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College gears up for fall semester

Students were to begin moving into the dormitory today as Western Texas College gets ready to begin a new school year.

Registration is set for Tuesday and Wednesday, with the first full day of classes scheduled Thursday.

Officials, noting that classes are beginning two weeks later than last year, are hoping the later signup will allow for the registration of more students, especially any student who might have registered earlier at a four-year school, then decided to return locally. As of Friday, officials said the dormitory was full and anyone requesting an on-campus apartment was being put on a waiting list.

For students who have not previously taken classes at WTC, placement testing is required if ACT or SAT scores are not available. Test scores must be shown prior to registration, or a WTC placement test can be taken at the counseling office. There is a $10 fee for the test.

Registration begins at the south entrance of the Learning Resource Center. Sophomores register Tuesday, by surname; freshmen register Wednesday.

Tuesday's sophomore schedule is:

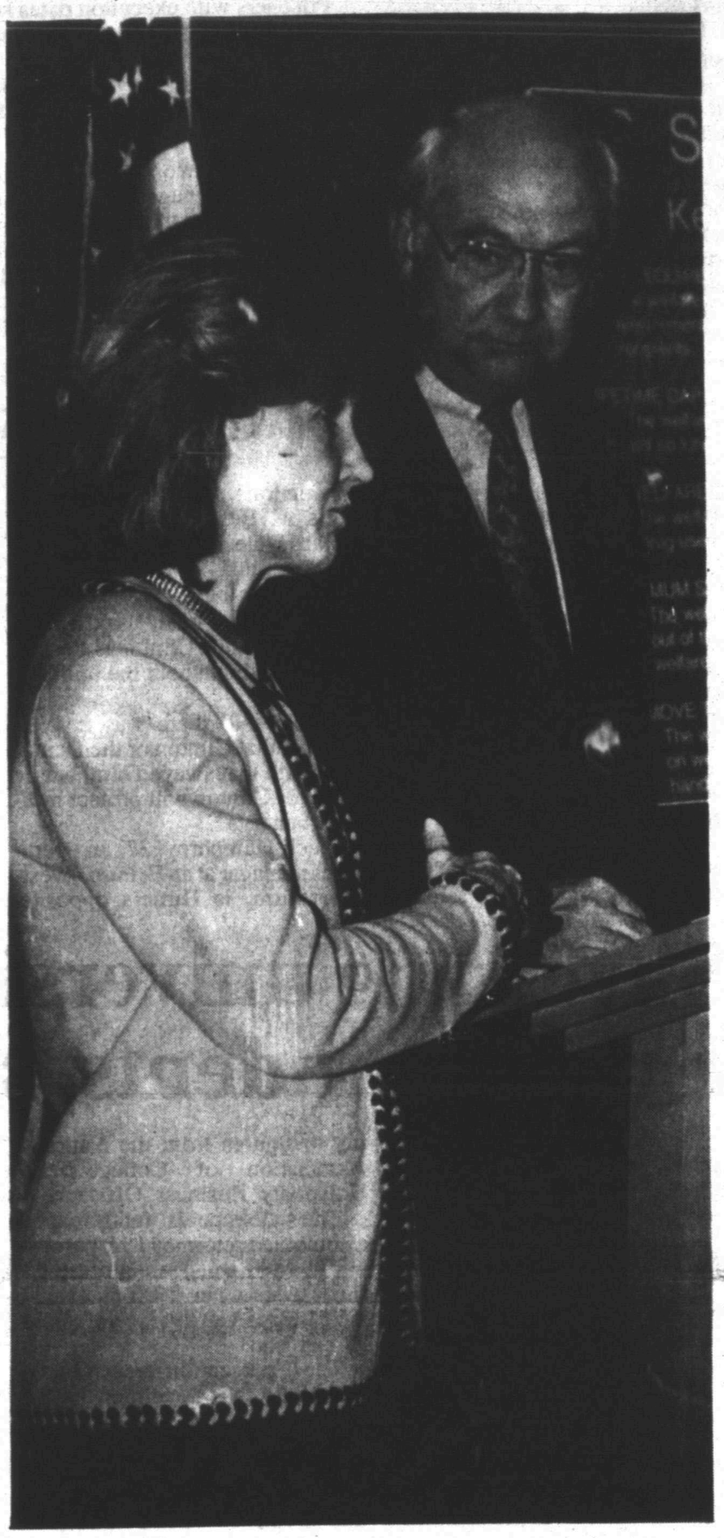
—Surnames A-F, 1-2 p.m.
—Surnames G-O, 2-3 p.m.
—Surnames P-Z, 3-4 p.m.

Also Tuesday, registration for evening students is slated from 6:30 until 8 p.m.

On Wednesday, freshmen students will register. The schedule is:

—Surnames A-F, 8:30-9:30 a.m.
—Surnames G-O, 9:30-10:30 a.m.
—Surnames P-Z, 10:30-11-30 a.m.

There will also be an open registration period for any student from 1-3 p.m. Wednesday.



SENATORS IN TOWN SATURDAY — United States Senators Kay Bailey Hutchison and Phil Gramm were in Snyder Saturday night and addressed a crowd of some 65 people at City Hall. Both senators answered questions from the audience following their remarks, which were aimed primarily at crime and welfare. (SDN Photo by Wade Warren)

Gramm, Hutchison laud welfare reform legislation

By John Conger
Staff Writer

United States Senators Phil Gramm and Kay Bailey Hutchison, speaking before a packed crowd at city council chambers Saturday, outlined a provision that will deny welfare benefits to people convicted of drug felonies.

The new welfare reform bill includes legislation that specifically denies cash benefits and food stamps to drug felons.

"I'm very proud of the fact that under the new bill if you're convicted of a drug felony you're off the welfare roll, and I think it's long over due," said Gramm.

The Republican senators also gave a brief summary of the major provisions included in the welfare reform bill.

Under the new legislation, recipients are required to be working or training for a job two months after they go on welfare.

"At the end of two months, if you don't have a job or if you're not in a full-time training program you will have to work the number of hours that your welfare check will bring in minimum wage doing community service," said Gramm.

A lifetime cap of five years of total benefits will also be imposed in the new bill. Gramm noted that no "generational welfare" recipients will be allowed under the new system.

The reform bill also turns welfare control over to the states and rewards them with federal grants for moving half of their welfare recipients into jobs and training programs by the year 2002.

"We are letting the states design their own programs, and we're taking out the middle man in Washington," said Hutchison.

Currently, more than 40 million people in the country receive some form of public welfare. The new welfare reform bill marks the first major revision of the program since its inception in 1935.

Following their presentations, the senators addressed concerns about President Clinton making changes within the bill.

"There's no possibility that the President is going to be able to reverse these major provisions," said Gramm. "Now that's not to say that we've written the last word on welfare, but we're never going back in the old direction."

Senator Hutchison told attendees that she is concerned about President Clinton using a line-item veto against some of the provisions in the bill. "We're going to have to fight to make sure that he doesn't line-item veto the things that are good in the bill, and then try to hold us hostage to get more social programs that he would want to get in,"

Also at the meeting, Sgt. Trevlyn Pitner expressed the Snyder Police Department's support for the Gramm amendment, and stated that it would act as a deterrent against drug-related crimes.

"A lot of our drug crimes and the families that we deal with are at the poverty level and are on the welfare system," said Pitner. "We think that this amendment will really help take away benefits from convicted drug felons, and it will help get drug users out of families collecting welfare."

Among the local officials at the meeting were Mayor David Holt, DCOS board president Roy Baze, County Judge Ricky Fritz, and Scurry County Republican Chairman Drew Bullard.

Some 65 people attended, filling the council chambers.

Nantucket, Cape Cod soaked; Edouard heads to Nova Scotia

BOSTON (AP) — Hurricane Edouard plowed slowly north this morning, decreasing in intensity as it headed toward Nova Scotia, but still pelting high winds and drenching rain that washed out Labor Day parades and picnics.

"We've seen the brunt of what it's going to give us," said Charles Foley, a meteorologist with the National Weather Service. "It wasn't quite up to what was advertised."

The storm came closest to eastern Cape Cod and Nantucket island causing power outages and coastal flooding.

At 8 a.m., Edouard's eye was about 95 miles southeast of Nantucket and moving northeast at about 14 mph, with top sustained winds at 80 mph.

Edouard had passed about 80 miles from Nantucket, where winds gusted up to 75 mph. Forecasters said it was unlikely the storm would get as close to the U.S. coast again as it headed toward the Canadian province.

"By the time it gets up there, it will just be a big rainmaker," meteorologist Jim Notchey said. "We lucked out because the center didn't make landfall anywhere."

About 150 people, many who had reservations at beachfront hotels or homes, spent the night at a Nantucket High School resting on temporary beds and eating grilled cheese sandwiches.

"I had a more comfortable sleep here than if I'd stayed at the house. It was scary," said Rem Myers, who had been staying with his wife and three children at a rented house 300 yards from the ocean.

Power was restored to all but 5,000 Massachusetts homes and businesses by midmorning.

Doug Forbes, chief of staff of Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency, said there was some beach erosion in the eastern Cape Cod towns of Chatham and Orleans, and some coastal flooding along the roads. Police evacuated some people from low-lying areas early today.

"There's always a few diehards that just hang around, so you want to take the opportunity to get them out of there," Forbes said.

The next critical period will be about 3 p.m., when a 2- to 5-foot storm surge was expected at high tide, Forbes said. A storm surge is caused by winds piling up the water higher than normal tide levels.

Massachusetts Gov. William F. Weld declared a state of emergency and the Red Cross opened shelters throughout the region. The Red Cross reported about 1,000 people went to temporary shelters.

Vacationers fled the beaches of Cape Cod and its neighboring islands all day Sunday, enduring some traffic jams that stretched 20 miles long — roughly half the length of the cape peninsula.

As Saddam withdraws, U.S. readies response

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Clinton administration made clear it was ready to retaliate even as Saddam Hussein began withdrawing his troops from northern Iraq avoiding another showdown with American forces.

But Republicans, led by presidential nominee Bob Dole, accused the administration of dropping the ball by not taking action before Saddam's troops moved into a Kurdish safe-haven zone Friday.

White House chief of staff Leon Panetta, interviewed Sunday on NBC's "Meet the Press," would not elaborate on diplomatic or military moves against Iraq. But he said Saddam had been warned "that if he took that kind of action it would have consequences and it will have consequences."

Iraqi troops began withdrawing from the Kurdish city of Irbil Sunday afternoon and were still pulling back early today, said Gisper Nielsen of the U.N. Guard Contingency stationed in Irbil. Another U.N. official said troops had left the city but some tanks remained just outside the city limits.

White House press secretary Mike McCurry said Saddam must not go unchallenged. "Because he is prone to miscalculation, that might lead him to believe he can do other things that are clearly unacceptable," McCurry said.

Before the withdrawal was confirmed, McCurry said the administration is "confident that Saddam Hussein knows how gravely we take this situation" and the withdrawal would show that "Maybe Bob Dole was wrong. Maybe Bill Clinton's voice is louder than Mr. Dole felt."

Dole, in a campaign speech Sunday, accused the administration of failing to pay attention to the Iraqi military buildup in the north and said Saddam will "remain in power as long as the United States fails to lead."

On the military front, the Pentagon said Gen. John Shalikashvili, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, left Saturday night for the Middle East to confer with U.S. commanders and American allies. Administration officials said he was following a course of action recommended by President Clinton.

Officials said Clinton had called British Prime Minister John Major and would call French President Jacques Chirac. Britain and France are America's two main partners in enforcing a no-fly, safe-haven zone in northern Iraq set up after Iraqi troops crushed a Kurdish rebellion there in 1991, sending some 2 million Kurds into exile in Turkey and Iran.

TWA explosion...

FBI keeping mum on purpose

SMIHTOWN, N.Y. (AP) — James Kallstrom says he isn't telling the public all that he knows about what blew apart TWA Flight 800 because he doesn't want to "tell potential co-conspirators what we are doing."

"It's not that I'm trying to play games with the public, but I know a lot more than I am telling," the FBI assistant director told The Associated Press in an interview Sunday.

Since the July 17 blast that killed 230 people, investigators have found traces of two chemicals used in explosives, while separate lines of inquiry have ruled out several possible mechanical flaws.

"It serves no value to us to tell potential co-conspirators what we are doing," he said

Kallstrom, however, needs evidence that can stand up in court before declaring a cause.

