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College board to meet

Development officer contract, executive session among agenda items

The Western Texas College board of trustees is expected to ratify the employment of Dennis Noblett as development officer when it convenes at 7 tonight

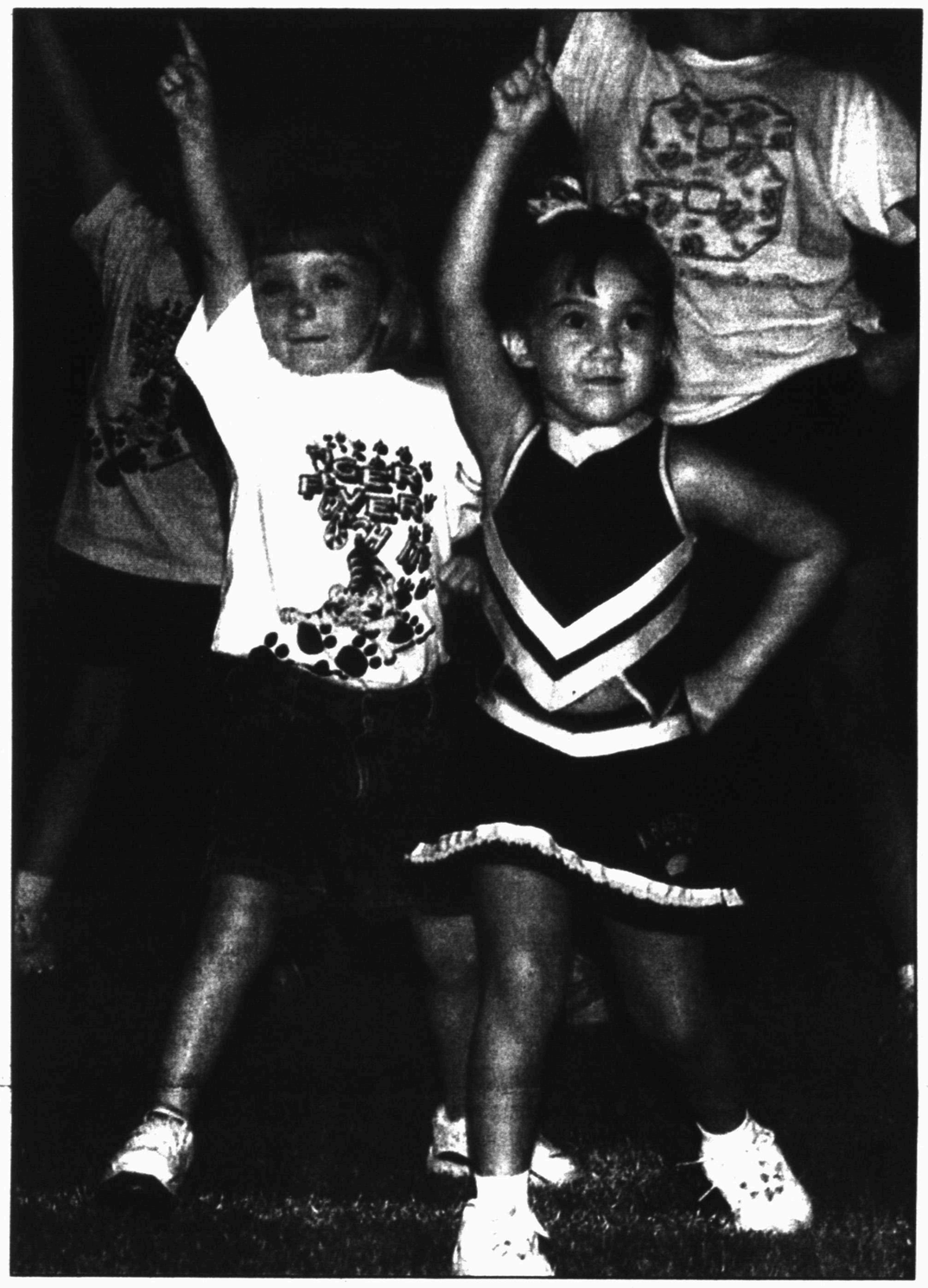
Noblett, currently pastor of Calvary Baptist Church in Canyon, will lead WTC's efforts in seeking outside funding.

New business on the board's agenda includes consideration of insurance bids. WTC vice president Bettie McQueen said the insurance plan being considered covers everything except workmen's compensation. Other new business is the consideration of vehicle bids for the recruitment office and revision of board policy pertaining to grievances.

The meeting's agenda also includes several discussion items including revisions on administrative policy concerning grievances, updates on the four-year degree program with Midwestern, information on TIF grants and a report on enrollment.

The board will convene in executive session to discuss concerns brought forth by an employee then reconvene after the executive session to announce if any actions will be taken. WTC president Dr. Greg Williams said this morning he could not comment on the nature of the executive session, just that "an employee has a concern and we want to discuss it with the board."

The meeting will be held in the boardroom of the administration building.



GO TIGERS! — Megan Leatherwood, 4, and Kristin Krueger, 5, from left, got the crowd going Friday night during halftime of the Tigers' first home game. The girls were part of the mini cheerleading camp led by the Snyder High School cheerleaders. (SDN Staff Photo)

Calls to 911 encouraged if heart attack suspected

DALLAS (AP) — Two weeks after her sister's heart attack, Joan Hamilton thought nothing of the blunt pain tightening like a vise in her own shoulder.

"I thought it was a muscle pulled from moving boxes and it would go away," Hamilton, who lives in Baltimore, said in a telephone interview.

But it didn't. The vise tightened and the pain spread through her arm and down her left side until her fingers numbed and she couldn't open the refrigerator or mop the floor.

Three days later, Hamilton still had no idea she was having a heart attack.

"From what I saw on TV, heart attack... grab your chest... fall over. It's nothing like that," said 5-foot-1 Hamilton, who was 47 and weighed 92 pounds at the time of the August 1997 attack. "I was really thin and thin people don't have heart attacks. Only older people have heart attacks."

These are the types of misconceptions experts want to eliminate. The Dallas-based American Heart Association and the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute are launching a nationwide campaign to educate the public and health professionals about heart attacks.

The goal is to get people to call 911 or seek emergency care as soon as they start experiencing heart attack-like symptoms. Only 20 percent of patients reach the emergency room within one hour of when symptoms begin, while most wait between two and four hours, according to AHA.

"Each minute you wait, more heart muscle is dying and never comes back, ever," said Dr. David Faxon, AHA president.

Only one percent of heart attack patients who arrive at the hospital within one hour die. Within three to four hours, the mortality rate is as high as 8 percent, Faxon said. Forty percent of the 1.1 million Americans who have heart attacks each year die, the majority of whom never go to the hospital.

Tuesday has been designated "National 9-1-1 Day" by the National Emergency Number Association, which urges patients to call for help immediately.

"We recognize that means a lot of people will go to the ER and be seen who aren't having a heart attack," Faxon said. "But that's OK because the number of lives that will be saved is enormous."

Like Hamilton, many heart attack victims don't seek help because they don't recognize that they're having a heart attack. Hamilton thought she wasn't at risk because she's a woman. In fact, women are at greater risk of heart attacks than men.

While half of victims experience typical symptoms, such as heavy chest pressure, others experience lesser-known symptoms, such as shortness of breath, sweating, indigestion, and pain in the neck or jaw. About 10 percent have no symptoms.

When Hamilton's pain didn't go away, her sister, Bonnie Brown, forced her into the hospital. How Hamilton survived three days without help is a mystery. Most heart attacks are complete within four to six hours, said Faxon, chief of cardiology at the University of Chicago.

It wasn't until Hamilton was lying on a gurney, plugged into machines and lifting her tongue for a dose of nitroglycerine that she realized her condition.

"Mrs. Hamilton, you're having a heart attack," the doctor said.

Elizabeth Scarberry, secretary in the county judge's office, is the 911 coordinator for Scurry County.

"I put the 911 addresses in the computer for people changing locations, or if a mobile home is moved to a piece of property, I give the residents a 911 address," said Scarberry.

Scarberry said actual 911 calls are answered by dispatchers at the Law Enforcement Center.

Hurricane Erin is not aimed at U.S.

MIAMI (AP) — Hurricane Erin drenched Bermuda and kept some tourists from heading home, but the island escaped major damage as the center of the storm passed far offshore.

The storm was moving north-northwest at 13 mph early today after skimming past Bermuda on Sunday, but it was expected to turn away from the United States.

"It's not going to be any direct threat to either the United States or Canada," said Stacy Stewart, a hurricane specialist at the National Hurricane Center in Miami. "There'll be some indirect threats in the form of large ocean swells, especially in New England, some battering surf and rip currents, mainly tomorrow and Wednesday."

"It's not a threat to anyone." Stewart added.

Hugh Cobb, a meteorologist at the National Hurricane Center in Miami, said Erin would begin to weaken late today as it moves into cooler seas.

On Sunday, Erin strengthened into a major hurricane, but its strongest wind gusts stayed away from Bermuda. Hard rain pelted the island and wind knocked trees down onto power lines, causing dozens of homes to lose electricity for about an hour.

The storm's center stayed 110 miles northeast of the British territory. No flooding, major damage or injuries were reported.

At 5 a.m. EDT, Erin was located 165 miles north of Bermuda. It had top sustained winds of 120 mph, making it a Category 3 hurricane, capable of causing extensive damage.

A tropical storm warning remained in effect for the island.

Earlier projections had showed Erin — the first named hurricane of the 2001 Atlantic season — coming within 15 miles of Bermuda, but its track shifted.

Flights in and out of Bermuda were canceled Sunday afternoon, stranding hundreds of travelers.

That "gives me the chance to get some more work done," said Hugh DeSamper, 74, who was attending a conference of American travel writers that wrapped up Sunday.

Most airlines planned to use larger aircraft or additional flights to accommodate travelers today, airport operations duty officer Bill Nearon said.

Cargo and cruise ships also canceled or delayed scheduled arrivals in Bermuda on Sunday.

Suspect in five slayings kills himself after chase

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — A former security guard wanted in the slayings of five people shot himself to death after a high-speed chase and police shootout today, capping a weekend of violence that followed another Sacramento rampage three weeks ago.

Joseph Ferguson, 20, killed himself in a stolen car after leading officers on a 40-minute chase through suburban Rancho Cordova, shooting an officer and a bystander during the pursuit, said Sacramento County Sheriff's Capt. John McGinness.

The chase began after Ferguson claimed his fifth victim late Sunday, police said. Ferguson exchanged fire with officers during the chase, then smashed into a light pole in front of a fast-food restaurant, police said.

Ferguson remained sprawled in the car while authorities waited, and when they approached they found he had shot himself, McGinness said.

A bystander shot in the stomach during the chase was in serious to critical condition today. A highway patrol officer was in good condition with a gunshot wound to the arm, authorities said.

Authorities say Ferguson was upset about breaking up with his girlfriend and getting suspended from his job with Burns Security a week earlier. His ex-girlfriend, also a Burns employee, and three other former co-workers were among the victims.

While holding the fifth victim, a Burns supervisor, and his wife hostage for 12 hours Sunday, Ferguson made a video in which he foresaw his fate, McGinness said.

"He described a very violent plan of attack on innocent victims," McGinness said. "He said if cornered he would take his own life and that's exactly what he did."

Ferguson had been suspended from Burns last week after his ex-girlfriend reported he vandalized her vehicle.

Burns employees were evacuated from their homes Sunday and escorted to a "safe place," said police Sgt. Daniel Hahn. About 150 employees were pulled off the job for their protection.

Authorities did not immediately know why the supervisor was not taken to the safe place.

Ferguson allegedly began the shooting spree late Saturday, killing two people at an equipment yard and another two at a nearby marina. Three of the initial victims were Burns Security guards.

He then handcuffed another former co-worker to a tree at the Sacramento Zoo and fled in her car, police said. Officials evacuated other Burns employees out of fear for their safety.

Hermleigh school board meets tonight

Hermleigh ISD's board of trustees will discuss a contract for delinquent tax collection when it meets at 8 this evening. Supt. Jerry Church will discuss the district's TAAS scores and present a plan concerning substitute teacher pay.

An early release day for Sept. 17 will be considered, and the board will nominate a representative to serve on the Scurry County Appraisal District board of directors.

The meeting will be in the high school building.

ASK US

Q—Are you required by law to pull over to the shoulder and let someone pass you in your lane?

A—No, you are not required to move onto the shoulder.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Saturday, 88 degrees; low, 59; high Sunday, 82; low 59; 7 a.m. Monday, 62; trace precipitation; total for 2001, 14.14 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, partly cloudy, low upper 50s, SE wind 5-10 mph. Tuesday night, partly cloudy, high mid 80s. Tuesday night, low around 60.



