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Public Citizen: NAFTA promise not being met

Study's critics claim Mexico's woes to blame

WASHINGTON (AP) — The North American Free Trade Agreement's promise of new jobs and increased exports to Mexico isn't being realized — even by many of the corporate cheerleaders who were eager to see Congress ratify the pact in 1993, says a new study.

Public Citizen, which lobbied vigorously against the agreement creating a free trade zone from the Yukon to the Yucatan, contends that American workers are feeling the pinch.

Commerce Secretary Ron Brown took issue with the findings.

"NAFTA clearly has had a positive impact on U.S. jobs and exports," he said. "It's time to stop playing the 'blame NAFTA' game every time there is a 'shock' felt in the international financial markets."

Public Citizen examined the goals set by 81 companies before the pact's approval, then interviewed company officials this summer to find out if projections had been met.

The pre-NAFTA promises were culled from company comments in National Association of Manufacturers and USA NAFTA publications or those made to government officials and Congress.

Of the 66 firms providing follow-up information, 89 percent said they haven't made significant progress toward fulfilling their job and export projections in the first 20 months of NAFTA's implementation, according to the study.

"The real-life evidence after a year and a half of NAFTA shows quite clearly that NAFTA is not working," said Lori Wallach, director of Public Citizen's Global Trade Watch.

"New jobs have not been created and a lot of existing jobs have been lost. And, U.S. wages are at their lowest point in 20 years and declining."

Mexico's economic woes, prompted by the abrupt peso devaluation, make it difficult to assess NAFTA's impact, critics of the study said.

"Is there some disappointment generally in the Mexican market? Undeniably, but that doesn't mean NAFTA is a bad idea. If anything, it means it is more important," said Judge Morris, the National Association of Manufacturers' senior policy director for international trade.

The Commerce Department agreed, pointing out that unlike 1982 — when Mexico's economy last suffered a major jolt — the country isn't slapping new tariffs on imports.

Wallach brushed off criticism that the analysis fails to take into account Mexico's economic problems. "You can't separate them out — and you shouldn't because ... this is the new peso reality," she said.

Reflecting the continued fallout from Mexico's troubles, the United States' traditional trade surplus with Mexico has vanished. For the first six months of the year, the U.S. trade deficit with Mexico reached $8.5 billion.

Public Citizen cited the toy manufacturer Mattel as one example of NAFTA's failure to deliver.

In 1993, a Mattel vice president told a House trade subcommittee that NAFTA would have "a very positive effect" on the more than 2,000 U.S. Mattel workers.

The Labor Department has certified that 520 workers at a Mattel-owned facility in Medina, N.Y., were laid off due to increased imports from Mexico.

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Grand jury to consider murder case

A 132nd District Court grand jury will consider five cases Tuesday — including one for murder.

The grand jury will report at 9 a.m.

The grand jury will consider whether to indict Grayling T. Gradney, 36, who has been charged with the murder of Carolyn Carr, 46.

Gradney, an assistant supervisor in the furniture factory af the Price Daniel unit, was arrested early Saturday as a suspect in the Friday night, Aug. 25, homicide which occurred at the 1004 33rd St. residence shared by Gradney and Carr.

Gradney was arraigned before Peace Justice Charlie Reynolds, and bond was set at $75,000. Gradney remains in the Scurry County Jail.

Carr's body was found Friday night in a bedroom of the mobile home following a 9-1-1 call that alerted officers and emergency to the residence about 9:50 p.m.

Carr apparently died from a shotgun wound to the head. She was pronounced dead at the scene at 10:45 p.m.

Gradney was arrested at 4:20 a.m. Saturday. Snyder police, who are investigating the death, have declined to give a motive for the shooting.

LABOR DAY - Bennie Carrington, left, and Bo Hefner were silhouetted against the morning sun early today as they took advantage of the Labor Day holiday to put in some extra work cleaning up the area around the old Kmart building. (SDN Staff Photo)

Season tickets on sale

Season tickets for Snyder High School varsity football games are available to the general public through Friday.

A number of tickets still remain. They may be purchased weekdays from 8:30 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. at the district administration building. The office will be closed Monday, in observance of Labor Day.

Last year's season ticket holders have already been given an opportunity to renew their tickets.

Season tickets are $24 each and include all six home games. The $4 average will save fans $1 per game over individual tickets, which will be $5 each at the gate this year. Student tickets will be $2 in advance and $5 at the gate.

The first home game for the Tigers is Sept. 15 against Monahans. Other home games are Sept. 29 against Big Spring, Oct. 6 against Kermit, Oct. 13 with Levelland, Oct. 28 against Lamesa and Nov. 3 against Lubbock Estacado.

Road games include Friday's season opener at against Andrews, at Abilene Wylie on Sept. 22, against Frenship on Oct. 20 and the traditional rivalry with Sweetwater on the last game of the regular season, Nov. 10.

Deadline for Serbs nears

Route in and out of Sarajevo reopened

SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina (AP) — With a deadline for more NATO airstrikes fast approaching, Bosnian Serbs today kept their big guns firmly in place around besieged Sarajevo.

The Serbs, however, were not interfering with a U.N. move to reopen one route in and out of the city.

Trucks crossed over the Sarajevo airport and into the city from government-held territory on the south side without incident. Much of the winding one-mile route is exposed to Serb fire.

Dozens of trucks, most of them empty, lined up this morning in Sarajevo waiting to cross the route and load up on goods to bring back into the city. Nine trucks used the route on Sunday after the United Nations and the Bosnian government made a surprise announcement that the route was being opened.

But allowing that single route to open fell far short of U.N. and NATO demands, and officials reiterated that the Serbs faced new NATO airstrikes if they did not ease up further on Sarajevo by 11 p.m. (4 p.m. CDT).

If the Serbs do not comply, said the U.N. chief for former Yugoslavia, Yasushi Akashi, "then NATO airstrikes could resume at that point."

He said there was no indication that the Serbs were pulling back from Sarajevo, and his assessment was backed up by U.N. military officers on the ground in Sarajevo.

Lt. Col. Pierre Briere said there was no evidence that the Serbs had moved even a single gun out of range of the city.

The bombing would most likely begin immediately after the deadline, Clinton administration officials said late Sunday, speaking on condition of anonymity.

The United Nations blamed Serbs for a mortar shell that landed near a Sarjaevo market on Aug. 28 and killed 38 people. NATO began airstrikes against the Bosnian Serbs early on Aug. 30, but suspended them two days later.

The United Nations sent a list of demands Sunday to Bosnian Serb military commander Gen. Ratko Mladic.

The Serbs were told they must immediately cease attacks on Sarajevo and Bosnia's other three U.N. "safe areas," Tuzla, Gorazde and Bihac; withdraw heavy weapons from a 12.5-mile exclusion zone around Sarajevo; and allow complete freedom of movement for international aid organizations and U.N. personnel, including the reopening of Sarajevo airport.

The European Union's chief negotiator, Carl Bildt, called on the Bosnian Serbs to avoid a confrontation with the international community.

"I hope that everyone understands the gravity of the choice that the Bosnian Serb leadership is facing, and I sincerely hope that they will make the decisive gesture for peace," he said in Belgrade.

"You'll never build peace or momentum towards peace if you strangle a city, if you shell a city," he added.

Officials also have said that the pressure is intended to try to get the Serbs back to the bargaining table.

After a weekend briefing NATO allies and other powers involved in the search for peace in Bosnia, Assistant U.S. Secretary of State Richard Holbrooke returned to the region on Sunday.

China casts wary eye as conference begins

BEIJING (AP) — With the rallying cry that "a revolution has begun," delegates today opened a global conference on women overshadowed before its start by complaints about heavy-handed Chinese policing.

Subjects that might discomfit the Beijing government surfaced almost immediately: at the opening session, Pakistani Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto condemned female infanticide. She did not single out China, but the practice is widespread here.

"The cries of the girl child reach out to us," Bhutto told delegates to the Fourth World Women's Conference. "This conference needs to create a climate where a girl child is as welcome and valued as a boy child."

Over the next 12 days, the 3,000 delegates were to debate a proposed 120-page platform — which conference Secretary-General Gertrude Mongella called a crucial social agenda — urging steps to help women overcome poverty and win better health care, job opportunities and education.

China's Chen Muhua, elected conference president at the opening session, told the gathering that improving the lot of women "is not only a cry from the women's population, but a demand from the times."

Earlier today, Mongella won cheers and applause when she told delegates and Chinese dignitaries at a welcoming ceremony that women are no longer "guests on this planet."

"This planet belongs to them, too," she said. "A revolution has begun — there's no going back."

The latest confrontation with Chinese security came at that welcoming ceremony, when South Africa's Winnie Mandela was turned away after arriving late.

Chinese security men used coats to try to block cameras' view of their altercation with Mrs. Mandela, estranged wife of South African President Nelson Mandela, and her bodyguards.

Chinese authorities have closely watched and occasionally harassed participants at a private forum that began last Wednesday in Huairou, a village outside Beijing. Tibetan exiles seeking independence for the Chinese-ruled Himalayan region have been particular targets.

By today, though, there were signs of a change in the Chinese attitude.

"We think there has been some relaxation and perhaps along the way some better understanding by the Chinese authorities about how U.N. conferences work," said Timothy Wirth, the U.S. undersecretary of state for global affairs.

Illustrating that, guards at the Huairou site stood by quietly today while peace activists staged the largest demonstration yet at the private forum.

About 1,000 members of the group Women in Black stood for an hour in silence, holding placards protesting war, violence and poverty, then lit candles and marched for about a quarter-mile. They did not attempt to leave the forum site.

The hands-off Chinese approach might be tested, however, by the visit of first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton, who is to address the official conference Tuesday and the unofficial meeting in Huairou on Wednesday.

Some private activists hint they may try to stage protests.

ASK US

Q—How many counties in Texas can access food stamps with the Lone Star card?

A—Currently, 122 of the state's 254 counties are using the Lone Star card. On Oct. 1, parts of West Texas, including Scurry County, as well as the Rio Grande Valley and Corpus Christi will go on line.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Saturday, 95 degrees; low, 66 degrees; high Sunday, 97 degrees; low, 68 degrees; reading at 7 a.m. Monday, 68 degrees; no precipitation; total precipitation for 1995 to date, 13.53 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, clear. Low in the upper 60s. Light south wind. Tuesday, mostly sunny. High in the upper 90s. South to southeast wind 5-15 mph.

Sunset: 8:04 p.m.
Sunrise: 7:22 a.m.

Of 246 days in 1995, the sun has shone 231 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

How blessed is the man who finds wisdom, and the man who gains understanding.

Proverbs 3:13

On Medicare, GOP majority must make painful decisions

WASHINGTON (AP) — Republicans say they got less of an earful than they expected from senior citizens back home about their goal of saving $270 billion from Medicare.

But now the GOP majority must begin making painful choices about how to wring that money from beneficiaries and their care-givers.

"This is the most important issue we're going to face," said Rep. Dan Miller, R-Fla. "For September and October, it's going to be Medicare, Medicare, Medicare."

The two parties engaged in skirmishes over the summer recess about the ailing health program for 37 million elderly or disabled Americans.

The Republicans say they are just trying to save Medicare from bankruptcy; Democrats say Medicare must be saved from the Republicans.

But neither side has spelled out how it proposes to keep Medicare's hospital fund from going broke by 2002.

President Clinton, to the dismay of some fellow Democrats, has endorsed saving $124 billion by shaving fees paid to doctors, hospitals and other providers.

House Speaker Newt Gingrich first wants to hear from GOP colleagues what constituents told them. Then the lawmakers will get a chance to voice their preferences in private from a long list of options that Republican staff members have been drafting. Gingrich, R-Ga., is expected to unveil a GOP reform plan in mid-September.

Most of the town meetings went smoothly, although Rep. John Lewis, D-Ga., staged a noisy protest at an Atlanta forum where Gingrich was to speak, and freshman Rep. Ed Whitfield, R-Ky., had an angry exchange with an irate senior citizen at a political picnic.

Miller, whose Sarasota district boasts one of the country's highest concentration of senior citizens, said, "What we're hearing from back in the districts is that ... seniors are willing to help be part of the solution — but everyone else has to be part of the solution, too."

Gail Wilensky, a former Bush administration official who took part in forums with GOP lawmakers on both coasts, said, "There is a very different attitude than before.

"Before the predominant attitude was, 'This is mine. I paid for it. You touch it and I'll tear your heart out,'" she said. "Now they accept the program will have to be changed. The real question is: How much, how fast, what it will cost them and will they be able to keep choosing their own doctor?"

But White House health adviser Chris Jennings said the Republicans "are in real trouble" with the magnitude of their Medicare and Medicaid cuts. He accused the GOP of exaggerating the scope of the Medicare savings that Clinton has advocated.

While Clinton has argued that Medicare can be shored up for 10 years without charging beneficiaries one "red cent" more, Wilensky expects the House GOP plan to ask beneficiaries to shoulder $80 billion to $90 billion in extra costs.

Most of that could be raised simply by making the elderly pay the same share of Medicare Part B costs as they do now. Under current law, the seniors' share would drop from 31.5 percent to 25 percent or less. The premium, now $46.10 a month, could more than double by 2002.

The Republicans will look for major savings from encouraging seniors to sign up for managed care and changing the way Medicare pays HMOs and other plans.