"We are playing through a lot of scenarios," he said. "At times we have three, four or five possibilities we are running simultaneously."

One area of interest is known terrorists, such as those involved in past conspiracies.

"If you went back and looked at the fiery rhetoric associated with cases that have been through the criminal justice system, that is one area you certainly would look at," Kallstrom said.

He did not elaborate, but recent cases in New York have included the conviction of four men for the bombing of the World Trade Center, conviction of a related group for conspiring to blow up bridges, tunnels and the United Nations, and a case now before a jury in which three men are accused of plotting to blow up U.S. airliners over the Pacific.

Other theories under examination include a grudge against a passenger or someone motivated by financial gain, such as by benefiting from an insurance policy.

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FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Saturday, 83 degrees; low, 63; high Sunday, 85; low, 67; 7 a.m. reading Monday, 67; trace precipitation; total for 1996, 9.52 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, partly cloudy, slight chance of rain. Low 65-70. S wind 5-15 mph. Chance of rain, less than 20%. Tuesday, partly cloudy. High, mid 90s. S-SE wind 5-15 mph.



Abel Estrada

Partly Cloudy

Sunset: 8:05 p.m.
Sunrise: 7:21 a.m.
Of 245 days in 1996, the sun has shone 241 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

The rich rules over the poor, And the borrower is servant to the lender.

Proverbs 22:7

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Texas executions halted by inmate's appeal

HUNTSVILLE (AP) — One year after a new state law was supposed to more quickly get condemned killers strapped to the death chamber gurney, executions in Texas virtually have stopped.

After a record 19 lethal injections in 1995, Texas — by far the nation's most active state in implementing the death penalty — has carried out just two in 1996.

"We expected this," says former state Sen. John Montford, the Senate sponsor of the measure that took effect Sept. 1, 1995. "Any time you pass anything that deals with the death penalty or carrying out the ultimate sentence, you're going to have appeals."

An appeal by condemned killer James Carl Lee Davis of Austin, now under review by the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals, has kept the death house door at the Walls Unit in Huntsville slammed shut.

The court, as is customary, has given no indication when it may rule.

"We don't even know here in the clerk's office," court clerk Troy Bennett said last week. "The only time we'll know is when they send it down to be released. That's when we find out."

A dozen years have passed since the beating deaths of 15-year-old Yvette Johnson and two smaller brothers, who lived next door to Davis in Austin, making Davis' case somewhat longer than normal. It has taken an average of eight years, 10 months for Texas' 106 condemned killers who have been put to death since 1982 to exhaust appeals.

Last summer, with considerable fanfare in Austin, Gov. George W. Bush signed into law a package of bills that included a measure to limit appeals of death row inmates.

Bush's office speculated the law would trim two years from the typical death row appeal and save taxpayers about $50,000 per inmate.

So far, it has done neither.

"We're not surprised the law was challenged," Bush spokesman Ray Sullivan says. "In the short run, it slows down the execution process. But we're confident that in the long run the death row appeals process will be streamlined and that the time between conviction and execution will be significantly shortened.

"We need to wait for the Court of Criminal Appeals to rule on this new law. Gov. Bush certainly supported the law and wants to see it implemented."

The law altered the timetables and deadlines for inmate appeals. It also required habeas corpus appeals and direct appeals to be filed at the same time to allow the appeals court to consider them concurrently.

Previously, the direct appeal — which challenges trial procedures — was argued and ruled on by the courts and then attorneys for inmates would raise "habeas" appeals, which raise constitutional questions.

Backers of the measure said they didn't want to deprive inmates of their rights but did want to keep appeals from being dragged out interminably. Opponents, however, said lessening appeals and hastening the punishment boosted the chance of the state executing an innocent person.

Attorneys for Davis challenged the constitutionality of the new law, saying the state improperly was attempting to limit appeals. They also contended it illegally was applied retroactively to death row inmates, meaning inmates who believed they had additional appeals now don't.

Lawyers from the Texas attorney general's office noted the law does allow exceptions.

Both sides formally argued the case before the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals in January.

Prisoners with execution dates successfully have cited the pending case in obtaining reprieves and state district judges for the most part have stopped setting dates until the case is resolved.

"The import of Davis is obvious," says John Boston, executive director of the Texas Criminal Defense Attorneys Association. "It's controlling a lot of other cases."

In the meantime, death row continues to grow. When the new law took effect a year ago, the population was just over 400. It's now at 435.

"I don't think this bill is extraordinary in a sense that once it's in place and the constitutionality is affirmed that they'll be leading people in nooses," says Montford, who left the Senate in August to take over as chancellor at Texas Tech University. "It just simply will result in a more reasonable time frame from conviction and appeal to carrying out the sentence."

Conventions don't seem to impact Texas voters

By The Associated Press

The bells and whistles, hoots and hollers, at the Democratic and Republican national conventions didn't make much of an impression in Anne Moses' household.

"I just think it was a bunch of fluff," said Ms. Moses, 28, who works at a San Antonio art gallery. "It was like one of those paid infomercials."

Though not all shared Moses' distaste, other Texans agreed the conventions had little of the intended effect: encouraging voters to back Bill Clinton or Bob Dole. Many didn't watch.

And most of those interviewed immediately after the Democrats wrapped up their enthusiastic gathering in Chicago said their views didn't change after an intense month of politicking.

Going into August, Ms. Moses supported Dole, the Republican challenger to President Clinton, and came out the same way, she said. "I don't think Clinton's values are what America needs right now," she said.

Houston's Jennifer Cody begs to differ, at least slightly.

"I don't like a lot of stuff that he (Clinton) has done but I think he's less (threatening) than the other people," said Ms. Cody, a legal secretary who said she voted for Clinton in 1992.

Again, her opinion wasn't formed by sitting glued to the tube while Clinton and Dole were making earnest promises to lead the nation well.

"I don't even watch them. It aggravates me that they're taking up my other stuff (TV programs)," Ms. Cody said. "I think there's plenty in the paper to read about for information."

El Pasoan Rose Ellis didn't watch because she was busy taking care of a rambunctious 3-year-old.

Alfred Pope works nights in Houston. "I just really haven't had time to read the newspaper or watch the conventions," he said.

Gilberto Quintana also was too busy in El Paso to spend time with the TV.

Still, Quintana, a recent Mexican immigrant, had already made up his mind. He said he followed U.S. news reports when he lived in Ciudad Juarez, across from El Paso, and developed a liking for the Democrats as a result.

He intends to prove his allegiance in November, his first U.S. presidential election, when he votes to re-elect Clinton.

"He's shown more sincerity in his government," Quintana, a maintenance man, said in Spanish as he swept up around the drive-through lanes at a downtown El Paso bank. "He attacks problems very aggressively."

Ms. Ellis, 30, a bank secretary, likes Clinton as well. She said recent events, including the resignation of one of Clinton's top advisers amid a sex scandal, have not changed her mind about the president she voted for in 1992.

"I like his ideas," said Ms. Ellis, who considers herself an independent. "I admire Hillary too."

San Antonian Jim Hirtle, who is retired from the Air Force, was among the rare few who said the conventions did influence his decision. Before he was leaning toward Dole, but now favors Clinton, he said.

"I was going with Dole because he's a military man," said Hirtle, 65. "But I think Clinton is starting to see the light about the military, too."

Hirtle said there was nothing specific that Clinton or the Democrats said that swayed him, but he believes Clinton will protect military benefits.

Cecil Humphrey, 32, an operations manager at an El Paso investment firm, is Hirtle's opposite. Nobody has been able to convince him of anything, he said.

"I haven't been real impressed with either of them," said Humphrey, a Republican who voted for George Bush in 1992. "I don't know if I can trust them."

When reminded that this year as in 1992, there will be a third choice in Ross Perot and the Reform Party, Humphrey was clear he doesn't consider that an option.

"I do like his grass roots movement, but he has bailed out before," he said. "I don't know if he would be a stable president."

Win Or lose, these racers stink

STONEBORO, Pa. (AP) — In this race, the winners stink as much as the losers.

Skunks called the "Racing Stinkers" are off and running at the Great Stoneboro Fair and their owner hopes to race the pungent mammals at fairs across the country.

"There is nobody else in the world doing skunk racing. We are the one and only," said David Feimster, who is on his first year on the road with skunks.

A single grape placed on the ground 40 feet away is all that's needed to get the skunks moving down the track. It's all over in about four seconds, save for a moment of munching in the winner's circle.

Between races, Feimster uses a microphone to regale his audience with details about skunks, their diet and lifestyle.

"If you lecture to people you hold their attention for 30 seconds," Feimster said. "When you entertain them you can hold their attention for 30 minutes."

One of the most popular questions from fair-goers is "Do they smell?"

"They only release a scent when they fear for their lives," said Feimster, who accordingly does his best to keep the skunks comfortable.

Feimster boards his animals in an air-conditioned portable toilet that he calls the "skunk condo."

Shrinking university fund hard on students, schools

AUSTIN (AP) — In-state undergraduates at the University of Texas and Texas A&M University pay much less than they would at a private school. But in the past 10 years, their bills have tripled.

That's partly because the huge endowment that helps fund the schools has seen shrinking income over the last five years.

In a letter to UT students with their fall 1995 tuition bills, UT President Robert Berdahl cited decreasing returns from the Permanent University Fund as a crucial factor forcing tuition and fees higher.

The PUF is a $5.2 billion portfolio of securities that includes royalties from oil and gas drilling on 2.1 million acres of West Texas land. Income fell over the last half-decade despite growth in the fund's principal over the last 10 years.

"The only way to ultimately contain tuition and fee increases is for the state to step up and provide better general revenue support," Berdahl said.

While the PUF's 15.8 percent return on investment for the 1994-95 fiscal year met the average for all U.S. university funds, it placed next-to-last among the nation's 10 largest funds, according to figures from the National Association of College and University Business Officers.

The state schools' funds reaped a combined return of 15.8 percent in 1994-95. But the eight top-10 funds besides No. 2 UT and No. 7 A&M earned an average of about 22 percent.

The 7 percent difference translates into $364 million when applied to the endowment's $5.2 billion in assets.

Return on investment includes principal appreciation, interest and dividends earned each year. For 1994-95, the PUF brought in $249.5 million in income, and the principal grew by $523.6 million, including additions of more than $50 million from oil and gas royalties.

The schools use the fund's interest and dividends first to pay off bonds issued for capital improvements. The rest goes to "excellence programs" such as scholarships, library acquisitions, student activities and admissions programs. PUF money funds almost 10 percent of the UT budget and 11 percent of A&M's yearly expenditures.

In 1994-95, the income flowing to the universities amounted to about one-third of total return. After accounting adjustments and after each school paid off its PUF-backed bonds, only $115 million, or less than one-sixth of total return, was left for the schools' annual budgets.

UT officials have complained that constraints of operating as part of state government have contributed significantly to the PUF's below-average performance. (California's is the only other state system in the current top 10.)

At the UT system's request, the Legislature passed a measure in 1995 allowing the PUF to be put under an outside investment manager.

Rescue thwarted

CAMBRIDGE BAY, Northwest Territories (AP) — Strong winds stalled efforts Sunday to free a cruise ship that ran aground in the remote Northwest Passage with 268 people aboard.

The Hanseatic, a Bahamian-registered ship that began its voyage in Nome, Alaska, got stuck Thursday night near King William Island, 1,250 miles north of Winnipeg, Manitoba. No injuries were reported.

The Canadian Coast Guard ship Nahidik was trying to free the vessel's bow, but a commercial tugboat and barge that were set to leave for the site on Saturday to help were delayed indefinitely by high winds.

The 153 passengers and 115 crew members remained on board.

A professor of physiology at UCLA recently published a study that suggests that men may soon breastfeed their babies.

Rural Americans are 100 times more likely to die in an automobile accident than urban Americans.

Oil Patch News

Scurry County

Spalding Energy Inc. will drill the No. 9 Fuller in the Corazon field, two miles northwest of Fullerville. Planned for a depth of 2,500 feet, the development well is located in Section 88, Block 5, H&GN survey.

Borden County

Fagadau Energy Corp. will drill the No. 12 Clayton Ranch north unit in the Clayton Ranch field, 14 miles north of Gail. Planned for a depth of 6,700 feet, location is in Section 22, Block 31, T&P survey.

Phillips Petroleum will drill the No. 206 Jo-Mill unit in the Jo-Mill field, 12 miles southwest of Gail. Planned for a depth of 8,000 feet, location is in Section 9, Block 33, T4N, T&P survey.

