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The flightless Australian birds were brought to the United States a few years ago by farmers who had visions of them replacing cattle.

Rick Gunter of Bells, a typical emu farmer, recalls that two years ago he could sell a pair of breeder birds for $40,000 a pair. Now, he'd be lucky to be able to give one away.

Gunter has about 1,000 of the large, ungainly animals.

But Gunter's not giving up on his feathered friends. He believes that an oil found in the birds has healing properties that might still make the birds profitable. He said he's in it for the long haul.

But most people have apparently given up on the birds.

Grayson County Sheriff's Office Chief Deputy Johnny Waldrip says his office has fielded dozens of calls from "people finding them in their yards, or on gravel county roads.

The birds, abandoned by their owners have been plaguing people's yards, ruining the foliage, scaring horses and generally making an all around pest of themselves, said David Hawley, a community relations officers with the sheriff's office.

Lawmen don't know what to do with the birds once they pick them up. The county picked up two of the birds and held a public auction to dispose of them last week.

"Nobody came," Waldrip said. "We couldn't get a one dollar bid for them."

There are about 30 of them wandering around near Colinsville and as many as 100 homeless emus around the town of Bells, Waldrip has told county commisioners.

The two emus being cared for by the county have cost the county about $400 so far.

And it's no easy task to pick up the stray birds.

"We're not equipped to pick them up," Waldrip said, "We're not equipped to store them."

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Members of the group Texas Citizens United for the Rehabilitation of Errants (Texas CURE) based their demands Monday on hundreds of letters from state inmates alleging abuse, ranging from beatings by guards to the neglect of medical needs.

They pointed to a videotape from a Brazoria County private prison that surfaced last month showing deputies shocking prisoners with stun guns, making them crawl on their bellies and allowing dogs to bite them.

"People in prison are being beaten, being killed, suffering physical and mental abuse and suffering from neglectful medical treatment," said Lois Robison, the chairwoman of Texas CURE who has one son on death row and another in prison.

"If we do nothing to alleviate these inhumane conditions, what makes us any different from someone who kills, who rapes or who robs?" she asked.

Karen Hughes, spokeswoman for Bush, said the governor's next appointment to the criminal justice board will be based on "talking with current members of the board and determining what expertise and specific talents they feel they need to do a better job of running the prison system."

Ms. Robison was joined at a Capitol news conference by two other mothers whose sons have been in prison — Betty Cummings and Doris McAdoo.

Ms. Cummings, of Cleburne, said her son, Buddy Styron, is completely paralyzed because his medical needs were neglected while in prison. He is now out and living in a nursing home.

Ms. McAdoo said her son, Michael, has been shackled and beaten by guards at a prison in Abilene.

Linda Marin, executive director of Texas CURE, said the TDCJ board has a member who is a victims' right advocate, Patricia Day, and now needs a member representing prisoners' interests.

She recommended Ms. Robison or possibly a pastor who has worked in a prison ministry.

"There are ample opportunities for prisoners and their families to make their grievances known in the state prison system," Ms. Hughes said.

Glen Castlebury, spokesman for the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, rejected allegations of rampant abuse of prisoners.

Castlebury said TDCJ prison guards are put through "comprehensive training" of rules and regulations in the handling of inmates; every incident involving force is investigated by an internal affairs division that is independent of the prison system; and a special prosecutor's office to handle crimes committed in prison.

"I seriously doubt that any other prison system has all of these elements," Castlebury said, adding that TDCJ officials would further address the issue at a hearing next week before the Senate Criminal Justice Committee.

Jack Crump, executive director of the Texas Commission on Jail Standards, which regulates private prisons, said he believes the Brazoria County incident was isolated.

"I and no one else I know advocates abuse of inmates," Crump said. "The incident that happened in (Brazoria County) was unfortunate, but I do not believe that isolated incident is typical of care and treatment of inmates throughout the remainder of the system."

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

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LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Usually, financial tips by insiders are not of much value, but today, the information to which you're privy may be worthy of investigation.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Today, you are likely to enjoy ventures that are more verbal than physical. An information exchange with friends could be of enormous importance.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Trends are favorable regarding your material affairs. Something that starts out small could be transformed into something large.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Anticipated news that pertains to a matter outside of your immediate jurisdiction is forthcoming. Today may even be the day.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Lady Luck might have something special in mind for you today. It could involve an arrangement that is already producing results. Be expectant.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) You are in a cycle where you could be more fortunate than usual in partnership arrangements. Look for ways to form alliances with competent cohorts.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Act in accordance with your perceptions today. When you conceive bright ideas on ways to further your ambitions, swing into action.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Think winning thoughts today if you are participating in some type of competition, whether it involves sports, romance or business.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Move things around if it helps better your lot in life. Changes you implement today could have far-reaching, favorable effects.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Companions will find you a delightful person with whom to associate today. Your mind will be focused on what you can do to please others.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Continue to look out for economic and career possibilities. Something substantial could develop for you, but you may have to track it down.

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Date Book

Sept. 9, 1997

Today is the 252nd day of 1997 and the 81st day of summer.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1884, Antoine Feuchtwanger of St. Louis invented the hot dog bun.

On this day in 1984, Pope John Paul became the first pontiff to visit Canada.

On this day in 1990, President Bush and Mikhail Gorbachev both pledged their countries' support in actions against Iraq for its invasion of Kuwait.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Armand Jean du Plessis Richelieu (1585-1642), cardinal-statesman; William Bligh (1754-1817), British admiral; Leo Tolstoy (1828-1910), writer; Cliff Robertson (1925-), actor-director, is 72; Michael Keaton (1951-), actor, is 46.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1965, Sandy Koufax of the Los Angeles Dodgers pitched a perfect game against Chicago to win 1-0.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Pure and complete sorrow is as impossible as pure and complete joy." — Leo Tolstoy

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1888, a mirage at dawn made a group of low hills in South Dakota look like an elevated mountain range.

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TODAY'S MOON: First quarter.

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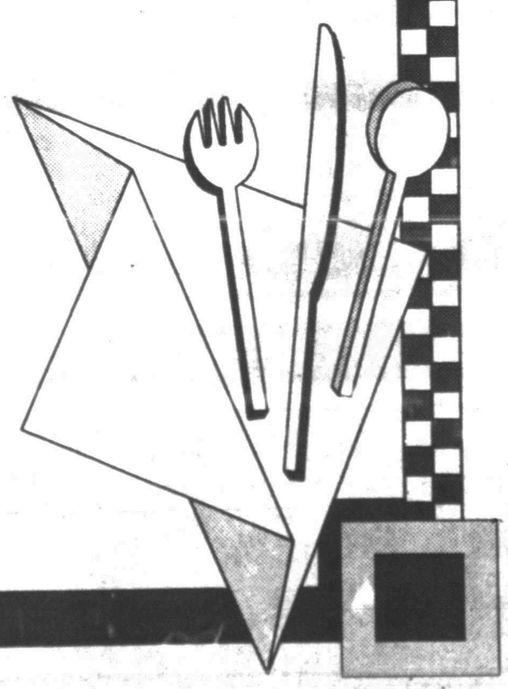

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READYING FOR FLOWER SHOW — Snyder Garden Club met Thursday at Martha Ann Woman's Club to finalize plans for the flower show at the 32nd annual Scurry County Fair, Sept. 18-20 at the coliseum. SGC hosts the standard flower show each year which is judged by six out-of-town accredited judges. The public is encouraged to enter the horticulture and artistic divisions, according to the rules listed in the Fair Book which will be enclosed in Sunday's edition of SDN. Gertrude League, left, prepared the schedule themed "Over the Rainbow," and is shown reviewing several points with new members Dolores Merritt and Sonya Vinson, and flower show chairman Sandra Browning. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Community Calendar

TUESDAY

Plainview Family Community Education Club; 2 p.m. For more information call 573-6807.

Atheneum Study Club; MAWC; 4:15 p.m.

Snyder Shrine Club; call 863-2702 for meeting place; 6 p.m.

Beta Sigma Phi; Brenda Hedges' office; 7 p.m.

Canyon Gun Club; 1910 25th; for more information call Bill Tune, 573-6208; 7:30 p.m.

Narcotics Anonymous; Winston Park Club; for more information call 573-2101, 573-0949, 573-3667 or 573-1579; 6 p.m.

ACBL Open Pairs Duplicate Bridge; Snyder Country Club; 7 p.m.

New Horizon Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-1141 or 573-2101; 8 p.m.

Al-Anon; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; for information call 573-3956, 573-2101,573-1141 or 573-8626; 8 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

Narcotics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-2101, 573-0949, 573-3667 or 573-1579; 8 p.m.

