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New franchise agreement being hammered out...

It's give and take in cable TV talks

Cox Communications is in the process of mapping the community in order to upgrade the cable TV system with the actual work beginning in January.

Charlie Moore, the Cox regional manager in the Midland office, said the work should be complete sometime later in the year.

Moore said Cox recently redid the system in Midland and it took about 17 months to complete the entire city. Midland has about 600 miles of cable, while he expects Snyder to end up with about 150 miles of new fiber optic cable servicing the new system.

"We follow the power lines with our cable," said Moore, something prior owners of the cable system did not do as there is around 107 miles of cable now being used.

"The previous owners used a lot of their own poles and had some very long drops," said Moore. "We prefer to use the power line poles in order to provide the best picture possible."

Moore said the new system should be as reliable as the telephone system. When the system is installed, subscribers will have the opportunity to view around 200 channels.

"Subscribers can choose from about 130 video channels and 40 pay-for-view channels," said Moore. "Add some 40 music channels and that adds up to the 200 choices."

Moore said several different pricing options would be available for subscribers.

The system being planned for Snyder is for 750 MHz, the same capability that Midland and Abilene both have.

However, the cable TV committee of the Snyder city council is asking the cable company to provide a system capable of 860 MHz if a 15-year franchise is granted.

That is one of the points in which the committee, consisting of chairman Mike Post, and council members I.E. Martin, James Ashley and Terry Martin, plus the city's public service director Carolyn House, and city attorney Dana Cooley, differs with the cable company.

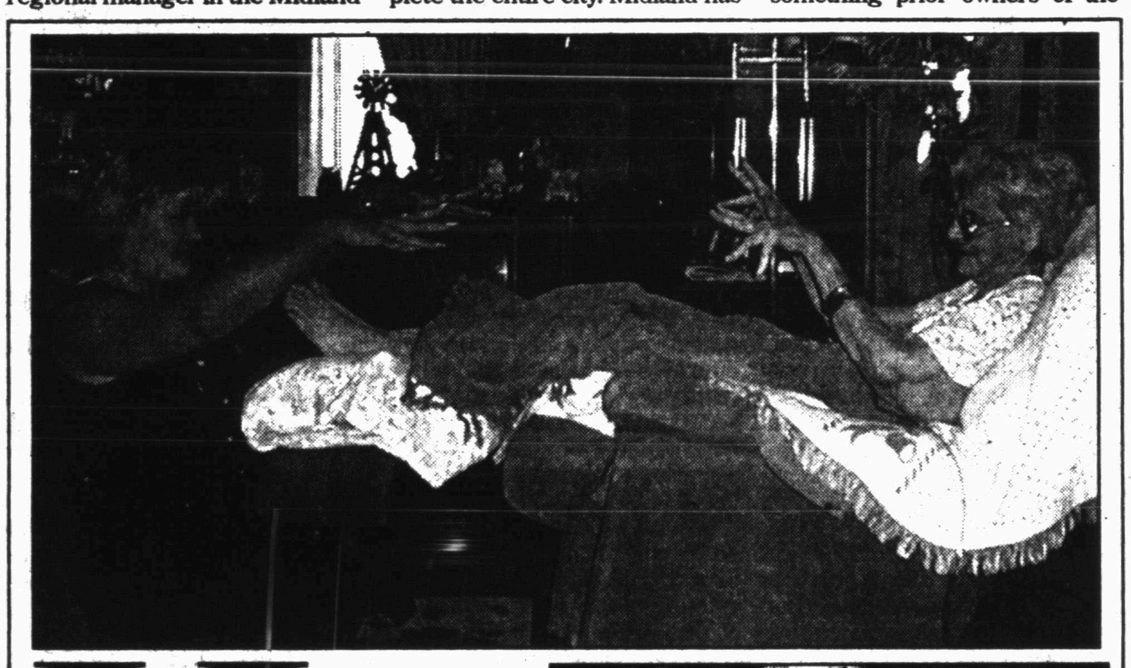
Jack Hopper, a cable TV consultant from Austin, also serves on the committee. Hopper was hired by the city at a cost not to exceed $15,000 last year.

This point of disagreement was conveyed in a letter to Moore earlier this month.

Another point of contention is that the draft of the franchise stated that Cox would maintain an office "in or near" Snyder.

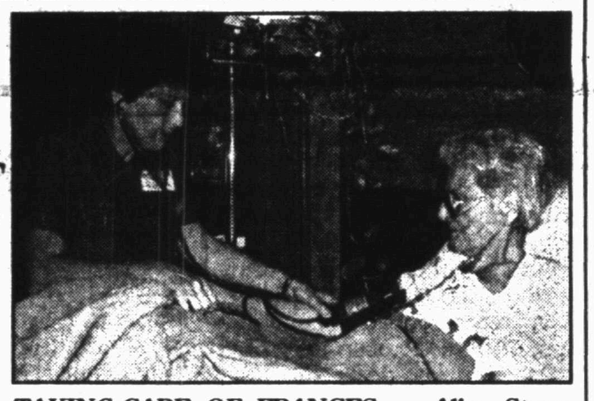
The committee is asking the agreement not to include "near", fearing the local office would go the way of other utility offices that once were in Snyder.

Carolyn House said Friday that the committee is waiting to hear back from Cox before scheduling another meeting with Moore.



HOSPICE

PUTTING EVERYTHING IN ORDER



TAKING CARE OF FRANCES — Alice Stacy, RNC with Community Care Hospice, leads Frances Thomason in her exercises (top photo). In the bottom photo, hospice nurse Betsy Armstrong checks Frances' blood pressure. (SDN Staff Photos by Joyce May)

By Joyce May
Staff Writer

She sat comfortably in her favorite chair in the living room of the Hermleigh home her son built for her.

Her body a little tired but with a mind as sharp as ever, Frances Thomason recounted the story leading up to the discovery of the cancer in her only kidney and the tale of a close-knit family that cherishes life, love and laughter.

Admittedly, it was different from what this reporter had expected when contacted by Nancy Schraer, RN, community liaison for Odessa-based Community Care Hospice, to do a story on the company's services in Snyder.

Death, whether sudden or completely expected, has never been an easy topic with which to deal. The word "hospice" offers equally difficult connotations. It is usually connected with such words as life-limiting, terminal, final.

Surprisingly, as with most stereotypes, the dark images that shadow the word are greatly unjustified.

Not to diminish the sadness and perhaps the fear that accompanies the situation, but the stories offered by those families, nurses and volunteers who were interviewed sheds a different light on hospice.

Betsy Armstrong was a longtime volunteer and now is a full-time hospice nurse in Snyder. "Hospice does not do anything to hasten death. Our goal is to improve the quality of life that the patient has left," she said.

Alice Stacy, RNC, is one of the nurses that assists Thomason. A bright, bubbly woman, she provides a flashing smile and words of encouragement as she leads Thomason in her exercises — foot rolls, finger wiggles and handclaps.

Stacy believes strongly in the mission of hospice as a program of managing the pain and symptoms of patients. "Sometimes when you get the patients' pain and symptoms under control, they eat better, sleep better, breathe better and feel better," she said. "That is our focus."

Stacy considers the services of hospice a "precious gift."

"Keeping them comfortable at home is the most precious gift you can give them. We allow them to write their final chapters," she said. "We are all going to be at that door someday, but we do not give up hope."

For the Thomason family, hospice care has been a blessing.

"It means everything in the world to me to be at home," Frances said. "I certainly would recommend hospice care."

Her daughter, Beverly Walker, shared the sentiment.

"I think if mom had had to go to an old folks home, she wouldn't be here now," Beverly said. "We wouldn't have it any other way, but to take care of her. She took care of us. This is just a drop in the bucket compared to what she has done for us."

The convenience of the nursing staff coming to Frances' home makes a difference in the way she feels daily. The travel, Frances said, makes her sick.

"I think it's wonderful," Beverly said. "If we have to take her

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Flu shots delayed

Due to a nationwide delay in receiving influenza vaccine, the flu shot clinics at the Scurry County Health Unit will not begin until at least mid-October.

It could even be as late as mid-November as the local health unit obtains its vaccine from the Texas Department of Health and the department is not expecting to receive its vaccine from its contracted manufacturer until November.

As the vaccine does become available, the health unit will be giving flu shots to high-risk individuals first.

This group includes persons 65-years and over, residents of nursing homes and other long-term care facilities, persons with asthma or other chronic lung problems and persons with diabetes, kidney or heart problems.

Also those with weakened immune systems and children on long-term aspirin therapy, and pregnant women who will be in their second or third trimesters during the winter months.

Others on the high-risk list include health care workers and others who care for persons at-risk, or family members of at-risk persons.

White Buffalo Festival scheduled at coliseum

Snyder and Scurry County will recall its history when the annual White Buffalo Festival unfolds Saturday, Oct. 7 at Scurry County Coliseum.

Opening ceremonies will be at 10:15 a.m. under a big tent to be placed on the coliseum parking lot.

Admission charge to the coliseum grounds will be $1 and gates will open an hour before the opening ceremonies.

Festivalgoers can take a bus tour to the S.D. and Judy Hays ranch and the White Buffalo Park at 10:30. Judy Hays is the granddaughter of J. Wright Mooar who killed a rare white buffalo near the park on their ranch over 100 years ago.

Musical entertainment under the tent will begin at 10:30 also, and continue throughout the day.

Entertainers will be Buckshot, Andy Hedges, Chuck Cusimano, The Saddle Tramps and Texas Sand.

A cowboy cooking exhibition will also begin at 10:30 and there will be stagecoach and carriage rides available.

A display of photographs of Mooar is planned in the Dermott School located on the grounds of the coliseum.

Indian dancers will perform at 12:30 p.m. and the Deep Creek Cloggers will go on stage at 5 p.m.

Prior to the festival on Saturday, the ranch rodeo finals will be held at 7 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 6. There will be a Saturday morning rodeo and the wrap-up will be at 7 o'clock that evening.

Rodeo tickets will be available at the door.

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "Our neighbor's rain gauge was full – six inches of dust, two spiders and a twig."

Snyder's Ed Vinson sent us a prayer, written in 1935 by the editor of the Emporia Gazette. The prayer is said to have brought rain for Kansas and other places – even once in Texas.

Livestock Weekly printed it in 1984 and a rain followed that "washed out watergaps and floated heavy timber."

The Kansas editor wrote:

"As a dues-paying member of the Congregational Church, the writer is entitled, under its creed, to address his maker directly in prayer, without the intervention of prelate, saint, parson or priest, in any place, on any subject, at any time, and in our own language.

"So, here goes: 'O Lord, in Thy mercy, grant us a rain, and by that we don't mean a shower. We want to go out in our car in the early evening and watch the lightning go ripping across the southwestern sky in hot blue forks as the fat clouds roll in on us from Chase County.

"'We want to hurry home to close the house with the first fat drops the size of marbles on a suddenly rising wind, chasing us and plunking on the hood of our car. We want to scramble all over the house just as the first sheets descend, frantically slamming down the windows, while the drops thunder on the tin roof and lightning blasts illuminate the waving treetops.

"'O Lord of Hosts, we want to look out and watch the regiments of fat, close-paced raindrops march diagonally down in sheets, until we can't see the outlines of the street lights and it looks like a great pale luminous ball through the driving drops. We want to hear, about a minute after the first rush, the gurgle in the tin gutters under the eaves, and in 25 seconds more, the sputter of the downpour and the hollow churning of the water in the cistern.

"'God of Isreal, Issac and Jacob, let it come down so hard, let the drops dance so high that the outlines of streets and sidewalks seem covered with a six-inch fog of splattering drops. Then, let it just keep up for a while, and then begin to taper off, and then turn right 'round and get a lot worse, swishing, pounding, splattering, pouring, drenching, the thunder coming – crackity-bam! Bam, bam, bumble-bumble, bumble – and the lightning flashing so fast and furious you can't tell which flash goes with which peal of thunder.

"'So that all the women will get scared and climb on top of the feather beds and scream at you not to get to close to the windows. So that in between lighting flashes you can see the dirty yellow gutter water rippling across the street, instead of along its sides.

"'And then, O Jealous God, repeat the whole act about three times, and in the middle of the second time, we will get out the old tin wash pan and climb the attic stairs to put it under the tiny leak in the roof which usually you can't even notice in an ordinary rain. And after a couple of hours, kind of taper it down, O Lord, to a good, steady rain – not a drizzle – but a business-like one, that keeps up until just about dawn and then

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ASK US

Q—Is there a debate scheduled between Rep. Charlie Stenholm and his opponents?

A—Tentatively set for Oct. 19, Stenholm and his Libertarian opponent Debra Monde will debate in Abilene. No debate is currently planned with Republican Darrell Clements.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Friday, 98 degrees; low, 70; 7 a.m. Saturday, 72; no precipitation; total for 2000, 15.01 inches.

Area Forecast: Saturday night, mostly cloudy, 20% rain chance; low 65-70; S wind 10-20 mph. Sunday, mostly cloudy, breezy, cooler, 30% rain chance; high upper 70s; NE wind, 15-25 mph, gusty.

Jose Aguirre
Rain chance

Sunset: 7:39 p.m.
Sunrise: 7:34 a.m.
Of 266 days in 2000, the sun has shone 263 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

The ultimate result of shielding men from the effects of folly, is to fill the world with fools.
—Herbert Spencer

Hospice cares for patients' physical, spiritual needs

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to the doctor it takes all of her strength."

Frances has had a couple of hospital stays in her lifetime, but she has found there truly is no place like her own home.

Frances Thomason (seated) and daughter Beverly Walker

"I'd rather be here at home," she said.

Volunteers are also a large part of the hospice program.

"I like the care I get and the friendliness. It seems like I feel better when they come visit an hour or so."

Frances has six children: Beverly Walker of Huntsville, Ona Higgins of Abilene, Linnie Travis of Midland, Floyd Thomason of Fort Worth, Lloyd Thomason of Grand Prairie and Moody Thomason of Snyder.

The family is close, and visits are regular.

"She has wonderful family support," Armstrong said. "Not all patients have that."

Beverly said she had heard of hospice before, but she was not certain what to expect. When her father died in 1964, hospice care was not available.

"We didn't have anything like this. My dad suffered dearly," she recalled.

Easing the suffering is part of the goal of hospice care.

"We hope as people learn more about the hospice concept and its availability in Snyder, families will not have to have that unpleasant experience," Armstrong said.

Earlene Gray has experienced the loss of loved ones both with and without hospice care.

Her husband, Howard Gray, died in February of 1996 after a battle with lung cancer. He had also had a stroke and congestive heart failure. Her mother, Libby Grimmett, died in July.

"I guess she went quicker. Howard lingered," Earlene said.

Her husband's illness was complicated and Earlene said she would periodically have to call the ambulance to take him to the hospital. "He was in and out several times."

Her mother, however, was under hospice care and was able to stay at home more.

In the beginning, Earlene said she was apprehensive about signing her mother up for hospice care.

"Nancy (Schraer) came in and started telling us things," she explained. "At one point, Nancy said we would have to give complete authorization of mother's medical care. I said, 'Wait a minute. Hold on, you're going a little fast.' I wouldn't sign that day."

Earlene said she first researched and spoke to friends concerning hospice care and then she called and signed with Community Care Hospice.

"It was a God-send. We had prayed for guidance and help, and it was," she said. "Alice (Stacy) was the regular nurse. She was a jewel, very sweet to mother."

Another aspect of hospice is its holistic approach to a patient's care.

"We try to address more than just what medicines they need," Armstrong said. "It is one of the few professions where spiritual needs can be addressed."

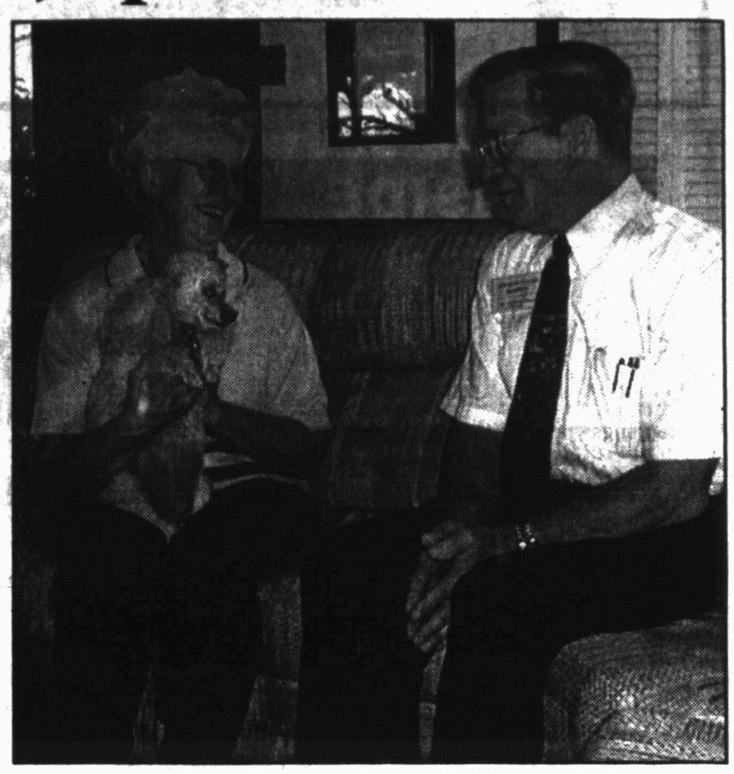
She said she considers her job a ministry.

"This is something I feel called to do. It is hard to explain, but I believe God has called me to it."

After a loved one has died, Community Care Hospice maintains contact with the family for a bereavement period. "We keep in touch for 13 months," Schraer said.

Rev. Raymond Bugg is the hospice chaplain. He lives in Odessa but works out of Community Care Hospice's Big Spring office.

"It is a ministry to help people," Rev. Bugg said. "I always try to be a blessing, but invariably, I get a bigger blessing."



Earlene Gray and Taffy visit with the Rev. Raymond Bugg.

Oftentimes when a patient does not have a pastor, Rev. Bugg will officiate the funeral service.

The reverend said that his responsibility is to be with the patient and families and to assist with their spiritual needs.

"It doesn't matter what their religion is."

Hospice services can be provided in either the patient's home or in a nursing home.

Hospice provides any medical equipment and medications related to the terminal diagnosis, Schraer explained. It is reimbursed by Medicare or Medicaid and also accepts private insurance or private pay.

Happy 4th Birthday
Chelsea & Danielle

Love,
Daddy, Grandma,
Grandpa, Uncle Chris,
Uncle Billy, Mom & PoPo

State Dept. suspends security clearance

WASHINGTON (AP) — The State Department has suspended the security clearance of U.S. Ambassador to Israel Martin S. Indyk pending an investigation into alleged security violations, a State Department official said Saturday.

The official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said there was "no indication of espionage in this matter," and that Indyk has "cooperated fully" with investigators from the State Department and FBI.

"At this time there has been no indication that any intelligence information has been compromised," the official said. "This is a question of security procedures that have not been followed."

Indyk, 49, is barred from handling classified materials and must be escorted inside the State Department building.

State Department officials told The Washington Post the investigation involves "sloppy handling of information" over "a longer period of time" before Indyk took his position in Israel. Indyk, who became a U.S. citizen in 1993, has been ambassador to Israel from April 1995 to October 1997 and again since last year, the Post said in its Saturday editions.

The Post also reported a source outside the State Department familiar with the investigation as saying it relates to Indyk's use of unclassified, government-owned laptop computers to prepare memorandums about discussions with foreign leaders while in transit.

Secretary of State Madeleine Albright approved the suspension, State Department spokesman Richard Boucher told the Post. "She holds Ambassador Indyk in very high regard and values his contributions greatly," the spokesman said. But, he said, "she has been absolutely clear on the need for everyone to follow security procedures."

In a statement Friday, Indyk said: "I regret that my trying to do best possible job under very difficult conditions has led to the temporary suspension of my security clearances while it is determined whether correct security procedures were followed."

Security officials at State decided to pull Indyk's clearance on Sept. 12, although no action was taken until Thursday. Members of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee requested a briefing on Indyk on Tuesday after an anonymous phone caller told a committee aide the department was going to ignore security concerns about Indyk, the Post said.

Indyk's suspension comes in the same week it was revealed that the Defense Department was investigating former CIA Director John Deutch for alleged security violations he committed while deputy secretary of defense.

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IN SEARCH OF THE LORD'S WAY
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THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

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spits a few drops occasionally during the morning from a gray sky.

"'O Shepherd of a Chosen People, when we walk to work, let us see pink, thin-nosed angleworms that have crawled out of the grass and drowned in the sidewalk puddles, and big pools of standing water in every yard, with just the tips of the fresh, green grass breaking the surface. Let it knock all the buds off the elm trees, so that streets and sidewalks are covered with brown snow, except where the running water has gathered into thick scum over the pools around the choked drains.

"'Then let everyone begin wondering what the rivers are doing, and when we do go down to the bridge, make us drive through about two inches of dirty, yellow water running over the pavement, and when we get on it, let us watch a pig and two Buff Orphington hens and half a woodshed float by, about three feet under our shoe soles, and Lord, let the farmers holler their heads off about how it will be too wet now to get their corn in early enough.

"'Thou Art my Shepherd, I shall not want if Thou leadest me into green pastures, and beside the still waters, while the little pasture ponds stand full to the brinks of their cement dams.

"'O God of Battles and Lord of Many Mansions, if you don't want it to rain in Kansas, all right. And if you do, all right. But we are weak in faith and pray for a sign such as you gave Aaron to confound Pharoah's magicians and sorcerers. Take this business of weather prediction out of the hands of a lot of incompetent Washington Bureaucrats and make it Thy special province. They're playing horse with us, Lord. They promise a rain and all we get is a mangly little thin-flaked shower that you could hang your hat on its hip bones.

"'Kansas is indeed the Promised Land, O Lord, and if it gets a break, it will flow with milk and honey. But we can't live much longer on promises. So in Thine own way and in Thine own time, make up Thy mind, O Lord, and we will bow before Thy judgment, and praise Thy everlasting name. Amen.'"

Let 'er slosh!

Amen.

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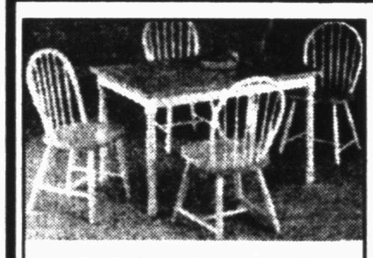

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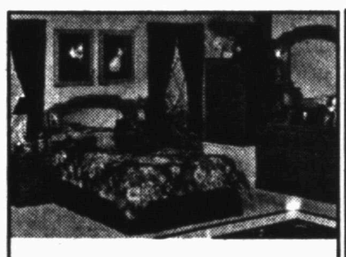

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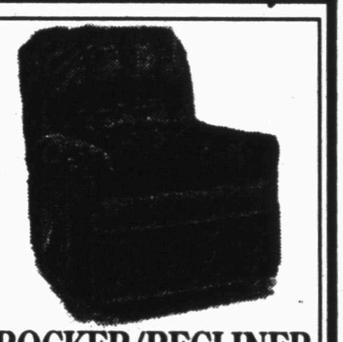

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Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Sunday, Sept. 24, 2000
Notable improvements in your material affairs could be realized in the year ahead. Your acquisitions might not be gigantic, but significant and consistent enough to make things comfortable.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) A big opportunity could present itself in a most subtle manner today, so be mentally alert to what others accidentally reveal. There may be a new venture in which you could get involved. Libra, treat yourself to a birthday gift. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead by mailing $2 and SASE to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper. P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to state your Zodiac sign.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Be careful today not to broadcast your ambitious intentions until you've taken positive measure to bring them into being. Even then, speak only after you've accomplished your task.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) You can draw upon faith today, which is predicated upon the depth of your belief in that which is unseen or unfulfilled. This positive thinking could work wonders for you.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Although you're not apt to deliberately seek competitive situations, you're not likely to dodge them, either. Once in the race, however, you'll thoroughly enjoy the event.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Don't think it's all up to you today to carry the total weight where a difficult decision is concerned. Others involved could have suggestions that would resolve the problem.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Any important change you're desirous of making today should be implemented one step at a time rather than all at once. By doing so, it'll reduce your possibilities of errors.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Chances are you'll need more than just having fun today. Try to participate in activities that challenge you both mentally and physically so that you can test your brain power, as well.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Be especially careful not to neglect any small details, because they could be of greater significance than usual in any critical matter you're attempting to finalize today.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) That eagle eye of yours may be more acutely aware of the shortcomings of others today. However, much to your credit, you'll not say anything that would make one feel uncomfortable.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) The accumulation of personal gain looks encouraging for you today. Even though what you generate might not be large, a number of small profits still could add up to a tidy sum.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Do all the head work yourself today and let the others do most of the muscle work. You're more suited to handle tasks of a mental nature than the physical jobs.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Go to a friend whom you recently helped should you find yourself in need of a favor today. This pal is most anxious to find a way to reciprocate your kind gestures.

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Monday, Sept. 25, 2000
In the year ahead, you could be exposed to a substantial number of opportunities that may have a chance to better your lot in life. Don't treat them more casually than you should.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Owing to a commitment you really shouldn't have made in the first place, you could find yourself in a bind today. Don't feel you're being taken advantage of; you caused the problem. Major changes are ahead for Libra in the coming year. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions by mailing $2 and SASE to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to state your Zodiac sign.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) No one is likely to give you something for nothing today. Don't be taken in by the old carrot-dangling-at-the-end-of-a-stick trick, especially in your commercial dealings.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Keep in mind that optimism is an asset, but wishful thinking is merely wishful thinking. Unrealistic objectives could be a contributing factor to your downfall today.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Rather than being your normal, industrial self today, you could spend more time discussing your good intentions than you do in fulfilling them. Reverse that order.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Tantalizing challenges in which you know going in that the odds are tilted against you may tempt you today. Remember what happened to Don Quixote when he jousted with windmills.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) There is a possibility that someone else just might know more about something than you do. The least you can do is courteously listen to what another has to say. You may learn a thing or two.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) You might not do well working with others today if you're not the one directing the show or issuing the orders. Do your part to be cooperative as a joiner, not a rebel.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) The reason you may be experiencing a financial squeeze today can be traced back to one big foolish blunder you made in the past. Don't compound mistakes with more debit spending.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Accept the fact that not everybody will find your views or opinions as significant or as interesting as you do. Don't pound your ideas on unreceptive ears.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) It may be all too easy to lull yourself into a false sense of security today by believing you are in a stronger position than you actually are. Be realistic.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Deal with your resources realistically and pragmatically today. If you treat money you believe is coming in as if it were already in your checking account, you could get in trouble fast.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Those big-shot people you know may not be the ones who will come through for you today as you thought they would. It'll be your thoughtful pals who are apt to do you the favors you need.

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Complaint filed against Simpson

MIAMI (AP) — O.J. Simpson's ex-girlfriend has filed a burglary complaint against the former football great, claiming he broke into her home, erased a message on her answering machine and took a letter.

Christine Prody, 25, told officers Friday night that Simpson, 53, had used a key to enter her Miami-Dade County home between midnight and 7 a.m., according to the police report.

Prody said she telephoned Simpson about it and he admitted going to her home because he wanted to erase a message he had left for her, the report said.

The only thing missing was the letter, which Simpson did not want Prody to mail to a "mutual friend," the report said. The contents of the letter were not disclosed.

Prody did not want to pursue charges, Miami-Dade Police spokesman Juan Del Castillo said.

Task force probes allegations against former LA officers

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A joint corruption task force is investigating allegations from a woman who claims two former officers killed two people in an apartment near their police station, the Los Angeles Times reported Saturday.

The so-called "crash pad" was where officers from the Los Angeles Police Department's Rampart station allegedly went to use drugs and meet their girlfriends.

However, unnamed sources told the Times they doubted the allegations against disgraced Rampart officers Rafael Perez and David Mack.

The FBI-LAPD task force is investigating the allegation made by one of Perez's ex-lovers, the newspaper said, quoting unidentified law enforcement sources. Investigators on Thursday seized the car the unnamed woman claims Perez and Mack used to get rid of the bodies.

The car belonged to a Rampart officer who leased the apartment where the slayings allegedly took place. The officer remains on duty and hasn't been charged.

One law enforcement source familiar with the case said investigators plan to perform a series of forensic tests on the car in an effort to find evidence corroborating the woman's claims.

Perez's attorney Winston McKesson said his client denied the allegation. Mack's attorney, Donald M. Re, did not return a call seeking comment.

Perez is at the center of the LAPD's worst corruption scandal. Mack, Perez's friend, is a convicted bank robber.

Perez, who turned informant as part of a plea bargain for stealing cocaine from a police evidence locker, maintains he never engaged in criminal activity with Mack. He also denies that he committed any crimes before joining the Rampart station's anti-gang unit in 1995.

Perez's information about tainted police work has led to the overturning of convictions and the dismissal of cases against 100 defendants.

Meanwhile, U.S. authorities on Friday freed a Salvadoran national and ex-gang member who had been arrested by a member of the Rampart station's anti-gang unit.

Family members cheered as Alex Sanchez, 28, walked out of an Immigration and Naturalization Service lockup where he had been in custody since Jan. 21, when Officer Jesus Amezcua arrested him.

