestone tires, most of which were installed on Ford Explorers.

Kidding aside, Ford found itself on the defensive again Wednesday after a judge ordered the automaker to recall 1.7 million cars and trucks in California for ignition problems.

While the tire recall and the California judge's ruling were unrelated, the unfortunate timing of the events puts considerable pressure on Ford to better explain itself to customers.

"Public relations, in this case, really needs to be used to help Ford explain that what they're doing is the right thing to do," said Anne Sceia Klein, a Philadelphia-based crisis management expert.

The California ruling was the latest development in a dispute dating to the mid-1980s over charges Ford knew a variety of vehicles had a flawed electrical part that caused engines to stall. While Ford recalled 1.1 million vehicles in 1987, it has maintained that other models were fine.

The judge ruled Ford hid evidence of problems with the ignitions from federal investigators. As with the tire recall, Ford says its own data showed no need for further action on its part.

"There's nothing to suggest our vehicles stalled more than anyone else's or our vehicles were involved in stalling-type accidents more than anyone else's," Ford spokesman Jim Cain said Wednesday.

Ford has been accused of covering up vehicle defects before, most infamously with the Ford Pinto. Twenty-seven people died during the 1970s in fuel tank fires in the Pinto, which Ford was eventually forced to recall.

The drawn-out nature of the ignition dispute — and a lack of reports of fatal accidents linked to the problem — has made it less of a headache for Ford than the tire recall or the Pinto problems.

Even the tire recall has yet to bring the kind of embarrassment the Pinto did; during that scandal, company memos surfaced comparing vehicle costs to the estimated value of a human life — $200,000. Ford eventually put the Pinto behind it by retiring the model name, but not before spending millions on lawsuits and losing many customers.

Before the tire recall, Nasser, Ford's chief executive, had been trying to improve the image of the world's second-largest automaker — for instance, by tying executive bonuses to surveys of customer satisfaction.

But since the recall was announced by Ford and Bridgestone/Firestone Inc. in August, managing customer anger has been job one at Ford. The company has about 500 people dedicated to analyzing data and getting replacement tires to customers. The effort is run out of a "war room" just below the executive offices; Nasser holds twice-a-day meetings with his lieutenants to get updates on the recall.

Vines said Wednesday that the company had made significant progress in speeding the recall. Waiting lists for replacements are shrinking — so much so Ford has sent out more letters urging eligible customers to take part.

Vines also said media interest in the recall has dropped. At one time, Ford was getting about 100 calls from reporters before 10 a.m. every day.

Vines said Ford remains committed to being open and honest about its decisions while continuing to maintain it is not to blame for the tire problems, which are being investigated in connection with more than 100 traffic deaths.

Bridgestone/Firestone has said the Explorer's design might have played a role in some of the accidents, while Ford maintains the Explorer is safer than other sport utility vehicles.

Still, Klein, the crisis management expert, said to really improve its standing with customers, Ford must convince the public that it is taking the right steps and will continue to.

"If you haven't done right in the past, people will sit back and be skeptical," she said.

On the Net:
http://www.ford.com

Sony releases its new 'pet' lion cub

TOKYO (AP) — The new robot pet from Sony Corp. doesn't shed fur, eats only batteries and can even remember its master's birthday.

Sony's cat-size robot is a smarter version of the original AIBO, which was introduced in June 1999 and modeled after a pet dog. Aibo even means "pal" in Japanese. The new AIBO wiggles, waddles, blinks its light eyes and warbles in an electronic melody like the original version. But this one, modeled after a lion cub, recognizes its own name and 50 other words, imitates the tones of human voices and can be programmed through a personal computer.

While Sony wouldn't say how many of the new AIBO it planned to sell, it is banking on its robot technology, foreseeing a future when much of home electronics would be computerized like robots. The company, which also has music, movie and video-game businesses, hopes the AIBO will grow into a widely known character Sony can put in films, games and other products.

Sony said only that it could start breaking even if it starts selling at the maximum productive capacity of 60,000 a month. It will be available by order in Japan, the United States and Europe from mid-November for about $1,500 — down from $2,500 for the original AIBO. They will arrive at homes starting in early December.

