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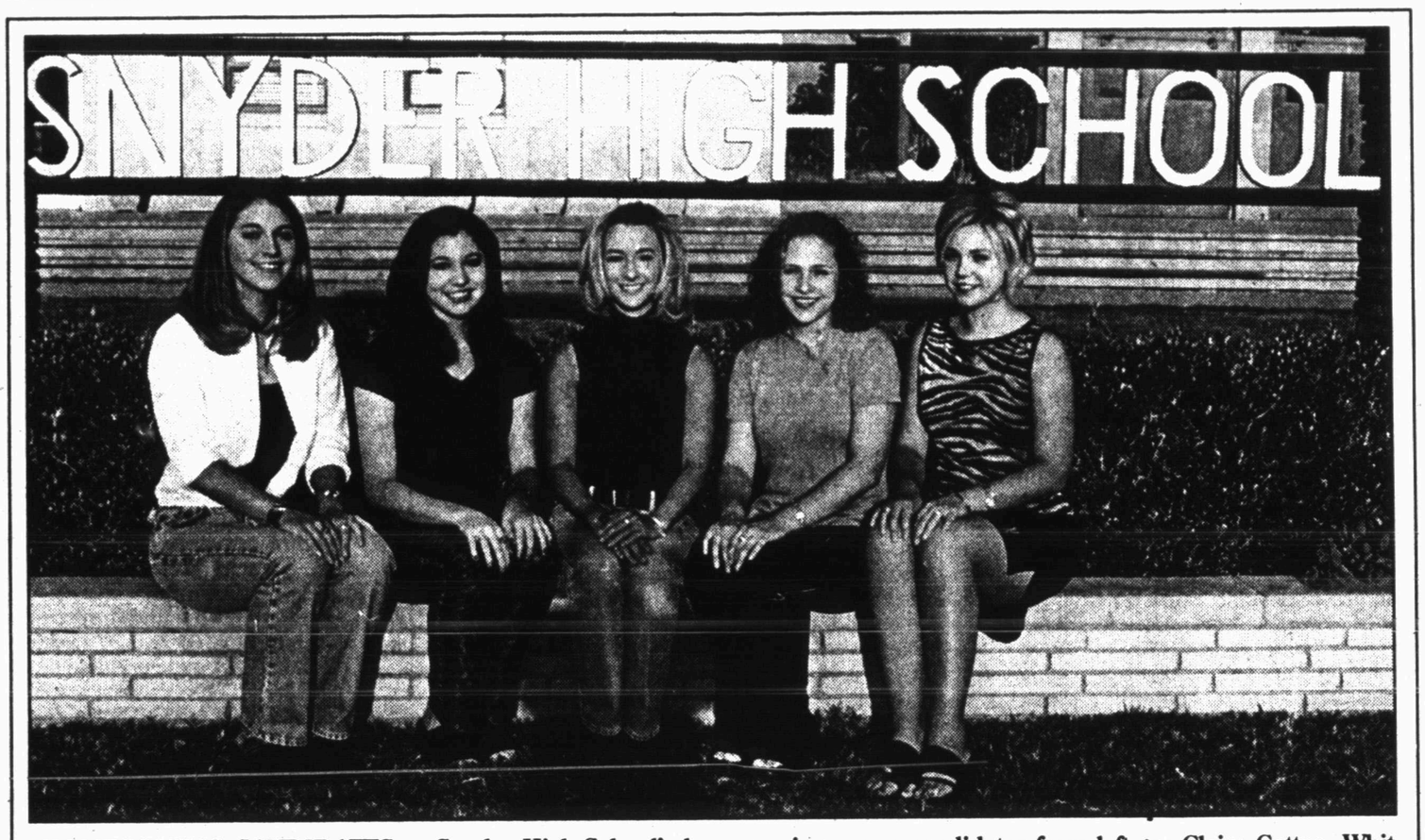

HOMECOMING CANDIDATES — Snyder High School's homecoming queen candidates from left are Claire Cotton, Whitney Graham, Tara Price, T'Leah Eicke and Brooke Williams. The queen will be crowned Friday during halftime of the Snyder Tigers and Abilene Wylie grid match. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

Services Tuesday for 16-year-old...

Shooting death ruled accident

The shooting death of a 16-year-old Snyder youth has been ruled an accident, Justice of the Peace Deborah Boyd said this morning.

Johnny Dean Ervin Jr., 16, was killed by a single gunshot wound to the head around 10 o'clock Friday night.

According to Sheriff Darren Jackson, Ervin and two other males, ages 16 and 17, had been shooting guns in a field off of North Highway 208 when the mishap happened.

"They started to put all of the guns up. They thought they were empty, but the rifle discharged," Jackson said.

The sheriff said that Ervin and the two other youths were down in a field when the boy was shot.

"They put him in the pickup to bring him to the house for help," Jackson said.

Judge Boyd was called to the scene and pronounced Ervin dead around 11 p.m. Friday.

"It is a tragic accident," Jackson said. "I remind everybody to be careful and always assume a firearm is loaded."

Bridgestone chief: Tires not defective

TOKYO (AP) — The president of Bridgestone Corp. suggested Monday that fatal accidents blamed on tires produced by the company's U.S. subsidiary weren't caused by defects.

While stopping short of blaming Ford, Yoichiro Kaizaki said it struck him that there was a high accident rate only for Ford Explorers fitted with the Bridgestone/Firestone tires and not for other carmakers' vehicles that used the same products.

"There were a lot of accidents on Fords," Kaizaki said in his first press conference since the company announced the recall of 6.5 million tires in August. "The accident rate for other cars is dramatically lower."

He said underinflation of tires or poor maintenance are known to be potential causes of the tread belt separations and punctures suspected in the accidents. He added that no structural deficiencies have been found in the tires themselves.

"We didn't recall the tires because we found a defect that caused the accidents," Kaizaki said. "We decided to conscientiously recall the tires having put a top priority on consumer safety."

When asked if he thought Ford might be responsible, he replied: "I can't answer that."

Ford did not immediately return calls seeking comment. The company has said that most of the reported accidents have involved Explorers because most of the recalled tires still in use were sold on Explorers.

On Aug. 9, Bridgestone announced a recall of the P235/75R15 size ATX and ATX II models as well as Wilderness AT tires in the same size.

Those tire models are under investigation as possible causes in traffic accidents that have killed at least 88 people. Many were made at the company's plant in Decatur, Ill. The tires are standard equipment on some Ford models, including the Explorer.

While he stressed that no quality problems have been detected in its U.S. products, Kaizaki admitted that Bridgestone should have exercised greater quality control in its U.S. operations.

"There was a problem that our control over overseas operations was insufficient," Kaizaki said, adding that his company should have brought the U.S. operations "up to Bridgestone's standards."

Kaizaki also disputed Ford claims that the U.S. carmaker was forced to independently recall Explorers from Saudi Arabia because Firestone refused to take steps to fix tire defects suspected in accidents. He said that in a joint investigation, Ford and Bridgestone/Firestone found that tire problems did not cause the accidents, prompting Ford to assume its responsibility and order the recall.

"There has been talk that there was some sort of cover-up, but I want to stress that there was no such thing," Kaizaki said, referring to allegations that Bridgestone tried to hide potential problems in Firestone tires in the Middle East and South America from U.S. authorities.

Two from Atlantis 'hike' in space

SPACE CENTER, Houston (AP) — An American astronaut and a Russian cosmonaut drifted out of space shuttle Atlantis early Monday, making a successful climb up the international space station that was more spacehike than spacewalk.

Edward Lu and Yuri Malenchenko made the grueling ascent to lay cable and install a boom for a navigation unit on the exterior of the 140-foot station during their 6 hour, 14 minute spacewalk. They carried the bundled cables on their backs, along with the boom and their tools.

The spacewalkers ventured an astounding 110 feet from Atlantis' cargo bay, where the space station had been anchored for the past day. It was the farthest distance any NASA spacewalker had ventured while tethered.

"Got a great view back at the nose of the shuttle," said Lu, who was on his first spacewalk. His partner performed spacewalks while living aboard Russia's Mir space station.

The spacewalk official inside Mission Control, Mike Hess, likened the foray to working on the 11th story of a 13-story building — with a much better view, 230 miles above Earth.

The work went flawlessly, ending 16 minutes ahead of schedule even with the addition of a brief task, the manual extension of a docking target that didn't deploy properly and was in the astronauts' way. Ordinarily, NASA has fast-working spacewalkers tackle chores scheduled for later missions; but Lu and Malenchenko did not have to perform any get-ahead tasks.

"There wasn't really anything else to do on space station and won't be, really, until the next crew gets up there," Hess said.

To get to the top of the towering station, Lu and Malenchenko first took a 40-foot ride on the shuttle robot arm. Then they ascended hand over hand like rock climbers, clipping and unclipping their tethers like climbing ropes as they moved up.

It was deliberate travel, slowed by a multitude of obstructions like antennas and docking targets. Astronaut Daniel Burbank, watching from inside the cockpit, guided Lu and Malenchenko up the stack.

"Watch your head," Burbank ordered. "Don't move right. Bring your legs straight up. ... Watch your right foot. Put your feet up."

The two men needed to scale the Russian service module Zvezda to erect a 61/2-foot boom for a compass and to install nine power, data and television cables between it and the other Russian module, Zarya.

Russia installed the compass, which measures Earth's magnetic field, too close to Zvezda's metal hull, knocking the instrument's readings off. NASA had asked from the start that the compass, called a magnetometer, be equipped with an extendable boom, but the Russian space program declined because of a lack of money, Hess said.

NASA discovered another small problem on Zvezda on Monday: a jammed solar panel on one of its wings. The panel did not unfold following launch of the module, and NASA may have to fix the problem on a later visit.

Atlantis linked up with the station as the spacecraft soared above Kazakstan on Sunday, ending a two-day chase complicated slightly by a failed navigation device aboard the shuttle. Atlantis was going to take advantage of the linkup and give the station an orbital boost of about 3 miles Monday.

The seven astronauts and cosmonauts will enter the complex Tuesday to haul in thousands of pounds of supplies for the first residents, due in November.

At the Kennedy Space Center in Florida, meanwhile, NASA moved space shuttle Discovery to the launch pad Monday for an Oct. 5 liftoff on a station-assembly mission.

Final auditions are tonight for Ritz play

Auditions for the Ritz Community Theatre fall production, *The Foreigner,* will be held from 7 to 9 this evening at the Ritz Theatre on the south side of the square.

The cast of the comedy by Larry Shue requires five men and two women.

The action of the play takes place at Betty Meeks' Fishing Lodge Resort in Tilghman County, Georgia.

The characters include two Englishmen: Sergeant "Froggy" LeSueur, a British demolition expert in the U.S. as a guest instructor, and his friend Charlie Baker, a former army buddy he has brought with him to the U.S. to recover from a disastrous marriage.

Froggy is outgoing and self-confident, while Charlie is just the opposite, shy and petrified at the thought of having to meet and talk to strangers.

Both have British accents and are in their late thirties or early forties. The other characters are all Southern natives and speak with Southern accents.

Betty Meeks, about 70, is the widow of Omer Meeks and the naïve proprietress of the lodge. David Lee, a young clergyman, is a very likable young man interested in purchasing the lodge with the aid of his fiancée's money.

Catherine Simms is his demanding and spoiled fiancée. Ellerd Simms is her backward, somewhat dim-witted brother.

Owen Musser is the red-necked local who is in charge of the Klu Klux Klan.

The inventive comic script is equal in hilarity to the playwright's class comedy *The Nerd.* It won awards as Best New American Play and Best Off-Broadway production.

The dates for the Ritz production are scheduled for Nov. 3-5 and Nov. 10-12. Sue Parham is directing and may be reached at 573-9068 for additional information.

Russian official denies report of secret service probe into nuclear submarine disaster

MOSCOW (AP) — A top Russian official today denied reports that the nation's security service was investigating last month's sinking of a nuclear submarine and had presented its findings to President Vladimir Putin.

First Deputy Prime Minister Ilya Klebanov, the head of a government commission investigating the Aug. 12 disaster, also reiterated Russia's denials that the Kursk was sunk by a missile fired by a Russian ship.

The Federal Security Service, the Russian navy and Klebanov's commission had already rejected a German newspaper report Friday that the Kursk was hit by a new anti-submarine missile fired by a nuclear-powered cruiser, the Peter the Great. The ship's commander also denied it.

Klebanov also denied reports the Federal Security Service, the FSB, had given Putin secret documents relating to the disaster, and that the secret service had begun its own inquiry, the Interfax news agency reported.

An FSB spokesman refused to comment on the report Monday, referring callers to a secret service statement last week that denied the Kursk was sunk by a Russian torpedo.

United Way to launch campaign

Scurry County United Way 2000-2001 campaign kick-off luncheon will be held starting at 11:45 a.m. Tuesday at the Martha Ann Woman's Club. Campaign goal is $80,000.

Guest speaker will be Jim Bob Jones from Texas Tech University Health Science Center.

"The agencies benefiting from our efforts do an excellent job of providing a better standard of living to our citizens," said Kent Wright, president. "The economy in our area seems to be on a slight rebound. While acknowledging this, we should remain concerned and interested in securing the greatest amount of resources for all the agencies. As you know, the economy continually has a "roller coaster" effect on our lives. I am excited and confident with the help of Scurry citizens, that we will be able to meet, or even better, exceed our goal again this year."

