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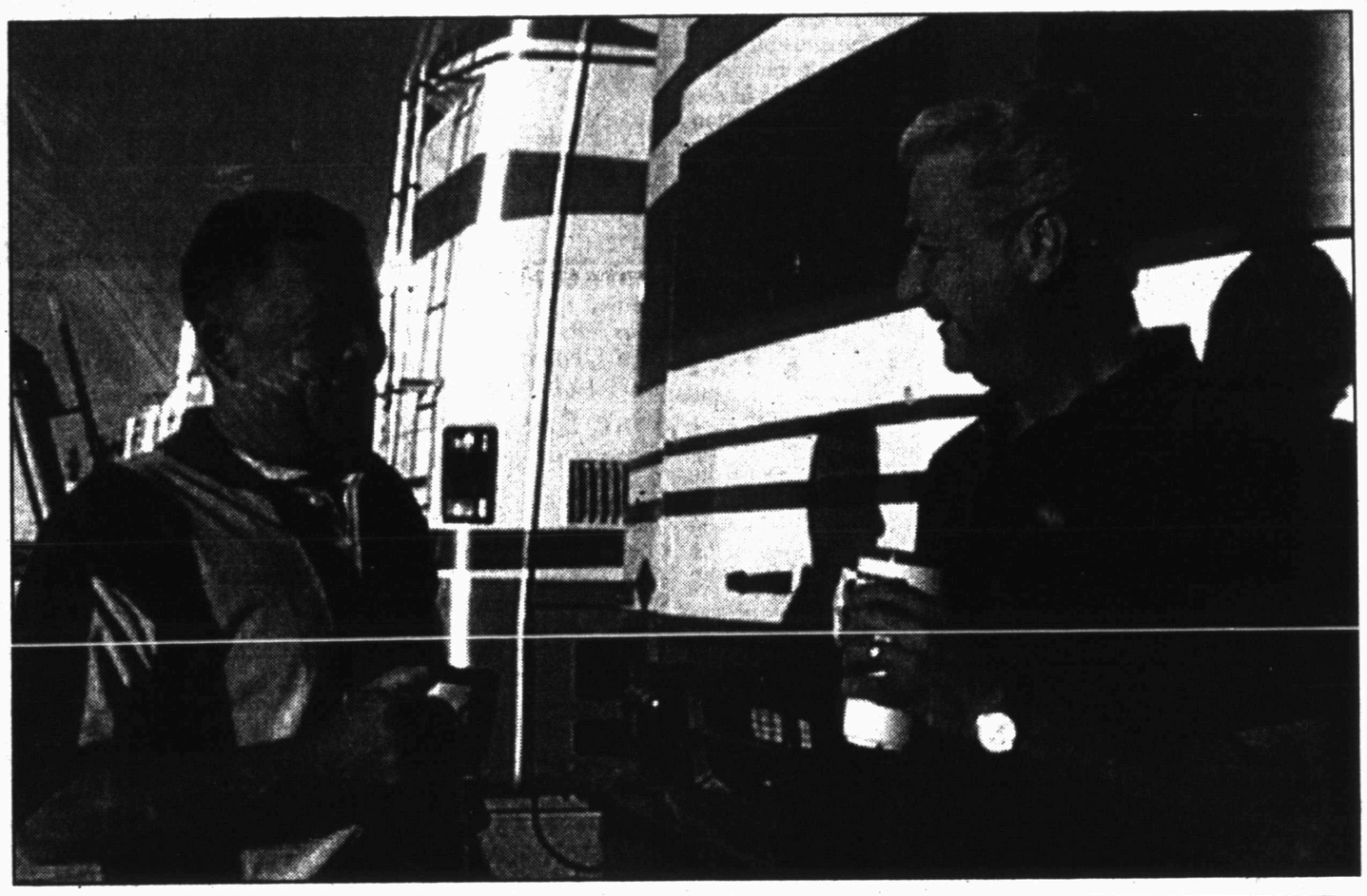
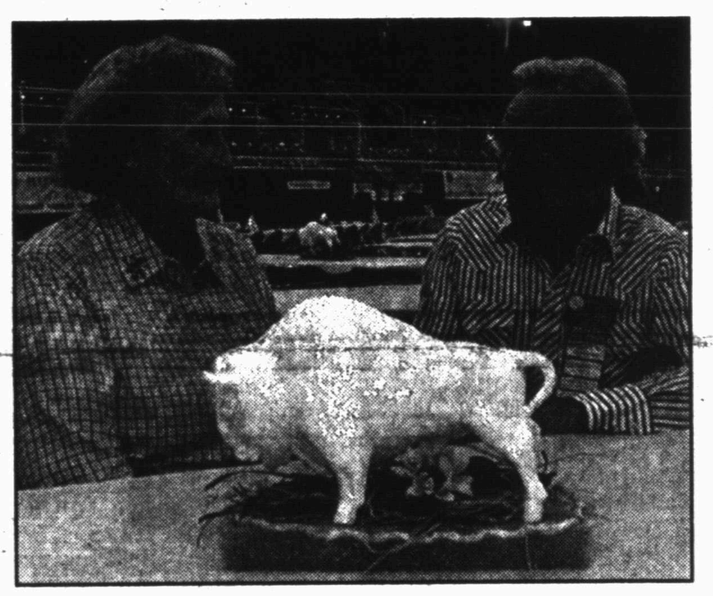
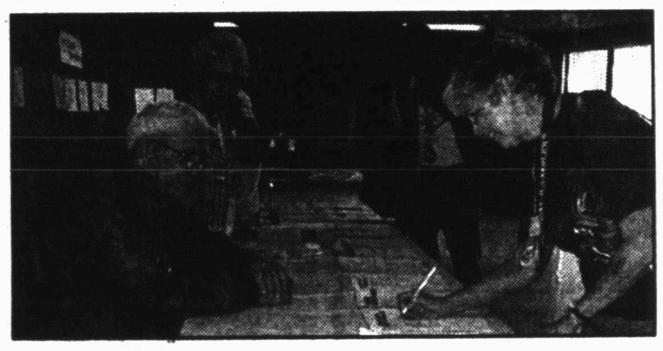






RAMBLER RALLY — Sammy Caughron (left, top photo) of Grand Saline and Randy Spears of Canton visit over coffee outside the Scurry County Coliseum, site of the 2000 Texas State Rally for the Holiday Ramblers recreational vehicle club. In left photo, Dorothy and Arnold White of Amarillo visit in front of one of the ceramic statues the couple made. Above, Beth Anne Mistrot of Beaumont signs up for a crafts class while Henry Kretzschmar of Eagle Lake looks on. His wife, Lucile, is pictured back left while Jack Mistrot of Beaumont is back right. (SDN Staff Photos)

Ramblers in Snyder this week

Over 300 visitors are here

Some 300 people from all over Texas and other states are expected in Snyder this week for the 2000 Region VII Texas State Rally of the Holiday Ramblers recreational vehicle club.

Motor homes began pouring into Snyder over the weekend as the rally-goers prepared for the week-long event.

R.C. Pinion, Texas state manager, said that attendees would continue to arrive today and that a meet and greet is scheduled this evening at the Scurry County Coliseum, headquarters for the rally.

Pinion said folks from all over Texas as well as Alabama, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Louisiana, Arkansas, Tennessee and "many more" will be here.

Opening ceremonies will be held Tuesday night, and the theme of this year's rally is "Land of the White Buffalo."

A variety of activities is planned for the attendants, including tours of several scenic stops in Snyder as well as nightly entertainment.

Tonight's entertainment will be provided by Judy's Dance Studio while Donna Fowler and Cindy Nix will perform Tuesday night. On Wednesday, Texas Sand will entertain.

A tour of the Wagon Wheel Ranch — complete with wagon rides, a chuck wagon dinner and entertainment by Tommy Allsup — is planned Thursday afternoon and evening.

The weeklong events wrap up on Friday with entertainment provided by The Deep Creek Cloggers.

Visitors will have the opportunity to play games and attend various classes, including arts and crafts.

"We will do crafts, attend different seminars and play all kinds of games," Pinion explained. "We are going to have a good time."

Arnold and Dorothy White of Amarillo have made most of the White Buffalo-themed decorations for the rally. Snyder Chamber of Commerce also has donated a few.

"We love the ramblers," Arnold White said. "We do it for the fun. It is very gratifying."

Blood drive Tuesday at 1st Baptist Church

The second phase of this month's blood drive will be Tuesday at the First Baptist Church Family Life Center from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

On Wednesday, blood donations will be taken from noon until 5 p.m. at Cogdell Memorial Hospital.

The Price Daniel Unit visitation area will be the site of the drive Thursday. Employees may donate between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m.

All blood donors will receive a T-shirt and will be entered into raffle drawings for various prizes. Blood donors will also receive a mini physical including checks on temperature, blood pressure and iron levels.

The drive is sponsored by United Blood Services, the Scurry County Advisory Council and the Cogdell Memorial Hospital Auxiliary.

"Today, blood plays a vital role in the total health care picture in every community on the South Plains," said Casey Carson of United Blood Services.

Carson reminds all citizens that blood for human transfusion can come from only one source – healthy volunteer donors.

Parties joust over prescription drugs

WASHINGTON (AP) — Republicans and Democrats are jousting over prescription drug benefits for Medicare recipients, a key campaign issue, as the congressional session nears an end and elections approach.

"Sadly, it has proved very difficult to get a bipartisan compromise," on the issue, House Speaker Dennis Hastert, R-Ill., and Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss., said in a letter being sent to President Clinton on Monday.

Addressing an issue that customarily favors Democrats, the Republican leaders called for immediate benefits for the low-income elderly, as well as legislation to allow importation of cheaper drugs from Canada and elsewhere.

"We hope that partisan bickering would not prevent us from helping those who need it most now," they wrote in their letter, a copy of which was obtained in advance. They also recommended putting aside up to $40 billion to provide drug coverage to all seniors in future legislation.

But even before their letter was dispatched, the White House sounded unimpressed, and the leader of House Democrats scornful.

"This sounds like the Republican leadership is giving up on the idea of a real prescription drug benefit this year. The president is not giving up," said White House aide Joel Johnson.

And Laura Nichols, an aide to House Democratic Leader Dick Gephardt, said the GOP letter "sounds like a desperate attempt on the eve of the election for the Republicans to look like they're on the right side of the issue. Until the Republicans agree to deliver a prescription drug benefit through Medicare, they are nibbling around the edges of the problem."

With elections only six weeks away, polling indicates the prescription drug issue is an important one, particularly in the battleground states of the Midwest, and that Democrats are favored over Republicans.

An ABC News-Washington Post poll after the summer political conventions gave Vice President Al Gore, the Democratic presidential nominee, an 18-point advantage over Republican rival George W. Bush on the issue.

The issue is important in congressional races, as well. House Republicans received polling information after their summer break that said they needed to show the public they had a plan to help the neediest seniors, said GOP sources who spoke on condition of anonymity.

Clinton, Gore and most Democrats favor legislation to create a new prescription drug benefit under Medicare, available to all recipients who agree to pay for it, with subsidies for the less well off.

Republicans generally reject that approach.

SHS to host open house

Snyder High School will host an open house from 6-7:30 p.m. Tuesday.

Students will receive their first report cards of the school year during the event. First six-week report cards will be available from the student's second period teacher.

Immediately following the open house, SHS vocational counselor Janell Jones will conduct a workshop for students planning to attend college. The workshop will be in the Worsham Auditorium and will be for junior and senior students and their parents.

Residents no longer charged to call Sweetwater numbers

Snyder residents can now call Sweetwater as a local call with no long distance charges.

In April, residents of the Nolan County county seat voted to add Snyder, Colorado City and Stamford to its Expanded Local Calling (ELC) program.

About two years ago, Sweetwater was also approved for ELC service to Abilene and at that time, $3.50 was added to each residential customer's bill and $7 to businesses.

The service fee was not changed when Snyder was added last week.

Criminal charges possible...

House "wrapping" not always viewed as fun by victims of prank

Those who think it is all fun and games "wrapping" peoples houses should be careful whose home they "toilet paper" as the act can be considered a crime.

As for anyone who drives the culprits around, those folks can also be charged in connection to the criminal mischief.

"Technically you could be filed on for it," Sgt. Brian Haggard of the Snyder Police Department said.

He said that in the code book one of the determinations for Class C criminal mischief is if the offense "causes substantial inconvenience."

The inconvenience would include having to clean the toilet paper from trees or yards, especially if it has blown up and down the street.

Sgt. Haggard said that parents or other adults who drive the culprits around could also be charged.

"If a mother is driving them around, she is part of that criminal act and she could also be filed on."

The police department has received a number of reports of juveniles toilet papering houses lately. One group of teens was located and made to clean up their mess.

Sgt. Haggard said that it is suspected that a mother is driving one group of juveniles around town.