Satoshi Amagai, president of Entertainment Robot Co., Sony's robot unit, compared the potential of Sony's robots with the Walkman — a product that only a few, even in Sony, expected to sell at first.

"Ten years from now, we want to become one of the pillars of Sony's business," Amagai said.

Masayuki Yonezawa, an analyst with BNP Paribas Securities in Tokyo, said AIBO has already proved a plus for Sony's corporate image, although whether it grows as a business remained to be seen.

"Its main impact is to show off Sony's technology," Yonezawa said. "It's impressive how robots have become so close to the real thing."

The machine doesn't have any obviously catlike mannerisms and struts around like a mechanical dog. It has a sensor beneath its chin so it acts happy by lighting up its green eyes when petted there.

It also doesn't have the long, wagging tail or the floppy ears of the old one, and instead has a stump for a tail and perky ears.

In a demonstration for reporters, AIBO rested its hips on the floor when told to "sit," lifted a paw when ordered to "shake," and shook its hips when someone said "dance" into its ear.

It has a camera in its nose so it doesn't bump into walls. The improved AIBO can take color photos using that camera and store it in its memory stick — but only if you ask, "Take a photo."

The new AIBO also has a calendar and clock feature so it can be programmed to remember important days like its master's birthday.

Date Book

Thursday, Oct. 12, 2000

Today is the 286th day of 2000 and the 21st day of fall.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1492, Christopher Columbus touched land in the New World.

On this day in 1845, in New York City, the first national labor congress began. The event was called the First Industrial Congress.

On this day in 1972, Patricia Ness of Kansas City, Mo., set a world record by belly dancing for 27 hours.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Dick Gregory (1932-) comedian-political activist, is 68; Luciano Pavarotti (1935-), opera singer, is 65; Tony Kubek (1936-), baseball star-broadcaster, is 64; Susan Anton (1950-), actress-singer, is 50; Sid Fernandez (1962-), baseball player, is 38; Kirk Cameron (1970-), actor, is 30.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1929, The Philadelphia A's hit 10 runs in Game Four of the World Series, coming from behind an 8-0 Chicago Cubs advantage in the seventh inning. The A's won 10-8.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "A dialogue is more than two monologues." — Max Kampelman

TODAY'S MOON: Day before full moon (Oct. 13).

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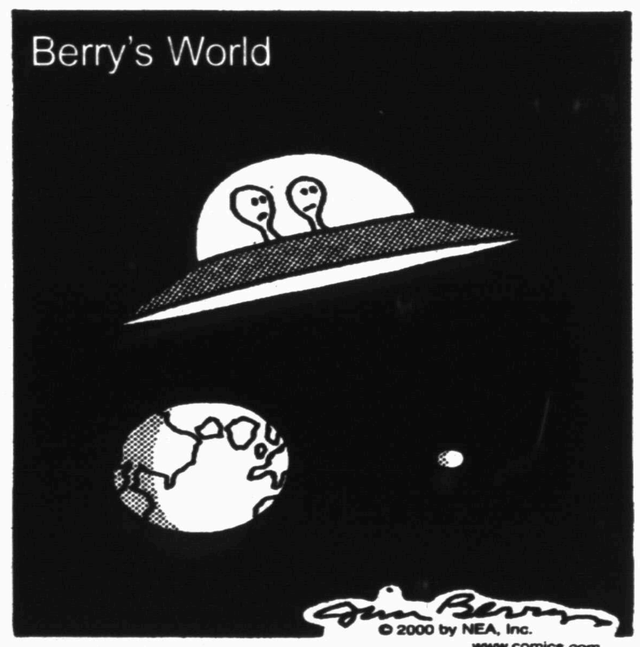

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Business leaders to gather in Austin today for meeting

AUSTIN (AP) — The magazine that named Austin the best city in America in which to do business is bringing its annual gathering of executives to Texas' capital city, along with an estimated $1 million in revenue and some controversy.

