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THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "It's hard to believe that we could rack up the national debt by buying everything from the lowest bidder."

Beat Big Spring

The late Jack Smartt was a regular visitor to the newspaper office. Smartt, then TU Electric manager in Snyder, told folks he never tried to use our friendship to influence getting something in the paper.

Smartt would grin and add, "Unless he needs it."

Ann Smartt, who works at HAT Oil and Gas, said she was going through some things and came across a clipping that reminded her of Jack's oft-stated posture on influence-peddling with the media.

The clipping had to do with the way we native Texans talk.

There's a pile of them. Like "visitin' with," which means the same thing as "talking to."

There's "purtneer" which is the equivalent of "nearly."

And there's "eatin'on," which Texans use to explain a particular food purchased because it would feed a lot of folks. For example, "We bought a 10-pound brisket and we've been eatin' on it all week."

"Go to the house" follows in the same sentence as "We've purtneer caught all the bass in this tank, let's..."

And "fixin' to" is the Anglo equal of "manana."

An out-of-state fellow complained about Texans' use of "fixin' to."

It was this guy's contention that whenever Texans were getting ready to do something, use of "fixin' to" is really just stalling for time.

He's right, fixin' to can buy lots of time. If you tell your wife you're gonna mow the grass, you're obligated to start right away. If you tell her you're "fixin' to," it can mean sometimes after a nap, a football game, a fishing trip or purtneer anything else.

Fixin' to is a blessing for those who enjoy setting around on the back porch and watching the dogs bark. And you purtneer can't find a real Texas who isn't fixin' to do something.

The best part of fixin' to is that there is no time element. It can be tomorrow, next week, next month or next year.

And Jack Smartt was purtneer a master at "fixin' to," and he argued it was never procrastination, but rather purtneer perfect planning.

HOMECOMING ACTIVITY — Local florists have been extra busy this week as Snyder High School celebrates its homecoming Friday while Hermleigh schools will have homecoming events Saturday. Shown with material for some of the "mums" are, from left, Jan McClain, Lupe Cabrera, Sonya Vinson and Debra Medrano. (SDN Staff Photo)

Parade today...

SHS gearing up for homecoming

Snyder High School celebrates its annual homecoming this weekend, beginning with a downtown parade today.

The parade will begin at 5 o'clock and proceed to the courthouse square, where a brief pep rally will be held.

Friday, the varsity football team takes on Big Spring at Tiger Stadium. Kickoff is at 7:30 p.m. and tickets are $5 at the gate.

Friday's halftime show will feature the crowning of a homecoming queen. Nominees are seniors Jill Willingham, Brooke McGuire, Brooke French, Michelle Lewallen and Lila King.

At least three organizations are taking advantage of homecoming by serving up special dinners for football fans Friday.

Snyder Junior High School Show Choir will perform during a hamburger supper from 5 until 7 p.m. at the high school cafeteria. Tickets are $5.

First Christian Church, located just a half a block from the stadium, is sponsoring a "fajitas and football" feed from 5 until 7:30 p.m. Tickets are $5 and $2.50 at the door.

And the Guadalupe Catholic Church is serving $5 enchilada dinners from 11 a.m. until 7 p.m. Children's plates are $2.50.

Businesses are encouraged to display their spirit flags all day Friday.

Other activities include a school pep rally at 3 p.m. Friday and an after-the-game dance in the student center for high school students, their dates and exes. The dance will end at midnight.

CMH employees to see hike in insurance

Board discusses recruitment, room rates, Justice Department claims

Cogdell Memorial Hospital employees who carry dependents on their insurance policies will see another premium increase — the second in a year's time.

The hikes — which were not unexpected — are due to a 15 percent overall premium increase. The hospital has had several high claims over the past few years.

Insurance, physician recruitment, room rates and charges by the Justice Department were among the items addressed by the board this morning.

Board members agreed to continue funding employee insurance by the same method approved seven months ago — that is, the hospital will pay the full cost of an employee's premium and $100 towards dependent coverage. The employee will pick up the remaining dependent coverage.

That means no change for the employee who has no dependents. There are three options for dependent coverage. In round numbers, the employees' cost will go up:

—from $53 to $76 to include children;

—from $121 to $154 to include a spouse;

—from $274 to $331 to include the entire family.

"The bad news is that the cost is going up drastically," said board member Dr. Mark Weaver. "Further, we are doing it seven months after doing it before. I think we should continue to pay for the employees' insurance and as much as we can of the dependents. Unfortunately, we have a bad claims history and there is nothing we can do about that.

"The good news is hopefully we can recruit some physicians and bring in more income and hopefully provide some pay increases at some point."

Physician recruitment was another topic discussed during this morning's meeting. Dr. Gary Nussey, chief of the medical staff, said the staff was "impressed" after visiting with a candidate from Las Cruces, N.M. After the meeting, CEO Jeff Reecer said Cogdell will be making an offer to the family practitioner soon.

"Hopefully we'll be able to bring the board some news at our next meeting," Reecer said.

In an unrelated item, Dr. Nussey also told the board he had an opportunity to use the new CT scanner and was "very impressed with the results."

Approval of the insurance premiums, bills and previous minutes were the only action items, but the board discussed several other issues. Among them:

—Room rates at the hospital.

Board chairman Jim Bob Cave said some people have been confused because they were told the budget would increase by three percent, yet room rates had increased from $300 to $350, "and that's obviously more than three percent."

"That's true, but the overall impact of the room rates was pretty small overall (when

See Cogdell, Page 10

DCOS board will meet at 4

Development Corporation of Snyder board members meet at 4 o'clock today to consider several items.

Among them, the board will:

—hear a presentation in regards to architectural plans for the Lorber Industries facility here;

—consider reimbursing Lorber Industries for a feasibility study;

—consider releasing Big Country Incinerators (BCI) from its contractual agreement as well as consider selling the company the old gin at Hermleigh;

—and approve bills and previous minutes.

The board will also hear status reports on construction jobs related to the city industrial park, discuss grant reimbursements, review contractual arrangements between the city and utility contractors relating to water and sewer lines and hear the executive director's monthly report.

Exxon plans CO2 injection project

Exxon Co. USA plans to implement a miscible carbon dioxide injection project on its Sharon Ridge Canyon Unit with construction and well work expected to begin late this year.

The actual startup of the CO2 injection is planned for late 1998.

The injection of the C02 will initially total about 50 million cubic feet per day and will be distributed among nine wells and affect some 14 acres on the unit.

The unit is located in both Scurry and Borden Counties, on the southern end of the large Kelly-Snyder field. It is the second largest unified oil field in the county, behind SACROC.

Depending upon the results of the injection into the nine wells, the project may be expanded to cover more of the unit, said Crawford Bunkely of Exxon's corporate offices in Houston.

The field has been enhanced by water injection since 1955.

The unit has been producing since 1949 when the discovery well, Marsh Spring #1, was brought in.

Exxon became the chief operator at the field in 1988 when it purchased the interest of R.E. Smith.

Initially, the field was operated by Warren Petroleum until it merged with Gulf in 1958. Smith took over its day-to-day operations in January, 1959.

The field reached its peak production in 1985, when it produced 7.7 million barrels of oil.

South Plains Playboys to play during festival

The South Plains Playboys from South Plains College will recreate the sound of Bob Wills' legendary Texas Playboys when they perform at the White Buffalo Festival on Oct. 4.

Established in 1987, the group has an impressive history of performances throughout West Texas and Eastern New Mexico. They perform annually at the Bob Wills Day celebration in Turkey.

The Playboys are to perform about 10:45 a.m. on the courthouse square following the festival parade and a welcome by Larry Scott of KVOO, Tulsa. Entertainment on the square will continue through the afternoon. Admission is free.

Members of the group are Larry Amos of Temple on drums, Richie Dorman of Forgan, Okla., on piano and bass, Melody Harlow of Odessa on fiddle, Robyn Hobson of Grandview on fiddle, Gary House of Levelland on vocals, Cortland Ingram from Winfield, Kan., on fiddle, and Cory Williams of Kress on fiddle.

The White Buffalo Festival will begin Oct. 3 at the S.D. and Judy Hays Ranch with a western art show featuring works by Kenneth Wyatt of Tulia, Linda Miller of San Patricio, N.M., and various artists represented by Fenton Gallery of Taos and Ruidoso, N.M.

A fiesta dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. and will include musical entertainment by Chuck Cusimano of Trinidad, Colo. A dance with live music will follow.

Tickets are $25 each plus $5 for the dance. They may be purchased by Wednesday at the chamber of commerce.

Bill to overhaul FDA on fast track

WASHINGTON (AP) — The House prepared to move quickly on legislation to bring critical changes to the Food and Drug Administration's drug approval process after the Senate passed the measure on a near-unanimous vote.

The House Commerce Committee was to act today on a carefully crafted compromise that generally mirrored the bill endorsed Wednesday by the Senate on a 98-2 vote. The measure could go to the House floor as early as next week.

The FDA overhaul bill, the product of several years of negotiations among the FDA, the White House and Congress, would streamline the process for approving drugs and medical devices and make it easier for seriously ill people to obtain experimental drugs.

It would allow the government to use private, third-party experts to expedite the review of medical devices and renew a program to improve the review process through fees collected from makers of prescription drugs.

"We need a new model for a new century," said Sen. Bill Frist, R-Tenn., a surgeon and a leading sponsor of the bill. "FDA modernization reform as represented in this bill will give us a starting point for a model that will hopefully facilitate, not stifle, the medical progress of mankind."

Sen. Jim Jeffords, R-Vt., chairman of the Senate Labor and Human Resources Committee, said he was confident President Clinton would sign the final bill once it is worked out by the House and Senate. "What we have is going to increase the efficiency and effectiveness of the FDA tremendously."

The administration praised the final Senate product, saying it "represents a significant step toward accomplishing our mutual goal of assuring the agency's optimum performance while protecting the health of the American people."

ASK US

Q—Has the First United Methodist Church scheduled another Lord's Acre Festival for this year?

A—Yes. The annual event is scheduled for Oct. 18 at Scurry County Coliseum.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Wednesday, 76 degrees; low, 54; 7 a.m. Thursday, 54; no precipitation; total for 1997, 21.95 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, clear. Low, lower 50s. Light wind. Friday, mostly sunny, warmer. High, upper 80s. Light wind becoming SE 5-10 mph by afternoon.

Cheryl Massey
Mostly sunny

Sunset: 7:36 p.m.
Sunrise: 7:34 a.m.
Of 267 days in 1997, the sun has shone 255 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

Imagination is our strongest tool — the ability to see ordinary things in new ways.

Shirley Hufstedler

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Brooks, 'Strawberry Wine' big winners

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Deana Carter's hit single "Strawberry Wine" wowed the judges at country music's big awards show and Garth Brooks won the industry's top prize — even though he wasn't there to collect it.

Brooks was named the best entertainer in country music Wednesday at the Country Music Association Awards show at the Grand Ole Opry.

The recognition has been a while coming around again to Brooks, who in 1991 and 1992 won the same prize but hasn't won a CMA trophy since 1993. He wasn't here to accept the prize, but at least had the right excuse: He was doing a show in Nebraska.

Others getting long-awaited awards from the 7,000 country music industry voters were Trisha Yearwood, for best female vocalist, and 15-year-old LeAnn Rimes, who collected the Horizon Award for career progress.

"Strawberry Wine," a song about a teen-ager's first love affair, was named both the best country music single and song. The song award went to writers Gary Harrison and Matraca Berg, while Carter collected the trophy for best single.

She gleefully jumped up and down, then leaped into presenter Ricky Skaggs' arms. She later offered a public apology to Skaggs' wife, adding she was just to happy to win.

"I was just excited by it," she said.

Rimes said it's long been her hope to hear her name called out.

"I've always dreamed of walking up to the CMA stage," Rimes said in accepting her first-ever CMA award.

It was the second CMA trophy for Yearwood, who accepted with a tribute to girlhood inspiration Reba McEntire. Yearwood said she once saw McEntire say while accepting a CMA award that dreams could be attained with hard work.

"And I believed you, Miss Reba," Yearwood told McEntire, who was in the audience.

The award for best male vocalist went to George Strait, whose "Carrying Your Love With Me" was named best album. It was the second year in a row Strait has won both awards.

Rock star Sting, formerly of The Police, showed up to sing a duet with Toby Keith on "I'm So Happy I Can't Stop Crying," a song written by Sting that appears on Keith's latest album.

Sting helped introduce the nominees for best musician, a category won by guitarist Brent Mason.

"I know more about country music than you might think," said Sting, who mentioned Hank Williams Sr. and Jim Reeves as two of his favorites.

One of the evening's highlights was Berg's performance of "Back When We Were Beautiful" from her upcoming album. The audience gave its rousing approval.

Brooks & Dunn won for best duo, and Kathy Mattea's "455 Rocket" won for best video. Diamond Rio was named best vocal group.

Tim McGraw and Faith Hill, who are married, won the vocal event award for their duet, "It's Your Love."

"I couldn't think of a better singing partner or a better life partner," McGraw said.

Songwriters Harlan Howard and Cindy Walker were inducted into the Country Music Hall of Fame during the show, as was singer Brenda Lee.

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Medal of honor recipients gather

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP) — Raymond "Mike" Clausen Jr. is one of a dwindling number of heroes, those awarded the Medal of Honor for valor in combat who are still alive.