United Way agencies include Snyder Child Day Care, Boys and Girls Club, Snyder Area Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse, Girl Scouts-West Texas Council, Buffalo Trail Boy Scouts, American Red Cross and the Food Cupboard.

Anyone interested in helping with the campaign is asked to call Zola Schlegel at 573-1731 or UW president Kent Wright at 573-6200.

Other officers include Rodney Dupree, first vice president; Marsha Lovelady, second vice president and treasurer; and Leslie Cooley, recording secretary.

ASK US

Q—When the Colorado River Municipal Water District was building Ivie Reservoir, how much did it cost the district to fight the federal government over the Concho water snake?

A—Right at $4 million.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Saturday, 95 degrees; low, 67; high Sunday, 101; low, 70; 7 a.m. Monday, 75; no precipitation; total for 2000, 15.01 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, mostly clear. Low 65-70. S wind 5-10 mph. Tuesday, mostly sunny. High, lower 90s. NE wind 10-20 mph.

Colton Curry
Sunny

Sunset: 7:55 p.m.
Sunrise: 7:27 a.m.
Of 254 days in 2000, the sun has shone 251 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

"We can do anything we want if we stick to it long enough."

—Helen Keller

'West Wing' earns record-setting 9 Emmys

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Once again, crime didn't pay.

Weeks before the election of a new U.S. president, the Emmy Awards elbowed aside the mob-focused "The Sopranos" to shower honors on the White House drama "The West Wing."

NBC's freshman series won a record-setting nine Emmys on Sunday, including best drama. Only James Gandolfini's best acting trophy prevented a shutout for "The Sopranos" after 18 nominations.

"I wish we had done a little better," Gandolfini said after the show. It was the second straight year "The Sopranos" met mostly with Emmy disappointment.

He suggested the surreal drama may be a little too dark and violent for many Emmy voters. Some of Hollywood's old guard also may be reluctant to vote for a cable show instead of one on the broadcast networks, he said.

"Also, 'West Wing' is a very good show, from what I understand," he said. "I've never seen it."

The NBC show is an uplifting look at political life not weighed down with cynicism. Its characters try to do the right thing, even if they don't always succeed. Real Washington leaders are constantly thanking producers for their portrayal.

"By and large in movies and television shows, the country's leaders are portrayed as either dolts or Machiavellian," series creator Aaron Sorkin said. "Here, they are neither. They're very bright, committed and energetic people."

Sorkin won an Emmy for his writing; Thomas Schlamme for directing. Richard Schiff, who plays the grim aide Toby Ziegler, and Allison Janney, who plays the White House's tough press secretary, won supporting actor awards. The show won four other technical awards.

Asked whether "The West Wing" educates viewers about politics, Sorkin replied: "We're not asking anyone to eat their vegetables." But he said he was pleased that some people have credited his show with exciting people about the political system.

Martin Sheen, President Josiah Bartlet in "The West Wing," was dead-on walking into the Emmys with his prediction that Gandolfini would beat him for best actor, but his show would win best series.

"James was selected MVP, but we won the game," Sheen said. "That's the most important thing."

Emmy voters showed their sentimental sides Sunday. Michael J. Fox won best actor in a comedy for his final performance in "Spin City" before retiring due to Parkinson's disease. Jack Lemmon won best actor in a miniseries or movie for "Oprah Winfrey Presents: Tuesdays With Morrie."

Both veteran actors drew standing ovations.

"Will & Grace" was selected best comedy, boosting the show as it moves to Thursday nights. Its supporting actors, Sean Hayes and Megan Mullally, each won their first Emmys.

For the third year in a row, David Letterman's "Late Show" won the award for best variety series. It came during a year Letterman had to take a break for an emergency quintuple bypass operation in January.

"Dave, if you're watching at home, it looks like the fake heart surgery paid off," said the show's executive producer, Rob Burnett.

Other winners: Patricia Heaton, comedian Ray Romano's long-suffering wife in "Everybody Loves Raymond," as best actress in a comedy; Sela Ward of "Once and Again" as best actress in a drama; Lorne Michaels, the originator of "Saturday Night Live," for the show's 25th anniversary special. Multiple winners included "Tuesdays With Morrie" and HBO's series about a tough Baltimore neighborhood, "The Corner."

Emmy watchers were anxious to see the impact of a change in voting procedures designed to widen the voting panel and make it younger.

Instead of requiring Academy of Television Arts & Sciences members to watch nominated shows in a hotel, the academy sent out videotapes for voters to watch at home. As a result, more than 2,500 people voted this year as opposed to 650 last year.

"I happen to think this change in the voting is working extremely well," said Heaton, clutching her award.

The results of the awards — particularly Heaton's quiet victory over Calista Flockhart of "Ally McBeal" and Sarah Jessica Parker of "Sex and the City" — indicate that most voters took their jobs seriously, said Thomas O'Neill, author of "The Emmys" and a frequent critic of the plan.

"I think we saw the proof we needed that voters really watched the tapes," O'Neill said. "The biggest winner tonight was the Emmy Awards."

NBC won bragging rights with 23 Emmys. HBO had 20 awards, ABC had 15, Fox had 11 and CBS had 7.

Gary Shandling sparkled as one-man show at TV awards

NEW YORK (AP) — "I said to my mother, 'I'm hosting the Emmys,'" cracked Garry Shandling. "She said, 'You do what you have to do.'"

Thank goodness he did.

Neurotic, self-embarrassed and fearlessly ironic, Shandling turned Sunday's Emmycast into a one-man show.

Aired live on ABC from Los Angeles' Shrine Auditorium, "The 52nd Annual Primetime Emmy Awards" was what it always is: an overlong display of gussied-up stars and mostly hollow tributes.

This year, no problem. Even when absent from the handsome grids-and-cubes stage setting, Shandling drolly ruled. With his wry stewardship, he kept everything honest.

"You know what slows this show down?" he mused. "Seriously: the awards. They should just tape 'em under the winners' seats."

At another point, he yanked things into perspective again by introducing a few TV clips "overlooked by the Academy": monster truck races, "Jerry Springer," Weather Channel forecasts and a woman hawking watches on Home Shopping Network.

He did a quick, apparently off-the-cuff interview with the onstage "trophy girl."

"I started as a trophy girl," he told her. "And now I'm host."

And in a backhanded compliment to the cable network that aired his bygone comedy series "The Larry Sanders Show," Shandling observed that an acceptance speech could go on for days if HBO, rather than ABC, were airing the Emmys.

Shandling's style of keeping it real (or at least an irreverent facsimile of real) proved infectious.

Former "Seinfeld" player Michael Richards delivered a lengthy, impassioned thank-you speech for having been chosen by the Academy as a presenter, seeming to forget all about presenting the award.

Even Michael J. Fox made sport of his Parkinson's tremors in a mock-impromptu backstage encounter with Shandling.

"Your tie is all screwed up," Fox told him.

"Could you fix it?" Shandling asked.

"Believe me," warned Fox, producing his shaky hands, "you don't want ..."

Later, no one could have failed to be touched by Fox's brief but heartfelt acceptance for his Best Comedy Actor award.

Veteran actor Jack Lemmon, who won for his performance in the TV film "Oprah Winfrey Presents: Tuesdays with Morrie," also won himself a standing ovation.

Each of them elegantly gowned and great with child, tandem presenters Jane Leeves ("Frasier") and Kelli Williams ("The Practice") made a lovely sight.

And presenter Cher, as always a welcome addition, scored with her dyed-blond tresses and accompanying dumb-blonde joke.

But the night belonged to Shandling, who even put his imprint on the night's biggest winner, White House drama "The West Wing."

"I read for the part of vice president," he disclosed. "They said, 'Too Jewish.'"

The season past was an odd one whose biggest craze, reality TV, flew under the Academy's radar. But not Shandling's.

To prove it, the Emmycast (which Shandling said ABC considered renaming "Who Wants to Win an Emmy?") began uproariously with a taped sketch spoofing CBS' summer smash "Survivor."

In a setting that looked exactly like remote Pulau Tiga, "Survivor" host Jeff Probst convened a tribal council to decide who would host the Emmy show (and receive the Pontiac Aztec).

Among Shandling's fellow castaways were Arsenio Hall, who complained that Shandling was "walking around buck naked on the island," and Craig Kilborn of "The Late, Late Show."

When the votes were counted, it was Shandling who was chosen.

"Can I just take the car?" he begged Probst.

"No, Garry, you have to host."

If viewers are lucky, he'll have to host again next year.

Date Book

Monday, Sept. 11, 2000

Today is the 255th day of 2000 and the 84th day of summer.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1609, Henry Hudson discovered the river that is named after him.

On this day in 1789, Alexander Hamilton became the first secretary of the Treasury of the United States.

On this day in 1991, Soviet president Mikhail Gorbachev announced the withdrawal of thousands of Soviet troops from Cuba.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: O. Henry (1862-1910), writer; D.H. Lawrence (1885-1930), writer; Paul "Bear" Bryant (1913-1983), football coach; Ferdinand Marcos (1917-1989), Philippines leader; Tom Landry (1924-2000), football coach; Brian DePalma (1940-), director, is 60; Kristy McNichol (1962-), actress, is 38.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1974, the St. Louis Cardinals battled the New York Mets for 25 innings. The Cardinals won 4-3.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "When you want to win a game, you have to teach. When you lose a game, you have to learn." — Tom Landry

TODAY'S MOON: Between first quarter (Sept. 5) and full moon (Sept. 13).

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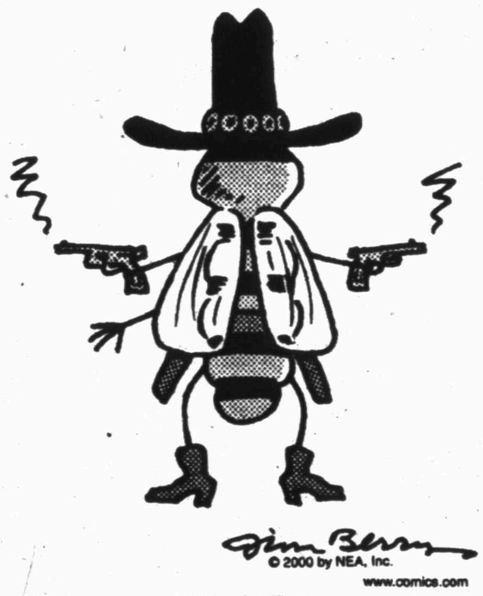

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Fed's string of rate boosts nearing end

WASHINGTON (AP) — A group of top economic forecasters believes the Federal Reserve's 15-month string of interest rates boosts to ward off inflation is near an end.

Economists "seemed increasingly optimistic that the Fed has successfully countered any inflation threat to the economy and they have adopted an optimistic outlook for interest rates," the National Association for Business Economics said Monday in its quarterly economic outlook.

"Panelists are increasingly convinced that the run-up in interest rates is at its end," the group said in its survey, which is based on forecasts made by 30 of the association's 3,000 members in the last two weeks of August.

The Fed has boosted interest rate six times since June 1999 to slow the economy and keep inflation under control.

The forecasters, citing solid advances in business investment and both exports and imports, revised upward their forecasts for the economy's growth this year as measured by the gross domestic product, the total output of goods and services within the United States.

They said they now expect GDP to increase 5.2 percent in 2000, up from their previous estimate of 4.9 percent. If the 5.2 percent GDP increase is realized, it would be the strongest economic growth since a 7.3 percent advance in 1984. In 1999, the economy grew by 4.2 percent.

The forecasters estimated that GDP will grow by 3.3 percent in 2001, up from 3 percent in the previous survey in May.

A surge in oil prices led economists to boost their inflation forecasts.

They now estimate that inflation as measured by the Consumer Price Index on a year-over-year basis will increase to 3.3 percent this year, compared with its earlier estimate of 3.0 percent. In 1999, the CPI rose 2.2 percent on a year-over-year basis.

In 2001, the forecasters expect inflation to moderate to 2.7 percent, unchanged from the previous estimate.

Economists also said they were bullish about the prospects of continued strong gains in productivity — the amount of output for each hour of work.

Sizable gains means companies can pay employees more and still hold the line on prices. Computers, satellites and other technological advances are credited with helping boost workers' efficiency.

"Strong productivity gains, still-low inflation despite rising energy costs ... all provide the basis for solid growth with no end to the expansion in sight," said Richard Berner, NABE's vice president and managing director and chief economist for Morgan Stanley Dean Witter & Co.

On the Net: NABE's web site: http://www.nabe.com/

North Texas pair gets lucky on $60 millon Lotto jackpot

DALLAS (AP) — A glance at the morning newspaper confirmed the multimillion-dollar dreams of a North Texas couple over the weekend.

Although an independent auditor of the state Lottery Commission must validate the winning ticket in the $60 million Lotto Texas, John Osorio and Lois Loden claim all the jackpot numbers.

A grocery store clerk who apparently sold the winning ticket was on duty when the Richardson couple walked in about 10:30 a.m. Sunday to get the ticket verified.

"She looked at me and said, 'Hey, we did it," Jeanne Curso, the clerk, told The Dallas Morning News in Monday's editions. "I started screaming. I was really excited and I didn't even win any money."

For the third-highest lottery prize ever in the state's lottery, Osorio had said he would choose the cash-value option rather than 25 annual payments. After taxes, the amount would total about $21 million.

