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Lorber Industries groundbreaking set for October, representatives say

Groundbreaking for construction of a spinning mill in Snyder's industrial park will be held early next month.

That word came Sunday during a visit to Snyder by representatives of Lorber Industries of California and its founder, Arnold Lorber.

Lorber, who announced plans in September, 1995, to build a cotton spinning mill in Snyder, met with design engineers and construction representatives from Lubbock concerning the first phase of Lorber's planned textile complex.

Lorber, meeting first with representatives of the Development Corporation of Snyder, said construction of the facility would begin in October, equipment would be installed in December and January and production begun during March.

The first phase, Lorber said, would represent an investment of approximately $17 million.

A plant manager for the Snyder facility, Mike Godfrey, has been selected, and Godfrey has been in Snyder since Aug. 1 helping write the curriculum for the company's training program to be conducted at Western Texas College.

Lorber said the building will be designed to add the two planned expansions to include weaving, knitting and finishing.

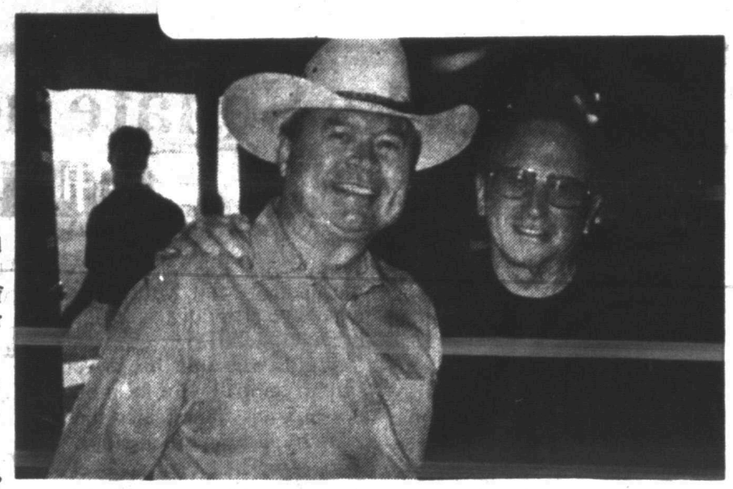
Lorber and his design engineers also met with Vesta Orr, manager of Midwest Electric Cooperative, concerning power requirements for plant operations.

Lorber said about four months were lost dealing with construction companies in North and South Carolina prior to starting his talks with the Lubbock firm of Brown-McKee, Inc.

Also part of the discussion Sunday afternoon were Emerson Tucker, consulting textile engineer from Lubbock, and Dr. Dean Ethridge, head of the International Textile Center at Texas Tech.

Other members of the Lorber delegation included sons Tom and Greg Lorber; Michael Gruener, vice president and chief operating officer; and Bruce Murphy, Lorber controller.

Following a series of afternoon meetings, Lorber representatives had dinner with Snyder officials at the Wagon Wheel Ranch before returning to Los Angeles.



LORBER VISIT — Arnold Lorber, (right) founder of Lorber Industries of California, was in Snyder Sunday with other company officials, meeting with design engineers and contractors concerning his textile spinning mill to be located in SnTx Park I. At dinner Sunday evening, Lorber visited with Dr. Dean Ethridge, director of the International Textile Center at Texas Tech University. (SDN Staff Photo)

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City's tax rate up for approval

Snyder City Council members face a lengthy agenda this evening as they will consider the approval of ordinances setting the tax rate and appropriations for the coming fiscal year for city operations.

That action is expected following a public hearing on the 1997-98 city budget, set for 6:30.

The council approved the budget last month in the amount of $8,242,450 and agreed on a tax rate 40.41 cents per $100 valuation.

In matters related to the industrial park, the council will consider a resolution authorizing the city to acquire property necessary for the extension of water and sewer lines to the park thorugh eminent domain. This project is funded with an Economic Development Grant of $1.5 million. An agreement between the county and city concerning utility easements for the project will also be considered.

The council will also consider the appointment of two directors to the Development Corporation of Snyder as the terms of Roy McQueen and Jack Gorman expire on Sept. 30. The two are expected to be appointed for another two-year term.

The president of the DCOS, Roy Baze, has submitted his resignation and the council will consider accepting that, as well as appointing him as life-time President Emeritus of the DCOS board of directors.

Other matters the council will consider are the re-appointment of Joe Jackson to the Permian Basin Airport Board; the criteria for requiring deposits for water service and bids on goods and services for the city in seven different areas, including the city's bank depository; and the purchase of four vehicles for the police department.

The council is to have an executive session to consider two matters of litigation including a suit against the city and a police officer as a result of an accident, and a class action suit filed by newspapers in the state, including the Snyder Daily News, concerning a new state law that would prohibit the availability of accident reports.

7 o'clock tonight...

Varied agenda for WTC board

Western Texas College trustees meet this evening to consider a varied agenda.

Among the business items are:

—employment of an instructor for the correctional officer training program;

—approval of the fall semester small class report as well as a report on enrollment for the semester;

—bids for computers and monitors for the art department lab;

—ratification of bids for a fairway mower for the golf course;

—bids for protective netting for the driving range;

—the August financial report;

—previous minutes.

During an information and discussion period, Johnson Controls, Inc. will give an energy conservation report and present a $1,000 check to the WTC Scholarship Foundation.

Information on athletes will be provided with regard to where they are from, classification, sports schedules and the like.

Also on the agenda is pre-bid information concerning a skid-steer loader for the golf and landscape technology program.

The board will also be presented a survey with regard to any changes they would like to see in board policy procedure. These would include time and date of board meetings, pre-bid approval limits and general presentation of agenda items.

Tonight's meeting is set for 7 o'clock in the administration board room.



Refurbishing a rig

Patterson Energy's rig #50 is being refurbished at the company's yard on the Lamesa Highway. Toolpusher Randy Poston observes David Johnson as he operates a grinder on the floor of the rig some three stories high. The rig is capable of drilling 18,000 feet, said Poston. Patterson currently operates 90 rigs which makes it the third largest land-based fleet in the United States. (SDN Staff Photo)

After hard times, Patterson setting pace in the oilfield

By Wade Warren
Staff Writer

Patterson Energy Inc. had its beginning when many oil-related companies did — in the late 1970s. But unlike many of those other companies, it is still going strong. It now has offices or yards in 10 other cities besides Snyder, and employs more than 1,500 people state-wide.

It, too, teetered on bankruptcy following the oil bust, but unlike many others, it survived. A commitment to its employees and creditors kept Patterson going and the company is now valued at $570 million.

"It would have been much easier to file bankruptcy and start all over again," said Cloyce Talbott, chairman of the board and the company's chief executive officer. "But there were too many people who would have suffered with a bankruptcy decision."

Organized in 1978 by Talbott and Snyder residents Glenn Patterson, Ken Davis and John Thompson of Abilene, the company was then known as Patterson Drilling Company.

Besides Talbott, present corporate officers include Patterson as president and chief operating officer and James Brown as the vice president for finance and the chief financial officer. Brown also serves as secretary and treasurer of the corporation.

The company began its operations with two drilling rigs in Victoria in 1978, but in 1979, operations were moved to the present Snyder location on the Lamesa Highway.

That complex has experienced major expansion in recent years and a new office addition is currently in the process. An additional 7,000 square feet is presently being added to accommodate the accounting personnel, said Brown.

"Most of the people who will work in the addition have already been hired," said Brown. "We are just putting them in a central location as opposed to having them in two or three places in th. complex."

The company started with two drilling rigs, but with the boom of the '80s, it expanded to five.

Patterson wa. not the only company expanding at that time as there were some 5,000 drilling rigs available in the United States. The combination of increased production and the general population becoming more energy-consicious, a glut of petroleum products began to drive the price of oil down from the highs of the early 1980s.

And despite the decline in the price of oil, Patterson expanded its fleet during the three-year period from 1982-85.

In January of 1986, Patterson had 13 drilling rigs running when the price of oil dropped to boom-shattering $10 a barrel.

Even by April of that year, one had to look long and hard to see a Patterson drilling rig, or anyone else's, that was not stacked in the yard.

The management of Patterson felt drastic action had to be taken to avoid what stared many other oilfield companies in the face at that time — bankruptcy.

Every employee of Patterson — from the chairman of the board to the hourly employee — took a pay cut. Employee benefits were cut and the company had to sell most of its oil and gas reserves in order to pay debts.

Bank notes were not the easiest thing to renegotiate during that time as bank regulators were closely scrutinizing every oil-related loan, closing some banks and making oil business difficult for even the strongest of locally-owned banks in West Texas, including Snyder National Bank and West Texas State Bank — both of whom were working closely with the company at this time.

And with the cooperation of both banks, which the management of the company readily acknowledges, Patterson paid off both banks by the mid-90s.

The worst years of his life, is how Cloyce Talbott describes the period from 1986 through 1989.

In 1992, the company attempted to go public. That effort failed but investment banker Ben Lichtenberg convinced management in 1993 that he could find a brokerage house to take the company public.

In November of 1993, the company made its initial public offering and the company netted some $4.6 million. The proceeds of the sale were used to reduce its debt and increase the company's exploration and development division. When it went public, the price of a share of stock of Patterson was $6.75.

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ASK US

Q—How many foreign student athletes are attending WTC this fall?

A—Eleven. Two each on the basketball and rodeo teams and seven on the golf team. Countries represented are Kenya, Bahamas, Sweden, Denmark, Australia and Canada.

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Snyder Temps: High Saturday, 93 degrees; low, 66; high Sunday, 93; low, 65; 7 a.m. Monday, 65; no precipitation; total for 1997, 21.32 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, fair. Low, mid 60s. Light S-SE wind. Tuesday, partly cloudy. High, mid 90s. Light wind early, becoming SE 5-15 mph by afternoon.

Amber Hildreth
Partly cloudy

Sunset: 7:58 p.m.
Sunrise: 7:24 a.m.
Of 250 days in 1997, the sun has shone 238 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

If you do not hope, you will not find what is beyond your hopes.

St. Clement of Alexandria

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Weld seeks Senate hearings on ambassador to Mexico job

WASHINGTON (AP) — William Weld says a rival Republican's refusal to hold Senate hearings on his nomination to be ambassador to Mexico was un-American and sent the wrong message to the Mexican people.

The former governor of Massachusetts said Sunday there is little precedence for an ambassadorial nominee to be denied a hearing. "It's just not the American way," he declared on ABC's "This Week."

Weld has been locked in a five-month battle with Sen. Jesse Helms, R-N.C., the conservative chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. Helms has refused to hold hearings on the nomination, saying the politically moderate Weld has disqualified himself for the post by his past support for the medical use of marijuana and for needle-exchange programs as a means of preventing AIDS.

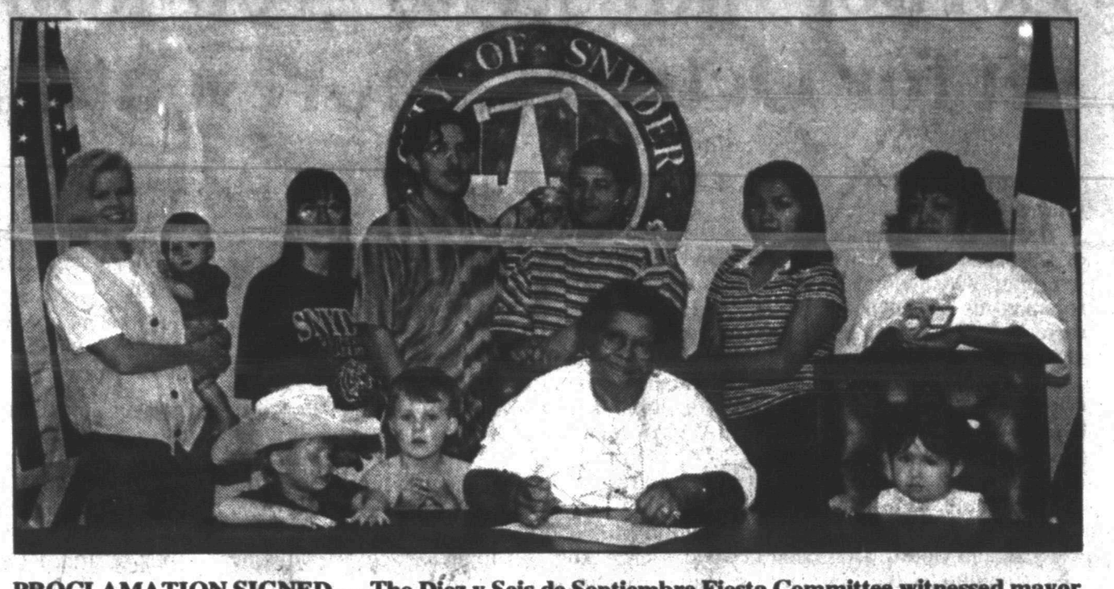
Weld, who quit his governorship to campaign for the ambassadorship, has complicated the situation by lashing out at Helms and suggesting that their quarrel was in a larger sense a fight for the soul of the Republican Party.

Weld expressed confidence that he would prevail, citing a letter Friday by Sen. Dick Lugar, R-Ind., and three other members of Helms' committee asking Helms for a "special meeting" to consider the nomination. "Obviously, this thing is going forward," he said.

But in a CNN interview broadcast Saturday, Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss., said the nomination was dead, and that Weld was to blame for acting "not very diplomatically" in his campaign for the post.

Weld has had harsh things to say about Helms, and the senator's spokesman, Marc Thiessen, said Sunday that the nominee had been "completely unapologetic" about those comments in his television interview. "Jesse Helms is not going to be insulted by William Weld to holding a hearing on this," Thiessen said.

The spokesman also said there were numerous examples of ambassadorial nominations dying without a hearing. To say there were few precedents, he said, was "another example of William Weld speaking before he thinks."



PROCLAMATION SIGNED — The Diez y Seis de Septiembre Fiesta Committee witnessed mayor pro tem Vernest Tippins signing the "Hispanic Week, Sept. 7-13" proclamation. Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church has planned a two-day celebration for Sept. 13-14. From left, on the first row are Steven Hagist, Todd Hagist, Tippens and Miranda Flores. Standing are Evie Hagist, Christopher Hagist, Cris Benitez, Michael Benitez, Arron-Hud Benitez, Belinda Flores and Julia Flores. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Charles asks press to give sons privacy

LONDON (AP) — Prince Charles pleaded Sunday for Britain's press to relax its fixation on the royals enough to give his sons peace to deal with their mother's death.

His appeal, made through a spokeswoman, came a day after the entire world watched as Prince William, 15, and Prince Harry, 12, solemnly followed their mother's coffin on the last mile of its journey to funeral services at Westminster Abbey.

"The last thing they need is to face a blast of flashguns when they go back to school," Charles' spokeswoman, speaking on customary condition of anonymity, said of the young princes.

"The Prince of Wales wants some time and space for the boys so they can come to terms with their loss and prepare for the future."

Charles' push for privacy came amid intense criticism of the tabloid press for hounding the royals.

Texas ranks in top 3 states in cutting disability benefits

DALLAS (AP) — Texas is among the three states with the highest percentage of children being cut from disability benefits, according to figures from the Social Security Administration.

More than 6,000 children already have been cut. The rate of rejection in the Texas cases being reviewed is averaging about 78 percent.

Supporters of the tighter guidelines, established under the 1996 welfare law, said they are designed to curtail fraud and abuse.

They said the savings from the new federal Supplemental Security Income guidelines could be as high as $8 billion over the next five years. Also, families denied benefits have the right to appeal.

"We have done everything in our power to lessen the impact of the new law on children with disabilities," said Philip Gambino, a spokesman for the Social Security Administration.

For a year, the Texas Rehabilitation Commission, which examines disability cases for the Social Security Administration, has been under a federal mandate to review 17,000 of the 60,000 Texas children receiving SSI disability aid.

Many families who qualify for SSI, with monthly payments up to $484 per month for each eligible child, also supplement their incomes with food stamps, Medicaid and other forms of public assistance.

Because of the tightened rules, cash assistance is being eliminated for some less severely disabled children.