The Fortune 500 Forum begins this morning with a roundtable with leaders who will discuss philanthropy in the new economy. Mexico President-elect Vicente Fox is scheduled to speak tonight at the University of Texas at Austin.

About 150 business leaders are expected to attend the three-day event that will focus on "Doing Business Different: Strategies from Maverick CEOs."

"We always try to look for a place that will be of interest to the business leaders," said Terry McDevitt, vice president of communications at Fortune. "We thought Austin was a really good fit this year for our theme."

City officials welcome the conference and the attention it's bringing.

"Having the Fortune 500 Forum in Austin is a wonderful opportunity for our city to show off many of the features that first prompted Fortune Magazine to name it one of the top cities in the nation to do business," said Ric Luber, executive director of the Austin Convention & Visitors Bureau.

The meeting will pour an estimated $1 million into the local economy.

"The long-term residuals could mean an additional millions of dollars in future corporate meetings and conventions that might be booked by some of the corporations attending the forum and even possible expansions of operations to Austin," Luber said.

While the city is rolling out the welcome wagon, some protesters plan to voice disapproval.

The No to Fortune 500 Coalition has scheduled a march at the Capitol on Friday. Several smaller events are set to begin Thursday night, including a vigil about the relationship between the indigenous people of Mexico's Chiapas and the Mexican government.

Mexico has been criticized for its handling of the Zapatistas in the southern state. The Zapatistas took up arms in 1994 and waged a brief rebellion in the name of greater Indian rights.

Peace talks with current President Ernesto Zedillo's administration have been stalled since 1996. Fox takes office in December.

Protest spokesman Brian Couser did not immediately return phone messages left by The Associated Press. He told The Daily Texan for its Wednesday edition that democracy in America and in other countries has been jeopardized because of corporate influence via campaign contributions over political decisions.

"Problems in the American government will only be solved by clearing out corporate power from democracy and the community," Couser said. "We're hoping this will start a movement here in Austin."

The conference, which is held in a different city every year, typically draws some protests, said McDevitt.

"We're a media company so we expect and support the expression of differing opinions," McDevitt said.

On the Net:
City of Austin:
http://www.ci.austin.tx.us

Memories of ambush still haunt people

PLEASANTON (AP) — A year ago today, three law enforcement officers were killed by a gunman waiting in ambush outside his mobile home near Pleasanton.

Even now, survivors are still grappling to deal with the bloody standoff.

Three law officers were shot to death Oct. 12, 1999, as they responded to a possible domestic violence call in rural Atascosa County, about 40 miles south of San Antonio.

According to investigators, Jeremiah Engleton lured the men to his trailer with a bogus 911 call. Then, hiding in a bush outside, he ambushed Atascosa County sheriff's deputies Thomas Monse Jr. and Mark Stephenson and Department of Public Safety Trooper Terry Miller, 37, when they responded to the call.

Then, for hours, the gunman held at bay other law officers and citizens who showed up to help. Engleton, 21, died of a self-inflicted gunshot wound during the standoff, investigators said.

Louis Tudyk, a Pleasanton police officer also was wounded.

Carl Fisher, a 61-year-old retired Border Patrol agent, was Engleton's neighbor. He heard the gunshots ring out as the three men were gunned down. He, too, was shot when he drove down the street to help the officers.

He said he far from relishes the attention the event has heaped on him since.

"It's been a year, and people want to know what happened," he told the San Antonio Express-News for its Thursday editions. "People are expressing their concern, and we've felt we're being selfish if we don't address it."

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.

Will calcium interfere with Zantac?

DEAR DR. GOTT: I had a bleeding gastric ulcer six months ago, for which I am now taking Zantac. I also use supplemental calcium and vitamin D for my osteoporosis. I've read that milk is no longer given routinely as part of ulcer therapy because it stimulates acid production in the stomach. Will my calcium pills do the same and work against the Zantac?

