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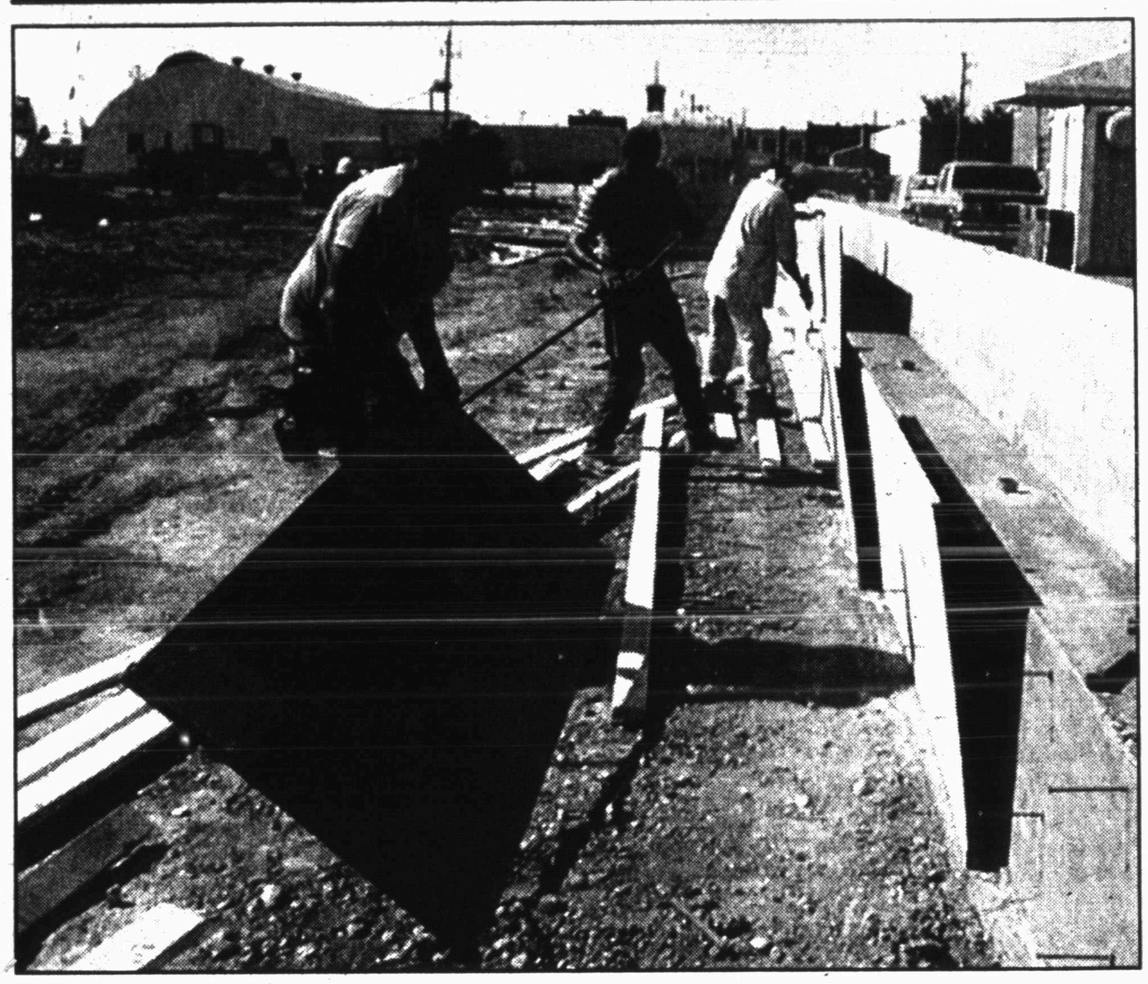

WORK UNDERWAY — Work is underway at the site of the new Snyder post office. Pictured removing plywood from around a retaining wall are, from front, Mingo Jimenez, Eden Galan and Roberto Vega. (SDN Staff Photo)

County to view 2001 budget, sets hearing

Scurry County Commissioners' Court will convene in special session at 4 p.m. today to consider adopting a proposed $21.3 million budget and setting a public hearing date for the 2001 tax rate.

County Judge Ricky Fritz has said the county will see a 17.2 percent increase in insurance costs in 2001, with 20 percent of that cost being passed along to employees.

Increased utilization has triggered the rise in costs, Fritz said.

The highlights of the 2001 budget include a proposed tax rate of $0.5376 per $100 valuation. This is more than a cent lower than the current tax rate of $0.5494, but it is still higher than the effective rate. Therefore, a public hearing must be set.

An increase in the tax base triggered the lower effective rate, which is $0.4936. Taxable values in Scurry County for the last budget cycle were $533,423,021 compared to this cycle's $597,131,027.

As for other highlights of the budget, Fritz said the county is not budgeting for any capital purchases and that there will be no changes in services the county offers.

In addition, Cogdell will receive $395,000 in tax money and an estimated $50,000 of tobacco settlement funds.

A 2.4 percent cost of living adjustment is included in the budget, but there are no merit raises proposed. The county's regular COLA is based on the same rate the Social Security Administration uses.

The adjustment will mean the county judge's salary will increase $751.62 for the year while county commissioners will get an additional $656.18 in 2001.

The positions of county clerk, district clerk and county treasurer will see an increase of $678.27.

The Precinct 1 Justice of the Peace's salary will go up $619.42, and the county attorney will receive an additional $834.59.

The county tax collector's adjustment means another $684.36 for the upcoming year while the sheriff's salary will increase $874.82

Precinct 1 constable will get $67.51 more while Precinct 2 constable will get $16.02 more.

The total budget, including the hospital, is $21,330,891. Some $14.6 million of that belongs to Cogdell.

A copy of the proposed budget is available for public review in the county clerk's office on the third floor of the Scurry County Courthouse. Copies may be purchased in the auditor's office on the second floor of the courthouse.

Restrictions placed on pipeline company

CARLSBAD, N.M. (AP) — The nation's deadliest natural gas pipeline disaster in decades has brought down new restrictions on operators of the line that exploded, killing 11 campers and critically burning a 12th.

El Paso Natural Gas Co. must prove the line that exploded early Saturday and two neighboring lines are safe through a series of tests before putting the lines back in service, the U.S. Office of Pipeline Safety said in a seven-page order Wednesday.

Meanwhile, the lone survivor of the blast could undergo skin graft surgery by week's end at a Texas hospital.

The government's order requires the pipelines to pass pressure tests as well as X-ray and ultrasound structural testing. Investigators found corrosion in one section of pipe that blew Saturday.

"I find that the resumed and continued operation of El Paso's pipelines without corrective measures would be hazardous to life, property and the environment," says the order signed by Stacey Gerard, associate administrator for pipeline safety.

Gas company spokeswoman Norma Dunn declined immediate comment.

Jim Hall, chairman of the National Transportation Safety Board, and Kelley Coyner, head of the Research and Special Programs Administration in the U.S. Department of Transportation, planned to spend Thursday in southeastern New Mexico and in El Paso, as investigators sought causes of the explosion.

The NTSB on Wednesday labeled Saturday's blast the deadliest pipeline accident in the continental United States in nearly 25 years.

The blast around 5:30 a.m. Saturday 25 miles south of Carlsbad sent a fireball 350 feet high into the predawn sky and billows of flame into a nearby Pecos River campsite where the 12 members of two extended families were spending a weekend fishing trip together. The heat melted camping equipment, turned sand into glass and baked concrete into powder.

The only survivor, 25-year-old Amanda Smith, remained in critical but stable condition Thursday at University Medical Center in Lubbock.

Smith, who sustained second-degree burns to 20 percent of her body and smoke damage to her lungs, could receive skin grafts as early as Friday if her blood pressure remains stable without medication, hospital spokeswoman Kim Davis told the Lubbock-Avalanche Journal.

"There is extensive damage to her lungs," said Davis, adding that a doctor has told relatives he is encouraged by her progress.

The explosion claimed the lives of her parents, Don and Glenda Sumler; her father-in-law, Bobby Smith; her husband, Terry Smith; her 5-year-old daughter, Kirsten; her 3-year-old son, Dustin; her brother- and sister-in-law, Royle and Amy Heady; and their three young daughters.

She has not been told of the loss. Her brother, Jerry Rackley, said Wednesday that when that time comes months from now, he'll be the one to tell her.

Bobby Smith's mother, Geneva Smith, his brother, Fletcher Smith, and his sister, Effie Witte, are all Snyder residents.

A public memorial service is planned at 10 a.m. Saturday at the Carlsbad Civic Center, to be followed by burial at Carlsbad Cemetery under the direction of Denton-Funchess Funeral Home.

A special fund has been established in Carlsbad to help surviving family members cope with the financial burdens related to the disaster. Checks or money orders may be sent to Carlsbad National Bank, P.O. Box 1359, Carlsbad, N.M. 88220.

All checks or money orders should include the notation, "To the benefit of the explosion victims."

NTSB investigators found corrosion in a 22-foot section blown off the pipeline.

Deadline near for tickets

Friday is the last day to purchase season tickets for a five-game package of Snyder Tiger football.

Tickets are $20 and can be purchased at the administration building until 3:30 p.m. today and Friday.

All tickets at the gate will be $5, including student tickets. Student tickets are available the week of the game on all campuses and the administration building.

The Tigers open the season at home a week from Friday as they host Monahans.

Other home games this year are with Abilene Wylie on Sept. 15, Frenship on Oct. 6, Lake View on Oct. 20, and Big Spring on Nov. 3.

Away games this season are with Littlefield on Sept. 8, Plainview on Sept. 29, Andrews on Oct. 13, Levelland on Oct. 27, and Lubbock Estacado on Nov. 9.

District okays budget

The board of directors of the Scurry County Appraisal District approved the 2001 appraisal and collection budgets Wednesday.

The board is scheduled to adopt the two financial plans Sept. 5.

The appraisal budget is down almost $3,900 from 2000 at a total of $553,261 compared to the 2000 amended budget of $557,100.

"It is nice that we can operate within the same budget and hopefully cut it a little bit," Chief Appraiser Larry Crooks said.

The collection budget is up slightly compared to the current year — $24,235 compared to $23,338 in 2000.

The almost $900 increase is due primarily to additional time spent in collections, Crooks said. The appraisal district collects for Hermleigh and Ira school districts.

Included in the appraisal budget are salary increases for five employees.

Crooks said that the district eliminated one position, reducing the number employees to 11, and spread the responsibilities of that position.

The portion in the 2001 budget for salaries is $279,931. That is a $756 increase over the 2000 figure of $279,175.

Like most other entities and businesses, the district is bracing for a potential increase in insurance costs.

"We did figure about a 12 percent increase in health insurance just to be on the safe side," Crooks said. "It could end up being more than that, but if we have to, we will change companies and take a higher deductible if we have to."

The district budgeted $38,445 in 2000 for insurance and has increased that to $42,500 for the upcoming year.

Also included in the budget is $10,000 for maintenance costs.

Out of those funds, the appraisal district plans to replace carpeting in the building and replace one of the interior air conditioning coils.

The existing carpet is about 25 years old and is worn, Crooks said. Bids will be taken for the project.

In other business Wednesday, the board was updated on plans to seal the exterior of the building to prevent moisture from leaking in and further damaging the interior.

Funds for the sealing project are included in the new budget.

Crooks said he is in the process of receiving estimates on the project and hopes to have it finished before winter.

In addition, directors approved a resolution to adopt a plan that will allow individual employees to invest in different types of accounts such as bonds or mutual funds.

The collection reports for March through July were presented. Crooks said as of July, Hermleigh collections were running at 96 percent and Ira was at 98 percent.

The bills were also approved for payment.

The proposed budget is available for public inspection at the appraisal district office, 2612 College Ave. The district is supported solely by payments from the local taxing units served by the district including Scurry County, Western Texas College, City of Snyder, Snyder ISD, Hermleigh ISD and Ira ISD.

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "A lesson in efficiency comes from the annual meeting of the International Association of Clairvoyants. The meeting began by reading the minutes of next year's meeting."

They're writing how-to books on the stuff – the art of sucking up.

There's a book in print, "You're Too Kind," that claims that flattery will get you everywhere.

The book gives a history of the art of apple polishing. The author describes brown-nosing as strategic praise, then the book proceeds to show that it has become almost an obsession in today's society.

He says flattery is more pervasive than ever before based on personality worship. The author even talks about Eddie on the TV show, "Leave it to Beaver." Eddie was the infamous kid who visited Wally and knew just how to have the adults thinking he was something that he wasn't.

The author described Bill Clinton as the Eddie Haskell of the Oval Office – "the smooth charmer who says whatever he thinks people want to hear and then does whatever he wants."

The art of flattery…ole what's-her-name claims we still need to attend a few workshops. Didn't she know we were the sensitive type?

The time to put your best foot forward is when seeking a job. Fortune Magazine contained some more horrendous resume and cover letter blunders.

Even flattery wouldn't make up for these goofs:

—I am loyal to my employer at all costs. Please feel free to respond to my resume on my office voice mail.

—I have become completely paranoid, trusting completely no one and absolutely nothing.