The ticket with the winning numbers, sold at an Albertson's grocery store for Saturday night's drawing, listed 1, 16, 36, 43, 44 and 52.

The largest jackpot was $74 million in 1994 while the second largest included two $65 million payoffs, said lottery spokeswoman Leticia Vasquez.

She said the commission would take about six hours Monday to validate the ticket.

The couple had decided not to stay up late Saturday to await the lottery drawing on television. The next morning, Osorio said, they were in disbelief after reading of the jackpot winnings.

Loden was a frequent shopper and often bought her lottery tickets from the Albertson's store, said Corso.

"She normally does Quick Picks, but this time she did birthdays and anniversaries," said Corso. "She had trouble coming up with that last number."

Commissioners in May set up larger jackpots by making it harder to win. Players now must match six numbers from a pool of 54 instead of 50.

""It just takes one ticket to win," said Osorio, a 78-year-old attorney.

On the Net:
Texas Lottery Commission:
http://www.txlottery.org

Skier will be tried for murder after collision kills man

DENVER (AP) — Even as ski resorts crack down on reckless skiing and snowboarding by introducing slow zones and speed patrols, prosecutors are putting a ski racer on trial for manslaughter this week.

Nathan Hall, then 18, is charged with felony manslaughter in the death of a skier he hit while bouncing down a bumpy run at Vail Mountain after finishing his shift as a lift operator in April 1997.

Buck Allen, a Vail municipal judge and expert skier, saw Hall flash by, "sitting way back on his skis" and unable to stop. Hall smashed into Alan Cobb, killing the 33-year-old Denver skier almost instantly.

Jury selection, which starts Monday, was expected to last more than a day.

Two Eagle County courts dismissed the charges against Hall, ruling that "a reasonable person" would not have expected skiing too fast to cause another person's death.

With law enforcement complaining this decision gave reckless skiers carte blanche, the Colorado Supreme Court granted the prosecutor's appeal and ordered Hall tried. The Chico, Calif., college student could face up to six years imprisonment.

"What better state than Colorado to decide this issue? And what better county than Eagle?" said District Attorney Mike Goodbee. Goodbee's jurisdiction includes the Vail and Beaver Creek resorts; most residents ski or snowboard and many work at resorts.

In the three years since Cobb's death, major Colorado resorts have stepped up their enforcement of ski safety rules. Vail seized a record number of lift tickets in 1998. And to further prevent injuries, Vail, Breckenridge and Keystone, the nation's busiest resorts, created speed patrols in 1999.

Goodbee and Hall's lawyer, Brett Heckman, were under court gag orders, limiting what they could say, but Heckman appeared likely to argue that times have changed, and that his client's conduct wasn't unusual in 1997.

Clinton's rival defends handshake with Arafat

NEW YORK (AP) — First the kiss, now the handshake.

Hillary Rodham Clinton's rival for New York's open senate seat found himself under fire after a photograph of him shaking Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat's hand two years ago resurfaced.

The photograph, which appeared in Sunday's New York Post, was taken by a White House photographer in 1998 when Rep. Rick Lazio visited the Mideast with President Clinton and other U.S. officials.

Lazio, the Republican Senate candidate, has in the past criticized his Democratic rival, Mrs. Clinton, for hugging Arafat's wife after she delivered a contentious speech last year.

"Be careful when you start throwing stones," said state Assemblyman Dov Hikind, D-Brooklyn, an Orthodox Jew who has not yet made an endorsement in the Senate race.

"Everyone in my community and beyond is shocked as to why he embraced Yasser Arafat so warmly. Rick Lazio has avoided defining himself," Hikind said. "He's done nothing other than saying 'I'm not Hillary Clinton.' Now he's being defined by this handshake and he's got a big problem."

The photo surfaces just two days after Lazio criticized President Clinton's impromptu handshake with Cuban President Fidel Castro.

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

Questions about new mom's age get old really quick

DEAR ABBY: I am 42 and recently gave birth to a beautiful baby boy. I had my last child at 37. One day I encountered a very rude woman. She raved about how cute my baby was and then proceeded to ask me if he was my grandson! In this day and age, many women have babies in their 40s and beyond. I would never ask a woman of any age that question. I know from experience that it can ruin her day.

I realize I'm old enough to be the grandmother, but the point is that I am not. Since I'm five years older now, I'm sure I'll encounter the same situation. I wonder if I should wear a button that says, "No, I'm not the grandmother. I'm the mother."

Another impertinent question I have been asked is, "Are you going to have your tubes tied now?" Abby, it is no one's business!

Can you please tell me what to say when rude people ask me these questions? — **"GREAT" BUT NOT "GRAND" MOTHER**

DEAR MOTHER: When someone asks if you're the baby's grandmother, smile and reply, "Why do you ask?" If the person is rude enough to answer that you appear too old to be the mother, inform him or her that you ARE the child's mother and you feel that's "grand"!

When asked if you're going to have your tubes tied, reply, "If that were any of your business, you would already know the answer to that question."

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♥ A Q 8 3
♦ 7 2
♣ 10 7 3

West
♠ K 5
♥ 10 7 6 2
♦ 10 8 4 3
♣ K Q 4

East
♠ 10 9 8
♥ 9 4
♦ A 9 6 5
♣ J 9 6 2

South
♠ Q 7 6 2
♥ K J 5
♦ K Q J
♣ A 8 5

Vulnerable: Neither
Dealer: South

South	West	North	East
1 NT	Pass	2 ♣	Pass
2 ♠	Pass	4 ♠	All pass

Opening lead: ♣ K

To the exclusion of all others

By Phillip Alder

Booklets only 16 pages long are relatively expensive. Yet they allow the reader — and the writer — to concentrate on one topic. Bridge Plus magazine from England has found this approach popular, having 24 titles in its series and more babies on the way! This week, let's look at the latest half-dozen.

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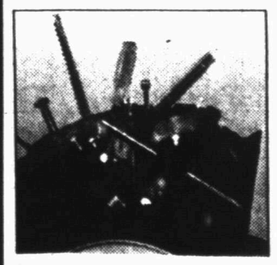

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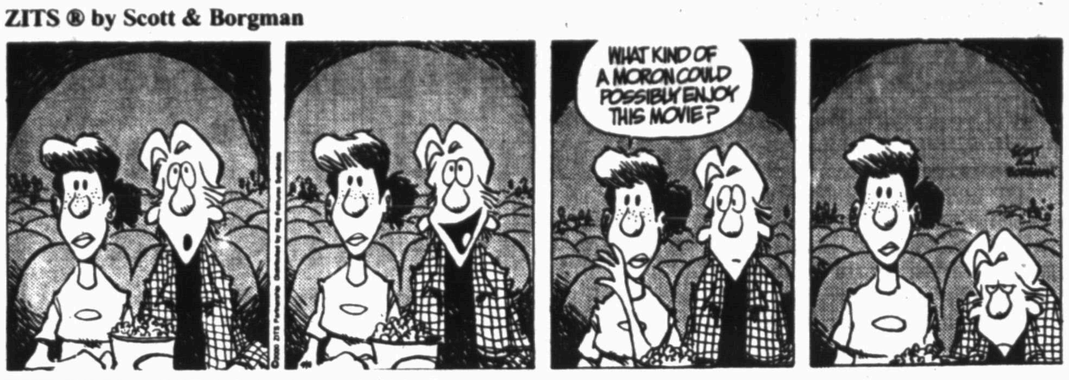

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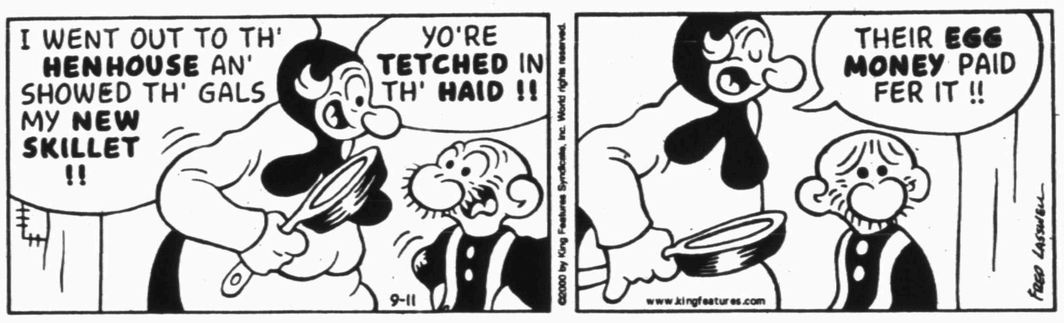

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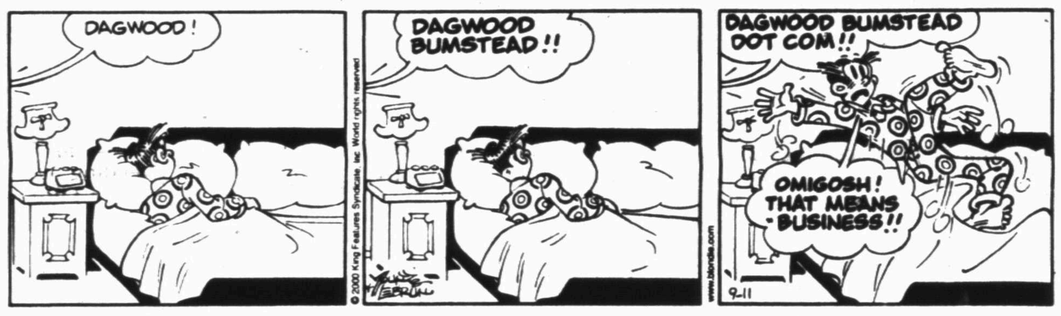

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1 Street urchin
6 Underwater ships
10 Did some gardening
12 Chide
14 List of printed mistakes
15 Golf scores
16 11th mo.
17 "The — Squad"
19 Shade trees
20 Nails securely
23 Entire range
26 Agcy. for 11 Down
27 A Gabor
30 De-creased
32 Style of type
34 Soda-fountain treat
35 Wolfish
36 Pedro's uncle
37 Fast plane (abbr.)
39 Stair part
40 Relaxes
42 Certain
45 Writing fluid
46 Ms. Sumac
49 Blazes
51 Haifa's place
54 Punctual (2 wds.)
55 Anchored
56 Concerning (2 wds.)
57 Mr. Claus

DOWN

1 Dancer Verdon
2 "Dynamic" start
3 Media mogul Griffin
4 Mountain on Crete
5 Seine
6 Red or Black
7 Prods
8 Formal dance
9 Stalk
11 Hoover and Grand Coulee
12 Torment mercilessly
13 Curvy letter
18 Baseball player Mel —
20 Provide with money
21 Army command (2 wds.)
22 Inherent character
23 Pith
24 Wild sheep
25 "Gram" start
27 Wallach and Whitney
28 Climbing plant
29 Genus of maples
31 Abhor
33 Honeybee genus
38 Coal unit
40 Send in payment
41 Type of milk
42 Calif. airport
43 Skeleton part
44 Vermin
46 Story
47 Come together
48 Hawkeye portrayer
50 Comedian Philips
52 "Mayday!"
53 Brown kiwi

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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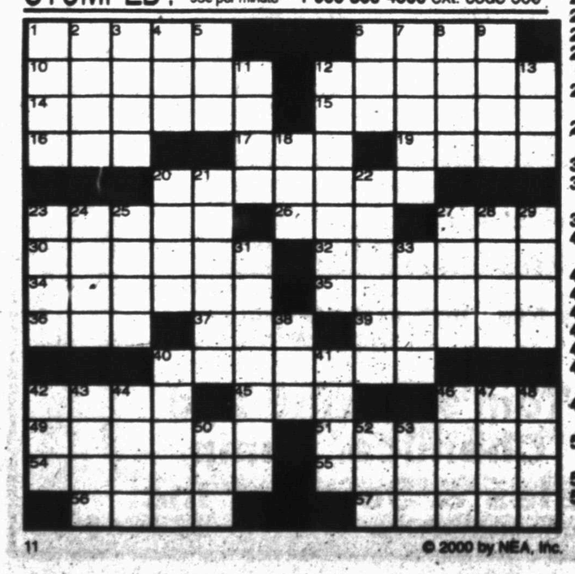

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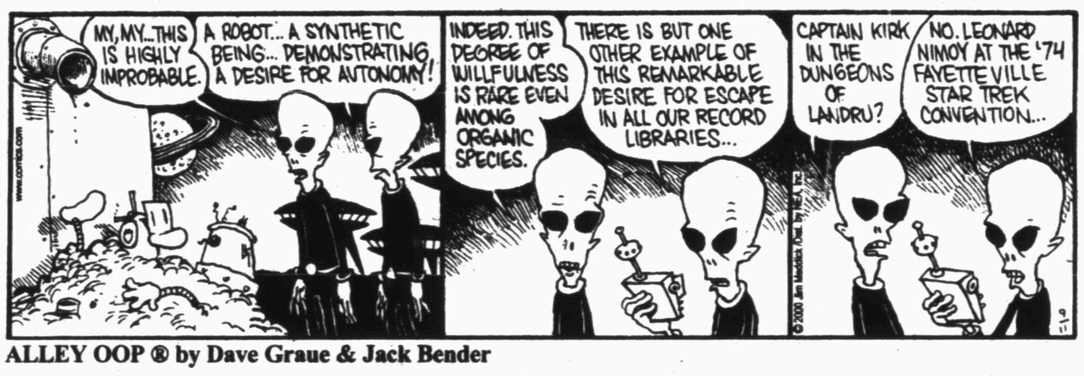