Some who suffer from mood and personality disorders, mental retardation, burns, schizophrenia and intercranial injuries may no longer qualify for disability benefits, said volunteers with the SSI for Kids Disability Project in Austin.

At the first of August, the total number of children denied disability benefits nationwide was 95,180 — about 56 percent of the cases reviewed. Comparable figures are less than 35 percent in Nevada, Michigan and Minnesota.

Advocates for the thousands of Texas children losing disability benefits said Texas' 78 percent denial rate is unacceptable in comparison.

"It's a horrendous level compared to other states," said Harold Phillips, staff attorney with Legal Aid of Central Texas in Austin.

Texas Rehabilitation Commission officials said Texas is not interpreting the new federal law in a harsher way.

"On the surface it may appear that we are applying the law a little different," said Dave Ward, the commission's deputy commissioner for disability determination. Instead, he attributed the state's high rejection rate, in part, to Texas, with its large population, having a greater number of families applying for benefits.

Officials with legal aid agencies said many of the SSI cuts can be appealed successfully.

Meanwhile, the State Bar of Texas has established a toll-free number, 1-888-281-6511, for Texans to call for information about legal assistance with their SSI benefits.

Sam Sheppard's son wants to unite graves of parents

CLEVELAND (AP) — The remains of Dr. Sam Sheppard, whose sensational trial led to the TV series and movie "The Fugitive," will be placed in the crypt where the wife he was accused of killing was entombed 43 years ago.

Sheppard's remains will be exhumed from a Columbus cemetery on Sept. 17 for DNA testing, then cremated and moved to the mausoleum in Cleveland, his son said Sunday.

Sam Reese Sheppard of Oakland, Calif., who was 7 at the time of his mother's death, is trying to clear his father's name from the crime.

The elder Sheppard served 10 years in prison for the 1954 beating death of his pregnant wife, Marilyn. He was acquitted in a second trial on the grounds that publicity made it impossible for him to get a fair trial.

His story — that a bushy-haired intruder knocked him out and killed his wife — helped inspire the Hollywood accounts. Unlike the TV series and movie, Sheppard never fled and was never a fugitive.

Sheppard died in 1970 of liver failure and substance abuse at age 46, knowing that people still believed him a killer. He had abandoned his medical practice and at one point became a professional wrestler.

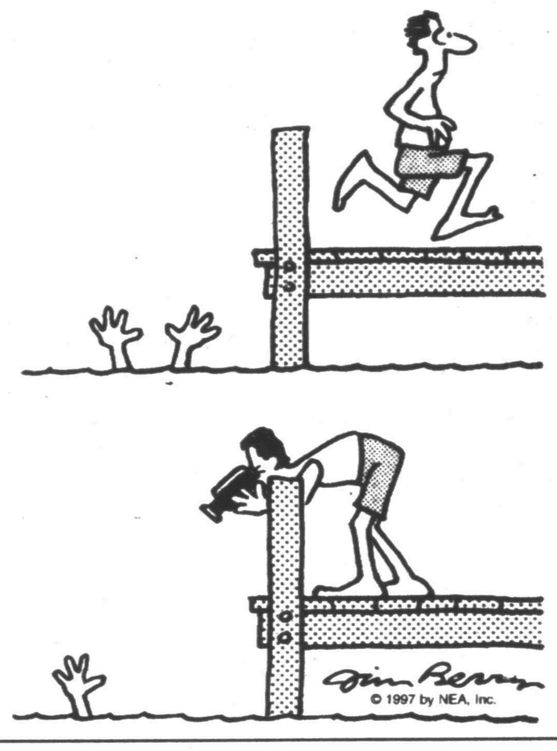
The tests will compare Sheppard's DNA with the genetic makeup of blood found in the couple's home.

"We're thrilled that Dr. Sam will be with Marilyn again after all these years," said Linda Weigle, a cousin of Mrs. Sheppard. "I never thought we would see the day when a 43-year-old crime could be solved by DNA, but I'm totally convinced now of Dr. Sam's innocence."

Criminologists did not use DNA testing in the 1950s.

The Sheppard team believes the new tests could show a DNA match with Richard Eberling, 67, a former window washer at the Sheppard home who is in prison for a 1984 murder. Eberling has denied killing the doctor's wife.

Berry's World



Oil Patch News

Scurry County

Baytech Inc. will drill the No. 1-64 Ochsner in the Mirage field, two miles southeast of Dunn. Planned for a depth of 7,900 feet, drill site is in Section 64, Block 3, H&GN survey.

Halvey Energy Co. will drill the No. 1 Graham Smith, a 7,832-foot wildcat located four miles east of Ira. Location is in Section 4, Block 1, J.P. Smith survey.

Borden County

Rand-Paulson Oil Company Inc. will drill the No. 1-A Alice Dennis, a 7,400-foot wildcat located 13 miles northwest of Gail. Location is in Section 61, Block 31, T&P survey.

Phillips Petroleum will drill the No. 912 Jo Mill field unit, 16 miles southwest of Gail. Contracted for 8,000 feet, drill site is in Section 21, Block 33, T4N, T&P survey.

Mitchell County

Parker and Parsley Development will drill the No. 427 Mary Foster in the Iatan field, nine miles southwest of Westbrook. Planned for a depth of 3,400 feet, location is in Section 17, Block 29, T1S, T&P survey.

Fina Oil and Chemical will drill the No. 1723 Westbrook southeast field unit, 11 miles west of Colorado City. Planned for a depth of 3,300 feet, location is in Section 27, Block 28, T1N, T&P survey.

Fina will drill the No. 839-W Westbrook southeast field unit, 12 nine miles west of Colorado City. Planned for 3,300 feet, drill site is in Section 33, Block 28, T1N, T&P survey.

Fina will drill the No. 841 Westbrook southeast field unit, 12 miles west of Colorado City. Scheduled depth is 3,300 feet, and location is in Section 33, Block 28, T1N, T&P survey.

Fina will drill the No. 842-W Westbrook southeast field unit, 12 miles west of Colorado City. Also set for 3,300 feet, location is in Section 41, Block 28, T1N, T&P survey.

Fina will drill the No. 1046-W Westbrook southeast field unit, 13 miles southwest of Colorado City. Planned for a depth of 3,300 feet, location is in Section 41, Block 28, T1N, T&P survey.

Fina will drill the No. 1047-W Westbrook southeast field, unit, 13 miles southwest of Colorado City. The venture is planned for a depth for a of 3,300 feet, and location is in Section 41, Block 28, T1N, T&P survey.

Fina will drill the No. 1048-W Westbrook southeast unit, 13 miles southwest of Colorado City. Also contracted for 3,300 feet, location is in Section 41, Block 28, T1N, T&P survey.

Fina will drill the No. 1049-W Westbrook southeast unit, 13 miles southwest of Colorado City. Planned depth is 3,300 feet, and location is in Section 41, Block 28, T1N, T&P survey.

Fina will drill the No. 1723 Westbrook southeast field unit, 11 miles west of Colorado City. The venture will be drilled to 3,300 feet, and location is in Section 27, Block 28, T1N, T&P survey.

Phoenix Oil will drill the No. 2 W.L. Hamilton in the Sharon Ridge field, seven miles northwest of Colorado City. The re-entry project is planned for a depth of 1,610 feet, and location is in Section 9, Block 27, T&P survey.

Garza County

Anadarko Petroleum will drill the No. 1305 Forbes field unit, 13 miles east of Slaton. Planned for a depth of 4,000 feet, location is in Section 20, Block B-9, EL&RR survey.

Shenandoah Petroleum will drill the No. 3-17 Macy-Lott in the Lazy JL field, 10 miles south of Post. Planned for a depth of 6,150 feet, location is in Section 17, Block 1, Jasper Hays survey.

Palmer Oil Properties will drill the No. 2-A Lott, a 6,000-foot wildcat located 14 miles southwest of Post. Location is in Section 305, Block 31, HE&WT survey.

Palmer Oil Properties will drill the No. 3-A Lott, a 6,000-foot wildcat located 14 miles southwest of Post. Drill site is in Section 305, Block 31, HE&WT survey.

Howard County

First Reserve Oil and Gas Co. will drill the No. 10-A Bowen, a Howard field re-entry project, 13 miles southeast of Coahoma. Planned for a depth of 1,400 feet, location is in Section 64, Block 29, W&NW survey.

Westport Oil and Gas has completed the No. 1315 Otis Chalk in the Howard-Glasscock field, four miles southeast of Forsan. The well was finaled to produce 53 barrels of oil and 206 barrels of water. Perforations were from 2,881-3,290 feet, and location is in Section 125, Block 29, W&NW survey.

Westport has completed the No. 129-43 Dora Roberts in the Howard-Glasscock field, two miles east of Forsan. The well was finaled to produce 60 barrels of oil and no water. Perforations were from 3,014-063 feet, and location is in Section 137, Block 29, W&NW survey.

Brigham Oil and Gas will drill the No. 2-31 Adams, a 10,600-foot wildcat located five miles north of Knott. Location is in Section 31, Block 33, T3N, T&P survey.

Nolan County

Sinclair Oil Corporation will drill the No. 6 Davis in the REH field, 15 miles southeast of Sweetwater. Planned for a depth of 5,830 feet, location is in Section 185, Block 1-A, H&TC survey.

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Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.



Drug interactions can be serious

DEAR DR. GOTT: I am a 74-year-old man on Prinivil and atenolol for hypertension, Hytrin for an enlarged prostate gland, and allopurinal for gout. I also have fairly severe osteoarthritis, which I can easily control with Excedrin PM. Will this medicine eventually interact adversely with the other drugs I have been prescribed?

DEAR READER: No, it will not, provided you are taking Excedrin PM and not Excedrin Extra-Strength.

The PM variety contains acetaminophen and Benadryl and should not be taken with sedatives or tranquilizers, because of increased listlessness and fatigue.

On the other hand, the Extra-Strength variety contains acetaminophen, aspirin and caffeine, which can react badly with drugs used for treating gout, arthritis and diabetes. Also, Excedrin Extra-Strength should be avoided by patients on anti-coagulants such as Coumadin.

Excedrin PM should be all right for you to use. As a reminder: Patients with AIDS should not take acetaminophen because, as I have written before, this compound can accentuate the dangers of HIV infection.

To give you more information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Consumer Tips On Medicines." 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 suffer from genital warts. Is there a new treatment for this annoying condition?

DEAR READER: Genital warts are more than an "annoying condition." Caused by the human papillomavirus and spread easily by sexual contact, such warts can lead to cervical cancer and other consequences. Therefore, women with genital warts should have aggressive therapy and frequent Pap tests and should insist that their partners use condoms. (Men with these warts should also be treated and use condoms.)

Until recently, therapy was far from satisfactory and included powerful topical drugs, laser removal, cryotherapy (freezing), electrocautery (burning), and surgery.

Now there is a new treatment which was recently approved by the Food and Drug Administration. Called imiquimod cream (trade name: Aldara), the product shows great promise. In a study group, 55 percent of women and 59 percent of men enjoyed total clearing of their warts after applying Aldara three times a week for up to 16 weeks. Ask your doctor about this new drug.

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State board to consider stronger rules

AUSTIN (AP) — While Texas schools struggle to lure qualified teachers, state officials are considering new requirements for people to get and maintain teaching certificates.

The proposals include an internship period for beginning teachers and a five-year renewal of professional certificates, with requirements for continuing education to keep the certificate active.

Teachers currently don't have to renew their lifetime certificates.

Backers say the proposals would heighten the teaching profession's credibility and give teachers the tools they need to be effective in the classroom.

"Once you add greater credibility, I think that's going to encourage people to move into the profession," said Mark Littleton, executive director of the State Board for Educator Certification, which will consider the proposed changes.

At least half of Texas' educators are teaching at least one subject outside of the field in which they are certified.

The most common shortage areas are bilingual education, math, special education, science and English as a second language, according to the Texas Association of School Boards.

In mathematics alone last year, more teachers without certification in that subject conducted classes (13,994) than did certified teachers (13,938). At the same time, student performance in math is lagging.

Some say the answer to getting certified teachers into the classroom isn't requiring them to jump through more hoops.

Teachers already spend time on professional development training, Littleton noted. He said the difference with this proposal might be training that's more focused on teachers' and students' specific needs.

But John Cole, president of the Texas Federation of Teachers, said tying training to certificate renewal "is addressing the wrong problem."

"You won't increase the quality of teaching by imposing more requirements on those people who have made a commitment to the profession and stuck with it," he said.

"The most obvious reason (for a shortage of classroom teachers) is that it's not financially rewarding enough to be in teaching. There are other reasons, too. Teachers are not treated as professionally as they ought to be."

Cole cited the basic skills test teachers were required to take more than a decade ago, which infuriated and insulted many in the profession, and teacher appraisal systems that he finds lacking.

"Now they're talking about taking licenses away from teachers who don't get enough continuing education. It reminds me of the old saying: The floggings will continue until morale improves," said Ms. Darling-Hammond, although she added there are some good individual preparation programs.

With weak requirements, people may pick up a teaching certificate as a hedge against unemployment and never use it, she said — with the state picking up much of the tab for the wasted training.

"When the requirements to enter teaching are made more rigorous and teacher education programs are strengthened, the proportion of people who go through programs who enter and stay in teaching is much higher," she said.

Most states also have requirements for maintaining teacher certification, Ms. Darling-Hammond said.

"The licensing requirements and teacher education requirements that the state allows for teachers are weaker in Texas than most states around the country," he said.

Both sides have a point, said Linda Darling-Hammond, executive director of the National Commission on Teaching and America's Future and a professor at Columbia University Teachers College.

In a report last fall pointing to the close relationship between student achievement and teacher skills and practices, the commission looked at 10 teacher quality indicators in the states. They ranged from mentor programs to hiring of unqualified people. Texas got a zero.

Teachers assess proposed changes in certification

AUSTIN (AP) — Joan Bertino doesn't have a problem with a proposal that would require her and fellow teachers to get continuing education to renew their teaching certificates every five years.

"Other states do it ... I don't think it's asking too much, really," the Austin teacher said. But she would like to see educators given options for meeting the requirement.

"I think most good teachers are always learning more and going above and beyond, so I think that's probably fine. Sometimes a class is not the only way to learn. ... if there are options, possibly it would be a good thing," she said.

Requiring teachers to renew professional certificates is part of a proposal pending before the State Board for Educator Certification.

Teachers would have to complete professional development requirements for renewal. Their certificates wouldn't be taken away if they didn't comply, but licenses would become inactive until the requirements were met.

Plano teacher Jeremy Golden already loses pay if he doesn't complete the professional development required under his contract. Putting his teacher certificate on the line too seems harsh, he said.

"I have a problem with it being linked to pay and to certification. One or the other, maybe. If it got to be both, you're really hitting us from two sides," said Golden, a theater arts teacher.

Still, he said, continuing education can be valuable.

Golden said he would like to see professional development activities that teachers can directly use in the classroom. As an example of a useful session, he cited a workshop for theater teachers about set design.

Another part of the proposal is an internship program for beginning teachers.

After going through their preparation program, prospective teachers would be tested on knowledge of their subject, professional ethics and standards of conduct.

Community Calendar

MONDAY

Martha Ann Woman's Club board of directors; clubhouse; all members are urged to attend; 10 a.m.

Scurry County Museum's hours are Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Storytime for 4- and 5-year-olds; Scurry County Library; 10 a.m.

Morris Shaw School of Defensive Driving; community room of Snyder Savings & Loan, 27th & College Ave.; for more information call 573-2850; second session will be Tuesday evening; 6 to 9 p.m.

American Legion Layne Kite Post 181 and Auxiliary; 7:30 p.m.

White Buffalo Stamp Club; community room of Snyder National Bank; visotors welcome; 7:30 p.m.

Bilingual AA meeting; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; 8 p.m.

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Narcotics Anonymous; Winston Park Club; for information call 573-2101, 573-0949, 573-3667 or 573-1579; 6 p.m.

Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; for more information call 573-9458, 573-8626 or 573-8929; 8 p.m.

