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SISD may offer retirement incentives

By Joyce May
Staff Writer

In an attempt to find ways to reduce personnel costs in the Snyder Independent School District, administrators are formulating a plan that will offer an incentive for early retirement.

The idea was discussed in Saturday morning's goal-setting workshop, but specifics of the plan have not been developed and the matter will require formal board action.

Supt. Gayle Lomax said administrators should have a buy-out plan ready for board consideration by December or January.

The intention of such a plan is to offer incentives to teachers who have been with the district a set amount of time to take early retirement and then fill those positions with teachers who have 1 to 3 years experience.

"That would be ideal," Lomax said.

This, he said, would result in a reduction in personnel costs.

Levelland and Andrews have implemented similar plans and Lomax said SISD would be evaluating those districts.

"Levelland is seeing a recapture of dollars because of reduced personnel costs."

Asst. Supt. Lee McNair said there are 64 teachers in the district with 20 years experience and 18 with more than 30 years of experience.

He also said that the younger the group, the lower health insurance costs is expected to be.

Board member Janet Stribling expressed reservations about the plan, questioning what it would do to the quality of instruction in the district.

"Having a school full of inexperienced teachers does not excite me...paying people to leave may not be the answer," Stribling said.

Lomax said the goal was presented because of a need to reduce spending within the district.

"The goal is being brought to you because we have to look at areas where we can make budget cuts."

Board member Bill Moss said, "It is something we can look at because this is where a big chunk of our spending goes."

Another goal of the district is to conduct safety audits of a Violence Prevention Program that has been implemented for kindergarten through the 12th grade.

Lomax said administrators spent time this summer working with the Snyder Police Department, Scurry County Sheriff's Department, Snyder EMS and Cogdell Memorial Hospital to develop an immediate response plan.

The plan is now in place on all campuses and details what to do in emergencies ranging from fires to bomb threats.

"Secretaries, teachers and principals know exactly what to do in a given emergency," Lomax said. "We now have it written down and we have the very best thinking from [law enforcement and emergency personnel.]"

Beginning in October, unannounced safety checks will be conducted, Lomax said.

"How well we follow those directions will become very clear to us in October as we begin safety audits in our schools," he said.

Lomax said he anticipated conducting the safety audits the remainder of this school year.

"We won't be doing one a day, but once every two weeks or once a month we will be doing safety checks with the police, fire and sheriff's departments."

During the audits, Lomax said the type of situation will be announced, for example a bomb threat or fire, and auditors would then examine how well the response plan was carried out.

"There is a prescribed action for every one of those situations. We will announce what the given situation is and then sit back and take notes to see how well everyone responds to the prescribed situation," Lomax said.

The auditors will also evaluate how well the kids respond.

Lomax said he didn't see the district doing a SWAT team-type scenario as some schools across the nation have done.

"I don't see us doing a SWAT team, but we may do a full-blown enactment. Those details have yet to be worked out," he said.

"I can tell you it will be a day where children are not at school. It would be for the benefit of administrators and teachers."

Another goal the district has set for the 1999-2000 school year is to achieve recognized/exemplary accreditation status on all campuses.

In 1998-1999, Central, Stanfield and Northeast received the exemplary rating.

Other goals include continuing a reduction of workers compensation claims and the continuation of the Wellness Program.

As part of the Wellness Program, flu shots are given free of charge to all employees and their spouses.

In addition, health screenings are provided and the district pays a portion of employees' membership to Tiger Health and Fitness if employees attend regularly.

In the 1999-2000 school year, the district also plans to maintain a document that identifies initiatives, programs and services for students in at-risk situations, this would include pregnancy-related services.

Other goals include implementing a vocational/career counseling strand in grades kindergarten-12th, expanding play counseling services for grades K-6th, and implementing a revised human sexuality curriculum for grades 5th-12th.

In the area of technology and potential Y2K problems, the district has set a goal to complete a collection of compliance inquiry letters and to complete equipment testing for Y2K compliance.

The district also hopes to complete a Wide Area Network (WAN) using fiber optic cabling and Microsoft NT 4.0 software.

This will include extending fiber connections to the high school and providing T1 connections at Stanfield and Central.

In continuation of a goal set and met last year, SISD will continue to take measures to ensure the quality of the district's special needs programs.

Asst. Supt. Dr. Missy Jones said this would be an unending goal.

It involves continuing staff-development for special education teachers, counselors and aides, she noted.

Also listed among the district's goals for the school year is a plan to catalog campus site licenses of computer software.

Dr. Jones said this will allow the district to know what software it has and where it is located.

Mark McCormick presided at the session and other trustees in attendance were Luann Burleson, Richard Chambers, Mike Levens, Stribling and Moss. Glenn Clarady was absent.



BUSY QUILTERS — Viola Stone, Edna Laster, Cary Patrick and Thadine Harless are faithful quilters at the Senior Center where preparations are being made to share talents at the White Buffalo Day Quilt Exhibition on Oct. 2 in the Dermott School, hosted by the Senior Center. Old, new, embroidered or appliqued may be displayed with information concerning the quilt. Registration deadline is noon Friday by calling 573-4035. (SDN Staff Photo)

Gov. Bush urges Barnes to tell truth about help

JONES CREEK (AP) — Gov. George W. Bush urged former Lt. Gov. Ben Barnes to tell the truth in a deposition today if questions surfaced about how the Republican presidential candidate got into the Texas National Guard.

"I think everybody ought to tell the truth when they're being deposed," Bush said today in a Brazoria County appearance. "I'm confident he will."

Barnes' testimony was scheduled to be taken by lawyers for former Texas Lottery Executive Director Lawrence Littwin.

They want to know whether Barnes helped Bush become a stateside fighter pilot during the height of the Vietnam War.

"I'm not sure what Ben Barnes is going to say," Bush said. "But I know what the facts are. When I got into the National Guard over 30 years ago, they were looking for pilots. And I proudly served in the Guard.

"I never asked anybody to ask me, and neither did my dad."

Littwin has sued GTECH Corp., the state's lottery operator, alleging the company is to blame for his firing in 1997 after four months on the job.

According to court records, Littwin's lawyers want to question Barnes, a former GTECH lobbyist, about whether GTECH was allowed to keep its lucrative state contract in exchange for Barnes' silence about the Guard matter.

Bush, Barnes and GTECH have denied that scenario.

However, the Bush camp was aware a year ago, during the gubernatorial campaign, that the issue could become important.

Midland businessman Donald L. Evans, then chairman of Bush's reelection bid, said he went to Barnes in September 1998 to investigate allegations made in "an anonymous letter floating around."

The letter alleged that Bush's father, then a Houston congressman, had solicited the influence of Barnes, who was speaker of the Texas House, Evans said.

"I'm a straightforward businessman and I like to know the facts; I'm not interested in rumors or innuendoes," he told The Associated Press. "Ben's a friend of mine, so I went to Ben."

Evans said Barnes told him nobody in the Bush family, including his father, had asked for such help.

However, Barnes said he recalled a Houston businessman, whose name was not mentioned, may have brought up the younger Bush's desire to enter the Guard.

Evans said Sunday night that he met with Barnes on his own initiative and that he was only interested in the issue coming up during the gubernatorial campaign.

"It didn't have anything to do with a possible presidential race at all," Evans said. "He (Bush) hadn't even thought of it (running for president) at that time; he was running for governor."



Former vice president Quayle quits 2000 presidential race

WASHINGTON (AP) — Dan Quayle, the former vice president who hoped to overcome long odds and ridicule to step up to the Republican presidential nomination in 2000, is giving up his White House dreams.

Campaign officials said Sunday night that Quayle planned to drop out of the race today during a Phoenix, Ariz., news conference. They called Quayle the latest victim of George W. Bush's GOP juggernaut.

Quayle's departure winnows the GOP field to eight major Republican candidates, and will increase speculation about the finance and political health of the remaining contenders. There is already turbulence within the nomination race.

Arizona Sen. John McCain, who has made inroads against Bush in New Hampshire, is formally kicking off his campaign today. Conservative commentator Pat Buchanan is on the brink of bolting the GOP to seek the Reform Party nomination.

Elizabeth Dole, who traveled the world when she headed the American Red Cross, was planning a speech today to outline her foreign policy views.

Millionaire Steve Forbes and activist Gary Bauer, meanwhile, have been positioning themselves as the only true conservatives in the race. They are most likely to pick up Quayle supporters.

Quayle's advisers said the former vice president decided to quit this weekend after consulting with his wife, Marilyn, and campaign manager Kyle McSlarrow.

The braintrust determined that Quayle could not raise enough money to compete deep into the primary season, even if he fared well in New Hampshire, the first-in-the-nation primary state. Bush, a two-term Texas governor and GOP front-runner, has topped $50 million — five times that of his nearest challenger.

Quayle, 52, has been running a debt since early in the campaign.

"I think the reality just hit home that this wasn't to be," said former Sen. Dan Coats, a fellow Indiana Republican and Quayle supporter.

Buffalo festival features music

Fiddles, guitars, singers, cowboys, horses, red beans and just about anything else western will be on display next weekend at the annual White Buffalo Festival.

A highlight of the event will be the fiddlin' contest under the tent adjacent to Scurry County Coliseum. The grand champion fiddler will be recognized with a championship belt buckle and the accompanist will take home a $100 bill.

The fiddlers will be joined under the tent with other Western music artists and cowboy poets.

A ranch rodeo is planned for both Friday and Saturday nights, plus a ranch horse show will be held Saturday morning.

A team roping is scheduled Saturday morning as well, at the Scurry County roping arena on Gary Brewer Rd.

The festival parade will start at Winston Park at 10 a.m. Saturday and travel east on 37th Street to the coliseum. Vendors will open their booths at 6 p.m. Friday and again Saturday morning at 10 o'clock.

The festival recognizes J. Wright Mooar, a noted Scurry County buffalo hunter.

Mooar killed a rare white buffalo near Snyder in 1876.

ASK US

Q-Has the Scurry County Museum selected its commemorative Christmas ornament for this year?

A-Yes. The ornaments feature a drawing of the old Hermleigh Hotel. It is available in the museum's gift shop.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Saturday, 91 degrees; low, 63; high Sunday, 94 degrees; low, 64; 7 a.m. Monday, 72; no precipitation; total for 1999, 21.14 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, increasing clouds, 20% chance of storms. Low, upper 50s. SE winds 5-15 mph, becoming NE around midnight. Tuesday, cloudy.



Matthew Garcia
Chance of Storms

Sunset:
7:34 p.m.
Sunrise:
7:35 a.m.
Of 269 days in 1999, the sun has shone 262 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

The very essence of leadership is having vision.
—Father Theodore Hesburg

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'West Nile-like' virus killed victim in NYC

NEW YORK (AP) — The West Nile encephalitis virus — not the St. Louis variety — has caused at least one of the three deaths in New York City, the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention says.

Barbara Reynolds, a spokeswoman for the CDC, said Sunday their scientists have finished analyzing the DNA of one of the victims of the mysterious mosquito-borne virus in recent weeks.

"We were able to identify West Nile-like virus," she said. "We're using the work 'like' to indicate that we still have some more work to do to determine if it is a variation on the strain of West Nile or a new virus."

Health officials said last week that a virus believed to be West Nile had been found in dead birds in the metropolitan region. Reynolds said the West Nile virus is usually found in Africa and Europe, never in America..

Scientists were checking to see if it was that virus, rather than St. Louis encephalitis, that killed the two other victims and sickened 15 others in New York City and in Westchester County.



Jody Nelson

Jody Nelson named CFO at Patterson

Jody Nelson is the new chief financial officer at Patterson Energy, replacing James Brown.

"I'm excited about the opportunities of my new position and being associated with the upper management of Patterson Energy," he said.

Nelson received a degree in accounting from Texas Tech University in August, 1991.

He was then employed as a public accountant for Coopers & Lybrand in Dallas where he worked approximately 2½ years on the Patterson Energy Account.

Nelson came to work as corporate controller for Patterson Energy in May 1996 and officially assumed the roles of CFO on June 1, 1999.

A 1987 graduate of Littlefield High School, Nelson was valedictorian of his class.

He and his wife, Hillary, have a 3½-year-old son, Redge.

"I will endeavor to maintain the same level of integrity that my predecessor James Brown contributed to the financial representation of the company," Nelson added.