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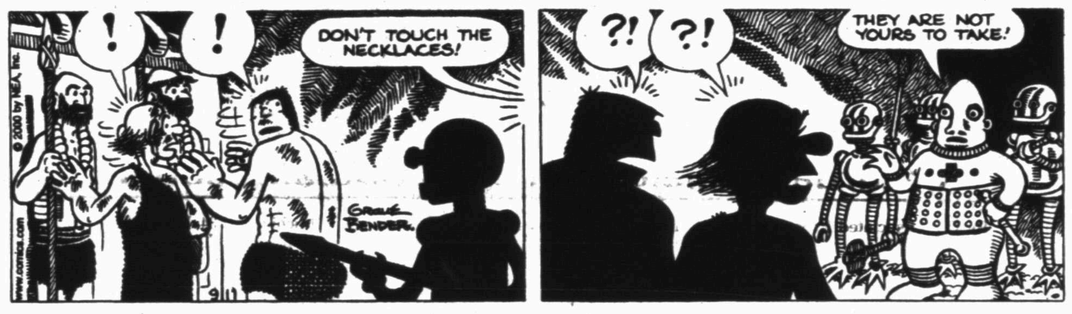

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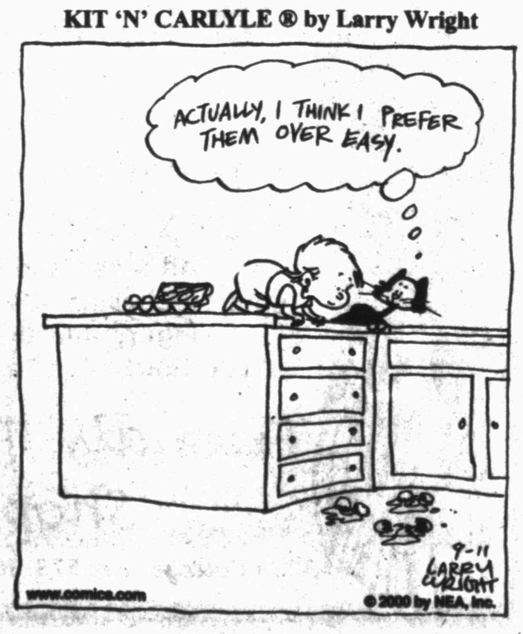

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SPORTS

SHS netters win district opener

PLAINVIEW — In the tennis district opener, Snyder felt its toughest competition would come in the girls' matches.

It turned out to be true, but the Lady Tigers were ready for the challenge.

Snyder won six girls' matches Saturday, including a pair of three-set wins, to knock off Plainview, 13-6, to start the league race.

Snyder's boys added seven victories to the total, but SHS coach Brad Wikse said this win belonged to his girls.

"If I had a game ball to give out, it would go to Claire Cotton and Jordan Hardin," Wikse said. "They played their hearts out this weekend. I think Plainview's girls were stronger than its boys, but our girls hung in there and played some good tennis."

Cotton and Hardin both registered hard-fought victories in singles' action, before teaming up to win a grueling doubles match.

Cotton

Hardin

The Snyder duo dropped the first set, 6-7, then rallied to win the next, 6-4. In the decisive third set, Cotton and Hardin held off the top two Lady Bulldogs, 7-5, to secure the victory.

On the boys' side, SHS was led by the play of seniors Ryan Gibson and Allen Smith.

Gibson and Smith both posted convincing 6-1, 6-0 victories in singles' competition, before cruising to a 6-2, 6-2 doubles win.

Next up on the Snyder schedule is a home date with Frenship on Saturday.

Frenship comes in ranked No. 24 in the state, while fellow district foe Levelland is No. 20.

Snyder, which is accustomed to being ranked, is not listed among the top squads, and Wikse believes it will be an extra incentive on Saturday.

"Our kids feel like they have something to prove," Wikse said. "They're used to being ranked, and now some teams that we feel aren't as good as us, are ranked and we're not. So we're just going to take care of business on the court, and everything will work out in the end."

Snyder 13, Plainview 6

Boys' singles: Gibson def. Boedeker, 6-1, 6-0; Smith def. Eaves, 6-1, 6-0; De Paz lost to Porter, 5-7, 6-2, 6-4; Best def. Tibest, 7-5, 6-0; Rodgers def. Bickel, 6-4, 6-4; Gorman def. Price, 6-3, 6-0.

Boys' doubles: Gibson-Smith def. Porter-Tibest, 6-2, 6-2; DePaz-Rodgers lost to Boedeker-Eaves, 6-1, 6-2; Best-Gorman def. Bickel-Price, 7-5, 6-1.

Mixed doubles: Beccue-Kubena lost to Dickenson-Fagin, 6-2, 6-2.

Girls' singles: Vargas def. McMahon, 6-3, 6-4; Cotton def. Cannon, 7-5, 7-6; Hardin def. Wells, 6-3, 7-5; Sutter lost to Bain, 6-4, 6-4; Jones lost to Boedeker, 5-7, 6-3, 6-2; Dunham def. Williams, 6-1, 6-3.

Girls' doubles: Cotton-Hardin def. McMahon-Cannon, 6-7, 6-4, 7-5; Dunham-Vargas def. Boedeker-Williams, 6-1, 2-6, 6-2; Brumley-Cantu lost to Wells-Bain, 3-6, 6-2, 6-4.

Lady Tigers remain in hunt with victory

LEVELLAND — With eight teams competing in District 4-4A, it's going to be a long race for the league volleyball title.

But after dropping Tuesday's district opener, Snyder didn't want to fall too far toward the back of the pack with another setback on Saturday.

Snyder showed its resolve by holding off a pesky Levelland squad, 15-11, 15-13, Saturday afternoon to remain in the thick of the race at 1-1.

The Lady Tigers trail San Angelo Lake View, Big Spring and Andrews by one game in the standings, and can move into a tie for second place with another victory at Big Spring on Tuesday.

"We were a little sluggish on Saturday, but the girls hung in there through the whole match," said Snyder coach Patty Grimmett. "It was an important win for us. We can't worry about what other teams are doing. We can only take care of our business, and if we do that then we should be in good shape in the end."

Snyder's offense wasn't at its most productive, registering only 25 kills. The lack of offense was due in part to the Lady Loboes' style of play, according to Grimmett.

"Our offense wasn't as smooth as it has been. Levelland plays a different style of volleyball than we're used to, and it took us awhile to adjust," the SHS coach remarked. "Levelland would send the ball back on the second hit a lot, and it would catch us off guard. But the girls did a good job a adjusting, and doing what needed to be done to get the win."

Senior Kameron Kallemeyn led the Lady Tigers at the net with nine kills, while fellow senior Rina Geiger added seven more.

From the service line, Laura Billingsley shouldered the load with 12 points.

Snyder can continue to move up in the standings with a win in Big Spring on Tuesday. The Lady Steers are 2-0, as are Lake View and Andrews who also meet on Tuesday.

A victory by the Lady Tigers would move them into a three-way tie for second place.

Snyder def. Levelland
15-11, 15-13

Snyder service points: L. Billingsley, 12; Mackey, 6; Kallemeyn, 4; Eicke and Geiger, 3; Webb, 2. **Kills:** Kallemeyn, 9; Geiger, 7; Delce, 4; Mackey and Voss, 2; K. Billingsley, 1. **Blocks:** Geiger, 2; Kallemeyn and Delce, 1.

Knight fired by Indiana

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. (AP) — In the end, Bob Knight, the old-school disciplinarian with a notorious temper, couldn't control the very person he needed most to save his job: himself.

The red-sweatered stalwart of the Hoosiers' bench, the man they once called "The General," was fired Sunday by Indiana University for a "pattern of unacceptable behavior."

That pattern included a chance meeting with a freshman, whose greeting offended the coach and prompted Knight to grab him by the arm and lecture him on manners.

That was enough for IU president Myles Brand, who dismissed Knight, severing his 29-year relationship with a school where he was revered and often reviled — mostly for his temper.

Brand called Knight "defiant and hostile" and said he had shown a "continued unwillingness" to work within the guidelines of the athletic department. He also said Knight violated the "zero-tolerance" conduct policy implemented in May.

"He did not fulfill the promises he gave me," Brand said, adding that Knight had the option of resigning but refused.

Snyder High linksters top field at Baugh event

It was a case of the players outplaying the coaches Saturday at the Slingin' Sammy Baugh Golf Tournament at Western Texas College.

A foursome of Snyder High School golfers fired a 17-under-par 53 to win the event by two strokes over a group that included SHS coaches Matt Glenn and Ricky Hunter.

Landon Day, Zach Starnes, Andra Lancaster and Clinton Calmes teamed up to capture the title, while Glenn, Hunter, Craig Curry and Mike McWilliams finished second.

The runners-up finished in a tie with another team of Snyder High linksters, but took second place on a scorecard playoff.

Also firing a 55 and finishing third was Levi Mandrell, Lacey Kidd, Stafford Gray and Logan Hill.

Glenn was pleased with the turnout at the annual tournament, which benefits the SISD golf program.

"It was a good tournament, everybody had a great time," said Glenn. "We had a full field of 24 teams, and there was a lot of good golf played in the morning and in the afternoon."

Members of the SHS boys' golf team used the event as a tune-up for this weekend's tournament in Ft. Worth.

The Tigers will compete in the Bart Granger Memorial Tournament Friday and Saturday. A total of 54 teams from several states, including the nation's top-ranked team out of Arizona, are entered in the three-round event.

"It's one of the bigger high school tournaments in the state," said Glenn. "There are going to be a lot of good teams, and our guys are looking forward to it."

The Lady Tigers open their fall schedule Oct. 20-21 when they'll shoot for their third consecutive Far West Texas Tournament title in El Paso.

Cardinals edge Cowboys

TEMPE, Ariz. (AP) — Jake Plummer brought happy memories back to Arizona.

The slender quarterback passed the Cardinals to a 32-31 victory over the Dallas Cowboys on Sunday night.

Plummer passed to David Boston for 63 yards on the Cardinals' last possession — a play that ended at the Dallas 22. Two running plays later, Plummer passed 17 yards to Frank Sanders for the touchdown that produced the final score with 1:54 left.

"I love throwing to Frank, especially when I'm on the run," Plummer said. "Last year I didn't get him enough touchdowns, so I'm glad to get him two today."

Coach Dave Campo, the Cowboys defensive coordinator until this year, said the scheme called for double coverage on Plummer's go-to receiver.

"If you can't cover him with two guys, I don't know what to do," Campo said.

The Cardinals (1-1) went for 2, but Thomas Jones was stopped on a running play. Needing just a field goal to win, backup QB Randall Cunningham guided the Cowboys past midfield, but misfired on his last four attempts.

The win denied Campo his first victory in two games.

Michael Pittman scored on a 1-yard run, Cary Blanchard kicked four field goals and Plummer threw a 4-yard TD pass to Sanders for the Cardinals.

But Cunningham overshadowed Plummer most of the game.

He completed his first 13 passes — then was 11-of-21 the rest of the way.

SHS frosh hold off Levelland

LEVELLAND — Snyder recovered from a slight slip in Game 2, to outlast Levelland in three sets, 15-3, 9-15, 15-8, in Saturday's freshman volleyball action.

Desiree Braziel led the Lady Tigers' service effort with 10 points, followed by sister Dominique's nine.

Erin Burleson and Kelsi Johnson served up four points apiece, while Sharday McKinney and Missy Vasquez tallied three each.

Ashley Martinez posted two points, and Kelbi Drum, Misha Wofford, Sara Thornhill and Beth Clements added one apiece.

Snyder will be in action again at 6 p.m. Tuesday when it visits Big Spring.

District 4-4A Volleyball

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

Saturday's results: Snyder def. Levelland, 15-11, 15-13; Lake View def. Estacado, 15-0, 15-6; Big Spring def. Frenship, 15-7, 4-15, 15-7; Andrews def. Plainview, 15-2, 16-14.

Tuesday's matches: Snyder at Big Spring; Andrews at San Angelo Lake View; Lubbock Estacado at Frenship; Levelland at Plainview.