Some consider the act simply a prank; but others don't see it that way.

"Sometimes people get upset," Sgt. Haggard said.

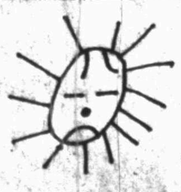
ASK US

Q—Since we have had our first cool spell, remind us again of the average first freeze date of the fall.
A—Nov. 4.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Saturday, 84 degrees; low, 56; high Sunday, 71; low, 42; 7 a.m. Monday, 42; no precipitation; total for 2000, 15.01 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, clear, cool. Low mid 40s. Light E wind. Tuesday, mostly sunny. High upper 70s. SE wind 5-15 mph.



Alex Alcala
Sunny and cooler

Sunset:
7:36 p.m.
Sunrise:
7:35 a.m.
Of 268 days in 2000, the sun has shone 265 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

Sometimes our light goes out but is blown into flame by another human being. Each of us owes deepest thanks to those who have rekindled this light.
—Albert Schweitzer

After 84 days, rain falls in North Texas

DALLAS (AP) — It caught Chris Jenkins by surprise. The 21-year-old security guard working at a northwest Dallas office building hadn't seen it in 84 days: rain.

"It's been that long?" he asked.

One minute before midnight Saturday, enough drops had fallen in a rain gauge at the Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport to register 1/100th of an inch — the only measurable rainfall the official rain gauge had taken since June 30.

Those few drops, and the showers that followed on Sunday, officially ended North Texas' record dry spell. The streak had shattered the previous record of 58 days set during the dust bowl in 1934 and reached again in 1950.

North Texans awoke Sunday to a silver sky, soggy ground and scattered showers. The official rainfall by midafternoon, according to the National Weather Service: 15/100ths of an inch.

"This obviously doesn't end the drought, but hopefully this is a sign of things to come," said Jesse Moore, a weather service meteorologist in Fort Worth.

Drought conditions since 1996 have caused more than $5 billion in losses to farmers and ranchers statewide, officials with the Texas Department of Agriculture have said, and this year's record dry spell worsened conditions.

Last year, the drought led to losses of $223 million. Losses so far this year are $595 million.

With the rain, the temperature dropped as well. After a high of 97 degrees at the airport Saturday, the temperature Sunday was expected to top out at about 74 degrees, officials said.

"I love the smell of rain," said Nancy Wright as she ventured onto the wet streets to shop.

The showers left behind a quarter of an inch of rain in several parts of the region. Denton, about 35 miles north of Dallas, recorded 3 inches, according to the National Weather Service.

One North Dallas carwash had to close its doors for the first time in three months. "We're usually open on Sunday, but when it rains we have to close," said Anselno Sifuentes, an employee of the Aladdin Carwash.

North Texas' record dry streak can be traced back to a stubborn ridge of high pressure that had settled right above the state, Moore said. More specifically, the ridge can be traced back to La Nina, a warming of the waters off the coast of Peru, he said.

As La Nina weakens, that ridge breaks down. That's apparent in the cold fronts being allowed into the region this week, Moore said.

Rain fell in parts of North Texas earlier this month but had missed the weather service's official gauge at the Dallas-Fort Worth airport.

On the Net:
National Weather Service: http://iwin.nws.noaa.gov
Texas Department of Agriculture: http://www.agr.state.tx.us

Berry's World

"I MISSED MY FLIGHT? NO FAIR! I WAS COUNTING ON THE USUAL DELAY AND ... — THERE WASN'T ONE?"

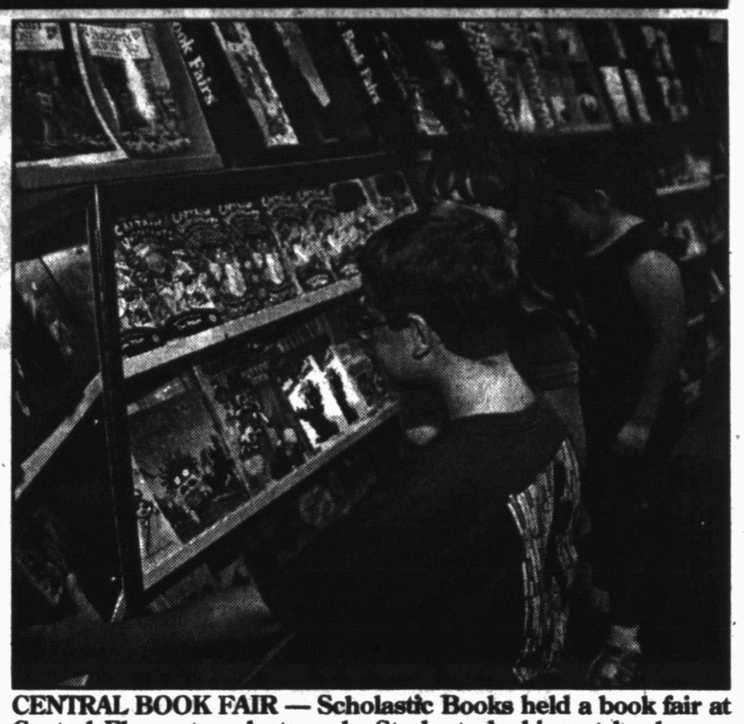
Sheen agrees with Joseph Lieberman

DAYTON, Ohio (AP) — Actor Martin Sheen says he agrees with Democratic vice presidential candidate Joseph Lieberman's criticisms of the film industry.

"Half the business called Hollywood is sleaze," Sheen said Saturday during a visit to his hometown to raise money for Democratic candidates and attend charity events.

"Lieberman is absolutely right. He's one of the few politicians who's willing to stand up and say that," Sheen said. "A lot of what we do has very little to do with art. It has to do with sleaze and gratuitous sex and unnecessary violence."

Sheen, who plays President Josiah Bartlet in the White House-based television drama "The West Wing," is a longtime supporter of Democratic candidates. He has been arrested 70 times for his involvement in protests for issues ranging from nuclear disarmament to the homeless.



CENTRAL BOOK FAIR — Scholastic Books held a book fair at Central Elementary last week. Students looking at books are from left, Brance Scott, Stacey Clifton and Krystal Guerrero. West Elementary will have a similar book fair this week. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

Joan Baez learned to conquer stage fright

MARQUETTE, Mich. (AP) — Joan Baez used to be terrified when she had to take the stage. More than 40 years later, the folk singer and songwriter says she's comfortable doing what she does.

And she can thank her therapist for the change.

"I've always liked to paint and draw, and singing for me was like breathing," she said. "But when I was younger, it wasn't that much fun. I had stage fright, and fear of flying. I worked so hard. But I was full of terrible fears.

"The last 12 years I got my insides in order, and my career. I love my band, and traveling on my tour bus. I have good songs, and a good manager."

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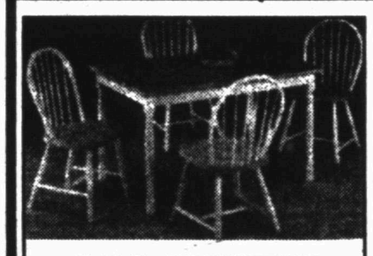

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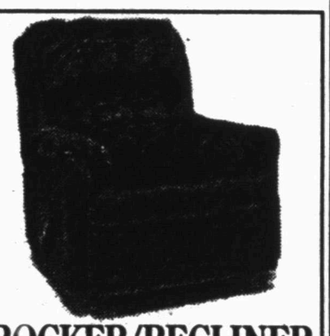

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Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

Couple thinks in-laws visit is more about money than love

DEAR ABBY: My in-laws have invited themselves to stay at our house over a long weekend. They told us the time and day they are arriving — and that their airplane tickets are non-refundable.

My husband and I think they are coming on the pretense of spending our son's birthday with him. They have never come to any of our son's birthday parties before, nor have they called him (or us) on birthdays or any other holidays.

We suspect that we are being used as a hotel, and I am concerned their coldness and indifference will hurt our son's feelings.

Abby, there has been tension between my husband and his family and me ever since we got married. My mother-in-law does not respect anyone's privacy. She has been known to walk into rooms and go through cupboards and drawers she has no business going in.

Do we have to let them stay in our house? — **TIRED OF BEING USED**

DEAR TIRED: Bear in mind that your in-laws could be coming to try to mend fences. However, you are under no obligation to have anyone under your roof who isn't welcome.

If you're concerned that the tension could be upsetting for your son, suggest that your in-laws stay at a nearby motel. Offer to make the reservations for them. At that point, you'll find out if their plane tickets are truly non-refundable.

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DEAR ABBY: I am six months pregnant and will soon create a registry for baby gifts. I am not planning a baby shower, but would like to have the registry available to those who wish to buy gifts.

How do I let friends and family know I have a gift registry without also inviting them to a shower?

Without seeming rude, how can I let people know they can buy me gifts? It seems the only acceptable way to ask for baby gifts is to throw a party and send your registry card along with the invitations. — **MOM-TO-BE**

DEAR MOM-TO-BE: To include a gift registry card with an invitation is considered a blatant request for a gift, and any blatant bid for gifts is a breach of etiquette.

Please remember that people don't "owe" you a gift simply because you are about to become a mother. Your friends and family are aware that they may buy you gifts without your having to mention it. Unless you want to appear greedy, say nothing about gifts unless someone asks you what you need for the baby.

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DEAR ABBY: When my daughter lived here with her father and me, we always had a hard time getting her to stay home — even for dinner. Now that she has moved out, she's over here every day, even at mealtimes! Without making her mad or hurting her feelings, how can we tell her she doesn't have to visit every single day? — **HER PARENTS IN NEW JERSEY**

DEAR PARENTS: Your predicament illustrates one of life's ironies: As children grow older, they can't wait to assert their independence and leave home. However, adult children who have left home for the first time often go into "economic shock" when they start paying for their own food, utilities, etc.

Speak up and begin putting some limits on your daughter's visits back to the nest. Set up one specific time during the week for dinner or a visit. If you don't begin to draw the line, it may be years before you can enjoy your privacy.

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Abby shares her favorite recipes in two booklets: "Abby's Favorite Recipes" and "Abby's More Favorite Recipes." To order, send a business-size, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for $3.95 per booklet ($4.50 each in Canada) to: Dear Abby Booklets, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Postage is included in price.)

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Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Tuesday, Sept. 26, 2000

Because you should have opportunities to assume more direct control over your personal affairs in the year ahead, more progress can be made. It'll be up to you to do so, however.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Someone to whom you've been attracted but have never had the opportunity to get to know better may walk into your life today. It could be a better match than you thought. 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.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Don't take your eye off the ball today, even when you have to deal with peripheral obstacles. Your objectives can be reached if you keep this in mind.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Happy tidings may be on their way that will serve to elevate your hopes and expectations. The good news may have something to do with getting together with someone you haven't seen for a while.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Any persistent hunch you get today, especially if it is of a financial nature, should be heeded today. Your intuitive perceptions could put you on a winning track.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) There could be good justification for optimism today, particularly regarding involvements with friends. Make plans to spend some time with those you enjoy being with.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Someone who has been wanting to do something nice for you as a reciprocation for the consideration you showed them recently may find a way to do so today.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) What makes you luckier than usual today in a partnership arrangement is that the person you selected has high, idealistic standards. Mutual benefits can come from such principles.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) You're in an especially good achievement cycle today, where anything you take on is possible to do. Don't put limitations on your creativity.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) This is one of those days in which you should do well socially with someone you meet. The two of you could find much to discuss that you have in common.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Although you can be a loner sometimes when it comes to accomplishing projects, teaming up with someone who has the same goal could be an advantage today.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Be a good listener and a keen observer today, because there are strong indications that you could profit from the wisdom and experience of someone who has been there, done that.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) That which is due you could come your way today. No matter what you think, your past efforts have not gone unnoticed or unappreciated, as you'll now discover.

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Burglar worked both sides of law

DALLAS (AP) — John Kowalski was one of the most active attorneys Dallas County has ever known. He also turned into one of its most prodiguous burglars.

Kowalski, 44, has represented misdemeanor defendants by the thousands and filed divorces by the tens of thousands. Last month, he went to prison for a series of burglaries he committed at businesses and high-end home-construction sites.

He stole stoves, dishwashers, a Jacuzzi, Oriental rugs and crystal chandeliers, computers and sheet metal and a five-ton air condenser. And even the kitchen sink.

The list of recovered property, valued at about $250,000, is several feet long, and authorities say several hundred thousand dollars worth of other stolen goods was fenced and probably will never be found.

Near the end, he was arrested on different occasions for burglary, drug possession and running from police at gunpoint.

He also accumulated a pile of complaints for his work as a lawyer.

Officials said his law office accepted payment in divorce cases that were never completed, leaving some couples still married to their estranged spouses.

Kowalski has never been publicly disciplined by the State Bar of Texas. Some complaints have been referred to the State Bar, which declined to comment.

