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Taste of Scurry County ... s evening

... annual "Taste of Scurry County" ... in the spacious confines of Scurry County ... underway at 6:30 this evening with food ... a variety of county-wide food and ... specialties.

The event is the main fundraiser for the Scurry County Museum located on the campus of Western Texas College.

Tickets will be available throughout today at Snyder Health Mart, Bullard's Computer Solutions, Snyder Chamber of Commerce and at the museum.

Tickets will also be available at the door this evening. "... encouraged, but tickets will be ... at the door," said Bullard.

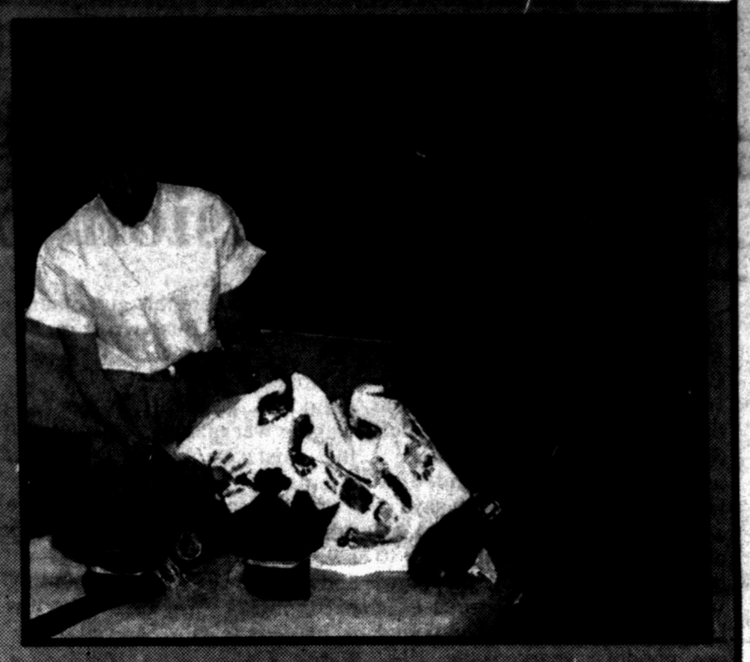
Entertainment for the event will begin around 7 o'clock with music provided by Cindy Nix and Donna Fowler, and ... auction will start around 7:30 p.m.

"Everyone has worked very hard to provide the community with a fun-filled evening and now we're asking everyone to come out to support the museum," said Drew Bullard, chairman ... Taste of Scurry County."

... more than more than 50 ... donated merchandise or gift ... given away as door prizes or will ... posted auction.

... refreshments are Snyder Country Club, Spanish Inn, ... Diner, Lawrence IGA, Golden Corral Steak House, ... Long John Silver's Seafood Shoppe, Pizza ..., Subway, Dairy Queen, Taco ..., Lota' Burger, The Shack, Grandy's, Burger King, ... Tasty Spot Cafe, ... Church of God, Great Western Dining, Kobelle's ..., DeCoty Coffee, Southwestern Beverages and ... Ice Company.

Tickets are $12.50 for adults and $5 for children age 5-12. Children under ... free.



GETTING READY — Lois Cave and Drew Bullard prepare tables for this evening's "Taste of Scurry County."

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Snyder ISD...

Board expected to set tax rate

Snyder ISD board of trustees are expected to set the tax rate for the 1998-99 budget at $1.50 per $100 valuation when it meets this evening for its regular monthly session.

The board hammered out a balanced budget during previous budget workshops that includes increased salary costs of $349,137 across the district.

The $1.50 per $100 valuation is the same as last year's tax rate.

The rate will help fund a 1998-99 budget of $17,847,134 — up some $269,000 from 1997-98.

That is an increase of 1.5 percent.

In other business, the board will consider a contract with the Lubbock law firm of Perdue, Fielder, Collins and Mott for the collection of delinquent taxes, and consider bids for computer equipment and software.

The board will also consider the resignation of John Gatlin from the junior high, and consider hiring Ricky Hunter to take his place for eighth grade science and golf coach at the school.

The trustees will also consider the formal hiring of Shilla Kinney for the first grade/kindergarten resource teacher at Northeast Elementary.

Following the regular business meeting, the board will hold a budget workshop on a proposed bond election.

In August, the board was presented with a "bare-bones shopping list" of renovations and upgrades to the district's facilities following the defeat of a $20.4 million bond issue on Aug. 8.

No hard figures were available from BGR architects Coda Stephenson and Mike Briggs for a "scaled-down" bond election, but the architects estimated the costs would be in the $13 million range.

The architects are expected to present the board line-by-line costs this evening.

The meeting will be held at the district's administration building at 6 p.m.

A special goal setting workshop is scheduled for 9 a.m. Saturday in the boardroom of the school administration building.

According to Supt. Gayle Lomax, the workshop is jointly set between the administration and the board.

The purpose is to set mutual goals for the upcoming school year.

"We believe good planning makes for a successful year," Lomax said.

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "God gives every bird it's food, but He doesn't toss it into the nest."

Gov. George Bush is stumping the state and speaking against social promotions in public schools. We like his message.

But we also like some of the thoughts contained in a book by Charles Sykes, author of "Dumbing Down Our Kids."

He suggested a list of rules that kids need to learn in school:

Rule 1: Life is not fair; get used to it.

Rule 2: The world won't care about your self-esteem. The world will expect you to accomplish something before you feel good about yourself.

Rule 3: You will not make $40,000 a year right out of high school. You won't be a vice president with a car phone until you earn both.

Rule 4: If you think your teacher is tough, wait until you get a boss.

Rule 5: Flipping burgers is not beneath your dignity. Your grandparents had a different word for burger flipping. They called it opportunity.

Rule 6: If you mess up, it's not your parents fault so don't whine about your mistakes. Learn from them.

Rule 7: Before you were born your parents weren't as boring as they are now. They got that way paying bills, cleaning your room and listening to you tell how idealistic you are.

Rule 8: Your school may have done away with winners and losers, but life has not. In some schools they have abolished failing grades, they'll give you as many times as you want to get the right answer. This, of course, bears not the slightest resemblance to real life.

Rule 9: Life is not divided into semesters. You don't get summers off, and very few employers will be interested in helping you find yourself. Do that on your own time.

Rule 10: Television is not real life. In real life people actually have to leave the coffee shop and go to jobs.

Rule 11: Be nice to nerds. Chances are you'll end up working for one.

Rule 12: Smoking does not make you look cool, it makes you look moronic. And ditto for purple hair and pierced body parts.

Rule 13: Living fast and dying young is romantic — only until you see one of your peers at room temperature.

Tropical storm Frances may bring more rain and flooding

HARLINGEN (AP) — Gulf Coast residents in Texas, already soaked by as much as 10 inches of rain this week, braced for more rain and flooding today as Tropical Storm Frances churned slowly offshore.

Beaches and nearby roads were flooded by high tides along most of the Texas coast, and voluntary evacuations were suggested for some barrier island shore residents in Brazoria County south of Houston.

The storm, with winds of 45 mph, was expected to make landfall somewhere between the northern Mexican coast and Corpus Christi. Its path and timetable were still uncertain, however, as Frances remained nearly stationary and its center poorly defined.

"You have to have some sort of steering winds aloft to move it, and right now, there is nothing to push it along," said Paul Yura, a meteorologist with the National Weather Service in Brownsville.

At 10 a.m. CDT, the center of the storm was again relocated by reconnaissance aircraft, this time about 120 miles east southeast of Brownsville.

Port Mansfield, on the northern edge of the Lower Rio Grande Valley 46 miles north of Brownsville, had 10 inches of rain between Monday and Thursday morning, although most places had seen 4 to 6 inches in that time period.

Forecasters predicted the outer fringes of the storm would deliver another 6 to 8 inches of rain along the western Gulf Coast, raising the potential for flooding today.

Most of the heavy rains are north of the storm's center, affecting the coast from Corpus Christi to the Galveston area, said National Weather Service meteorologist Jim Campbell.

In Beaumont's Jefferson County, there was minor flooding reported along Texas 87, which stretches from Chambers County to Jefferson and to the Louisiana border. Part of Texas 124, a north-south artery in Chambers County, was closed.

In Brazoria, several roads and highways along coastal areas were closed, with the heaviest flooding at Surfside Beach.

The San Luis Pass, which connects Brazoria County with Galveston County, was closed. A tornado warning was issued, but no funnel clouds were spotted by mid-morning. On Jamaica Beach on west Galveston Island, tides flooded streets with waist-deep water.

Starr's report lays out body of evidence against Bill Clinton

WASHINGTON (AP) — Independent Counsel Kenneth Starr's referral to Congress lays out a detailed body of evidence that prosecutors contend will show President Clinton committed perjury, obstruction of justice, witness tampering and abuse of power, sources familiar with the report said today.

The report specifically alleges Clinton lied under oath both in his sworn deposition in the Paula Jones lawsuit in January and again in his grand jury testimony last month, these sources said, speaking only on condition of anonymity.

The evidence includes damaging descriptions of Clinton's contacts with two central witnesses in the case — former intern Monica Lewinsky and presidential secretary Betty Currie, the sources said.

The report details what prosecutors believe was a pattern of lying by Clinton and the effort to sustain those lies by using government employees and resources after the criminal investigation began — from the false statement he approved for his press secretary to put out the morning the Lewinsky story broke Jan. 21 to the legal battles he allowed his aides to fight to block access to key witnesses, the sources said.

"The report is a straight narrative" and it alleges that "the president continued to lie, and lie and lie," one source said.

The sources said the report's narrative of evidence details Clinton's effort to thwart the Paula Jones lawsuit, to work with Ms. Lewinsky to conceal their relationship and to encourage the former intern to reach out to another potential witness in that lawsuit, Linda Tripp, the sources said.

The 18 boxes of evidence include transcripts of grand jury testimony of key witnesses, Clinton's videotaped grand jury testimony and the 20 hours of tapes of Ms. Lewinsky talking to Mrs. Tripp about the lurid details of her relationship with Clinton and her efforts to get Mrs. Tripp to change her story in the Jones lawsuit.

Lawmakers are considering releasing the 445-page report on Friday, while privately reviewing additional evidence to see if it too can quickly be made public.



MINOR INJURIES — 17-year-old Amy Warr of CR 183 was treated and released from Cogdell Memorial Hospital following a two-vehicle mishap at 12:08 Wednesday at the intersection of 37th Street and Avenue E. The accident involved a 1997 Ford Crown Victoria highway patrol vehicle driven by DPS trooper Mark Phillips and an 1980 Ford pickup driven by Warr. DPS trooper Jeff Buuck said serious injuries were avoided because both drivers were wearing safety belts. (SDN Staff Photo)

ASK US

Q—How many drilling rigs are in operation in West Texas and Eastern New Mexico and how does that number compare with last year?

A—Presently, 95 rigs. This compares with 247 a year ago.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Wednesday, 97 degrees; low, 65; 7 a.m. Thursday, 70; no precipitation; total for 1998, 6.51 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, partly cloudy. Low, mid 60s. E wind 5-10 mph. Friday, partly cloudy. High, upper 80s. E-NE wind 5-15 mph.



Brittany Mayes
Partly Cloudy

Sunset:
7:56 p.m.
Sunrise:
7:25 a.m.
Of 252 days in 1998, the sun has shone 250 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

"Do what you love. Know your own bone; gnaw at it, bury it, unearth it, and gnaw it still."

Henry David Thoreau

Former President Bush...

'Sending kids into battle' was toughest decision, book says

WASHINGTON (AP) — The hardest thing was "sending kids into battle," says former President Bush, who ousted Iraqi forces from Kuwait during the Gulf War that, to his lasting regret, left Saddam Hussein in power.

On the night he decided to launch the 1991 war, Bush says in a new book, he remembered his own fear as he left home at 18 to become a fighter pilot in World War II. Television pictures of a father kissing his Gulf War-bound son goodbye sparked the 1942 memory.

"My dad accompanied me to New York's Penn Station," Bush recalled. "He too had given me a hug on the platform. I cried on the train."