—My goal is to be a meteorologist. But since I possess no training, I suppose I should try stock brokerage.

—I procrastinate, especially when the task is unpleasant.

—As indicted, I have over five years of analyzing investments.

—Personal interests include donating blood. Fourteen gallons so far.

—Instrumental in ruining entire operation of Midwest chain store.

—Note: Please don't misconstrue my 14 jobs as job-hopping. I have never quit a job.

—Marital status: often. Children: various.

—Reason for leaving last job: They insisted that all employees get to work by 8:45 a.m. Could not work under these conditions.

—The company made me a scapegoat, just like my three previous employers.

—Finished eight in my class of 10.

—References: None. I have left a path of destruction behind.

—Need two-week vacation up front so I can be rested to start the job.

ASK US

Q—How does this year's rainfall total compare to this time last year?

A—A year ago, the city water plant had recorded 19.31 inches.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Wednesday, 97 degrees; low, 69; 7 a.m. Thursday, 72; no precipitation; total for 2000, 15.01 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, clear. Low around 70. Light SE wind. Friday, partly cloudy. High in mid 90s. S wind 5-15 mph.

Mike Perez
Partly Cloudy

Sunset: 8:17 p.m.
Sunrise: 7:16 a.m.
Of 236 days in 2000, the sun has shone 233 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

"The safe way to double your money is to fold it over and put it in your pocket."
—Frank Hubbard

Date Book

Thursday, Aug. 24, 2000
Today is the 237th day of 2000 and the 66th day of summer.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1912, the U.S. Navy launched the USS Jupiter. It was the first Navy vessel to be propelled by electricity. On this day in 1932, Amelia Earhart became the first woman to fly non-stop across the United States. The flight took 19 hours and five minutes.
On this day in 1963, 13-year-old Stevie Wonder's "Fingertips, Part 2" reached No. 1 on the pop and R&B cha ts.
TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Malcolm Cowley (1898-1989), editor-writer; Yasser Arafat (1929-), Palestinian leader, is 71; Gerry Cooney (1956-), boxer, is 44; Steve Guttenberg (1958-), actor, is 42; Cal Ripkin Jr. (1960-), baseball player, is 40; Marlee Matlin (1965-), actress, is 35; Reggie Miller (1965-), basketball player, is 35.
TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1951, the St. Louis Browns defeated the Philadelphia A's 5-3 in a game in which Browns fans voted on team strategy by flashing "Yes" or "No" placards.
TODAY'S QUOTE:"Diligence is the mother of good fortune." — Miguel de Cervantes, "Don Quixote de la Mancha"
TODAY'S MOON: Between last quarter (Aug. 22) and new moon (Aug. 29).

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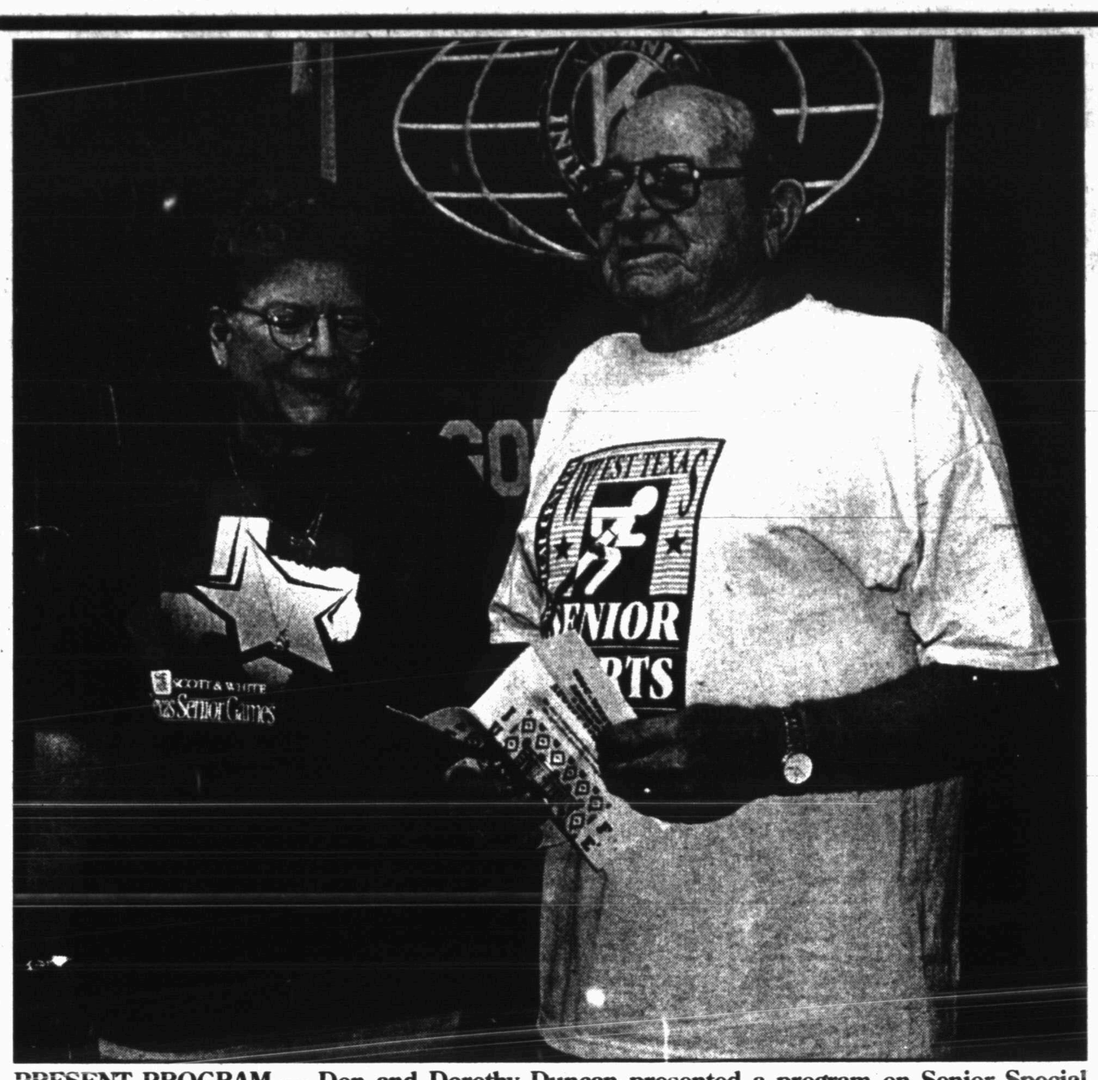


PRESENT PROGRAM — Don and Dorothy Duncan presented a program on Senior Special Olympics at Tuesday's AARP meeting at the Senior Center. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

Ex-ACS executive embezzled funds

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — Prosecutors say a former American Cancer Society executive accused of embezzling millions from the charity used some of it to pay for an addition to his home, 35 pear trees for his yard, and two all-terrain vehicles.

Court records also allege Daniel Wiant, 35, used more than $10,000 from the organization to rent an apartment for an "unindicted conspirator" whom prosecutors did not name Wednesday.

The case began in May when authorities accused Wiant of embezzling $6.9 million from the Cancer Society by secretly transferring it to a bank in Austria.

Aging plastic dolls may pose health hazards

WASHINGTON (AP) — A sticky chemical that oozes from the plastic used in very old Barbie dolls and some other toys poses a potential health risk, according to an expert in the science of preservation.

Yvonne Shashoua of the National Museum of Denmark said Wednesday that some dolls and other toys made in the 1950s with polyvinyl chloride are deteriorating rapidly and forming a sticky film on their plastic surfaces.

In a presentation at the national meeting of the American Chemical Society, Shashoua said that about 15 years after they are made, some PVC toys tend to weep a chemical used in the plastic molding process.

"The outside of toys, such as Barbie dolls, get sticky," she said.

Studies in Europe show that the chemical can mimic estrogen and disrupt development in the very young, she said. Some studies have blamed estrogen mimics in th environment for malformation of male organs.

The use of the troublesome plasticizer has been generally banned and a new formula now used in PVC products does not pose a health risk, she said.

Officials of Mattel Inc., manufacturer of the Barbie doll, did not immediately return calls seeking comment.

Shashoua said that young children, when they pick up a sticky doll, tend to poke their fingers into their mouths, transferring the chemical into their bodies.

Old dolls can be made safer by wrapping them in kitchen plastic wrap and not touching the plastic bodies directly, she said.

Preserving the dolls is a serious problem for museums, where archived Barbies and Kens are prime cultural treasures. Shashoua and other preservation scientists are scrambling to find ways to keep the PVC items from turning to dust. She said she hopes to develop a plastic spray that will stabilize the plastic toys and permit them to be enjoyed by many generations of museum visitors.

In the meantime, she advised, Barbie and her old plastic friends need some tender loving care.

"Keep then out of light and store them in dark cool places," said Shashoua. "They shouldn't be wrapped in plastic bags (like those from a grocery store) and they shouldn't be cleaned."

Speculation over tire problems grows

DETROIT (AP) — A big mystery remains in the recall of 6.5 million Firestone truck tires: What causes the tires to lose their tread, sometimes at high speeds?

Bridgestone/Firestone Inc. and Ford Motor Co. have said since the recall began Aug. 9 that they do not know why certain P235/75R15 size Firestone ATX, ATX II and Wilderness AT tires on some Ford trucks fail. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration is conducting its own investigation, and says it does not know why either.

Some trial lawyers and safety advocates have blamed faulty design or construction, while others say tire pressure standards set by Ford played a role.

"I don't think there's a simple answer, and I don't think there's just one factor," said Sean Kane, a researcher with Strategic Safety, a group working with lawyers suing the companies.

In Bridgestone/Firestone's official Aug. 16 government notification of the recall, made public in Washington on Wednesday, the company alleged that improper maintenance and underinflation were responsible for the reported tire failures.

Asked Wednesday night by the Akron Beacon-Journal if that was still the company's position, spokeswoman Cynthia McCafferty said, "It is, but we certainly have not stopped looking for other factors that may be causing this."

All modern radial tires are built with rubber reinforced with several materials, usually steel and polyester, for stiffness. They're built in layers around a shell called an innerliner, with sidewalls acting like a clamp. The rubber tread is the last layer applied, and is bonded to two layers of steel cords with heat.

Most of the tire failures under investigation by Ford and Bridgestone/Firestone involve the tread and one layer of steel cord peeling away. NHTSA is investigating the tires in the deaths of 62 people and more than 100 injuries. Since the recall began, at least two other deaths have been blamed on the tires.

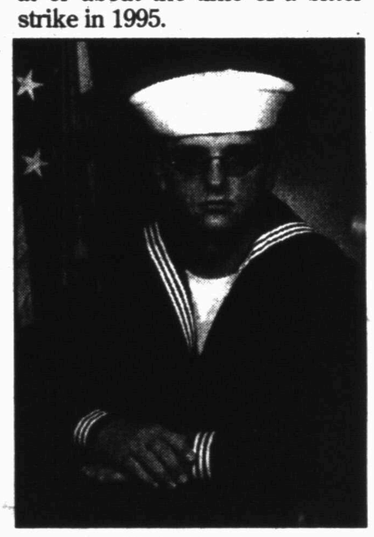
Ford spokesman Jon Harmon said Wednesday that the companies are focusing their investigation on manufacturing "variances" at the Decatur, Ill., plant — the source of many of the tires under recall.

Four retired employees of that plant gave depositions Wednesday for lawsuits filed against the company. According to plaintiffs' attorney Bruce Kaster, the retirees said they were required to build tires from outdated rubber and craftsmanship suffered under the strain of mandatory 12-hour shifts.

But Bridgestone/Firestone spokesman Jim Prescott said the four were disgruntled former employees who left the company at or about the time of a bitter strike in 1995.

Computer I set at local college

The Computerized Business Technology program at Western Texas College is offering POFI 1301 Computer Applications I on Wednesday evenings from 6:30 p.m. to 9:20 p.m. This course is designed for those who need beginning skills and basic knowledge of computers. Hands-on applications in Windows 98, Word 2000, Excel 2000, Access 2000, PowerPoint 2000, graphics, e-mail and surfing the Internet will be included. For more information contact Tammy Wesson at 573-8511, ext. 241.



Chris Gryder

Gryder to continue his naval training

Chris Gryder of Snyder graduated from the Great Lakes Naval Training Center on Aug. 17. He will attend Seaman Apprentice A School in Great Lakes. Then he will be transferred to San Diego.

Gryder is a 2000 graduate of Snyder High School. He is the son of Guy Gryder and Kim Robinson Gryder of Snyder. He is the grandson of Otis Gryder of Andrews.

Referendum set for pork-checkoff

An upcoming referendum will be held on the continuation of the federally mandated pork checkoff program. The program is funded by assessments collected from producers when hogs are sold. The funds are used for pork promotion, research and consumer information.

Program funds cannot be used to affect the outcome of the referendum vote. Current rules provide for in-person voting Sept. 19-21, at the Scurry County FSA office.