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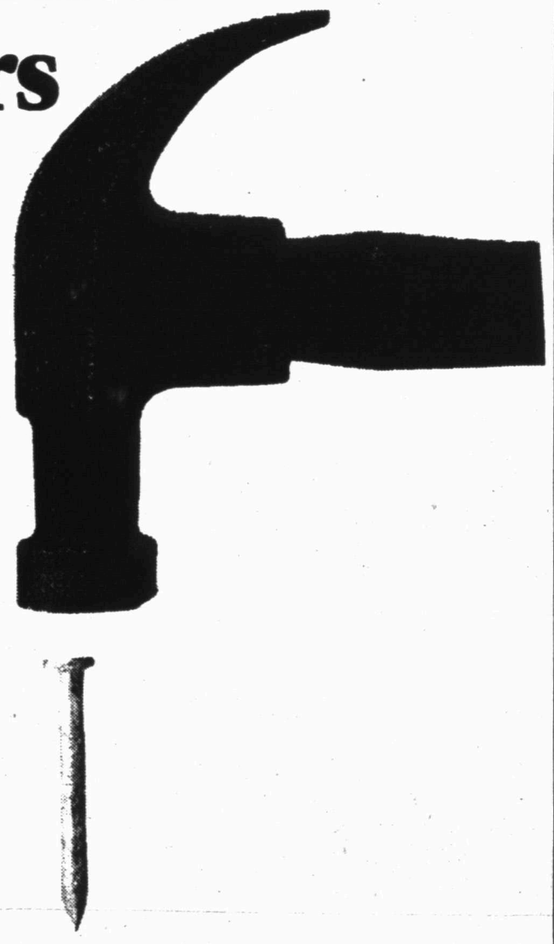

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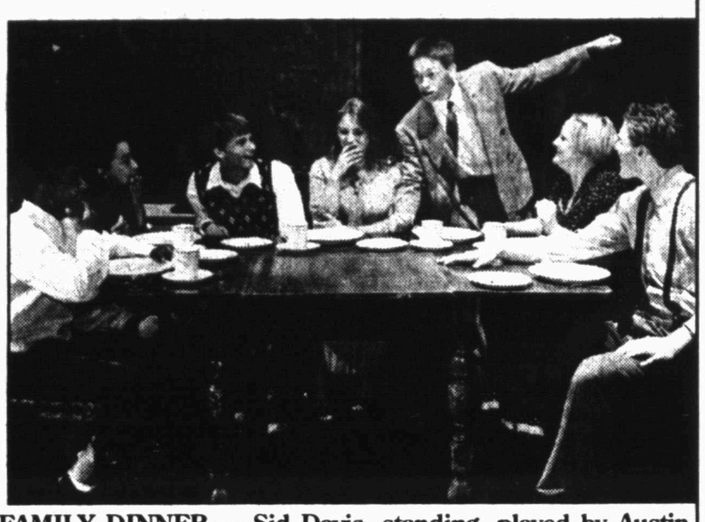
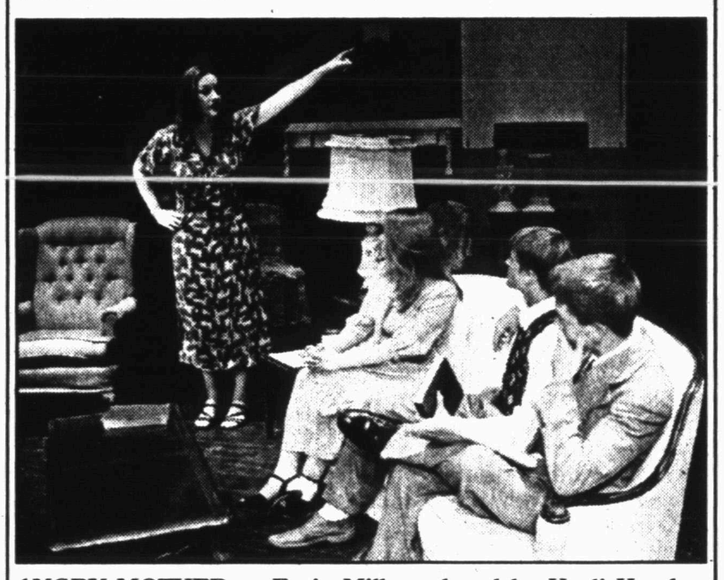


FAMILY DINNER — Sid Davis, standing, played by Austin Haire disrupts a family dinner in "Ah, Wilderness." Seated from left are Tommy Miller, played by Tim Gutierrez; Mildred, Sara Cantu; Richard Miller, Mark Haines; Lillie Miller, Kelli Henderson; Essie Miller, Crissida Tyler; Nat Miller, Brandon McCraw.



ANGRY MOTHER — Essie Miller, played by Hayli Henderson, tells her son Richard, to go upstairs and get some books to show to his father. Seated on the coach are from left, Lillie Miller, played by Kelli Henderson; Richard Miller, Mark Haines; and Sid Davis, Austin Haire. Final play dates are 7:30 p.m. Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday at Worsham Auditorium. Tickets are $4 each. (SDN photos by Shirley A. Gorman)

Principal bucks reform but saves Florida school

PENSACOLA, Fla. (AP) — A headline in the Pensacola News Journal caught John Dunworth's eye: "Residents fight to save their school."

The school board in neighboring Santa Rosa County was to decide that night whether to close the small, over-budget, low-performing elementary school in the rural hamlet of Munson and bus the children to schools 20 miles away.

Dunworth, a former college president, was so moved by the community's determination to save its school that he offered to come out of retirement and be principal for a year — for the whopping salary of $1.

"There was a group of parents and citizens in that community that wanted to have a good school," Dunworth, 76, recalled in a recent interview. "They were willing to fight and I was willing to stand beside them and we'd march together."

Not only was Munson Elementary saved, it recorded the biggest gain in test scores of any Santa Rosa school in 1997-98 and now ranks first in writing and second in math.

"When he took over the school the teachers' attitude and everything else changed," said Jim Drewry, 50, a landscaper whose daughter was in kindergarten at the time. "They were more understanding and caring and more concerned about the students actually learning and not just putting in the time."

Things had gotten so bad the year before Dunworth arrived that Drewry, pulled his daughter Elizabeth, now 9, out of the school.

In 1997, Munson Elementary, nestled in the Blackwater River State Forest about 40 miles northeast of Pensacola, was failing.

The school had the county's lowest test scores, the cost per-pupil — $6,078 — was nearly twice the county average, and parents like Drewry were removing their children. Enrollment had been projected to drop from 87 to 67 pupils.

There was no principal. The principal of Central High School, 22 miles away, oversaw Munson Elementary but visited only briefly a couple times a week.

The board accepted Dunworth's offer and gave him, his four hand-picked teachers and Munson residents one year to turn things around — and they did.

In addition to the academic gains, costs were cut and enrollment has stabilized at around 90 but is expected to increase.

Drewry's daughter, now a third-grader, has fond memories of the man known as "Dr. D."

"I always remember his ice-cream tie because that's what he would wear on special days," Elizabeth said. "He was nice."

Before taking the job at Munson, Dunworth had been a teacher, principal, school superintendent, professor, dean and college president.

The effort to save the school was guided by his "principal's principles," developed during a half-century career in six states and a stint as president of the American Association of Colleges of Teacher Education.

Now he's written a book, "The Dollar-A-Year Principal: Miracle at Munson," that tells how they made the school a success. He hopes it will be an inspiration for turning around other schools.

Among his principles: Respect, belief, leadership, parents and teachers working as a team. The list pointedly excludes some reforms in vogue these days. Dunworth contends private school vouchers, grading schools based on standardized tests and penalizing failing schools are counterproductive and a danger to public education.

"Being on a wrecking crew isn't going to fix anything," Dunworth said.

Dunworth commuted about an hour each way from his Pensacola home, but he was the first to arrive and usually last to leave, said David Johnson, then a Munson teacher who succeeded Dunworth.

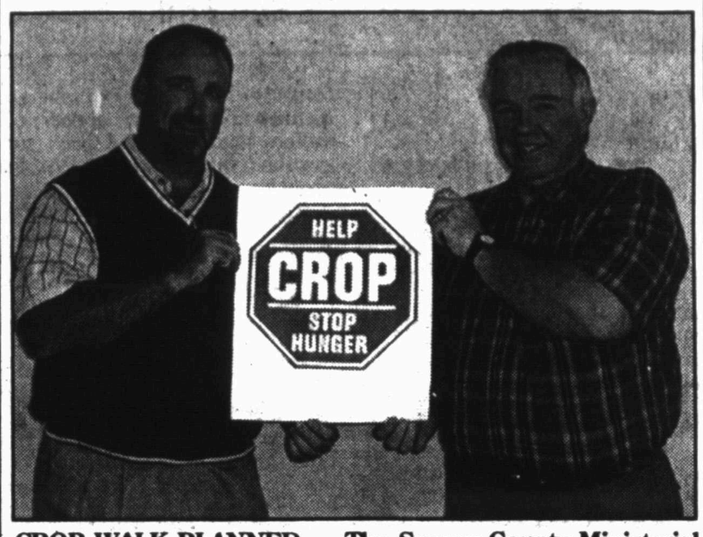
"The primary thing he did for us was being a source of inspiration," Johnson said. "We saw how much he really believed what this little school could become."

Teena Buchanan, 27, who has three children and a stepdaughter at Munson, moved to the district mainly because she liked the friendly atmosphere of the small school. She was crestfallen when it was threatened with closure.

"When we heard about Dr. D it was a huge relief," Buchanan said. "Everbody was just greatly relieved that somebody cared enough to spend their time and talent and help those kids who needed it."

Not everyone was comfortable with some of the changes Dunworth made such as doubling up a couple grades in one classroom because of small enrollment.

CROP WALK



CROP WALK PLANNED — The Scurry County Ministerial Alliance is again sponsoring a CROP WALK. The event is set Sunday, Oct. 1, and walkers will gather at the gazebo at the square at 2 p.m. Pictured are Craig Curry, pastor of First United Methodist Church, and Lloyd Stice, pastor of Trinity United Methodist Church. (SDN Staff Photo)

Walkers, sponsors needed for Oct. 2

Members of Scurry County churches are gearing up for the annual CROP WALK set Sunday, Oct. 1. Walkers will gather at the gazebo at the square at 2 p.m. on World Communion Sunday.

The event is again being sponsored by the Scurry County Ministerial Alliance. Those interested in walking sign up and then get sponsors to donate a flat sum for their efforts on behalf of the hungry.

The CROP WALK makes a difference for the community and the world, said Rev. Nan Swanson, pastor of First Presbyterian Church and walk coordinator. "We do the CROP WALK because others around the world walk every day for their food and shelter, for water for survival."

"As we walk, we walk with the world and for the world," Swanson said. "We walk against hunger."

She noted that at a recent UN meeting in New York where over 150 heads of state met to discuss world problems, one of the commitments that was made was to eradicate poverty by the year 2015.

CROP WALK has been working to wipe out hunger the world over for over 30 years. One-fourth of the money that is raised will go to the local Food Cupboard which helps between 500-1,000 people each month receive food assistance.

In addition, this year a soup kitchen was set up this summer, serving 650 children.

"Come walk with us," Swanson said. "We will walk from the gazebo to Towle Park. If you do not walk, at least donate to someone who is walking. Let's try to make this the best walk yet as a symbol that in this century, that old enemy hunger will at last be defeated."

For more information, call Swanson at 573-6915.

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Joins World Bank

WASHINGTON (AP)— San Marino, a republic located in central Italy near the Adriatic coast, joined the World Bank Thursday, becoming its 182 member. The bank makes loans to member countries to help them finance development projects.

Both the bank and its sister institution, the International Monetary Fund, now have 182 members.

San Marino has a population of about 27,000.

Kraft recalls taco shells due to unapproved biotech corn

WASHINGTON (AP) — Kraft Foods is recalling millions of packages of taco shells after tests confirmed they were made with a variety of genetically engineered corn that isn't approved for human consumption because of questions about whether it could cause allergic reactions.

The Food and Drug Administration said there was no known threat to human health from the corn.

The shells are sold in stores under the Taco Bell brand. The recall does not apply to shells sold through Taco Bell restaurants, but Taco Bell Corp. said it will replace its shells next week.

Taco Bell said it buys shells through the same Mexican processor that supplies Kraft, and tests for the corn have proven inconclusive. Taco Bell ordered the plant to switch suppliers for its corn flour.

Tests commissioned by an anti-biotech environmental group found traces of the corn in taco shells that had been purchased in a suburban Washington store, and tests performed for Kraft at an independent lab showed the corn in "multiple" samples of the product, the company said.

"As soon as we learned that there might be an issue in the supply chain we purchased from, we have been guided by one priority, the safety of our products and their compliance with all regulatory requirements," said Betsy Holden, Kraft's chief executive.

Kraft, a division of Philip Morris Inc., said it would discontinue production of the shells until it can be sure there is no more of the genetically engineered corn in the meal it buys.

Kraft did not know how many packages were in homes, stores or in distribution channels, but a spokesman said it was safe to say the number is in the millions. Consumers should return the taco shells for full refunds at stores where they were purchased, Kraft said.

The nationwide recall includes packages labeled Taco Bell Home Originals 12 Taco Shells, Taco Bell Home Originals 18 Taco Shells and Taco Bell Home Originals Taco Dinner (12 shells, sauce and seasoning).

The corn, which contains a bacterium gene that makes it toxic to an insect pest, is produced by Aventis Corp. and goes under the trade name StarLink. It is one of the least-used of several varieties of biotech corn, and it is the only genetically engineered crop of any kind not approved for food use.

Scientists advising the Environmental Protection Agency, which regulates pest-resistant crops, have been unable to agree on whether StarLink is safe for food use.

Kraft said the government should no longer allow farmers to grow a biotech crop that isn't approved for humans to eat.

Financial Focus

How Law May Affect How You Pay For Retirement

Do you plan to work during your retirement years? Some 80 percent of baby boomers expect to do just that, according to a survey prepared by the American Association of Retired Persons. If you're in that group, then you'll be interested in a law recently passed by Congress and signed by President Clinton.

This legislation allows senior citizens to earn as much money as they like without sacrificing Social Security benefits. Previously, workers age 65 through 69 lost $1 in Social Security benefits for every $3 in wages above an annual limit of $17,000.

The benefit or this new law may be almost as important psychologically as it is financially. Under the old system even if you didn't actually need every dollar you could get from Social Security, you still wouldn't have wanted to sacrifice benefits that you worked many years to earn. Besides that, you may have been looking forward to working during retirement — not because you had to, but because you wanted to try something new. Maybe you wanted to open a small shop, do some consulting or launch a new type of business you've always thought could succeed. Under the old law, you would have been penalized for pursuing your desire. Now, that has all changed.

From a financial point of view, the new law may affect your retirement-funding plans. For example, if you can expect more income from employment during your so-called retirement years you may be able to get by with less income from your investments. Previously, you may have thought it necessary to weight your portfolio more heavily toward income-producing investments, such as Treasury securities, bonds or bond-based mutual funds. But now, you may want to consider adding more growth elements, such as stock or stock-based mutual funds.

At first glance, you might balk at the thought of adding more stocks to a portfolio you're relying on to carry you through retirement. After all, stocks can be more risky than other types of investments. But you need to remember that you are likely to spend a long time in retirement — possibly two or even three decades. During your retirement years, if you were to have all your investment dollars in fixed-income vehicles, you would eventually begin to lose purchasing power, even in periods of relatively mild inflation. You simply cannot afford a portfolio with no growth elements.

Ultimately, you'll probably need all your financial resources — investments, 401(k), IRA, Social Security and income from employment — to fund your retirement. But by planning ahead and making the right moves, you can do more than just retire — you can retire in style.

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Jeanne grew up in Pecos, Texas and after receiving her Bachelor's degree from Texas Tech University, moved to Dallas where she lived and worked for the next thirteen years before she made the decision to get back to the small town atmosphere that she loved and where she could be closer to her family.

Jeanne was nominated because she is a great supervisor, never complains, and places others before herself, and for her dedication to the City.

Survivors recount frightening flight

KEY WEST, Fla. (AP) — Ten Cubans fleeing their homeland in a vintage crop duster lost their way to America over the Gulf of Mexico and turned to God as their plane ran out of gas. Within minutes, a speck of a cargo ship, the Chios Dream, appeared on the horizon.

"God put that boat there," Rodolfo Fuentes said Friday at a Key West hospital as he recalled the frightening events that followed Tuesday's daring escape from Cuba in a stolen plane.

Nine of the 10 passengers survived the perilous, roundabout journey to America, despite a crash landing into choppy waters. One died before help arrived.

The plane's pilot, Angel Lenin Iglesias Hernandez, told reporters Friday that air traffic controllers in Havana refused to help him during the flight after he asked for a Miami or Key West radio frequency. He said they knew his intention was to defect.

Shortly after the state-owned plane took off Tuesday, the Cuban government said the pilot had reported the plane had been hijacked.

"I don't know where the whole hijacking thing came from. We never said that to them," Hernandez said Friday. "It was something we all agreed on."

Aboard the aircraft with Hernandez, 35, was his wife Mercedes Martinez-Paredes, 34, and their sons Eddie, 13, and Donny, 7.

"My children are scared that they will be sent back to Cuba," said Hernandez, his left eye bruised from the ordeal.

The Immigration and Naturalization Service granted six of the nine survivors permission to apply for U.S. residency. The Fuentes family members were given temporary humanitarian parole until they can be processed by the INS, a step that was delayed because of their hospital stays.

Fuentes, 35, and his wife, Liliana Ponzoa, 35, stopped by St. Mary Star of the Sea Roman Catholic Church in Key West to say prayers after being released from the hospital.

Ponzoa, who suffered a severe cut to the leg, limped into the church and knelt before a statue of Jesus. Fuentes, recovering from a concussion, sobbed as he prayed, his cries echoing through the empty church.

A few hours earlier in the hospital, Fuentes recalled the escape from Cuba, the crash and the rescue.

After the passengers spotted the Chios Dream, the plane's pilot steered the aircraft toward the ship and circled five, six, seven times. Finally, a sailor looked up and saw the aircraft.

"On the final pass, we all got ready. We took off our shoes. We took off our shirts and put our heads between our legs," Fuentes said. "We prayed to God and we landed."

The plane bumped across the surface of the water. When it came to a halt the passengers climbed out. It would be 45 minutes before the Chios Dream arrived.

"I had so much faith that I knew we were going to live," Ponzoa said.

Her husband wasn't so sure.

"Thank God we're alive," Ponzoa said, choking back tears and clutching the hand of her 6-year-old son, Andy.

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Founder of Aryan Nations to give up Idaho compound

COEUR D'ALENE, Idaho (AP) — In a blow to hate groups that have made the Northwest their clubhouse, the founder of the Aryan Nations has agreed to give up his Idaho compound to satisfy a $6.3 million verdict against the white supremacist organization.

Richard Butler wanted to avoid the spectacle of sheriff's vans showing up to seize the 20-acre property, lawyers said Friday. He has agreed to hand over the property no later than Oct. 25.

Under the agreement reached Thursday, Butler must give up the property and all its contents — Nazi and Confederate flags, Third Reich posters, a silver bust of Adolf Hitler, stained glass swastikas and contents of a print shop.

Butler, 82, will leave with only his clothing and personal effects.

A planned Oct. 28 parade in downtown Coeur d'Alene could be the final public hurrah for the sect: Butler also must give up the Aryan Nations name, though it was not immediately clear when he must stop using it.

"I would say this is a significant victory for the people of Idaho and that I hope that this is the end of the story," Gov. Dirk Kempthorne said from Boise. "One clear image that should emerge is that Idahoans do not condone these activities of malcontents that would promote hatred and bigotry."

Richard Cohen, a lawyer with the Southern Poverty Law Center in Montgomery, Ala., said Butler is not precluded from continuing his church, the Church of Jesus Christ Christian-Aryan Nations, which operates on the property.

Butler will deed the property near Hayden Lake to Victoria and Jason Keenan, who won the jury award earlier this month after they were attacked outside the sect's compound in 1998.

"The Keenans will be able to do with the property what they want," Cohen said Friday.

Edgar Steele, who represented Butler during the trial, said the deal will go through only if a judge refuses to grant a new trial.

The compound containing the sect's church, barracks and Butler's home were scheduled for seizure next Friday. Under the agreement, Butler will remain on the property until one week after the expected ruling on a request for a new trial, or Oct. 25, whichever comes first.

Butler moved to northern Idaho from California in 1973 to found his sect, which called for a whites-only homeland in the Northwest. He began holding an annual event called the Aryan Nations Congress in 1981, attracting racist and anti-government groups from across the country.

A recent report by the Northwest Coalition for Human Dignity identified 11 white supremacist groups in Idaho, 10 of them in the Panhandle, a region of beautiful lakes and forested mountains that draws thousands of tourists and retirees.

Northern Idaho has gotten an undeserved reputation as a haven for white supremacists because of the Aryans' presence, said Jonathan Coe, the executive director of the Coeur d'Alene Chamber of Commerce.

"This development is yet another positive outcome of the trial," Coe said. "If it means Richard Butler is unable to continue the Aryan Nations and the message of hatred, we think it's a real success."

Earlier this month, a Kootenai County jury found Butler, a co-defendant and the Aryan Nations grossly negligent in hiring and training the security guards who shot at and assaulted the Keenans.

The Southern Poverty Law Center represented the mother and son, who were awarded $330,000 in compensatory damages and $6 million in punitive damages.

Morris Dees, the co-founder of the law center, had said he intended to take everything the Aryan Nations owns. In 1987, Dees won a $7 million verdict against a Ku Klux Klan organization over the slaying of a 19-year-old black man in Mobile, Ala., forcing the group to turn over its headquarters building. In 1990, he won $9 million in Portland, Ore., against the White Aryan Resistance in the beating death of a black man by neo-Nazi skinheads.

It was not known where Butler will live; no one answered the telephone Friday at the Aryan Nations.

Kennedy family art to be auctioned

NEWPORT, R.I. (AP) — Family photos, art and furniture from the Kennedy family's so-called "summer White House" will be auctioned off next month, and everyone's invited.

The 87 items are from the Hammersmith Farm, where John F. Kennedy and Jacqueline Bouvier held their wedding reception and where the family vacationed in the early 1960s.

One piece up for grabs: a grandfather clock memorialized in a photograph of Jackie getting ready to toss her bridal bouquet.

The Oct. 10 public auction at Christie's East of New York could bring in $150,000, Christie's spokeswoman Katherine Adler said.

The items belong to the heirs of Janet Lee Auchincloss, Mrs. Kennedy's mother. They had been on display in the estate until last year, when investment banker Peter Kiernan III bought the property for a private home. The furnishings were not part of the sale.

AARP seeking volunteers for its tax service

The AARP Foundation will again provide free income tax preparation services in Snyder area for the 2000 tax year, beginning in February.

In order for the service to continue, volunteers need to be trained as preparers. Training is given in Abilene in January and travel expenses are reimbursed. No prior experience is required, however, volunteers should have a basic knowledge of the 1040 instructions. Having prepared one's own return is sufficient.

For more information, call Ken Roussell at 915-672-7596.

Senior Center News

Monday and Tuesday seniors may vote in the Scurry County Senior Center Advisory Board election from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Scurry County residents 60 and older are encouraged to vote. Senior citizens will choose their representative to this policymaking board.

Two important meetings are scheduled for Oct. 2. The Pool Association will meet at 11 a.m. to elect officers and their representative to the advisory board. Members who like pool are encouraged to join.

Also on Oct. 2, a sanitation meeting is set for 1 p.m. Anyone who helps in the kitchen with congregate or home-delivered meals is asked to attend. It is most important that everyone understand the rules of safe food handling so that the food prepared for senior citizens can be prepared in the safest manner possible.

Monday

Advisory board election, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Bridge play begins at 9:30 a.m. Seniors interested in entering the eight ball tournament are asked to be at the center before 10 a.m. All seniors are invited to join the fun. Juanita Ellington leads a mild exercise program daily at 11 a.m. Many of the exercises can be done while seated. Everyone is encouraged to participate at his or her level and speed.

Tuesday

Advisory Board election from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Seniors may play "88" beginning at 10 a.m. The Local Yokels will entertain at 11 a.m. and the Golden K Kiwanis meet at noon. The center will be open at 6:30 p.m. for the dance/game night. Games begin at 6:30 p.m. and the dance follows at 7 p.m. with the Benny Benitez Band providing the music. The suggested donation is $3 per person.

Wednesday

The Kitchen Band will entertain at 11 a.m. at the center. Line dancers cloggers will practice at 1 and 2 p.m., respectively. With summer vocation over, now is the time to join the choir. Newcomers are always welcome.

Friday

The blood pressure clinic and bridge tournament begin at 9:30 a.m. "88" play begins at 10 a.m. exercise at 11, and the sing-a-long at 11:30 p.m.

Senior Center Menu

Monday

Vegetable soup, grilled cheese sandwich, French fried potato rounds, dill pickle spears, chocolate chip cookie

Tuesday

Baked ham, spinach, macaroni and cheese, tossed salad, spice cake

Wednesday

Oven fried chicken w/cream gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, jellied citrus salad, cherry orchard bars

Thursday

Creole steak, wild rice, chopped broccoli, peaches and cottage cheese, oatmeal cookie

Friday

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OLYMPIC COVERAGE

Americans falter in gold medal bids

SYDNEY, Australia (AP) — Running, rowing or spiking, there were no perfect endings Saturday (Friday night EDT) for U.S. Olympians.

U.S. teams in rowing and beach volleyball missed their shots at gold medals, writing a bad ending to a pair of good Olympic tales. It was the same at the track, where a U.S. shot putter bid farewell to his Olympic career with a disappointing finish.

After a four-year wait for redemption, the U.S. rowing team of Missy Ryan and Karen Kraft found frustration — and a bronze medal. In 1996, the pair had just missed a gold; the same fate befell them this time.

During the four years between, Ryan donated a kidney to her brother and the pair stopped training. But they came out of retirement two months ago for one last shot at a gold. Instead, they picked up a bronze to go with their Atlanta silver.

At beach volleyball, Jenny Johnson Jordan attempted to emulate the gold-medal success of her dad, 1960 Olympic decathlon champion Rafer Johnson. But she and teammate Annett Davis were upset in the quarterfinals, 15-9, by a Japanese team — an unexpected event for the third-seeded Americans.

Johnson, who came to Australia to watch his daughter, said he was the most nervous member of the family.

"We're saddened by the end result, but they had a really great year," he said. "We're pleased for all the good things that happened."

The second U.S. team, fourth-seeded Holly McPeak and Misty May, were also eliminated, 16-14, by fifth-seeded Brazil.

— TRACK: Lance Deal, after a surprising performance, made a surprising announcement. Deal, the 1996 silver medalist in the hammer throw, failed to advance past the qualifying round Saturday (Friday night EDT) — and then announced this was his last Olympic appearance.

Deal said he would retire after the Grand Prix Finals in Qatar next month. The two other Americans in the hammer, Jud Logan and Kevin McMahon, disappeared with Deal.

The hammer throw washout was the second of the day for Americans at the track. The three U.S. hopefuls in the 800 meters — Mark Everett, Bryan Woodward and Richard Kenah — did not advance past their first heat.

"It's a bad time to run a bad race," Woodward said.

A day earlier, Maurice Greene and Marion Jones cruised into the semifinals in the men's and women's 100 meters. Jones, starting her bid for five Sydney golds, ripped off a 10.83 run in her second heat to send the competition a little message.

American Michael Johnson, the defending champion, and Australian Cathy Freeman, who lit the Olympic torch at the opening ceremony, both posted first-round victories in the 400.

The most notable casualty on the first day at the track was defending 100 Olympic gold medalist Donovan Bailey. The Canadian, after battling the flu for several days, ran out of steam in his second heat.

The United States won its first track and field medals, in the shot put. Adam Nelson took the silver, while 1996 silver medalist John Godina won the bronze. Arsi Harju of Finland won the gold.

— BOXING: Olympic boxing officials agreed with U.S. fighter Brian Viloria: he didn't receive credit for a dozen solid body shots landed in his losing decision to Frenchman Brahim Asloul.

"The judges just didn't do a good job of scoring body punches in the bout," acknowledged Loring Baker, an American and the general secretary of the International Amateur Boxing Association. The U.S. team did not appeal, and the decision will stand.

— SWIMMING: At the Olympic pool, two American swimmers tied for the honor of world's fastest, each grabbing a gold medal.

In a mere 21.98 seconds, Gary Hall Jr. and Anthony Ervin finished tied for first in the 50-meter freestyle, a single-lap, all-out sprint for swimmers. Neither one minded sharing the title Friday.

"It couldn't have ended any better," Ervin told Hall after the pair shared a happy hug in the pool. The victory provided a bit of revenge, too, as Hall defeated bronze medalist Pieter van den Hoogenband of the Netherlands and two-time defending champion Alexander Popov of Russia.

Those two had finished 1-2 ahead of Hall in the 100 meters.

The double gold medalists weren't the only Americans on the medals stand. Brooke Bennett won the 800 freestyle with an Olympic record, breaking the mark held by American Janet Evans.

Bennett, 20, became the first woman since Evans in 1988 to sweep the 400 and 800 freestyles. Teammate Kaitlin Sandeno, 17, won the 800 freestyle bronze.

The swimming success kept the Americans atop the medals chart with 40 (16 gold, 10 silver, 14 bronze). Trailing were China with 30 (14-7-9) and host Australia with 28 (8-11-9).

— BASEBALL: Manager Tommy Lasorda's 73rd birthday had it all: an Italian lunch, a nice cake and a fifth straight Olympic victory. His U.S. team defeated Italy 4-2, setting up a first-round showdown with the favored (and once-beaten) Cubans.