In the book, "A World Transformed," co-written with his national security adviser, Brent Scowcroft, Bush said he worried that impeachment charges might be filed if the war dragged on. But, despite the swift end after six weeks, Bush felt disappointment that Saddam personally prevailed.

"It hasn't been a clean end — there is no battleship Missouri surrender," Bush wrote in his diary Feb. 28, 1991, saying he felt no euphoria after announcing the conflict was over. "This is what's missing to make this akin to WWII, to separate Kuwait from Korea and Vietnam."

During the 100-hour ground war that pushed Iraqi forces out of Kuwait, Bush feared Saddam would survive as powerful as ever. "We don't want to have another draw, another Vietnam, a sloppy ending ... where this guy emerges saving face," Bush wrote on Feb. 25.

Nonetheless, Bush said the main U.S. goal had always been waging war quickly and avoiding the mistakes of a drawn-out Vietnam.

"I kept saying to Brent and the others, 'Once we attack with this awesome air power, how do we end it?'" Bush wrote, recounting his thoughts days before bombs struck Iraqi forces. "How does he surrender? He will, I know he will. He cannot prevail against it."

Although the U.S.-led Gulf War smashed Iraq's military and forced Saddam to withdraw from Kuwait, the Iraqi leader claimed victory and never surrendered. Today, Saddam remains in power, frequently defying U.N. resolutions requiring Iraq to let weapons inspections ensure the nation has disarmed.

McDonald's starts campaign heralding birth of Big Mac

CHICAGO (AP) — The Big Mac attack is back.

Hoping to draw back customers who have gone cold on its menu, McDonald's Corp. is throwing a birthday party for the Big Mac and rolling out special promotions harking back to the sandwich's birth in 1968.

A retro-style promotion starting Sept. 16 will bring Big Mac prices back to the 1968 cost of 49 cents. Consumers will also have a chance to win 1968 and 1998 Volkswagen Beetles and see employees in tie-dyed clothing.

The campaign is part of new chief executive Jack Greenberg's efforts to keep the world's largest fast-food chain on top.

Thirty years after it was created by Pittsburgh, Pa., franchisee Jim Delligatti, the Big Mac can be found in most of McDonald's 23,300 restaurants worldwide and is considered one of its most successful products. Some 600 million are consumed across the United States each year.

But new menu ideas — such as the McLean Deluxe and the Arch Deluxe — have not proven successful since the 1983 launch of Chicken McNuggets.

Now, McDonald's hopes to boost the company's bottom line and smash competitors in the increasingly acrimonious burger wars by pulling in more people more often, analysts say.

"They're sticking to their core values, their core menus so that people who go to any McDonald's anywhere in the world can always find a hamburger or Big Mac," said Stacy Jamar of Solomon Smith Barney. "But they've gone back to giving their franchisees a certain amount of latitude with their menus to see what works best and could possibly become the next Big Mac."



IGA DONATES BRISKETS — IGA will donate 65 briskets to the Quarterback Club to be served during Meet the Tigers Night, slated Monday at 6 p.m. at Tiger Stadium. IGA 100 manager Bud Pinkerton, center, and Israel Ortegon show samples of the briskets to Chris Thornhill, president. Every football player from the seventh grade through varsity will be introduced. The cheerleaders will be featured and the SHS band will play two songs including the "Tiger Fight Song." The brisket meal will cost $3. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Absolutely smooth trip...

'Free Willy' lands safely on Icelandic archipelago today

HEIMAEY, Iceland (AP) — In a Hollywood-style finish, "Free Willy" star Keiko safely landed on this windswept Icelandic archipelago in an Air Force cargo plane today after an eight-hour flight from Oregon.

At about 9:57 this morning (5:57 a.m. EDT), the specially equipped plane carrying the world's most famous killer whale touched down at Heimaey's airport. The plane landed in stiff headwinds but bounced a little and apparently blew some tires.

Keiko's return to his native Iceland is aimed at completing his transformation from an aquarium performing animal and movie star to an animal of the wild again.

"He's fine. It was an absolutely smooth trip. The staff is euphoric!" said Diane Hammond, spokeswoman for the Free Willy Keiko Foundation, which owns the whale and is orchestrating his homecoming.

The foundation paid the U.S. huge C-17 because it can land on short runways like Heimaey's.

"They blew a few tires. I don't know the status the plane," said Gisli Signvgeirsson, a spokesman for the city.

Shortly after arrival, a large flatbed truck bearing a "Welcome Home Willie" banner will carry Keiko's container through town to the waterfront. He will be loaded onto a barge and taken to a free pen in a protected cove.

In his new sea pen, Keiko will be reintroduced to the sights and sounds of his native waters, and may be able to strike up a conversation with a passing pod of orcas.

The 9,050-pound, droopy-finned star of the "Free Willy" movies has spent 19 years in captivity but will be released into a sea pen, a sort of halfway house to reacquaint him with the waters where he was captured at age 2. The goal is to set him free.

True to his training, Keiko swam into a holding tank at the Oregon Coast Aquarium on Wednesday, shimmied into a nylon stretcher and calmly chirped as he was hoisted out of his home for the past 2½ years.

Hundreds of people, some with signs reading "Keiko, we love you" and "We will miss you," lined the highway as a truck carried the whale on a slow, three-mile procession to the airport where the huge C-17 transport roared down the runway for the eight-hour flight.

"I'm going to miss Keiko," said 9-year-old Emily May, a junior beauty pageant queen who wore her crown and lacy white dress in honor of the whale's departure. "He's really a cool whale."

"A part of me feels sad," said 9-year-old Kasey Lindsay, who wore a Keiko T-shirt and sipped Keiko root beer outside the aquarium. "But then I'm glad he is leaving so he can be with his family."

Keiko will live in the football field-sized pen near the rugged Westmann Islands until his handlers determine he is able to live on his own in the wild.

Roger Maris' widow released from hospital

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Roger Maris' widow was released from the hospital a day after she was treated for an irregular heartbeat for the second time this week.

Patricia Maris, 62, was released Wednesday.

She was taken by her family to Barnes-Jewish Hospital several hours before Tuesday night's Chicago Cubs-St. Louis Cardinals game. During the game, Mark McGwire hit his 62nd home run to break her husband's baseball record of 61 in a season.

Mrs. Maris flew to St. Louis from Gainesville, Fla., on Sunday with her four sons and two daughters to watch McGwire. She was taken to the hospital before that night's game when she first developed an irregular heartbeat.

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GOURD CROP ABOUNDS — In the midst of an extremely dry season, Lillie Green at 1104 26th Street has grown an abundant crop of large goose-neck gourds on vines that extend across a 21-ft. backyard fence. She transplanted two small plants in the early spring given to her by a friend, Evette Jones, which she waters daily. The plants continue to climb up poles extending from the fence. Mrs. Green's front and back yard displays many blooming plants. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)



FALL FASHIONS — Altrurian Daughters Study Club began the club year with a style show and songs by Jackie Hackfeld, co-owner of Bar-H-Bar Family Outfitters. Model Francene Noah a pantsuit to members seated around table from left, Nona Morrison, Dora Blakey, Evelyn Thomas and Lynn Bethel. Other models were Nina Nesbit, June McGlaun and Mary Ann Key. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Altrurian Daughters Study Club opens new year viewing fall and winter attire

"Songs to Live By, Clothes to Live In" was the theme for the first Altrurian Daughters' meeting Wednesday at noon in the Martha Ann Woman's Club. Fall fashions, shoes and accessories from Bar-H-Bar Family Outfitters were modeled by June McGlaun, Francene Noah and Nina Nesbit. Keith and Jackie Hackfeld own Bar-H-Bar and Jackie narrated the event and sang several selections.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance and the "Collect for Club Women," minutes were approved and projects of the Martha Ann Woman's Club were discussed. Several members signed up to help with Friday's garage and bake sale to be held from 2 to 7 p.m. at the Towle Park Barn, headed up by Sandra Robinson.

Officers include Jeanell Hammack, president; Gussie Gray, vice president; Bobbie Taylor, recording secretary; Shirley Stewart, coresponding secretary; and Dora Blakey, treasurer.

Taylor, Hammack and Gray were hostesses.

Altrurian Daughters meets every second Wednesday at MAWC.

Community Calendar

THURSDAY

Three support groups: Divorce Recovery — Cancer/Grief — and Caring for Aging Parents; First Baptist Church (enter on east side), child care provided; for more information call 573-2631; 6:30 p.m.

Horseshoe Pitching For Fun; Horseshoe Courts located at the coliseum; everybody welcome, for further information call 573-9762; 7 p.m.

Just for Today NA; Park Club; for information call 573-0949, 573-4238 or 573-8018; 6 p.m.

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

New Horizons AA; closed meeting; for information call 573-8626, 573-9458 or 574-1292; 8 p.m.

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

FRIDAY

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

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

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

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

Just for Today NA; Snyder Park Club; for information call 573-0949, 573-4238 or 573-8018; 6 p.m.

Scurry County AA closed meeting; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-8626, 573-9458 or 574-1292; 8 p.m.

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

SATURDAY

Defensive Driving Course; Snyder Savings & Loan; no reservations necessary, for more information call 573-2850; 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

People Without Partners; Inadale Community Center; games of 42 and dominos; 6:30 p.m.

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

Just for Today NA open meeting; Park Club; for information call 573-0949, 573-4238 or 573-8018; 7 p.m.

SUNDAY

Scurry County AA open meeting; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-8626, 573-9458 or 574-1292; 10 a.m.

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

Just For Today closed meeting; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-0949, 573-4238, or 573-8018; 5 p.m.

Students deciding on new mascot name

GREEN LAKE, Wis. (AP) — Visiting sports teams weren't exactly intimidated by the mascot for Green Lake High School.

The Lucky Lakers were represented by a student dressed in a green felt outfit shaped like a droplet — with a head covering that comes to a point at the top. The mascot is called "The Drip."

"At games when The Drip shows up we get quite a few derogatory remarks," confessed cheerleader Deanna Pettack.

"The Drip isn't a positive mascot," student Jessica Pinch agreed Wednesday. "It isn't big and powerful."

Meg Duhr Schultz, student council president, said a student poll showed less than 2 percent wanted to keep the drippy mascot.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder



	North 09-10-98	
	♠ 5 4 3 2 ♥ K Q 5 3 ♦ K 3 ♣ A 3 2	
West		**East**
♠ J 10		♠ A K Q
♥ 8 4		♥ J 10 9 7
♦ Q J 10 8 6		♦ 9 7 4 2
♣ J 10 9 7		♣ 8 5
	South ♠ 9 8 7 6 ♥ A 6 2 ♦ A 5 ♣ K Q 6 4	

Vulnerable: East-West
Dealer: South

South	West	North	East
1 ♣	Pass	1 ♥	Pass
1 ♠	Pass	4 ♠	All pass

Opening lead: ♦ Q

How weak can it get?

By Phillip Alder

Yesterday, I gave a deal in which the only making game was with a trump suit of 8-6-5-3 opposite A-7-4-2. Can game be made with a weaker suit than that?

As this isn't bluff and double bluff, you know the answer. When my students have reached a certain level, I give them today's deal to emphasize the "length over strength" concept. And when I'm really feeling mean (which is never!), I give South the 5-4-3-2.

Well, suppose you find four spades. How would you plan the play after West has led the diamond queen?

When South rebids one spade, North, with four-card support and the values for game, goes straight there. Don't leave to your partner what you can do yourself. Remember, he cannot read your mind.