TUESDAY

Plainview Family Community Education Club; 2 p.m. For more information call 573-6807.

Atheneum Study Club; MAWC; 4:15 p.m.

Snyder Shrine Club; call 863-2702 for meeting place; 6 p.m.

Beta Sigma Phi; Brenda Hedges' office; 7 p.m.

Canyon Gun Club; 1910 25th; for more information call Bill Tune, 573-6208; 7:30 p.m.

Narcotics Anonymous; Winston Park Club; for more information call 573-2101, 573-0949, 573-3667 or 573-1579; 6 p.m.

ACBL Open Pairs Duplicate Bridge; Snyder Country Club; 7 p.m.

New Horizon Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-1141 or 573-2101; 8 p.m.

Al-Anon; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; for information call 573-3956, 573-2101,573-1141 or 573-8626; 8 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

Narcotics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-2101, 573-0949, 573-3667 or 573-1579; 8 p.m.

THURSDAY

Snyder Palette Club; airport terminal building; 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

LLL Club; fellowship hall of First Baptist Church; 9:30 a.m.

Noah Project Advisory Committee; MAWC; noon.

Al-Anon meeting (smoke free), noon to 1 p.m., brown bag. Park Club in Winston Park. For information call 573-4203 or 573-5525.

Horseshoe Pitching For Fun; Horseshoe Courts located at the coliseum; everybody welcome, for further information call 573-9762; 6:30 p.m.

TOPS TX56, (take off pounds sensibly); weigh-in and meeting 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.; 2501 35th. For information call Peggy Eubank at 573-6509.

Bilingual AA meeting; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; 8 p.m.

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

New Horizons Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club Addition in Winston Park; for information call 863-2349 or 573-8626; 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 appointments; 573-9742 or 573-2763.

NA Anonymous; Snyder Park Club; for information call 573-3667, 573-1579 or 573-0949; 6 p.m.

Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-8626, 573-9458 or 573-8929; 8 p.m., open meeting (last Friday of the month is the birthday meeting, pot luck at 7 p.m.).

Al-Anon; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; for information call 573-3956 or 573-2101; 8 p.m.

SATURDAY

People Without Partners; Inadale Community Center; games of 42 and dominos; 6:30 p.m.

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

Narcotics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for more information call 573-2101, 573-0949, 573-3667 or 573-1579; 7 p.m.

SUNDAY

Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 863-2349; 10 a.m.

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Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



'Girl Next Door' Feels Used And Worthless After Rape

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DEAR ABBY: I am a 21-year-old Mormon girl who attended church every week until last March. I did not curse, drink or smoke, and I was a virgin. I was the "girl next door." I was respected for what I believed in and had many good friends.

In March my life was turned upside down. I was raped. I couldn't believe this happened to me, but it did. I couldn't tell anyone — not my parents, not my church counselors, not my friends. My parents learned what had happened through the police.

I had filed a crime report, but I could not make myself sign the charges. The man who raped me wasn't charged since I didn't sign the papers, so he's walking around free to do it again.

I feel so used, so bad. I feel completely worthless, and I'm sure no one will ever want me. Because I couldn't face the church members, I quit going, and I don't know if I'll ever be able to attend worship services again. I feel too guilty to go back, although I know it wasn't my fault.

I'm trying to forget the rape and put that nightmare behind me so I can get on with my life.

Abby, I had always planned on being a virgin when I walked down the aisle. I didn't want this to happen, but it did, and now I don't know if I'm a virgin or not. I know this is a strange question, but I need to know. Please help me.

RAPED VIRGIN

DEAR RAPED VIRGIN: You may no longer be a virgin, but because the act occurred against your will, the church may consider you still a virgin.

In time you may be able to face your church counselors to inquire; meanwhile, call your local rape hotline, or the Rape, Abuse, Incest National Network (R.A.I.N.N.) — 1-800-656-HOPE (4673) — to be referred to your nearest rape treatment center. They will understand your trauma and reach out to you in this time of emotional devastation. You are not alone — it is estimated that every two minutes a woman is raped in this country.

Please don't delay; call the hotline *today*. You've suffered enough.

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DEAR ABBY: As many of us get older, our sight and hearing are not what they used to be.

When old friends and acquaintances see my well-known and beloved father, they often rush over and jump into conversation, giving him no clue as to their identity. Even worse, they will say, "I bet you don't remember me, do you?"

Abby, if Dad could see well, he would have known them in an instant because there is nothing wrong with his mind or memory. Please tell your readers that when they run into a friend who has a vision or hearing problem (or for that matter, anyone they haven't seen in a long time), they should introduce themselves immediately — and add an extra hint: "Hi, Jim, I'm Alex Smith from Salinas, Calif."

This courtesy will not only be greatly appreciated, but probably will lead to many warm and wonderful recollections.

PATRICIA IN RENO, NEV.

DEAR PATRICIA: I'm willing to wager that everyone who reads this has been approached by someone who has said, "Hi — I'll bet you don't remember me, do you?"

Thank you for a valuable suggestion well worth remembering.

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Good advice for everyone — teens to seniors — is in "The Anger in All of Us and How to Deal With It." To order, send a business-sized, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for $3.95 ($4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby, Anger Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, Ill. 61054-0447. (Postage is included.)

Bridge

By Phillip Alder



	North ♠ A 10 6 ♥ K 7 3 2 ♦ K 2 ♣ 10 8 7 4	09-08-97
West ♠ K 9 7 2 ♥ Q 10 8 4 ♦ 3 ♣ Q J 9 3		East ♠ 8 5 3 ♥ J 9 ♦ A J 10 9 ♣ K 6 5 2
	South ♠ Q J 4 ♥ A 6 5 ♦ Q 8 7 6 5 4 ♣ A	

Vulnerable: Both
Dealer: South

South	West	North	East
1 ♦	Pass	1 ♥	Pass
2 ♦	Pass	3 ♦	Pass
3 ♥	Pass	3 ♠	Pass
5 ♦	Pass	Pass	Dbl.
Pass	Pass	Pass	

Opening lead: ♣ Q

Another run, more cards

By Phillip Alder

My wife and I, while jogging, came upon two more playing-cards: first the spade king, then the diamond queen. I dived into "Right Through the Pack" by Robert Darvas and Norman de Villiers Hart (reprinted by Baron Barclay, 1996) and found two excellent deals. Here is the one featuring the spade king.

In five-diamonds doubled, South appears to have three unavoidable trump losers. Do you see any way for him to succeed?

Clearly East's double was based on a strong trump holding. If so, the only hope was to score as many trump tricks in hand as possible. After winning with the club ace, South led his spade four, finessing dummy's 10 successfully. Now came a club ruff, a second spade finesse, a spade to dummy's ace, another club ruff, a heart to dummy's king, a third club ruff, and the heart ace.

Declarer had taken the first nine tricks. East still held his four trumps. Dummy had two trumps and two hearts remaining. South was clutching three trumps and a heart.

Declarer exited with his heart. East was forced to ruff his partner's trick and open up diamonds. And whichever card he selected, declarer would lose only one more trick — contract made!

Great play, but why highlight the spade king? Because West could have defeated the contract by playing his majesty at trick two! Robbed of a key dummy entry, South gets only two club ruffs and finishes one down. In the book, the West player is called a numskull, but who would ever find that play?

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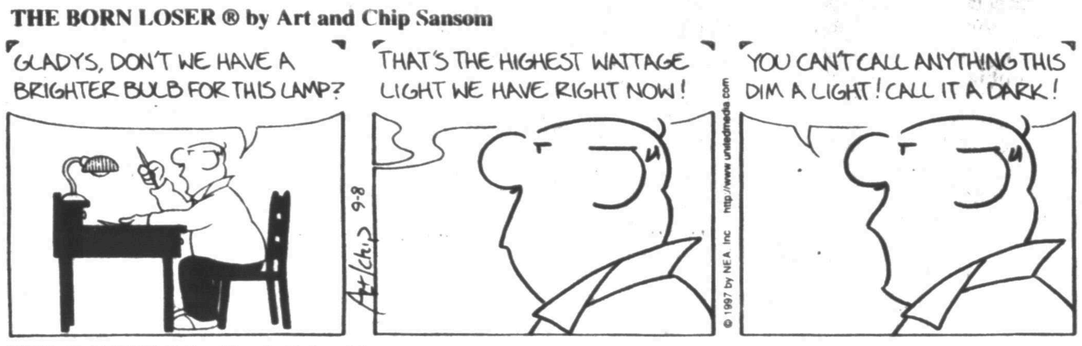


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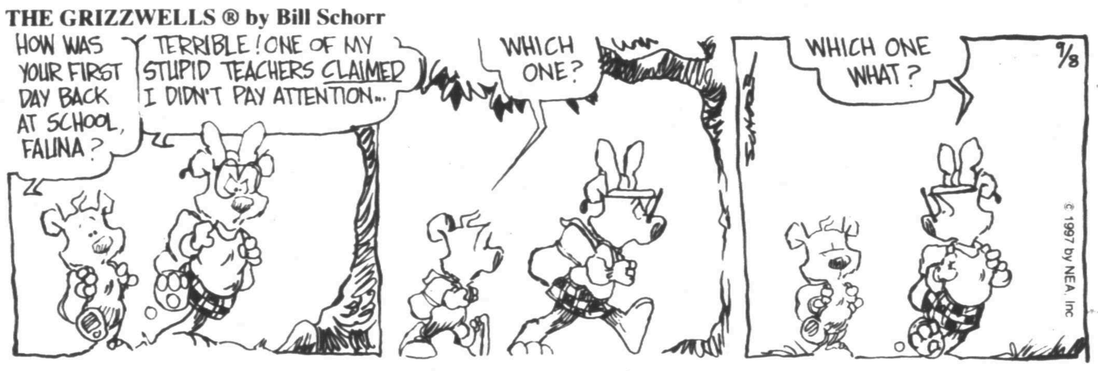
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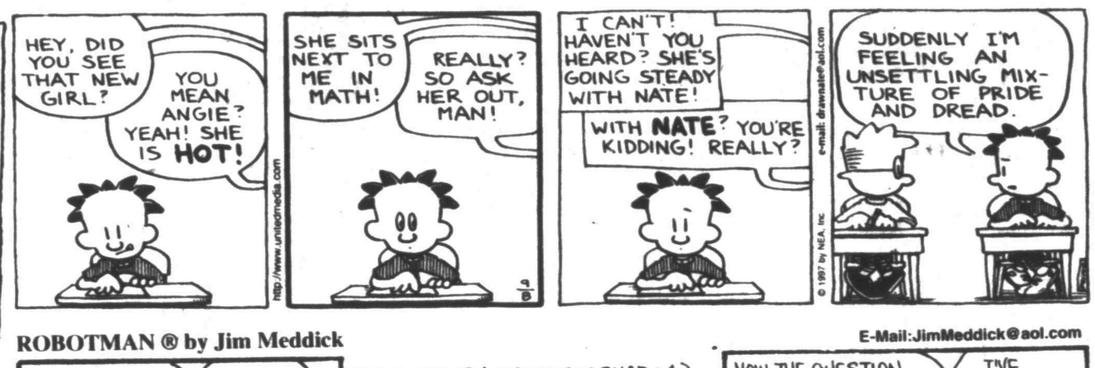
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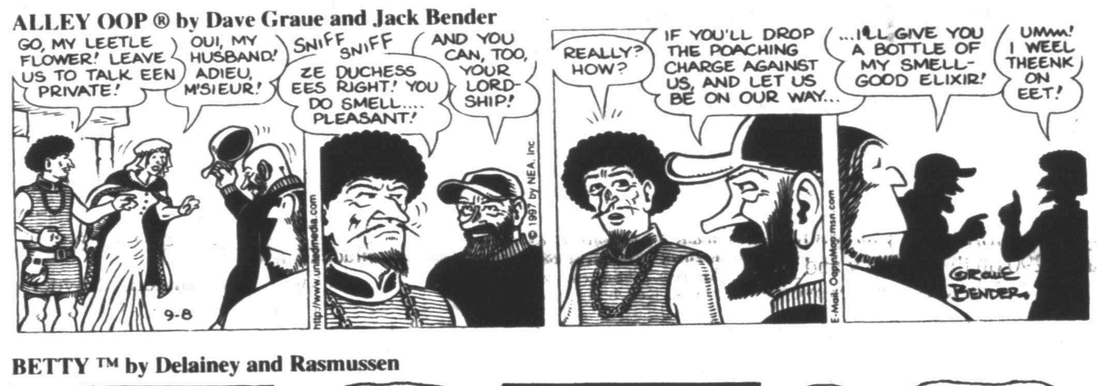
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4 Musk cat
9 Fedora or boater
12 Be in debt
13 Hirsute
14 Kimono sash
15 Strain
17 — Miss
18 Short sword
19 Exterior
21 Type of tuber
23 Cable-TV co.
24 Like a female sibling
28 Yield
32 Bali —
33 Meander
34 Virginia willow
35 Citrus fruit
37 Center of a shield
39 Powerful explosive (abbr.)
40 Rush hour at the diner
41 Closeness
43 Nourished
45 Fib
46 Whitehorse's area
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60 Pasture land
61 Gravel ridge
62 Kind of pie
63 Map abbr.

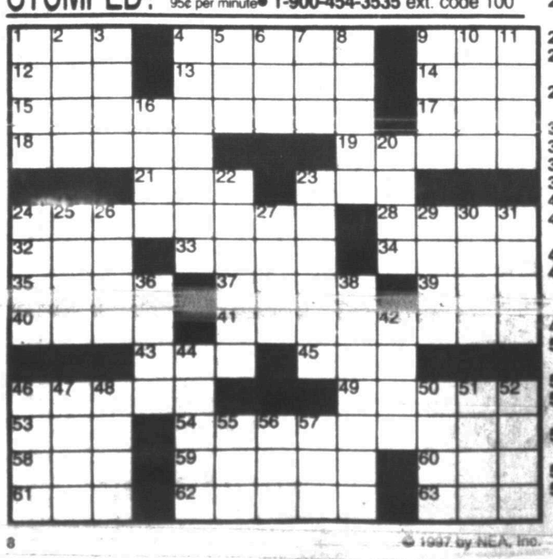
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4 Supermarket employee
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9 Owl's cry
10 Skillful
11 Row
16 Chimney dirt
20 Hooklike parts
22 Approximately
23 Percussion instrument
24 Avoid
25 Villain in Othello
26 Farm building
27 Weak, as an excuse
29 Diminutive suffix
30 Lions' homes
31 Has lunch
36 Data
38 Aperture
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44 Metaphysical beings
46 Child's toy
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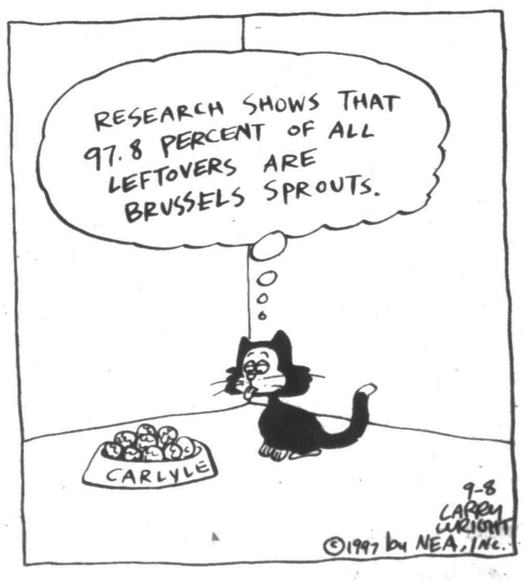
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SPORTS

Cowboys not pointing fingers at each other following OT defeat

TEMPE, Ariz. (AP) — They blamed the desert heat and they blamed needless penalties, but the Dallas Cowboys weren't pointing fingers at each other after blowing a 15-point lead and losing to the Arizona Cardinals.

Everyone was accepting some of the blame.

Arizona quarterback Kent Graham overcame boos and three lost fumbles and Kevin Butler completed the Cardinals' first victory over the Dallas Cowboys in seven years with a 20-yard field goal in overtime Sunday night.