DEAR READER: Milk, like any food, stimulates the stomach to produce digestive acids; this is a normal, natural phenomenon. The increased acid is not caused by milk calcium, a mineral — nor is it caused by calcium supplements. In fact, such products are frequently used to TREAT the consequences of excess gastric acid. Therefore, your calcium/vitamin D program will not worsen your ulcer or interfere with the Zantac.

Years ago, before the discovery of Zantac and similar drugs, doctors had pitifully few methods to treat peptic disease, especially the types that were severe enough to bleed. So medical professionals historically prescribed a milk and cream regimen that patients had to take every two hours, night and day, until their ulcers healed. Milk and cream are good buffers, meaning they readily absorb or neutralize acid, despite a paradoxical tendency to stimulate simultaneous acid production. (Maybe this is the reason why so much milk and cream was required.)

Subsequently, synthetic buffers (antacids) were developed and performed the same function better, without the calories and cholesterol. Today, with H2 blockers (histamine blockers, of which Zantac is an example) the treatment of bleeding ulcers has been revolutionized. In fact, this therapy is so effective that surgery — once required in such cases — is practically a medical curiosity.

H2 blockers can safely be taken with calcium supplements, which are routinely recommended for both men and women to prevent or help treat osteoporosis. To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Peptic Ulcers." 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.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I have a tendency to form ganglions. Is there any new treatment other than surgery?

DEAR READER: A ganglion is a squishy, painless, benign cyst that often forms on tendons or nerves, especially around the hand and wrist. The cause is unknown.

Many years ago, patients used to treat these harmless annoyances with "Bible therapy." Don't jump to any theological conclusions. It worked this way:

In those bygone eras, the Bible was large and very heavy — and was standard equipment in most homes. After the patient lay his or her hand on a firm surface with the ganglion facing up, a family member would raise the Bible and then bring the Good Book down forcefully on the ganglion, bursting the cyst's wall. After that, the gelatinous material in the cyst would disperse, solving the problem (to the patient's unending relief, I am sure, because who would want a repeat procedure?)

Fortunately, this primitive treatment is no longer in vogue — and I don't recommend it for antiquarians. Ganglions don't need therapy unless they enlarge or become painful, when they can easily be removed (painlessly) by a qualified surgeon, without the use of a Bible.

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Student burned in chemistry laboratory blast is upgraded

LUBBOCK (AP) — A Midland Lee High School student was upgraded to serious condition Wednesday after she and two other students were burned during a chemistry lab demonstration.

The accident happened Tuesday when a bottle of methyl alcohol was placed too close to a Bunsen burner during a teacher demonstration. Two of the three students injured in the resulting flash fire were transported to Lubbock's University Medical Center.

Teran Nix, 15, had second-degree burns over 13 percent of her body. David Dutchover, 17, remained hospitalized Wednesday afternoon in satisfactory condition. Dutchover was expected to be released from the hospital in a day or two, according to UMC spokeswoman Kim Davis.

A third unidentified student was treated and released from Midland Memorial Hospital, according to the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal.

In a prepared statement Wednesday, Midland school district officials said they were saddened by the accident and that Midland Lee High School principal George Cooper has suspended all labs using combustible materials.

The school district said it was "determined to prevent such accidents from occurring again by reviewing and reinforcing safety procedures in the classroom."

Capt. Mark Fields of the Midland Fire Department said it appeared fumes from the open jug of methyl alcohol ignited from the heat of the Bunsen burner. He said about 15 students were in the lab when the accident occurred.

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

Free senior financial seminars can cost survivors a fortune

DEAR ABBY: You've recently printed letters from people who have been victims of weight-loss or male-potency scams. Please warn your readers about another one: "senior financial workshops"!

They are usually advertised on inserts in newspapers and claim to teach seniors how to legally avoid paying income and estate taxes, how to increase spendable income, and how to "protect yourself" from nursing home expenses. The workshops are always "free" for seniors 60 years and older, and of course they "will sell you nothing."

My father died last year, and I have never been so horrified in my life. By the time the lawyers, accountants and trustees get their share, there will be barely enough left to take care of my mother.

What is most ludicrous of all is that my husband is an attorney. If only Dad had talked to him or any other honest lawyer, he would have been advised that none of this foolishness was necessary.