THURSDAY

Snyder Palette Club; airport terminal building; 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

LLL Club; fellowship hall of First Baptist Church; 9:30 a.m.

Noah Project Advisory Committee; MAWC; noon.

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

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

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

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

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

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

FRIDAY

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

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

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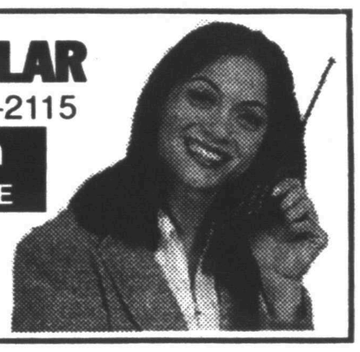

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

North 09-09-97
♠ A 8 7 5 2
♥ A K 2
♦ Q 5 2
♣ A 2

West
♠ K Q J 10 6 4
♥ ---
♦ J
♣ K Q J 10 7 5

East
♠ 9
♥ J 9 7 5 4 3
♦ K 9 7 4
♣ 9 8

South
♠ 3
♥ Q 10 8 6
♦ A 10 8 6 3
♣ 6 4 3

(The bidding is irrelevant to today's deal. See story.)

May the luck be with you

To get full value from today's deal, you must cover up the East and West hands. Then decide the maximum number of tricks you, as South, could win with *hearts* as trump if you could arrange the missing 26 cards as you wish. In addition, you may request West to lead a red or black card. Once you have stipulated the color, West may lead any card of that color.

The story in "Right Through the Pack" by Robert Darvas and Norman de Villiers Hart (reprinted by Baron Barclay, 1996; to order call 800-274-2221) is related by the diamond queen, who tells South that she is his bridge fairy godmother. She adds that South will be rewarded with favorable suit breaks in the future if he can solve this problem. Well, what are the East-West hands, and which color is the opening lead? Once you've decided, uncover the full diagram.

South asked West to lead a red card. So, the diamond jack was covered by the queen, king and ace. (It doesn't help East to play low.) Now came a club to dummy's ace, a diamond to South's six, a spade to dummy's ace, and a diamond to South's eight. Next, South cashed the diamond 10, discarding dummy's club two. Then, South ruffed a low club with dummy's heart two. Finally, he made the last six tricks on a high crossruff, East being overruffed four times and underruffing dummy twice.

So, South made seven hearts! Were your answers 13 tricks and a red card? If so, you win favorable distributions for the rest of your life — assuming, of course, that the diamond queen is also your fairy godmother.

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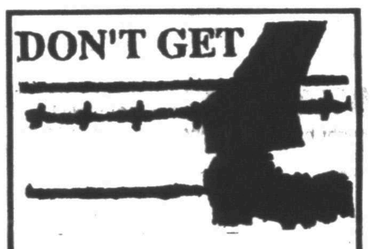

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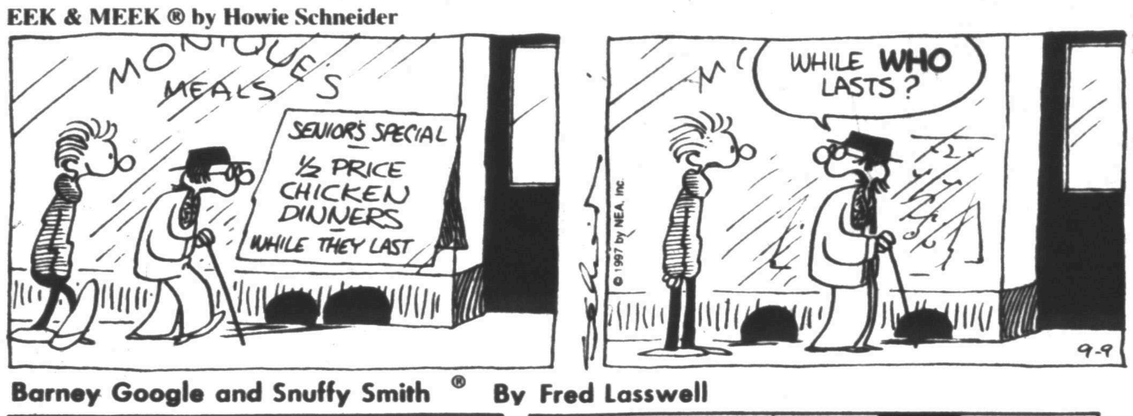

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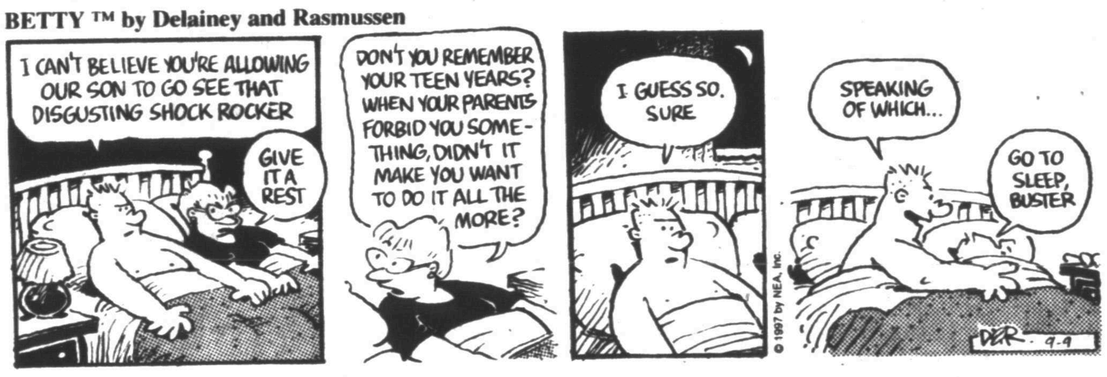

NEA Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

1 Rabbit's tail
5 Type of bonnet
8 Urban eyesore
12 Exhort
13 Chemical suffix
14 Alone
15 Bargain-basement event
16 Author Umberto —
17 In — (as a whole)
18 Bird (comb. form)
19 Peels
21 Young goat
22 Hard up
24 Rhymes
26 Inebriated
28 Dried coconut meat
29 Tibetan gazelle
30 Mined matter
31 Make a choice
32 Adult male
33 Make happen
35 Skillful
38 Ending for para
39 Type of coffee or whiskey
41 Hesitation sounds
42 Type of boom
46 Gosh!
47 Hernando De —
49 Astronaut Grissom
50 Utah ski resort
51 Turkish title
52 — out (stretch)
53 Quiz
54 Lease payment
55 Wide shoe size
56 Tropical fruit

DOWN

1 — B. Anthony
2 Desired
3 Nastier
4 Pipe-fitting unit
5 Look for
6 Hooklike parts
7 Gas for signs
8 JFK sight
9 Beauty
10 Last syllable of a word
11 States of mind
19 Abstracts
20 Occurring occasionally
23 Type of canoe
25 Lid remover
27 Kiss Me —
28 Unconscious state
33 Metal for plating
34 Capital of Texas
36 Shoat
37 — fly
38 Labor organizer Chavez
40 Uses the oven
43 S-shaped molding
44 Atomic weapon
45 Words of understanding
48 Meal fragment
50 One Day — — Time

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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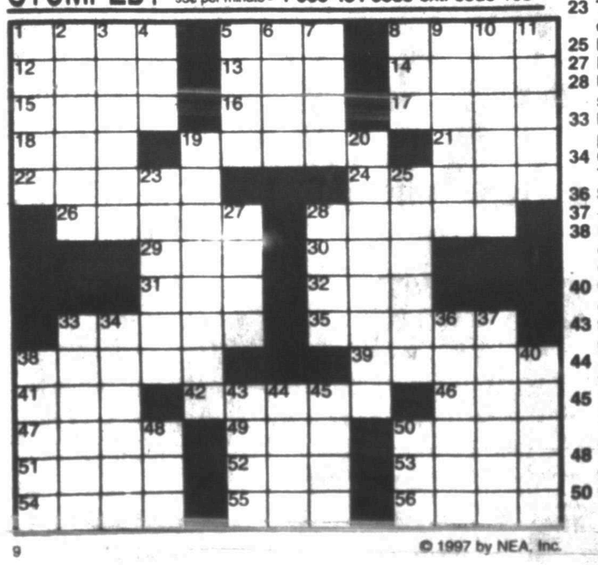

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SPORTS

Western Lone Star begins its matches

If Monday wasn't filled with enough tension for competitors in the Western Lone Star Senior Ladies' Golf Classic, then today certainly should be.