Saturday's Major College Football Scores

By The Associated Press

EAST

Boston College 55, Army 17
Cent. Connecticut St. 24, Frostburg St. 7
Connecticut 34, Colgate 7
Delaware 38, The Citadel 0
Duquesne 30, La Salle 7
Fordham 34, Fairfield 7
Hartwick 33, Siena 10
Hofstra 51, Maine 30
Holy Cross 38, Georgetown, D.C. 22
Iona 55, Canisius 2
New Hampshire 13, Rhode Island 12
Northeastern 63, Albany, N.Y. 14
Penn St. 67, Louisiana Tech 7
Rutgers 59, Buffalo 0
Sacred Heart 19, Bryant 15
St. John's, NY 23, St. Francis, Pa. 0
Stony Brook 26, S. Connecticut 0
Towson 42, Lafayette 20
Villanova 51, Millersville 14
Wagner 14, Monmouth, N.J. 7

SOUTH

Alabama 28, Vanderbilt 10
Alabama A&M 39, Henderson St. 10
Alabama St. 35, Alcorn St. 28
Ark.-Pine Bluff 30, Southern U. 19
Auburn 35, Mississippi 27
Bethune-Cookman 24, Norfolk St. 6
Catawba 33, Austin Peay 7
Clemson 62, Missouri 9
Davidson 36, Jacksonville 7
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Florida 55, Middle Tennessee 0
Florida A&M 56, Morgan St. 25
Florida St. 26, Georgia Tech 21
Furman 44, Newberry 10
Georgia Southern 57, Johnson C. Smith 12
Hampton 26, Howard 24
Jacksonville St. 10, Nicholls St. 3
James Madison 38, Liberty 7
Kentucky 27, South Florida 9
LSU 28, Houston 13
Lehigh 34, Wofford 14
Louisville 52, Grambling St. 0
Maryland 17, Temple 10
Memphis 28, Louisiana-Monroe 0
Morehead St. 46, Butler 43
N. Carolina A&T 16, Tennessee St. 14
North Carolina 35, Wake Forest 14
Presbyterian 28, Charleston Southern 13
S. Carolina St. 42, Savannah St. 26
South Carolina 21, Georgia 10
Tennessee Tech 29, Harding 27
Texas Southern 19, Jackson St. 15
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UCF 19, Northwestern St. 7
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W. Carolina 53, Lenoir-Rhyne 10
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MIDWEST

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Cincinnati 12, Syracuse 10
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Illinois 49, San Diego St. 13
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N. Arizona 32, Chadron St. 24
Ohio St. 27, Arizona 17
Oregon St. 28, New Mexico 20
Sacramento St. 37, Cal Poly-SLO 18
San Diego 35, Whittier 21
San Jose St. 40, Stanford 27
Southern Cal 17, Colorado 14
TCU 41, Nevada 10
UCLA 24, Fresno St. 21
Utah St. 30, S. Utah 14
W. Washington 30, St. Mary's, Cal. 20
Washington 34, Miami 29

Local Sports Schedule

TUESDAY

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

THURSDAY

FOOTBALL: Snyder freshmen and JV at Abilene Wylie, 5 and 7 p.m.

FOOTBALL: Abilene Wylie at Snyder seventh and eighth grade, 5 and 6:30

FRIDAY

GOLF: Snyder boys at Bart Granger Memorial Tournament in Ft. Worth

FOOTBALL: Abilene Wylie at Snyder, 7:30

FOOTBALL: Klondike at Ira, 7:30

FOOTBALL: Hermleigh at Blackwell, 7:30

FOOTBALL: Ropes at Borden County, 7:30

SATURDAY

GOLF: Snyder boys at Bart Granger Memorial Tournament in Ft. Worth

TENNIS: Frenship at Snyder

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

VOLLEYBALL: Snyder freshmen at Denver City tourney

Major League Baseball

National League
All Times EDT

East Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Atlanta	84	59	.587	—
New York	81	61	.570	2½
Florida	68	74	.479	15½
Montreal	59	81	.421	23½
Philadelphia	58	83	.411	25
Central Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
St. Louis	82	61	.573	—
Cincinnati	73	70	.510	9
Houston	63	80	.441	19
Milwaukee	62	80	.437	19½
Pittsburgh	61	81	.430	20½
Chicago	59	83	.415	22½
West Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
San Francisco	84	58	.592	—
Arizona	76	65	.539	7½
Los Angeles	74	69	.517	10½
Colorado	73	69	.514	11
San Diego	70	74	.486	15

Saturday's Games

Colorado 7, Los Angeles 6
Houston 14, Chicago Cubs 4
San Diego 7, San Francisco 3
Arizona 4, Florida 1
Cincinnati 6, Pittsburgh 4
Philadelphia 6, N.Y. Mets 3
St. Louis 7, Milwaukee 6
Montreal 7, Atlanta 5, 12 innings

Sunday's Games

Montreal 4, Atlanta 0
N.Y. Mets 3, Philadelphia 0
Cincinnati 6, Pittsburgh 4
Houston 7, Chicago Cubs 6
Milwaukee 4, St. Louis 3, 10 innings
Los Angeles 12, Colorado 1
San Francisco 10, San Diego 2
Florida 4, Arizona 3, 12 innings

Monday's Games

Montreal (Hermanson 11-12 and Johnson 5-6) at Philadelphia (Politte 2-2 and Wolf 10-7), 2, 5:05 p.m.
St. Louis (Stephenson 15-8) at Pittsburgh (Silva 9-9), 7:05 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (Garibay 2-7) at Cincinnati (Harnisch 6-6), 7:05 p.m.
Milwaukee (Rigdon 2-3) at N.Y. Mets (Reed 9-4), 7:10 p.m.
San Francisco (Gardner 10-6) at Houston (Lima 7-15), 8:05 p.m.
Los Angeles (Valdes 2-7) at Arizona (Reynoso 10-10), 9:35 p.m.
Colorado (Tavarez 10-2) at San Diego (Williams 9-5), 10:05 p.m.

American League
All Times EDT

East Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
New York	82	58	.586	—
Toronto	75	68	.524	8½
Boston	73	67	.521	9
Baltimore	64	78	.451	19
Tampa Bay	61	82	.427	23
Central Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Chicago	85	57	.599	—
Cleveland	76	63	.547	7½
Detroit	70	72	.493	15
Kansas City	67	76	.469	18½
Minnesota	62	81	.434	23½
West Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Seattle	78	65	.545	—
Oakland	75	66	.532	2
Anaheim	72	71	.503	6
Texas	64	79	.448	14

Saturday's Games

N.Y. Yankees 5, Boston 3
Cleveland 9, Chicago White Sox 3
Oakland 10, Tampa Bay 0
Baltimore 10, Anaheim 3
Toronto 6, Detroit 5
Texas 6, Kansas City 5
Seattle 7, Minnesota 2

Sunday's Games

Chicago White Sox at Cleveland, ppd., rain
Toronto 6, Detroit 2
N.Y. Yankees 6, Boston 2
Kansas City 13, Texas 8
Oakland 11, Tampa Bay 0
Seattle 8, Minnesota 1
Anaheim 2, Baltimore 1

Monday's Games

Boston (Arrojo 4-2) at N.Y. Yankees (Hernandez 11-10), 6:05 p.m.
Detroit (Moehler 12-7) at Chicago White Sox (Sirotka 13-10), 8:05 p.m.
Kansas City (Meadows 4-2) at Seattle (Halama 11-8), 10:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Harper 0-1) at Oakland (Appier 12-11), 10:05 p.m.
Baltimore (Ponson 7-11) at Anaheim (Schoeneweis 7-7), 10:05 p.m.
Only games scheduled

National Football League

All Times EDT

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Buffalo	2	0	0	1.000	43	31
N.Y. Jets	1	0	0	1.000	20	16
Indianapolis	1	1	0	.500	58	52
Miami	1	1	0	.500	30	13
New England	0	1	0	.000	16	21
Central	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Baltimore	2	0	0	1.000	55	36
Cleveland	1	1	0	.500	31	34
Jacksonville	1	1	0	.500	63	46
Tennessee	1	1	0	.500	30	30
Cincinnati	0	1	0	.000	7	24
Pittsburgh	0	1	0	.000	0	16
West	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Oakland	2	0	0	1.000	47	37
Denver	1	1	0	.500	78	55
Kansas City	0	2	0	.000	28	44
San Diego	0	2	0	.000	33	37
Seattle	0	2	0	.000	34	60

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
N.Y. Giants	2	0	0	1.000	54	34
Arizona	1	1	0	.500	48	52
Philadelphia	1	1	0	.500	59	47
Washington	1	1	0	.500	30	32
Dallas	0	2	0	.000	45	73
Central	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Detroit	2	0	0	1.000	29	20
Minnesota	2	0	0	1.000	43	34
Tampa Bay	2	0	0	1.000	62	16
Chicago	0	2	0	.000	27	71
Green Bay	0	2	0	.000	34	47
West	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
St. Louis	2	0	0	1.000	78	70
Atlanta	1	1	0	.500	50	70
Carolina	1	1	0	.500	55	42
New Orleans	1	1	0	.500	38	41
San Francisco	0	2	0	.000	50	74

Sunday's Games

Oakland 38, Indianapolis 31
Buffalo 27, Green Bay 18
Cleveland 24, Cincinnati 7
N.Y. Giants 33, Philadelphia 18
Tennessee 17, Kansas City 14, OT
Tampa Bay 41, Chicago 0
Minnesota 13, Miami 7
Baltimore 39, Jacksonville 36
Denver 42, Atlanta 14
St. Louis 37, Seattle 34
Carolina 38, San Francisco 22
Detroit 15, Washington 10
New Orleans 28, San Diego 27
Arizona 32, Dallas 31

Monday's Games

New England at N.Y. Jets, 9 p.m.

Sunday, Sept. 17

Buffalo at N.Y. Jets, 1 p.m.
Atlanta at Carolina, 1 p.m.
San Francisco at St. Louis, 1 p.m.
Philadelphia at Green Bay, 1 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Detroit, 1 p.m.
Cincinnati at Jacksonville, 1 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Cleveland, 1 p.m.
Denver at Oakland, 4:05 p.m.
San Diego at Kansas City, 4:05 p.m.
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FTC report: R-rated entertainment often marketed for underage youths

WASHINGTON (AP) — The movie, video game and music industries aggressively market to underage youths violent films and products that carry adult ratings, federal regulators say.

A report being released Monday by the Federal Trade Commission says that even movies rated R — which require an adult to accompany children under 17 to the theater — and video games that carry an M rating for people age 17 and over are routinely targeted toward younger people, said sources familiar with the report's contents.

The conclusions are derived in part from documents submitted by the industry itself, including marketing plans that demonstrate the efforts of companies to advertise to young audiences materials designated for adults, said the sources, speaking on condition of anonymity.

The movie and video game industries have voluntary age-based rating code systems. The recording industry has a more general label that warns of explicit content in music.

FTC spokesman Eric London declined to comment in advance on specifics of the report, the product of a yearlong investigation ordered by President Clinton. He said, however, the study would be noteworthy for "the light that it sheds on how this kind of entertainment material is marketed by the industry itself."

The study included a survey of marketing practices and found most of the R-rated films and M-rated video games examined included promotional efforts targeting underage audiences.

The report does not suggest legislation, but seeks more effective self-regulation by the entertainment industry and enforcement of rating codes by retailers and theaters.

Democratic presidential nominee Al Gore and his running mate, Sen. Joseph Lieberman, said they would propose legislation or new regulatory authority to sanction the entertainment industry if it doesn't stop marketing violence to children within six months.

"If the industry promises parents that it will not market violent material to children and then proceeds to do so, then the industry's practices could constitute false and deceptive advertising," Gore told The New York Times in an interview published Monday. It's a new stand for the vice president, although his wife Tipper is known for opposition to explicit music lyrics. Lieberman has been a leading congressional critic of violent entertainment.

Ari Fleischer, spokesman for Republican presidential nominee George W. Bush, said the Texas governor "believes the entertainment industry has to take personal responsibility for the products it provides to our children. And parents also have a role to play. We're all in this together."

The Senate Commerce Committee plans to hold a hearing Wednesday on the findings, with Lieberman scheduled to attend. He and committee chairman John McCain, R-Ariz., backed a measure last year that requested the study.

Following Senate passage, Clinton ordered the report himself, using money from the White House budget. He acted after a spate of deadly school shootings.

Industry leaders questioned what conclusions the government could draw from scrutinizing Hollywood.

"If we are causing moral decay in this country, we ought to have an explosion of crime," Jack Valenti, head of the Motion Picture Association of America, said Sunday. "The exact opposite is happening."

He argued that any evaluation of the marketing practices of moviemakers can only be subjective and praised Hollywood's voluntary rating system.

"For almost 32 years, this industry has been the only segment of our national marketplace that voluntarily turns away revenues at the box office to redeem the pledge that we have made to parents," Valenti said.

Video game makers stress that more than 70 percent of their customers are over 18.

Harry Potter's 4th book also popular in other countries

BERLIN (AP) — It doesn't take any magic to conjure up the latest book about Harry Potter in a store just about anywhere these days. Fans of the young wizard are clamoring to get their hands on it in countries around the world — even before it's translated.

Potter-mania has struck from Denmark to Thailand, sending "Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire" flying off the shelves. The English version even made it to No. 1 on German online bookstore buecher.de.

Some German fans got a bit overeager waiting for the translation that hits the market here next month. One fan Web site proposed a translation contest from English of the fourth book in the series, drawing threats of legal action by the Potter books' German publishers, Hamburg-based Carlsen.

But even the English versions are hot items. In the Dussmann bookstore in central Berlin, the English-language version of "Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire" is the only foreign-language book to be showcased in the children's section.

"I've read the first three books in German already and I'm thinking about reading the new one if my English is good enough," said one Potter fan, Susanne Volkmuth, 39, of Mainz, who was perusing the aisles at Dussmann.

In Denmark, where a Danish translation will be released in the fall, the English version of the book is also moving fast.

"We have been selling thousands of copies of the English version both to young and old people," said Kjeld Bonderup, head of Gad, Denmark's largest chain of booksellers.

"It's the greatest children's book success in recent years," he said, but refused to give an exact sales figure because of company policy.

At Finland's largest bookstore, Academic Bookstore in Helsinki, managers ordered several hundred copies of the English version but only 100 arrived — all of which sold out immediately.

The English versions of the fourth "Harry Potter" book also sold well in Thailand, helping the translated copy of the first book to make it to No. 1 on the best-seller list within two weeks of its release last month.