Abby, please warn senior citizens to be aware of these scams. Some honest people do conduct these seminars, but they are hardly "free." If seniors must attend, they should ask a lawyer or trusted friend to go with them, because unfortunately there are accountants, consultants and some lawyers who are only interested in robbing their client's survivors.

DEAR ANGUISHED: Your story is frightening. I hope all seniors, and readers of every age, will think twice before making investments or signing agreements with people they do not know and haven't thoroughly checked out.

Beware if the salesperson tells you, for instance, to borrow money on a credit card, to take out a mortgage on your home, or to cash in your IRA to invest — with the assurance you will quickly double or triple your money with little risk. Select a broker or investment adviser who understands your financial objectives. Interview two or three to compare experience, education and professional background.

When it comes to taxes, investments, financial and estate planning, it is best to talk to professionals you know or who have been highly recommended by a trusted family member or friend who has an established, positive history with the agent and firm.

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DEAR ABBY: You missed an opportunity to tell "Left Out in Minneapolis" the REAL "facts of life." She complained that although she and her boyfriend had lived together for more than 15 years, her name was omitted from the list of relatives in his sister's obituary. You told her that, technically, she is a friend — not a relative — and only family members are listed.

You should have told her two other things: (1) An obituary, like a marriage certificate, is just a piece of paper, so it's no big deal not being included in it; and (2) if she thinks his relatives were unkind to her then, wait until she sees what they do to her 50 percent of the home furnishings, cars, money, retirement savings, etc. that she thinks she and Tony jointly own, should he die before she does! — **TOO SMART NOT TO HAVE THAT "PIECE OF PAPER" IN NEW YORK**

DEAR SMART: The lady didn't ask me what I thought the financial liabilities could be because of her choice of lifestyle. Had she done so, I would have pointed out the security and benefits of having a marriage certificate — not the least of which are rights of inheritance and being able to make medical decisions should one's spouse become ill and unable to speak for himself or herself.

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THE SNYDER DAILY NEWS

Explosion rocks U.S. Navy ship; 4 die

WASHINGTON (AP) — A powerful explosion rocked a U.S. Navy ship in port on the Arabian Peninsula on Thursday in an apparent suicide terrorist bombing that killed at least four Americans and injured more than 30, the Defense Department said. Twelve sailors were missing.

No one has claimed responsibility, U.S. officials said.

The destroyer USS Cole, with a crew of about 350 sailors, was in port at Aden, Yemen, for refueling when a small craft came alongside the ship and an explosion followed, according to Lt. Cmdr. Daren Pelkie, spokesman for the Navy's 5th Fleet headquarters in Manama, Bahrain.

At a State Department news conference, Secretary of State Madeleine Albright declared: "We will hold those who committed it accountable and take appropriate steps."

She said this is no time for the United States to "retreat from our responsibilities" in the region.

"We are operating in a world that is filled with a variety of threats. But that doesn't mean that we can crawl into an ostrich-like mode. We are eagles," Albright said.

Details of the incident were sketchy, but officials at the Pentagon said it appeared that the small boat was carrying some form of high explosive powerful enough to rip a large hole — 20 feet by 40 feet — in the side of the U.S. ship.

The boat was of the kind used in normal harbor operations in the port of Aden, according to a Pentagon official familiar with official reports from the scene. The official, who discussed the matter on condition of anonymity, said the boat crew had helped secure the Cole's mooring lines at the fueling dock before it came alongside the ship.

Two men were seen standing up in the small boat before the explosion, the official said. He said there was no doubt that the explosion came from the small boat but it was not clear whether the boat rammed the ship.

Pelkie said at least 36 sailors were reported injured and 12 were missing, in addition to four confirmed dead. The injured were taken to a local hospital and U.S. Navy medical teams were dispatched to the scene from Bahrain.

Flooding on the ship was reported to be contained and there were no reports of fire.

Clinton begins lifting trade sanctions

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia (AP) — Slobodan Milosevic's party announced leadership changes Thursday as it struggled to stem the steady erosion of its power and influence to the newly elected president, Vojislav Kostunica.