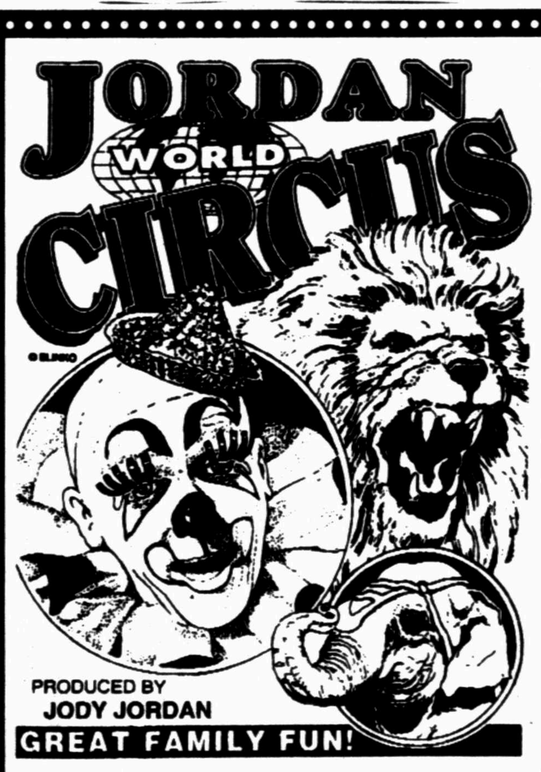
After winning the first trick, lead a trump. Perhaps East will pull three rounds, but if he does something else, win that trick and play another spade. Then abandon trumps. Your 10 tricks will be three hearts, two diamonds, three clubs, one club ruff in the dummy and one heart ruff in hand.

Note that in three no-trump, you have only eight tricks when neither of the rounded suits — hearts and clubs — splits 3-3. Before you can set up the long spade, the opponents will have established and cashed their diamond suit. So, although the spade suit is so weak, four spades is the only making game against best defense.

Forsooth, all the honors of my opponents couldn't defeat me, as Shakespeare would have written if he had thought of it first.

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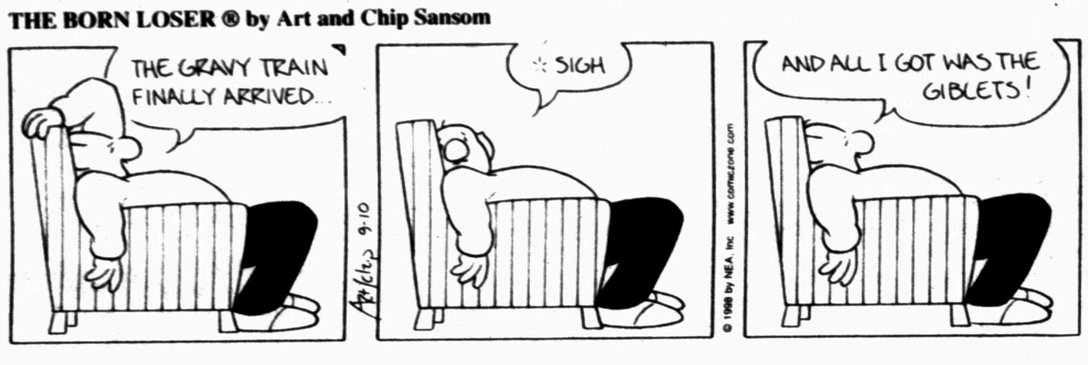
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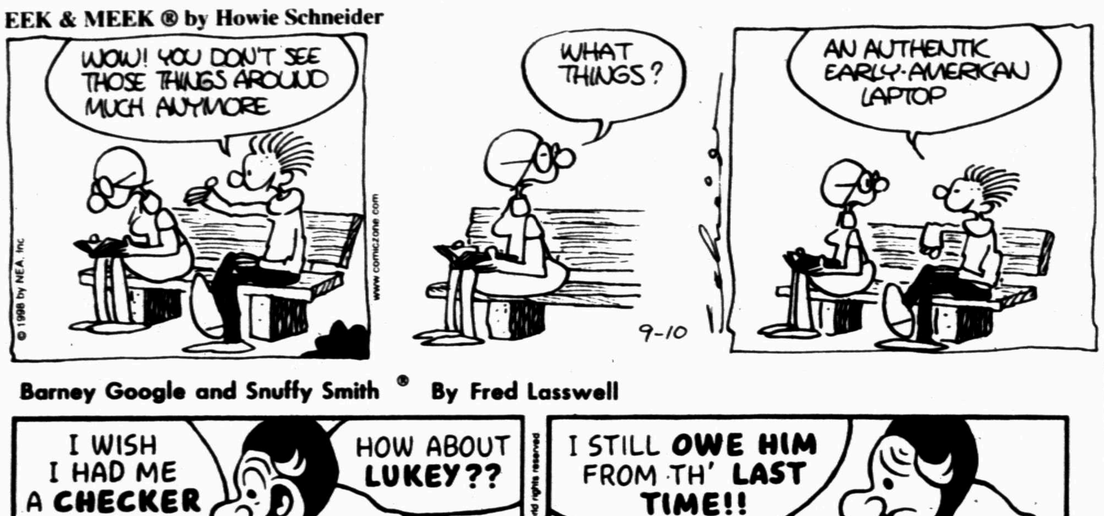
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14 Of the eyes
15 Robinson —
16 Didn't exist
17 Above, to a poet
18 Very small
20 Declare
21 Tennis player John —
25 Unpaid debts
28 Precious jewel
32 Praises
33 Bert's Sesame Street pal
34 Actress Evans
35 Curtain fabric
36 Part of a fishing line
37 Bishop
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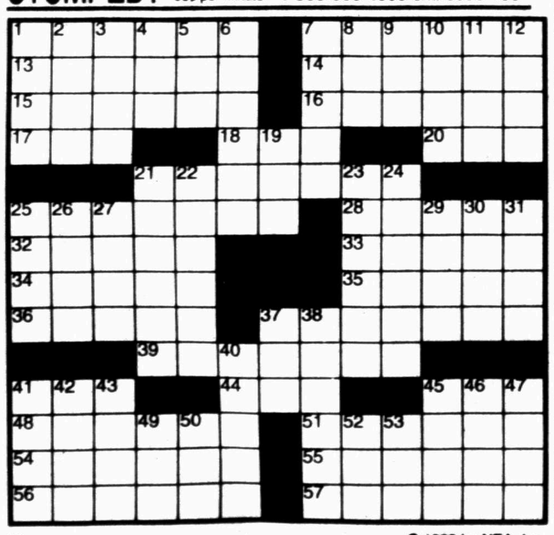
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27 Norse poem
29 Actress Magnani
30 Public disturbance
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37 Place
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SPORTS

Young guns open WTC golf season

Most golfers admit that the biggest butterflies are felt on the first teebox — nervous anxiety about how that first shot will turn out.

Western Texas College golf coach Milton Ham will have that experience this weekend — five times over.

The Westerners open their fall golf schedule Friday at the three-day Rocky Thompson Invitational in Paris without a single returning player from last year's squad.

While Ham is excited about his talented pool of new players, he also understands the importance of gaining experience.

"The talent is there with these kids," Ham said. "But it will take this fall semester to get enough experience to play in conference tournaments this spring. There is no shortcut to experience in golf. The only way to get it is to tee it up and play."

Leading the pack of new Westerners is Sweden's Martin Gustafson, a former member of the Swedish National Team.

"Martin is very talented," Ham said of his top-seeded player who qualified for this weekend's event with a 68.0 stroke average. "He is very mature for his age and has a great work ethic."

Behind Gustafson, with a 68.66 scoring average, is San Angelo Lake View's James Higdon. The former Chief linkster received all-district and all-region honors, as well as the outstanding athlete award at Lake View.

Also traveling to Paris will be Jason McGrath of Smith Falls, Ontario, Canada and Cory Mahaney of Tulia.

McGrath was a four-year letterman on his high school squad, while Mahaney was all-district, all-region and all-state his final two seasons for the Hornets.

Rounding out the five-player team for the Paris event is Odessa Permian's Robert Wilhite, an all-district selection and four-year letterman for the Panthers.

The credentials are in place for the young Westerners. The biggest question seems to be how they'll perform under college tournament pressure, especially on a tough course.

"There's no way you can explain the difficulty of the golf course in Paris," Ham stated. "This is a tough tournament that has been around since the beginning of junior college golf. It will will be a good experience for the kids to see the type of courses you face on this level."

WTC currently has 10 players on its roster.

Jamie Nickell was an all-state honoree at his high school in Trinidad, Colo., while Coahoma's Regi Roberts was the district medalist and a state qualifier for the Bulldogs.

Chad Sautry, from Elkins, was all-region three years running and overall chmapion of the South Texas Junior Golf Championship.

Batsrop's Bradley Nutt finished in the top 25 at the '98 state tournament and Stanton's Kory Williams was all-district and a four-year letterman in high school.

After fielding teams with considerable more experience in the past few years, Ham admits this year's squad will have to work hard to be ready by the spring.

"It's going to take some hard work," he remarked. "And the guys have been doing that so far. Midland will be tough again in conference play and Odessa should be a lot better this year. It's going to be a tough conference but we have the talent to compete in every tournament we enter."

Following this weekend's action in Paris, the Westerners play in the High Country Shootout Sept. 20-22 in Ruidoso, N.M.

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Home run ball finds a home - Cooperstown

COOPERSTOWN, N.Y. (AP) — Mark McGwire kept his word, and it lit up the face of 9-year-old Danny Rys.

"I'm excited!" Danny said Wednesday as he stood at the entrance to the Hall of Fame awaiting the arrival of the baseball that McGwire hit for his 62nd home run of the season.

The more than 200 people who gathered near the entrance to the Hall broke into a chorus of "Take Me Out to the Ball Game" just before the ball arrived. Around 3:35 p.m., a state police sport utility vehicle rolled down Main Street with the precious cargo.

"All right! 62! 62! 62!" they shouted in unison as a big red St. Louis Cardinals duffel bag full of baseball goodies was carried inside.

The ball, which was autographed by McGwire and dated "9-8-98," was significant.

"It's probably one of the most important artifacts in the history of the game," Hall of Fame president Don Marr said.

And it was only part of the haul.

Accompanying it were McGwire's brown, flamed-treated Rawlings bat, with his signature just above the label; his hat, uniform, size 13 cleats and batting gloves; the uniform his batboy son Matt was wearing; and the official scorecard of the game kept by Jack Buck, who noted the home run with a jubilant "62!"

"This is like Christmas," said Marr, who put on a pair of white gloves to hold the bat aloft for cameras to record the historic moment. "We knew Mark McGwire was going to be generous, but we didn't know it would be so spontaneous, in the heat of the celebration.

"It means a lot," Marr said. "The artifacts are terribly important in assisting us in telling the story."

They all will be part of a new exhibit — "The March on Maris" — to be unveiled to the public at 11 a.m. today, which would have been Maris' 64th birthday. The display will remain in the front lobby for at least one year, exhibits curator Ted Spencer said.

Also part of the bonanza was the black Big Stick Rawlings bat Sammy Sosa of the Chicago Cubs was using when he hit his 57th home run of the season. That drive broke Hack Wilson's Cubs record, which had stood since 1930 as the NL record until McGwire and Sosa came along.

The two bats were placed on a table alongside the Louisville Slugger that Maris used in 1961 to hit No. 61, which broke Babe Ruth's record of 60 set in 1927.

"This is a particularly monumental day for the Hall of Fame," Marr said. "This speaks volumes about baseball players. They're our greatest supporters. Both players could not have been more generous. Fortunately, the ball was retrieved and given to Mark. We found that refreshing."

A photo of the Babe giving his farewell address at Yankee Stadium just before his death a half-century ago hung on a wall to the left of Marr, making the moment that much more poignant.

"Mark McGwire has said these artifacts belong here," said Marr, who slept with them Tuesday night just to make sure. "He's a man of his word. It was a spontaneous reaction by McGwire in the locker room. We didn't expect to be coming home with this."

Local Sports Schedule

TODAY
Football: Snyder JV at Frenship, 7 p.m.
Football: Highland at Ira JV, 7:30.
Football: Frenship at Snyder freshmen, 7 p.m.
Football: Lamesa at Snyder 8th A, Tiger Stadium, 5 p.m.; Lamesa at Snyder 8th B, Travis Field, 6:30.
Football: Lamesa at Snyder 7th A, Travis Field, 5 p.m.; Lamesa at Snyder 7th B, practice field, 5 p.m.
Volleyball: Big Spring at Snyder 7th and 8th, 5:30.
Tennis: Frenship at Snyder JV.
FRIDAY
Golf: WTC at Rocky Thompson Invitational, first round, Paris Country Club.
Football: Frenship at Snyder, 7:30.
Football: Ira at Veribest, 7:30.
Football: Hermleigh at Blackwell, 7:30.
Football: Borden County at New Home, 7:30.
Volleyball: Snyder varsity and JV at Andrews tourney.
SATURDAY
Golf: WTC at Rocky Thompson Invitational, second round, Paris Country Club.
Volleyball: Snyder varsity and JV at Andrews tourney.
Volleyball: Snyder 7th A and 8th A at Snyder tourney.
Tennis: Andrews at Snyder JV.
SUNDAY
Golf: WTC at Rocky Thompson Invitational, final round, Paris Country Club.