"It's the pig in the python right now," state District Judge Craig Fowler said. "It's incumbent on lawyers to help clean up the mess one of our brothers has made. He was the high-volume, low-overhead divorce attorney."

There are so many problems that the Bar may need to organize a relief effort to serve the attorney's stranded clients, Fowler said.

Kowalski represented his own wife, Mariola Michalska, when she sued him for divorce in 1995, a conflict of interest. He had married the Polish woman five years earlier to help her emigrate to the United States.

"He doesn't respect the law," she said, "and he's an attorney."

Kelly Briarton, Kowalski's niece and closest relative, said his mother promised her an inheritance to provide her with funds for schooling. She never got anything, she said. She said after the woman died in 1997, Kowalski told her she had changed her will and left her residence and everything else to him.

No will was filed in probate court, county records show, and no one made an official protest. Kowalski sold the house.

As he built a solo law practice in Dallas in the 1980s, associates say Kowalski began indulging his expensive tastes for cars and world travel, home furnishings, gambling and drugs while falling deeper into debt with the Internal Revenue Service. His tax delinquencies ballooned to about $125,000 by the late 1990s.

During that time, by several accounts, Kowalski began inviting junkies to stay at his condominium. The Dallas Morning News reported that Kowalski began a volatile affair with one of these individuals, Eric McGregor, 27.

Last summer, the two began remodeling the condo, stripping the three-story unit to the studs while continuing to live in it.

By early August of last year, prosecutors said, Kowalski had started stealing from construction sites in his neighborhood.

Sometimes he participated directly, helped by day laborers he hired off the street; other times he paid the workers to do the jobs for him, officials said.

Kowalski himself put authorities onto him. Last October, he called an oft-burglarized developer, identified himself by name and as an attorney. He said he represented a jail inmate who could return stolen appliances and cabinets if his $2,000 bail were paid.

The developer called police, who arrested Kowalski.

Kowalski was arrested five more times. Each time he got out of jail, officials said, he went right back to stealing from businesses and constrution sites.

Some cities repeal water restrictions; others don't

AUSTIN (AP) — A blast of fall weather and some timely doses of rain have prompted some Texas cities to lift mandatory water rationing that were in effect during Texas' cruel summer. Other cities meanwhile say they will wait for autumn to get a better hold.

Austin became the latest and largest city to scale back water restrictions after a series of cold fronts earlier this month have placed the city on pace to be the wettest its been since June.

Waves of cold fronts sweeping through the region have given Austin 1.34 inches this month and a cold front sweeping southward is expected to give the city more rainfall Sunday, said Rob Blaha, a weather service meteorologist in New Braunfels. That's expected to give the city a shot at passing the 5.27 inches that fell in the city during June.

"We feel safe," Austin spokeswoman Lisa Rhodes told the Austin American-Statesman. "I think there will be lots of people happy."

Austin implemented mandatory watering restrictions in July for the first time since 1986 and scaled them back Friday. In the past two months, authorities issued 72 citations for violations, a Class C misdemeanor that carries a maximum fine of $2,000.

The Edwards Aquifer Authority, which supplies water to San Antonio, also cited cooler weather and rain for its decision Thursday to allow customers to begin using sprinklers again. The 1.56 inches of rain that have fallen this month has given San Antonio its wettest month since 7.61 inches fell in June.

Austin is now about 2 1/2 inches behind normal at 20.69 inches this year, while San Antonio is almost four inches below normal with 18.99 inches.

In the first six months of the year, Central Texas was on pace to be wetter than normal. By June, Austin had 17.32 inches, one half inch above normal, and San Antonio had 16.93 inches, 1.36 inches above normal. But rainfall dwindled in July and August.

"Right at the time of year we get the highest evaporation we didn't get any rain," Blaha said.

Despite the most plentiful rainfall in months, other Central Texas cities are sticking with mandatory restrictions.

"It's going to take more rainfall and continued conservation on the regional level to see this aquifer come back up," said San Marcos spokeswoman Melissa Millecam. "A little rain in the recharge zone can do a world of good."

The cities of Blanco and Pflugerville also remain under mandatory water restrictions and have no plans to scale back.

San Antonio remains under Stage II restrictions, meaning people can sprinkle their lawns on one designated day a week between 3 and 8 a.m. as well as 8 and 10 p.m., and can hand water on any day of the week between those hours.

Stage II restrictions, which were triggered when the aquifer level fell to 650 feet, won't be lifted in San Antonio for a return to more lenient Stage I restrictions unless the aquifer level stays above 650 feet for 30 days, according to a city ordinance.

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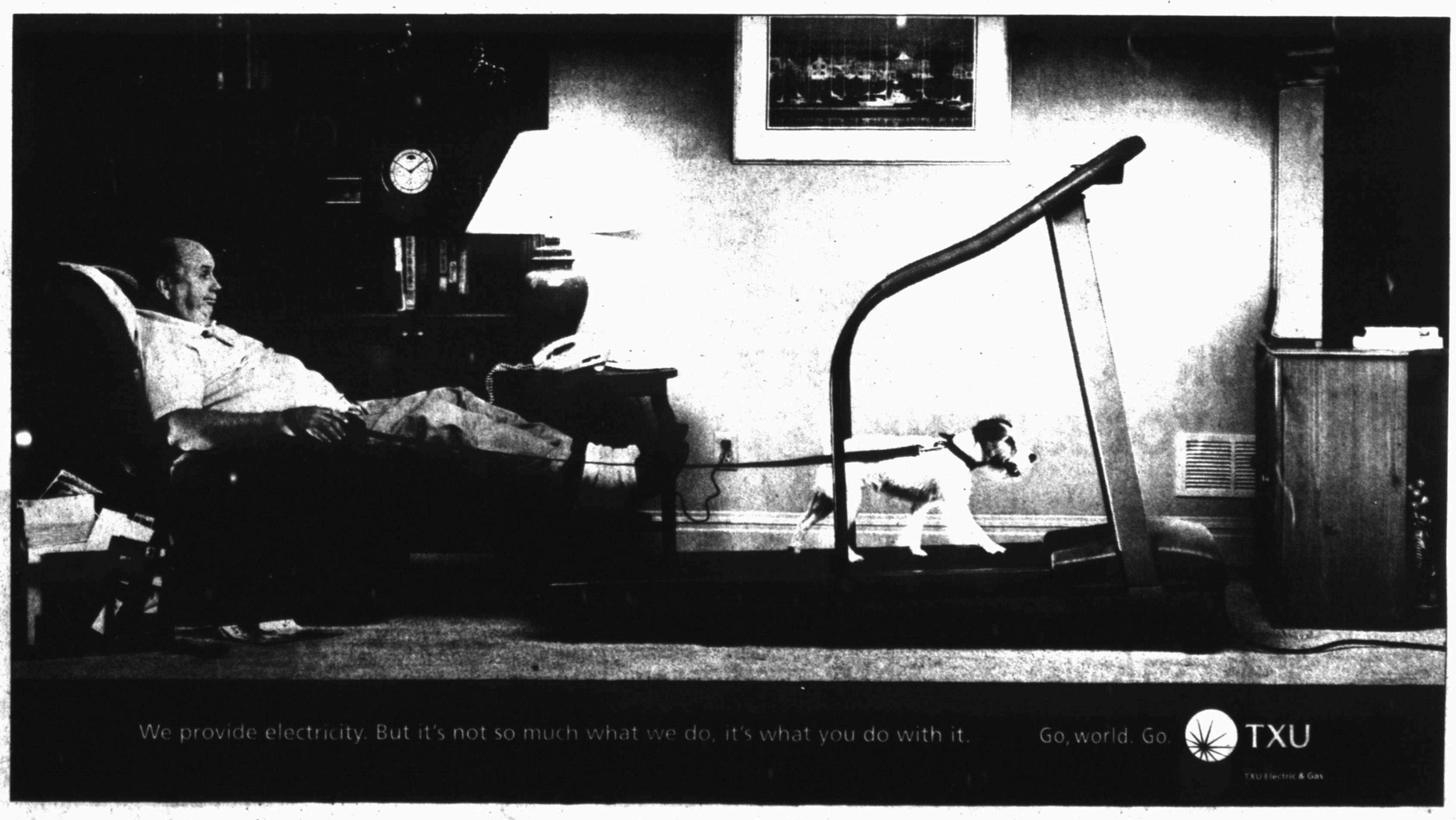

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OLYMPIC COVERAGE

U.S. runners sprint to gold medals

SYDNEY, Australia (AP) — Marion Jones will not only have to beat world-class athletes to win five gold medals, she'll have to overcome a world-class distraction — her husband, shot put champ C.J. Hunter, tested positive for a steroid.

Not even glorious moments on the Olympic Stadium track — Cathy Freeman's victory in the women's 400 meters and Michael Johnson's second 400 gold minutes later — could totally compensate for the latest scandal in these drug-plagued games.

Track's governing body said Hunter tested positive for nandrolone, a substance athletes use to repair the damage their bodies sustain in training and competition. Later Monday, the Romanian gymnast who won the women's all-around competition fell under suspicion of drug use.

Istvan Gyulai, general secretary of the International Amateur Athletics Federation, would not say when Hunter took the test he flunked, although IOC drug chief Prince Alexandre de Merode said an athlete tested positive for nandrolone at a meet in Norway, where the shot putter finished second.

Hunter was quick to contest the accusation.

"I know what's going on and I am aware of the allegations and am going to defend myself vigorously," he told NBC.

Hunter won the 1999 world shot put championship and finished second at the U.S. trials in June, but withdrew from the Olympic team Sept. 11, citing slow recovery from a knee injury.

He is in Sydney to support his wife, who is trying for a historic five track and field golds by a woman. Jones won her first event, the 100 meters, Saturday night. She next competes Wednesday, in the 200-meter preliminaries.

"The challenge that Marion Jones was facing, a real athletic challenge, has only been enhanced by all the developments here thus far," said Craig Masback, chief executive officer of USA Track & Field.

In gymnastics, all-around winner Andreea Raducan showed "positive signs" of the banned stimulant ephedrine, Romanian delegation head Alexandru Mogos told his country's radio.

Dana Encutescu, federal secretary of the Romanian Gymnastic Association, called Raducan an "innocent child" incapable of doping.

The United States stayed on top of the medal count at the end of competition Monday. The Americans had 58 medals (23 gold, 14 silver, 21 bronze). China had 48 (21-14-13) and Russia followed with 47 (14-14-19).

— TRACK AND FIELD: The woman who lighted the Olympic flame at the Opening Ceremony, revealing to the world the face of Australia's indigenous people, fulfilled her nation's dreams by winning the 400 meters.

Freeman, the first Aborigine to claim an individual Olympic gold, raced a lap around the track in 49.11 seconds, beating second-place Lorraine Graham of Jamaica by .47 seconds.

Freeman's role igniting the cauldron atop the stadium was a signal of reconciliation between Australia's white majority and the Aborigines, a small, downtrodden minority in their homeland, and her victory in the 400 gave Australia a reason to celebrate like never before. She carried a flag, half aboriginal and half Australian, on her victory lap.

"This has been a dream since I was a little girl and it's why I'm emotional," she said.

Johnson seemed relaxed, almost like he was running a prelim instead of a final, as he flew through the 400 in 43.84, becoming first man to win the event at two consecutive Olympics. American Alvin Harrison won the silver medal.

Unlike Freeman, who seemed almost overcome with her win, Johnson took his in stride, waving cheerfully to the crowd as he carried a U.S. flag on his victory lap.

The sprinter wasn't the only man on the track to claim a second consecutive gold Monday. Ethiopa's Haile Gebrselassie, subject of the 1998 film "Endurance," repeated as 10,000-meter champion, squeaking past Paul Tergat of Kenya at the finish.

American Stacy Dragila won the first Olympic women's pole vault with a vault of 15 feet, 1 inch.

— SOFTBALL: The Americans came into the medal round Monday having lost three times and needing three straight wins over the teams that beat them to win the gold.

Two down, one to go.

Stacey Nuveman hit a 10th-inning, three-run homer that lifted the United States past China 3-0 in the semifinal. Then, in a nightcap to determine which team would play Japan for the gold medal, Lisa Fernandez struck out 13 as the United States beat Australia 1-0.

— TENNIS: Wimbledon champion, U.S. Open champion, gold medalist. Guess which title means the most to Venus Williams?

Williams extended her winning streak to 31 matches and advanced to the women's singles final with a 6-1, 4-6, 6-3 win over U.S. teammate Monica Seles.

"It's probably bigger than a Grand Slam," said Williams, who has won the Wimbledon and U.S. Open titles during her streak. "It seems the ultimate thing is to have a gold."

Williams will play No. 10 Elena Dementieva of Russia in Wednesday's final.

— BASKETBALL: And rounding out the U.S. high jump team ... Vince Carter.

