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Fireworks Sunday night...

July 4th activities are in full swing

Snyder's annual freedom celebration complete with fun, food and fireworks is underway at Towle Park.

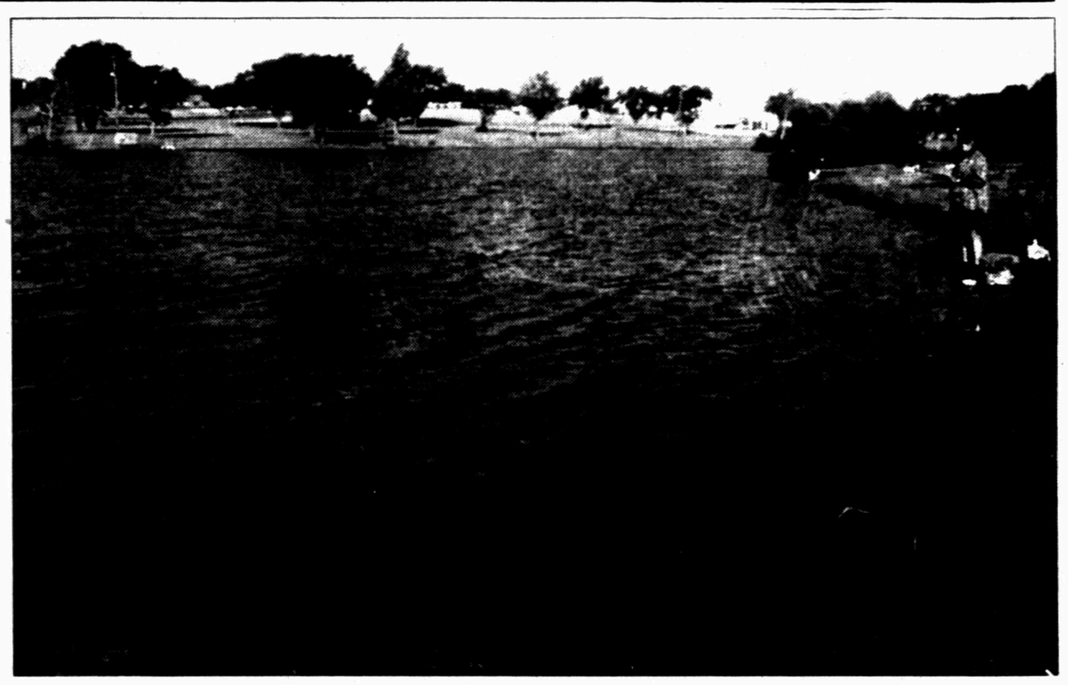
The annual parade, with the theme "Celebrating a Century of Freedom" kicked off the festivities at 10 a.m.

Entertainment will be held throughout the day in the Cottonwood Flats area of the park and food vendors will be offering a variety of fare including fajitas, frito pie, hamburgers, turkey legs, kettle popcorn and watermelon.

The fireworks display will be held Sunday in the park after dark. After the fireworks, the chamber will be selling the popular glow-in-the-dark novelty items.

The God and Country Celebration service will be held at 7 p.m. Sunday at Colonial Hill Baptist Church.

First Baptist Church and Colonial Hill choirs will join in a song worship, "With Liberty and Justice For All."



QUIET AT THE TIME — Fred Chaney had a peaceful fishing spot Wednesday in Towle Park, but that won't be the case this weekend as the park fills for Snyder's annual Fourth of July celebration. Capping off the festivities will be a fireworks display after dark Sunday. (SDN Staff Photo)

1999 JULY 4TH SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES

SATURDAY, JULY 3RD

10:00 a.m.	Parade Begins	Moffett Field
	Scurry Co. Museum Opens	WTC Campus
11:00 a.m.	Stars R Us Tumbling	Cottonwood Flats
12:00 p.m.	Scurry Co. Museum Closes	WTC Campus
1:30 p.m.	Towle Park Pool Opens	Towle Park
5:30 p.m.	Conjunto Mi Gusto	Cottonwood Flats
8:00 p.m.	"Tator Red"	Cottonwood Flats
9:00 p.m.	Dance to Prairie Fire	Old Rodeo Grounds
	Optimus Prime II	Cottonwood Flats
	Booths Close	Armory & Park

SUNDAY, JULY 4TH

1:30 p.m.	Towle Park Pool Opens	Towle Park
4 p.m.	Conjunto Mi Gusto	Cottonwood Flats
7:00 p.m.	God & Country	Colonial Hill Baptist
Dark	Fireworks	Towle Park
	Pool Closes	Towle Park



PREPARATION — The Snyder Chamber of Commerce staff spent many hours making preparations for this weekend's Fourth of July celebration in Towle Park. Sandra Barboza (front) and Linda Sellars work on setting up the chamber booth. (SDN Staff Photo)

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "Go 4th and have a relaxing time in Towle Park this Independence Day."

While America and its form of government may not be perfect — the system remains the model for the world.

There remains a lot of European influence, but we're grateful that the U.S. has no official royalty.

In our thinking, weddings for those folks are a royal pain in the neck — as well as the the pocket book.

Of course, we have some presidents who believed they were kings, but found out the hard way that they had to answer to the American Constitution.

We read where the wedding dress for the middle-class Princess Sophie was a mere $10,000 — not very practical for a post-wedding shopping trip to Wal-Mart.

The latest royal wedding, however, was bargain basement compared to the $44 million spent by Mohammed, son of Shaik Maktoum, who wed Princess Alama. The wedding lasted seven days and nights, making it the most expensive knot-tying on record.

The average cost of a formal wedding in the U.S. is $19,095. While June is known as the month for most weddings, it actually ranks third behind August and May.

January is the slowest month for weddings, but the first month of the year is tops for divorce. (Too much family for the holidays, we suppose.)

Since 1970, the number of Americans who have never been married increased 117 percent. The number of breakups, since 1970, has increased 353 percent. But here's the real whopper. The number of people living together has increased 710 percent since 1970.

And while on the subject of America's favorite pastime of boys and girls getting together, you'll likely not be suprised that men favor looks over economics when choosing a mate.

A study done at UCLA revealed something entirely different about the female. First consideration for the bride is economics, and looks falls to third.

And folks in America are waiting longer to get hitched. In 1970, the average female was 20.8 years and today the average is 26.7. For the guys, the average age for the same period increased from 23.2 to 25.0 years.

And there's no parity when coming to expenses for each gender. The average cost of an engagement ring is $3,165. The average price of the groom's wedding ring is $850.

America and matrimony are great. After marriage, you know longer have to argue with a stranger.

To question appraisals...

Citizens have opportunity to address review board

Although the deadline for making appointments protesting assessed real estate and mineral values for the coming year has passed, taxpayers can still be heard by the Appraisal Revue Board (ARB) when it meets this month.

Chief Appraiser Larry Crooks said taxpayers who disagree with the assessed value of their property may come in on the day of the hearings and file papers which will allow their protests to be heard by the board.

"As was stated on the forms which taxpayers received last month, the last day to protest real estate property assessments was June 18," said Crooks.

"But the law permits a taxpayer to sign a waiver that will allow the ARB to hear their protest on the scheduled hearing date if the waiver is signed stating they had not filed any forms earlier," said Crooks.

Crooks said Texas law provides that the appraisal district must notify taxpayers by certified mail of appointment times for them to appear before the ARB board.

"This is the reason for the waiver," said Crooks, "for people who did not request a hearing in a timely matter to receive a certified letter from us."

The ARB will meet July 14 to hear protests on mineral valuations, and the next day for real estate protests.

Agriculture assessment protests will be heard July 29.

Crooks said most disputes over assessed values are settled without going to the review board.

"Probably nine out of 10 mineral disputes are settled by the taxpayer, or their representative, meeting with our mineral valuation firm out of Dallas — Thos. Y. Pickett Co.," said Crooks.

"We may have 60 or 70 people wanting to meet with the ARB, but most of the time the actual number may drop down to as few as 10 after we have attempted to work a solution," said Crooks.

Crooks emphasizes his office will listen to everyone who feels the assessed values are out of line.

"Just remember, we don't have anything to do with taxes. The county, city, school districts...they set the tax rates," said Crooks.

Crooks said occasionally a taxpayer will bring to his attention something about a piece of property that he was not aware.

"There may be problems inside a house...a ceiling problem, or a foundation problem that do not stand out in our inspection," said Crooks. "If we have made a mistake, we'll make adjustments."

Crooks says his office is required by law to be within three percent of a market value of a property, either over or under.