The public is invited to observe ballot counting at each office on Nov. 29. Producers who have owned and sold one or more pigs or hogs at any time from Aug. 18, 1999 through Aug. 17, 2000 are eligible to vote. Producers are required to vote in the county office where the producer's farm records are administratively located, or for other producers in the county where they producers owns hogs or pigs.

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Notice of Public Hearing On Scurry County Appraisal District Budget

The Scurry County Appraisal District will hold a public hearing on the proposed appraisal budget for the 2001 fiscal year.

The public hearing will be held on September 5, 2000 @ 8:30 a.m. at the offices of the Scurry County Appraisal District located at 2612 College Avenue, Snyder, Texas.

A summary of the appraisal district budget follows:

The total amount of the proposed budget is $553,261.00

Salaries, Retirement, Insurance, Travel	$386,681.00
Registration	5,000.00
Insurance & Bonds	4,600.00
Building Maint & Utilities	24,640.00
Equipment Purchase/Maintenance	23,590.00
Programming: Appraisal, Mapping & Imaging	26,300.00
Appraisal Service (Mineral & Industrial)	49,000.00
Board of Directors, Appraisal Review Board	7,500.00
Postage	8,250.00
Supplies, Furniture, Forms, Valuation Material, etc	10,900.00
Microfilming	2,000.00
Audit Fee	1,800.00
Attorney Fees	3,000.00

The total amount of DECREASE from the current year's budget will be $3,839.00.

The number of employees compensated under the proposed budget will be 11.

The number of employees compensated under the current budget is 12.

The Appraisal District is supported solely by payments from the local taxing units served by the Appraisal District.

If approved by the Appraisal District Board of Directors at the public hearing, this proposed budget will take effect automatically unless disapproved by the governing bodies of the county, school district, cities, and towns served by the Appraisal District. A copy of the proposed budget is available for public inspection in the office of each of those governing bodies.

The proposed budget is also available for public inspection at the Appraisal District office.

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BRIDE-ELECT HONORED — Amanda Sorrells, bride-elect of Jeff Streetman, was honoree at a wedding shower on Aug. 5 in the home of Marsha Kubena. The couple are planning an 11 a.m. wedding ceremony on Sept. 16 in St. Elizabeth Ann Seton in Plano. From left are Opal Cooper, grandmother of the future bride; Janis Carter, aunt of the prospective groom of Snyder; Jolene Streetman, his mother of Sundown; the honoree; Betty Sorrells, her mother of Ira; Brenda Edelen, her aunt of Vancouver, Wash.; Jodie Sorrells, her sister-in-law of Lubbock; Kristi Sorrells, her sister, and Kyla Sorrells, her niece, both of Lubbock. (Contributed Photo)

AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY — Mark Cypert (pictured right in photo at left), president of the Scurry Unit of American Cancer Society, received a plaque for "grateful acknowledgement of outstanding service to the cause of cancer control," from the new president, Carole Haynes. ACS members met in the boardroom at Cogdell Memorial Hospital Tuesday. Officers are pictured in the above from left, seated, Haynes, president; Helen Mock, secretary; Sheila McCormack, treasurer; Carolyn Derouen, prevention; Wendy Barrett, communications; Cathy Boden, prevention and early detection; Martha Schiebel, Road to Recovery; Bonnie Hodge, income development; Mary Higdon, volunteer recruit; and Janet Wesson, Reach to Recovery. Not pictured are Anita Peavey, vice president; and Gaynel Cline, patient services. The society meets every fourth Tuesday of the month. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Community Calendar

THURSDAY

Horseshoe Pitching For Fun; horseshoe courts located at the coliseum; everybody welcome, for further information call 573-9762.

Rock and Roll Quilting Club evening meeting; Hermleigh Community Center; for more information call 863-2426; 6:30 p.m.

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

New Horizons AA, closed meeting; for information call 573-8268, 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 appointment, call 573-0538 or 573-0770.

Scurry County AA closed meeting; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-8268, 573-9458 or 574-1292; 8 p.m.

Al-Anon open meeting; Park Club; 8 p.m.

SATURDAY

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

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

SUNDAY

Scurry County AA open meeting; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-8268, 573-9458 or 574-1292, 10 a.m.

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Bridge

By Phillip Alder

North 08-24-00
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♥ A 7 4
♦ A Q 10 7
♣ 9 2

West
♠ Q
♥ Q J 10 9
♦ 8 5 4
♣ J 10 8 5 4

East
♠ 8 3
♥ 8 6 5 3
♦ K J 9
♣ Q 7 6 3

South
♠ A K 10 9 7 6
♥ K 2
♦ 6 3 2
♣ A K

Vulnerable: Both
Dealer: South

South	West	North	East
1 ♠	Pass	3 ♠	Pass
4 ♣	Pass	4 ♦	Dbl.
4 NT	Pass	5 ♥	Pass
6 ♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

• Opening lead: ??

Thursday, Aug. 24, 2000

Lead with a double of a control-bid

By Phillip Alder

What is a control-bid? After a pair has agreed on a suit in a game-forcing auction, if one of them bids another suit, it announces a control (usually the ace, but perhaps a void) in that suit and interest in a slam. After control-bidding aces, they can control-bid kings (and singletons) too. (Yes, this is still known as a cue-bid in many quarters.)

A double of a control-bid requests a lead of that suit. Usually the doubler will have at least the king.

In this deal, if North-South run an uncontested auction to six spades, West would surely lead the heart queen. Then the contract should make — how?

After North's three-spade limit raise, South thought slam, but he didn't immediately use Blackwood because he had no diamond control. So, he started with a four-club control-bid. When North control-bid four diamonds, East threw in a lead-directing double.

After West's diamond lead, the contract was dead. South had to lose two diamond tricks.

Yet if there had been a heart lead, South would have won with his king, drawn trumps, cashed his club tricks, crossed to the heart ace, and ruffed the last heart in hand. Then he would lead a diamond to dummy's 10 (or queen). After East wins with the jack (or king), he must either lead back into dummy's diamond tenace or concede a ruff-and-discard.

Yes, North can make six notrump with some good card-reading. But how do you get there? Given the double, perhaps South should have stopped in game.

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Danish woman leaves money to chimps

COPENHAGEN, Denmark (AP) — Six chimps have a great new reason to monkey around: They're filthy rich.

An 83-year-old Danish woman who had no living relatives has bequeathed $60,200 to the half-dozen chimpanzees at the Copenhagen Zoo.

In her will, Elsebeth Christensen donated the money to the animal park with a specific requirement that the money benefit the zoo's chimps.

Christensen included the monkeys in her will in memory of her daughter, who suffered a fatal illness 50 years ago and spent her last weeks visiting the chimps at the zoo every day.

"We will use it to make improvements and modernization of their cage," the zoo's financial manager Soeren Glud said Wednesday.

Hospital

ADMISSIONS: Barbra Jones, James Mills, Frank Winter, Leila Darlin, Connie Jones and Jessie Leyva.

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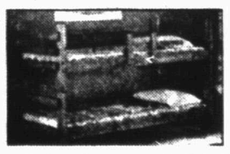

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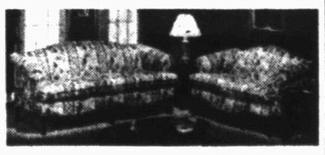

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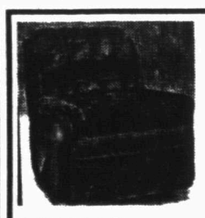

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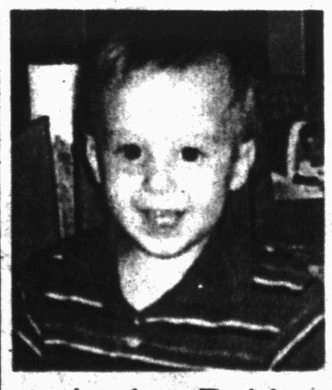

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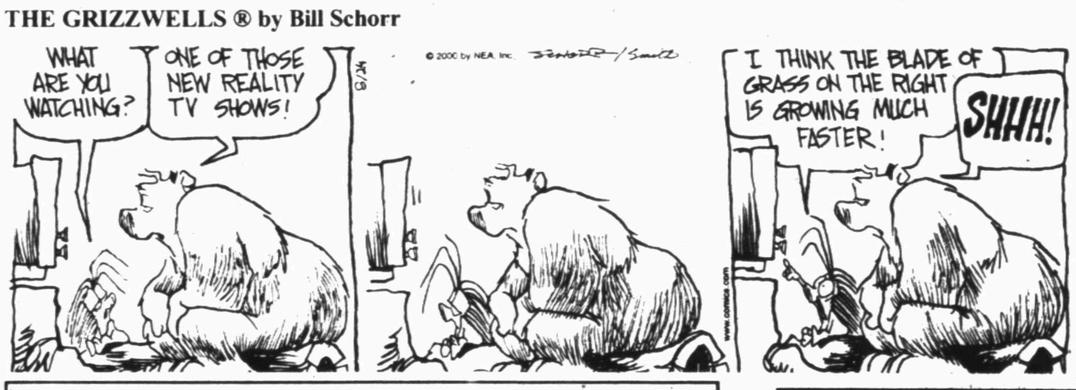

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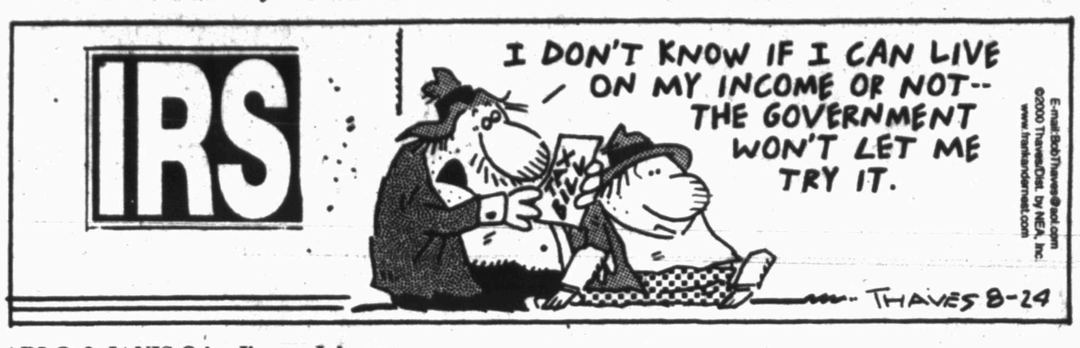

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ACROSS

1 Sleeping-sickness fly
7 Leisure garment
13 Not alfresco
14 Accustoms
15 Smaller
16 Oriental temple
17 Semiprecious stone
18 Away
20 — — about
21 Musician John
23 Foe
27 Centerpiece
32 Uncanny
33 Having flaps for hearing
34 Badgerlike mammal
35 Use the freeway
36 Bottle-cap removers
39 Caesar's language
40 Conical dwelling
42 Olive — (color for military uniforms)
46 Office machine, for short
47 Neutral shade
51 Become electrically charged
53 Prosper
55 Rainspout
56 Start again
57 Utah and Maine
58 Riles

DOWN

1 Josip Broz —
2 Cut
3 Miss Ferber
4 Hard work
5 Wooden tub
6 Actor Flynn
7 Very good
8 Nahoor sheep
9 Author Victor —
10 Golf club
11 Decorate again
12 Emperor
19 Southwestern Indian
21 Small hole
22 Pine leaf
23 Finnish first name
24 Tide type
25 Art deco illustrator
26 Manner
28 — avis
29 Determination
30 Birthmarks
31 Eve's garden
37 Alludes (to)
38 Health resort
41 Crowd-scene actor
42 Uses a shovel
43 Send flying
44 Pilaster
45 Mooring post
47 Rum drink
48 Ready for harvest
49 Claim
50 Deep yearnings
52 Last letter
54 Barnyard bird

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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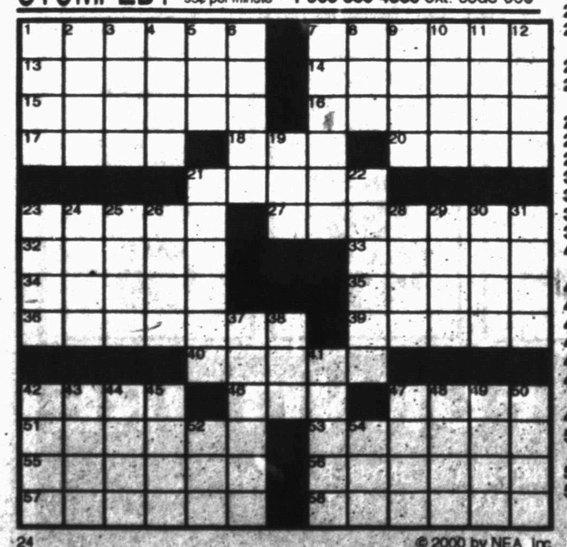

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SPORTS

Tonight at Tiger Stadium...

Tigers, Mustangs set for scrimmage

After three weeks of hitting each other, the Snyder Tigers will get their first shot at an opponent tonight when they scrimmage Sweetwater in their only tune-up for next week's season opener.