Sele, Rangers shut out Royals, 8-0

ARLINGTON (AP) — Aaron Sele got his 18th win and Lee Stevens hit a three-run homer as the Texas Rangers wrapped up their season-long assault on Kansas City pitching with a 8-0 victory over the Royals on Wednesday night.

Texas, which began the night two games behind AL West-leading Anaheim, won its third straight. The Rangers had 14 hits, including a season-high seven doubles.

Sele (18-10) won his fifth straight start and joined teammate Rick Helling as an 18-game winner. He allowed five hits in seven innings, walked one and struck out seven, five of them looking.

Texas was 8-3 against the Royals, scoring 90 runs and hitting .353 — its best-ever average against an opponent. Juan Gonzalez was 21-for-45 against Kansas City with 26 RBIs, the most by a Ranger against an opponent in one season.

Gonzalez was 3-for-4 with a double, extending his hitting streak to 20 games, the longest current streak in the majors. He remained at 149 RBIs.

Will Clark gave Texas a 2-0 lead with a two-run double in the first inning, then Tom Goodwin made it 4-0 with another two-run double in the second.

Stevens' homer, his 16th, made it 7-0 and knocked out Pat Rapp (11-12) after 2 1-3 innings, his shortest outing since April 25.

The Royals did not get past first base until one out in the sixth, when Jose Offerman singled and took second on an error by shortstop Royce Clayton. Offerman went to third on a two-out wild pitch, but Jeff King struck out.

Goodwin helped Sele stay out of trouble early with two impressive catches.

He ended the second inning by jumping into the wall in left-center to track down a drive by Mike Sweeney with a man on first.

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National League

East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Atlanta	92	54	.630	-
NewYork	81	65	.555	11
Philadelphia	68	77	.469	23½
Montreal	57	89	.390	35
Florida	48	98	.329	44

Central Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Houston	93	53	.637	-
Chicago	81	65	.555	12
StLouis	71	74	.490	21½
Milwaukee	69	77	.473	24
Cincinnati	67	79	.459	26
Pittsburgh	66	78	.458	26

West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
SanDiego	92	54	.630	-
SanFrancisco	79	67	.541	13
LosAngeles	74	72	.507	18
Colorado	69	78	.469	23½
Arizona	58	89	.395	34½

Wednesday's Games
Chicago Cubs 4, Pittsburgh 2
Montreal 3, Atlanta 2
N.Y. Mets 6, Philadelphia 2
Cincinnati 6, St. Louis 3
Houston 6, Milwaukee 2
Colorado 9, Florida 8
Los Angeles 6, Arizona 2
San Diego 8, San Francisco 3

Thursday's Games
Florida (Medina 1-3) at Colorado (Kile 10-16), 3:05 p.m.
Los Angeles (Park 12-8) at San Diego (Brown 18-5), 5:05 p.m.
Atlanta (Millwood 14-8) at Montreal (Thurman 3-3), 7:05 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Leiter 14-5) at Philadelphia (Green 6-9), 7:05 p.m.
St. Louis (Osborne 4-3) at Cincinnati (Reyes 3-5), 7:05 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Silva 6-3) at Chicago Cubs (Tapani 17-7), 8:05 p.m.
Milwaukee (Karl 9-8) at Houston (Reynolds 17-8), 8:05 p.m.

Friday's Games
Milwaukee (Pulsipher 2-2) at Chicago Cubs (Mulholland 4-5), 3:20 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Jones 9-7) at Montreal (Pavano 4-8), 7:05 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Peters 7-9) at Philadelphia (Loewer 6-6), 7:05 p.m.
Arizona (Sodowsky 3-5) at Cincinnati (Tomko 11-11), 7:05 p.m.
Florida (Ojala 2-4) at Atlanta (Smoltz 14-3), 7:40 p.m.
St. Louis (Morris 5-4) at Houston (Hampton 11-6), 8:05 p.m.
Los Angeles (Bohanon 6-9) at San Diego (Hamilton 12-12), 10:05 p.m.
Colorado (Wright 9-12) at San Francisco (Hershiser 9-10), 10:35 p.m.

American League

East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
x-NewYork	102	41	.713	-
Boston	82	62	.569	20½
Toronto	78	67	.538	25
Baltimore	73	72	.503	30
TampaBay	56	88	.389	46½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Cleveland	80	64	.556	-
Chicago	68	77	.469	12½
KansasCity	65	79	.451	15
Minnesota	65	80	.448	15½
Detroit	55	91	.377	26

West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Anaheim	80	65	.552	-
Texas	78	67	.538	2
Seattle	66	78	.458	13½
Oakland	66	79	.455	14

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Wednesday's Games
Baltimore 6, Oakland 2
Seattle 5, Tampa Bay 2
N.Y. Yankees 7, Boston 5
Texas 8, Kansas City 0
Detroit 8, Chicago White Sox 6
Cleveland 6, Toronto 3, 13 innings
Anaheim 10, Minnesota 8

Thursday's Game
Toronto (Hentgen 12-10) at N.Y. Yankees (Pettitte 15-9), 7:35 p.m.

Friday's Games
Seattle (Fassero 10-12 and Cloude 8-10) at Kansas City (Barber 2-2 and Appier 0-0), 2, 8:05 p.m.
Detroit (Powell 3-6) at Boston (Saberhagen 12-7), 7:05 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Abbott 1-0) at Cleveland (Nagy 13-9), 7:05 p.m.
Texas (Stottlemyre 3-3) at Tampa Bay (Saunders 4-14), 7:05 p.m.
Anaheim (Finley 11-6) at Baltimore (Erickson 14-11), 7:05 p.m.
Toronto (Clemens 18-6) at N.Y. Yankees (Irabu 11-7), 7:35 p.m.
Oakland (Rogers 13-7) at Minnesota (Tewksbury 7-9), 8:05 p.m.

Sampras and Williams earn spots in semifinals

NEW YORK (AP) — Pete Sampras is going for a record-tying 12th Grand Slam tournament title. Venus Williams is seeking her first.

Both are right on target in the U.S. Open.

Sampras and Williams solved the swirling winds in Arthur Ashe Stadium and stayed on course with surprisingly easy victories Wednesday.

The top-seeded Sampras set up a semifinal match against defending champion Patrick Rafter with a 6-3, 7-5, 6-4 victory over No. 9 Karol Kucera. Rafter advanced earlier in the day with a 6-2, 6-3, 7-5 win over No. 12 Jonas Bjorkman.

Williams needed three sets to get past Arantxa Sanchez-Vicario, who added a hyphen to her last name and a third French Open title this year. But after dropping the first set, Williams had no problems winning 2-6, 6-1, 6-1 to complete the women's semifinal pairings.

A finalist last year, Williams will meet No. 2 Lindsay Davenport in Friday's semis. Davenport gained a berth by pounding No. 13 Amanda Coetzer 6-0, 6-4.

The other women's semifinal will pair 1997 winner and top seed Martina Hingis against reigning Wimbledon champion Jana Novotna.

The men's quarterfinals were scheduled to be completed today. No. 10 Carlos Moya faced Magnus Larsson in a day match, while two unseeded players, Sweden's Thomas Johansson and hard-serving Mark Philippoussis of Australia, meet tonight.

Sampras presented too many problems for Kucera. The top seed had 13 aces and had 48 winners, compared to 27 winners for the Slovakian who eliminated Andre Agassi a day earlier.

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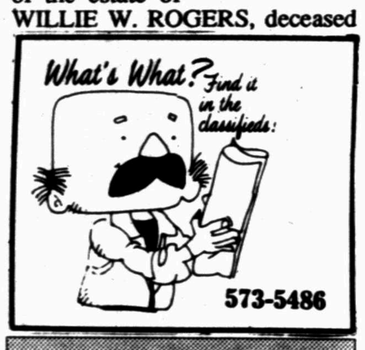
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The undersigned, having been duly appointed Co-Independent Executors of the Estate of WILLIE W. ROGERS, deceased, late of Scurry County, Texas, by RICKY FRITZ, Judge of the County Court of said county, on the 8th day of September, 1998, hereby notifies all persons indebted to said Estate to come forward and make settlement, and those having claims against said Estate to present them to DIXIE SUE ROGERS, 860 CR 221 South, Snyder, TX 79549 Street and/ or ROY GENE ROGERS, 421 Canterbury, New Braunfels, TX 78132, within the time prescribed by law.

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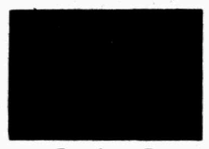
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Rocky stock market said too risky for investing SS monies

WASHINGTON (AP) — Those who argued throughout Wall Street's boom that the stock market is too risky a place to consider investing Americans' Social Security money are now saying, "I told you so."

"We weren't born yesterday. Senior citizens know better than anyone that a market that goes up like a rocket can plummet like a rock," said George Kourpias, president of the National Council of Senior Citizens.

The group, which has 2,000 local chapters nationwide, is among those using the recent stock market slide to attack proposed legislation that would divert some of the Social Security taxes now deducted from Americans' wages into private accounts that workers could invest for themselves.

Supporters of privatization say they still think the nation's retirement system would benefit from putting some money in stocks, but now they're anticipating a tougher battle.

"We've got to make the case better than we are, because I think we'll start losing support," said Senate Budget Committee Chairman Pete Domenici, R-N.M.

Sen. Phil Gramm, R-Texas, a key booster of private accounts, said the stock market downturn should make people's expectations more realistic.

"We shouldn't get carried away with the idea that ... we're going to make every worker an instant millionaire," Gramm said.

Record-breaking stock market gains in recent years provided the perfect backdrop for Republicans — and some moderate Democrats — to promote legislation that would partially privatize Social Security.

Supporters say private investment would earn a better return for Social Security dollars — now held in low-yielding U.S. Treasury bonds — just as pension money is expected to run short for the huge wave of baby boomers nearing retirement.

However, Wall Street has been turned on its head this summer by economic troubles in Asia and elsewhere. The Dow Jones industrial average slid sharply, taking back most of the year's gains.

Polls earlier this year indicated Americans overwhelmingly support the idea of personal Social Security accounts. But that support significantly declined when people are asked if they'd be willing to subject their own Social Security contributions to Wall Street's vagaries.

At a Senate Finance Committee hearing Wednesday, six senators — three Republicans, including Gramm and Domenici, and three Democrats — said their support for privatization remains firm.

"You have to look at it in the long term," said Sen. John Breaux, D-La., noting that since 1926, the stock market has never finished a 20-year stretch with negative returns. "You're not talking about investing for one year, or one month, or one day."

But recent market gyrations do raise concerns about people who would have to retire soon after sudden investment losses, said Edward M. Gramlich, a Federal Reserve board governor.

Houston man executed for Fort Worth slaying

HUNTSVILLE (AP) — Moments after a needle carrying lethal chemicals was inserted just a few inches from a tattoo of the Grim Reaper on his right arm, condemned killer Delbert Boyd Teague Jr. became the 13th Texas inmate to be executed this year.

The ex-convict from the Houston area, described by prosecutors at his murder trial as a "one-man slaughterhouse," was put to death Wednesday evening for fatally shooting a man who had stumbled into a robbery and abduction at a Tarrant County park.

Teague was convicted of killing Kevin Allen, 21, on April 28, 1985. Allen was one of three men shot in the head with a .22-caliber pistol at Inspiration Point, a scenic turnout on Lake Worth near Fort Worth.

As part of the same incident, a woman was abducted and driven hundreds of miles from Texas to Louisiana. She repeatedly was raped.

Teague, 35, had little reaction to the lethal drugs and was pronounced dead seven minutes after the procedure began.

He declined to make a final statement from the death chamber gurney, but in a written statement declared he had come "to die, not make speeches."

"Today is a good day for dying," he said.

Four members of Allen's family — his parents and two sisters — watched Teague die.