Gingrich and his lieutenants promise to let the elderly keep traditional fee-for-service Medicare, with unrestricted choice of doctors, while giving them strong incentives to sign up for less costly alternatives.

Fewer than 10 percent of seniors now belong to health maintenance organizations, but the number has been growing rapidly. The upside is that HMOs offer broader benefits; the downside is they make it harder for patients to see specialists.

Frederick H. Graefe, a lawyer who represents health care providers, said the Republicans want the Congressional Budget Office to credit moves to managed care with producing as much as $50 billion of the $270 billion savings goal.

Wilensky said the GOP plan will probably include a "look-back" provision to trim Medicare spending automatically if the moves to managed care fail to do the trick.

The conservative Heritage Foundation wants Congress to adopt the model of the Federal Employees Health Benefit Program, giving seniors a broad menu of plans, while fixing the federal contribution and making seniors pay more for expensive coverage.

Democrats contend the sick elderly could wind up losers if Medicare is converted to a voucher program.

Drew Altman, president of the nonprofit Kaiser Family Foundation, a philanthropy that sponsors health studies and surveys, said, "The budget process is going to have to yield to reality here. Changes of this magnitude are going to be very hard to push through in a matter of weeks."

"As these debates turn from broad ideas to specifics ... the proposals (will be) whittled down," he predicted. In Medicare, as with health reform last year, "people want some action, but they don't necessarily want dramatic overhauls."

Powell remaining reticent on some views in his new book

WASHINGTON (AP) — Retired Gen. Colin Powell makes a few revelations about his professional life in his new book, but it's hardly a tell-all autobiography as he remains reticent about describing his political views.

Powell discloses that candidate Bill Clinton considered him as a running mate, and President Clinton twice approached him about becoming secretary of state, according to the Sept. 11 issue of Newsweek.

Previously, Powell turned down a chance to become director of the CIA when President-elect Bush offered him the job in 1988, according to the magazine, which obtained a copy of Powell's autobiography.

The 613-page book, "My American Journey," doesn't explicitly state Powell's political ambitions, but says he is uncomfortable with both major parties. Powell doesn't reveal any detailed political views.

According to the magazine, Powell's book does not address the hot button issues of abortion, immigration, capital punishment or welfare payments for unwed teen-agers.

Dr. Gott By Peter Gott, M.D.

Coping with rheumatoid arthritis

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: Several family members suffer from rheumatoid arthritis. To give the impression that nothing can be done is a terrible disservice to mankind. Diet, vitamins and exercise can do wonders. It seems that if there isn't any money in it for doctors, they're not interested in the condition.

DEAR READER: I don't know of any doctors who proclaim that nothing can be done for patients suffering from rheumatoid arthritis, an inflammatory joint disease that can affect people of any age.

On the contrary, there are many treatments available, ranging from prescription anti-inflammatory drugs (such as Naprosyn) and cortisone to gold shots and anti-metabolites, such as methotrexate.

A balanced diet, vitamins and exercise are valuable adjuncts to a medical program of therapy and rehabilitation, but, I am afraid, by themselves are relatively ineffective.

Except for the least severe cases, patients with rheumatoid arthritis almost always require professional management by M.D.s, usually rheumatologists, most of whom are more gratified by seeing their patients improve than by raking in the dollars.

DEAR DR. GOTT: Please discuss COPD.

DEAR READER: Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease is the most prevalent chronic lung disorder in this country. Because it is a direct consequence of air pollution, including cigarette smoking, millions of people develop the affliction, which causes progressive breathlessness and an inability to breathe.

COPD is marked by destruction of pulmonary tissue and inflammation of the bronchial tubes, leading to overinflated, inefficient lungs that become unable to exchange oxygen for carbon dioxide. At the very least, patients with COPD cannot exercise; at worst, they are short of breath at rest and eventually die from pulmonary failure. Thus, patients with severe COPD should be treated by appropriate pulmonary specialists.

The diagnosis is made by chest X-rays, blood tests and an analysis of lung function.

Treatment includes oxygen supplements, special breathing exercises, cortisone and antibiotics when appropriate, bronchodilator drugs (for any asthmatic component), and marked restriction of activity. Such patients must discontinue cigarettes, the earlier the better.

To give you more information, I am sending you a free copy of my Health Report "Living With Chronic Lung Disease." Other readers who would like a copy should send $2 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to P.O. Box 2433, New York, NY 10163. Be sure to mention the title.

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Washington Today

Battles within labor and Congress

By KEVIN GALVIN
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Organized labor is waging two pitched battles this Labor Day: a divisive fight for control of the AFL-CIO and a defense against congressional efforts to limit enforcement of labor laws.

"House Republicans have declared war on working Americans," said Labor Secretary Robert Reich, a labor ally. "They've brought out the artillery and started setting off the bombs."

As part of their efforts to trim the federal budget, congressional Republicans voted to slash National Labor Relations Board funding by 30 percent and the Occupational Safety and Health Administration by 15 percent.

Special provisions would keep the agencies out of specific areas of enforcement, and another bill could undercut union efforts to organize.

"In short, the effect of the budget cuts is to promote strife and strike over peaceable procedures," said NLRB Chairman William B. Gould IV.

AFL-CIO President Thomas Donahue called the GOP's measures part of an "assault on working families." He said slowing down the NLRB's work would force workers to take direct action against some employers.

"The impatience with the process will grow, and you will see spillover," Donahue said. "You will see more strife and more turmoil associated with the efforts of people to form and join a union."

The proposed cuts — coupled with Republican opposition to raising the minimum wage and plans to trim college loans and other programs that benefit the middle class — have given added urgency to the rare public fight for control of the AFL-CIO.

Donahue faces an uphill campaign to hold onto his seat against John Sweeney, president of the Service Employees International Union.

But the two men agree that labor must take a tougher stand on Capitol Hill.

"Working families in this country deserve leaders who are decisive and stand with them when they are in trouble," Sweeney tells supporters. "We will remind the CEOs and the right-wing political zealots in our country that disrespecting and underestimating working people is a one-way ticket to hell!"

Republicans scoff at such broadsides, saying that by putting the nation's finances in order they are working to boost the living standards of every American.

"We're cutting duplicative and inefficient bureaucracies, trying to achieve the first balanced budget for the American family in 30 years," said Ed Gillespie, spokesman for House Majority Leader Dick Armey of Texas. "The Democrats are resorting to the kind of scare tactics that they always resort to, but they have no proposals to offer to American families."

The House also would prevent the labor secretary from enforcing the ban on federal funding for any company that hires permanent striker replacements, and it would cut the department's labor standards division by 15 percent.

Reich criticized Republicans for using the appropriations process to try "to change the law through the back door, simply cutting enforcement resources so that the law cannot be implemented."

In addition to voting for an overall cut of 15 percent, the House bill would direct OSHA to cut its enforcement programs by 33 percent.

The cuts would result in fewer inspections, lower employer compliance, and slower responses to complaints, according to OSHA.

A separate provision would not only prevent OSHA from issuing ergonomic standards for work stations, it would bar it from even gathering data on the subject.

"It essentially says that if you don't know there's a problem, you don't have to do anything about it," said OSHA spokeswoman Cheryl Byrne. "It's like the ostrich strategy."

Labor officials are pressuring the Senate to restore some of the funds cut by the House when Congress reconvenes after its August recess.

"The president has made it very clear that he will veto the House appropriations, should that come to his desk," Reich said. "He came to Washington to invest in people and improve the lot of ordinary American workers."

Congress also is considering legislation that would change the National Labor Relations Act to allow employer-sponsored worker committees to deal with job issues.

Republicans say the so-called TEAM Act would enhance efficiency on the job site. Labor leaders contend it would set their cause back 50 years, giving employers the right to handpick the workers with whom they will negotiate.

"The TEAM Act makes sure workers are at the table, but gives employers all the cards," said Rich Trumka, president of the United Mineworkers and Sweeney's running mate.

With so much at stake, some question why labor leaders are fighting among themselves over the AFL-CIO presidency. Others say the timing couldn't be better.

Oil Patch News

Scurry County

Sharp Image Energy will drill the No. 1 Yeager, a 7,500-foot wildcat located 1.5 miles west of Ira. Location is in Section 132, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Garza County

Patterson Petroleum has completed the No. 7 Slaughter unit in the Happy field, 10 miles south of Post. The well was finaled to produce 110 barrels of 38.5 gravity oil and 20 barrels of water. Perforations were from 4,904-960 feet, and location is in Section 19, Block 2, T&NO survey.

Texon Oil Co. Inc. will drill the No. 5 Bridge in the Huntley field, five miles northwest of Post. Planned for a depth of 4,100 feet, location is in Section 1206, H&OB survey.

Kent County

Apache Corp. will drill the No. 1 Spires in the Polar west field, 22 miles southwest of Jayton. Planned for a depth of 8,000 feet, drill site is in Section 2, Block 4, H&GN survey.

Mobil Producing has completed the No. 115 Salt Creek unit in the Salt Creek field, seven miles northwest of Clairemont. The well was finaled to produce 477 barrels of 37.3 gravity oil and 2,552 barrels of water. Perforations were from 6,295-517 feet, and location is in Section 11, Block 1, H&GN survey.

Murchison Oil and Gas has completed the No. 2 Wallace in the Rojo field, four miles north of Polar. The well was finaled to produce 168 barrels of 39 gravity oil and no water. Perforations were from 7,695-744 feet, and location is in Section 34, Block 5, J.L. Elkins survey.

Fisher County

Conoco Inc. will plug and abandon the No. 1 J.G. Willingham, 13 miles northwest of Hamlin. Drilled to a depth of 6,500 feet, location was in Section 199, Block 1, BBB&C survey.

Mitchell County

Chishom Exploration Inc. will drill the No. 2 Williams in the STM field, 10 miles southwest of Ira. Planned for a depth of 7,500 feet, location is in Section 73, Block 20, Lavaca Navigation Co. survey.

Parker and Parsley Development will drill the No. 341 Mary Foster in the Iatan East Howard field, nine miles southwest of Westbrook. Planned depth is 3,235 feet, and location is in Section 16, Block 29, T1S, T&P survey.

Parker and Parsley Development will drill the No. 344 Mary Foster in the Iatan East Howard field, nine miles southwest of Westbrook. Projected depth is 3,200 feet, and location is in Section 16, Block 29, T1S, T&P survey.

Parker and Parsley Development will drill the No. 345 Mary Foster in the same field, nine miles southwest of Westbrook. Contracted for a depth of 3,180 feet, location is in Section 16, Block 29, T1S, T&P survey.

Parker and Parsley will drill the No. 346 Mary Foster in the Iatan East Howard field, nine miles southwest of Westbrook. Planned for a depth of 3,185 feet, drill site is in Section 16, Block 29, T1S, T&P survey.

Howard County

Sharp Image Energy will drill the No. 1 Big Spring in the Cornish Zinke field, 1.5 miles northeast of Big Spring. Planned for a depth of 10,000 feet, location is in Section 28, Block 32, T1N, T&P survey.

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Hillary Clinton strikes back at critics

TUMON BAY, Guam (AP) — Hillary Rodham Clinton today struck back at conservative critics of an international women's conference in Beijing, saying that its primary goal is to improve the lives of women, children and families around the world.

"It is important that America play a leadership role at this conference," the first lady said. "Issues of concern to women are crucial not only to the economic and social progress of our nation, but of every other nation."

Conservatives have portrayed the conference as a radical, anti-family event that will endorse liberal stands on issues such as abortion. Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole, R-Kan., seeking the GOP presidential nomination, has deemed it "misguided" and a "genuine waste of the taxpayers' money."

The women's conference has become enmeshed in a broader political debate over the best approach to promote family values, a particularly popular theme in presidential politics.

Mrs. Clinton, in a newspaper column released Sunday, said she was saddened that "a small but vocal band of critics (is) trying to spread the notion that the U.N. gathering is really the work of radicals and atheists bent on destroying our families."

She said the U.S. delegation was "a broad-based, family-oriented group committed to the mainstream agenda of the conference."

Renewing that theme today during a refueling stop en route to China, Mrs. Clinton said the delegation is comprised of Democrats and Republicans, liberal and conservatives who speak with one voice in trying to advance the causes of women.

"The main goal of the United States' delegation ... will be to promote policies around the world — including in our own country — that improve the status of women, children and family and enable all women to fulfill their God-given potential by making the choices that are right for them.

"There is no preordained choice," she said.

Meanwhile, the White House chastised China for its harassment of delegates to a parallel meeting of women's advocacy groups.

"We very much regret the restrictions on free expressions and association which have been occurring in Beijing," said White House press secretary Mike McCurry. "We believe those are wrong and they are counterproductive to the work of a very important international conference."

McCurry said it was the responsibility of China and the United Nations, the sponsor of the women's conference, to clear up the problem.

"We've been making clear to Chinese officials for some time that there should not be limits on freedom of expression and association during the course of the international women's conference," McCurry said.

Women have complained of Chinese security guards shadowing and photographing delegates, harassing Tibetans and human rights campaigners, confiscating video tapes and breaking up meetings.

McCurry said U.S. officials have been talking to Chinese and U.N. officials about the problems. "And the first lady, especially, hopes that those matters will be cleared up prior to her arrival," he said.

The first lady is expected to argue on women's behalf for adequate health care, political rights and economic opportunity.