Shade Roemisch
Partly Cloudy

Sunset: 7:56 p.m.
Sunrise: 7:26 a.m.
Of 252 days in 2001, the sun has shone 240 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

Life itself can't give you joy,
Unless you really will it;
Life just gives you time and space,
It's up to you to fill it.
—unknown poet

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Raising money first test for those wanting Gramm's seat

DALLAS (AP) — For candidates vying for Sen. Phil Gramm's job, the race is on to see who can raise the most money.

The cost for running a Senate campaign could run as high as $20 million, and the ability to raise such funds has emerged a key calculation among big-name Republicans and Democrats.

At least nine politicians seeking the job have an edge in the fund-raising sweepstakes.

Several congressmen have expressed interest in the seat and they can transfer past political cash on hand into a Senate contest.

But state and local candidates looking to run, such as Attorney General John Cornyn and Dallas Mayor Ron Kirk, will have to start raising money from scratch.

Others can get around the restrictions by spending their own money. Land Commissioner David Dewhurst, a possible Senate contender, can dip into a personal fortune he built as a businessman. Analysts say that's an early advantage, but no guarantee of victory.

"It's better than people who don't have that money, but it doesn't mean you can buy the seat," Larry Makinson, a senior fellow at the Center for Responsive Politics, a nonpartisan Washington group that tracks contributions, said in The Dallas Morning News Sunday's editions. "The money that wins the most in elections is other people's money, not your own."

Gramm's announcement Tuesday that he will not seek re-election set off a political chain-reaction on both sides of the ticket.

Efforts by Republicans to unify behind a single candidate and head off a bruising and expensive primary fight appear to have failed. Gramm said he intends to serve out his term rather than quit early and allow Gov. Rick Perry to appoint a Republican replacement.

Unlike state law, which allows unlimited contributions, federal law restricts donations in congressional races to $1,000 from individuals and $5,000 from committees.

Because each contributor is limited to giving $1,000, the most influential donors are those who can bundle cash from many givers.

In Texas, the core of a Republican money machine is the "Bush Pioneers," more than 130 wealthy supporters of George W. Bush who raised at least $100,000 apiece in his presidential race.

"The real power doesn't go to the people who sign the checks," Makinson said. "It's who corrals the checks."

Bush Pioneers include Dallas businessmen Sam and Charles Wyly, Tom Hicks and Louis Beecherl; Enron chief Kenneth Lay of Houston; and San Antonio lobbyist Tom Loeffler.

On the Democratic side, the key to a candidate's fortunes includes a number of successful Texas trial lawyers, such as Fred Baron of Dallas, John Eddie Williams of Houston, Walter Umphrey of Beaumont and Harold Nix of Daingerfield.

"The Democratic side is where the money becomes much more critical because their ability to tap into sources around the country is more limited," said Austin political consultant Jeff Montgomery. "Unless you have a star like Hillary Clinton, it's a lot more difficult for Democrats to raise money than the Republicans."

A heavily contested primary would leave the candidates on each side scrambling for cash from the same sources, draining a finite pool of campaign money.

Republicans say Cornyn is expected to announce Wednesday that he will run. Other Republicans considering the seat are Dewhurst, Railroad Commissioner Tony Garza and Reps. Henry Bonilla of San Antonio and Joe Barton of Ennis.

Man rescued after spending three days in storm sewer

HOUSTON (AP) — Kevin Funchess' trip to get some fried chicken turned into a three-day nightmare spent wedged in a storm sewer drain.

Firefighters rescued Kevin Funchess, 41, on Saturday after he was finally able to reach his cell phone and call 911. He had fallen into the manhole Wednesday night, and had been without food or water ever since.

Funchess was released from the hospital Sunday afternoon. He suffered muscle damage, dehydration and irregular breathing.

Firefighters said the teacher's family had been trying to reach him during the ordeal, but Funchess said he wasn't able to answer the phone.

"It truly is a test of faith," Funchess said in today's editions of the Houston Chronicle.

Funchess 'was crossing a highway on his way to a fried chicken restaurant when he fell into the hole. His head was jammed against the sewer wall and his left side was pinned so that he could only move his right hand. He struggled to reach the cell phone in his backpack, which was stuck underneath him.

Until Saturday, he was unable to maneuver his hand to reach the phone, which rang several times. He yelled for help, but nobody answered.

Funchess said the street was nearly 3 feet above his head. He could see a side of the freeway and the changes from day to night, but he "lost all conception of time." He said he was grateful for the steady vibration of cars overhead.

Funchess said he prayed, slept and thought about his students and his grandmother. He said he didn't think about death.

"I was too close to home to die," he said.

Funchess said he was "stunned, dizzy, panicky" when he was rescued.

Funchess' family was concerned but thought he might be working or staying with friends. Joann Cannon, his mother, said they didn't know he was missing until the 911 operator called Saturday.

SE Texas minister expects nomination

HOUSTON (AP) — A Southeast Texas minister who said he was approached by the Baptist General Convention of Texas for a leadership role expects to be nominated to head the group of more than 6,000 churches which has battled with a conservative-controlled national organization.

The Rev. Robert G. "Bob" Campbell told members of Westbury Baptist Church on Sunday that he will be nominated for president of the nation's largest Southern Baptist state convention.

Campbell, 62, has been endorsed by the influential Texas Baptists Committed, a moderate Baptist organization. In the past few elections, no one has opposed the group's nominee.

"Bob is tremendously respected," David Currie, executive director of Texas Baptists Committed, told the Houston Chronicle in today's editions. "He is honest and straightforward and he has leadership gifts."

The BGCT and the 15.9 million-member Southern Baptist Convention are the focus of a 22-year battle between moderates and conservatives over the nature and interpretation of the Bible.

Last year, Campbell chaired a national seminary study committee that resulted in the state convention curtailing or cuttingcontributions to the six Southern Baptist seminaries and two national convention agencies.

"I believe the six Southern Baptist seminaries have departed from historical Baptist theology," Campbell said. "They are promoting a creedal confession that is equal to or above (the Bible)."

Moderates contend that conservative leaders are using the national convention's 2000 Baptist Faith and Message, the denomination's confession of faith, as a creed. That would go against Baptist belief in the "priesthood of the believer" or the individual's right to interpret Scripture.

Campbell expects to be nominated during the state convention's Oct. 29-30 annual meeting in Dallas. If elected, he would succeed the Rev. Clyde Glazener of Fort Worth, who has served the maximum two one-year terms.

Campbell plans to promote missions within and outside of Texas. His committee recommended that contributions to the national seminaries be capped at $1 million, with an estimated $4.3 million in state funds budgeted for students at Texas seminaries such as Truett Baptist Theological Seminary in Waco.

However, only one-third of Texas churches have so far accepted the alternative funding plan. Most instead chose traditional support for national and state causes.

But Campbell said he expects more churches to will choose the state plan in the future. The moderate-conservative feud has continued to take a toll. Texas conservatives have formed their own state convention, Southern Baptists of Texas, claiming a membership of about 850 churches.

Campbell denied that state moderate leaders are planning to form a new denomination by severing ties to the SBC. He said he is willing to meet with conservative state and national Baptist leaders from Texas.

"I don't know if I have any new wisdom to bring to the table," he said. "But I will never close the door on talking with another Christian brother or sister."

Campbell expressed surprise to learn in June he was being considered for leading the state convention.

"To minister to that large a group is overwhelming," Campbell said Sunday before announcing his candidacy to his congregation of more than 1,300 members.

Shell, SRI open to discussions to buy some assets of Texaco

HOUSTON (AP) — Officials with Shell Oil Products Co. LLC and Saudi Refining Inc. said Sunday they are open to discussions to acquire certain Texaco assets covered in the Chevron-Texaco merger.

The Federal Trade Commission consent order for the merger requires that Texaco's interests in the Equilon Enterprises LLC and Motiva Enterprises LLC joint ventures be placed in a trust for divestiture.

Equilon, owned by Shell and Texaco, and Motiva, owned by Shell, SRI and Texaco, include gasoline stations, refineries, marketing, transportation, lubricants and trading businesses.

A.Y. "Gus" Noojin, president of Shell Oil Products and Sharah Salamah, president and CEO of Saudi Refining, issued a joint statement saying they believed the consent order provided a practical framework for the two to complete a financially sound acquisition of Texaco's interest in Motiva and for Shell to acquire Texaco's interest in Equilon.

"Shell and SRI remain the natural buyers of Texaco's interests and we remain open to discussions with Texaco to accomplish these acquisitions," the two said.

The officials said they were willing to negotiate with the divestiture trustee to obtain a fair return on their investment. The trustee was set up to complete the sale of Texaco interests within eight months of the merger.

Shell Oil Products is a subsidiary of Shell Oil Co. Saudi Refining is a subsidiary of Aramaco Services Co., based in Houston, and an affiliate of Saudi Arabian Oil Co.

Motiva refines and markets petroleum products in the eastern and Gulf Coast areas under Texaco and Shell brands.

events

Lotto Texas

AUSTIN (AP) — No ticket matched all six numbers drawn Saturday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials said.

The ticket was worth an estimated $ 9 million.

The numbers drawn from a field of 54 were: 6-13-17-26-40-54.

Wednesday night's drawing will be worth an estimated $12 million.

Pick 3

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

7-1-1

Berry's World



Moss to star in sequels to 'The Matrix'

NEW YORK (AP) — Carrie-Anne Moss won't be able to cruise through the sequels to "The Matrix" by relying on the martial-arts moves she learned for the original movie.

"They want more intense fighting, more complicated moves," Moss said in Australia, where two sequels to "The Matrix" are being filmed.

Moss and her co-stars in the sequels, Keanu Reeves and Laurence Fishburne, are going through intensive training to improve their martial-arts skills, she told USA Today for Friday editions.

Date Book

Monday, Sept. 10, 2001

Today is the 253rd day of 2001 and the 82nd day of summer.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1813, in the Battle of Lake Erie, naval forces led by Commodore Oliver Hazard Perry defeated a British squadron.

On this day in 1913, the Lincoln Highway opened. The 3,300-mile road, which stretched from New York City to San Francisco, was the first paved coast-to-coast highway in the United States.

On this day in 1987, Pope John Paul II arrived in Miami, where he was welcomed by President and Mrs. Ronald Reagan.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Robert Wise (1914-), director-producer, is 87; Arnold Palmer (1929-), golfing great, is 72; Roger Maris (1934-1985), baseball star; Charles Kuralt (1934-1997), journalist; Jose Feliciano (1945-), singer-guitarist, is 56; Bob Lanier (1948-), basketball great, is 53; Amy Irving (1953-), actress, is 48.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1919, Ray Caldwell pitched a no-hitter for the Boston Red Sox against the New York Yankees, helping Boston to win the game 3-0.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Those who are fond of setting things to rights, have no great objection to seeing them wrong." — William Hazlitt

TODAY'S MOON: Last quarter (Sept. 10).

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State nets $2.2 billion in farm subsidies

By The Associated Press

Small-time farmers, major cooperatives and at least one Fortune 500 company shared in the $2.2 billion in Agriculture Department subsidies allocated to Texas last year, according to records analyzed by The Associated Press.

Texas' share from the USDA was the third biggest in the nation, behind Iowa's $2.7 billion and Illinois' $2.3 billion. In all, $27 billion was disbursed between October 1999 and September 2000.

Congress has touted the checks as a way to help small- and medium-sized farms cover losses associated with natural disasters and prop up the price of certain low-paying crops.

But the AP's analysis of the more than 22 million checks showed that 63 percent of the money went to the top 10 percent of recipients.

The top recipient in Texas — and No. 14 in the nation — was the Farmers Cooperative of El Campo, which got $2.3 million.

The 1,000-member Southeast Texas cooperative includes farmers, ranchers and others who grow cotton, corn, sorghum, soybeans and wheat on about 155,000 acres in eight counties.

Texas' 10 top recipients were businesses; the leading individual recipient, Benny Ray White of Lamesa, got $243,194, records show.

San Antonio-based Ultramar Diamond Shamrock, which had $14.3 billion in revenue last year, was sent $32,714. It was one of at least 20 Fortune 500 companies nationwide on the rolls.

Company spokeswoman Tara Ford said the company has owned a 962-acre wheat and sorghum farm in Sunray since 1997. She could not explain why the oil company operated a farm.

Higher education also cashed in, with Texas Tech University getting $119,000. No. 1 among Texas colleges and universities was Wayland Baptist University in Plainview, which got $247,000.