"It was like he went to sleep," said Leroy Allen, the victim's father, adding he thought the punishment was too easy.

"I'd hang him out there by the tree," he said, calling Teague the "idiot (who) finally paid for what he done."

Allen's mother, Kay, remembered how Teague had laughed during his trial, laughed when he received the death sentence and laughed earlier this summer when he received his execution date in court.

Past 24 hours sees 5 arrests

Five subjects were booked into jail in the past 24-hour period on various charges.

At 7:05 p.m. Wednesday, officers arrested two subjects in the 1900 block of Coleman for Class B possession of marijuana. Taken into custody were a 35-year-old male and a 41-year-old male.

Officers took a 43-year-old male into custody in the 3200 block of College at 9:37 p.m. Wednesday for misdemeanor driving while license suspended.

Two subjects were arrested in the 3200 block of Avenue E at 12:46 this morning. A 23-year-old male was taken into custody for misdemeanor driving while intoxicated and a 19-year-old male was taken into custody for public intoxication.

In other activity Wednesday, Jim Rosson requested an officer at Central Elementary at 7:33 a.m. in reference to criminal mischief. An offense report was filed for Class B criminal mischief.

Mickey Nunley requested an officer at the Plaza at 9:03 a.m. in reference to the theft of an undetermined amount of cash. An offense report for Class B theft was submitted.

An offense report for disorderly conduct was filed at 3:53 p.m. at Northeast Elementary in reference to two juveniles fighting.

Officers investigate sexual assaults

Snyder police are currently investigating the alleged sexual assault of a 13-year-old female.

The girl's mother went to the Scurry County Health Clinic on Tuesday and reported the incident which allegedly occurred sometime in July.

An employee at the health unit then contacted officers and an offense report for aggravated sexual assault was filed.

Police are also investigating a separate incident of sexual assault involving a 17-year-old female.

That incident was reported Monday at 5:55 p.m.

WTC food service sets Friday fiesta

Western Texas College will have a Mexican fiesta from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday in the courtyard. Food items will include make-your-own tacos, chicken fajitas, Spanish rice, refried beans and nachos and chips.

Pinatas will also be available.

Throughout the school year, Great Western Dining, the college's food service, plans special meals. Lee Jones is the manager. WTC liasons include Alicia Cooper, student activity director, and George Cormack, dean of student services.

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Births

Thomas and Barbara Minton, new Snyder residents, announce the birth of their third grandchild, Eric Thomas Minton. He was born to Wesley and Alana Minton Sheldahl of Lexington, Ky., on Aug. 7. Eric has two sisters, Bethany, 4, and Maia, 2.

Great-grandparents are Opal Minton of Snyder, Doyle and Doris Taylor of Belton and Eric and Dorothy Sheldahl of Fort Dodge, Iowa.

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AT&T Corp	55¾	54¼	55 — ¾
AirTouch	59 7-16	57⅝	58⅛— 1⅛
Albertsons	52¼	51 1-16	51 11-16—13-16
AlldSignal	34 13-16	34 1-16	34 5-16—1 3-16
Alltel	42⅝	41¾	41¾—1 1-16
AmOnline s	92 5-16	87 15-16	91 5-16—2 15-16
AmStores	30 9-16	30	30 5-16— ½
Ameritech s	45 13-16	44¼	45 9-16— 3-16
Amoco s	49¾	48 15-16	49 5-16— ¾
AndarkPtr s	33 13-16	31 15-16	33¾+ 1¾
Armcolnc	4 9-16	4¾	4¾
AtlRichfld	62¼	61¼	62 7-16+1 3-16
ATMOS Egy	25⅜	24¾	25 5-16— 1¼
Aviall	12 5-16	12¼	12¾— 1-16
BakerHughes	20 15-16	19¾	20 13-16+ ⅜
BellAtl s	43 7-16	42 13-16	43¾— ⅜
BellSouth	68 15-16	67 5-16	67 9-16—2 3-16
BethSteel	7 15-16	7⅜	7 9-16+ 1-16
BritPet	78¼	78¼	78¼— ¾
BurlNoSFe s	28¼	27 9-16	27¾— 1
CBS Corp	25⅛	24¼	25 — 1¼
Caterpillar	47	45¾	46 3-16— 2
CenSoWst	26¼	26⅛	26¼+ ⅛
Chevron	81⅜	79¾	81¼+ 1
Chrysler	52 5-16	51	51⅛— ⅜
Coastal s	28	27½	27⅝—1 1-16
CocaCola	61⅛	60¾	61 1-16—1 9-16
ColgatePalm	69	66	67 — 3¼
ComelMetals	24	23 1-16	23¾—11-16
CooperIn	42 9-16	42	42 9-16+ 5-16
CyprusAmax	12 1-16	11¾	12 1-16+ ⅜
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Dillards Inc	31 1-16	29¾	29 15-16— 1⅛
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EstKodak	80⅛	79¼	80 11-16—15-16
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Exxon	69⅝	67⅞	69 3-16+ ⅛
Flowers	19 7-16	19 1-16	19 7-16— 3-16
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Goodrich	30⅛	29¾	30 — ⅛
Goodyear s	48¾	47½	47 11-16— 1¼
GtAtlPac	23½	23	23 7-16— ¾
Halliburtn	29½	28¼	29 5-16+13-16
Hanson ADS	28 9-16	28 7-16	28½+ 1
HarteHanks s	23¾	23 1-16	23 3-16— ⅝
HomeDepot	40⅜	39 1-16	40 — 1
HoustonInds	29 1-16	28¾	29 + ⅛
IBM	122 3-16	120¾	121 — 2¾
IntlPaper	42	41¼	41 9-16—11-16
JohnsonJn	75 11-16	74¼	75½— 1⅛
K mart	13 5-16	12¾	13⅛— ⅜
Kroger Co	49¾	48 9-16	48¾—15-16
Litton	50 15-16	49 9-16	50¾—13-16
LockhdMart	98¼	97 5-16	98¾— 9-16
Lowes Cos s	34 1-16	33	33 11-16—1 5-16
Lubys	15 3-16	15 1-16	15 1-16— 1-16
LucentTech s	76½	74¼	76 3-16—1 11-16
MayDeptStrs	57⅞	56 5-16	56 5-16— 1⅜
MediaOne	45 9-16	44¾	45 1-16— 1¼
Medtronic	56 7-16	55¾	55¾— 1⅜
Mobil	73¾	72¼	73 13-16+11-16
Monsanto	55 15-16	55	55⅜— 1⅜
MorganJP	86	84½	85 5-16—1 13-16
Motorola	41⅜	41	41½— ½
NCR Corp	25⅜	25 1-16	25 1-16—1 3-16
NationsBk	50½	48¾	49 7-16—4 5-16
Navistar	24 1-16	23¾	24 1-16— ¾
Norwests	30 7-16	30 1-16	30⅜—1 7-16
OryxEngy	12¼	11 9-16	12⅛+ ⅜
Penney JC	52 9-16	51 9-16	52 — 1
Pennzoil	37⅞	37	37⅜—11-16
PepBoys	14⅛	13¾	14 — ⅛
PepsiCo	29 15-16	29¼	29 15-16+ ⅛
PhelpDodge	48	47¼	47½— ¼
PhilipPet	44 13-16	43¾	44 13-16+ ¾
PilgrmPrd B	18 9-16	18 3-16	18 3-16— 9-16
Polaroid	27¼	26 11-16	26 11-16— ¾
Praxair	36	35¼	35½— ½
ProctGamb	69¾	68 1-16	68¾— 3
PubSNwMx	19⅛	19¼	19⅛— 5-16
RoyalDut	47⅞	46 7-16	47 9-16— 9-16
SBC Comm s	38 3-16	37 11-16	38 1-16— ⅜
SaraLee	51⅛	50¾	51 5-16— ⅜
Scripps EW	44¼	43⅜	44 1-16—1 1-16
SearsRoeb	45¾	42 13-16	45⅜— 1
SherwinW	24¼	23 11-16	23⅞— 1⅜
SmithklBchm	58⅜	57¾	58 — 1⅜
SouthernCo	27½	27¼	27⅜— ⅛
SwstAirl s	19	18¾	18 9-16— 1
Sprint	68 9-16	67⅞	68¼—11-16
SunCo	32 5-16	31¾	31 15-16— ⅜
TNP Ent	29¾	29¼	29 5-16— 5-16
Tandy	56¼	55¾	56 — 9-16
TempleInland	44¾	43 11-16	43¾—15-16
Tenneco	33 9-16	33 5-16	33 5-16— 5-16
Texaco	59	57⅞	58¼+ ¼
TexInd	33 15-16	33¾	33¾— 7-16
TexasInst s	52⅛	50 9-16	50⅜—2 7-16
TexUtil	42 1-16	41¾	42 — ⅜
Textron	63 3-16	61¼	62 —1 9-16
Travelers s	38¼	37 5-16	38¼—1 15-16
TriconGlbR n	38¼	37 5-16	37 11-16—1 3-16
TrinityInds	31 9-16	31	31¼— 7-16
TritonEngy	10 9-16	10 1-16	10 9-16
Tyler	7 13-16	7⅝	7⅝— ⅜
US West Inc	50⅛	50⅜	50 11-16— 7-16
USX-Marathn	30 5-16	29⅝	30¼+ ⅜
USX-USS	22	21¼	21½+ 1-16
UnCarbde	39¾	38 11-16	39 3-16—1 3-16
UnionPacif	39 1-16	38¼	38⅜— 1⅛
UnitedTech	77⅛	76¼	76⅜— 1⅛
Unocal	34 11-16	33¾	34¼+ 1
Venator Grp	8 13-16	8 9-16	8 9-16— 5-16
WalMart	60 3-16	58¼	59 13-16— 1¼
WstnGasRs	9¾	9¾	9¾— 9-16
WinnDixie	38	37 15-32	37 11-16— 7-16
Xerox Corp	88¼	86¼	87 13-16—3 1-16

Seeing political peril for Democrats, Clinton apologizes

MIAMI (AP) — With his Monica Lewinsky scandal casting a shadow over fellow Democrats, President Clinton is abandoning any reluctance to apologize for deceiving his family, his political allies and the children of America who viewed him as a good role model.

"I tried to do a good job taking care of this country, even when I haven't taken such good care of myself, my family and my obligations," a somber president told a hushed audience of state Democratic donors Wednesday evening at the close of a long, emotional day.

"I hope you and others that I have injured will forgive me for the mistakes I've made," Clinton added.

The president had another chance to ask forgiveness today as he summoned his Cabinet members to the White House for their first session since Jan. 23, when he personally assured them that reports he had a sexual affair with the former White House intern were false.

After the January meeting, Cabinet members were sent out in public to express confidence in Clinton's denial. "I believe the allegations are completely untrue," Secretary of State Madeleine Albright said then. "I'll second that. Definitely," said Commerce Secretary William Daley. "Third it," said Health and Human Services Secretary Donna Shalala.

Clinton also was meeting at the White House today with Senate Democratic leaders as he and they braced for the fallout from Independent Counsel Kenneth Starr's report to the House on his Lewinsky investigation. It is reported to contain embarrassing details about their relationship, which Clinton repeatedly denied until his grand jury testimony Aug. 17.

On Wednesday before flying to Florida, Clinton held an emotional meeting with House Democratic leaders who later described the president as apologetic and determined to keep the country focused on issues he deems most important, such as education and health care.

Even Democrats who have been among Clinton's biggest supporters are expressing outrage at his handling of the Lewinsky affair. Some are distancing themselves from the politically wounded president as they enter the final stretch of the fall election season. Maryland's Democratic governor, Parris Glendening canceled a fund raiser with Clinton; on Tuesday the governor stayed away when Clinton visited a Maryland elementary school.

Several Republican members of Congress have called for Clinton to resign. The latest, Sen. Sam Brownback of Kansas, asserted today that Clinton's ability to lead has been all but destroyed and his "actions have been corrosive to our national character and debased the office of the presidency."

In Florida the reception was warmer. Lt. Gov. Buddy MacKay, who is the Democratic candidate for governor, praised Clinton during joint appearances Wednesday in Orlando and Miami.