Phillips Petroleum will drill the No. 910 Jo-Mill field unit, 14 miles southwest of Gail. Also contracted for 8,000 feet, location is in Section 21, Block 33, T4N, T&P survey.

Mitchell County

Baytech Inc. has completed the No. 2-10 Nail in the Little Pig field, six miles northwest of Silver. The well was finaled to produce 78 barrels of oil and no water. Perforations were from 6,942-963 feet, and location is in Section 10, Block 12, H&TC survey.

Fina Oil and Chemical has completed the No. 535 Westbrook southeast field unit, three miles northwet of Westbrook. The venture was finaled to produce 21 barrels of 26 gravity oil and 136 barrels of water. Perforations were from 2,980-3,105 feet, and location is in Section 28, Block 28, T1N, T&P survey.

Garza County

Primrose Operating Co. has completed the No. 177 Fuller in the Dorward field, nine miles southeast of Justiceburg. The well was finaled to produce 26 barrels of 35 gravity oil and 88 barrels of water. Perforations were from 1,928-2,542 feet, and location is in Section 111, Block 5, H&GN survey.

Kent County

Sharp Image Energy has completed the No. 1 Salt Creek north field, 22 miles northwest of Jayton. The wildcat was completed to produce 104 barrels of 36 gravity oil and 84 barrels of water. Perforations were from 6,734-738 feet, and location is in Section 65, Block 1, H&GN survey.

Howard County

Costilla Petroleum Corp. will drill the No. 1-10 Coconut in the Land-O-Lakes field, 10 miles nrothwest of Big Spring. Planned for a depth of 11,000 feet, location is in Section 10, Block 34, T1N, T&P survey.

Costilla Petroleum will drill the No. 1-5 Davis in the Land-O-Lake field, 10 miles northwest of Big Spring. Contracted for 11,000 feet, location is in Section 5, Block 34, T1N, T&P survey.

Costilla Petroleum will drill the No. 1-34 Rowland in the Talbott field, 10 miles nrotheast of Big Spring. Planned for a depth of 9,000 feet, location is in Section 34, Block 32, T2N, T&P survey.

Exxon will drill the No. 69 Vealmoor east field unit, 19 miles northeast of Big Spring. The re-entry project is planned for 7,600 feet, and location is in Section 20, Block 27, H&TC survey.

Rasmussen Operating will drill the No. 1 Good Doobie in the Vealmoor field, three miles southeast of Vealmoor. Planned for a depth of 8,400 feet, drill site is in Section 33, Block 32, T3N, T&P survey.

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Cholla Petroleum Inc. will drill the No. 1 Roden in the Regular field, three miles southwest of Sweetwater. Planned for a depth of 4,300 feet, location is in Section 70, Block 22, T&P surv

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Scurry County Museum's summer hours are Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday are by appointment only.

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

Alateen; Park Club at Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; for more information call 573-8971 or 573-2101; 8 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

Ladies' Golf Association; Snyder Country Club; tee time 9 a.m.

Alpha Study Club luncheon; MAWC; Elizabeth McCloskey, hostess; noon

Weight Watchers; Trinity Methodist Church (south wing); noon; for more information, call 1-800-359-3131.

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 Garden Club salad luncheon; home of Billie Jean Sterling; plans will be made for the county fair flower show; 11:30 a.m.

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.

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.

Deep Creek Chapter ABWA; The Shack; 6:30 p.m.

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

Codependents Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; 37th & Ave. M; for information call 573-7358; 7 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.

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.

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.

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

Narcotics Anonymous Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-2101, 573-0949, 573-3667 or 573-1579; 5 p.m.

Beginners Alcoholics Anonymous and Narcotics Anonymous; Park Club at Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; 7 p.m.

Candidate says prime-time speech is paying off for him

CORPUS CHRISTI (AP) — U.S. Senate hopeful Victor Morales says his three minutes of prime-time exposure at the Democratic National Convention may be paying off.

The upstart challenger hoping to topple Republican incumbent Phil Gramm said that after his speech last week in Chicago, several cab drivers there asked him, "Aren't you the guy with the white pickup truck?"

The Mesquite schoolteacher whose trademark truck has carried him more than 60,000 miles since his campaign began also told a group gathered at a fund-raiser here Sunday that a Miami Democrat and others have offered to help him raise money to beat Gramm.

"Just in the short time I've been back, people around me have come up and said, 'I saw your speech, I loved your speech.' It was a tremendous boost," Morales said.

He said he hopes the TV appearance also will boost President Clinton's re-election campaign in an effort to carry Texas.

Morales' supporters, sporting buttons with pictures of Clinton and Morales, filled the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Union hall. After that event, Morales attended an outdoor festival.

Morales told supporters that Gramm's recent attacks show his character and fear.

"He's scared. He's trying to change his entire image," Morales said. "For example, this last week his big deal was day care. All of a sudden now he's concerned about child care tax breaks. When has Phil Gramm in the last 11 years made that a big project?"

Said Larry Neal, a Gramm spokesman: "Victor Morales still doesn't know where he stands on such major issues as saving Medicare but has taken a handful of positions that we believe Texans disagree with. He stands for higher taxes, he opposes the balanced budget amendment to the Constitution, he's in favor of gays in the military. Sen. Gramm simply disagrees with Mr. Morales on those and many other issues."

Morales said his campaign focus remains the same — that he is an honest, everyday, intelligent man.

Prison fund-raising go-ahead sought

HUNTSVILLE (AP) — Prison officials will ask the state ethics commission whether they can once again allow employees to raise money from inmates and their families for training or charities, The Huntsville Item reported in a copyright story.

The employee activities were halted last month by Wayne Scott, executive director of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, after questions arose about raising funds from captive consumers.

The fund-raisers included food sales and photo services on prison visitation days.

"Any efforts by the agency that could even have the perception of illegality or that are different from our mission should have the advice and consent of the Texas Ethics Commission and the Criminal Justice Board," said state Rep. Allen Hightower of Huntsville, chairman of the House Corrections Committee.

TDCJ officials said that there's no central accounting for the funds generated and no guarantee that the money doesn't end up in the employees' pockets rather than going toward a particular charity or cause.

But Gary Johnson, director of the TDCJ's institutional division, and other TDCJ officials have insisted that most of the state's 72 prisons keep a close eye on their own fund-raising activities.

Scott said current employee food and photo sale fund-raisers have been monitored by off-duty employee committees on each of the units.

"I think that's a good safeguard," he said.

The suspension of the fund-raisers, while the agency conducts a review, froze $300,000 in employee accounts. Another $1.8 million already has been dispersed.

A state prison committee will submit a list of questions to the ethics commission about fund-raising.

"We'll abide by what they tell us," Scott said.

TDCJ's review so far has shown that no state time was used to raise money, Scott said. Officers who participate at the end of their shifts must not be in uniform, he said.

In 1985, the Texas Legislature prohibited Texas Department of Corrections employees from raising money for their own use on state time.

The Appropriations Committee removed the prohibition during the last legislative session, but only because the employee accounts had long been dissolved, said David McNutt, TDCJ's deputy director of administrative services.

Some of the money from recent fund-raisers paid for books and materials used in employee personal-enrichment training. Other funds have paid for other types of employee training such as emergency response and gang intelligence.

The bulk of the total funds raised by all TDCJ divisions, almost $1 million, already has been disbursed to charities.

Aggressive Asian tiger mosquitoes are breeding

DALLAS (AP) — Scott Sawlis says Asian tigers are North Central Texas' top pest problem this year.

Ultra-aggressive Asian tiger mosquitoes, that is. The daytime-loving insect takes a more painful bite that leaves a bigger welt than most folks are used to, says Sawlis, an entomologist with the Dallas County Health Department.

Properly named Aedes albopictus, the mosquito is "the No. 1 pest problem reported to the County Health Department this year," he says.

Sawlis' department has positively identified the Asian tiger species as the culprit in most of the complaints it has investigated.

The mosquito is named for the white stripes on its black body, but the name could just as easily refer to its aggressive nature.

The females require a blood meal to produce batches of 40 to 60 eggs, and they don't give up easily, says Dr. Jim Olson, professor of medical entomology at Texas A&M University in College Station.

Their primary mealtimes are early to midmorning and again in late afternoon. But a warm-blooded target is open season all day in shade and near foliage plants.

These persistent pests will give chase in shade or sun until their thirst is quenched, Olson says.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder



North 09-02-96
♠Q 10 6 3
♥A 2
♦Q 9 5 4
♣10 7 2

West
♠K J 8 5 4
♥7 3
♦8 6
♣9 8 6 5

East
♠A 7 2
♥8 4
♦A K J 10 7
♣K 4 3

South
♠9
♥K Q J 10 9 6 5
♦3 2
♣A Q J

Vulnerable: East-West
Dealer: East

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Opening lead: ♦ 8

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The paper turned yellow

By Phillip Alder

John Milton wrote, "By labor and intent study (which I take to be my portion in this life), joined with the strong propensity of nature, I might perhaps leave something so written to after-times, as they should not willingly let it die." Quite right too, but surely he will be much more successful than I at having his writing not die!

Nevertheless, while I am still laboring, study this deal. How should the play go in four hearts after West has led the diamond eight?

The contract, which was reported by Spaniard Manuel Sarti, defeated all seven declarers in a tournament. They ruffed the third round of diamonds high, drew two rounds of trumps ending in the dummy, took the club finesse and cashed the club ace. When the king didn't drop, they conceded one down.

Could East have only two clubs? Not really, because that would mean he had opened one no-trump with 4-2-5-2 shape.

Given that East has three clubs and that there is only one dummy entry for two finesses, South must run all his trumps after taking one club finesse. Dummy has left the queen-10 of spades and a club, declarer one spade and the ace-jack of clubs. Which three cards does East keep? He must hold two clubs, so comes down to one spade. If he retains the ace, a low-spade exit endplays him to lead away from the club king. Yet if East jettisons the ace, a low spade toward dummy's queen leaves West with no answer. South must score a 10th trick with either dummy's spade queen or his club jack.

To defeat the contract for sure, East should cash the spade ace at trick two or three.

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ACROSS

1 Govt. housing org.
4 Army meal
8 High plateau
12 Comparative suffix
13 Frank
14 Like a race track
15 Tropical fruit
16 — qua non
17 Weight allowance
18 Wear away
20 Method of accomplishing something
22 Bullfight cheer
24 Type of bread
25 Christmas item (2 wds.)
29 Propel
33 — Got a Secret
34 Adam's grandson
36 Hidden obstacle
37 — — My Heart
39 Emulate Sinatra
41 Uncle (Sp.)
42 Studio item
44 Wrestling holds
46 Scooby —
48 Organ for hearing
49 Leaf stalk
53 TV's Pat —
57 At the peak
58 Speaker's platform
60 Actress Lupino
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62 Medieval slave
63 Pres. initials
64 Young boys
65 Warm colors
66 Pudgy

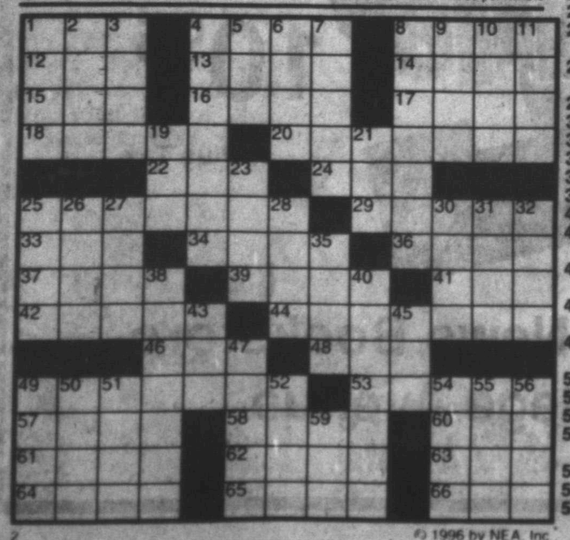
DOWN

1 — and drum corps
2 Inheritor
3 Southern constellation
4 White wine
5 Spire ornament
6 Transmitted
7 Express scorn
8 Moms
9 Novelist Hunter
10 Indian garment
11 Actor Baldwin
19 Female deer
21 Dancer Charisse
23 Long times
25 Cry of pain
26 Part of the eye
27 Lower appendages
28 Enter (2 wds.)
30 Not out of
31 Conceited
32 Psyche parts
35 Large knife
38 — complex
40 Goggles
43 Old card game
45 Mrs. in Madrid
47 Having more seniority
49 Beatle McCartney
50 Lab burner
51 Frog's cousin
52 Alleviate
54 Short period (sl.)
55 Sand lizard
56 Small vehicle
59 North of Ky.