"The women's conference is about making the world a better place by helping women live up to their God-given potential at home, in school, on the job, in their communities and as mothers, wives, learners, workers and citizens," she said.

After addressing the U.N. conference, Mrs. Clinton is to speak to a gathering of women's advocacy groups on Wednesday in Huairou, about 30 miles north of Beijing. Later that day, she may visit the Great Wall.

Before returning home, Mrs. Clinton will fly to Mongolia on Thursday for an overnight stay. Officials said the visit is intended to nurture the fledgling democracy in the nation, sandwiched between Russia and China.

Man leaps 50 feet off bridge to rescue his fiancee's pet

NEWPORT NEWS, Va. (AP) — Johnny Johnson Jr. didn't even stop to think before taking a 50-foot dive off a bridge to save his fiancee's dog.

"Animals are like your children. I just flipped off my flip-flops and dove in," he said.

He and Lisha Lee stopped their car on the James River Bridge on Saturday while the span opened to let a boat pass, then got out with her 5-year-old miniature collie, Cosmo, to look over the side.

Cosmo tried to jump up on the railing, but sailed right over.

Johnson paddled over to the dog but had to release Cosmo after a few minutes: "He was pushing me under trying to get on my head."

The two floated downstream for about 15 minutes before a passing boat fished them up, Ms. Lee said.

Man, woman and pooch were reunited at a nearby pier. Ms. Lee, who plans to marry Johnson next year, said she wished she could have thanked the people who pulled the bedraggled pair from the river.

"It could have been the most tragic day of my life," she said.

Foster's wife says stress, depression reasons for suicide

NEW YORK (AP) — Depression and the paralyzing stress of working at the White House — not Whitewater — led Vincent Foster to take his own life, his widow says.

In her first interview since the White House deputy counsel died on July 20, 1993, Lisa Foster told The New Yorker, "I never thought he'd been murdered. The worst possible thing had happened, but it was like everything came together."

After reviewing her husband's records and files, she determined that he shot himself because he was depressed and feared that seeing a psychiatrist would make it difficult to get another job.

"I knew he was down," she says in the magazine's Sept. 11 issue. "I just didn't know people committed suicide. I'd never had any experience with this at all — I hated it when people said he was depressed, because I didn't know what depression was."

Mrs. Foster said she knew her husband had been troubled by his work at the White House, taking personally the failed nominations of Kimba Wood and Zoe Baird for U.S. attorney general and Lani Guinier as head of the Justice Department's civil rights division.

He even blamed himself for the Waco debacle and felt wronged by the White House stance during the scandal in the travel office, she said.

A series of harsh editorials in The Wall Street Journal also distressed him, his widow said.

"The intense scrutiny they were getting made you feel like no matter what you do, you're going to get criticized," she said. "It was like some dog nippin' at your ankles all the time."

But Whitewater was not one of his pressing concerns, Mrs. Foster said.

In June 1993, shortly after she followed him to Washington, her husband told her he had made a mistake and wanted to resign. She said she talked him out of it.

In early July, he again told her he intended to resign and she suggested he write down some of the reasons why his difficulties weren't his fault. He wrote the complaints on a yellow legal pad, a list that would later be found torn into 27 pieces at the bottom of his briefcase.

After his death, Mrs. Foster went through an intense depression.

All along, she said, she had coped with rumors that her husband had had an affair with Hillary Clinton. The lowest point came after "A Current Affair" broadcast the allegations of a liaison.

Mrs. Foster said her husband had gathered the family during Clinton's campaign and warned them about the rumor, and he denied the allegations.

"I just have faith in Vince and faith in Hillary that they did not have an affair. If they did, who cares now? You know? Who cares? I sincerely believe that they didn't. But that doesn't matter to me — Vince is dead. It does matter to me that they're using him."

Once Mrs. Foster visited a psychiatrist — who prescribed Prozac — she began understanding her husband's problems, how he was "just totally depleted.

Community Calendar

MONDAY

Narcotics Anonymous; Winston Park Club; for information call 573-2101, 573-0599 or 573-1579; 6 p.m.

Canyon Reef 4-H Club; Senior Citizens Center; 7 p.m.

Alateen; Park Club at Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; for more information call 573-8971 or 573-2101; 8 p.m.

Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; for more information call 863-2349, 573-8626 or 573-1141; 8 p.m.

TUESDAY

Ladies Golf Association; Snyder Country Club; 9 a.m.

Scurry County Chapter of American Heart Association; The Shack; noon.

Alpha Study Club; Martha Ann Woman's Club; Elizabeth McCloskey and LaDean Rhodes, hostesses; luncheon.

Snyder Fire Department Auxiliary; Central Fire Station; 7 p.m.

Beta Sigma Phi; community room of Snyder National Bank; 7:30 p.m.

Weight Watchers; Trinity Methodist Church (south wing); noon; for more information, call Nathalie at 573-0015.

Narcotics Anonymous; Winston Park Club; for more information call 573-2101, 573-0599 or 573-1579; 6 p.m.

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

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

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

WEDNESDAY

Snyder Christian Women's Club Prayer Coffee; 9:30 a.m.

Narcotics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-2101, 573-0599 or 573-1579; 8 p.m.

THURSDAY

Snyder Garden Club; home of Billie Jean Sterling; 11:30 a.m.

TOPS TX56, (take off pounds sensibly); weigh-in and meeting 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.; 2501 35th. For information call Peggy Vernon at 573-3122.

Deep Creek Chapter ABWA; Rudy's Restaurant; 6:30 p.m.

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

SOS (singles of Snyder) volleyball and games; First Baptist Church Family Center; 7 p.m.

Codependents Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; 37th & Ave. M; for information call 573-7358; 7 p.m.

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

FRIDAY

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

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

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

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

Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-8626, 863-2349; (last Friday of the month is the birthday, open meeting); 8 p.m.

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

Bridge

NORTH 9-4-95
♠ 8 4 3
♥ K Q 8 3
♦ J 10 8 7
♣ 9 3

WEST
♠ K 7
♥ J
♦ K 9 5 4 3 2
♣ Q 10 7 2

EAST
♠ Q J 10 9 6 2
♥ - - -
♦ A 6
♣ A K 6 5 4

SOUTH
♠ A 5
♥ A 10 9 7 6 5 4 2
♦ Q
♣ J 8

Vulnerable: East-West
Dealer: East

South	West	North	East
			1 ♠
4 ♥	Dbl.	4 NT	Dbl.
Pass	Pass	Redbl.	Pass
5 ♣	Dbl.	Redbl.	All pass!

Opening lead: ♠ K

First, the crash

By Phillip Alder

Hunting quotations for this column, occasionally I find one that really catches my imagination. George Santayana, the American philosopher and poet, pointed out: "The same battle in the clouds will be known to the deaf only as lightning and to the blind only as thunder."

Today's deal gets the week off with a major bang. It occurred during an English tournament featuring international players.

Look just at the East hand. You are dealer at unfavorable vulnerability. Do you anticipate doing a lot of bidding? If you had to defend, in which suit would you like the opponents to play?

East, Michelle Brunner, a regular on the British women's team a few years ago, opened one spade. Her left-hand opponent jumped to four hearts and partner doubled, which showed high-card values, not a heart stack. While Brunner contemplated whether to bid five or six clubs, North came forth with four no-trump!

Clearly, North had a big heart fit and was trying to muddy the waters. Brunner doubled. This went back to North, who redoubled for rescue. South ran to five clubs, which Brunner's partner doubled! North was still on his horse, again redoubling for rescue. No, it couldn't be... but, yes, South *did* pass!

So, South was the declarer in five clubs redoubled. Unfortunately, the defenders couldn't stop South from winning one trick with his spade ace, but they took the rest. What is the penalty for 10 down redoubled and non-vulnerable?

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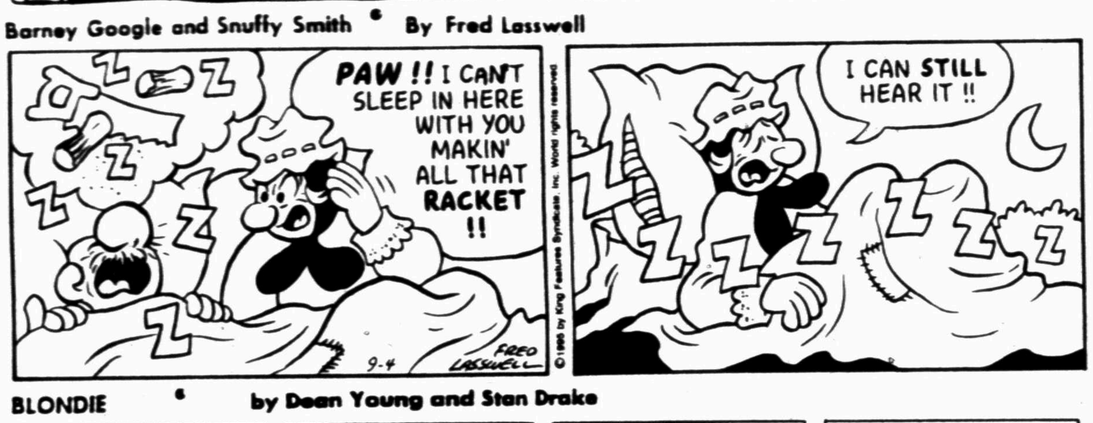

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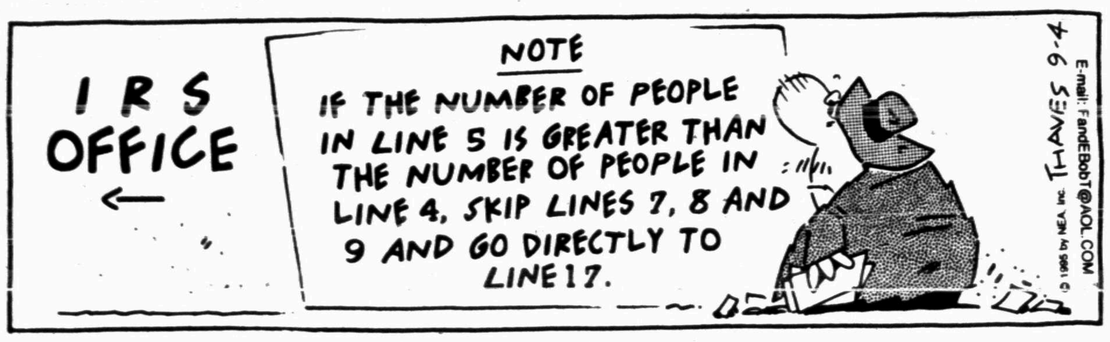

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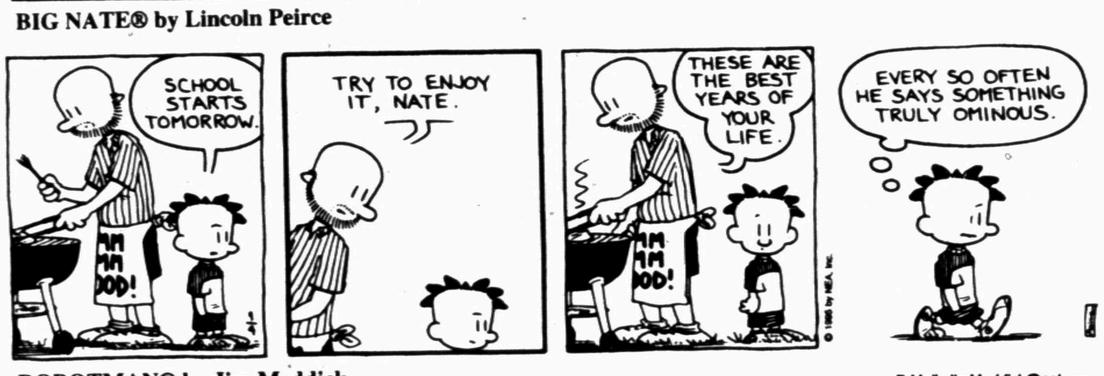

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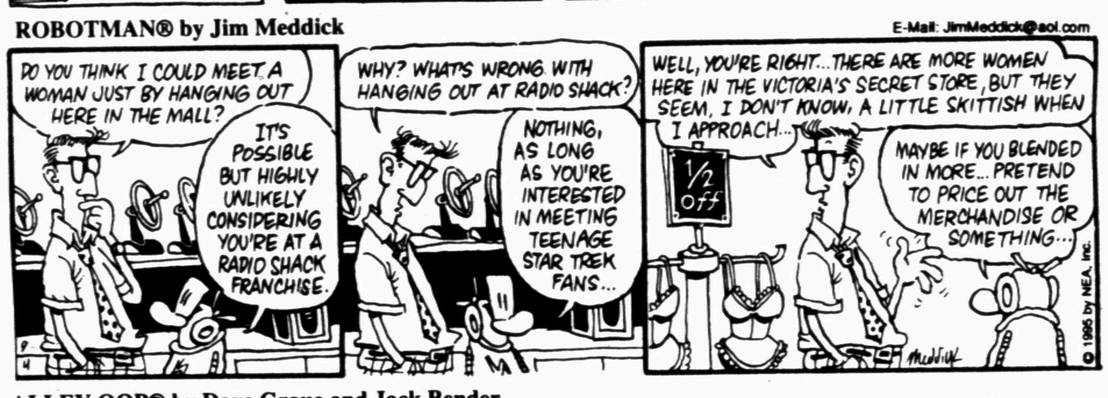