Carter intercepted a pass and leaped over — that's right, over — 7-foot-2 center Frederic Weis to highlight an otherwise lackluster 106-94 win for the Americans over France. The United States (5-0) now moves to the medal round of the Olympic tournament.

— GYMNASTICS: U.S. gymnasts lost out on any hope of a medal for the first time since 1972, not counting the boycotted Moscow Games. Top American male Blaine Wilson finished sixth in the vault finals and Elise Ray was eighth in the balance beam.

— BEACH VOLLEYBALL: The home team won again.

Already having its best overall Olympic performance ever, host nation Australia picked up a gold in women's beach volleyball. Natalie Cook and Kerri Pottharst edged out Brazilians Shelda Bede and Adriana Behar 12-11, 12-10 in front of yet another rowdy crowd of Aussies.

The Brazilian team of Sandra Pires and Adriana Samuel beat Yukiko Takahashi and Teru Saiki of Japan for the bronze.

— WEIGHTLIFTING: A Bulgarian weightlifter, whose team had been expelled from the Olym-pics for drug use, won a silver medal just hours after his country successfully petitioned to get back in the games. Alan Tsagaev took the silver medal in the 2311/4-pound class, behind gold-winner Iranian Hossein Tavakoli.

HURDLE HERO — USA's James Carter (right) pulls ahead of Eronildes Aravjo of Brazil during the semifinals of the men's 400-meter hurdles. (AP Photo)

Medal Leaders

180 Medal Events

Country	G	S	B	Tot
United States	23	14	21	58
China	21	14	13	48
Russia	14	14	19	47
Australia	12	20	11	43
France	12	13	6	31
Germany	5	9	15	29
Italy	11	6	11	28
Romania	10	4	5	19
Britain	6	8	5	19
South Korea	4	6	8	18
Netherlands	7	5	3	15
Ukraine	3	6	5	14
Japan	5	4	4	13
Belarus	1	1	8	10
Poland	4	4	1	9
Bulgaria	4	3	2	9
Cuba	3	4	2	9
Switzerland	1	5	2	8
Sweden	3	3	1	7
Greece	2	4	1	7
Canada	1	1	5	7
Czech Republic	2	1	3	6
Indonesia	1	3	2	6
Hungary	3	1	1	5
Spain	3	0	2	5
Slovakia	1	3	1	5

TV Schedule

(All times are EST)

TODAY

NBC—10:00 a.m.-Noon

Track & Field. Beach Volleyball: Women's Gold Medal Match.

7:00 p.m.-Midnight

Track & Field: Finals: Men's 400-meter, Women's 400-meter, Men's 110-meter Hurdles, Women's 800-meter, Women's 5,000-meter, Men's 10,000-meter, Women's Pole Vault, Men's Discus Throw, Men's Triple Jump. Gymnastics: Men's and Women's Individual Event Finals. Diving: Men's Springboard Competition.

12:35 a.m.-2:05 a.m.

Track & Field. Volleyball: USA Men vs. Italy.

Cable

MSNBC—10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Softball: Semifinal. Equestrian: Individual Jumping Competition. Tennis: Quarterfinals and Semifinals. Water Polo: USA Men vs. Netherlands.

CNBC—5:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.

Basketball: USA Men vs. France. Weightlifting: Men's Final.

GOLDEN AGAIN — The United States' Michael Johnson celebrates after winning the gold medal in the men's 400-meter dash. Johnson also won the 400-meter gold medal in Atlanta. (AP Photo)

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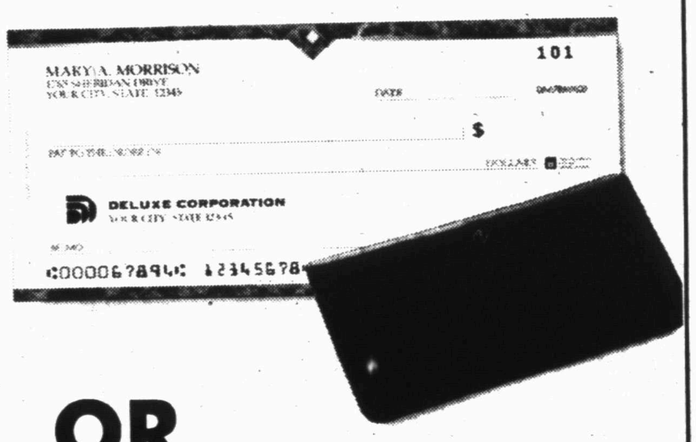

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SPORTS

Lady Tigers roll over Estacado

LUBBOCK — With one match remaining in the first half of district play, the Snyder Lady Tigers are in an enviable position.

Snyder cruised past Lubbock Estacado, 15-3, 15-5, on Saturday to take over sole possession of third place in the district standings.

With another victory Tuesday against Andrews, the Lady Tigers can move into a tie for second place, at the midway point of the district race.

"On Tuesday, what we need to do is come out fired up and play like we did against Plainview and Big Spring," said Snyder coach Patty Grimmett. "We haven't played as well at home this season. Our girls have to get it in their minds that they can beat anybody, if they play their best."

The Lady Matadors didn't put up much of a fight on Saturday, but Grimmett expects a different story against Andrews.

"Andrews always has a strong team," said Grimmett. "This year they're a pretty young team, though. We're going to try to take advantage of their inexperience, and finish off the first half with a win. Then we just need to come back in the second half of the season and not mess around."

Lake View still owns the top spot in the standings with an unblemished 6-0 mark. Andrews is 5-1, and the Lady Tigers are 4-2.

Tuesday's match is set for 7 p.m. at the SHS gym.

Snyder begins the second half of the district race Saturday at home against Levelland.

Snyder def. Estacado, 15-3, 15-5

Snyder service points: Kate Wright, 9; Cameron Mackey, 8; Laura Billingsley, 4; T'Leah Eicke and Rina Geiger, 3; Kameron Kallemeyn, 2; Whitney Webb, 1. **Kills:** Ashley Delce, 6; Kallemeyn, 5; Geiger, 2; Mackey, Kallie Billingsley, Cindy Sanchez and Katie Voss, 1. **Blocks:** Geiger, 3; Kallemeyn, 1.

District 4-4A Volleyball

	District	
Team	W	L
Lake View	6	0
Andrews	5	1
Snyder	4	2
Frenship	3	3
Big Spring	3	3
Plainview	2	4
Levelland	1	5
Estacado	0	6

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

Cards forced to forfeit again

HERMLEIGH — Unfortunately for the Hermleigh Cardinals, their injuries aren't healing as quickly as they'd hoped.

For the second week in a row, Hermleigh will forfeit its high school football game, due to a lack of healthy players.

The Cardinals were unable to face Klondike last week, and were scheduled to meet Trent on Friday.

"We're still not at a level where we could compete in a game, without the risk of further injury," said Hermleigh supt. Jerry Church. "We have six players available, but one of them has only had a few days of practice, and a couple of the others aren't 100 percent healthy.

"Our chances of being able to finish a game with only six players is extremely slim, so we're going to forfeit this week's game. We'll re-evaluate the situation again next Monday."

The Cardinals are scheduled to host Sands Oct. 6, followed by their homecoming game, Oct. 13.

Junior varsity routs Estacado

LUBBOCK — Snyder made short work of Lubbock Estacado on Saturday, disposing of the Lady Matadors, 15-5, 15-0, in junior varsity volleyball action.

Amber Alexander and Lauren Day served up nine points apiece to pace the Lady Tigers.

Loryn Brown tallied five points, while Dara Chambers and Shelley Fisk notched three each. Chaelyn Robinson finished with one point.

The Lady Tigers will be back on the court at 6 p.m. Tuesday when they host Andrews.

49ers embarrass Dallas

IRVING (AP) — While safety George Teague defended the homefield pride, he couldn't change the overall frustration being felt by the Dallas Cowboys.

San Francisco defeated the Cowboys 41-24 Sunday, and receiver Terrell Owens rubbed it in by going to midfield after both of his touchdown catches to celebrate on the Cowboys' star logo.

When Owens caught a 1-yard TD pass with 4:05 left to make it 41-17, he again took off toward midfield. This time, Teague followed Owens and leveled him as he went to kneel on the logo.

Teague was ejected, and the Cowboys (1-3) were left still dejected and with many questions.

"We're trying to find out what it is that needs to be done," quarterback Troy Aikman said. "The trick is trying to find out where to begin."

Emmitt Smith responded to Owens' first outburst with his own midfield celebration after a 1-yard TD just before halftime that closed the Cowboys to 17-10.

"You don't disrespect someone in front of their home crowd, but I guess that's his style," Smith said of Owens. "This game is played with a lot of emotion, and it shows both when you are winning and losing.

"Teague did not make a good decision by going after Owens, but he did what he had to do, and I liked it," Smith said. So did the crowd.

Snyder maintains lead in district race

ANDREWS — Snyder isn't ready to relinquish its grip on the district's top spot.

Snyder rolled over Andrews, 14-5, Saturday to improve to 3-0 and stay atop the district tennis standings.

Andrews, which claimed the league's best girls' squad, were edged, 5-4, in the girls' competition. Snyder won eight of the nine boys' matches, as well as the mixed doubles event.

"Our girls played extremely hard this weekend," said Snyder coach Brad Wikse. "This was the best set of girls that we'll face during district, and we came out on top. Our boys continued to play well, so now all we have to do is keep it going for a few more matches."

Patricia Vargas, Jordan Hardin and Andra Dunham won their singles matches, while the doubles teams of Dunham and Vargas, and Kara Brumley and Sara Cantu were also victorious.

On the boys side, Ryan Gibson, Allen Smith, Alex Best, Adam Rodgers and Charlie Gorman posted wins in singles action.

All three boys doubles duos were winners, while Cozy Jones and Tyson Kubena teamed up to take the mixed doubles event.

Snyder will be back on the courts Saturday when it hosts Lake View.

Snyder 14, Andrews 5

Boys' singles: Ryan Gibson def. Bintz, 6-1, 6-0; Allen Smith def. Fischer, 6-1, 6-4; Horacio DePaz lost to Smartt, 6-1, 6-1; Alex Best def. Ipson, 6-4, 6-1; Adam Rodgers def. Granados, 6-2, 5-7, 6-2; Charlie Gorman def. Ratliff, 7-5, 6-4.

Boys' doubles: Gibson-Smith def. Smartt-Ipson, 6-1, 6-1; DePaz-Rodgers def. Fischer-Granados, 5-7, 6-3, 6-4; Best-Gorman def. Ratliff-Gutierrez, 6-1, 6-0.

Mixed doubles: Cozy Jones-Tyson Kubena def. Bintz-Neighbors, 6-1, 7-5.

Girls' singles: Patricia Vargas def. Gray, 6-2, 7-6; Claire Cotton lost to Long, 6-1, 6-4; Jordan Hardin def. Craig, 6-2, 6-0; Afton Sutter lost to Lawrence, 6-4, 6-4; Jones lost to Dolloff, 6-0, 6-4; Andra Dunham def. Neighbors, 6-4, 6-0.

Girls' doubles: Cotton-Hardin lost to Long-Grey, 6-2, 6-4; Dunham-Vargas def. Craig-Lawrence, 3-6, 7-5, 6-3; Kara Brumley-Sara Cantu def. Dolloff-Deveza, 4-6, 6-3, 5-4 (ret.).

Patterson wins tourney

At Snyder Country Club's championship tournament, there was no match for Alton Patterson.

Patterson fired rounds of 69 and 71 to capture the SCC Club Championship by 14 strokes over runner-up Larry Anderson.

Anderson turned in scores of 76 and 78 for a two-day total of 154, while Patterson tallied a 140.

Johnny Reed's 139 was the top net score in the Championship Flight, followed by Ricky Williams' 148.

In the First Flight, Dutch Stehley was the overall winner with a tourney total of 88-81—169. Glenn Patterson grabbed second place with an 87-89—176.

Mackey Greene and Eicke Perry tied for the low net honors in the First Flight. Both players opened with rounds of 71, before closing with a 75 for a tourney total of 146.