Danny Murphree, director of property management, said Wayland Baptist has a small agribusiness program, but its subsidy money went toward unfunded scholarships.

Robert Albin, associate dean for research at Texas Tech's College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources, said the funds paid for research and commercial crop production on about 20,000 acres.

Fort Worth cattle rancher Jerry Vernon received two disaster assistance checks totaling $541 to cover feed losses from last year's drought.

"In my situation the pasture dried up just like it did last year. It is tough, no doubt about it," said the 64-year-old, who owns 41 head of cattle in Freestone County. "If the farm dried up just like it has now, well, there's nothing for them to eat. You have to buy hay and feed."

USDA officials said the records provided to the AP did not account for refunds from farms the government later discovered had been overpaid. Refunds paid in previous years were minimal, never accounting for more than 5 percent of all subsidies, the agency said.

Since the payments are based on farm acreage rather than financial needs, recipients need not be cash-strapped farmers, or even farmers at all. Rather, anyone with a stake in farm land and the crop it produces can get the money.

Rep. Ron Paul, R-Surfside, a longtime critic of government subsidies, said the farm subsidy plan skims taxpayer money from one group of people and hands it to another.

"We don't have a right to protect one group of citizens by confiscating wealth from another group. That is not a very good deal," said Paul, whose mostly rural district stretches over 22 counties from the outskirts of Austin southeast to the Gulf of Mexico.

Paul said some farmers in his district now oppose the subsidies.

"People go on and on and believe that these things are wonderful. The average family farmer out there, I think they're very much at a point now where they'd like to see a free market," he said.

Gene Hall of the Texas Farm Bureau said the subsidies ensure U.S. farmers have an even playing field against overseas growers, many of whom get government money. The group represents about 100,000 farming families in Texas.

"In our view, the people that grow food deserve to be compensated," he said. "That's what this is all about."

He dismissed the notion that farm subsidies were a form of welfare.

"The people that make those claims I think miss the point of the federal farm program. It's not a welfare program. It's a program that ensures that we have a reliable source of fruit and fiber," he said.

Ninety percent of the money is income support, which are fixed payments based on how many acres a landowners has in agriculture production, or benefits triggered when the market price for crops drops below a certain point.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder



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	♦ Q J 4 2	
	♣ K 10 9 7	
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	♥ A 7 5 2	
	♦ A K 6 5	
	♣ A J 4	

Dealer: South
Vulnerable: East-West

South	West	North	East
2 NT	Pass	3 NT	All pass

Opening lead: ♠ K

Monday, Sept. 10, 2001

The number of tricks is critical

By Phillip Alder

The inspiration for today's deal was a piece written by a friend from New Zealand. He discussed this club suit, claiming you must guess what to do. Yet that isn't automatically true.

The tournament world is opening two no-trump with 20-21 points. However, surprisingly, a good 20 to 22 was the majority preference of a group of experts polled by The Bridge World magazine. I agree with the panel, thinking that 21-22 is theoretically best. Yet as aces are undervalued at four points, that South hand is worth almost 22 points.

Declarer has eight top tricks: one spade, one heart, four diamonds and two clubs. A third club trick is needed. Yet if a trick is lost to the club queen, surely the opponents will cash a disastrous number of spade tricks.

This is a two-way finesse. If he thinks West has the club queen, South cashes the ace, then finesses through West. Whereas if he places East with the key queen, South crosses to dummy's club king, then finesses on the way back.

To improve the odds, South should cash his diamond tricks first. Here, that puts West under some pressure. However, there is still an element of guesswork.

Now, though, suppose the heart ace were the king. Needing four club tricks, the percentage play is to cash the ace and to finesse through West. You pick up a singleton queen with East or any length including the queen with West. To start with the king, then to finesse through East, fails to pick up queen-fourth or longer. Not to cash the king first loses to a singleton queen with West. Unlikely, it is true, but those odds add up.

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Preacher's car may have been used in getaway

ABILENE (AP) — A female jail trusty escaped from the Shackelford County Jail, likely getting away in the car that belongs to the minister who preaches Sunday services at the lockup.

Darla Gay Bowman of Baird, who was awaiting sentencing after her probation for felony DWI was revoked, left the grounds in Albany on Sunday afternoon, Sheriff Richard Wagman told the Abilene Reporter-News.

Bowman, who sometimes was allowed to walk around the facility to do gardening and laundry, was last seen shortly before the church service.

After the service, the preacher reported his Buick was missing.

He apparently left his keys in the car, Wagman said.

Albany is about 30 miles southwest of Abilene in West Texas.

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Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Dying man's lesson of love changes friend's priorities

DEAR ABBY: I recently went to visit a Marine from our reserve unit. He is receiving radiation treatments for an inoperable brain tumor. My objective was to comfort him.

I stood by his bed for 30 minutes. He squeezed my hand repeatedly to let me know he was still strong in will and determined to fight through anything as a true Marine. Then his wife came in. She gently rubbed his other arm and asked him if he needed anything. He looked her in the face, mustered his energy, and with a shine in his eyes replied, "You are all I will ever need."

At that moment, the comment appeared to be a nice retort. Five minutes later, it hit me between the eyes. Tears welled up inside me as I realized it had been far more than just an exchange of words — it had been an exchange of love.

Here was a man suffering great pain from a tumor that had taken control of his body. He could have asked for more medication or to be fed or comforted. He could have asked for something to quench his thirst. But the only thing that made him feel good was something he had even before the tumor took control — the devotion of a loving woman who now stood unselfishly by his side. She had been there through every day of their marriage, and her love did not fade in his hour of tragic illness.

Master Gunnery Sgt. Michael Bussiere became my "professor of life experience." Little did I realize when I went to visit him that he would teach me a lesson that would impact my life. However, without intending to, he challenged me to reorganize my priorities and forever change the way I look at the woman I wake up with daily. My task now is to not lose sight of the love he and his wife shared, and to never take for granted the love between my wife and me.

Thank you, Michael. — **MAJ. BRIAN SMALLWOOD, USMC**

DEAR MAJ. SMALLWOOD AND DEAR READERS: Master Gunnery Sgt. Michael Bussiere passed away before this letter could be published. I extend my deepest sympathy to his family and to you at this sad time. The most precious gift we leave behind are the lessons we teach and the examples we set for others. Because of that, no matter how short the span, no life is wasted.

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DEAR ABBY: Your column requesting that readers donate old cell phones to victims of domestic violence will undoubtedly provide them with easier access to 9-1-1. However, of great concern to the National Emergency Number Association (NENA) is the fact that cell phones are of limited use in certain emergencies. Please share the following lifesaving information with your readers:

(1) Users must allow a few extra seconds for an answer when dialing 9-1-1.

(2) The caller must give the operator the street address or other information that will allow the center to deploy a team to the site.

(3) Emergency response centers do not have the technology to determine the caller's location or cell phone number. Therefore, the caller must describe the emergency and provide the cell phone number, in case a callback is necessary.

NENA views any effort to help victims of crime and domestic violence as a noble and worthwhile cause. Thank you, Abby, for doing your part to get the word out about the limitations of cell phones. — **W. MARK ADAMS, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, NENA**

DEAR MARK: Thank you for the warning. While cell phones can be lifesavers during certain emergencies, they have their drawbacks when compared with "land lines."

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Dear Abby is written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanne Phillips.

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Chicago library wants city to read and discuss book by Harper Lee

CHICAGO (AP) — City officials from the mayor on down are hoping Chicagoans in coffee shops, on park benches and on buses and trains are engrossed in the novel "To Kill A Mockingbird."

Harper Lee's powerful novel about racism and courage is the first book chosen by the Chicago Public Library for its annual One Book, One Chicago program. For seven weeks, the library is trying to get as many Chicagoans as possible to read and talk about the same book.

Library officials say the novel is ideal for the program. It's one of the most popular American novels ever, still selling nearly a million paperback copies a year, four decades after it won the Pulitzer Prize.

"We're hoping with this book to grab people's attention," said Mary Dempsey, the city's library commissioner. "We hope it will encourage not just people who read books but those who don't to pick up this book."

The book is "flying off the shelves" of library branches, Dempsey said. She said in anticipation of greater demand the library bought 2,000 copies — some in Polish and Spanish — to add to the 1,500 already in stock.

"I just read it for a book club and when I heard about this I'm reading it again," said Maureen Kennedy, 50, of Chicago, who was reading it on a bus on her way home from work at a consulting firm.

In an effort to get Chicagoans to talk about the book, library officials and others have organized a public re-enactment of the novel's dramatic trial, a screening of the Academy Award-winning film and discussion groups at library branches and coffee shops, and on Internet chat rooms.

"It's a good book for discussion groups because it deals with issues not only of racial prejudice, but how human beings relate to one another," said Mayor Richard M. Daley, who counts the book among his favorites.

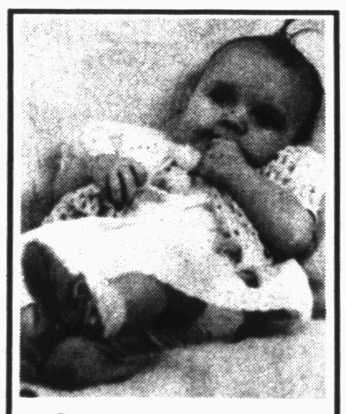
Mira Puacz, the owner of Polonia Book Store, says that universal message is one reason the novel is so popular with her customers.

"This book is not just about problems between blacks and whites," she said. "It is about problems between people who are different."

Some say discussing a book like "To Kill a Mockingbird" may be an ideal way to confront current issues of race.

"In some ways it's easier to talk about different issues around a work of literature," said Chris Higashi, one of the founders of a program in Seattle that pioneered the idea of the citywide book group. Other such programs have been held in cities from Rochester, N.Y., to Boise, Idaho.

The book focuses on white lawyer Atticus Finch's defense of a black man falsely accused of rape. But the story also says a lot about families, Kennedy says.



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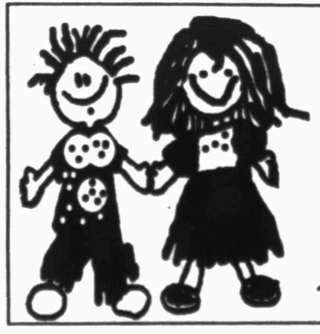
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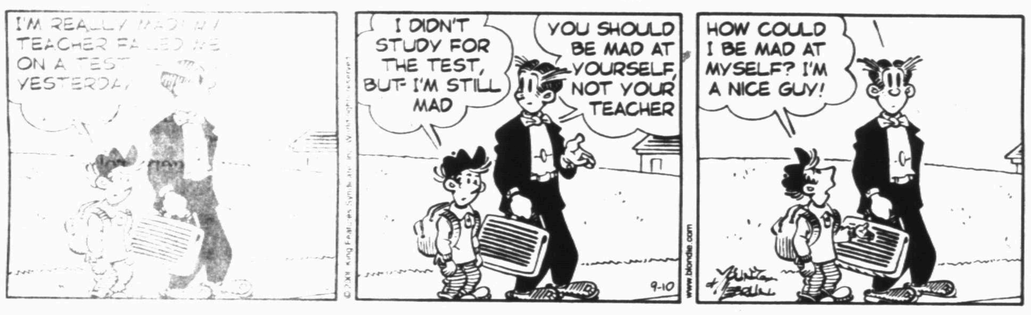
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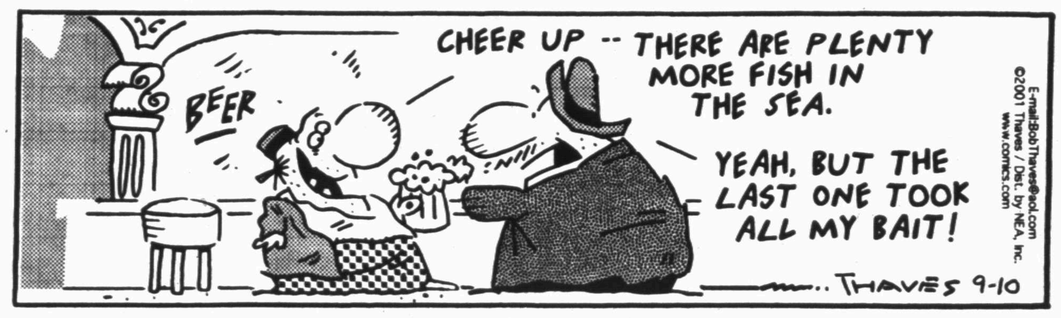
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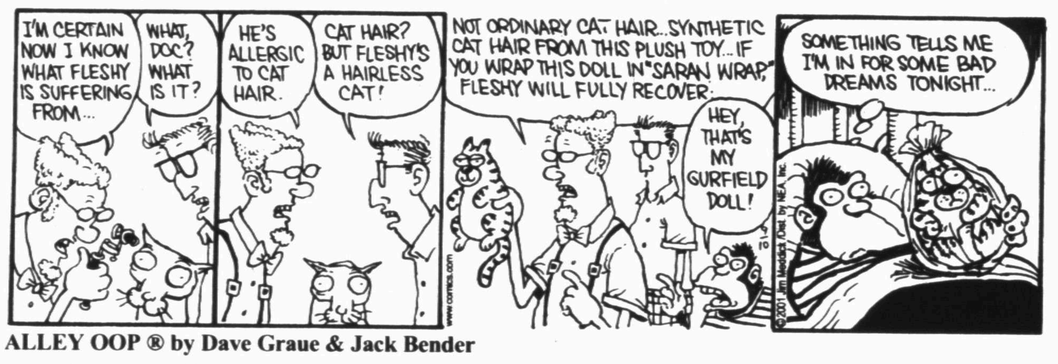
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ACROSS