"The state's comptroller's office audits closely sales recorded in our office. If they find the price of the homes don't match closely with our appraisal, state funding for the county's school districts could be reduced."

Crooks said the closer to the market value the appraisal office puts on real estate, the number of protests will increase.

However, the number of protests this year will not delay the appraisal office getting the taxable values to the different taxing entities, said Crooks.

"I feel the certified values will go to the various entities shortly after the last ARB hearing," said Crooks.

Most of the protests this year will probably be in agriculture assessments as they have increased 28 to 30 percent, Crooks added.

The reason is that ag values are based on a five-year average, and this includes the crop year of 1997 which saw some 50,000 bales produced in the county.

Next year, 1993 will be dropped out and last year's almost non-existant crop will be used in the average.

"It just boils down to production yields," said Crooks.

Budget time for the taxing entities is not expected to be pleasant due to the drop in mineral values.

Current estimates indicate Snyder ISD will lose 42.7 percent of its mineral value — from $105,478,673 to $60,481,250. It is estimated Ira ISD's mineral values will drop by 32 percent, and Hermleigh's 26.6 percent.

Scurry County and Western Texas College's mineral values are estimated to drop 39.8 percent — from $153,163,323 to $92,227,160.

Offices to close for July Fourth

Financial institutions will be closed Monday in observance of Independence Day.

City and county offices will also close with the exception of the city landfill. It is closed Saturday and open Monday.

The library closes Monday as does Snyder Post Office. Mail will not be delivered or placed in boxes.

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FORECAST - ALMANAC

Area Forecast: Fourth of July weekend, fair. Lows, 70-75. Highs around 100.

Happy July 4th

Sunset: 8:52 p.m.
Sunrise: 6:42 a.m.
Of 183 days in 1999, the sun has shone 176 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

"There is no darkness but ignorance."

Shakespeare

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Bush reports earnings for '98

WASHINGTON (AP) — Texas Gov. George W. Bush reported Friday that he earned between $1.7 million and $9.7 million last year, mostly from selling his interests in oil, gas, real estate and a professional baseball team.

The early front-runner for the GOP presidential nomination also reported to the Federal Election Commission that he received a $106,250 advance for an unspecified book that he plans to donate to youth charities.

The financial disclosure report, required of all presidential candidates, shows that the son of former President George Bush is a member of a relatively small group — millionaires.

The younger Bush reported no debts and listed a diversified trust valued at between $1 million and $5 million as his largest asset. He also reported owning more than a half million dollars in U.S. Treasury notes.

Bush also disclosed three checking accounts valued at between $3,000 and $45,000 as well as a few thousand dollars in stocks in high-tech companies like computer chip maker Intel, software giant Microsoft and communications company Lucent Technologies.

He also reported owning two money market accounts with a total value between $600,000 and $1.25 million.

The disclosure reports require candidates only to describe income and assets in broad ranges.

Bush described his largest source of income as capital gains from his sale of his interest in the Texas Rangers professional baseball team. He estimated his income from that sale between $1 million and $5 million.

In addition to his $97,890 governor's salary, Bush also listed:

—Capital gains income of between $100,000 and $1 million from Crescent Real Estate Equities.

—Capital gains income of $100,000 to $1 million from Advance Paradigm.

—Capital gains income of between $50,000 and $100,000 from GFW Energy LP.

—A book advance of $106,250 that he said was donated directly to the Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts and other youth charities.

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Police repeat warning about children copying television

DALLAS (AP) — Police reiterated a warning to youngsters and their parents in the wake of the accidental death of a 3-year-old boy at the hands of his older brother who was imitating a wrestling move he'd seen on television.

"I think that parents should maybe sit down with their children and make it clear to them that what they see on television, if repeated, could have serious consequences," Senior Cpl. Chris Gilliam, a Dallas police spokesman, said Thursday.

Police say they'll file no criminal charges against the 7-year-old boy because of his age and the nature of the death.

"At this point, it appears he was imitating something he'd seen on television in connection with some wrestling program," Gilliam said.

The boys' mother apparently was outside on May 24 or 25 when the boys were roughhousing. Police interviewed the older boy at the hospital, who cried and said he meant no harm.

Asked to demonstrate what he had done, the older boy backed up about 10 feet and ran toward a police detective who was holding a doll about the same size as the 3-year-old.

The boy, as he neared the doll, thrust one arm at shoulder level and forcefully struck the doll at its neck, knocking it backward, police said.

Wrestling industry officials called the incident a tragedy and cautioned that their athletes have years of training on executing high-risk moves.

"It's our hope that our young fans would have fun but play safe," said Alan Sharp, a spokesman for World Championship Wrestling.

The nation's other major pro wrestling organization, World Wrestling Federation, has an article in the July edition of Raw Magazine entitled, "Don't Try This At Home." The piece details the backyard wrestling roots of Mick Foley, who jumped off a friend's roof nearly 16 years ago with nothing more than a few crushed cardboard boxes and a mattress to cushion the landing. He declined to repeat the 14-foot drop, but posed atop the house for a current picture.

Foley said he's "not going to discourage these kids from having fun" but said to avoid moves that involve someone landing on the head. He also advised today's backyard wrestlers to avoid things that can hurt one another.

"Chair shots to the head? Don't think about them. Barbed wire? Please don't do it. Light bulbs? Don't use anything that can cut you," Foley told the magazine.

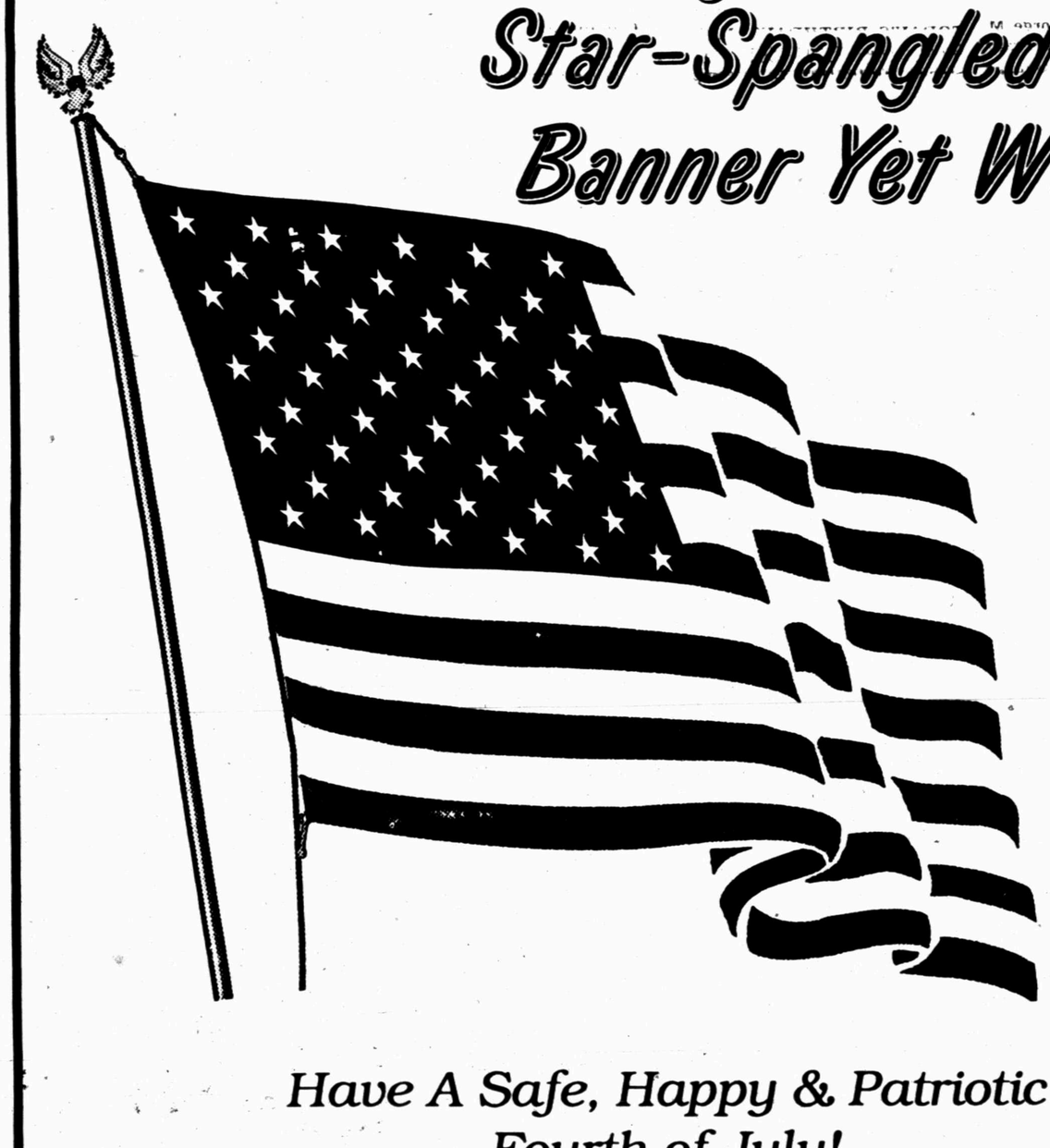
Officials at Children's Medical Center in Dallas and Cook Children's Medical Center in Fort Worth said they haven't noticed a trend of kids injuring themselves by imitating wrestlers.