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ACROSS

1 Barrels
5 Greek letter
8 Astronaut — Slayton
12 Fencing sword
13 Steno's need
14 Mild oath
15 Yeats or Dickinson
16 Bungling
18 Publish
20 Roman 52
21 Look at
22 Of fever
25 Confederate soldier
28 Actor — Calhoun
29 Singer Fitzgerald
33 Irregular
35 Fashion designer Christian —
36 Gilded
37 Productive
39 Ancient Italian family
40 Tartan skirt
42 WWII area
43 Wrote block letters
46 Accelerate (a motor)
49 That thing's
50 Choreographer — Tharp
54 Image worshipper
57 — Knievel
58 Take out
59 Time period
60 Comedian — Jay —
61 Large knife
62 — degree
63 Future LL.Bs.' exam

DOWN

1 Military cap
2 Long heroic poem
3 Horse directives
4 Organization
5 LP speed
6 Trucker
7 Peculiarity
8 Neighbor of Md.
9 Protection
10 Citizen —
11 Brink
17 Roman 502
19 Bronte heroine Jane —
23 Reagan's son
24 Relinquish
25 Discourteous
26 Adam's grandson
27 Comedian Lahr
30 Biography
31 Ungentlemanly one
32 Singer Guthrie
34 Vice pres.
37 Last mo.
38 Editor's notation
40 Baby cat
41 Newspaper section
44 Narrow inlet
45 Reside
46 Clears
47 Paradise
48 Small rodent
51 — Montand
52 Singer Horne
53 Thanks — —
55 Civil War general
56 College cheer

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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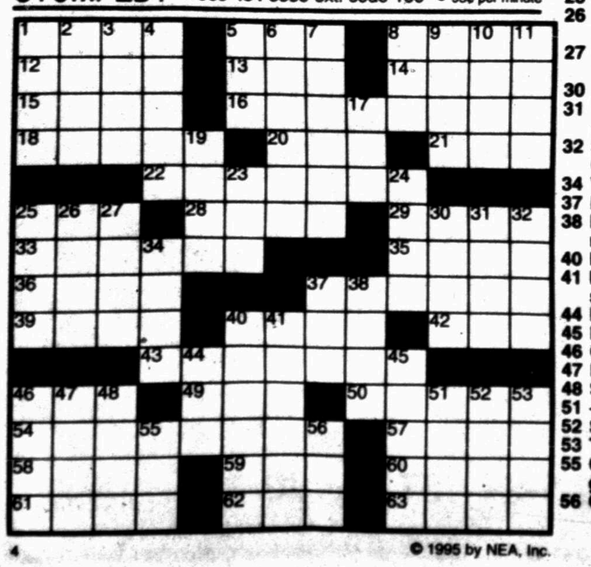

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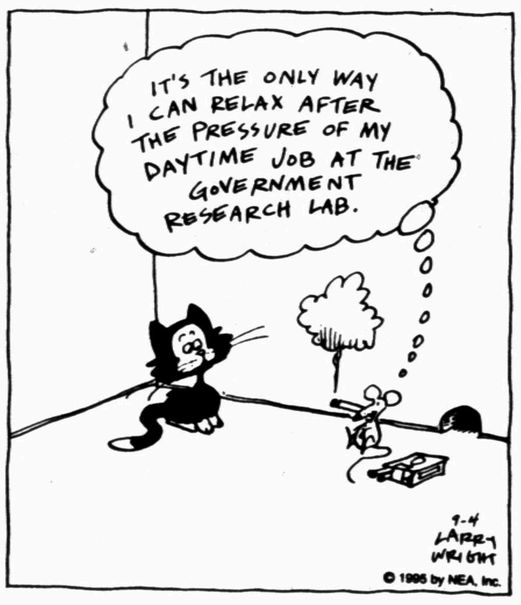

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SPORTS

Switzer begins second NFL year as Cowboys tackle NY Giants tonight

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP) — Don't bother looking for changes in Barry Switzer heading into his second season as coach of the Dallas Cowboys.

As far as Switzer is concerned, his coaching style is no different after a year in the NFL. His knowledge of the league and his players is just a little better and he'll be hoping to use both to get the Cowboys back on top in the NFL.

His first test comes tonight when the three-time defending NFC East champions visit Giants Stadium to play the Dan Reeves-coached New York Giants, a club that thinks it can challenge Dallas for the division title.

Switzer, who already has been given a vote of confidence for the 1996 season by owner Jerry Jones, is looking forward to the meeting and this season.

"From your freshman to sophomore year, there's a great growth that probably makes the tenure you have in any endeavor or career," Switzer said. "Get that first year out of your way and then make great strides from then on. I know the strengths and weaknesses of our football team. I know our psyche and our personality, and they know me and, more importantly, my style. It's all changed, and it's all changed for the better for me."

Switzer took some heat in his first year for not being more like Jimmy Johnson, his predecessor who led the Cowboys to consecutive Super Bowl titles in 1992 and 1993.

Quarterback Troy Aikman even admitted he felt more comfortable with Johnson's approach to the game.

However, Aikman said the players have gotten to know Switzer better and that training camp went smoother this year.

"His approach to football, contrary to what a lot of people are saying in the media, has been really consistent to what it was a year ago," Aikman said last week. "From that, at least players understand how he is going to respond to situations and handle this football team. We don't have the questions as to how things would be done like a year ago."

Switzer feels good about his team, which still has two-thirds of the starting unit from '93. What's missing is depth, a victim of the salary cap and free agency. The Cowboys lost three starters to free agency, and linebacker Darrin Smith will miss the opener because of a contract holdout.

Still, Switzer expects the Cowboys to challenge Super Bowl champion San Francisco with a tough defense and an offense that features Aikman, running back Emmitt Smith and wide receiver Michael Irvin.

And Switzer has no intention of holding them back. He said he'll use Smith, who's entering his sixth season, as much as needed to win.

"The future is now, in '95," Switzer said. "I'm not worrying about what he can do in '96 and '97."

Smith's track record is impressive. The Cowboys have a 49-5 mark when he carries 20 times and a 33-3 record when he rushes for 100 yards.

"He's (Smith) not the whole team, but he's a big part of the offense," Giants linebacker Michael Brooks said. "We have to go into Monday night stopping the run first and then the pass. The run opens the pass for them."

New York hasn't beaten Dallas the last three years when Smith played. A 15-10 victory last year came with Smith out with a hamstring injury.

The game has been a focal point for the Giants since training camp opened and Reeves set a goal of challenging the Cowboys for the division title.

"It's still one game and if we lose, it's not over for us," Brooks said. "We have a long way to go. But I would be disappointed if we did lose because it's the one we've been thinking about all offseason. It's the Cowboys, one of the better teams in the league and it will allow us to see what we have."

Expansion Jaguars drop opener

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (AP) — The fans arrived early, ready for a Florida-style party. They were decked out in shorts and bikinis, filling the air with the smell of barbecue ribs and fried chicken in a scene as much reminiscent of a stock-car race as an NFL game.

It was easy to understand their excitement. They had first sought out an NFL team in 1979, putting 50,000 fans in the old Gator Bowl in an ill-fated attempted to lure the Colts to town. They had faithfully attended exhibition games played by teams that belonged to other cities and turned out for second-rate leagues.

Now the people of Jacksonville finally had a team to call their own.

"I've supported the Bulls and the Sharks and the Firebirds and the Express," said Pat Freel, reeling off the Jacksonville teams that played in organizations like the World Football League and the USFL. "We had a bunch of them before we got the real thing."

The team they got was the Jaguars, who had talked boldly of being different than other expansion teams because they, like their counterparts in Carolina, had benefited from free agency and the salary cap.

But Sunday, with the crowd ready to cheer for something — anything — the league's newest team fell flat on its face, losing 10-3 and leaving their long-suffering fans, donned in teal, black and gold, to wonder whether the wait had been worth it.

After all, the Jaguars were playing a team that was the NFL's worst in 1994. This was one of the few games on the schedule that looked like a possible Jacksonville victory. But it's hard to win in this league, or any league for that matter, when your team manages only 152 yards.

"The setting was perfect," Jaguars coach Tom Coughlin said. "The crowd was into it. Everything was just right — except we couldn't take advantages of the opportunity."

The opportunity certainly was there. Houston marched right down the field on its first drive, using 13 plays and 8:17 to go 78 yards for a 4-yard touchdown pass from Chris Chandler to Haywood Jeffires. Then Houston, which averaged only 14 points a game during a 2-14 campaign last year, spent the rest of the day protecting its margin.

It didn't prove to be very difficult against a Jaguar offense that made it inside the Houston 42 only two times all day — once after recovering a Rodney Thomas fumble at the Oiler 16 midway through the second quarter. Jacksonville managed only 2 yards in three plays after that turnover and Mike Hollis hooked a 36-yard field goal attempt.

By the time Jacksonville had another scoring opportunity, the score had grown to 10-0 and Mark Brunell had replaced Steve Beuerlein at quarterback. The crowd seemed to support the change — Brunell is a scrambler who directed two come-from-behind victories in the preseason — and he did guide an 11-play, 66-yard drive that finally got the Jaguars on the board. Hollis connected from 26 yards away with 11:58 remaining in the game to cut the deficit to a touchdown.

SDN SPORTS WEEK

Football

Thursday: Andrews at Snyder, 7 p.m., J.V.
Thursday: Snyder at Andrews, 9th B 6 p.m., 9th A 7:30 p.m.
Friday: Snyder at Andrews, 7:30 p.m., Varsity.
Friday: Borden County at Dawson, 7:30 p.m., Varsity.
Friday: Loop at Hermleigh, 7:30 p.m., Varsity
Friday: Ira vs Three Way at Meadow, 7:30 p.m., Varsity

Volleyball

Tuesday: Three-way match, Lakeview, Water Valley, Snyder in San Angelo, 5 p.m. Varsity & J.V.
Tuesday: Freshman vs. Abilene Cooper in Snyder at 5 p.m.
Friday & Saturday: Birdville tournament in Fort Worth. Varsity.

NFL AT A GLANCE

National Football League
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AMERICAN CONFERENCE	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
East						
Miami	1	0	0	1.000	52	14
NewEngland	1	0	0	1.000	17	14
Buffalo	0	1	0	.000	7	22
Indianapolis	0	1	0	.000	21	24
N.Y.Jets	0	1	0	.000	14	52
Central						
Cincinnati	1	0	0	1.000	24	21
Houston	1	0	0	1.000	10	3
Pittsburgh	1	0	0	1.000	23	20
Cleveland	0	1	0	.000	14	17
Jacksonville	0	1	0	.000	3	10
West						
Denver	1	0	0	1.000	22	7
KansasCity	1	0	0	1.000	34	10
Oakland	1	0	0	1.000	17	7
SanDiego	0	1	0	.000	7	17
Seattle	0	1	0	.000	10	34

NATIONAL CONFERENCE	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
East						
Washington	1	0	0	1.000	27	7
Dallas	0	0	0	.000	0	0
N.Y.Giants	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Arizona	0	1	0	.000	7	27
Philadelphia	0	1	0	.000	6	21
Central						
Chicago	1	0	0	1.000	31	14
TampaBay	1	0	0	1.000	21	6
Detroit	0	1	0	.000	20	23
GreenBay	0	1	0	.000	14	17
Minnesota	0	1	0	.000	14	31
West						
Atlanta	1	0	0	1.000	23	20
SanFrancisco	1	0	0	1.000	24	22
St.Louis	1	0	0	1.000	17	14
Carolina	0	1	0	.000	20	23
NewOrleans	0	1	0	.000	22	24

Sunday's Games
Cincinnati 24, Indianapolis 21, OT
New England 17, Cleveland 14
Houston 10, Jacksonville 3
Atlanta 23, Carolina 20, OT
San Francisco 24, New Orleans 22
Tampa Bay 21, Philadelphia 6
St. Louis 17, Green Bay 14
Pittsburgh 23, Detroit 20
Miami 52, New York 14
Oakland 17, San Diego 7
Kansas City 34, Seattle 10
Washington 27, Arizona 7
Chicago 31, Minnesota 14
Denver 22, Buffalo 7

Monday's Game
Dallas at New York Giants, 9 p.m.

Sunday, Sept. 10
Miami at New England, 1 p.m.
Oakland at Washington, 1 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Houston, 1 p.m.
New Orleans at St. Louis, 1 p.m.
Detroit at Minnesota, 1 p.m.
Carolina at Buffalo, 1 p.m.
New York Giants at Kansas City, 1 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Cleveland, 1 p.m.
Denver at Dallas, 4 p.m.
Indianapolis at New York Jets, 4 p.m.
Seattle at San Diego, 4 p.m.
Jacksonville at Cincinnati, 4 p.m.
Atlanta at San Francisco, 4 p.m.
Philadelphia at Arizona, 8 p.m.

Monday, Sept. 11
Green Bay at Chicago, 9 p.m.

Marlins swim out with win

HOUSTON (AP) — The Florida Marlins left town with a victory after the Houston Astros ran out of options.

Astros manager Terry Collins was forced to give veteran relief pitcher Craig McMurtry his first National League at-bat with the tying run at third base in the 11th inning with predictable results.