VISIT FAIR — Nancy Candanoza's four-year-olds at Children's Day Out won a first place ribbon for their art entry at the Scurry County fair. Front row, from left, Boomer Fowler, Logan Perry, Loran Perry and Mason Tabor; back row, Kaley Cantrell, Tanner Cooley, Mara Bland, Elizabeth Brunson, Zachary Davis, Samantha Bass, David Woolridge, Will Stephens. (Contributed Photo)



APPLE TREES — Evelyn Liccardi's three-year-olds at Children's Day Out are standing in front of the apple trees they made which won second place at the county fair. Back row, from left, Sloan Boren, Rowdy Mhoon, Chance Rodgers, Allie Claxton, Kaleb Derryberry and Nathan von Roeder; front row, Jared Smith, Brett Sorrells, Kutter Derryberry. Brienna Chavez is not pictured. (Contributed Photo)

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Tuesday, Sept. 28, 1999

In the year ahead, you may start to cultivate contacts who could be helpful in achieving a secret ambition you've nurtured for the past couple of years. With them, your hopes can come to pass.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) If you needlessly burden an influential contact of yours today who has helped you previously, you could sever a good relationship you have going with this person. Be considerate. 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) Avoid last minute revisions today on things you've previously taken ample time to think things through simply to appease another. It could gum up the works for everybody.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Don't attempt to do anything single-handed today that you know going in requires an additional pair of hands. Be sensible about what you can and cannot do unaided.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Treat important matters seriously today, but avoid getting uptight about situations that are truly insignificant or frivolous. Don't sweat the small stuff.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) A disagreement with your mate could arise today over a self-serving reason. Stop and think about what the dispute is all about before you make a big stink about anything.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Be careful what you voice about someone with whom you're not too impressed, because it could get repeated to the object of your criticism. Keep mum if you can't say something nice.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Hard work pays off exceptionally well for you today, but it could all be for naught if you allow extravagant whims eat up that which you've accumulated.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Square pegs never fit into round holes, so don't attempt to force people into some type of pigeon hole simply to be expeditious in achieving something you want. You'll be the loser.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Don't allow a glib, fast talking person snow you under today with flimsy promises she or he never intends to keep. Stand up for your rights and get your just dues now.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) There are indications you could get drawn into something today that would benefit others but not you. Be wary of getting dragged into an involvement that does not serve your interests.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Make a concerted effort today not to take yourself or the comments of others too seriously. You could be rather vulnerable where your pride or ego is concerned.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) If you do not avoid actions that are rash or impulsive today, you could encounter several complications that would be the result of your own doing. Take things slow and easy.

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Energy secretary will advise Clinton to sign defense bill

WASHINGTON (AP) — Energy Secretary Bill Richardson said Sunday he will recommend President Clinton sign a $288.9 billion defense bill, satisfied about resolving concerns over a new nuclear weapons agency and a department reorganization.

Congress last week overwhelmingly agreed to the changes, which came in response to months of allegations about Chinese espionage at the nation's nuclear weapons laboratories.

The reorganization was in a defense bill that raises military pay and offers a 4.4 percent across-the-board increase in Pentagon spending, including more money for military housing and hardware.

"It's critical that the troops get their pay raise and ... this is an important national security bill," Richardson said in a telephone interview.

"I believe we can interpret the provisions so there are clear lines of responsibility and the secretary is in charge and we protect our national security."

Oil News

Nolan County

Chisholm Exploration will drill the No. 2 Adkins, a 6,400-foot wildcat located 16 miles southeast of Sweetwater. Drill site is in Section 57, Block 19, T&P survey.

Date Book

Monday, Sept. 27, 1999

Today is the 270th day of 1999 and the fifth day of fall.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1912, W.C. Handy's composition "Memphis Blues" was first published.

On this day in 1954, "Tonight," with Steve Allen as host, debuted on NBC television.

On this day in 1964, the Warren Commission issued a report concluding that Lee Harvey Oswald acted alone in assassinating President John F. Kennedy.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Samuel Adams (1722-1803), Revolutionary War patriot; Thomas Nast (1840-1902), cartoonist; Louis Auchincloss (1917-), writer, is 82; William Conrad (1920-1994), actor; Arthur Penn (1922-), director, is 77; Wilford Brimley (1934-), actor, is 65; Meat Loaf (1947-), singer, is 52; Mike Schmidt (1949-), baseball great, is 50.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1950, boxer Ezzard Charles won the heavyweight title by defeating Joe Louis in 15 rounds in New York City.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Driven from every other corner of the earth, freedom of thought and the right of private judgment in matters of conscience direct their course to this happy country as their last asylum." — Samuel Adams

TODAY'S MOON: Between full moon (Sept. 25) and last quarter (Oct. 2).

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Gunmen's memorial trees cut down

LITTLETON, Colo. (AP) — Parents of Columbine High School shooting victims chopped down two of 15 memorial trees to protest the inclusion of the gunmen's families, according to two newspapers.

The felling of the two 10-foot linden trees occurred during a rally Sunday at the West Bowles Community Church, The Denver Post and Denver Rocky Mountain News reported today.

The 15 trees had been planted about two weeks ago by church members in an effort to pay tribute to the families of all who died in the April 20 massacre, including the parents of the gunmen.

Eric Harris and Dylan Klebold killed 12 students and a teacher before committing suicide during the rampage at Columbine.

About 50 sign-toting protesters gathered Sunday to affix 13 of the trees with names of the shooting victims. Then they watched silently as the two trees left nameless were cut down by Al Velasquez and Rich Petrone, whose son and stepson, respectively, were killed in the massacre, the newspapers said.

Cheers resounded as the trees fell.

"It makes me sick to even have to hear the names Klebold and Harris in the same sentence as my kid," said Velasquez, whose son, Kyle, was killed in the assault.

Petrone, stepfather of slain student Daniel Rohrbough, said the church "can honor murderers, but they're not going to honor Dan with them."

No arrests were made. Jefferson County authorities declined comment. Church youth group members replanted the trees after the protest concluded.

Previously, church officials had sent a letter to the Rohrbough family justifying their decision and saying that "hate is our true enemy," the Post reported.

One member of the West Bowles congregation said the memorial was misinterpreted.

"This isn't for the two students that perpetrated this," said Mark Albers. "This is for their families. I don't think people understand that."

In May, members of the Rohrbough family destroyed two of 15 crosses erected in tribute to all who died at Columbine.

Three from Snyder earn Tech degrees

LUBBOCK — More than 870 students at Texas Tech University received degrees during the 1999 summer commencement exercises.

Graduating students include Jennifer Denise Beard, master of science in agricultural education; Leslie Brooke Lowrance, bachelor of business administration in marketing; and Ava Joyce Russell, master of arts and master of science in mathematics.

Hart planning unusual revenge

NEW YORK (AP) — Melissa Joan Hart says she's planning an unusual form of revenge against a certain New York nightclub.

"I hate the doorman; he never lets me in," Ms. Hart says in the Oct. 2 issue of TV Guide. So, she said, she's planning to buy the unnamed nightclub.

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Fair art show winners listed

There were 207 entries in the art show of the Scurry County Fair.

Rachel Martin was named Best of Show, professional, while Jack Price was named Best of Show for non-professionals.

Leah Williams received Best of Show for high school and junior high, while Aubrey Jones was named Best of Show for the pre-school to grade six division.

Other winners include:

Profesional watercolor:
1. Rachel Martin
2. Paul Hudgins
3. La Verne Lee
Honorable mention: Myrtle Joiner
Professional drawing:
1. Rachel Martin
Professional oils:
1. Jay Huckabee
Honorable mention: Jay Huckabee
Non-professional oils:
1. Marion Bullock
2. Jack Price
3. Jess Everett
Honorable mention: Marion Bullock
Non-professional watercolor
1. Jack Price
2 & 3. Leada Wood
Non-professional miscellaneous:
1, 2, 3. Nellie Faye Gardner
Non-professional photography:
1. Susan Miller
2. Sonny Greenfield
3. Nettie Faye Gardner
High school photography
1, 2, 3. Leah Williams
Junior high photography
1, 2, 3. Amanda Whitson
Grades 4-6 watercolor
1. Aubrey Jones
Grades 1-3 watercolor
1, 3. Meagan Downing
Grades 1-3 drawing
2. Megan Downing
Grades 1-3 collage
1. Meghan Cooley
2. Chloe Reecer
3. Meagan Downing
Honorable mention: Jake Riley
Pre-school collage
1. Brenon Rhodes
1. Patrick Haggard
Pre-school watercolor
1. Morgan Raschke
Mrs. Kidd's kids; West Elementary
1. Jimmy Walls
2. Rebekah Brown
3. Christian Kuliga
Honorable mention; Marc Fisk and Jonathan Epperson.

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Busybodies Frustrate Worker Who Wants to Be Left Alone

by Abigail Van Buren

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DEAR ABBY: My co-workers are so nosy they're driving me crazy. When I go into my boss's office to talk to him, my co-workers pump me with remarks like, "Oh, you had to talk with the boss," in an effort to get me to disclose the reason for the conference. When I am at the copier, these busybodies pop over to see what I am copying. If they don't get what they came for, they'll follow me into my office.

If I stay in my office to complete a project by the deadline, they come in and ask things like, "Are you hiding?" or, "Why are you so quiet today?"

Abby, do you know what it's like to constantly be asked what you are doing? How can I get my co-workers out of my hair?

FRUSTRATED IN OKLAHOMA

DEAR FRUSTRATED: Rather than taking it personally and allowing yourself to be put on the defensive, try to be more tolerant. Coming into your office to see why you are so quiet could be considered a friendly gesture.

Your co-workers could be motivated by curiosity or nosiness, have too much time on their hands, or be nursing a guilt complex that makes them fearful of any private conversation between the boss and a co-worker. You'd be ahead to just laugh it off rather than take it seriously — because they probably do it to each other, too.

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DEAR ABBY: I am writing in response to your advice for the woman in Sacramento, Calif., whose husband of four years spends hours with, and buys gifts for, his former wife. She stated that she is unhappy, fearful of him, and is nothing more than his housekeeper.

Please tell this woman about an organization in Sacramento called WEAVE (Women Escaping A Violent Environment). They will assist her with shelter, care, legal issues and support.

This woman needs to get out now, and present that worthless, selfish husband of hers a bill for the years of maid service she has provided him. This is not a normal marriage. She deserves to be happy with someone who appreciates her.

BEEN THERE, DONE THAT
IN SANTA ANA, CALIF.

DEAR B.T.D.T.: I agree this is not a normal marriage and the woman deserves a mate who will appreciate her. I was not aware there was an organization that would help women who have been threatened by their spouses — but who had not yet been battered.

When I spoke to a staff member at WEAVE, she informed me that they do help women who are suffering from emotional and verbal abuse — and that all domestic abuse organizations will help victims of *any* type of abuse. The National Domestic Violence Hotline, (800) 799-7233, will refer callers to an organization in their local area.

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DEAR ABBY: Thank you for pointing out to "My Kid's Mom" that "bigotry is alive and well in every community because it seems that some people have a need to feel superior."

No man should have a "need to feel superior," Abby. The words of the late Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. come to mind and are worth repeating:

"Every man is somebody because he is a child of God."

ARTHUR H. PRINCE, Ph.D.,
MEMPHIS, TENN.

DEAR DR. PRINCE: And so is every woman. Thanks for a terrific quote.

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

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

09-27-99

North
♠ A 7 3 2
♥ Q 5
♦ Q 4 2
♣ 10 8 6 4

West
♠ J 10 9 8 4
♥ J 3
♦ 10 8
♣ J 7 5 3

East
♠ K 6
♥ A 10 8 6
♦ K J 7 6 3
♣ Q 2

South
♠ Q 5
♥ K 9 7 4 2
♦ A 9 5
♣ A K 9

Vulnerable: Neither
Dealer: East

South	West	North	East
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Dbl.	Pass	1 ♠	Pass
2 ♥	Pass	3 ♣	Pass
3 NT	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♦ 10

On the final deal

There are days when nothing goes right, but to balance the books, as it were, there are also days when everything works out perfectly. Before the last day — two matches to be played — at the European Women's Team Championship in Malta last June, Britain was 32.5 victory points behind Austria, with only 25 points available in a match. Apparently Britain had no chance to retain its title. Yet in the penultimate round, Austria was beaten 5-25 by Germany, while Britain crushed Spain 25-2. Better than nothing, but when the final board of the final match was played, Britain had to gain six international matchpoints to win the gold medal. Here is the fateful deal.

In the other room, the British South, Nicola Smith, made a sensible one-heart overcall. That was passed out, and Smith scrambled seven tricks for plus 80.

The Belgian South overbid by doubling before showing her anemic heart suit.

West led the diamond 10: queen, king, ace. A heart to the queen and ace was followed by a diamond to South's nine. If declarer had played on clubs, she would have won seven tricks and Britain would have gained only five IMPs — not enough. Instead, though, she cashed just the club ace before continuing with the king and another heart.

East, Heather Dhondy, cashed her diamond winners, causing South some discomfort. When declarer threw a club and a heart, Dhondy took her remaining heart winner before exiting with the club queen. East had to win another trick with the spade king for three down and a gain of exactly six IMPs. Britain had won!

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CEO leaving cafe

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — The chief executive of Hard Rock Cafe International Inc. is leaving the company to become the top executive at one of the nation's largest time-share operators.

James Berk said Friday he will assume his new post at Fairfield Communities Inc. in mid-October. He will succeed Jack McConnell, who will remain as a senior adviser.

Pete Beaudrault, Hard Rock's chief operating officer, replaces Berk at the restaurant and entertainment company, which is owned by London-based Rank Group PLC and has 104 restaurants worldwide.