A throwing error by Italian reliever Jason Simontacchi allowed two runs, including the winner, to score. The Americans face Cuba on Saturday.

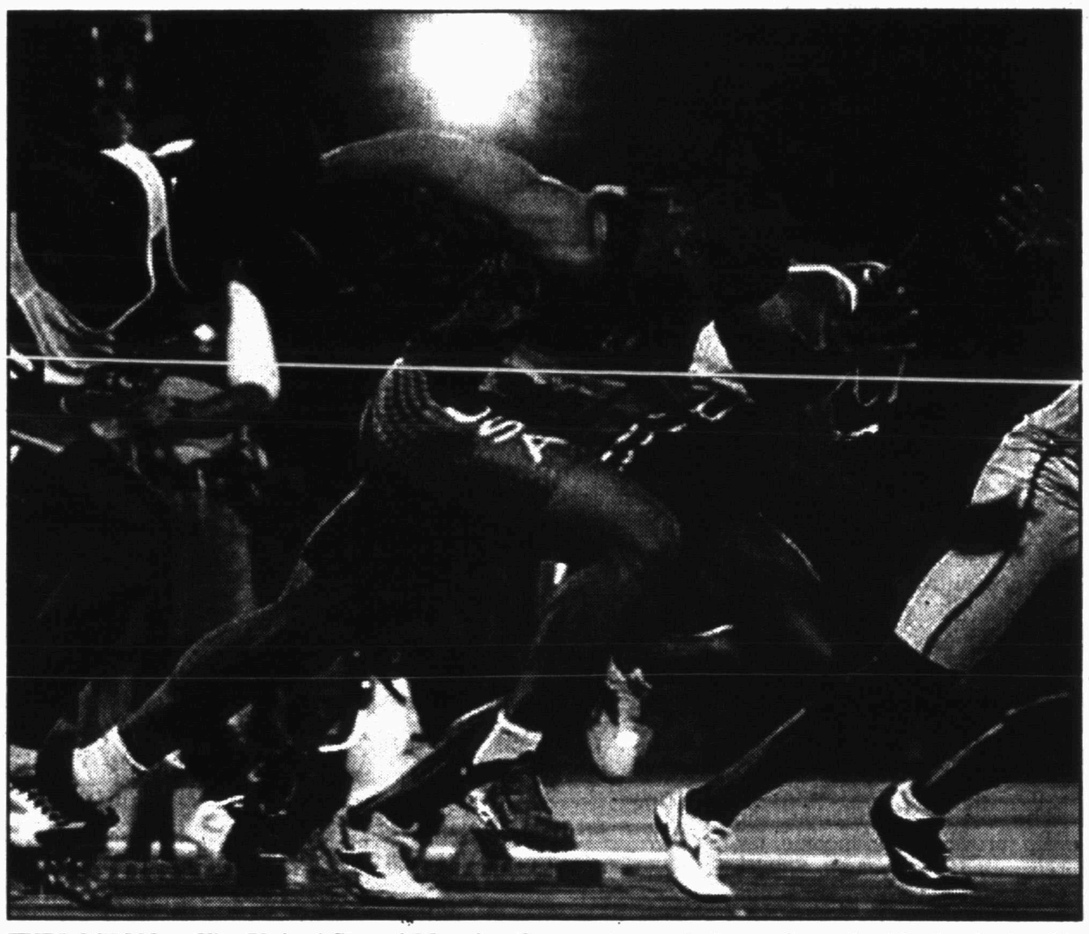
— WEIGHTLIFTING: Gold-medal winner Tara Nott wanted to see U.S. teammate Cheryl Haworth win her own medal. Nott, who skipped her own gold medal ceremony to watch the 17-year-old weightlifter, was not disappointed.

Haworth took a bronze in the 165-pound-plus competition as Nott cheered her on. Earlier in the day, Nott captured the first U.S. weightlifting gold in 40 years when a Bulgarian lifter failed a drug test.

Rather than accepting her medal at a hastily arranged ceremony in the athletes' village, Nott rooted Haworth to her bronze. On Saturday, U.S. delegation chief Sandy Baldwin will present Nott with her medal.

— WATER POLO: The American women will go for the gold, and for a bit of revenge. The U.S. team scored a 6-5 semifinal victory over the Netherlands, setting up a gold medal game Saturday (Friday night EDT) against host Australia.

America's veteran leader, 39-year-old Maureen O'Toole, scored twice to lead her younger teammates. The United States' only defeat in the pool this week was a 7-6 loss to the Australians on a late goal.



EXPLOSION — The United States' Maurice Greene (center) shoots from the blocks during his heat of the men's 100-meter dash. Greene finished with a time of 10.10 seconds. (AP Photo)

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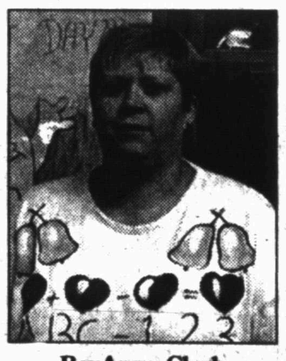

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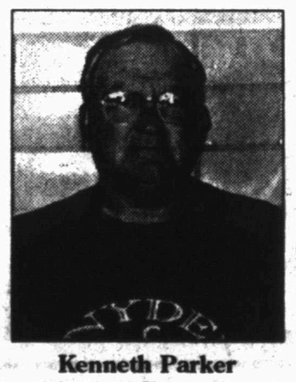

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SATURDAY

NBC—Noon-6:00 p.m

Basketball: USA Men vs. New Zealand. Track & Field. Diving (finals): Women's Synchronized Springboard. Beach Volleyball: Women's quarterfinals and semifinals.

7:00 p.m.-Midnight

Track & Field (finals): Women's 100m, Men's 100m, Men's Javelin. Swimming (finals): Women's 50m Freestyle, 4x100m Medley Relay, Men's 1,500m Freestyle, 4x100m Medley Relay. Diving: Men's Synchronized Platform Final.

12:30 a.m.-2:00 a.m.

Volleyball: USA Men vs. South Korea.

MSNBC—9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Baseball: USA vs. Cuba. Soccer: Men's Quarterfinal. Softball: USA vs. Italy.

CNBC—4:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.

Water Polo: USA Men vs. Croatia. Boxing. Soccer: Men's Quarterfinal.

SUNDAY

NBC—10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.

Track & Field: Women's Marathon. Soccer: Women's Semifinal. Diving: Women's Platform Semifinal. Synchronized Swimming: Duet Competition.

7:00 p.m.-midnight

Gymnastics: First Night of Men's and Women's Individual Event Finals. Track & Field: Men's 400m Semifinals. Finals: Men's High Jump, Women's Triple Jump, Men's Hammer Throw. Heptathlon conclusion. Diving: Women's Platform Final.

12:30 a.m.-2:00 a.m.

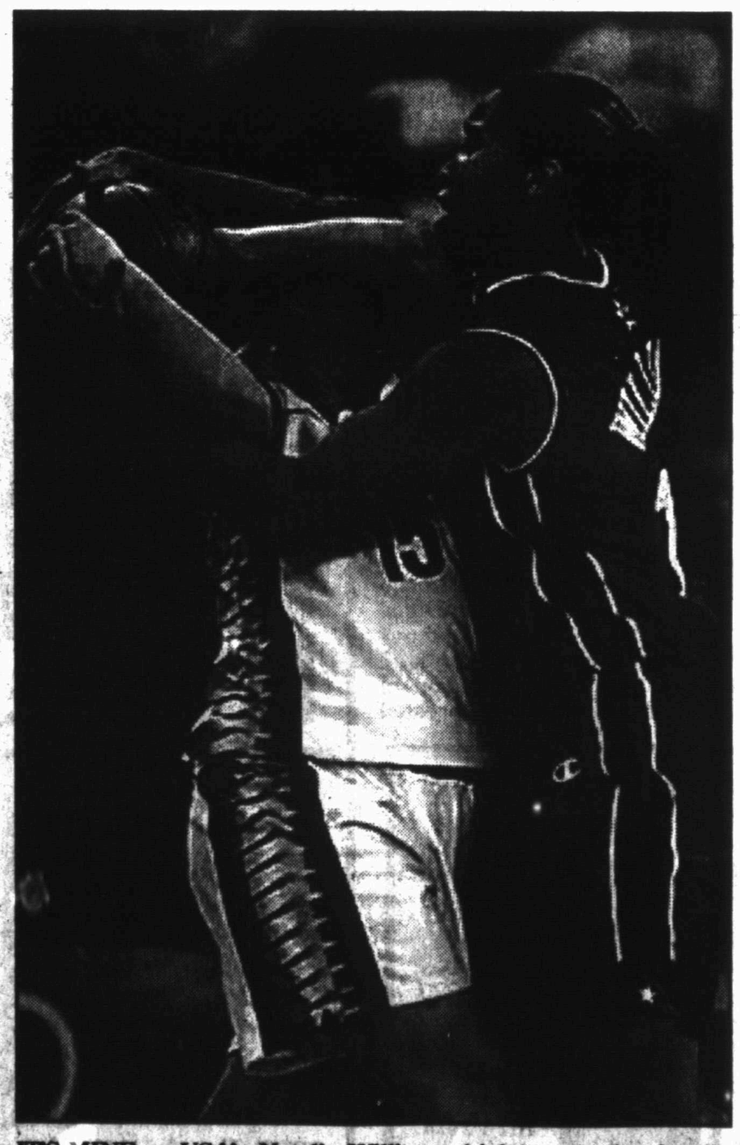
Weightlifting: Men's Final.

MSNBC—9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Baseball: USA vs. Australia. Basketball: USA Women vs. Poland. Volleyball: USA Women vs. Brazil.

CNBC—4:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.

Tennis. Boxing. Soccer: Women's Semifinal.



IT'S MINE — USA's Natalie Williams (right) struggles for the ball with New Zealand's Dianne L 'Ami during a preliminary-round basketball game. The Americans won the game, 92-43. (AP Photo)

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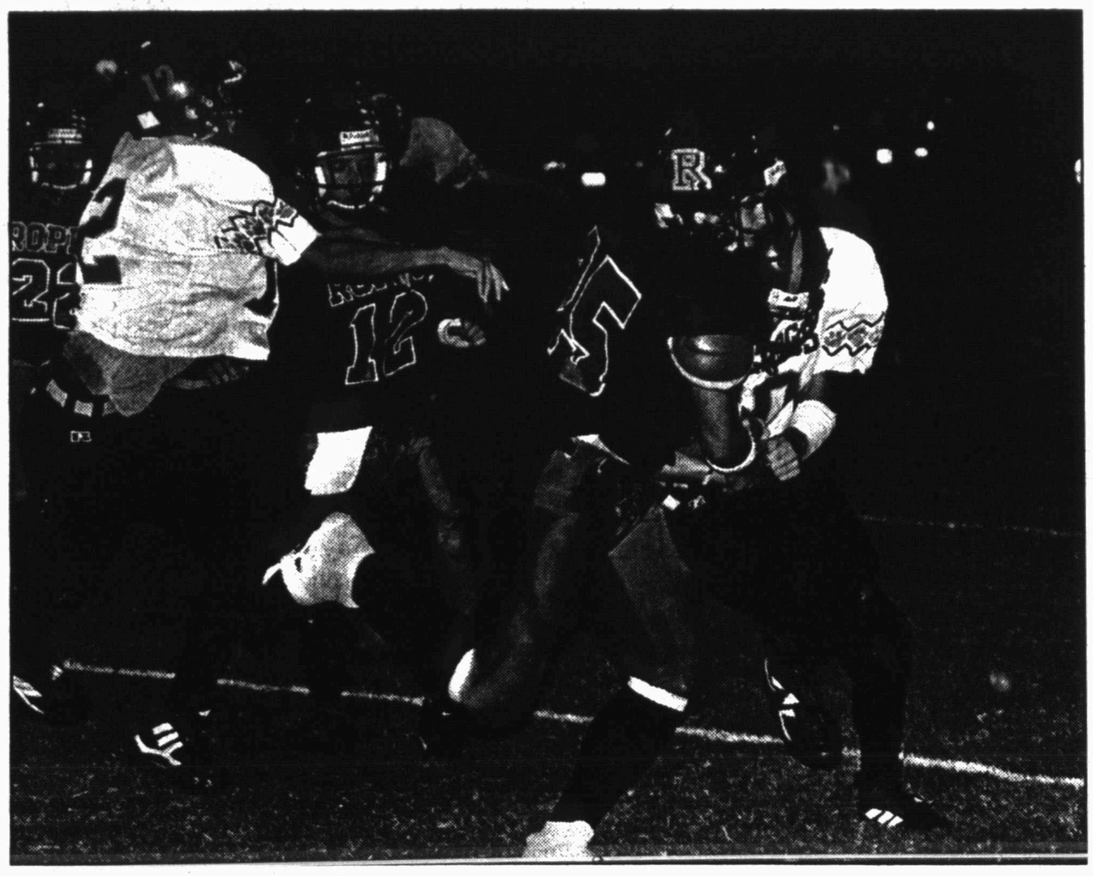

CUT OFF AT THE CORNER — Ropes running back Chris Cruz (25) is hit by Ira's Nathan Smith, while Eric Dickerhoff (left) fights off the block of Matthew Harris during their six-man contest Friday night in Ropesville. (SDN Staff Photo)

Eagles 43, Bulldogs 8...

Ira lassoed by Ropes; Big plays cost Bulldogs

By Eric Drennan
Sports Editor

ROPESVILLE — After two years at the Class A level, the Ropes Eagles are back in six-man football.

But Friday night, the Ira Bulldogs must have felt out-manned.

Ropes used its speed and size to produce big plays Friday night en route to a 43-8 victory over Ira.

The Eagles, now 2-1 on the season, scored on four plays of more than 30 yards, and took advantage of every Ira miscue.

"There were so many times that we had them stopped, and then they broke loose for a big play," said Ira coach Toby Goodwin. "They have some great athletes, and chasing them around all night was starting to wear us down, in the end."

Action was tight in the early going. After Ropes jumped out to a 15-0 advantage, Ira trimmed the tally midway through the second quarter.

A 10-yard touchdown run from Jeremy Bowden capped a seven-play Bulldog drive that was kept alive by a fourth-down conversion near midfield. Jerry Jamison booted the extra points to cut the deficit to 15-8.

"Early in the game, we did what we wanted to," Goodwin said. "We were able to move the ball on them, and we kept them pretty much contained for most of the first half."

But an 11-play span, that began just before halftime and continued into the third quarter, blew the game open and epitomized the night for Ira.

Following a failed onside-kick attempt by the Bulldogs, the Eagles marched 39 yards in seven plays to extend the lead to 21-8 with 1:17 left in the half.

Trailing by 13 points, Ira hoped to run out the clock and regroup at the break, but Ropes' defense had other plans.

The Eagles stopped Nathan Smith on fourth down, then made the Bulldogs pay on the next play.

From the Ira 35-yard-line, Steve Sigala weaved his way through the Ira defense, finding the endzone as the final seconds ticked off for a 29-8 tally.

"The touchdown right before half was a bad one to give up," Goodwin remarked. "It gave them all the momentum, and really put us in a hole to start the second half."

After posting two scores in six plays to end the second quarter, Ropes put the game way early in the third.

Ira failed to pick up a first down on the opening possession of the second half, and was forced to punt from its own 4-yard-line.

Ropes' George Velez fielded the ball at the 32, then outran the Bulldogs to the endzone. The touchdown was the Eagles third in four minutes of action, and built their advantage to 37-8.

Velez would cap the scoring with his fourth touchdown of the night late in the fourth quarter, racing 50 yards for the 43-8 final result.

"We had our chances, especially early in the game," said Goodwin. "But we kept shooting ourselves in the foot. Every time we got some momentum, we would turn the ball over, and Ropes would capitalize."

Ira put the ball on the ground seven times on the night. Ropes recovered it twice, and added two interceptions.

The Bulldogs mustered only 14 yards of passing to go along with 209 yards on the ground.

Smith paced the rushing attack with 120 yards on 17 carries.

Game Summary

Ira	00	08	00	00	—08
Ropes	08	21	08	06	—43

First Quarter

Ropes — George Velez 58-yard run (Chris Medrano kick), 2:07.

Second Quarter

Ropes — Domingo Ibarra 6-yard run (Orlando Trejo pass from Medrano), 7:24.

Ira — Jeremy Bowden 10-yard run (Jerry Jamison kick), 4:07.

Ropes — Velez 6-yard run (kick failed), 1:17.

Ropes — Steve Sigala 35-yard run (Medrano kick), 0:00.

Third Quarter

Ropes — Velez 32-yard punt return (Medrano kick), 6:56.

Fourth Quarter

Ropes — Velez 50-yard run (kick failed), 1:44.

	Ira	Rop
First Downs	10	7
Rushes-yards	35-209	23-244
Passing yards	14	117
Comp-Att-Int	3-9-2	8-13-0
Punts	2-38.0	3-27.3
Fumbles-lost	7-2	4-1
Penalties-yards	3-25	7-55

RUSHING — Ira: Smith, 17-120; Bowden, 16-77; Jamison, 4-19; Wall, 2-7; Dickerhoff, 6-minus 14. **Ropes:** Velez, 12-144; Harris, 4-38; Sigala, 5-26; Cruz, 1-10; Ibarra, 1-6.

PASSING — Ira: Dickerhoff 3 of 8 for 14 yards, 2 int.; Smith 0 of 1. **Ropes:** Sigala 7 of 10 for 100 yards; Harris 1 of 3 for 5 yards.

RECEIVING — Ira: Tucker, 1-12; Bowden, 1-4; Frey, 1-minus 2. **Ropes:** Medrano, 2-57; Cruz, 2-32; Harris, 2-18; Velez, 2-10.

Red Raiders seek consistency

LUBBOCK (AP) — Texas Tech has showed both moments of promise and disappointment during its first four games under new coach Mike Leach.

While the Red Raiders are undefeated, they have been inconsistent during a soft pre-conference schedule and given no real indication if the new pass-based offense will make the grade or fail miserably against tougher Big 12 rivals.

"The main issue we're dealing with is being consistent and having confidence in our offense," said running back Ricky Williams, one of the players most affected by Leach's overhauled offense. "Coach Leach is trying to instill that confidence in us now."

Wins against New Mexico, Utah State, North Texas and Louisiana-Lafayette — teams with a combined 2-10 record — aren't enough to provide the full confidence needed when the Red Raiders play their Big 12 opener Sept. 30 at Texas A&M.

"Other Big 12 teams are probably saying we haven't played anybody and they have every right to say that," quarterback Kliff Kingsbury said. "Our offense has got to get more consistent or it's not going to be too fun of a season."

Tech has gone through some growing pains — and plenty of ups and downs — in the transition to Leach's all-out passing attack. Under former coach Spike Dykes, the Red Raiders ran the ball two-thirds of the time.

In the season opener against New Mexico, Kingsbury struggled. He hit just 21-of-47 passes for 186 yards and was sacked four times.

A week later, Kingsbury set a school record with 450 yards passing, throwing for three touchdowns and running for another in a 38-16 victory over Utah State.

When Tech barely got past North Texas 13-7 in the third game, Kingsbury completed 42-of-55 passes for 238 yards. But he also had three interceptions, one of which led to the only North Texas score. He hit 24-of-37 for 240 yards against Lafayette, but also had two interceptions and rushed nine times for 28 yards.

"That brief period where he became a running quarterback, I wasn't too cranked about that," Leach said. "I just figured he would come out of it."

Kingsbury eventually did. Now the Red Raiders hope to follow his lead. Kingsbury says they have no choice.

"If our offense comes around we're going to be a real force to deal with," he said. "Hopefully, it's going to come next week. We need it to come next week, or else it's going to be a long day at A&M."

The open date gives the Red Raiders a chance to heal some minor injuries, including a number of sprained knees and ankles. The primary loss was defensive tackle Lamont Anderson to a broken leg last weekend.

"We're having to shuffle some guys around," Leach said. "We have some pretty good players who are laid up and you're going to have to line somebody up there whether they are good or not."

Also injured is Williams, who missed last year with a knee injury. He hyperextended the knee in the North Texas game.

Williams was fourth nationally in rushing as a sophomore two years ago, averaging 143 yards per game. He is averaging just 58 yards per game in the revamped offense.

"It's only a matter of time before we come out with all four cylinders. We need to come out physically and mentally ready to execute the plays," Williams said. "I think the running game is taking a little time to develop. After the A&M game, I get to take my brace off and it will come along a little bit quicker."

Major League Baseball

American League
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East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
New York	85	67	.559	—
Toronto	81	72	.529	4½
Boston	80	74	.519	6
Baltimore	68	86	.442	18
Tampa Bay	62	90	.408	23

Central Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Chicago	92	61	.601	—
Cleveland	83	69	.546	8½
Detroit	75	78	.490	17
Kansas City	72	82	.468	20½
Minnesota	66	87	.431	26

West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Seattle	86	68	.558	—
Oakland	84	68	.553	1
Anaheim	78	75	.510	7½
Texas	70	84	.455	16

Friday's Games

Baltimore 3, Boston 1
Tampa Bay 3, Toronto 2
Anaheim 2, Texas 1
Detroit 9, N.Y. Yankees 6
Chicago White Sox 5, Minnesota 4
Kansas City 3, Cleveland 2
Oakland 8, Seattle 3

Saturday's Games

Detroit (Mlicki 6-11) at N.Y. Yankees (Clemens 13-7), 1:25 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Rekar 6-10) at Toronto (Halladay 4-7), 4:05 p.m.
Oakland (Appier 14-11) at Seattle (Abbott 9-6), 4:05 p.m.
Baltimore (Rapp 8-12) at Boston (Arrojo 5-2), 4:35 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Parque 12-6) at Minnesota (Milton 13-9), 7:05 p.m.
Anaheim (Karl 1-2 or Turnbow 0-0) at Texas (Helling 15-12), 8:05 p.m.
Cleveland (Colon 14-8) at Kansas City (Reichert 8-8), 8:05 p.m.

Sunday's Games

Tampa Bay at Toronto, 1:05 p.m.
Detroit at N.Y. Yankees, 1:05 p.m.
Baltimore at Boston, 1:05 p.m.
Cleveland at Kansas City, 2:05 p.m.
Chicago White Sox at Minnesota, 2:05 p.m.
Anaheim at Texas, 3:05 p.m.
Oakland at Seattle, 4:35 p.m.

National League
All Times EDT

East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Atlanta	90	63	.588	—
New York	87	67	.565	3½
Florida	72	81	.471	18
Montreal	67	86	.438	23
Philadelphia	63	90	.412	26

Central Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
x-St. Louis	90	64	.584	—
Cincinnati	80	74	.519	10
Houston	69	85	.448	21
Milwaukee	68	85	.444	21½
Pittsburgh	64	89	.418	26
Chicago	61	92	.399	28½

West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
x-San Francisco	92	61	.601	—
Arizona	80	72	.526	11½
Los Angeles	81	73	.526	11½
Colorado	77	76	.503	15
San Diego	75	79	.487	17½

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Friday's Games

Chicago Cubs 5, St. Louis 4
Pittsburgh at Milwaukee, ppd., rain
Montreal 6, Atlanta 4
Cincinnati 12, Houston 5
N.Y. Mets 9, Philadelphia 6
Florida 8, Colorado 4
Arizona 7, San Francisco 1
San Diego 3, Los Angeles 2

Saturday's Games

Houston (Elarton 17-6) at Cincinnati (Harnisch 8-6), 1:15 p.m.
St. Louis (Reames 1-1) at Chicago Cubs (Nation 0-0), 1:25 p.m.
Florida (Smith 4-6) at Colorado (Wasdin 0-1), 3:05 p.m.
Arizona (Guzman 3-4) at San Francisco (Estes 15-5), 4:05 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Silva 9-9 and Serafini 2-5) at Milwaukee (Snyder 3-10 and D'Amico 12-5), 2, 4:35 p.m.
Atlanta (Maddux 18-8) at Montreal (Lira 5-6), 7:05 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Hampton 13-10) at Philadelphia (Politte 3-2), 7:05 p.m.
Arizona (Reynoso 10-11) at San Francisco (Del Toro 1-0), 10:05 p.m.
San Diego (Williams 10-6) at Los Angeles (Brown 12-6), 10:10 p.m.

Sunday's Games

Houston at Cincinnati, 1:15 p.m.
Atlanta at Montreal, 1:35 p.m.
N.Y. Mets at Philadelphia, 1:35 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Milwaukee, 2:05 p.m.
St. Louis at Chicago Cubs, 2:20 p.m.
Florida at Colorado, 3:05 p.m.
San Diego at Los Angeles, 4:10 p.m.
Arizona at San Francisco, 4:05 p.m.

High School Top-10 Results

DALLAS (AP) — Here's how the top 10 teams fared in this week's Associated Press state high school football poll:

Class 5A

1. Garland (3-0) was idle.
2. Midland Lee (2-1) lost to West Monroe (La.), 36-8
3. Austin Westlake (3-0) was idle.
4. Katy (3-0) was idle.
5. Aldine Eisenhower (3-0) beat Lufkin, 49-21
6. Duncanville (2-1) lost to Plano, 17-14
7. Arlington Lamar (1-2) lost to No. 10 Lewisville, 39-28
8. Tyler John Tyler (2-1) beat Dallas Skyline,40-9
9. Converse Judson (3-0) beat San Benito, 49-0
10. Lewisville (3-0) beat No. 7 Arlington Lamar, 28

Class 4A

1. Wolfforth Frenship (2-1) lost to No. 7 Hereford, 48-28
2. Stephenville (2-1) was idle.
3. Wichita Falls (4-0) beat FW Wyatt, 23-8
4. Texas City (1-2) lost to Galveston Ball, 42-14
5. San Marcos (3-0) beat New Braunfels Canyon,48-0
6. Brownwood (2-1) was idle.
7. Hereford (2-1) beat No. 1 Wolfforth Frenship, 48-28
8. Highland Park (3-0) beat Carrollton Smith, 21-14
9. Bay City (3-0) vs. West Orange-Stark in Alief, Saturday, 7:30 p.m.
10. (tie) Ennis (1-1) at Dallas S. Oak Cliff, Saturday, 2 p.m.
10. Nederland (3-0) beat Dayton, 21-0

Class 3A

1. Crockett (4-0) beat Cleveland, 21-12
2. La Grange (2-2) lost to Gonzales, 13-7
3. Lamesa (3-1) beat Sweetwater, 21-7
4. Cuero (3-0) beat Sealy, 22-21 (OT)
5. Everman (2-1) beat Wichita Falls Rider, 26-7
6. Texarkana Liberty-Eylau (2-1) lost to Hallsville, 28-3
7. Aledo (4-0) beat Azle, 44-13
8. Newton (1-2) beat 2A No. 9 Corrigan-Camden, 35-13
9. Lindale (4-0) beat Forney, 35-12
10. Diboll (3-0) beat Waller, 7-0

Class 2A

1. Mart (3-0) beat Marlin, 22-16
2. Celina (4-0) beat Dallas Pinkston, 52-6
3. Refugio (3-0) was idle.
4. Sonora (4-0) beat Alpine, 48-6
5. Olney (4-0) beat Millsap, 71-13
6. Alto (2-1) lost to Elysian Fields, 19-7
7. Pilot Point (4-0) beat Lindsay, 28-17
8. Rogers (3-0) was idle.
9. Corrigan-Camden (1-3) lost to 3A No. 8 Newton, 35-13
10. Lone Oak (3-0) beat FW Southwest Christian, 66-13

Class A

1. Iraan (2-1) lost to Stanton, 31-26
2. Shiner (3-0) beat Weimar, 45-0
3. Beckville (3-0) beat New London West Rusk, 29-19
4. Stratford (3-0) beat Sunray, 27-21
5. Paducah (4-0) beat Haskell, 26-20
6. Celeste (3-0) beat Blue Ridge, 32-14
7. Rankin (4-0) beat McCamey, 20-16
8. Bremond (3-0) beat Waco Reicher Catholic, 19-6
9. Wortham (3-1) beat Covington, 46-0
10. Roscoe (4-0) beat Aspermont, 63-6

District 4-4A Football

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

Friday's results: Hereford 48, Frenship 28; Abilene Wylie 20, Big Spring 6; Estacado 34, Palo Duro 13; Lake View 17, Lampasas 14; Levelland 15, Fort Stockton 2. Open — Snyder, Andrews, Plainview.

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

District 6 Six-Man Football

Team	District W	District L	Season W	Season L
Highland	0	0	3	0
Westbrook	0	0	1	1
Ira	0	0	1	2
Loraine	0	0	1	2
Hermleigh	0	0	0	3
Borden County	0	0	0	3

Friday's results: Ropes 43, Ira 8; Sands 52, Borden County 21; Highland 46, Marathon 0; Loraine 46, Angelo Christian 0; Westbrook 58, Loop 35; Klondike 1, Hermleigh 0 (forfeit).

Next week's games: Ira at Blackwell; Hermleigh at Trent; Borden County at Wellman-Union; Highland at Lueders-Avoca; Loraine at Veribest; Abilene Victory Christian at Westbrook.

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SPORTS

Sands too strong for Coyotes

GAIL — Borden County got balanced production from its offense, but it was no match for Sands' ground attack.

Sands rolled up 311 rushing yards Friday night en route to a 52-21 victory over Borden County in six-man football action.

The Coyotes fall to 0-3 on the season, while the Mustangs improve to 2-1.

Borden County tallied 157 yards on the ground, and another 103 through the air, but couldn't keep pace with Sands.