Butler's kick hit the left upright, but still went through with 6:30 left in overtime, giving the Cardinals a 25-22 victory.

The Cowboys helped along the way with plenty of mistakes of their own.

"We had the game. We let it slip away, somehow, some way," said Dallas defensive end Shante Carver.

Cowboys coach Barry Switzer was blunt.

"We didn't deserve to win the football game," he said, citing his team's 12 penalties for 115 yards. "It was the worst experience of penalties I've ever seen a football team play."

Switzer said many players were affected by the Arizona heat, but players said that shouldn't have happened since Dallas just finished training in the hot Texas summer.

"It played on us a little bit," said linebacker Randal Godfrey. "We were a little fatigued, but that's what we have summer camp for. There's no excuse."

The Cardinals trailed 22-7 before Graham threw two touchdown passes and completed a 2-point conversion pass, forcing the overtime.

On the game-winning drive to the field goal, Graham had completions of 19 yards to Rob Moore and 29 yards to Larry Centers, who carried tacklers to the 3.

Fans in the crowd of 71,578 flooded the field and tore down the goalposts to celebrate the end of the long drought against the Cowboys (1-1), who looked formidable on opening weekend with a 37-7 rout of Pittsburgh. Meanwhile, the Cardinals (1-1) lost a 24-21 heartbreaker in Cincinnati after leading 21-3.

Graham finished 26-of-47 for 249 yards and scoring passes of 7 yards to Frank Sanders and 1 yard to Pat Carter, the last with 1:06 left in regulation. Graham then passed to Moore for the critical 2-point conversion that tied it 22-22.

With the score 22-14, Arizona began the eight-play, 70-yard march after Simeon Rice got his second sack of Troy Aikman with four minutes left. On the same play, Dallas running back Emmitt Smith bruised his ribs and had to leave the game after gaining 132 yards in 19 plays.

He did not return, and with 3:42 to go, Michael Bankston got a piece of Cunningham's 40-yard field-goal attempt that would have clinched the victory for Dallas.

Defensive tackle Chad Hennings scored on a 4-yard fumble return for the Cowboys, but Dallas' offense looked like anything but a machine against the Cardinals, who sacked Aikman three times and forced two fumbles.

Dallas got the first fumble back, but on the second, middle linebacker Ronald McKinnon, playing for injured starter Eric Hill, made a crushing tackle on Smith's replacement, Sherman Williams, with 8:13 left in overtime.

Terry Irving, a backup who replaced McKinnon at outside linebacker, recovered on the Arizona 46, and the Cardinals were in business for their winning drive.

Lady Tigers drop rematch for 3rd place to Big Spring

BRONTE — The Lady Tigers found out that it is hard to beat the same team twice in one day.

Occupying the No. 2 seed of the Bronte tournament after Friday's pool-play, Snyder began Saturday's action with a 15-10, 7-15, 15-10 victory over Big Spring.

San Angelo Central then defeated the Lady Tigers 15-4, 9-15, 15-7, setting up a Snyder-Big Spring rematch for the third place trophy.

But a fired-up Lady Steer team outlasted the Lady Tigers 15-6, 15-11 to grab the third slot.

"We played extremely well together the entire tournament," Snyder head coach Patty Grimmett said. "But Big Spring was really up for us, since we had beaten them earlier in the day."

Snyder received the second seed for Saturday by splitting sets with San Angelo Lake View, Central and Bronte on Friday.

After having played six sets during the first day's action, and their opening match Saturday against the Lady Steers, the Lady Tigers only got a 20-30 minute break before hitting the court again to face Central.

"I think the first game against Central showed the effects of having to play back-to-back matches," Grimmett said. "But the girls regrouped and really played hard to win the second."

Snyder has three more dates slated for action, before opening district play Sept. 23 at Lamesa.

"We are improving with each outing we have," Grimmett remarked. "And we will be ready when district starts."

The Lady Tigers play their next match at home Tuesday against Big Spring. The varsity is set to begin at approximately 7 p.m., following the freshman and junior varsity matches.

Snyder def. Big Spring 15-10, 7-15, 15-10

Snyder service points: Traci Eicke, 11; Keila Helms, 8; Amanda Huff, 6; Lila King, 5; Leslie Daniell, 4; Halea Huestis, 3. **Kills:** Alicia Peoples, 6; Huestis, 5; Helms, 4; Huff, 3; Jill Willingham, 2; Daniell, 1. **Blocks:** Helms, 3; Willingham, Huestis and Peoples, 2.

Central def. Snyder 4-15, 15-9, 7-15

Snyder srevice points: Huestis, 10; King, 6; Eicke, 5; Daniell, 3; Helms, 2. **Kills:** Huestis, 4; Peoples, 3; Helms, 2; Willingham, 1. **Blocks:** Helms, Willingham, Huestis and Peoples, 1.

Big Spring def. Snyder 15-6, 15-11

Snyder service points: King, 8; Helms, 5; Huestis and Michelle Lewallen, 2. **Kills:** Helms and Huestis, 3; Willingham, 2; Huff and Peoples, 1. **Blocks:** Peoples, 2; Helms and Willingham, 1.

Westerners set two records, claim title in season opener

PARIS, Tex. — The Western Texas College golf team did more than win its opening tournament of the season, it dominated play and sent a message to other colleges that the Westerners are a team to be reckoned with.

WTC set two tournament records on its way to capturing the Paris Invitational title.

The Westerners mark of 280 on Saturday and their 565 two-day total of 565, are now in the record books as all-time lows in the tournament.

"We played extremely well, on an extremely difficult course," WTC head coach Milton Ham said. "I was pleasantly surprised by our performance. I would have taken 290 on the first day and just sat in the club house and let everyone else shoot at it."

Ham saw three of his golfers named to the all-tournament team.

Jonas Wahlstedt (72-68-140), Fredrik Widmark (68-73-141) and Andreas Ljunggen (69-72-141) received all-tourney honors.

Those three players, combined with the excellent play of Tomas Kourberg and Ole Fulsang, gave the Westerners a 14-stroke victory over runnerup Navarro Junior College who shot a 579.

"This victory will really put the season in perspective for us," Ham remarked. "we've got a very good golf team and we're going to get a lot of notoriety for these kids."

WTC will be in action again Sept. 21-23 at the High Country Shoot-Out in Ruidoso, N.M.

Paris Invitational Golf Tournament
Western Texas College: 280-285-565.
Navarro Junior College: 291-288-579.
Midland Junior College: 288-294-582.

WTC individual results
Jonas Wahlstedt: 72-68-140.
Fredrik Widmark: 68-73-141.
Andreas Ljunggen: 69-72-141.
Tomas Kourberg: 71-72-143.
Ole Fulsang: 77-74-151.

Junior varsity falls just shy of tournament title

Snyder High School's junior varsity volleyball team came just two points shy of forcing a third game in the championship match of the Snyder tournament.

After defeating Big Spring and Levelland, the Lady Tigers dropped game one of the title contest 10-15 to Midland Lee.

But Snyder fought back in game two, only to drop the set, 16-18, giving the Lady Tigers a second place finish.

In the first match, Snyder pummeled Big Spring 15-3, 15-1.

The Lady Tigers were led by the play of Kameron Kallemeyn and Christina Holder who finished with four service points, five kills and one block each.

Snyder then downed Levelland 15-11, 15-10, behind the play of Holder and Tessa Hildebrand.

Holder had three kills and served eight more points, while Hildebrand accounted for six points, a kill and two blocks.

In the championship match it was the service play of Callie Bane, combined with outstanding net play from the entire Snyder team, that kept the Lady Tigers in the match.

Bane scored 12 points on her serve and Snyder totalled 17 kills and nine blocks in the contest.

Snyder plays its next match at home Tuesday against Big Spring. The junior varsity is scheduled to begin at approximately 6 p.m., following the freshman match.

Snyder def. Big Spring 15-3, 15-1

Snyder service points: Callie Bane, 7; D'Ann Hager and Kristin Martinez, 5; Kameron Kallemeyn and Christina Holder, 4; Tessa Hildebrand, 3; Leslie Rollins, 1. **Kills:** Kallemeyn and Holder, 5; Hildebrand, Martinez and Cara Best, 2; Lindsey Nicholson, 1. **Blocks:** Courtney Rinehart, 2; Kallemeyn, Holder and Hildebrand, 1.

Snyder def. Levelland 15-11, 15-10

Snyder service points: Holder, 8; Bane, Hilebrand and Hager, 6; Kallemeyn, 2; Martinez and Christy Tomlinson, 1. **Kills:** Ashley Delce, 5; Kallemeyn and Holder, 3; Rinehart, 2; Nicholson and Hildebrand, 1. **Blocks:** Hildebrand, 2; Delce and Kallemeyn, 1.

Midland Lee def. Snyder 15-10, 18-16

Snyder service points: Bane, 12; Martinez, 8; Kallemeyn and Hildebrand, 3; Best, 2. **Kills:** Delce and Holder, 4; Kallemeyn, Nicholson, Hildebrand and Lexie Beard, 2; Rinehart, 1. **Blocks:** Rinehart, 4; Kallemeyn, 3; Nicholson and Hildebrand, 1.

New tennis stars make mark

NEW YORK (AP) — Call it the new U.S. Open.

With the new Arthur Ashe Stadium the centerpiece of a new National Tennis Center, the 1997 U.S. Open came up a couple of new champions.

Martina Hingis won her third Grand Slam tournament title of the year; Patrick Rafter won the second title of his career. And they, basically, represented the tennis establishment.

Top-seeded and No. 1-ranked Hingis captured the women's title Sunday with a 6-0, 6-4 drubbing of Venus Williams, who entered the year's final Grand Slam tournament ranked 66th in the world.

Rafter is the first No. 13 seed to win the men's singles, stopping Britain's big-serving Greg Rusedski 6-3, 6-2, 4-6, 7-5. He's also the first Australian to win America's top tournament since John Newcombe did it in 1973.

Western Lone Star golf tournament begins qualifying

Qualifying for the Western Lone Star Sr. Ladies Tournament began this morning at Snyder Country Club.

The 16 players, and all ties, with the lowest handicaps competed in a stroke-play format to decide the rankings in the championship and first flights.

All other players were seeded in flights two through eight according to handicaps.

The top two flights were to be set by this afternoon, with match play beginning Tuesday morning.

With a total of 72 players, matches will continue through Thursday and by tournament's end, a champion will have been crowned for each flight.

Freshmen cruise to championship victory in Snyder

The Lady Tigers' freshman volleyball team might still be learning about some aspects of the game, but Saturday they gave three other teams a lesson on how to win.

Snyder defeated Big Spring, Abilene Cooper and Brownfield to claim the championship of the Snyder tournament.

"I am very proud of how the girls performed," Snyder coach Brent Parr said. "They played hard in every match."

The Lady Tigers' first victory came against Big Spring, 15-2, 15-5.

Missy French led the Lady Tigers with 11 service points.

Next came Cooper, and Snyder had to go three games before winning 15-7, 12-15, 15-8.

This time it was Rina Geiger pacing Snyder from the service line, as she finished with 15 points.

The championship match pitted the Lady Tigers against Brownfield.

Snyder's Dixie Yandrich served eight points en route to a 15-6, 15-9 title victory.

Snyder plays again at home Tuesday against Big Spring, beginning at 5 p.m.

Snyder def. Big Spring 15-2, 15-5

Snyder service points: Missy French, 11; Rina Geiger, 6; Vallery Haines, 4; Brooke Williams, Lisa Hall, La'Krystal Brooks and Lindsey Bunch, 2; Carrie Brown, 1.

Snyder def. Cooper 15-7, 12-15, 15-8

Snyder service points: Geiger, 15; Haines, 11; French, 6; Williams and Brooks, 4; Kameron Mackey, 2.

Snyder def. Brownfield 15-6, 15-9

Snyder service points: Dixie Yandrich, 8; Geiger, 4; French, 3; Bunch, Hall, Haines, Brown, Williams, Mackey and Hurley, 2; Jennifer Newman, 1.

SDN Sports Week

Today
Golf
Practice and qualifying for the Western Lone Star Sr. Ladies Tournament at Snyder Country Club.

Tuesday
Volleyball
Big Spring at Snyder, freshmen, JV and varsity, 5 p.m.
Tennis
Brownfield at Snyder, SJHS tennis courts.
Golf
Match play of the Western Lone Star Sr. Ladies Tournament at Snyder Country Club (Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday).

Thursday
Volleyball
Colorado City at Snyder Junior High, 5 p.m.
Golf
San Angelo Central at Snyder Lady Tigers, WTC.
Football
Snyder 7th A & B at Sweetwater, 5 and 6:30.
Sweetwater at Snyder 8th A & B, 5 and 6:30.
Sweetwater at Snyder 9th A & B, 5 and 6:30.
Snyder JV at Sweetwater, 6:30.

Friday
Football
Sweetwater at Snyder, 7:30.
Veribest at Ira, 7:30.
Blackwell at Hermleigh, 7:30.
Grady at Borden County, 7:30.
Volleyball
Snyder varsity and JV at Andrews tourney (Friday and Saturday).

Saturday
Tennis
Frenship at Snyder, SJHS tennis courts.
Volleyball
Snyder freshmen at Lubbock Cooper, 11 a.m.
Golf
Lamesa/Frenship at Snyder, WTC, 9 a.m.

Sports Briefs

Junior high volleyball registration

Sign-ups for Scurry County Boys and Girls Club 7th and 8th grade girls volleyball and cheerleading are being held today through Friday at the club.

Sign-up fees are $25, which include accident insurance and membership. Girls wishing to register should bring a copy of their birth certificate and be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

For more information call the club at 573-3344.

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	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
East						
Miami	2	0	0	1.000	32	23
NewEngland	2	0	0	1.000	72	13
Buffalo	1	1	0	.500	41	56
N.Y.Jets	1	1	0	.500	63	31
Indianapolis	0	2	0	.000	16	47
Central						
Jacksonville	2	0	0	1.000	68	40
Baltimore	1	1	0	.500	50	38
Cincinnati	1	1	0	.500	34	44
Pittsburgh	1	1	0	.500	21	50
Tennessee	1	1	0	.500	37	37
West						
Denver	2	0	0	1.000	54	17
SanDiego	1	1	0	.500	27	47
KansasCity	0	1	0	.000	3	19
Oakland	0	1	0	.000	21	24
Seattle	0	2	0	.000	17	76

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
East						
Arizona	1	1	0	.500	46	46
Dallas	1	1	0	.500	59	32
N.Y.Giants	1	1	0	.500	44	57
Philadelphia	1	1	0	.500	27	40
Washington	1	1	0	.500	37	24
Central						
Minnesota	2	0	0	1.000	61	37
TampaBay	2	0	0	1.000	37	23
Detroit	1	1	0	.500	45	41
GreenBay	1	1	0	.500	47	34
Chicago	0	2	0	.000	48	65
West						
Carolina	1	1	0	.500	19	30
St.Louis	1	1	0	.500	50	39
SanFrancisco	1	1	0	.500	21	25
Atlanta	0	2	0	.000	23	37
NewOrleans	0	2	0	.000	30	58

Sunday's Games
Buffalo 28, New York Jets 22
Carolina 9, Atlanta 6
Baltimore 23, Cincinnati 10
Miami 16, Tennessee 13, OT
Minnesota 27, Chicago 24
New England 31, Indianapolis 6
San Diego 20, New Orleans 6
San Francisco 15, St. Louis 12
Tampa Bay 24, Detroit 17
Pittsburgh 14, Washington 13
Denver 35, Seattle 14
Philadelphia 10, Green Bay 9
Jacksonville 40, N.Y. Giants 13
Arizona 25, Dallas 22, OT

Monday's Game
Kansas City at Oakland, 9 p.m.