In a gesture of Washington's support for Kostunica, President Clinton on Thursday began lifting U.S. trade and economic sanctions against Yugoslavia.

The Socialists, meanwhile, said their hard-line secretary-general, Gorica Gajevic, had been replaced by the more moderate Zoran Andjelkovic, head of the Serb-run Kosovo government.

Serbian President Milan Milutinovic was named the party's vice president. Milosevic apparently remained at the helm despite losing the presidency in the Sept. 24 elections.

The Beta news agency later quoted Miloje Mihajlovic, a Socialist deputy in the Serbian parliament, as saying Milosevic would resign "because of the members and supporters" and that further changes in the party were "necessary." The Socialists called a party congress for Nov. 25.

There were also signs of a rift between the Socialists and their neo-communist allies, the Yugoslav Left, the party of Milosevic's influential wife, Mirjana Markovic. Both parties said unlike in last month's elections, their candidates would run independently in the next Serbian elections.

The shake-up could mean Milosevic is trying to consolidate his followers after their ouster from power so he can remain a political player.

Analyst Bratislav Grubacic, however, suggested Milutinovic might be trying to take over the party by sacking its staunchest hard-liners. "The final showdown with Milosevic will be at the party congress," Grubacic said.

U.S. peace efforts dashed by increased Mideast fighting

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip (AP) — Israeli helicopters rocketed Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat's residential compound in the Gaza Strip and targets in the West Bank on Thursday in a powerful and swift retaliation for the brutal killings of two Israeli soldiers by a Palestinian mob.

"This is a declaration of war — a crazy war," Saeb Erekat, a senior Palestinian official, said of some of the worst Israeli-Palestinian violence since the 1967 Mideast war. The fighting has left last-ditch U.S. peace efforts in tatters.

Israel's deputy defense minister, Ephraim Sneh, said Israel had no choice but to retaliate, adding that "it's never too late" to resume talks at some stage.

The killings of the soldiers in a police station in the West Bank town of Ramallah — the angry mob dumped the bloodied bodies into the street — incensed Israelis. Prime Minister Ehud Barak responded quickly, tightly sealing Palestinian towns, amassing troops near Ramallah and unleashing helicopter gunships.

The first targets hit by the rockets were the police station and the Palestinian TV headquarters in Ramallah. Black columns of smoke rose from the city, and Palestinian reports said at least 12 people were injured.

Arafat's headquarters in Gaza City and buildings near it were hurriedly evacuated shortly before the attack. A guard house next to Arafat's residence was hit, and smoke was rising above the compound, near the Mediterranean seafront. Residents were running out of the buildings in the area amid the chaos, and ambulances rushed to the scene.

The Israeli army said it did not target Arafat's home itself.

The Israeli attack came shortly after Arafat met with CIA chief George Tenet at an undisclosed location in Gaza City. Arafat's whereabouts were unclear. Tenet had left the area before the attack, a U.S. official said on condition of anonymity. There is "no worry that anything has happened to him," the official said.

The killing of the soldiers and Israel's strong response left little hope that Israel and the Palestinians could negotiate a truce and bring an end to two weeks of bloodshed that have left at least 94 people dead.

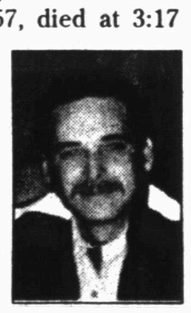
Obituaries

Jim Davis

1943-2000

Graveside service for Jim Davis of Snyder is set for 10 a.m. Friday in the Snyder Cemetery. The Rev. Dave Phillips, pastor of Northside Baptist Church, will officiate. Arrangements are under the direction of Wright Colonial Funeral Home.

Mr. Davis, 57, died at 3:17 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 11, in University Medical Center in Lubbock after a brief illness.



Jim Davis

Born on Feb. 12, 1943 in Alabama, he married Linda Tatom on July 3, 1969 in Snyder. Mr. Davis had worked as a heavy equipment operator for many years in the Snyder area.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Jeff and Verbie Davis; and one brother, Bobby Davis, all of Alabama.