Scrimmage action gets underway at 5 with the freshman and junior varsity squads, followed by the varsity at about 6:30. JV and varsity squads will scrimmage at Tiger Stadium, while the freshmen will be at Travis Field.

The Tigers and the Mustangs are no strangers, having competed in the same district the past two seasons, and Snyder coach David Baugh expects a good showing tonight.

"We're going to run our regular offense and defense. We don't have anything to hide," said Baugh. "Offensively, we'll be looking to see if everybody knows their assignments on each play. Defensively, we want to see aggressive play and people flying to the ball. But, we're also stressing that it's a vigorous workout, not a game."

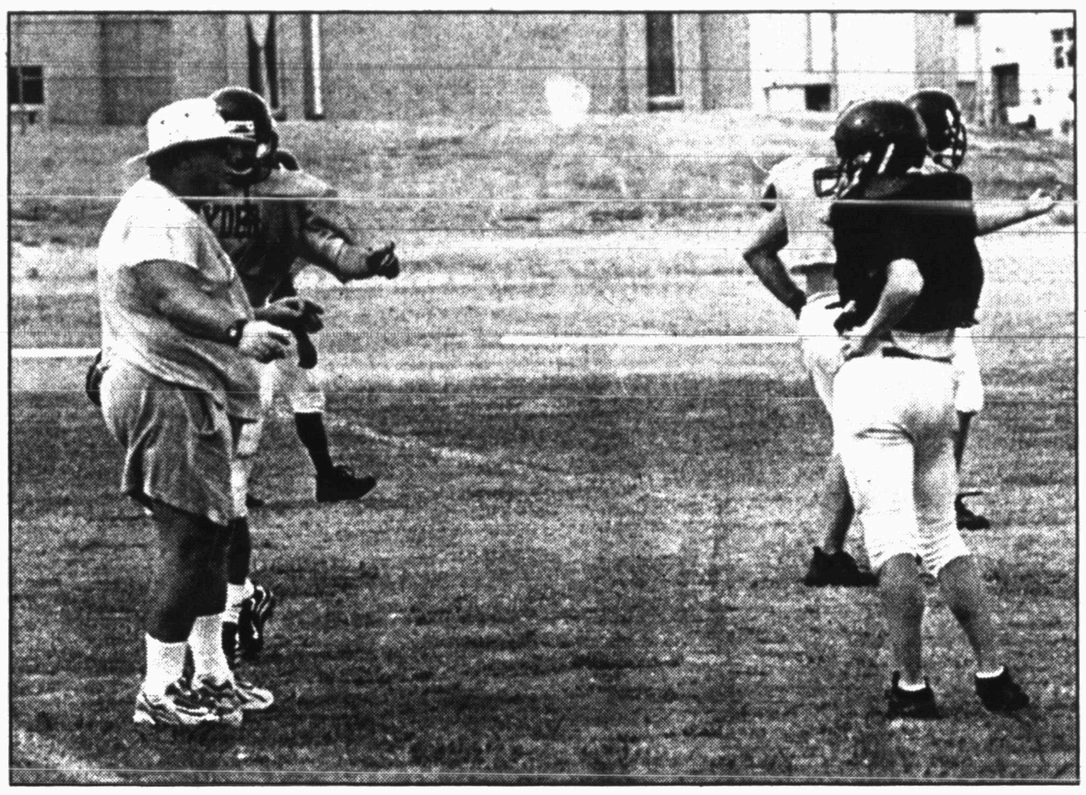
The first team offense and defense will see 30 plays apiece, with the second team going for 10 plays, both ways. After those 80 plays, the squads will compete for two quarters in a simulated game.

"The two quarters of play will be good for us," Baugh stated. "We want to be sure that when we call for a certain formation, or for the special teams, that the right personnel get in the game. This will give us an opportunity to do that."

Sophomore back-up quarterback T.J. Jones is questionable for tonight's scrimmage,. after injuring his thumb during practice on Wednesday. Jones was elevated from the JV when junior reserve Brooks Nunley went down with an ankle injury last week.

Junior varsity quarterbacks Logan Hill and Colby Driggers will see time with the varsity offense, if Jones is unable to participate.

In other scrimmage action around the area, Ira hosts Lueders-Avoca at 6:30 at Bulldog Stadium. On Friday, Loop and Hermleigh will scrimmage at 6 at Cardinal Stadium, while Borden County visits Dawson.



TIGER TEACHINGS — Snyder High School offensive coordinator Steve Medley instructs a player during practice recently at the SHS practice field. The Tigers host a scrimmage with Sweetwater at 6:30 tonight at Tiger Stadium. JV action is slated for 5 o'clock, with the freshmen also starting at 5 at Travis Field. (SDN Staff Photo)

Yanks clip Rangers in final frame

NEW YORK (AP) — Jorge Posada and Tino Martinez made sure that yet another blown lead by the New York Yankees' bullpen wouldn't lead to another loss.

Posada drove in five runs, including a game-tying two-run homer in the eighth inning, and Martinez won it with an RBI single in the ninth that gave the Yankees a 10-9 win over the Texas Rangers on Wednesday night.

"We should have won it earlier," Martinez said after New York gave up five runs in the eighth to blow a three-run lead. "It was good to come back to win it for the bullpen and get them off the hook."

The Yankees' relievers, usually a strength of the team, have cost the team two games on the current homestand. New York blew a five-run lead last Friday against Anaheim and a three-run lead Sunday to the Angels.

"It's hard to blame the bullpen," Martinez said. "They've carried us the last five years. This year, they've struggled a bit, but we still have confidence in them."

Luis Polonia led off the ninth with a single against Tim Crabtree (2-7) and went to second on Jose Vizcaino's single. Jose Canseco hit into a fielder's choice, beating out a double play when Luis Alicea's throw pulled Frank Catalanotto off the bag at first.

"I thought for sure we were going to win that game," Alicea said. "But you can't give them that many outs. They'll make you pay."

Left-hander Mike Venafro came on, and Martinez grounded a single just inside the first-base bag. The Yankees poured out of the dugout in jubilation, and the crowd that booed its team in the eighth inning celebrated.

"This was a very big win for us," manager Joe Torre said. "To be able to pull it out was a big emotional lift. Hopefully, we'll be able to carry it over until tomorrow."

Mariano Rivera (7-3) escaped a shaky ninth for the win. With runners on first and second, second baseman Vizcaino started a neat double play, going to his knees to stop Gabe Kapler's grounder up the middle. Rivera retired Pedro Valdes to get out of the inning.

College season ready for kickoff

By RICHARD ROSENBLATT
AP Football Writer

College football kicks off with a professional feel to it. Three of the five season-opening "classics" will be played in NFL stadiums.

On Saturday, Florida State opens defense of its national title against BYU in the Pigskin Classic at Alltel Stadium, home of the Jacksonville Jaguars.

"We're anxious to get going and try to win it again," says Seminoles quarterback Chris Weinke, among this year's top Heisman Trophy contenders.

Earlier in the day, it's Iowa-Kansas State in the Eddie Robinson Classic at Arrowhead Stadium, where the Kansas City Chiefs play.

On Sunday, the Kickoff Classic matches Penn State and Southern California at Giants Stadium, home of the New York Giants and New York Jets. Sunday night, the game is back on campus with Georgia Tech at Virginia Tech in the Black Coaches' Association Classic at Blacksburg. Va.

The newest "classic" in the lineup matches New Mexico at Texas Tech on Saturday in the Hispanic College Fund Football Classic.

But make no mistake — these are far from neutral sites for the Seminoles, Wildcats and Nittany Lions.

Florida State fans will caravan the 160 miles along Interstate 10 to Jacksonville, while K-State fans will do likewise for 120 miles on I-70 from Manhattan, Kan., to Kansas City.

The six-hour drive from State College, Pa., to the Meadowlands is a haul, but that hasn't stopped Nittany Lions fans from packing the place in the past. The school also has a large following in the Philadelphia and New York areas.

"We're coming into a hostile environment," USC coach Paul Hackett said.

Two of the games — Penn State-USC and Florida State-BYU — feature three of the winningest active coaches — Joe Paterno, Bobby Bowden and LaVell Edwards.

Paterno needs seven wins to pass Bear Bryant's major-college record of 323 victories, while Florida State's Bowden has 304 wins and BYU's Edwards 251.

Edwards begins his 29th and final season at BYU in an unfamiliar situation — looking for a starting quarterback. Edwards, who brought produced record-setters such as Ty Detmer, Steve Young and Jim McMahon, will choose Charlie Peterson or Brett Egemann, brother-in-law of CNN's Larry King, to replace the graduated Kevin Feterik.

The 6-foot-5, 28-year-old Weinke has dropped about 15 pounds and will start the season at a slimmed-down 229. He threw for 3,103 yards and 25 touchdowns in the Seminoles' 12-0 title season.

"My philosophy is, let's work harder than we did and blow every record out of the water," Weinke said. "How many times do you see back-to-back championships? Rarely."

Nebraska, ranked No. 1 in the preseason poll, was the last team to do it, winning titles in 1994 and 1995. Florida State is No. 2 in the preseason poll.

Michael Vick, the dashing young quarterback who led the Hokies to the national title game, is set for an encore. The 6-1, 214-pound left-hander will be facing a Georgia Tech defense that allowed 30 points a game in '99.

"I can't wait to get back on the field," said Vick, who threw for 1,840 yards and 12 TDs and ran for 585 yards and eight scores. "It's been a long summer."

The Kickoff Classic features the return of USC quarterback Carson Palmer, who missed most of last season with a broken collarbone. Palmer, 6-5, 220 pounds, has looked good in practice, and Hackett is counting on him to help the Trojans challenge for the Pac-10 title.

Paterno, meanwhile, will start quarterback Rashard Casey, still facing charges of beating an off-duty police officer in May.

Cubs overpower Astros, 15-5

HOUSTON (AP) — Ruben Quevedo took a no-hit bid into the sixth inning before Julio Lugo's three-run homer, and the Chicago Cubs routed the Houston Astros 15-5 Wednesday night.

Quevedo (2-5), making his eighth major league start, wound up allowing five runs — three earned — and four hits in eight innings. The 21-year-old right-hander struck out five and walked four.

Wade Miller (2-5) was pounded for 12 runs, tying the Astros record set by Jose Lima against the Cubs on April 26. Miller lasted 4 2-3 innings, allowing 12 hits and eight earned runs.

Joe Girardi had four hits, Gary Matthews Jr. had three and Mark Grace hit a three-run double as Chicago stopped a season-high, seven-game losing streak.

Rondell White had two hits and drove in a run, making him 8-for-14 with five RBIs in the series.

Local Sports Schedule

TODAY

FOOTBALL: Sweetwater at Snyder, scrimmage; freshmen, 5 p.m. at Travis Field; JV, 5 p.m. at Tiger Stadium; varsity, 6:30 at Tiger Stadium

FOOTBALL: Lueders-Avoca at Ira, scrimmage, 6:30

FRIDAY

FOOTBALL: Loop at Hermleigh, scrimmage, 6 p.m.

VOLLEYBALL: Snyder varsity at Justin Northwest tourney

TENNIS: Snyder at Vernon

SATURDAY

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VOLLEYBALL: Snyder varsity at Justin Northwest tourney

VOLEYBALL: Snyder freshmen at Levelland

WNBA Playoffs

All Times EDT
CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES
(Best-of-3)

Thursday, Aug. 24
Houston at New York, 8 p.m.

Saturday, Aug. 26
New York at Houston, 1:30 p.m.

Sunday, Aug. 27
New York at Houston, 1:30 p.m., if necessary

Major League Baseball

National League
All Times EDT

East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Atlanta	77	49	.611	—
New York	75	52	.591	2½
Florida	62	64	.492	15
Montreal	53	70	.431	22½
Philadelphia	53	72	.424	23½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
St. Louis	70	56	.556	—
Cincinnati	61	64	.488	8½
Chicago	55	70	.440	14½
Milwaukee	55	71	.437	15
Pittsburgh	52	73	.416	17½
Houston	52	75	.409	18½

West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
San Francisco	72	53	.576	—
Arizona	70	56	.556	2½
Los Angeles	64	61	.512	8
Colorado	63	64	.496	10
San Diego	61	66	.480	12

Wednesday's Games
Atlanta 5, Colorado 2
San Francisco 5, Florida 0
Chicago Cubs 15, Houston 5
Philadelphia 4, Cincinnati 3
St. Louis 5, Pittsburgh 2
Los Angeles 5, Montreal 1
N.Y. Mets 4, San Diego 1
Milwaukee 8, Arizona 5

Thursday's Games
Philadelphia (Daal 3-14) at Cincinnati (Parris 7-14), 12:35 p.m.
Montreal (Vazquez 8-5) at Los Angeles (Park 12-8), 4:10 p.m.
St. Louis (Hentgen 12-9) at Atlanta (Ashby 8-10), 7:40 p.m.
Only games scheduled

Friday's Games
Los Angeles at Chicago Cubs, 2, 2:05 p.m.
Houston at Montreal, 7:05 p.m.
Cincinnati at Florida, 7:05 p.m.
Colorado at Pittsburgh, 7:05 p.m.
Arizona at N.Y. Mets, 7:10 p.m.
San Francisco at Philadelphia, 7:35 p.m.
St. Louis at Atlanta, 7:40 p.m.
San Diego at Milwaukee, 8:05 p.m.