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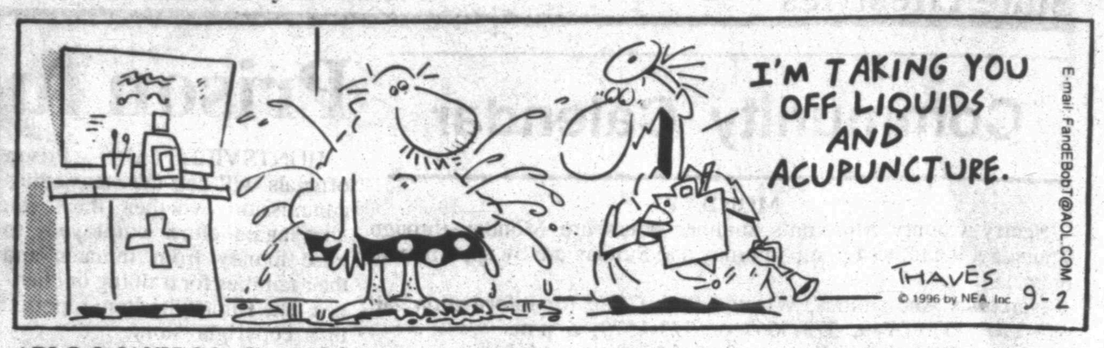
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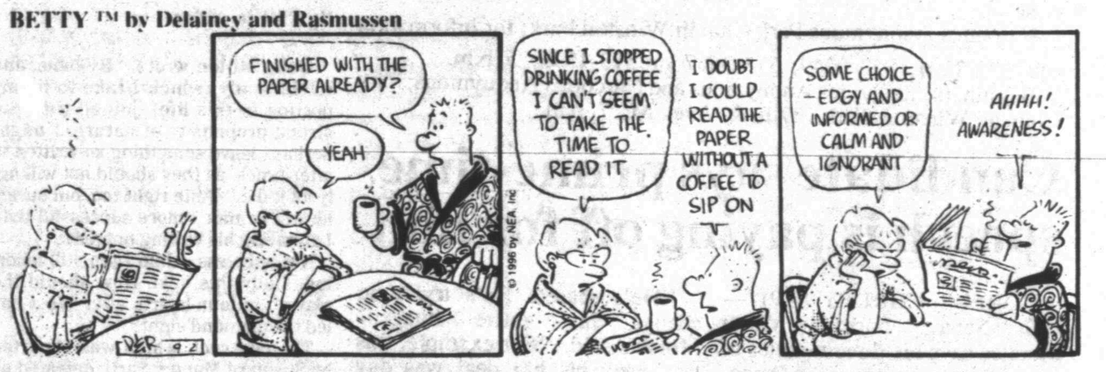
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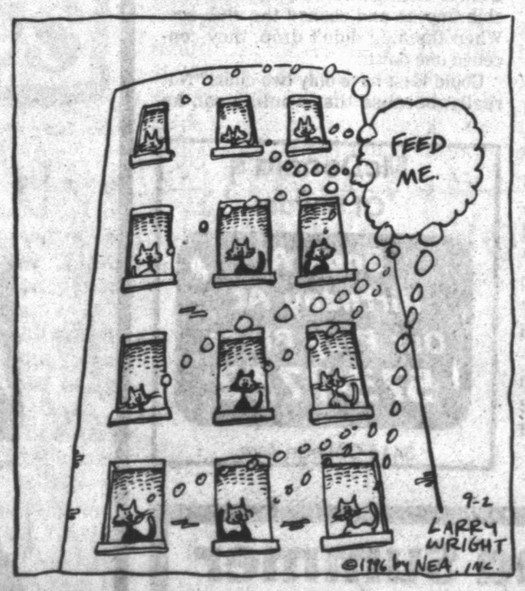
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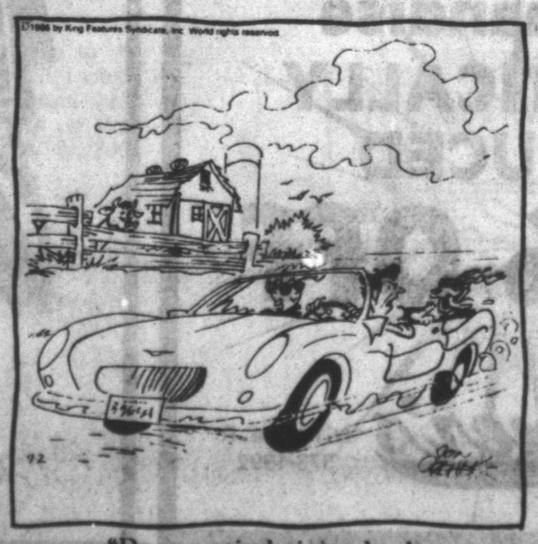


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American League Standings
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East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
NewYork	76	60	.559	—
Baltimore	72	64	.529	4
Boston	70	67	.511	6½
Toronto	63	74	.460	13½
Detroit	49	88	.358	27½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Cleveland	81	55	.596	—
Chicago	74	64	.536	8
Minnesota	68	69	.496	13½
Milwaukee	66	72	.478	16
KansasCity	63	75	.457	19

West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Texas	77	59	.566	—
Seattle	71	65	.522	6
Oakland	66	73	.475	12½
California	63	74	.460	14½

Saturday's Games
Kansas City 3, Detroit 1
Chicago 5, Toronto 1
Baltimore 7, Seattle 6
Milwaukee 3, Minnesota 2
Texas 6, Cleveland 3
Oakland 8, Boston 0
New York 14, California 3
Sunday's Games
Chicago 4, Toronto 2, 11 innings
Kansas City 3, Detroit 2, 13 innings
Minnesota 6, Milwaukee 2
Cleveland 8, Texas 2
California 4, New York 0
Boston 8, Oakland 3
Seattle 5, Baltimore 1
Monday's Games
Kansas City (Belcher 12-8) at Toronto (Hanson 11-15), 1:05 p.m.
Cleveland (Lopez 4-4) at Milwaukee (McDonald 10-9), 2:05 p.m.
Detroit (Sager 3-3) at Chicago (Baldwin 10-4), 2:05 p.m.
New York (Cone 4-1) at Oakland (Prieto 4-6), 4:05 p.m.
Minnesota (Aguilera 7-6) at Texas (Hill 14-7), 8:35 p.m.
Boston (Clemens 8-11) at Seattle (Wolcott 7-10), 9:05 p.m.
Baltimore (Mussina 17-9) at California (Boskie 12-7), 10:05 p.m.

National League Standings
East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Atlanta	84	52	.618	—
Montreal	73	62	.541	10½
Florida	66	71	.482	18½
NewYork	61	76	.445	23½
Philadelphia	55	82	.401	29½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Houston	74	64	.536	—
St.Louis	72	65	.526	1½
Chicago	68	67	.504	4½
Cincinnati	67	69	.493	6
Pittsburgh	57	79	.419	16

West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
SanDiego	76	62	.551	—
LosAngeles	74	62	.544	1
Colorado	70	68	.507	6
SanFrancisco	58	76	.433	16

Saturday's Games
Chicago 12, Atlanta 0
Houston 5, Pittsburgh 4
New York 7, San Francisco 2
Los Angeles 11, Philadelphia 7
Montreal 4, San Diego 2
Cincinnati 22, Florida 8
St. Louis 2, Colorado 1
Sunday's Games
Florida 6, Cincinnati 1
Pittsburgh 9, Houston 5
Montreal 7, San Diego 6
Chicago 2, Atlanta 1, 12 innings
New York 6, San Francisco 5, 10 innings
St. Louis 15, Colorado 6
Philadelphia 6, Los Angeles 3
Monday's Games
Houston (Kile 10-8) at St. Louis (Osborne 11-8), 1:05 p.m.
San Francisco (VanLandingham 8-13) at Montreal (M.Leiter 7-10), 1:35 p.m.
Los Angeles (Astacio 8-7) at New York (Clark 12-10), 1:40 p.m.
Colorado (Ritz 13-10) at Pittsburgh (Loaiza 0-1), 3:05 p.m.
Chicago (Trachsel 11-7) at Florida (Valdes 0-2), 4:35 p.m.
San Diego (Valenzuela 11-7) at Philadelphia (Hunter 2-4), 7:35 p.m.
Atlanta (Wade 5-0) at Cincinnati (Carrara 1-0), 7:35 p.m.

NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE

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AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East

	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
Buffalo	1	0	0	1.000	23	20
Indianapolis	1	0	0	1.000	20	13
Miami	1	0	0	1.000	24	10
NewEngland	0	1	0	.000	10	24
N.Y.Jets	0	1	0	.000	6	31

Central

Baltimore	1	0	0	1.000	19	14
Jacksonville	1	0	0	1.000	24	9
Cincinnati	0	1	0	.000	16	26
Houston	0	1	0	.000	19	20
Pittsburgh	0	1	0	.000	9	24

West

Denver	1	0	0	1.000	31	6
KansasCity	1	0	0	1.000	20	19
SanDiego	1	0	0	1.000	29	7
Oakland	0	1	0	.000	14	19
Seattle	0	1	0	.000	7	29

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East

	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
Philadelphia	1	0	0	1.000	17	14
Dallas	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Arizona	0	1	0	.000	13	20
N.Y.Giants	0	1	0	.000	20	23
Washington	0	1	0	.000	14	17

Central

GreenBay	1	0	0	1.000	34	3
Minnesota	1	0	0	1.000	17	13
Chicago	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Detroit	0	1	0	.000	13	17
TampaBay	0	1	0	.000	3	34

West

Carolina	1	0	0	1.000	29	6
St.Louis	1	0	0	1.000	26	16
SanFrancisco	1	0	0	1.000	27	11
Atlanta	0	1	0	.000	6	29
NewOrleans	0	1	0	.000	11	27

Sunday's Games
Indianapolis 20, Arizona 13
Philadelphia 17, Washington 14
Baltimore 19, Oakland 14
Jacksonville 24, Pittsburgh 9
Kansas City 20, Houston 19
Carolina 29, Atlanta 6
St. Louis 26, Cincinnati 16
Minnesota 17, Detroit 13
Green Bay 34, Tampa Bay 3
Miami 24, New England 10
Denver 31, New York Jets 6
San Diego 29, Seattle 7
San Francisco 27, New Orleans 11
Buffalo 23, New York Giants 20, OT
Monday's Game
Dallas at Chicago, 9 p.m.
Sunday, Sept. 8
Baltimore at Pittsburgh, 1 p.m.
Carolina at New Orleans, 1 p.m.
Chicago at Washington, 1 p.m.
Houston at Jacksonville, 1 p.m.
Indianapolis at New York Jets, 1 p.m.
Minnesota at Atlanta, 1 p.m.
New England at Buffalo, 1 p.m.
Oakland at Kansas City, 1 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Detroit, 1 p.m.
Cincinnati at San Diego, 4 p.m.
Denver at Seattle, 4 p.m.
New York Giants at Dallas, 4 p.m.
St. Louis at San Francisco, 4 p.m.
Miami at Arizona, 8 p.m.
Monday, Sept. 9
Philadelphia at Green Bay, 9 p.m.

Wannstedt takes on former team

CHICAGO (AP) — The Dallas Cowboys finished the 1992 regular season with a 27-14 victory over the Chicago Bears. Dallas went on to win the Super Bowl. Chicago went on to end one era and start another.

Mike Ditka, the symbol of modern-day Bears football, was fired as the team's coach after a 5-11 season. Dave Wannstedt, Dallas' defensive coordinator, was hired to succeed him.

Ever since, Wannstedt has been rebuilding the Bears. Only eight players remain from the Ditka regime; Kevin Butler, the last member of Ditka's 1985 championship club, was cut last month.

Now, Wannstedt says, "all the pieces are in place" for the Bears — his Bears — to make a run at the Super Bowl. He'll get his first look at how those pieces connect Monday night, when a national television audience watches his team open the season against the defending champion Cowboys.

It is the first time Wannstedt will meet his former club in a regular-season game.

"There's a little something extra, I'll admit it, but it's not enough for me to lay awake at night thinking about," Wannstedt said. "Dallas will always be part of me, but you have to tell yourself it's just another game. It's time for battle."