McMurtry struck out and the Marlins held on for an 8-7 victory in 11 innings Sunday, aided by Jeff Conine's RBI single and Greg Colbrunn's sacrifice fly in the 11th.

"It was a wild win, I'm just happy to get out of here with one victory," Marlins manager Rene Lacheman said. "It wasn't pretty but I'll take it."

Houston, which blew an 8-0 lead and came back to win 10-8 on Saturday night, had a similar plan in mind in the series finale.

This time, it didn't work.

John Cangelosi drew a leadoff walk from Aaron Small (1-0) and Yorkis Perez relieved. Cangelosi stole second, Derrick May walked and, after Mark Gardner relieved, James Mouton sacrificed the runners into scoring position.

With McMurtry at the plate, a passed ball by Charles Johnson scored Cangelosi to make it 8-7 with May moving to third.

That's where he stayed because after Dave Magadan was intentionally walked, Pat Borders flew out to center field to end the game.

NCAA TOP 25

By The Associated Press

The Top Twenty Five teams in The Associated Press college football poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Sept. 2, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote, and previous ranking:

	Record	Pts	Pv
1.FloridaSt.(38)	1-0-0	1,518	1
2.Nebraska(14)	1-0-0	1,467	2
3.TexasA&M(4)	1-0-0	1,361	3
4.PennSt.(1)	0-0-0	1,298	4
5.Florida(2)	1-0-0	1,293	5
6.Auburn(2)	1-0-0	1,276	6
7.SouthernCal	0-0-0	1,168	7
8.Tennessee(1)	1-0-0	1,073	8
9.OhioSt.	1-0-0	1,018	10
10.Colorado	1-0-0	972	14
11.Michigan	2-0-0	951	13
12.UCLA	1-0-0	922	15
13.Alabama	1-0-0	852	11
14.Oklahoma	0-0-0	641	16
15.Texas	1-0-0	605	18
16.Virginia	1-1-0	554	17
17.Arizona	1-0-0	529	19
18.Washington	1-0-0	388	22
19.Miami	0-1-0	282	12
20.VirginiaTech	0-0-0	265	24
21.KansasSt.	1-0-0	203	-
22.Syracuse	1-0-0	195	-
23.N.CarolinaSt.	1-0-0	191	-
24.Oregon	1-0-0	187	-
25.NotreDame	0-1-0	157	9

Others receiving votes: Air Force 136, Georgia 131, Colorado St. 118, Northwestern 99, Mississippi St. 85, Purdue 45, Boston College 32, Baylor 28, Clemson 28, North Carolina 25, Wisconsin 9, California 8, Texas Tech 8, Fresno St. 6, Illinois 5, Iowa 5, San Diego St. 5, Stanford 3, West Virginia 3, Nevada 2, Pittsburgh 2, Southern Miss. 1.

BASEBALL AT A GLANCE

American League Standings
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East Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Boston	74	45	.622	-
NewYork	59	60	.496	15
Baltimore	55	64	.462	19
Toronto	49	69	.415	24½
Detroit	48	70	.407	25½
Central Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Cleveland	82	36	.695	-
KansasCity	60	57	.513	21½
Milwaukee	59	60	.496	23½
Chicago	53	64	.453	28½
Minnesota	44	73	.376	37½
West Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
California	67	53	.558	-
Seattle	61	58	.513	5½
Texas	60	59	.504	6½
Oakland	59	62	.488	8½

Saturday's Games
Boston 5, California 4
New York 5, Oakland 0
Detroit 3, Cleveland 2
Baltimore 3, Seattle 2
Chicago 10, Toronto 4
Texas 4, Kansas City 1
Minnesota 6, Milwaukee 5

Sunday's Games
Boston 8, California 1
Cleveland 9, Detroit 8, 10 innings
Milwaukee 7, Minnesota 6
Seattle 5, Baltimore 6
Oakland 10, New York 9, 10 innings
Chicago 6, Toronto 5
Kansas City 8, Texas 5

Monday's Games
Seattle (Wells 4-3) at New York (Pettitte 7-8), 1:05 p.m.
Cleveland (Clark 8-5) at Detroit (Nitkowski 0-2), 1:15 p.m.
California (Abbott 9-7) at Baltimore (Moyer 8-5), 1:35 p.m.
Milwaukee (Karl 5-3) at Minnesota (Trombley 2-8), 2:05 p.m.
Toronto (Hentgen 9-11 and Menhart 1-2) at Kansas City (Gubicza 10-11 and Torres 1-1), 2, 6:05 p.m.
Chicago (Bere 6-11) at Texas (Gross 7-13), 8:05 p.m.

Tuesday's Games
Oakland at Boston, 7:05 p.m.
California at Baltimore, 7:35 p.m.
Seattle at New York, 7:35 p.m.
Chicago at Texas, 8:05 p.m.
Toronto at Kansas City, 8:05 p.m.
Detroit at Minnesota, 8:05 p.m.
Cleveland at Milwaukee, 8:05 p.m.

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East Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Atlanta	74	44	.627	-
Philadelphia	61	59	.508	14
Montreal	58	61	.487	16½
Florida	53	64	.453	20½
NewYork	52	66	.441	22
Central Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Cincinnati	73	45	.619	-
Houston	61	58	.513	12½
Chicago	60	59	.504	13½
Pittsburgh	51	68	.429	22½
St.Louis	50	69	.420	23½
West Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Colorado	62	57	.521	-
LosAngeles	62	58	.517	½
SanDiego	58	60	.492	3½
SanFrancisco	56	63	.471	6

Saturday's Games
San Francisco 5, New York 3
San Diego 6, Philadelphia 5, 11 innings
Chicago 6, Atlanta 4
Pittsburgh 11, Cincinnati 8
Colorado 6, St. Louis 1
Houston 10, Florida 8
Montreal 9, Los Angeles 8

Sunday's Games
Atlanta 2, Chicago 0
Pittsburgh 7, Cincinnati 3
Colorado 5, St. Louis 4, 11 innings
Los Angeles 6, Montreal 3
Philadelphia 3, San Diego 2
Florida 8, Houston 7, 11 innings
New York 11, San Francisco 6

Monday's Games
Colorado (Rekar 4-2) at Chicago (Castillo 8-8), 2:20 p.m.
Cincinnati (Portugal 8-9) at Houston (Reynolds 9-9), 4 p.m.
New York (Mlicki 7-6) at San Diego (Blair 6-3), 4:05 p.m.
Montreal (Heredia 4-6) at San Francisco (VanLandingham 5-3), 4:05 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Parris 6-5) at Florida (Burkett 12-11), 6:05 p.m.
St. Louis (Morgan 6-7) at Atlanta (Smoltz 10-6), 7:40 p.m.
Philadelphia (Juden 2-2) at Los Angeles (Candiotti 6-12), 9 p.m.

Tuesday's Games
St. Louis at Atlanta, 7:40 p.m.
Cincinnati at Houston, 8:05 p.m.
Philadelphia at Los Angeles, 10:05 p.m.
New York at San Diego, 10:05 p.m.
Montreal at San Francisco, 10:05 p.m.
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Rangers blow lead

ARLINGTON (AP) — Kansas City manager Bob Boone isn't sure whether it's luck or good playing that's powering the Royals' recent surge that has taken them to the forefront of the American League wild card race.

But then, he doesn't really care which it is.

"We played good (Sunday night), but we had some luck, too," Boone said of his team's 8-5 victory over the Texas Rangers. "When you play good, you seem to get lucky."

The Royals battled from behind twice against the Rangers before winning on Gary Gaetti's pinch-hit 3-run homer that popped out of Otis Nixon's glove and fell over the centerfield fence in the eighth inning.

"I'm getting used to it," Boone said, talking about Gaetti's clutch hitting, "so it's getting ho-hum. How many times has he done it? Ten?"

Boone didn't start either Gaetti or Greg Gagne, two of his better hitters. Gagne singled and scored ahead of Gaetti's homer.

"What makes it easy to do it is, they can come in fresh. It gives you a powerful bench," Boone said.

Gaetti has now hit safely in 17 of his last 19 games, going 21 for 62 with 6 homers and 18 RBIs. His homer was his 30th of the season, giving him his third 30-homer season, but the first since 1987, when he hit 31 for Minnesota.

It didn't bother Gaetti that his dramatic homer Monday night was almost a long 400-foot out.

"He had it. Then his arm hit the wall and jarred it out," Gaetti said after reviewing a replay of Nixon's leap at the wall. "I'll take that. I've had a couple caught like that."

The victory was the ninth in 11 games for Kansas City, including five of seven against the Rangers, and kept the Royals percentage points atop the AL wild card race. Texas, which has lost eight of 10, dropped a game behind Kansas City and Seattle.

Ed Vosberg (5-3) got the loss after taking over the Texas pitching in the sixth.

Gregg Olson (2-1), Kansas City's third pitcher, got the victory after surviving a harrowing seventh inning, his only action. Jeff Montgomery pitched two innings for his 26th save, striking out four of the six batters he faced.

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Investigators: fed actions not tough enough on SSI ripoffs

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Social Security Administration is not doing enough to catch the middlemen who are defrauding a federal disability program by coaching immigrants to feign mental illness and providing false medical histories, say congressional investigators and a senator.

According to the General Accounting Office, scams by middlemen, who help non-English-speaking immigrants obtain disability benefits from Supplemental Security Income, are draining millions of dollars from the government's largest cash welfare program for the poor.

The findings by the GAO, the congressional watchdog agency, were released Sunday by Republican Sen. Bill Cohen of Maine, chairman of the Senate Special Committee on Aging.

Cohen, whose oversight of the SSI program also exposed widespread abuses by drug addicts and alcoholics who collect cash disability, said the explosion in the number of immigrants applying for SSI has created an atmosphere ripe for fraud.

"Translators have become wise to how easy it is to defraud the system and are actively seeking out immigrants as clients," Cohen said.

Yet Social Security, which oversees the $22-billion-a-year SSI program, "is simply not doing enough to weed out these crooks, and it is costing the taxpayers millions of dollars every year," Cohen said.

The GAO reached a similar conclusion, saying that while Social Security is planning several initiatives to detect middleman fraud, "more could be done."

In her response to the GAO's findings, Social Security Commissioner Shirley Chater said the agency is working to identify SSI recipients who got on the rolls through fraudulent means.

Social Security is also hiring more bilingual staff, and its ultimate goal "is to dramatically reduce reliance on middlemen in developing claims of non-English-speaking applicants," Chater said.

The number of legal immigrants collecting SSI disability has increased sixfold over the past decade, from 45,000 in 1983 to 267,000 in 1993. By comparison, the number of U.S. citizens on the rolls grew less than twofold, from 2.3 million to 4.2 million.

To be considered eligible for SSI disability benefits, a person must be poor and unable to work because of a physical or mental impairment expected to last at least 12 months or result in death.

Non-English-speaking applicants for SSI are allowed to provide their own interpreters for interviews with the agency about their claims for benefits if Social Security does not have a translator available, the GAO said.

According to the GAO, some of the immigrants' translators have coached them to claim forms of mental impairment, such as delayed stress syndrome or depression.

The middlemen have also controlled interviews with Social Security by answering all questions, preparing applications for numerous people using identical wording to describe the same mental impairments, and establishing relationships with unscrupulous doctors who help them defraud SSI by submitting false medical evidence, the GAO said.

The middlemen are then paid a fee; in one case the middleman received between $2,000 and $3,000 per applicant.

The actual number of immigrants who obtain SSI using these middlemen is unknown, GAO said. But most of the suspected cases of middleman fraud identified so far have been in California and Washington state, approximately 6,500 cases.

One Washington middleman alone helped at least 240 immigrants obtain $7 million in SSI benefits, GAO said.

An investigation last year by a House Ways and Means subcommittee found that such schemes are occurring nationwide and that they involve a broad range of ethnic groups.

Because SSI recipients generally remain on the rolls for a long time, the cost of a single mistake in determining eligibility is high, the GAO said. The watchdog agency estimates that one ineligible recipient could collect a total of about $113,000 in federal benefits before turning 65, when he or she would qualify for SSI based on age.

In spite of reputation, Texas juries award less damages

DALLAS (AP) — There's at least one thing plaintiffs lawyers and defense attorneys agree upon: Texas jury awards aren't what they used to be.

The state's reputation — deserved or not — for outlandish awards in lawsuits appears to be suffering a backlash in some jury rooms.

This summer, jurors hearing a case where a woman was sued over a 1991 Dallas traffic accident tried to award her damages because it considered the lawsuit frivolous.

In late June, a jury found Occidental Chemical Corp. grossly negligent for releasing potentially toxic irritants into the air in Robstown near Corpus Christi. But the first 12 of almost 8,600 people who sued didn't get the $120 million they were seeking. Instead, jurors said seven plaintiffs should get nothing and gave five others only $300 to $1,000 in actual damages.

Rather than let that same panel reconvene to consider punitive damages, the two sides settled everything — about 15 separate cases — for $65.7 million. That's far below some predictions, given the number of plaintiffs.

Last year, Texas plaintiffs won 42 percent of the time, compared with 46 percent in 1991, according to Jury Verdict Research, a Pennsylvania-based legal data firm. Across the nation in 1994, plaintiffs won 55 percent of the time, about the same as in 1991.

Meanwhile, the median compensatory award last year fell 36 percent to $31,736 from its 1991 level. Nationally, they rose slightly to $57,250.