Quoting Martin Luther King Jr., MacKay said in Orlando: "In the end, we will remember not the words of our enemies, but the silence of our friends. Mr. President, we are not going to be silent. We are going to speak out in support of the work you are doing to improve people's lives."

Drinking still choice for college students

BOSTON (AP) — More than half the nation's college students drank to get drunk last year and the number of binge drinkers was virtually unchanged from four years ago, according to research released today.

The survey of 14,521 students by the Harvard School of Public Health followed up on an analysis of 15,103 students in 1993. Both surveys queried students randomly at 130 colleges across the country.

The report published in this month's issue of the Journal of American College Health shows that more students were drinking to get drunk — 39 percent in 1993 compared with 52 percent in 1997.

The number of students who were drunk three or more times in the month prior to answering the survey jumped by 22 percent.

In both reports, fraternity and sorority members were the biggest alcohol guzzlers. Four out of five of these students qualified as "binge" drinkers — defined as five drinks in a row for men and four drinks in a row for women.

"I think fraternities are so mired in alcohol, they're so into it that they can't give it up," said Henry Wechsler, who headed both studies.

Overall, 42.7 percent of students surveyed were considered binge drinkers in 1997, a slight decrease from the 44.1 percent in 1993. Wechsler said the drop is attributed mostly to an increase in students who do not drink at all.

Nineteen percent of students surveyed said they hadn't touched a drink in a year, up from 15.6 percent in the earlier study.

Why students were abstaining more is difficult to gauge, but Wechsler doubted it was due to lack of access to booze. More likely, he said, those students had listened to the warnings of school administrators — or were repelled by the drinking of their peers.

The 1993 survey was seen as a wake-up call on many college campuses, and administrators around the country have wrestled with ways to curb heavy drinking and its sometimes deadly consequences.

The follow-up survey was designed to measure how successful the last four years have been — and the results were disappointing at best, Wechsler said.

In both surveys, the majority of non-binge drinkers reported serious disruptions related to their imbibing peers: sexual harassment, accidents and injuries, loud outbursts in dorm rooms in the middle of the night and vomit-covered bathrooms.

The study did not show which specific colleges had the most drinkers, though schools in the Northeast and Midwest tended to produce more drinking.

Students at historically black and women's colleges, as well as commuter schools without dorms, tended to drink less, researchers said.

High-profile deaths from alcohol — like those at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and Louisiana State last year — sober up their peers, but only until the next party rolls around, Wechsler said.

Some schools have responded by making it tougher to access alcohol, increasing the penalties for drinking, establishing substance-free dorms and promoting social alternatives, said Diane Barry, a spokeswoman for the Higher Education Center for Alcohol and Other Drug Prevention in Newton.

DNA results confirm ID of switched's baby's father

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va. (AP) — The ex-boyfriend of a woman whose child support case led to the discovery that her baby was switched at birth is the father of the girl sent home with another family, tests have confirmed.

There is a 99.9 percent chance that Carlton Conley is Rebecca Grace Chittum's biological father, according to DNA test results released Wednesday.

A test last month confirmed that Rebecca's biological mother is Conley's ex-girlfriend, Paula Johnson, who has raised the other girl involved in the switch, Callie Marie Conley.

Last week, another test proved that Callie is the biological daughter of Kevin Chittum and Whitney Rogers, both of whom died in a car crash July 4.

The two girls were born about 16 hours apart at the University of Virginia Medical Center in June 1995. Hospital officials believe they were switched shortly before the respective parents took their babies home.

Rebecca is being raised by the parents of the dead couple, Tommy and Brenda Rogers and Kevin Chittum's mother, Rosa Lee Chittum.

Datebook

Sept. 10, 1998

Today is the 253rd day of 1998 and the 82nd day of summer.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1846, Elias Howe of Spencer, Mass., patented his design for a sewing machine.

On this day in 1881, Roger Connor of the Troy Trojans hit the first grand-slam home run in major-league history.

On this day in 1955, "Gunsmoke" premiered on CBS.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Robert Wise (1914-), director-producer, is 84; Arnold Palmer (1929-), golfing great, is 69; Roger Maris (1934-1985), baseball star; Charles Kuralt (1934-1997), journalist; Jose Feliciano (1945-), singer-guitarist, is 53; Bob Lanier (1948-), basketball great, is 50; Amy Irving (1953-), actress, is 45.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1960, New York Yankee Mickey Mantle hit a 643-foot home run in Detroit. The ball landed in a nearby lumberyard.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Force has no place where there is need of skill." — Herodotus

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1960, Hurricane Donna hit Florida's Middle Keys with gusts to 180 mph and a 13-foot storm surge.

SOURCE: 1998 Weather Guide Calendar; Accord Publishing, Ltd.

TODAY'S MOON: Between full moon (Sept. 6) and last quarter (Sept. 12).

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Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



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Divorced Dad Is Glad He Chose Family Over Fortune

DEAR ABBY: The letter from "Heartbroken in Oregon," the man who is in the middle of a divorce and whose wife now wants to move their daughter out of state, really hit home. In the beginning, our divorce was far from friendly. However, we finally got over our anger and got back to the business of raising our two beautiful children. We now have a 50-50 custody arrangement, and our son and daughter are happy and well-adjusted.

Last year I was offered the job of a lifetime. It meant more money, more prestige and tremendous potential for advancement. It also meant moving thousands of miles away from my family.

My career has always been important to me and this offer was quite a prize. My ex-wife and I discussed the situation at length. We explored all possible options, but focused always on our main objective — the best interests of the children. Ultimately, we decided that it would be best for me to turn down the job and remain in California. My ex-wife couldn't afford to relocate, and she and I agreed that the children still need both of us around on a full-time basis. Obviously, this was a huge sacrifice on my part, but one I gladly made.

Your response to "Heartbroken" was appropriate when you advised him to consider moving closer to Florida to be near his daughter. I take exception, however, to your remark that the little girl "belongs with her mother." I grew up in a family with an absentee father, so I know firsthand the pain such a situation can cause. That's why I am committed to making *any* sacrifice necessary to stay close to my kids.

Both "Heartbroken" and his ex sound as if they are thinking only of themselves. They need to buck up, quit whining, and get to work at being parents.

LOVING THE DADDY GIG
IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR LOVING THE DADDY GIG: Many readers disagreed with my statement that the little girl belongs with her mother. Since the father seemed agreeable to moving near his daughter in the future, I think my answer was on target. A short separation from her father will not have long-term effects on the child if she understands it is only temporary.

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DEAR ABBY: In response to "Well-Fed in Sacramento," who was ashamed when those treating her to dinner left inadequate tips: Why doesn't *she* offer to leave the tip? This is a polite response when one party insists on paying, and it would relieve her of the embarrassment of the host leaving an insufficient tip.

LIKES TO EAT OUT
IN BOONTON, N.J.

DEAR LIKES TO EAT OUT: Now why didn't I think of that? It would work nicely if the hosts would allow it. If not, the guest could take my suggestion of leaving additional money quietly as he or she leaves the table.

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DEAR ABBY: This guy (I'll call him Alan) and I broke up a few months ago. I have dated others, but he's constantly on my mind. I want to tell Alan how I feel, but I'm afraid the feelings won't be returned. To complicate matters, three of my girlfriends also have crushes on him. Nobody but me knows how I feel, and I can't take it any more. What should I do?

HOT FOR ALAN
IN BRAIDWOOD, ILL.

DEAR HOT FOR ALAN: It would have been helpful had you mentioned which one of you ended the relationship. If *you* did, there might be a chance Alan will be receptive if you confide to him that he's the kind of man who isn't easily forgotten. If *he* did, stay silent.

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Other areas take back seat to Clinton probe

WASHINGTON (AP) — Tax cuts, spending for schools and defense and other issues that in most years would be the political focus of a town gearing up for the November elections are being submerged by possible impeachment proceedings against President Clinton.

The near-total focus on Clinton's problems is bad news for Democrats, who almost daily try to change the subject by talking about education, an increase in the minimum wage and other subjects. But it's fine for Republicans, who talk relentlessly about their agenda but are happy to remind listeners of Clinton's plight.

"In spite of the monumental distraction that we're faced with, the American people still expect the Republican Party to lead when it comes to saving Social Security, cutting taxes, moving dollars and policy back to the classroom and away from Washington," Rep. John Boehner of Ohio, the No. 4 House Republican, told reporters Wednesday.

Boehner spoke on the steps of the Library of Congress, where he, House Speaker Newt Gingrich, R-Ga., and other House GOP leaders had gathered to discuss their agenda for the remaining four weeks of Congress' 1998 session. They were surrounded by about 25 reporters and a half-dozen television cameras.

But in one measure of public interest, hundreds of tourists, congressional staffers and journalists were gathered just across the street at the Capitol. The crowd was watching two vans from the office of Independent Counsel Ken Starr, which were unloading cartons containing Starr's report of possible impeachable offenses by Clinton.

Even so, Congress has other work before lawmakers leave town in early October to campaign for re-election.

The only real must-do task is completion of the 13 annual spending bills needed to keep agencies running on Oct. 1, the start of the new fiscal year. So far, only one has been sent to Clinton, an $8.4 billion measure for military construction.

Clinton has veto threats against seven of the remaining bills. He wants more spending for education, environment and other programs than Republicans, and opposes many other GOP-written provisions. These include language dictating how the 2000 census will be conducted and allowing a road to be built through federal lands in Alaska.

Few people think a standoff will produce a partial federal government shutdown. But hoping to focus attention on the two sides' differences, White House budget chief Jacob Lew told reporters Wednesday that if Republicans insist on deep cuts and restrictions on programs Clinton favors, "it is a sure confrontation they are headed for."

Heading the list of items the GOP wants to achieve this year are tax cuts. Gingrich said Wednesday that Republicans would try cutting taxes this fall by $70 billion to $80 billion over the next five years, and by much more next year.

But in Florida, Clinton rejected GOP plans to pay for tax reductions with the expected budget surplus, which he wants reserved until Social Security's long-term fiscal problems are addressed.

"If we spend this money because we estimate that we'll have surpluses for years ahead, what happens to our other obligations?" he said.

Other disputes are still raging over defense spending; expanding authority for the president to negotiate trade treaties; providing $18 billion to replenish the International Monetary Fund's coffers; overhauling bankruptcy laws; and providing emergency funds to pay for U.S. troops in Bosnia, preparing government computers for the year 2000, improving embassy security and natural disasters.

The administration and Congress should work together to respond to those emergencies, as well as aiding farmers hurt by economic instability abroad and weather problems, White House Chief of Staff Erskine Bowles said in a letter to Gingrich Wednesday.

"I am confident that we can work together on a bipartisan basis to respond to these emergencies," Bowles said. He said, however, that the budget surplus must be "fully" protected "until we have achieved comprehensive Social Security reform."

Ranks of juvenile inmates to exceed capacity in year 2000

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas has enough prison beds for its adult inmates through at least 2003, but it will need additional space for juveniles, a new report says.

The state's Criminal Justice Policy Council said Wednesday that there will be 146 more juvenile prisoners than space available by the year 2000.

"We are still projecting demand exceeding capacity, but not as much as before," said Tony Fabelo, executive director of the council.

There will be enough juvenile beds through 1999 when the council predicts there will be 5,642 prisoners, but additional space will be needed for the next year, he said.

"It's good news in terms that planning is in place given the present trends that we have," he said.

The council predicted that the Texas Youth Commission's population is going to increase to 6,146 by 2002 — 376 over capacity.

The potential overcrowding is the result of tough juvenile justice reforms enacted in 1995, Fabelo said. Juveniles are more likely to have their probation revoked and are serving longer terms, increasing demand for prison space, he said.

The number of juvenile offenders is expected to increase from 5,642 in 1999 to 6,254 in 2003, when there will be an 484 shortfall, according to the report.

The deficit can be cured by adding 330 more beds to a TYC facility under construction in McClennon County at a cost of about $20 million to $24 million and by working with private facilities, Fabelo said.

"If that's the worst case scenario we have done a good job predicting our needs," said Sen. John Whitmire, who chairs the Criminal Justice Committee.

Whitmire, D-Houston, said early intervention programs could help curb the number of juvenile offenders. "We need to act early and if we do maybe we won't need those extra beds," he said.