Sunday, Sept. 14
Arizona at Washington, 1 p.m.
Baltimore at New York Giants, 1 p.m.
Buffalo at Kansas City, 1 p.m.
Detroit at Chicago, 1 p.m.
Miami at Green Bay, 1 p.m.
Oakland at Atlanta, 1 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Minnesota, 1 p.m.
Carolina at San Diego, 4 p.m.
New Orleans at San Francisco, 4 p.m.
St. Louis at Denver, 4 p.m.
Seattle at Indianapolis, 4 p.m.
New York Jets at New England, 8 p.m.
Open date: Cincinnati, Tennessee, Jacksonville, Pittsburgh

Monday, Sept. 15
Philadelphia at Dallas, 9 p.m.

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

American League Standings

East Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Baltimore	88	52	.629	-
NewYork	80	61	.567	8½
Boston	69	74	.483	20½
Detroit	68	74	.479	21
Toronto	68	74	.479	21
Central Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Cleveland	75	63	.543	-
Milwaukee	71	70	.504	5½
Chicago	69	73	.486	8
Minnesota	58	83	.411	18½
KansasCity	57	83	.407	19
West Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Seattle	79	64	.552	-
Anaheim	75	68	.524	4
Texas	67	76	.469	12
Oakland	57	86	.399	22

Saturday's Games
Baltimore 4, N.Y. Yankees 1
Cleveland 9, Chicago White Sox 7
Detroit 7, Anaheim 5
Boston 10, Milwaukee 2
Toronto 2, Texas 1
Seattle 9, Minnesota 0
Oakland 9, Kansas City 3

Sunday's Games
Boston 11, Milwaukee 2
Toronto 4, Texas 0
Anaheim 5, Detroit 4, 15 innings
N.Y. Yankees 10, Baltimore 3
Minnesota 9, Seattle 6
Oakland 9, Kansas City 4
Cleveland 5, Chicago White Sox 2

Monday's Games
Texas (Witt 11-9) at Detroit (Blair 15-6), 7:05 p.m.
Baltimore (Kamieniecki 9-5) at Cleveland (Hershiser 13-5), 7:05 p.m.
Anaheim (May 2-1) at Toronto (Person 5-10), 7:35 p.m.
Milwaukee (Karl 10-11) at Chicago White Sox (Navarro 9-13), 8:05 p.m.
Oakland (Rigby 1-5) at Minnesota (Serafini 0-0), 8:05 p.m.
Seattle (Olivares 6-9) at Kansas City (Pittsley 3-7), 8:05 p.m.

National League Standings

East Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Atlanta	89	54	.622	-
Florida	83	58	.589	5
NewYork	77	64	.546	11
Montreal	71	71	.500	17½
Philadelphia	56	83	.403	31
Central Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Houston	72	71	.503	-
Pittsburgh	70	74	.486	2½
St.Louis	66	77	.462	6
Cincinnati	64	77	.454	7
Chicago	59	84	.413	13
West Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
LosAngeles	81	62	.566	-
SanFrancisco	79	64	.552	2
Colorado	73	71	.507	8½
SanDiego	67	77	.465	14½

Saturday's Games
Pittsburgh 13, Cincinnati 4
St. Louis 10, Colorado 7, 13 innings, 1st game
Chicago Cubs 7, N.Y. Mets 5
San Francisco 5, Houston 3
Los Angeles 9, Florida 5
Philadelphia 5, Montreal 3
Colorado 7, St. Louis 6, 2nd game
Atlanta 9, San Diego 1

Sunday's Games
Philadelphia 2, Montreal 1
Cincinnati 6, Pittsburgh 3
N.Y. Mets 9, Chicago Cubs 2
Colorado 7, St. Louis 4
Los Angeles 9, Florida 5
Atlanta 4, San Diego 0
San Francisco 5, Houston 1

Monday's Games
Chicago Cubs (Clark 11-7) at Cincinnati (Tomko 10-5), 7:35 p.m.
Philadelphia (Grace 2-0) at N.Y. Mets (Isringhausen 2-0), 7:40 p.m.
Florida (Brown 12-8) at Los Angeles (Nomo 13-10), 10:05 p.m.

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Latin Americans...

Internees want reparations, apology

WASHINGTON (AP) — During World War II, Alice Nishimoto and her family were forced from their home in Peru and herded into an American internment camp with thousands of other Japanese.

After the war, no one wanted them.

In Japan, they were considered American traitors. In the United States, they were illegal aliens. Peru turned them away.

A half-century later, they feel the U.S. government owes them — and about 300 other Japanese from Latin America — an apology and $20,000. Both were given to thousands of U.S. residents of Japanese descent detained during World War II.

But time is running out. The law that permits government payments expires in August. And the survivors are dying.

"There are some people who believe this is a war crime," said Grace Shimuzi, director of the Japanese Peruvian Oral History Project and the daughter of a Latin American internee. "These people deserve an apology while they're still alive."

The little-known chapter of history began for Nishimoto in March 1944, at the height of the war, when armed Peruvian guards herded her family and hundreds of others onto a ship.

Nishimoto, who was 10, was confined for three weeks in a cramped cabin with her four sisters and their mother, who was eight months pregnant. Her father was kept with other men.

"People were saying they were going to take us to the Amazon jungle," recalled Nishimoto, now 63 and living in Los Angeles.

Instead, they landed in a New Orleans holding cell. Next they were taken by train to an internment camp in the Texas desert and held until the war ended.

Nishimoto and her family were among about 3,000 people rounded up in 13 Latin American countries. The Peruvian government had been deporting residents of Japanese heritage until the U.S. government stepped in, hoping to exchange them for U.S. citizens held in Japan.

The exchange program didn't develop, so the Peruvians were housed in camps with thousands of Japanese Americans who had been rounded up as potential threats to national security.

While Japanese Americans received apologies and cash from the U.S. government in 1988, the Latin American detainees were ineligible because they were not U.S. citizens at the time they were held.

The distinction infuriates Nishimoto.

"They brought us here to this country. We didn't come here by choice," she said. "They took everything that we owned and then they said we came here illegally, with no passport. They arrested us and took our identities. It was a kidnap, mass kidnap."

Dede Greene, who heads the Justice Department's Office of Redress Administration, said only a congressional act could change the 1988 reparation law to include the Latin Americans.

"Every single day that passes is a day that another person who suffered this may not survive to see justice," said Robin Toma, an attorney who last year filed a class-action lawsuit for Japanese Latin Americans.

Several of Nishimoto's siblings are already dead, and many of Art Shibayama's relatives passed away without seeing reparations.

Shibayama was 13 when his family was shipped from Lima, Peru, where they had an affluent life, to the Texas camp.

After the war, Shibayama, now 67 and living in San Jose, Calif., said his family was turned away from Peru and eventually moved to Chicago, where they continually fought deportation.

"But to where? No country wanted us," he said.

Even after being drafted and serving in the military during the Korean War, Shibayama's applications to become a citizen were denied.

"I said the heck with it. Forget it," he said. "I was in no hurry to get it after that."

Shibayama finally received his citizenship in 1970.

Life after the war was just as difficult for Nishimoto and her family, who were not welcome in Peru or the U.S.

The family moved to Japan to live with relatives in the atomic bomb-scarred Hiroshima, where Nishimoto says she was unhappy and ridiculed.

"They used to treat us like Americans, said that we were traitors, we were Yankees," she said.

Young royals struggle to balance roles

OSLO, Norway (AP) — People today want their royals less aloof and more human, like Princess Diana. But how human?

Swedes see their future queen kick up her heels at trendy bars with other 20-year-olds. Norway's crown prince hangs out at rock concerts. A Dutch prince works as an airline pilot.

"We are supposed to live a little lie and believe that they are something special," Danish sociologist Johannes Andersen says. "That lie is wearing thinner and thinner."

Britain's grief over Diana's death forced the British royal family to shed some aloofness. They joined the masses in mourning to show their human side — a side that Diana would display openly.

Many in Japan expected Crown Princess Masako — a 33-year-old often called "Japan's Diana" — to bring a human face to that nation's tradition-bound royal family.

Born a commoner, she was a rising star in her country's Foreign Ministry before she married Crown Prince Naruhito four years ago. Now, she is believed to be under pressure to produce an heir to the throne.

"At times, I experience hardship in trying to find the proper point of balance between traditional things and my own personality," Masako once admitted.

With a few exceptions, such as the royal houses of Thailand, Jordan and Saudi Arabia, modern monarchies have no real power. They are symbols — some say anachronisms.

Denmark's popular Crown Prince Frederik, a 28-year-old bachelor, has said that young nobles also must adapt to the fact that they are no longer considered divine.

Andersen, a political scientist at Denmark's Aalborg University, said Frederick doesn't understand that a royal must maintain distance: "He simply lives life like anyone else. And in that way, Frederik can contribute to the end of monarchy without even knowing it."

Yet in places like egalitarian Norway, Sweden and Denmark, royals win vast public support by being down to earth. During a fuel crisis in the early 1970s, then-King Olav V insisted on saving gas by taking public transport. That helped secure his popular title as "The People's King."

Scandinavian media generally respect privacy, allowing young royals to bar-hop, attend rock concerts and drive their own cars without excess attention. Norway's Crown Prince Haakon, 24, went to public school and is now a college student in California.

He also wants a little privacy, saying "there are some things we would like to keep to ourselves."

With Diana's death, Swedes worry the world's paparazzi may focus their cameras on Sweden's future queen, the Crown Princess Victoria.

"We can only hope that they respect the fact that she is only 20 years old," said Elisabeth Tarras-Wahlberg, a spokeswoman for the Swedish royal family.

Victoria already has drawn some attention. This month, Sweden's national press watchdog group censured a magazine for publishing faked pictures of her in a bathing suit.

Like the Scandinavians, the Dutch royal family protects its privacy and still enjoys wide support.

Arrests and burglaries keep area officers busy

Seven people were arrested over the weekend, including two for driving while intoxicated.

Following a report at 6:36 p.m. Saturday that a person was weaving in and out of traffic on North College Avenue, officers arrested a 70 year-old male for misdemeanor driving while intoxicated.

DPS troopers arrested a 24-year-old male at 7:10 p.m. Saturday in the 800 block of Avenue M for misdemeanor driving while intoxicated.

Following a report of a disturbance in the 600 block of 25th Street at 12:41 a.m. Sunday, officers arrested a 43-year-old male for assault/family violence.

At 1:44 a.m. Sunday, a 37-year-old male was arrested in the 1700 block of the south access road of U.S. Highway 84 for driving while license suspended.

Two people were jailed early Sunday morning on East Highway 180 for misdemeanor possession of marijuana. Taken into custody at 5:10 a.m. were a 27-year-old female and a 23-year-old female, both from Dallas.

At 6:53 p.m. Sunday, officers arrested a 35-year-old male in the 1100 block of 30th Street for public intoxication.

In other activity over the weekend, officers were called to the 2700 block of 25th Street at 10:36 a.m. Saturday in reference to a burglary of a residence belonging to Bill Robbins. An offense report for burglary of a residence was submitted.

An officer was requested in the 2100 block of 28th Street at 3 p.m. Saturday in reference to a stereo being stolen from Cinia Cabrerra. An offense report for burglary of a residence was submitted.

Teresa Courtney requested to speak to an officer at 5:27 p.m. Saturday in reference to a wallet being stolen from her vehicle while it was parked at the American Legion. An offense report for burglary of a motor vehicle was submitted.

Jaima Raikes requested to speak to an officer at 7:48 p.m. Sunday in reference to a burglary. An offense report for burglary of a residence was submitted.

At 5 p.m. Saturday, a Snyder EMS unit was requested at a drilling site near Ennis Creek Road in reference to a person passing out while working in an open pit. Todd Hurst, 28, of Victoria, was admitted to Cogdell Hospital for observation and was released Sunday.

Shortly after 11 a.m. Saturday, officers were advised of two cases of harassment.

An officer was requested in the 2500 block of 27th Street at 12:07 p.m. Saturday in reference to criminal trespass.

Ruben Olvera requested to speak to an officer at 1:38 p.m. from 313 33rd St. in reference to a stolen bicycle.

Teddy Valasquez requested an officer at 3:51 p.m. Saturday at 214 26th Street in reference to a stolen bicycle. An offense report for Class B theft was submitted.

Hospital

ADMISSIONS: Sept. 5-Nellie Davis, Harold Holladay of Ira; Sept. 6-Floyd Hollis, Luke Robertson; Sept. 7-Jacqueline Cheney Felisha Esparza, Susan Hickman.

DISMISSALS: Sept. 5-Reeda Thomas, Pete Jalomos; Sept. 6-Eelon Harrell; Sept. 7-None.

CENSUS: 45 (Med., Surg.-10, Long-term Care-30, CCU-1, OB-2, Nursery-2).

Births

Brandy and Susan Hickman of Snyder announce the birth of their eight-pound, five-ounce daughter, Erin Taylor Hickman. She was born at 1:12 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 7, in Cogdell Memorial Hospital.

Her grandparents are J.C. and Doris Harrison and Gay and Kay Hickman, all of Snyder.