"A new era is here," said Houston attorney Morton L. Susman, who successfully defended a complex insurance fraud case in Maverick County last month. He said his victory was the first in memory for a corporation there and that it illustrates "a new way of thinking that is fair and good."

Attorney Pat Maloney Jr., who filed the Maverick County lawsuit, senses a change across Texas.

"Right now we're on a conservative bent and there's nothing we can do about it," Maloney said.

"The public has bought the message" that there are too many lawsuits, he said.

While defendants can't suddenly expect to skate away free and a jury tomorrow could produce a new megaverdict, Texas lawyers and those tracking legal statistics said civil juries seem to be siding with defendants more and giving away less in damages than a few years ago.

Rising political conservatism and an extended business-led publicity drive against lawsuits and lawyers are cited as the reasons.

In Harris County, where campaigns against personal injury suits and lawyers have been waged by ads, billboards and other means, personal injury lawyers won about 44 percent of their cases, down from 57 percent in 1991, according to Jury Verdict Research. The median compensatory damages in victories also were down — $26,415 compared with $47,500 in 1991.

Popular herb sold in some cities may also have poisons

CORPUS CHRISTI (AP) — Cat's claw, or una de gato, a popular and cheap version of a Peruvian herb sold in border towns as an immune system booster, may contain poisons.

South Texas botanists and horticulturists say at least one locally grown version has toxic elements, including a cyanide-based chemical compound, the Corpus Christi Caller-Times reported.

"It's not fit at all for human consumption," said Tony Ramirez, a Laredo-based horticultural consultant, who is writing a book on the medicinal uses of plants grown along the U.S.-Mexico border.

"Cyanide is not at all classified as a food," he said. "If people want to take cat's claw, they need to take the original version from Peru and use that."

Ramirez said he became concerned last month when he learned that more people were buying cat's claw grown in northern Mexico or South Texas. Known by the botanical name of Acacia greggii, the shrub is common along the border and contains a chemical compound that includes cyanide.

Ramirez said he tells people who bring it to him that it is very poisonous.

Frank Fregoso, manager of Tex-Mex Curios Inc. in Corpus Christi, said he has sold several thousand bottles of the popular Peruvian herbal remedy since Spanish-language television began promotions earlier this year.

This summer, though, he started noticing other versions of cat's claw sold in small bags to be used for tea in other local stores and at flea markets. He said he warns people it's not the same herb.

"All these common names can be confusing," Fregoso said. "But given that consumers are consuming it at this quantity, they need to know the difference."

The Peruvian version, sold under the name uncaria tomentosa, has been used for hundreds of years by Peruvian Indians for medicinal purposes.

Supporters say that the herb can prevent or help treat a variety of ills, such as arthritis and cancer. The problem is that many consumers are unaware that cat's claw is a common term, referring to the curved thorns found on dozens of plants.

"Stay away from the local cat's claw," said Eliseo Torres, vice president for external affairs at Texas A&M University-Kingsville and the author of "Green Medicine: Mexican-American Traditional Folk Medicine."

"It's worthless and it's not safe and it might harm you."

The Peruvian form is cinnamon-colored. The locally grown version comes from a shrub, not a bark, and thus contains little twigs and green leaves.

The popularity of the safe form of cat's claw ballooned this year, after popular Mexican actor Andres Garcia began speaking out publicly, saying the herb had cured his prostate cancer, Ramirez said.

"He's like the Robert Redford of Mexico," Ramirez said. "He's basically been telling the world — at least the Spanish-speaking world — of what has happened and so it's been brought to a lot of people's attention."

Fregoso said he knows personally of at least 20 people who have become ill from taking the wrong herb.

75th anniversary ends pageant's year

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. (AP) — If the 75th anniversary Miss America Pageant turns out to be anywhere as contentious as the year that preceded it, get ready for brouhahas on the Boardwalk.

The anniversary year, which got the ultimate jump start last September with the crowning of the first deaf Miss America, degenerated into a steady stream of rancorous revelations, backbiting and gimmicky promotions.

But as Vanessa Williams — the dethroned 1984 winner turned Broadway and singing star — learned, there's no such thing as bad publicity.

Pageant officials hope all the hoopla will boost sagging television ratings on Sept. 16 for NBC's three-hour live broadcast — the rock upon which the entire institution exists.

The pageant, once one of TV's most watched programs, was seen in 13.6 million homes last year, 12th among that week's prime-time programs, according to Nielsen Media Research.

Reigning Miss America Heather Whitestone, a ballerina, captured the title after delivering a stirring dance rendition of "La Via Dolorosa" that brought down the house in Convention Hall and captured judges' hearts.

But the luster of her triumph faded quickly. Sign language advocates criticized her for choosing to speak rather than sign.

"I wanted to quit the first week," she said later. "The criticism did hurt me very badly. It was very painful."

The pain didn't end there.

The first runner-up, Miss Virginia Cullen Johnson, suggested months later that Whitestone won because she was deaf. She told a Virginia newspaper that contestants who overcome obstacles in life carry a "halo effect" into competition that improves their chances.

"What if someone wants to compete in the Miss America Pageant who's in a wheelchair?" Johnson said.

Whitestone said recently she'll be "thrilled" when her reign was over.

This year, the sniping began long before the 50 contestants arrived in Atlantic City:

— Miss Virginia, Andrea Ballengee, was stripped of her title for exaggerating her academic accomplishments, including claiming she had been admitted to University of Miami law school. Amber Medlin, who was first runner-up in the pageant, was named to succeed her. It was the first time that happened in Virginia.

— The first runner-up in the Miss Maryland pageant, Linda Yueh, had that title taken away in a dispute over her residency. Yueh, who had a Texas driver's license, was registered to vote in Cambridge, Mass., and was a student at Harvard University. She said last-minute questions about her eligibility prompted pageant officials to tamper with the judging, making it impossible for her to win.

— A four-time loser of the Miss New Jersey pageant finally earned her ticket to Atlantic City — representing Delaware. Miss Delaware Michelle Harris came under fire from runners-up who said she didn't live in the state long enough to meet a six-month residency requirement, but pageant officials determined she had.

Not content to let states have all the fun, pageant officials have tried to drum up controversy by planning a call-in poll for viewers to determine whether the swimsuit competition should be aired.

The poll, to be conducted during the telecast, will count votes for and against. If the "no" votes prevail, another segment will be substituted.

In either case, contestants still will compete in swimsuits in three nights of preliminary competition that precede the televised finals.

Chief Executive Officer Leonard Horn said the purpose of the poll was to gauge America's sentiment so an informed choice can be made by the pageant board about whether to keep the swimsuit competition.

But some have called the poll a stunt aimed at generating more viewers for the telecast.

Professional pollsters say call-in polls like the pageant's are a joke.

"It's going to be kind of a race between the feminists and the frat boys, (to see) who can dial that number most often to register their dismay or approval," said Richard Morin, polling editor for The Washington Post.

Not that the poll hasn't piqued interest.

Dozens of media outlets have asked readers, viewers and people on the street if the swimsuit competition should remain. The result of all 23: Keep the swimsuits.

Contestants agree. Of 50 polled by the pageant, 42 said keep the swimsuits.

Cuban experts question flotillas' worth

KEY WEST, Fla. (AP) — Cuban exiles whose seagoing protest of Fidel Castro's communist regime ended in a tragic sinking were already planning another flotilla. Cuba watchers wondered — Why?

"The ultimate question is, 'What good did it do in Cuba?'" said Juan Clark, a sociologist at Miami-Dade Community College. "Did it promote reaction in the population? Or did it bring more oppression for the dissidents?"

"They should consider other alternatives that may be more effective — in the human and material costs — at reaching the same ends."

The 25-boat flotilla set off from Key West on Saturday to stage a protest off the coast of Havana. It turned back after one of the boats took on water and sank 10 miles into the choppy Florida Straits.

The 47 people aboard were rescued by some of the other boats and Coast Guard ships and helicopters. A 59-year-old man had a heart attack and died soon after he was rescued.

"I feel sad," flotilla leader Ramon Saul Sanchez said Sunday before leaving Key West. "It's a tragedy. However, I feel more committed to this non-violent movement today than ever before."

Rose and Rafael Palacios, passengers on one of the flotilla's largest boats, said the tragedy inspired them to continue their protests.

"It's sad and it was expensive, both morally, emotionally and in dollars," Mrs. Palacios said.

"But you sit down, you are sorry for the man and you go forward," said her husband. They plan to participate in the next flotilla, planned for Oct. 22 to coincide with Castro's address to the United Nations.

The group's first summer flotilla ended with injuries to three people after two Cuban gunboats sideswiped the lead boat, which had crossed into Cuba's territorial waters.

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VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Hurt feelings could result today if you reward the undeserving and ignore a friend who needs your help. Use compassionate judgment. Trying to patch up a broken romance? The Astro-Graph Matchmaker can help you understand what to do to make the relationship work. Mail $2.75 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10150.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Others will be receptive to your suggestions today if you give them a chance to make up their own minds. Forcing compliance will generate resistance.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) The lesson to learn today is not to base your likes or dislikes upon the impressions of others. You may discover you've rejected someone due to misinformation.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Today, if you travel in the company of friends who are better off financially than you are, don't try to match them dollar for dollar in spending.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) In competitive involvements today, play it smart and hold something in reserve. Try not to make your big move until you're near the finish line.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Guard against inclinations today to blame others for your own mistakes. Admission of your errors will earn respect and forgiveness.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Be extremely businesslike today in all of your commercial transactions, especially if you are negotiating a critical matter with a close friend.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Indecisiveness could be the source of your undoing today. Rather than remaining stagnant, try to take some small, cautious steps forward.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Strive toward self-reliance today. If you get a good idea for doing something, don't wait around for help or the approval of others. Get yourself in gear and do it.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) In order for a joint venture to work out favorably today, both parties must prepare to share the costs, risks and rewards. Every aspect must be equal.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Domestic disruptions could be impossible to deal with today if the focus is on placing the blame instead of on trying to find the cure.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) You will have good ideas today, but your co-worker's thoughts might be better. Instead of rejecting this source, discuss the merits of both.

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Dear Abby

Woman's Recovery Is Eased By a Little Help From Friends

by Abigail Van Buren

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DEAR ABBY: You recently printed a letter from a woman signed "Wiped Out," whose husband was now home after a four-month hospital stay. She said she was annoyed by people who say, "If there's anything I can do for you, please let me know." (She felt that they should have offered specific services.)

Here's how I handled that situation: After my surgery, I was home alone, weak and unable to drive. Many friends told me, "If there's anything I can do for you, please let me know."

I thanked them all, recorded their names and telephone numbers in my little black book, and when I needed something, I telephoned one of them.

One neighbor, bless her heart, left her dinner preparation, put her daughter in the car, and picked me up at the emergency room. Someone else had dropped me off on her way to a meeting. Another person drove me to my hair appointment, and I called someone else to pick me up when I was done. A dear lady went to the department store to buy a skid-proof bath mat for me, etc.

Each one was delighted at the chance to help me.

I suggest that "Wiped Out" tell her pastor that she needs volunteer housekeeping help for a while. A church circle might take her on as a project.

YOUR READER IN OMAHA

DEAR READER: I agree. It's a good idea to speak up if help is needed. Your technique of listing friends who had offered their services, then asking for one favor apiece, was wise; that way each person could help without feeling burdened. And your suggestion that she tell her pastor about her situation is well worth repeating.

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DEAR ABBY: I have a beautiful, bright, 18-year-old niece who is starving herself. Last year, "Lila" got it into her head that she was fat, so she went on a starvation diet and lost a lot of weight. She won't say how much, but she looks like she just came out of a concentration camp.

A typical day's food for her is one piece of fruit and a couple of fat-free pretzels. She also exercises for two hours every day. Her parents (my brother and his wife) are not doing anything to help her. Her mom cries all the time and says, "I can't deal with this." Her father just makes threats, such as, "If you don't eat, you can't drive the car." Then he ends up giving her the car anyway.

My daughter, who is a year older than Lila, says all the kids at school keep asking why no one is doing anything for this girl. I have tried talking to Lila and her parents, but no one is listening to me.

How can we help her? I just can't stand by and watch my niece starve to death.

HER AUNT IN PENNSYLVANIA

DEAR AUNT: Your niece has a serious eating disorder called "anorexia nervosa." It's usually found in young women in their teens and early 20s and is characterized by a pathological fear of gaining weight (even though their weight is normal, they perceive themselves as fat.) This leads to faulty eating patterns, malnutrition and excessive weight loss.

Lila needs to see a doctor immediately. For a free packet of information and referral to a therapist in your area, write to the National Association of Anorexia Nervosa (ANAD) at P.O. Box 7, Highland Park, Ill. 60035. Please enclose a long, business-sized, self-addressed, stamped (78 cents) envelope.

The hotline is (708) 831-3438. Please write again and let me know how your niece is doing.

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Ten months without liquor; town getting thirsty again

BARROW, Alaska (AP) — In the 10 months since voters in the nation's northernmost town decided to ban booze, calls to police have dropped off and emergency room doctors have become accustomed to sleeping through the night.

But for prohibition opponents, it's been nearly a year without the freedom to enjoy a cocktail at home.

And with another petition pending, Barrow could be tippling again in November, before the sun disappears for the winter.