"This was just a freak thing, there's not been any kind of pattern of this at all," said Christy Ecton, a spokeswoman at Children's in Dallas.

Wade Keller of Pro Wrestling Torch, a national weekly newsletter covering the business of wrestling, also believes the incident was an anomaly but said backyard wrestling is nothing new.

"It is something that the promoters are aware of and wrestlers are aware of," he said.

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Senior Citizen Center

Happy Independence Day!

Monday: The Senior Center will be closed for the July Fourth Holiday. Swimnastics at WTC will not be held on Monday due to the holiday, but will be held as scheduled on Wednesday from 10-11 a.m.

Tuesday: At 10 a.m. both 88 play and the Eight Ball Tournament begin. Seniors interested in the tournament do not need to sign up beforehand but please be here before 10 a.m. The Hoss Clayton Band will entertain at 11. The Golden Kiwanis will be meeting at noon. Social Security agents will be available from 10 to noon and 1-2 p.m.

Wednesday: We will be playing bingo from 10-11-45 a.m.

Players will take a break for exercise. Line dancers and cloggers will be practicing at 1 and 2 p.m. respectively. Kitchen Band members are on vacation for the month of July.

Thursday: Choir members are on vacation until after Labor Day. Game night begins at 6 p.m. All seniors are encouraged to participate in 88, bridge, pool and dominoes.

Friday: the blood pressure clinic and bridge play begin at 9:30 a.m. 88 play begins at 10, exercise at 11, and the sing-a-long at 11:30 a.m.

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The Senior Center Cookbook, "Tasty Traditions," is available at a cost of $17.50. The cookbook is filled with 900 recipes donated by many of our seniors.

Some of the services of the Senior center include Lifeline units, transportation, home-delivered meals (for those who qualify) and congregate meals.

We also have a variety of activities including exercise, games and quilting. Please call 573-4035 for more information.

We encourage seniors who are new to the community to join us. We welcome visits from children who are encouraging their parents to move to our community. Our goal is to be a positive influence in the community by adding quality to the lives of seniors through nutrition, activities and the volunteer program.

The center is open from Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. and is located at 2603 Avenue M.

Thank you for your patience during our problems with the air-conditioning system. With the installment of a new unit, we hope things will cool off quite a bit. You have been great and we appreciate each of you understanding during this down time.

Eight-liners illegal, but very easy to find

LUBBOCK (AP) — Computerized gambling machines known affectionately to patrons as eight-liners have been illegal in Texas for years, but you'd never know it living in Lubbock.

On a road that runs through the city's core, one establishment that features the games has "EIGHTLINERS" written in shoe polish across the front of the building and has an advertisement in the phone book.

Hardly a covert operation.

Since the Department of Public Safety began its war on the devices similar to slot machines in the early 1990s, it's hard to tell who is winning.

"I don't know why they would want to make this illegal," said Jose Canteras, who frequents Riviera Video Slots in Lubbock. "I mean, they're just for fun. It's not like anybody is losing big money like in Vegas or anything."

Another patron, armed with two rolls of quarters, walked in, waved hello to several regulars and began what he said was his daily hour of beating the odds.

No one at the bar seemed worried that a shutdown was imminent.

Tela Mange, a DPS spokeswoman, said the agency is stepping up its crusade to shut down eight-liner bars such as Riviera.

"We're out there searching for eight-liners, and we're also getting lots of complaints," Mrs. Mange said. "We get complaints from folks in the community like, 'My husband went out and spent the family grocery money for the month on an eight-liner.'"

The owner of Riviera declined comment.

The effort to rid the state of the gaming machines has sometimes taken on the appearance of a crusade. Some counties have staged highly publicized busts of known eight-liner establishments and the DPS has held special media events, such as the demolition of several machines in Austin Wednesday.

"We want everybody to understand that if you've got one of these machines, you're violating the law and there will be consequences," Mrs. Mange said. "A lot of people act like they still don't get it."

Joe Cutbirth, spokesman for the Amusement Music Operators of Texas, said the DPS took its crusade against eight-liners too far with the demolition event.

"That was an attempt to scare and intimidate people who are taking part in a legal business," Cutbrith said. "It was simply outrageous. This wasn't an attempt to heighten the public dialogue on an issue or raise understanding. This should really worry people because this kind of thing is not their job."

Ms. Mange said that under state law, any machine that operates on chance, involves no skill and grants a monetary or prize reward for success is illegal.

Cutbirth and others argue the machines are legal because they have no automatic payouts, like a traditional slot machine, but dispense tickets for redemption of prizes.

The DPS reports confiscating 1,537 machines and arresting 45 people for owning the machines.

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Invitation

Mr. & Mrs Anthony Wofford invite all friends and family to their daughter's wedding. Masharika Wofford and Christopher Bryant, son of Ms. Joyce Bryant of Phoenix, Arizona, and Clifford E. Bryant Sr. of Dallas, will marry at 7:00 p.m., July 10 at Colonial Hill Baptist Church.



Masharika Wofford & Christopher Bryant

Fewer teens confident they'll find lifelong mate

NEWARK, N.J. (AP) — Marriage has weakened as an institution in the United States, with fewer people saying "I do" than at any time in the nation's history, according to a large new study.

Moreover, fewer people who tie the knot report being "very happy" in their marriages, according to the study released Thursday by the National Marriage Project at Rutgers University.

The study, "The State of Our Unions: The Social Health of Marriage in America," found that the national marriage rate has dropped 43 percent over the past four decades to its lowest point ever.

The study reviewed statistics on marriage and divorce from the last four decades to find out how many people were getting married, at what age and how many of those marriages lasted. It also based some conclusions on interviews.

Researchers blamed the declining trend on more couples opting for alternatives such as living together outside of marriage or putting off the vows until later in life.

David Popenoe, a Rutgers sociologist who was co-author of the study, is concerned that the downward trend will continue.

"I'm worried most because of the teen-agers," Popenoe said. "With the breakdown of the family, peer culture, which includes pop culture, has gotten stronger. Nothing could be more anti-marriage than much of popular culture."

Before declining slightly in recent years, the nationwide divorce rate had grown since 1970. Friday, nearly half of married couples in the United States eventually split up.

According to the study, only 30 percent of girls and 40 percent of boys responded that married people are happier than those who stay single or live with a mate out of wedlock. In the late 1970s, about 39 percent of girls and 38 percent of boys agreed with that statement.

Teen girls especially seem to have lost some faith in the idea of finding a lifetime mate.

From 1976 to 1980, 68 percent of teen girls surveyed thought it was likely they would stay married to the same person for a lifetime. In 1995, it was 64 percent.

However, the percentage of boys who thought they would have only one mate has edged up, from 57 percent during the 1976-1980 period to 59 percent in 1995.

The study also showed that most teen-agers surveyed thought a good marriage and family life was important. Of boys, 72 percent thought a good marriage was important, as did 83 percent of girls.

Those numbers have increased from the mid-1970s, when 69 percent of boys and 80 percent of girls thought a good marriage was important.

Popenoe said teens seemed to believe in marriage, but were negative when it came to themselves. He said so many teens have seen or lived through divorces and don't have good examples of marriage to emulate.

"Teens don't even know anyone who's happily married," Popenoe said. "They become scared and pessimistic."

The nonpartisan National Marriage Project is funded by Rutgers in conjunction with several private foundations. It tracks social indicators related to marriage.

The group relied on statistics from the U.S. Census Bureau and other government agencies for most of the study. Its findings on teens came from a study by the Institute for Social Research at the University of Michigan that compiled responses from about 50,000 high school seniors nationwide over 19 years.

More people should eat calcium-rich food

WASHINGTON (AP) — You bypass the grocery dairy aisle, shun broccoli and greens, skip the calcium-fortified orange juice. Wonder if your bones are weak?