Under then-Dallas coach Jimmy Johnson, Wannstedt built a defense that used both quickness and strength to overwhelm opponents. While everyone talks about Troy Aikman, Emmitt Smith, Michael Irvin and other offensive stars, defensive excellence has been a constant as the Cowboys have won three of the last four Super Bowls.

"I hated to see him leave and go to Chicago," Aikman said. "He was very tough with the players, but guys really respected and rallied around him. He's got a wonderful ability to relate to players and still have control of the team. Dave is an outstanding coach."

Vinson Smith was a starting linebacker for the Cowboys in 1992. After Wannstedt got the Chicago job, he traded for Smith.

"If you knew what you were doing, he respected what you had to say and gave you the benefit of the doubt," Smith said. "If you were a knucklehead, he'd treat you like you deserved to be treated — he'd be in your face. He's still like that as a head coach."

Ditka won a Super Bowl in his fourth season as Bears coach. This is Wannstedt's fourth season. Progress under Ditka was easy to chart — from 3-6 to 8-8 to 10-6 to 15-1 and a championship. Wannstedt has coached the Bears to 7-9, 9-7 and 9-7 records; the Bears advanced to the second round of the playoffs in his second season but missed the postseason entirely last year.

Progress? Many Bears fans don't think so. But management showed its faith in Wannstedt by extending his contract through the year 2000.

Though Wannstedt insists that all the pieces are in place, his Bears showed little during preseason. And they go into the opener without top runner Rashaan Salaam, who is injured.

Nevertheless, a confident Wannstedt said he won't have to be a great motivator to get his team ready for the Cowboys.

"There won't be any reason for a whole lot of pep talks," he said. "You're playing the world champions, you're playing them at home, you're playing on Monday night. The stage is set."

Astros' pitching lets down in 9-5 defeat

PITTSBURGH (AP) — The Houston Astros blew an opportunity to keep their 2½-game lead in the NL Central. All the Pittsburgh Pirates missed was the chance to deal off more players.

The Astros' pitching let them down Sunday in a 9-5 loss to Pittsburgh that cut their lead to 1½ games as they begin an important three-game series today in St. Louis.

Houston couldn't hold a 4-3 lead as Pittsburgh scored six times in the seventh inning after Derek Bell failed to hold a fly ball and Brian Hunter couldn't run another one down.

But if the Astros were devastated by their inability to finish off the last-place Pirates and sweep the three-game series, they didn't act like it.

"This team can come back from anything," said Danny Darwin (9-11), the ex-Pirates pitcher who is winless in three starts since he was traded back to Houston. 'This club won't get down because of this. They'll shake it off and be ready to go."

They might want to start soon. The Cardinals, who beat Colorado 15-6 Sunday, are 8-2 against Houston.

"If we go in and win two of three, it helps us," Astros manager Terry Collins said. "I know we can't afford to get swept. We need to go in and win one or two. I still feel this is going down to the last week of the season."

Houston game looks like home for Chiefs

HOUSTON (AP) — It looks like the Houston Oilers can forget any thoughts of home field advantage this season at the Astrodome.

With the Oilers heading for Nashville, Tenn., as early as next year, but for certain in 1998, Houstonians who used to flock to the dome voted with their feet Sunday at the Oilers' home opener.

A lot of them stayed home.

The announced attendance was 27,725, making it one of the smallest Oilers home crowds ever. Last year's home attendance averaged 36,108.

"I had to keep my voice down in the huddle," Oilers quarterback Chris Chandler, fearing the opposition Kansas City Chiefs would hear his plays, said after his team lost the season opener 20-19 to the Chiefs. "It would be nice to have 50,000 (fans), but we don't."

It looked like more people were wearing Chiefs red than Oilers blue in the crowd, and the entire half of the stadium behind the Chiefs' bench appeared to be Kansas City fans.

"Obviously we're delighted with the support here," Kansas City coach Marty Schottenheimer said. "I don't think you can minimize it."

"I noticed it a lot," added Chiefs linebacker Derrick Thomas. "It was a tremendous emotional lift."

The Astrodome, which used to be called by the Oilers the "House of Pain," might better be called now the "House of Lame," as in lame duck.

"It is very depressing," said Marcy Foster, wearing an Oilers shirt and seated by herself in an entire stadium section just before the game. "I am so brokenhearted I can't see straight. This seems so pitiful, so pathetic."

At the Astrodome gift shop, racks of Oilers shirts were ignored. A steady stream of customers went to the Chiefs display.

Seitzer sparks Indians to win

ARLINGTON (AP) — Kevin Seitzer expected to join the Cleveland Indians today when they arrived in Milwaukee to play the Brewers, the team they acquired him from late Saturday night.

The Indians, however, had other ideas.

They wanted Seitzer to play Sunday against the Rangers in Texas, where Cleveland was 0-5 this season. So Seitzer got three hours sleep, caught a flight to Dallas and arrived at The Ballpark at 12:30 p.m.

When the game began at 2:05 p.m., Seitzer was the designated hitter, batting second.

Turns out, he was exactly the spark the Indians needed. Seitzer went 4-for-5 with two doubles, an RBI and a run scored as Cleveland won 8-2.

"They really pressured me into coming down, to be honest," said Seitzer, laughing. "It wasn't really a choice. So I said 'OK, I'll be there.' If they had told me if you get here you'll be 4-for-5, I would've flown to Japan for 4-for-5."

As the Indians' No. 2 batter, Seitzer finds himself in the cushiest position this side of the NBC time slot between "Friends" and "Seinfeld."

Hitting behind AL stolen base king Kenny Lofton and before bashers Jim Thome and Albert Belle, Seitzer must take pitches so Lofton can steal, hit behind Lofton to get him into position for the RBI guys and get on base himself to keep the high-octane offense charging.

That's no problem for Seitzer, who has thrived in that role for the last 11 years, although it's been obscured a bit because he's played for Kansas City and Milwaukee.

Huddle masses

NFL teams with the highest total paid attendance

Team	Attendance
Kansas City Chiefs	1,137,262
Miami Dolphins	1,112,597
New York Giants	1,105,812
Buffalo Bills	1,101,043
Jacksonville Jaguars	1,085,392
San Francisco 49ers	1,082,003
Chicago Bears	1,069,963
Denver Broncos	1,067,808
Cleveland Browns	1,059,699
New York Jets	1,054,354



Source: NFL — NEA Graphic

Last season, 14 of the NFL's 30 clubs drew a total attendance of more than 1 million fans. Total attendance is calculated by adding a team's home attendance figure to its visiting attendance figure.

NCAA FOOTBALL TOP 25

By The Associated Press
The Top Twenty Five teams in The Associated Press college football poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Aug. 31, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote, and last week's ranking:

	Record	Pts	Pvs
1.Nebraska(49)	0-0-0	1,642	1
2.Tennessee(8)	1-0-0	1,566	2
3.FloridaSt.(5)	0-0-0	1,516	3
4.Florida(1)	1-0-0	1,484	4
5.Colorado(3)	1-0-0	1,405	5
6.NotreDame(1)	0-0-0	1,311	6
7.PennSt.	1-0-0	1,266	7
8.Texas	1-0-0	1,128	8
9.Syracuse	0-0-0	1,062	10
10.OhioSt.	0-0-0	1,036	9
11.Miami	1-0-0	923	11
12.Michigan	1-0-0	845	12
13.Northwestern	0-0-0	663	15
14.Alabama	1-0-0	660	13
15.VirginiaTech	0-0-0	625	14
16.BrighamYoung	2-0-0	589	19
17.LSU	0-0-0	538	18
18.Auburn	1-0-0	511	16
19.SouthernCal	0-1-0	456	17
20.ArizonaSt.	0-0-0	447	20
21.KansasSt.	1-0-0	438	21
22.Iowa	0-0-0	354	22
23.Virginia	0-0-0	242	24
24.NorthCarolina	1-0-0	237	—
25.TexasA&M	0-1-0	227	23

Others receiving votes: Kansas 207, Oregon 116, Washington 110, East Carolina 41, Michigan St. 35, San Diego St. 19, Southern Miss. 18, Stanford 11, Clemson 8, Wyoming 8, Wisconsin 7, Texas Tech 6, West Virginia 5, Arkansas 3, Louisville 3, Toledo 3, Utah 3, UCLA 1.

Alabama teams drop after victories; no changes in top 8

By The Associated Press

Alabama and Auburn won. So did Kansas.

So what happens? The Crimson Tide and Tigers dropped in The Associated Press Top 25 college football poll Sunday, while the Jayhawks actually fell out of the ratings.

The top eight teams remained unchanged, led by No. 1 Nebraska and No. 2 Tennessee, but Alabama fell one spot to No. 14 despite a 21-7 win over Bowling Green.

Auburn, with a 29-0 victory over Division I-A newcomer Alabama-Birmingham, tumbled from 16th to 18th in the balloting by the 67 sports writers and broadcasters who vote in the poll.

Kansas beat Ball State 35-10 Thursday night, but fell from No. 25 to make room for North Carolina, which beat Clemson 45-0 Saturday. The Tar Heels are ranked 24th.

Nebraska, which opens the season Saturday at home against Michigan State, retained the top spot with 49 first-place votes and 1,642 points. The Volunteers, 62-3 winners over UNLV, had eight first-place votes and 1,566 points.

Florida State, opening Saturday at home against Duke, was third with five first-place votes and 1,516 points. Florida, a 55-21 winner over Southwestern Louisiana, was fourth with one first-place vote, followed by Colorado, Notre Dame, Penn State and Texas. The Buffaloes, who beat Washington State 37-19, received three first-place votes and Notre Dame got one.

The Fighting Irish open the season Thursday night at Vanderbilt.

Syracuse was ninth and Ohio State 10th — the teams reversed spots from a week ago despite both being idle — followed by Miami, Michigan, Northwestern, Alabama, Virginia Tech, Brigham Young, LSU, Auburn, Southern California and Arizona State.

Kansas State stayed at No. 21, followed by Iowa, Virginia, North Carolina and Texas A&M.

BYU, unranked in the preseason, continued its climb in the rankings. Last week, the Cougars were 19th after a 41-37 upset of Texas A&M. With their 58-9 win over Arkansas State, the Cougars moved up three more places.

The Big 12, Big Ten and Southeastern Conference has five teams apiece in the Top 25. The Big 12 has three of the top eight teams — Nebraska, Colorado and Texas. The Big Ten has four of the top 13 teams — Penn State, Ohio State, Michigan and Northwestern.

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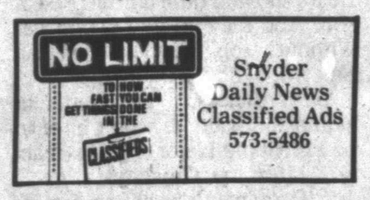
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Area law officers kept busy with arrests, reports of theft

In a busy weekend for Snyder area peace officers, nine arrests were made. Five reports of theft were submitted along with three disturbance reports.

On a routine traffic stop at 3:59 p.m. Sunday, officers arrested a 16-year-old male runaway in the 1800 block of McGlaun. The juvenile was charged with unauthorized use of a motor vehicle and released to a Nolan County probation officer. Officers also arrested a 17-year-old male for possesion of marijuana at the same time.

A report of a burglarized vehicle was made at 5:23 p.m. at 2005 Ave. N. A 15-year-old juvenile suspect was located at 22nd and Avenue L. minutes later, and the stolen items were recovered and the case cleared.

An officer was requested in reference to four juveniles trying to pass a forged check at 7:51 p.m Sunday at Town and Country. The check and checkbook were recovered, and three juveniles were transported to the police department and later released to their parents.

Officers arrested a 39-year-old male at 7:48 a.m. Saturday in the 700 block of 26th Street for driving while intoxicated.

At 5:34 p.m. Saturday, a 17-year-old male was arrested for public intoxication at Anthony's.

Following a disturbance report at 6:58 p.m. Saturday, a 28-year-old male was arrested for public intoxication at 7:18 at Snyder Oaks.

At 3:51 p.m. Saturday a 21-year-old male was arrested for unlawfully carrying a weapon and a 22-year-old male was arrested for public intoxication at 30th and Avenue B.

At 2:55 a.m. Sunday, officers arrested a 19-year-old male for driving while intoxicated, and a 25-year-old male for public intoxication in the 2000 block of College Avenue.