The first matches of the tournament began this morning at Snyder Country Club.

There are 72 players entered in the event, with eight golfers per flight.

On Monday, qualifying for the championship flight took place, when 28 women competed for only eight spots.

Five of the spots were won outright, but four competitors finished with 85, setting up a four-person sudden-death playoff for the remaining three positions.

Snyder's Carolyn Greene, along with Sharron Hughes of Farwell and Donna Malcom of Tulia, survived the shoot-out to complete the championship flight.

All other golfers will be flighted according to their handicaps.

The format for the entire tournament will be match play, with a loss in today's opening round moving a golfer into the consolation bracket.

Play will continue Wednesday with the consolation and winners' bracket semifinals, which will narrow each flight to only four golfers.

The finals, scheduled for Thursday, will crown champions for both brackets in each flight.

First round pairings for the Western Lone Star Senior Ladies Classic

Eighth flight, 7:30-7:45: Anita Allgood, Muleshoe vs. Delores Jones, Snyder; Dana Wilkinson, Big Spring vs. Claudine Elliot, Muleshoe; Peggy Dunn, Canadian vs. Colleen Duke, Snyder; Billie Byars, Memphis vs. Mary Davis, Silverton.

Seventh flight, 7:50-8:05: Patsy Sharpnack, Big Spring vs. Annie Donohoo, Coahoma; Louise Fritts, Amarillo vs. LaRita Stone, Canadian; Bert Ware, Wheeler vs. Joyce Eck, McLean; Pat Davis, Childress vs. Annie Ward, Coahoma.

Sixth flight, 8:10-8:25: Sue Ward, Tulia vs. Myrodell Sorrells, Abilene; Dolly Barker, Canyon vs. Betty La Grone, Amarillo; Maxine Bishop, Marfa vs. Shirley Landry, Canyon; Peggy Strange, Silverton vs. Arlys Simpson, Alpine.

Fifth flight, 8:30-8:45: Betty Morgan, Amarillo vs. Kathy Stephens, Snyder; Myrtle Helm, Memphis vs. Sue Gilbreath, Memphis; Becky Knipe, Snyder vs. Nelwyn Ward, Memphis; Sue Randal, Canyon vs. Linda Foxhall, Memphis.

Fourth flight, 8:50-9:05: Annie Spear, Childress vs. Charlene Sherwood, Canyon; Sunny Hill, Canadian vs. Donna Stehley, Snyder; Texie Fisher, Memphis vs. Juanita Hester, Colorado City; Pat Boykin, Childress vs. Norma Thompson, Snyder.

Third flight, 11:15-11:30: Helen Templeton, Earth vs. Jeri Ziegler, Canyon; Ethel Olson, Sonora vs. Peggy Hardin, Snyder; Jo Sterling, Snyder vs. Velma Barton, Canadian; Esther Guelker, Snyder vs. Gloria Bryan, Tulia.

Second flight, 11:35-11:50: Suzy Reed, Snyder vs. Pat Francis, Canadian; Sally Tucker, Amarillo vs. Sandy Jones, Amarillo; Pat Christensen, Canadian vs. Finnie Seale, Snyder; Bobby Jennings, Wheeler vs. Irita Colson, Tulia.

First flight, 11:55-12:10: Gerry Payne, Tulia vs. Louis King, Canadian; Beverly Obershain, Farwell vs. Kaye Cypert, Snyder; Betty Simpson, Comstock vs. Martha Fagin, Snyder; Judy Rice, Sunray vs. Dorthea Hardin, Del Rio.

Championship flight, 12:15-12:30: Alice Dosher, Farwell vs. Donna Malcom, Tulia; Anita Talbott, Snyder vs. Joyce Brown, Stinnett; Ida Goad, Wheeler vs. Carolyn Greene, Snyder; Sandy Bynum, Dumas vs. Sharron Hughes, Farwell.

CHAMPIONSHIP QUALIFICATION — Sharron Hughes (left) and Betty Simpson walk away from the first hole at Snyder Country Club on Monday. The two golfers were competing in the qualifying round of the Western Lone Star Senior Ladies' Golf Classic. The tournament began this morning and will conclude with the final matches on Thursday. (SDN Staff Photo)

Grbac rallies K.C. for last-second win

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — Adding more fuel to an old rivalry, Elvis Grbac threw a 33-yard scoring pass to Andre Rison with three seconds remaining Monday night as the Kansas City Chiefs rallied for a 28-27 victory over the Oakland Raiders.

The Chiefs got the ball at their own 20 following a punt with 61 seconds left in the game. Grbac got the drive going with a 21-yard completion to Lake Dawson and followed that with a 20-yard completion to Brett Perriman.

With 11 seconds remaining on the clock, Grbac faded back and found Rison in the end zone for the touchdown. Rison was mobbed by his teammates after making the winning catch.

Jeff George, making his home debut for the Raiders, had third-quarter scoring passes of 37 and 16 yards to tight end Rickey Dudley as Oakland built a 27-13 lead. But George was intercepted twice late in the game, and one of them was returned 55 yards for a touchdown by Darren Anderson.

That pulled the Chiefs with 27-22. Oakland prevented the Chiefs' offense from moving effectively after that — until the final dramatic drive.

Grbac, Rison and Perriman all were free agents signed by the Chiefs this offseason and know little of the bitter, decades-old rivalry between Kansas City and Oakland. They now have become a part of that lore.

Grbac, who was 21-of-35 for 312 yards, also threw a 5-yard scoring pass to Kimble Anders.

Pete Stoyanovich added field goals of 24, 23 and 23 yards for the Chiefs (1-1).

George, who went 19-of-39 for 295 yards, was back on national TV for the first time since his sideline tirade at Atlanta coach June Jones got him suspended for most of last season. He moved to the Raiders (0-2) as a free agent this winter.

Napoleon Kaufman added a 10-yard scoring run and Cole Ford had field goals of 34 and 32 yards for the Raiders, who have lost eight of their last nine games against the Chiefs.

The Chiefs nearly were undermined by three fumbles, two by kickoff and punt returner Tamarick Vanover and one by Marcus Allen — a former Raiders great playing his last regular-season game before a Raiders crowd.

Trailing 13-10 at halftime, George drove the Raiders 76 yards in three plays following the second-half kickoff. His 37-yard scoring toss to Dudley, who shrugged off a defender on his way to the end zone, came one play after the two combined on a 22-yard completion.

Allen's fumble gave the Raiders the ball again, and they needed just 42 seconds to score on Dudley's second scoring catch — which was set up by Kaufman's 41-yard run.

Vanover fumbled the ensuing kickoff, leading to Ford's 34-yard field goal and a 27-13 lead. After Stoyanovich's third field goal, George — trying to avoid a sack — shoveled a pass that was picked off by Anderson.

The Chiefs went for a 2-point conversion and, with a wide-open and frustrated Greg Hill waving in the end zone, Grbac threw incomplete toward Rison to leave the score at 27-22.

Four of them...

SHS teams at home today

Four Snyder High School teams will be in action this evening at home.

In tennis action, the Tigers will face Brownfield at the junior high tennis courts. Today's contest is the last warm-up before district begins on Saturday against Frenship.

Then at 5 p.m. the Lady Tigers' freshman volleyball team will hit the court at the SHS gym against Big Spring.

The junior varsity will be in action following the freshman match, with varsity completing the schedule.

LOCAL SPORTS SCHEDULE

Today

Volleyball

Big Spring at Snyder, freshmen, JV and varsity, 5 p.m.

Tennis

Brownfield at Snyder, SJHS tennis courts.

Golf

Match play of the Western Lone Star Sr. Ladies Tournament at Snyder Country Club (Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday).

Thursday

Golf

San Angelo Central at Snyder (Boys and Girls), WTC.

Football

Snyder 7th A & B at Sweetwater, 5 and 6:30.

Sweetwater at Snyder 8th A & B, 5 and 6:30.

Sweetwater at Snyder 9th, 5 p.m.

Snyder JV at Sweetwater, 6:30.

Friday

Football

Sweetwater at Snyder, 7:30.

Veribest at Ira, 7:30.

Blackwell at Hermleigh, 7:30.

Grady at Borden County, 7:30.

Volleyball

Snyder varsity and JV at Andrews tourney (Friday and Saturday).

Saturday

Tennis

Frenship at Snyder, SJHS tennis courts.

Volleyball

Snyder freshmen at Lubbock Cooper, 11 a.m.

Snyder 7th and 8th at Big Spring tourney.

Golf

Lamesa/Frenship at Snyder, WTC, 9 a.m.