The Marine who ran again and again through a mine field to save a platoon in Vietnam chatted with some of the other members of the Medal of Honor Society here this week, all the while knowing there will be fewer next time they meet.

"I came because the society is getting smaller and smaller. I'm here to see guys I met before who may not be here next time," said Clausen, a Ponchatoula, La., man who missed the past two conventions.

About 100 of the 168 living medal recipients are in Little Rock for the society convention, renewing friendships, seeing old faces.

Ronald Rosser, awarded the medal for Army infantry action in Korea, remembers when World War I veterans were in the society, 10 years younger than he is now. And those veterans could recall members who had fought in the Boxer Rebellion, in Haiti and in the Philippines.

"The World War I veterans, those guys were (in the society) with men from the Civil War and the Indian wars," said Rosser, of Roseville, Ohio.

"I regret not keeping a journal from the early days, not only to remember for myself but to pass on what they did and what they said."

In the 135 years since it was authorized, more than 3,000 people have been awarded the Medal of Honor, most posthumously, for risking their lives in combat beyond the call of duty.

Rosser said the society is shrinking but — by his count — there are hundreds of others who pose as society members, frauds known as "ponies." Last year, the company that makes the nation's highest combat decoration — H.L.I. Lordship Industries Inc. of Hauppauge, N.Y. — admitted selling 300 unauthorized medals for $75 each.

Bill Charette was in the Navy in Korea and earned the medal for action he saw as a hospital corpsman with a Marine Corps rifle company. He said he enjoys the company at the conventions.

"I get the biggest kick out of people trying to compare the wars," he said.

HOMECOMING FEAST — Fans attending the homecoming football game Friday night at Tiger Stadium have an opportunity to "park and eat" as First Christian Church is sponsoring "fajitas and football" before the game. Dr. Tim Griffin points out one of the grills that will be used to cook the fajitas. Serving begins at 5 o'clock and continues until 7:30 p.m. at the church at 2701 37th St. Advance adult tickets are $4.50, or $5 at the event. Advance children tickets are $2, or $2.50 at the door. (SDN Staff Photo)

Dear Abby By Abigail Van Buren

Kids who exceed expectations are not too good to be true

DEAR ABBY: "Melissa in Sacramento" wrote that an 11-year-old was not articulate enough to have written the letter you published about his happiness as an adopted son of two fathers.

Her letter was an insult to the many children who are capable of achieving beyond the low expectations of many adults.

When my 15-year-old son was 11, his vocabulary, reading, writing and analytical skills tested out at college sophomore levels. This past school year, he took several college courses and aced them all. My son is no genius, but we care enough about his education to put it first.

None of our children fail to keep up with their homework. We read to them every night until they were at least 12 years old. We still insist that they read every day. We limit television to three hours a week, while providing them with access to bookstores and libraries.

If more parents insisted on high standards in the schools and by teachers, and maintained those same standards at home, more children would be as articulate as that 11-year-old boy.

PENNY IN VIRGINIA

DEAR PENNY: I agree that some students far exceed the norm, as your children do. And the ones who do have parents who are actively involved in their schooling, which reinforces the importance of education.

"Melissa in Sacramento's" letter stimulated some strong responses from people who took exception. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: When I read the letter signed "Melissa in Sacramento," I was furious. Perhaps in Sacramento an 11-year-old student could not have written as well as the boy who expressed his happiness at being the adopted son of two fathers. However, my 11-year-old sister is capable of writing such a letter, as are many other children of that age whom I know.

I also was taken aback that Melissa called the boy's letter "whiny." If any letter was whiny, it was hers!

I applaud any two loving parents, heterosexual or homosexual, who teach their child the loving, caring, open-minded values this world needs to survive.

I wonder if Melissa is struggling with her own homophobia. Her letter appeared to reflect the anti-gay movement sweeping our country. I hope she has not taught those hurtful, narrow-minded, prejudiced values to the fifth- and sixth-grade students with whom she works.

STRAIGHT BUT NOT NARROW IN COLORADO

DEAR STRAIGHT: So do I. When we finally learn to accept diversity and be less judgmental when dealing with others, ours will be a much more unified country.

DEAR ABBY: You have undoubtedly received many letters about the 11-year-old boy who was adopted by a gay man and is now living with two dads.

Well, here's one more:

Five years ago I adopted an 8-year-old special-needs child after the system had given up on him. The caseworkers considered him unadoptable, but I fell in love with him in the first five minutes and I've never faltered in my commitment to him. When I told him I wanted to adopt him, he was the happiest kid I'd ever seen. He had believed he would never have a family. When I told him I was gay, he said it didn't matter to him — as long as I was nice.

Since then, my son has become a bright, affectionate 13-year-old, and I take a great deal of pride and joy in watching him grow toward manhood. Our adoption was finalized $2\frac{1}{2}$ years ago and all our relatives showed up to make it a very special day. We know how precious family is.

There are many older children and special-needs children in the system who will never be adopted due to a critical shortage of qualified adoptive parents. In the past 10 years, there have been more than 100,000 adoptions by qualified gay men and lesbians. Each and every one of these adoptions is an opportunity for a child to have a loving family. We should applaud these parents for the difference they make. I know.

LUCKY FATHER IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR LUCKY FATHER: May I lead the applause? You have said it very well, and your dedication is praiseworthy. All good wishes to you and to your son.

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Since these proposed rate options are entirely voluntary, TU Electric is unable to estimate their effect on its revenues, although these optional time-of-use rates are designed to be revenue neutral to TU Electric.

Persons who wish to intervene in or comment upon these proceedings should notify the Commission as soon as possible, as an intervention deadline will be imposed. A request to intervene or for further information should be mailed to the Public Utility Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 13326, Austin, Texas 78711-3326. Further information may also be obtained by calling the Public Utility Commission's Office of Consumer Affairs at (512) 936-7120. Hearing- and speech-impaired individuals with text telephones (TTY) may contact the Commission at (512) 936-7136. The deadline for intervention in the proceeding is 45 days after the date the application was filed with the Commission. Since the Application was filed on September 5, 1997, the deadline for intervention is October 20, 1997.

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COSMORAMA LUNCHEON — Cosmorama Study Club had a luncheon and fellowship Saturday at the historical Dodson House to kick off their club year of meeting every third Wednesday of the month at 4:15 at the Martha Ann Woman's Club. The next meeting will feature Lisa Cox of Cox's Jewelry giving the program. Members from left are Sandra Robinson, Jane Crenwelge and JoAn Stewart. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Community Calendar

THURSDAY

Al-Anon meeting (smoke free), noon to 1 p.m., brown bag. Park Club in Winston Park. For information call 573-4203 or 573-5525.

Horseshoe Pitching For Fun; Horseshoe Courts located at the coliseum; everybody welcome, for further information call 573-9762; 6:30 p.m.

TOPS TX56, (take off pounds sensibly); weigh-in and meeting 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.; 2501 35th. For information call Peggy Eubank at 573-6509.

Bilingual AA meeting; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; 8 p.m.

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

New Horizons Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club Addition in Winston Park; for information call 863-2349 or 573-8626; 8 p.m.

FRIDAY

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

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

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

Cornelius-Dodson House; open by appointments; 573-9742 or 573-2763.

NA Anonymous; Snyder Park Club; for information call 573-3667, 573-1579 or 573-0949; 6 p.m.

Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-8626, 573-9458 or 573-8929; 8 p.m., open meeting (last Friday of the month is the birthday meeting, pot luck at 7 p.m.).

Al-Anon; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; for information call 573-3956 or 573-2101; 8 p.m.

NOVEMBER WEDDING SET — Mrs. W.D. (Lou) Everett Jr. and Mr. and Mrs. Gene Pate announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their children, Vanette Everett and Jimmy Pate. Vanette is the daughter of Lou Everett, and the late W.D. (Dub) Everett Jr. Jimmy is the son of Gene and Dian Pate. The ceremony, set for 7 p.m. on Nov. 7, will be held in the First Baptist Church Chapel. (Photo by Wadleigh Studio)

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

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Vulnerable: East-West
Dealer: West

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4 ♥	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♠ K

Pass can be the call of choice

Samuel Johnson was talking about libraries when he said, "Knowledge is of two kinds. We know a subject ourselves, or we know where we can find information upon it."

In bridge, an opening bid supplies information to partner (which is often good) and to the opponents (which is sometimes bad). This deal is an example of the latter. It was declared by English expert David Stevenson.

That the West hand has 13 high-card points is true. Yet it is a debatable opening bid, given that three points come from a singleton king. Also, queens and jacks (quacks) are overvalued at two and one, respectively.

Stevenson, after winning the first trick with dummy's spade ace, returned the spade nine, which ran to West's queen. West switched to a low diamond, South capturing East's king with his ace. Now declarer made the key play: He led a club to dummy's *king*. When it lost to East's ace, Stevenson had all the information he needed to place the missing honor cards. East had already shown up with seven points (the diamond king and club ace). Surely West had the remaining 13 — including the heart king — for his vulnerable one-diamond bid, even in England, the land of the thin opening.

After ruffing East's club return, Stevenson placed the heart ace on to the table, nodding as if it were nothing less than his due when West dropped the king.

Always keep track of the high-card points. This will often furnish the clue to find the winning line, especially when an opponent has bid — and sometimes when he hasn't.

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Kitty survives its washer spin

ELYRIA, Ohio (AP) — One down, eight lives to go for a cat who got banged up during the spin cycle of a washing machine.

A woman who sometimes fed the yellow cat she called Butterscotch said the thinks it is a stray. She had seen the kitty wandering around her apartment complex, which doesn't allow residents to keep pets.

She found the year-old cat in the machine Monday night and called an animal shelter.

It wasn't known how long the cat was in the machine or how it got there.

'Simpson House' winner sought

HENDERSON, Nev. (AP) — Bart Simpson doesn't REALLY live here. And so far, no one else does either.

No one has claimed the 27-color replica of "The Simpsons" house, a 2,200-square-foot home that was the top prize in a nationwide contest. The winning number was revealed on the season premiere of the Fox show, entitling the winner to the $120,000 house.

"There are 60 million game pieces out there," said Anna-Marie Hintgen, a spokeswoman for Kaufman & Broad Home Corp., which teamed with Fox and Pepsi-Cola on the giveaway.

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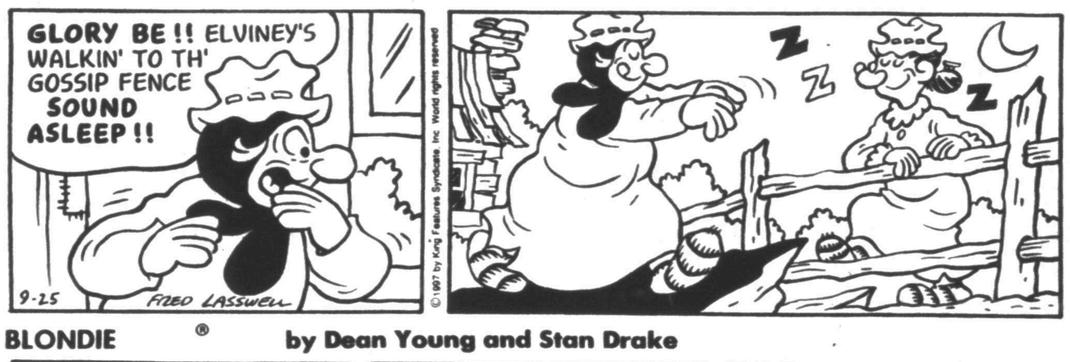

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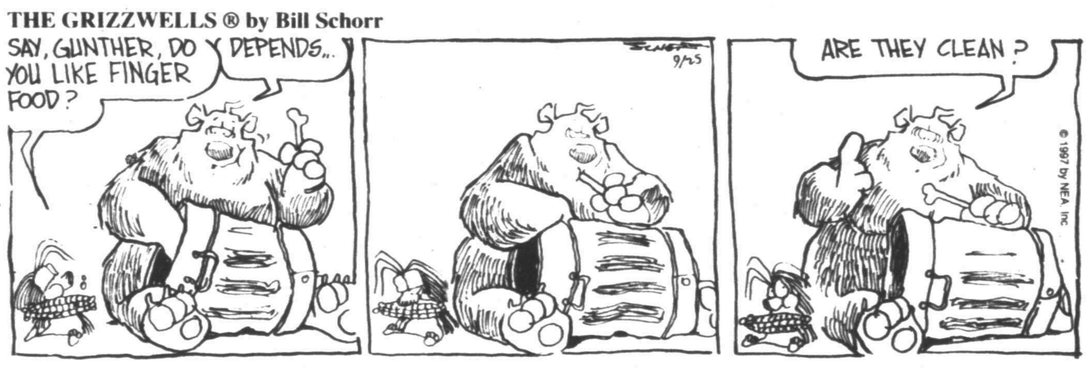