A 27-year-old male was arrested on an outstanding warrant for assault at 4:23 a.m. Sunday in the 3100 block of 40th street.

Police responded to the report of an assault at 3:41 a.m. Sunday in the 3100 block of 40th Street. An officer was dispatched and later reported that no assault had taken place.

At 9:29 p.m. Sunday, police responded to a fight in the Cinema I & II parking lot. No charges were filed.

Charles McKinney requested an officer at 711 30th at 8:53 a.m. Saturday in reference to someone taking a gun from a residence.

At 9:20 a.m. Saturday, a woman requested an officer to 3606 Hill Ave. in reference to a report of theft. The woman reported seeing two subjects on the premises but officers found all in order and nothing missing from the residence.

At 2:03 p.m. Saturday, a report of criminal mischief was made in regard to damage to signs along CR 394.

A report of gas drive off was submitted at 6:06 p.m. at Taylor's Food Mart.

Officers responded to report of juveniles fighting at 9:45 p.m. at Snyder Lanes.

A report of someone shooting at birds on Ennis Creek Road was made at 8:32 a.m. Sunday.

A report of a gas drive off was submitted at 7 p.m. at the Plaza. Two subjects in a gray Cavalier were reported east bound on Highway 84 but officers were unable to locate anyone.

At 8:16 p.m. a dog bite was reported at 1011 29th St. An offense report for dog bite will be submitted.

An attempt to locate report was submitted by a woman at 8:45 p.m. Sunday who told officers a male in a gray van tried to pick up her son. A van fitting the description was located at a local motel but the subject denied being involved. No arrest was made.

A deputy was requested at 8:47 p.m. Sunday at the Pondorosa Motel in reference to a subject sneaking inside a motel room, spending the night and not paying.

At 9:29 p.m. a report of possible shots was submitted in the block of 33rd and Avenue A. Officer was dispatched and found children popping fire crackers.

Officers responded to a report of mischief at 10:33 p.m. at 1803 Scott. A subject was seen throwing an object at a vehicle window. A report for Class B criminal mischief will be submitted.

Many federal contractors said violating safety rules

WASHINGTON (AP) — Companies cited for violating workplace health and safety regulations nevertheless were awarded $38 billion in federal contracts in 1994, congressional investigators said today.

About 22 percent of all government contract dollars were given to 261 companies despite significant penalties assessed for violating the Occupational Safety and Health Act, the General Accounting Office reported.

Significant penalties, more than $15,000, were assessed in 3 percent of all inspections by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration, said the GAO, Congress' investigative arm. Federal contractors earned penalties in 16 percent of those cases.

The 261 federal contractors, some of whom were penalized at more than one worksite, were assessed $24.1 million in penalties, but OSHA settled for $10.9 million through arbitration or other settlements, the study found.

The report was requested by Sens. Paul Simon, D-Ill., and Edward Kennedy, D-Mass., working on separate legislation to tie federal contracts to companies' records on following health and safety regulations.

Federal contractors already are held to stricter standards than most employers. By executive order, contractors must develop affirmative action programs, and the Davis-Bacon Act forces those in service and construction to pay wages and benefits prevailing in their area.

"It is not unreasonable for federal contractors also to be held to a higher standard in the area of occupational safety and health," said Simon. He proposed legislation last year to deny federal contracts to companies "with a clear pattern and practice" of violating health and safety rules.

But United Parcel Service, whose 24 penalties in 1994 outnumbered all other federal contractors, doesn't like the idea of punishing companies for safety violations.

"I think a real critical element is the nature of those violations," UPS spokesman Mark Dickens said. "If you're operating a business that poses a real threat to the health and welfare of your employees, that's one thing. But if they are just something small, that's something else."

Hospital

ADMISSIONS: J.W. Carruth, Brownwood; Beatrice Lewis, 2212 28th; Bridget Preston, 1910 Coleman #4; Othelia Flores, Sweetwater; Billie Ostrander, 511 Ave. R; Tiffany Sneed, 3307 Ave. M; Esther Zamarripa, 1807 40th.

DISMISSALS: Shawndalyn Hill and baby, Wilma Fitzgerald, Emily Herrera, Triston Lopez, Bridget Preston, Lori Baldwin, J.W. Carruth, E.H. Kenny.

CENSUS: 53 (Med., Surg.-8, Long-term Care-40, CCU-1, OB-2, Nursery-2).

One-fourth workers are unhappy

WASHINGTON (AP) — About one-fourth of American workers feel angry on the job, and about the same number are anxious about losing their jobs, according to a study released to coincide with today's Labor Day holiday.

But overall, workers are contented and satisfied, said the survey released by The Marlin Company, a business publishing company.

"Employees are satisfied with the way their employers are treating them," said Sigal Barsade, coauthor of the study and a Yale University assistant professor of organizational behavior. "They feel they are treated with dignity and respect and that their employers fulfill their promises."

Because of the continuing pressures of reductions in the size of work forces, however, employers shouldn't become complacent, he said.

About 27 percent are somewhat or extremely anxious about losing their jobs within the next six months, the report found.

"I do not believe that employers should take this positive relationship as a given," Barsade said. "If employees feel much more pressure than they feel now, this positive mood may not be sustainable over the long term."

The Gallup Organization conducted the poll and said it conducted telephone interviews with 1,000 adults who held part- or fulltime jobs from July 13 to Aug. 7. The poll has a margin or error of plus or minus 3 percentage points.

Of nearly 25 percent of workers who reported feeling angry, the most common cause was the actions of a supervisor or manager. Other reasons included tight deadlines, lack of others' productivity and the actions of coworkers.

Nearly all survey respondents — 93 percent — said they feel some loyalty to their company.

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Seven die in lake where Smith boys drowned

UNION, S.C. (AP) — Tears welled in Tommy Vinson's eyes as he talked about John D. Long Lake, where Susan Smith drowned her two little boys in 1994, and seven people drowned over the weekend.

"It's like it's haunted or something," said Vinson, who knew one of the latest victims. "It keeps taking lives."

This small textile town is again dealing with tragedy after three adults and four children drowned Saturday night when their vehicle rolled into the lake. Five of the victims were from one family — a couple and their three children.

Foul play was not suspected, but autopsies were expected to be conducted today, Union County Sheriff Howard Wells said Sunday.

A group of 10 had driven out to the lake and parked next to the boat ramp where Ms. Smith killed her children. Their Chevrolet Suburban's headlights were shining on two memorials to the Smith boys, 3-year-old Michael and 14-month-old Alex.

Shortly after five members of the group got out to look at the memorials, the vehicle started to roll, Wells said.

It passed between the memorial markers and knocked over a young tree planted in the Smith boys' memory as it slid down a steep grassy embankment into about 20 feet of water.

Two adults, including the mother of three of the children, dived into the lake to help. They drowned along with everyone in the vehicle. The father of the children was behind the wheel and the gear shift was found in park, Wells said.

There were no skid marks or tire tracks to indicate the driver did anything to keep the vehicle from going into the water, Wells said.

"We have no indication of what could have caused this," said Wells, who spoke at a news conference in the same spot where he announced nearly two years ago that Ms. Smith confessed to drowning her boys.

The accident killed an entire family from Union: Tim Phillips, 26; his wife, Angela, 22; and Courtney, 4; Meleana, 1, and 4-month-old Kinsleigh, Wells said.

Also killed were Carl White, 29, of Campobello and 3-year-old Austin Roodvoets of Inman. Both towns are about 40 miles northwest of Union.

Angela Phillips and White died trying to save those in the truck. Some bodies were found outside the truck, indicating that some children were pulled out only to perish before they could be brought to the surface, Wells said.

Vinson, who knew Angela Phillips, said it was especially hard for him to learn that children had again died in the lake.

"We had a hard time getting over Michael and Alex," he said.

News of the deaths spread quickly in the town of about 10,000 people, 55 miles northwest of Columbia. A steady stream of people came to the lake Sunday, some still in their church clothes.

"It seems like there's a curse on this lake," said Janet Addison of Union, a Phillips' family friend.

On Oct. 25, 1994, Ms. Smith, distraught over a love affair, released the safety brake on her car and let it roll down a boat ramp with her sons still strapped inside in the back seat.

For nine days, she insisted that a black man had commandeered her car, and she begged tearfully on nationwide television for her sons' safe return. On Nov. 3, she confessed that she had drowned the boys.

Theology student caught with explosives

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — A theology student was arrested as he prepared to board a flight at Tampa International Airport with explosives and weapons in his luggage.

Police found five handmade explosive devices, bomb-making materials, two hand grenades, a 9mm pistol, about 180 rounds of ammunition and six military-style knives.

The FBI refused to speculate Sunday why Roman Regman, 21, was carrying the materials in his carry-on luggage while trying to pass through a security checkpoint Saturday.

"That's of course going to be one of the focuses of the investigation — to determine what the man's motive was," said FBI spokesman Brian Kensel.

Regman was charged with seven counts of carrying explosive devices, six counts of carrying weapons and one count of carrying a concealed firearm. He was being held without bail Sunday at Hillsborough County Jail.

Regman held a roundtrip ticket to the Wilkes Barre-Scranton, Pa., area, via Pittsburgh. He said he was returning to attend St. Tikhons Seminary in South Canaan near Scranton.

Bishop Herman Swaiko, rector of St. Tikhons, described Regman as a quiet person who kept to himself and was to start his third year of studying theology.

"He was a good student academically and we had no problem with him," said Swaiko, archbishop of Philadelphia for the Orthodox Church in America. "We are all shocked and saddened by what we have heard. It's hard to believe that that's the same person."

Regman, a Romanian citizen, came to the United States four years ago and is a legal resident. He lives with his mother in Brooksville, about 50 miles north of Tampa, said airport police Lt. Steve Marlovits.

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Tuesday, Sept. 3, 1996

In the year ahead you might become involved with two new and exciting friends. Each will have a positive influence on your life, even if they are very different from each other.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Conditions in general tend to be hopeful for you at present. In fact, a long-standing, ambitious desire might be fulfilled in a positive way.

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LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Make a concerted effort today to work hand in glove with your mate regarding a goal you share. You can achieve excellent results when you work as a team.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Do not resist changes just because you were not instrumental in bringing them about today. You can derive benefits from shifting circumstances.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Ambitious expectations can be fulfilled at this time, if you make them your priority. On your list of goals today, put the most meaningful ones first.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) This will be a good day to mix business and pleasure. The results will live up to your expectations if you behave properly.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) You will be happiest today when you are with people with whom you have strong emotional bonds. Gather your clan around you to share a memorable event.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Conditions in general look promising for you today, but your best chance of success could come from financial opportunities.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) A friend might impulsively offer you something of considerable value today. Receive this gift graciously because you will not want to hurt his or her feelings.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Your customary practicality and reserve will not be your dominant traits today. However, the absence of these qualities will surprise and please your friends.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) You will be in an intriguing cycle, and the more you give, the more you will receive in return, even though what you receive could come from different sources.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Companions might sit around and wait for things to happen today, but you will do what is necessary to make hopes and expectations reality.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) You might be in the right spot at just the right time today to reap a harvest from fields you have neither sown nor plowed. Make the most of it.

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Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

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Teens Who Can't Say No Get Words for Protection

DEAR READERS: Yesterday I printed some of the avalanche of mail I received when I asked readers to tell me how they just said "No" to sex. During the rest of this month I'll devote one column a week to other terrific responses.

DEAR ABBY: Parents are their children's most valuable sex educators and should not only provide them with "the facts," but also make sure they are familiar with the most frequently used "lines" they'll hear, so they won't fall for them.

They include: "You would if you loved me." "Everyone's doing it!" "I won't hurt you." "I'll still respect you." "I'll stop when you say so." "No one will ever know."

It's important that young women practice what they'll say before they are faced with the situation, because in the heat of the moment it's often too late. Josh McDowell, the author of "How to Help Your Child Say 'No' to Sexual Pressure," has provided the following pressure lines and possible answers:

Line: "Everyone's doing it."

Reply: Then you won't have a problem finding someone else.

Line: "If you love me, you'll have sex with me."

Reply: If you love *me*, you'll respect my feelings and stop.

Line: "Want to get in the back seat?"

Reply: No, I'd rather sit up front with you.

Line: "Sex will only cause our love to grow."

Reply: Into what? Parents?

Line: "You don't know what you're missing."

Reply: That'll make two of us!

Line: "Don't worry, I'll use protection."

Reply: You're going to need protection when Daddy finds out what you're trying!