Saturday's Major College Football Scores

EAST

Boston College 48, Navy 7
Bucknell 12, Columbia 10
Buffalo 20, Bowling Green 17
Colgate 21, Fordham 6
Cornell 24, Yale 23
Delaware 84, West Chester 0
Duquesne 49, Marist 7
Gannon 17, Canisius 12
Georgetown, D.C. 57, Butler 56, OT
Harvard 42, Brown 37
Hofstra 30, Rhode Island 12
Holy Cross 17, Towson 14
Iona 28, Montclair St. 17
La Salle 28, Siena 15
Lehigh 20, Princeton 18
Massachusetts 39, New Haven 29
Memphis 26, Army 16
Miami 47, West Virginia 10
Monmouth, N.J. 28, Cent. Connecticut St. 0
New Hampshire 42, Dartmouth 21
Northeastern 35, Connecticut 27
Penn 45, Lafayette 28
Pittsburgh 29, Rutgers 17
Stony Brook 60, St. Francis, Pa. 7
Temple 49, E. Michigan 40
Villanova 47, Maine 21
Wagner 38, Albany, N.Y. 30

SOUTH

Alabama St. 37, Ark.-Pine Bluff 34
Appalachian St. 61, The Citadel 14
Auburn 31, N. Illinois 14
Bethune-Cookman 14, Morris Brown 9
Clemson 31, Virginia 10
Davidson 17, Emory & Henry 14
Delaware St. 42, Liberty 25
E. Illinois 42, Tenn.-Martin 7
East Carolina 34, Syracuse 17
Elon 13, N. Carolina A&T 0
Florida 59, Kentucky 31
Florida A&M 31, Tennessee St. 6
Florida St. 31, Louisville 0
Georgia 37, New Mexico St. 0
Georgia Southern 31, Chattanooga 10
Grambling St. 49, MVSU 13
Hampton 42, S. Utah 34
Howard 35, Morgan St. 23
Jackson St. 13, Southern U. 10
Maryland 45, Middle Tennessee 27
McNeese St. 41, Alcorn St. 12
Murray St. 41, Indiana St. 21
North Carolina 20, Marshall 15
Northwestern St. 23, Louisiana-Lafayette 21
South Carolina 23, Mississippi St. 19
Tennessee 70, Louisiana-Monroe 3
Tennessee Tech 9, E. Kentucky 3
UAB 13, LSU 10
UCF 52, William & Mary 7
Vanderbilt 26, Duke 7
W. Carolina 39, ETSU 27
Wofford 24, Charleston Southern 10

MIDWEST

Akron 23, Ohio 20
Boise St. 47, Cent. Michigan 10
Dayton 55, Morehead St. 14
Indiana 42, Cincinnati 6
Kansas 42, S. Illinois 0
Kansas St. 55, North Texas 10
Miami (Ohio) 45, Kent St. 14
Michigan 35, Illinois 31
Michigan St. 27, Notre Dame 21
N. Iowa 37, Stephen F.Austin 30
Nebraska 42, Iowa 13
Northwestern 47, Wisconsin 44, 2OT
Ohio St. 45, Penn St. 6
Purdue 38, Minnesota 24
Valparaiso 35, Austin Peay 28
W. Illinois 44, Nicholls St. 3
W. Kentucky 38, SE Missouri 14
W. Michigan 21, Toledo 10

SOUTHWEST

Alabama A&M 40, Prairie View 10
Arkansas 28, Alabama 21
Baylor 28, South Florida 13
Oklahoma 42, Rice 14
Sam Houston 38, Texas A&M-Kingsville 7
Southern Miss. 28, Oklahoma St. 6
TCU 52, Arkansas St. 3
Texas 48, Houston 0
Tulane 29, SMU 17
Tulsa 22, Louisiana Tech 10
UTEP 39, Hawaii 7

FAR WEST

Air Force 23, Utah 14
Arizona St. 44, Utah St. 20
BYU 10, UNLV 7
Cal Poly-SLO 35, Montana St. 14
E. Washington 27, Weber St. 24, OT
Fresno St. 17, California 3
Idaho 38, Washington St. 34

Local Sports Schedule

TUESDAY

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

THURSDAY

RODEO: WTC at Sul Ross

FOOTBALL: Plainview at Snyder JV, 5 p.m.

FOOTBALL: Snyder freshmen at Plainview, 6 p.m.

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

FOOTBALL: Trent at Hermleigh Jr. High, 6 p.m.

FRIDAY

FOOTBALL: Snyder at Plainview, 7:30

FOOTBALL: Ira at Blackwell, 7:30

FOOTBALL: Hermleigh, idle

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

RODEO: WTC at Sul Ross

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East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
y-Atlanta	92	63	.594	—
New York	89	67	.571	3½
Florida	73	82	.471	19
Montreal	67	88	.432	25
Philadelphia	63	92	.406	28

Central Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
x-St. Louis	91	65	.583	—
Cincinnati	82	74	.526	9
Milwaukee	70	86	.449	21
Houston	69	87	.442	22
Pittsburgh	65	91	.417	26
Chicago	62	93	.400	28½

West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
x-San Francisco	93	63	.596	—
Los Angeles	83	73	.532	10
Arizona	82	73	.529	10½
Colorado	78	77	.503	14½
San Diego	75	81	.481	18

x-clinched division title
y-clinched playoff berth

Saturday's Games

St. Louis 6, Chicago Cubs 5
Florida 3, Colorado 1, 6½ innings, rain
Cincinnati 6, Houston 4
Arizona 7, San Francisco 5, 1st game
Pittsburgh 4, Milwaukee 2, 1st game
Atlanta 10, Montreal 0
N.Y. Mets 7, Philadelphia 3
Milwaukee 5, Pittsburgh 4, 10 innings, 2nd game
Los Angeles 2, San Diego 1
San Francisco 9, Arizona 5, 2nd game

Sunday's Games

Cincinnati 4, Houston 3
N.Y. Mets 3, Philadelphia 2
Atlanta 14, Montreal 5
Milwaukee 8, Pittsburgh 5
Chicago Cubs 10, St. Louis 5
Colorado 9, Florida 3
Arizona 8, San Francisco 3
Los Angeles 1, San Diego 0

Monday's Games

Atlanta (Glavine 19-9) at Montreal (Vazquez 11-7), 7:05 p.m.
Philadelphia (Person 9-5) at Chicago Cubs (Quevedo 2-9), 8:05 p.m.
Arizona (Johnson 18-6) at Colorado (Rose 4-3), 9:05 p.m.

American League
All Times EDT

East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
New York	87	67	.565	—
Toronto	82	73	.529	5½
Boston	81	75	.519	7
Baltimore	69	87	.442	19
Tampa Bay	63	91	.409	24

Central Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
x-Chicago	93	62	.600	—
Cleveland	84	70	.545	8½
Detroit	75	80	.484	18
Kansas City	73	83	.468	20½
Minnesota	67	88	.432	26

West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Seattle	87	69	.558	—
Oakland	85	69	.552	1
Anaheim	80	75	.516	6½
Texas	70	86	.449	17

x-clinched division title

Saturday's Games

N.Y. Yankees 13, Detroit 8
Toronto 7, Tampa Bay 6
Oakland 8, Seattle 2
Boston 8, Baltimore 7, 10 innings
Chicago White Sox 5, Minnesota 3
Cleveland 11, Kansas City 1
Anaheim 15, Texas 4

Sunday's Games

Tampa Bay 6, Toronto 0
Baltimore 1, Boston 0
N.Y. Yankees 6, Detroit 3
Kansas City 9, Cleveland 0
Minnesota 6, Chicago White Sox 5, 10 innings
Anaheim 9, Texas 2
Seattle 3, Oakland 2

Monday's Games

Chicago (Garland 4-7) at Cleveland (Woodard 3-10), 1:05 p.m.
Minnesota (Kinney 2-2) at Cleveland (Burba 15-6), 7:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Wilson 0-4) at Toronto (Loaiza 10-11), 7:05 p.m.
Detroit (Sparks 6-5) at N.Y. Yankees (Gooden 6-4), 7:05 p.m.
Anaheim (Belcher 4-3) at Oakland (Zito 5-4), 10:05 p.m.

National Football League

All Times Eastern

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East

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
N.Y. Jets	4	0	0	1.000	88	66
Miami	3	1	0	.750	59	22
Buffalo	2	1	0	.667	57	58
Indianapolis	1	1	0	.500	58	52
New England	0	4	0	.000	51	72

Central

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Baltimore	3	1	0	.750	98	55
Jacksonville	2	1	0	.667	76	46
Tennessee	2	1	0	.667	53	50
Cleveland	2	2	0	.500	64	90
Cincinnati	0	3	0	.000	7	74
Pittsburgh	0	3	0	.000	40	62

West

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Oakland	3	1	0	.750	107	80
Denver	2	2	0	.500	133	102
Kansas City	2	2	0	.500	93	76
Seattle	2	2	0	.500	74	82
San Diego	0	4	0	.000	55	99

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
N.Y. Giants	3	1	0	.750	74	57
Philadelphia	2	2	0	.500	83	60
Washington	2	2	0	.500	67	65
Arizona	1	2	0	.333	51	81
Dallas	1	3	0	.250	96	135

Central

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Minnesota	3	0	0	1.000	64	47
Detroit	3	1	0	.750	60	65
Tampa Bay	3	1	0	.750	110	47
Green Bay	2	2	0	.500	69	53
Chicago	0	4	0	.000	48	106

West

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
St. Louis	4	0	0	1.000	160	114
Atlanta	2	2	0	.500	85	121
Carolina	1	2	0	.333	65	57
New Orleans	1	3	0	.250	55	82
San Francisco	1	3	0	.250	115	139

Sunday's Games

St. Louis 41, Atlanta 20
Detroit 21, Chicago 14
San Francisco 41, Dallas 24
Miami 10, New England 3
Baltimore 37, Cincinnati 0
Philadelphia 21, New Orleans 7
Tennessee 23, Pittsburgh 20
Green Bay 29, Arizona 3
Kansas City 23, Denver 22
Seattle 20, San Diego 12
N.Y. Jets 21, Tampa Bay 17
Oakland 36, Cleveland 10
Washington 16, N.Y. Giants 6

Monday's Games

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DEAR DR. GOTT: I had rheumatic fever as a child. Now, at 42, I am experiencing muscle and joint pain. Could this be a delayed result of the rheumatic fever?

DEAR READER: I do not believe so.

Following an infection with streptococcus bacteria — a condition as common as strep throat — some people seem to develop an allergy to the microorganisms, which can lead to joint and heart inflammation. Called rheumatic fever, this serious affliction is rare today thanks, in part, to the use of antibiotics, such as penicillin, to treat strep infections. In the past, rheumatic fever was associated with temporary arthritis and permanent heart-valve damage (which sometimes required corrective cardiac surgery). Although rheumatic fever is clearly on the wane, the reasons for this are not completely understood.

I believe that joint and muscle pains in an adult are probably not the consequence of a previous rheumatic infection. Nonetheless, surprising events are frequent in medical practice, so I suggest the following.

Get a throat culture and a blood test for strep and rheumatic fever. If either test (or both) is positive, antibiotic therapy will cure your affliction. On the other hand, if the analyses are normal, your doctor should check you further for other diseases that commonly cause joint and muscle discomfort. For example, Lyme disease, rheumatoid arthritis and lupus can lead to symptoms such as yours, although they are not related to strep infections.

See your family physician. He or she should be able to sort out the complexities of your care.

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Daytona-area youth game ends in melee

PORT ORANGE, Fla. (AP) — Videotapes brought by proud parents to capture their teenage sons' triumphs on the gridiron may instead have captured adults behaving badly.

Police hope to review the videotapes Monday and determine who started Saturday's melee between the teams of 14- and 15-year-olds from Port Orange, south of Daytona Beach, and Winter Springs, near Orlando.

A 31-year-old mother from Orlando was charged with resisting arrest and a 15-year-old player was accused of battery on a law enforcement officer for allegedly throwing a traffic cone at an officer and punching him in the face. The officer received minor injuries.

"Right now we are not pointing fingers at anybody," police Cmdr. Michael Sheridan said. "Order was restored quickly and right now we are just trying to sort things out."

Sheridan said the brawl began shortly after the home team, the Port Orange Hawks, scored a touchdown in overtime, winning the game 12-6. As the winners left the field, Sheridan said, members of the West Orange Wildcats followed.

"There were some words exchanged and a fight broke out between the coaches and players of both teams," Sheridan said. "When the fight started, spectators from both sides started towards the fight, adding to the confusion and chaos."

One player was punched and kicked and another was bitten, though most of the injuries were minor and treated at the scene, Sheridan said. Officers responding to 911 calls made from cellular phone were able to break it up.

"We were totally jumped by surprise," said Port Orange coach Kenneth Klindt. "They were the instigators, and it's on film."

West Orange coach Eddie Thomas could not be reached for comment.

Meanwhile, Miami police were investigating punches that were exchanged between parents and coaches at a youth football game there Saturday after a referee called the end of the game in the fourth quarter for unsportsmanlike behavior by some players. One parent received stitches for a lip cut during the scuffle.