Fairfield, which manages time-share properties at 26 locations in 11 states and the Bahamas, moved its headquarters to Orlando in May from Little Rock, Ark.



MAKE A COUNTRY — Hermleigh fifth graders who recently made imaginary countries include from left, Alicia Culp, Jeff Bilbrey, Brittany Kelley. (Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

Get students through ninth grade to keep them in school

EL PASO (AP) — Texas education officials have pinpointed the ninth grade as the as the 'unkept secret' to the state's dropout problem, according to a recent report.

In other words, kids who don't make it through ninth grade in one year are more than twice as likely to quit school, said officials with the Texas Education Agency, which conducted the analysis.

"We know that's where the bubble is," TEA spokeswoman Debbie Graves Ratcliffe told the El Paso Times in today's editions. "It looks like 18 percent of the students are retained at ninth grade."

The study also found that one of every six ninth-graders has to repeat one or more courses to reach 10th grade.

The Legislature has already taken notice of the problem, the paper said, by creating an $85 million grant fund in June for the Ninth Grade Success Initiative.

The fund allows school districts, through a competitive process, to tap in to pay for special programs aimed at reducing dropout rates.

The initiative also raises the age that students must remain in school from 16 to 18.

Ten other states have done the same.

David D. Anderson, TEA's coordinator for curriculum and professional development, said in the first eight years of schooling, students are promoted from grade to grade based on performance and the subjective recommendations of teachers.

But he said a world of change awaits newly-minted ninth graders, who must complete a preset number of classes — counted through school's credit system — to move on.

"In first grade, the parent, teacher and principal will sit down and talk about why a child needs to be retained," Anderson said. "But in ninth, students are not promoted because they don't have enough credits."

In terms of academics, failing first-year algebra is the No. 1 reason ninth-graders are held back, according to the TEA.

But some students who have dropped out point to drugs, the violent atmosphere in big-city high schools and an apathy about school work and the ability to succeed.

"The main reason for dropping out in my opinion was because of the drugs going around, and ditching," said William Winslet, a 19-year-old El Paso-area student.

He repeated ninth grade and dropped out in 11th before enrolling at Ysletas Plato Academy in January.

"The second time I was going to ninth grade, I was doing just as bad," Winslet said. "I was just mad because I didn't go up, and I thought, Ah, who cares? I'm not going to make it anyway.."

Principals and counselors say ninth-graders who fail are usually behind their classmates in math and language skills and haven't developed study skills.

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SPORTS

Lady Tigers keep perfect 5-4A mark

BIG SPRING — With their victory Saturday over Big Spring, the Snyder Lady Tigers remained perfect in district play and set up a showdown with the Lake View Maidens.

After dropping the first game on Saturday, the Lady Tigers came back to notch a 14-16, 15-9, 15-13 win over Big Spring.

The victory improves Snyder's mark to 3-0 in 5-4A action, and keeps it tied atop the district standings with Lake View. The Lady Tigers and the Maidens square off Tuesday in San Angelo in a battle for league supremacy.

"I'm very proud of the way the girls battled back," Snyder coach Patty Grimmett said. "They didn't hang their heads after that first game. We had a lot of hitting errors in the first game, then after we calmed down we were fine.

After the close setback in Game 1 on Saturday, Snyder turned to its strengths in the second game. Kameron Kallemeyn, Tessa Hildebrand and Ashley Delce led the Lady Tigers' attack at the net, while Christy Tomlinson and Christina Holder held down the back-row defense.

Kallemeyn finished with nine kills, while Hildebrand tallied eight and Delce totaled seven. The net powers also combined for 14 blocks, with 10 of them coming from Delce.

Kristin Martinez paced the Lady Tigers from the service line, accounting for 13 points in the match that included five aces.

In other action around the district on Saturday, Lake View shredded Andrews, 15-4, 15-0, while Fort Stockton knocked off Sweetwater, 15-8, 8-15, 15-6.

"I think a key for us against Lake View will be to give them as much offense as we are capable of," Grimmett said. "They are a very good team offensively, and we have to try to match them."

Tuesday's match is scheduled for 6 p.m. at Lincoln Junior High School.

Snyder def. Big Spring 14-16, 15-9, 15-13

Snyder service points: Martinez, 13; Holder, 12; Hildebrand and Tomlinson, 6; Kallemeyn, 4; Eicke, 2. **Kills:** Kallemeyn, 9; Hildebrand, 8; Delce, 7; Holder and Best, 5; Geiger, 4; Martinez, 1. **Blocks:** Delce, 10; Geiger, 5; Kallemeyn and Hildebrand, 2; Holder, 1. **Digs:** Tomlinson, 6; Holder and Hildebrand, 5; Kallemeyn, 4; Eicke, 3; Best, 2; Mackey and Webb, 1.

Rangers clinch AL West title

ARLINGTON (AP) — The Texas Rangers finally clinched the AL West on their own, and they did it in grand style.

Rafael Palmeiro hit Texas' second grand slam in as many games, powering the Rangers to a 10-3 victory over the Oakland Athletics on Sunday that sealed their second straight division title and third in four years.

Texas finished off second-place Oakland with a weekend sweep that enabled the Rangers to celebrate on their own field for the first time. Another first was doing it with a victory; Texas learned it had clinched in 1996 and '98 during games they lost.

"This is probably the best way to do it," a soaking-wet Palmeiro said in the locker room as bench coach Bucky Dent handed him a victory cigar. "It's nice for the fans to see what it's like. Hopefully we can do it twice more."

The Rangers are on course for a first-round meeting with the New York Yankees, the only team they've ever played in the postseason. New York has won six of seven against Texas and gone on to win the World Series both times.

This time, though, the Rangers are prepared.

"Absolutely," said Juan Gonzalez, who had three hits and drove in two runs. "Because we're a better team."

The partying began as soon as pitcher Mike Venafro stepped on first base with the final out. Everyone from the dugout and bullpen rushed to the field and gathered near the mound as a flag reading: "Texas Rangers 1999 AL West Champions" was unfurled from the center-field scoreboard.

Behind second base, the three outfielders gathered with middle infielders Royce Clayton and Mark McLemore. Instead of their usual postgame handshakes, they spontaneously locked arms around each other's shoulders and began dancing in circles.

"You never like to see a celebration at your expense," Oakland's Randy Velarde said. "On the other hand, the Rangers deserve it. We made mistakes and they got after us pretty good."

The plastic-protected clubhouse was filled with the usual champagne showers and beer baths, even for manager Johnny Oates and team owner Tom Hicks, who slipped a Rangers AL West champions T-shirt over his shirt and tie. The team's video coaches ran around with video cameras to capture the fun.

It was a bit exuberant for a team that's won three division titles in four years but has just one playoff win.

But part of the joy was relief from a team that came into the series in an offensive funk and having lost four of five to teams with losing records.

The Rangers snapped out in a big way, outscoring the A's 32-11. They scored at least four runs in five innings and got victories from their starters in all three games.

"When you walked into this clubhouse Friday, you could feel the intensity and see it in the eyes of players," said Todd Zeile, who hit a grand slam Saturday and had a two-run homer Sunday that was the big blast until Palmeiro's slam. "We were anxious to take care of business."

Oakland's lost weekend also put it on the verge of being eliminated from the wild-card race. Boston's magic number dropped to two despite the Red Sox losing 8-5 to Baltimore.

"We had a good year," A's outfielder Matt Stairs said. "But the Rangers kicked our butts."

The A's, whose four-game losing skid is their longest since June, got behind 1-0 nine pitches into the bottom of the first when Rusty Greer singled between the legs of starter Kevin Jarvis (0-1). Juan Gonzalez followed with an RBI single.

Zeile's homer capped a four-run fourth inning and knocked out Jarvis, who had been recalled from Triple-A Vancouver to make his first big-league start since August 1997.

The 6-1 lead was more than enough, but Palmeiro added the final touch an inning later when he his 46th homer drilled the right-field foul pole and ricocheted onto the field.

Palmeiro, who upped his RBI total to 146, calmly trotted the bases and accepted congratulations from teammates without much fuss after his third grand slam of the year. The crowd of 38,656 remained on their feet until he climbed to the top step of the dugout and waved his batting helmet.

Esteban Loiaza (9-5) worked out of his only jam in the third and lasted seven innings in his best outing in a month. Loiaza, who had lost four of his last five starts, allowed one run, four hits and struck out seven.

Jason Giambi had an RBI single off Loaiza and Ben Grieve hit a two-run homer off reliever Jeff Zimmerman in the eighth.

In 1996, the Rangers were in the 13th inning of a 15-inning loss to the Angels when they got word that second-place Seattle had lost. Because of the bizarre ending, there was no all-out, on-field party.

Last year, Texas came off the field after the eighth inning of a 15-4 loss in Seattle to learn that Anaheim had lost, sealing the division crown.

Milwaukee pummels Houston; Astros searching for answers

MILWAUKEE (AP) — How do the Houston Astros snap out of the funk that has imperiled their NL Central Division lead?

"We've got to keep playing. That's the only thing you can do," Carl Everett said Sunday after an 11-3 loss to the Milwaukee Brewers. "It's baseball. Everybody else has to play. You can't make any excuses for us not scoring runs. You just have to keep going after it."

Coupled with Cincinnati's win over St. Louis, the Astros' loss cut their lead over the Reds to a half game.

Losses in six of nine games on Houston's road trip, including two straight to lowly Milwaukee, cut the lead by three game. But the Astros can right themselves in games at home Tuesday and Wednesday against the Reds.

"Unless we can turn it around and have a good homestand, it's going to be a very disappointing season," manager Larry Dierker said.

Marquis Grissom went 4-for-6 with a homer and five RBIs and rookie Kyle Peterson got the win in a game in which the Brewers were the more aggressive team.

Interim manager Jim Lefebvre, whose club is mired in its seventh straight losing season, said his club was up for a series that meant something.

"That's what a pennant race is all about," he said. "It's pressure. we just caught them on the downside and took advantage of it. They're a good ballclub, they're just struggling right now. But we played good ball, so let's give credit to our guys. We took two out of three from them."

Dierker said the trip saw the Astros "beaten by a lot of guys with bad records. And our guys who have good records haven't won a game. In a blowout, the losing team always looks sluggish and uninspired. You get way behind and you lose some of that intensity."

It was a rout because Peterson (3-7), who lost to Houston in his first career start on Aug. 16, allowed two runs and seven hits in six innings, while Houston's Scott Elarton (9-5) struggled, giving up five runs and seven hits in 2 2-3 innings, his shortest outing since becoming a starter July 3. The Astros bullpen also caved in.

Dierker, however, was not impressed with Peterson or home plate umpire Brian Runge.

"I'd like to face him again tomorrow," Dierker said. "I thought he had good control and a good changeup, but he didn't throw very hard. He's not the kind of guy who will overpower you. Our guys should have been able to do something with him."

Of Runge's calls, Dierker said, "It was the most imaginative interpretation of the strike zone I've seen all year."

Houston pitchers allowed six walks.

The Brewers, meanwhile, feasted on Houston pitching for 11 hits. The most damaging hitter was Grissom, whose bases-loaded double in the second inning cleared the bases and gave Milwaukee a 4-0 lead.

Grissom also hit his 19th homer of the season in the fifth and added a two-run double in the seventh.

Grissom, a veteran of pennant races, said the Brewers might have done the Astros a favor.

'I think we can get them ready, to let them know any game is going to be tough," he said. "Every game is going to be tough all the way to the end."

Jeff Cirillo also drove in two runs with a home run in the third, his 14th, and an RBI single in the seventh.

Bill Spiers, attacked Friday night by a fan who ran onto the field during the game, also said the Astros have themselves to blame for losing.

Pinson powers JV to victory

SEMINOLE — Wade Pinson helped make sure Snyder wouldn't get scalped by the Indians.

Pinson scored his third touchdown of the night on a 75-yard kickoff return to lift Snyder past Seminole, 28-25, Thursday in junior varsity action.

Pinson opened the scoring for Snyder with a 62-yard run. Brooks Nunley threw to Ricki Dorsett for the two-point conversion.

T.J. Cagle was the next Tiger to find the endzone, when he plunged in from two yards out. This time Nunley hit Rudy Deanda for the conversion.

Pinson posted Snyder's final two scores, sprinting in from 37 yards out, before the long kickoff return.

Snyder will be in action again Thursday when it hosts Sweetwater at 6:30.

Wall lifts Ira JH to 58-51 win

Jess Wall scored seven touchdowns Thursday to help lift Ira Junior High past All Saints, 58-51.

Wall finished the night with 261 yards rushing, and added another 180 yards and two touchdowns on kickoff returns.

Jake Barnes hauled in a pair of TD receptions. Barnes grabbed an 18-yard Wall spiral, before catching a 20-yard strike from Wesley Kellner.

Defensively, the Bulldogs were led by Bryson Higgins who had 10 tackles. Barnes and Nathan Wilkins had nine tackles apiece.