American League
All Times EDT

East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
New York	69	54	.561	—
Boston	66	57	.537	3
Toronto	66	61	.520	5
Baltimore	55	70	.440	15
Tampa Bay	55	70	.440	15

Central Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Chicago	75	51	.595	—
Cleveland	66	56	.541	7
Detroit	62	63	.496	12½
Kansas City	58	68	.460	17
Minnesota	57	71	.445	19

West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Seattle	70	56	.556	—
Oakland	66	59	.528	3½
Anaheim	65	62	.512	5½
Texas	57	68	.456	12½

Wednesday's Games
Detroit 6, Seattle 5
Toronto 9, Kansas City 8
Cleveland 7, Oakland 5
Minnesota 8, Tampa Bay 2
N.Y. Yankees 10, Texas 9
Chicago White Sox 8, Baltimore 4
Boston 3, Anaheim 1

Thursday's Games
Texas (Perisho 2-6) at N.Y. Yankees (Pettitte 15-6), 12:05 p.m.
Seattle (Moyer 11-7) at Detroit (Moehler 10-7), 1:05 p.m.
Baltimore (Mercedes 8-5) at Chicago White Sox (Hill 5-7), 2:05 p.m.
Oakland (Zito 1-2) at Cleveland (Woodard 0-1), 7:05 p.m.
Boston (P.Martinez 14-4) at Kansas City (Suzuki 7-7), 8:05 p.m.
Only games scheduled

Friday's Games
Tampa Bay (Lopez 10-9) at Baltimore (Rapp 6-10), 7:35 p.m.
Toronto (Wells 18-5) at Texas (Davis 5-4), 8:05 p.m.
Boston (Fassero 8-7) at Kansas City (Suppan 6-7), 8:05 p.m.
Detroit (Blair 9-3) at Minnesota (Radke 9-13), 8:05 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Cone 3-10) at Oakland (Appier 11-9), 9:05 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Sirotka 11-10) at Seattle (Sele 13-8), 10:05 p.m.
Cleveland (Burba 11-5) at Anaheim (Wise 2-1), 10:05 p.m.

NFL Preseason

All Times EDT
AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
Buffalo	2	1	0	.667	65	62
Miami	2	1	0	.667	42	40
Indianapolis	2	2	0	.500	70	71
New England	2	2	0	.500	74	71
N.Y. Jets	2	2	0	.500	75	91
Central						
Baltimore	3	0	0	1.000	50	26
Jacksonville	3	0	0	1.000	76	49
Pittsburgh	3	1	0	.750	87	44
Tennessee	2	1	0	.667	76	47
Cincinnati	1	2	0	.333	60	72
Cleveland	1	2	0	.333	39	65
West						
Denver	3	0	0	1.000	93	60
San Diego	3	0	0	1.000	82	41
Oakland	2	1	0	.667	61	68
Seattle	2	1	0	.667	56	58
Kansas City	0	3	0	.000	42	73

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
Washington	2	1	0	.667	66	33
Arizona	1	2	0	.333	55	51
Philadelphia	1	2	0	.333	69	78
N.Y. Giants	0	3	0	.000	45	63
Dallas	0	4	0	.000	62	92
Central						
Chicago	2	1	0	.667	59	38
Tampa Bay	2	1	0	.667	57	48
Detroit	1	2	0	.333	42	49
Green Bay	1	2	0	.333	71	67
Minnesota	1	2	0	.333	66	73
West						
Atlanta	3	1	0	.750	85	66
New Orleans	1	2	0	.333	45	65
St. Louis	1	2	0	.333	61	78
San Francisco	1	3	0	.250	74	78
Carolina	0	3	0	.000	27	71

Saturday's Games
Cincinnati 24, Chicago 20
Washington 24, Cleveland 0
Indianapolis 24, Pittsburgh 23
Buffalo 31, St. Louis 27
Jacksonville 26, Kansas City 22
Denver 36, Dallas 23
Seattle 25, San Francisco 21

Sunday's Game
Tampa Bay 31, New England 21

Monday's Game
Miami 17, Green Bay 14

Thursday, Aug. 24
Atlanta at Jacksonville, 7:30 p.m.
Buffalo at Philadelphia, 8 p.m.
Carolina at New England, 8 p.m.
Minnesota at Indianapolis, 8 p.m.
St. Louis at Dallas, 8:20 p.m.
Seattle at Oakland, 9 p.m.

Friday, Aug. 25
Detroit at Cincinnati, 7:30 p.m.
Kansas City at Tampa Bay, 7:30 p.m.
Baltimore at New York Giants, 8 p.m.
Miami at New Orleans, 8 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Washington, 8 p.m.
Tennessee at Chicago, 8 p.m.
Denver at San Francisco, 9 p.m.
Arizona at San Diego, 10 p.m.

Saturday, Aug. 26
Cleveland at Green Bay, 5 p.m.
End Preseason

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Sports Briefs

Golf parents' meeting

All parents of Snyder junior high and high school golfers will meet at 8 p.m. Tuesday at the junior high.

Slingin' Sammy Baugh tourney

The ninth annual Slingin' Sammy Baugh Golf Tournament to benefit the SISD golf program will be held Sept. 9 at Western Texas College. Format will be a four-person scramble with shotgun starts at 8:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.

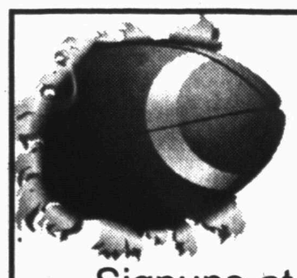
Cash prizes will be awarded, with $600 going to the first-place team. Entry fee is $140 per team, and the deadline to register is Sept. 8.

WGA playday

Snyder County Club Women's Golf Association will hold its weekly play day at 9 a.m. Tuesday. Format will be scramble.

Horseshoe pitching

Snyder Slingers Horseshoe Club has league play at 7 p.m. Thursdays at the courts adjacent to the coliseum. For more information, call T.C. Nunn at 573-6710 or Terry Duncan at 573-5589.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Grieving relatives mourning loss of all aboard GulfAir jet

MANAMA, Bahrain (AP) — Sobbing family members, their eyes bloodshot from a night of waiting, collapsed in anguish Thursday as names of their loved ones were listed as victims of the Gulf Air crash that killed all 143 aboard.

Grieving relatives attended a meeting where the names of the victims were read aloud by a Gulf Air official, his voice choking on the words. "This is the worst day of my life. I lost a part of me," cried Khalifa al-Hashil, 45, of Saudi Arabia, whose 35-year-old brother, Mohammed, was on the flight that crashed into the Persian Gulf on Wednesday night.

In the United States, the National Transportation Safety Board said two investigators were preparing to head to Bahrain but had not left yet. At the crash site, meanwhile, searchers retrieved the cockpit voice recorder Thursday from the shallow Gulf waters, said Ali Ahmadi, a Gulf Air vice president.

The flight data recorder from the Airbus A320 had been found earlier. Both were intact, according to Bahrain civil defense chief James Windsor, who received the voice cockpit recorder from U.S. Navy divers who brought it to shore.

U.S. Navy helicopters, destroyers and an oceangoing tug with a 10-ton crane helped lead the search and rescue effort a few miles off the northern coast of Bahrain, which is the headquarters of the U.S. 5th Fleet. Bahraini Crown Prince Sheik Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa personally directed the effort, the U.S. military said.

By midday Thursday, most of the floating debris had been collected. Only a couple of shoes and some yellow foam bobbed on the surface.

Fleet spokesman Cdr. Jeff Gradeck's office said the waters at the crash site were less than 40 feet deep. Windsor said much of the debris field was in water only six to nine feet deep.

"On the seabed, you'll find bits of aircraft all over the place, spread over the next few kilometers," Windsor said, looking down from the bow of a small boat cruising over shadowy bits of wings and fuselage less than 10 feet below.

Thirty-six of the 143 people on board GF072, an evening flight from Cairo to Manama, were children, officials said.

Relatives were brought to a hotel in the capital, Manama, to identify victims from photos taken after all the bodies — badly disfigured from the impact — were recovered. Some women, dressed in floor-length black chadors, could barely stand when names of their loved ones were read. Other relatives fell to their knees weeping and screaming.

Funerals for some Bahraini victims, customarily held hours after death, were not expected until at least Friday, largely because of trouble identifying shattered remains.

There was no immediate word on what caused the crash. Ahmadi said investigations have begun, but said Bahraini officials will wait for the NTSB experts and others from France's Airbus Industrie for a more thorough probe.

An air traffic controller at the Bahrain airport, reached by telephone, described watching the plane attempt to land.

"The plane was near the runway, but didn't land," he said, asking that his name not be used. "It circled two times and the third time it crashed into the sea."

Ibrahim Al-Hamer, Bahrain's undersecretary for civil aviation, said the circling was not unusual and the crew reported nothing out of the ordinary. He added that the captain, whom he did not name, had 21 years of experience.

"I could not believe my eyes," said Sobeih, 27, a resident of the nearby neighborhood of Al-Fodha who saw the plane crash. He would not give his full name.

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.

Beware of 'ghost pill'

DEAR DR. GOTT: In a recent column, you stated that pills that traverse the intestinal tract unchanged in appearance are probably useless, I'd like to enlighten you about a product that breaks the rules: Procardia XL.

Of course, you are right on the mark for medications in general; however, Procardia is different. I know because I take it.

The Procardia medication, a calcium-channel blocker, is encased in the capsule in a unique form. As the pill travels through the intestine, the medicine is slowly expelled through a tiny hole in the capsule itself, thereby releasing small amounts of the drug over several hours. Then the pill-covering — known among its users as a "ghost pill" — is excreted. This empty container can alarm its users, but it is perfectly normal. Perhaps this is what your reader was experiencing.

DEAR READER: Thank you for responding to the column. It never occurred to me that the reader had been prescribed Procardia XL; rather, I assumed — incorrectly, perhaps — that he was receiving routine medication in standard form. In such an instance, passage of the pills in the stool is unnerving and should be investigated. On the other hand, patients taking Procardia XL do pass "ghost pills," as you described. I appreciate your writing to clarify this issue.

DEAR DR. GOTT: For years, I have suffered from the gas, bloating and constipation of irritable colon. Am I correct that a new medication is available to treat this nuisance?

DEAR READER: Yes, there is. Alosetron (Lotronex by Glaxo Wellcome) is a new drug that holds promise for those millions of people with irritable bowel syndrome. IBS is not a hazard to health but — as you point out — is a nuisance to those who suffer its consequences: diarrhea or constipation with gas and bloating often as a consequence of stress. The medication may relieve symptoms and is generally well-tolerated, although it often causes severe constipation, which, in your case, may make its use inappropriate. Moreover, it can lead to a serious condition, called ischemic colitis, that is dangerous. To date, studies indicate that it is not superior to conventional treatment, such as increased dietary fiber. At this point, I advise patients to avoid Lotronex until doctors have more experience with its use. To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Irritable Bowel Syndrome." Other readers who would like a copy should send $2 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to P.O. Box 2017, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to mention the title.

DEAR DR. GOTT: Since suffering a stroke, I've been confined to a wheelchair. On several occasions, I've fallen while attempting to reach the bathroom. My doctor believes this is low blood pressure. What can I do to prevent this?

DEAR READER: I assume from your question that the stroke left you handicapped and confined to a wheelchair because of leg weakness. Under these circumstances, you should not attempt to transfer from wheelchair to toilet without help. As time passes and your rehabilitation continues, your strength may improve. But, for now, you need help in transferring. Be patient and work hard with your health professionals to regain your independence.

Patients often have low blood pressure after a stroke. In my experience, however, this usually does not hamper activity or recovery. Don't try to do more than you're capable of accomplishing. A fall could result in a serious injury that would prolong your convalescence. You don't need that.