Bloomsbury Publishing in London, publisher of the U.K. editions, did not respond to repeated queries about sales figures for the English-language version in non-English-speaking countries.

But the German publisher Carlsen said it's sold more than 2 million copies of the German-language Harry Potter books since the first one went on sale in fall 1998 — with a boost coming most recently when the fourth book came out in English.

Spokeswoman Cornelia Berger said that while on tour with author J.K. Rowling through Germany in March, at least 10 to 20 percent of books Potter fans asked the author to sign were English versions.

Educators in the western German state of Saarland have even said they would stock the English version in school libraries to help students learn the language. But they won't be able to take the book home: Because of the novel's popularity, readers will only be allowed to read it during library hours.

Markets

Midday Stocks

NEW YORK (AP) -

	High	Low	Last	
AMR Corp s	33.69	32.69	32.69	—.38
AT&T Corp	31.00	30.56	30.75	+.50
Albertsons	21.75	21.25	21.63	+.25
Alltel	53.25	52.19	53.19	+1.44
AmerOnline s	56.50	55.25	56.31	+.56
AmEl Pw	40.00	38.88	39.75	+.88
AndarkPtr	69.75	67.34	68.95	+2.91
ATMOS Egy	20.00	19.94	20.00	+.19
Aviall	7.06	6.94	7.06	+.06
BP Amoco s	57.25	55.63	57.25	+1.25
BakerHughes	38.69	37.00	38.69	+1.81
Bank of Amer	57.44	55.94	57.00	+1.06
BellSouth	39.88	39.19	39.69	—.31
Beth Steel	4.00	3.94	4.00	
BurlNoSFe	21.88	21.50	21.56	—.31
Caterpillar	38.94	37.75	38.88	+1.06
Chevron	89.69	86.69	89.19	+2.50
Citigroup s	56.69	56.00	56.31	—.19
Coastal	76.25	74.25	76.06	+1.79
CocaCola	54.69	54.00	54.19	—.38
ColgatePal	54.00	53.56	53.69	—.38
ComclMetals	27.63	27.50	27.63	+.06
CooperIn	36.19	35.63	36.13	+.69
DaimlrChry	50.44	49.94	50.25	
DallSemicn s	38.06	36.38	38.06	+1.06
DeltaAirl	49.56	48.25	48.31	—.69
Dillards Inc	12.81	12.56	12.75	+.13
DowChem s	25.75	25.31	25.38	+.13
DuPont	41.75	40.75	41.38	+.56
EastmanChem	43.75	43.00	43.75	+.31
EstKodak	62.38	61.75	61.94	—1.06
EDS Corp	49.63	49.06	49.31	+.31
Entergy	36.44	34.13	36.06	+1.81
ExxonMobil	85.00	83.44	85.00	+1.50
Flowers	21.94	21.56	21.56	—.44
GenDynam	64.63	62.56	64.50	+1.25
GenElec s	59.94	59.44	59.94	+.06
GenMills s	32.31	31.50	31.75	—.44
GenMotors	75.25	73.50	75.13	+1.81
GaPacGP	27.63	26.94	27.56	+.25
GlobalMar	34.13	32.19	34.06	+1.88
Goodrich	41.44	40.88	41.44	+.19
Goodyear s	24.25	23.50	23.94	+.44
GtAtlPac	12.00	11.38	11.69	—.38
Halliburtn	54.75	52.06	54.50	+2.44
Hanson ADS	27.50	27.19	27.25	—.94
HarteHanks	26.38	26.06	26.31	+.06
HomeDepot s	54.38	52.94	54.31	+1.38
HoneywellIntl	37.06	36.38	37.06	+.75
IBM	128.25	125.38	127.50	—2.00
IntlPaper	32.13	31.63	32.00	—.13
JohnsonJn	95.19	94.69	95.00	+.56
K mart	7.06	6.94	7.06	+.06
Kroger Co	23.50	22.88	23.44	+.63
Litton	42.44	42.31	42.44	+.06
LockheedM	30.56	29.94	30.50	+.56
Lowes Cos	52.44	50.94	52.19	+.31
Lubys	5.50	5.38	5.50	
LucentTech	40.50	39.56	39.88	—.31
MayDeptStr	22.63	22.31	22.44	—.25
Medtronic s	50.69	49.63	50.63	—1.06
MorganJP	167.94	164.06	167.63	+3.63
Motorola s	34.50	33.50	34.50	—.75
NCR Corp	39.94	39.00	39.69	+.06
Navistar	37.31	36.31	36.31	—.75
Penney JC	14.31	13.88	14.31	+.44
PepBoys	5.94	5.69	5.75	—.06
PepsiCo	42.63	42.06	42.56	
Pharmacia	54.56	54.19	54.38	—.44
PhelpDodge	46.50	45.81	46.00	—.25
PhilipPet	66.38	62.25	65.75	+3.81
PilgrmPrd B	7.13	7.00	7.00	—.06
Polaroid	16.81	16.56	16.56	—.13
Praxair	42.25	41.88	42.00	—.06
ProctGamb	63.75	62.88	63.13	—.31
PubS NwMx	24.75	24.31	24.31	—.25
RadioShack	69.00	67.88	68.38	+.06
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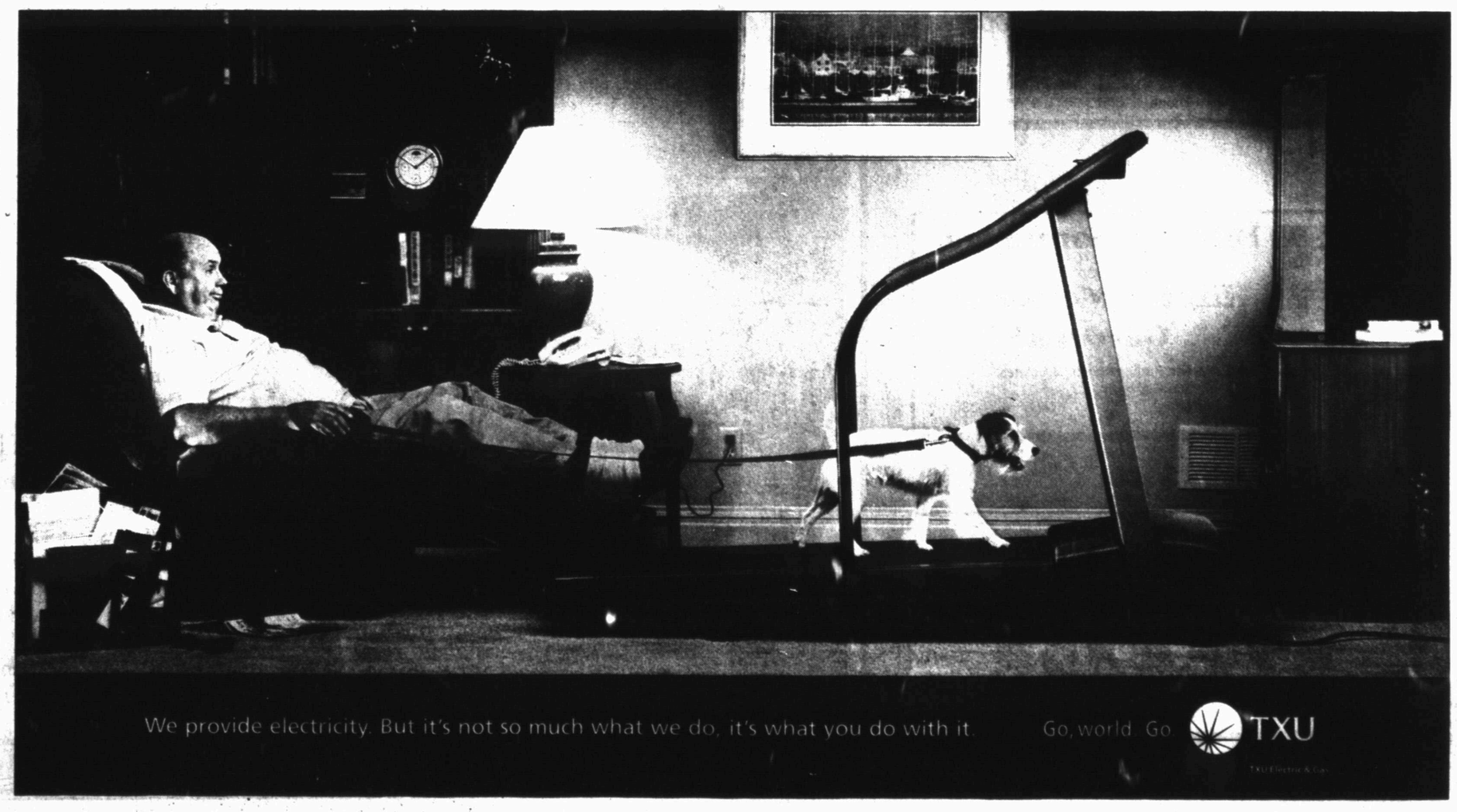
SBC Comm	45.88	45.19	45.75	+.69
SaraLee	19.81	19.63	19.69	—.13
Scripps EW	50.56	50.25	50.44	+1.50
SearsRoeb	36.38	34.75	36.06	+1.31
SherwinW	24.63	24.13	24.38	
SmithkdBchm	61.19	60.50	61.00	—.81
SouthernCo	33.63	32.69	33.31	+.56
SwstAirl	23.13	22.50	22.56	—.63
SprintFON	30.19	29.44	29.56	+.13
SprintPCS s	47.50	46.38	47.50	+.38
Sunoco Inc	29.44	28.13	29.25	+1.00
TXU Corp	39.50	38.75	39.19	+.44
TempleInland	42.00	41.63	41.81	
Texaco	54.88	53.81	54.75	+.88
TexInd	32.00	31.69	31.69	—.25
TexasInst s	58.69	56.44	58.38	+.38
Textron	56.63	55.50	56.44	+.50
TriconGlbR	31.56	31.00	31.13	—.06
TrinityInds	23.13	21.88	22.94	+1.09
TritonEngy	47.50	45.00	47.38	+2.13
TylerTech	2.38	2.25	2.38	+.19
USX-Marathn	29.19	28.50	29.13	+.75
USX-USS	18.38	18.06	18.19	+.13
UnCarbde	38.56	37.88	38.06	+.06
UnionPacif	38.88	38.38	38.69	+.31
UnitedTech	63.25	61.75	62.94	+1.06
Unocal	36.44	35.00	36.44	+1.56
Venator Grp	14.44	14.13	14.31	+.31
VerizonComm	45.00	43.81	45.00	+.69
WalMart	54.38	52.69	54.38	+2.38
WellsFargo	47.00	46.25	46.94	+1.06
WstnGasRs	23.94	22.38	23.75	+1.25
WinnDixie	14.63	14.50	14.50	
Xerox Cp	15.63	15.25	15.63	+.06



Congress still has major fights with Clinton

WASHINGTON (AP) — So little time, so many bills. And so many, many disputes.

With just 19 working days left until Congress' scheduled Oct. 6 adjournment, lawmakers must complete 11 spending bills for the coming fiscal year before they can go home for the elections.

Roughly $20 billion separates Republicans from President Clinton. But in this era of federal surpluses, fierce policy disputes over hiring teachers, standards for drunken driving and other issues probably will prove to be the toughest hurdles.

"Our problem is language this year, not money," said Senate Appropriations Committee Chairman Ted Stevens, R-Alaska.

Republicans find themselves in a hauntingly familiar box, yearning to cut quick deals on the bills with Clinton but with precious little leverage. Republican bargaining power is shackled by Clinton's ability to veto bills, the GOP's inability to override the vetoes, and lawmakers' craving for an early dash home for the congressional and presidential elections.

Hoping to get this year's final round of bargaining off to a harmonious start, GOP leaders will meet with Clinton Tuesday at the White House, along with top congressional Democrats. The session seems likely to produce little if any substantive progress, leaving the two sides even less time to resolve differences.

"We think that there's a lot of work that needs to be done, partly because so little has happened in this Congress," the White House chief of staff, John Podesta, said on "Fox News Sunday."

On CNN's "Late Edition," Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss., cited "all kinds of efforts to stop us passing appropriation bills."

The 13 annual spending bills for fiscal 2001, which begins Oct. 1, directly control about one-third of the $1.8 trillion budget, or more than $600 billion. Clinton has already signed the two covering most defense programs at a cost of about $300 billion.

The 11 other bills cover 13 Cabinet-level departments and dozens of smaller agencies, plus foreign aid and the District of Columbia's budget, with a total price tag of about $300 billion. Clinton wants about $20 billion more — leaving the two sides battling over about 1 percent of the federal budget.

Eight of the 11 face White House veto threats.

Democrats are not the only ones clamoring for higher spending. Facing election-year demands from their members, GOP-written spending bills so far have surpassed by at least $7 billion the $600 billion limit their own budget clamped on.

Even so, the most contentious disputes are partisan. And among the most furious is a battle over education, one of the top issues in this year's campaign.

After initially falling about $7 billion short, Republicans have written a bill that equals the amount Clinton wants for education, health and welfare programs. The measure would set aside money to help communities hire teachers and rebuild schools, two top Clinton priorities, but give local officials the discretion to use the money for other purposes. Administration officials adamantly oppose such flexibility.

"We'll be quite determined in our effort to make sure we have the resources and to make sure the programs are designed in a way that will work," White House budget chief Jack Lew said last week.