SDN Sports Briefs

WGA weekly play day

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

Men's flag football

Snyder Men's Flag Football League is looking for teams in Snyder and surrounding towns. Registration fee is $200 per team. For more information, call Earl Ware at 563-0800 or Chad Welch at 573-6058.

Ira game time changed

The Ira Bulldogs' game at Midland Trinity on Friday has been moved from 5:30 to 7 p.m.

Local Sports Schedule

MONDAY

Golf: WTC at Midland College Invitational, Ranchland Hills, CC.

Volleyball: Snyder 7th and 8th A & B at Colorado City, 5:30.

TUESDAY

Tennis: Snyder varsity at Lubbock Monterey.

Volleyball: Snyder 9yj, JV and varsity at Lake View, 5 and 6 p.m.

THURSDAY

Rodeo: WTC at Sul Ross State rodeo, Alpine.

Football: Sweetwater at Snyder 7th and JV, 5 and 6:30.

Football: Snyder 8th and 9th at Sweetwater, 5 and 6:30.

Football: Midland Trinity at Ira JH and JV, 5:30 and 7 p.m.

FRIDAY

Rodeo: WTC at Sul Ross State rodeo, Alpine.

Football: Ira at Midland Trinity, 7 p.m.

Football: Hermleigh at Lueders-Avoca, 7:30.

Football: Whitharral at Borden County, 7:30.

Major League Baseball

American League
All Times EDT

East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
y-New York	94	61	.606	—
Boston	89	66	.574	5
Toronto	79	77	.506	15½
Baltimore	77	78	.497	17
Tampa Bay	67	89	.429	27½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
x-Cleveland	95	61	.609	—
Chicago	70	85	.452	24½
Detroit	64	91	.413	30½
Minnesota	63	91	.409	31
Kansas City	62	94	.397	33

West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
x-Texas	92	63	.594	—
Oakland	84	72	.538	8½
Seattle	77	78	.497	15
Anaheim	65	91	.417	27½

x-clinched division title
y-clinched playoff berth

Saturday's Games

Boston 4, Baltimore 1
Cleveland 9, Toronto 6
Tampa Bay 2, New York 1
Detroit 11, Kansas City 3
Texas 10, Oakland 4
Chicago 13, Minnesota 4
Anaheim 7, Seattle 3

Sunday's Games

Detroit 6, Kansas City 1
Baltimore 8, Boston 5
Cleveland 11, Toronto 7
Chicago 3, Minnesota 0
Tampa Bay 6, New York 5
Texas 10, Oakland 3
Seattle 3, Anaheim 2

Monday's Games

Kansas City (Suppan 10-10) at Detroit (Moehler 9-16), 4:05 p.m.
Baltimore (Erickson 15-11) at Boston (P.Martinez 22-4), 7:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Eiland 4-8) at New York (Irabu 11-6), 7:35 p.m.
Chicago (K.Wells 3-1) at Minnesota (Radke 12-14), 8:05 p.m.
Seattle (Garcia 16-8) at Texas (Helling 13-10), 8:05 p.m.
Only games scheduled

Tuesday's Games

New York (Clemens 14-9) at Baltimore (Ponson 12-11), 7:05 p.m.
Toronto (D.Wells 15-10) at Tampa Bay (Wheeler 0-3), 7:05 p.m.
Boston (Rapp 6-7) at Chicago (Parque 9-14), 8:05 p.m.
Detroit (Blair 3-11) at Minnesota (Milton 7-11), 8:05 p.m.
Cleveland (Wright 8-9) at Kansas City (Witasick 9-11), 8:05 p.m.
Seattle (Halama 11-8) at Texas (Fassero 5-14), 8:05 p.m.
Oakland (Hudson 10-2) at Anaheim (Washburn 3-4), 10:05 p.m.

National League
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East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
x-Atlanta	99	57	.635	—
New York	92	64	.590	7
Philadelphia	74	82	.474	25
Montreal	64	92	.410	35
Florida	62	94	.397	37

Central Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Houston	94	63	.599	—
Cincinnati	93	63	.596	½
Pittsburgh	76	79	.490	17
St. Louis	72	83	.465	21
Milwaukee	71	84	.458	22
Chicago	64	92	.410	29½

West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
x-Anzona	95	60	.613	—
San Francisco	83	73	.532	12½
Los Angeles	74	82	.474	21½
San Diego	73	83	.468	22½
Colorado	70	86	.449	25½

x-clinched division title

Saturday's Games

Cincinnati 6, St. Louis 1
Philadelphia 4, New York 2
Chicago 3, Pittsburgh 1
Anzona 7, San Francisco 3
Atlanta 5, Montreal 3
Florida 8, Colorado 2
Milwaukee 3, Houston 2
San Diego 3, Los Angeles 2

Sunday's Games

Atlanta 10, Montreal 0
Philadelphia 3, New York 2
Milwaukee 11, Houston 3
Cincinnati 7, St. Louis 5, 12 innings
Pittsburgh 8, Chicago 4, 11 innings
Los Angeles 10, San Diego 7
Arizona 7, San Francisco 1
Colorado 8, Florida 6

Monday's Games

St. Louis (Stephenson 6-2) at Cincinnati (Villone 9-7), 12:35 p.m.
Florida (Cornelius 1-0) at Montreal (Batista 8-7), 7:05 p.m.
Colorado (Bohanon 12-11) at Arizona (Anderson 6-2), 9:35 p.m.

Tuesday's Games

Florida (Nunez 6-10) at Montreal (Hermanson 9-13), 7:05 p.m.
Chicago (Trachsel 7-17) at Philadelphia (Wolf 6-8), 7:05 p.m.
Atlanta (Glavine 12-11) at New York (Hershiser 13-11), 7:10 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Ritchie 14-9) at Milwaukee (Woodard 11-7), 8:05 p.m.
Cincinnati (Harnisch 14-10) at Houston (Lima 20-9), 8:05 p.m.
San Diego (Clement 10-12) at St. Louis (Oliver 8-9), 8:10 p.m.
Colorado (Hackman 1-1) at Arizona (An.Benes 12-12), 9:35 p.m.
Los Angeles (Valdes 9-14) at San Francisco (Nathan 7-3), 10:05 p.m.

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SPORTS

For academic fraud...

Volunteers suspend four football players

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Four Tennessee redshirt freshmen football players have been suspended indefinitely as a result of an internal academic fraud investigation, ESPN reports.

ESPN said Sunday night that it has obtained internal memos showing high-level administrators in Tennessee's athletic department were told of four tutors who might have done school work for at least five football players, possibly violating the university's honor code and NCAA rules.

Three of the players have transferred, according to ESPN. The alleged problems date to 1995.

None of the information was passed on to the proper campus authorities charged with investigating possible rules infractions, said Malcolm McInnis, NCAA compliance officer for Tennessee.

"All of those incidents should have been investigated and resolved," McInnis told ESPN.

NCAA rules require member schools to follow school procedures in investigating and report any rules violations.

McInnis and Carl Asp, Tennessee's NCAA faculty athletic representative, said they did not know about the documents until contacted by ESPN.

"I should have been part of that loop," Asp said. "If the (memos) are in writing, I should have been copied and the notes passed on to me. I should be informed of anything, even if nothing's wrong."

Asp said Tennessee's internal investigation is focusing on Ron Payne, a longtime tutor who has worked with hundreds of football players for more than a decade.

Robin Wright, the former coordinator for academic programs in the Tennessee athletic department, said she attempted to alert her bosses, Gerry Dickey and Carmen Tegano, to possible academic fraud.

U.S. rally secures Ryder Cup

BROOKLINE, Mass. (AP) — All Ben Crenshaw asked his Ryder Cup team to do was believe, and the Americans responded with a charge that was simply unbelievable.

With a birdie putt that was as long as America's chances, Justin Leonard took dead aim and finished off the greatest comeback in Ryder Cup history, assuring the 17-inch gold chalice a home on U.S. soil for the first time since 1993.

Victory came on the 17th green, across the street from where Francis Ouimet lived when he won the 1913 U.S. Open and made golf popular in the United States. This triumph made heroes out of a U.S. team that pushed aside the dispute over money and won something that proved to be far more valuable.

"I never stopped believing," a choked-up Crenshaw said after a 141/2-131/2 victory. "I'm stunned. This is so indescribable."

Leonard's 45-foot birdie putt unleashed a torrent of emotion that had been building throughout an electric day at The Country Club, where fans cheered every American victory and every missed putt by the Europeans.

Although one match was still on the course, the putt — followed by Jose Maria Olazabal's miss — guaranteed the Americans 141/2 points, the amount they needed to win, but an amount few believed they would get.

"This was history being made today, and we all wanted to be a part of that," said Hal Sutton, the rock-solid star of the U.S. team who contributed 31/2 points. "This is the greatest moment in golf right now."

Despite a 10-6 deficit going into the final round, despite the fact no team has ever come back from more than two points on the last day, Crenshaw refused to give in.

"I'm a big believer in fate," he warned Saturday night, wagging his finger with a wink.

Believe it!

Those were fitting words from Crenshaw, who won the 1995 Masters after the death of his longtime teacher Harvey Penick. At the time, he said he felt it was Penick's spirit guiding him along.

In much the same way, Crenshaw willed his team to victory on this course, which has a long history of U.S. victories.

"It's all because of Ben Crenshaw," Davis Love III said. "He fired us up, made us believe we could do it."

The Americans overwhelmed Europe in the first six matches, closing all of them out before the 17th hole. Even David Duval, who referred to the Ryder Cup as an exhibition, showed how much it meant by repeatedly shaking his fists and cupping his hand to his ear, asking the gallery for even more noise — maybe too much noise.

The Europeans found it excessive, and took exception to the player celebration after Leonard's putt because Olazabal still had a 25-foot birdie putt to tie the match and keep alive Europe's fading hopes.

"It's about the most disgusting thing I've ever seen," said assistant captain Sam Torrance. "This is not sour grapes. The whole American team, and spectators ran right across the green over Olly's line. He still has a putt to tie the hole. We could still take the Ryder Cup home. It was disgusting."

No comeback, however, was as symbolic as Leonard's. He had never won a Ryder Cup match, and looked as if he had no chance against Olazabal when he trailed by four holes with seven to play.

Leonard won the next four holes to square the match, the last one a 35-footer on the 15th that gave the Americans another chance when Mark O'Meara faltered.

The cup was clinched on No. 17 when Leonard's 45-foot birdie putt banged into the back of the cup and dropped.

Olazabal birdied the 18th to halve the match, but by then the American celebration was well under way. Leonard led the U.S. team in spraying champagne around the 18th green.

The Americans wound up winning 81/2 points out of 12 singles matches.

Big 12 Conference round-up...

'Horns rout Baylor; Huskers win again

By The Associated Press

Washington 31, Colorado 24

SEATTLE (AP) — Rick Neuheisel got his first victory as Washington's $1 million-a-year coach when Marques Tuiasosopo passed for a touchdown with 3:17 to go as the Huskies beat Colorado, Neuheisel's former school, 31-24 on Saturday.

Washington (1-2) clinched Neuheisel's emotional victory when Anthony Vontoure intercepted a pass by Mark Moschetti, Neuheisel's quarterback for the Buffaloes last season, in the end zone on a pass from the Huskies 21 with 1:07 remaining.

With the Huskies' players celebrating on the sidelines, Washington ran out the clock against the frustrated Buffaloes (2-2). Colorado's players came to Husky Stadium with revenge on their minds because they felt Neuheisel betrayed them by taking the Washington job.

No. 6 Nebraska 40, Missouri 10

COLUMBIA, Mo. (AP) — Sixth-ranked Nebraska capitalized on two high punt snaps and an interception to take a 16-point first-quarter lead en route to a 40-10 victory over Missouri on Saturday night.

Missouri, which has lost 36 straight games to top-10 opponents since 1981, had two punts blocked for touchdowns in its opener against Alabama-Birmingham Sept. 4.

Eric Crouch threw for two touchdowns and ran for one as Nebraska (4-0) won its 100th game of the 1990s — one fewer than the decade's top team, Florida State.

Nebraska held Missouri (2-1) to a second-quarter field goal and Julius Jackson had an interception and a fumble recovery, both setting up touchdowns.

No. 15 Texas 62, Baylor 0

WACO, Texas (AP) — Major Applewhite passed for 333 yards and three touchdowns and Hodges Mitchell scored three TDs to spark Texas' 62-0 whipping of Baylor on Saturday night.

Chris Robertson added two TD runs for No. 15 Texas (4-1 overall, 1-0 Big 12), which amassed 586 yards.

Texas' first shutout since 1991 was the worst loss for Baylor since a 77-0 Texas blowout in 1913.

Baylor (0-4, 0-2) has lost 10 straight and is off to its worst start since 1978 under first-year coach Kevin Steele.

No. 5 Texas A&M 23, Southern Mississippi 6

COLLEGE STATION, Texas (AP) — Jay Brooks and Michael Jameson each returned interceptions for touchdowns in the second half Saturday and Terence Kitchens kicked three field goals, including one from 62 yards, as No. 5 Texas A&M beat Southern Mississippi 23-6.