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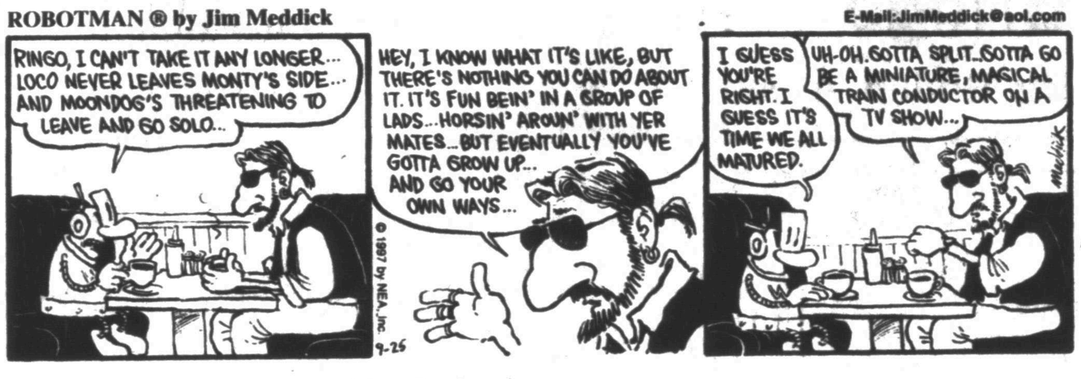

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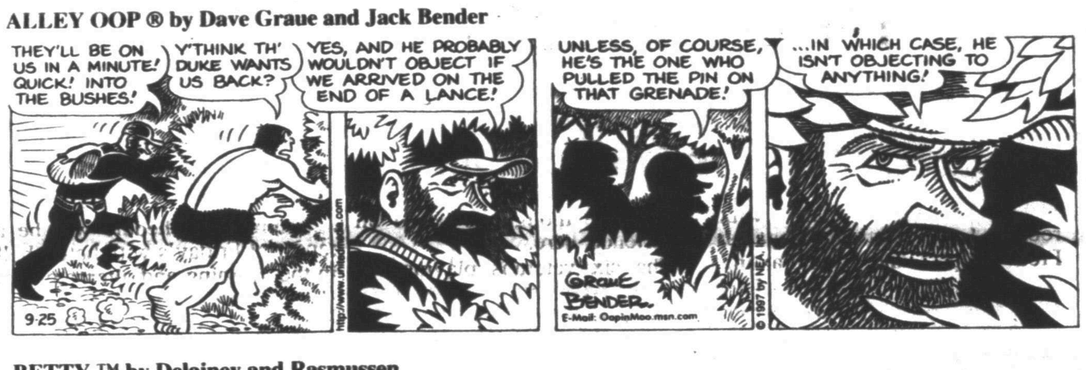

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1 Roman 1,051
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8 Genus of maples
12 Own (Scot.)
13 An O'Neill
14 Farm building
15 Was introduced to
16 Cafeteria employee
18 Loved
20 Uncle
21 Plus
23 Madrid museum
27 Tops out
30 Household appliance
32 First-rate (2 wds.)
33 Swimmer's spot
34 — culpa
35 Greek letter
36 Conceited
37 Cal. abbr.
38 Without purpose
40 Crowded
41 Villain's expression
42 Friends' pronoun
44 Compass pt.
46 Over there
50 Unlimited
54 From — — Z
55 Ms. Ono
56 Actress Delany
57 Trim (the lawn)
58 Legal claim
59 Coast Guard woman
60 Printer's measures

DOWN

1 Family member
2 Fibbed
3 Not out of
4 Swiss songs
5 Cancels
6 Chemical suffix
7 Surfeit
8 At the back
9 Roman 102
10 Guido's high note
11 Reagan's son
17 Drive
19 Gardener's tool
22 Orchestra member
24 Some Madison Avenue workers
25 Lowest regions
26 Expound
27 Fathers
28 Reddish dye
29 Resin
31 Actor Chaney
33 Dance step
36 Author Jules —
37 Looked at
39 Beatle John —
40 Himalayan cedar
43 Wolflike animal
45 Companion of odds
47 Woman of rank
48 English school
49 Tiers
50 Popeye's friend Olive —
51 Luau food
52 — out (stretch)
53 Skip (stones) on water

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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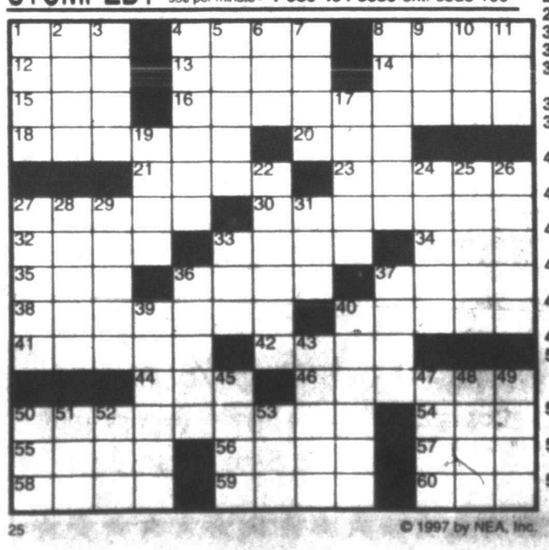

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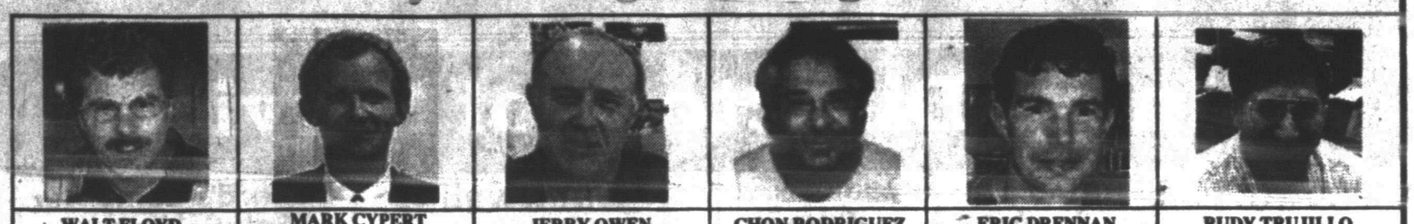
SPORTS

Snyder's Pigskin Prognosticators

STANDINGS

Floyd	Last Week 11-9	Overall	.633%
Cypert	Last Week 15-5	Overall	.700%
Owen	Last Week 12-8	Overall	.667%
Rodriguez	Last Week 10-10	Overall	.600%
Drennan	Last Week 12-8	Overall	.583%
Trujillo	Last Week 6-14	Over all	.475%



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Notre Dame at Michigan	Michigan	Michigan	Michigan	Michigan	Michigan	Michigan
West Virginia at Miami	Miami	Miami	Miami	Miami	Miami	Miami
Arizona at UCLA	UCLA	UCLA	UCLA	UCLA	UCLA	UCLA
Virginia at North Carolina	North Carolina	North Carolina	North Carolina	North Carolina	North Carolina	North Carolina
USC at California	California	California	USC	California	USC	USC
Chicago at Dallas	Dallas	Dallas	Dallas	Dallas	Dallas	Dallas
St. Louis at Oakland	Oakland	Oakland	Oakland	Oakland	Oakland	Oakland
Tennessee Oilers at Pittsburgh	Pittsburgh	Pittsburgh	Pittsburgh	Pittsburgh	Pittsburgh	Tennessee
NY Jets at Cincinnati	NY Jets	NY Jets	Cincinnati	NY Jets	Cincinnati	NY Jets
New Orleans at NY Giants	New Orleans	NY Giants	NY Giants	NY Giants	New Orleans	NY Giants
Philadelphia at Minnesota	Minnesota	Minnesota	Minnesota	Philadelphia	Minnesota	Minnesota

Coyotes climb to No. 8 in poll

LUBBOCK (AP) — Gordon retained the top spot this week in the Texas six-man football poll conducted by the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal.

The Longhorns beat Blum 50-0 to remain unbeaten last week.

Gordon is followed by Panther Creek, Whitharral and Trinidad. All four schools are 3-0. Lazbuddie, which which lost to Samnorwood last week, is No. 5.

Borden County (3-0) debuts in the poll at No. 8 after walloping Southland 62-22 on Friday.

Here is The Lubbock Avalanche-Journal's weekly high school six-man football poll of Texas sportswriters with records, first-place votes in parentheses, total points and last week's rankings. Polls are tabulated on the basis of 10 points for a first place vote, nine for a second, etc:

1.Gordon(4)	3-0	57	1
2.PantherCreek(2)	3-0	53	2
3.Whitharral	3-0	52	4
4.Trinidad	3-0	35	5
5.Lazbuddie	2-1	25	3
6.Grandfalls-Royalty	4-0	22	7
7.Brookesmith	3-0	21	8
8.BordenCounty	3-0	20	-
9.Jayton	3-0	14	9
10.Jonesboro	3-0	10	10

Others receiving votes: Blackwell 5, Strawn 5, Wellman-Union 5, Follett 2, Balmorhea 2, Samnorwood 1, Cranfills Gap 1.

Kite announces pairings as U.S. prepares to reclaim Ryder Cup

SOTOGRANDE, Spain (AP) — Tiger Woods and Mark O'Meara will anchor the four U.S. teams in the opening round of the Ryder Cup as both captains went with experience in pairings announced today.

Woods and O'Meara, neighbors in Orlando, Fla., who play together frequently, will face Colin Montgomerie and Bernhard Langer in the final better-ball match Friday morning.

The first match of the Ryder Cup will have Jose Maria Olazabal and Costantino Rocca facing PGA Championship winner Davis Love III and Phil Mickelson.

Nick Faldo, who will break the Ryder Cup record Friday with his 11th appearance, teams with rookie Lee Westwood against Fred Couples and Brad Faxon.

Then the two Swedes — Per-Ulrik Johansson and Jesper Parnevik — take on Tom Lehman and Jim Furyk.

Pairings for Friday afternoon's alternate-shot matches will be announced following the morning matches.

Scott Hoch, Jeff Maggert, Lee Janzen and, perhaps most surprisingly, British Open winner Justin Leonard, will sit out the morning matches for the United States.

The only one of Europe's seven players with experience to sit out better-ball play was Ian Woosnam, who has played in seven previous Ryder Cups.

Also not playing in the morning matches for Europe were Darren Clarke, Thomas Bjorn and Ignacio Garrido — all Ryder Cup rookies.

"These are in my opinion the most experienced pairings," said European team captain Seve Ballesteros. "I have two rookies in Parnevik and Westwood, but overall the thought is based on experience here."

The six veterans playing for Europe have experience in a combined 28 Ryder Cups.

U.S. captain Tom Kite also went with experience — only Woods and Furyk lack previous Ryder Cup exposure. Couples, with four previous Ryder Cups, and O'Meara with three, are the senior members of the U.S. team.

"I had to leave four off," Kite said when asked about the absence of Leonard in the morning matches. "For best ball, this is a pretty outstanding lineup."

Normally, the Ryder Cup starts with alternate-shot matches followed by better-ball in the afternoon, but Ballesteros asked that they be flopped this year and Kite agreed.

Europe has done well in better-ball play in recent competitions and the thinking is that Ballesteros wants his underdog team to get off to a fast start and gain some confidence.

Saturday's schedule will be a repeat of Friday's with better-ball in the morning and alternate-shot in the afternoon. The competition concludes Sunday with 12 singles matches.

The U.S. team needs 14½ of the 28 points to take back the Cup it lost in 1995 while Europe can retain it with a 14-14 tie.

District 2-4A Statistical Leaders

TEAM OFFENSE

Team	Rush	Pass	Avg.
Frenship	595	440	345.0
Estacado	850	142	330.7
Levelland	534	220	251.3
Lamesa	430	197	209.0
Plainview	451	35	162.0
Snyder	268	175	147.6

TEAM DEFENSE

Team	Rush	Pass	Avg.
Levelland	297	258	185.0
Snyder	508	147	218.3
Estacado	622	90	237.3
Plainview	709	174	294.3
Frenship	863	242	345.0
Lamesa	858	417	425.0

RUSHING

Player, Team	Car	Yds
Boyd, Estacado	50	393
Cooper, Levelland	71	324
Sigala, Plainview	44	220
Shelby, Frenship	48	215
Robinson, Snyder	57	215

RECEIVING

Player, Team	Yds	Rec
Denson, Frenship	218	14
Hodges, Snyder	61	9
Kapler, Lamesa	93	7
Peters, Frenship	69	6
Cisneros, Levelland	54	5

PASSING

Player, Team	Comp	Att	Int	TD	Yds
Haynie, Frenship	31	51	3	5	430
Taylor, Lvlnd	9	39	6	2	220
Trevino, Lamesa	14	33	1	0	197
Carter, Snyder	18	47	3	0	170
Patterson, Est.	7	21	2	1	142
Boster, Plnvw	6	22	1	0	55

LOCAL SPORTS SCHEDULE

Today

Football

Big Spring at Snyder 7th; Black, 5; Gold, 6:30.

Snyder 8th at Big Spring; Black, 5; Gold; 6:30.

Big Spring at Snyder 9th, 5:30.

Snyder JV at Big Spring, 6:00.

Friday

Football

Big Spring at Snyder (homecoming), 7:30.

Ira at Southland, 7:30.

Borden County vs. Samnorwood, at Silverton, 7:30.

Rodeo

WTC at West Texas A&M, Canyon (Friday, Saturday and Sunday).

Saturday

Football

Trent at Hermleigh (homecoming), 7p.m.

Volleyball

Levelland at Snyder 9th, JV and varsity, 1 p.m.

Snyder 7th and 8th at Andrews tourney.

Tennis

Snyder at Lamesa.

Bears looking to stir things up offensively

CHICAGO (AP) — With 10 points in two games and four straight losses, the Chicago Bears need to stir up their offense. Do something, do anything to find the end zone. Most of all, stop being predictable.