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AT&T Corps	40⅝	40⅛	40¼+ 5-16
AirTouch	35 15-16	35	35⅛+ 1-16
Albertsons	33 15-16	33⅛	33 13-16
AlldSignal	87	86 7-16	86 11-16+ 3-16
Alltel	32	31¼	31⅞— 1-16
AmerOnline	79⅛	76 9-16	76⅝+6 13-16
AmStoress	24¼	24	24¼+ 3-16
Ameritech	64⅞	64	64 9-16+ 9-16
Amoco	97	96 7-16	96⅝+ ⅛
AndarkPtr	73 3-16	73	73⅛+ 1-16
ArmcoInc	6 5-16	6¼	6¼
AtlRichfld s	80 3-16	79 5-16	80 + ¼
ATMOS Egy	26¼	25¾	26¼+ ¼
Aviall	16¼	16 11-16	16¾+ 3-16
BakerHughes	42 5-16	41 15-16	42¼+ 5-16
BellAtl	77 3-16	76¼	77 3-16+1 3-16
BellSouth	45⅛	45	45 7-16+ ⅛
BethSteel	12	11 13-16	11⅞
BritPet s	87¼	87	87 — 5-16
BurlNoSFe	94¼	93⅜	93⅞+ ¼
Caterpillar s	57 1-16	56 9-16	56¼— ⅛
CenSoWst	20 9-16	20 7-16	20⅛+ 1-16
Chevron	80¼	79¼	80¼+ 1¼
Chrysler	36 11-16	36 1-16	36 9-16+ 9-16
Coastal	58 15-16	58 9-16	58¾+ 7-16
CocaCola	60⅝	59 15-16	60¼+ ⅜
ColgatePalm s	65⅝	65 5-16	65⅜— ⅜
ComclMetals	31 5-16	30 15-16	31 + 1-16
CooperIn	53 11-16	52 11-16	53 11-16+ ⅜
CyprusAmax	24 15-16	24¾	24⅞+ 5-16
DallSemicn	41½	41	41¾+1 1-16
DeltaAirl	96 13-16	94	96 13-16+ 2⅛
DigitalEq	45 15-16	45⅛	45⅝— ¼
Dillards Inc	42⅞	42⅛	42 9-16+ 1-16
DowChem	88⅛	86 13-16	88⅛+2 1-16
DresserInd	41⅞	41⅛	41⅞+ ⅛
DuPont s	63¼	62⅝	63 1-16+ 1¼
EastmanChem	60½	60	60¼+ ⅜
EstKodak	69 7-16	69¼	69 3-16+ 7-16
EDS Corp	37¼	37 1-16	37 3-16— 5-16
Entergy	25¼	25⅛	2 4+ ⅛
Exxon s	64 15-16	64⅛	64¾+ ⅛
FstBksAm	15⅝	15⅛	15⅛
Flowers s	19 3-16	19	19 3-16+ ⅛
FordMotor	45 1-16	44¾	44 15-16+ 1-16
GTE Cp	45 15-16	45	45 9-16 45¾+ ⅛
GenDynam	84	9-16	84¼ 84 9-16
GenElecs	67¼	66¼	67 1-16+13-16
GenMills	66¼	66	1-16 66 5-16+ ½
GenMotors	66 13-16	66	5-16 66⅜+ ⅛
GaPacif	90 3-16	88⅛	89 5-16—1 13-16
GlobalMar	28⅛	28	7-16 28⅛+ 7-16
Goodrich	43 7-16	43¼	43 3-16+ 3-16
Goodyear s	62¼	62	1-16 62¼+ ⅛
GtAtlPac	25⅜	25⅛	25 11-16+ 3-16
Halliburtn s	50⅛	50¼	50 7-16+ 1-16
Hanson ADS n	25 5-16	25	3-16 25 3-16-3-16
HarteHanks	31⅛	31⅛	31¼+ ¼
HomeDepot s	50¾	50⅜	50 7-16+ 3-16
HoustonInds	20 13-16	20	11-16 20 13-16+ 3-16
IBM s	104 5-16	103	7-16 103¼+ ¼
IntlPaper	53⅛	52⅞	53 —1 1-16
JohnsonJn	58⅛	58¼	58 5-16+ 3-16
K mart	14¼	14⅛	14 13-16+ ⅛
Kroger s	30⅛	30	5-16 30⅜+ 3-16
Litton	54⅛	53¾	54¼+ ⅛
LockhdMart	106¼	105	13-16 106 3-16+ ¼
Lowes Cos	37 15-16	37	7-16 37⅛+11-16
Lubys	19⅜	19	9-16 19⅜+ 1-16
LucentTech	83¼	82	11-16 83 7-16+ 1
MayDeptStrs	55¼	55¼	55 11-16— 5-16
Medtronic	94 1-16	93¾	93 13-16+ 9-16
Medtronic wi	47 5-16	47	47 — 1-16
Mobils	76½	75¼	76 7-16+ ¼
Monsanto	44 7-16	43¼	43¾— ⅛
MorganJP	112 15-16	111⅞	112⅛+ 1¼
Motorola	77⅛	76	7-16 77¼+ ½
NCR Corp n	36¼	36	3-16 36⅜+ ⅜
NationsBk s	57 11-16	57	3-16 57 9-16+11-16
Navistar	26¼	26	3-16 26⅜+13-16
Norwest	61	59	15-16 60⅜+1 1-16
OryxEngy	26 9-16	26¼	26 9-16+ 7-16
Penney JC	61 1-16	60⅜	60 9-16+ ⅛
Pennzoil	77 9-16	77	77 9-16+ 9-16
PepBoys	27¼	27	11-16 27¼
PepsiCo	38⅛	38⅛	38⅜+ ⅜
PhelpDodge	81½	80	5-16 80⅝—13-16
PhilipPet	48¼	48	5-16 48⅜+11-16
PilgrmPrd	12 15-16	12¼	12⅜+ 5-16
Polaroid	57	56¼	56⅞+ ¼
Praxair	51¼	51	7-16 51 7-16— ⅛
ProctGamble	135⅛	133	7-16 135⅜+ 2⅛
ProctGamb wi	67 13-16	67	67 13-16+ 3-16
PubSNwMx	18⅜	18	18⅜+ ⅛
RoyalDut s	54	53⅜	53 15-16+ ½
SBC Comm	57 15-16	57	7-16 57 13-16+13-16
SaraLee	41 9-16	41	3-16 41½+ 1-16
SearsRoeb	57¼	56½	56¼+ ⅜
SherwinW s	29 1-16	28	9-16 28⅝
SmthBc ADS s	44¼	43	15-16 44 — ⅜
SouthernCo	21 13-16	21	9-16 21⅜+ 3-16
SwstAirlines	30⅜	29¾	30⅜+ ⅛
Sprint	46 13-16	46½	46¾— 1-16
SunCo	43¾	41¼	42 5-16+1 3-16
TNP Ent	23 11-16	23	7-16 23 7-16— ¼
Tandy	67 1-16	66¼	67 1-16+ 3-16
TempleInland	64 1-16	62¼	62¾—1 7-16
Tenneco	50⅜	50	50⅜+ ⅜
Texaco	120¼	119	119 13-16+ 1
TexasInds	37 5-16	37	37 5-16+ 5-16
TexasInst	126¼	125½	126½— 7-16
TexUtil	35¾	35¼	35 5-16+ ⅛
Textron s	65 9-16	64	13-16 65⅛+11-16
Travelers s	68 3-16	67	7-16 67 15-16+ 7-16
TrinityInds	41¾	41	5-16 41 5-16+ 1-16
TritonEngy	41 7-16	40	11-16 41 7-16+ 9-16
Tyler	3⅛	3⅛	3 7-16
US WestCm	36 11-16	36	5-16 36 9-16+ 3-16
USWstMda	20 11-16	20	7-16 20⅜+ 5-16
USX Delhi	14⅜	14	5-16 14 5-16
USX-Marathn	34 5-16	34	34 1-16+ 3-16
USX-USS	38¼	37	13-16 38 — ⅛
UnCarbde	52 9-16	52⅛	52¾+ 9-16
UnPac s	63¾	62¾	62 15-16— ⅛
UnitedTech s	80 9-16	79	80⅛+ 1
Unocal	40¼	39	15-16 40 1-16+ 5-16
WalMart	38 7-16	37	15-16 38 7-16+ ⅛
WstnGasRs	19⅛	19⅛	19⅛+ 1-16
WestghEl	26 9-16	26¼	26 7-16— 1-16
WinnDixie	35	34	11-16 35 + ⅛
Woolworth	23¾	22	15-16 23⅛+ ¼
Xerox Corp	78 3-16	77¼	78 3-16+ ⅛
ZenithE	10 9-16	10	7-16 10 7-16— 1-16

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Red planet encore: Mars Surveyor nears goal

PASADENA, Calif. (AP) — First the Pathfinder mission fired up public enthusiasm for the exploration of Mars with big views of the boulder-strewn surface from a little rover.

Now the Mars Global Surveyor is preparing to begin a years-long orbit of the red planet. It will draw detailed maps of the surface to help future missions seek out the likeliest hiding places for life.

"Ultimately," says project scientist Arden Albee of the California Institute of Technology, "we want to understand how that atmosphere evolved and whether it ever was such that life could have evolved in it."

If all goes well, the 2,300-pound Surveyor will slide into Mars' orbit on Thursday. Four years ago, the Mars Observer spacecraft disappeared before ever reaching orbit to record surface and atmospheric data.

With Pathfinder on the surface and Surveyor above, NASA is beginning a new era of spacecraft working in concert to probe the secrets of the barren planet. Surveyor's work will lay the foundation for a 10-year NASA program that will dispatch pairs of orbiters and landers to Mars every 26 months.

From past missions and Pathfinder, which landed July 4 with the rover Sojourner, scientists believe the fourth planet from the sun is the most like Earth.

It is bone dry with wispy ice clouds that hover miles high. Surface temperatures can range from minus-200 degrees at the poles to a summery 80 at the equator in summer. It has a thin atmosphere, polar caps that wax and wane with the seasons, gargantuan volcanoes and deep canyons gouged by torrents of water.

And where there was water, there might have been life. Last year, scientists said a martian meteorite found in Antarctica might hold ancient fossils.

Surveyor will also track mineral deposits, looking especially for carbonates, seen in some marine organisms on Earth.

"There's so much evidence there was lots of water in the past. What we can do is get a better 'picture' of where the water was, where the riverbeds were, where the ancient lakes were," said Glenn Cunningham, the manager of the Global Surveyor project at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory.

But scientists are still anxious. The Mars Observer — a $980 million project — vanished on Aug. 21, 1993, three days before entering Mars' orbit. Fuel was a likely problem.

Surveyor, costing $250 million and using leftover spare parts from Observer, is expected to complete 75 percent of the work laid out for the earlier spacecraft.

The crucial moment for Surveyor, launched Nov. 7 from the Kennedy Space Center in Florida, comes at 6:30 p.m. PDT Thursday when it fires its engines for 22 minutes to slow down and enter an elliptical orbit.

Over the next four months, it will employ a navigational technique called aerobraking. Atmospheric drag will help reshape that orbit into a circle 235 miles above Mars. Controllers must work around a solar panel which failed to fully deploy.

Mapping won't begin until March 15. Then, for a 687-day martian year, the spacecraft will repeatedly pass from the north pole to the south, gathering data.

'Fire Down Below' is No. 1

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Steven Seagal's environmental thriller "Fire Down Below" made a moderately impressive debut as the nation's top film on a post-holiday weekend with anemic film attendance.

With Seagal starring as a kick-boxing federal marshal who battles a toxic waste-polluting villain, the film took in $6.1 million to supplant last weekend's champ, "G.I. Jane," at No. 1.

That film, starring Demi Moore as a woman trying to become a Navy SEAL, dropped to No. 2 with $5.5 million for a three-week total of $33.8 million, according to estimates Sunday by Exhibitor Relations Co. Inc.

Overall earnings for the weekend's top 10 movies were soft compared to the height of the summer season. "Air Force One," for example, pulled in $37.1 million in ticket sales when it opened in late July.

"This is post-Labor Day. It's always a slow week," said John Krier, president of Exhibitor Relations. "Everybody's back in school, vacations are over."

The start of the fall television season, with an unusually high number of new shows, also kept people away from theaters, he said.

"Fire Down Below" was the only new movie in wide release.

The top 10 movies generally were macho thrillers laden with special effects, but a few light comedies and specialty films survived. "Money Talks," a comedy with Chris Tucker as a fast-talking con man, was No. 3 with $4.9 million in its third week.

In limited release, "The Full Monty" earned $809,000 on 44 screens for an average of $18,386 per screen. The comedy about laid-off British steelworkers who become strippers moves into wider release Friday.

The estimates for Friday through Sunday:

1. "Fire Down Below," $6.1 million.
2. "G.I. Jane," $5.5 million.
3. "Money Talks," $4.9 million.
4. "Hoodlum," $4.3 million.
5. "Air Force One," $4.1 million.
6. "Conspiracy Theory," $3.5 million.
7. "Excess Baggage," $3 million.
8. "Copland," $2.5 million.
9. "Mimic," $2.4 million.
10. "Men in Black," $1.8 million.

Texas bingo chief hired

AUSTIN (AP) — Marc Garcia is staying on as the state's director of charitable bingo operations, after all.

The move came after the Legislature passed a law that makes the bingo director, previously responsible to the lottery's executive director, directly accountable to the three-member Texas Lottery Commission.

The commission could have opted immediately to rehire Garcia, but chose instead to open the job up to new applicants.

A Lottery Commission statement said commissioners received about 100 applications and interviewed nine candidates Saturday in Austin.

In the end, however, commissioners decided to stay with Garcia, who has been with the lottery commission for four years, the last two as the state bingo director.

Lottery officials did not explain why they reconsidered Garcia. Lottery spokeswoman Gail Phillips did not return a telephone message for comment on Saturday.

First commercial Emmy goes to chimps segment on HBO

PASADENA, Calif. (AP) — An HBO spot featuring chimps as movie stars won the first Emmy Award for a television commercial at Sunday night's ceremony for creative arts categories.

In the non-televised prelude to next Sunday's awards show, NBC received a leading 15 Emmys, followed by CBS and Home Box Office with 10 each. ABC received five awards, while Fox and PBS each had four.

The HBO commercial, in which chimps recite memorable movie lines, beat out a Nike ad featuring golfer Tiger Woods and commercials for Levi's jeans and General Motors' EV1 electric car.

Some critics had called the HBO spot unseemly because of its use of the animals and the name of scientist Jane Goodall. She had stipulated that no chimps who were trained or circus animals could be used.

The new Emmy category itself came under attack as the East Coast television academy tried to stop the West Coast academy from giving it. An arbitrator ruled the award could be given.

Acting trophies went to Mel Brooks, Carol Burnett, Pruitt Taylor Vince and Dianne Wiest.

Emmys in 28 major categories will be presented Sunday night at the Pasadena Civic Auditorium. The ceremony will air at 8 p.m. EDT on CBS.

Here is a complete list of winners in the creative arts categories for the 49th annual primetime Emmy Awards:

INDIVIDUAL ACHIEVEMENT IN ART DIRECTION FOR A SERIES: "The X-Files: Memento Mori," Fox.

INDIVIDUAL ACHIEVEMENT IN ART DIRECTION FOR A MINISERIES OR A SPECIAL: "Jane Austen's Emma," A&E.

INDIVIDUAL ACHIEVEMENT IN ART DIRECTION FOR A VARIETY OR MUSIC PROGRAM: "Centennial Olympic Games: Opening Ceremonies," NBC.

CULTURAL MUSIC-DANCE PROGRAM: Puccini's "La Boheme" with the New York City Opera, "Live From Lincoln Center," PBS.

CULTURAL PROGRAMMING PERFORMANCE: Pilobolus Dance Theatre Performers, "John F. Kennedy Center 25th Anniversary Celebration," PBS.

GUEST ACTOR, DRAMA SERIES: Pruitt Taylor Vince, "Murder One," ABC.

GUEST ACTRESS, DRAMA SERIES: Dianne Wiest, "Avonlea," Disney Channel.

GUEST ACTOR, COMEDY SERIES: Mel Brooks, "Mad About You," NBC.

GUEST ACTRESS, COMEDY SERIES: Carol Burnett, "Mad About You," NBC.

OUTSTANDING COMMERCIAL: "HBO Chimps," Pytka production company and BBDO advertising agency.

INDIVIDUAL ACHIEVEMENT IN CASTING FOR A SERIES: "ER," NBC.

INDIVIDUAL ACHIEVEMENT IN CASTING FOR A MINISERIES OR SPECIAL: "Bastard Out of Carolina," Showtime.

INDIVIDUAL CHOREOGRAPHY FOR A SERIES OR A SPECIAL: "Scott Hamilton: Upside Down," CBS, and "3rd Rock from the Sun: A Nightmare on Dick Street," NBC.

SOUND EDITING FOR A SERIES: "The X-Files: Tempus Fugit," Fox.

SOUND EDITING, MINISERIES OR A SPECIAL: "Stephen King's The Shining: Part 3," ABC.

INDIVIDUAL ACHIEVEMENT IN COSTUMING FOR A SERIES: "JAG: Cowboys & Cossacks," CBS.

INDIVIDUAL ACHIEVEMENT IN COSTUMING FOR A MINISERIES OR A SPECIAL: "Disney's The Hunchback of Notre Dame" Festival of Fun Musical Spectacular," Disney Channel.

INDIVIDUAL ACHIEVEMENT IN HAIRSTYLING FOR A SERIES: "Star Trek: Voyager: Fair Trade," UPN.

INDIVIDUAL ACHIEVEMENT IN HAIRSTYLING FOR A MINISERIES OR A SPECIAL: "Mrs. Santa Claus," CBS.

INDIVIDUAL ACHIEVEMENT IN MUSIC COMPOSITION FOR A SERIES: "The Cape: Pilot," syndicated.

INDIVIDUAL ACHIEVEMENT IN MUSIC COMPOSITION FOR A MINISERIES OR SPECIAL: "The Young Indiana Jones Chronicles: Travels with Father," Family Channel.

INDIVIDUAL ACHIEVEMENT IN MUSIC DIRECTION: "Centennial Olympic Games: Opening Ceremonies," NBC.

INDIVIDUAL ACHIEVEMENT IN MUSIC AND LYRICS: "We Put the Spring in Springfield" from "The Simpsons: Bart After Dark," Fox.

INDIVIDUAL ACHIEVEMENT IN MAIN TITLE THEME MUSIC: "EZ Streets: A Terrible Beauty," CBS.

SOUND MIXING, VARIETY OR MUSIC SERIES OR A SPECIAL: "The 69th Annual Academy Awards," ABC.

SOUND MIXING, DRAMA SERIES: "ER: Fear of Flying," NBC.

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INDIVIDUAL ACHIEVEMENT IN MAIN TITLE DESIGN: "Dark Skies," NBC.

INFORMATIONAL SERIES: "A&E Biography," A&E; "The Great War and the Shaping of the 20th Century," PBS.

OUTSTANDING SPECIAL VISUAL EFFECTS FOR A SERIES OR SPECIAL: "The Odyssey," NBC.

TECHNICAL DIRECTION—CAMERA—VIDEO, SERIES: "The Tonight Show with Jay Leno: Show 1079," NBC.