Americans are facing what experts say is a dire shortage of calcium in their diets. It starts in childhood, when kids quickly learn to guzzle colas or sugar-filled "fruit drinks" instead of milk — one aghast nutritionist even spotted baby bottles sporting soft-drink logos.

Calcium's claim to fame is building strong bones and teeth. But this versatile mineral also may play other important roles, such as lowering blood pressure or preventing colon cancer.

Yet three out of four Americans are thought to eat too little calcium.

"It doesn't matter who you are — we are not ingesting enough calcium from childhood up," said University of Colorado nutrition professor Susan Johnson.

"The United States needs a national, comprehensive plan to improve the calcium nutrition of our people," Dr. Robert Heaney of Creighton University told fellow calcium specialists at a meeting last week to discuss how to do that.

The government is launching two new campaigns to boost calcium consumption by children and teen-agers — the ages bone builds fastest — but key to increasing calcium consumption is understanding why it's important and what foods have it.

When you don't eat enough calcium, the body leaches the mineral from your bones, weakening them over time. Ten million Americans, mostly women, already have osteoporosis, where their bones are so brittle they snap.

But research suggests calcium's benefit may extend far beyond bones, Heaney said. Calcium-poor diets seem to increase ris' of high blood pressure. Increasing dietary calcium in patients prone to colon cancer significantly cut their risk of tumors. Calcium even seemed to cut in half symptoms of premenstrual syndrome.

Local Deeco now Industrial Hose & Supply

Industrial Hose & Supply Inc. has purchased assets of Deeco Rubber Company in Snyder.

Sale of assets does not include other Deeco Co. stores in West Texas and Jim Ervin, longtime employee of Deeco, will remain as manager of the Snyder store.

The new corporation at 401 N. College Avenue, will maintain a complete inventory of hoses, belts and other oilfield supplies.

New owner, Mickey Nunley, assumed operation Friday.

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Accent ON HEALTH

Warm weather signals the season for picnics and backyard barbecues. And as the temperature rises so do the possibilities for food-borne illnesses.

Hamburgers are a favorite for the grill. But attention to food safety is as necessary an item on the menu as the mustard, mayonnaise, pickles, lettuce and sesame-seed buns. "Proper food handling practices are extremely important to prevent illness," said Steven McAndrew, director of the Retail Food Division at the Texas Department of Health (TDC). "Cooking foods thoroughly and keeping hands and work surfaces clean are vital elements."

Among his suggestions:

•Be sure all work surfaces and utensils are clean before preparing food. Don't use the same cutting board, platter or utensils for raw meat as for fresh or cooked foods. And don't cut up vegetables or fruits on the same board just used for raw meat or poultry.

•"Use different cutting boards or thoroughly wash and sanitize the one used," McAndrew said. "A simple, inexpensive solution for sanitizing food preparation surfaces is one tablespoon household bleach in a gallon of water. And always wash your hands. Any bacteria in raw meat or juices can contaminate other foods."

It is the bacteria in raw meat, especially beef and other foods that can lead to illness. In particular, E. coli 0157:H7 (formal name Escherichia coli 0157:H7) infections can cause severe diarrhea, nausea and cramps.

The Scurry County Health Unit wants to remind people of the importance of safe food handling and cooking practices. When in doubt, throw it out.

When it is time to cook the food, be sure to cook it thoroughly, McAndrew said. "A meat thermometer gives accurate internal temperatures. Beef, veal and lamb steaks or roasts should be cooked to 145 degrees F, pork and ground beef to 155 degrees F. Poultry should reach 165 degrees F.

Even without a meat thermometer, McAndrew advises looking for signs that the food is done. "Cut into the food to check, don't guess. Juice should run clear. Hamburgers should be medium well to well done and brown in the middle. Poultry should have no pink to it."

A special precaution both McAndrew and Bergmire-Sweat underscore: Don't put the cooked food back on the plate or in the pan that held raw meat or poultry. Cooked food can easily be contaminated by juice left from raw meat and poultry.

McAndrew offers several other preparation suggestions:

•Defrosting. Completely thaw meat and poultry before grilling so it cooks evenly. Use the refrigerator for slow, safe thawing. Microwave defrost only if the food will be placed on the grill immediately.

•Marinating. Always marinate food in the refrigerator, not on the counter. If some of the marinade is to be used as a sauce on the cooked food, reserve a portion in a separate container before adding raw meat, poultry of seafood. Do not reuse marinade.

•Pre-cooking. If you partially cook food in the microwave, oven or stove to reduce grilling time, do so only immediately before the food goes on the grill.

•Serve the food right away. Don't let food sit out for more than an hour and probably not more than 30 minutes in hot weather. Leftovers that have been off the grill for less than an hour can be taken home safely in a cooler filled with ice. Drain water from the ice chest regularly.

•And finally, the reminder for clean hands. Even outdoors, people need to wash their hands often when preparing food," McAndrew said. "This can be as simple as having a water jug, soap and paper towels handy."

Symptoms of E. coli 0157:H7 include bloody diarrhea, cramps and nausea and can show up from 3 to 8 days after exposure. Fever is not usually present. Although rare, this strain of E. coli can cause kidneys to fail or be permanently damaged. Children under age 5 and people over 65 are more at risk for kidney problems from this bacterial infection.

Most people who do get sick from an E. coli 01567:H7 infection recover in 5 to 10 days with antibiotics or other specific treatment.

Datebook

July 3, 1999

Today is the 184th day of 1999 and the 13th day of summer.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1608, Samuel de Champlain founded the city of Quebec.

On this day in 1940, Abbott and Costello debuted on NBC radio.

On this day in 1986, President Ronald Reagan presided at the ceremonial relighting of the torch of the Statue of Liberty. The event was in celebration of the renovation of the statue, which stands on an island in the harbor of New York City.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: George M. Cohan (1878-1942), entertainer; Franz Kafka (1883-1924), writer; George Sanders (1906-1972), actor; Ken Russell (1927-), director, is 72; Pete Fountain (1930-), musician, is 69; Tom Stoppard (1937-), playwright, is 62; Betty Buckley (1947-), singer-actress, is 52; Tom Cruise (1962-), actor, is 37.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1954, Maureen Connolly won the Wimbledon championship for the third time.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "The tired ox treads with a firmer step." — Saint Jerome

TODAY'S MOON: Between full moon (June 28) and last quarter (July 6).

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The world's population has more than doubled since 1950.

On average, adults have about one nightmare per year.

July 4, 1999

Today is INDEPENDENCE DAY; it is the 185th day of 1999 and the 14th day of summer.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1776, representatives of the thirteen colonies formally adopted the Declaration of Independence, at the Second Continental Congress, in Philadelphia.

On this day in 1831, Dr. S.F. Smith, a Baptist minister, wrote the words to the hymn "America" for Independence Day services. He got the tune from an old German song book.

On this day in 1970, Casey Kasem broadcast his radio show "American Top 40" for the first time.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Nathaniel Hawthorne (1804-1864), writer; Stephen Foster (1826-1864), composer; Calvin Coolidge (1872-1933), U.S. president; Louis Armstrong (1900-1971), musician; Ann Landers (1918-), advice columnist, is 81; Abigail Van Buren (1918-), advice columnist, is 81; Neil Simon (1927-), playwright, is 72; Al Davis (1929-), football executive, is 70; George Steinbrenner (1930-), baseball executive, is 69.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1993, Pete Sampras defeated Jim Courier, winning the Wimbledon tennis championship.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "I believe all of us have the capacity for one adventure inside us, but great adventure is facing responsibility day after day." — William Gordon

TODAY'S MOON: Between full moon (June 28) and last quarter (July 6).

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Lynn said the most rewarding aspect of her job has been "the opportunity to meet new people, and to learn from them."

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Agnew & district attorneys were preoccupied with leaks

NEW YORK (AP) — Both Spiro Agnew and government lawyers investigating him were preoccupied with leaks to the press during the months before the vice president resigned in 1973 to escape prison for tax evasion and bribery.

Their concerns, detailed in correspondence obtained by an online news service using the Freedom of Information Act, are just a portion of the information contained in Agnew's FBI file.

In one letter, dated Aug. 23, then-Attorney General Elliot L. Richardson assured an angry Agnew — who was under growing suspicion — that he shared his concern over unauthorized disclosures, but could do little to prevent them.

"There seems to be no fully effective means to stop the cynical, speculative chain reaction of rumor and hypothesis that has been all too evident in recent weeks," Richardson wrote.

He added that Agnew "should and will be given an opportunity to tell the prosecution all that you wish."