1 Joked (arch.)
7 Waver in one's actions
13 Tropical lizard
14 Cold era (2 wds.)
15 Marvel
16 Actor Paul —
17 Possessive pronoun
18 Marry
20 Do some math
21 In question (2 wds.)
25 Breakfast treats
28 African antelope
32 — — a million (rare)
33 Former Soviet leader
34 Located
35 Up in the air
36 Like old bread
37 Settle by conciliation
39 Instilled forcefully
41 Mall center (abbr.)
44 Catch a crook
45 Divine being
46 Covered with shoes
51 Actress Lansbury
54 Realm
55 Closer
56 Bird, at times
57 Type of sleeve

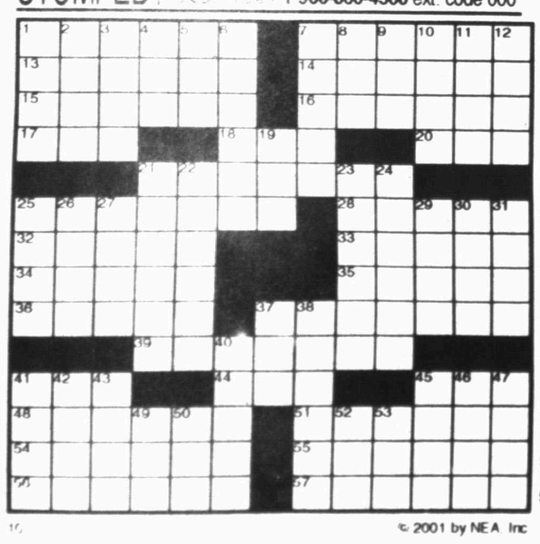
DOWN

1 Fuzzy fruit
2 "— — Rhythm"
3 Presses for payment
4 Mom's mate
5 Compass pt.
6 "Origin of Species" writer
7 Discovers
8 Highest card
9 Actor Ayres
10 Writer Janowitz
11 Mild oath
12 Tear apart
19 Type of curve
21 Astray
22 Combustible material
23 Take off cargo
24 Ocular covering
25 Tufted plant
26 Single item
27 Greek cheese
29 Small forest ox
30 Boost
31 Start a poker pot
37 CEO's degree
38 — — flow
40 Beneath
41 Dancer Verdon
42 Fleshy fruit
43 "So clumsy of me!"
45 Type of warfare
46 Genus of olive trees
47 Mend (socks)
49 Morse unit
50 Before, to a poet
52 "Classical" start
53 Guy's date

Answer to Previous Puzzle

M	A	N	G	E	S		G	A	N	N	E	T
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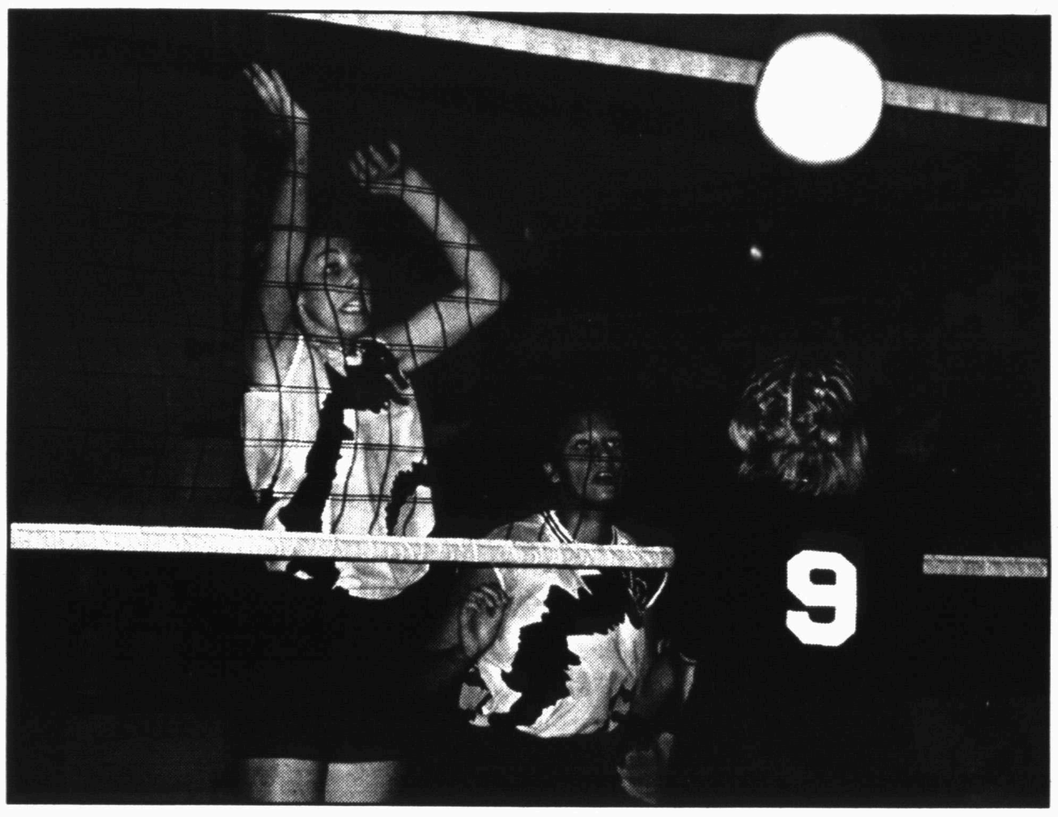
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SPORTS



READY TO RISE — Snyder's Kallie Billingsley, left, and Zipporah Peoples perpare to block a Levelland attack during Saturday's district action at the SHS gym. The Lady Tigers toppled the Loboettes to even their district mark at 1-1. (SDN Staff Photo)

Lady Tigers thump Levelland, 15-7, 15-5

After opening district play against league-favorite Lake View, the Snyder Lady Tigers made facing the Levelland Loboettes look like a walk in the park.

Snyder needed only 39 minutes Saturday to even its district record at 1-1 with a 15-7, 15-5 victory over Levelland at the SHS gym.

After the Loboettes ran out to an early 3-1 lead in the opening game, the Lady Tigers got on track and took control of the match.

"They did a good job at the start of the match of picking up just about everything we hit over," said Snyder coach Patty Grimmett. "But we've been working on staying aggressive and always attacking, and it paid off."

Kallie Billingsley served up four points, thanks in part to two kills by junior Zipporah Peoples, to put the Lady Tigers on top for good at 5-3.

Peoples finished the match with five kills and tallied Snyder's only block. Senior Amber Alexander led the Lady Tigers' attack with six kills.

"I thought Amber had a great match, and we kept our focus after the first game," Grimmett said. "We didn't let down after winning Game 1. We kept attacking and that was the key."

Alexander continued to lead the attack at the net, and Kallie Billingsley continued her torrid service effort.

The senior served up seven points to start the second game, and three quick kills by Alexander pushed the Lady Tigers to a 9-0 advantage.

Levelland answered with four consecutive points, but the Lady Tigers closed the door on the Loboettes with a pair of kills by junior Ashley Tuttle.

With the district race still in the early stages, the victory keeps the Lady Tigers in the thick of the chase.

"It's just difficult to start off with Lake View like we did," Grimmett stated. "But the girls knew Lake View would be tough, so they didn't get discouraged and they kept on working. Our goal is to keep working, and get better and better with each match."

In Saturday's other action, Plainview remained unbeaten in district play with a 15-8, 15-12 upset of Andrews. Big Spring knocked off Frenship, 5-15, 15-10, 15-13, and Lake View downed Estacado, 15-2, 15-0.

Snyder continues district play at 7 p.m. Tuesday when it hosts Big Spring.

Snyder def. Levelland 15-7, 15-5

Levelland service points: Christian Bencomo and Sloan Wallace, 4; Destanie Huckaby and Holly Brashear, 2. **Kills:** Brashear, 3; Huckaby and Wallace, 2; Tamara McDonald, 1. **Blocks:** Brashear, 2; McDonald, 1.

Snyder service points: Kallie Billingsley, 12; Chaelyn Robinson, 7; Laura Billingsley, 4; Shelly Fisk, Leticia Martinez and Amber Alexander, 2; Kate Wright, 1. **Kills:** Alexander, 6; Zipporah Peoples, 5; Ashley Tuttle, 4; K. Billingsley and Cindy Sanchez, 3; Afton Schwertner, 2; Wright and Robinson, 1. **Blocks:** Peoples, 1.

In district tennis action...

SHS netters cruise past 'Dogs

In the opening match of District 4-4A team tennis competition, Snyder sent a message to the rest of the league at the expense of the Plainview Bulldogs.

Snyder proved it plans to repeat as district champs with an 18-1 victory Saturday over Plainview.

The Tigers controlled the action throughout the day, with their only setback coming in boys' singles.

Snyder netters needed only two sets apiece of their opponents in 10 of the 18 matches.

Snyder won all seven of the singles and all three of the doubles matches on the girls' side.

Pat Vargas, Andra Dunham, Cozy Jones, Afton Sutter, Stephanie Williams and Jackie Beccue took care of the singles competition.

In the girls' doubles, Williams and Kara Brumley were the only SHS tandem to win in two sets, as the Vargas-Dunham and Sutter-Beccue teams needed three frames to hold off their opponents.

In the boys' competition, Plainview posted its only victory when Tim Eaves edged Adam Rodgers, 6-3, 5-7, 7-6.

The Tigers posted victories in the other five matches behind the play of Horacio DePaz, Alex Best, Curt Phillips, Joseph Ynguanzo and Tyson Kubena.

The Tigers were equally strong in doubles where DePaz and Best led the way with a three-set victory.

Rodgers and Phillips teamed up for a two-set victory, and Ynguanzo and Tanner Reed took care of the third match.

In the mixed doubles match, Kubena and Jones needed only two frames to close out the Bulldogs.

Snyder is back on the courts Saturday at Frenship, before hosting Midland Christian next Tuesday.

Snyder 18, Plainview 1

Girls singles: Pat Vargas def. Rachelle Bain, 6-2, 6-1; Andra Dunham def. Stephanie Williams, 6-4, 6-4; Cozy Jones, def. Colti Webb, 2-6, 6-2, 6-4; Afton Sutter def. Colbi Boedecker, 6-4, 4-6, 6-1; Stephanie Williams def. Allison Gammage, 6-2, 6-1; Jackie Beccue def. Laura Wright, 7-5, 6-3.

Girls doubles: Vargas-Dunham def. Bain-Webb, 1-6, 7-5, 7-5; Sutter-Beccue def. Boedecker-Gammage, 4-6, 6-3, 6-2; Williams-Brumley def. Wright-Dixon, 6-2, 6-3.

Boys singles: Horacio DePaz def. Matt Boedecker, 5-7, 7-6, 6-3; Alex Best def. Eric Bickel, 6-2, 6-2; Adam Rodgers lost to Tim Eaves, 3-6, 7-5, 6-7; Curt Phillips def. Chris Fagan, 6-1, 6-0; Joseph Ynguanzo def. Noel Patel, 7-6, 3-6, 6-2; Tyson Kubena def. Jarret Koening, 6-2, 7-6.

Boys doubles: DePaz-Best def. Boedecker-Eaves, 3-6, 6-3, 7-6; Rodgers-Phillips def. Dorrity-Stone, 6-1, 6-2; Ynguanzo-Reed def. Bickel-Patel, 6-3, 1-6, 6-2.