"It's not like college or high school when you could get away with that. You have to have options," running back Raymont Harris said after Sunday's frustrating 31-3 loss to New England when he managed just 63 yards on 21 carries.

Harris backed off a bit Wednesday as the Bears got ready for what could be their fifth-straight loss — a meeting Sunday with the Cowboys in Irving.

"I'm not saying we have a high school offense. I'd like to be given the opportunity to be a more diversified offense," Harris said Wednesday.

The Bears failed on 11 of 13 third-down plays Sunday and have managed to make good on just 20 of 57 attempts this season.

Chicago is struggling to throw deep while Rick Mirer is learning an offense that is missing wide receiver Curtis Conway, guard Todd Perry and center-guard Chris Villarrial, all sidelined with injuries.

"That's part of the game, part of the NFL, plugging guys in. It's inevitable. You've got to go with it. It happens every day," offensive tackle Andy Heck said Wednesday.

Loss delays Astros' celebration

HOUSTON (AP) — The fans were all set to see the Houston Astros clinch the NL Central. The Chicago Cubs weren't ready.

On a night when they could have won the division crown before a big crowd, the Astros settled instead for at least a tie in a 3-1 loss to the Cubs.

Houston's magic number was cut to one when second-place Pittsburgh lost to the New York Mets 7-5.

A big cheer went up from the Astrodome crowd of 41,560 when the outfield scoreboard showed the Mets' six-run sixth inning that gave them a 7-1 lead. The Astros were trailing 2-0 at the time, but they couldn't pull off their own comeback.

"We just have to win one game," Astros manager Larry Dierker said. "If we can't do it with what's left to be done, then we don't deserve it. I was disappointed that we didn't rally since the Pirates lost."

The Astros can win the title with a victory over the Cubs on Thursday night before closing out the season with three games in the Astrodome against the Pirates, beginning Friday night.

Brooks Kieschnick and Tyler Houston hit solo home runs for the Cubs.

The Astros tried to rally in the ninth, loading the bases with two outs. But Terry Adams got pinch-hitter Sean Berry on a grounder for his 18th save.

"It was the kind of situation you dream about," Berry said. "It would have been nice to find a hole. They threw me a slider and I just couldn't hit it."

The Astros didn't celebrate their tie.

"A tie, what's a tie?" Berry asked. "We need to continue to win so we can go into the playoffs on a winning note. The Pirates will be here watching us tomorrow. They can watch us celebrate."

Jeff Bagwell agreed.

"I guess that's (a tie) great," he said. "If we're going to lose, I'm glad they lose, too. But we've got four games left and we want to win one. We want to get this done tomorrow."

Houston scored a run in the seventh against Mark Clark (14-8) on Bagwell's two-out single, extending his hitting streak to 11 games.

But the Astros left 12 runners stranded.

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National League

East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
x-Atlanta	99	59	.627	-
w-Florida	92	66	.582	7
NewYork	86	73	.541	13½
Montreal	76	82	.481	23
Philadelphia	65	93	.411	34

Central Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Houston	81	77	.513	-
Pittsburgh	78	81	.491	3½
Cincinnati	73	85	.462	8
St.Louis	71	87	.449	10
Chicago	67	91	.424	14

West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
SanFrancisco	88	71	.553	-
LosAngeles	85	73	.539	2½
Colorado	82	76	.519	5½
SanDiego	75	84	.472	13

w-clinched wild card
x-clinched division title

Wednesday's Games

San Francisco 4, Colorado 3
Philadelphia 5, Atlanta 1
Cincinnati 5, St. Louis 4
Florida 10, Montreal 9
N.Y. Mets 7, Pittsburgh 5
Chicago Cubs 3, Houston 1
San Diego 4, Los Angeles 1

Thursday's Games

Atlanta (Glavine 14-7) at Philadelphia (Grace 3-2), 7:05 p.m.
Florida (Fernandez 17-12) at Montreal (Martinez 17-8), 7:35 p.m.
Cincinnati (Tomko 11-7) at St. Louis (Beltran 1-2), 8:05 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (Gonzalez 11-8) at Houston (Hampton 14-10), 8:05 p.m.
Los Angeles (Nomo 13-12) at Colorado (Astacio 12-9), 9:05 p.m.

Friday's Games

Florida (Saunders 4-6) at Philadelphia (Schilling 16-11), 7:05 p.m.
Cincinnati (Schourek 5-8) at Montreal (Johnson 2-4), 7:35 p.m.
Atlanta (Neagle 20-4) at N.Y. Mets (Bohanon 6-4), 7:40 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (Tapani 8-3) at St. Louis (Busby 0-1), 8:05 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Loaiza 11-10) at Houston (Garcia 8-8), 8:05 p.m.
Los Angeles (Valdes 9-11) at Colorado (Wright 8-11), 9:05 p.m.
San Diego (Smith 7-5) at San Francisco (Estes 18-5), 10:05 p.m.

American League

East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
x-Baltimore	96	62	.608	-
w-NewYork	92	66	.582	4
Detroit	79	79	.500	17
Boston	77	81	.487	19
Toronto	72	86	.456	24

Central Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
x-Cleveland	84	72	.538	-
Chicago	77	80	.490	7½
Milwaukee	77	80	.490	7½
Minnesota	66	91	.420	18½
KansasCity	65	92	.414	19½

West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
x-Seattle	89	70	.560	-
Anaheim	83	75	.525	5½
Texas	74	84	.468	14½
Oakland	63	96	.396	26

x-clinched division title
w-clinched wild card

Wednesday's Games

N.Y. Yankees 8, Cleveland 4
Boston 9, Detroit 2
Baltimore 9, Toronto 3
Milwaukee 4, Kansas City 3, 15 innings
Minnesota 7, Chicago White Sox 2
Texas 8, Oakland 4
Anaheim 9, Seattle 3

Thursday's Games

Boston (Avery 6-7) at Detroit (Sanders 6-13), 1:05 p.m.
Kansas City (Rusch 5-9) at Milwaukee (Eldred 13-14), 2:05 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Cone 12-6) at Cleveland (Hershiser 14-6), 7:05 p.m.
Baltimore (Mussina 15-7) at Toronto (Carpenter 2-7), 7:35 p.m.
Minnesota (Hawkins 6-11) at Chicago White Sox (Drabek 11-11), 8:05 p.m.
Texas (Witt 11-12) at Anaheim (Dickson 13-8), 10:05 p.m.

Friday's Games

Minnesota (Radke 20-9) at Cleveland (Ogea 7-9), 7:05 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Pettitte 18-7) at Detroit (Thompson 15-11), 7:05 p.m.
Boston (Henry 7-2) at Toronto (W.Williams 8-14), 7:35 p.m.
Baltimore (Krivda 4-1) at Milwaukee (Harnisch 0-2), 8:05 p.m.
Kansas City (Bones 3-8) at Chicago White Sox (Sirotka 2-0), 8:05 p.m.
Texas (Helling 2-3) at Anaheim (Springer 9-9), 10:05 p.m.
Oakland (Oquist 3-6) at Seattle (Moyer 17-4), 10:05 p.m.

WTC ready to ride again

It's back in the saddle again for the Western Texas College rodeo team, as its second event of the season begins Friday at West Texas A&M in Canyon.

WTC, fresh off a women's first place and a men's second place finish last week, will be looking to keep its good fortune going.

Last week in Portales, N.M., the Lady Westerners ran away with the title. Tona Wright and Amanda Wallin finished first and second in the all-around, propelling their team to 355 points.

For the men last week, Chad Maynard grabbed the top spot in the average in the bareback competition, but the men failed to capitalize on opportunities in the final round.

WTC coach Greg Rhodes was pleased with his team's first outing, but expects even better things this week.

"We just didn't capitalize on some opportunities in the short-go," Rhodes said. "But I don't think that will happen very often. I know how these kids are and they won't let that happen again."

After traveling to Canyon, the Westerners will compete in their third event of the year Oct. 2-4 at Sul Ross in Alpine.

Tigers drop non-district tennis match

The state-ranked Snyder Tiger tennis team suffered a minor setback Tuesday, as it was defeated by 5A Midland High 10-8.

The loss will have no effect on the district standings for Snyder, where the Tigers are 1-0 going into Saturday's contest at Lamesa.

On Tuesday, the boys' portion of the team managed to go 5-4 against its opponent.

But the Lady Bulldogs proved to have a strong team, as they went 6-3 against the Snyder girls.

The loss leaves the Tigers' record at 9-4 on the season.

Midland High 10, Snyder 8

Boys' singles: Adrian Gonzales def. Russell Booth 6-2, 6-1; Jaime Juarez def. Saul Morales 6-2, 5-7, 6-3; Brett Gibson lost to Michael Arrot 4-6, 4-6; Alan Smith lost to Butler Gist 3-6, 1-6; Todd Hall lost to Rob Knight 3-6, 2-6; Ryan Gibson def. Kevin Edwards 7-6(7-5), 6-2.

Boys' doubles: Juarez/Gonzales def. Booth/Gist 6-1, 6-3; Hall/Gibson lost to Morales/Arrot 4-6, 6-2, 1-6; Smith/Gibson def. Knight/Edwards 6-4, 7-5.

Girls' singles: Laura Gonzales def. Lindsey Cates 3-6, 7-5, 6-1; Vicki Vargas lost to Elizabeth Webb 7-6(7-5), 2-6, 1-6; Whitney Graham lost to Emily Leeton 3-6, 4-6; Natalie Alexander lost to Haley Hightower 0-6, 3-6; Cynthia Fennell lost to Julie Young 6-3, 2-6, 7-4; Angela Sanchez lost to Kirstie Kerr 2-6, 1-6.

Girls' doubles: Gonzales/Graham def. Webb/Leeton 6-3, 6-4; Vargas/Alexander def. Hightower/Young 6-4, 5-7, 6-4; Fennell/Sanchez lost to Cates/Kerr 4-6, 4-6.

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NASA approves Wolf's stay on Mir

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — NASA today decided to send American David Wolf up for a four-month stay aboard the aging, troubled Russian Mir station, after last-minute safety reviews gave the mission a thumbs-up. NASA's chief said the decision was based on science, not emotion or politics.

Space shuttle Atlantis is scheduled to blast off tonight, and will carry up seven crew members as planned, including Wolf. The space agency never had waited so long to make such a major decision regarding an astronaut and his flight.

"This careful and thorough review of the shuttle-Mir mission analyzed risk, readiness and, foremost, safety," NASA Administrator Daniel Goldin said in a statement this morning.

"We move forward not only because it is safe, but for the important scientific and human experience we can gain only from Mir," he said. "As we prepare for the June 1998 launch of the first element of the international space station, nothing can beat the hands-on, real-time training aboard Mir."

In a briefing, he said there are always risks in any space flight, and NASA officials are "deeply touched" by the public interest in the flight and fears for the Mir astronauts' well-being.

"The decision to continue our joint participation aboard Mir should not be based on emotion or politics," he said. "It should not be based on fear. A decision should be based — and is based — on scientific and technical assessment of the mission safety."

In Moscow, Rufina Amosova, a spokeswoman for the Russian space program, said, "We are not surprised. We expected that; we were ready for it."

"We were not worried because we knew the conditions, the situation. We were almost completely sure that everything will be fine. Our crew is very good — look at the enthusiasm with which they quickly repaired every problem," she said.

Wolf acted Wednesday as though he already knew the outcome, telling a gathering of family and friends, "See you in four to five months."

Wolf, 41, an unmarried doctor and engineer who spent the past year undergoing cosmonaut training in Russia, has said repeatedly that he's eager to move into the trouble-plagued Mir.

Regardless of what Goldin had decided, Atlantis still would have flown to Mir to bring astronaut Michael Foale home after a 4½-month stay and to drop off a replacement computer and patches for holes as well as food, water and other urgently needed supplies.

The 11½-year-old Mir has encountered numerous problems over the past seven months, most notably a terrifying fire and collision that almost forced the crew to abandon ship. The station always has an attached capsule for quick escapes, and Wolf has said that in just about any emergency he could imagine, the crew could get to the capsule and return to Earth.

Many experts believe recurring problems to be more worrisome: computer crashes, cooling-loop leaks, oxygen-generator breakdowns and malfunctions in the carbon dioxide removal system.

NASA's inspector general expressed concern about the glitches in testimony before the House Science Committee last week, and committee leaders oppose putting Wolf on the tattered Mir.

Gemini and Apollo astronaut Thomas Stafford, head of a Mir safety review panel, said Wednesday that the risk is minimal. Stafford reported that his task force determined "all possible actions" have been taken by the Russians to preclude a fire like the one on Mir in February and a collision like the one in June.

New warnings added to drug

WASHINGTON (AP) — The government has issued new warnings about the antihistamine Seldane even as it tries to take the drug off the market.

Seldane and Seldane-D, the version that adds a decongestant, should never be taken together with the new blood pressure medicine Posicor because the two can cause a life-threatening reaction, the FDA said Wednesday.

Patients with renal problems should not take more than one Seldane or Seldane-D a day, nor should the antihistamine be taken with grapefruit juice, the FDA warned.

Also, the FDA said Seldane and Seldane-D can be risky when taken with any of the following new drugs: the AIDS medicines Crixivan, Norvir, Invirase and Viracept; any serotonin reuptake inhibitor, such as Luvox, Zoloft or Serzone; the heartburn drug Propulsid; the asthma drug Zyflo; and the antibiotic Zagam.

In January, the FDA began proceedings to force Seldane off the market, noting that consumers now have a safer alternative — Allegra — from the same manufacturer.