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

National League

East Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Atlanta	89	54	.622	-
Florida	84	58	.592	4½
NewYork	77	65	.542	11½
Montreal	71	71	.500	17½
Philadelphia	57	83	.407	30½
Central Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Houston	72	71	.503	-
Pittsburgh	70	74	.486	2½
St.Louis	66	77	.462	6
Cincinnati	64	78	.451	7½
Chicago	60	84	.417	12½
West Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
LosAngeles	81	63	.563	-
SanFrancisco	79	64	.552	1½
Colorado	73	71	.507	8
SanDiego	67	77	.465	14

Sunday's Games

Philadelphia 2, Montreal 1
Cincinnati 6, Pittsburgh 3
N.Y. Mets 9, Chicago Cubs 2
Colorado 7, St. Louis 4
Los Angeles 9, Florida 5
Atlanta 4, San Diego 0
San Francisco 5, Houston 1

Monday's Games

Chicago Cubs 8, Cincinnati 1
Philadelphia 13, N.Y. Mets 4
Florida 8, Los Angeles 4

Tuesday's Games

Pittsburgh (Loaiza 10-10) at Montreal (Perez 12-10), 7:35 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (Gonzalez 11-6) at Cincinnati (Morgan 6-11), 7:35 p.m.
Philadelphia (Green 3-3) at N.Y. Mets (Mlicki 7-10), 7:40 p.m.
Houston (Garcia 6-8) at Colorado (Wright 6-10), 9:05 p.m.
Atlanta (Smoltz 13-11) at Los Angeles (Valdes 9-10), 10:05 p.m.
Florida (Leiter 9-9) at San Diego (Menhart 1-2), 10:05 p.m.
St. Louis (Aybar 1-4) at San Francisco (Mulholland 6-12), 10:05 p.m.

Wednesday's Games

Houston (Hampton 12-9) at Colorado (Castillo 11-11), 3:05 p.m.
St. Louis (Osborne 3-7) at San Francisco (Estes 18-4), 3:35 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Lieber 9-13) at Montreal (Martinez 16-7), 7:35 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (Tapani 5-3) at Cincinnati (Mercker 8-9), 7:35 p.m.
Philadelphia (Beech 4-8) at N.Y. Mets (Bohanon 4-4), 7:40 p.m.
Atlanta (Glavine 12-7) at Los Angeles (Martinez 9-3), 10:35 p.m.

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East Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Baltimore	88	53	.624	-
New York	80	61	.567	8
Boston	69	74	.483	20
Detroit	69	74	.483	20
Toronto	69	74	.483	20
Central Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Cleveland	76	63	.547	-
Milwaukee	72	70	.507	5½
Chicago	69	74	.483	9
Minnesota	59	83	.415	18½
KansasCity	58	83	.411	19
West Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Seattle	79	65	.549	-
Anaheim	75	69	.521	4
Texas	67	77	.465	12
Oakland	57	87	.396	22

Sunday's Games

Boston 11, Milwaukee 2
Toronto 4, Texas 0
Anaheim 5, Detroit 4, 15 innings
N.Y. Yankees 10, Baltimore 3
Minnesota 9, Seattle 6
Oakland 9, Kansas City 4
Cleveland 5, Chicago White Sox 2

Monday's Games

Detroit 6, Texas 2
Cleveland 2, Baltimore 1
Minnesota 7, Oakland 2
Kansas City 9, Seattle 2
Toronto 12, Anaheim 10
Milwaukee 8, Chicago White Sox 5, 10 innings

Tuesday's Games

Texas (Helling 2-1) at Detroit (Sanders 4-12), 1:05 p.m.
Oakland (Haynes 2-3) at Minnesota (Hawkins 5-10), 1:15 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Gooden 7-4) at Boston (Saberhagen 0-1), 7:05 p.m.
Baltimore (Krivda 3-0) at Cleveland (Ogea 6-8), 7:05 p.m.
Anaheim (Hill 7-11) at Toronto (Carpenter 1-7), 7:35 p.m.
Milwaukee (Mercedes 6-8) at Chicago White Sox (Eyre 2-3), 8:05 p.m.
Seattle (Cloude 2-2) at Kansas City (Belcher 12-12), 8:05 p.m.

Wednesday's Games

N.Y. Yankees (Wells 14-9) at Boston (Sele 12-12), 7:05 p.m.
Milwaukee (Eldred x-x) at Chicago White Sox (Bere 3-1), 8:05 p.m.
Toronto (Williams 8-13) at Oakland (Oquist 3-5), 10:05 p.m.
Detroit (Thompson 13-10) at Seattle (Moyer 15-4), 10:35 p.m.

Snyder junior high splits in Big Spring

BIG SPRING — Snyder Junior High's volleyball matches in Big Spring had a little bit of everything.

There were blowout wins by both teams and two contests that came down to the very end, as the Lady Tigers split matches with Runnels Junior High and Goliad Middle School, here Monday night.

In 8th grade action, Snyder's "A" team pummeled Runnels 15-6, 15-4. Katie Voss led the way for the Lady Tigers with 11 service points.

Runnels returned the favor though, defeating Snyder's "B" team 15-3, 15-5. The Lady Tigers were paced by Jaci Smith's serving, which accounted for five points.

In 7th grade competition, it was Goliad edging Snyder's "A" team, 15-11, 16-14, despite four service points from Magan Riley and three from five other Lady Tigers.

But Snyder's "B" team turned the tables on Goliad in the second match, winning 15-13, 15-9. Zipporah Peoples and Shastade Hill each had five points for the Lady Tigers.

Snyder plays again Saturday in the Big Spring tournament.

Snyder 8th A def. Runnels 15-6, 15-4
Snyder service points: Katie Voss, 11; Andra Lancaster and Chasity Perales, 6; Meagan Hatley, 3; Kallie Billingsley, 2; Leticia Martinez and Ashley Owens, 1.

Runnels def. Snyder 8th B 15-3, 15-5
Snyder service points: Jaci Smith, 5; Loryn Brown, 2; Haley Holmes, 1.

Goliad def. Snyder 7th A 15-11, 16-14
Snyder service points: Magan Riley, 4; Rene Ballard, Karen Rodriguez, Terri Marshal, Lauren Day and Tiffany Gomez, 3; Afton Schwertner and Hailey Putnam, 2; Shelly Fisk and Rachel Cave, 1.

Snyder 7th B def. Goliad 15-13, 15-9
Snyder service points: Zipporah Peoples and Shastade Hill, 5; Kamie Drain, Tara Trammell and Krystal Loggins, 4; Marina Barrera, 3; Ashlee Grantham, 2; Wendy Proffitt, Dara Chambers and Aaryn Stewart, 1.

LOCAL GOLF RESULTS

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Flight B: Russell Fisk, 15; Juan Hernandez, 15.

Flight C: Sam Robertson, 9; Harley Bynum, 9.

Flight D: Pete Rios, 10; R.B. von Roeder, 7.

SDN Sports Briefs

Junior high volleyball registration

Sign-ups for Scurry County Boys and Girls Club 7th and 8th grade girls volleyball and cheerleading are being held today through Friday at the club.

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R.J. Reynolds agrees to pay $10 million in Joe Camel suit

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Co. has agreed to pay $10 million to settle a lawsuit over its now-retired Joe Camel campaign, which was widely accused of targeting children.

The settlement, finalized Monday, promises $10 million to Californians in 13 cities and counties that joined the suit, said Janet Mangini, an attorney who filed the lawsuit in 1991.

"I am extremely excited and pleased by the settlement," Mangini said. She said $9 million would go toward anti-smoking education aimed at young people, and the rest would pay attorneys' fees for the cities and counties.

R.J. Reynolds has repeatedly denied Joe Camel was aimed at minors. But in July, the company said it would drop the cartoon character for a more lifelike illustration of a camel used on cigarette packs for generations.

The decision came after a settlement this summer between the tobacco industry and 40 state attorneys general that includes a ban on the use of cartoon or human figures in cigarette ads. That settlement has yet to be ratified by Congress.

The Federal Trade Commission moved to ban Joe Camel in May.

As a condition of the settlement in California, R.J. Reynolds admitted no wrongdoing but agreed to release internal marketing documents about the advertising campaign.

"This in no way should be construed as a concession on the merits of any of the claims in this case," Charles A. Blixt, RJR's general counsel, said today. "The Joe Camel campaign was directed and highly successful with adults in their 20s who choose to smoke. The agreement we are announcing today simply brings practical closure to this case."

Mangini had claimed Reynolds violated a California law against deceptive advertising by targeting minors, who cannot legally buy cigarettes. The suit said sales of Camels to teen-agers rose from $6 million in 1988, when the campaign started, to $476 million in 1992.