Brooks' 41-yard return for a score midway through the third period staked the Aggies (3-0) to a 16-0 lead before Southern Mississippi (2-2) scored the only offensive touchdown of the game, a 54-yard pass play from Cable Davis to Todd Pinkston on the second play of the fourth quarter to make it 16-6.

Jameson sealed the outcome when he picked off Davis' pass at the Golden Eagle 26 — the fourth A&M interception — and sprinted untouched into the end zone with 8:32 left in the game.

No. 13 Kansas State 35, Iowa State 28

AMES, Iowa (AP) — David Allen returned a punt 94 yards for a touchdown and quarterback Adam Helm scored on a 1-yard run with 2:34 left Saturday to give No. 13 Kansas State a 35-28 victory over Iowa State.

Kansas State (3-0) rallied from a 28-7 halftime deficit for its biggest comeback in coach Bill Snyder's 11 seasons. The Wildcats also avoided their first loss to an unranked team in the regular season since a 27-23 setback to Iowa State in 1993.

Iowa State (3-1) dominated the first half, outgaining the Wildcats 332-102, but the Kansas State defense stiffened and Helm revived a sputtering offense after replacing starter Jonathan Beasley on the second series of the third quarter.

Iowa State's Darren Davis, who carried 17 times for 131 yards and two touchdowns in the first half, was held to 21 yards in nine second-half carries.

No. 23 Oklahoma 42, Louisville 21

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — Josh Heupel threw for a school-record 429 yards and tied another mark with five touchdown passes as No. 23 Oklahoma beat Louisville 42-21 Saturday.

Heupel, who was 29-of-42, broke his week-old school record of 420 yards against Baylor. He connected on TD throws of 6, 11, 44, 52 and 52 yards and also ran a yard for a score as the Sooners opened the season 3-0 for the first time since 1995.

Michael Thornton carried 17 times for 94 yards as Oklahoma, with the nation's third-ranked offense, racked up 544 yards against the Cardinals (2-2).

Louisville's Chris Redman, who became the 14th major-college passer to throw for 10,000 yards, was 24-of-49 for 292 yards and two touchdowns, with two interceptions. He has 10,198 yards.

San Diego State 41, Kansas 13

LAWRENCE, Kan. (AP) — Jack Hawley threw for 343 yards and three touchdowns Saturday night, and San Diego State ended an 18-year non-conference road drought with a 41-13 win over Kansas.

Larry Ned ran for two scores and Jonas Lewis carried 14 times for 103 yards for the Aztecs, whose last non-conference road win was a 38-20 victory at Nevada-Las Vegas on Nov. 14, 1981. Since then, they had lost 26 straight.

San Diego State (2-2) gained 572 yards against the Jayhawks (1-3), including 413 in the first half. Hawley completed 16 of 19 passes for 331 yards and all three of his passing TDs as the Aztecs took a 31-0 halftime lead.

Eighth grade rips Seminole

Snyder eighth grade gold improved its season mark to 3-0 with a 28-6 trouncing of Seminole on Thursday.

Eddie Torres and Boicy Martinez led the Snyder attack on the ground. Torres finished with 113 yards on 12 carries, including a 45-yard touchdown run and a two-point conversion. Martinez rolled up 106 yards rushing and two touchdowns, along with a two-point reception from Marcus Villarreal.

Isaac Ramon posted the Tigers other score when he plunged in from a yard out.

Daniel Fitts snagged an interception for Snyder to go along with his 56 yards rushing.

Snyder will be in action again Thursday when it visits Sweetwater at 6:30.

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East	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
New England	3	0	0	1.000	77	70
Miami	2	0	0	1.000	57	37
Buffalo	2	1	0	.667	57	34
Indianapolis	2	1	0	.667	86	64
N.Y. Jets	0	3	0	.000	51	74
Central						
Tennessee	3	0	0	1.000	82	63
Jacksonville	2	1	0	.667	82	43
Pittsburgh	2	1	0	.667	76	49
Baltimore	1	2	0	.333	47	60
Cincinnati	0	3	0	.000	45	97
Cleveland	0	3	0	.000	19	86
West						
Kansas City	2	1	0	.667	74	51
Oakland	2	1	0	.667	70	62
Seattle	2	1	0	.667	63	51
San Diego	1	1	0	.500	53	34
Denver	0	3	0	.000	41	77

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
Dallas	2	0	0	1.000	65	42
Washington	2	1	0	.667	112	82
Arizona	1	1	0	.500	41	43
N.Y. Giants	1	2	0	.333	52	79
Philadelphia	0	3	0	.000	29	70
Central						
Detroit	2	1	0	.667	72	66
Green Bay	2	1	0	.667	66	67
Tampa Bay	2	1	0	.667	45	32
Chicago	1	2	0	.333	50	55
Minnesota	1	2	0	.333	54	59
West						
St. Louis	2	0	0	1.000	62	17
New Orleans	1	1	0	.500	40	38
San Francisco	1	1	0	.500	31	62
Carolina	1	2	0	.333	57	44
Atlanta	0	3	0	.000	28	76

Sunday's Games

St. Louis 35, Atlanta 7
Carolina 27, Cincinnati 3
Baltimore 17, Cleveland 10
Tampa Bay 13, Denver 10
Kansas City 31, Detroit 21
Buffalo 26, Philadelphia 0
Seattle 29, Pittsburgh 10
Washington 27, New York Jets 20
Tennessee 20, Jacksonville 19
Indianapolis 27, San Diego 19
Oakland 24, Chicago 17
Green Bay 23, Minnesota 20
New England 16, New York Giants 14
OPEN: Dallas, Miami, New Orleans

Monday's Game

San Francisco at Arizona, 9 p.m.

Sunday, Oct. 3

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

Monday, Oct. 4

Buffalo at Miami, 9 p.m.

Top-25 Poll

By The Associated Press

The Top Twenty Five teams in The Associated Press college football poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Sept. 26, points based on 25 points for a first place vote through one point for a 25th place vote and previous ranking

	Record	Pts	Pvs
1. Florida St. (61)	4-0	1,740	1
2. Penn St. (5)	5-0	1,659	2
3. Florida (3)	4-0	1,623	3
4. Michigan	4-0	1,500	4
5. Texas A&M	3-0	1,447	5
6. Nebraska	4-0	1,433	6
7. Tennessee	2-1	1,273	7
8. Virginia Tech (1)	3-0	1,255	8
9. Georgia Tech	2-1	1,153	10
10. Georgia	3-0	1,052	11
11. Purdue	4-0	1,050	13
12. Ohio St.	3-1	1,036	12
13. Kansas St.	3-0	885	15
14. Michigan St.	4-0	853	19
15. Texas	4-1	676	22
16. Mississippi St.	4-0	568	23
17. Marshall	4-0	513	21
18. Miami	2-2	451	9
19. East Carolina	4-0	408	—
20. Arkansas	2-1	344	14
21. Alabama	3-1	318	—
22. Syracuse	3-1	288	—
23. Oklahoma	3-0	204	—
24. Virginia	3-1	175	—
25. Oregon	3-1	158	—

Others receiving votes: Stanford 142, Southern Cal 140, Wisconsin 138, BYU 94, Maryland 27, Mississippi 27, UCLA 25, Wyoming 21, Southern Miss. 14, Utah 14, Minnesota 12, Air Force 9, Arizona 9, Auburn 5, Vanderbilt 5, Wake Forest 3, Illinois 2, Oregon St. 1

Major College Football Scores

EAST

Army 41, Ball St. 21
Boston College 27, Rutgers 7
Brown 35, Lafayette 28
Bucknell 38, Delaware St. 28
Colgate 35, Dartmouth 3
Columbia 28, Towson 13
Connecticut 34, Maine 20
Cornell 42, Fordham 14
Duquesne 31, Marist 0
Fairfield 59, Canisius 20
Harvard 25, Holy Cross 17
Hofstra 38, Cal Poly-SLO 3
Iona 24, Sacred Heart 0
Lehigh 31, Princeton 0
Morgan St. 24, Rhode Island 21
Penn St. 45, Indiana 24
Robert Morris 27, Cent. Connecticut St. 24
Siena 32, St. Peter's 11
Stony Brook 7, Monmouth, N.J. 3
Syracuse 30, West Virginia 7
Villanova 34, Penn 6
Wagner 45, St. Francis, Pa. 13
William & Mary 42, Northeastern 30
Yale 48, Valparaiso 2

SOUTH

Alabama 35, Arkansas 28
Alabama A&M 27, Prairie View 3
Appalachian St. 51, The Citadel 0
Austin Peay 36, Campbellsville 35
Bethune-Cookman 28, Morris Brown 16
E. Kentucky 17, Samford 16
ETSU 38, W. Carolina 10
East Carolina 27, Miami 23
Elon 40, N. Carolina A&T 15
Emory & Henry 17, Davidson 13
Florida 38, Kentucky 10
Florida A&M 76, S. Carolina St. 17
Florida St. 42, North Carolina 10
Furman 58, VMI 0
Georgia 24, Cent. Florida 23
Georgia Southern 49, Chattanooga 10
Hampton 27, Grambling St. 7
Howard 32, Texas Southern 20
Jackson St. 63, MVSU 0
James Madison 21, Delaware 7
Liberty 48, Fayetteville St. 14
Louisiana-Lafayette 45, Middle Tennessee 31
Louisiana-Monroe 38, Northwestern St. 37
Marshall 34, Temple 0
Mississippi 24, Auburn 17, OT
Mississippi College 16, Jacksonville 13
Mississippi St. 17, South Carolina 0
Morehead St. 50, Dayton 39
Nicholls St. 45, Jacksonville St. 42
Oklahoma 42, Louisville 21
Richmond 27, New Hampshire 17
Southern U. 36, Alabama St. 13
Tennessee 17, Memphis 16
Troy St. 41, South Florida 24
UAB 29, Houston 10
Vanderbilt 31, Duke 14
W. Kentucky 21, SE Missouri 10
Wake Forest 31, N.C. State 7
Wofford 35, Charleston Southern 13

MIDWEST

Butler 34, Wesley 19
Drake 48, Quincy 7
E. Illinois 42, Tenn.-Martin 21
E. Michigan 38, Akron 17
Illinois St. 46, SW Missouri St. 42
Kansas St. 35, Iowa St. 28
Kent 41, Bowling Green 27
Miami, Ohio 24, Cent. Michigan 16
Michigan 21, Wisconsin 16
Michigan St. 27, Illinois 10
N. Iowa 34, S. Illinois 14
Nebraska 40, Missouri 10
Ohio 45, Buffalo 6
Ohio St. 34, Cincinnati 20
Purdue 31, Northwestern 23
San Diego St. 41, Kansas 13
Toledo 24, Massachusetts 3
W. Michigan 24, N. Illinois 21
Youngstown St. 28, W. Illinois 24