Hoechst Marion Roussel has been fighting the FDA's attempt to ban Seldane, but added the new warnings to the drug's label Wednesday.

Births

Jason and Debbie Summers announce the birth of their daughter, Tahnee N'Cole Summers, at 8:49 a.m. on Sept. 16 in the University Medical Center in Lubbock.

Her grandparents are Royce and Larue Summers, and Larry and Linda Schwarz. Great-grandparents are Raymond and June Schwarz of Hermleigh, Stella Jones and Anna Belle Schattel. Her great-great-grandmother is Ora Heath.

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GenMills		68 3-16	67⅞ 68 — 5-16
GenMotors		66	65⅞ 66
GaPacif	102⅛	101 15-16	102⅛— ½
GlobalMar		32⅝	31⅞ 32 11-16+ ⅜
Goodrich		45⅛	44⅞ 44⅞ ⅛
Goodyear s		67⅞	67½ 67½— ⅛
GtAtlPac		28⅛	27 15-16 28 3-16+ 1-16
Halliburtn s		51⅛	50½ 51⅛+ 1⅛
Hanson ADS n		24½	24 1-16 24 3-16+ ⅛
HomeDepot s		53¾	52⅝ 52⅝— ⅜
HoustonInds		21 9-16	21⅜ 21½+ 1-16
IBM s	102 11-16	101 11-16	102 5-16+ ⅜
IntlPaper		54	53 9-16 53¾+ ⅛
JohnsonJn	58 5-16	57 11-16	57 15-16—11-16
K mart		14⅝	14 1-16 14⅛+ 1-16
Kroger s		28⅜	28⅛ 28⅛— 5-16
Litton		55 15-16	55⅜ 55⅜— ⅛
LockhdMart		112 7-16	111⅛ 112
Lowes Cos		38 15-16	38½ 38⅜— ⅛
Lubys		20⅛	20⅛ 20⅛— ⅛
LucentTech		81⅛	80 80⅛—11-16
MayDeptStrs		56⅛	55 3-16 55½— ⅜
Medtronic s		46⅞	45 1-16 46 5-16+ 7-16
Mobils		75	73 13-16 74 13-16+ 1⅛
Monsanto		37⅝	36⅞ 37⅝+1 1-16
MorganJP		113	112⅛ 112 5-16— ⅛
Motorola		70⅝	69⅞ 69⅞+ ⅜
NCR Corp n		35 9-16	35 35⅛+ 1-16
NationsBk s		63⅛	62⅝ 63 1-16— 7-16
Navistar	26	25 7-16	25 15-16— 3-16
Norwest	61⅛	60 15-16	61 1-16— 7-16
OryxEngy		27⅛	26½ 26⅞+ 5-16
Penney JC		60 1-16	59⅞ 60 1-16—13-16
Pennzoil		79½	78½ 79⅛— 5-16
PepBoys			26⅞ 26½ 26⅞
PepsiCo		39⅞	39⅛ 39⅜— 1-16
PepsiCo wi		36⅞	36½ 36⅞— 1-16
PhelpDodge	75 15-16	75 7-16	75 13-16+ ⅞
PhilipPet		50⅝	50 5-16 50 7-16+ ⅜
PilgrmPrd		14⅝	14 3-16 14⅛+ ⅛
Polaroid		52⅛	51⅞ 52 1-16+ 7-16
Praxair	53 3-16	52 13-16	53 1-16+ 1-16
ProctGamb s	68	13-16 67 9-16	68 3-16— ⅛
PubSNwMx	18 15-16	18 11-16	18 13-16+ ½
RoyalDut s		54 7-16	53⅝ 54 1-16+11-16
SBC Comm		60 7-16	59 11-16 59⅝— ⅛
SaraLee		51⅞	50⅞ 51 13-16+ 1½
SearsRoeb	57 1-16	56 13-16	56 15-16+ 3-16
SherwinW s			29⅛ 29 29⅛+ ⅛
SmthBc ADS s		46 7-16	45⅞ 46 1-16+ 7-16
SouthernCo		22⅛	22½ 22 9-16+ 1-16
SwstAirlines		31 1-16	30⅞ 31 1-16+ 3-16
Sprint		48 3-16	47½ 47⅞+ ½
SunCo		45 5-16	44½ 45⅛+ 9-16
TNP Ent	24 11-16	24⅛	24 11-16+ 3-16
Tandy s		33⅛	33½ 33 13-16— ⅛
TemplnInland		65 5-16	64⅝ 65 3-16+ ½
Tenneco		49⅛	48⅞ 48⅞+ 7-16
Texaco		120½	119⅝ 119 13-16+ 5-16
Texacowi		60⅝	60 60 + 1-16
TexasInds		41⅛	40⅞ 40⅞— ⅜
TexasInst	136 11-16	134 9-16	136 9-16+ 1⅛
TexUtil	35 11-16	35 7-16	35 7-16— ⅛
Textron s	65 3-16	63⅝	64 7-16—11-16
Travelers s		70 9-16	69⅞ 69½+ 1-16
TriconGlbR wi		30½	30 30 1-16+ 1-16
TrinityInds		44⅛	43 1-16 43⅞+ ⅜
TritonEngy		41⅛	40⅞ 41⅛+ 1
Tyler		3⅛	3 11-16 3 11-16
US WestCm		38⅛	37 7-16 37⅛— ⅛
USWstMda	21 15-16	21 11-16	21 13-16+ 1-16
USX Delhi		15½	15 3-16 15½+ 5-16
USX-Marathn	36 13-16	36½	36 11-16+ ⅛
USX-USS		38⅛	37⅞ 37⅞+ 1-16
UnCarbde		48⅛	47 7-16 47⅞
UnPac s	62 15-16	62⅝	62 11-16— ⅛
UnitedTech s		83	82 82⅛— ⅛
Unocal		43⅛	42½ 43 1-16+ ⅜
WalMart		37	36½ 36⅞— 1-16
WstnGasRs		22⅛	22 22 — 3-16
WestghEl		27⅞	27½ 27 11-16+ 5-16
WinnDixie	35 13-16	35 5-16	35⅜— ⅛
Woolworth		22⅛	22 22 1-16+ 1-16
Xerox Corp		78⅜	77⅛ 78⅛+ ⅜
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Today is the 268th day of 1997 and the fifth day of fall.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1493, Christopher Columbus set sail with 17 ships on his second trip to the New World.

On this day in 1953, Liberace made his Carnegie Hall debut before a capacity crowd.

On this day in 1981, Sandra Day O'Connor became the first woman to become a member of the Supreme Court.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: William Faulkner (1897-1962), writer; Mark Rothko (1903-1970), painter; Walter "Red" Smith (1905-1982), sportswriter; Dimitri Shostakovich (1906-1975), composer; Phil Rizzuto (1917-), baseball great-sportscaster, is 80; Michael Douglas (1944-), actor-producer, is 53; Pedro Almodovar (1951-), director, is 46; Will Smith (1968-), rapper-actor, is 29.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1965, at the age of 34, Willie Mays became the oldest man to hit 50 home runs in a single season.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "I believe that man will not merely endure: He will prevail." — William Faulkner

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1987, Hurricane Emily destroyed 90 percent of Bermuda's trees.

SOURCE: 1997 Weather Guide Calendar; Accord Publishing, Ltd.

TODAY'S MOON: Between last quarter (Sept. 23) and new moon (Oct. 1).

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Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Friday, Sept. 26, 1997

Several major accomplishments could be in the offing for you in the year ahead. They are involvements at which you failed previously, but you'll be given a fresh start.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) In social involvements today, don't feel impelled to be the center of attention. You will gain a lot more notice if you you're just a trifle laid back. Get a jump on life by understanding the influences that govern you in the year ahead. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions today by mailing $2 and SASE to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) For the sake of your image today, don't brag about your accomplishments. Let someone else toot your horn regarding announcements of this nature.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Even if you secretly feel your ideas are superior today, don't start a debate about them. Others might see how little you really know.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) A joint endeavor which requires your financial backing must be analyzed thoroughly from every aspect. It may not be as good as it first sounded.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Forego taking it upon yourself today to make a major decision without consulting your mate. If it goes wrong, you may not hear the end of it.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Your workload can be lightened considerably today if you use your head along with your back. Be sensible when performing tasks that require both.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) It could prove wise to stay in the background today if you encounter a domineering character in a social setting. Give him or her the stage.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) For the sake of harmony on the homefront today, let all voices be heard. The full mix could create a blend that produces a solution.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) A plan that is of significance to you could run into serious opposition today if it is presented prematurely. Be cognizant of proper timing.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) You will be adept at managing your own finances today, but avoid telling another how to handle his or her resources. Your counsel could be erroneous.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) When conversing with friends today, a topic might come up for discussion upon which you and your mate have opposing views. Do not argue them in public.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Opportunities will slip past you today if you take a laid-back approach. If something fortuitous presents itself, act upon it immediately.

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PLACE IN TOURNAMENT — Winners of the annual domino tournament at the Scurry County Fair were R.B. Duke and W.L. Wemken, pictured in Wednesday's SDN. Second place includes (from left) Bill Turney and Anson Martin who won a steak dinner at the Rusty Spur, and third place went to Carl Foree and Ernest Sears, winning $50 each. First place winners received a trip to the Wagon Wheel Ranch Bed and Breakfast and the steak dinner were donated by Billy Ray Browning. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

'Goosebumps', 'Huck Finn' are on list of banned books

CHICAGO (AP) — A Florida mother says the "Goosebumps" series of scary stories for kids are so violent, gory and vengeful that children shouldn't read them. A Chicago librarian says kids love the scary stuff.

One woman's horror story is another's literary landmark. And this year's list of 100 banned and challenged books includes a number that are considered American classics, including Mark Twain's "Huckleberry Finn" and John Steinbeck's "Of Mice and Men."

The Chicago-based American Library Association releases the list each year to raise awareness about censorship. This year's list coincides with the 16th Banned Books Week, which ends Saturday.

The list includes Alice Walker's "The Color Purple," Herman Melville's "Moby Dick" and Nathaniel Hawthorne's "The Scarlet Letter."

Newer books that made the list include Earvin "Magic" Johnson's 1992 book "What You Can Do to Avoid AIDS," and the "Goosebumps" stories that R.L. Stine began writing in 1982.

Mary Dempsey, who heads Chicago's public library system, says Stine's tales — admittedly scary and gory — are wildly popular with the younger set.

"There's no reason I would ban 'Goosebumps,'" she said. "The kids love to read them. They're the 'Nancy Drew' of the '90s."

Lisa Clinton, the Florida mom, tried unsuccessfully to get the "Goosebumps" books banned in her third-grade daughter's school district.

She said her daughter's teacher stuffed cotton in the girl's ears when she asked not to hear Stine's "Night of the Living Dummy III."

"The Goosebumps series goes beyond being scary — it is filled with violence, fear, cruelty, revenge and murder," Clinton said.

The library association says freedom is at stake when books are banned.

"This is our nation's literary history," says Judith Krug, director of the Office of Intellectual Freedom for the association. "We're not dealing with cruddy literature. We're dealing with some of the best literature that's come out of the American pens."

Among the ALA's critics is the Colorado-based Christian ministry Focus on the Family.

"Banned Books Week is nothing more than an attempt to bully any parent, teacher or librarian who may disagree with the ALA's agenda," Tom Minnery, a Focus on the Family vice president, said in Chicago last week.

Krug said the ALA compiles its banned book lists through newspaper reports and that it's fine for parents to watch what their children read.

"Saying, 'I don't want my child to read material is OK,'" said Krug. "But saying, 'I don't want my child to read this book and to protect my child I want you to remove the book so no one else has access to it,' that's a horse of a different color."

Printing flaws mar $50 bills

WASHINGTON (AP) — Thirty million newly designed $50 bills are being held out of circulation because of a smudge behind the portrait of U.S. Grant.

Normally, the flaw wouldn't be enough to keep the bills on the shelf. But Treasury Department and Federal Reserve officials said they want the first copies the public sees to be near perfect.

The new design, being introduced a year and a half after a new $100 note, is packed with features designed to thwart counterfeiters. A decision hasn't been made yet whether to destroy the flawed bills, which cost $1.44 million to make. They may circulate later.

"The notes that were produced are clearly functional notes," said Larry Felix, a spokesman for Treasury's Bureau of Engraving and Printing. "But clearly, if you're going to introduce notes for the first time, you're going to make sure the notes are as flawless as possible."

He said the flaw, a small break in the fine concentric lines behind the portrait of Grant, is not unusual, even in bills the bureau has been printing for decades.

Treasury prints the nation's folding money and the Federal Reserve circulates it.

New 50s with the anomaly, first reported Wednesday by The Washington Times, have been placed under seal at Federal Reserve district banks, said Federal Reserve spokesman Joseph Coyne.

"We consider this a close call whether they are functional or not," Coyne said. "We felt these bills were not good enough to use in the first year."

The first year of circulation is critical because people unfamiliar with the new design might mistake the printing anomaly in some as an indication they're counterfeit.

"It is critical that the new bills have no flaws that would undermine public confidence in them," said Rep. Michael N. Castle, R-Del., chairman of the House Banking monetary subcommittee. "The large number of imperfect bills may be more than just a minor problem and should not be handled lightly."

Secret Service spokesman Arnette Heinze said his agency "will operate on whatever is issued" by the Federal Reserve.