Another document tells how U.S. marshals in Baltimore seized a CBS television crew that was using a nearby rooftop to film the windows of a federal building where a grand jury was discussing Agnew's fate. The crew and their film were later released.

Some 219 pages of internal Justice Department memos and other items relating to the Agnew affair were posted on the Internet on Thursday by APB Online, a web site opened last year and devoted to crime and justice issues.

"This is part of our continuing commitment to identifying and making public material from all government agencies ... in a way that not only tells the story but gives the user an opportunity to see history in its unexpurgated form," APB marketing director Dick Lavinthal said.

Agnew resigned from office Oct. 10, 1973 after pleading no contest to evading $13,500 in his 1967 taxes, becoming the only VP in the nation's history to step down.

As part of the deal, he also admitted accepting thousands of dollars in kickbacks from contractors as Baltimore County executive and governor of Maryland in the 1960s, and later as President Nixon's hand-picked vice president.

One of the notes made public details former White House aide Ken Clawson informing cabinet officials that Agnew had told Nixon the day before of his plans to resign. It said Nixon "expressed his deep sense of personal loss" and commended Agnew for his "decision to put the national interest above personal considerations."

Nixon himself resigned the following August as a result of the Watergate affair.

The file obtained by APB Online contains numerous memos on FBI attempts to become involved in the case. The agency was rebuffed by prosecutors who insisted it was "only a tax matter."

When the FBI was finally called in to conduct polygraph tests on witnesses, the results started showing up in newspaper stories — triggering a spate of memos about leaks.

In a court statement at the plea bargain, Richardson said the government could have charged Agnew with bribery and extortion, but any such case "would have consumed not simply months, but years — with potentially disastrous consequences to the vital interests of the United States."

Richardson also urged no jail time in view of Agnew's years of public service and his willingness to avoid putting the country through the "prolonged agony" of a trial.

The web site for APB Online is www.apbonline.com

'Black tax' exemption spurs arrest

DALLAS (AP) — A black minister has been convicted of getting three people to file tax returns in which they claimed a "black tax" exemption that he said was available to descendants of slaves.

Willie Foster, 35, of Fort Worth could get up to 27 months in prison at sentencing Sept. 14. He was convicted on Wednesday.

Three people testified that Foster told them the exemption was a government reparation for descendants of slaves freed after the Civil War. No such reparations were ever authorized. One man actually received a $2,300 refund two years ago by making the claim.

"Willie Foster is not an American hero. You don't rope other hard-working people into this scam," prosecutor Terri Moore told the federal jury of three blacks and nine whites. "He spread lies."

Doug Greene, Foster's lawyer, argued that the IRS was holding Foster responsible for its own mistakes.

The jury took less than an hour to convict Foster on three counts of filing false claims.

Foster himself got $30,085.89 back from the IRS after filing for the "black tax" exemption. The IRS caught the mistake, but Foster never gave the money back. No charges were ever brought against him.

Talk of slave reparations has circulated since the end of the Civil War, when Congress voted to give freed slaves 40 acres and a mule. President Andrew Johnson vetoed the plan.

The debate landed in the lap of the IRS after L.G. Sherrod, a journalist and economics consultant, wrote an essay in Essence magazine in 1993 in which she urged readers to use their tax forms to claim the modern-day equivalent of 40 acres and a mule.

"Simply enter $43,209 in 'black taxes' and compute accordingly," she wrote.

Nutrition By Ed Blonz, PH.D.

Antidepressants need not be for life

By Ed Blonz, Ph.D.

DEAR DR. BLONZ: I read your column and I am not sure why I am choosing to write to you, but here I go: I'm 15, and dealing with depression has been really hard for me. I have also had many thoughts of suicide and have already cut myself. My doctor put me on Zoloft and I have been on it for four months. I am happier than I used to be and have no desire to kill myself anymore. But I wonder if I'll always rely on medication. Will I get better to the point where I can get off of Zoloft, or will my happiness always come from a pill? — D.K.

DEAR D.K.: Thank you for writing, and although I am not a medical doctor, I feel it is important to respond.

First, let me say that I cannot fully understand what you are feeling, but I can offer my compassion and my hope that you will find the strength to work through it. The thing you need to understand, and I mean REALLY understand, is that suicide is a needless and irreversibly permanent solution to a short-term problem. Feelings of hopelessness and helplessness are not unusual, and they can — and usually do — change.

The next thing is to appreciate that you are not alone. There are others just like you, walking down the same road. There are many who have managed to make it through, and they can give you the benefit of what they have learned.

About the meds: It is good that you are able to achieve some measure of relief with your meds. Your question was about whether you will always have to rely on a pill, but the pill isn't making you "happy," per se. Much of what we feel is biochemical in origin. Think about the fact that the mind is often flooded with biochemical and hormonally-driven peaks and valleys of raging moods throughout the teen years.

Be assured that your biochemistry will change as you make your way into adulthood, and as things settle down, you will feel better. Think of medication as allowing you to rise above the walls that block your happiness. It is a skill, and the idea is that as time goes on it will come to you more naturally. When this happens, there is no longer a need for medication.

I encourage you to reach out and make connections now, so you know where to go if things begin to get dark. There are telephone hotlines in most cities, and if need be, you can always pick up the phone and dial 911. If you have access to the Internet, here are some links to sites which offer additional information and can put you in touch with others: www.yellowribbon.org, www.depression.com, www.eyecatchers.com/survivors/resources/depression.html and www.suicidal.com/suicideprevention/. Stay well and stay in touch.

DEAR DR. BLONZ: I have a crystal decanter of Louis XIII Cognac (leaded crystal) which I have had for many years. I have been told that lead crystal may be dangerous to your health. Can you tell me if this is true, and whether I should dispose of this wonderful cognac brandy? — L.G., West Orange, N.J.

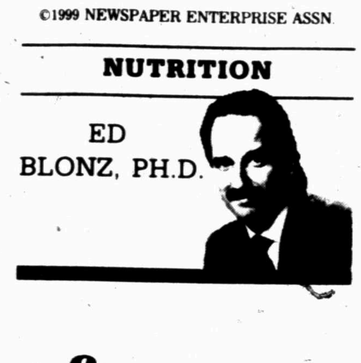
DEAR L.G.: I hate to be the bearer of such a cautionary note, especially where the fate of a world-class cognac is concerned, but storage in a leaded crystal decanter will give rise to elevated concentrations of lead — and lead is most certainly dangerous to one's health. Safety dictates that one should not store liquids in leaded crystal or drink from such liquids on a daily basis, especially if one is pregnant. Finally, don't feed an infant or child from a lead crystal baby bottle or cup. The decision of whether or not to dispose of the cognac must be yours. The body is capable of eliminating lead; it just does so very slowly. Lead poisoning occurs when the rate of intake exceeds the rate of removal. When you drink a liquid that has spent some time in leaded glass, you take in a dose of lead with every sip. As to whether or how often your body can tolerate lead, this is a discussion you should have with your physician.

Send questions to: "On Nutrition," Ed Blonz, c/o Newspaper Enterprise Association, 200 Madison Ave., New York, NY 10016. For e-mail, address inquiries to: ed@blonz.com. Due to the volume of mail, personal replies cannot be provided.

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Carnegie...

Teen who saved boy from mountain lion to be honored

PITTSBURGH (AP) — A 17-year-old camp counselor who rescued a 6-year-old from the jaws of a mountain lion was among 24 people honored for acts of heroism by the Carnegie Hero Fund Commission.

"I just attacked the lion," said Aaron Hall, a high school junior from Missoula, Mont. "I was screaming, yelling, kicked it a lot of times."

The lion wandered off. Paramedics said Dante Swallow — who survived two neck gashes in the July 1998 attack — likely would have died if not for Hall's actions.

The recipients of the Carnegie Medal for heroism, which also includes a $3,000 award, were honored Thursday.

The commission was founded in 1904 by steel magnate Andrew Carnegie after he was inspired by rescue tales following a mine disaster. It has honored 8,299 people since then.

Also honored were:

—John A. Lewis, of Nova Scotia. He saved a man and his 7-year-old son from a fiery auto accident in August 1997.

—Jeffrey Alyn Rushing, 27, of Centralia, Ill. He rescued a man from a burning house.

—Gabriel Dylan Steinbach, 24, of University City, Mo. He subdued a knife assailant who attacked the co-owner of a Portsmouth, N.H., coffee bar in March 1998.

—Kelly McConnell, 13, of Paris, Texas. He tried to rescue his mother from a bear attack by hitting the animal. Although he escaped when the bear turned on him, his mother died in the August 1997 attack in British Columbia.