After a scoreless opening period, the Mustangs took control behind the running of Hale Looney.

In the second quarter, Looney broke loose on touchdown runs of 55 and 58 yards, and hauled in a 6-yard pass for another score.

Sands built a 26-0 lead just before halftime on a 2-yard plunge by Cruz Martinez.

Following another Mustang score to open the third quarter, Borden County trimmed the deficit when T.J. Sharp dove in from a yard out. The extra-point attempt failed, leaving the tally at 32-6.

Sands answered with an interception return for a touchdown, before the Coyotes found the endzone again.

Sharp posted his second score of the night, this time on an 11-yard jaunt. James Bond hauled in the extra-point pass from Tom Griffin.

The Mustangs, however, continued to roll.

Sands registered two more touchdowns in the final period, before Borden County capped the scoring on a 35-yard pass from Jacob Zant to Tyler Stipe. Kyle Pinkerton booted the extra points.

STACKED UP — Ira's Nathan Smith tries to break through the tackle of George Velez (4) and another Ropes defender Friday night in Ropesville. The Bulldogs fell to the Eagles, 43-8. (SDN Staff Photo)

For Cowboys...

Hambrick takes Irvin's role as emotional leader

IRVING (AP) — Darren Hambrick is taking on Michael Irvin's role, but it has nothing to do with catching footballs for the Dallas Cowboys.

After Irvin retired in July, one of the biggest questions facing the Cowboys was not necessarily who would replace the receiver, but who would supplant him as the team's emotional fire-starter.

Hambrick said Irvin tabbed him as his personal replacement. And only now is the third-year linebacker is showing signs of doing just that.

Hambrick is finally fessing up to being the instigator of a pregame scuffle prior to the Cowboys' 27-21 victory at Washington on Monday night.

A trash-talking Hambrick induced a shoving match with Redskins linebacker LaVar Arrington and tackle Chris Samuels. The incident has been credited by some for whipping a downtrodden Cowboys (1-2) into a frenzy, thus sparking them to their first victory of the season.

Hambrick said the source of inspiration was Irvin, who personified and often instigated the raging fury that sparked the team to Super Bowl titles after the 1992, 1993 and 1995 seasons.

"Mike has been trying to get me do something for the longest time," Hambrick told the Fort Worth Star-Telegram. "He said it's something we need. He got me to do it."

The question coach Dave Campo wants to know is whether Monday's emotion was a one-time thing or truly a change in how they approach every game. He won't know until Sunday when the Cowboys play San Francisco at Texas Stadium.

Campo said he doesn't necessarily condone fighting, but acknowledges he was pleased with what came out of it.

That other Cowboys players rallied around Hambrick proved to Campo that there was still some togetherness and pride on the team. He also liked the emotion and passion the Cowboys showed on the field.

"The game of football is an emotional game," Campo said. "If you don't have emotion, you're not going to win many games unless you are far superior to the team you are playing against. I like to think that a football team is an extension of the coaching staff. I'm an emotional person. I played that way and I coach that way."

Hambrick plans to do his part — again.

"I'm going to fight every game, try to start something, try to make something happen for my sake and for the team's sake," said Hambrick, who followed up his pregame trash talk with season-high 11 tackles against the Redskins.

Cincinnati pounds Lima, Astros

CINCINNATI (AP) — Sean Casey thought his bat might be the second one used by a Cincinnati Reds player to go to the Hall of Fame this season.

Then he realized it was only an NL record he helped break.

Casey homered twice Friday night as Cincinnati beat the Houston Astros 12-5. His first homer, one of three off Jose Lima in the second inning, was the NL-record 47th allowed by Lima this season.

"I saw it up on the board," Casey said of the record. "I thought maybe they'd send the bat to the Hall of Fame. I'd like to get something in there some way."

The bat Alex Ochoa used for his first career grand slam was sought by the Hall. His Aug. 22 slam against Philadelphia, the 142nd in the majors this season, was a record.

The Astros broke the NL single-season home run record but got outslugged.

"It looked like Home Run Derby out there tonight," Reds manager Jack McKeon said. "Thank God we had more guys popping them out than they did."

The Reds hit six and Houston three — two by Richard Hidalgo and one by Lance Berkman — to give the Astros 240 for the season. Colorado had 239 in 1997.

"That says a lot about our season," Houston manager Larry Dierker said. "We set the home run record and lose the game by giving up home runs."

Juan Castro, Michael Tucker and Casey all homered in the second off Lima. Philadelphia's Robin Roberts allowed 46 home runs in 1956, when he pitched 297 innings in 43 games. Lima has pitched 188 1-3 innings in 32 games this season.

"He wasn't able to get much past them," Dierker said. "It was either out of the strike zone or out of the park."

The major league record for home runs allowed in a season is 50, set by Minnesota's Bert Blyleven in 1986.

Lima (7-16) allowed five hits, walked three and struck out one in two innings. It was his shortest outing this year, but only his second-worst home run inning. He tied a major league record April 27 when the Chicago Cubs homered four times in the first.

Benito Santiago walked to lead off the Reds' second, and Castro followed with his second home run of the season. Pitcher Elmer Dessens singled, and Tucker followed with his 13th homer. Two outs later, Casey hit his 16th home run.

"Casey's right on target. Everything he's hitting is hit hard," McKeon said. "He kept saying, 'I'll hit .300.' He's battled. He's got his RBIs up, too."

Casey, who raised his average to .311 by going 3-for-3, started the year on the DL with a broken right thumb. He didn't get his first RBI until his 41st at-bat and the first half of the season was a disaster.

But since the All-Star break, he is batting .372 with 12 homers and 50 RBIs.

"After the way I started, it turned out to be a pretty good season," Casey said. "It's satisfying to be able to come back the way I did. It didn't happen overnight, but you just have to keep believing in yourself."

The Reds' six home runs were a season high, while Houston matched a club record for homers allowed.

"The way we score, I thought if we held them to five runs we were back in the game," Dierker said.

Anaheim catcher fuels 2-1 win over Rangers

ARLINGTON (AP) — In between handling five Anaheim pitchers, rookie catcher Bengie Molina also had three hits and played a part in both runs as the Angels beat the Texas Rangers 2-1 on Friday night.

"He's done a terrific job working pitchers and calling the game, and that's the No. 1 priority we have for him to do," said Anaheim manager Mike Scioscia, who was a major league catcher for 15 seasons. "He's having a special year for a guy with so little experience.'ts. During an eight-game hitting streak, he is hitting .500 (16-for-32) and now has 66 RBIs, the most by an Angels' catcher since Lance Parrish had 69 in 1990.

Texas' Rafael Palmeiro went 0-for-3 to snap a 10-game hitting streak and remained one home run shy of becoming the 32nd major leaguer with 400 career homers.

The Angels went ahead 2-1 in the seventh after Molina led off with a single, advanced on a sacrifice bunt by Adam Kennedy and scored on Darin Erstad's two-out RBI single.

Erstad's hit chased Texas starter Darren Oliver (2-8), who is 0-5 in his nine starts since his last win May 31. Oliver is 0-2 in his four starts since returning from the disabled list Sept. 1.

Oliver gave up two runs and six hits over 6 2-3 innings. He struck out one and walked four.

"I feel good out there. At this point, we just have to wait until next year, basically," Oliver said.

Despite allowing two hits and two walks over 1 2-3 innings, Ben Weber (1-0), the third Anaheim pitcher, got his first major league victory.

Weber was drafted by the Toronto Blue Jays in 1991, but had only two major league decisions — both losses — before Friday night. His parents, who drove six hours from Beaumont, Texas, watched him pitch in the majors for the first time.

"That made it even better," Weber said. "I knew Scioscia was going to keep putting me in those situations and I'm glad he has the confidence in me."

Troy Percival pitched the ninth for his 31st save in 41 chances.

Molina's two-out RBI double in the fourth gave the Angels a 1-0 lead.

Club pro leads Senior event

DALLAS (AP) — Bill Brask, a former club pro, doesn't want to be the best on the Senior PGA Tour. Being No. 31 would suit him fine.

Brask took advantage of an early tee time before the winds blew on a 96-degree day for an 8-under-par-64 Friday for the first-round lead in the Bank One Senior Championship.

"I'm shooting for the top 31 so I won't have to qualify again," said Brask, a 1999 PGA Senior Tour qualifier. "Tour school is tough. They only have eight spots, and I was seventh the last time."

Brask, a club pro for 21 years, currently ranks No. 42.

Brask used a 25-foot birdie chip-in on the first hole to jump-start his no-bogey round which included only 27 putts on Bent Tree Country Club's quick greens.

Kermit Zarley, who has been battling back problems, had nine birdies and two bogeys for a 65 on the fast-running course which has gone 85 consecutive days without rain. Brown patches showed in places where the sprinklers couldn't reach and 295-yard drives were common on the baked fairways.

Local Sports Schedule

SATURDAY

GOLF: Snyder boys host Frenship and Sweetwater, at Snyder Country Club

TENNIS: Snyder at Andrews

VOLLEYBALL: Snyder JV and varsity at Estacado, 2 and 3 p.m.

TUESDAY

VOLLEYBALL: Andrews at Snyder freshmen, JV and varsity, 6 and 7 p.m.

THURSDAY

RODEO: Western Texas at Sul Ross

FOOTBALL: Snyder seventh and eighth grade at Merkel, 4, 5 and 6 p.m.

FRIDAY

FOOTBALL: Snyder at Plainview, 7:30

FOOTBALL: Ira at Blackwell, 7:30

FOOTBALL: Hermleigh at Trent, 7:30

FOOTBALL: Borden County at Wellman-Union, 7:30

RODEO: Western Texas at Sul Ross

National Football League

All Times Eastern

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
N.Y. Jets	3	0	0	1.000	67	49
Buffalo	2	1	0	.667	57	58
Miami	2	1	0	.667	49	19
Indianapolis	1	1	0	.500	58	52
New England	0	3	0	.000	48	62
Central	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Baltimore	2	1	0	.667	61	55
Cleveland	2	1	0	.667	54	54
Jacksonville	2	1	0	.667	76	46
Tennessee	1	1	0	.500	30	30
Cincinnati	0	2	0	.000	7	37
Pittsburgh	0	2	0	.000	20	39
West	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Denver	2	1	0	.667	111	79
Oakland	2	1	0	.667	71	70
Kansas City	1	2	0	.333	70	54
Seattle	1	2	0	.333	54	70
San Diego	0	3	0	.000	43	79

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
N.Y. Giants	3	0	0	1.000	68	41
Arizona	1	1	0	.500	48	52
Dallas	1	2	0	.333	72	94
Philadelphia	1	2	0	.333	62	53
Washington	1	2	0	.333	51	59
Central	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Minnesota	3	0	0	1.000	64	47
Tampa Bay	3	0	0	1.000	93	26
Detroit	2	1	0	.667	39	51
Green Bay	1	2	0	.333	40	50
Chicago	0	3	0	.000	34	85
West	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
St. Louis	3	0	0	1.000	119	94
Atlanta	2	1	0	.667	65	80
Carolina	1	2	0	.333	65	57
New Orleans	1	2	0	.333	48	61
San Francisco	0	3	0	.000	74	115

Sunday's Games

St. Louis at Atlanta, 1 p.m.
Detroit at Chicago, 1 p.m.
San Francisco at Dallas, 1 p.m.
New England at Miami, 1 p.m.
Cincinnati at Baltimore, 1 p.m.
Philadelphia at New Orleans, 1 p.m.
Tennessee at Pittsburgh, 1 p.m.
Green Bay at Arizona, 4:05 p.m.
Kansas City at Denver, 4:15 p.m.
Seattle at San Diego, 4:15 p.m.
N.Y. Jets at Tampa Bay, 4:15 p.m.
Cleveland at Oakland, 4:15 p.m.
Washington at N.Y. Giants, 8:20 p.m.
Open: Buffalo, Minnesota, Carolina

Monday's Game

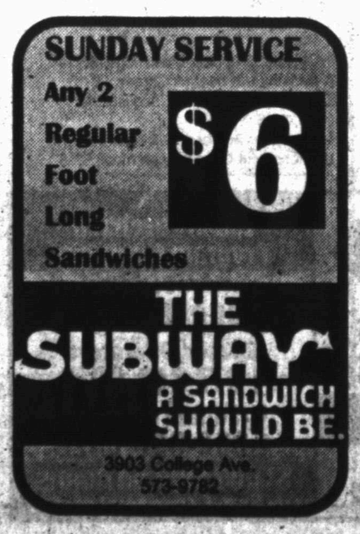
Jacksonville at Indianapolis, 9 p.m.

Sunday, Oct. 1

Baltimore at Cleveland, 1 p.m.
Dallas at Carolina, 1 p.m.
Indianapolis at Buffalo, 1 p.m.
Minnesota at Detroit, 1 p.m.
New York Giants at Tennessee, 1 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Jacksonville, 1 p.m.
San Diego at St. Louis, 1 p.m.
Miami at Cincinnati, 4:05 p.m.
New England at Denver, 4:05 p.m.
Arizona at San Francisco, 4:15 p.m.
Chicago at Green Bay, 4:15 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Washington, 4:15 p.m.
Atlanta at Philadelphia, 8:20 p.m.
Open: New Orleans, N.Y. Jets, Oakland

Monday, Oct. 2

Seattle at Kansas City, 9 p.m.



Sports Briefs

WGA weekly play day

The Women's Golf Association of Snyder Country Club will hold its weekly play day at 9 a.m. Tuesday. Format will be low score on even holes.

Horseshoe pitching

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

Turkey shoot

The Women's Golf Association of Snyder County Club will have a turkey shoot for couples (members only) at 1:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 1. Sign up at the pro shop. A Ladies Tournament of Champions will be held Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 7-8.

Golf tournament

Price Daniel will host an A-B-C-D scramble to benefit Texas Special Olympics on Oct. 16 at Quicksand GC in San Angelo. Cost is $50 per player, and includes cart and lunch.

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

Galloway charged with assault

WHEELING, W.Va. (AP) — Dallas Cowboys receiver Joey Galloway has been charged with assaulting a police officer in a hotel melee in May.

Ohio County Magistrate Daniel Tennant signed a complaint Thursday charging Galloway with a misdemeanor. Tennant, reached at home Friday evening, said he believes his office has scheduled an initial court hearing Oct. 11.

Shawn Trell, the agent and lawyer for Galloway, said the receiver is in Dallas and has not received the complaint.

Trell said Galloway was not directly involved in the melee during a May 14 party. The party erupted into a fight involving more than 100 people.

Class 5A
A&M Consolidated 33, Georgetown 3
Abilene 21, Killeen Ellison
Aldine Eisenhower 49, Lufkin 21
Alief Hastings 39, Fort Bend Elkins 6
Allen 42, Mesquite 17
Alvin 24, Baytown Sterling 7
Arlington 35, Haltom 28
Arl. Bowie 21, Garl. Lakeview Centennial 10
Beaumont Central 35, Beaumont Ozen 34
Brazoswood 16, Angleton 13
Brownsville Hanna 21, McAllen Rowe 14
Brownsville Pace 44, Brownsville Lopez 10
Bryan 21, Temple 7
Carrollton Creekview 32, Hurst Bell 23
Clear Creek 44, South Houston 7
Conroe 20, Vidor 12
Converse Judson 49, San Benito 0
Copperas Cove 23, Odessa 0
Cy-Fair 31, Mayde Creek 13
Cypress Springs 44, Katy Cinco Ranch 10
Dallas Kimball 28, Dallas Roosevelt 6
Deer Park 7, Clear Brook 3
Del Rio 23, Uvalde 13
Donna 58, Weslaco 7
EP Americas 39, EP Ysleta 14
EP Coronado 49, EP Eastwood 0
EP Del Valle 35, Lubbock Coronado 25
EP Hanks 37, EP Irvin 28
EP Montwood 35, EP Burges 3
Eagle Pass 28, SA Southwest 21
Edinburg 26, McAllen Memorial 12
Euless Trinity 18, Lake Highlands 3
Flower Mound Marcus 35, Grapevine 28
FB Kempner 34, Lamar Consolidated 20
Galveston Ball 42, Texas City 14
Harlingen South 35, Donna 20
Houston Austin 34, Galena Park 6
Hou. Langham Creek 33, Houston Lamar 31
Houston Madison 63, Houston Davis 0
Houston Memorial 17, Cypress Creek 14
Houston Northbrook 38, Houston Milby 17
Houston Sharpstown 33, Hou. Wheatley 0
Houston Stratford 15, Pasadena 9
Houston Westside 33, Houston Waltrip 0
Houston Yates 27, Houston Worthing 21
Humble Kingwood 24, PN-Groves 17
Irving 31, Arlington Martin 23
Irving MacArthur 28, Arl. Sam Houston 20
Keller 37, Flower Mound Marcus 16
Klein 36, Cypress Falls 29
La Porte 42, Rosenberg Terry 15
Leander 34, Austin Lanier 0
Lewisville 39, Arlington Lamar 28
Lubbock Monterey 34, Midland 10
Mansfield 17, Killeen 12
McAllen 50, Edinburg Economedes 0
McKinney 28, Sherman 7
Mission 34, Brownsville Porter 0
Monroe (La.) Quachita 33, Longview 14
North Garland 37, Grand Prairie 36
North Mesquite 20, DeSoto 14
Odessa Permian 35, Amarillo 14
PSJA 26, Edinburg North 17
PSJA North 21, PSJA Memorial 14
Pearland 35, Houston King 13
Pflugerville 41, Belton 14
Plano 17, Duncanville 14
Plano West 30, Frisco 0
Richland 40, Richardson 20
Rio Grande City 20, Mercedes 15
SA Brackenridge 36, Laredo United 22
SA Churchill 38, SA O'Connor 7
SA Highlands 21, SA Sam Houston 14
SA MacArthur 38, SA Clark 15
SA Taft 28, Austin Reagan 21
San Angelo Central 32, Abilene Cooper 25
Schertz Clemens 22, New Braunfels 16
South Garland 38, Dallas Adams 15
South Grand Prairie 21, Dallas Carter 14
Spring Westfield 27, Pasadena Dobie 20
Spring Woods 21, Fort Bend Dulles 14
SL Hightower 21, Aldine MacArthur 19
The Colony 26, Colleyville Heritage 23
The Woodlands 34, Humble 10
Tomball 21, Katy Taylor 13
Tyler John Tyler 40, Dallas Skyline 9
Victoria Memorial 31, CC Carroll 24
Waco 34, Tyler Lee 9
Weatherford 28, Cedar Hill 20
West Monroe (La.) 36, Midland Lee 8

Class 4A
Amarillo Caprock 27, Amarillo River Road 7
Austin Anderson 34, Galena Park 6
Borger 21, Clovis (N.M.) 7
Brazosport 13, Friendswood 12
Brenham 66, Houston Reagan 7
Canyon Randall 23, Amarillo Tascosa 10
Columbia 51, Channelview 21
Conroe Oak Ridge 20, Vidor 12
Corsicana 35, Waxahachie 7
Crowley 27, FW Arlington Heights 7
Dallas Hillcrest 41, Seagoville 3
Dall. Madison 38, FW Diamond Hill-Jarvis 6
Dallas Wilson 28, FW Trimble Tech 13
Denton 45, FW Paschal 14
Denton Ryan 30, FW Southwest 20
Dickinson 20, Crosby 16
Dumas 42, Dalhart 28
EP Bowie 31, EP Jefferson 14
EP Mountain View 56, Santa Teresa N.M 6
EP Parkland 24, Fabens 19
El Paso 31, EP Austin 14
FW Boswell 21, Burleson 9
FW Brewer 32, Granbury 26
FW Eastern Hills 42, Cleburne 28
Floresville 28, SA Alamo Heights 14
Fredericksburg 27, Lake Travis 14
Granbury 45, Breckenridge 14
Greenville 16, Denison 0
Hallsville 28, Texarkana Liberty-Eylau 3
Harker Heights 38, Bastrop 18
Henderson 40, Palestine 21
Hereford 48, Frenship 28
Hewitt Midway 27, Round Rock 24
Hou. Forest Brook 42, Hou. Westbury 26
Houston Scarborough 46, Houston Chavez 0
Huntsville 29, Caney Creek 7
Jacksonville 14, Nacogdoches 7
Joshua 56, Birdville 16
Kerrville Tivy 35, Dripping Springs 28
Kilgore 33, Mount Pleasant 31
LC Mauriceville 21, Lumberton 14
Lancaster 36, Garland Naaman Forest 9
Longview Pine Tree 17, Sulphur Springs 7
Lubb.Estacado 34, Amarillo Palo Duro 13
Marble Falls 17, Austin Reagan 13
Montgomery 37, Houston Bellaire 26
Nederland 21, Dayton 0
North Dallas 50, FW North Side 35
North Lamar 20, Athens 7
PA Jefferson 35, Beaumont West Brook 9
Paris 14, Atlanta 10
Paris North Lamar 20, Athens 7
Pecos 37, Presidio 8
Pleasanton 21, CC Tuloso-Midway 7
Red Oak 28, Lewisville Hebron 7
Richardson Pearce 28, Rich. Berkner 13
Rockport-Fulton 34, SA Jay 27
Roma 29, Hidalgo 0
SA Fox Tech 26, SA Lee 12
SA Lanier 43, SA West Campus 21
SA McCollum 14, Laredo Cigarroa 13
SA Southside 39, SA Burbank 14
San Angelo Lakeview 17, Lampasas 14
San Marcos 48, New Braunfels Canyon 0
Sharyland 38, La Feria 14
Silsbee 7, Bridge City 6
Smithson Valley 40, South San Antonio 16
Southlake Carroll 22, Coppell 19
Terrell 27, Dallas Samuell 0
Texarkana Texas High 27, Carthage 7
Texas High 27, Carthage 7
Tyler Chapel Hill 41, Mabank 7
Wichita Falls 23, FW Wyatt 8
Willis 9, Livingston 3
Wylie 41, Kaufman 38

Class 3A
Alvarado 30, North Crowley 27
Ballinger 34, Colorado City 12
Bandera 27, Devine 13
Barbers Hill 49, Stafford 34
Bellville 49, Needville 28
Bowie 35, Little Elm 20
Bridgeport 28, Boyd 7
Brownsboro 27, Palestine Westwood 10
Bullard 40, Mineola 0
CC West Oso 25, Calhoun 22
Canton 24, Grand Saline 9
Center 29, White Oak 27
China Spring 20, Teague 14
Coldspring 18, Huffman Hargrave 0
Commerce 27, Cooper 0
Crockett 21, Cleveland 12
Cuero 22, Sealy 21
Denver City 36, Dimmitt 0
Diboll 7, Waller 0
Everman 26, WF Rider 7
Ferris 34, FW Castleberry 12
Gilmer 19, Winnsboro 14
Gladewater 20, Rusk 13
Glen Rose 22, Clifton 14
Gonzales 13, La Grange 7
Greenwood 35, Kermit 0
Hallettsville 18, Edna 6
Hamshire-Fannett 35, Buna 0
Hardin-Jefferson 27, Orangefield 7
Hempstead 20, Brookshire Royal 7
Hitchcock 38, Houston Kashmere 0
Hondo 16, Medina Valley 0
Industrial 42, Boling 0
Ingram 26, Mason 21
Iowa Park 14, Gainesville 9
Kennedale 19, Mineral Wells 18
Kirbyville 44, Colmesneil 6
Kountze 38, PA Austin 26
La Vernia 42, Pearsall 7
Lake Dallas 21, Princeton 0
Lamesa 21, Sweetwater 7
Liberty 27, Beaumont Kelly 10
Lindale 35, Forney 12
Madisonville 23, Navasota 6
Mexia 26, Hillsboro 13
Muleshoe 23, Friona 13
Newton 35, Corrigan-Camden 13
Perryton 21, Spearman 14
Pittsburg 28, Dallas Smith 0
Quitman 32, Van 14
Rains 34, Kemp 14
Raymondville 26, Edcouch-Elsa 21
Rio Hondo 41, Harlingen Marine Military 7
Rockdale 44, Burnet 20
Sanford-Fritch 19, Canadian 13
Sanger 21, Bonham 11
Santa Rosa 38, La Villa 22
Sinton 15, Beeville 14
Somerset 27, Natalia 14
Splendora 32, East Chambers 9
Sweeny 10, El Campo 7
Taylor 32, Llano 12
Tulia 33, Lubbock Roosevelt 0
Venus 27, Itasca 19
Vernon 37, Springtown 12
West 21, Malakoff 7
Wilmer-Hutchins 33, FW Poly 2
Wimberley 23, Austin Anderson 17
Woodville 26, Warren 7
Yoakum 44, Giddings 23

Class 2A
Albany 46, Archer City 0
Arp 50, Timpson 0
Axtell 14, Dawson 6
Bangs 49, Clyde 7
Brackett 47, Nueces Canyon 13
Caddo Mills 35, Paris Chisum 0
Callisburg 9, Muenster 7
Celina 52, Dallas Pinkston 6
Centerville 25, Grapeland 18
Clarendon 54, Booker 7
Coahoma 17, Post 14
Comfort 22, Marion 15
Como-Pickton 45, Harmony 27
Crawford 42, Valley Mills 0
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Future of weightlifting uncertain after scandal

SYDNEY, Australia (AP) — Same sport, same country, same drugs.

Twelve years after the Bulgarian weightlifting team was banished from the Seoul Olympics for doping, the shameful scene was repeated at the Sydney Games.

Once again, the sport will have to implement major reforms or face the risk of being dropped from the Olympics.

The sport's future was called into question after two more Bulgarians were stripped of medals Friday and the entire team was expelled from the games.

"It's a sport that's trying to deal with a problem that over the years has clearly become endemic," IOC vice president Dick Pound said.

IOC officials said they will reassess the sport's status sometime after the Sydney Olympics to determine whether it should stay in the games. Weightlifting has been in the Olympics since the first modern games in 1896.

"I think they're trying their best, but it's clear they haven't been successful," Pound said. "It's a great traditional sport. I would hate to see it dropped from the program unless it's clear nobody is going to do anything about the problem."

Izabela Dragneva — the first women's weightlifting champion in Olympic history — was stripped of her gold medal in the 105-pound event, while Sevdalin Minchev lost his bronze in the men's 137-pound class.

The women's gold was later awarded to Tara Nott, of Stilwell, Kan., who became the first American gold medalist in weightlifting in 40 years.

The IOC said Dragneva and Minchev tested positive for furosemide, a banned diuretic used by lifters to flush fluids from their system to make the weight.

The International Weightlifting Federation expelled the entire Bulgarian team from the games and suspended the national body for 12 months.

The action came two days after Bulgarian lifter Ivan Ivanov's silver medal was taken away when he tested positive for the same diuretic.

Furosemide is the same drug which cost two Bulgarian lifters gold medals at the 1988 Seoul Olympics and led to the withdrawal of the entire team.

"When athletes are using this product, they are getting stupid," said Prince Alexandre de Merode, chairman of the IOC medical commission.

Under the IWF's "three-strikes-and-out" rule, a national team risks a yearlong ban after three positive cases in 12 months. Teams can pay a $50,000 fine to waive the ban, but the IWF said it didn't even consider taking the Bulgarians' cash.

"We don't want to be able to spend their money," IWF secretary general Tamas Ajan said. "We didn't want to give Bulgaria a chance to pay a fine for punishment. These are the Olympic Games. This is a different atmosphere and it must be treated differently."

Weightlifting has been rocked by a series of positive drug cases in Sydney. Two Romanian weightlifters, Traian Ciharean and Adrian Mateas, were suspended and expelled from the athletes' village after failing out-of-competition tests. A number of others were caught in pre-games tests.

After the scandal in Seoul, the IOC gave serious consideration to dropping weightlifting. But the IWF saved its Olympic status by implementing extensive out-of-competition testing, introducing life bans for cheats and changing weight categories to remove old drug-tainted records.

"As long as they are making a genuine effort to try and root it out, we'll support those efforts," Pound said.

"We'll see what happens," IOC president Juan Antonio Samaranch said. "But really, the international federation must do something more."

Ajan said he would send a three-member delegation to Bulgaria after the games to press them to fix the problem or risk being thrown out of the sport altogether.

"If they don't present a very detailed program of how they fight against drugs, there could be a big problem for the Bulgarian federation," he said.

The four positive tests reported by the IOC so far at these games doubles the figure of doping cases at the 1996 Atlanta Olympics.

Roberts leads Texas Open

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — The old saying about getting better with age could be Loren Roberts' motto.

With a 3-under-par 67 in the second round of the Texas Open on Friday, Roberts led Justin Leonard and Len Mattiace by one stroke.

Roberts, who made birdie putts of 18, 15 and 12 feet for a 9-under 131 total, has made slow but steady progress during his career.

Roberts, 45, turned pro in 1975, but had to go to qualifying school five times in the 1980s before making the PGA Tour full time. It took him 19 years to win his first PGA Tour title.

But since that victory, at the Nestle Invitational in 1994, Roberts has been in the top 30 on the money list every year except one.

He has won seven PGA Tour events, including this year's Greater Milwaukee Open. And he is considered the best putter in the world.

The difference?

"Maturity," Roberts said.

"From the time that I turned 40 until now have probably been the best years of golf for me," said Roberts, 14th on the money list this year at $1.75 million.

"I still think I can play at this level. I'm pretty fit for my age. I'm staying healthy."

Meanwhile, Leonard, the 1997 British Open champion, headed straight to the driving range Friday after he lost the lead.

He had been tied with Roberts at 9 under with three holes to play, but double-bogeyed the 16th and finished with a 2-under 68.