Mixed doubles: Kubena-Jones def. Fagan-Williams, 6-3, 7-5.

JV spikers take fourth

LAMESA — Snyder junior varsity used victories over Denver City and Midland Greenwood to capture fourth place Saturday at the Lamesa volleyball tournament.

In the 16-14, 15-7 victory over Denver City, it was Kelsi Johnson who led the way from the service line with 11 points.

Beth Clements posted seven points, while Kelby Drum tallied five. Ashley Martinez and Dominique Braziel registered three points apiece, and Erin Burleson chipped in one.

Snyder's only setback came at the hands of San Angelo Central, 15-11, 15-6.

Martinez chalked up six points to pace the Lady Tigers, with Drum adding four more.

Johnson served up three points. Braziel notched two, and Clements and Burleson finished with one apiece.

The Lady Tigers rolled over Greenwood, 15-5, 15-5, to secure their fourth-place finish.

Drum and Braziel heated up from the service line with 10 points apiece.

Clements accounted for four points. Martinez posted two, and Burleson notched one point.

Ira squads record victories

Ira's junior varsity and junior high football squads had no problems posting victories in their first contests of the season.

The JV Bulldogs pounded Trent, 44-6, and Ira Junior High blanked Veribest, 39-0 in Thursday's season openers.

The junior varsity was anchored by Bryson Higgins who ran for 240 yards and five touchdowns on only 10 carries.

Stephen Herrera posted the Bulldogs other score on a touchdown pass from Timothy Huddleston.

Josh Wilson added 76 yards on the ground, and Justin Taylor added another 40.

In the junior high match-up, Joel Lollar's three touchdowns paced the Bulldogs. Lollar finished the day with 83 yards on only four carries, while Chad Nickerson toted the ball four times for 20 yards.

Kerry Jamison hauled in two touchdown passes from Corbin Clements to cap the scoring.

Jordan Lollar led Ira's defensive effort with six tackles.

National Football League

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Indianapolis	1	0	0	1.000	45	24
Miami	1	0	0	1.000	31	23
Buffalo	0	1	0	.000	6	24
New England	0	1	0	.000	17	23
N.Y. Jets	0	1	0	.000	24	45
Central						
Baltimore	1	0	0	1.000	17	6
Cincinnati	1	0	0	1.000	23	17
Jacksonville	1	0	0	1.000	21	3
Cleveland	0	1	0	.000	6	9
Pittsburgh	0	1	0	.000	3	21
Tennessee	0	1	0	.000	23	31
West						
Oakland	1	0	0	1.000	27	24
San Diego	1	0	0	1.000	30	3
Seattle	1	0	0	1.000	9	6
Denver	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Kansas City	0	1	0	.000	24	27

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Arizona	0	0	0	.000	0	0
N.Y. Giants	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Dallas	0	1	0	.000	6	10
Philadelphia	0	1	0	.000	17	20
Washington	0	1	0	.000	3	30
Central						
Green Bay	1	0	0	1.000	28	6
Tampa Bay	1	0	0	1.000	10	6
Chicago	0	1	0	.000	6	17
Detroit	0	1	0	.000	6	28
Minnesota	0	1	0	.000	13	24
West						
Carolina	1	0	0	1.000	24	13
New Orleans	1	0	0	1.000	24	6
San Francisco	1	0	0	1.000	16	13
St. Louis	1	0	0	1.000	20	17
Atlanta	0	1	0	.000	13	16

Sunday's Games

Baltimore 17, Chicago 6
Green Bay 28, Detroit 6
Tampa Bay 10, Dallas 6
Indianapolis 45, N.Y. Jets 24
Oakland 27, Kansas City 24
New Orleans 24, Buffalo 6
Cincinnati 23, New England 17
Seattle 9, Cleveland 6
Jacksonville 21, Pittsburgh 3
Carolina 24, Minnesota 13
San Francisco 16, Atlanta 13, OT
St. Louis 20, Philadelphia 17, OT
San Diego 30, Washington 3
Miami 31, Tennessee 23

Monday's Game

N.Y. Giants at Denver, 9 p.m.

Sunday, Sept. 16

Buffalo at Miami, 1 p.m.
Denver at Indianapolis, 1 p.m.
Dallas at Detroit, 1 p.m.
Arizona at Washington, 1 p.m.
Green Bay at N.Y. Giants, 1 p.m.
New England at Carolina, 1 p.m.
Cincinnati at Tennessee, 1 p.m.
San Francisco at New Orleans, 1 p.m.
Philadelphia at Tampa Bay, 1 p.m.
Atlanta at St. Louis, 4:05 p.m.
Kansas City at Seattle, 4:15 p.m.
Jacksonville at Chicago, 4:15 p.m.
N.Y. Jets at Oakland, 4:15 p.m.
Cleveland at Pittsburgh, 8:30 p.m.

Monday, Sept. 17

Minnesota at Baltimore, 9 p.m.

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Dayton 37, Robert Morris 9
Duquesne 28, St. Peter's 10
E. Washington 35, Connecticut 17
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Frostburg St. 25, Marist 23
Georgia Tech 70, Navy 7
Hartwick 35, Siena 17
Holy Cross 33, Georgetown, D.C. 7
Iona 27, Canisius 24
La Salle 42, St. Francis, Pa. 37
Maine 34, Colgate 10
Monmouth, N.J. 23, Wagner 15
New Hampshire 26, James Madison 19
Rhode Island 35, Hofstra 26
Sacred Heart 41, Cent. Connecticut St. 21
South Florida 35, Pittsburgh 26
Syracuse 21, UCF 10
Toledo 33, Temple 7
Towson 16, Lafayette 13, 2OT
Villanova 31, Northeastern 14
West Virginia 20, Ohio 3

SOUTH

Alabama 12, Vanderbilt 9
Alcorn St. 20, Alabama St. 17
Auburn 27, Mississippi 21
Catawba 37, Austin Peay 0
Clemson 38, Wofford 14
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Delta St. 25, MVSU 3
E. Kentucky 30, Liberty 7
East Carolina 51, Tulane 24
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Florida Atlantic 31, Bethune-Cookman 28
Florida St. 29, UAB 7
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McNeese St. 56, Prairie View 0
Memphis 43, Chattanooga 10
Miami 61, Rutgers 0
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Northwestern St. 55, Henderson St. 17
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Iowa 44, Miami (Ohio) 19
Iowa St. 45, N. Iowa 0
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Missouri 40, SW Texas 6
Nebraska 27, Notre Dame 10
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Youngstown St. 44, Clarion 0

SOUTHWEST

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Sam Houston St. 61, Tarleton St. 10
TCU 38, SMU 10
Tennessee 13, Arkansas 3
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National League

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	78	64	.549	—
Philadelphia	75	68	.525	3½
New York	71	73	.493	8
Florida	66	77	.461	12½
Montreal	61	82	.427	17½
Central Division				
Houston	84	59	.587	—
St. Louis	78	64	.549	5½
Chicago	77	65	.542	6½
Milwaukee	63	80	.441	21
Cincinnati	58	85	.406	26
Pittsburgh	55	88	.385	29
West Division				
Arizona	81	62	.566	—
San Francisco	80	64	.556	1½
Los Angeles	78	65	.545	3
San Diego	70	73	.489	11
Colorado	62	80	.437	18½

Saturday's Games

St. Louis 6, Los Angeles 5
San Francisco 7, Colorado 3
Atlanta 5, Chicago Cubs 3
Arizona 8, San Diego 6, 10 innings
N.Y. Mets 9, Florida 7
Pittsburgh 5, Cincinnati 2
Philadelphia 6, Montreal 0
Milwaukee 7, Houston 2

Sunday's Games

Cincinnati 5, Pittsburgh 3
Philadelphia 12, Montreal 4
St. Louis 8, Los Angeles 1
Atlanta 9, Chicago Cubs 5
Houston 8, Milwaukee 0
San Francisco 9, Colorado 4, 11 innings
Florida 4, N.Y. Mets 2
Arizona 8, San Diego 2

Monday's Games

Cincinnati (Reitsma 7-14) at Chicago Cubs (Lieber 17-6), 8:05 p.m.
St. Louis (Kile 13-10) at Milwaukee (J.Wright 9-10), 8:05 p.m.

American League

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	86	57	.601	—
Boston	72	69	.511	13
Toronto	70	73	.489	16
Baltimore	55	87	.387	30½
Tampa Bay	50	93	.350	36
Central Division				
Cleveland	82	61	.573	—
Minnesota	75	68	.525	7
Chicago	73	70	.511	9
Detroit	57	85	.401	24½
Kansas City	57	86	.399	25
West Division				
Seattle	103	40	.720	—
Oakland	86	57	.601	17
Anaheim	73	70	.511	30
Texas	66	77	.461	37

Saturday's Games

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

Sunday's Games

Toronto 6, Detroit 3
N.Y. Yankees 7, Boston 2
Cleveland 9, Chicago White Sox 8
Texas 4, Kansas City 3, 12 innings
Minnesota 3, Anaheim 0
Oakland 4, Tampa Bay 3, 13 innings
Seattle 6, Baltimore 0

Monday's Games

Minnesota (Mays 14-13) at Detroit (Sparks 10-9), 7:05 p.m.
Boston (Fossum 1-1) at N.Y. Yankees (Clemens 19-1), 7:05 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (D.Wright 3-2) at Cleveland (Colon 12-10), 7:05 p.m.
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Some bases could be mothballed, not closed

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Pentagon's chief hopes he can sell the idea of military base closures to Congress and communities by offering to mothball or only partially shutter some sites.

"We are anxious to get Congress' cooperation to let us 'pickle' some" facilities, Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld said in an interview with The Associated Press.

He said he'd like a more innovative approach than the all-or-nothing, keep 'em or close 'em battles that have roiled Congress, the military and communities nationwide since the end of the Cold War.

A slumping economy might stiffen Congress' resistance — and heighten political problems for the Bush administration, Rumsfeld acknowledged. Nevertheless, he said, the billions of dollars in potential savings are substantial and the money is needed to update the military.

Many politicians oppose closing bases because it can hurt local economies. Rumsfeld dismissed their concerns.

"Life's hard," he said. "Yeah, it might" be more difficult to sell in Congress now that the economic boom is over. "But first of all the economy's still growing, it's not in the dumps. And second, national security is darned important."

Rumsfeld spoke Friday from his office overlooking the Potomac River. At 69, he is serving his second stint as defense secretary; he held the post in 1975-1977 in the Ford administration.

In the 45-minute interview, Rumsfeld acknowledged the administration's difficulties in persuading Russia to set aside a 1972 arms control treaty prohibiting national missile defense but said high-level talks will continue this fall. He said he plans to discuss the situation with his Russian counterpart, Igor Ivanov, in Naples, Italy, in late September.

On internal matters, the secretary said he'll announce a plan this week to substantially reduce the Pentagon bureaucracy by combining some civilian and military staffs in the armed services, reducing layers of civilian management and making across-the-board cuts in headquarters personnel.

Rumsfeld indicated the reductions would be less than 10 percent but declined to give a specific figure or estimate how much could be saved. The across-the-board cuts would unfortunately resemble the "mindless, crude" reductions institutions sometimes are compelled to make out of economic necessity, he said.

At the same time, Rumsfeld said he would take special care to ensure that truly vital functions are not eliminated. "You don't want to simply blindly reduce numbers in an organization where you have a thin veneer of civilian leadership," he said.

Rumsfeld described armed forces as under financial "duress," and said he must find savings wherever he can.

"We have enormous needs for funds that are not being met in areas that have been neglected over the decade," he said.

The administration has asked Congress to approve $329 billion in defense spending for the budget year starting Oct. 1, $33 billion more than this year. But that increase — the largest since the mid-1980s — would not correct all the military's problems.

On gleaning savings from base closures, Rumsfeld argued there are several alternatives to simply closing a base:

—Mothballing some bases. He called this "pickling": stop using the base but not sell the property. This avoids the often-enormous expense of environmental cleanup and keeps the base available for use later in a national emergency. Taking this approach could save "a bucket of dollars." he said.

—Close only part of a base.

—Mothball part of a base and keep the rest open.

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The goal, Rumsfeld said, is to "try to do it a way with the minimal trauma on the community. Get into it, get it over with and don't try to cut off the dog's tail one inch at a time hoping it hurts less."

Davis backs plan to protect old-growth trees

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — Gov. Gray Davis has proposed a measure that requires landowners to get state permits to cut down old-growth trees but environmentalists say the proposal doesn't go far enough.

In a recorded statement played Sunday before a teleconference between state officials and reporters, Davis said the measure before the Board of Forestry on Tuesday "is an important step toward protecting part of our precious natural legacy."