—Raymond C. Kitchen, 56, of British Columbia. He saw the bear attacking the McConnells and hit it with a stick when it turned on the boy. He died from injuries suffered in the attack.

—Ingrid S. Bailey, 33, of Felton, Calif; Frank S. Hedingham, 71, and Gary Richmond, 46, both of British Columbia. They chased away the bear that attacked the McConnells and Kitchen. Hedingham has since died.

—Robert C. Swartz, 25, of Syracuse, N.Y.; Michael J. Ravesi, 24, of Oswego, N.Y.; and Carl Assini, 35, of Webster, N.Y. They saved a woman from electrocution when a 300-ton crane at a construction site overturned and pulled electrical wires onto her car.

—Robert T. van Ee, 45, of Forestville, Calif. He saved a 3-year-old from drowning when the boy was washed ashore on a California beach in April 1998.

—Cuong Trong Hoang, 23, and Giao Hgoc Chau, 24, both of Honolulu. They rescued three boys from drowning when a wave pulled them into deep water near Haleiwa, Hi., in November 1997.

—Randall S. Davey, 27, of Dalles, Ore. He rescued two 11-year-old girls from an apartment fire in February 1998.

—Timothy L. Hays, 31, of Rochester, Ind., and Bruce M. Baker, 52, Kewanna, Ind. They rescued a state trooper from his burning cruiser after a crash in April 1998.

—Ulutunu Faumuina, 52, of Honolulu. He died trying to save his family from a fire that engulfed their house in October 1997. His wife and daughter survived, but six other family members died.

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Income Comes in Three Flavors

What goes up must come down — unless you're talking about income.

Ask anyone how much income they'll need 10 years from now, and their answer will surely be, "More than I earn now." Everyone needs increasing income — not just while your family is growing, but also in retirement, when your expenses may be lower. The reason: inflation.

Even with the best control, a certain amount of inflation is built into our economy. To maintain your standard of living, your income should increase each year.

Working Americans are typically rewarded with wage increases that meet or exceed inflation. Those planning for retirement, however, must create an investment plan that will provide increasing income. As life spans continue to increase, it's more cruicial than ever to devise a plan that not only will allow your money to grow enough to meet rising living costs during retirement, but also to last at least as long as you do.

Achieving this goal requires choosing the right mix of three income flavors: variable, fixed and growing.

Some of today's most popular investments offer variable income. Savings with short maturities, such as U.S. Treasury bills, bank certificates of deposit (CDs) and money market accounts, pay income that fluctuates.

Typically, these short-term investments guarantee your principal, so they are ideal for meeting short-term needs. However, they may not be appropriate for long-term goals. For example, a $100,00 investment in three-month T-bills for the period Jan. 1, 1976 through Dec. 31, 1995 would have provided dramatically fluctuating income, from a high of $14,662 one year to a low of about $3,600 another. It's hard to budget on fluctuation like that. It's even harder to live on it.

One solution to fluctuating income is fixed income investments. These include Treasury, corporate and municipal bonds. They guarantee a return of principal if held to maturity, and a fixed interest rate which generates a stable income, usually paid semiannually, while held. The guarantee that you'll get your money back is attractive, but the fact that your income won't rise means fixed-income investments should not comprise your entire portfolio.

For example, a $100,000 investment made Jan. 1, 1976, in a 20-year Treasury bond guaranteed annual fixed income of $8,000. When returned 20 years later, the $100,000 investment had lost about half of its buying power. Not only did the income lose the race against inflation, so did the principal.

The third type of income is growing income. Investments that offer the potential for growth — such as stocks and mutual funds — offer no guarantees, but historically they have been rewarding.

Many excellent companies have grown and prospered over the years. As corporate profits increase, companies typically pay higher dividends to shareholders. A hypothetical $100,000 investment in U.S. stocks as represented by the Standard & Poor's 500 Index for the same 1976-1995 period would have produced annual dividends growing steadily from about $4,000 in 1976 to $15,291 in 1995.

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By Peter Gott, M.D.



A little thump tells doctor a lot

DEAR DR. GOTT: Why does a doctor thump my chest when he examines me? When I asked him about this, he gave me a smart-aleck answer. What is this test and why can't doctors answer a simple question without putting the patient down?

DEAR READER: Sound alters its characteristics depending on the medium through which it passes. Normal lungs are filled with air. When a doctor thumps your chest, he is listening for (or feeling) the sound vibrations. They are perceived as a resonant and somewhat hollow tone. If, on the other hand, there is fluid in the chest or some other condition that replaces the air, the tone will be flatter and duller. This medical technique is called percussion, and despite the extensive use of chest X-rays for diagnosis, it remains a useful and accurate method to detect abnormalities.

You can try it yourself and see what I mean. Rest your third finger firmly on your thigh and strike it smartly with the tip of the curved finger of your other hand. You will experience a sensation (from your fingers and your ears) of a dull, flat s o u n d. Now repeat the process on the wall of your abdomen. The sound will be more hollow and resonant because, unlike solid thigh muscle, the intestine contains air. The difference in tone results from sound travelling through tissues of unequal density.

Try percussing other parts of your body. The lungs, for example, give off a slightly different tone than does the abdomen. With a little practice, you should be able to detect the dullness of your liver (in the upper right abdomen) and, possibly, even a full bladder (just above the pubic bone).

You can experiment on your friends or on your date at a party. Pretty soon everyone will be percussing each other like crazy and having a thumping good time.

Oh, I almost forgot: Your doctor put you down because he spent thousands of dollars in medical school learning to percuss, and he is reluctant to let you in on the secret for the paltry price of an office call.

To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Choosing a Physician." Other readers who would like a copy should send $2 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to P.O. Box 2017, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to mention the title.

DEAR DR. GOTT: Please discuss chronic gastritis and helicobacter pylori.

DEAR READER: More and more studies implicate the bacteria called H. pylori as the cause of peptic ulcers, as well as gastritis (stomach irritation). The diagnosis can easily be made with a blood test or a specific analysis of the irritated area. Treatment with antibiotics usually clears up the disorder. Ask your doctor about this.

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DEAR DR. GOTT: I'm an attorney. You recently responded to a reader with osteoarthritis, indicating you don't know of a diet specially directed towards people with this condition. You obviously went to medical school in the dark ages and have done nothing to improve your knowledge since. Harvard Medical and the Boston VA did a study in 1996, proving that most arthritis can be cured with proper nutrition. You should be tortured until you die for subjecting your readers to a life of misery for a disease which is easily treated. All you need to do is some reading, instead of relying on drug companies for your information.

DEAR READER: What a bizarre letter! And from an attorney, too! Do you have an undiagnosed emotional problem or do you simply like to have tantrums?

Let's see. Lawyers live on precedence. I'll plea bargain to avoid the cruel and unusual punishment that you demanded. Send me the exact reference from Boston (or, better yet, send me the report itself) and if there is a diet to cure osteoarthritis, I'll print it — along with an apology to my readers. Until then, however, I'm holding you in contempt.

DEAR DR. GOTT: My husband is 76 and on several medications. His problem occurs at night when, without realizing what he's doing, he sleep walks. A few nights ago, he fell and injured his right hand. Could the medication he is on be causing this?

DEAR READER: Without knowing your husband's "several medications," I can't comment on the effect that any one (or combination thereof) could have on his sleep pattern. I am not aware of any medicines that cause sleep walking; in general, this distressing behavior exists for no known reason, irrespective of prescription drugs.

As a solution to your husband's problem, I suggest that he use a movement sensor. These battery powered devices are standard procedure in nursing homes, where they are used to prevent patients who wander at night from hurting themselves. When the patient gets out of bed, the sensor sets off an alarm, either to awaken the patient or to alert his caregivers. This might save your husband from future injury.

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DEAR DR. GOTT: I'm a 73-year-old woman with a leaky heart valve. My doctor put me on a beta-blocker and said the medicine would take care of things. Well, I am still short winded, have high blood pressure and get very tired. What's the scoop?

DEAR READER: The scoop is that you need more medicine — or a stronger drug. The primary concern here is your persistent hypertension, which may aggravate your leaky valve or, more important, contribute to chronic heart failure, a possible cause of your difficulty breathing and fatigue. Return to your doctor and insist on a more aggressive approach: Specifically, a change in dose or medicine to bring your blood pressure into a normal range. You are already taking a beta-blocker. That's a good start. In my experience, the addition of a diuretic, such as Maxide or Dyazide, might be beneficial, because the combination should lower your blood pressure as well as enable you to excrete the excess fluid that I believe is at the root of your problem.