There have been several brawls involving youth sports across the country this year. In July, a hockey player's father in Massachusetts was charged with manslaughter after he fought with a referee who then died. About a week later in Hollywood, Fla., a Police Athletic League baseball coach was accused of breaking an umpire's jaw during an argument.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

North 09-25-00
♠ 6 4
♥ A K 10 6
♦ J 7 5 2
♣ 6 5 3

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

East
♠ J 9 8 7 3
♥ J 7
♦ A 9 4
♣ 9 4 2

South
♠ A Q
♥ Q 9 5 4 2
♦ Q 8 3
♣ A K Q

Vulnerable: East-West
Dealer: South

South	West	North	East
1 ♥	Pass	2 ♥	Pass
4 ♥	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♣ J

Monday, Sept. 25, 2000

The lure of the finesse

By Phillip Alder

When I hunted for a quotation including the word "lure," I thought I would get something about fishing. Yet none of the three mentioned that pastime. I found one from "Romeo and Juliet," one from "The Rubaiyat of Omar Khayyam," and this from Wallace Stevens: "The humble are they that move about the world with the lure of the real in their hearts." Having read that several times, I'm still not sure I understand it. No wonder my Chambers' Biographical Dictionary mentions that Stevens wrote "impressionist and highly intellectual verse relying for effect upon rhythmic and tonal imagery."

There is a declarer-play that lures people on, whether they be humble (not many good bridge players are) or in search of the real (whatever that might be). You race into four hearts. West leads the club jack. How would you step through this 52-card world?

Yes, perhaps South should have rebid three no-trump; but with four hearts, North might not have passed.

You start with nine top tricks: one spade, five hearts and three clubs. So, you could try the spade finesse. Fine if it wins, yet what happens if the finesse loses? West will exit with a spade, leaving you a major underdog to avoid three diamond losers.

Instead, guarantee the contract with an endplay. After winning trick one, draw trumps, cash the remaining club tricks, and exit with the ace and queen of spades. Whoever wins with the spade king must either open up diamonds or concede a ruff-and-discard. Whichever he selects, you lose only two diamond tricks.

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Oil Patch News

Scurry County

Sharp Image Energy Inc. will drill the No. 1-129 Neely, a 7,500-foot wildcat located four miles west of Ira. Location is in Section 129, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Rocker A Operating will drill the No. 18 CHV-Browning in the Corazon field, five miles southwest of Fluvanna. Planned for a depth of 2,350 feet, drill site is in Section 574-Block 97, H&TC survey.

Kent County

Merit Energy Co. will drill the No. 3 Baird in the Michelle Kay field, 17 miles west of Girard. Contracted for a depth of 65,00 feet, drill site is in Section 142, Block 1, H&GN survey.

WTP Energy Inc. will drill the No. 1 Mule Deer in the Spires field, four miles northeast of Polar. Planned for a depth of 7,500 feet, location is in Section 14, Block 5, H&GN survey.

Mobil Producing will drill the No. E047-AW Salt Creek field unit, nine miles northwest of Clairemont. Planned depth is 7,400 feet, and location is in Section 194, Block G, W&NW survey.

Howard County

Lakewood Operating will drill the No. 1 Oryx, a 7,800-foot wildcat located 22 miles northeast of Big Spring. Drill site is in Section 30, Block 25, H&TC survey.

Anadarko Petroleum has completed the No. 3306 Snyder in the Snyder field, seven miles southeast of Coahoma. The well was finaled to produce 40 barrels of oil and 209 barrels of water. Perforations were from 2,600-2,849 feet, and location is in Section 33, Block 30, T1S, T&P survey.

Anadarko Petroleum will drill the No. 2849 Snyder in the Snyder field, six mile southeast of Coahoma. Planned for a depth of 3,900 feet, location is in Section 28, Block 30, T1S, T&P survey.

Anadarko Petroleum will drill the No. 3305 Snyder in the Snyder field, seven miles southeast of Coahoma. Planned depth is 3,900 feet, and drill site is in Section 33, Block 30, T1S, T&P survey.

Andadarko Petroleum will drill the No. 115 Snyder in the Snyder field, six miles southeast of Coahoma. Planned for a depth of 3,900 feet, location is in Section 28, Block 30, T1S, T&P survey.

Atropos Production will drill the No. 1-93 Guthrie in the Signal Peak field, eight miles northwest of Forsan. Planned for a depth of 8,100 feet, location is in Section 93, Block 29, W&NW survey.

Atropos will drill the No. 1-87 Guthrie in the Signal Peak field, eight miles northwest of Forsan. Also planned for 8,100 feet, location is in Section 87, Block 29, W&NW survey.

Nolan County

Pioneer Exploration will drill the No. 10-A R.H. Jordan in the Hylton field, five miles southwest of Nolan. Planned for a depth of 6,400 feet, location is in Section 20, Block Z, T&P survey.

Boyd and McWilliams Energy Group will drill the No. 901 McLaughlin in the JMM field, 13 miles southwest of Maryneal. The venture will be drilled to a depth of 7,400 feet, and drill site is in Section 9, Block 1-A, H&TC survey.

Markets

Midday Stocks

NEW YORK (AP) -

	High	Low	Last	
AMR Corp s	35.44	33.75	34.44	—.25
AT&T Corp	29.81	28.63	29.19	—.44
Albertsons	21.13	20.25	20.50	—.31
Alltel	51.13	50.19	51.00	+ 1.25
AmerOnline s	56.45	55.10	55.74	+ .74
AmEl Pw	36.00	35.50	35.63	+ .13
AndarkPtr	61.60	58.80	59.30	—2.28
ATMOS Egy	21.25	20.88	20.88	—.38
BP Amoco s	52.19	51.69	51.69	—1.19
BakerHughes	35.50	33.75	33.88	—1.98
Bank of Amer	56.00	54.88	55.94	+ .94
BellSouth	38.38	38.13	38.25	—.06
Beth Steel	3.19	3.09	3.19	+ .13
BurlNoSFe	21.13	20.94	20.94	
Caterpillar	35.63	35.19	35.56	+ .44
Chevron	83.00	81.56	82.38	—1.88
Citigroup s	54.31	53.19	54.06	+ 1.31
Coastal	70.31	68.88	68.88	—.13
CocaCola	54.25	52.63	53.81	+ .94
ColgatePal	45.55	44.50	44.60	—.46
ComclMetals	24.94	24.13	24.13	—.69
Cooperin	34.69	33.44	34.25	+ 1.06
DaimlrChry	45.17	44.55	44.57	—1.74
DallSemicn s	34.44	33.88	34.31	+ 1.06
DeltaAirl	46.69	45.75	46.44	+ .63
Dillards Inc	11.50	11.31	11.31	—.25
DowChem s	25.13	24.31	24.44	—.50
DuPont	40.38	38.81	38.81	—1.06
EastmanChem	38.19	37.50	38.00	—.31
EstKodak	59.25	58.06	59.06	+ 1.06
EDS Corp	44.88	44.25	44.69	+ .56
Entergy	35.44	34.75	34.81	—.63
ExxonMobil	85.88	84.44	84.44	—1.75
FstBksAm	18.13	18.13	18.13	
Flowers	20.50	19.94	20.13	
GenDynam	63.56	62.69	63.56	—.25
GenElec s	58.00	56.88	57.38	+ .06
GenMills s	34.94	34.00	34.00	—.44
GenMotors	68.25	67.00	67.13	—1.13
GaPacGP	23.81	23.13	23.25	—.25
GlobalMar	28.00	27.50	27.69	—.61
Goodrich	39.44	38.06	38.19	—.81
Goodyear s	18.93	18.57	18.77	+ .27
GtAtlPac	10.94	10.75	10.81	+ .13
Halliburtn	46.81	44.94	45.25	—1.79
Hanson ADS	25.31	24.94	25.25	+ 1.13
HarteHanks	27.00	26.94	26.94	—.06
HomeDepot s	55.94	54.56	54.63	—1.31
Honeywellintl	36.63	35.63	35.63	—.69
IBM	125.94	124.00	125.56	+ 1.56
IntlPaper	29.50	28.25	28.38	—.94
JohnsonJn	96.44	94.81	96.06	+ .19
K mart	5.75	5.25	5.31	—.44
Kroger Co	22.13	21.63	22.00	—.31
Litton	42.94	42.38	42.94	+ .31
LockheedM	30.74	29.60	29.65	—.73
Lowes Cos	50.94	49.25	49.50	—1.25
Lubys	5.44	5.31	5.38	+ .13
LucentTech	32.50	31.38	31.56	—.44
MayDeptStr	21.38	20.81	20.81	—.31
Medtronic	50.69	49.56	50.25	+ .63
MorganJP	171.69	166.88	171.13	+ 3.44
Motorola s	33.00	32.13	32.88	+ 1.38
NCR Corp	37.50	36.31	36.94	—.75
Navistar	32.25	31.63	32.00	—.06
Penney JC	12.63	12.25	12.44	+ .19
PepBoys	5.25	4.69	5.19	+ .13
PepsiCo	45.31	44.19	44.81	—.56
Pharmacia	59.00	58.25	58.56	—.44
PhelpDodge	41.00	40.13	40.50	—.25
PhilipPet	60.63	58.94	60.31	—1.17
PilgrmPrd B	7.13	7.06	7.06	—.13
Polaroid	14.94	14.69	14.88	+ .38
Praxair	36.81	35.38	35.94	—.69
ProctGamb	64.06	62.50	62.63	—1.38
PubS NwMx	25.69	25.19	25.31	—.25
RadioShack	68.38	66.00	66.00	—1.56
ReliantEngy	39.44	39.13	39.31	—.13
RoyalDut	59.63	58.75	58.81	—1.81
SBC Comm	48.50	47.56	48.19	+ .25
SaraLee	20.38	20.13	20.13	—.13
Scripps EW	48.38	48.19	48.25	+ .06
SearsRoeb	34.40	33.82	34.16	—.28
SherwinW	20.94	20.44	20.44	—.50
SmithKlBchm	67.31	66.44	66.50	+ .31
SouthernCo	31.06	30.13	30.44	+ .38
SwstAirl	23.88	23.19	23.56	+ .19
SprintFON	25.75	24.81	25.50	+ .63
SprintPCS s	31.25	29.38	30.94	+ 2.94
Sunoco Inc	25.13	24.56	24.88	—.06
TXU Corp	37.25	36.50	36.50	+ .56
TempleInland	39.38	38.25	38.25	—.81
Texaco	50.94	49.56	49.88	—1.00
Textrnd	29.06	28.88	28.88	
TexasInst s	57.81	56.38	56.56	+ .50
Textron	47.75	46.63	47.31	+ .75
TriconGlbR	29.81	28.88	29.75	+ .63
TrinityInds	22.63	22.56	22.56	
TritonEngy	38.38	34.13	35.50	—5.06
TylerTech	2.00	1.94	1.94	—.06
USX-Marathn	26.56	26.06	26.19	—.92
USX-USS	16.13	16.00	16.06	
UnCarbde	37.75	36.63	36.75	—.38
UnionPacif	38.75	38.25	38.56	+ .38
UnitedTech	69.00	65.88	67.25	+ 1.75
Unocal	34.19	33.38	33.56	—1.29
Venator Grp	13.94	13.50	13.50	—.31
VerizonComm	43.88	43.25	43.63	+ .19
WalMart	50.69	49.19	49.81	—.94
WellsFargo	46.25	45.31	46.19	+ .94
WstrnGasRs	23.50	23.19	23.38	—.56
WinnDixie	14.06	13.81	13.88	—.31
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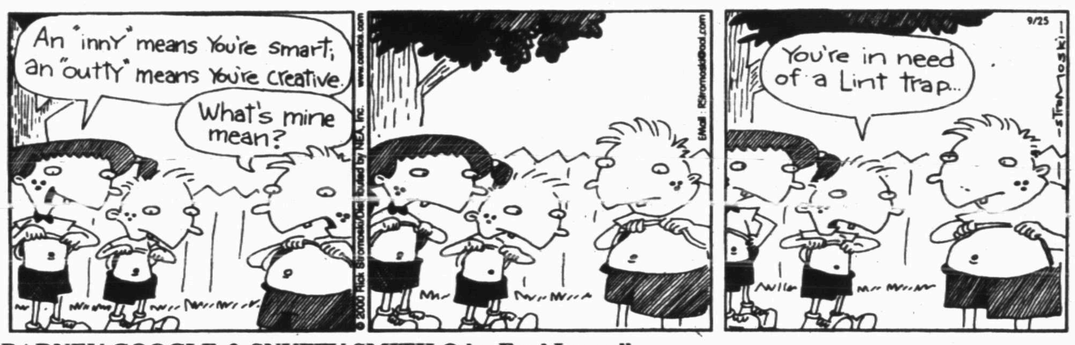