She sought to outlaw the use of Joe Camel in California, strip Reynolds of illicit profits and require that the money be used for research or other public purposes.

In March, 13 cities and counties joined the lawsuit, seeking additional damages: $2,500 for each sale of Camel cigarettes to a minor, for each distribution of a promotional cap, T-shirt or jacket, and for each advertising display within their borders.

The lawsuit was dismissed by a San Francisco Superior Court judge, who said the state could not regulate tobacco advertising. But it was reinstated by an appeals court and upheld by the state Supreme Court in 1994.

It was set to go to trial in December.

Births

Daniel and Christie Salsman of Abilene announce the birth of their daughter, Katelyn Marie, weighing eight pounds, 2½ ounces. She was born on Sept. 4.

Grandparents are Cliff and Katie Necessary of Snyder and Harley and Judy Salsman of Burkburnett.

Mario and Barbara Garcia of Anson are parents of a daughter, Baylee Jo Anne, born on Aug. 25 in Abilene. She weighed eight pounds, 14 ounces.

Her grandparents are Wayne and Marlene Beck of Snyder and Carolyn Collier and Alvino Garcia, both of Anson. Great-grandparens are Elton and Reba Beck of Snyder and Lois Collier of Hermleigh.

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Wrong approach to education?

DETROIT (AP) — House Speaker Newt Gingrich drew a sharp line between the GOP's plans for education and President Clinton's ideas, promising that Republicans would more loudly trumpet their future accomplishments.

Republicans in Congress have failed to win the credit they deserve for welfare reform, tax cuts and balancing the budget, he told The Economic Club of Detroit on Monday.

"We are a better substance party than we are a communication party," he said.

Education will be the next area of contention, he said, even as President Clinton on Monday said partisanship should be put aside as he pushes for national education tests.

Markets Midday Stocks

NEWYORK(AP)

	High	Low	Last
AMR Corp	110 7-16	109	109 9-16— ¼
AT&T Corps	40 11-16	40 1-16	40 9-16+ ⅜
AirTouch	36	35 11-16	35 15-16+ 1-16
Albertsons	33¾	33¼	33½— 5-16
AlldSignal	86¾	86¼	86 7-16— ¼
AlldSignal wi	43½	43¼	43¼— ¼
Alltel	31 11-16	31¼	31 11-16+ ¼
AmerOnline	77⅞	75¼	77 5-16+ 1¼
AmStoress	24 7-16	24	24 3-16 24¼
Ameritech	63 15-16	63¾	63 15-16
Amoco	97⅞	96¼	97½+ 1
AndarkPtr	72¼	72	3-16 72¼
ArmcoInc	6	3-16	6 1-16 6¼
AtlRichfld s	80¼	79¼	80¼— ¼
ATMOS Egy	26 15-16	26	9-16 26 15-16+ ¼
Aviall	16¼	16¼	16½+ 1-16
BakerHughes	41¾	41	3-16 41 11-16— 1-16
BellAtl	77¾	76	9-16 77½+1 1-16
BellSouth	45¾	44	11-16 45¼+ 7-16
BethSteel		11¼	11½ 11¼
BritPet s	86¼	85¾	85¼—15-16
BurlNoSFe	94	5-16	93¼ 94 5-16+ 7-16
Caterpillar s	56	1-16	55 9-16 55 11-16—11-16
CenSoWst	20	9-16	20 7-16 20 9-16+ 1-16
Chevron	81	3-16	80¾ 81 3-16+ ½
Chrysler	37	5-16	36 5-16 37 3-16+ ¾
Coastal	59	1-16	58 11-16 59 1-16+ ¾
CocaCola	59		58 5-16 59 — ¼
ColgatePalm s	65	7-16	64 13-16 65¼
ComclMetals		31	30¾ 31
CooperIn	53	9-16	52¾ 53½+ 7-16
CyprusAmax	24	7-16	24¼ 24 5-16— 1-16
DallSemicn	42	9-16	41¾ 41¾— ¾
DeltaAirl	98	15-16	96¾ 97½—1 15-16
DigitalEq	44	11-16	44¼ 44 11-16— ¼
Dillards Inc	42	9-16	42 7-16 42½
DowChem	89	15-16	89 89½+1 5-16
DresserInd	41¼		40¾ 41¼+ ¼
DuPont s	63¾	62	3-16 62 15-16+13-16
EastmanChem	61	1-16	60 7-16 61 + ½
EstKodak	69		68½ 68¾— ¼
EDS Corp	37	5-16	36¾ 37 3-16— 5-16
Entergy	25	9-16	25 3-16 25⅛+ 3-16
Exxon s	64¾		63 7-16 64¾+ ¼
Flowers s	19	9-16	19 7-16 19 7-16— 3-16
FordMotor	45		43 13-16 44⅛+ ⅜
GTE Cp	44	15-16	44¾ 44 15-16+ ½
GenDynam	84		83 3-16 83 15-16+ 1-16
GenElecs	67	5-16	66¾ 67 1-16+ ¼
GenMills	66¼		65 7-16 66¼+ ¼
GenMotors	66¼		65 5-16 66 1-16+ ⅜
GaPacif	90	9-16	90 90¼+13-16
GlobalMar	28	11-16	28¾ 28¾
Goodrich	43¾		43 7-16 43½— ¼
Goodyear s	62	5-16	61 11-16 62 5-16+ 5-16
GtAtlPac	26¼		25 13-16 26¼+ ¼
Halliburtn s	49		48 5-16 49 — ¼
Hanson ADS n	25¼		25 25 — 5-16
HarteHanks	31¾	31	9-16 31 11-16+ 1-16
HomeDepot s	50¼	49	15-16 50¼— 1-16
HoustonInds	20	13-16	20¼ 20¾
IBM s	104		102 5-16 103¾
IntlPaper	53	7-16	52¾ 53¼— ¼
JohnsonJn	57	15-16	56 13-16 57⅛+ ⅜
K mart	14	15-16	14 11-16 14¾+ ¼
Kroger s	30¼		29¾ 29 15-16— ¼
Litton	54	3-16	53 15-16 54 1-16+ 1-16
LockhdMart	107		106 3-16 106 15-16
Lowes Cos	38¼	37	11-16 37 15-16— 1-16
Lubys	19¾	19	9-16 19 9-16— 1-16
LucentTech	82¾	81	11-16 81 15-16—11-16
MayDeptStrs	55¼	54¾	55 1-16—11-16
Medtronic	94	9-16	94 1-16 94⅜— 1-16
Medtronic wi			47¾ 47¾ 47¾
Mobils	76¼		75¾ 76¼+ 3-16
Monsanto	43¾	43	1-16 43 5-16— 3-16
MorganJP	113	11-16	112¼ 113½— 3-16
Motorola	78¼		76¾ 77 11-16+ 9-16
NCR Corp n	37¾	37	3-16 37¼— 1-16
NationsBk s	58¼	57	3-16 58 3-16+ ⅜
Navistar	27¼	27	27 11-16+13-16
Norwest	60	9-16	60 60¼— ⅜
OryxEngy	26	3-16	25¾ 26 3-16+ 1-16
Penney JC	61¼	60	13-16 61 1-16+ ¼
Pennzoil	77¾		77¼ 77¼+ 5-16
PepBoys	27¾		26¾ 27 7-16+ 9-16
PepsiCo	38	3-16	37¾ 38 1-16— 1-16
PhelpDodge	78¾	77½	77 15-16—1 3-16
PhilipPet		48¼	48¼ 48¼+ ¼
PilgrmPrd	13	1-16	12¾ 13 1-16+ 1-16
Polaroid		56¼	56 56¼— 7-16
Praxair		51¼	51¼ 51¼+ ¼
ProctGamble	134¼	132	9-16 133 7-16— 3-16
ProctGamb wi		67¼	67 67 — ¼
PubSNwMx	18	5-16	18¼ 18¼— ¼
RoyalDut s	53½	52	13-16 53 7-16— 7-16
SBC Comm		57¼	56¼ 57 3-16+ 3-16
SaraLee	41	11-16	41½ 41 11-16+ 1-16
SearsRoeb	56	15-16	56 5-16 56 15-16+ ¼
SherwinW s		28¾	28½ 28¾+ ¼
SmthBc ADS s		43¾	43¼ 43 7-16— 7-16
SouthernCo		21¼	21¼ 21¼+ ¼
SwstAirlines		31¼	30¾ 31¼— ¾
Sprint	46	15-16	46 3-16 46⅜+ ⅜
SunCo		42¾	41¾ 42¾+ 1-16
TNP Ent	23	9-16	23 9-16 23 9-16— 1-16
Tandy		66¼	66¼ 66 13-16— 1-16
TempleInland	63	3-16	62 13-16 63 3-16+ 5-16
Tenneco		49¼	48¾ 49¼— 1-16
Texaco	120¾	119¾	119 11-16— 3-16
TexasInds	38	7-16	37 15-16 38 3-16+ ¼
TexasInst		126½	124¼ 126¼+ 1¾
TexUtil	35¾	35	3-16 35 5-16+ 1-16
Textron s	65	9-16	65¼ 65½+ 5-16
Travelers s		67½	67¼ 67⅜— 3-16
TrinityInds		41¼	40¾ 40¾— 5-16
TritonEngy	41	11-16	41 7-16 41⅜+ ¼
Tyler	3	7-16	3 5-16 3⅜— 1-16
US WestCm		36	3-16 36 36¼
USWstMda	20	15-16	20 11-16 20 15-16+ 1-16
USX Delhi			14¼ 14 14¼
USX-Marathn		34	1-16 33¾ 34 + 7-16
USX-USS		38¾	37 13-16 38¾+15-16
UnCarbde		53¼	52 53¼+1 1-16
UnPac s		63	62¼ 62¼— ¼
UnitedTech s	79	13-16	78 15-32 79 5-16— 5-16
Unocal	40	11-16	40 3-16 40⅜+ ¼
WalMart		38	9-16 38¼ 38½+ 3-16
WstnGasRs		19¼	19¼ 19½+ ¼
WestgnEl		26¼	25 13-16 26 — ¼
WinnDixie	34	15-16	34 11-16 34 11-16— 7-16
Woolworth			23¾ 23¾ 23¾
Xerox Corp		79¼	78¾ 79 + 5-16
ZenithE		10¼	10¼ 10 9-16+ ¼