DEAR DR. GOTT: Am I wasting my time and energy swinging my arms for an hour daily and holding on to the bars to be able to walk — tramping until my feet get tired? I had a serious stroke 17 years ago but am quite mobile now. At 94 I'm getting tired and tend to lose my balance more frequently.

DEAR READER: Regular exercise has demonstrable health benefits for people of any age, even those over 90. However, no authority endorses exercising to the point of pain, especially in the elderly. I suggest that you vary your routine so that it becomes less of a burden. Engage in exercise that you enjoy, such as walking, aerobics, simple calisthenics, swimming, biking, golf and so forth. It's all right for you to swing your arms and trample on a treadmill a couple of days a week, but such a limited work-out can be boring; such repetitive activity can also lead to painful muscles and joints because of overuse.

In addition, a varied and fun program of exercise will improve your balance, work different muscle groups, get you out of the house, and condition your cardiovascular system.

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Aversion to violence in movies has dropped in the last decade

WASHINGTON (AP) — For all the talk, Americans don't seem to be as upset by violent movies as they used to be.

An Associated Press poll, taken in the midst of a debate over the impact of violent movies and television programs on young people, found that 40 percent of adults said they would be less likely to see a movie if they knew it contained violence. That's 20 points lower than the percentage who answered the same question the same way a decade ago.

In the poll, conducted by ICR of Media, Pa., only one-third of respondents said violence is the biggest problem with current movies, about the same percentage who said tickets cost too much. An additional 17 percent said movies aren't as good as they used to be, and 13 percent said there is too much sex on the big screen.

"People these days don't see too much wrong with the violence in movies," said Joan Hogue, a recent retiree from Denver. "They are getting desensitized to all that stuff."

Stacy Cortez, a 22-year-old student from Las Vegas, said movie violence doesn't bother her "because it's all fake." But she said young people should be kept away from movies with sex "because they see how to do it."

Movie violence became a hot issue after the school shootings in Littleton, Colo., in April. Several measures designed to curb movie violence were introduced in Congress, but they have not been adopted.

Theater owners pledged this month to check IDs to prevent youngsters from seeing R-rated movies. In the poll, 52 percent said the checks would be fairly effective or very effective, while 45 percent said they would be not very effective or not effective at all.

Those who doubt that the restrictions will help shield young people from violent movies point to the easy access to videos, the use of fake IDs and the ability to switch movies after they enter a complex showing several films at a time.

Kathleen Hansen, a teacher in Champaign, Ill., for emotionally disturbed children, said she hears children as young as 5 years old talk about seeing violent films.

"They haven't seen Bambi, but they've seen 'Scream,' 'Scream II' and 'Chuckie' (about a violent doll)," she said. "These kids don't go to the movies. They watch the movies on video at home."

According to the poll, women and older Americans were less likely to see a movie if they knew it contained violence. Almost half of the women surveyed fell into the category, compared to 30 percent of the men. Two-thirds of those over 65 said violence would probably keep them from seeing a movie.

The poll also found:

—Whites, 42 percent, were more likely than blacks, 28 percent, to say violent content might keep them away from a movie.

—Women were twice as likely as men to say hearing about nude scenes might keep them from seeing a particular movie. People over 65 were three times as likely as those under 35 to stay away because of nudity.

—People who have gone to only a couple of movies this year were three times as likely to be troubled by movie violence as those who have seen more than 20.

Bald Eagle removed from endangered species list

WASHINGTON (AP) — Once near extinction, the American bald eagle is "now back from the brink, thriving in virtually every state of the union," President Clinton declared Friday at a White House celebration.

Clinton announced a proposal to remove the majestic bird from the endangered species list after a three decade effort to protect it. A final decision is expected in July 2000.

"It's hard to think of a better way to celebrate the birth of a nation than to celebrate the rebirth of our national symbol," the president said on the eve of the Independence Day weekend. "The return of the bald eagle is a fitting cap to a century of environmental stewardship."

On stage with Clinton was "Challenger," a 10-year-old male bald eagle cared for by the National Foundation to Protect America's Eagles. "Challenger" was blown from a wild nest as a baby and experienced too much human contact at a young age to be able to survive in the wild. The bird screeched during the president's remarks.

"Believe it or not," Clinton said, "Ben Franklin wanted our national symbol to be a turkey. The press would be having a field day with that to the present day, wouldn't they?"

Even when removed from the endangered species list, the bald eagle will be protected by two laws: the Migratory Bird Treaty Act, which prohibits the taking, killing, possession, transportation and importation of migratory birds, and the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act, which bans the taking, possession, transportation, export and import of a bald or golden eagle, alive or dead.

The bald eagle, named America's national bird by the Continental Congress in 1782, once thrived, with as many as a half million eagles soaring the skies of North America. But by 1963, only 417 breeding pairs remained in the lower 48 states as a result of hunting, loss of prey and habitat and the widespread use of the pesticide DDT.

With the banning of DDT in 1972 and the passage of the Endangered Species Act a year later, the bald eagle began making a dramatic recovery. Friday, there are 5,800 breeding pairs.

Clinton used Friday's ceremony to call on Congress to approve his Lands Legacy initiative, which would provide permanent funding of at least $1 billion a year to protect wildlife habitat, farms, urban parks and natural treasures across America.

Four years ago, with recovery well under way, the eagle was upgraded from endangered to threatened.

"Friday, I am pleased to announce that the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is taking the first step to remove the American bald eagle from the endangered species list," Clinton said.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is proposing that the eagle be declared fully recovered,

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SPORTS

Dr. J's daughter tops Dokic at Wimbledon

WIMBLEDON, England (AP) — Alexandra Stevenson's life changed irrevocably Friday, a day she made history at Wimbledon and basketball great Julius Erving told the world he is her father.

Serving more aces than Pete Sampras and Andre Agassi combined in their quarterfinal wins, the 18-year-old Stevenson kept her Wimbledon fantasy alive by becoming the first qualifier to reach the women's semis.

Only one man, John McEnroe in 1978, reached the Wimbledon semifinals as a qualifier since qualifying competition began in 1925 to include a few players not selected for the main draw.

Stevenson served 15 aces at speeds up to 113 mph in a 6-3, 1-6, 6-3 victory over Jelena Dokic, the 16-year-old qualifier who knocked out No. 1 Martina Hingis and No. 9 Mary Pierce.

Two hours later, Erving told The Associated Press that an earlier report he was her father was true, and that he has been supporting her financially.

Erving said his wife, Turquoise, knew of his relationship with Samantha Stevenson, a free-lance writer who covered the Philadelphia 76ers while Dr. J starred on the team, and that his four children were aware of the situation.

"All matters concerning Alexandra since her birth have been handled privately through counsel," Erving said from his office in Orlando, Fla., where he is a vice president with the NBA's Magic. "I am pleased to see Alexandra, at 18, doing so well and I applaud her mother's efforts and courage."

The possibility of Erving being Stevenson's father was raised this week when the Fort Lauderdale Sun-Sentinel published a copy of her birth certificate. The Basketball Hall of Famer initially denied being her father.

Erving said Friday he met Alexandra only once, when she was 3, and that it was "her call" whether they would start a relationship.

Stevenson and her mother again refused to speak about Erving, even after learning of his statement.

Samantha Stevenson has written many times about her efforts to raise her daughter to be a champion.

"What makes a champion?" she asked rhetorically in a World Tennis article in 1987. "Red Smith (the late New York Times sports columnist) once told me it's in the blood. I agree. A world-class athlete is born with the ability to be great. Alexandra has it. You do know if your child's got it."

She never named her daughter's father publicly but did tell several confidantes. Now Alexandra Stevenson will forever be identified as the daughter of one of the greatest basketball players in history.

Stevenson was 9 in 1990 when Martina Navratilova won Wimbledon for the last time, and she heard someone ask Navratilova if there will ever be a great serve-and-volleyer like her again.

"She said there is some 9- or 10-year-old that is going to be coming up," Stevenson said. "I was watching it and my mom was in the bedroom, and I said, 'Hey, mom, that's me.' I really thought it was going to be me. It's great that it's kind of coming true."

Stevenson still has to get past Lindsay Davenport in the semis, and Steffi Graf or Mirjana Lucic in the final. But no one who saw the way she served and volleyed and struck deep, sizzling one-handed backhands against Dokic could dismiss her chances.

Big one-handed backhands are rare in women's tennis. Graf hits with one hand but mostly slices the ball. Stevenson comes over the top with power, a shot she learned from Sampras' old coach, Pete Fischer.