The report found that the state will have enough beds for adult prisoners through 2003. There will be 146,528 prisoners for 150,285 beds, the council predicted.

Those numbers send a clear message, Whitmire said. "If you commit a crime in the state of Texas we have space for you, not like just a few years ago," Whitmire said. "We should never let ourselves repeat the crisis of a few years ago."

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Friday, Sept. 11, 1998

In the year ahead, try to associate yourself with bold, enterprising individuals. Their enthusiasm will be contagious, and you'll find yourself going after bigger and bigger fish.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Your tolerance for outsiders will be up to its usual standards today, but you may not show the same consideration to family members. Keep your priorities in proper order. Get a jump on life by understanding the influences that'll govern you in the year ahead. Send for your Astro- Graph predictions by mailing $2 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.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Rely on logic and reason today, instead of intuition and hunches. What you sense may be a departure from reality.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Be positive and optimistic today, but don't build your hopes on faulty premises. If your base is weak, your house of cards will crumble.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Your behavior will be closely scrutinized by others today. When you're in the public eye, put your best foot forward — a bad showing could leave a long memory.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) A verbal agreement won't count for much today if you're trying to extract a biased opinion. Important terms should be committed to writing.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Use your contacts today instead of waiting on others to open doors for you. You'll be inside before they get their keys out of their pockets.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Partners aren't apt to be of much value in helping you achieve your objectives today. Don't saddle yourself with people whose ideas can't measure up to yours.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) This is not a good day for you to handle complicated, distasteful chores. Errors are likely — wait until conditions are better and you're in a good frame of mind.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) In social situations today, don't resurrect an old misunderstanding. It could divide your friends and put you in the middle.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) If you're going out with others this evening, disagreements between you and your mate should be left at home. Don't air problems in public that could leave an unpleasant impression.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) A close friend might not live up to your expectations today. However, it will hurt your relationship if you criticize this person in front of others.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Your resistance could be lower than usual today, so watch out for sharpies with smooth pitches, or you could end up buying the sizzle they're selling.

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Dr. Gott by Peter Gott, M.D.

Coping with the 'terrible twos'

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: My son, 2, enjoys biting whenever anything is taken away from him. We've tried many different kinds of punishment, but he laughs, throws something or bites back. I know about the "terrible twos," but this is ridiculous.

DEAR READER: Youngsters often take great delight in exploring their environments, "flexing their muscles" — and getting a rise out of adults. Think of it: Here's a 2-year-old who automatically becomes the center of attention by chomping at will. Of course, biting is inappropriate behavior; yet consider the amount of reinforcement he receives. The attention may be worth the temporary discomfort of

I suggest that you discuss this problem with your son's pediatrician. A professional who knows both the child and the family is in a sound position to give you advice about how best to discourage the biting pattern.

DEAR DR. GOTT: There was too much protein in my blood, so I was told to have a bone marrow test. It was OK. What does excess protein signify?

DEAR READER: Your question is deceptively simple; the subject of blood proteins is complex. I'll try to give you an overview.

The body's organs produce many types of proteins that circulate in the bloodstream. Each protein has a specific function. By subjecting a small sample of cell-free blood serum to a tiny electrical charge, scientists can separate the various blood proteins from one another. Because proteins vary in weight, light proteins will migrate further than heavy ones in an electrical field. This characteristic provides the basis for the medical test called serum electrophoresis, in which the blood proteins are separated, identified and quantified.

Human blood usually contains five major forms of protein: albumin, alpha-1 globulin, alpha-2 globulin, beta globulin and gamma globulin. These proteins can be further divided into classes by more sophisticated tests, yielding the forms called immunoglobulin: IgA, IgD, IgE, IgG and IgM.

Depending on the protein characteristics of a blood sample, doctors can diagnose certain diseases. For example, low serum albumin is often the consequence of dietary deficiency or liver disease. Antibodies, the body's infection-neutralizing proteins, are usually included in the IgG (or gamma globulin) fraction. Patients sometimes show abnormal proteins (or too much of a particular protein) in their bloodstreams. The most common abnormality is an "M spike," an excess of IgM; this is seen in myeloma and other types of plasma (blood) cell cancer. The doctor performed a bone marrow test to make sure that your plasma cells, many of which are in the marrow, were normal.

Your excess proteins may represent a normal variation but, as I mentioned, the type of protein should be identified. Your doctor may choose to do this by further analysis using complex tests.

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Northwest pilots' strike...

Negotiators making progress

WASHINGTON (AP) — Negotiators for Northwest Airlines and its pilots made progress today toward ending a 12-day-old strike that has grounded the company's planes, according to sources familiar with the talks.

A breakthrough in the stalemate was reported after talks led by Maggie Jacobsen of the National Mediation Board explored using stock options and profit-sharing to address the pilots' compensation demands.

The talks were being conducted under a news blackout, and officials from Northwest and the Air Line Pilots Association declined comment.

The airline's 6,100 pilots, who went on strike Aug. 28, have been negotiating a new contract for the past two years. They were seeking a 14 percent salary increase over three years, while Northwest offered 9 percent over four years.

The pilots put forth a new offer Wednesday afternoon and the company responded this morning, bringing the parties closer to agreement, said the sources, speaking only on condition of anonymity. They described the talks as being at a sensitive stage.

Presidential adviser Bruce Lindsey, who flew to Minneapolis to help shepherd the talks along, delayed his return to Washington today.

Two feeder airlines planned to resume flights to 17 smaller cities and towns left without air service by the walkout.

The strike is the longest against an airline since 1989, when a machinists' strike led to the collapse of Eastern Airlines. Northwest has laid off about 28,300 non-striking employees since the strike began.

Microsoft's late evidence request may delay trial

WASHINGTON (AP) — Less than two weeks before its antitrust trial, Microsoft Corp. is making broad demands for internal documents from some of the nation's biggest high-tech companies.

The late move almost certainly will delay the trial beyond Sept. 23, particularly if any of those companies object to Microsoft's request to surrender the documents by the end of the week and decide to fight in court.

A Microsoft spokesman, Mark Murray, said he "can't speculate" about the possibility of a delay, but he said the sought-after documents were "critical for preparing for trial" and could help exonerate the company.

Microsoft wants details by Friday about high-level strategy meetings among Netscape Corp., Apple Computer Inc., IBM Corp., Novell Inc., Oracle Corp., Sun Microsystems Inc., Hewlett-Packard Co. and Compaq Computer Corp.

Microsoft, accused by the government of trying to muscle rivals to protect its lucrative Windows operating system franchise, is seeking to show that other companies also routinely collaborate in alliances against common competitors.

In civil subpoenas sent last week by facsimile, Microsoft demanded documents about specific efforts among companies, such as plans to develop Unix software as a Windows alternative, and any "understandings or agreements (actual, proposed, planned, discussed, possible, abandoned, suggested, contemplated or considered)."

Former spy chief nominated for prime minister's position

MOSCOW (AP) — Bowing to bitter opposition from parliament, President Boris Yeltsin nominated former spy chief Yevgeny Primakov today as prime minister to head emergency efforts to stem the country's economic crisis.

Yeltsin proposed Primakov, Russia's foreign minister, after his first choice, Viktor Chernomyrdin, asked not to be nominated for a third time. Leaders on all sides had warned of a political explosion if Yeltsin again chose Chernomyrdin.

"In view of the repeated rejection of (Chernomyrdin) ... I ask the State Duma to confirm the appointment of Yevgeny Maximovich Primakov as chairman of the government," Yeltsin said in a brief letter.

Opposition and pro-government political leaders promptly welcomed Primakov's nomination, predicting the Communist-dominated lower chamber of parliament, the Duma, would approve him. The White House also praised Primakov.

A confirmation vote could come as early as Friday.

"I think he will get the Duma's support. Common sense has prevailed," said Communist leader Gennady Zyuganov, who led the opposition to Chernomyrdin. Primakov is "known in the country and in the world and can carry out policies defending the interests of the nation."

Chernomyrdin, meanwhile, said lawmakers' refusal to confirm him was part of a Communist plot to force Yeltsin to resign and seize power. "It's a creeping coup."

In a televised address, Chernomyrdin reproached Yeltsin for making concessions, urging him: "Show will!"

Ammo cache seized from home and car of suspect in shootings

DALLAS (AP) — Police seized several hundred 9 mm bullets from the vehicle of Douglas Alan Feldman, an ex-convict suspected of using a 9 mm Glock pistol to fatally shoot two truck drivers and wound another man, according to police and an affidavit released Wednesday.

"It is what raised our concern that he is a very dangerous person," said homicide Sgt. Larry Lewis, who is overseeing the investigation into the deaths of Nick Velasquez on Aug. 24 and Robert Stephen Everett on Aug. 25.

Feldman, 40, was arrested Saturday and charged with capital murder in the apparently unprovoked shootings. He is being held in the Dallas County jail on $1 million bond. Feldman did not respond to the Dallas Morning News' interview request Wednesday. His attorney, Jim Oatman, has declined to comment about the case.

Police have said a 9 mm handgun taken from Feldman on Saturday was the weapon used in the fatal attacks.

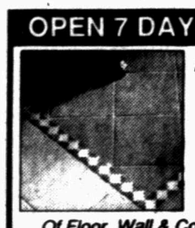
A security camera videotape released Aug. 25 showed a man with a scraggly beard on a Harley-Davidson motorcycle riding away from Velasquez, 62, of Irving, who was shot at close range late at night while he filled gas tanks at station in north Dallas. A half-hour earlier, Everett, 36, of Marshfield, Mo., was shot while driving south on Central Expressway, according to witnesses cited in the affidavit.

A 1995 model Harley-Davidson was taken from Feldman's Richardson apartment, Sgt. Lewis said. That motorcycle fits the description of the one witnesses described from the two truck driver shootings, the search warrant affidavit states.

Investigators also found two saddlebags, a luggage rack, two motorcycle seats and a motorcycle windshield in Feldman's apartment, documents show.

Documents also state that police found a box for a Glock 17 handgun.

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Obituaries

Betty Jo Eades

1928-1998

Betty Jo Eades, 70, of Snyder died Thursday, Sept. 10, in Lubbock's St. Mary Hospital after a lengthy illness.

Services are pending at Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Born on June 27, 1928 in Dunn, she married Ralph Eades on Nov. 25, 1946 in Snyder. A housewife, Mrs. Eades was a member of East Side Church of Christ.

Survivors include her husband, Ralph Eades of Snyder; her father, Archie Crabtree of Athens; a daughter, Peggy Arellano of Colorado City; a son, Ricky Eades of San Angelo; a sister, Glenda Fulton of Athens; a brother, Harvey Crabtree of Port Lavaca; and five grandchildren.

Barbara Weems

1938-1998

Services are pending at Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home for Barbara June Weems, longtime Snyder resident.

Mrs. Weems, 60, died at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday in Lubbock's Methodist Hospital after a sudden illness.

She was born on June 1, 1938 in Arkansas. She married Elton Weems on March 7, 1957 in Santa Anna, Calif. He died on Aug. 26, 1992. Mrs. Weems, who moved to Snyder 20 years ago from Huntington Beach, Calif., had worked for a number of years in central supply at Cogdell Hospital. She was a member of Faith Baptist Church.

Mrs. Weems was also preceded in death by a brother, Thomas Myers, in 1991.

Survivors include a sister, Darlena Bennett of Snyder; two brothers, Jimmy Myers of Bakersfield, Calif., and Jack Myers of Vancouver, Wash.; four nieces and four nephews, including Nicci Beaver of Snyder and Tony Ferard of Colorado Springs, Colo.

F.S. Eades

1907-1998

Funeral service for F.S. Eades, a former resident of Snyder, is set for 10 a.m. Friday in the Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home Chapel.

The Rev. C.J. Smith, retired Baptist minister, will officiate. Burial will follow in the Snyder Cemetery.

Mr. Eades, 91, died Monday, Sept. 7, in Flow Rehabilitation Hospital in Denton.

Born Aug. 22, 1907 in Anna, Tex., he married Ruby Pearl Moore on Oct. 22, 1932 in Snyder. A veteran of World War II, Mr. Eades served with Company G of the 142nd Infantry.