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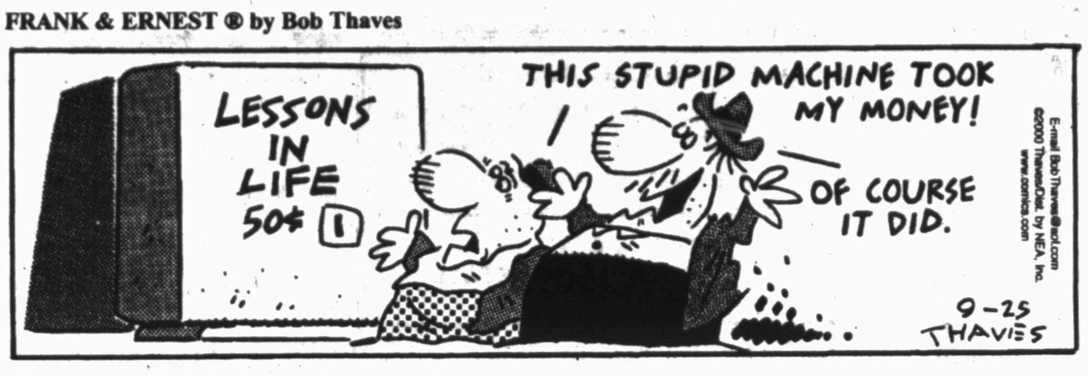

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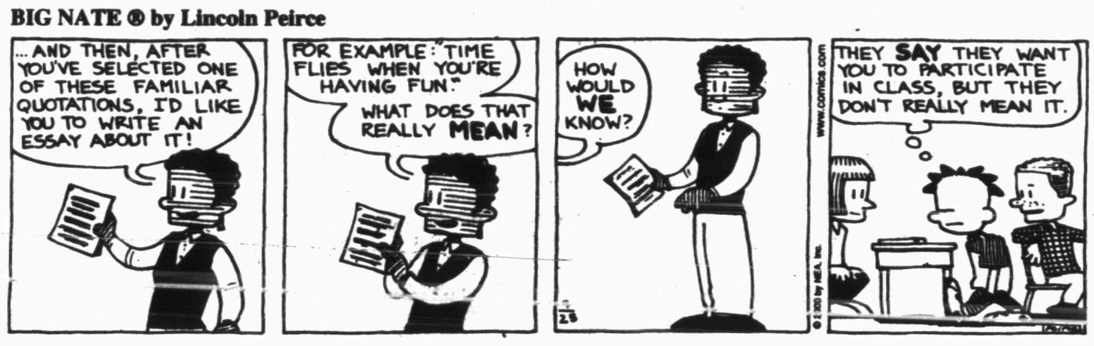

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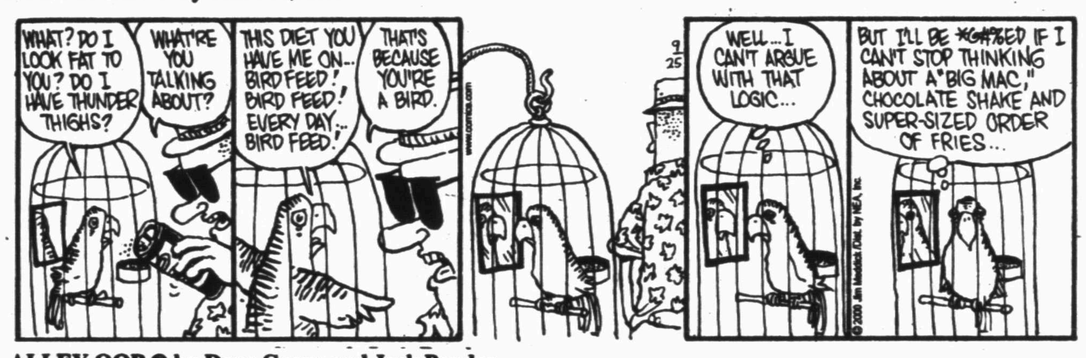

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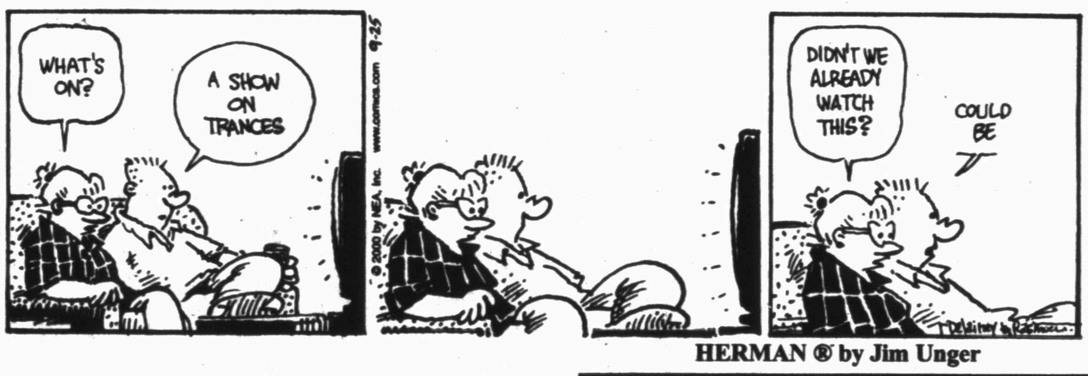

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ACROSS

1 Group of four
7 Horned animal
12 Reno's state
13 Waver
14 Take a trip
15 Decadent
16 Sick
17 Permit to
18 Jazz player Kid —
21 Cafe patron
23 Man-mouse connector (2 wds.)
26 Told a fib
28 Wise person
29 Mal de —
30 Spanish surrealist
31 Life jacket (2 wds.)
33 Oval
36 Jai —
37 Sault — Marie
38 "— — girl!"
40 Salon buys
41 High pointed hill
42 Helicopter part
44 Southeast Asian holiday
45 Actor Linden
46 Car assemblers' assn.
48 Papeete's island
51 Towers over
55 Stabbed
56 Antenna
57 Caravan stop
58 Bleak

DOWN

1 Powerful inits.
2 "Ballad" finish
3 The dam agcy.!
4 Musician Shankar
5 An Astaire
6 Texas city
7 Umpire
8 Weight
9 "Graph" finish
10 Court divider
11 Unrefined metal
13 Russian wagon
18 Most aged
19 Theater district
20 Shouter
22 Mildest
23 Egg dish
24 Secondhand transaction
25 Van Gogh, e.g.
27 Roman 502
32 Move like a dog's tail
34 Pittsburgh team
35 Impassive
39 Wild sheep
43 Not cooked as much
45 Music buff's purchase
47 "Silver" finish
48 Boxing-victory abbr.
49 Anecdote collection
50 Towel word
52 Small inlet
53 Remote
54 Artful

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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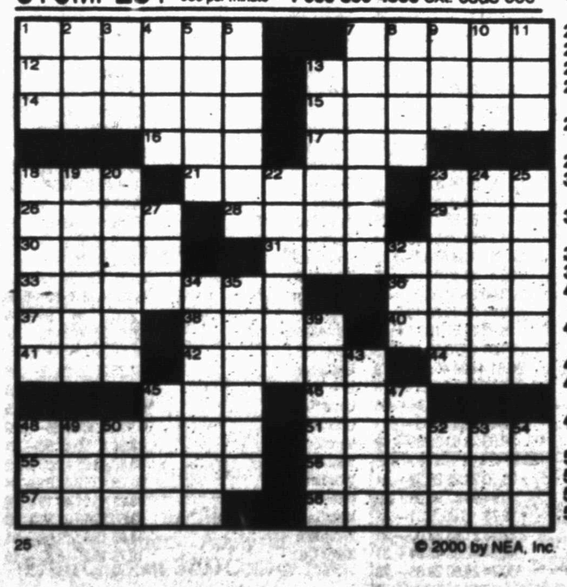

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Snyder Daily News Comics

DENNIS THE MENACE ® by Hank Ketcham

"NOW IS WHEN I WISH I HAD EARLIDS!"

What peacekeeping role do 'warriors' play?

By ROBERT BURNS
AP Military Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Army's admission that some soldiers on peacekeeping duty in Kosovo used excessive force against civilians puts a spotlight on a difficult question for the Pentagon: Would peacekeeping be more peaceful if the Army had a separate force trained specifically for such noncombat missions?

The Defense Department intends to explore this issue early in the next administration in reassessing its security strategy and the shape of the armed forces.

Some foreign policy experts favor creating a separate constabulary force, with special training in crowd control, civilian searches, interrogation and other skills. Such a force would be prepared to go anywhere, for peacekeeping as well as humanitarian missions. Regular Army combat troops would handle combat missions.

Among those who have argued this point, retired Army Col. Richard J. Dunn says the instincts developed by warriors — to "be brutal" — are not needed in peacekeeping, which emphasizes using minimal force.

The idea of creating a "peace brigade" within the armed forces does not play well among

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today's military leaders, although the Kosovo case brings it back to the fore.

An Army report released last week said some members of an 82nd Airborne Division unit, whose motto was "shoot 'em in the face," threatened, abused and beat ethnic Albanian civilians last winter. The aggression was so egregious that it violated basic standards of human decency, the report concluded.

Although the misconduct was not widespread, the Army colonel who wrote the report said the training these paratroopers received before going to Kosovo failed to temper their "combat mentality."

In other words, the warrior mindset that is essential to success — and survival — on the battlefield can lead to trouble in the more ambiguous circumstances a soldier encounters on peacekeeping duty.

In the case of the unit in Kosovo — Alpha Company, 3rd Battalion, 504th Parachute Infantry Regiment — some soldiers said they were confused about what peacekeeping meant or were not prepared for the mission.

"Our train-up for this ... was nothing like what we came in contact with when we got here," Lt. Samuel Donnelly, an Alpha Company platoon leader, said in a sworn statement to Army investigators.

The report said that last December, Donnelly slapped around a teen-age boy who was thought to have information about a shooting. He and another soldier also were accused of abusing a man they put in a detention cell.

Another soldier from the same unit, whose name was blacked out by Army censors, said, "We expected to get fired at and things like that. We didn't expect things to be so calm and laid back. I actually thought it would be more like combat."

Combat is the primary focus of military training. While the United States has not fought a land war since the Persian Gulf War of 1991, Army Chief of Staff Gen. Eric Shinseki is adamant in his belief that soldiers must be trained for success in the full range of potential missions — from peace operations to war.

Shinseki likes to remind people that in Somalia in 1992, U.S. soldiers intervened to rescue millions from famine and ended up in a shooting war. In one disastrous battle, 18 American soldiers were killed and 83 injured in October 1993, prompting President Clinton to begin withdrawing the force.

Even with the noblest of intentions, a U.S. peacekeeping operation can turn deadly with little notice, said Shinseki, a former commander of U.S. peacekeepers in Bosnia, in a speech to National Guard members on Sept. 14.

"Someone else can change the parameters in about 20 minutes, and we will find our youngsters in the middle of a hot firefight. That's reality," he said.

George Joulwan, the retired four-star Army general who was commander of NATO forces when the Bosnia peacekeeping effort began in 1995, agrees with Shinseki.

"We need to have soldiers and quality leaders who can adjust to the mission," Joulwan said in an interview Friday. "We're flexible enough as an Army, in my opinion, to make those kinds of adjustments."

Army Gen. Henry H. Shelton, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, also opposes creating a separate peacekeeping force. The best argument against it, he says, is the disastrous U.S. entry into the Korean War in 1950. In the years immediately after World War II, the Army partially demobilized and focused its attention largely on occupation duties in Germany and Japan. Combat training was put off.

When communist North Korea invaded South Korea, U.S. troops were ill-prepared for high-intensity combat.

Date Book

Monday, Sept. 25, 2000

Today is the 269th day of 2000 and the fourth day of fall.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1493, Christopher Columbus departed Cadiz, Spain, on his second voyage to the New World.

On this day in 1890, the Mormon Church forbade its members to practice polygamy.

On this day in 1964, "Gomer Pyle, U.S.M.C." debuted on CBS-TV.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: William Faulkner (1897-1962), writer; Mark Rothko (1903-1970), painter; Walter "Red" Smith (1905-1982), sportswriter; Dimitri Shostakovich (1906-1975), composer; Phil Rizzuto (1917-), baseball great-sportscaster, is 83; Michael Douglas (1944-), actor-producer, is 56; Pedro Almodovar (1951-), director, is 49; Will Smith (1968-), rapper-actor, is 30.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1965, Willie Mays became the oldest man to hit 50 home runs in one season. He was 34 years old.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Many strokes overthrow the tallest oaks." - John Lyly

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

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Hank Azaria purchases new home

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Actor Hank Azaria will have a new home to showcase the Emmy he just won.

Azaria, 36, bought the four-bedroom home in Beverly Hills for just under $2 million, the Los Angeles Times reported Sunday. The home sits on a half-acre with a creek running through it. Inspired by the late Frank Lloyd Wright's style of architecture, the home also has a pool and a spa.

The actor had previously won an Emmy for his voice-over work on Fox's "The Simpsons."