"It's not a concern if there is a minor anomaly if we know what that is. Quite possibly, the public would never see it. It's genuine anyway, even if you could notice it," he said.

Felix said the new $50 notes will be introduced into circulation by the end of the fall, as scheduled. But only copies without the anomaly will circulate for now, he said.

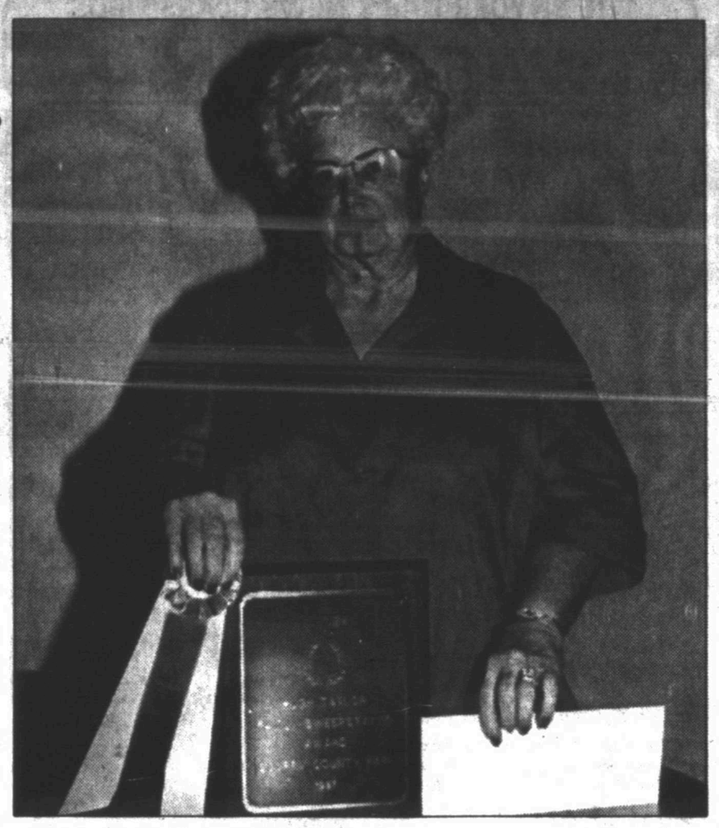
"Since the end of August, we have modified the plate and we've eliminated the problem," he said.

He said a random sample of the 150 million bills printed between late May and late August indicates about 20 percent have the anomaly. At a cost of 4.8 cents each, it would cost $1.44 million to replace them if they must be destroyed.

Most of the flawed notes were shipped to the Federal Reserve Bank of New York and a small quantity to district banks in Chicago and Cleveland, he said.

The newly designed $50 bill, featuring an off-center and enlarged picture of Grant on the front and a contemporary engraving of the Capitol on the back, replaces a design in circulation since 1929.

It includes a watermark to the right of Grant's portrait, an embedded polymer security thread that glows yellow in ultraviolet light and color-shifting ink in the numeral in the lower right-hand corner of the bill's front.



HUGH TAYLOR AWARD — Sandra Browning had the most points for entries in the Scurry County Fair which earned her the Hugh Taylor Family Sweepstakes Award for the second time. She won the award two years ago and was the only one in her family entering either year. This year Browning received a plaque, a sweepstakes ribbon and a $100 cash award. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Scurry County Fair...

Flower show results

Flower Show

Horticulture Sweepstakes Award — Sandra Browning.

Section A Roses

Class 1-A Hybrid Tea "White" — 1. Joy Howell.

Class 1-B Hybrid Tea "Yellow" — 1. Wilson Howell.

Class 1-C Hybrid Tea "Blend — 1. Wilson Howell; 1. Sharylon Vestal; 2. Joy Howell; 2. Maribeth Vestal.

Class 1-D Hybrid Tea "Pink" — 1. Sandra Browning; 2. Joy Howell; 2. Wilson Howell.

Class 1-E Hybrid Tea "Red" — 1. Joy Howell, Award of Merit; 1. Wilson Howell; 2. Bonnie Fry.

Class 1-F Hybrid Tea "Any Other" — 2. Wilson Howell; 3. Bonnie Fry.

Class 2-B Floribunda "Yellow" — 2. Wilson Howell.

Class 3-C Floribunda "Blend" — 2. Joy Howell.

Class 3-D Floribunda "Pink" — 1. Wilson Howell.

Class 4-E Miniature Rose "Red" — 1. Maribeth Vestal.

Class 4-F Miniature Rose "Any Other" — 1. Wilson Howell.

Class 5-D Polyantha Rose "Pink" — 1. Wilson Howell.

Class 6 Antique Roses — 1. Wilson Howell; 2. Jean Burns.

Section B Dahlias

Class 8 Small under 4" — 1. Bonnie Fry; 2. Bonnie Fry.

Section C Biennials & Perennials

Class 13 Lycoris - Squamingera — 1. Sandra Browning; 2. Pauline Walton.

Class 14 Canna — 1. Geleska Baze; 2. Bonnie Fry; 2. Bonnie Fry; 4. Jean Burns.

Class 15 Rose - Live - Forever — 1. Pauline Walton; 2. Bonnie Fry; 3. Sandra Browning; 4. Lanette Patterson.

Class 17 Others — 1. Sandra Browning, Award of Merit; 1. Betty Wood; 1. Geleska Baze; 1. Pauline Walton; 1. Pauline Walton; 1. Pauline Walton; 1. Sandra Browning; 1. Sandra Browning.

Section D Annuals — 1. Geleska Baze; 1. Geleska Baze; 1. Geleska Base; 1. Sandra Browning; 1. Sandra Browning; 1. Sandra Browning; 1. Alisa Cain; 1. Bonnie Fry.

Class 19B Amaranthus — 1. Alisa Cain; 1. Alisa Cain.

Class 20 Zinnia — 2. Bonnie Fry; 2. Bonnie Fry.

Class 22 Bi-Feathered Plume — 1. Pauline Walton.

Class 24B Small Marigold — 1. Lanette Patterson.

Class 26A Periwinkle "White" — 1. Sandra Browning.

Class 26B Periwinkle "Pink" — 1. Sandra Browning, Light Pink; 1. Sandra Browning, Dark Pink; 1. Bonnie Fry.

Class 26C Periwinkle "Red" — 1. Sandra Browning.

Class 26D Perwinkle "Bi-color" — 1. Sandra Browning. **Class 26E Periwinkle "Other"** — 1. Sandra Browning, Award of Merit.

Class 27 "Any Other Worthy Annual" — 1. Sandra Browning; 1. Sandra Browning; 1. Sandra Browning; 1. Sandra Browning.

Section E - Collection of 5

Class 28A Cut Specimens of 1 Variety of Annuals — 1. Maribeth Vestal; 1. Bonnie Fry.

Section F. Displays

Class 29A — 1. Gertrude League, Collectors & Showcase Award.

Section H. Shrubs & Trees

Class 32B Holly — 1. Bonnie Fry.

Class 33E Other Small Leaf — 1. Sandra Browning.

Class 35D Other Broad Leaf — 1. LaVern Hood.

Class 35 Flowering Shrub — 1. Bonnie Fry & Arboreal Award.

Section I Container Grown Plants

Class 37A Flowering Plant 8" or less — 1. Lucille Dickey; 2. Sandra Browning.

Class 37B Flowering Plant 8" to 16" — 1. Sandra Browning; 1. Sandra Browning; 1. Teresa Kariainen; 3. Sonya Vinson.

Class 39D Ivy Foliage Blasts 8" or less — 1. Teresa Kariainen; 2. Gertrude League; 2. Gertrude League.

Class 39E Other Foliage Plants 8" or Less — 1. Sandra Browning; 1. Sandra Browning; 1. Bonnie Fry; 2. Bonnie Fry; 2. Mamie Patterson; 3. Marie Armstrong.

Class 40A Fern Foliage Plants 8" to 16" — 1. Sandra Browning, Horticulture Excellence Award; 1. Sandra Browning.

Class 40D Ivy Foliage Plants 8" to 16" — 1. Lucille Dickey; 1. Lucille Dickey; 1. Bonnie Fry; 2. Kim Clare.

Class 41C Other Pole Plants 8" to 16" — 1. Sandra Browning.

Class 43 Misc. More than one plant in 8" or less container — 1. Sandra Browning; 1. Sandra Browning.

Class 43 Misc. More than one plant in 8" to 16" container — 1. Geleska Baze; 1. Geleska Baze; 1. Sandra Browning; 1. Sandra Browning; 1. Bonnie Fry; 1. Gertrude League; 2. Mae Guiterrez.

Class 46 Dish Garden 5 or more plants in 18" or less container — 1. Bonnie Fry.

Class 47A-1 Cacti in 8" or less container — 1. Sandra Browning; 1. Bonnie Fry.

Class 47A Succulents in 8" or less container — 1. Sandra Browning; 1. Sandra Browning; 1. Sandra Browning; 2. Sandra Browning.

Class 47B-2 Succulents in 8" to 16" container — 1. Bonnie Fry; 2. Mamie Patterson.

Class 49A Flowering Hanging Baskets — 1. Geleska Baze; 12. Geleska Baze; 1. Sandra Browning; 1. Sandra Browning; 1. Sandra Browning; 2. Mae Gutierrez.

Class 49B Green Foliage Hanging Baskets — 1. Sandra Browning; 1. Sandra Browning; 1. Sandra Browning; 1. Sandra Browning; 1. Sandra Browning; 1. Sandra Browning; 1. Sandra Browning; 1. Bonnie Fry; 1. Mae Gutierrez; 1. Marie Moore; 1. Mamie Patterson; 2. Marie Armstrong.

Class 49C Verigated Foliage Hanging Baskets — 1. Sandra Browning; 2. Sandra Browning; 1. Sandra Browning; 1. Sandra Browning; 1. Mamie Patterson; 3. Mae Gutierrez.

Class 50 Well Established Plant growing in unusual container 1. Mamie Patterson.

Section I Youth Division

Class 52 Cut Specimen correctly named — 1. Glenn Burns.

Class 53 Cacti — 1. Glenn Burns.

Design Division

Design based on the Wizard of Oz, "Somewhere Over the Rainbow"

Artistic Design Sweepstakes Award — Anna Sears.

Section M All Fresh

Class 54 Emerald City — 1. Sandra Browning; 2. Geleska Baze; 3. Gertrude League; 4. LaVerne Hood.

Class 55 Time is Running Out — 1. LaVerne Hood; 2. Bonnie Fry.

Class 56 Scarecrow's Garden — 1. Sandra Browning; 2. Bonnie Fry; 3. Anna Sears; 4. Gertrude League.

Novice Class 57 Scarecrow's Garden — 1. Kellie Miller; 2. Dolores Merritt.

Section N. Fresh, Dried and/or Treated

Class 58 Blue Gingham Dress — 1. Sandra Browning; 2. Gertrude League; 3. Anna Sears; 4. Bonnie Fry.

Class 59 Ruby Slippers — 1. Sandra Browning; 2. LaVerne Hood; 3. Gertrude League.

Class 60 Follow the Yellow Brick Road — 1. Sandra Browning; 2. Anna Sears.

Novice Class 61, Follow the Yellow Bridk Road — 1. Sonya Vinson.

Section O All Dried and/or Treated

Class 62 Haunted Forest — 1. Anna Sears; 2. Sandra Bronwing; 3. Gertrude League; 4. LaVerne Hood.

Class 64 Stormy Day — 1. Anna Sears; 2. LaVerne Hood.

Novice Class 65 Haunted Forest — 1. Dolores Merritt; 2. Betty Wood; 3. Kellie Miller.

Novice Class 65 Pot of Gold — 1. Dolores Merritt.

Novice Class 65 Stormy Day — 1. Dolores Merritt.