SOUTHWEST

Ark.-Pine Bluff 33, Alcorn St. 17
Hawaii 20, SMU 0
N. Arizona 29S. Utah 30, Montana Tech 12
Sacramento St. 41, Montana St. 10
San Jose St. 34, Tulsa 10
Stanford 42, UCLA 32
Utah 52, UNLV 14
Virginia 45, BYU 40
W. Washington 20, St. Mary's, Cal. 7
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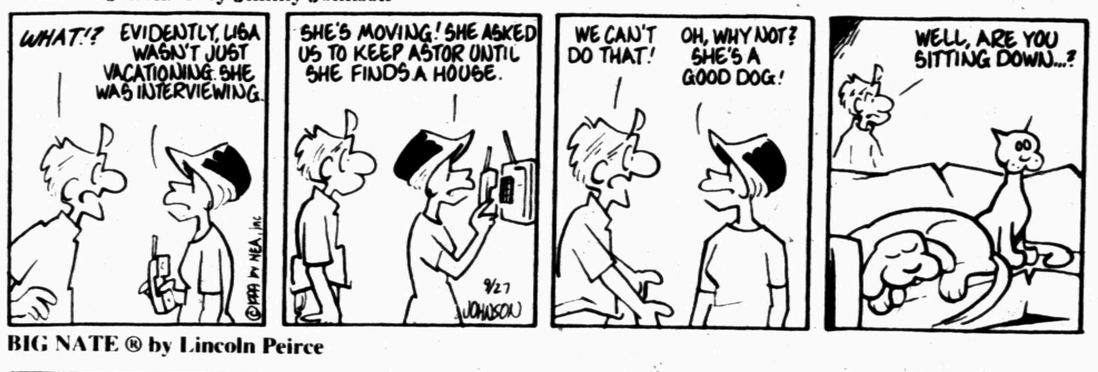
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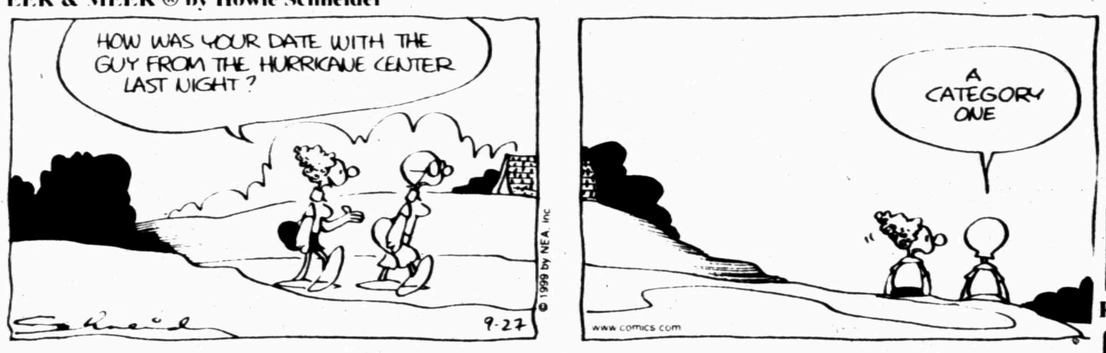
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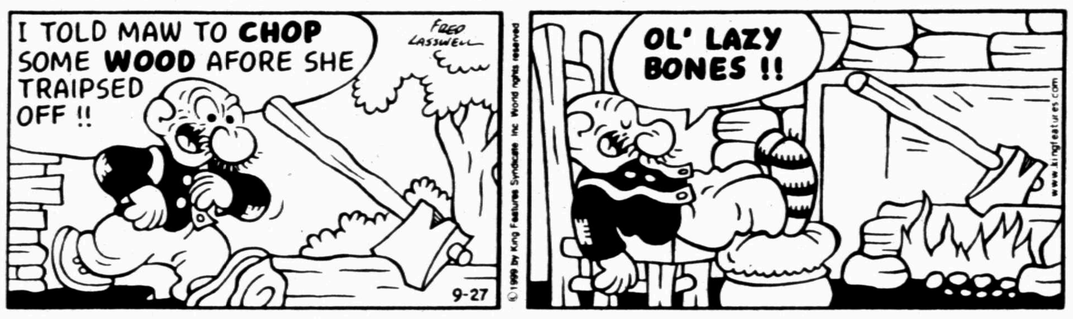
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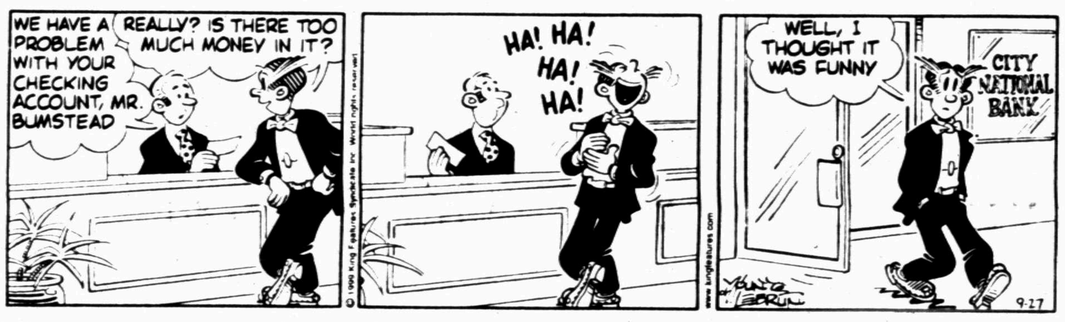


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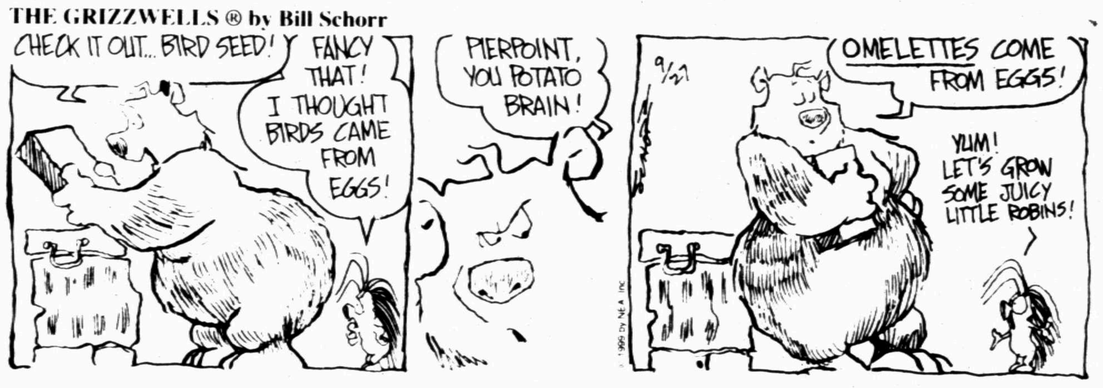
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ACROSS

1 Actress Helen —
6 Recedes
10 Conceive
12 Heating apparatus
14 Alloy of tin and copper
15 Object
16 Draft agcy.
17 Comparative suffix
19 Ending for "kitchen"
20 Marathon entrants
23 New —, Conn.
26 RR depot
27 Follower of (suff.)
30 Mrs. Marcos
32 Names
34 Author Damon —
35 Consecrate
36 "Cycle" prefix
37 Pinch
39 Rub out
40 Buffoons
42 Fit
45 Cereal spike
46 "Rose — — rose"
49 Hotel area
51 London's river
54 Gave a bad review to
55 Realm
56 Comic Martha —
57 Less crazy

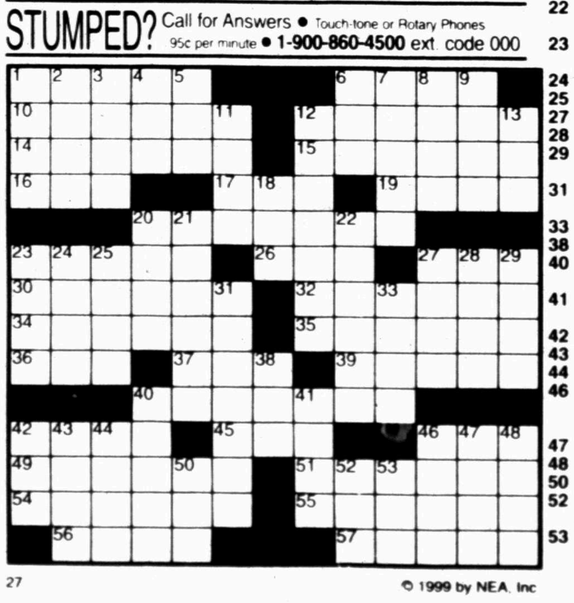
DOWN

1 Body parts
2 Fruit drinks
3 Hedge plants
4 Dine
5 Sault — Marie
6 Long time
7 Chomps
8 Fruit decay
9 Dispatched
11 Name for Ireland
12 Catholic cleric's cap
13 Map abbr.
18 Printer's measures
20 Depend
21 Not performed
22 Actress Luise —
23 Musician Al —
24 River in Asia
25 — vidi vici
27 Pelvic bones
28 Decades
29 Ancient Italian family
31 Aromatic flavoring
33 High hills
38 School grp.
40 Spinning machine
41 Art deco illustrator
42 Swiss peak
43 Wild animal
44 Type of moth
46 "— — the Mood for Love"
47 Parched
48 Jacob's son
50 "Gosh!"
52 British Navy abbr.
53 Timber tree

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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New drug prevents spreading flu in families

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Junior got the flu? Bad enough for the kid, but parents also know they may inevitably be the next to contract the sneezes and fever.

Now it appears there is something they can do about it.

A study released Sunday shows that a new variety of prescription flu drug is the first ever proven to keep family members from getting sick when someone brings home the bug.

The medicine, an inhaled powder called Relenza, is due on drugstore shelves on Friday. A similar competing medicine in pill form is expected soon.

"These drugs are a major step forward," said Dr. Frederick Hayden of the University of Virginia in Charlottesville. "The latest data show that they clearly work for prevention, as well."

His study, conducted during last winter's flu season, showed that taking Relenza cuts the chances of catching the flu from an ill relative by up to 79 percent.

And that's not all the good sniffles news. Hayden released details of a second study Sunday of the first anti-viral medicine that appears to reduce the duration of the common cold.

Hayden described the results at the annual scientific meeting of the American Society of Microbiology.

Relenza reduces the duration of a bout of flu by a day or two. Unlike the earlier generation of flu drugs, which are powerless to prevent the disease, it works against both major strains of the disease, known as influenza A and B.

Relenza was approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration last summer and is made by Glaxo Wellcome, Inc. The company says the wholesale cost for a dose to treat one bout of flu will be $37.

Between 25 million and 50 million Americans typically get the flu each winter. Doctors emphasize that the flu vaccine is still the best way to ward off the disease, but the new drugs should help when people fail to get shots.

Often, youngsters bring home the flu to their parents and siblings from school and day care. The latest experiment was intended to see if family members could be protected by taking Relenza at the first sign of flu in the family.

Last fall, 975 families with school-age children volunteered to participate in the study. Between December and March, 337 of these families actually had a case of flu. The sick person and the rest of the family were randomly assigned to get either the drug or a look-alike dummy spray.

Overall, 4 percent of the folks in getting Relenza came down with the flu, compared with 19 percent in the untreated comparison families. Even when they did get sick, their disease appeared to be far milder. Flu in the Relenza-treated family members typically lasted three days, compared with about six days in the comparison group.

"This is an important aspect of the drug that could reduce the burden of influenza," said Dr. William Craig of the University of Wisconsin.

Relenza will be the first of a new class of flu medicines known as neuraminidase inhibitors to reach the market. However, Hoffman-LaRoche's Tamiflu, a similar medicine in pill form, is expected to be approved soon.

One drawback to these medicines is that they must be started within the first day or two of symptoms to have any effect on the disease. Most people don't call their doctor at the first twinge of flu's body ache, and they probably could not get an instant appointment, even if they did.

Hayden said drug companies will have to convince both physicians and patients to look at flu differently, now that medicines are available to both treat the disease and prevent it. For instance, he said doctors may eventually become willing to prescribe the drugs over the phone without seeing patients if they report typical flu miseries during flu season.

In another report to the conference, Hayden described the results of a study of pleconaril, an experimental medicine for the common cold. The medicine was developed by Viropharma Inc. of Exton, Penn.

Doctors tested it on 1,024 people and found that it shortened the length of a typical moderate-to-severe cold from 14 days to 101/2. They looked at various measures of a cold's severity, including the number of tissues used. Their count: Pleconaril reduced the number of tissues needed by 23 percent.

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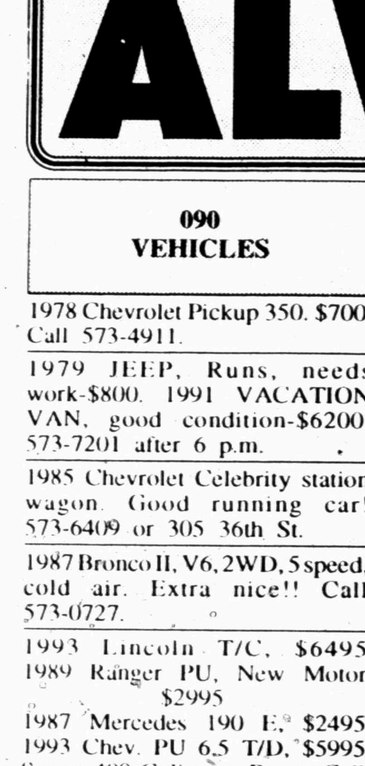
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HAWAII VOLCANOES NATIONAL PARK, Hawaii (AP) — Rescue crews scoured the smoky wreckage of a twin-engine plane searching for the bodies of 10 people killed following the worst air disaster in Hawaii in a decade.

The wreckage of the Big Island Air plane was spotted early Sunday about 10,500 feet up the Mauna Loa Volcano, an active volcano which soars to 13,600 feet.

Some victims were badly burned and parts of the wreckage so charred that they "just disintegrated" in the hands of recovery crews, said Doug Lentz of Hawaii Volcanoes National Park, in which the volcano is located.