State officials say it will stop private property owners from cutting down ancient trees without regard to the ecological impact. Critics fear loopholes in the proposal mean it won't apply to some of the state's biggest logging interests.

The proposal would require an environmental review before landowners could cut down trees that are at least 200 years old and at least four feet in diameter at breast height. Redwoods would have to be at least five feet across.

"This will expand enormously the number of old growth trees that will be protected in this state," said Mary Nichols, secretary of the California Resources Agency.

Environmentalists, however, are continuing to push for a November 2002 ballot initiative that would ban logging on trees alive before 1850. State officials oppose a total ban, saying it would be impractical for trees that either pose a hazard or have died.

Some environmentalists said the proposal includes too many exceptions, and that the environmental review process could be little more than a Department of Forestry rubber-stamping of continued old-growth logging.

"What we have here is political sleight of hand," said Sierra Club spokesman Warren Alford. "We expected things to dramatically improve (under Davis), and what we've seen is at best a continuation of Wilson-era policies."

The proposal allows old-growth trees to be cut if they pose a hazard, are dead or near death, or are already covered by a management plan, such as a habitat conservation plan.

The last exception means several companies with a history of clear-cutting wouldn't need separate approval to take out old-growth trees, Alford said.

Jay Watson, regional director for the Wilderness Society, another environmental group, spoke in favor of the proposal during Sunday's conference call, but agreed in a telephone interview later that it was "narrowly crafted."

"It's perhaps a modest step but it is an important step," Watson said.

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'The Musketeer' is top weekend film

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Fight made right for "The Musketeer," which parlayed its mix of traditional swashbuckling and Hong Kong action choreography into the top spot among the nation's movies.

The revisionist take on the Alexandre Dumas classic, "The Three Musketeers," took in $10.7 million on the first weekend of the fall film season, according to studio estimates Sunday.

"Two Can Play that Game" opened in the No. 2 spot, raking in $8.3 million. The battle-of-the-sexes romantic comedy starring Vivica A. Fox and Morris Chestnut played on about half as many screens as "Musketeer" but scored a healthy $6,399 per-screen average.

The No. 3 movie — the third debut among the top 12 grossing films — was "Rock Star," starring Mark Wahlberg and Jennifer Aniston, with $6.2 million.

With film audiences shrinking on the first weekend following the Labor Day holiday, previous leader "Jeepers Creepers" dropped to No. 4 with $6.2 million. But in just two weeks, the horror flick has made $24.3 million, following a record debut for a Labor Day weekend opener.

"Soul Survivors" opened at No. 14 among films tracked by Exhibitor Relations Co. Inc., with $1.1 million in just 601 theaters.

"Our Lady of the Assassins," a gritty look at violence-wracked Colombia, opened on four screens in Los Angeles and New York. It pulled in $55,044 for a strong per-screen average of $13,761.

"We're just very pleased — this movie doesn't have any stars and it's Spanish-language," said Eden Rosenfelt of Paramount Classics.

"Rush Hour 2," in the No. 6 spot, crossed the $200 million mark before the weekend to become New Line Cinema's top-grossing domestic release. The martial arts-buddy film starring Jackie Chan and Chris Tucker bested "Austin Powers: The Spy Who Shagged Me," to take that honor.

"You have two incredibly likable characters doing what they do best," said New Line spokesman Steve Elzer.

For the weekend, the top 12 films grossed an estimated $62.6 million — an increase of 38.9 percent over the same weekend last year.

"That's huge," said Paul Dergarabedian, president of Exhibitor Relations. "For a lot of people who enjoy summer-style movies, summer's over, but action can still draw people in."

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.



Diabetes must be controlled

DEAR DR. GOTT: I'm 62 and have mature-onset diabetes. Unfortunately, I've never been in good control and have had neuropathy for the past two years. This has affected my feet, legs, hands, arms, bladder and rectum. My doctor said he'd never heard of such a thing. Is there an exercise or surgery to repair the muscles, especially the sphincters?

DEAR READER: Diabetic neuropathy (nerve malfunction) usually involves the feet and legs, leading to pain, numbness, tingling and clumsiness. However, this condition — which is thought to be secondary to poor circulation — can affect nerves elsewhere in the body, too, including those near the spinal cord. This can, in rare cases, result in bladder and rectal problems, especially incontinence.

In order to retard the progression of neuropathy (and lessen its effects), you must pay careful attention to controlling your diabetes. This means a strict diet, exercise and — if necessary — medicine to lower your blood sugar. Type 2 diabetes means that diet, with or without pills, is sufficient for your needs; insulin injections should not be required.

Nonetheless, I am concerned that your disease has yet to be controlled. You may actually be a type 1 diabetic, in need of insulin. This may explain why your neuropathy has progressed so relentlessly.

If your physician, working with a dietician, is unable to bring the situation speedily under control, you may have to address the problem more aggressively by seeking consultation with an endocrinologist (for your diabetes) and a neurologist (for your nerve problem). There is no surgery to aid you; exercises will be of limited value. Work closely with your physician and the specialist.

To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Diabetes Mellitus." Other readers who would like a copy should send $2 plus a long, self-addressed stamped envelope to Newsletter, P.O. Box 167, Wickliffe, OH 44092-0167. Be sure to mention the title.

DEAR DR. GOTT: What is cardiomyopathy? Is it common?

DEAR READER: Cardiomyopathy is a general term that denotes a disorder of the heart muscle. The affliction is associated with many diseases, including coronary artery blockage, hypertension, infections, metabolic abnormalities (such as diabetes and thyroid diseases), malnutrition, alcoholism, tumors of the heart and autoimmune diseases. Any condition that affects the cardiac muscle either directly or indirectly can lead to cardiomyopathy. Thus, it is common.

Symptoms such as weakness and breathlessness appear when the damaged heart muscle can no longer perform normally. It becomes flabby, stretched and weak, with resulting accumulation of excess fluid in the lungs, liver and legs.

Unless the underlying disease is treated, cardiomyopathy carries a grim prognosis: More than 70 percent of these patients die within five years.

However, with modern drugs, such as diuretics and ACE-inhibitors — which improve the strength of the beating heart, reduce the cardiac workload, and stimulate the excretion of fluid — patients with cardiomyopathy can be helped to lead relatively normal, albeit restricted, lives.

As I emphasized above, control of the causative disease is the primary priority. Patients with advanced cardiomyopathy, not amenable to drug therapy, may have to be considered for cardiac transplants as a last resort.

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Construction mishaps are frustrating for immigrants

DALLAS (AP) — Rosalinda Sevilla and some other immigrants who came to the United States in search of a dream have found a nightmare instead as uncounted casualties of Texas' most dangerous industry.

Sevilla was working toward getting her green card, which would make her a legal resident, after her husband Hugo had received his. Then the wall of a 17-foot-deep construction trench in which her husband was working collapsed, suffocating him and destroying the couple's plans.

Texas construction laborers died last year in numbers not seen since comparable record-keeping began a decade ago, according to The Dallas Morning News' examination of the industry's safety record that showed fatalities in the state rising 26 percent.

"All I can do is live day by day and see what will happen," the 28-year-old homemaker told the newspaper. The widow lives on $318 a week in workers' compensation benefits while attempting to persuade immigration officials to let her stay in the United States.

In 1999, more than 33,000 job injury cases — from sprains to amputations — were reported. It was the most since 1991. Industry leaders who say they're aware of the numbers are trying to reduce the toll.

"This is our industry, and we are going to have to fix it," said Guy Albanese, safety manager at TD Industries, a Dallas air conditioning, electrical and plumbing contractor.

The Sevillas, who met at Conroe High School, were trying to build a new future when tragedy struck. Sevilla had hoped to save enough to buy a ranch outside of Conroe and his wife, a mother of two, talked about having another child.

"Hugo never complained about his work," said Ms. Sevilla. "We thought he was safe."

The Occupational Safety and Health Administration ruled that Laser Construction, which employed Sevilla and two other men killed by the trench collapse, provided inadequate cave-in protection. The Magnolia-based company was fined $195,300. Laser is appealing that fine.

The company's lawyer says it is no longer involved in construction.

Sevilla's widow and the families of the other men are asking Laser to pay them $500,000, the limits of its liability insurance. If they can't reach an agreement, the families may sue, their lawyer says. They are already suing several other companies involved in the project southwest of Houston.

With workers' compensation benefits the only income, Sevilla's widow is getting 70 percent of her husband's past average weekly pay. She wants to go to college, but was recently shocked by a U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service notice saying her pending legal residency case had suddenly been closed.

Her application, the notice stated, was no longer valid because her husband had died. She called the INS in hopes of jump-starting her case and has since submitted a mound of paperwork.

Police use tear gas to break up riots erupting after party

KALAMAZOO, Mich. (AP) — A party in a college neighborhood turned violent over the weekend, with revelers setting fires in the streets, damaging cars and pelting officers with rocks, bottles and sticks, police said.

Police estimate about 2,500 people were gathered in the streets when some began setting fires and damaging street lamps, signs and other public property. Kalamazoo police responded but were pelted with flying objects.

About 55 officers in riot gear dispersed the crowd with tear gas, said Kalamazoo Police Lt. Douglas Geurink.

"Nobody kind of realized what was going on and all of a sudden comes this wall of riot police spraying mace and tear gas," Western Michigan student Kevin Wordelman told Grand Rapids television station WOOD. "People were just running, screaming down the street, terrified."

Two police officers were hospitalized with injuries, and 21 people were arrested on charges ranging from inciting a riot to assaulting a police officer, Geurink said. Forty-six other revelers received citations for underage drinking and other misdemeanors.

It's not known what incited the melee, which broke out around midnight Saturday in a largely student neighborhood near Western Michigan University and Kalamazoo College with a history of excessive noise and underage drinking, Geurink said. Officers had the melee under control by about 3:45 a.m., he said.

Two Kalamazoo police officers were hospitalized with leg and hand injuries and released. Geurink said most officers were hit with objects, but they were protected by helmets and shields.

Autopsy: Man did not die from trauma to body

HOUSTON (AP) — An autopsy performed on a 22-year-old man who died in a struggle with police showed the man did not die from any trauma to his body.

Mark Dawson, 22, died Friday as police were putting handcuffs on him. He was stopped as he ran naked on a Houston street.

Witnesses had said officers used unnecessary force to restrain Dawson.

Homicide Division Sgt. Jim Ramsey said there were no signs of significant trauma to Dawson's head, neck, throat or ribs. Police attended the autopsy, which was performed Saturday by two doctors at the Harris County Medical Examiner's Office.

"They found no trauma that would have been fatal," Ramsey said in a story in today's Houston Chronicle.

The cause of death remains under investigation. Toxicology test results are pending.

Police said a bystander identified as Dawson's cousin tried to calm Dawson but was knocked unconscious by Dawson in a grocery store parking lot.

Ramsey said a firefighter suffered a cut earlobe and an officer suffered a ruptured eardrum, a bruise to the back of the head and an abrasion to the chin while trying to subdue Dawson.

The department's homicide and internal affairs divisions are investigating the death.

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As nation's health improves, people in rural areas suffer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Americans overall are healthier today than they were 25 years ago. A new government report offers some reasons: longer life expectancy, better infant survival, fewer smokers, less hypertension and lower cholesterol levels.

But in small-town America, the news on health is far from good, said an annual report released today by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Rural residents tend to smoke more, lose more teeth as they age and die sooner than suburban and many big-city counterparts, the government snapshot of the country's health shows.

Researchers offered some reasons why. People who live in rural areas are not getting as much preventive care and medical treatment as other Americans. Long distances and the high rate of poverty among rural residents are two factors that make it tough to attract medical services.

"Even if they've got insurance, the biggest worry is: Do they have access to health care?" said Mary Wakefield, a rural health policy expert at George Mason University in Fairfax, Va.

For instance, heart attack victims could wait a half-hour for the nearest ambulance, and small hospitals consider closing because they cannot hire enough nurses, said Wakefield, a member of a panel that advises the government on rural health policy.

Health and Human Services Secretary Tommy Thompson said "geography alone does not determine health status." But he said the report helps policy-makers "understand where the most rural and urban communities can target public health efforts to close the gaps."

Urban areas are considered large cities with more than 1 million people; suburbs are larger towns on the fringes of the counties that have the largest cities. The most rural areas are defined as counties without cities, and most are largely unincorporated areas with fewer than 10,000 people.

The report this year offers a different look at the nation's health: by community size. The government used a range of the most recent health statistics available. Suburban residents, by more than a dozen measures, are the healthiest Americans. In some cases, even when income is accounted for, the suburbs are the healthiest places to live.