"I'm going to work on it right now," Leonard said after walking off the La Cantera Golf Club course.

Mattiace had a 67 to join Leonard at 132, and Blaine McCallister, Mike Standly, Frank Lickliter, Paul Goydos and Jerry Kelly followed at 7 under.

Leonard had two bogeys and two birdies on the front nine. He birdied Nos. 11, 14 and 15 before running into trouble.

After hitting his drive near a tree, he had to hit a backhand shot and managed to send it only 10 feet.

"I was in deep rough, just trying to brush it underneath the tree and run it up on the green, and clipped the tree," he said. "I was in the front cut of rough, in a divot from 77 yards and I hit a good wedge shot about 12 feet, and didn't hit a very good putt."

The former University of Texas star rebounded with a birdie on the next hole.

"I had some good shots at times, but a few too many misses today," said Leonard, who finished second in the Texas Open in 1995 and '98.

Mattiace, seeking his first PGA Tour title, tied for second in the 1996 Buick Challenge and 1999 Sony Open.

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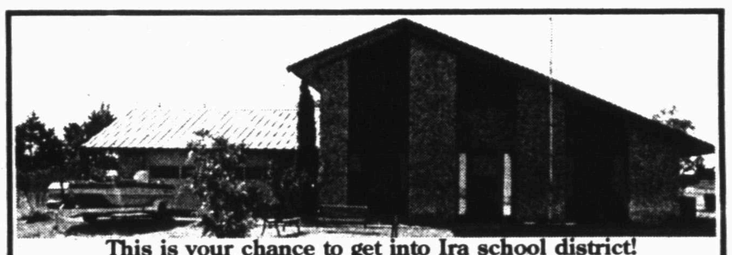

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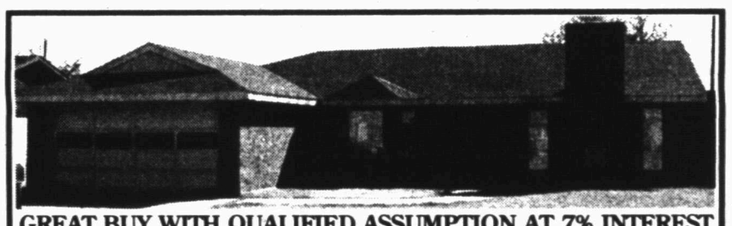

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Kayla has lived in Snyder all of her life and is married to Shawn Moreland and they have 2 children Kylie & Braydin. They attend First Baptist Church of Snyder.

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By Peter Gott, M.D.

Jaw pain could signal heart trouble

DEAR DR. GOTT: I am a 62-year-old woman who really works hard to help keep our family farm going. During this past summer, whenever I had to carry anything heavy, I noticed sudden pain in my jaw. Once I rested, the discomfort vanished. My teeth are fine and I am at a loss to explain the strange relation between my strenuous activity and the jaw pain. Should I see a doctor?

DEAR READER: Yes, you should. Angina (heart muscle cramps) due to coronary blockage usually causes chest and left arm pain that disappears with rest. On occasion, however, anginal pain will be felt in the jaw.

As you know, for decades women have been short-changed with respect to diagnosing heart disease; angina was believed to be primarily a man's problem. Fortunately, this view has changed, as doctors recognized that women are equally susceptible to angina and heart attacks. Therefore, given the relation of your pain to physical exertion (and its disappearance with rest), I am suspicious that you could well have an undiagnosed heart ailment. You should be thoroughly checked by a doctor and have a cardiogram; even, perhaps, a stress test. Your symptom needs immediate attention.

Of course, I may be completely incorrect. Your periodic discomfort could have a trivial cause, such as simple muscle strain. If so, your cardiac evaluation will be normal and the doctor can offer specific advice about treatment. At present, however, the cause of your pain is undiagnosed and I am inclined to assume the worse. Get to a doctor for clarification.

To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Understanding Heart Disease." 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: My 39-year-old son awoke the other day to find that his uvula had swollen to the size of a ping pong ball. He required a shot in the emergency room. What caused this to happen? Is he at risk for another attack?

DEAR READER: The uvula, a small structure that resembles a finger hanging from the soft palate at the back of the throat, can be involved in an allergic reaction, as was the case in your son's situation. Uvular swelling, which can compromise both swallowing and breathing, may be a serious medical emergency. If the uvula swells significantly, it may be life-threatening. Fortunately, your son received appropriate therapy. Nonetheless, he is at risk for a future event. Therefore, I recommend that he be examined by an allergist. It is vital that the cause of his problem be identified and treated, before serious complications develop. Apparently, your son is highly allergic to something in his environment: Food, an inhaled allergen, or some factor that initiated this reaction. In my opinion, he should be examined and tested. Until the allergen is identified, your son should carry an Epipen, a device to self-administer an antidote, at all times. Don't procrastinate. The next reaction, unless neutralized, could be life-threatening.

DEAR DR. GOTT: On occasion, stomach gasses rise in my throat and have an aroma of sewer odors. What's going on?

DEAR READER: Air in the stomach often has a fetid odor when it is mixed with stomach contents and digested food, and expelled through the mouth. This perception suggests the possibility of peptic disease or a common condition called reflux, when stomach contents with or without air are inappropriately released and travel upward into the esophagus. While you may be able to nullify your symptoms by frequently using antacids, I suspect that you need medical testing — such as an upper GI X-ray study — to identify the cause of your problem. Review this situation with your doctor.

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DEAR DR. GOTT: Why do so many people with trivial ailments seek medical attention? I've read that medical care itself can be hazardous. How does one resolve this inconsistency?

DEAR READER: Some doctors (a minority, I grant) are finally beginning to re-think and redefine their roles as high priests. After being told for years that their sole purpose is to cure illness, they are fortunately accepting a more realistic view: Cure is, in many instances, little more than an ideal, a shimmering mirage on the desert of disease. True, antibiotics may cure infection, surgery will return an accident victim more or less to normal, intravenous fluids can reverse dehydration and help an ill child regain health. But, by and large, we doctors are constantly faced with diseases or situations that we cannot cure — even though we feel an obligation to do so. Fortunately, we are often able to make people feel more comfortable while their illnesses cure themselves. But sometimes, unwarranted medical intervention is fraught with enormous cost in money, pain and emotional upheaval. And the whole process may not be in the patient's best interests.

I'm not exaggerating. Take a look at hospital patients. Thousands die every year because of medical errors or fatal reactions to medications. More and more are suffering from the incurable afflictions of aging: stroke, senility, emphysema and cancer. Regrettably, young healthy patients flock to emergency rooms, hoping to have their incurable diseases — such as trivial virus infections, aches, pains, and sprains - cured.

Doctors can certainly give therapy for such disorders, but not cures. In truth, most afflictions cure themselves — or they pretty much run their courses and, with time, get worse. Practitioners can postpone death and improve the quality of life, but medicine cannot ultimately master nature.

Physicians who fail to discriminate between cure and care commit mayhem; they are at the root of the current epidemic of inappropriate medical attention that is sweeping the country. This outbreak of optimism is irresistible for some doctors, who go to great lengths searching hopefully for a treatable disease. So they go overboard, ordering one test after another, to prove to themselves and to patients' families that an effort is being made, even if the physicians themselves don't really believe in a cure.

Here's a lampoon of you in the hospital: After prodding, stabbing, purging, bleeding and frequently awakening you, the healers randomly put plastic tubes in every bodily orifice, expose you mercilessly to daytime television, alternately starve and force-feed you Jell-O, and then have the nerve to show up with a big smile, a suntan and tasseled white loafers to say: "Feeling better? Maybe we should run a few more tests, ha, ha, ha." Finally, when you're feeling a good deal worse than when you entered hospital, it's time for discharge, because the physicians have exhausted their short list of curable diseases and unlucky you didn't qualify. This understandably leads to frustration. Also, it makes doctors dislike certain afflictions (the incurable ones) and, even, certain patients (the ones who won't get better: emblems of medical failure). In many instances, hospitals can be defined as places where doctors cure the healthy and watch the sick get sicker.

Nonetheless, medical progress has made enormous strides in treating — and often curing — diseases that were invariably fatal 50 years ago. So, you might argue, my tongue-in-cheek indictment may be unforgivable pessimism. Perhaps we doctors are operating with too much information, which overloads our circuits. We have so many magic bullets we don't know what to aim them at. We are so engrossed in our ability to measure and quantify to two decimal places that we ignore what we cannot measure and quantify. This fatal flaw could certainly lead to a whole new dimension of ignorance. Because our brains are fundamentally elaborate filters and mufflers, real medical knowledge may, in fact, be the capacity to organize what information we have and to use it wisely. In the final analysis, we may have become victims of our faith in technology and, most crucially, our unwillingness to set limits.

Some M.D.s hope that a reorientation from curing to caring could someday affect a new generation of practitioners. Such doctors would grasp the concept of the whole patient, thereby revolutionizing the practice of medicine by understanding the reality of disease — and by insisting that patients feel just as good after medical attention as they did before.

DEAR DR. GOTT: My 40-year-old son recently died from colon cancer. My mother and grandfather did, too. What would you suggest the rest of the family do?

DEAR READER: In my opinion, every family member — you, your siblings and children, in particular — should undergo colonoscopy. During this test, a specialist will examine your colons to determine whether a problem exists. As you know, some forms of colon cancer are inherited and, if identified and treated early, are preventable. I urge you to work through this problem with your physician. Don't delay. Seek medical attention now. To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Viruses and Cancer." Other readers who would like a copy should send $2 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to P.O. Box 2017, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to mention the title.

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THE SNYDER DAILY NEWS

30 million barrels of oil to be released

WASHINGTON (AP) — Citing a prospective heating oil crisis, the government is putting 30 million barrels of its petroleum stockpile into the market, hoping the additional crude will ease tight supplies and reduce prices before the arrival of winter.

Analysts were uncertain how much of an impact the additional oil will have as it is released from the government reserve over the next 30 days, and Republicans called it an election-year ploy aimed at getting votes for Vice President Al Gore.

"This is not political," Energy Secretary Bill Richardson insisted as he announced the oil drawdown Friday — in the form of a "swap" for future oil — from the federal Strategic Petroleum Reserve. The reserve on the Gulf Coast has about 571 million barrels of oil for use in emergencies.

"The president wants to help the American people get home heating oil," said Richardson, adding that "we need to make sure that American families are warm this winter."

It is only the second time since the emergency reserve was created after the 1973-74 Arab oil embargo that oil has been ordered taken to deal with supply problems. The other was in 1991 when 21 million barrels was drawn just before and during the Persian Gulf War.

While hailed by many Democrats, the action was denounced by Republican lawmakers and GOP presidential nominee George W. Bush, who called it a favor to Gore "to achieve short-term political gain."

The reserve should only be used "in case of war or major disruption of energy supplies," not to manipulate prices, said Bush, echoing some GOP congressional leaders.

Critics said the oil reserve was created to address acute supply disruptions or other emergencies that do not now exist. Bush said use of the oil now could leave the country without an adequate reserve when needed.

"This action enhances our security," Richardson insisted, because the refining companies that obtain the oil are obligated to return oil to the reserve — plus an additional amount — before the end of next year.

"The reason that we are doing this is not for price, but to deal with disruption, to deal with the problems of extreme shortages," said Richardson. He cited Energy Department figures that show distillate inventories — heating oil and diesel fuel — are 25 million barrels, or about 19 percent, below normal nationwide.

The shortage is most acute in the Northeast, where people rely heavily on oil to heat their homes.

"This is just what the doctor ordered. There will be an immediate impact on prices."

Appeals Court OKs surgery to separate Siamese twins

LONDON (AP) — The Court of Appeal ruled Friday that surgeons may separate 11/2-month-old Siamese twins against the wishes of their Roman Catholic parents, but the agonizing moral and medical issues could go to the House of Lords, Britain's highest court, if the parents wish.

The judges concluded the case came down to an issue of self-defense — the right of the stronger twin to be released from a sister who would eventually kill them both.

In their unanimous decision, the three-judge panel expressed sympathy with the cruel reality faced by parents whose daughters are "equal in their eyes and in their love."

"The sad fact is that (the weaker twin) lives on borrowed time, all of it borrowed from her sister," said Lord Justice Alan Ward. "She is incapable of independent existence. She is designated for death."

Doctors said the girls, identified only as Jodie and Mary, will die within months if they are not separated, but that Jodie could live on her own.

The parents, who were determined to submit to "God's will," had appealed a lower court ruling in favor of surgery.

The case may not be over — the parents were permitted to appeal Friday's decision to the House of Lords, Britain's highest court, although they were uncertain whether they would do so.

The parents, identified only as Roman Catholics from the Maltese island of Gozo in the Mediterranean, came to Britain for the Aug. 8 birth of the twins, who were joined at the lower abdomen.

There has been no suggestion the parents wish to take the twins back to Gozo, a 26-square-mile island with a population of 5,000, and the court has not issued any order requiring the children to remain in Britain.

"Following today's judgment, the parents will consider the advice they are given and whether to launch an appeal," said John Kitchingham, the family's lawyer, adding that his clients appreciated the court's "most detailed consideration."

The court had struggled with the issue of whether the surgery would amount to intentionally killing Mary, whose heart and lungs cannot sustain life.

"Mary's death would not be the purpose of the operation, although it would be its inevitable consequence. The operation would give her, even in death, bodily integrity as a human being. She would die, not because she was intentionally killed, but because her own body cannot sustain her life," Justice Robert Walker said.

Two medical specialists appointed by the court to review the case endorsed surgery.

Animal calls keep law officers busy on Friday

• ***Animals on the loose***

Officer were called to a home in the 1300 block of 17th Street at 7:45 a.m. Friday after a woman found a grass snake in her closet.

A report was made at 7:48 a.m. Friday of a Rottweiler dog at large in the 2800 block of Avenue X. Officers contacted the owner, and he did put up the animal.

A woman contacted officers at 10:32 a.m. Friday in reference to a pig in the back yard of a home in the 2400 block of 40th Street.

A donkey was reported to be out on Highway 84 southeast of Snyder at 11 a.m. Friday. A deputy made contact with a woman who advised the animal was secured and being transported to Fluvanna.

• ***Cat bite***

At 11:15 a.m. Friday, an offense report for cat bite was submitted.

• ***Burglary***

An employee of Rip Griffin's requested an officer at the business at 8:06 p.m. Friday in reference to someone breaking into a dollar change machine located in the game room. A report for burglary of a coin operated machine was taken.

• ***Disturbance***

Officers were called to the Cinema in the Snyder Shopping Center at 9:59 p.m. Friday. An employee told officers that several juveniles were hitting the glass doors and windows of the business. One juvenile was escorted to a residence and released to a family member.

A close patrol was requested of both the Cinema and Snyder Lanes bowling alley in reference to juveniles creating disturbances in the area.

• ***Shots fired***

Deputies received a report at 10:38 p.m. Friday of several gunshots being fired in the area of 1926 Santa Fe. A deputy located a man who was shooting at a skunk.

• ***Arrests***

A 32-year-old man was booked into custody at 5:29 p.m. Friday on an Ector County warrant for theft by check and a Midland County warrant for failing to appear on a harassment charge.

An 18-year-old man was transported from Borden County to the Scurry County Jail and booked in at 8:33 p.m. for misdemeanor driving while intoxicated.

Driving without a license landed a 47-year-old man in jail at 10:46 p.m. Friday.

Officers arrested a 48-year-old man at 12:26 a.m. Saturday on a misdemeanor charge of driving while intoxicated.

At 2:06 a.m. Saturday, a 19-year-old man was taken into custody in the 3900 block of College for failing to yield the right of way to an emergency vehicle.

A disturbance at the Park Village Apartments in the 4400 block of Avenue U landed led to the arrest of two subjects at 3:04 a.m. Saturday. A 19-year-old man was jailed for public intoxication while a male juvenile was taken into custody for the same offense but later released to a parent.

WTC will host College Fair

Western Texas College will host its annual College Fair for area high school and college students Thursday from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. in the college gym.

Representatives from more than 30 colleges, universities, technical schools and branches of the armed service will be on hand to answer questions students may have about their programs.

Four-year universities participating this year include the University of Texas, Texas Tech, Angelo State, Tarleton State, West Texas A&M and Abilene Christian, among others.

All students interested in transferring to one of the represented schools are encouraged to attend.

Obituaries

Frances Jones

1915-2000

SAN ANGELO – Frances Chenault Jones, a former resident of Scurry County, died Monday, Sept. 18, at her home in San Angelo.

Funeral service for Mrs. Jones, 85, is set for 2 p.m. Monday in the Johnson's Funeral Home Chapel. Dr. Ron Sutto, pastor of First Presbyterian Church, will officiate. Burial will follow in the Fairmount Cemetery.

Born Feb. 12, 1915 in Burkburnett, she was reared on a ranch in Scurry County. After graduation from business college, she worked in several places before moving to San Angelo in the early 1950s where she became owner of San Angelo Transfer Co.

After retirement, she married Albert T. Jones and moved to Plainview where they farmed. After his retirement, they returned to San Angelo. Mr. Jones preceded her in death.

Mrs. Jones was a member of the Business and Professional Women's Club and the First Presbyterian Church.

She also was preceded in death by her parents, Patrick Cleburne and Eva Pearl Chenault; two brothers; a sister; and a nephew.

Survivors include three nieces, Anne Perry of Martinsville, Va., Margaret Murphy of Richardson and Evalie Grigg of San Angelo; three great-nephews; and four great-nieces.

Tanis Pesina

1917-2000

FLOYDADA — Funeral service for Tanis Pesina of Plains, sister of Josefina Cervantes of Snyder, was set for 3 p.m. Sunday in the Primera Iglesia Bautista in Floydada. The Revs. Alejandro Ruiz Jr. and Pedro Reyes were to officiate and burial was to follow in Floydada Cemetery under the direction of Moore-Rose-White Funeral Home.

Mrs. Pesina, 82, died Friday, Sept. 22, at her residence.

Born on Nov. 9, 1917 in San Saba County, she married Tiodoro Garza in October, 1934 in San Saba. He preceded her in death in 1968. She moved to Plains from Floydada in 1999. Mrs. Pesina was a member of the Women's Missionary Union and Templo Gethsemane Assembly of God.

She was also preceded in death by a son, Joe Lupe Garza, and a brother, Paul Asebedo.

Survivors include a son and daughter-in-law, Jimmy and Sandy Garza of Floydada; four daughters and three sons-in-law, Christina Guzman of Floydada, Anita and Ernesto Rocha of Plainview, Nickie and Isaias Jimenez of Plains, and Mary G. and Paco Garcia of Floydada; three brothers, Raymond Asebedo of Midland, Johnny Asebedo of Silverton and Frank Asebedo of Fort Worth; another sister, Justa Juarez of Silverton; 21 grandchildren; 48 great-grandchildren; and 19 great-great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to Hospice Hands of West Texas, P.O. Box 1118, Lockney 79241.

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Births

Derick and Lynn Price of Snyder announce the birth of their son, Joshua Cade Price, at 11:39 a.m. on Sept. 16 in Abilene Regional Medical Center. Joshua weighed seven pounds, nine ounces. A brother, Chase, and a sister, Kiersten, also welcomed him.

Their grandparents are Lorene Price of Potosi and the late Dee Price, and Irv and Carol Clever of Buffalo Gap.

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WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

SHS football fundraiser

Snyder Tigers varsity football team will carhop from 5-8 p.m. Saturday at the Sonic. Tips will go for various team supplies this season.

Pancake supper

The Ira Church of God women will sponsor a pancake supper from 5-6:30 p.m. Sunday in the church annex for Ira residents. All-you-can-eat prices are $4 for ages 12 and up, $2 for ages 4-11, and free for three and under.

Democratic Party meeting

The Scurry County Democratic Party will meet at 7 p.m. Monday in the county courtroom.

Ira Council for Excellence

Ira Council for Excellence will meet at 7 p.m. Monday in the school cafeteria. Plans for the fall festival will be discussed.

Weigh Down registration

It's not too late to join the Monday night class for Weigh Down at the Word is Life fellowship hall. Class begins Monday, Oct. 2 at the church at 312 Coliseum Dr. Call Claudia at 573-9615 to register.

Outreach night

An outreach night, a prerequisite for participation in a Married for Life group, will be held at 7 p.m. Monday at The World is Life fellowship hall, 312 Coliseum Dr. For information call 573-7471.

Bible study tapes

Bible study tapes air each week on Channel 2. To be shown at 7 p.m. Monday is "What Does the Church See When It Looks in the Mirror?" followed by "That You May Be Sincere."

West book fair

West Elementary's Scholastic Book Fair is set Monday through Friday in Room 8. Times are as follows: Monday, 2:30 p.m.-4 p.m., Tuesday, 8 a.m.-10 a.m., and 2:30 p.m.-4 p.m.; Wednesday, 8 a.m.-10 a.m., 4 p.m.-5:30 p.m., Thursday and Friday, 8 a.m. to 10 a.m.

Cancer Society board meeting

Directors of the Scurry County Unit of the American Cancer Society will meet at 5 p.m. Tuesday in the board room at Cogdell Hospital.

Genealogical meeting

The Scurry County Genealogical Society will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the Scurry County Library. Guest speaker will be Christene Horn, librarian at Big Spring's Latter Day Saints Public Library.

Ira picture day

Ira school pictures will be taken Tuesday for grades K-11. Also to be taken are high school and junior high football, cheerleaders, mascots and class officers. This is a pre-pay program, so students must have the money in their envelopes, sent home with students, if buying a package. All students will be photographed even if they do not buy pictures.

WTC college fair

Western Texas College will host its annual college fair for area high school and college students from 9:30-11:30 a.m. Thursday.

SHS classes of '43, '44, '45 reunion

SHS classes of 1943, '44, '45 will have a reunion Friday and Saturday, Sept. 29-30. All events will take place at the Martha Ann Woman's Club. A social will be held Friday from 7:30-9:30 p.m., and a coffee will be held at 9 a.m. Saturday. A dinner will be at 6:30 p.m. Saturday.

Museum needs holiday quilts

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

Lord's Acre fish fry

The sixth annual Lord's Acre fish fry will be from 5:30-7 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 3, at the First United Methodist Church Wesley Hall. Tickets are $3 for six years and under, and $6 for everyone else. Tickets may be purchased at the door or at the church office.

Chicken spaghetti supper

Snyder Tennis Booster Club is selling tickets for a chicken spaghetti supper to be held from 5-7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 6, in the SHS cafeteria prior to the Snyder-Frenship football game. $5 tickets may be obtained from any tennis player, at the door or by calling 573-2700 or 573-1730. Carryouts will be available. Proceeds will be for the building fund.

His Joy Ministries Conference

The seventh annual His Joy Ministries Conference will be Oct. 6-7 at Word is Life Church. Barbara Murrell from Canton will speak for the third time. Music by Far Above Ministries and His Joy Ministries. Call 573-8401 for registration.

Choir booster club memberships

Snyder High School choir students are selling booster club memberships for $15. $5 will go to the booster club and $10 will go into each student's account for the choir trip to New York City. The club helps purchase new uniforms, yard signs and helps with activities throughout the year

Pick 3

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

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Educator presents program at East

PRESENTS WORKSHOP — Nancy Johnson of Marion, IL., president of Pieces of Learning Creative Learning Consultants, presented a workshop for elementary teachers at East Elementary Wednesday. Johnson's workshops explore aspects of the curriculum that lend themselves to differentiation — group and individual. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

Nancy Johnson of Marion, IL., president of Pieces of Learning Creative Learning Consultants, presented a workshop at East Elementary Wednesday.

Johnson's workshops explore aspects of the curriculum that lend themselves to differentiation — group and individual. She shared teacher-tested techniques to reach and motivate developing questions that elicit higher level thinking processes, assessing materials and projects that stimulate depth of thinking, involving students in whole body curriculum-related activities, promoting risk taking that fosters creativity and inventiveness, integrating creative problem solving into the content areas.

Johnson has earned her B.S. and M.S. degrees from Southern Illinois University. She is currently chairman of the Midwest Regional School-to-Work Commission, a result of the 1996 National Education Summit.

She is a seasoned educational thinker and problem solver. She is a former classroom teacher and has served as a national education consultant for over 18 years. Johnson has been a state consultant for the Illinois Gifted Program, an author and member of the Advisory Board of Challenge magazine, and director of a state Educational Service Center.

Johnson has presented workshops and given keynote addresses to major educational meetings and conferences across the nation and internationally.

She emphasizes the critical importance of parents, teachers and the business community reinforcing each other's efforts in order to provide positive experiences for the child. She has a consuming interest in bringing together teachers, parents, students, support personnel, and community members in a growth-producing educational experience.

Johnson has also written several books.

Ford ups pressure recommendation for Explorer tires

DETROIT (AP) — In what Ford Motor Co. is calling an effort to eliminate confusion for its customers, the automaker is now advising Ford Explorer owners to add more air to their Firestone tires.

The recommendation comes a day after a Bridgestone/Firestone Inc. executive told Congress the tire pressure level Ford suggests for the sport utility vehicle is too low and makes the popular vehicle less safe.

In a letter released late Friday, Ford said it was changing its standard to 30 pounds per square inch (psi) from 26 pounds because the tire maker's testimony "has caused confusion."

"In these trying times surrounding the Firestone tire recall, it is important to eliminate this confusion for our customers," Carlos Mazzorin, Ford's group vice president for global purchasing, said in the letter.

The tire maker wrote Ford this week requesting it raise the recommended pressure, Bridgestone/Firestone executive vice president John Lampe told a House Commerce subcommittee Thursday.

Ford, in the letter, noted that Bridgestone/Firestone had agreed with its recommended pressure of 26 psi for 10 years on the Explorer's 15-inch tires, and that non-recalled Firestones and Goodyear tires on Explorers inflated at that level "have shown excellent performance for our customers."

The letter says the pressure recommendation applies to Explorer owners with Firestone P235/75R15 tires.

Bridgestone/Firestone last month recalled 6.5 million ATX, ATX II and Wilderness AT tires, most of which were original equipment on Explorers. Federal investigators are investigating the possible role of the tires in wrecks that resulted in more than 100 deaths and 400 injuries.

When the recall was announced, Bridgestone/Firestone recommended a tire pressure range of 26 psi to 30 psi but has since emphasized that 30 psi was better. Ford has said the range was acceptable, but continued to recommend 26 psi.

"We now know that at 26 psi there is a low safety margin for the Explorer as compared to some other SUVs," Lampe said. "Running an Explorer on low tire pressures, overloaded, in hot climates appears to be a part of the problem that we're now facing."

A lower air pressure gives tires more grip and a softer ride, but causes them to wear faster and creates more internal heat because of greater friction with the road. Ford has said it set the recommended pressure for Explorer tires at 26 psi in 1989 to improve stability and ride, and that Bridgestone/Firestone had agreed with the recommendation at the time.

"We are very grateful that Ford is taking this extra step to insure customer safety," Bridgestone/Firestone spokeswoman Christine Karbowiak said in a statement. "We believe this recommendation is in the best interest of everyone."

Experts for trial attorneys suing the two companies have speculated that heat from the lower pressure weakened the bond between the tires and their treads. Thousands of people, most of them Explorer owners in warm-weather states, have reported tread separations, blowouts and other problems with the tires.

Ford has consistently blamed the problems on Firestone, and said the design of the Explorer was not at fault.

Mazzorin said the tire pressure change "does not address the root cause of the Firestone tread separations" and that the companies needed to find the causes of "the tire manufacturing and/or design defects."

Under pressure from McDonald's...

Packers improve animal treatment

MILAN, Mo. (AP) — It's an unnerving sound, the screeching from a truckload of hogs parked outside a slaughterhouse. A few hours later the pigs hardly make a squeal as they're hurried off to be killed.

Under pressure from major customers — primarily the McDonald's Corp. — farms and packinghouses are acting to reduce the stress and suffering of the cattle, pigs and chickens they take to slaughter.

Meatpackers are retraining workers and installing new equipment. Egg farms that supply McDonald's are being forced to give laying hens more room and eschew a practice known as "forced molting," withholding food and water from the birds so they will lay more eggs. And McDonald's is now looking at standards to alleviate confined conditions on hog farms.

This week, the government helped the American Humane Association launch a new program for certifying food as "Free Farmed," awarded farms and processors that adhere to relatively strict animal-welfare standards.

Packinghouses began changing their practices in earnest in 1999 after McDonald's set animal-handling standards for its meat suppliers, helped develop industry training videos and started auditing the plants. The fast-food chain suspended purchases from two cattle-slaughtering plants that failed its inspections. The plants have not been identified.

"Plants started to realize this is part of doing business, like food safety is part of doing business," said Temple Grandin of Colorado State University, the nation's leading authority on humane livestock handling. McDonald's audits "sent a big message out to the industry," she said.

This month, People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals suspended an 11-month protest campaign that included handing out boxes, labeled "Unhappy Meals," that were illustrated with graphic pictures from slaughter plants.

In a letter to the company, PETA said the slaughterhouse audits and hen standards were "a fine step in the right direction" and urged additional moves, such as refusing to purchase pork from farms that confine sows to stalls.

"Our customers care about social issues. They expect a lot from companies like McDonald's," said Bob Langert, the company's senior director of public and community affairs.

Audits assess whether the animals are frightened or upset during handling and whether they are properly stunned before being bled and skinned. A plant automatically flunks if auditors find an animal is bled while still conscious.

When properly handled, animals are calm and feel no pain when they die, Grandin said.

There's another a benefit for the companies, because stress can result in discolored meat.