Survivors include his wife, Linda Davis of Snyder; a sister and brother-in-law, Deborah and Bill McRea of Enterprise, Ala.; his mother-in-law, Louise Tatom of Snyder; and several aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and cousins.

Family visitation will be held from 7 to 8 this evening at Wright Colonial Funeral Home

Robert Graham

1928-2000

SAN ANTONIO — Robert H. Graham, father of Dr. Judith Dunham of Snyder, died Tuesday, Oct. 10, after a brief illness. He was 72.

Rosary will be recited today at 7 p.m. in the Angelus Funeral Home in San Antonio. Mass will be celebrated at 9:30 a.m. on Friday in St. Mark the Evangelist Catholic Church. Interment will follow at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery.

Mr. Graham was born Aug. 31, 1928 in San Diego and he married Dolores Slavin on Aug. 25, 1949 in San Antonio. He attended Trinity University in San Antonio and served in the U.S. Marine Corp. Mr. Graham retired in 1994 from Southwestern Bell Telephone Co. after 45 years service. He was a longtime parishioner of St. Mark the Evangelist Catholic Church in San Antonio.

He was preceded in death by his father, J.T. Graham; his mother, Elisa Graham; and his brother, Edward Graham

Survivors include three sons and two daughters-in-law, Michael Graham of San Antonio, Patrick and Edilia Graham of San Antonio, Robert and Julie Graham of The Woodlands; a son-in-law, Dr. Michael Dunham of Snyder; two other daughters and another son-in-law, Cynthia Stenoien of Houston, and Beatrice and David Ramirez of San Antonio; a sister, June Tsakopulos of San Antonio; a mother-in-law, Beatrice Slavin of San Antonio; and 13 grandchildren including Erin and Andra Dunham of Snyder.

Henry Newman

1923-2000

Henry Newman, a native of Scurry County, died Wednesday, Oct. 11, in Windcrest Alzheimer Center in Abilene following a lengthy illness.

Funeral service for Mr. Newman, 77, is set for 2 p.m. Friday in Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home Chapel. Interment will follow in the Ira Cemetery. F.R. "Bear" Williams will officiate.

Born Feb. 11, 1923 in Scurry County, Mr. Newman was a longtime Brownwood resident where he was a rancher and stock farmer. He was also a former resident of the Comanche and Cross Plains areas and lived in Big Spring for a time before moving to the Abilene care center.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Mary Newman; five sisters; and one brother.

Survivors include a daughter and son-in-law, Connie and Jeffrey Harris of Campbell, Mich.; two sisters, Mozelle Lovell and Marciel Morris and her husband, Wayne, all of Big Spring.

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23-year-old man jailed for burglary

• ***Burglary***

Officers were called to a reported disturbance at Park Village Apartments #2B3 at 9:15 p.m. Wednesday where they arrested a 23-year-old man for burglary.

Elias Ramirez of 502 West New Mexico in Sweetwater was taken into custody outside of Monica Ramirez' residence.

According to police reports, when the woman arrived home, Elias Ramirez was there and had some of her property. Officers met him outside of the residence and took him into custody.

• ***Theft***

Snyder Police are investigating the theft of an undetermined amount of currency from McD's at 3800 College. The incident was reported at 6:14 a.m. today.

• ***Forgery***

An offense report was filed at 10:41 a.m. Wednesday in reference to someone forging two checks on Lupe Cabrera's account at American State Bank. The checks totaled $60.

• ***Two-year-old bitten***

The animal warden was called to 606 College Avenue at 12:35 p.m. Wednesday in reference to a family dog biting a two-year-old child.

• ***Graffiti***

At 1:09 p.m. Wednesday, Jack Gorman notified police that someone had painted graffiti on the backside of his rent house at 3724 Avenue U.

• ***CDs stolen***

Officers were called to the Pizza Inn at 5:23 p.m. Wednesday to a report of a burglary. Nicholas Bredemeyer told officers that someone had stolen approximately 75 CDs from him sometime between 3:45 p.m. and 4:10 p.m.