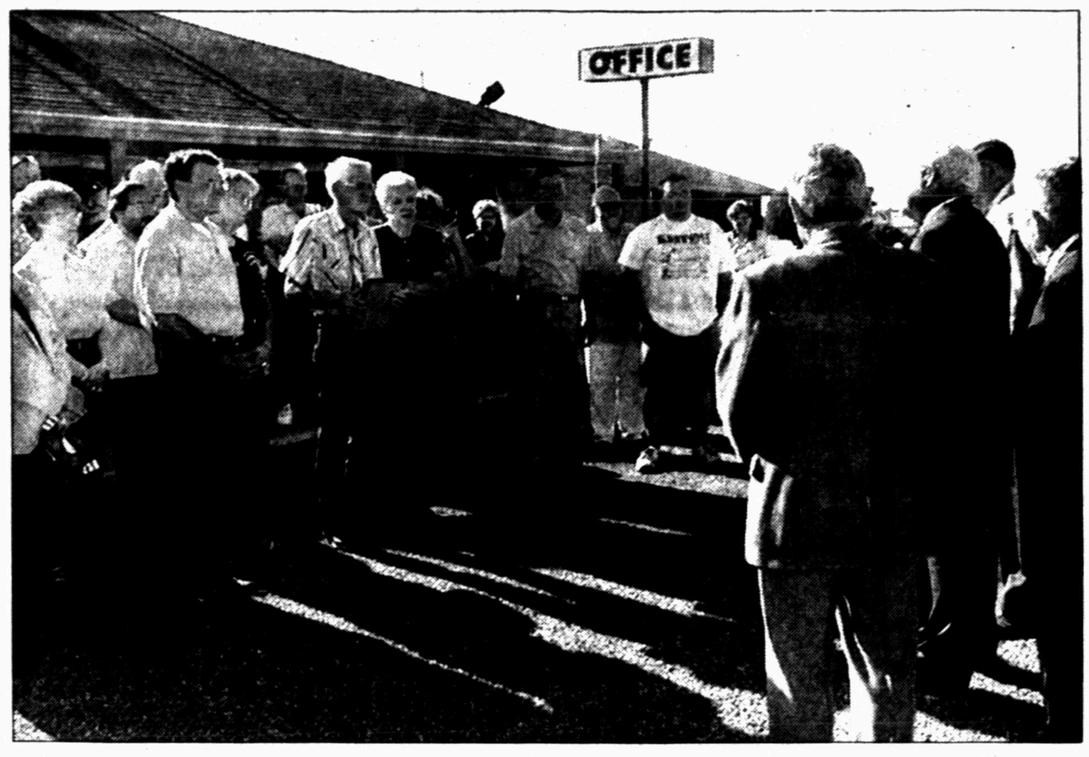
"There was a lot of dismemberment and it was very difficult to discern all the bodies," Lentz said. "There is some confusion as to whether we have all the bodies."

The bodies were taken to Hilo Hospital, which said it had remains for only nine victims, Lentz said. The hospital referred all questions to park officials.

Rescuers said the twin-engine Piper Navajo Chieftain slid about 75 yards, rolled over and burned, but remained mostly intact, said Gail Minami, the park's operations supervisor.

The twin-engine Piper Navajo Chieftain was reported overdue at Kona International Airport at 7:20 p.m. Saturday, said Marilyn Kali, spokeswoman for the state Department of Transportation.

The last contact from the plane came at 5:21 p.m., one hour after it took off from the airport, and the pilot did not say there were any problems at that time, Minami said.



RIBBON-CUTTING EVENT — A large group of citizens attended the ribbon-cutting event Saturday morning at the renovated Beacon Lodge. Owner Gene Thompson, center, is shown at the event as members of the Gideon presented Bibles for each room. (SDN Staff Photo)

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: Last year, I had a complete loss of memory lasting about five hours. I had driven to the beauty parlor 40 minutes away, had my hair done, then started to cry under the dryer. My son was called and came to drive me home. He said that I acted normal except for asking over and over what day it was and where I was. I don't remember any of this. EEG and CT scans were normal. What happened to me?

DEAR READER: There are many causes for amnesia, the sudden loss of memory. From your brief description, I conclude that you suffered a brief neurological event called transient global amnesia. In this condition, thought to be caused by vascular problems in the brain, the patient experiences a one to six hour memory loss for both recent and past events. There are no other neurological defects, such as weakness or difficulty speaking, and patients recover spontaneously, usually with permanent amnesia for the content of the episode.

Previously believed to be a completely harmless disorder, transient global amnesia is now thought to be a variant form of stroke, an early warning sign. Therefore, patients with the affliction should be examined by a neurologist, have further testing (such as an ultrasound of the carotid arteries) to look for a source of blood clots, and begin taking daily aspirin to discourage blood clotting. While you may never have another frightening attack of global amnesia, this single event should not be taken lightly.

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.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I take Vicodin tablets every four hours everyday to ward off migraines. Is this dangerous?

DEAR READER: Extremely. Vicodin is a narcotic that is addicting. It is not appropriate therapy to be used regularly, especially to "ward off" anything. There are other options for you to consider, including beta-blockers (to prevent migraines), over-the-counter drugs to relieve pain, and Immitrex (a prescription medicine used specifically to abort a migraine attack). By what means have you been obtaining prescriptions for Vicodin? Four or five tablets a day, week in/week out should have raised red flags for your physician, who ought to have addressed with you the issue of potential abuse. Addiction issues aside, there are more appropriate therapeutic options for you to consider.

DEAR DR. GOTT: After I drink red wine, my tongue gets black. I can brush this away with toothpaste. My doctor doesn't know what causes it. Do you?

DEAR READER: Not really. However, as I am sure you are aware, red wine contains an astonishing array of compounds, including dyes and tannins. I suspect that your tongue is being colored by the very substances that give red wine its hue. I'd appreciate comments from wine-buffs who might offer alternative explanations for this phenomenon.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I'm 77 and in good health except that for more than 40 years, I've had a sore inside my nostril. It won't heal, forms a scab and often bleeds. Do you have any suggestions?

DEAR READER: It's unlikely that your nasal sore is a skin cancer. If it were, I'd expect that it would have significantly enlarged in the last 40 years. You probably have a chronic abrasion associated with a little arterial bleeder that lets go once in awhile. I suggest that you see an ear-nose-and-throat specialist, because you may need surgery or cautery to take care of this annoyance.

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Albertsons	42 11-16	42¼	42 11-16	+ 9-16
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Alltel			69¾	68 68 15-16 +15-16
AmOnline s			102¾	10 13-16 101 + 3½
Ameritech			66 7-16	63 9-16 66 5-16 + 2⅛
AndarkPtr			30¾	30¼ 30 11-16 + 7-16
ArmcoInc				6 9-16 6 9/16 —
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GTE Cp			75½	74 7-16 75 7-16 +1 3-16
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HomeDepot			67 9-16	66 9-16 67⅛ + 1
IBM s	127 3-16	125⅝	126 5-16	+1 5-16
IntlPaper	50 3-16	48	3-16	50 3-16 +1 13-16
JohnsonJn	92 7-16	91	1-16	92 7-16 +2 7-16
K mart			11 11-16	11 — 11 9-16 + 1-16
Kroger Co s				25 24⅛ 24 15-16 + 5-16
Lilton			56 3-16	55 — 56 3-16 +1 3-16
LockheedM s	33 3-16	31	9-16	32 3-16 +1 9-16
Lowes Cos				47 — 46 47 +2 3-16
Lubys				12 — 12 3-16 12 + 1
LucentTech s	66 15-16	64	3-16	+1 7-16
MayDeptStr s			37⅛	36 9-16 37 + 5-16
MediaOne	64 13-16	64	7-16	64 3/4 + 9-16
Medtronic s			34⅛	33 15-16 34 3/4 +⅝
Mobil	98 11-16	97	5-16	98 3-16 + 3-16
Monsanto				34⅛ 34 1/4 34 1/8 — 1/8
MorganJP	117 11-16	115	⅛	115 13-16 — 1 3-16
Motorola	88 3-16	84	⅛	87 9-16 +4 11-16
NCR Corp			30 11-16	30⅜ 30 11-16 + 9-16
Navistar			44⅛	43⅛ 43 15-16 — 1-16
Penney JC				35⅛ 34⅛ 35 7-16 + 1
PepBoys	13 15-16	13⅜	13 15-16	+ 7-16
PepsiCo				32⅜ 32¼ 32 9-16 +⅜
PhelpDodge			58⅜	55 9-16 58⅛ +3 9-16
PhilipPet				50 3/4 3-16 49⅝ — ⅛
PilgrmPrd B				9⅜ 9 1/16 9 3/8 + 1/16
Polaroid	27 1-16	26⅛	26 13-16	+1 1-16
Praxair				43⅛ 42 1/4 43⅛ + 1⅛
ProctGamb	99 11-16	98	99 9-16	+ 2⅛
PubSNwMx			18¼	17⅞ 18 3-16 + 5-16
ReliantEngy			27¼	26 15-16 27 1-16 + 1-16
RoyalDut				59¼ 58⅞ 59 1-16 + 1⅛
SBC Comm	50 13-16	49¾	50 11-16	+1 11-16
SaraLee s				23 7-16 23⅛ 23 3-16
Scripps EW	46 11-16	46	7-16	46 11-16 + ⅛
SearsRoeb				30¼ 30 1/16 + 9-16
SherwinW			20 3-16	19 13-16 20 3-16 + ⅛
Smith Ichm				59¼ 58 15-16 59 1/16 + ⅛
SouthernCo				26 1-16 25⅞ 26 + 5-16
SwstAirl s				15½ 15 3-16 15 7-16 + 5-16
SprintFON s				55 53⅞ 54 + ⅛
SprintPCS n			76 15-16	74 11-16 76 + 3
Sunoco Inc	28 7-16	27	15-16	27 15-16 + 1-16
TNP Ent			39	38 11-16 38¾ + 3-16
Tandy s			49 9-16	48 7-16 48 15-16 + ¼
TempleInland				62 60 1/16 + 9-16
Tenneco			16¾	16 5-16 16 7-16 — 1-16
Texaco				63¾ 62 13-16 63 — ⅛
TexInd				33⅛ 33 1/32 33⅛
TexasInst s			87	84 ⅛ 86 11-16 + 2 13-16
TextUtil				36 — 35 15/16 36 + ⅛
Textron			76 5-16	75 — 76 + 1 3-16
TriconGlbR			43¾	42 1-16 43 7-16 + 1 11-16
TrinityInds				31 — 30 13-16 30 + 1-16
TritonEngy				13 3-16 12 11-16 12 13-16
TylerTech				4 — 4 —
US West Inc			54⅛	54 5-16 54 13-16 + ⅛
USX-Marathn				30 1-16 29 7-16 30 + ⅛
USX-USS				25⅛ 25 1/16 25 7-16 — 1-16
UnCarbde				53 11-16 52 — 53 9-16 + ⅛
UnionPacif			49⅝	49 ⅛ 49 7-16 — 9-16
UnitedTech s				58⅞ 57 1/16 57 + ⅛
Unocal				37⅛ 36 13/16 37 + 11-16
Venator Grp				8⅛ 8 — 8 9-16 + ⅛
WalMart s			47	46 5-16 46 11-16 + 3-16
WellsFargo				40 3/4 — 39 15-16
WstnGasRs				19 — 18 15/16 + 1/16
WinnDixie			32⅛	31 9-16 31 15-16 + ⅛
Xerox Cp s			43	42 7-16 42 9-16 — ⅛

Local Interest STOCKS

Patterson	15 3/4	-1/16
Dell	44 11/16	+1
Wal Mart	47 3/8	+7/8
Compac	22 11/16	+5/16
Dol. Gen.	29 1/4	+1
GTE	75 13/16	+1 9/16
SBC Comm.	50 11/16	+1 11/16
Tx Instr.	87	+3 1/8
LU	66 9/16	+1 13/16
Cisco Sys.	69 1/16	+1/16

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Dozens killed in fireworks blast

CELAYA, Mexico (AP) — The security guard had just dragged two women from the wreckage of a mammoth fireworks explosion when a second blast catapulted him into the asphalt 20 feet away.

The series of explosions tore through a busy area of street stalls and shops near a downtown bus station in this central industrial town late Sunday, killing at least 56 people and injuring 348 — many of them rescuers, like Hector Lara, who rushed to help the victims.

"The smoke turned everything black. There were things flying through the air and falling on top of me," the 21-year-old Lara said from his hospital bed, his face covered with purplish-black welts.

The blast was thought to have started in the back of a candy store where fireworks were sold, then more explosions were set off, possibly from gas tanks in nearby restaurants or other fireworks stashes. Twenty-five businesses were destroyed and another 25 damaged.

Soldiers sealed off a large area of Celaya's downtown as they searched for more bodies. Officials said they were digging cautiously for fear of setting off unexploded powder.

"We're not discounting the possibility of another explosion. We have to be very careful," said Sebastian Barrera, state undersecretary for security.

More than 500 people and 10 dogs searched for more bodies this morning, Barrera said. "We hope we don't find any more," he said.

Lara was guarding the main bus station when he heard the first explosion. He ran across the busy commercial street to the rubble of what had been a store, plunged into the dark smoke and began to pull out the injured.

"I saw a woman covered with blood, screaming that her son was dead and that she wanted to go into the shop to find him," he said.

Lara called for an ambulance, then became a victim himself. A second explosion minutes later threw him down the street and cut deep incisions into his entire body.

Lara's colleagues and the paramedics who responded to his call also fell victim to the explosion. As he recovered, a doctor told him one of his colleagues had died.

State officials said the dead included a policeman, two Red Cross workers, two firemen and a photographer for a local newspaper. The dead also included four children, according to the government news agency Notimex.