Texas and tobacco industry headed to court

TEXARKANA (AP) — The tobacco industry is putting all state settlement talks on hold while it girds itself for trial in a $14 billion lawsuit filed by the state of Texas.

Texas is one of 39 states with lawsuits pending against tobacco companies. The case will go to trial even while Congress considers a nationwide settlement.

The trial likely will last into 1998, said Texas Attorney General Dan Morales.

"I know there's been a good deal of discussion about an out-of-court settlement. The odds of that are essentially zero," Morales said. "Suffice it to say, we anticipate jury selection to begin the 29th of September."

"The tobacco companies are either going to get the global resolution or we'll go to trial one state at a time, starting in Texas. This case is a mainstream case that needs to go to trial," said Dan Webb, the lead attorney representing the tobacco industry.

On Monday, U.S. District Judge David Folsom ruled that eight tobacco industry documents used in a Florida lawsuit are still considered privileged in the Texas case.

The state still may be able to use information contained in the documents, a state spokesman said.

John O'Quinn and John Eddie Williams, private lawyers hired by the state, asked the court Monday to order the release of the eight documents, which the industry has considered confidential. The documents were in the Liggett Group's possession and were part of that cigarette maker's national settlement with plaintiffs.

Folsom also ruled to dismiss some of the states claims, including violation of federal and state antitrust laws, the Texas Deception Trade Practices Act and the Consumer Protection Act.

Earlier Monday, Folsom rejected a state request for 30 extra days to obtain additional information.

Morales filed the suit in an attempt to recover money spent treating smoking-related illnesses for Medicaid patients in Texas. The state claims the companies broke state and federal laws, including those prohibiting deceptive trade and fraud.

The lawsuit names American Tobacco, R.J. Reynolds, Brown and Williamson, B.A.T. Industries, Philip Morris, Liggett Group, Lorillard, United States Tobacco, Hill & Knowlton, the Council for Tobacco Research-USA and the Tobacco Institute.

Tobacco interests opted to settle similar lawsuits in Mississippi and Florida. Mississippi settled its suit for nearly $3.6 billion in July, and Florida reached an $11.3 billion settlement last month. Any national tobacco deal would supersede those state agreements.

Morales filed suit in federal court because Texas alleges violations of the Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations and the Sherman antitrust acts, said his spokeswoman, Sonya Sanchez. But Morales also sought a court that followed federal fast-track laws for civil litigation, and the Texarkana court had a smaller docket than others around Texas, she said.

Morales has said the national tobacco deal would net Texas more than its separate lawsuit, but he says the state should go ahead in case Congress does not ratify the deal or it is radically altered.

The proposed national tobacco deal would set new federal policy. Tobacco companies would pay $368.5 billion over 25 years, strictly curb advertising and pay up to $2 billion a year in fines if youth smoking doesn't decline. In return, tobacco interests would get legal protections and limits on how much the government could regulate nicotine.

Gore's poll rating holding up

ARLINGTON, Va. (AP) — Questions about Vice President Gore's fund-raising for the 1996 campaign do not seem to be seriously hurting his standing with the American public, according to a USA Today/CNN/Gallup Poll.

The vice president's overall approval rating is 55 percent, compared to 57 percent in June and 61 percent a year ago.

A weekend survey found 64 percent believe Gore is honest and trustworthy, 25 percent think he is not and 11 percent have no opinion.

By comparison, only 53 percent believe President Clinton is honest and trustworthy and 42 percent believe he is not.

The new poll found 39 percent saying Gore did something unethical but not illegal with his fund raising, 25 percent said he did not do anything seriously wrong and 12 percent said he did something illegal. Twenty-four percent were not familiar with the issue or had no opinion.

The Sept. 6-7 telephone survey of 1,002 has a margin of error of plus or minus 3 percentage points.

Republic of Texas members plan their own depository

YOAKUM (AP) — A notice to anyone planning to open an account at Texians First: Don't take paper currency. Bank officials may blow their noses with it.

Texians First isn't your usual bank; it's a privately owned depository headed by members of the Republic of Texas separatist group.

Located in the old First State Bank building, it will accept only gold, silver, platinum, diamonds and postal money orders, said Lauren Savage, head of the soon-to-open facility.

Forget cash.

"U.S. currency is a lien notice against the United States' land and people," Savage told The Victoria Advocate.

The Republic's aim is to return gold and silver as legal tender for the state because the Constitution says debts will be paid with gold or silver, he said.

"They breached the Constitution by paying with paper money," she said.

Postal money orders are accepted because the U.S. Postal Service is the natural bank of the United States. It originated the concept of money orders to transfer gold, Savage explained.

Deposits will be insured by private insurance companies, as apposed to the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. used by most other financial institutions.

Although the facility won't be open for business for another 15 to 20 days, it is open for deposits by appointment. The group will avoid accepting deposits of less than $1,000 to keep from having to pay a state sales tax, Savage said.

The Republic of Texas believes Texas was unconstitutionally taken into the United States and should be declared a separate republic.

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You may be living in the shadow of past failure of some terrible mistakes. A memory of this kind has the power to slowly paralyze. The memory of our past and the knowledge of Christ's forgiveness should motivate us to try all the harder to contribute something good to our contemporaries. Forgetting our past - failures and successes - is a good beginning toward the future God plans for us.

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Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

Man Who Needs His Space Won't Make Room for Kids

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DEAR ABBY: In all the 33 years I have read your column, nothing has appalled me like the letter from the live-in who described herself as "Almost No. 2." She said, "He left his wife and two kids because the responsibility gave him no time for himself." What idiocy!

What kind of woman would want a man who shows no responsibility for his own children, but expects him to parent *her* kids? These people are sick, sick, sick! You were much too easy on them with your answer. Stand tough, Abby.

MARY EGAN IN DALLAS

DEAR MARY: I advised the woman not to try to defend her position, which was indefensible. I do not flog those who write to me, even when I disapprove of their actions. Mine is an advice column — not a whipping post.

Believe me, my readers got the message. The letters are still flying in. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: I have never been as angry as I was after I read the letter signed "Almost No. 2." She said, "Nine- and 16-year-olds don't need a lot of attention." These are critical ages in their lives, and being ignored by their father because he "needs more time to himself" is clearly child abuse.

When people ask why the kids aren't around, "Almost No. 2" and her boyfriend should tell the truth: "We want them around only when we have nothing else better to do." That's the message he's sending out to his kids.

If his children are too much of a responsibility, he should have kept his pants on. These two deserve each other.

MOM WHO LOVES TO BE WITH HER SON

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DEAR ABBY: "Indefensible" is the word! The next time people ask why Matt, "Father of the Year," doesn't see his own children, they should be told he simply doesn't give a damn. And when they ask "Almost No. 2" how she could defend him, she should tell them because she's still "Almost."