• ***Arrests***

A 42-year-old man was taken into custody in the 100 block of North College at 3:10 p.m. Wednesday on a warrant for theft by check.

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ONGOINGS

Northeast family reading night

Family reading night at Northeast Elementary will begin at 6:30 this evening. Pizza and soft drinks will be served, and childcare will be provided.

Boys basketball booster club

The booster club will meet at 7 tonight in the SHS student center to plan for the annual chili supper.

Church benefit

Our Lady of Guadalupe Church will be selling enchilada plates from 11 a.m. until 7 p.m. Friday at the church. Adult plates are $6, while children plates are $3. Carryout plates also will be available, as well as delivery. Meal includes three beef enchiladas, rice, beans, salad, cake and tea. Call 573-7142 or 573-3866 for more information.

Home school organization

Anyone interested in a home school organization is asked to meet from 2:30-4 p.m. Friday at the Kiddie Park in Towle Park. For more information, call Kandi JoDitt at 573-4885.

Country and gospel music

A country and gospel music program will be held on the second Saturday of each month at the Scurry County Senior Citizens Center. The first one will begin at 7 p.m. Saturday. Everyone is invited and there is no charge. Call 573-3996 for more information.

WTC computer classes

The Continuing Education Division of Western Texas College is offering a variety of computer classes this fall beginning Tuesday night. For a schedule or additional information, call 573-8511, ext. 390.

Lions Club meeting

Dennis Gloyna with Southwestern Bell Telephone in Abilene will speak Tuesday to the Lions Club meeting at Martha Ann Woman's Club. Guests are invited. Meals are $7 and reservations may be made by calling David Holt at 573-3255.

West Elementary meeting

West Elementary parents and teachers will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the school library. Projects and fund-raisers will be discussed. All parents and teachers are welcome.

FBC worship service

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

Senior citizen swimnastics

Snyder Senior Citizen Center swimnastics will be held from 10-11 a.m. on Monday, and 1-2 p.m. on Thursdays. For additional information, call 573-4035.

Fajita supper

First Christian Church will host its annual park and eat fajita supper from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 20, prior to the Snyder-Lake View football game. Cost is $5 for adults and $3 for children.

CPR and first aid certification

CPR and first aid certification classes will be held Monday and Tuesday, Oct. 23-24, at WTC. Classes will be from 6-10 p.m. Cost is $51 for both classes and pre-registration deadline is Oct. 20 when a $10 registration fee is due. For more information, call 573-8511, ext. 342 or 390.

Tiger Times yearbook

The 2000-01 Tiger Times yearbook are on sale at the junior high until Nov. 21 in room 110 or the office. The full $14 may be paid now, or a deposit of $7 may be paid with the balance due in the spring. Checks must be made out to Snyder Junior High School. No extra copies will be available.

Museum needs holiday quilts

It's beginning to look like the holiday season, and the Scurry County Museum is starting to develop its holiday theme. For 2000, the theme is holiday quilts. If you have a holiday quilt, which means any holiday of the year, the museum would like to display the quilt, or any other quilted items, such as a pillow or wall hanging, from Nov. 1-Dec. 8. The items are needed by Monday, Oct. 23. Call the museum at 573-6107 if you have a quilt to lend.

Stanfield fall festival

The annual fall festival at Stanfield Elementary will be Saturday, Oct. 28, from 6-8 p.m. The parent council invites all students and their families to enjoy the fun. There will be games, food booths and raffle drawings donated by local merchants.

Glory Room open

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

Ira annuals

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

Millennium cookbooks

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

Pick 3

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Wednesday by the Texas Lottery, in order: 9-6-1

Lotto Texas

AUSTIN (AP) — No ticket correctly matched all six numbers drawn Wednesday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials said. The ticket was worth an estimated $4 million.The numbers drawn Wednesday night from a field of 54 were: 2-4-14-38-42-46.

Saturday night's drawing will be worth an estimated $6 million.