Americans in big cities are more likely to die violently and go untreated for substance abuse. Like those in rural areas, urban dwellers are less likely than suburban residents to have health insurance.

For instance:

—10.6 percent of the wealthiest residents in rural areas and 10 percent of urban residents lacked health insurance in 1997 and 1998, compared with about 6.6 percent of suburbanites.

—37.6 percent of rural residents over 65 had edentulism, a total loss of teeth, in 1997 and 1998, compared with about 25.7 percent in the suburbs and 26.8 percent in cities.

—18.9 percent of children age 12 to 17 in the most rural areas were regular smokers in 1999, compared with 11 percent in urban areas and 15.9 percent in the suburbs. Rural adults also smoked at higher rates than urban or suburban adults.

—46.5 of men and women in the most rural areas did not exercise, play sports or pursue active hobbies in 1997 and 1998, compared with 40.9 percent of urban dwellers and 31.1 percent of suburbanites who were not fitness-minded.

The youth death rate from all causes was higher in rural areas from 1996 to 1998, as was the adult death rate.

Country hospitals and clinics have a hard time attracting and keeping staff, said Mark Zellmer, who directs a University of Wisconsin-La Crosse program aimed at training physician assistants for rural areas.

Police say road rage led to shooting

DALLAS (AP) — A teen-ager riding in a pickup truck was shot to death in what police said was a case of road rage.

Jeremy Blackshire, 18, was in a truck traveling north on Central Expressway when he was struck in the head by a shot fired by someone in another vehicle. The shooting occurred about 2:15 a.m. Saturday in Richardson, a Dallas suburb.

Blackshire was taken to Medical City Dallas Hospital, where he was pronounced dead.

"Everything points to the fact that this was some kind of traffic altercation that culminated in a shooting," said Lt. Michael Hauver, a Richardson police spokesman. "What started it and what exactly happened before the shooting is unclear."

Blackshire and James Otis Red, both of Plano, were returning from a club in the Deep Ellum entertainment district of Dallas. Witnesses told police that as the pickup entered Richardson, vehicles began swerving and braking.

No arrests have been made, but police have released a sketch of one suspect. Police are looking for four or five people who were in a dark-colored car.

Hauver said there was no indication that the two groups knew each other.

Blackshire graduated from Plano East High School in the spring and had recently enrolled at Collin County Community College, where he was taking audio technician courses.

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

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Success in the year ahead looks very promising when you operate along steady and traditional lines. Don't take risks.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Don't waste your time on frivolous activities today, be they social or business-related. Nonetheless, there are big financial gains to be made if you put your mind to it.

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LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — You cannot force success to happen for you today. You can try your best by working around obstacles using clever, sound and constructive ideas.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Subdue inclinations today to take yourself and your involvements too seriously. When you relax and find fun in your activities, everything will start to go your way.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Demanding that others pitch in to your cause will go nowhere fast today. Instead, use your natural charisma to charm them into participation.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Just because someone involved in a team effort is adversarial today doesn't mean you should follow suit. Instead, set the example of cooperation. He or she will fall in line.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Without establishing a game plan first, you're destined for frustration and failure today. Stop and take the time to lay out a blueprint and you'll turn things around.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — People who are needlessly aggressive could cause you problems today, so be discriminating regarding your companions and your social interests. Don't leave anything up to chance.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — This is not the time to get lazy if you hope to conclude a matter that is important to you. Get together with your counterpart and hammer things out.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — So long as ideas are not presented as dictates today, you'll be responsive to constructive suggestions. Those who want to push you into something had better duck.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Don't try to bribe or buy your way into a group endeavor today; it won't work. However, good, sound ideas that could help out everyone involved will be readily accepted.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Someone who you thought was valuable in your planning might lack your cooperative spirit and end up more of a hindrance than a help. Find a way to make a quiet exit and go your own way.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Don't just get angry if you see others messing up a job you're working on. It will be worth it to you if you take the time to show them how to do things right. They'll be willing to learn.

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Souter nearly convinced colleague to change vote

WASHINGTON (AP) — A month after the Supreme Court's 5-4 decision that gave George W. Bush the presidency, dissenting Justice David Souter said he could have won over Justice Anthony Kennedy if given only one more day, according to a new book.

David A. Kaplan, a Newsweek magazine reporter, wrote that Souter made the comment while discussing the matter in private with a group of prep school students.

Souter said if he had "one more day — one more day," he could have persuaded Kennedy to vote with the dissenters and Congress might have been charged with handling the controversy.

The book, "The Accidental President," is previewed in the Sept. 17 issue of Newsweek. Kaplan says it will dissect how the government handled the 2000 election, which came down to who won Florida.

President Bush was declared the winner over Al Gore 36 days after the voting, following the Supreme Court decision that effectively halted a partial recount in Florida.

For part of the book, Kaplan focuses on Souter, who wanted Congress to decide what to do.

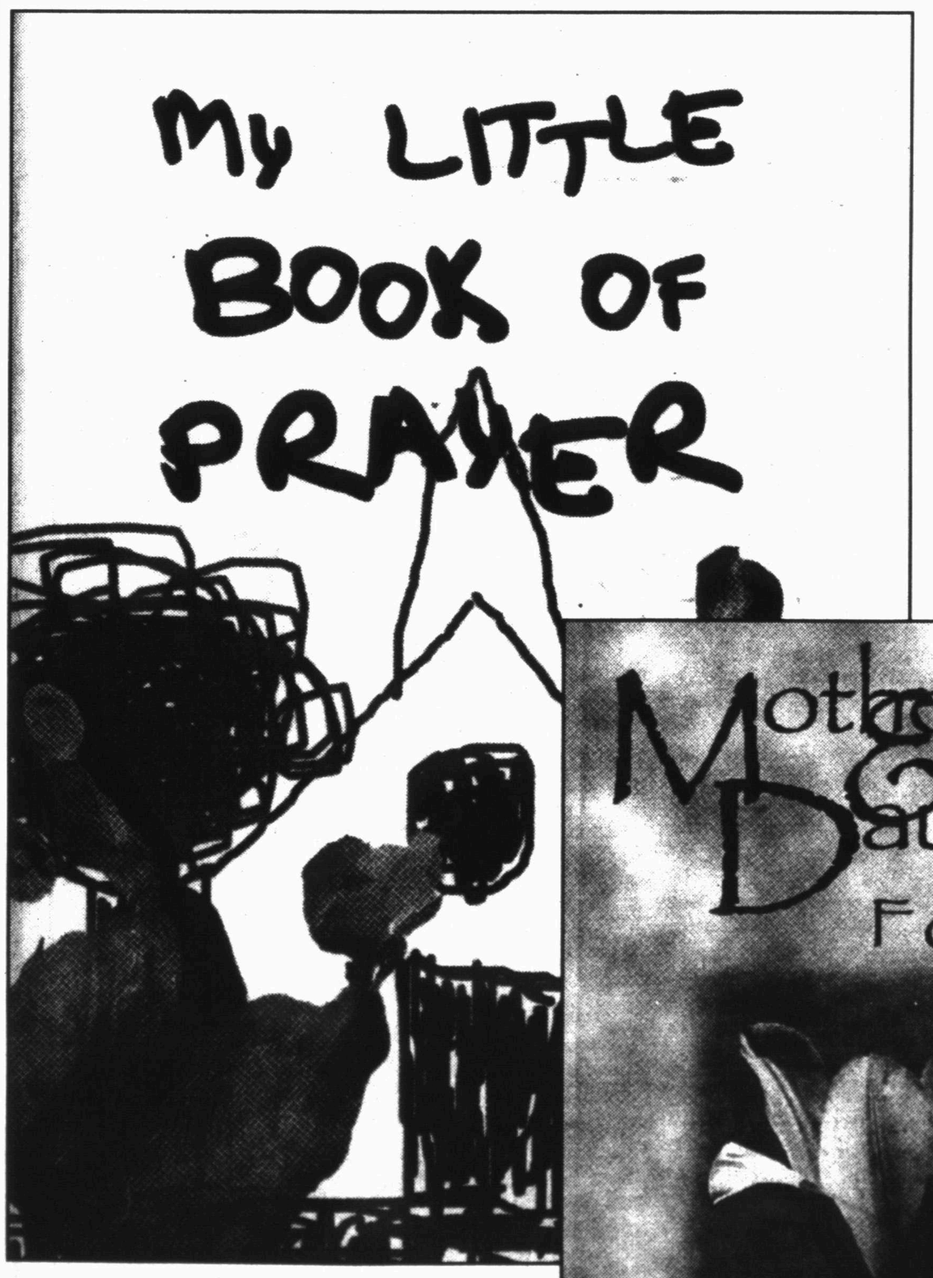
"While a political resolution to the election might not be quick and might be a brawl, Souter argued that the nation would still accept it," Kaplan wrote.

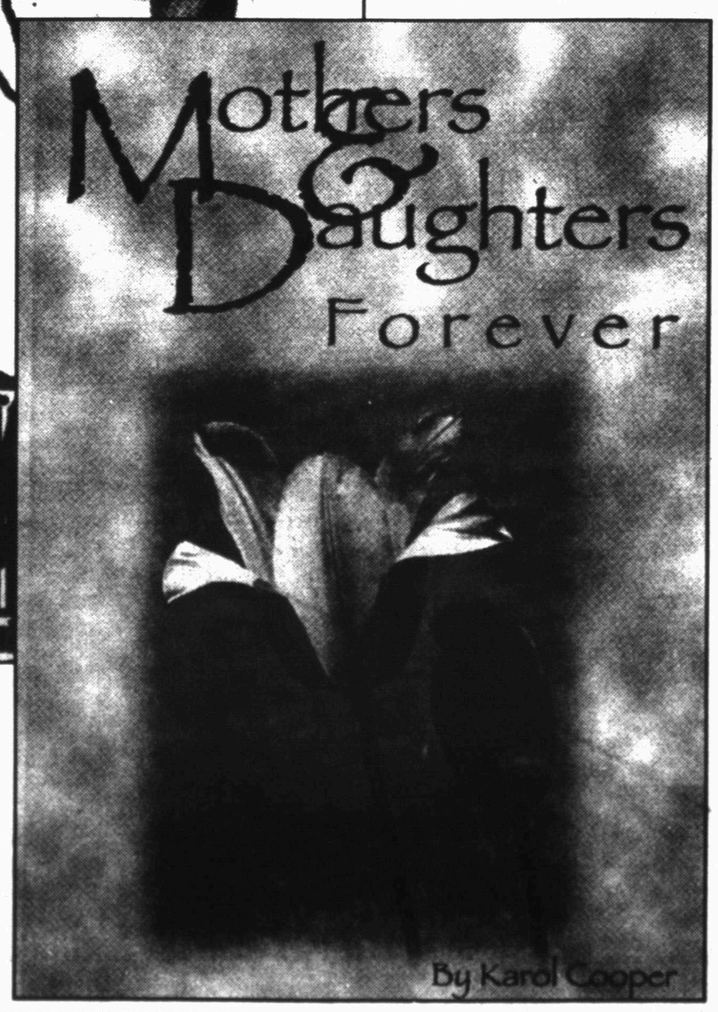
Souter tried desperately to get Kennedy to join his side, but Kennedy wouldn't flip. "He thought the trauma of more recounts, more fighting — more politics — was too much for the country to endure," Kaplan wrote.

The book also reveals that several of the justices had a spat in front of several Russian judges during an exchange program meeting after the vote.

A Russian judge criticized the nation for letting judges choose the president, Kaplan wrote. Tempers flared and Justice Stephen Breyer said the decision was "the most outrageous, indefensible thing the court has ever done."

Kennedy replied, "Sometimes you have to be responsible and step up to the plate," according to the book.





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Details sought on economic recovery

WASHINGTON (AP) — Democrats are pressuring President Bush to rescind parts of his tax cut and resubmit his budget to reflect the disappearing surplus.

Sen. John Kerry, D-Mass., said Sunday that the nation needs a budget that has "numbers in it that are real." He also said there is little Democrats can do without Bush's support.

"There is nothing that we Democrats can do by ourselves because we have only a one-vote margin in the Senate and he has a veto pen," Kerry said on CBS' "Face The Nation." He also said it was clear the Bush budget would mean taking money from the Social Security surplus.

White House officials have said the tightening economy just puts more pressure on Congress to spend prudently. The administration is considering calling for across-the-board budget cuts next year if the economy worsens, Bush advisers said last week.

Democrats blame Bush's 10-year, $1.35 trillion tax cut for the nation's economic woes and suggest Social Security reserves are in jeopardy.