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Alltel	55	54	54	— ⅜
AmerOnline s	59½	58¼	59¼	+ 1¼
AmEl Pw	35⅞	35¾	35¾	— ⅛
AndarkPtr	63	62⅛	62 3-16	—13-16
ATMOS Egy	21 7-16	21⅛	21⅛	— ¼
Aviall	6⅛	6⅛	6⅛	
BP Amoco s	56⅞	56½	56½	— ¾
BakerHughes	38 11-16	37¾	38 1-16	—19-32
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BurlNoSFe	22 15-16	22½	22½	— ¼
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DowChem s	26⅞	26⅝	26¾	+ ¼
DuPont	48	47⅜	47 15-16	+ 15-256
EastmanChem	45⅜	44 13-16	45⅜	+ 5-16
EstKodak	64⅛	63 9-16	63 11-16	— ¼
EDS Corp	49⅝	48⅝	49½	+ ½
Entergy	32 3-16	31 11-16	31 11-16	— ½
ExxonMobil	83⅜	82 9-16	82⅞	— 1⅝
Flowers	21 5-16	21	21	— 5-16
GenDynam	64¼	63 3-16	63 7-16	—11-16
GenElec s	58 5-16	57¾	57 15-16	+ 3-16
GenMills s	33 5-16	32 13-16	32⅞	— 5-16
GenMotors	70¾	69⅛	70 3-16	+ 1¼
GaPacGP	27 1-16	25 15-16	27	+ ⅞
GlobalMar	32⅝	31 15-16	32	—15-16
Goodrich	39 1-16	38⅞	38 15-16	— ⅛
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HarteHanks	24 15-16	24 13-16	24 13-16	— 3-16
HomeDepot s	50 15-16	50¼	50⅜	— ⅜
HoneywellIntl	39 7-16	38⅛	39⅛	+ 1
IBM	124¾	122 11-16	124¾	+ 1½
IntlPaper	31 15-16	31 3-16	31⅞	+ 13-16
JohnsonJn	96 9-16	95½	96½	— 7-16
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Medtronic s	50 15-16	50½	50¾	— ⅛
MorganJP	147 3-16	145⅛	145 3-16	— 1⅛
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NCR Corp	39 13-16	38¾	38 13-16	—1 1-16
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PilgrmPrd B	7¼	7⅛	7 3-16	+ 3-16
Polaroid	17 15-16	17 11-16	17 11-16	— ⅛
Praxair	44	43½	44	+ 5-16
ProctGamb	64¼	62⅝	62 13-16	— 1½
PubS NwMx	21⅞	21⅝	21 11-16	+ ⅛
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RoyalDut	63 1-16	61¾	61 15-16	—1 11-16
SBC Comm	40¾	40⅜	40½	+ 5-16
SaraLee	19 3-16	18 15-16	18 15-16	— 3-16
Scripps EW	50⅜	49 13-16	49⅞	— 9-16
SearsRoeb	32⅛	31 9-16	32	+ ⅝
SherwinW	22⅞	22 9-16	22 9-16	— ⅛
SmithkBchm	67⅛	66¾	66⅞	+ ⅛
SouthernCo	28	27⅞	27 15-16	
SwstAirl	23⅜	22 15-16	23¼	+ ⅛
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SprintPCS s	48⅞	48⅜	48½	+ ⅝
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Texaco	53 9-16	52⅛	52 3-16	— 1⅝
TexInd	33¾	33⅝	33 11-16	
TexasInst s	70	68⅛	69 9-16	+ 1 13-16
Textron	59¼	57 11-16	59¼	+ 1¾
TriconGlbR	30⅞	30¼	30 7-16	— 3-16
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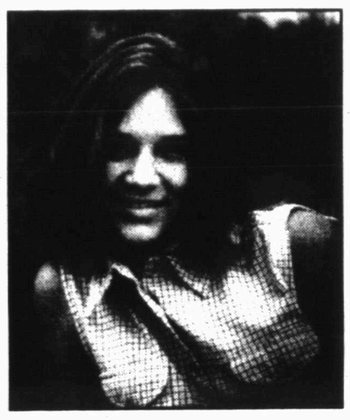
USX-Marathn	27 13-16	26¾	27	—1 1-16
USX-USS	17 3-16	16 13-16	17⅛	+ 5-16
UnCarbde	41¾	41¼	41⅜	— 3-16
UnionPacif	41¼	41	41 1-16	+ 3-16
UnitedTech	65	63 13-16	63⅞	— 7-32
Unocal	34⅞	33⅞	34	1⅛
Venator Grp	15⅛	14 13-16	14 15-16	— 1-16
VerizonComm	41⅞	40 13-16	40⅞	+ ⅛
WalMart	50⅛	49⅜	49 9-16	+ 1-16
WellsFargo	45⅜	44⅞	45⅛	— 1-16
WstnGasRs	21 11-16	21¼	21 11-16	+ 7-16
WinnDixie	14⅝	14½	14½	— ⅛
Xerox Cp	16¾	16 7-16	16⅝	+ ⅛

Shana Blackard will perform in FFA chorus

Shana Blackard of Snyder has been selected to sing soprano in the 2000 National FFA Chorus. The more than 100-member chorus will perform at various events throughout the organization's 73rd National FFA Convention Oct. 25-28 in Louisville, Ky.



Shana Blackard

Blackard is a member of Snyder's FFA chapter. She is the daughter of Lonnie and Susan Blackard. Grandparents are Jesse and Joyce Tolbert and Doris and Rodger Blackard. She is the great-granddaughter of Mrs. Boley Blackard.

FFA Chorus members are nominated by their state associations and selected from more than 250 applications. The young musicians will arrive in Louisville four days before the convention to rehearse.

The National FFA Chorus is directed by Patti LaJoye of Hastings, Mich. The chorus is consponsored by Ford Division, Ford Motor Company of Detroit, Mich., as a special project of the FFA Foundation.

FFA is a national organization of 451,997 members preparing for leadership and careers in the science, business and technology of agriculture.

Three mistakenly jump into thermal pool at Yellowstone

YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK, Wyo. (AP) — Three young park concession employees on a late-evening outing plunged into a 178-degree hot spring. One died and two were in critical condition Wednesday.

The three were burned late Monday in the Cavern Spring, a 10-foot-deep pool in the Lower Geyser Basin, seven miles north of Old Faithful in the middle of Yellowstone National Park.

"These three teen-agers jumped into the pool thinking it was cold water and were amazed to find it was not," Dr. Jeff Saffle, treating the survivors at a Salt Lake City hospital, said Wednesday.

But late Wednesday, park spokeswoman Cheryl Matthews said the two survivors told first-aid workers that they fell in trying to jump over what they thought was a small creek after returning from a swim in the Firehole River.

Yellowstone's thermal pools are often surrounded by thin, fragile crusts. Numerous warning signs are posted. Visitors to the Lower Geyser Basin are urged to stay on a half-mile boardwalk over the treacherous terrain.

"I would not venture off this boardwalk. You couldn't pay me enough to set foot off this," said Carla Wilson, a visitor from Denver.

Sara Hulphers, 20, of Oroville, Wash., was burned over her entire body and died a few hours later at the University of Utah's Intermountain Burn and Trauma Center in Salt Lake City.

Tyler Montague, 18, of Salt Lake City and Lance Buchi, 18, of Sandy, Utah, were in critical condition.

Saffle said Montague and Buchi were in shock and barely coherent after being rescued but told doctors that they dove into the pool on purpose. He estimated their chances of survival at 30 percent to 40 percent.

And the sole 'Survivor' is...Rich

MIDDLETOWN, R.I. (AP) — He was taunted for his penchant for nudity, condemned as manipulative and even called a snake by a fellow castaway.

On Wednesday, Richard Hatch earned another label: millionaire.

The 39-year-old corporate trainer took home the cash prize and a new car on the final episode of CBS' "Survivor," confounding those certain his scheming would cost him in the end.

"I didn't think he'd win it," said Andrew Gold, co-owner of Golds Wood Fired Grill & Cafe, where Hatch ate almost daily while he trained for the show. "He wasn't worried if people liked him or didn't like him. You can hate him for that or call him arrogant. Obviously, it worked."

Outlasting Susan Hawk, Rudy Boesch and Kelly Wiglesworth, Hatch became the sole survivor from the original 16 who marooned themselves on the remote tropical island Pulau Tiga at the series' launch in May.

The final choice — between Hatch and Wiglesworth — was handed down by a jury of seven former tribe-mates. Their vote — some complete with personal vitriol — was a squeaker: 4 to 3.

"I wouldn't change anything that I did," Rich told the jury in a final statement.

Then, waiting for the ballots to be tallied, he admitted, "I can't breathe."

When "Survivor" host Jeff Probst finally called out his name, there was a sprinkling of applause from his fellow castaways. Rich looked stunned.

His sister, Sue, however, leapt out of her chair at the Sportsticket bar in Middletown. "Good for him," she said. "He played the game well and he deserves it."

The scene in Kernville, Calif., was different: A chorus of boos and hisses followed news that Wiglesworth, the 23-year-old runner-up, would be taking home the second-place prize of $100,000.

"I'm so disappointed, but I'm proud of her at the same time," said Amanda Szecsei, 25, who works with Wiglesworth as a river guide for White Water Voyages.

When "Survivor" premiered three months ago, critics called it "Gilligan's Island" meets "Lord of the Flies."

But the TV show more directly comparable was "Dallas." Since that drama's "Who Shot J.R.?" stunt in 1980, nothing on television had gripped the nation in quite the same way — until "Survivor."

An audience that experts said might reach 40 million viewers awaited the final resolution. Fans threw "Survivor" parties, complete with tropical costumes and the ever-present threat of getting voted out of the bash.

At the Newport Athletic Club, where Hatch trained before going on the show and still works out, a crowd of about 40 people watching the final episode erupted in cheers.

The club was decorated with balloon parrots and mini-torches with the names of the final four contestants. The bartender snuffed out the torches one by one as the finalists were eliminated.

Jon Smyth, Hatch's personal trainer, said he never had an inkling who the winner was. Then he thought back to a moment before Hatch left for the island.

"He looked me dead in the eye and said, 'I'm going to win this competition' and I said, 'I know,'" Smyth said. "It was strange, but he said it with the most confidence I've ever seen."

Hatch's friends and family said he gave no hint he was the winner — even though it had been several months since he returned from the island. The only sign of his new wealth: major renovations on his house.

"He walked in, I saw him, and I said, 'What happened?' and he would only say 'What do you think? How do you think I did?'" said Karen Massaro, a fitness director. "Believe me I tried to get it out of him."

Jumping on the reality-TV bandwagon, CBS launched the 13-week "Survivor" show on May 31 to breathe life into a prime-time schedule largely filled with reruns. The show had been taped during 39 days last spring.

Hatch, 39, quickly became the contestant everyone loved to hate. In his professional life, he specializes in team building and conflict resolution. On the remote island off Borneo, he used lies and subversion to form an alliance that helped him win.

"That's a side of Rich I've never seen before," said Smyth. "In real life Rich is a warm, fun guy to be around. He's funny."

The victor began reaping the spoils of fame even before Wednesday. Hatch will spend next week as the host of a morning talk show on a local radio station and he's featured with the final four in a "Got Milk?" mustache advertisement.

Soybean farmers battle 'sudden death' disease

VINCENNES, Ind. (AP) — It started with a single brown leaf on a soybean plant, but before long Mike Brocksmith had an entire patch of brown in one of his soybean fields.

Sudden death syndrome has struck soybean crops across Knox County and throughout the region, cutting yields as much as 20 percent in some fields.

"It's sure a wake-up call when your beans start dying in August," Brocksmith, 42, said Friday as he walked about his fields, pointing out stricken plants that could leave him with thousands of dollars in damages.

The syndrome is nearly impossible to prevent and harder to kill.

"When you see this, it's a done deal," said Chuck Mansfield, an extension agronomist at Purdue University, assessing a spot of damaged leaves in Brocksmith's crop. "It's all over."

An estimated 80 percent of Knox County's soybean fields show signs of the fungal disease, said Jerry Nelson, Purdue University extension educator for Knox County, about 50 miles north of Evansville.

"It's more widespread in the county than it's ever been, and it's more severe," Nelson said.

Farmers in other southern Indiana counties, western Kentucky and southern Illinois also report damage from the disease, but it's nearly impossible to assess the damage at this point.

"We won't know for sure until we harvest it," Nelson said.

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Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

FRIDAY, Aug. 25, 2000
Regardless of whether you initiate diversifications in the year ahead or they be dictated by the flow of events, they're apt to turn out to be for your ultimate good. Don't be afraid of change.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Don't select a companion at random today, because associating with friends with whom you have much in common is what will provide the most pleasurable experiences for you. 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) Unless you're confronted by some challenging developments today, you're not apt to push yourself too much. Seek them out, because tests will bring out your best.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Although you're not inclined to dictate to others today as to how they should live their lives, if someone should request your counsel, you'll have much to say that's constructive.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) There's no need to accept the status quo. Make the effort today to transform something that appears to be of insignificant value into that which is quite worthwhile.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You won't know whether your counterpart in a partnership arrangement has a better way of doing something today unless you hear him or her out. It's to your advantage to listen.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Common sense should be applied to all matters that pertain to your personal health and welfare today. Don't indulge or partake in anything that could adversely affect you.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) It's foolish today to do something that does not serve your best interests simply to appease another. If you give in, remorse is likely when you realize what you lost.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Arrangements in which you can exercise your custodial influences is where you'll be the happiest today. Doing nice things for those you love brings you joy.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) It'll be your imagination that will be the most vigorous today, so select activities that challenge your mental attributes over those that are physical.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) When it comes to financial or commercial dealings today, your instincts could be right on target. It might prove wise to follow them on what is the most profitable and advantageous.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Provided you're the person who calls the shots, any project in which you get involved could be quite successful today. Don't delegate anything important unless you have no choice.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) This is one of those days where getting off by yourself to indulge in a little solitude could be good for you. You need the space to sort out your thoughts.