TECHNICAL DIRECTION—CAMERA—VIDEO, MINISERIES OR SPECIAL: "Disney's Beauty and the Beast: A Concert on Ice," CBS.

INDIVIDUAL ACHIEVEMENT IN MAKEUP FOR A SERIES: "Tracey Takes On ... Vegas," HBO.

INDIVIDUAL ACHIEVEMENT IN MAKEUP FOR A MINISERIES OR A SPECIAL: "Stephen King's The Shining," ABC.

INDIVIDUAL ACHIEVEMENT, INFORMATIONAL PROGRAMMING: "Memphis PD: War on the Streets," HBO; "National Geographic Special: Tigers of the Snow," NBC and "Paradise Lost: The Child Murders at Robin Hood Hills," HBO.

ANIMATED PROGRAM (For programming one hour or less): "The Simpsons: Homer's Phobia," Fox.

INDIVIDUAL ACHIEVEMENT IN EDITING FOR A SERIES, SINGLE CAMERA PRODUCTION: "ER: The Long Way Around," NBC.

INDIVIDUAL ACHIEVEMENT IN EDITING FOR A MINISERIES OR A SPECIAL, SINGLE CAMERA PRODUCTION: "Miss Evers' Boys," HBO.

INDIVIDUAL ACHIEVEMENT IN EDITING FOR SERIES, MULTI-CAMERA PRODUCTION: "Ellen: The Puppy Episode," ABC.

INDIVIDUAL ACHIEVEMENT IN EDITING FOR A MINISERIES OR A SPECIAL, MULTI-CAMERA PRODUCTION: "The Kennedy Center Honors," CBS.

INFORMATIONAL SPECIAL: "Without Pity: A Film About Abilities," HBO.

INDIVIDUAL ACHIEVEMENT IN COSTUME DESIGN FOR A SERIES: "3rd Rock from the Sun: A Nightmare on Dick Street," NBC.

INDIVIDUAL ACHIEVEMENT IN COSTUME DESIGN FOR A MINISERIES OR A SPECIAL: "The Inheritance," CBS, and "Jane Austen's Emma," A&E.

INDIVIDUAL ACHIEVEMENT IN COSTUME DESIGN FOR A VARIETY OR MUSIC PROGRAM: "Tracey Takes On ... 1976," HBO.

INDIVIDUAL ACHIEVEMENT IN CINEMATOGRAPHY FOR A SERIES: "Law & Order: Mad Dog," NBC.

INDIVIDUAL ACHIEVEMENT IN CINEMATOGRAPHY FOR A MINISERIES OR A SPECIAL: "Miss Evers' Boys," HBO.

INDIVIDUAL ACHIEVEMENT IN LIGHTING DIRECTION (ELECTRONIC) FOR A COMEDY SERIES: "Cosby: Pilot," CBS.

INDIVIDUAL ACHIEVEMENT IN LIGHTING DIRECTION FOR A DRAMA SERIES, VARIETY SERIES, MINISERIES OR SPECIAL: "Bette Midler: Diva Las Vegas," HBO.

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Tuesday, Sept. 9, 1997

Your financial prospects look very favorable for the year ahead. Increase could come about through unique types of involvements. Do not inhibit your resourcefulness or ingenuity.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Your attitude and behavior will establish the tone for others to follow today. If you're moody, don't expect a preferential response. Trying to patch up a broken romance? The Astro-Graph Matchmaker can help you understand what to do to make the relationship work. Mail $2.75 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Your problem could worsen today if you go to the wrong people for advice. Do not solicit suggestions from those who have less answers than you do.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Subdue temptations today to shortfall your financial base in order to buy something you feel you should have just because a friend owns one.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) The possibilities for gratifying your ambitions are quite strong today. However, there's a chance your achievements won't make you happy.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Today you might have to contend with an individual who uses underhanded tactics. Be on alert, because this person will tip his or her hand.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) You will be in a sociable mood today, but there is a possibility you may talk openly about a matter that should be kept confidential.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) In order to get along well with your group today, you may have to make some concessions. Take care that you don't violate your moral standards.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Be sensible and disciplined regarding basic health habits today. If there are foods or beverages you shouldn't sample, pass the action.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Someone who isn't overly fond of you might make an interesting proposal today. Examine the package for hidden strings.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) No matter how hard you try, you may find it impossible to please certain people today. Do not collect guilt for something that is not of your making.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) You may feel pressured about executing an unpleasant assignment today. If your heart isn't in it, the results could be disappointing.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Where business is concerned, don't expect to get a lot for a little today. The opposite might be true where you'll get a little for a lot.

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Today is the 251st day of 1997 and the 80th day of summer.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1866, the first recorded birth of sextuplets occurred in Chicago.

On this day in 1962, Bobby Boris Picket's smash song, "The Monster Mash," hit the charts.

On this day in 1986, Desmond Tutu became the first black person to lead the Anglican Church in South Africa.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Richard I (1157-1199), king of England; Siegfried Sassoon (1886-1967), poet; Jimmie Rodgers (1897-1933), singer; Sid Caesar (1922-), comedian, is 75; Peter Sellers (1925-1980), actor; Patsy Cline (1932-1963), singer; Sam Nunn (1938-), U.S. senator, is 59.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1974, California's Nolan Ryan threw a 100.8-mph pitch against the Chicago White Sox.

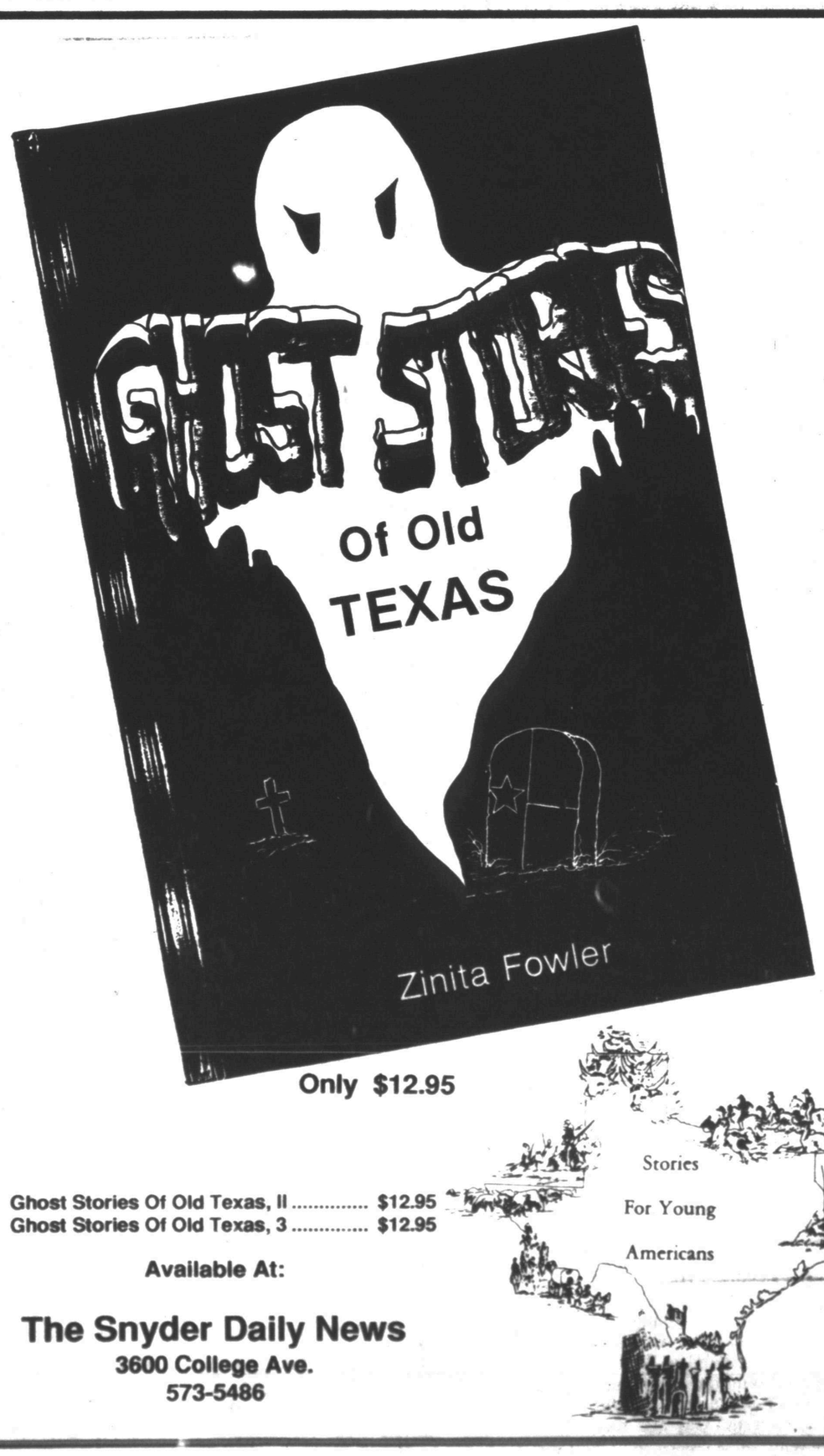
TODAY'S QUOTE: "Soldiers are citizens of death's gray land." — Siegfried Sassoon

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1938, lightning hit a seaplane off the coast of France and singed the pilot's hair.

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TODAY'S MOON: Day before first quarter.

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Eleventh hour battle brews over memorial

ARLINGTON, Va. (AP) — The Marine Corps is digging in to defend a park it calls hallowed ground from an unlikely foe — the Air Force.

The Air Force plans a dedication ceremony next week for a 50-foot dark aluminum star to honor war dead from the nation's youngest service.

The problem? The spot is just downhill from the Marine memorial, the famous statue of the flag-raising on Iwo Jima during World War II.

The Marines have issued a carefully worded statement urging another location. Neighbors say it is one memorial too many for a two-acre park. Critics have called it the "stealth memorial" since so few knew of it.

"It truly is a sacred place, and it will be harmed forever if another monument is allowed to intrude on it," said Rep. Gerald Solomon, a New York Republican and former Marine.

In one of the war's most enduring images, the Marine memorial depicts five Marines and one Navy corpsman raising the American flag atop Mount Suribachi after it was captured from the Japanese. The 78-foot statue, an interpretation of an Associated Press photograph that won the 1945 Pulitzer Prize, is known officially as the Marine Corps War Memorial.

The Air Force and its supporters say now is the time for their service to be honored, and their 50-foot memorial won't crowd anyone. While they would like to dedicate the memorial as scheduled on Sept. 18 — this year is the 50th anniversary of the Air Force as an independent service — construction wouldn't begin until 1999.

"There are guys like me who spent 36 years in an Air Force uniform without a place of our own," said retired Lt. Gen. Robert Springer, head of the private group raising money for the monument.

The Air Force star would be down a hill and almost out of sight from visitors to the Marine memorial, said Springer, head of the Air Force Memorial Foundation.

The Air Force won congressional approved for a memorial four years ago, and settled on the Iwo Jima site last year. Springer said Marine Corps brass were briefed about the plan last year.

True, but there is now "greater awareness" of the ramifications of the Air Force plan, Marine spokesman Lt. Col. Scott Campbell said.

Solomon has introduced a bill and started lobbying other former Marines in Congress to prevent the Air Force memorial, or any other, from being built on the site.

Last week, he sent a letter to Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt that calls the Air Force plan an illegal encroachment on the Marine site. He suggests a site near the Air and Space Museum.

Neighbors, who have collected 7,000 signatures in opposition, are worried about parking, traffic and the potential loss of trees in the park.

The new construction would destroy too much of the open land left in the park, said Clayton Depue, who leads the opposition group, Friends of Iwo Jima.

"It is already a heavily used park and it already has two memorials in it," the Iwo Jima and a World War II memorial bell tower called the Netherlands Carillon, Depue said. "A third would just be overpowering."

Springer, who has raised about half the memorial's $25 million cost, said the site across the Potomac River from Washington makes sense because it is next to the location of the first military test flight and to Arlington National Cemetery.

Credit card payment of taxes unlikely

WASHINGTON (AP) — The $152 billion tax cut bill was supposed to make life easier by allowing taxpayers to use credit cards to pay their federal taxes. Credit card junkies rubbed their hands at the prospect of racking up frequent flier miles by paying the IRS with plastic.

But, alas, the fine print of the tax bill poses a major obstacle.

Major credit card companies — Visa, MasterCard and American Express — say their member banks aren't expected to do business with the IRS because the tax bill — now law — doesn't allow the federal government to pay the banks the typical merchant fees for credit card transactions.

Without a merchant agreement with banks, the Internal Revenue Service won't be able to access the credit card payment system to process and verify individuals' tax payments. And the credit card banks are highly unlikely to sign such an agreement with the IRS unless they get paid for their efforts, industry analysts said.

"It does not make sense to authorize the federal government to accept a credit or debit card while prohibiting any fee for processing of those products," said William P. Binzel, vice president of government relations at MasterCard International, a major credit card association.

"They basically say you can do it; but in the next sentence, they say it's impossible for you to do it."

Banks belonging to the Visa and MasterCard associations charge merchants a "discount fee," which can be as high as 2 percent of the purchase total, to cover costs for computer processing, verifying status of accounts and other transaction costs to ensure the merchant is paid.

The original language of the Taxpayer Relief Act would have allowed the government to pay such fees — similar to arrangements at the Customs Service and Postal Service — but the fees were stripped out in the last days of negotiations involving the House, Senate and White House.

The IRS declined comment.

But Citibank, the nation's largest credit card issuer with 38 million pieces of plastic in circulation, described the lack of fees as "an economic equation that doesn't work." Citibank spokeswoman Maria Mendler added: "I think it remains to be seen who is going to do business with them."

Salvation Army will provide shelters

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — The Salvation Army has agreed to provide hurricane shelters of last resort for residents in 23 parishes, many of which previously did not have such a safety net.

The non-profit organization will manage temporary emergency shelters in buildings provided by the parishes. The majority of the area has been without such emergency protection since 1994, when Red Cross officials said it was too dangerous to operate shelters south of Interstates 10 and 12.

"This is just a place where we've seen some slack and we just offered to fill the gap," said Maj. E.C. Gould, the Salvation Army's divisional disaster services coordinator for Louisiana, Alabama and Mississippi.

The state will allow the Salvation Army to operate shelters in accordance with the federal 1974 Disaster Relief Act.

Salvation Army personnel, trained in emergency shelter management, will oversee the shelters. The organization will choose locations and volunteers from lists provided by the parishes. Food will come from the state Department of Corrections.

"A lot of time, even with the best-laid plans, you can't get everybody out," Gould said. "We're just trying to do what we can."

The announcement, made on Friday, came as a relief to government officials who had relied on the Red Cross to run its shelters "for about 100 years," said Walter Maestri, director of the Jefferson Parish Department of Emergency Management.

Parishes will publicize shelter locations when they are established in the upcoming weeks.

"We can donate our personnel to other issues," Maestri said. "We've never been in the sheltering business."

Red Cross officials said it withdrew from the area south of Lake Pontchartrain because it could not guarantee the safety of its workers or the people it sheltered.

It said it could no longer create shelters in buildings that couldn't withstand a Category 4 hurricane, which has winds between 131 to 155 mph.

The Red Cross will continue to move back into the area once the threat has passed and aid in the storm recovery effort, said Jim Hubbard, chief executive officer for the Red Cross' Southeast Louisiana chapter.

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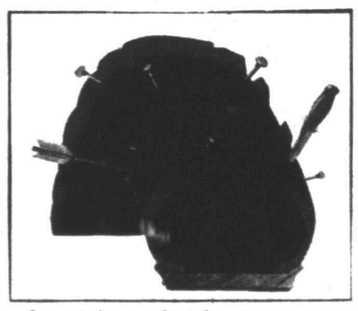
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Family seeks release of Susan McDougal

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP) — Saying Independent Counsel Kenneth Starr is "lower than a worm," relatives of Susan McDougal called for her release from a contempt citation that has kept her in jail for a year.