About 700 residents — more than voted against the ban last year — have signed a petition calling for another vote as soon as October. The city clerk is expected to approve the ballot question this week.

At least 80 Alaska Native villages have gone dry since the 1980s. Others have gone "damp," meaning no bars or liquor stores but people can import alcohol to drink at home.

This old whaling village of 5,000 people and 39 percent non-Natives was one of those "damp" hubs until the October 1994 vote that narrowly banned alcohol outright.

The Barrow Freedom Committee is pushing to force a referendum to reverse the ban on alcohol.

"I believe we're going to have an overwhelming victory," said committee member Tom Nicolos, a 14-year resident.

But dryness does have its benefits. The borough's public safety department says drunken driving arrests have dropped from 73 in the six months before prohibition to nine in the six months after.

Alcohol-related jailings dropped from 239 to 29 in the same period and alcohol-related emergency room visits dwindled 118 last October to 19 in July.

Barrow's disagreement over drinking reflects, in part, a division between whites and Inupiat Eskimos who have inhabited this outpost for centuries.

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TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1975, Lynette "Squeaky" Fromme, a former member of Charles Manson's "family," attempted to assassinate President Ford in Sacramento, Calif.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Francois Chateaubriand (1768-1848), writer-diplomat; Mary Renault (1905-1983), writer; Richard Wright (1908-1960), writer; Paul Harvey (1918-), broadcaster, is 77; Craig Claiborne (1920-), writer, is 75; Mitzi Gaynor (1930-), dancer, is 65; Dawn Fraser (1937-), swimmer, is 58; Tom Watson (1949-), golfer, is 46.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1979, John McEnroe defeated Vitas Gerulaitis to win his first U.S. Open.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "It is one of the characteristics of a free and democratic modern nation that it have free and independent labor unions." — Franklin D. Roosevelt

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1618, almost half the side of a mountain above Plurs, Switzerland, gave way. The resulting avalanche buried all but four of the town's 1,500 residents.

SOURCE: 1995 Weather Guide Calendar; Accord Publishing, Ltd.

TODAY'S MOON: Between first quarter (Sept. 2) and full moon (Sept. 8).

Big women and men who love them have formed new club

CRANSTON, R.I. (AP) — Tony Fratus recalls the first time he walked into The Well-Rounded Club.

"It was like, 'Wow.' I couldn't believe my eyes," said Fratus, a 43-year-old heavy equipment operator. "Everywhere I looked, big women. I almost snapped my neck."

Fratus was just one of the many men who answered an ad placed in newspaper personal sections: "ATTENTION: Big Beautiful Gals and the men who prefer them!"

The Well-Rounded Club promotes dances and social events for women who are ... Hefty? Plus-sized? Rubenesque?

"You can say fat, because that's what we are," said club founder Diane Ilic. "That's just not all we are. We're people too and, as a lot of men already know, we can be a lot of fun to be with."

Ilic started the club three years ago. Tired of sitting alone at bars, or being refused dances at clubs, she was sure there were men out there who didn't mind being with an overweight woman.

She rented out a hall, got a few friends to promise to come, then stuck handbills advertising a dance for large women on cars parked outside area nightclubs.

What happened surprised her.

"There weren't only guys who didn't mind big women; there are a lot who like them that way," Ilic said.

It was beach night one recent Saturday at the Kelly-Gazzaro Veterans of Foreign Wars Post. Beneath beach balls suspended from the ceiling, contestants participated in a limbo contest as the crowd cheered to the Caribbean rhythm.

"I really like it here, the people are very friendly," said Phil Seenstra, 43, a machine shop owner. "I prefer 'em packing a few extra pounds myself. Their anatomy is different in ways I like."

Seenstra, who stands 6 feet, 170 pounds, has his arm around Anne Marie Padula, who said she used to go out with thinner girlfriends.

"The women have their little spandex on and short skirts," she said. "The odds of meeting someone are slim in that environment."

Software engineer Tony Tavares, 33, said at other clubs, women seem more concerned with how much money he makes and what kind of car he drives. At this one, they're easier to talk to and have different priorities.

"The women aren't snobby here," agreed Frederick Brown, a 29-year-old maintenance man. "Going out, if you don't have muscles and tans they're not going to look at you. Here you get to dance and they appreciate you asking."

Fratus, who's got a bit of a paunch himself, said, "Skinny women think they're doing you a favor when they dance."

Once a size 5, Sandra Turner gained weight quickly after her divorce. She was having no luck finding a new companion. Then she dropped by one night.

"This club gave me back my self-esteem," she said. "You might not meet the love of your life, but you'll meet hundreds of people."

It can be a big boost for women who were snickered at while growing up and are ignored when they go out, Ilic said.

"Some come in, nervous, wearing ironclad polyester and no makeup, the next thing you know they're coming in all dolled up, with nice dresses and they're having fun," she said. "They're like butterflies."

Handshakes, exchanges help to bridge half-century gulf

By Charles J. Hanley
AP Special Correspondent

HONOLULU (AP) — Ex-Marine Oscar Fargie doesn't need to remember the pain of World War II. He feels it every day in the emphysema that began when he was a slave coal miner for the Japanese.

But here was the gritty old sergeant, on oxygen and an electric cart, wading into a crowd of Japanese war veterans to make his peace. And there, rushing up to him, was Shigekio Kawabata, who bombed Pearl Harbor, to shake an American's hand and apologize for the "secret" attack.

The rush of English and Japanese, after a half-century of remembered hatreds, soon had their interpreter tangled up in plane designations and military ranks.

To "Banzai!" toasts and Christian prayers for the dead, hundreds of Japanese and U.S. veterans of the world's deadliest war came together for a remarkable evening to share food, drink and deep-felt wishes for peace and reconciliation.

"Our hearts are full of deep emotions as we meet with American veterans and are able to shake their hands," Takeshi Maeda, a leader of the Japanese veterans, told the gathering.

The scene sometimes looked like history-turned-fantasy.

At one point, a smiling Maeda, also a Pearl Harbor bomber pilot, strolled a buffet lawn wearing the sporty blue baseball cap of the USS Yorktown, one of the aircraft carriers that "got away" from the Japanese that fateful day, Dec. 7, 1941.

The reception, along with the dedication later today of a U.S.-Japanese plaque at the national cemetery here, was sponsored by the East-West Center at the University of Hawaii and other unofficial "friendship" organizations.

The Pentagon had organized three tightly scripted days of commemorative events here this weekend to mark the 50th anniversary of World War II's end, on Sept. 2, 1945. But those events, led by President Clinton, included no active role for the Japanese.

"Governments don't have mechanisms for reconciliation," said John DeVirgilio, one of the organizers of the "friendship and peace" program.

"But just because guns and bullets stop, and there are winners and losers, it doesn't mean the feelings stop. They go on for years."

About 200 Japanese veterans and an equal number of wives and widows flew in from Tokyo, and at least 400 American veterans and wives attended.

Although a corps of interpreters was on hand, the language gap produced some awkward moments among the gray-haired, flower-shirted crowd, gathered in a Waikiki Beach hotel garden. But it seemed that just a handshake, or a stiff embrace, or a two-minute exchange was enough to lift an old burden from old shoulders.

Some took the direct approach.

Joe Morgan, a retired U.S. Navy chaplain and Pearl Harbor survivor, marched up to Koichi Adachi and his wife, Etzuko, and announced through an interpreter, "My God has told me to forgive the Japanese. I wish the Japanese to forgive me" — for having borne a hatred against them.

The couple seemed amazed, and then seemed to melt. "I am very moved," Adachi told Morgan.

In the evening's main event, Pearl Harbor attackers and survivors gathered on a stage to lead the entire group in ritual handshaking.

Kosichi Hasebe, who was a 15-year-old suicide pilot trainee when the war ended, saw lasting benefits in such face-to-face meetings.

"Before World War II, we didn't have this kind of communication," he said. "That was one reason for the war."

For Fargie, the old Marine who now lives in Honolulu, the war was a grim experience: He fought with Filipino guerrillas around Bataan until captured by the Japanese in May 1942. He then spent over three years working in the brutal conditions of a coal mine outside Tokyo. But he bears no lasting bitterness.

Poll says labor unions are still necessary

NEW YORK (AP) — Two-thirds of Americans believe labor unions are still needed, while more than a third say unions have too much power, according to a poll released on Labor Day eve.

The Time-CNN survey found little significant change in opinion about organized labor from the news organizations' polls dating to 1990.

When the new poll asked respondents if American workers still need labor unions, 68 percent said yes, down from 73 percent in a March 1990 Time-CNN poll. Statistically, that's a slight drop; the poll's margin of sampling error is plus or minus 3.5 percentage points.

In 1990, 40 percent of the respondents felt the unions had too much power; 35 percent said that in the new poll.

Forty-four percent said they had a generally favorable opinion of labor unions, a statistical tie with the 41 percent who said that in June 1994. Thirty-eight percent in the new poll viewed unions unfavorably, down from 45 percent in June 1994.

Ten percent of respondents said they belonged to a union, 12 percent said a family member does, and 75 percent said nobody in their family is a union member. The 1990 and 1994 polls found similar results.

The new poll was conducted by telephone among 800 people on Aug. 23-24.

Actor Charlie Sheen, model get married

MALIBU, Calif. (AP) — After a whirlwind courtship, Charlie Sheen has married his sweetheart of six weeks, model Donna Peele.

Hours before the wedding on Sunday, Sheen admitted to suffering a bad case of prenuptial jitters, but kept the faith in his dash to the altar.

"My research and travel has shown me ... people who court for a decade usually have a marriage that lasts only a couple of years," Sheen said.

The couple were married at sunset at the Saddle Rock Ranch in the Santa Monica Mountains, said Sheen publicist Jeff Ballard.

Sheen has starred in such films as "Platoon," "Wall Street" and "Hot Shots."

His latest publicity, however, has been in a courtroom, where he sweated through a videotape he made for a federal jury in the trial of Hollywood Madam Heidi Fleiss.

Sheen admitted that he had ordered Fleiss' call girls at least 27 times.

Business and Industrial News

Sweetwater store adds carpet business

Ken and Peggy Lofton, owners of Boss & Hoss in Sweetwater, are celebrating their 25th year in business at the same location. In November of 1971, they started out with a western retail business and in 1974 bought out Sharrock's Boot Shop and added the boot and shoe repair. In 1979, they started building and selling trophies, awards and plaques and by 1983, through remodeling and expansion, the business had grown to twice the size they started with. Once again, they have done some remodeling and have added a floor covering business, The Carpet Store and More, all located inside the Boss & Hoss Western Shop at 1105 E. Broadway in Sweetwater.

SALESMAN, INSTALLER — Larry Cardin is a full time salesman and installer at Boss & Hoss Western Shop and The Carpet Store and More, located at 1105 E. Broadway in Sweetwater. (Contributed Photo)

OWNERS — Ken and Peggy Lofton are owners of Boss & Hoss Western Shop and The Carpet Store and More, located at 1105 E. Broadway in Sweetwater. (SDN Staff Photo)

The grand opening for the carpet store will be Sept. 11th through Sept. 15. Everyone is invited to come and see the fine quality carpets, vinyls, congoleums, hardwoods and ceramic tile this new store has to offer. Ken and Peggy hope you will visit with them, meet Larry Cardin, full time salesman and installer, and give them a chance to show you what they want to do, can do and will do. Estimates are free and you can also register for prizes to be given away during the week.

Ken and Peggy have served Sweetwater and the surrounding communities with dedication and willingness to serve everyone professionally and conscientiously for 25 years. They believe in customer satisfaction and plan to continue this same efficient, professional service for many years to come.

If you need western wear, boots, boots and shoe repair, trophies and awards or floor covering, you can do it all with just one stop — Boss & Hoss Western Shop and The Carpet Store and More, located at 1105 E. Broadway in Sweetwater.

Griffin buys resort

WICKENBURG, Ariz. (AP) — Merv Griffin has bought a second Arizona resort property — a 150-acre dude ranch in the high desert about 60 miles northwest of Phoenix.

Griffin paid $3.25 million Friday for the Wickenburg Inn, Tennis and Guest Ranch about eight miles north of here, acquiring it from Petroleum Inc. of Wichita, Kan.

In December, the Atlantic City casino owner and former TV talk-show host paid $14 million for the 232-room Scottsdale Hilton Resort and Villas in the heart of Scottsdale.

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Clinton woos vote-rich California

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — President Clinton is coming back to California on Labor Day, visit No. 24 to the state he can't afford to lose in 1996.

So far, Clinton and other administration officials have wooed the state with $3.2 billion in assorted aid, repeated visits and a parade of top officials.

"There is somebody at the highest level in Washington (visiting) in California every week, and they always bring something with them," said Willie Brown, leader of the Democratic minority in the state Assembly.

Since February 1993, a month after his election, Clinton has visited California at least 23 times. He planned a two-day Labor Day swing and expects to return at least twice before the end of the year with Vice President Al Gore.

"He pulled off an upset in 1992, and he's knocked himself out to court California," said Democratic political consultant Joseph Cerrell.

Gov. Pete Wilson, seeking the Republican nomination to challenge the president in 1996, said through a spokesman that it isn't working. Paul Kranhold said military base closings, tax increases and illegal immigration across an insecure Mexican border all will hurt Clinton in the biggest state.