Improvements in industry practices are evident at the Premium Standards Farm Inc. slaughterhouse in this northern Missouri town, which kills 7,000 hogs a day.

Conditions in the chutes and holding pens, including sprinklers that are activated on hot days, are designed to calm the hogs. The pens themselves resemble facilities where the animals are raised.

Last year the company became the first U.S. plant to install a new stunning system that uses carbon dioxide rather than a jolt of electricity to anesthetize pigs. Researchers say gassing is less stressful for the faster-growing but more excitable pigs now being bred.

The Milan plant already was among the more humane slaughterhouses in the country before McDonald's started its audits, Grandin said. But Colleen Schultz Kaster, Premium Standard's vice president of food safety and technical services, said the restaurant chain's monitoring has made her job easier in getting approval from company executives for further improvements in the plant, such as a planned expansion of hog-handling facilities.

"It's not just me asking for it. It's McDonald's asking for it, and your children's Happy Meals," she said.

The plant also has started conducting internal animal-welfare audits based on the McDonald's reviews.

In 1996, just 30 percent of the cattle slaughtering plants that Grandin surveyed were stunning cattle properly. During the first half of 1999, that had risen to 74 percent. By the end of the year, 90 percent had acceptable scores, she reported.

Grandin also scored plants for the amount of mooing and squealing heard — such noise is a sign that the animals are under stress — and found that it has fallen, too. In 1996, the hog plants she surveyed were so noisy they couldn't be scored. In 1999, more than 70 percent had acceptable vocalization scores.

"It's been a real success story for the industry," said Carrie Cooper, who writes about animal handling for the trade magazine Meat & Poultry. "It's a good example of the customers working with the plants. It's not an adversarial relationship. It's very cooperative."

On the Net: USDA: http://www.fsis.usda.gov
Temple Grandin's web site: http://www.grandin.com
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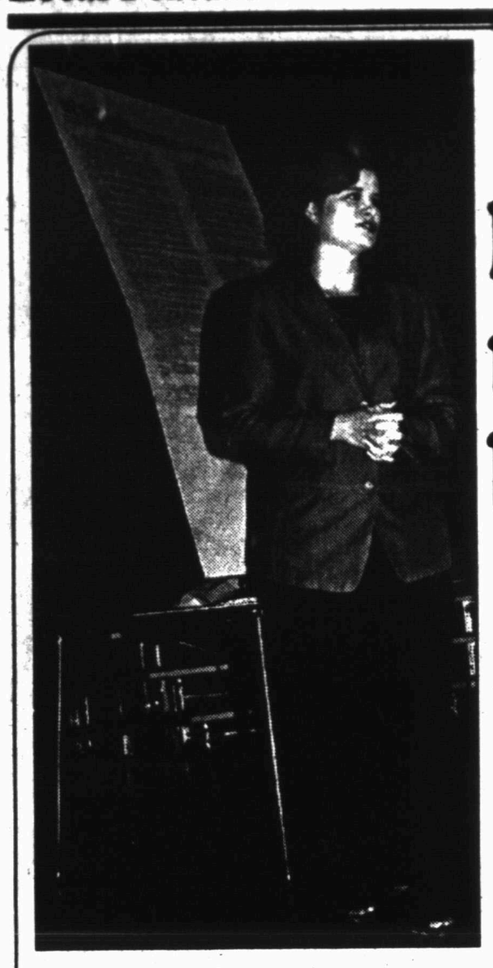
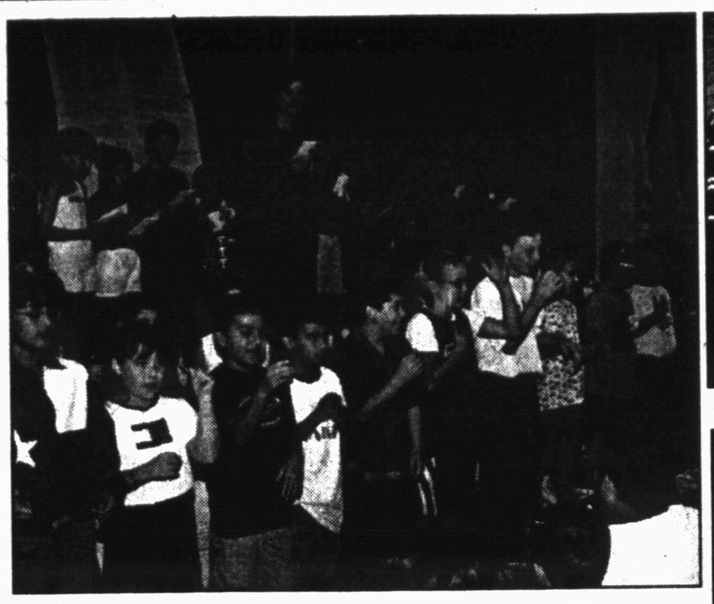
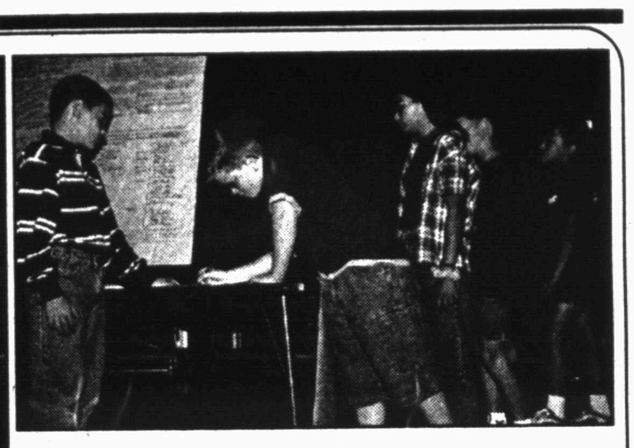


Northeast relives history





Students sign U.S. Constitution

It may not be 1787, and the delegates did not found a nation, but students at Northeast Elementary School relived history that was made 213 years ago during a re-enactment of the signing of the U.S. Constitution during a Wednesday morning assembly.

The event was sponsored by U.S. Sen. Phil Gramm's office as part of National Constitution Week.

An enlarged replica of the Constitution was placed on the stage behind Sonda Ziegler of Lubbock, Gramm's representative and West Texas regional director. She spoke to the students about the important of the Constitution.

She then signed a replica of the document. Two students from each fifth grade classroom also signed the document during the ceremony held in the auditorium. They included Megan Velasquez and Brad Ashworth, Ernesto Arellano and Cassie Hernandez, Dustin Murdock and Alison Cox, Kristen Miller and Lanxton Cole, Jessica DeLeon and Jake Alaniz, Brittany West and Corey Jaramillo, Brittany Mayes and Nathan Wittie, Craig Robertson and J.W. Wesson, and Jessica Rivera and Jacob McFatridge.

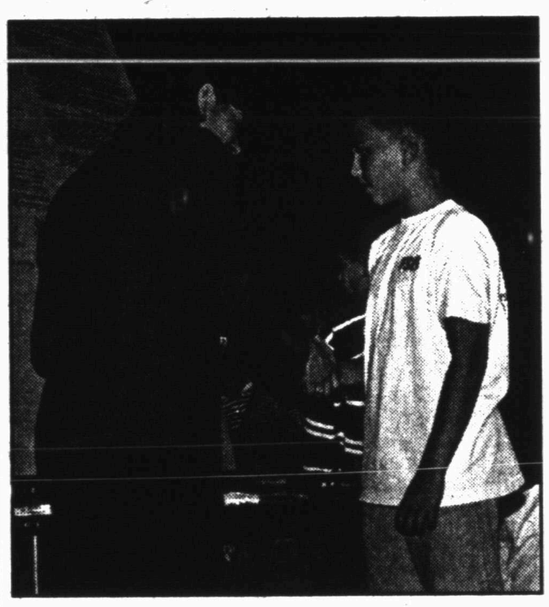
All fifth graders later signed the document that will be displayed in Philadelphia along with a copy of the U.S. Constitution.

Following the signing ceremony, the audience recited the Preamble to the Constitution, with many students saying it in sign language.

The program opened with Brandon Jones leading the Pledge of Allegiance. Teachers, Triesta Lilly and Rebekah Thornton, led the singing of "The Star Spangled Banner."

According to a press release, Sen. Gramm said: "The Constitution is a living document, as important today as the day it was signed by the framers, including George Washington, Alexander Hamilton and Benjamin Franklin. Events like this give our children a chance to experience history hands-on, so they can appreciate the sacrifices that those men and women made. Constitution Week should be a time for all Americans to reflect on the democratic values that have made our country great."

The U.S. Constitution was signed on Sept. 17, 1787. National Constitution Week was held Sept.17-23.



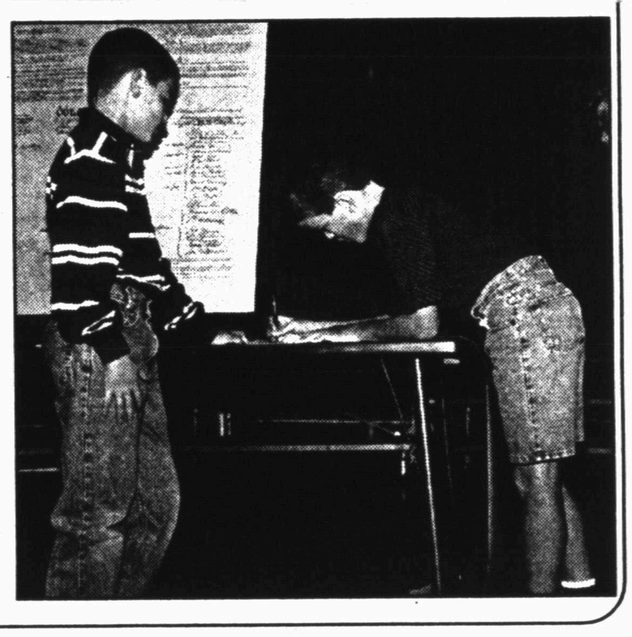


Photo IDs: (Beginning with top center photo and proceeding clockwise) Students recited the Preamble, with some using sign language. J.W. Wesson showed Jacob McFatridge where to sign the scroll-like document, while Jessica Rivera and Megan Velasquez await ed their turn. Ziegler spoke to Brittany West after she signed the document. J.W. Wesson witnessed Craig Robertson sign his name. Ziegler congratulated Nathan Wittie after he signed his name. Sondra Ziegler presented a program about the Constitution.

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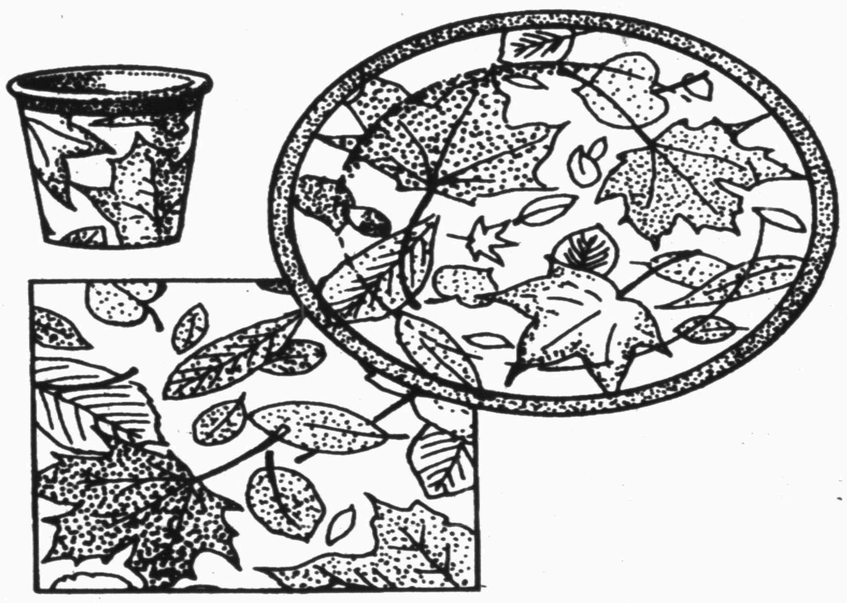

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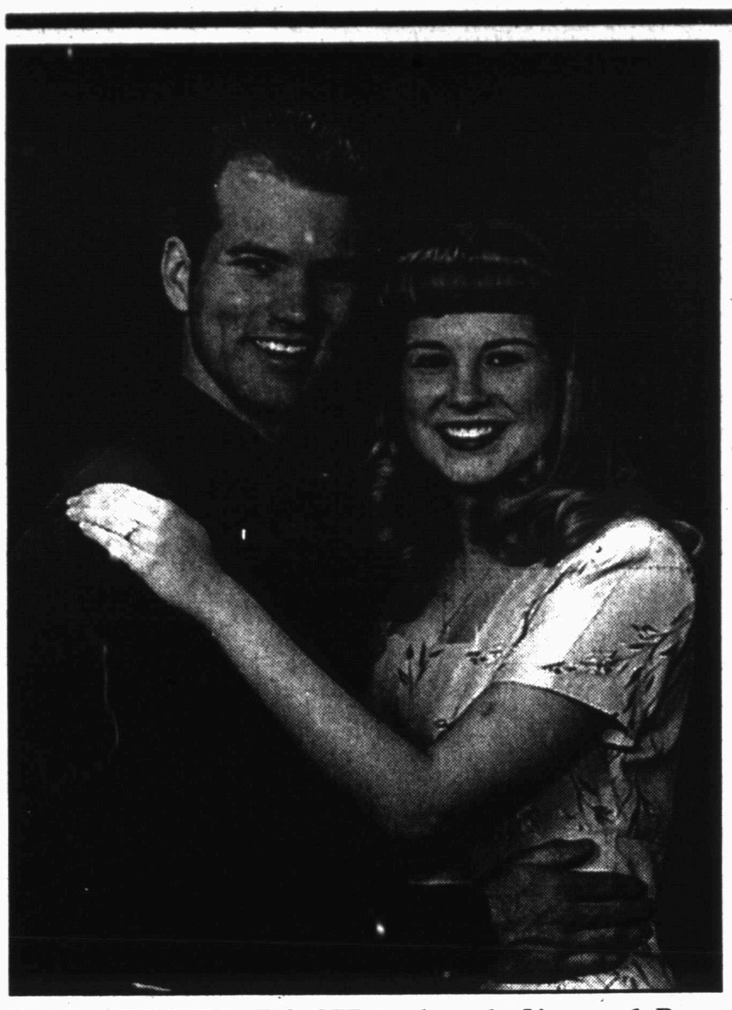

DECEMBER WEDDING SET — Amanda Liner and Roger Walls are planning a Dec. 22 wedding ceremony in Immanuel Baptist Church in El Paso. Their parents are Fred and Donna Liner and Phil and Karen Walls, all of El Paso. Amanda is the granddaughter of Jimmie and Pat Cornett, James Liner, all of Snyder, and the late Jeanie Liner. Amanda and Roger attend Hardin-Simmons University where he will graduate in December with a degree in theology. Amanda's major is elementary education. (Contributed Photo)

SCGS will meet Tuesday at 7 p.m.

Scurry County Genealogical Society will meet Tuesday at 7 p.m. in the Scurry County Library to hear Christene Horn.

Horn, librarian at the Big Spring Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter Day Saints Family History Library, will give instructions on "How to Research in the LDS Family History Library." Visitors are encouraged to attend.

The Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter Day Saints Family History Library is located in Salt Lake City, Utah. It contains almost 2 billion names recorded on microfilm, tax records, census records, marriage records, land deeds, cemetery records, military records and court documents, along with other information.

The LDS Family History Library has over 800 branch libraries located in the United States but information may be obtained at the branch library in Big Spring or on the Internet.

Officers of the local genealogical society are Pat Outlaw, president; Joanne Sterling, vice president; Jo Thrower, second vice president; Frances Gruben, corresponding secretary; Sandra Graves, recording secretary; and Ruby Gregory, treasurer.

The society meets every fourth Tuesday. Anyone interested in more information about the genealogical society can call 573-5773 or 573-7039 or any officer.

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Community Calendar

MONDAY

Rock and Roll Quilting Club; Hermleigh Community Center; everyone is invited for free quilting lessons, and special projects are to help someone in need; call 863-2426 for more information; 8 a.m. to noon.

Al-Anon Brown Bag Open Meeting, Snyder Park Club in Winston Park; noon.

Weight Watchers meeting; Trinity United Methodist Church; for more information call Nathalie at 573-1868 during the evening; weigh-in is at 5 p.m.

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

Manic Depression (Bipolar) support group; Family Life Community Church, 904 26th Street; 7 p.m.

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

Nuestra Nueva Esperanza AA; Park Club; 8 p.m.

TUESDAY

American Cancer Society; board room of Cogdell Memorial Hospital; 5 p.m.

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

AA Beginner's Meeting-Open; Snyder Park Club, 1212 37th Street; 7 p.m.

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

Al-Anon; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th and Ave. M; for more information call 573-4203, 573-8626, 573-2101 or 573-0695; 8 p.m.

TOPS TX56 (take off pounds sensibly); weigh-in and meeting 5 to 6 p.m.; 2501 35th. For more information call Phillis Leatherwood at 573-6105.

WEDNESDAY

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

Spiritual Solutions for Living Problems Book Study; Snyder Park Club; 6 p.m.

Just For Today NA, open meeting; Park Club; for information, call 574-1292 or 573-8018 p.m.

THURSDAY

Snyder Palette Club; airport terminal bldg.; Paul Friske of Abilene, pastel workshop; hostess, Lois Burney; bring picture for library; 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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

Al-Anon brown bag; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 574-1292, 573-2101 or 573-0695; noon to 1 p.m.

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

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

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

Scurry Charter Chapter ABWA; MAWC; 7 p.m.

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

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

FRIDAY

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

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

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

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

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

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

SATURDAY

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

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

SUNDAY

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

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

	North 09-23-00 ♠ Q 10 3 ♥ Q J 10 4 ♦ 10 3 ♣ 10 9 8 4	
West ♠ K 6 4 ♥ A 8 6 3 ♦ A Q 6 4 ♣ 6 3		East ♠ A 9 8 2 ♥ 7 2 ♦ 9 8 7 5 2 ♣ J 5
	South ♠ J 7 5 ♥ K 9 5 ♦ K J ♣ A K Q 7 2	

Vulnerable: Neither
Dealer: South

South	West	North	East
1 NT	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ??

Saturday, Sept. 23, 2000

While hunting, different prey

By Phillip Alder

Johann Wolfgang von Goethe was a German who spread himself thin: he was a poet, dramatist, novelist and scientist. He claimed: "Peace and tranquillity! I should think so! Every bird of prey wants it to consume its booty in comfort."

When four experts play bridge together, everything looks like peace and tranquillity, but three brains are working feverishly. (The dummy's is taking a breather.) Still, occasionally physical effort more strenuous than holding and playing cards is required. Four top Australians, Robert Grynberg, Ron Klinger, Gaby Lorentz and Olec Minc, were playing a practice match. On the first deal, East was in one no-trump. South, with Q-9-7-5 of spades and A-Q-10-2 of hearts, led the heart two. This let the contract through, so a kibitzer commented, "Should have led a spade. Never lead away from an ace-queen."

Then came this deal. Perhaps remembering the comment, West led the heart three. After winning with his king, declarer returned the heart five. Now the contract can be defeated by two tricks if West wins with the ace, puts East in with the spade ace, and gets a diamond switch through South's king-jack. However, as declarer had carefully hidden his hand by not running the clubs first, this wasn't obvious. West ducked at trick two, so declarer ran for home with two hearts and five clubs.

Up spoke the kibitzer: "Should have led a diamond. Beats it. Always lead your stronger suit."

The four players looked at each other, nodded in agreement, picked the kibitzer up, and carried him bodily from the club!

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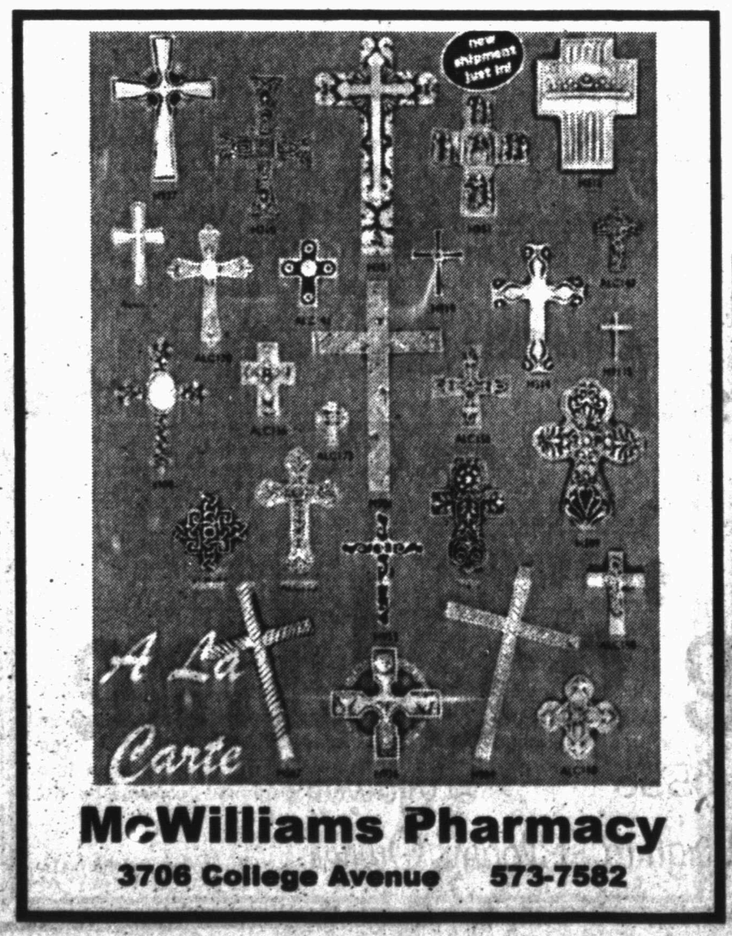

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HAWAIIAN WEDDING — Mr. and Mrs. Craig Merritt announce the marriage of their son, Dr. Cotton Merritt to Brenda Henderson, both of Lubbock. The couple married in Maui, Hawaii, on Aug. 21. Following their Hawaiian honeymoon, they made their home in Wolfforth. (Contributed Photo)

School Menus

Ira

Monday
Patti Melts
French Fries
Pork & Beans
Cookies
Tuesday
Nachos
Vegetable Salad
Refried Beans
Crackers
Brownies
Wednesday
Chicken Fried Steak
Creamed Potatoes
Green Beans
Hot Rolls
Jell-O
Thursday
Goulash
Black-eyed Peas
Fried Okra
Corn Bread
Rice Krispie Treats
Friday
Hot Dogs
Tater Tots
Pinto Beans
Shape-ups

Hermleigh

All meals are served with milk.

BREAKFAST
Monday
Juice
Dry Cereal
Toast
Tuesday
Fruit
Glazed Donuts
Wednesday
Juice
Scrambled Eggs
Toast
Thursday
Fruit
Sausage & Biscuits
Friday
Juice
Dry Cereal
Toast
LUNCH
Monday
Smothered Steak
Mashed Potatoes
Buttered Corn
Hot Rolls
White Cake/Choc. Frosting
Tuesday
Chicken & Dumplings
Mixed Vegetables
Hot Biscuits
Chilled Peaches
Wednesday
Beef Stew
Buttered Spinach
Corn Bread
Fruit Cup/Whipped Topping
Thursday
Glazed Ham
Sweet Potatoes
Green Beans
Hot Rolls
Orange Slices
Friday
Fried Fish
Tater Tots
Cole Slaw
Hush Puppies
No Bake Cookies

Snyder

All meals are served with choice of milk. Breakfast menu includes toast w/jelly and juice. It offers a choice of assorted dry cereal.

BREAKFAST
Monday
Pancakes w/Syrup
Tuesday
Cinnamon Toast
Wednesday
Donut
Thursday
French Toast Sticks w/Syrup
Friday
Sausage in a Biscuit
LUNCH
Monday
Hamburger on a Bun or
Chicken Soft Tacos
Refried Beans
Spanish Rice
Fruit Cocktail
Tuesday
Chili Dog on a Bun or
Spaghetti & Meat Sauce
Homemade Bread
Tossed Salad
Corn on the Cob
Chilled Fruit
Wednesday
Pizza or
Chicken Nuggets
Roll
Mashed Potatoes
Green Beans
Fruited Gelatin
Thursday
Burrito or
Taco Salad
Spicy Pinto Beans
Fresh Apple
Cookie
Friday
Hamburger on a Bun or
Spaghetti & Meat Sauce
Garlic Bread
Tossed Salad
Corn on the Cob
Chilled Fruit

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Despite vigorous efforts to reduce population growth, China continues to grow by nearly 15 million people a year.

Duplicate Bridge Scores

Friday, Sept. 15
1. Billisue Stuard, Monte West.
2. Maribeth Vestal, Martha Fagin.
3. TIE; Ann Spitler, ElWanda Nall tied with Mary Bast, Johnye Van Dever.
4. LaVerne Hood, Peggy Hardin.

Sunday, Sept. 17
1. Barbara Yorgesen, Maribeth Vestal.
2. Margaret Birdwell, Billisue Stuard.
3. Dora Blakey, Shirley Stewart.

Tuesday, Sept. 19
A Group
1. Ann Davis, Anita Talbott
2. Margaret Birdwell, Barbara Yorgesen.
3. Louise Thompson, Tizzy Hall.
4. Linda West, Monte West.

B Group
1. Margaret Presswood, Dorothy Rosson.
2. Billisue Stuard, Nona Morrison.
3. Pat Floyd, Robbie Floyd.

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Willey sues Clinton, Hillary, lawyers

WASHINGTON (AP) — Presidential accuser Kathleen Willey Schwicker sued President Clinton, his wife and his lawyers Thursday, alleging they illegally released personal letters Willey sent the president.

The lawsuit was assigned to U.S. District Judge Royce Lamberth, a Reagan appointee who concluded earlier this year that Clinton committed a criminal violation of the Privacy Act by releasing the letters of Schwicker, a former White House volunteer.

Schwicker's lawsuit alleges invasion of privacy and recounts the White House's decision to publicize her friendly correspondence with Clinton. The release was designed to undermine her story that she was the victim of an unwelcome sexual advance by the president in 1993. Schwicker wrote the letters after the alleged advance. The White House released the letters in 1998 during the Monica Lewinsky scandal after Schwicker detailed the alleged sexual advance on national television.

Schwicker also alleges the White House was behind the release of confidential information about the failure to repay $200,000 that her husband at the time, a lawyer, took from a client's escrow account. She signed a contract agreeing to repay the money, but never did so. Amid mounting debts, her husband committed suicide.

The Clintons' personal lawyer, David Kendall, who was among those sued by Schwicker, declined to comment about the lawsuit.

The case was assigned to Lamberth because he is handling a related lawsuit filed by Judicial Watch, the same conservative group representing Schwicker. The other lawsuit was filed by former White House employees of Republican presidencies whose FBI background files were gathered by the Clinton White House.

U.S. Fed Reserve to help prop up euro

FRANKFURT, Germany (AP) — The U.S. Federal Reserve unexpectedly joined its European and Japanese counterparts to intervene in the currency markets Friday in an effort to shore up the ailing euro.

The European Central Bank, the Federal Reserve and the Bank of Japan acted out of concern that the persistent weakness of the 11-nation European currency could hurt the global economy, the Fed and the other banks announced.

The Bank of England, outside the euro system since Britain has not joined the common currency, said it also took part in the intervention.

Experts viewed the Federal Reserve's participation as crucial. Talk about the possibility of intervention had been rife in Europe for some time, but the U.S. central bank had been seen as reluctant to get involved in an election year.

American companies that depend on European profits have also have seen their bottom line hurt by the strong dollar.

"There was a genuine market belief that the U.S. Treasury wasn't really interested in selling dollars, especially so close to an election," said Jeremy Hawkins, chief economist for Europe at the Bank of America in London.

"People perceive strong currencies as a reflection of a strong economy and selling your national currency is potentially a political negative."

The euro, which hit a record low of 84.38 cents on Wednesday, briefly surged above 90 cents on news of the intervention, but then dropped back down to about 88.9 cents.

German Finance Minister Hans Eichel said Friday he "welcomed" the rise of the euro. International Monetary Fund officials meeting in Prague, Czech Republic, declined to comment.

The ECB signaled a possible intervention last week, when it rejected another interest rate hike to boost the sagging euro. The bank has raised rates five times this year in an attempt to stifle inflation, which was being fueled in part by a weakened euro.

Earlier this week U.S. Treasury Secretary Larry Summers hinted that the United States was reluctant to join in an intervention suggesting that the United States favored monetary policies that kept the dollar strong.

A strong dollar helps keep make imports in the United States less expensive and keeps consumers happy but it also balloons the U.S. trade deficit, which can weaken the economy in the long run. That worries some economists as the current account deficit reached record levels this summer.

The Fed said in a statement Friday it joined the intervention because of "shared concern about the potential implication of recent movements in the euro for the world economy."

The euro's slide — 27 percent since its January 1999 introduction — and skyrocketing oil prices are fanning inflation throughout the 11-nation euro area. A weak currency makes imports more expensive, leading to inflation.

Dresdner Bank's Petra Koehler said the fact that the ECB persuaded other central banks to go along with intervention bode well for a short-term strengthening of the euro.

"If an intervention is to be successful, then it has to be coordinated," she said. "This certainly gives the highest probability that one can have a lasting adjustment" in the euro's price.

Bank of America economist Hawkins said the Fed's involvement lent credibility to the intervention. "I think the message they appear to be selling here is that for once the move is in the interest of everyone."