Those gathered in front of the federal courthouse Sunday said Mrs. McDougal was a "political prisoner."

Mrs. McDougal and her ex-husband, James McDougal, were partners with President Clinton and Hillary Rodham Clinton in the Whitewater land development in northern Arkansas.

Mrs. McDougal was convicted last summer of fraud for her role in the failed project. A year ago Tuesday, U.S. District Judge Susan Webber Wright cited Mrs. McDougal for contempt for refusing to answer Starr's questions before a grand jury looking into Whitewater.

Even if the contempt citation were lifted, she wouldn't be free because she hasn't begun serving a two-year sentence for the fraud convictions.

"Kenneth Starr is lower than a worm, and he'll never get any higher," said Mrs. McDougal's father, James Henley, one of 20 relatives and friends at the courthouse.

Mrs. McDougal has said she won't testify before the grand jury because she fears being charged with perjury. She said her version of the truth would conflict with Starr's.

Her brother, Bill Henley, said she wouldn't testify because "she's on the side of right."

Mrs. McDougal is being held in California, where she faces a theft charge accusing her of embezzling $150,000 from orchestra conductor Zubin Mehta

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Texas deal with big tobacco on table

TEXARKANA (AP) — State attorneys appeared in court today to argue two motions in Texas' lawsuit claiming that claiming Big Tobacco broke state and federal laws, including those dealing with deceptive trade and fraud.

John O'Quinn and John Eddie Williams, private lawyers from Houston hired by the state, argued this morning for the release of eight documents that the tobacco industry has considered privileged. Also, the state asked for a 30-day delay to evaluate depositions it received from the industry's experts and witnesses.

U.S. District Judge David Folsom said he would rule on both motions by 5 p.m.

The lawsuit in Texas, scheduled to begin Sept. 29, is one of dozens pending against the tobacco companies and the next on the calendar.

Texas Attorney General Dan Morales says he's ready to argue the state's $14 billion case in an attempt to recover funds spent treating smoking-related illnesses for Medicaid patients in Texas.

The lawsuit names several companies and industry groups as defendants. They are American Tobacco; R.J. Reynolds; Brown and Williamson; B.A.T. Industries; Philip Morris; Liggett Group; Lorillard; United States Tobacco; Hill & Knowlton; the Council for Tobacco Research-USA; and the Tobacco Institute.

Tobacco interests opted to settle similar lawsuits in Mississippi and Florida. Mississippi settled its suit for nearly $3.6 billion in July, and Florida reached an $11.3 billion settlement last month. Any national tobacco deal would supersede those state agreements. Texas is one of 39 states with lawsuits pending.

Morales filed suit in federal court because Texas alleges violations of the Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations and the Sherman antitrust acts, said his spokeswoman, Sonva Sanchez. that he would sign."

Two Lubbockites seriously injured

Two Lubbock residents were seriously injured in a one-vehicle rollover around 7:45 this morning some 14 miles east of Snyder on U.S. Highway 84.

Jeric Craven, 21, and Cameron Price, 28, were both air-lifted to Lubbock's University Medical Center shortly after 10 a.m. after being treated at Cogdell Memorial Hospital emergency room.

DPS trooper Rick Campos said Craven was driving the 1997 Ford pickup northbound when the accident occurred. Snyder EMS personnel and the Snyder fire department responded and had to remove the pickup's roof in order to free the two men.

Several other wrecks were investigated Friday and over the weekend.

At 3:33 p.m. Friday, a 1988 Kenworth truck/tractor hauling a module builder became stuck under the underpass at 300 College Avenue. The driver of the truck was Kenneth Brinson of Memphis, Tex., and the owner of the module is E.B. Barbee of Clarendon.

At 6 p.m. Friday, officers investigated a minor two-vehicle accident in the 3300 block of College Avenue. Involved were a 1991 Chevrolet driven by Susan Robbins of 1805 Cedar Creek Road and a 1997 Buick driven by Johney Greenfield of 3202 42nd St.

At 8:15 a.m. Sunday, officers investigated a minor two-vehicle accident in the 2900 block of 35th Street. Involved were a 1984 Oldsmobile driven by LaFrences Presley of 1907 Muriel and a parked, unoccupied 1995 Ford pickup owned by Jeremiah Inman of Sweetwater.

At 10:10 a.m. Sunday, a minor accident occurred in the 2100 block of 35th Street. Involved were a 1984 Datsun driven by Teresa Early of 2701 38th St. and a parked, unoccupied 1994 Ford pickup owned by Chevron Pipeline of Houston.

Two reports of accidents on private property were made Sunday.

At 11:30 a.m., an officer was called to the Pizza Inn parking lot in reference to a minor two-vehicle accident. Involved were a 1984 Chevrolet pickup driven by Matthew Cave of 3104 Ave. U and a 1995 Ford driven by Eric McDorman of 310 36th St.

At 2:04 p.m. Sunday, a minor accident occurred in a private drive way in the 3009 block of Avenue I. Involved were a 1982 pickup driven by Shirley Wells of 1010 30th St. and a parked and unoccupied 1995 Ford owned by Hartencia Villareal.

BART strike slows traffic to a crawl

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — Traffic slowed to a crawl around San Francisco today as thousands of commuters were forced into cars or already-crowded buses because of a strike by rail transit workers.

Freeways overloaded at rush hour under normal circumstances were strained to the breaking point by the 275,000 daily commuters who would normally take the Bay Area Rapid Transit.

"I just hope it ends soon," said Lisa Appleberry, an attorney who rode a bus to San Francisco from her home in Oakland. "It's a major inconvenience for working people because they're the ones who use public transportation."

Another woman riding the bus, Sharon Kidd of Berkeley, said her normal 15-minute commute on BART turned into a 3½-hour nightmare as bus after bus passed her by, too full to fit in even one more passenger.

Said bus passenger Dee Jackson: "Give these people whatever they want and let us get back to our normal commute."

BART's 2,600 train operators and mechanics walked out Sunday in a pay dispute, idling 56 trains that are a key part of the transit system for a metropolitan area with 6.3 million residents.

While the strike goes on, commuters were urged to use car pools, buses, or ferries, while bosses were asked to let employees with computers and modems work from home.

Richard Eng, a surgical technician from Berkeley, had a different solution: He drove his trailer-home into San Francisco during the early morning hours and slept in it.

"I'll take it over there tonight so I don't have to deal with traffic," Eng, 31, said Sunday. "I know people there whose kitchens or bathrooms I can use."

Striking workers include 2,600 train operators, station agents, mechanics and others.

Members of BART's two largest unions last week rejected an offer to raise their salaries 3 percent a year for three years.

Patterson going strong

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Today, the stock is valued at $38, following a stock split in July of this year. At the time of the split, the stock was selling for $62 per share. Currently, there are about 3,000 shareholders in Patterson Energy Inc.

When the company went public, it was still operating with the same 13 rigs it had in 1986. It was evident that in order for the company's stock to increase, the number of drilling rigs had to be increased as well.

In February of 1994, the company tried to buy a nine-rig drilling company based out of Victoria, but an Oklahoma company ended up being the successful bidder.

However, the sale was never finalized, and Questor was again on the market. In July of the same year, Patterson acquired the company and its fleet of rigs increased to 22.

More rigs and a better profit margin did not necessarily mean a better price for Patterson stock as a share went for $6 in December of 1994.

The company began 1995 by adding five rigs — assembling one in its Snyder yard, acquiring one from Sojourner Drilling in Abilene and three more from a Dallas-based company.

By spring, the price of a share of stock had gone up $1 to $7 and by September, it had doubled.

By the end of 1995, Patterson had 27 drilling rigs in its fleet.

And that was just the beginning.

In mid-summer of 1996, the company acquired Tucker Drilling of San Angelo and its 13 drilling rigs. In October, the company purchased the Midland-based Gene Sledge Drilling Company with six rigs and the next month, it purchased Hondo Drilling Company, also of Midland, and acquired 12 more rigs.

And in December, the company purchased three from California. The rigs, belonging to Welch and Howell Drilling Company, were moved to Texas.

At the end of the year, the company owned 61 drilling rigs, of which 52 were capable of being placed on location.

With these acquisitions, Patterson had accumulated close to $26 million in debt and with the price of a share of stock at $27.50, the company's management decided to make a second public offering of stock in order to reduce the debt and to prepare for future acquisitions.

The company met with a group of bankers in December of 1996 to prepare for the stock offering. On Jan. 27, 1997, the company sold 2,063,000 shares of stock which netted approximately $59.4 million. The proceeds were used to pay off debts and to acquire even more drilling rigs.

In April of this year, Patterson acquired the five drilling rigs of Ziadril, Inc. of Hobbs, N.M., and in June, it purchased the assets of Wes-Tex Drilling Company of Abilene. This purchase added 21 drilling rigs to its fleet.

Just last month, Patterson purchased McGee Drilling Corporation of Midland which included three drilling rigs.

With that addition, Patterson now operates 90 rigs — the third largest land-based fleet in the United States. And in 1996, it was the second most active driller in the country. The company drilled some 8.5 million feet of hole last year, according to the industry's Land Rig Newsletter.

Besides the jobs Patterson provides, the company is also a big taxpayer in the county. The company currently renders all its drilling rigs in the state to the Scurry County Appraisal District as opposed to the county in which the rig is located.

The company — to the benefit of all Scurry County citizens — also reports all sales tax purchases to Scurry County. In 1996, Patterson paid more than $100,000 in sales tax to Scurry County. Through July of this year, the company had paid more than $136,000 in sales tax.

"We're proud to be located in Scurry County," said Talbott. "It was the patience and confidence of local people — Snyder National Bank and West Texas State Bank and our employees who were so loyal over the years — that have enabled us to grow as we have."

Obituaries

Philip Haynes

1932-1997

ROSCOE — Philip Vance Haynes, a native of Scurry County, died at 5:40 a.m. today at his home in Sweetwater.

Funeral service for Mr. Haynes, 64, is set for 10 a.m. Tuesday in the First United Methodist Church in Roscoe with the Rev. Bob Odom officiating. Interment will follow in the Roscoe Cemetery under the direction of McCoy Funeral Home.

Born Dec. 5, 1932 in Fluvanna, he married Barbara Hendricks on March 15, 1952 in Roscoe.

A graduate of Roscoe High School, he had lived in the Roscoe area most of his life. Mr. Haynes served as a sergeant in the U.S. Air Force's Strategic Air Command.

A lone-time farmer, rancher, automobile dealer and real estate investor, Mr. Haynes was founder of H&H Feedlot and was a past director of the Texas Cattle Feeders Association.

A member of the First United Methodist Church, Mr. Haynes was involved with the Lay Witness Mission Movement all over the U.S.

He was preceded in death by a grandson, Philip Ray Haynes, in 1996.

Survivors include his wife, Barbara of Sweetwater; a son, Jarvis Haynes of Roscoe; three daughters, Phyllis Sayre of Pataskala, Ohio, Lisa Tomlin of Roscoe and Gretchin McDonald of Sweetwater; a chosen son, David Lloyd of Austin; and 11 grandchildren.

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Mr. Martin

1908-1997

Ivan Doyle Martin of Abilene, father of Bobby Martin of Snyder, died Sunday, Sept. 7, in an Abilene hospital. Mr. Martin was 89.

Service is set for 10 a.m. Wednesday in Baker Heights Church of Christ. Burial will follow in Elmwood Memorial Park.

Born Aug. 6, 1908 in Erath County, he married Evelyn Miller in Compton, Calif., on Oct. 20, 1933. Moving to Abilene in 1977, Mr. Martin served 20 years in the Navy and in Civil Service for 10 years.

Survivors include his wife, Evelyn Martin of Abilene; two other sons, Billy Martin and Darrell Martin, both of Abilene; one brother, Lesley Martin of Beaumont; two sisters, Wynona Shaw and Sybil O'Rear, both of Refugio; nine grandchildren, including Melody Martin of Snyder; and nine great-grandchildren, including Logan Martin of Snyder.

What's Up?

United Way luncheon

The annual Scurry County United Way Kick-Off Luncheon is set for Thursday from 11:45 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Martha Ann Woman's Club. Cost is $7. RSVP no later than today at 573-1731.

Central book fair

Central Elementary is holding a book fair from 8-8:30 a.m. today through Friday and from 2:45-3:30 p.m. through Thursday. The fair will also be open from 6-7 p.m. Tuesday during open house.

Fair supervisors to meet

The Scurry County Fair Association will meet at 6 p.m. today in the chamber board room. All fair supervisors are asked to attend.

Snyder Girls Hoops Club

Snyder Girls Hoops Club will meet at 6:30 p.m. today in the high school student center.

Hermleigh Booster Club

Hermleigh Booster Club will meet at 7 this evening in the high school cafeteria.

Tiger Pride Club

The Tiger Pride Club will meet at 7 this evening in the high school student center. All members are encouraged to attend.

Bible study videos

Another series of Bible study video tapes is airing on Channel 2. The sixth tape, "The End of the World," will air at 7 tonight.

Snyder Band Boosters

Snyder Band Boosters will meet at 7:30 tonight in the high school band hall. An ice cream social will follow the business meeting.

Stanfield Parent Council

Stanfield Parent Council will meet at noon Tuesday in Portable Room 21. Please bring a sack lunch.

Scurry County 4-H Banquet

The Scurry County 4-H Banquet will be held at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the 37th Street Church of Christ Family Room.

Lord's Acre fish fry set

The First United Methodist Church will hold its annual fish fry from 5:30-8 p.m. Tuesday. For tickets, call 573-5416. Proceeds will help support the church's youth programs.

County Health Unit

Scurry County Health Unit will not give shots until Tuesday. On that date, the clinic will be open until 7 p.m. A breast-feeding class will be held at 6 that evening.

Snyder Lions Club

Snyder Lions Club will not meet at its regular time Tuesday. Instead, the club will meet at noon Thursday at the Scurry County United Way Kick-Off Luncheon at Martha Ann Woman's Club. All members are urged to attend.

DROP info outlined

Information about the new Deferred Retirement Option Plan (DROP) and other Teacher Retirement Service benefits will be outlined in a meeting set for 4:30-6 p.m. Tuesday in the high school student center.

Blood pressure clinic

Interim Healthcare will sponsor a free blood pressure clinic from 9-11 a.m. Wednesday at the Hermleigh Community Center.

Fiesta deadline nears

The deadline for all food vendors to apply for a temporary vendor permit for the Our Lady of Guadalupe Las Fiesta Del Septembre will be 4 p.m. Thursday. Contact Cindy Nix at the Scurry County Health Unit, 573-3508.

A Taste of Scurry County

Scurry County Museum is planning a "A Taste of Scurry County" Thursday. The event will begin with food sampling at 6:30 p.m. Door prizes, a silent auction and a bid auction will be offered. Tickets for a computer to be raffled in December will also be available. Tickets, $12.50 for adults, $5 for children 5-12, and free for children under 5 accompanied by an adult ticketholder, may be purchased at the museum, chamber of commerce, Bullard's Computer Solutions, Nathalie's and Snyder Healthmart.

Gospel explosion

The public is invited to a "Gospel Explosion" at 7:30 p.m. Friday at Towle Park Barn. The event will feature The Spiritual Soul Seekers of Lubbock, the Mt. Zion Youth Choir of Colorado City, the Community Choir of Snyder, the Mt. Rose Choir of Sweetwater and the World is Life Deliverance Praise Team of Snyder.

Hamburger supper set

The Tiger Pride Club will host an all-you-can-eat hamburger supper from 5-7 p.m. Friday in the high school cafeteria prior to the Sweetwater football game. Cost is $5 per person.

Pick 3

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

4-0-0

(four, zero, zero)

Lotto Texas

AUSTIN (AP) — Results of the Lotto Texas drawing Saturday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 10-11-20-25-26-46.

Estimated jackpot: $4 million.

Number matching six of six: none.

Matching five of six: 85. Prize: $1,686.

Matching four of six: 5,369. Prize: $96.

Matching three of six: 98,489. Prize: $3.

Next Lotto Texas game: Wednesday night.

Estimated jackpot: $8 million.