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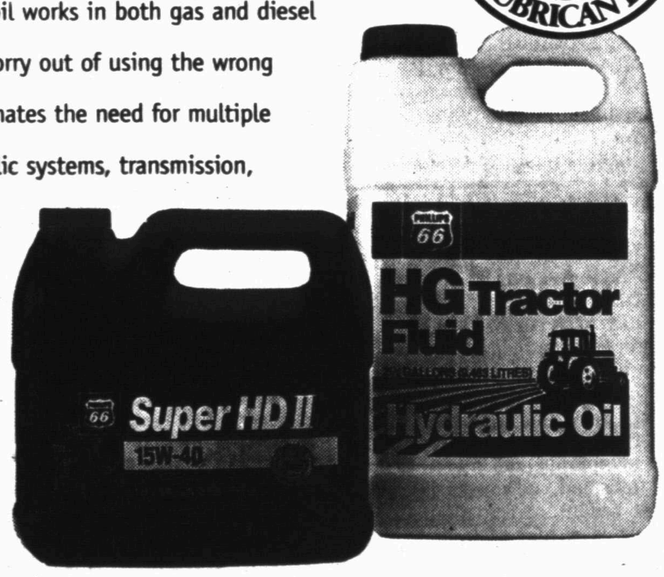

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Harry Potter film star weaves his magic at press conference

LONDON (AP) — Movie giant Warner Bros. introduced 11-year-old actor and future wizard Daniel Radcliffe to media Muggles on Wednesday, as the publicity machine for Harry Potter's film foray kicked into first gear.

"Harry Potter and The Sorcerer's Stone," due to be released in the United States next year, is based on the first of four sales-shattering books by author J.K. Rowling.

Daniel, already a seasoned actor with two film credits, said he burst into tears when he learned he'd won the title role of the orphan boy invited to study at Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry.

"I cried and I was just really excited," he said, wearing distinctive round Harry Potter-style glasses as he held court before several hundred reporters and photographers.

But Daniel, who listed professional wrestling among his top interests, admitted he'd given up on reading the Potter books after the first two installments.

"I have, since then, completely forgotten everything about it, so my dad has just started reading me the first book again and after that I am going to read the second, third and fourth," he said, adding that his only real-life similarity to the books' hero is that he'd like to own an owl.

In the first book, Harry discovers that there are two worlds — the dreary world of the ordinary Muggles where he's grown up, and one of magic and fantasy.

"Home Alone" director Chris Columbus said he hoped the initial film would be one in a series covering all seven planned Potter novels, and that Rowling would oversee the screenplays.

"Obviously, the complexity of the books in terms of the special effects makes it a little difficult to do one of these films a year, so obviously there will be a point when the children outgrow their roles," said Columbus, who wouldn't reveal whether Daniel had been signed to a multi-picture deal.

Columbus also said he planned to shoot parallel versions of the first film — one for the U.S. market and one for Britain. His plan is to shoot two or three alternate sequences for each film and to give the British film the first novel's original title, "Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone."

Dame Maggie Smith and Robbie Coltrane also have signed on to appear in the first film, but the spotlight at Wednesday's press conference was solely on Daniel and two other pint-sized actors — Emma Watson, 10, and Rupert Grint, 11, who will play Harry's best friends, the bookish Hermione Granger and red-haired Ron Weasly.

Rupert, who likes football and "hanging out" with his friends, said he could relate to his character because he, too, had a red-headed sister and a similar personality.

The eminently articulate Emma, who denied she was a "top form goody-two shoes," told reporters she was midway through the fourth Potter novel and listed school studies as among her favorite interests.

Asked about her preferred magical spell, she replied, "I'd probably quite like to have lasting friends — people who you could have all the time, who wouldn't go away just because you're a film star."

Mexican president-elect sets U.S. meetings

WASHINGTON (AP) — Mexican president-elect Vicente Fox is using a two-day visit to the United States to outline his vision for a freer flow of people and goods across the border.

After a morning meeting Thursday with Vice President Al Gore, Fox planned an Oval Office visit with President Clinton and a luncheon with Secretary of State Madeleine Albright. He will meet with Gov. George W. Bush in Dallas on Friday.

Fox's proposal for an eventual opening of borders with United States has been greeted with skepticism by U.S. business and labor groups, but Clinton said Wednesday he wants to hear more before making a judgment.

"The devil is always in the details here, so I want to talk to him about it and see what he has in mind," Clinton said.

In Canada on Wednesday, Fox spoke to Prime Minister Jean Chretien about his goal of an integrated North America modeled in some respects after the European Union.

Chretien said he doesn't think it is feasible.

"We cannot establish relations between Canada, the United States, and Mexico in the same type of situation as in Europe," he said, adding that Canada wanted to maintain its own currency and refused to consider a common currency like the euro.

Fox said his goal was to promote prosperity, no matter the mechanism.

"We are not proposing a common currency here," he said. "We don't think that would work. We're proposing to work together — work on human development, economic development — to narrow the differences."

Despite reservations about his border proposals, Fox has won admiring comments from many Americans for having defeated the party that has run Mexico for more than 70 years.

They include some of Mexico's fiercest critics, such as Senate Foreign Relations Committee chairman Jesse Helms, R-N.C., and Thomas Constantine, former director of the DEA.

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

Transexuals want to be seen as people, not as 'mistakes'

DEAR ABBY: I have recently "come out" to my family for who I really am — a transsexual. I have felt this way as long as I can remember. At 26, I could no longer hide myself and, after seeing a therapist, I have begun the process of changing my gender. Some members of my family support me. However, my father and grandparents are staunchly against this. They say they will not accept it because to do so would be to admit that God makes mistakes.

Abby, I am not a "mistake," and neither are others like me. I have had tests, and they confirm that this is genetic. In no way do I think that God makes mistakes. God made me this way, and I must deal with it in the way that makes me happiest. Since I have come out, I have been happier than I have ever been, and I plan to finish my transition over the next few years.

Every move I have made on this journey has been considerate of those around me, changing gradually rather than shocking them by completely altering my appearance overnight.

Could you please help me educate my family and others who know so little about what the transgendered community goes through? We struggle to lead normal lives and try to be productive in society. We are teachers, lawyers, doctors and office workers. As few as we are, we are not mistakes as my father claims. Still, we face prejudice on a daily basis. We need our families to stand behind us as we make our way through this challenging journey. Please, Abby, help educate people to see that we are just like them. — **TRANSGENDERED IN CHICAGO**

DEAR TRANSGENDERED: You are not a mistake. Followed to its logical conclusion, your father's attitude would make the entire medical profession unnecessary. Transsexualism is inborn. Children as young as 3 have insisted that their true gender is not their birth gender. I congratulate you for being honest about who you are, knowing it might be difficult for some people to understand. I also applaud those family members who support you.

The usual gender transition involves a period of psychotherapy to consider all of the ramifications, followed by hormonal therapy, and then living full-time in the new gender for at least a year before seeking sexual reassignment surgery.

This is not an easy process for the transsexual person, nor for the family. Parents often experience many of the same emotions that occur in the grief process — shock, anger, denial, guilt, sadness, and finally acceptance. Learning to use the new name is difficult; new pronouns are even harder. All of this takes time and commitment, but is a necessary part of the process.

Loving parents who want their child to be happy must learn to be accepting. Many transsexuals live very successfully in their new gender, and claim they are truly happy for the first time in their lives. Many families are proud of their "new" sons and daughters and report their relationships have vastly improved since their child's transition.

I would urge any family in this situation to contact PFLAG (Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays). They have many resources available for transgendered people and their families. Their mailing address is: PFLAG, 1726 M Street, NW, Washington, DC 20036 and the Web address is www.pflag.org.

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Two children are killed in pitchfork attack

MERCED, Calif. (AP) — A man broke into a home and fatally stabbed a 9-year-old girl and her 8-year-old brother with a pitchfork before he was shot to death by sheriff's deputies.

Three other siblings, including one who was bleeding from puncture wounds, escaped by climbing through windows and fleeing to a neighbor's house where they called authorities.

When sheriff's deputies arrived at the house in this rural community about 60 miles north of Fresno, the assailant charged at them with the pitchfork, authorities said.

"He was pointing it at them and going right after them, he wouldn't stop," Assistant Sheriff Henry Strength said. "They were hollering at him to stop, but he wouldn't stop. Finally they had to shoot him."

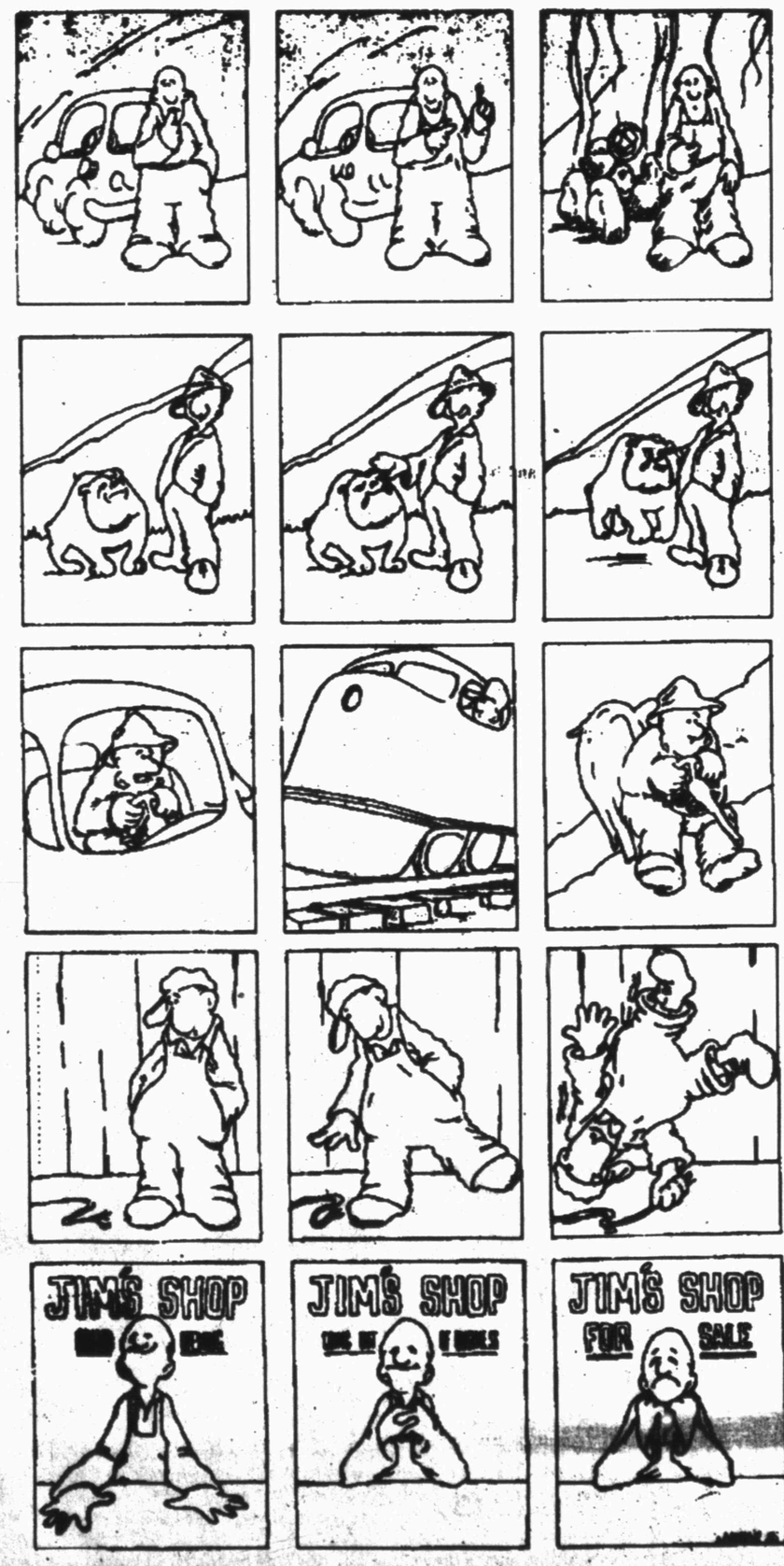
The man's identity was not immediately known.

"He came from nowhere," Strength said. "Right now we have no motive, we have no reason why this thing even happened. There's no connection between the suspect and the family."

The two younger siblings, Ashley and John Carpenter, were killed in their beds. Anna Marie, 13, was hospitalized and in satisfactory condition early Thursday.

The children's parents were not at home at the time, the Merced Sun-Star reported.

Jessica Carpenter, 14, told authorities that she was walking out of her bedroom when she noticed the man in the house. He had closed all the windows and pushed the furniture up against the walls.



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Fearing backlash, GOP drops ad

WASHINGTON (AP) — Republicans, fearing a backlash from a public weary of the Monica Lewinsky scandal, abruptly dropped plans to air a television ad questioning Al Gore and President Clinton's truthfulness. George W. Bush praised the decision Thursday.

"I don't think it's appropriate to challenge the man's credibility in that context," the GOP presidential nominee told reporters on his campaign plane. His advisers were among those who supported the ad's concept early on, only to reverse course at the last minute.

The ad, which had been sent to television stations across the country, featured a 1994 interview with Gore in which he is questioned about calling Oliver North a "pathological liar." Gore is asked whether he and Clinton have always told the truth, and Gore says they have.