An ECB spokesman refused to say what amount of euros the central banks bought and gave no other details of the intervention.

Extradition waived

PITTSBURGH (AP) — A man wanted for the attempted rape and attempted murder of a 16-year-old girl in Pittsburgh has waived extradition in Smith County, Texas.

Michael David Marks, 23, waived extradition on Tuesday and will probably be back in the Pittsburgh area by Oct. 3, Mike Manko, spokesman for the Allegheny County District Attorney's office said Wednesday.

Police arrested Marks without incident on Monday in Tyler, Texas, Manko said.

Officer Matthew Lisovich was on routine patrol at an abandoned car along the Monongahela River on Sept. 6 when he saw Marks assaulting the girl, police said.

SC Library News & Views

BOOK FEATURE

"HUGS for Friends," by LeAnn Weiss.

Someone you know probably needs a hug today. This book contains heartwarming stories, encouraging quotes, and personalized scriptures that can give someone some needed encouragement. The inspirational messages con give one's spirit a lift. It entertains with heartwarming stories about friends who've made a lasting difference in the lives of others.

We would like to remind parents that we have our Children's Storytime, for 4- and 5-year-olds at 10 a.m. on Wednesdays. We read stories, do fingerplay exercises and do other activities. The Storytime lasts about 40 minutes.

NEW JUVENILE BOOKS

"On the same day in March: A Tour of the World's Weather," by Marilyn Singer.

"Animals in Motion: How Animals Swim, Jump, Slither and Glide," by Pamela Hickman.

"Splish! Splash! Animal Baths," by April Pulley Sayre.

"Do Stars Have Points?" by Melvin Berger.

"A is for Salad," by Mike Lester.

"Harriet, You'll Drive Me Wild!" by Marla Frazee.

"Why Does the Cat Do That?" by Susan Bonners.

NEW ADULT NON-FICTION

"Tomboy Bride," by Harriet Fish Backus.

"Planning Your Career in Alternative Medicine," by Dianne Lyons.

"Naked to the Bone: Medical Imaging in the 20th Century," by Bettyan Kevles.

"Ancient Secret of the Fountain of Youth," by Peter Kelder.

"Rich Dad, Poor Dad: What the Rich Teach Their Kids About Money," by Robert T. Kiyosaki.

"All About Memory Albums."

More than 20 killed in Algeria in 3 days

ALGIERS, Algeria (AP) — More than 20 people reportedly have been killed in Algeria in the past three days, including children, soldiers and Islamic militants.

In the mountainous Zaccar region, 80 miles west of Algiers, six people were shot dead when they were ambushed by an armed group on Wednesday, the daily El Watan newspaper said Thursday. Three of the dead were children. Two people were injured.

And an army spokesman said Thursday that five militants and four soldiers were killed Tuesday in a military offensive in the El Tarf region, 190 miles southwest of Algiers.

Le Matin newspaper reported the killings of two soldiers, two Islamic militants and several other people earlier in the week.

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Mary Martinez, individually and as next friend of Jimmy Lee Chavez, a minor, vs. Adam Vasquez Jr., suit for damages, motor vehicle.

Action in District Court

Snyder Area Contractors Inc. vs. Raymond Guzman, individually; Elsie Angelina Guzman, as guardian and next friend of Luis Guzman Jr. and Debbie Guzman, minors; Franklin Life Insurance Company and Estefana Dominguez Gonzales Guzman; judgment for disbursement of payroll proceeds and insurance funds.

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Jimmie Ann Yeilding to Jerry Paul and Shelley Lynn Mobley, all of Lot 27 in Block 11 of the Park Place Addition.

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Date Books

Saturday, Sept. 23, 2000

Today is the 267th day of 2000 and the second day of fall.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1789, George and Martha Washington moved into Franklin House in New York City. Franklin House was to serve as the first executive mansion.

On this day in 1944, a naval task group landed Army troops on Ulithi Atoll, Caroline Islands.

On this day in 1952, vice presidential candidate Richard Nixon delivered his famous "Checkers" speech on television to rebut charges that he had received money from a secret fund.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Augustus Caesar (63 B.C.-A.D. 14), Roman emperor; Victoria Woodhull (1838-1927), social reformer; Walter Lippman (1889-1974), journalist; Mickey Rooney (1920-), actor, is 80; John Coltrane (1926-1967), musician; Ray Charles (1930-), singer-pianist, is 70; Julio Iglesias (1943-), singer, is 57; Bruce Springsteen (1949-), singer-songwriter, is 51.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1952, pitcher Hoyt Wilhelm of the New York Giants won his first major-league game.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "I never wanted to be famous. I only wanted to be great." — Ray Charles

TODAY'S MOON: Between last quarter (Sept. 20) and new moon (Sept. 27).

Sunday, Sept. 24, 2000

Today is the 268th day of 2000 and the third day of fall.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1061, Halley's comet appeared over England.

On this day in 1955, President Dwight Eisenhower suffered a heart attack and had to spend two months in a hospital. During that time, vice president Richard Nixon served as acting president.

On this day in 1960, the first atomic-powered aircraft carrier, the USS Enterprise, was launched.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Horace Walpole (1717-1797), writer; John Marshall (1755-1835), U.S. jurist; F. Scott Fitzgerald (1896-1940), writer; Jim McKay (1921-), sportscaster, is 79; Anthony Newley (1931-1999), actor-singer-songwriter; Jim Henson (1936-1990), puppeteer-TV producer; Linda McCartney (1942-1998), photographer-musician; "Mean Joe" Greene (1946-), football great, is 54.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1967, the Philadelphia 76ers won the NBA championship by defeating the Boston Celtics 125-122.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Nothing in life is more wonderful than faith — the one great moving force which we can neither weigh in the balance nor test in the crucible." — Sir William Osler

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Changes do not always work like politicians desire

NEW YORK (AP) — To politicians who favor uncorking the nation's oil reserves to cut spiraling prices, economists offer this caution: when government tinkers with supply and demand, the best of intentions don't always go as planned.

Take the years when U.S. and European governments so busied themselves buying up wheat, meat and other farm products in a bid to steady prices that some European ports harbored boats loaded full of frozen chicken with no where to go.

There was also the federal government's longtime policy of capping domestic oil and natural gas prices to protect consumers. Instead, all it did was hold prices so low that producers bagged drilling, supply dropped and overall prices went up.

So while many economists say they can see the political value of proposals to tap America's stockpiled oil, they're none too confident that the experiment will do anything to significantly dent prices and help consumers.

The proof, they say, of how even the best economic intentions go awry are in policy-makers' own past experiments.

"Past government efforts to influence the price of oil and control the price of oil have just led to tremendous distortions. It hasn't been very successful," said George David Smith, an economic historian at New York University's Stern School of Business.

"The oil market is not guided by some invisible hand. The oil market is subject to all kinds of strategic pressures," Smith said.

Those pressures are beyond the federal government's ability to predict or control. That dooms any opening of the oil reserve to, if not necessarily failure, having a minimal impact on prices for gasoline and heating fuel, economists say.

"If the purpose of the strategic petroleum reserve is to have petroleum set aside in case of emergencies...that might make sense," said Robert Burns, a specialist in energy at Ohio State University's National Regulatory Research Center.

"But if it's to actually try and influence the market it won't have much of an effect and it tends not to work as well as people hope," he said.

In Caracas on Friday, OPEC president Ali Rodriguez said he foresaw only a temporary dip in world oil prices if the U.S. government resorted to its strategic petroleum reserves. "Prices will fall, but the effect will be temporary," because the market needs so-called sweet crude to ease shortages of products such as gasoline. The strategic reserve mainly consists of solid crude.

Rodriguez, who is Venezuela's oil minister, said OPEC shouldn't bow to pressure to boost production soon — and reiterated that prices and output policy weren't on the agenda of OPEC's Caracas summit next week.

Burns and others say despite the political hay to be made, the value of opening the reserves will be tempered by several factors. For one, they say, the 570 million barrel reserve is nothing compared to the resources of OPEC and nobody knows how the oil cartel will respond to government action.

Vice President Al Gore is proposing "test sales" of just 5 million barrels at a time. Such a small amount would have a negligible effect on prices, economists say.

There's also the questions of how quickly that oil could be moved out of storage and to refineries, to make it usable, or how much refinery and pipeline capacity is even available, doubts that would shatter many economic models.

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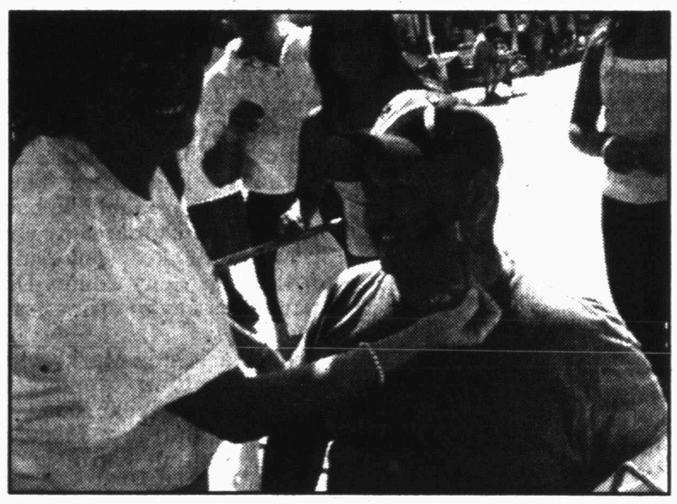

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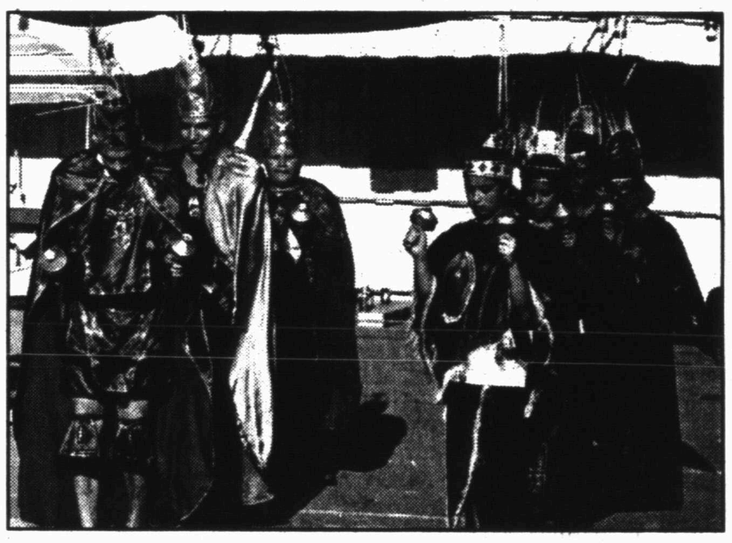

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Chinese children to get Potter books

BEIJING (AP) — Children across China are being primed for a revolution, this time through the bewitching world of boy wizard Harry Potter.

A publicity and printing campaign unprecedented for China began this week to introduce the globally popular Harry Potter book series to a Chinese audience. If the plan works, Harry Potter — or "Ha-li Bo-te" as he is known in Chinese — could be the biggest thing since Chairma Mao's little red book, and shake up the staid, preachy world of Chinese children's books.

"Children's literature in China is too earnest. Things that inspire the imagination are too few. Bringing Harry Potter to China is a kind of breakthrough," said Ma Ainong, one of four translators, all women, working on the series.

Shepherding the ambitious undertaking is the stately, state-owned People's Literature Publishing House. Its editors compressed into four months the translation, marketing and distribution of the first three of the four books in author J.K. Rowling's series for a planned Oct. 6 launch.

"Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone," "Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets" and "Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban" will be released as a boxed set in a first-run of 600,000 volumes — the largest first printing for a commercial release ever in China, said editor Wang Ruiqin.

Along the way, Wang and colleagues battled adversaries worthy of the dark sorcery fictional Harry and his wizard-school classmates face: nervous bureaucrats, skeptical literary critics and canny black-marketeers. The endeavor says much about China's publishing industry and its competition for readers.

People's Literature bested a dozen or so firms to become the 36th foreign publisher of Harry Potter, paying as much as $165,000 — a dear sum in China — for the Chinese rights. Wang wouldn't disclose the actual price.

To protect the investment, proofs have been guarded, special light green paper was used for printing and the boxed set's packaging has been kept secret.

Already, pirated Potters have appeared. The Beijing Youth Daily reported finding translations of all four books in a small bookstore recently. Suspiciously, the books carried the names of a translator of Taiwan's Chinese edition and the Tibet Publishing House.

"This is what I've feared all along," said Wang. Although the Taiwanese publisher and the Tibet company denied involvement, Wang said the pirated books forced her to consider moving up the launch date.

This week, People's Literature sent pamphlets with the first book's 12th and 17th chapters to bookstores. The China Children's News carried the 12th chapter in its Wednesday editions, distributed to nearly 1.2 million primary and secondary schools. A Web site is being prepared to entice readers, offering them wizardry graduate certificates for answering questions about the books.

All the hoopla has left critics wondering whether "Ha-li Bo-te" will sell to an audience raised on politically correct fare of a very different kind.

"It won't be as successful as in the West," said Chen Xiaomei, an editor of the Chinese Readers News. "All this talk of sorcerers, spells and phantasms is from the Western literary tradition."

"Chinese children like to read about beautiful, pure things. The stories are very simple, not so complicated," Chen said.

A small test-market audience — the children of publishing house executives — felt otherwise.

"While reading the first book, I really wanted to read the second," said Liu Muran, an 11-year-old sixth grader and son of People's Literature's distribution chief. "My heart was thumping beng-beng."

The translators and editors found much in Harry Potter that will resonate with Chinese readers. Translators drew on China's 2,500-year-old tradition of ghost stories and current pulp martial arts fiction. For Harry's magical spells, they alluded to incantations legendary kung-fu masters recited before fighting.

"This was the most relaxed and happy translation experience I ever have had," said Ma, the translator. She previously rendered "Anne of Green Gables" into Chinese, and her partners have translated "Alice in Wonderland" and "The Adventures of Tom Sawyer," among other titles.

Trying to remain faithful to Rowling while giving her words life in Chinese, the translators hewed to their original sounds. "Muggle" — ordinary humans who aren't sorcerers — becomes "ma-gua," playing on a Chinese idiom for stupidity. Less successful is "Hogwarts," the wizardry school. "Huo-ge-wo-ce" carries none of the allusions of the original to either the beast or a witch's brew ingredient.

All the talk about spells and incantations sent in-house government censors querying whether the books might promote the occult in the midst of the communist government's campaign against superstition and the outlawed Falun Gong sect.

"They said, 'Don't the books have to do with magic?' But we had read the books and told them it promotes the 'three goods'" — kindness, courage and loyalty, said People's Literature editor Ye Xianlin.

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Janet Reno says no basis for probe

WASHINGTON (AP) — Attorney General Janet Reno said Friday that Justice Department investigators found no basis for investigating Vice President Al Gore's relationship to donations from trial lawyers interested in a presidential veto.

"There is not" a preliminary investigation of the matter underway by the campaign finance task force, Reno told her weekly news conference, denying a published report that one had begun.

"The issue came up," she said. "They looked at it and didn't see a basis for proceeding."

A senior Justice official, requesting anonymity, said there was one discussion of the matter recently.

Gore was asked to make calls in 1995 by a Democratic National Committee official after a dinner in Texas with trial lawyers at a time when the Republican-controlled Congress passed legislation limiting awards in lawsuits. Clinton later vetoed the legislation.

Sheets describing the calls to be made had been in the task force's position for several years since it looked into Gore's telephone solicitations, which Reno concluded in 1998 provided no basis for naming an independent counsel.

More recently, it was noticed that at least one call sheet made reference to the veto. The senior Justice official said the sheets reflected efforts to obtain money from contributors who supported the same position as the administration, which is not illegal. The call sheets contained no indication that anyone said the veto would not be issued unless a contribution was made, which is illegal, this official said.

Q & A

Just the facts

(In response to a growing concern among parents, educators and other members of the community, , in cooperation with Al-Anon support groups and the Snyder Area Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse, are devoting this column to your questions about the increasing threat of substance abuse.)

Marijuana: Just the Facts

What is marijuana?Marijuana is a green, brown, or gray mixture of dried, shredded flowers and leaves of the hemp plant (Cannabis sativa). There are over 200 slang terms for marijuana, including pot, weed, grass, pot, hay, herb, cannabis, dobie, ganja green, indica, loco weed, seeds, spliff, thaistick, whackytabacky, chronic, doob, homegrown, leaf, mary jane, reefer, fir, sinsemilla, stems, twigs, amp, buddha, cryptonite, dope, gold, bush, maui-wowie, smoke, mo, Texas tea, bhang, boo boo bama.

Although all parts of the plant are mind-altering, the main ingredient in marijuana is THC. The amount of THC in the marijuana determines how strong its effects will be on the user. The strength of today's marijuana is much greater than the marijuana used in the early 1970's — increasing the possibilities of health problems for today's users.

How long does marijuana stay in the user's body?THC is strongly absorbed by fatty tissues in various organs and disrupts nerve cells in the part of the brain where memories are formed. Generally, traces of THC can be detected by a urine test several days after smoking marijuana. In chronic users, however, traces of THC can be detected weeks after they have stopped using marijuana.

What are the immediate effects of smoking marijuana?Some immediate physical effects of marijuana, along with intoxication, include red, bloodshot eyes, confusion and anxiety, loss of coordination, increased appetite, hallucinations, and a dry mouth and throat. Someone high on marijuana may seem giggly or silly for no reason and have trouble walking. Studies of marijuana's mental effects show that the drug can impair or reduce short-term memory, alter sense of time, and reduce ability to do things, which require concentration, swift reactions, and coordination.

Are there short-term adverse effects to using marijuana?Yes. A common adverse reaction to marijuana is the "acute panic anxiety reaction." Users describe this reaction as an extreme fear of losing control, which causes panic. The symptoms usually disappear in a few hours. The risk of other adverse reactions are even greater when other drugs and alcohol are mixed with marijuana.

Does marijuana affect driving ability?Research shows that driving skills are impaired for at least four to six hours after smoking a single joint, long after the high is gone. Marijuana affects a wide range of skills needed for safe driving. Thinking and reflexes are slowed, making it hard for drivers to respond to sudden, unexpected events. Also, a driver's ability to stay in their lane through curves, brake quickly, and maintain speed and the proper distance between cars is affected. If a person drinks alcohol, along with using marijuana, the risk of an accident greatly increases.

Is it possible to become addicted?Yes. Long-term regular users of marijuana may become dependent or addicted. Problem users lose interest in daily activities and report loss of energy and boredom. They may have a hard time limiting their use, may build a tolerance to the drug requiring larger amounts of the drug to get the same effect, and may develop problems with their jobs and personal relationships. Like other drug addictions, marijuana can become the most important aspect of their lives.

What are the long-term effects of marijuana use?

Respiratory system: Marijuana can be especially harmful to the lungs because users inhale the unfiltered smoke deeply and hold it in their lungs as long as possible. Marijuana smoke can cause the same breathing problems that tobacco users experience, including bronchitis and emphysema.

Cancer: Marijuana smoke contains more cancer-causing agents than is found in tobacco smoke. In fact, studies show that someone who smokes five joints per week may be taking in as many cancer-causing chemicals as someone who smokes a full pack of cigarettes every day.

Reproductive system: Heavy use of marijuana can affect male and female hormones, diminish or extinguish sexual pleasure, and cause a temporary loss in fertility. Among other symptoms, women may have irregular menstrual cycles, and young men may experience the delayed onset of puberty.

Immune System: Animal studies have found that THC can damage the cells and tissues that help guard against disease.

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Did you know that there were 79 arrests due to possession of marijuana in Scurry County in 1999?

Please send your questions on drugs or addiction to P.O. Box 695, Snyder, Texas 79550. All questions and personal inquires may be submitted anonymously. Twenty-four-hour confidential information is available by calling (915) 573-1141 or 1-800-658-6722. Information on help groups and individual's phone numbers may be found in the SDN Community Calendar.

Former resident starts recipe club

By Shirley A. Gorman
News Editor

Beginners in need of cooking instructions or seasoned chefs looking for new recipes can tune into Southern-Cooking-N-Chat on the Internet, an online recipe club founded about a year ago by Christopher Kelly, former Snyder resident. His wife, Brandi, helps him with the club.

It costs nothing to join. Kelly said he wouldn't have it any other way. All anyone has to do is sign up.

Southern-Cooking-N-Chat members receive recipes via e-mail and the daily digest mode is available.

Other features include directory listing, open membership, chat isn't moderated, all members may post, and public archives. E-mail attachments are permitted. English is also the primary language.

"Posting recipes is optional," Kelly said, "But it helps when people do." He added that all recipes are welcome, not just southern cooking.

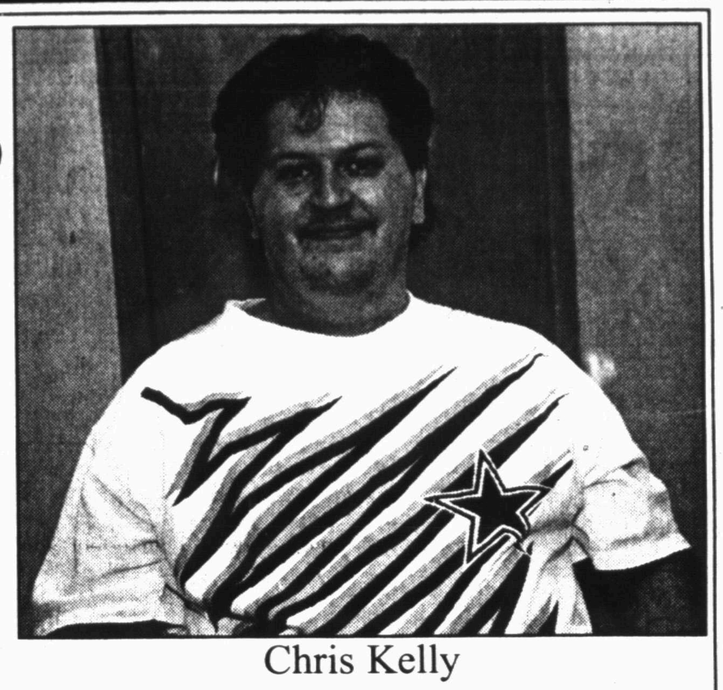
Periodically, Southern Cooking-N-Chat will provide online links where members can receive free goodies. He also sends out a monthly birthday card, which will include all of the members who have a birthday that month.

Kelly noted that of all of the online groups he has been involved with, he likes this one the best. "You won't find "a friendlier or more loving group of people than Southern Cooking-N-Chat."

After one member lost her home and possessions in a fire, some 839 recipes were posted for her in June, Kelly said. That's the payoff for him. He said he organized the online recipe club because he wanted to help people.

There were only a few members at first, but after moving the club to e-groups on September 21, 1999 he said membership has grown considerably. Today some 284 people belong to Southern Cooking-N-Chat.

Kelly, a lifelong resident of Snyder, moved to Sweetwater two years ago. His mother, Shirley Kelly, and grandmother, Opal Davis, still live in Snyder.



Chris Kelly

Kelly attended Snyder High School, but had to drop out in 1991 after he was seriously injured in an accident. He is now working toward getting a GED.

He likes being on the Internet. He said it helps him.

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Government data: American society still has racism

WASHINGTON (AP) — Racism is still at large in the United States, according to a new federal study, and it is visible in the differences between blacks and whites in income, incarceration rates and access to education and health care.

The study, released Thursday, is an analysis of U.S. compliance with an international treaty on eliminating racism. It finds the nation's laws comply with the treaty, but that American society does not fully embrace its spirit.

"We have not yet met the challenge of creating a colorblind society," said Harold Hongju Koh, assistant secretary of state for democracy, human rights and labor.

Though officially sanctioned segregation has been eliminated, "de facto segregation and persistent racial discrimination continue in parts of our society," Koh said.

The study prepared by the Justice and State departments offered several reminders of where America stands: the 1991 police beating of black motorist Rodney King; the shooting death of African immigrant Amadou Diallo by police in New York; the burning of synagogues, mosques and black churches; the dragging death of James Byrd Jr. in Texas; the shootings at a Jewish cultural center in Los Angeles; and the discriminatory practices alleged in lawsuits against Denny's restaurants and the Adam's Mark hotel chain.

"The true extent of contemporary racism remains clouded by ignorance as well as differences of perception," the report said. "While most whites do not believe there is much discrimination today in American society, most minorities see the opposite in their life experiences."

Still, Koh, who is of Korean descent, and another high-ranking Asian-American in government said the United States has matured as a multiracial, multiethnic society ahead of practically all other nations.

"We think we've learned some lessons of how to deal with the realities of life in a multiracial, multiethnic setting," said Bill Lann Lee, assistant attorney general for civil rights. "Some of these lessons are lessons that we've learned the hard way." However, "In a sense, we're further ahead."

Lee was twice nominated for the job he now holds, but a Senate committee blocked his confirmation because opponents said he advocated racial hiring quotas when he was an attorney for the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. Clinton appointed Lee in 1997 while Congress was in recess.

The study was compiled by the State Department with assistance from other federal agencies for a fall 2001 U.N. conference in South Africa.

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On the Net: State Department report:
http://www.state.gov/www/global/human—rights/cerd—report/cerd—index. html

Three plead guilty

BUFFALO, N.Y. (AP) — Three leaders of the Buffalo teachers union pleaded guilty Friday to violating a judge's order barring them from calling a strike.

President Philip Rumore, vice president Edith LeWin and secretary Barbara Bielecki could get up to 30 days in jail and $1,000 in fines at sentencing Sept. 29.

Teachers in the 47,000-student district walked off the job Sept. 7 and again Sept. 14 before returning to work under pressure from a judge.

"We broke the law, we know that," Rumore said. "As teachers and officers of the BTF, we wanted to take responsibility for our actions."

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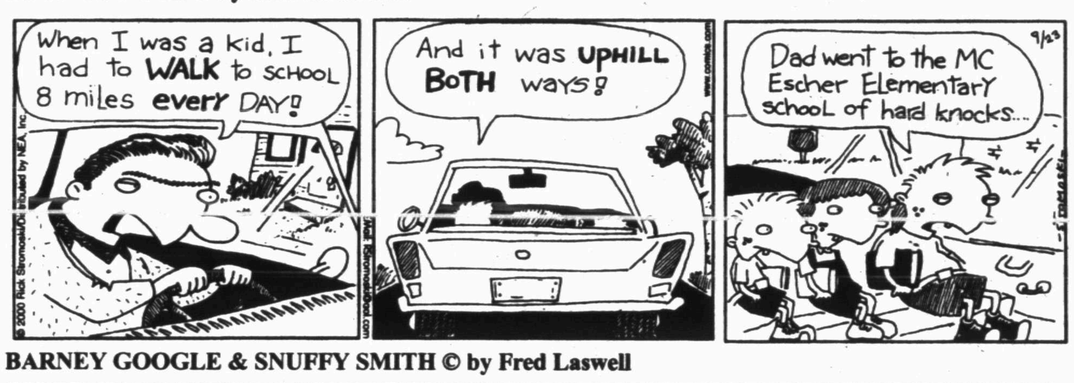

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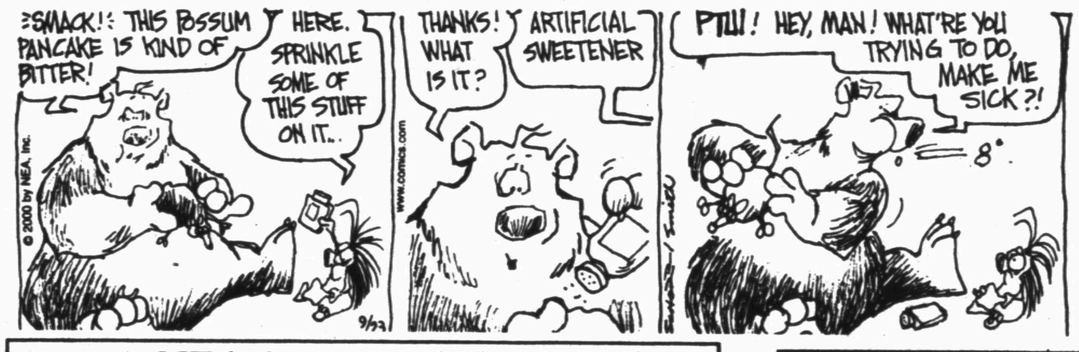

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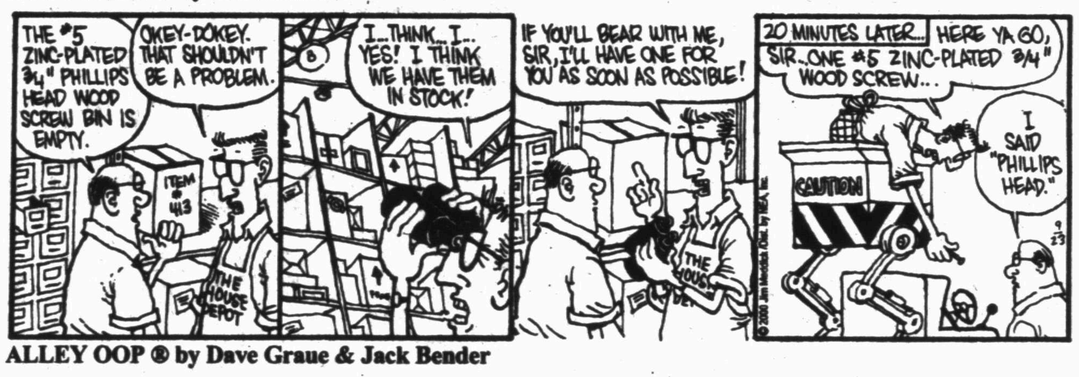

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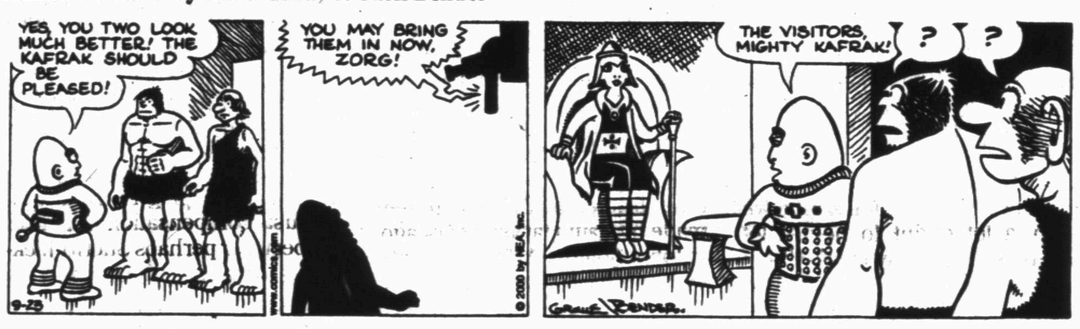

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NEA Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

1 Feel one's way
6 Camp beds
10 Walking in water
12 Like fairy tales
14 Chalkboard necessity
15 Hostile
16 Dissenting vote
17 Sup
19 Similar to
20 Gala
23 Reaction to a bad pun
26 Collection of anecdotes
27 Intermediate (pref.)
30 Crystalline gem
32 Most ancient
34 Northern sea
35 Waltz city
36 Important time period
37 Half a dance?
39 Passover feast
40 Weaker
42 Mine product
45 Bandleader Brown
46 Nonprofit TV
49 In the preceding month
51 Shoelace tip
54 Nipped
55 Peace agreement
56 Rocket-launching org.
57 Common —

DOWN

1 Dancer Verdon
2 — avis
3 Singer Anita —
4 Greek letters
5 Chemical suffix
6 TV co.
7 Papal scarf
8 Actress Garr
9 Polio vaccine developer
11 French stoneware
12 Actor Peter —
13 Caustic substance
18 — — loss
20 — accompli
21 Lure
22 Luggage item
23 Ridicule
24 Laugh loudly
25 Highly seasoned dish
27 Patch
28 Anglo-Saxon serf
29 Headliner
31 Level of command
33 Graceful animal
38 Actor Vigoda
40 Darts
41 Future attys.' exam
42 Boy Scout
43 TV actor Ken —
44 Leaf-cutting ant
46 Scheme
47 Wagers
48 Eyelid problem
50 — culpa
52 Taxing org.
53 "Golly!"