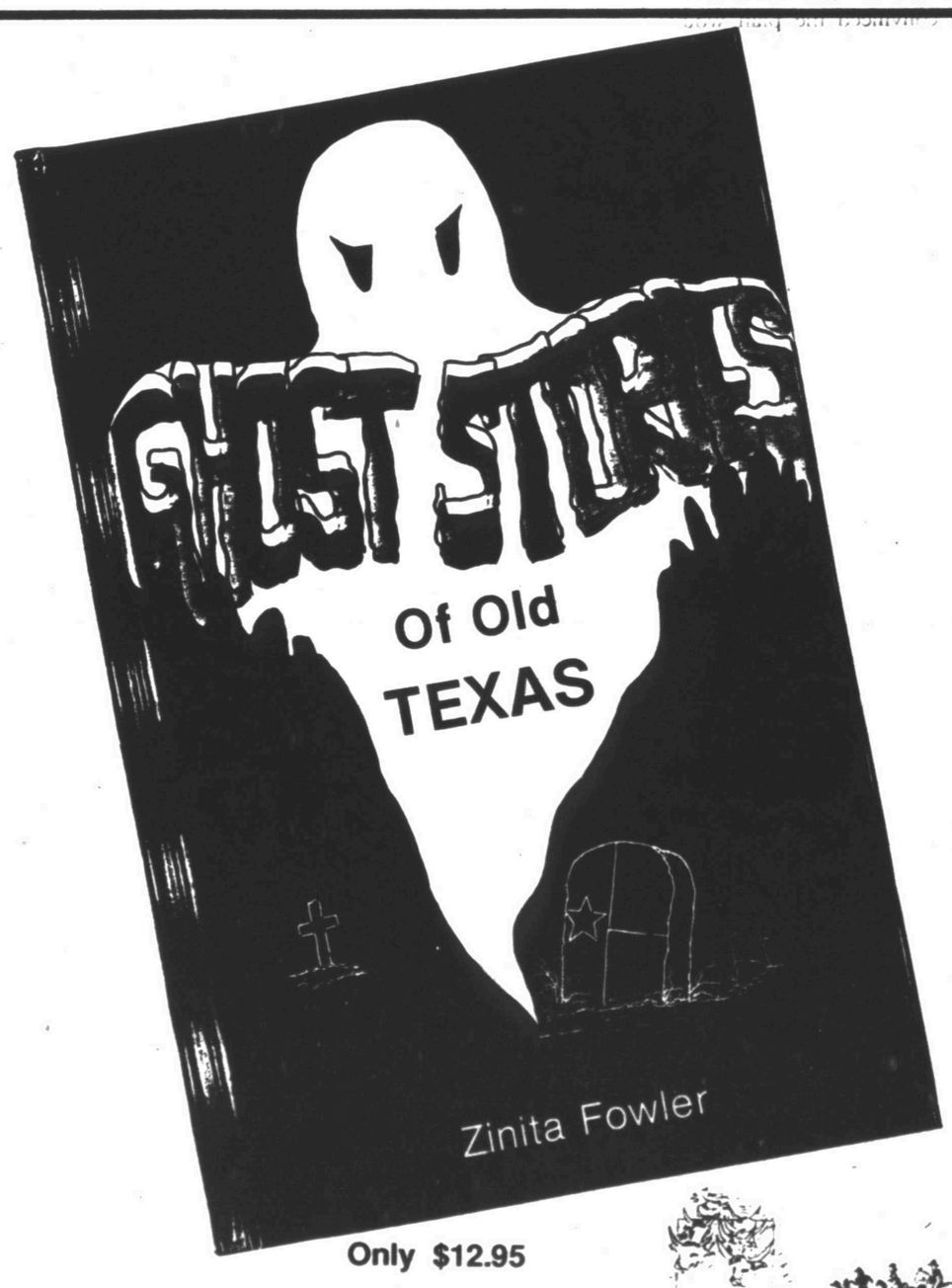
Section P Miniature Design 5"

Class 66C Munchkin Land — 1. Anna Sears.

Section P. Small Design 8"

Class 67A All Fresh Rainbow Wishes — 1. Anna Sears; 2. Marie Armstrong; 3. Bonnie Fry; 4. Geleska Baze.

Class 67B Rainbow Wishes, All Dried Material — 1. Anna Sears.



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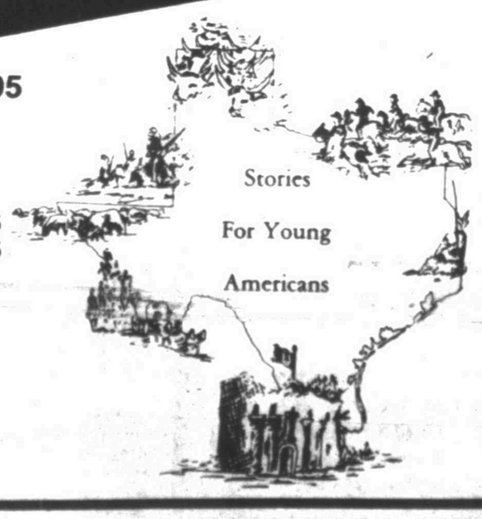

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Plan to bring back grizzly bear sparks debate

WASHINGTON (AP) — An unusual alliance of environmentalists and timber interests is trying to return the grizzly bear, among the most feared animals in the wild, to Idaho's Bitterroot Mountains.

And some people are worried.

The Interior Department begins a series of public hearings next week on a plan that would reintroduce the first of about 20 grizzlies into 4 million roadless acres in central Idaho and western Montana, where the bear disappeared 50 years ago.

The plan has outraged politicians in Idaho and raised concerns about safety. But it also was praised by some environmentalists and timber industry officials as an example of how to manage endangered species.

"It shows that under the Endangered Species Act ... there is opportunity for flexibility and collaboration," said Tom France, an attorney for the National Wildlife Federation in Montana.

But along the Bitterroot River, less than 10 miles from the eastern edge of the wilderness area where the bears would be placed, Shirley Bugli hasn't been thinking about the Endangered Species Act. She and more than 5,000 other residents have signed a petition asking that the grizzlies be kept away.

She said more and more people were moving into the valley and she was worried the grizzlies would wander down from the Bitterroot Mountains in search of food.

The grizzly is the largest and most dangerous of the eight existing species of bear in North America.

"More people and bears are going to be forced together," she said. "These encounters seldom have happy endings."

In Congress, an amendment added to an Interior Department spending bill by the Senate last week would block all money for the project. The impact of the one-year prohibition was unclear since the bears were not expected to be introduced before 1999.

Although still fairly numerous in Alaska, only about 800 grizzlies remain in the lower 48 states. Most of them are found in Yellowstone National Park and in northwestern Montana around Glacier National Park. They have been listed as a threatened species since 1975.

Under the five-year plan drafted by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, three to five grizzlies would be moved each year from Canada to central Idaho.

A 15-member citizen panel would be given broad power to manage the bear reintroduction program, subject to override by the interior secretary. The aim is to avoid the bitter confrontations that arose from attempts to protect the Northern Spotted Owl. That fight pitted environmentalists against the timber industry and it resulted in a dramatic reduction in Northwest logging to protect the owl's habitat.

"The grizzly was going to become our spotted owl," said Phil Church, a Lewiston, Idaho, mill worker and co-chairman of a labor coalition that worked on the grizzly plan.

Like Church and other mill workers and loggers, Bill Mulligan, president of the Three River Timber Co., feared that the grizzly eventually would come back to the region anyway — either naturally or by edict from the federal government, but with no local say in their management.

"Rather than go back to the traditional fight and say 'Hell no' to the bear, we took the approach, let's take it from this point and go forward," says Mulligan, whose mill in Kamiah, Idaho, is within the proposed bear recovery area.

"This whole concept gives local people more authority and more involvement. That's the experiment we're doing here," added Hank Fischer, the Defenders of Wildlife official in Missoula, Mont., who helped craft the plan.

But not all environmentalists were convinced the plan would protect the grizzly. Many local groups, as some national organizations, have openly opposed the proposal, while others have been lukewarm.

"We have little confidence that it will work in the long term," says Louisa Willcox of Wild Forever, a coalition of conservation groups devoted to the bear's recovery.

She said more assurance was needed to protect the bear habitat from logging and other development because biologists said it could take 100 years to reach a population of 200 to 300 bears.

Others were concerned for a more basic reason — safety.

"We are borrowing trouble if we welcome these fearsome creatures to Idaho," insists Idaho Gov. Phil Batt.

On the floor of the House, Rep. Helen Chenoweth, R-Idaho, described in gory detail a string of bloody encounters between grizzlies and humans.

"It's Latin name says it all," she said. "Ursus Arctos Horribilis."

Teacher carries gun onto school grounds

FORT WORTH (AP) — A high school English teacher who brought a gun onto the school grounds has been placed on paid leave.

Susan McCue, 52, a first-year teacher at North Side High School in Fort Worth, was released Tuesday night from the Tarrant County Jail after posting $500 bail.

North Side principal Jimmy Torres said Ms. McCue told him Tuesday at school that she bought a gun and put it in the trunk of her car after a student threatened her on Monday for giving him a bad grade.

Torres said he informed campus police officer J.W. Roberts of the gun, and Ms. McCue took the officer to her car. According to a police report, a .38-caliber pistol was found in the trunk of her car, under the spare tire. She was arrested about 3:30 p.m.

The principal said Ms. McCue told him that one student was unhappy about his grade and blurted out something to the effect of "I'll see you in the parking lot after school."

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.

Is detergent residue a health risk?

DEAR DR. GOTT: Do hand-washed dishes retain detergent? Is this a medical concern?

Now that our children have left home and there are just the two of us, it seems silly to use the dishwasher for only a few items. It's equally silly to rinse the dishes thoroughly, only to re-wash them later in the dishwasher.

DEAR READER: I agree with you. Your position makes good ecological sense and saves you the additional cost of running an expensive appliance.

To my knowledge, detergent residue on dishes and eating utensils does not constitute a health hazard. I suggest that you and your spouse hand-wash your dishes together, rinse the items thoroughly and save the dishwasher for the times that you entertain dinner guests.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I was referred to a surgeon for repair of a hernia. He said I was a poor surgical risk (at age 82) and that I'd have to stop my Coumadin medication at least five days before the operation. What is your opinion?

DEAR READER: Hernias rarely cause problems unless they become strangulated: A portion of bowel can become wedged in the hernia opening, causing pain and intestinal obstruction. In such cases, emergency surgery is necessary to prevent gangrene of the bowel. This is why most patients opt for elective hernia-repair before the situation reaches critical proportions.

I don't know why you are taking Coumadin, an anti-coagulant, but clearly the medicine has to be stopped before surgery so that the operation won't cause uncontrolled bleeding. However, during the period that you are Coumadin-free, you could suffer a stroke or similar complication.

Therefore, you have a tough decision. Do you risk such complications to get the hernia repaired or do you sit tight and hope that it doesn't strangulate? This is a choice you will have to make in close cooperation with the surgeon and your family physician. I can't advise you further because I am not fully informed about the size of your hernia, your general state of health or the potential effects that the operation could have on your well-being. You need to discuss this fully with your doctors before deciding how to proceed.

To give you more information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "An Informed Approach to Surgery." Other readers who would like a copy should send $2 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to P.O. Box 2017, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to mention the title.

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Celebrating our heritage...

Storm clouds in Scurry County

By Yvonne Byrd Nunn

I am persuaded that when the nation was emerging from the affects of the "Great Depression," everyone who was a kid in Scurry County knew that when their mother woke them in the middle of the night, they were headed for the "fraidy hole."

Those storm cellars were not all that big and by the time the family, relatives who lived nearby, everybody's pets and the Mexican family who worked for us packed in, there was little room for segregation. We were packed in, like sardines with one coal oil lamp, a gallon jar of fresh water and nowhere to go if you needed to.

The lightning bolts and thunder claps added to the confusion and the booming noise made the children hold on to one another in the spirit of brotherhood.

That's when my sisters and I learned a new language and thought we were speaking good Spanish. As kids will do, we even bragged about our new achievement. We were so confident of our new words that we took them to school with us and used them fluently.

Fortunately for us, or unfortunately, Dunn had some great teachers and to our dismay, one of them understood Spanish better than she spoke it and called our parents in for a conference. As I stood outside the door waiting, I could not remember anything I had done that would warrant this meeting.

When the conference was over, the look on my mother's face said, "You have embarrassed me, and YOU ARE IN TROUBLE!"

That two miles home spent in complete silence was the longest ride I ever took. Daddy had a smirk on his face and could see the humor in the situation but Mother was as mad as she was when she found out I told the whole school that she smoked, weighed 280 pounds and was 35 years older than my Daddy.

I learned that day that speaking another language is commendable and an advantage but knowing exactly what you are saying and knowing who is listening is far wiser.

My little Mexico friends were called on the carpet that day too! The difference between them and us was that they KNEW what they were saying.

To this day, I am unable to say those words and my Spanish language is not fluent.

In a risky operation, 'ER' tries it live

NEW YORK (AP) — "ER" will attempt a risky operation Thursday night: a live broadcast of its season-opening episode.

Live productions were common in the early days of TV, but this will be the first current drama series to try it. The show's complicated set of connected hospital rooms and corridors, its large cast of more than 100 actors and its usual fast pace, rapid-fire dialogue and hurtling gurneys will add to the challenge.

It's likely to boost the audience for "ER," which was TV's top-rated drama last season with an average of 25 million viewers.

George Clooney thinks that what is going to attract viewers will be morbid curiosity.

"That's why we all watch sporting events like the Indianapolis 500," the star said. "It's not to see cars go round and round in circles. We want to see if they can survive the race."

Greene finishes basic training

FHTNC — Marine Pfc. Benjamin W. Greene, son of Geral M. Greene of Snyder, recently completed basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego and was promoted to his present rank.

Greene successfully completed 12 weeks of training designed to challenge new Marine recruits both physically and mentally.

Greene and fellow recruits ended the training phase with The Crucible, a 54-hour team effort, problem solving evolution which culminated with an emotional ceremony in which the recruits were presented the Marine Corps Emblem, and were addressed as "Marines" for the first time since boot camp began.

He is a 1996 graduate of San Angelo Central High School.

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IRS to ban tax collection quotas

WASHINGTON (AP) — With the IRS accused publicly of mistreating taxpayers, the agency's chief said today he would ban tax collection quotas and institute new efforts to resolve disputes over taxes.

The Senate Finance Committee summoned Michael P. Dolan, acting commissioner of the Internal Revenue Service, as the final witness in three days of hearings into the conduct of the tax-collection agency. In prepared testimony, Dolan said he would order hundreds of district directors and senior collections officials to Washington within 30 days to review allegations the committee heard about taxpayer abuse.

And IRS districts will begin holding new monthly "problem-solving days," in which taxpayers will have face-to-face meetings with IRS staff to resolve problems.

The IRS will quit ranking district offices based on tax collections. This change responds to repeated testimony that such rankings pressured IRS managers to quietly pursue collection quotas — outlawed in 1988 — so their district wouldn't be ranked last.