After she actually becomes "No. 2" and Matt gives her the "I need my space" story, I'll be looking for a letter in your column signed "WHAT WAS I THINKING?" — or, perhaps, simply, "DUH."

CLIFFORD WILLIAMS, MALDEN, MASS.

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DEAR ABBY: What a wonderful couple these two make! She's insensitive, while he is simply a cad.

My brother and I (both now in our 20s) were fortunate to have an understanding stepmother who realized that our relationship with our father shouldn't change regardless of the marital status between our parents. Our father continues to spend a lot of time with us.

We are now professional, responsible adults who were fortunate to receive all the love and support both parents could give.

I hate to think that Matt's kids will never get that support from their father. Child support is not an expression of love — it's an obligation — and believe me, those kids are intelligent enough to know the difference.

THANKFUL IN CAPE CORAL, FLA.

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DEAR ABBY: As I read that letter I could literally feel my blood pressure rising. I wanted to reach out and strangle "Almost No. 2."

This is a personal issue to me, Abby. The day before my sixth birthday, my father left my mother for another woman. I missed having a male role model. I missed having a father's hug when I needed it (and I did need it — to this day I have never hugged another man). I missed having a father there to congratulate me and praise me during those special times in my life when I accomplished something.

My father tried to reconcile when I was older, but it wasn't the same. We no longer talk — yet I still love him. The only way I followed in his footsteps was to become a volunteer firefighter like he had been.

Children, regardless of age or gender, need their father. "Almost No. 2" should accept his kids as he accepts her. If you print this, please use my name; I hope my father sees it.

CHRISTOPHER M. OTT, HARLEYSVILLE, PA.

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.

Are creatine supplements harmful?

DEAR DR. GOTT: I am a successful college athlete who uses creatine monohydrate to improve performance. Is there any danger in this practice?

DEAR READER: You are one of an estimated 13 percent of collegiate athletes who use creatine, a muscle extractive, to improve strength and energy. You may be surprised to learn that there is ample scientific evidence supporting the contention that creatine has an ergogenic (muscle-enhancing) potential. Oral doses of about 20 grams a day (for less than a month) have many beneficial effects on muscle, leading to improvement in high-intensity work, stamina and anaerobic exercise. Be advised, however, that creatine supplements can cause severe muscle cramping in some athletes.

DEAR DR. GOTT: In a recent column, you advised readers to refuse annual dental X-rays in order to avoid unnecessary exposure to radiation. Don't you think that the dentists should be involved in this decision?

DEAR READER: Yes and no.

I agree with you that any testing should be the result of intense cooperation between the patient and his physician or dentist. Certainly, if dental disease is present, annual X-rays of the teeth are appropriate.

However, so-called routine testing — be it X-ray exams or blood tests — needs to be re-evaluated periodically; otherwise, the testing becomes merely an automated adjunct to the periodic examination.

For example, chest X-rays used to be "routine" for all patients before surgery. For decades, this was accepted medical practice, carried out without question. However, such testing was shown, a few years ago, to be completely unnecessary: It was a "sacred cow" that cost a lot of money (nationwide) and was of little benefit. Consequently, physicians changed their orientation and now order pre-op chest X-rays only if there is a specific reason to do so, such as shortness of breath or the presence of a lung disease.

To some degree, dental X-rays have similarly taken on the trappings of rubric: Everyone does it, so it must be correct. Furthermore, most dentists take their own X-rays, so there is a huge financial incentive to continue the practice.

Therefore, on this issue, I'll stand my ground. Dentists can certainly be part of the decision process — but they should have to justify the practice of having routine dental X-rays done more frequently than every two or three years. For normal adults with healthy teeth and gums, annual dental X-rays are a waste of money and constitute unnecessary exposure to radiation that could easily be avoided.

I don't have an axe to grind with dentists, most of whom are conscientious and honest practitioners. But there is a definite conflict of interest here. Perhaps, like pre-op chest X-rays, the whole concept of "routine" needs re-examination and revision.

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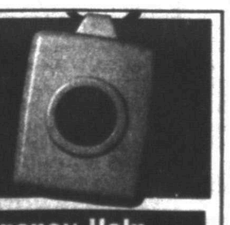

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Rail strike in Bay area clogging traffic

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Felicia Clayborn watched two packed buses pass by before one finally stopped. It would be more than three hours before she would get from Oakland to her sales job in downtown San Francisco, a ride that normally takes 50 minutes.

And there was still the ride home for Clayborn and tens of thousands of others who usually rely on Bay Area Rapid Transit, the 93-mile rail system shut down by a strike. Clayborn left work an hour early Monday to catch a ferry across San Francisco Bay, but ran into long lines anyway.

"I'm losing money to deal with BART strikers and commuter traffic, which is ridiculous," she said. "I'm not happy at all."

The strike began with a walkout Sunday by 2,600 union workers in a pay dispute. More talks were scheduled for today.

With 275,000 daily riders left to find another way around, the strike made a mess of the commute.

There was gridlock across area highways, with a 15-mile backup reported on Interstate 80. It took up to 40 minutes to get through the toll plaza at the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge, the main route into San Francisco from eastern suburbs. And when they finally arrived, there was little or no parking.

Fifteen-minute BART commutes turned into hours-long nightmares as the commuter crush swamped buses. It took hours to get on ferries.

AC Transit bus officials said 50,000 people squeezed onto buses bound for Alameda and Contra Costa counties Monday afternoon — five times the usual number. And another 10,000 took the ferry home, some finally getting a spot long after the sun had set.

Marvin Suchman, 48, used another method: hitchhiking. With a black marker, he wrote "San Francisco" on one side of a manila folder and "Walnut Creek" on the other. He had no problems hitching a ride into San Francisco, but was having trouble finding a ride home.

"It's a mess. It's horrendous. It's the worst ever," he said.

Compounding the evening commute was the Monday night football game between the Oakland Raiders and Kansas City Chiefs.

Obituaries

Socorro Ortiz

1928-1997

ROTAN — Socorro G. Ortiz, the mother of two Snyder residents, died Sunday, Sept. 7, in Fisher County Hospital.

Service for Mrs. Ortiz, 69, is set for 2 p.m. Wednesday in the St. Joseph Catholic Church. The Rev. Johnrose Hayden will officiate, and burial will follow in the Belvieu Cemetery.

Born in Taft, Mrs. Ortiz was a homemaker and a member of the St. Joseph Catholic Church. Her husband, Manuel Ortiz, preceded her in death.

Survivors include three sons, Juan Ortiz and Lupe Ortiz, both of Rotan, and Martin Ortiz of Abilene; four daughters, Jesse Lava and Trinidad Mcgough, both of Snyder, and Juanita Munoz and Maria Mize, both of Rotan; and 25 grandchildren.

Juan Rivera Jr.

1955-1997

COLORADO CITY — Juan "Jumbo" Rivera Jr., the father of two Snyder residents, died Saturday, Sept. 6, in Brackenridge Hospital in Austin.

Mass for Mr. Rivera, 42, is set for 2 p.m. Wednesday in St. Ann's Catholic Church with the Rev. Ray Wilhelm officiating. Burial will follow in the Colorado City Cemetery. A rosary is set for 7 tonight at Kiker-Seale Funeral Home.

Born in Colorado City, Mr. Rivera was a construction worker and had lived in Colorado City most of his life. He was a member of the St. Ann's Catholic Church.

Survivors include two daughters, Michelle Rivera and Monica Rivera, both of Snyder; a son, Alejandro Martinez of Denton; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Juan Rivera Sr. of Colorado City; two sisters, Beatrice Madrid of Loraine and Irene Diaz of Austin; five brothers, Danny Rivera of San Angelo, Eddie Rivera of Weatherford, Armando Rivera of Austin, Albert Rivera of San Antonio and Ray Rivera of Lewisville; and three grandchildren.

Mr. Martin

1908-1997

ABILENE — Funeral service for Ivan Doyle Martin, 89, is set for 10 a.m. Wednesday in the Baker Heights Church of Christ. Officiating will be Bob Childress, Jennings Craig and Jimmy Jividen.

Burial will follow in Elmwood Memorial Park with Bill Baskett officiating. Elliott-Hamil Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Mr. Martin, the father of Bob Martin of Snyder, died Sunday, Sept. 7, in an Abilene hospital.

Born Aug. 6, 1908 in Erath County, he graduated from high school in Corpus Christi and married Evelyn Inez Miller on Oct. 20, 1933 in Compton, Calif. He retired after 20 years in the U.S. Navy and also worked in Civil Service for 10 years.

Mr. Martin moved to Abilene from Trona, Calif., in 1977. He was a member of the Baker Heights Church of Christ. He also was a minister and had preached in Aspermont and Lawn.