Projections by both the White House Office of Management and Budget and the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office show that the non-Social Security part of the nation's budget surplus essentially has evaporated.

Since Congress returned to work after Labor Day, Democrats and the administration have been fighting over who is responsible for the economic rut.

The nation's unemployment rate grew to 4.9 percent in August as job losses in manufacturing passed 1 million for the yearlong slowdown. The increase in the monthly jobless rate was the biggest in six years.

Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle, D-S.D., said administration actions are directly responsible for the current downturn.

"Clearly, when you make the U-turn that the president did last spring, you can expect a U-turn in results," Daschle said on ABC's "This Week." "So clearly we're in a box, and I think the president now is recognizing that we're in a box, and we have to find a way out."

Senate Minority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss., rejected the notion that Bush is responsible and said the surplus will remain untouched.

"Well, as a matter of fact, the downturn in the economy started 13 or 14 months ago," Lott said on ABC. "The budget we're dealing with right now, where we see an effect by the declining surplus, actually is one we voted on last year."

Lott said there would be no need to use money from the Social Security surplus to cover all of Congress' priorities. He suggested that cutting the capital gains tax on profits from investments would increase tax revenue and help Congress deal with the shrinking budget surplus.

Rumsfeld will recommend that Bush veto defense bill

WASHINGTON (AP) — Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld says he'll recommend that President Bush veto a defense spending bill if it cuts the administration's request for missile defense.

"I just don't believe that vulnerability of the American people to ballistic missiles is a rational policy," Rumsfeld said on "Fox News Sunday." "I certainly would recommend a veto to the president."

On Friday, the Democratic-run Senate Armed Services Committee voted along party lines to cut $1.3 billion from Bush's request for $8.3 billion for missile defense in the fiscal year beginning Oct. 1. The $7 billion would still mark an increase of $1.7 billion over current spending.

The legislation also would limit the president's ability to conduct missile defense activities that would violate the 1972 Anti-Ballistic Missile treaty with Russia.

The restrictions would require a special vote by Congress before any money could be spent on an activity that the president tells Congress would violate the ABM treaty, even if the United States is no longer a party to the pact.

"That has no chance at all of going into law," Senate Republican leader Trent Lott of Mississippi said. But the chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, Democrat Joseph Biden of Delaware, said: "That position will succeed."

The provision was part of legislation authorizing defense spending of $343 billion for the next fiscal year.

Rumsfeld was hopeful that when House and Senate bargainers resolve differences between the chambers' military authorization bills, missile defense money will be restored.

"I have found over time that the American people care about their national security, they understand its importance, and that the Congress tends to be supportive," he said.

"So I think that a presumption that what came out of the Senate committee will necessarily end up as the final decision may very well prove to be wrong."

The House Armed Services Committee last month voted to trim $135 million from the missile defense request.

Right-wing Colombia group now designated as terrorists

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Bush administration today designated a right-wing Colombia group as a terrorist organization as Secretary of State Colin Powell headed for Latin America with pledges of closer relations.

The designation of the United Self-Defense Forces as a foreign terrorist group was disclosed by a senior U.S. official, who said it was a sign that the United States opposes threats left and right in the hemisphere.

The official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said Powell wanted to underscore that violence in Colombia and elsewhere in the hemisphere does not have any support.

Powell's three-day trip to Colombia and Peru was designed to show that U.S. interests in the hemisphere go beyond Mexico, which President Bush as been focused on.

Powell will attend an Organization of American States foreign ministers meeting to approve a charter setting democratic standards for the region.

He will also offer support for Peru's democratic reforms and meet with Colombian leaders to discuss the country's guerrilla war and anti-drug efforts under a $1.3 billion U.S. aid package.

Bush's election had raised hopes in Latin America, a region that he once said "often remains an afterthought of American foreign policy." In his campaign, he pledged to look to the Americas "as a fundamental commitment of my presidency."

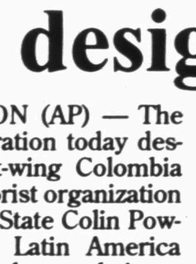
In his first eight months, Powell has traveled to Africa, Asia and Europe, but his only visit to Latin America was with Bush on the president's day trip to Mexico.

Obituaries

Dot Casey

1921-2001

Dorothy "Dot" Winston Casey, the daughter of a pioneer ranching family in Scurry County, died Sunday, Sept. 8, in Cogdell Memorial Hospital after a brief illness.



Dot Casey

Funeral service for Mrs. Casey, 80, was set for 2 p.m. today in the Colonial Hill Baptist Church. Dr. Tommy Culwell, pastor; the Rev. Miller Robinson, retired minister; and the Rev. Nan Swanson, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church; were to officiate.

Interment was to follow in Hillside Memorial Gardens under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Born March 30, 1921 in Snyder, she graduated from Snyder High School and attended Texas Tech University. She married J. Scott Casey on June 4, 1942 in Snyder. Mr. Casey died June 19, 1982.

Her father, Wade Winston, was a partner in the Winston Brothers ranching and livestock business. Her father died in 1958 and her mother, Leclaire, died in 1980. Her uncle and partner in the Winston Brothers Ranch, Harrie, died in 1974.

Mrs. Casey was a charter member of Colonial Hill Baptist Church and a founding member of the Martin Preuitt Jr. chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

She was a life member of the Martha Ann Woman's Club, a member of Snyder Country Club and a founding member and first president of the Cosmorama Study Club.

She was a Life Master Bridge Player of American Contract Bridge League and a longtime director of the Snyder Duplicate Bridge Club.

Survivors include a son, Sam B. Casey of Hollywood, Fla.; a sister, Florentz Joyce of Snyder; a niece and her husband, Helen and Travis Hatter of Snyder; three grandchildren, Rocky, Jay and Kaira Casey; and three great-grandchildren, Brandi, Renee and Nikki Casey.

Pallbearers will be Jess Everett, Joe Jackson, Pete Greene, David Holt, Glenn Patterson, Ted Crenwelge, Mickey Nunley and Jerry Smith.

Honorary pallbearers will be Russell Yorgesen, Harold Lacik, J.D. Hinton, Don Sealy and Charlie Blakey.

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Ramona Estrada

1921-2001

Ramona S. Estrada, a former resident of Snyder, died Friday, Sept. 7, at her home in Irving.

A rosary for Mrs. Estrada, 80, is set for 7 this evening in the Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home Chapel.

Funeral service for Mrs. Estrada is set for 10 a.m. Tuesday in Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church with the Rev. Leo Moras officiating. Burial will follow in the Snyder Cemetery.

Born Jan. 21, 1921 in Hamlin, she married Jesus Estrada on April 19, 1941 in San Angelo.

She was a homemaker and a member of Our Lady of Guadalupe Church.

Survivors include a daughter, Elena Mercado of Irving; four sons, Robert Estrada and Carlos Estrada, both of Elk City, Okla., and Juan Estrada and Ruben Estrada, both of Nampa, Idaho; two sisters, Concha Diaz of Tyler and Anita Contreras of Brownfield; 19 grandchildren; and 30 great-grandchildren.

Man arrested on six outstanding warrants

•Arrests

Officers arrested a 28-year-old man in the 500 block of East Coliseum Dr. at 3 a.m. today. The man was taken into custody on six outstanding warrants. Four of the local warrants were for traffic violations while another was for failure to appear before a judge. One warrant from Stonewall County was for issuance of a bad check.

A 17-year-old woman was taken into custody just after 3 a.m. Sunday in the 1100 block of 16th Street on charges of public intoxication.

•Accidents

Officers responded to a two-vehicle minor accident at Sonic Drive-in Saturday night. Involved were a 1988 Pontiac Grand Am driven by Kasey Walker, 18, of 205 South Smith Dr. in Monahans and a 2001 Dodge Ram driven by Cory Cochran, 16, of 4508 Galveston.

Dispatchers received word of a two-vehicle private property accident Friday night.

Involved in the accident in the parking lot of Brady's Detail and Oil Change were a 1999 Ford Ranger pickup driven by Laurence Odom, 21, of 100 37th Street and a parked and unoccupied Chevrolet Suburban.

No injuries were reported in either accident.

Blotter information was limited because of computer problems at the Scurry County Sheriff's office.

Hospital

ADMISSIONS: Sept. 9-Alexandra Chairez and Rodger Blackard.

DISMISSALS: Geneva Bryce and Mary Knox.

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WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

Headstart registration

Scurry County Head Start, 2800 2nd Street, is conducting registrations from 4 p.m. today for new classrooms that begin in October. To qualify, children must be three years old and family must meet income guidelines or child must have diagnosed disability. Space is limited. Bring proof of income, letter from former employer, certified birth certificate, current shot record and child's social security card.

Blood drive

A blood drive in honor of Becky Stewart is underway until 5 p.m. today at Tiger Health and Fitness Center in Snyder Shopping Center. For an appointment, call Alene Martin at 573-2510. Bring picture ID and list of medications.

Bible study tapes

Bible videos air each week on Channel 2. To be shown at 7 this evening is "The Providentially Led Christian," followed by "The Gospel is Good News."

Gateway support group

Gateway Family Services will begin a support group for victims of family violence from 6:30-7:30 p.m. today at the facility. Call 573-1822 in advance to reserve a place.

Retired teachers association

All retired teachers and their spouses are invited to a homemade ice cream and cookie social at 7 p.m. this evening at First United Methodist Church. Leon Manley, District XIV president, will address the group.

Baseball booster meeting

The SHS baseball booster club will meet at 7 tonight in the film room at the high school.

Speech team boosters

There will be a Snyder High School Parent Speech Team Booster Club and team member meeting at 6 p.m. today in room 109 at the high school. Topics to be discussed will be upcoming tournaments, fundraising and orientation.

Alzheimers' support group

A video, "Creative Intervention for the Alzheimer Patient," will be shown at 6 p.m. Tuesday at the meeting of the Alzheimers' support group at Snyder Oaks Care Center.

4-H horse club meeting

The first meeting of the year for the 4-H horse club will be at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the East Elementary cafeteria. All members and prospective members are invited.

Palette Club

Snyder Palette Club will meet at 9 a.m. Thursday in the airport terminal building. Artist's videos will be viewed and anyone interested is invited.

Lions to meet with UW

The Snyder Lions Club will not meet Tuesday, but will attend the kickoff luncheon Thursday for the Scurry County United Way at Martha Ann Woman's Club.

AARP board meeting

A meeting of the board of the AARP will held at 10 a.m. Wednesday at the Senior Citizens Center.

Northeast school pictures

Northeast Elementary school pictures will be taken Friday. Pictures must be paid in advance.

GED testing

GED testing will be held at Western Texas College Friday and again on Friday, Sept. 28. For more information call Emily Hataway at 574-2112 or Molly Kattes at 573-2919.

St. Jude's bike-a-thon

The St. Jude Children's Research Hospital bike-a-thon will be from 10 a.m. until noon on Saturday at the Ira School track. Come by 5722 FM 1606 to pick up sponsor form. Contact Pam Mauldin at 574-1817 for more information.

Cosmorama Club

The Cosmorama Club will meet at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Martha Ann Woman's Club. The Hawaiian Aloha Festival will feature foods, fads and fun.

Jamaica Festival

Our Lady of Guadalupe Church will host a Jamaica Festival from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Sunday at the church campus. Activities include a volleyball tournament, live music from a variety of bands, Folkloric dances, talent shows, games, raffle, and a variety of foods.

Library story time

Story time for four and five-year-old children is at 10 a.m. on Mondays at the Scurry County Library.

Boys basketball boosters

The boys basketball team booster club will meet at 7 p.m. next Monday in the high school office.

Class of 1941 reunion

The SHS class of 1941 will have a reunion Sept. 21-22 at the Willow Park Inn. Contact Thadene Harless at 573-0035 for more information.

Cowboy camp meeting

The Bull Creek Cowboy camp meeting is set for Sept. 22-23 at the Doyle and Shirley Newton ranch - 573-0968. The chuckwagon supper is at 5 p.m. on Saturday with the worship service following. Breakfast will be at 8 a.m. Sunday followed by the service at 10 a.m. Lunch will follow the service. Ronnie Trice will be the minister and leading the worship with be Mary Styer and family.

Avenue D Baptist Church revival

The Avenue D Baptist Church will have an "old fashion tent revival" Sept. 23-27. Sunday school is at 9:45 a.m., worship at 10:45 a.m. and the evening service will be at 6 o'clock. Weekday services are at noon with a covered dish meal, and at 7 p.m. Evangelist will be Herman Cramer from Seguin, and Don Thornton of Fairfield will lead the music.