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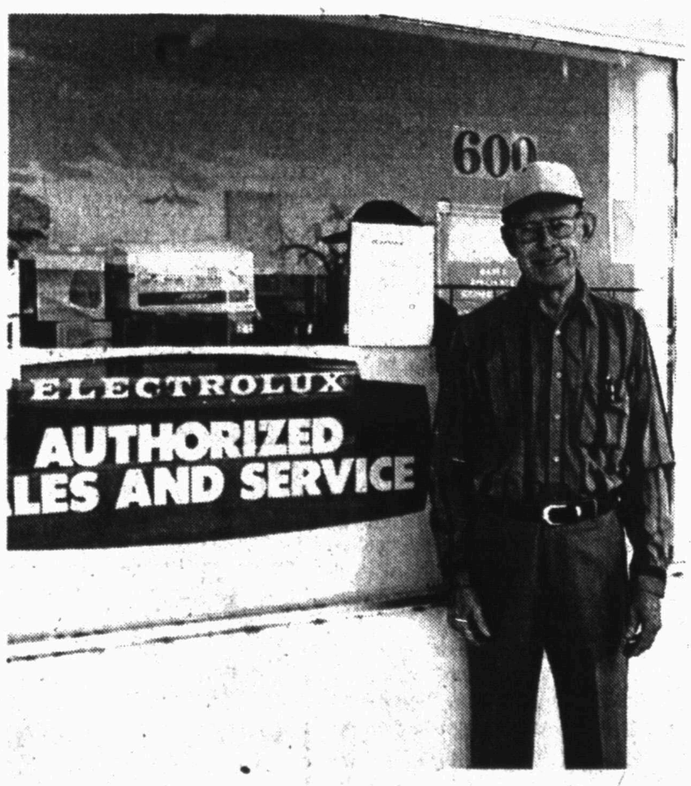

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Mr. Mapes extends a thank you to all his customers for their continuing support and welcomes all new customers. Some of his customers purchased Electrolux back in the 50's and have purchased new ones since he returned. Not only that, but many of the children and grandchildren of those customers have also purchased Electrolux from Mr. Mapes. He is an authorized Electrolux dealer who knows his product inside and out, so go by and see him or give him a call at 573-8105.

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Car wash killing trial underway

DALLAS (AP) — Mi-T-Fine manager Lance Turner says he always hesitates each morning before unlocking the doors to the Irving car wash.

He knows tragedy can strike instantly, as it did for Dennis Lee, the business' previous manager. Lee, 48, was among five employees killed March 20 in Irving's worst slayings. Another worker was severely injured in the shooting spree.

A former employee of the car wash, Robert Wayne Harris, has been charged in the five deaths and the separate slaying of an Irving woman.

Prosecutors will try Harris in the slayings of car wash employees Rhoda Wheeler, 45, and Augustin Villasenor, 36. Killing more than one person during the same crime allows prosecution under capital murder charges, and prosecutors said they'll seek the death penalty.

Opening statements were scheduled to begin Monday before state District Judge Karen Greene. The trial is expected to last two weeks.

Turner said many of his employees want to see Harris brought to justice.

"It's been difficult," he said. "You don't want to forget the people that died but you want closure. Everyone who died was a wonderful employee."

Also killed were Villasenor's brother, Benjamin Villasenor, 32; and Roberto Jimenez Jr., 17. Octavio Ramos, 36, was critically wounded and Harris has been indicted for his attempted capital murder.

Bush suggests 'recession' in education

AUSTIN (AP) — George W. Bush, opening a three-day West Coast swing, is suggesting the nation is in the grips of an "education recession" even as it enjoys good economic times.

Backed by Republican Party ads, the Texas governor planned to focus on his education proposals at stops in Oregon, Washington and California.

"I believe every child can learn and I refuse to accept excuses when they don't and so should our society," Bush said in an interview broadcast Monday on ABC's "Good Morning America." He stressed accountability for schools, while criticizing Democratic rival Al Gore's plan for government-financed preschool for children ages 3 to 6: "He doesn't have nearly enough money to make good on that promise."

While polls suggest Gore has a comfortable lead in California, Bush strategists see Oregon and Washington as in play.

Timed to coincide with Bush's trip is a new Republican National Committee ad citing low test scores, particularly in math and science. It implies that part of the blame rests with the Clinton-Gore administration. It also praises Bush's record in Texas.

The "education recession" ad will run in 17 states beginning later in the week, said Bush spokesman Ari Fleischer.

"Reading and math scores nationally have been declining for past ten years," Fleischer said. "There's a real worry in America about whether children will be safe in school."

Bush's trip includes an appearance Tuesday night on CNN's "Larry King Live." He began his day Monday on CBS' "The Early Show," where he attacked President Clinton's decision to release oil from the nation's strategic oil reserve in an effort to keep fuel prices down.

"The idea of taking reserves out of the strategic reserve is a bad idea because it could create a long-term security issue for the United States of America," Bush said.

Gore, speaking on NBC, rejected such criticism, saying, "I will not go along with the apologists for big oil and support an agenda that's all big oil, for big oil and by big oil."

For education, Bush has proposed a $47 billion, 10-year plan that would boost spending on literacy programs; college scholarships and give extra money to states that improve pupil achievement.

Gore outlines plan to add prescription drug coverage

WASHINGTON (AP) — In the campaign contest over specifics, Al Gore's latest offering is 74 pages outlining his plan to add prescription drug coverage to Medicare and safeguard its finances in "an ironclad lockbox."

The vice president held up his booklet before a TV camera Monday before starting a campaign swing through St. Petersburg, Fla., with his wife Tipper to promote it.

Gore told NBC's "Today" show his prescription plan was for all seniors, not just those with low incomes, and "they won't be forced to go through welfare offices as our opponent's plan would force them to do in many cases."

Dubbed "Medicare at the Crossroads," the book is a compilation of the Democratic presidential nominee's previously announced proposals plus new detail on how he would keep stabilize HMO participation in Medicare so that older Americans choosing managed care over the traditional Medicare fee-for-service plan will have reliable health coverage.

"Medicare faces insolvency unless we act now. I want to make a rock-solid commitment to Medicare," Gore told reporters Sunday. "The other side treats the surplus as a piggybank for a tax cut."

On Monday he added, "Both Social Security and Medicare in a Gore-Lieberman administration will be put into an ironclad lockbox," promising to veto any bill tapping into their financing.

Gore also defended the Clinton administration's decision to tap into strategic oil reserves to counter rising fuel prices, a move he publicly advocated. He said the price of crude had dropped since the plan was announced.

"We're not going to sit around and do nothing while consumers here are being charged these outrageously high prices," Gore said.

Republican nominee George W. Bush, interviewed on CBS' "The Early Show," called the plan "a bad idea" that carries national security risks.

Man's business, home damaged on Saturday

• ***Door, windows damaged***

A 911 call was received at the Law Enforcement Center at 7:21 a.m. Saturday reporting a break-in at the College Avenue Coin Laundry at 3906 College Avenue.

According to police reports, a door was forced open in the office area, but nothing appeared to have been taken.

Grahame Kerry owns the business.

A report for criminal mischief was also taken at Kerry's residence at 1622 Voss Lane as someone had broken windows on the back door.

• ***Shooting squirrels***

At 12:42 p.m. Saturday, a report was made of a subject in the 100 block of 23rd Street shooting squirrels. Officers contacted a man and advised him of the city ordinance against discharging a firearm in the city limits.

• ***Ornament stolen***

Jennifer Rodriguez notified police at 3:41 p.m. Saturday that someone had taken a large clay sun figurine from her residence at 3730 Austin.

• ***Bicycles stolen***

Shauna Jenkins reported the theft of two bicycles from 2112 28th Street at 1:59 p.m. Sunday.

• ***Domestic dispute***

A woman called contacted officers at 8 p.m. Sunday to report that her husband was threatening her at her residence in the 300 block of 34th Street. A report was filed for family violence.

• ***Wallet taken***

Margaret Arriga reported at 10:57 p.m. Sunday that her wallet had been stolen while she was at the Church of God.

• ***Arrests***

Two subjects were arrested at the Park Village Apartments at 1:31 a.m. Sunday. An 18-year-old woman was jailed for public intoxication and a 22-year-old woman was jailed for disorderly conduct/language.

At 3:01 a.m. Sunday, a 19-year-old man was taken into custody for the unlawful consumption of an alcoholic beverage by a minor.

A woman called police at 7:39 p.m. Sunday to report that a man was dragging a woman into an apartment in the 4400 block of Avenue U. Officers responded and arrested a 29-year-old man for Class A assault/family violence.

At 10:44 p.m. Sunday, a woman called police in reference to a man that she had a criminal trespass warning against being at her residence.

Officers took the 40-year-old man into custody for public intoxication and criminal trespass.

Obituaries

Leda Beck

1928-2000

Leda Jean Beck of Snyder died Sunday, Sept. 24, in Midland's Manor Park following a lengthy illness.

Leda Beck

Funeral service for Mrs. Beck, 72, is set for 2 p.m. Tuesday in the Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home Chapel. Dr. Tommy Culwell, pastor of Colonial Hill Baptist Church, will officiate. Burial will follow in Hillside Memorial Gardens.

Born May 27, 1928 in Vernon, she married Richard Beck on March 7, 1947 in Vernon. Mr. Beck died March 20, 1993.

A homemaker, Mrs. Beck was a member of the Colonial Hill Baptist Church and was active in the Scurry County Senior Center.

She also was preceded in death by two sisters, Lillian Hix and Catherine Flynn.

Survivors include a son, Johnny Beck of Midland; a daughter, Pamela Jean Ronemus of Midland; two sisters, Dorothy Roland of Canyon and Betty Kiselwick of Electra; two brothers, Jack Skipworth of Clyde and Kenneth Skipworth of Abilene; four grandchildren; Kristen LeMay of Buffalo Gap, Johna Swopes, Jeana Clary and Clint Beck, all of Midland; and three great-grandsons, Jaiden, Josh and C.W.; and a special friend, Manley Burrow of Snyder.

The family suggests memorials to the Hospice of Midland, P.O. Box 2621, Midland, 79702.

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Josie Martinez

1953-2000

PLAINVIEW – Josie "Cookie" Martinez, a native of Scurry County, died Friday, Sept. 22, in Covenant Hospital in Plainview.

Funeral service for Mrs. Martinez, 47, was set for 10 a.m. today in the Sacred Heart Catholic Church with the Rev. Elbert A. Fadallan, pastor, officiating. Burial was to follow in the Plainview Cemetery under the direction of Lemons Funeral Home.

Born Aug. 31, 1953 in Snyder, she had attended Plainview schools and was a Catholic.

Survivors include three daughters, Ramona Lopez, Crystal Martinez and Christina Martinez, all of Plainview; a son, Franky Martinez of Plainview; four brothers, Ray Martinez of Hereford, Danny Martinez of Olton, Johnny Martinez and Jesse Martinez, both of Plainview; three sisters, Janie Larsen and Lupe Arroyo, both of Plainview, and Patsy Hernandez of Midland; and four grandchildren.

Hospital

ADMISSIONS: Sept. 24—Walter Martin.

DISMISSALS: Marge Sealy.

CENSUS: 34 (Med./Surg.-7, Long-term Care-25, OB-1 and Nursery-1).

Births

William Jacob Pilgrim was born to Mark and Stacy Pilgrim of Kadena AB in Okinawa, Japan. William Jacob was born at 9:04 a.m. on Aug. 13 weighing five pounds, five ounces.

Maternal grandparents are Jerry and Paula Pace of Midland and Bobby and Denise Wright of Friendswood, all are formerly of Snyder. Paternal grandparents are Johnny and Jeanie Pilgrim of Mustang, Okla., also former Snyder residents.

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WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

Democratic Party meeting

The Scurry County Democratic Party will meet at 7 this evening in the county courtroom.

Ira Council for Excellence

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

Outreach night

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

Bible study tapes

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

West book fair

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

Cancer Society board meeting

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

East reading night

East Elementary family reading night is set from 6:30-8 o'clock Tuesday. Pizza and soft drinks will be served. Parents are encouraged to attend with their children. Childcare for pre-school is available.

Genealogical meeting

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

Ira picture day

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

Snyder Junior High open house

Snyder Junior High will have an open house Wednesday from 4-5:30 p.m. First six weeks report cards will be distributed to parents at that time. All parents are urged to attend to pick up report cards and visit with teachers.

WTC college fair

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

Joint class reunion

SHS classes of 1943, 1944 and 1945 will have a reunion Friday and Saturday. All events will take place at the Martha Ann Woman's Club. A social will be held Friday from 7:30-9:30 p.m., and a coffee will be held at 9 a.m. Saturday. A dinner is set for 6:30 p.m. Saturday.

Weigh Down registration

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

Lord's Acre fish fry

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

Chicken spaghetti supper

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

His Joy Ministries Conference

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

Museum needs holiday quilts

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

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 return materials so that others may check them out. If other hours are needed, contact the church at 573-3988.

Choir booster club memberships

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

Pick 3

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Saturday by the Texas Lottery, in order: 6-0-0

Lotto Texas

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Lotto Texas numbers drawn Saturday by the Texas Lottery: 8-9-15-36-39-53. Estimated Lotto Texas jackpot: $19 million.