But at the 11th hour, advisers to Bush and at the Republican National Committee objected to the spot, arguing that it used an outdated interview and conflicted with the Republican presidential candidate's promise to stay positive, according to several senior Republicans familiar with the ad strategy. These officials spoke on condition of anonymity.

Outside experts said Bush and the GOP were smart to pull the ad, which was to begin running as soon as Thursday. The spot was not only misleading, they said, but was unlikely to be effective.

"It would open Republicans and Bush to the charge that he has broken his pledge to run a different kind of campaign," said Kathleen Hall Jamieson, dean of the Annenberg School for Communication at the University of Pennsylvania.

Campaigns generally don't air personal attacks until the end of a campaign, and only if they're losing, she said. "The perception would be that they're desperate."

The ad was to have been paid for by the Republican National Committee, but as the last-minute decision demonstrated, the Bush camp has a major influence over the RNC's decisions.

The ad featured a television, sitting on a kitchen table, broadcasting the 1994 NBC interview with Gore. In the midst of several questions about North, who lied to Congress about arming the Nicaraguan contras.

Relatives of victims paying tribute at site of sunken sub

MOSCOW (AP) — Grieving relatives of the 118 sailors who died in a nuclear submarine headed out into the cold gray Barents Sea on Thursday to lay flowers on the waves above the sunken warship, Russian television said.

Before setting off from Vidyayevo in northern Russia, where the submarine Kursk was based, many relatives of the crew clustered to watch the laying of a foundation stone for a memorial to the vessel.

Ambulances and medical workers stood at the edge of the crowd to help any relatives who became overwhelmed. The disaster has been a grueling ordeal for the survivors, many of whom found out about the sinking only from television reports, then endured days of waiting before the announcement that their sons and husbands were dead.

The flowers they were to lay on the waters include a wreath from President Vladimir Putin, news reports said.

Many of the sailors' relatives declined to join in a national day of mourning on Wednesday, demanding that the bodies of their sons and husbands be retrieved from the sea floor first.

Their bitter stance underlined widespread criticism of the government's slow and confused response to the Aug. 12 sinking of the Kursk. Much of the criticism has centered on Putin, who remained on vacation during the first days of the crisis and made his first public statement on the Kursk four days after it sank.

Moving to allay popular criticism, Putin on Wednesday said he felt "fully responsible and guilty" — an unusually candid statement in a country with a long tradition of authoritarian leaders.

Despite widespread dismay over the Kursk crisis, Putin's support does not appear to have been badly undermined, a poll indicated.

Muslim rebels kill five people

COTABATO, Philippines (AP) — Muslim rebels have killed five truck drivers they abducted this week in the southern Philippines, and a sixth hostage remains missing, a military official said Thursday.

Police found the bodies Thursday in a coconut grove in Buluan in Maguindanao province, about 565 miles south of Manila, near where they were abducted by separatist Moro Islamic Liberation Front rebels two days earlier, the official said. The victims had been shot and hacked.

The rebels blocked the two trucks of the six men, apparently thinking they were transporting rice. The cargo turned out to be animal feed and the guerrillas instead abducted the six men at gunpoint, according to regional army spokesman Maj. Julieto Ando.

The sixth man remains missing, Ando said.

The military has blamed the MILF for various recent attacks on civilian and government targets in Mindanao, where the rebels are fighting for a separate Islamic state.

A smaller but more extreme Muslim rebel group, the Abu Sayyaf, is holding 12 foreign hostages and a dozen Filipino Christian evangelists on impoverished Jolo Island, also in Mindanao.

After Libyan-mediated negotiations for their release hit snags, the leaders of Germany, France and Finland — which all have citizens among the hostages — urged the Philippine president Thursday not to use force or take any action that could endanger them.

"We use this opportunity to underline our firm view that the safe and early release of the hostages is the first priority," German Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder, French President Jacques Chirac and Finnish President Tarja Halonen said in a letter.

Libya has agreed to pay the $1 million per Westerner demanded by the rebels, negotiators have said — though Libya insists its funds will go only to development projects in Mindanao.

Gore makes strides in latest poll

DETROIT (AP) — Democrat Al Gore has caught Republican George W. Bush in Michigan and is holding his lead in California, according to two big-state presidential polls taken after the Democratic National Convention.

The surveys, released Thursday, are generally in line with other polls that have shown Gore benefiting from the post-convention "bounce" that presidential candidates often receive. California, with 54 electoral votes, and Michigan, with 18, together account for more than one-fourth of the 270 needed for election in November.

Both campaigns will be closely watching further polling in the next few weeks as Labor Day arrives and voters begin paying more attention to the presidential race.

In Michigan, according to the poll conducted for the Detroit Free Press, 44 percent of the surveyed likely voters supported Gore, while 42 percent said Bush. In a similar poll earlier this month, Bush held a 45-37 edge.

The new poll also showed voters are thinking more highly of Gore, said Ed Sarpolus, vice president of EPIC/MRA, an independent Lansing firm that conducted the survey.

"For the first time in almost two years, we see Al Gore cutting the umbilical cord with Bill Clinton," said Sarpolus. "They have a higher opinion of him than they do of George Bush."

Ralph Nader had 3 percent and Pat Buchanan 1 percent in the Michigan poll of 600 likely voters conducted Sunday through Tuesday. It had a margin of potential sampling error of plus or minus 4.

Obituaries

Henrietta Trevino

1924-2000

Enriquetta "Henrietta" S. Trevino, a former Snyder resident, died Tuesday, Aug. 22, in Defiance, Ohio, after a lengthy illness.

Funeral service for Mrs. Trevino, 76, is set for 2 p.m. Sunday in Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church. Fr. Leo Moras, pastor of the church, will officiate. Burial will follow in the Snyder Cemetery under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home Chapel.

Rosary will be at 8 p.m. Saturday in the Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home Chapel with Deacon Robert Ramirez officiating.

Born July 15, 1924 in Sabinal, she married Manuel Trevino in 1948. He died in1998.

Mrs. Trevino had lived in Snyder from 1987-96 and was active as a quilter at the Senior Citizens Center. A homemaker and a domestic worker, she was a member of Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church.

She also was preceded in death by her parents, Maria and Felipe Contreras; a sister, Josefina Alejandro; three brothers, Ascencion Contreras, Dimas Contreras and Felipe Contreras; and two grandchildren.

Survivors include five daughters, Maria Hernandez of Snyder, Irma Cain of Paulding, Ohio, Enedina Rangel and Odilia Rubio, both of Defiance, and Sylvia Rubio of Ruskin, Fla.; three sons, Wenceslao "Windy" Trevino and Manuel Trevino, both of Pueblo, Colo., and Jose Trevino of Carson, Nev.; 26 grandchildren; and 25 great-grandchildren.

Angela Smallwood

1974-2000

CANON CITY, Colo. — Angela R. Smallwood, 25, daughter-in-law of Elsie Boren of Snyder, died Monday, Aug. 21, in Canon City, Colo.

Mrs. Smallwood was to be cremated. A memorial service is set for 4 p.m. Friday in the Wilson Andrews Memorial Chapel in Canon City. Keith Powley and Dave Grooters will officiate.

Born Nov. 27, 1974 in Howard County, Mrs. Smallwood was a member of the Ira Church of God. She married Sam J. Smallwood on Nov. 5, 1994 in Ira. He survives.

Other survivors include a son, John Hunter Smallwood of Canon City; her parents, Tommy and Karen Porter of Moses Lake, Wash.; and a sister, Melanie Henderson of Hermiston, Ore.

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Police dispatched after girls refuse to attend school

• ***Refusing to go to school***

A juvenile contacted officers at 7:33 a.m. Wednesday to report that her mother was creating a disturbance.

Officers spoke to the girl and her mother and determined that the juvenile was refusing to go to school. She did agree to go to school.

At 7:55 a.m. Wednesday, another woman called officers in reference to her having trouble with her 14-year-old daughter not wanting to go to school.

• ***Break-in***

Officers received a report shortly after 10 a.m. Wednesday of a break-in at 2701 38th Street. Someone had broken into the shop in the back and had done some criminal mischief.

Contact was made with the owner's father who did not wish to file a report.

• ***Purse stolen***

Kelly Babb notified officers at 12:20 p.m. Wednesday that someone had taken her purse from Snyder Healthcare Center.

Her husband contacted officers at 3:32 p.m. to report that someone had attempted to use their credit card at Bealls in Big Spring.

• ***Phone harassment***

A report of phone harassment was made at 5:19 p.m. Wednesday. A woman requested officers make contact with a 15-year-old female and advise her to stop calling and harassing her.

• ***Arrest***

A misdemeanor warrant for assault causing bodily injury sent a 36-year-old man to jail Wednesday. Officers picked him up at 9:05 a.m. in the 3600 block of Hill Ave.

• ***Accident***

A two-vehicle mishap occurred at 5:53 p.m. Wednesday in the 2400 block of College. Involved were a 1995 Ford Escort driven by Samantha Dawn Keller, 20, of 2707 Avenue W and a 1996 Pontiac Grand Am driven by John Young Stewart II, 28, of 2901 Avenue Z.

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events

WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

FFA watermelon feast

The seventh annual watermelon feast and volleyball tourney sponsored by the Snyder FFA will be at 6:30 p.m. Friday, next to the pond in Towle Park. Everyone who is interested in Snyder FFA is invited.

WTC student dance

Western Texas College will host a Hawaiian Luau dance for all WTC students and their dates from 8 p.m. to midnight Friday in the student center. The dance will feature a live DJ and students are encouraged to wear Hawaiian shirts and shorts. WTC students are admitted free with college ID. For others, the cost is $3.

Queen candidate

Our Lady of Guadalupe queen candidate Bonnie Pesina will have a turkey dinner from 4 to 7 p.m., Friday at the church center located at 1108 13th St. Prices are $5.50 for adults and $3 for children.

Sound of Jubilee Ministries

Sound of Jubilee Ministries will present the special ministry of Gary and Rhonda Coe of Odessa Wednesday through Friday at 7 p.m. The church is located at 908 E. Highway 180.

Northside Baptist revival

A revival begins Sunday and continues through Sept. 3 at Northside Baptist Church, 1909 16th Street. Evangelist is Harley Higginbotham of Hugo, Okla., with special music by the Higginbotham Family. Sunday services are at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. and weekday services are at 7 p.m.

Bible study tapes

Bible study tapes air each week on Channel 2. To be shown at 7 p.m. Monday is "Esther, a Woman of Destiny," followed by "The All Sufficient Word of God."

SHS choir yard signs

Parents of former choir students who would like to recycle the signs are asked to bring them to the choir room on Monday between 3:30-7 p.m., and from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. Tuesday through Friday.

NE Elementary cookbooks

Copies of the Northeast Elementary Millenium Cookbook will be sold from 8 to 8:30 a.m. and from 3 to 3:30 p.m. Tuesday in the front halls of West Elementary, or call Diane Arnold at 573-2159 or Libby Whitworth at 573-6870. Copies are $7 each.

Girl Scout registration

Girl Scout registration will be held at the scout hut, 2501 35th Street, from 4:30 to 6 p.m. Tuesday, and from 6 to 7:30 p.m. next Thursday.

Cub Scout rally

A Cub Scout rally will be held at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the West Cafeteria for boys in grades 1-5. All boys interested in the scouts are asked to bring their parents. Volunteers are needed. For more information, call 573-7065, or 573-3310.

Central Elementary Parent Council

The council will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the school cafeteria. All parents and staff are encouraged to attend.

FBC worship service

The First Baptist Church Sunday morning worship service airs at 3 p.m. every Thursday on TV Channel 2.

Pyron homecoming

The Pyron Homecoming will be held Saturday, Sept. 2, at the Inadale Community Center. Registration will begin at 1 p.m. and the evening meal will be served at 7 p.m. The meal will be catered at $7 per plate. Contact Mrs. Viola Stirl, 13652 FM 644, Loraine, 79532-3110.

Weigh down workshop

Exodus out of Egypt, a weigh down workshop, begins with an orientation and registration at 7 p.m. Monday, Sept. 18, in the fellowship hall of Word is Life Church, 312 Coliseum Drive. The 12-week session begins at 7 p.m. Oct. 2. Coordinator is Claudia Sanchez. For more information call 573-9615.

Another weigh down workshop

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

Glory Room open

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

Ira annuals

The Ira 2000 Bulldog yearbooks have arrived and several extras are available at $22 each. To purchase one, call 573-2628.

Dieciseis parade

Anyone wishing to participate in the Dieciseis parade sponsored by Our Lady of Guadalupe Church can call Lucy Garcia at 573-5996.

Bulldog quilt

Ira High School seniors are raffling a quilt made by Doris Sanders. Tickets are $1 and can be purchased from any senior or at the school. The raffle will be held Nov. 3 during halftime of the Ira-Loraine football game.

Pick 3

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

3-4-5

Lotto Texas

AUSTIN (AP) — No 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 $17 million.

The numbers drawn Wednesday night from a field of 54 were: 6-11-28-33-45-48.

Saturday night's drawing will be worth an estimated $23 million.