Fears of further deadly aftershocks in Taiwan dim hopes for survivors

TAIPEI, Taiwan (AP) — Fears of further deadly aftershocks persisted and hope for finding more survivors dimmed today, a week after a devastating earthquake killed more than 2,000 people in Taiwan.

The Central Weather Bureau, which had earlier predicted that aftershocks would decrease in intensity, was caught off guard Sunday when a new jolt — measured at up to 6.8 magnitude — shook the island, killing at least three people.

Nearly 8,000 aftershocks were registered by today, with 20 to 50 tremors occurring each hour since the major earthquake struck in the early morning hours of Sept. 21.

Search and rescue teams planned to continue searching debris of buildings toppled by the 7.6-magnitude quake. There were scattered reports that signs of life had been detected in some areas.

Some foreign teams, including a highly experienced American squad, had stopped operations or were planning to do so. Survivors are rarely found after one week.

A crack South Korean team had already pulled out of a site where they rescued a 6-year-old boy days before. There were still believed to be a few bodies inside the high-rise building in the central town of Dali.

"Because this was our first serious earthquake, things were really chaotic at first," said Pan Shou-ming, a Taiwanese rescuer. "We really learned some lessons, and I am sure next time we will be much better prepared and trained."

After 12 hours of scraping, digging and tugging at debris, Pan and his colleagues pulled out the body of man and zipped him up in a body bag. A woman burst into tears as she identified her husband.

Law enforcement looks into weekend break-ins

In activity over the weekend, law enforcement personnel investigated three reports of break-ins.

Dean Wemken requested a deputy at The Store in Fluvanna at 7:08 a.m. Saturday in reference to a break-in.

Reported stolen was a small amount of money, candy and tobacco products.

At 10:13 a.m. Saturday, Harold Robbins requested a deputy at his farm in Ira in reference to someone breaking into his welding shop. An investigation continues, as it is not know if anything was taken.

An offense report for burglary of a habitation was filed at 3:34 p.m. Saturday in reference to someone breaking into Ernest Diaz's residence.

Diaz reported the theft of CDs and a CD player. According to police reports, the CD player and some CDs were returned.

Officers submitted an offense report for family violence at 7:26 p.m. Saturday.

A clerk with Town & Country on East Coliseum drive reported a gas drive-off in the amount of $20.86 at 10:44 p.m. Saturday. An offense report was filed for Class C theft.

At 1:13 a.m. Sunday, an offense report was submitted by officers for Class A assault.

A man requested an attempt to locate on his 15-year-old daughter at 6:59 a.m. Sunday in reference to the girl missing from his residence. An offense report for runaway was filed.

The juvenile was located at 11:44 a.m. and transported to the police department where she was later released to her parents.

A gas drive-off in the amount of $5.01 was reported from Town & Country on North College at 11:09 a.m. Sunday. An offense report for Class C theft was filed.

At 1:53 p.m. Sunday, an offense report was filed for Class C assault.

Seven arrests were made over the weekend.

A 67-year-old man was taken into custody at 9:30 p.m. Saturday in the 1100 block of 13th Street for misdemeanor driving while intoxicated.

Officers arrested an 18-year-old male at 9:08 p.m. in the 2100 block of 21st Street for driving under the influence by a minor.

Class A assault/family violence sent a 33-year-old man to jail at 9:33 p.m. Saturday. He was arrested in the 1600 block of 13th Street.

Public intoxication resulted in the arrest of an 18-year-old male at 3:14 a.m. Sunday. He was taken into custody in the 300 block of 24th Street.

Following a minor accident 10 miles east on U.S. 180 at 6:18 a.m. Sunday, Department of Public Safety troopers arrested a 28-year-old male for misdemeanor driving while intoxicated.

A 21-year-old male was taken into custody at 7:17 p.m. Sunday in the 3100 block of Avenue M on a warrant for issuance of a bad check.

DPS troopers arrested a 29-year-old female at 7:32 p.m. on Hwy. 350 for state jail felony criminal mischief, misdemeanor driving while intoxicated and misdemeanor possession of marijuana.

A report of a party on CR 612 near Fluvanna at 10:49 p.m. Saturday night resulted in four juveniles being transported into Snyder and released to their parents.

At 10:06 p.m. Sunday, officers responded to a report of gunshots in the area south of the 1200 block of 13th Street. Officers were unable to locate the origin of the shots.

A minor two-vehicle mishap occurred at 4:17 p.m. Sunday in the 3500 block of Avenue C. Involved were a 1991 Toyota Camry driven by Rebecca Ann Davis, 17, of 6200 College Avenue, north dorm 308, and a 1998 Toyota pickup driven by Alvis Harold Tarter, 62, of Copperas Cove.

Obituaries

Newell Burk

1925-1999

LUBBOCK – Newell Burk, the brother of Roy Burk of Snyder, died Friday, Sept. 24, at his home in Lubbock.

Funeral service for Mr. Burk, 74, was set for 2 p.m. today in the South Plains Church of Christ with Ralph Beistle and Clark Johnson officiating.

Burial was to follow in Resthaven Memorial Park under the direction of Resthaven Funeral Home.

Born Jan. 31, 1925 in Dodson, he was a 1943 graduate of Arnett High School in Harmon County. He was an U.S. Army veteran of World War II and the Korean War.

He married Fara Faye Winn on July 7, 1946 in Dodson.

A 1952 graduate of Texas Tech, Mr. Burk was a certified public accountant and moved to Floydada in 1959. In Floydada, he was president of the school board, chamber of commerce, Rotary Club and Lions Club. He served as an elder of the Wall Street Church of Christ for 17 years.

At the time of his death, Mr. Burk was a member of the South Plains Church of Christ.

Survivors include his wife, Fara Faye Burk of Lubbock; two daughters, Janet Bruns of Odessa and Nanette Soto of Lubbock; a son, Mike Burk of Lubbock; another brother, Bradley Burk of Kress; three sisters, Bernice McNabb of Lubbock, Ada Mae McDaniel of Hollis, Okla., and Wanda Erickson of Dallas; five grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Jackie Rayburn

1914-1999

LAVERNIA — Elector "Jackie" Rayburn, a Hermleigh native, died Saturday, Sept. 18, in the Texas University Hospital in San Antonio.

Funeral service was held Tuesday in the Finch Funeral Home Chapel and burial followed in the Concrete Cemetery.

Born Aug. 16, 1914 in Hermleigh to the late John H. and Elmer (Kimbrough) Lewis, Mrs. Rayburn was reared on a farm near Hermleigh, attending Hell Roar and Holler School.

She married Clarence Rayburn on Jan. 11, 1936 in Snyder's First Baptist Church.

Two brothers, Marvin Lewis and Foy Lewis; and two sisters, Laura Chandler and Lori McConathy, also preceded her in death.

Survivors include her husband, Clarence Rayburn; three daughters, Carlyn Burrier of Pleasanton, Brenda Lamberson of Post and Colla Sue Marsch of Deewse; and several nieces and nephews, including Randy Bruce Chandler of Snyder.

Grace Patterson

1908-1999

HICO – Grace Patterson, the mother of Pat Patterson of Snyder, died Sunday, Sept. 26, in a Stephenville hospital following a lengthy illness.

Services for Mrs. Patterson, 91, are pending with Hico Funeral Home.

Born Feb. 28, 1908, Mrs. Patterson was a homemaker and a member of the Baptist Church.

Survivors include another son, Tom Patterson of Riverside, Calif.; a daughter, Eunice Uppergrove of Hico; a daughter-in-law, Faye Patterson of Snyder; several grandchildren, including Bettsey and Dayton Robertson of Snyder; and numerous great-grandchildren.

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ADMISSIONS: Sept. 24-Pearl Cagle; Sept. 25-Lisa Gutierrez; Sept. 26-Brandy Harty, Joe League, Evie Farmer, LaVerne Hood, Maria Rivas and Ollie Stephens.

DISMISSALS: Sept. 24-Norma Chapman, Stella Goodwin, Guadalupe Garcia; Sept. 25-Ada Staton, Carrie Clayton; Sept. 26-Alfredo Luevano and Charlotte Etgen.

CENSUS: 37 (Med., Surg.-6, Long-term Care-25, ICU-1, OB-3, Nursery-2)

Birth

John and Brandy Harty of Snyder announce the birth of their son at 1:29 p.m. on Sept. 25 in Cogdell Memorial Hospital. He weighed seven pounds, 11 ounces.

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Lisa Gutierrez of Snyder announces the birth of her seven-pound, five-ounce daughter at 2:09 p.m. on Sept. 25 in Cogdell Memorial Hospital.

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ONGOINGS

Meet the Tigers

The annual Meet the Tigers event is set for 6:30 this evening in Tiger Stadium. A brisket plate will be served with beans, potato salad and bread for $3. The public is invited.

Ira Council for Excellence

Ira Council for Excellence will meet at 7 tonight in the Ira school lunchroom. Everyone is welcome.

Bible study tapes

Bible study video tapes air each week on cable TV channel 2. The tapes to be shown at 7 this evening are "What's This All About?" followed by "Living Through Tough Times."

Librarian reception

A welcome reception for Scurry County librarian Janie Romine will be held from 3-5 p.m. Tuesday at the library.

Cancer Society meeting

The board of 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.

Genealogy meeting

The Genealogy Society will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the Scurry County Library. Program will be continuation of members' life stories. Also to be shown is an addition to the organization's web page.

SHS sophomores

PLAN, preparation for the ACT assessment, will be given to all SHS sophomores on Tuesday. The SHS counseling office said PLAN is given at no cost to students and it provides an estimated ACT score to assist with college or career planning.

Memorial fund

The staff of Stanfield Elementary has started a Dana Henderson Memorial Fund to construct a permanent structure to honor the long-time educator who died recently of cancer. Contributions should be sent to Stanfield Elementary, and a committee of teachers will decide on the structure.

Inmate art show

The third annual Inmate Art show continues through Oct. 21 at the Scurry County Museum on the campus of Western Texas College.

Quilting Club

The Rock and Roll Quilting Club meets from 8 a.m. until noon each Monday at the Hermleigh Community Center. Everyone is invited for free quilting lessons. Call 863-2426 for more information.

Swimnastics for seniors

Swimnastic classes for Senior Citizens at WTC are being held from 2:30-3:30 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays. For more information call 573-4035.

SHS to present musical

Snyder High School's Choral Department will present the musical, "Hello Dolly," at 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday, and at 2 p.m. Sunday in Worsham Auditorium. Reserve tickets cost $7 each and are on sale at the high school. Contact Pam Snedeker, 573-6301. General admission tickets will be sold at the door for $4 each.

Fish fry

First United Methodist Church will hold its 5th annual Lord's Acre Fish Fry from 5-7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 5, in the Wesley Hall. Cost is $6 a plate. Ages six and under is $3 a plate. Tickets may be purchased in advance or at the door.

GED classes

GED classes will begin Oct. 5 in room 209 of Western Texas College's library. On Tuesdays and Thursdays, the morning session begins at 8 a.m. and ends at 11-30 a.m. and the evening session begins at 6 p.m. and ends at 8:30 p.m. The classes are for people needing GEDs, a refresher course or English as a second language.

Tiger tennis boosters

Tennis boosters will host a chicken-spaghetti supper from 5-7:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 8 in the SHS cafeteria. Tickets are $5 each and are available from junior high and high school tennis players or by calling 573-2400. Carryouts will be available and tickets will be sold at the door.

PSAT/NMSQT tests

The tests will be administered Oct. 12 in the Snyder High School library. Students must register in the counseling office and the registration fee must be paid by Tuesday, Oct. 5.

Fajita cookout

The annual fajita cookout sponsored by First Christian Church will be before the Sweetwater game on Oct. 22. The fajitas will be served before the game beginning at 5 p.m. Tickets will be available after Friday.

WTC planetarium opens

The planetarium at Western Texas College is now open with its fall lineup of new programs, developed for specific age groups: pre-K and kindergarten, grades 1-3, grades 4-6, and grades 7 through adults. The 60-seat planetarium is open for group showings, by reservation, for Friday morning and afternoon programs. It is also available, by reservation, for group showings Thursday through Saturday evenings. For reservations, call Sharon Gill at WTC, 573-8511, ext. 312.

Lord's Acre Festival

First United Methodist Church will host its annual Lord's Acre Festival Nov. 13 in the Scurry County Coliseum, featuring a variety of specialty items for the holidays, home-made goodies, an auction and a barbecue dinner.

Tiger Times yearbook

The Snyder Junior High yearbook is on sale through Nov. 23. Copies may be ordered by paying $14 now, or paying a deposit of $7 with the balance due when the yearbooks arrive in the spring. Orders will be accepted in the school office or room 110. There will be no extra copies.

Pick 3

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

8-1-0

(eight, one, zero

Lotto Texas

AUSTIN (AP) One ticket correctly matched all six numbers drawn Saturday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials said.

The ticket was worth an estimated $4 million.

The ticket was sold in Houston.

The numbers drawn from a field of 50 were 6, 10, 20, 21, 29 and 34.

Wednesday night's drawing will be worth an estimated $4 million.