A retired TV technician for Sears, Mr. Eades had lived in Denton for the past 35 years.

He was preceded in death by two sisters, nine brothers and one grandson.

Survivors include his wife, Ruby Pearl Eades of Denton; two daughters, Carolyn Chisenhall of Lindale and Cathey Nooyen of Denton; a son, Donald Eades of Lake Dallas; a brother, Ralph Eades of Snyder; eight grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers will be Trent Eades, Luke Chisenhall, Edward Nooyen, Todd Eades, Paul Mineau and Andy Weaver.

The family will receive friends at Bell-Cypert-Sale Funeral Home from 7 to 8 this evening.

Edna Jackson

1924-1998

ARLINGTON — Memorial service is set for 11 a.m. Friday in the Greater Community Baptist Church for Edna Louise Jackson of Arlington, a former Snyder resident. The Rev. Kennedy Jones will officiate and burial will follow in Skyvue Memorial Gardens in Fort Worth.

Mrs. Jackson, 74, died Monday morning in an Arlington hospital.

Born Dec. 26, 1924 in Florence, Tex., she married L.T. Jackson in 1947. He preceded her in death in 1982. Mrs. Jackson was a former employee of Cogdell Memorial Hospital.

Survivors include five daughters, Debra Tippens of Snyder, Virginia Anderson, Lettie Ogbonna, Linda Jackson and Terri Ollison, all of Arlington; three sons, William Jackson of Snyder, Marvin Jackson of Arlington and David Jackson of Lawrence, Kan.; four sisters, Cleora Sneed and Betty Thompson, both of Snyder, Lenora Anderson of Fort Worth and Charlene Morgan of Georgetown; one brother, A.Z. Anderson, also of Georgetown; 32 grandchidren; 22 great-grandchildren; and a host of nieces and nephews.

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ONGOINGS

Masonic Lodge #706

The Scurry Masonic Lodge will have a 50-year Masonic service award presentation at 7:30 this evening. All Master Masons, their families and friends are invited. Refreshments will be served.

Support group ministry

Support groups for divorce recovery, cancer/grief and caring for aging parents are available to adults and meets at 6:30 this evening at First Baptist Church. L.I.F.E. (learning to improve the family experience) is for teens and parents. Child care is provided.

Ira football caravan

Ira Bulldog fans will form a car caravan at 4 p.m. Friday to travel to the football game with Veribest. The caravan will leave the Ira football field at 4:30.

Chicken spaghetti supper

The Snyder High School and junior high tennis boosters will host a chicken spaghetti supper starting at 5 p.m. Friday in the SHS cafeteria prior to the Frenship football game. Tickets are being sold by tennis players for $5 each or by calling 573-2400 or 573-2801. Takeouts will be available.

Garage and bake sale

The annual Martha Ann Woman's Club garage and bake sale will be from 2-7 p.m. Friday at the Towle Park barn.

WTC student government car wash

The Western Texas College Student Government Association will hold a car wash Saturday at Wal-Mart from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m. Donations will be accepted.

Varsity Tiger moms

Varsity Tiger moms will meet at 2 p.m. Sunday in the SHS Student Center.

F.A.C.T. meeting

A F.A.C.T. (Fast Action for the Children of Texas) meeting will be held at 3 p.m. Sunday at Snyder Savings and Loan. Former employees of the Texas Attorney General's office will speak.

Meet the Tigers night

Meet the Tigers Night is scheduled for Monday at Tiger Stadium as the football teams from varsity level to the 7th grade will be introduced. A brisket supper begins at 6 p.m. at a cost of $3. Cheerleaders will also be introduced and the band will perform.

SHS choir boosters

The choir boosters will meet at 6 p.m. Monday in the high school choir room.

Snyder girls hoops club

There will be a meeting Monday at 7 p.m. in the Snyder High School student center for the girls hoops club.

Retired teachers and personnel meeting

Scurry County retired teachers and personnel will meet for an ice cream social at First United Methodist Church on Monday at 7 p.m. in the fellowship hall.

Meet the WTC athletes

The annual Meet the Athletes ice cream supper for Western Texas College will be at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the Student Center.

Tiger basketball parents

Parents of varsity and junior varsity basketball players will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the SHS Student Center to discuss plans for the coming season.

Marriage enrichment seminar

A 10-week marriage enrichment seminar will be held at First United Methodist Church beginning Wednesday. The one-hour weekly sessions will be taught by Dr. Craig Curry and his wife, Kathy. The seminar will cover such topics as "How to affair-proof your marriage" and "How to have a healthy argument." The sessions will be at 6:30 p.m. and persons may enroll by calling the church office at 573-5416.

Fajitas and football

First Christian Church will host a fajita supper prior to the football game with Wylie on Sept. 18. Tickets are $5 for adults and $3 for ages 12 and under. Order tickets by calling 573-6115 and leaving a message. Eat and walk to the homecoming game.

Pick 3

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

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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 $4 million.

The ticket was sold in Vidor.

The numbers drawn Wednesday night from a field of 50 were: 6, 17, 19, 35, 40, 44.

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

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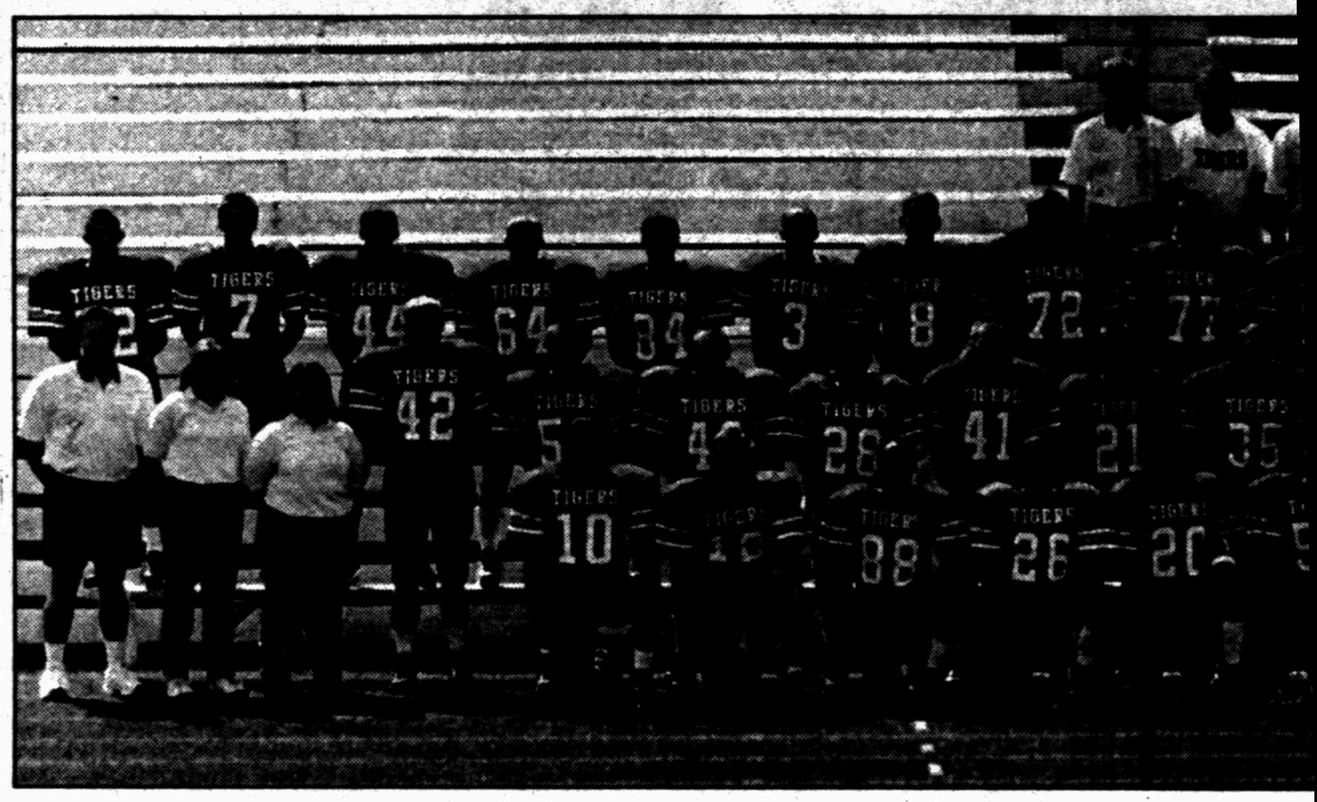


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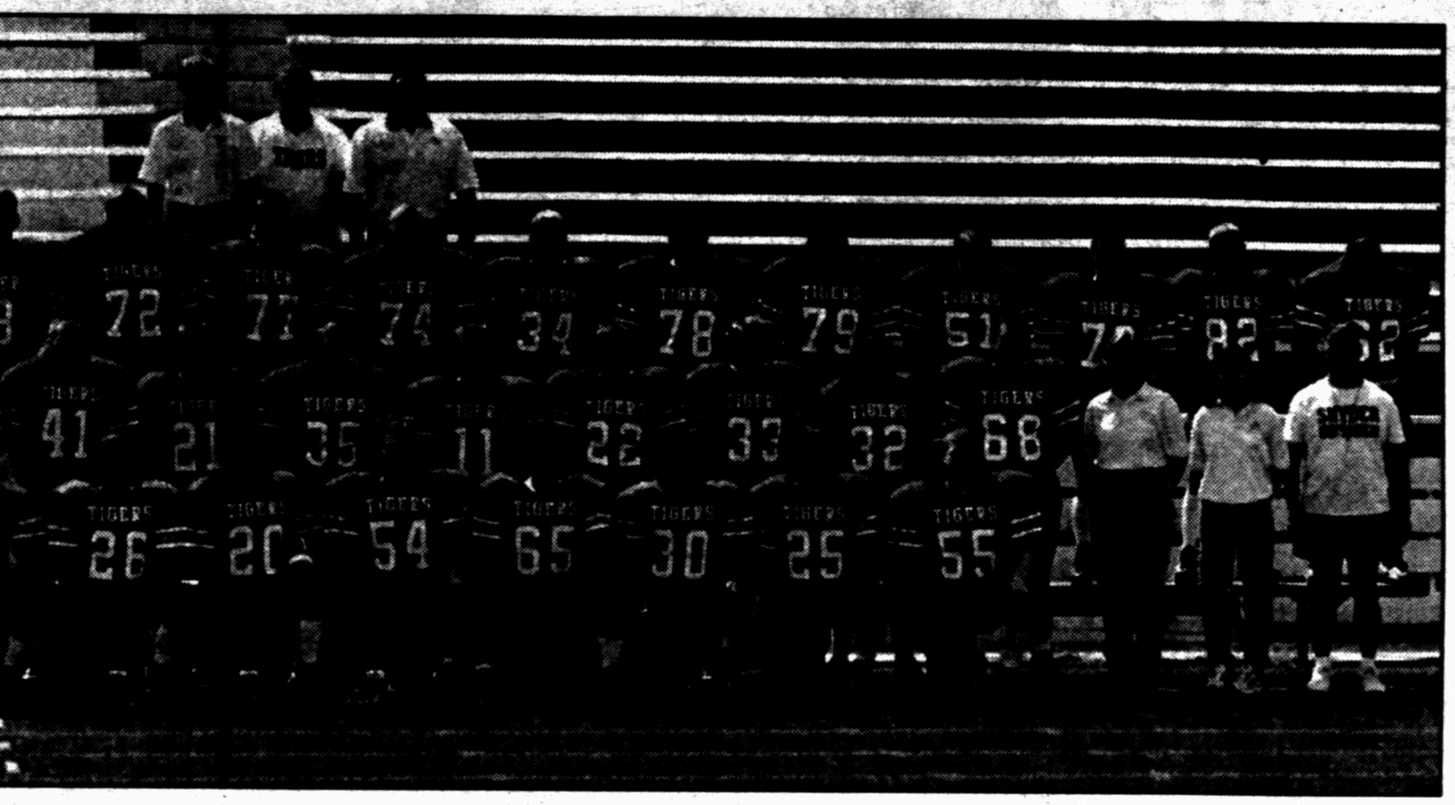
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