JOYCE LE BRIGHT,
MILFORD, DEL.

DEAR ABBY: My response to boyfriends who want sex: "Show me an income, enough responsibility to be a good husband and that you want to be a great father, and I'll have sex." It worked for me.

Girls who are afraid of being rude should remember: Don't be afraid of being rude, because once he finds out that he's going to be the father of your child and will have to support it until it's of legal age, he won't think twice about being rude to you by denying he's the father and trying to ditch you and the baby.

The "reward" for a date should be your company. It shouldn't be sex.

DEBORAH FROM TACOMA, WASH.

DEAR ABBY: My daughter dated a young man she was crazy about for only five weeks when he began pressuring her for sex. Here's what she told him: "OK. It'll cost you about $75."

He asked her why.

"You'll need it for the license, the minister and the motel," she replied.

He said, "I get the point." Three months later he married her.

PROUD MOTHER IN TAMPA, FLA.

DEAR ABBY: The concerned counselor who told you the teen-age girls she counsels are getting pregnant after "going out" with a guy needs to update her knowledge of the modern vernacular. The phrase "going out" has replaced "going steady," and carries with it the implication of an intimate, long-term relationship that probably does include sexual intercourse. Those teen pregnancies she's encountering are more than a case of girls being unable to "just say no."

JERRILYN KAPLAN,
ALAMEDA, CALIF.

DEAR JERRILYN: You're right about the vernacular, but not necessarily correct about the teen-age girls.

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DEAR READERS: My next column on how to rebuff unwanted sexual advances will appear on Wednesday, Sept. 11. Stay tuned!

What teens need to know about sex, drugs, AIDS, and getting along with peers and parents is in "What Every Teen Should Know." To order, send a business-sized, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for $3.95 ($4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby, Teen Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, Ill. 61054-0447. (Postage is included.)

Date Book

Sept. 13, 1996

Today is the 257th day of 1996 and the 86th day of summer.



TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1788, Congress picked New York City as the capital of the new nation.

On this day in 1814, Francis Scott Key stood aboard a ship in Baltimore Harbor and witnessed the British bombardment of Fort McHenry.

On this day in 1939, Igor Sikorski made the first successful helicopter flight.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Walter Reed (1851-1902), bacteriologist; John J. Pershing (1860-1948), U.S. Army general; Sherwood Anderson (1876-1941), writer; Roald Dahl (1916-1990), writer; Mel Torme (1925-), singer, is 71; Judith Martin (1938-), columnist, is 58; Nell Carter (1948-), singer-actress, is 48.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1989, Fay Vincent became the eighth commissioner of baseball.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "The helicopter... approaches closer than any other (vehicle) to fulfillment of mankind's ancient dreams of the flying horse and the magic carpet." — Igor Sikorski

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1922, a high temperature of 136 degrees was measured during a dust storm at El Azzia, Libya.

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TODAY'S MOON: Day after new moon.

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Soldier kept names as American POWs died

WASHINGTON (AP) — Through four harsh summers and three brutal winters in North Korea, the "Tiger Group" of American POWs wasted away. Some froze. Some starved. Some were executed.

In all, about 500 of the original 758 captives died.

Secretly, almost miraculously, one survivor recorded each loss.

He is Wayne "Johnnie" Johnson, an 18-year-old private first class, six days at the war front, when North Koreans captured him and hundreds of other soldiers of the Army's 24th Infantry Division in July 1950 near Chochiwon, South Korea.

Now 64 and living in Phoenix, Ariz., Johnson talks uneasily of how he defiantly documented death for more than three years as a prisoner of war. It was a painful experience, which left permanent physical and psychological scars on the young man from Lima, Ohio.

In tiny handwriting, he clandestinely recorded each death, including about 100 during a nine-day "death march" in November 1950 along the Yalu River. Most were soldiers. Some were civilians, a few nuns, a Korean boy the guys called Johnny.

"I just felt like someone would want to know when these people had died," Johnson says.

His captors forbade recordkeeping, but Johnson quietly persisted. When the war's end brought freedom, he smuggled out his notes in a toothpaste tube.

If Johnson had not chronicled the deaths around him, no one would have: more than 8,100 Americans are listed as unaccounted for from the 1950-53 Korean War. All are presumed dead, but their bodies were not found.

In August, the Army awarded Johnson the Silver Star, one of the U.S. military's most prestigious honors, in a long-delayed salute to his courage and ingenuity.

That his deed went officially unrewarded for more than four decades is an example of how thoroughly the United States tried to forget a war that took more than 50,000 American lives and ended in unsatisfying stalemate.

On scraps of paper carefully hidden from prison guards, Johnson wrote down each fallen comrade's name, rank, Army unit, date of death and hometown. There was no room for details or explanations: just cold, bare facts.

"... William Griffith, F,34, 11-1-50, Pittsburgh, Pa." "F" was Johnson's designator for private first class; 34 meant the 34th Infantry Regiment.

"... Leonard Provost, P,21, 2-14-51, Santa Clara, N.Y." "P" meant private; 21 was the 21st Infantry Regiment, Johnson's unit.

On and on it goes.

First on Johnson's initial list were three or four fellow prisoners killed by an American warplane that strafed the small building in which they were held shortly after being captured. Stirred by the frightening, fatal wounds those men suffered, Johnson decided he should keep track of the deaths he would witness.

About 1½ years later the "Tiger Group," as they called themselves, was put in a POW camp along the Yalu River. In October 1951, Johnson copied his notes scribbled on scrap paper onto a few small sheets he stole from the camp's Chinese guards. He used stolen ink, which he mixed with soot to make it last longer. A stolen pen point was attached to a piece of sugar cane.

When he wasn't adding to the list, Johnson kept it in a mud wall of his prison shack until a guard found it. Johnson recalls the Chinese camp commander's reaction.

"He threatened me. He hit me with the butt of his pistol," Johnson said. The officer pummeled Johnson about the neck, arms and head with a stiff leather whip and assured him he would never return home if he broke the rules again.

Unbeknownst to the Chinese, however, Johnson had kept a second copy of his list hidden in an empty space beneath his shack's floor. His cryptic chronicling went on.

Mom charged with starving her four-year-old daughter

NEW YORK (AP) — A woman was charged with murder after authorities said she locked her 4-year-old daughter in a room and intentionally starved her to death because she didn't love the child.

Prosecutors said that Carla Lockwood, 32, admitted that she had mistreated her daughter, Nadine, because she did not want or love her, The New York Times reported today. In a statement to authorities, Lockwood said she had not fed Nadine regularly for a year.

During the past several months, Lockwood said she watched the girl deteriorate and weaken until she could no longer walk, stand up and finally sit up. She confined Nadine to a blanket-covered crib in a locked bedroom, she told authorities.

On Saturday night, Lockwood called Leroy Dickerson, the girl's father. Dickerson, who does not live with the family, went to the apartment and called 911 to report that Nadine was having trouble breathing. By the time police arrive, she had died.

Lockwood was arrested charged with murder, [illegible] spokesman Doram Tamari said. Police said the child was emaciated and her arms and legs were so thin that she looked younger than 4.

Six other children in the apartment — ages 1 to 13 years old — were taken to Columbia Presbyterian Hospital for examination then turned over to the Administration for Children's Services, Tamari said. None had been harmed.

Dickerson said Lockwood took out her frustrations over their splintered marriage and the demands of raising seven children out on Nadine.

"Detectives told me that Carla picked on Nadine because she looked the most like me," he told the Daily News. "She was the throwaway baby."

Neighbors said they had repeatedly telephoned welfare authorities for months about suspicions that Nadine was being mistreated, and felt there had been little or no response.

Leslie Forbes, 38, said she had made calls since the girl was born. She said she even described where the room was where the girl was being hidden.

Dr. Gott Peter Gott, M.D.



Think twice about costly fiber drug

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: A cardiologist in a small town offers to sell a non-prescription, high-fiber drug to his patients. When taken with meals, it prevents the absorption of fats into the body. Instead, the fats are trapped and excreted. Is this drug effective, and does $65 for a month's supply seem reasonable?

DEAR READER: There are many fiber supplements on the market. The precise reason why indigestible fiber does, in some people, lower blood cholesterol levels is unknown. For example, psyllium husks in products such as Metamucil, if taken regularly, may reduce blood cholesterol by as much as 10 percent.

Although I am not familiar with the specific compound you mention, I am always suspicious of a physician — or anyone else, for that matter — who has a franchise to market a product that is promoted to improve health. Because such practitioners stand to make a profit on these sales, I see a definite conflict of interest.

Therefore, while I stop short of condemning your cardiologist's enterprise, I certainly recommend that you think twice. Moreover, $65 a month is no small sum. For the equivalent of $2 a day, you could purchase a lot of over-the-counter fiber — or even prescription fat-lowering drugs (such as Mevacor) — that would probably be even more effective. In addition, a low-fat diet, at basically no additional expense whatsoever, might be more suitable for your needs.

In short, you have other more appropriate options than simply using the product recommended by the cardiologist. Ask your family practitioner about this; I'd be interested in what he has to say.

To give you more information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Understanding Cholesterol." 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: Just what is Pick's disease, its cause and symptoms?

DEAR READER: Pick's disease is an uncommon cause of dementia, the progressive decline of intellectual function. The cause is unknown, but patients with the affliction resemble those with Alzheimer's disease: incurable disintegration of personality, intellect, insight and judgment.

There are two primary differences. Pick's disease progresses more slowly and is characterized by shrinkage of parts of the brain (as shown by MRI and other testing), especially the frontal and temporal lobes.

Like Alzheimer's victims, patients with Pick's disease eventually require skilled nursing home care and medications, such as Mellaril, to control their behavior, relieve anxiety and rage, and enable them to be more comfortable. The prognosis for Pick's — and, indeed, of the other dementias [illegible]

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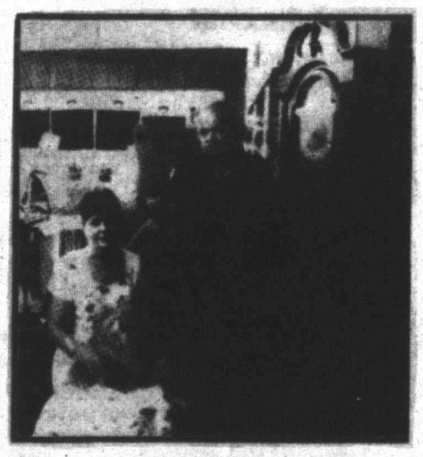
Carpet Store celebrates first anniversary

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Stomach bug puts Mickey Rourke in Italian hospital

TERRACINA, Italy (AP) — Mickey Rourke has complained about being bugged by photographers since arriving in Italy. But it was a stomach bug that finally got him.

The feisty actor was briefly hospitalized with a bout of indigestion, his doctor said Sunday.

Rourke was taken to a health clinic in Terracina, about 110 miles southeast of Rome, on Saturday after complaining of upset stomach and fatigue, said his physician, Dr. Luigi Lomonaco.

The 43-year-old actor was feeling better Sunday and planned to return to his Rome hotel, Lomonaco said.

Rourke, who has had several run-ins with photographers at beach clubs outside Rome, is in Italy shooting "The Colony." The film co-stars Jean-Claude Van Damme and Chicago Bulls superstar Dennis Rodman.

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Dole wants 'Guard' in anti-drug effort

WASHINGTON (AP) — Keeping the heat on President Clinton over soaring teen drug use, Republican presidential candidate Bob Dole says he would put the National Guard back at the "forefront" of the war on drugs. If that doesn't work, he would consider making the regular military the tip of the anti-drug sword.

The administration's top drug-fighter said the government already was doing much of what Dole proposed Sunday.

"A lot of good thinking, most of it we're already doing," national drug control policy director Barry McCaffrey said in an interview. "We'll examine closely his ideas, but to be honest, most of what he says we're focused on already."

Dole has complained repeatedly that Clinton is not serious about fighting illegal drug use. He points to new statistics showing that use of marijuana, LSD and cocaine more than doubled since 1992 among youths aged 12 to 17.

"If I am elected president of the United States, America will once again set about the business of winning the war on drugs," Dole told the annual convention of the National Guard Association in Washington. "I will get the Guard back where it belongs — in the forefront."

Dole's plan revolves around using existing military capabilities to combat the illegal influx of banned drugs, often with the National Guard acting on its own or providing equipment or training to local and state authorities.

Dole proposes restoring the National Guard budget to $230 million — its level when President Bush left office — from the current $153 million figure.