"We must immediately take specific actions to prevent the recurrence of these kind of circumstances," Dolan said, referring to taxpayer horror stories the panel heard on Wednesday.

Dolan's announcement came as the committee opened its third day of hearings with the witness table shielded by six large, beige partitions to conceal the five current IRS agents and one former agent from public view.

These people largely corroborated the whistle-blower testimony of Houston IRS agent Jennifer Long, who described a range of abuses in her public testimony on Wednesday.

The first concealed witness, identified as a longtime IRS employee, began testifying with his voice electronically scrambled in an eerie warbling tone. But their presence wasn't as powerful as Long, who told her story without her identity concealed the day earlier.

"I have actually witnessed IRS management manipulate income-tax return figures just to increase their office or division collection statistics," said Long, a 15-year IRS employee.

Testifying under oath and with senior IRS officials watching, Long asserted that low-income taxpayers are being singled out for audits, for reasons she couldn't explain, while agents were told to steer clear of friends of agency managers.

Public not always told about meat recalls

WASHINGTON (AP) — Since 1990, as much as 20.2 million pounds of meat and poultry has been recalled because of contamination ranging from bacteria to bits of metal, and the public was never told, Agriculture Department records show.

In one nonpublic 1993 case, Quaker Oats Co. recalled more than 1.8 million pounds of chili because of potential contamination with sand. More than 400,000 pounds was not recovered, according to an Associated Press review of the records.

In another large case that had no public notice, Bil Mar Foods of Zeeland, Mich., recalled more than 1.2 million pounds of cooked beef because of possible bacteria problems in 1994. Almost 900,000 pounds of that beef was not recovered.

In all, 142 of the 262 federal meat and poultry recalls between 1990 and 1997 were not publicly announced, the records show. They do not show where the meat was distributed before the recall.

The Agriculture Department usually does not make any public announcements about recalls involving products that were distributed to restaurants or school cafeterias or were sitting in warehouses or on trucks and were not sold at retail to consumers.

"It would not be identifiable by the consumer because they don't have it in a package that they can identify it," Jill Hollingsworth, a USDA deputy administrator involved in recalls, said Wednesday.

Consumer advocates say it is time for the Agriculture Department to rethink its policy, pointing out that someone could become ill from eating a bacteria-laced burger at a restaurant or a school cafeteria and never know the product had been recalled.

"It is not enough to just tell the restaurant there's a problem. It does make sense for the public to be notified," said Caroline Smith DeWaal, food safety director at the Center for Science in the Public Interest. "Consumers need to know."

The Agriculture Department held a public meeting Wednesday to discuss its current recall policies and hear from advocates such as DeWaal, along with representatives of meat industry groups. Catherine Woteki, USDA's undersecretary for food safety, said the session would help the agency determine whether changes such as wider public notification are necessary.

Meat and poultry products involved in the unpublicized recalls had many problems, according to USDA records.

Some were recalled because of possible bacterial contamination.

Possible bomb located at Little Rock clinic

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP) — Bomb-sniffing dogs detected what may be an explosive device today in a truck parked outside an abortion clinic just before President Clinton was scheduled to speak across town, the FBI said.

It was not immediately confirmed if the device was a bomb. A bomb disposal unit was at the scene.

The dogs sniffed out the device in a Ryder rental truck parked across the street from the clinic, which is seven miles from Central High School, said Brent Mosher, an agent in the FBI's Little Rock office.

Clinton arrived at the school at midmorning to take part in ceremonies commemorating the 40th anniversary of racial integration at the school.

Bill McEntire, a firefighter at the scene, said the clinic, a nearby daycare center and a laundry had been evacuated.

A second suspicious device was detected at a clinic in West Little Rock three miles from the school, but police said later there was no bomb.

McEntire said emergency crews were called in after someone blocked traffic near one of the clinics and ran away.

The FBI believes the device was placed outside the clinic to draw attention while Clinton and the national media were in the city for the anniversary ceremonies, Mosher said.

The president appeared at Central about 10:15 a.m. — five minutes after he was scheduled to speak. It wasn't immediately clear if the delay was caused by the discoveries.

Cogdell Hospital board

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compared to the entire budget)," said Reecer, who defended the increases as "competitive."

Cogdell increased regular room rates by $50 and private care rates from $618 to $650. Regular room rates are $324 at Scenic Mountain in Big Spring and $315 at Rolling Plains in Sweetwater. Reecer said those hospitals will likely institute new rates soon.

"We leap frog each other periodically," he said.

—Claims by the Justice Department, which is intensively targeting inconsistancies in Medicare charges.

Reecer noted the Department of Justice had tabbed Cogdell for $4,200 from a period in 1990-94. He noted none of that was past 1991, when the hospital had a new computer system installed.

A week and a half ago, Cogdell received another letter from the Justice Department charging that the hospital had double billed in the amount of $3,200 from 1992-96. Under the false claims act, the government can ask for triple claims, and has demanded that the hospital pay $9,600.

"You have to understand that this is statewide, well, really nationwide, I guess," said Reecer. "There is only one hospital I have heard of that is less on the hook than we are for this, and that's the Seminole hospital. I won't mention names, but there are hospitals nearby that are being hit with charges of $66,000, $70,000, $165,000, $300,000.

"When you consider that we handled more than $8 million in charges over that period of time, $3,200 is not a lot."

Reecer also said the hospital has asked the Justice Department for data related to the charges. It will take about six weeks for that information to be compiled, he was told.

Bill Weldon, St. Mary Hospital vice president, told the board that "this is not an indication that the hospital has done anything wrong. It's just the system."

Weldon said the government is going to step up its efforts, and the scrutiny will be extremely tedious.

"Stay tuned for loony tunes, your federal dollars are at work," he told the board.

Dr. Weaver added, "the Medicare program sometimes makes the IRS look like Boy Scouts."

—Weldon told the board that Steve Beck, regional controller for St. Mary, has been named CEO at Memorial Hospital in Seminole.

—The monthly operating report, for August, indicated a net loss in income of $62,683. For the year, Cogdell has a positive net income of $488,048. Part of the loss in income was due to a low number of surgeries — 52, as compared to 72 last month. There were 35 endoscopy procedures, 16 newborns and 549 emergency room visits.

Cave presided over today's meeting. Other board members in attendance were Dr. Weaver, Jimmy McMillan, E.D. Walton and Stanley Martin. J.B. Tate Jr. was absent.

Two arrests made by law officers

A 19-year-old male was booked into Scurry County's jail Wednesday following his arrest in Lubbock earlier on a felony revocation of probation warrant.

Justin Locknane of 408 Hyden St., Lubbock, was booked into jail at 3:52 p.m. and is being held without bond on an original charge of felony theft.

A 32-year-old male was arrested early this morning following a disturbance in the 2800 block of Avenue Y.

A woman called dispatchers at 4:02 a.m. and said a man was beating on her door. Officers arrested the man and charged him with public intoxication.

In other activity Wednesday, Kim Neves notified officers at 7:50 a.m. that her 1991 Mercury had been stolen from 3910 Muriel. At 12:37 p.m., Mitchell County deputies notified the police department that the vehicle had been located in their county on Highway 350.

At 8:06 a.m., officers were called to the 2400 block of 40th Street in reference to high school students smoking in the alley.

Two parents went to the police department around 10 a.m. in reference to students being assaulted in two separate incidents at West Elementary. An offense report for Class A assault was submitted in reference to an 11-year-old male being assaulted and a report for Class C assault was submitted in reference to an 11-year-old female being assaulted.

Deputies were called to the Ira schools at 10:41 a.m. in reference to an eight-year-old boy being bitten by a dog. An offense report for a dog bite was submitted.

Officers were called to Nathalie's at 12:10 p.m. in reference to three female shoplifters.

Officers were called to the 2300 block of 41st Street at 5:47 p.m. in reference to criminal mischief to two motor homes in the area.

A report of a gas drive-off from Allsup's in Hermleigh was made at 8:34 p.m. in reference to someone leaving without paying for $59.13 worth of gas.

Officers responded to possible gun shots at 9 p.m. in the 1600 block of 8th Street. However, no one was found with a gun.

Obituaries

Velda Fulcher

1917-1997

SLATON — Velda Fulcher, the sister of Garnet Quiett of Snyder, died Wednesday, Sept. 14, in Lubbock's West Texas Skilled Nursing Facility.

Funeral service for Mrs. Fulcher, 79, is set for 10:30 a.m. Friday in the Englund's Funeral Home Chapel. The Rev. Cleve Kelby, pastor of the First Baptist Church, will officiate, and the Rev. Howard Quiett of Vernon will assist.

Interment is set for 4 p.m. Friday in the Buffalo Gap Cemetery.

Born Oct. 12, 1917 in Comanche County, she married Truett Fulcher on Dec. 13, 1938 in Abilene.

A homemaker, she was a member of the First Baptist Church, Daughters of the American Revolution, the Huguenot Society of America and a former member of the Slaton Art Club.

Survivors also include her husband, Truett Fulcher; a son, Rodney Fulcher of Abilene; two grandsons; three great-grandsons; and a great-step grandson.

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What's Up?

Snyder Girls Hoops Club

Snyder Girls Hoops Club will meet at 7 this evening in the high school student center.

Fajitas and football

First Christian Church is sponsoring a fajitas and football night Friday at the church. Those attending are invited to eat from 5-7:30 p.m. and walk to Tiger Stadium, just a half-block away, for the Snyder-Big Spring game. Advance tickets are $4.50 for adults and $2 for children under 12. Tickets at the door will be $5 and $2.50.

Hamburger supper

Snyder Junior High School's Choir will sponsor a hamburger supper from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday in the high school cafeteria. Choir members will sell advance tickets for $5 each. The show choir will also perform during the fund-raiser meal.

Enchilada dinner

Guadalupe Catholic Church, 1113 Ave. K, will serve up enchilada dinners for $5 a plate from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Friday. Children's plates are $2.50.

Stanfield fund-raiser

Stanfield Elementary students are selling Christmas cards to help raise money for new playground equipment. Students must have their orders in by Friday.

Senior Class car wash

Snyder Senior Class will have a car wash and bake sale from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday at Wal-Mart.

50-year presentation

A 50-year pin presented by the Masonic Grand Lodge of Texas will be given to William R. Hibbs at 7:30 p.m. Saturday at the Masonic Lodge Hall. All Masons, wives and friends are invited.

Allen Chapel fish fry

Allen Chapel A.M.E. Church, 3401 Ave. M, will have a fish fry with all the trimmings beginning at 11 a.m. Saturday. Plates are $5. Dine in, carry out or call for delivery, 573-8006.

St. Jude's Bike-a-Thon

The St. Jude's Bike-a-Thon will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday at Scurry County Coliseum. Kids of all ages can walk, run, roller blade or ride. No motorized bikes, please. The event will feature prizes and refreshments. For pledge cards and more information, call 573-8533 or 573-4749.

First Baptist revival

First Baptist Church will have a revival Sunday through Wednesday. Services will be at 8:15 and 10:45 a.m. and 6 p.m. Sunday, and at 7 p.m. Monday through Wednesday. A revival lunch will be served at noon weekdays during the revival for a $2 charge. Evangelist will be Joel Horne. Harlan Hall will provide the music.

Buffalo Kid & Calico Cutie

Entry deadline for the Buffalo Kid and Calico Cutie contest is Monday.

'Ragweed Cowboy Joe'

The Ritz Community Theatre melodrama "Ragweed Cowboy Joe" will be presented Oct. 3-5. Reservations may be made by calling 573-4035 between 2-5 p.m. each weekday. Tickets are $6 for adults and $4 for children under 12. Shows will be at 7:30 p.m. Oct. 3, 2:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. on Oct. 4 and 2:30 p.m. on Oct. 5.

Trip to New York City

Adults interested in taking a trip to New York are asked to contact Ronda Haire, choir instructor at Snyder High School, at 573-2927 or 573-6301. The trip is planned for March 16-20, but those interested should contact her by Monday. The cost will be approximately $700 and includes tours of the Statue of Liberty, Ellis Island, the Metropolitan Museum of Art, the Empire State Building, Rockefeller Center, Chinatown, Wall Street, Central Park and many other sites as well as admission to two first-run Broadway shows.

Bible study video tapes

Bible study video tapes are airing on Channel 2. The tapes last about 30 minutes. "The Human Will" will air at 7 p.m. Monday.

Genealogical meeting

Scurry County Genealogical Association meets at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the county library. Dot Campbell will give a brief talk on "Surprise Finds When Doing Research." Everyone is welcome. Help with research projects will be available.

Shrine Circus coming

The Shrine Circus will be at Scurry County Coliseum at 4:30 and 7:30 p.m. Wednesday. The Suez Shrine Temple is sponsoring the circus on behalf of the children in the Big Country and Snyder area.

Class of '47 reunion

Snyder High School Class of 1947 students and teachers are invited to the class table at the White Buffalo Festival Celebration at the Hays Ranch on Oct. 3. Also, visit the class headquarters at the Scurry County Abstract Office from 10 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 4.

Pick 3

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

1-6-3

(one, six, three)

Lotto Texas

By The Associated Press

One ticket correctly matched all six numbers drawn Wednesday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials said.

The ticket was worth an estimated $20 million.

The ticket was sold in: Dallas.

The numbers drawn Wednesday night from a field of 50 were: 2-9-23-24-33-48.

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