Survivors include his wife, Evelyn Martin of Abilene; two other sons, Billy Martin and Darrell Martin, both of Abilene; one brother, Lesley Martin of Beaumont; two sisters, Wynona Shaw and Sybil O'Rear, both of Refugio; nine grandchildren, including Melody Martin of Snyder; and nine great-grandchildren, including Logan Martin of Snyder.

The family suggests memorials to the American Cancer Society, American Heart Association or the Alzheimer's Association of West Central Texas.

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City council questions bids

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"I'm uncomfortable with the city receiving only one bid for a $60,000 to $70,000 item," said councilman Terry Martin.

The council did approve the bid for polymer in the amount of $0.127 per pound from Coastal Products and Chemicals of Houston. A bid was also accepted for anhydrous ammonia for $0.2885 per pound from DPS Industries of Sweetwater.

A bid on four new police vehicles from Payton-Wright Ford of Grapevine was also approved in the amount of $79,560, or $19,890 each.

Police Chief Lannie Lee told the council that the Grapevine dealership was the only source for 1997 Ford police vehicles which met the city's specifications.

Action on accepting a bid for a brush chipper was tabled until the city staff can observe the machines in operation.

In other matters on the agenda, the council approved the second reading of ordinances setting the city's tax rate and making appropriations for the coming fiscal year for city operations.

The tax rate in 1997-98 will remain the same as the present rate of 40.21 cents per $100 valuation.

The ordinances were approved after the council conducted a public hearing on next year's budget, at which no citizen spoke.

The council also approved the bid of Snyder National Bank to continue as the city's depository bank.

Also, council members approved a resolution authorizing the city to proceed with eminent domain proceedings necessary to acquire three parcels of land necessary for the expansion of water and sewer lines to the industrial park; approved an agreement with Scurry County for the transfer of property for a utility easement, also necessary for the infrastructure at the industrial park; and re-appointed Joe Jackson to the Permian Basin Airport Board.

The council went into executive session to discuss matters of litigation, including a suit against the city and a police officer as a result of an accident, and a class action suit filed by several newspapers and newspaper groups, including the Snyder Daily News, concerning the availability of accident reports.

No action was taken by the council after reconvening in open session.

Holt presided. All council members were in attendance, to include Robertson, Martin, Vernest Tippens, Jerry Webb, Kerry Bredemeyer and I.E. Martin.

2 arrested on warrants

Three people were arrested Monday, including two on outstanding warrants.

A 29-year-old female was taken into custody at 1:20 p.m. on South Highway 208 by DPS troopers on a city warrant for allowing an unrestrained child in a vehicle.

Deputies arrested a 25-year-old male at 7:17 p.m. in the 1300 block of College Avenue on a warrant for speeding and failure to appear.

One person chose to be jailed in order to lay out his fines for two Class C assaults. Officers took a 31-year-old male into custody at Municipal Court at 11:20 a.m.

In other activity Monday, a person requested to speak to an officer at 4:03 p.m. in reference to receiving harassing telephone calls.

Precinct 4 Commissioner Jerry Gannaway requested to speak to a deputy at 3:40 p.m. in reference to a person dumping trash along the side of CR 644. The person was identified and agreed to pick the trash up.

An officer was waved down in the 1900 block of Coleman Avenue at 6:22 p.m. in reference to a subject having been assaulted. An offense report for Class C assault was submitted. At 9:44 p.m., the other person involved in the alleged assault also filed charges.

Officers were called to the 400 block of 23rd Street at 7:17 p.m. in reference to the theft of a bicycle. An offense report for Class C theft was submitted. However, at 7:33 p.m., the bicycle and another one were located in the 2600 block of Avenue C.

A report of a gas drive-off was made at 7:59 p.m. from the Handi-Mart in the amount of $19.02.

An officer was requested at 10:36 p.m. in the 2300 block of Peyton in reference to a rattlesnake in a yard.

Earl Ware requested to speak to an officer at 12:33 this morning in reference to the theft of a dog from 123 Peach. An offense report for Class A theft was submitted.

Officers investigated a minor hit-and-run accident Monday on the parking lot of Subway. A parked, unoccupied 1991 Ford owned by Gloria Lopez of 317 32nd St. was struck by a vehicle which left the scene around 11:40 a.m.

What's Up?

Scurry County 4-H Banquet

The Scurry County 4-H Banquet will be held at 7 this evening in the 37th Street Church of Christ Family Room.

Lord's Acre fish fry set

The First United Methodist Church will hold its annual fish fry from 5:30-8 p.m. today. For tickets, call 573-5416. Proceeds will help support the church's youth programs.

County Health Unit

Scurry County Health Unit will give shots until 7 tonight. A breast-feeding class will be held at 6 o'clock.

DROP info outlined

Information about the new Deferred Retirement Option Plan (DROP) and other Teacher Retirement Service benefits will be outlined in a meeting set for 4:30-6 p.m. today in the high school student center.

Blood pressure clinic

Interim Healthcare will sponsor a free blood pressure clinic from 9-11 a.m. Wednesday at the Hermleigh Community Center.

United Way luncheon

The annual Scurry County United Way Kick-Off Luncheon is set for from 11:45 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday at Martha Ann Woman's Club.

Central book fair

Central Elementary is holding a book fair from 8-8:30 a.m. through Friday and from 2:45-3:30 p.m. through Thursday. The fair will also be open from 6-7 p.m. Tuesday during open house.

Fiesta deadline nears

The deadline for all food vendors to apply for a temporary vendor permit for the Our Lady of Guadalupe Las Fiesta Del Septembre will be 4 p.m. Thursday. Contact Cindy Nix at the Scurry County Health Unit, 573-3508.

A Taste of Scurry County

Scurry County Museum is planning a "A Taste of Scurry County" Thursday at the First Baptist Church Family Life Center. The event will begin with food sampling at 6:30 p.m. Door prizes, a silent auction and a bid auction will be offered. Tickets for a computer to be raffled in December will also be available. Tickets, $12.50 for adults, $5 for children 5-12, and free for children under 5 accompanied by an adult ticketholder, may be purchased at the museum, chamber of commerce, Bullard's Computer Solutions, Nathalie's and Snyder Healthmart.

4-H Horse Club to meet

The Scurry County 4-H Horse Club will meet at 7 p.m. Thursday in the East Elementary cafeteria.

Gospel explosion Friday

The public is invited to a "Gospel Explosion," 7:30 p.m. Friday at Towle Park Barn. The event will feature The Spiritual Soul Seekers of Lubbock, the Mt. Zion Youth Choir of Colorado City, the Community Choir of Snyder, the Mt. Rose Choir of Sweetwater and the World is Life Deliverance Praise Team of Snyder.

Hamburger supper set

The Tiger Pride Club will host an all-you-can-eat hamburger supper from 5-7 p.m. Friday in the high school cafeteria prior to the Sweetwater football game. Cost is $5 per person.

1997 Area-Wide Ladies' Retreat

The 1997 Area-Wide Ladies' Retreat will be held Friday and Saturday at Willow Park Inn. Jo Marlar and Claudine Chaney will speak and Mercy & Truth will provide the music. For information, call 573-2672 or 573-8401. Register as soon as possible to reserve a spot.

TAAS fall testing

The Texas Assessment of Academic Skills (TAAS) and the Texas Educational Assessment of Minimum Skills (TEAMS) tests will be administered Oct. 28-30. Enrolled 11th and 12th graders and individuals out of school are eligible. Fall registration packets are available in the high school counselor's office. TAAS out-of-school examinees and TEAMS examinees must register by Sept. 16. Anyone with questions should contact Charlene Light at 574-6049 or Wendell Sollis at 573-5401.

Fair animals needed

Animals are needed for the Scurry County Fair, Sept. 18-20. No dogs or cats or any animal considered dangerous will be exhibited. All entries will receive a ribbon. Call 573-3026 for information.

Canyon Community reunion

The Canyon Community reunion will be held Sept. 20 at the Ira Community Center. Registration will begin at 9 a.m. Coffee and doughnuts will be provided. Lunch will be "on your own." Bring any momentoes, pictures and tales with you. For more information, call 573-3825 or 573-3093.

St. Jude's Bike-a-thon

The St. Jude's Bike-a-thon will me held Sept. 27 at 10 a.m. at Scurry County Coliseum. Kids of all ages can walk, run, roller blade or ride. No motorized bikes, please. The event will feature prizes and refreshments.

Church building fund

Garage sale items are being accepted by the Lighthouse Assembly of God for their church building fund. Call 573-5124 for more information.

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