Other major battlegrounds include:

—Various bills provide less than Clinton wants for purchasing parklands, hiring police officers, foreign aid, legal services for the poor, environmental protection, conservation, community service and housing.

—House and Senate bills would prevent completion of standards aimed at reducing workers' repetitive motion injuries.

—A Senate bill financing the departments of Commerce, Justice and State would block transfers of money that Justice needs to pursue a multibillion-dollar federal lawsuit against the tobacco industry. Clinton opposes the restriction.

—Clinton favors a Senate-approved provision establishing a national 0.08 percent blood-alcohol level to determine drunken driving. States not complying would lose some of their federal highway aid. Only 18 states and the District of Columbia have a level that low. The Senate also would block new safety rules limiting the numbers of hours truckers could drive to 12 a day and bar a federal study of rollovers by sports utility vehicles.

—The White House has said it will not renew this year's compromise in which it agreed to reduced family-planning aid overseas in return for waiving restrictions on that aid. Anti-abortion lawmakers want to retain the language.

—Farm-state Republicans and many Democrats want four-decade-old trade sanctions against Cuba eased. They are opposed by GOP leaders and anti-Castro lawmakers. There also are requests for fresh aid for farmers hurt by this summer's drought in the West.

—The District of Columbia's budget is being delayed by fights over conservatives' objections to distribution of free needles to drug abusers and to let some employers sidestep requirements that their health-insurance plans cover contraceptives.

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Water worries still plague Rio Grand cities

MCALLEN (AP) — When the retired engineer at the back of the room fired off his question, the room fell quiet for a moment.

"What good is a water right if there's no water?" Ralph Niehaus asked. "You can't irrigate with a piece of paper."

Heads bobbed in agreement throughout the city chambers, where farmers and families gathered last week to discuss a drafted plan that would dictate Rio Grande Valley water use for the next half century. "Amen," muttered a gray-haired man.

"Well, irrigators do have shortages," agreed Mike Personett, a water consultant with the regional water planning group. "Those shortages can get better over time, but they're not going to go away."

That realization is sinking in as these border communities hash out a water usage plan for the next 50 years. Eight counties between Eagle Pass and Brownsville must present a proposal to the state by late September. All 16 Texas water regions are drawing up similar plans.

Until then, a draft of the South Texas plan is up for public comment at meetings along the northern bank of the Rio Grande. Hearings are scheduled Wednesday in Brownsville and Thursday in Harlingen.

At the hearings, one thing was clear: These are sobering times for South Texas farmers. Rio Grande irrigation will have to be revamped — and even drastic changes might not be enough to keep farms afloat.

"The situation is getting worse and worse for the producer," said Rod Santa Ana, spokesman for the Texas A&M Agricultural Research and Extension Service in Weslaco. "And this is still a huge agricultural area — agriculture is what settled the Valley."

When water runs low, irrigators are the first to feel a pinch. Farms occupy a relatively lowly seat in the complicated realm of water rights. Water goes to the fields only after cities, industry and steam electric plants are satisfied.

"Irrigators are the residual users," said Personett. "They get what's left over. Industry and municipal get an ironclad right."

By 2050, population and water projections show the Rio Grande Valley will have just half the water it will need.

The planning group is urging farmers to line dirt canals with cement, and bury open piping underground to reduce spills and seepage. Water districts may end up metering flows more thoroughly, or raising the price of water to encourage conservation.

Changes in irrigation can help stretch water's worth — but can't guarantee enough water for all Valley farmers. The water shortage is fueled by two uncontrollable forces: Severe drought and foreign politics.

Since 1992, Mexico has fallen deep into water debt. The nation now owes U.S. farmers and cities about 1.4 million acre-feet of dammed water.

In a 1944 agreement with the United States, Mexico agreed to release at least 350,000 acre-feet of water into the Rio Grande every five years from six dammed tributaries south of Fort Quitman.

In 1992, as drought wracked the borderlands and industrial hubs blossomed under the North American Free Trade Agreement, Mexican water flow to the Rio Grande stopped.

Former felons targeted in voting drive

HOUSTON (AP) — Thousands of churches and businesses are trying to get the word out to former felons that they can register to vote following their sentences.

State Rep. Harold Dutton has initiated a public campaign to make ex-cons aware that they had regained the right upon completion of their sentence, probation, parole or any other criminal-justice supervision.

"Our aim is to try to make sure they know about it," Dutton told the Houston Chronicle in Monday's editions. "We're finding that many were not aware they could. It's turning into a real snowball."

The Houston Democrat has taken his effort on the road to Dallas. He plans to make a similar effort in Austin and El Paso.

Volunteers would provide registration information through more than 2,000 churches, pawn shops and social service agencies, including the NAACP and SHAPE Community Center.

Community rallies, registration drives and other activities are also planned to inform released felons.

Larry Davis, who spent 11 years in prison for killing a man, joined the effort last month. He wants to register his fellow ex-cons to vote in time for the November election.

"This is sort of like the big one coming up," said Davis. "We don't know if they would want to or not, but they need to know they can."

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Tuesday, Sept. 12, 2000

Several friends who are in the position to do so could be instrumental in helping you advance your personal interests in the year ahead. Be sure to find ways to reciprocate.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) As along as jobs or tasks can be accomplished with relative ease today, you're apt to be in good spirits. However, when situations require patience or tenacity, it'll be another story. Trying to patch up a broken romance? The Astro-Graph Matchmaker can help you understand what to do to make the relationship work. Mail $2.75 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) It might be more than you can resist today to pass on hearsay information that has yet to be verified. You'll have to face the consequences if the story turns out to be untrue.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) The possibilities for profit are there today, but you mustn't let your extravagance offset any gains you made. Squandering your benefits puts you in the loss column.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) If you take things for granted today, success is likely to elude you, and two important objectives you desire could instead be earmarked for the trash pile.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You'll have plenty of imagination to play around with today, but, unfortunately, you could get sold on one of your more illogical concepts. Be realistic.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Doing business with friends isn't always the best course of action. Assess all your alternatives before risking a friendship should a deal go sour.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Cohorts who turn out to be dead weights must be dropped immediately today. Don't feel obligated to be saddled with those who can't pull their own load.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) You're a spontaneously generous person, but today you need to take care that you season your kindness with wisdom. Rewarding the undeserving reinforces lack of responsibility.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) The temptation may be out there today to gamble on something on which a friend was lucky. Unfortunately, the same conditions won't be in place for you.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Disappointment can be minimized today if you make others realize that you can't be all things to all people. Let family and friends know you're only one person.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) You might throw a pity party for yourself today and insist others do things for you that you can do perfectly well on your own. Get back in character and be that self-reliant person you are.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Have a good time today, but be cognizant of what everything is costing you. Expensive, pleasurable pursuits might end up far more exorbitant than you anticipated.

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Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.

Who was wrong? Hospital or TV news?

DEAR DR. GOTT: Is there an emergency treatment for strokes? I saw on television that ex-President Gerald Ford was supposed to have suffered a stroke, yet no emergency therapy was administered.

DEAR READER: The standard therapy for strokes is now "clot-busting" medications (TPA and others) that will reduce neurological damage, provided they are administered WITHIN THREE HOURS of the onset of the stroke. Such was not the case with former President Ford, as I understood the facts.

You do, however, raise a crucial point: media responsibility. I, too, watched a news segment about this (NBC Nightly News, Aug. 3, 2000) and was appalled by the irresponsible tone of the report. Gerald Ford was admitted to a prominent Philadelphia hospital after having experienced some neurological symptoms. He was later discharged. According to NBC, he may have been treated inappropriately: no neurological consultant was called in the middle of the night, Mr. Ford was evaluated by an emergency room physician only, and the ex-president was not given clot-buster medication. I believe this is tabloid journalism at its worst, and here's why:

The Ford family was forthright in maintaining that the care given was exceptional. The family members had nothing but praise for the Philadelphia doctors. Why, then, did the TV news medium choose to undercut this approach with unjustifiable criticism?

Second, given the former president's symptoms, was an emergency neurological consultation necessary or even appropriate? Probably not. Not all patients with neurological symptoms need to be seen at 3 a.m. by a neurologist. Was the news suggesting that Mr. Ford should have been treated any differently because of his celebrity status? I hope not. This implies a two-tiered model of medical attention that could well undermine political egalitarianism.

Third, emergency room physicians are well-trained members of the medical team. They are far from being second-rate practitioners.

Finally, the patient's symptoms had been present for more than three hours; therefore acute therapy was not indicated.

The TV analysis was unnecessarily misleading. It was, simply put, lousy journalism. If the Ford family had bona-fide objections, they should — of course — be allowed news coverage. But this was not the case. NBC took a cheap shot at the medical profession and should, in my view, publicly apologize.

This unfortunate tendency — the compulsion to bad-mouth doctors without suitable evidence — is a popular practice that is becoming more prevalent. It serves no useful purpose other than to pander to the basest instincts of the public. Any valid news-gathering organization that editorializes, when it should simply be reporting the facts, ought to be ashamed of itself.

To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Stroke." 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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Oil Patch News

Scurry County

Anadarko Petroleum will drill the No. 3-R Iona Williamson in the Diamond M field, nine miles west of Snyder. Planned for a depth of 4,000 feet, location is in Section 214, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Anadarko Petroleum will drill the No. 4-R Iona Williamson in the Diamond M field, nine miles west of Snyder. The venture will be drilled to 4,000 feet, and drill site is in Section 214, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Anadarko Petroleum will drill the No. 5-R Iona Williamson in the same field, nine miles west of Snyder. Also scheduled for a depth of 4,000 feet, location is in Section 214, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Mitchell County

437 Westbrook southwest field unit, five miles west of Westbrook. Planned for a depth of 4,000 feet, location is in Section 32, Block 28, T1N, T&P survey.

Gruy Petroleum will drill the No. 441 Westbrook southwest field unit, five miles west of Westbrook. Also set for a depth of 4,000 feet, location is in Section 32, Block 28, T1N, T&P survey.

Gruy Petroleum will drill the No. 442 Westbrook southwest field unit, five miles west of Westbrook. Contracted for 4,000 feet, drill site is in Section 32, Block 28, T1N, T&P survey.

Gruy Petroleum will drill the No. 84 Westbrook southwest field unit, five miles west of Westbrook. Planned depth is 4,000 feet, and location is in Section 32, Block 28, T1N, T&P survey.

Gruy Petroleum will drill the No. 440 Westbrook southwest field unit, five miles west of Westbrook. Also scheduled for a depth of 4,000 feet, location is in Section 32, Block 28, T1N, T&P survey.

Gruy Petroleum will drill the No. 1032 Westbrook southwest field unit, four miles west of Westbrook. The well will be drilled to a depth of 4,000 feet, and location is in Section 42, Block 28, T1N, T&P survey.

Gruy Petroleum will drill the No. 1109 Westbrook southwest field unit, four miles west of Westbrook. Set for a depth of 4,000 feet, location is in Section 42, Block 28, T1N, T&P survey.

Gruy petroleum will drill the No. 116 Westbrook southwest field unit, four miles west of Westbrook. Planned depth is 4,000 feet, and location is in Section 42, Block 28, T1N, T&P survey.

Gruy Petroleum will drill the No. 1031 Westbrook southwest field unit, four miles west of Westbrook. Also planned for 4,000 feet, location is in Section 42, Block 28, T1N, T&P survey.

Gruy Petroleum will drill the No. 438 Westbrook southwest field unit, five miles west of Westbrook. Objective is 4,000 feet, and location is in Section 32, Block 28, T1N, T&P survey.

Gruy Petroleum will drill the No. 439 Westbrook southwest field unit, five miles west of the townsite. Planned depth is 4,000 feet, and drill site is in Section 32, Block 28, T1N, T&P survey.

Garza County

Cholla Petroleum will drill the No. 5 Connell-Mesa in the Arlene field, eight miles east of Post. Planned depth is 3,300 feet, and location is in Section 64, Block 5, GH&H survey.

Cholla Petroleum will drill the No. 9 Connell in the Arlene field, eight miles east of Post. Also planned for 3,300 feet, drill site is in Section 64, Block 5, GH&H survey.

McClure Oil Co. Inc. will drill the No. 1-B Kirkpatrick in the Rocker A field, nine miles southeast of Post. Planned for a depth of 5,300 feet, location is in Section 945, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Kent County

Knox Industries Inc. will drill the No. 1-A Self in the Lyn-Kay field, 26 miles southwest of Spur. Planned depth is 6,300 feet, and location is in Section 40, Block 2, H&GN survey.

Howard County

Primal Energy Corp. will drill the No. 1-21 Read in the Signal Peak field, five miles northeast of Coahoma. Planned for a depth of 7,900 feet, location is in Section 21, Block 30, T1N, T&P survey.

Anadarko Petroleum will drill the No. 2057-W Susie B. Snyder in the Snyder field, six miles south of Coahoma. Planned depth is 3,900feet, and location is in Section 20, Block 30, T1S, T&P survey.

Anadarko Petroleum will drill the No. 2032-W Susie B. Snyder in the Snyder field, six miles south of Coahoma. Contracted for 3,900 feet, location is in Section 20, Block 30, T1S, T&P survey.

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Freed European hostages head to Libya

CEBU, Philippines (AP) — Four Europeans kidnapped from a diving resort in April left the Philippines on Monday for a celebration in Libya, which reportedly paid Muslim rebels millions of dollars for their release.