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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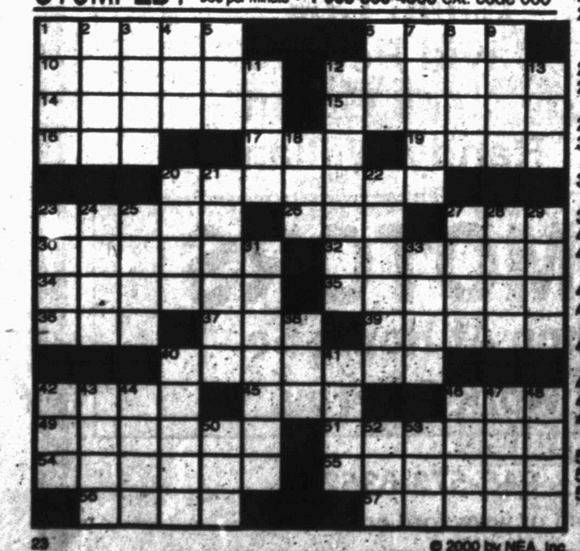

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Snyder Daily News Comics

DENNIS THE MENACE ® by Hank Ketcham

"THEN WHY ARE THEY CALLED THROW PILLOWS?"

"I'm going! Your house is always drafty."

KIT 'N' CARLYLE ® by Larry Wright

Letters to the editor

Read labels on vitamins

Dear Editor:

We often hear people telling someone, "It is just a herb or vitamin, it won't hurt you." Some of us have learned from experience that some of them can hurt you, because what might not hurt one person can hurt someone else.

Over a year ago, I started taking a mineral-type tablet for back problems. By November, my blood pressure was very high and the blood pressure pill I was given did not hold it down too well. I eliminated everything I thought could be affecting it, but was sure that a mineral could not be causing it. Nevertheless, I decided to stop taking the mineral and my blood pressure went to normal. About six weeks ago, I decided to try it again, and up it went and for two days my blood pressure stayed at 200/100 and one day I took five blood pressure pills to little avail.

My mineral product ended up in the trash and my blood pressure is about normal again, but I constantly check for anything else that might react the same way.

If you take herbs or vitamins, it is wise to study books on them. I have done that, however, it mentioned nothing about this particular product that I was taking. I learned that too many vitamin E tablets or Ginko tablets can cause bleeding in your stomach, just as aspirin can.

If any person has a rise in otherwise normal blood pressure, they might think of the vitamins or herbs that they are taking and leave them off to see if it will be normal again.

Also, if you are taking Meclizine for dizziness, do not take it with any herb for nervousness, it can also raise the blood pressure.

With herbs, vitamins and minerals, we often think if a little will help, a lot ought to help a lot. There is a right way to take them, we don't need to get carried away or we can be in trouble.

You probably won't read any cautions on the labels of the above products, but this industry needs to be regulated. In the meantime, let's be very careful about playing doctor.

Betty Boyd

Reaffirm the Constitution

Dear Editor:

For we wrestle not against flesh and blood but against principalities, and powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.

Our Constitution and Bill of Rights were established by God-fearing men.

George Washington, Oct. 3, 1789 said, "It is the duty of all nations to acknowledge to providence of almighty God, to obey His will, to be grateful for His benefits and to humbly implore His protection and favor."

Daniel Webster said, "If we abide by principles taught in the Bible, our country will go on prospering and to prosper, but if we and our posterity neglect its instructions and authority, no man can tell how a catastrophe may overwhelm us and bury all our glory in profound obscurity.

If we submit to a one-world government our wonderful heritage will be gone.

Benjamin Franklin, on June 18, 1789 said, "We have been assured sir in the sacred writings that except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that builds it.

I firmly believe this; and I also believe that without His concurring aid we shall succeed in this political building no better than the builders of Babal."

Do you think a president (convicted) caught at falsehood in the court is an example we the people should follow? Do you think our Congressmen who have been accused of being with women other than their own wives will bring us down like Babal?

Thomas Jefferson, in 1789 said, "God who gave us life gave us liberty, and can the liberties of a nation be thought secure when we have removed their only firm basis, a conviction in the minds of the people that these liberties are a gift of God? That they are not to be violated but with his wrath? Indeed I tremble for my country, when I reflect that God is just, that his justice cannot sleep forever."

Hitler got the guns from the German people. Then he took their children. Is this taking of guns and taking of children from parents' authority underway in America today? How many cultural communists are in high places today who think the state knows more about raising our children, than the parents. Very few people really abuse their children. Children are to mind their parents and their teachers and corporal punishment is necessary.

It is strange when the child controls the parent by calling 911, and when parents send their child to school and the child controls the school by laws, which stink.

Declaration of Independence, 1776, stated "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal. That they are endowed by their creator with certain unalienable rights that among these are life, liberty and pursuit of happiness."

Alexander Hamilton's last dying words on July 12, 1801 were: "I have a tender reliance on the mercy of the Almighty through the merits of the Lord Jesus Christ. I am a sinner. I look to Him for mercy, pray for me."

Patrick Henry said in his last will and testament on Nov. 2, 1798, "This is all the inheritance I give to my dear family. The religion of Christ will give them one which will make them rich indeed."

I understand all of the signers of the Constitution were rich and died broke, from a statement made by Paul Harvey years ago.

John Adams, 1756: Support a nation in some distant region should take the Bible for their only law book, and every member should regulate his conduct by the precepts there exhibited ... what a paradise would this region be!"

No guilt, no deceit, no wanting other things. Loving your neighbor as yourself. All law enforcement officials high places administering the law equally to president and civilian alike or Congressmen.

Abraham Lincoln declared a National Day of Prayer and Fasting following the Battle of Bull Run said, "It is fit and becoming in all people, at all times, to acknowledge and revere the Supreme Government of God: to bow in humble submission to His chastisement; to confess and deplore, their sins and transgressions in the full convictions that the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and to pray, with all fervency and contrition for pardon of their past offenses and for a blessing upon their present and prospective action."

We, the small people, need to do this as well as those in high places.

U.S. Supreme Court, 1892, stated "Our laws and our institutions must necessarily be based upon the teachings of the Redeemer of Mankind. It is impossible that it should be otherwise; and in this sense and to this extent, our civilization and our institutions are emphatically Christian."

Does our Supreme Court uphold these ideals today? How can prayer be denied to anyone at anytime? When rules are made that violate these principles such as no prayer at public ball games by children or adults Constitute that the law interpreters have violated their oath of office to uphold the Constitution and the Bill of Rights?

May God Bless America.

Yours truly,
Surry Gillum

Property not for sale

Dear Editor:

Greetings from the state penitentiary!

I write this letter sadly, as a means to inform Scurry County and its citizens that what farm equipment, personal property, and other tangible property that might remain in the custody of myself is not for sale, nor is it intended to be pilfered or stolen (as was a vast amount when I was previously incarcerated for 3 years, 7 months and 3 days).

Also there is no agent nor agents authorized to sell, offer free, nor to declare any mentioned property of "no use" or "value" to myself — that includes blood and in-law relatives, friends and especially adversaries, which ever they be.

I am patiently waiting for the sheriff's investigative report on property already "acquired" by individuals, hoping for return of, or just compensation for said property, or perhaps Sheriff Jackson will carry out the law and get the DA to seek indictments as appropriate — perhaps, the court will send them to "room and board" with me here in TDCJ. Unless the law does not apply to all!

Further, I request anyone and everyone having property that was formerly in my custody, to contact me. If there is "recovery" charges, provide that information along with property description and location with your name. Even if you've had it from as far back as 1996.

I had hoped (and prayed) that this letter would not become a necessity. Ten months I was on parole — not a single "buyer" came by — I'm back in prison, several hear property in my custody is for sale, why didn't these "prospective customers" come when I was home?

Just as long as there are people — I guess there will be graves robbed, dead dogs kicked, and convict's property absconded with!

God bless those who don't covet, God help those who do! And those who "prowl" looking.

I'll close with a redundant "I'm sorry" to my family and friends for the immorality I allowed to separate me from God, and to reaffirm — you folks have a man, me, serving double jeopardy time for a crime I did not commit.

May God not hold it against you as the jury convicted for immorality and I was sentenced for a penal code offense that I didn't do.

God bless! Thank you Mr. Editor for allowing me to use your media.

Cecil Don Vineyard
Huntsville

Check on your children

Dear Editor:

I would like you and your readers, located south of the park, to know that there is a boy approximately 10-12 years old that is out in peoples' back yards toilet papering trees, etc., at 2 a.m.

He has breathing difficulties. He left a black with red trim book bag near our house last Saturday morning. It contained one small and one large bottle of a nose spray and a tube. If you are a parent in this area, and your child has breathing difficulties, his bag is at the police station along with his spray.

Is he slipping out of the house — or do you as a parent think this is funny? This action is what precludes window peeping and then on to other crimes.

Please check your children's whereabouts especially on Friday, Sept. 15th and Saturday, Sept. 16.

We love children. We just worry that no one cares or he's doing it without parents' knowledge.

Thanks for reading this.

Jean Smith

Thanks for the help

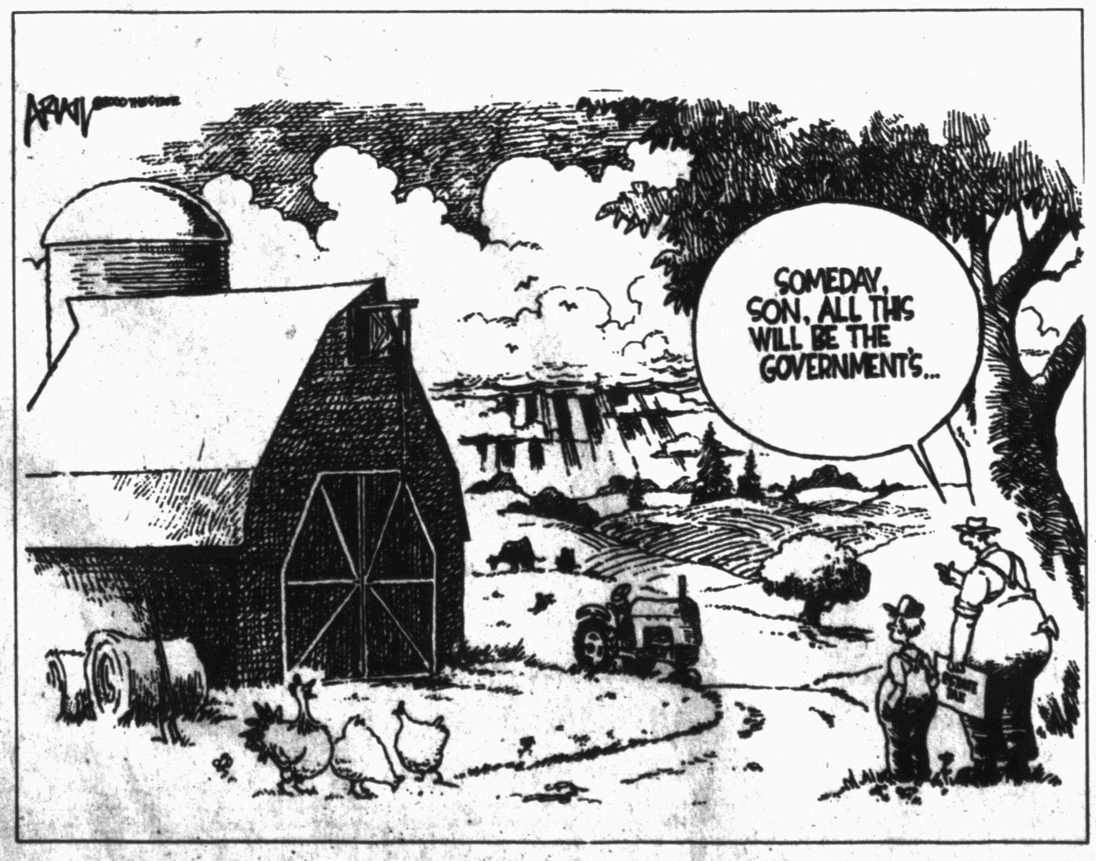
Dear Editor:

The Sons of the American Legion Squadron 181, would like to thank United Food Stores, Snyder Daily News, the American Legion Post 181 and the American Legion Ladies Auxiliary Unit 181 for their help in our dinner held on Sept. 10.

We would like to extend a special "Thank You" to all the fine folks who showed support by eating with us at our fish fry.

The dinner was a success, and the proceeds will aid our squadron in upcoming projects.

Sincerely,
David West, Commander
Les Thomas, Adjutant
Squadron 181 SAL



EDITORIAL COMMENT

Odessa American

Time for Bush to attack

The ridiculous, media-created flap over supposed subliminal messages in a Bush-for-president advertisement has once again revealed the weakness of the GOP presidential strategy. He can't win if he keeps playing defense.

Echoing the failed campaign approaches of Bob Dole in 1996 and George H.W. Bush in 1992, George W. Bush is letting his opponents and a frequently hostile media define the issues and set the terms of debate. As commentator Paul Harvey said on his Tuesday radio show, Bush hasn't learned that a candidate cannot walk into the presidency he must run.

Regarding the ad flap, for a split second the word "rats" covered the screen as the word "bureaucrats" was moving across the TV screen. The purpose of the ad was to say that, under the Al Gore prescription drug plan, bureaucrats would decide who gets what drugs.

Big deal about the "rats." Bush should say as much, then turn the tables on his opponent. The point, he should thunder, is that Gore wants bureaucrats, not doctors, to decide health care issues.

He should make his opponent play defense for a change. Bush should use issues as a way to define his opponent, and there's plenty of material to work with.

Gores environmental beliefs, for instance, will lead to even higher gas prices as he pushes to de-emphasize the internal combustion engine, and to even more assaults on property rights, as he continues federal purchases of vast tracts of land. The media will not make those points for Bush, so its up to his campaign to do so.

The GOP has bought into the idea that it must stay positive, that it must emphasize its compassion and downplay its free-market views. As a result, it has no principled retort to Gores big government plans. And Bush appears too timid to respond in kind to Democratic attack ads.

Bush cannot win if he doesn't make principled distinctions between the two parties and there are plenty to be made, given what we saw of Gore in Los Angeles. That's what the polls are showing now. No wonder Republicans are getting nervous

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The Monitor (McAllen)

Letting farmers grow hemp

Nader deserves commendation for speaking out recently on a topic you can be sure neither George W. Bush nor Al Gore will touch: the desirability of allowing American farmers to grow hemp and the repressive character of current American policies.

Nader was joined Tuesday by Jeff Gain, former CEO of the Corn and Soybean Growers Association, Andy Kerr of the Oregon Natural Resources Council and Joe American Horse, an official with the Lakota Sioux nation at Pine Ridge, N.D.

Nader expounded on the potential benefits of hemp as an industrial product, useful for making fabrics, paper, animal feed, personal care products and fuel. (The event was carried on C-SPAN and can be viewed in its entirety at www.c-span.org.)

American companies currently import about $200 million a year worth of hemp products, including sterilized seeds, oil, seedcake and fabrics, but American farmers are not allowed to grow the plant.

The reason is that hemp is the same plant as marijuana. Strains of the plant with low quantities of the psychoactive ingredient THC have been developed and are grown commercially in Canada and in most European countries. In the United States, purportedly the land of the free, however, the Drug Enforcement Administration is preparing to tighten regulations to prohibit any product made with hemp.

As Joe American Horse explained, the federal government recently conducted an armed raid on a small patch of hemp being grown on an experimental basis on the Lakota Sioux reservation under the sovereignty of the Sioux Nation.

Houston Chronicle

Gaining Olympics edge through drugs

Why any athlete of Olympic caliber would feel any sense of glory in winning a medal with a boost from performance-enhancing drugs is a mystery. The triumph in proving oneself the fastest, strongest or most agile comes from forging raw talent into athletic excellence through intense training and discipline — not through pharmaceuticals.

Olympics organizers have promised that the Games now under way in Sydney, Australia, will be the cleanest in history because of zealous drug testing. The howling need for effective anti-doping measures is apparent. Even before the Games got started, three athletes showed evidence of drug use: a Taiwanese weightlifter, who tested positive to steroids; a Bulgarian long and triple jumper, who failed a second test for anabolic steroids; and a Kazak swimmer, who tested positive to banned a diuretic.

China dropped 27 athletes and 13 officials from its Olympic team because of positive drug tests — perhaps to improve Beijing's bid for the 2008 Olympics. Or perhaps China simply is taking seriously the ban on performance-enhancing drugs.

Some athletes reportedly have been uncooperative with drug testers. Some athletes confess that the risk of death is not enough to deter their using drugs to improve their performance. It makes one wonder whether athletes' driving force is the thrill of victory or the promise of rich financial rewards that top-performing Olympians reap.

A study prepared for the National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse at Columbia University and the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy criticizes the International Olympic Committee and sports organizations for not doing enough to combat banned performance-enhancing drugs in the Olympics. It also charges coaches and national sports governing bodies with turning a blind eye to drug use among star performers.

The Dallas Morning News

Entertainment industry must live up to its deal

For reasons of its own doing, the entertainment industry continues to be assailed for targeting young audiences with less than savory fare. To many people now raising families, the entertainment industry's preoccupation with marketing explicit violence and "mature themes" to a youth audience is misguided and dangerous.

A Federal Trade Commission report and congressional hearings this week offer more evidence that the entertainment industry's self-managed rating system is a hollow pass at responsible restraint. The report concludes that movies and computer and video games that contain parental warnings are routinely promoted directly to children in ways the companies themselves indicate skirt the rating systems' intent.

The FTG found numerous marketing and media plans that expressly targeted children under 17, or that promoted and advertised products in media outlets most likely to reach children under 17. The report sharply criticizes the movie industry, which has an extensive rating system, for willingly ignoring its own guidelines. Similarly, retailer attitudes have ranged from total indifference to inconsistent enforcement.

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

Confession is good for soul, but not for future marriage

DEAR ABBY: Six months ago, I met a man through a mutual friend. We've been inseparable since our first lunch date. A month later he said he had a "confession." I thought, "Wow, so do I ...!"

He told me he was still married. I thought, "What a relief, so am I!"

I recently finalized my divorce, but to this day, he is still married. He says he is having all kinds of problems with his wife. It has reached the point where I can't take it any longer. I've gotten involved in his mess, and it's driving me away from the man I love with all my heart.

I know I should have waited until his divorce was final, but he assured me that it would be over "soon." Well, that was four months ago. What should I do? — **DISENCHANTED IN DALLAS**

DEAR DISENCHANTED: It's time to disengage. Four months could easily turn into four years — or even decades. This relationship was conceived in dishonesty. As much as you may think you love him, he is not a free (or honorable) man. Run as if your life depended on it.

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DEAR ABBY: Our daughter is being married soon. She and her fiance are vegetarians, and they are insisting on having a strictly vegetarian buffet at their reception.

Her father and I feel that it's improper to literally force their dietary beliefs down the throats of the wedding guests. Since we are splitting the cost of the wedding with them, we feel we should have a say in the selection of the food.

This situation has caused some bad feelings on both sides and has put a damper on an otherwise happy occasion.

What do you suggest we do? — **GOING MEATLESS IN NEW HAMPSHIRE**

DEAR GOING MEATLESS: I suggest you put aside your preconceptions and take your lead from your daughter and future son-in-law. A vegetarian buffet can be filled with rich and satisfying food. Your guests won't feel deprived.

P.S. My congratulations to you all.

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DEAR ABBY: In "Doyleston, Pa.'s" letter about depression, she said, "I'm constantly alert so that I keep my depressive tendencies under control." This is so true! Those of us who have been there and were able to regain control of our lives know what this means.

The group that helped me to find the tools I needed to accomplish this goal is called Recovery Inc. It is one of the best-kept secrets for mental health insurance. We are always trying to get the word out to health-care professionals and to potential members who would benefit from attending our group meetings.

Please pass the word along and feel free to use my name. Recovery meetings are held throughout the United States and many other countries. — **GENEVA KOEBEL, WOODLAND, CALIF.**

DEAR GENEVA: I have mentioned Recovery Inc. before, and I'm pleased to do it again. Recovery is not a substitute for professional care, but is an adjunct to it. This effective self-help group has been selected as the winner of the 2000 Arnold L. van Amerigen Award in Psychiatric Rehabilitation from the American Psychiatric Association in recognition of contributions to the field of psychiatric rehabilitation.

Those interested in learning more about this organization should write: Recovery Inc., 802 N. Dearborn St., Chicago, IL 60610 (be sure to include a self-addressed, stamped envelope), or call (312) 337-5661. No fee is required.

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DEAR ABBY: I am a 33-year-old "Southern boy," raised by strict parents. I have never married, mainly because I'm too picky.

I'm currently dating a single mother of two. She is 29 and has a 10-year-old daughter and a 5-year-old son. I have fallen madly in love with this woman in only a couple of months, and will most likely marry her within the year. We don't live together.

On several occasions, before or after showering or getting dressed, she has walked around her house with no clothes on. Of course, it doesn't bother me to see her naked. This is her home, and she has a right to do as she wishes. The problem I have is that she sees no problem in being naked in front of her son. She even showers with him. I realize this is her child, and she feels comfortable being naked around him. I was not raised this way. When I mentioned it, it caused a little tension. Am I being overly sensitive?

Her son, who will be 6 in December, makes comments and whistles when he sees his mother's naked body. At what age should a parent be covering up in front of the children? Please let me know what you think. — **NEEDS THE NAKED TRUTH IN ATLANTA**

DEAR NEEDS: You are not being overly sensitive. The naked truth is that when a child is old enough and aware enough to whistle and make comments about the parent's body, the time has arrived to cover up. And you would be wise to be certain you agree with most of this woman's values before you jump into marriage.

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DEAR ABBY: I wish you could find the space in your column to reprint a letter my husband wrote after Memorial Day. It was printed in our local paper. I'm sure our armed services veterans would appreciate it. — **HELEN MANIER, SEDRO WOOLLEY, WASH.**

DEAR HELEN: I am pleased to print your husband's eloquent and timely letter. Its message isn't just for veterans — it's for everyone.

THEY DIED SO YOU CAN VOTE

by David Manier

For many years my emotions have been moved by Memorial Day remembrances and ceremonies. This year was emotional as always, but I was struck by the thought that those who made the supreme sacrifice are being let down by many in this country.

There is a thin line between a government of the people, for the people and by the people, and a governing body that prohibits the governed any means to improve their quality of life. That thin line is the right by free and honest elections to select the persons who govern and represent the citizens. The right to enact or disallow many social or economic changes. That thin line is the right to vote.

The right to vote is extended to selecting the officers of your labor union, religious group, social or fraternal organization. Labor unions and religious freedom are not allowed in a police state or dictatorship.

Hundreds of thousands of armed forces members have died to preserve our government and our right to vote. The citizens of this country who are eligible to vote — but do not — commit a grave disservice to those who died in wars defending the United States.

Their deaths should not have been in vain.

DEAR READERS: If you haven't already registered to vote, now is the time to do it. Get moving. Forward — march!

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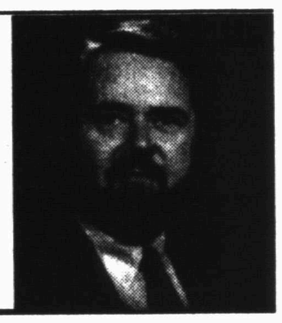
Minding Your Own Business

By Don Taylor



Seven Ways to Run Your Business into the Ground

Want to kill your business quickly? Want to chase away customers so you can enjoy a little peace and quiet? Would you like to go from mediocre to really poor? This column is just for you.

I'm going to give you seven secrets for running your business into the ground. You may remember the book, "How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying." If this were a book it would be called, "How To Fail In A Flash."

Fast failure formula

- **Hire dummies.** Look for people with no skills, no ambition, and a bad attitude. Put them in areas where they're sure to have a lot of customer contact.

A recent study by the America Society of Quality Control revealed that the number one reason customers stop doing business with a company is the way they were treated. A whopping 68 percent ranked employee indifference at the top of the list. This adds current validity to the U.S. News and World Report survey several years ago. In that research, 7 of 10 surveyed gave their number one reason for leaving a business and not going back as " the way they were treated."

So, hire dummies, ride them hard when they make mistakes, and leave them alone with customers. I guarantee a reduction in sales.

- **Don't advertise.** Convince yourself that since half of your advertising dollars are probably wasted you shouldn't waste any. Assume everyone knows what you sell.

Tell yourself that advertising is an expense, not an investment in the future business. Ignore the competition and let them spend the big bucks.

Let those new potential customers find you anyway they can. If they can't do a little driving around, that's not your problem, is it?

- **Don't plan.** One of the best ways to fail is through failing to plan. Don't analyze your current position. Don't decide where you want to go. Don't write down any steps to get from where you are to where you want to go.

Tell yourself you're too busy. Just let things happen naturally.

- **Avoid change.** How can you ever excel at anything if you're changing everything all the time? Stay with the same program.

Ignore the successful business owners who are changing. As fast as they are changing, they will probably be back to doing it your way again next year.

- **Reduce quality.** Although not as good a strategy as hiring dummies to drive away customers, this is a good one. A full 14 percent of your customers will leave if your quality slips.

Buy cheap. Sell high. It will take a little while for customers to experience the difference, but when they do they'll be gone. No more fussing; no more complaining.

- **Break promises.** Promise Monday, deliver Wednesday. Promise early, deliver late. Promise fixed, deliver broken. It takes time to completely kill trust. So, over promise, under deliver.

Be creative. Make a game out of this one. See which employee can get a customer to come back the most times without actually delivering anything.

- **Take a big price jump.** This is always good for a few raised eyebrows. It is also a great one-two punch when delivered with lower quality.

Customers are less likely to notice small price increases, so make it a big one. When the eyebrows go up just say, "inflation." You may even want to put up signs announcing "price just increased." (This is the one exception to the "don't advertise" advice.)

There you have them: seven sure-fire ways to rid your business of customers. Of course, those readers who want to grow your business and build wealth...well, now you know what not to do.

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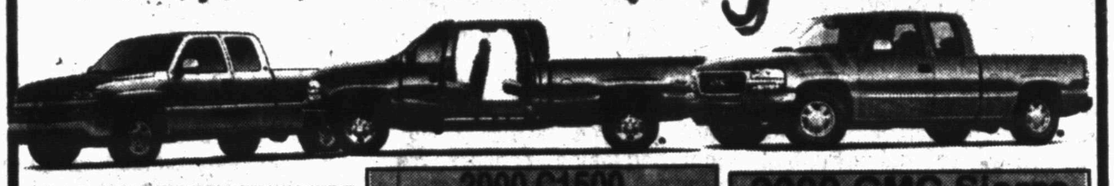

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