He also would use the National Guard to assist in drug-interdiction efforts at U.S. borders, particularly in California and throughout the Southwest.

As part of this plan, Dole called for expansion of the so-called San Ysidro Fence, a system of barricades and obstacles that deter illegal immigrants and drug smugglers in Southern California.

Dole said he also would have the Guard, with its training in chemical weapons, help local authorities dispose of methamphetamine labs after they have been seized in drug busts.

If his own get-tough measures didn't work, Dole said, he would consider making the active-duty military the lead agent in stopping drugs from coming across American borders. "That would be a step, a break from the past," Dole said. The National Guard can be used now because it is under state control.

The government already has National Guard units ready to assist local authorities, particularly in the border areas Dole said require special attention, White House chief of staff Leon Panetta said Sunday on NBC's "Meet the Press."

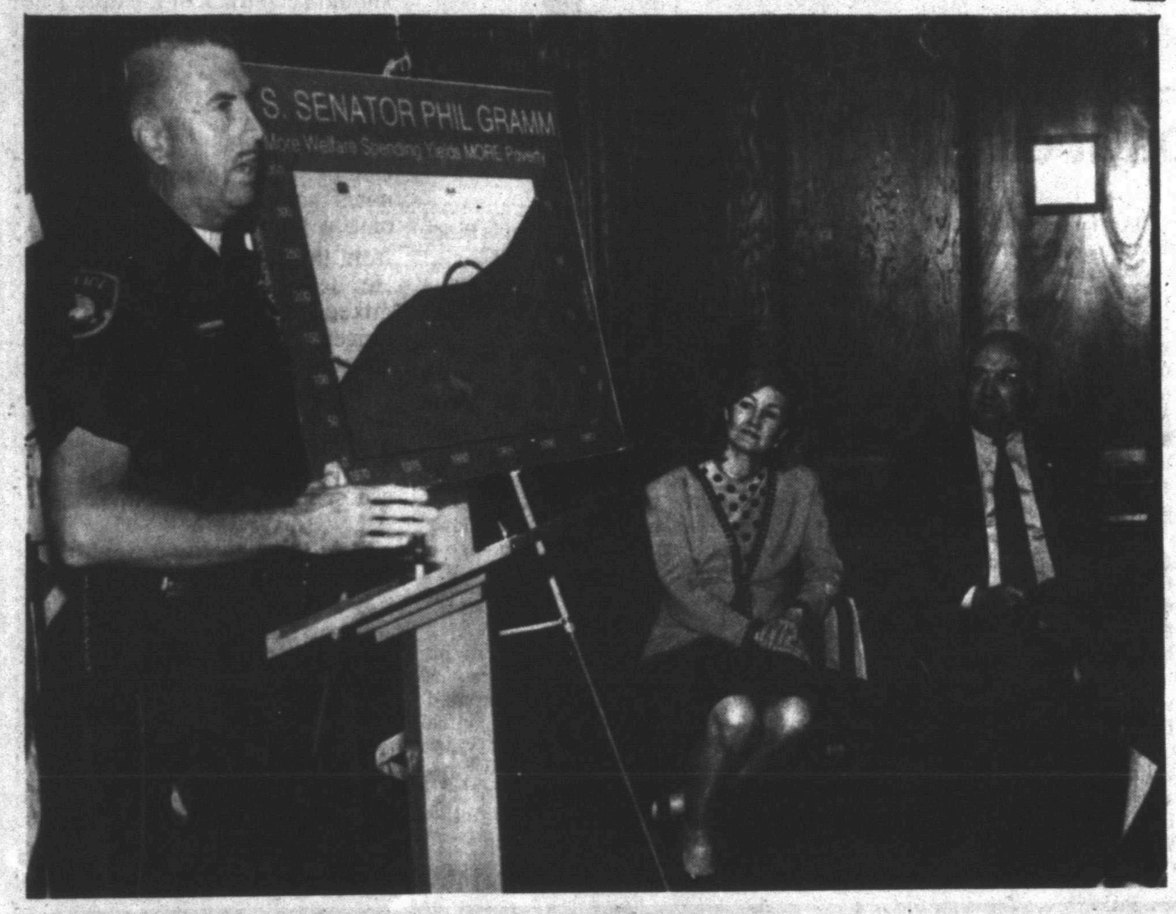
McCaffrey, a retired Army general, said the Army National Guard "now provides thousands of soldiers a day to assist local law enforcement, as well as the Customs Service, in the Southwest."

He said the idea of using Guardsmen for cleaning up drug labs "is something we're considering."

Panetta also said that despite the huge upswing in the number of youths using narcotics, overall drug use has declined since Clinton took office.

Meanwhile, in an interview taped Saturday and broadcast Sunday on CBS' "60 Minutes," Dole rejected suggestions that his tax cut plan would lead to reductions in Medicare and Medicaid. "They're not even on the table," he said.

Dole's running mate, Jack Kemp, courted farmers in Great Falls, Mont.



LAW AND ORDER — Snyder police Sergeant Trevlyn Pitner addressed a room full of people Saturday night prior to remarks by United States Senators Kay Bailey Hutchison and Phil Gramm, pictured at Pitner's left. Both senators addressed changes in the welfare reform program as it pertains to denying welfare benefits to persons convicted of felony drug offenses. (SDN Photo by Wade Warren)

Ross Perot asks for donations but deplores national debt

DALLAS (AP) — Texas tycoon Ross Perot is off and running for president again, blaming the national debt on the Democrats and Republicans and asking Americans to donate to his presidential candidacy.

The Dallas billionaire, who also was an independent candidate for president in 1992, made the comments Sunday night as he returned to a favored campaign format — a 30-minute, paid television program.

Perot said in his homespun and familiar oratory that the federal debt has been building and the Democratic and Republican parties are at fault.

"The facts are, there was nobody else involved. They both did it, and our problem now is that it is human nature to maintain the status quo until after a crisis occurs. They don't want to touch it. We have to do it," Perot said.

Perot is running for president as a nominee for the Reform Party on some ballots, while he appears as an independent candidate on others.

As he did in his presidential bid in 1992, Perot flashed charts on the debt and touted his books on Medicare and Medicaid during the broadcast on ABC.

Unlike his first campaign, in which he spent more than $60 million of his own money, Perot has decided to accept $29.1 million in federal campaign funds. He got 19 percent of the popular vote in his 1992 bid for the White House, more than enough to make him eligible for federal funds this time.

Because he is taking public money, he has agreed to limit his own financial input to $50,000. So Perot asked for donations from average citizens, veterans and small business owners during his infomercial.

"You can shock Washington by sending in contributions," Perot said, adding that any person who sends in more than $50 will get a copy of his newest book, "Ross Perot: My Life and Principles for Success."

Donations will not go to the Reform Party, however. They will go to Perot's campaign.

"There is no national party for them to contribute to," Reform Party coordinator Russ Verney said when asked about Perot's pitch. "What we have done is to create the basis for the 50 state parties to come into existence."

Federal Election Commission records show Perot has formed a new committee, Perot '96, to handle the federal funds he has accepted.

Obituaries

Beulah Collins

1902-1996

Graveside services are set for 3 p.m. Tuesday in the Snyder Cemetery for Beulah Lee Musgrove Collins of Silverton, formerly of Snyder. She was 94.

The Rev. Harland Birdwell of Lubbock will officiate and Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral home will direct the service.

Born in Glen Rose, Mrs. Collins was reared in Buckner in Parker County. She married Paul J. Collins on Jan. 25, 1925 in Weatherford. He died on July 19, 1960.

Mrs. Collins moved to Snyder in 1934 and was a member of the First Baptist Church here. She had also lived in the Dallas-Fort Worth area, moving to Silverton in 1969. She was a homemaker.

Survivors include one daughter and son-in-law, Norma and E.A. Birdwell of Silverton; a brother, Neal Musgrove of Weatherford; two grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

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Clinton returned to home turf

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP) — Making a rejuvenating return to his home turf, President Clinton thanked the people of Arkansas for their support during the trials and tribulations of his four years in the White House.

Clinton and his family were greeted Sunday by a crowd of more than 3,000 at the Old State House, the place where he announced his candidacy five years ago and just a five-block walk from the federal courthouse where several of his former colleagues were tried in Whitewater cases.

He described the statehouse — the same building where the Arkansas legislature voted to secede from the Union in 1861 — as a spot "that embodies for me all that is best about our state and public service."

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Two-thirds of bodies from crash recovered

OSLO, Norway (AP) — Rescuers searching for bodies on an treacherous, arctic mountain said today they had recovered two-thirds of the 141 victims killed in Norway's worst air disaster.

The Tupolev 154 plane from Moscow smashed into Opera Mountain on Thursday just six miles short of its destination at the airport on Spitsbergen, the main island of the Svalbard archipelago. Everyone on board was killed.

Despite recovery of the plane's "black box," it's still not known why the aircraft veered off course.

Poor weather and lack of roads have hampered recovery efforts. Part of the wreckage was near the mountain top, but the engines, tail section and many bodies slid into a valley during an avalanche.

Most of the victims were Russian and Ukrainian coal miners and their families returning after vacations to their jobs at a Russian-operated mine. The Svalbard archipelago is Norwegian territory, but a 1920 treaty allows Russia and other countries to use the islands for non-military purposes.

What's Up?

Grand jury Tuesday

Because of the holiday, the Scurry County grand jury will not meet until Tuesday. The grand jury is scheduled to hear approximately nine cases and will convene at 9 a.m. in 132nd District Court.

Reception planned

A reception for Essie Orms, who turns 104, will be held at 4 p.m. Tuesday at Snyder Healthcare Center. Everyone is welcome.

Key to the Kingdom series

Video tapes of the Key to the Kingdom series are airing on TCA Cable TV Channel 2. The next tape, "Overcoming Hardship," will be shown at 7 p.m. Tuesday.

Group outreach planned

Marriage Ministries International is having a "Married For Life" group outreach Tuesday at 7 p.m. in the Union Community Center. For more information, call 573-7471.

Yearbooks have arrived

Snyder High School yearbooks can be picked up from 3:30-4 p.m. Tuesday through Friday in the auditorium foyer. A receipt is needed.

Yearbook photos slated

Underclassmen at SHS will have photos taken on Tuesday and Wednesday in the auditorium. Packets have been sent home and must be completed and money enclosed before photos can be taken. There is no charge for the yearbook pose.

Noah Project video to air

TCA Cable TV Channel 2 will air the Noah Project-West capital campaign video at 5 p.m. on Wednesday and Friday. The campaign theme is "Our Need Has Grown...Help Build Noah Project a New Home."

Stack-up supper Friday

Snyder High School choir will sponsor a Mexican stack-up supper in the SHS cafeteria on Friday from 5-7 p.m., prior to the football opener with Andrews. Choir members are selling tickets now for $5 each. Carryouts will be available. Call 573-9649 for more information.

Hamburger supper upcoming

Snyder Junior High choir will sponsor an all-you-can eat hamburger supper from 5-7 p.m. on homecoming, Sept. 20, in the high school cafeteria. Tickets are $5 and should be purchased in advance from choir members.

Bereavement support group

The Bereavement Support Group will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 10, at the First Presbyterian Church, 2712 Ave. R.

Band boosters fund-raiser

Snyder Band Boosters are having their annual fund-raiser. Band members are now painting Tiger paws. Funds go for scholarships and band instruments. Call Sheila Means at 573-1413 for more information.

CROP walk set Sept. 29

The annual CROP walk will be held Sept. 29, organizers have announced. The walk will begin at 2 p.m. at the courthouse. One fourth of funds raised will be donated to the local Food Cupboard. Last year, that amounted to $500.

Pick 3

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

7-1-3

(seven, one, three)

Lotto Texas

AUSTIN (AP) — One ticket bought in San Angelo correctly matched all six numbers drawn Saturday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials said. The jackpot was worth $4 million.

The numbers drawn from a field of 50 were: 10, 17, 20, 24, 40 and 48.

Lottery officials estimate the jackpot for Wednesday night's game will be $4 million.

Cash Five

AUSTIN (AP) — Three tickets correctly matched all five numbers drawn in Friday's Cash 5 game from the Texas Lottery, making each winning ticket worth $97,040.

There were 916 tickets sold with four correct numbers. Those tickets were worth $477. Some 29,084, each worth $25, had three winning numbers.

The Cash 5 numbers drawn Friday night were 1-2-11-22-23.