But even as they headed west, it appeared the months-long hostage crisis here might be developing yet another twist.

Malaysian authorities said four gunmen stormed the Pasir Dive Resort on Pandanan island Sunday and kidnapped three Malaysian staffers. The attack occurred near the Malaysian resort island where Abu Sayyaf separatist rebels from the Philippines kidnapped 21 people in April — including the foreign tourists who headed home Monday.

Nearly all those hostages have since been freed. But authorities had feared that the rebels, who received millions of dollars from hostage negotiators, might return to Malaysian waters to kidnap again.

The attackers in Sunday's raid fired automatic weapons in the air and stole several items before fleeing toward Philippine waters in a speedboat. Deputy Prime Minister Abdullah Ahmad Badawi said Monday that police had confirmed the gunmen had taken three hostages.

Police believe the hostage-takers might be foreigners, as they spoke a variation of the Malay language common to residents of the southern Philippines, he said.

Authorities were searching for the armed men in the sea northeast of Borneo, said Sulaiman Junaidi, police chief of Semporna, a nearby fishing village. No guests were present during the attack, Sulaiman said.

The Abu Sayyaf did not immediately claim responsibility for the Pandanan attack. But authorities noted its similarity to their April 23 abduction.

Palestinians seek concessions from Israel

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip (AP) — Palestinian negotiators called Monday for new Israeli concessions in recognition of this week's decision to postpone the unilateral declaration of a Palestinian state.

Chief negotiator Saeb Erekat urged Israel to recognize Palestinian sovereignty over a sensitive mosque compound in Jerusalem's walled Old City, and Planning Minister Nabil Shaath said Israel should withdraw to the 1967 borders and accept the right of the Palestinian refugees to return home.

Under the Oslo interim agreement, Palestinian independence was to be negotiated with the Israelis as part of the permanent agreement, in which all the other tough issues, such as borders, the refugees and the future of Jerusalem, would also be settled.

Palestinian public opinion became increasingly impatient as the negotiations dragged on, and Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat promised that if no agreement was reached he would make a unilateral declaration of independence by Sept. 13.

On Sunday, the Palestinian Central Council, the PLO's policy-making body, said the declaration would not be made until at least Nov. 15 and perhaps not even then.

Palestinians suggested the price they were asking for the delay was a reversal of some of the far-reaching concessions they had agreed to at the U.S.-sponsored Camp David talks in July. Israel also proposed far-reaching concessions at the summit.

At those talks at a presidential retreat in Maryland, Palestinians for the first time agreed to concede land within territory Israel captured in the 1967 Mideast war — the first Arab negotiators to do so.

Chief negotiator Saeb Erekat said such concessions were no longer on the table — the Palestinians had conceded enough in 1993 when they recognized Israel's existence.

"To come to the Palestinians again and try to snatch a piece here, 5 percent there. ... It's not going to work," he told Israeli army radio.

Shaath said "we hope that the Israeli government will be committed to the basis of the peace process," meaning U.N. resolutions calling for withdrawal from occupied territory and the right of the refugees to return.

Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak has offered to admit a limited number of refugees to Israel but said he would not recognize Israeli moral or legal responsibility for the plight of the refugees.

OPEC to boost oil production three percent

VIENNA, Austria (AP) — OPEC's official agreement to boost oil production by 3 percent may not add enough new crude to world markets to roll fuel prices back decisively from 10-year-highs, analysts say.

Fuel prices dipped on commodity markets Monday in response to OPEC's decision to add 800,000 barrels to its daily production target of 25.4 million barrels.

October contracts of North Sea Brent crude were down 45 cents at $32.33 a barrel on the International Petroleum Exchange in London. Contracts of light, sweet crude were down 18 cents at $33.45 before the opening of trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange, after slipping as much as 93 cents earlier in the day.

"I think it's a normal reaction," said Kuwaiti oil minister Sheik Saud Nasser al-Sabah.

The Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries formally announced the increase Monday, in the face of mounting international pressure to pump more crude and cool sizzling prices.

Their new daily quota of 26.2 million barrels will take effect Oct. 1, and OPEC members agreed to meet again Nov. 12 to reassess market conditions.

However, analysts warned that the bulk of the increase, which was roughly in line with what many had predicted, will serve only to legitimize the 700,000 barrels that OPEC members are already estimated to be producing each day above their current quotas. As a result, analysts expect the impact on prices will be meager — particularly for Americans who depend on heating oil to warm their homes.

Jareer Elass, a Washington-based energy consultant, said the increase would do little more than "cap" prices at around current levels.

Governments and consumers in many oil-importing nations have reacted with concern and anger as fuel prices have tripled in less than two years. In France, taxi drivers and truckers blocked roads last week to protest gasoline prices, while motorists in Belgium and Germany and farmers in Britain mounted similar, if smaller, efforts.

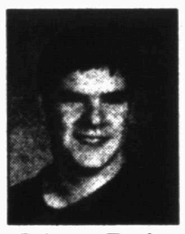
Obituaries

Bubba Ervin

1984-2000

Johnny Dean "Bubba" Ervin Jr., 16, died Friday, Sept. 8, in Snyder.

Funeral service for Mr. Ervin is set for 2 p.m. Tuesday in the Wright Colonial Funeral Home Chapel. The Rev. Mike Howard, pastor of the Church of Nazarene, will officiate. Burial will follow in Hillside Memorial Gardens.



Johnny Ervin

Born May 8, 1984 in Jackson, Miss., Mr. Ervin was a sophomore at Snyder High School and was a member of the Future Farmers of America. An all-around cowboy, he worked for many ranches in the Snyder area.

Survivors include his father, Johnny D. Ervin of Snyder; his stepmother, Tammy Marricle of Snyder; three sisters, Stephanie Ervin, Angelice Ervin and Christie Patton, all of Snyder; two brothers, Timothy Craig of Snyder and Doug Monday of Huntsville; his grandparents, W.A. and Claudine Ervin of Snyder; his stepgrandparents, Ken and Tommie Toby of Clyde; a nephew, Eddie Tyler Duke Ervin of Snyder; and several aunts, uncles and cousins.

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

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Snyder teens caught toilet papering homes

• ***Caught wrapping house***

Officers received a report of a suspicious vehicle in the 3100 block of Avenue V at 12:08 a.m. Sunday. The caller said she suspected that juveniles were toilet papering houses in the neighborhood.

Officers located the vehicle on College Avenue and escorted the subjects to a house in the 2200 block of Avenue V where they were made to clean up the mess.

At 9:39 a.m. Sunday, a man spoke to officers in reference to someone papering his yard and spraying shaving cream on his driveway. He also reported receiving a threatening phone call.

He asked that officers keep a close patrol of the area, and he said he would contact the police department again if he wanted to file a report.

• ***Tires slashed***

Timothy Jones notified officers at 2 a.m. Sunday that the tires on his 1988 Chevrolet S-10 pickup had been cut while the vehicle was parked at 3700 Noble.

• ***Runaway***

Officers filed a report for runaway at 11:34 a.m. Sunday after a woman reported that her 16-year-old daughter had left home. The woman called back at 8:30 p.m. Sunday and said the girl had returned.

• ***Tires stolen***

Joe Torres told deputies at 1:11 p.m. Sunday that someone had taken four wheels and tires from a vehicle he had parked at 2834 Pete Avenue.

• ***Vehicle burglary***

At 4:43 p.m. Sunday, Alton Patterson contacted police in reference to a cordless drill, a battery pack and charger, golf balls and a golf shagbag stolen from his 1996 Dodge pickup while it was parked at his 2909 35th Street residence.

• ***Vehicle keyed***

A report for state jail felony criminal mischief was filed at 5:54 p.m. Sunday. Cynthia Luna reported to police that her 1997 Ford Mustang had been keyed while it was parked at 1901 Avenue M.

• ***Family violence***

A woman contacted officers at 8:24 p.m. Sunday due to problems she was having with her 15-year-old daughter. A report for family violence was filed.

• ***Alcohol-related arrests***

Two subjects were picked up at 12:44 a.m. Sunday in the 2600 block of Avenue U on alcohol-related charges. A 27-year-old man was jailed for public intoxication and a 17-year-old male was jailed for minor in possession.

A 24-year-old man was taken into custody at 6:35 a.m. Sunday in the 400 block of 30th Street for misdemeanor driving while intoxicated.

Officers arrested two men at 1:49 a.m. Sunday at the traffic circle. One 28-year-old was taken into custody for misdemeanor DWI while another was jailed for public intoxication.

• ***Illegal alien***

At 6:57 p.m. Sunday, Department of Public Safety troopers detained a 24-year-old man for the Border Patrol.

• ***Other arrest***

Driving while his license was invalid landed a 53-year-old man in jail Sunday at 9:50 p.m.

Christian rock band to play Tuesday night

Western Texas College and Baptist Student Ministries will host "Spooky Tuesday" live in concert at 8 p.m. Tuesday. Spooky Tuesday is a modern progressive Christian rock band from Hawaii.

Food provided by local churches will be served before the concert, from 7-8 p.m., in the WTC student center. All area college and high school students are invited. Admission is free.

Hospital

ADMISSIONS: Sept. 9—Esa Robles, Beulah Starnes, Danny Barreno of San Angelo; Jennifer Birmingham of Colorado City, Dorothy Boyd of Ira; Sept. 10—None.

DISMISSALS: Sept. 9—Jennifer Birmingham, Lawanna Burleson, Zella White, Alicia Graves; Sept. 10—Jennifer Orosco and baby girl, Graves girl, Esa Robles, Scott Trinidad and Danny Barreno.

CENSUS: 36 (Med./Surg.-5; Long-term Care-25).

Births

Ben and Kris Murphy of Snyder announce the birth of their daughter, Macy Madison Murphy, at 10:02 p.m. on Sept. 4 in Community Hospital in San Angelo.

Paternal grandparents are Brent and Pat Murphy of Snyder and maternal grandparents are Wylie and Betty Grant of Rankin.

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ONGOINGS

Fund established

A fund for Johnny Ervin's family has been established at West Texas State Bank to help defray funeral expenses. The account number is 3111938-01.

Retired teachers

Scurry County Retired Teachers will meet at 7 tonight at the First United Methodist Church for an ice cream party.

SHS football booster club

The SHS football booster club will meet at 7 p.m. today in the student center at the high school.

Bible study tapes

Bible study tapes air each week on Channel 2. To be shown at 7 this evening is "God is Not a Respecter of Persons," followed by "The Christian and Public Morality."

Social Security reps

Representatives of the Social Security Administration will be in Snyder at the Senior Citizens Center Tuesday. Hours are from 10 a.m. until noon and from 1-2 p.m.

Snyder Lions Club

The Snyder Lions Club will meet as part of the United Way kickoff luncheon Tuesday at noon.

West parents meeting

West Elementary parents and teachers organization will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the school library. Projects and fundraisers will be discussed.

East reading night

Family reading night at East Elementary will be held at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday. Subway sandwiches will be served. Parents are encouraged to attend with their children. Childcare is provided for pre-school age.

Hermleigh Booster Club

Hermleigh Booster Club will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the school cafeteria.

Immunization clinic

There will not be an immunization clinic at the Scurry County Health Unit on Thursday. The nurses will be attending an in-service meeting.

Diabetes support group

The diabetes support group will meet at 6 p.m. Thursday in the Cogdell Memorial Hospital cafeteria.

Hamburger supper

The junior high choir will host a hamburger supper fundraiser from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday in the high school cafeteria. Tickets are $5 and may be purchased from any junior high choir member. For more information, call Marci Dennis at 573-6356.

Cowboy camp meeting

Bull Creek Cowboy Camp Meeting will be held Saturday and Sunday at the Doyle and Shirley Newton Ranch. Monty Price will preach. Leann and Suzan Price will lead praise and worship. A chuckwagon supper is planned for 5 p.m. Saturday with the worship service immediately following. Breakfast at 8 a.m. Sunday and worship at 10 a.m. to be followed by lunch. Bring a salad or dessert. For directions, call 573-0968.

Women's prayer day

East Side Church of Christ are hosting a prayer study for women from various churches in Snyder starting at 9 a.m. Saturday, in the building behind the main auditorium of East Side Church of Christ. A luncheon will be provided. Contact Sue Lyon at 573-5495 for more information.

Weigh down workshop

Exodus out of Egypt, a weigh down workshop, begins with an orientation and registration at 7 p.m. next Monday in the fellowship hall of Word is Life Church, 312 Coliseum Drive. The 12-week session begins at 7 p.m. Oct. 2. Coordinator is Claudia Sanchez. For more information call 573-9615.

Weigh down workshop

The weigh down workshop will be held at 7 p.m. on Thursdays at Colonial Hill Baptist Church, beginning Oct. 5. Orientation will be Thursday, Sept. 21. For more information, call Debbie Hicks at 574-1061.

GED exams

GED exams will be administered Friday, Sept. 22, at Western Texas College. For more information, call Emily Hataway at 574-211, or Molly Kattes at 573-2919.

Joint class reunion

The SHS classes of 1946, 1947 and 1948 will hold a joint reunion Saturday, Sept. 23, at the Wagon Wheel Ranch. Registration begins at 1 p.m.

Canyon community reunion

The Canyon community reunion will be Saturday, Sept. 23, at the Ira Baptist Church. The reunion gets underway at 9 a.m. For additional information, call 573-2125.

Glory Room open

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

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

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