"Despite frequent visits by the president and his army of Cabinet secretaries, the administration's policy decisions have done California much more harm than good over the past three years," Kranhold said.

For all his efforts, the president narrowly trails Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole, the GOP front-runner, in a possible general election matchup, according to a recent survey by pollster Mervin Field.

But Brown said Clinton's endeavors are paying off politically. "He's doing well in this state," the former assembly speaker said.

Lt. Gov. Gray Davis added, "I think if the election were today, he would win."

But Davis, the ranking state Democrat, said the 1996 outcome will hinge on whether Californians generally believe their circumstances are improving next year.

On past visits to California, Clinton has chomped chile in flood-stricken Rio Linda, inspected fire, earthquake and mudslide damage, visited Silicon Valley, attended town hall meetings and fund-raisers, announced aid and endorsed local candidates. He was due to arrive Sunday night to visit Monterey, Alameda and Selma, in the Fresno area.

Mixing politics and business, 20 of Clinton's prior trips have been to the Los Angeles area.

"He's there partly because the only way you are going to win the state is carry the county," said Democrat Cerrell. "When L.A. asks, he's there, and even when he's not there, he comes up with some consolation prize."

Los Angeles County has about a third of California's 33 million people. The state's 54 Electoral College votes, a tenth of the national total, are considered crucial to Clinton's re-election.

Clinton carried California in 1992, defeating George Bush by nearly 1.5 million votes, the first time a Democrat won the state in 28 years.

A slew of ranking members of Clinton's administration have come calling to California. Among them: Labor Secretary Robert Reich with a look at farm labor conditions in July, and Agriculture Secretary Dan Glickman last week to tour agricultural facilities.

Obituaries

Panch McDonald

1907-1995

Funeral service was set for 3 p.m. Monday, Sept. 4,in the Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home Chapel for Panch McDonald, 87, of Snyder. The Rev. Rusty Dickerson, pastor of Trinity United Methodist Church, was to officiate, and burial was to follow in the Fluvanna Cemetery.

Mr. McDonald died Saturday, Sept. 2, at Snyder Oaks Care Center.

Born on Oct. 12, 1907, in Scurry County, he married Rosa E. Beaver in 1931 in Lovington, N.M. She died on Oct. 31, 1994. Mr. McDonald, a lifetime resident of Scurry County, was a retired pumper for Superior Oil Co, and had lived in Fluvanna for many years before moving to Snyder.

Survivors include two sons, John McDonald of Snyder and Don McDonald of Ruidoso, N.M.; one brother, C.L. McDonald of Temple; two sisters, Annie Chick and Bernice Chick, both of Bangs; two grandchildren, Joni Spinks and Jani Adams, both of Midland; and four great-grandchildren.

Stella Ferris

1906-1995

ROTAN — Funeral service was set for 1 p.m. Monday, Sept. 4 in the Weathersbee Funeral Home Chapel for Stella McAnnally Ferris, 89, who died Saturday, Sept. 2 in a Crosbyton hospital.

Officiating was the Rev. Carl Coffee, with burial to follow in the Rotan Cemetery.

Mrs. Ferris was the mother of Johnny Ferris of Snyder.

Born in Franklin, she moved from Lockey to Rotan in 1949. She married Carl Ferris in 1924, and he preceded her in death.

Mrs. Ferris was a retired nurses's aide and was the last active charter member of the Calvary Baptist Church.

Survivors include two daughters, Janelle Berry of Spur and Jeanne Ferris of Rotan; four other sons, Don Ferris of Lubbock, Dan Ferris of St. Luis Obispo, Calif., Robert Ferris of Fort Worth and Jimmy Ferris of Spur; 22 grandchildren; 38 great-grandchildren; and 21 great-great-grandchildren.

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After Fuhrman tapes, will we ever believe another officer?

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Mark Fuhrman's boasting of planting evidence and brutally beating minorities could make it tough for future jurors across the nation to believe police testimony, legal analysts say.

"If I was a juror, I would have severe reservations about law enforcement officers testifying," said Charles Roistacher, a former prosecutor in Washington, D.C. "And that's unfortunate because there are bad apples in every bunch."

According to the recorded ramblings of Fuhrman, an initial investigator in the O.J. Simpson murder case, he may be one of the worst in the Los Angeles Police Department's bunch, at least in terms of talking trash.

"We got females ... and dumb niggers, and all your Mexicans that can't even write the name of the car they drive," Fuhrman, who retired last month, told aspiring screenwriter Laura Hart McKinny in a 10-year series of taped interviews ending in 1994.

He was talking about his department colleagues, though Fuhrman also uses the words for suspects he boasts of framing, beating and harassing.

Parts of the tapes were played in open court last week, although Simpson's jury was not present.

The tapes are crucial to defense assertions that Fuhrman's racism pushed him to frame their black client on charges of murdering his white ex-wife Nicole Brown Simpson and her white friend Ronald Goldman.

In March, Fuhrman testified under grueling cross-examination by defense lawyer F. Lee Bailey that he had not uttered the word "nigger" in the past decade.

Superior Court Judge Lance Ito ruled Thursday that Simpson's lawyers may present jurors with only two excerpts in which Fuhrman says "nigger."

Ito said the rest of the tapes, which contain boastings of brutality, would create "the substantial risk of undue prejudice."

"When juries hear about suppressed evidence, those jurors are tainted for life," Roistacher said. "You just can't tell lay people that evidence is too prejudicial. They're going to think they're not getting the whole picture."

As a prosecutor in the nation's capital, which has a large black population, Roistacher said he noticed that "when you picked a jury, they had tremendous animosity toward police officers, based on their experiences with them."

The fallout of Fuhrman's bigotry and his lie under oath worries law enforcement officials in many other areas across the country, where police departments have been rocked by recent corruption scandals.

Six Philadelphia officers pleaded guilty to federal charges involving illegal searches and arrests, planting evidence, stealing money and falsifying arrest reports. As a result, 42 drug convictions were overturned.

New York City's department has faced widespread corruption allegations in two precincts, plus complaints of a drunken rampage by officers attending a convention in Washington, D.C.

And in New Orleans, plagued for years by corruption charges, an officer is set to go on trial this week on charges she killed a fellow officer and two others; a civilian co-defendant was convicted and sentenced to death. Last December, an undercover FBI investigation exposed several officers in a drug ring.

Assault charge against C-City attorney dropped

Class A assault charges against a former Mitchell County Attorney were dropped Thursday at the request of the person he allegedly assaulted - the present county attorney.

Colorado City attorney Mark Piland asked that charges be dropped against fellow Colorado City attorney, Pat Barber.

The charges were originally filed on Aug. 16 when the two got into a scuffle prior to a child custody hearing outside the 132nd District Courtroom.

The two attorneys were discussing the case in the witness room when Piland walked out of the room after exchanging some words with Barber. Barber allegedly grabbed Piland and held him against the wall.

Piland later filed charges and the custody hearing was held as scheduled.

Hospital

ADMISSIONS: Chris Mitchell, Borger.

CENSUS: 37 (Med.-9, Long-term Care-28).

22 booked into Scurry County Jail

Local law enforcement personnel were kept busy over the Labor Day weekend as 22 were booked into jail, including three for felony offenses.

Officers arrested Orlando Balbuna Aviles, 32, of 2810 Ave. J, at 4:48 p.m. Saturday for felony driving-while-intoxicated and driving while license suspended.

At 4:24 Sunday, deputies arrested Terry Hildreth, 25, of 1014 Latigo Drive, Jacksonville, Ark., for felony probation violation.

At 1:25 a.m. Sunday, officers arrested Justin Ray Hester, 22, of 4100 Brick Plant Road, for felony driving-while-intoxicated.

Other arrests included a 35-year-old female who was taken into custody at 9:39 a.m. Saturday on outstanding city warrants for disregarding a stop sign, speeding and failure to appear.

Officers arrested a 20-year-old female at 9:42 a.m. Saturday on an outstanding warrant for public intoxication.

An 18-year-old male was arrested at 1:44 p.m. Saturday on several outstanding city warrants, including assault/family violence, assault, public intoxication, minor in possession, minor consuming alcohol and for failure to appear on each charge.

Three people were arrested at 7:28 p.m. Saturday, including a 33-year-old male who was arrested for misdemeanor driving-while-intoxicated. Also arrested were two passengers in the car, a 34-year-old male and a 30-year-old male.

Officers arrested a 64-year-old male at 10:16 p.m. Saturday for public intoxication.

DPS troopers arrested two people Saturday at 11:51 p.m. Taken into custody for misdemeanor driving-while-intoxicated was a 36-year-old male. A 39-year-old male was arrested for public intoxication.

A 39-year-old male was arrested for misdemeanor driving-while-intoxicated at 12:57 a.m. Sunday.

A 21-year-old male was arrested at 1:06 a.m. Sunday by deputies and charged with public intoxication.

At 4:35 p.m. Sunday, deputies arrested a 22-year-old male for public intoxication.

At 1:24 p.m. Sunday, deputies arrested a 44-year-old male for outstanding DPS warrants from Lufkin and an outstanding warrant from Hood County for theft by check.

Officers arrested a 34-year-old male at 10:21 p.m. Sunday on an outstanding city warrant for public intoxication.

A 39-year-old male was arrested at 10:42 p.m. Sunday for public intoxication.

Four arrests were made early today, including a 20-year-old male who was arrested at 12:52 a.m. for disorderly conduct and a 19-year-old male who was arrested for public intoxication.

At 2:45 a.m. today, officers arrested a 26-year-old male and a 27-year-old female for public intoxication.

In other activity over the weekend, an offense report for Class B theft was submitted at 7:41 a.m. Saturday in reference to 50 concrete blocks stolen from Ben Wilson Supply.

A report of a stolen bicycle was made at 8 a.m. Saturday from 1900 E. Roby Highway.

At 8:23 a.m. Saturday, a bicycle was reported stolen from 1911 Ave. G.

A report for a 14-year-old male runaway was submitted at 12:53 p.m. Saturday.

A report for family violence was submitted at 4:02 a.m. Sunday.

A report for criminal mischief was made at 9:32 a.m. Sunday in reference to damages to a electrical box at the Snyder Country Club.

A report was made at 11 a.m. Sunday about two people breaking into a room at the Beacon Motel. The complainant declined to file charges at the time.

Concert rocks Cleveland

CLEVELAND (AP) — Strangers faced each other and danced.

Revelers exchanged warm beers and high-fives, marveling at what was happening onstage at Cleveland Stadium and in the city.

The music didn't die until the wee hours Sunday as more than two dozen acts celebrated the opening of the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and Museum.

"I feel like I was part of history," said Sherry Bedlac, who wore earrings fashioned out of 45 rpm records.

"Aretha Franklin, Johnny Cash — it was all great stuff. I moved here from New York and now all my friends back there are now envious of me."

Highlights included Bruce Springsteen playing with Chuck Berry, Jerry Lee Lewis and Bob Dylan. Springsteen also teamed up with the E Street Band.

Creedence Clearwater Revival founder John Fogerty did "Fortunate Son" and "Born on the Bayou," while John Mellencamp helped Cash sing "Ring of Fire," and Lou Reed and Soul Asylum harmonized on "Sweet Jane."

Slash, whose role as lead guitarist in the hard rock band Guns N Roses often obscures his gift for blues, paired with Boz Scaggs on "Red House," a slow grind dedicated to Jimi Hendrix.

LOCAL IN - BRIEFS

Video series

The first tape in a new video series, "Happiness In the Home," will air at 7 p.m. Tuesday on TCA Cable TV Channel 2. It will be followed by a video titled "The Old Testament."

Buttons

SHS band boosters are making picture buttons. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call 573-2247.

Homecoming

Hermleigh's bi-annual homecoming celebration is set for Friday, Sept. 29, with the varsity football game at 7:30 p.m. A dance will follow.

Activities will continue on Sept. 30 with registration and fellowship at 9 a.m. A barbecue lunch will be served in the cafeteria from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. A business meeting will be held at 2 o'clock with special recognitions and election of officers.

No shots

Scurry County Health Unit will not give shots on Tuesday.

WTC pool closed

A major water leak has resulted in the closing of the WTC swimming pool until further notice. College officials said the pool will remain closed until the leak is located and the problem is corrected.

Canyon Reef 4-H

Canyon Reef 4-H Club will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday at East Elementary.

Ice cream

Hermleigh High School cheerleaders will be selling ice cream at 7 p.m. Tuesday at Cardinal Field for $1 per cup.

Summer reading

The library still has reading certificates from the summer reading program. Children may pick them up anytime after Monday.

Vets barbecue

A barbecue for veterans is being sponsored by the VFW and Ladies Auxiliary today beginning at 5 o'clock. Donations will be accepted. The event is also a part of the VFW membership drive.

Lotto Texas

AUSTIN (AP) — No tickets correctly matched all six numbers drawn Saturday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials said. The jackpot was worth $4 million.

The numbers drawn from a field of 50 were: 7, 12, 14, 25, 41 and 42.

There were 121 tickets sold with five of the six numbers, with each ticket worth $1,677. There were 7,052 tickets with four of six numbers, with each winning $104. And there were 143,659 tickets sold with three of six numbers, with each worth an automatic $3.

Lottery officials estimate the jackpot for Wednesday night's game will be $10 million.

Pick 3

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

3-4-1

(three, four, one)