TWO HIGH-CALIBER ATHLETES — Former WTC basketball player and current San Antonio Spurs assistant coach Paul Pressey (left) presents Sammy Baugh with a pair of shoes autographed by San Antonio point guard Avery Johnson. Pressey, back on the WTC campus Friday, donated the shoes to the auction being held in conjunction with the Slingin' Sammy Baugh Golf Classic July 16-17 in Colorado City. (SDN Staff Photo)

Ryan ready for Cooperstown

ARLINGTON (AP) — Saying he's tired of being introduced as a future Hall of Famer, strikeout king Nolan Ryan admitted Thursday he's looking forward to his induction at Cooperstown this month.

Ryan said he'll take an entourage of about 150 people to the ceremony, including more than 100 aboard a special Southwest Airlines flight dubbed the "Nolan Ryan Express."

Reminiscing on his long career in the majors, Ryan said he regretted never having pitched to Ted Williams or playing on Cincinnati's "Big Red Machine" of the 1970s.

But he has plenty of special memories for each of his four teams: the 1969 World Series with the Mets, his four no-hitters with the Angels, the ability to live at home during his nine years with the Astros — including his fifth no-hitter — and his five record-setting years with the Rangers, during which time he reached 5,000 strikeouts, 300 victories and his sixth and seventh no-hitters.

Of all the accomplishments, Ryan's favorite were the seventh no-hitter and the 5,000th strikeout, "because they happened here and the way the fans reacted and supported me."

Ryan leaves Houston July 23 for Cooperstown, where he already has been given a guided tour and a briefing on the July 25 ceremony.

He was humbled by the exhibit of seven caps from his seven no-hitters — "It was a neat feeling" — and said he never really thought about getting into the Hall of Fame until Don Sutton won his 250th game in 1981 and remarked that he only needed 50 more to get into the Hall.

"There's never been a 300-game winner that didn't make the Hall," Sutton advised Ryan.

"I hadn't even thought about that ... but it got me to thinking about how they do view Hall of Famers and what criteria that people use when they vote," Ryan said.

Since then, Ryan often has been called a "future Hall of Famer," a title he modestly avoided until he was elected in January with 98.79 percent of the vote.

Now he'd like to get on with the ceremony and then get back to ranching in Alvin and winding up the latest round of commercial endorsements.

"I'd much rather be introduced as a Hall of Famer than as a future Hall of Famer because I never was real comfortable with people introducing you that way," he said.

Ryan's tailor has made him a new suit for the induction, but the pitcher said he hasn't written an acceptance speech. He said it would run "somewhere between two minutes and an hour."

Snyder teams open all-star play Monday

With Snyder's major all-stars already in the midst of competition, two more Snyder squads begin action Monday.

In the major tourney at Rotan, Snyder opened with a 9-3 victory over Merkel, and was to have squared off with Abilene Wylie Friday night in the second round of the winners' bracket.

Snyder's junior all-stars, ages 13-14, will battle Colorado City at 8:30 Monday night in first-round action at Sweetwater. A win over Colorado City would push Snyder into a second-round match-up with Merkel at 6 p.m. Tuesday.

For Snyder's senior all-star squad, its opening game at Moffett has been moved to Rose Park in Abilene. Snyder faces Clyde at 8:30 in the first round, with the winner playing again Thursday at 8:30.

All first-round games slated for Moffett Field have been moved to Abilene.

The final local team to take the field will be the minor all-stars when they take on Merkel at 6 p.m. Tuesday at Abilene's Western Complex. A victory would put Snyder back on the diamond Friday at 6 p.m.

Major League Baseball

National League
At A Glance
Wednesday's Games

Chicago 5, Milwaukee 4
Montreal 7, Atlanta 5
Florida 4, New York 3, 10 innings
Pittsburgh 9, Philadelphia 1
Cincinnati 2, Arizona 0
Houston 11, St. Louis 3
San Francisco 4, Colorado 1
San Diego 11, Los Angeles 2

Thursday's Games

Atlanta 4, Montreal 1
St. Louis 10, Houston 4
Milwaukee 19, Chicago 12
San Francisco 7, Colorado 1
San Diego 6, Los Angeles 3
New York 12, Florida 8
Pittsburgh 12, Philadelphia 7
Cincinnati 2, Arizona 1, 10 innings

Friday's Games

Chicago (Mulholland 4-3) at Philadelphia (Wolf 3-0), 7:05 p.m.
Montreal (Thurman 3-5) at Florida (Springer 3-9), 7:05 p.m.
Milwaukee (Karl 6-7) at Pittsburgh (Cordova 3-3), 7:05 p.m.
Houston (Lima 11-4) at Cincinnati (Parris 5-1), 7:05 p.m.
Atlanta (Maddux 7-5) at New York (Yoshii 6-6), 7:40 p.m.
Arizona (Anderson 1-1) at St. Louis (Oliver 4-5), 8:10 p.m.
San Diego (Hitchcock 6-6) at Colorado (Astacio 7-6), 9:05 p.m.
San Francisco (Brock 5-6) at Los Angeles (Perez 2-8), 10:10 p.m.

Saturday's Games

Atlanta at New York, 1:15 p.m.
Arizona at St. Louis, 2:10 p.m.
San Francisco at Los Angeles, 4:05 p.m.
Chicago at Philadelphia, 7:05 p.m.
Montreal at Florida, 7:05 p.m.
Milwaukee at Pittsburgh, 7:05 p.m.
Houston at Cincinnati, 7:05 p.m.
San Diego at Colorado, 3:05 p.m.
San Diego at Colorado, 9:05 p.m.

Sunday's Games

Houston at Cincinnati, 1:15 p.m.
Chicago at Philadelphia, 1:35 p.m.
Milwaukee at Pittsburgh, 1:35 p.m.
Arizona at St. Louis, 2:10 p.m.
San Diego at Colorado, 3:05 p.m.
Montreal at Florida, 4:05 p.m.
Atlanta at New York, 8:05 p.m.
San Francisco at Los Angeles, 9:35 p.m.

American League
At A Glance
Wednesday's Games

Detroit 8, New York 2
Tampa Bay 11, Boston 10, 10 innings
Toronto 10, Baltimore 9, 10 innings
Minnesota 5, Cleveland 3
Chicago 10, Kansas City 9, 10 innings
Texas 18, Anaheim 4
Oakland 14, Seattle 5

Thursday's Games

Toronto 8, Baltimore 6
Oakland 5, Seattle 4
Cleveland 7, Minnesota 5
Tampa Bay 12, Boston 3
New York 6, Detroit 0
Chicago 6, Kansas City 2
Only games scheduled

Friday's Games

Tampa Bay (Rupe 4-3) at Toronto (Escobar 7-5), 7:05 p.m.
Kansas City (Rosado 5-6) at Cleveland (Gooden 2-3), 7:05 p.m.
Baltimore (J.Johnson 1-2) at New York (Cone 8-3), 7:35 p.m.
Boston (Martinez 14-2) at Chicago (Parque 8-5), 8:05 p.m.
Detroit (Weaver 6-4) at Minnesota (Hawkins 4-8), 8:05 p.m.
Seattle (Moyer 8-4) at Texas (Helling 6-7), 8:35 p.m.
Anaheim (Sparks 3-5) at Oakland (Rogers 4-3), 10:35 p.m.

Saturday's Games

Kansas City at Cleveland, 1:05 p.m.
Kansas City at Cleveland, 7:05 p.m.
Boston at Chicago, 1:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Toronto, 4:05 p.m.
Baltimore at New York, 4:35 p.m.
Detroit at Minnesota, 7:05 p.m.
Seattle at Texas, 8:35 p.m.
Anaheim at Oakland, 9:15 p.m.

Sunday's Games

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Boston at Chicago, 2:05 p.m.
Detroit at Minnesota, 2:05 p.m.
Anaheim at Oakland, 4:35 p.m.
Seattle at Texas, 8:05 p.m.

SDN Sports Briefs

July 4th golf tourney moved

Snyder Country Club's four-man scramble has been moved to Monday at 10 a.m.

To register, contact the SCC pro shop at 573-7101.

WGA play day and couples play

The Women's Golf Association of Snyder Country Club will hold its Tuesday play day at 9 a.m. Format will be all irons on the back nine. A luncheon and business meeting will follow play.

Athletic physicals

All athletes needing to take a physical should do so prior to Aug. 3. SISD will pay for physicals through Aug. 3 only. An appointment must be made with one f the following doctors: Burleson, Cooper, Thompson, Nussey or Rakov.

Athletes requiring physicals include all incoming 7th and 9th graders, students new to SISD, students wishing to participate in athletics for the first time, and any student whose medical history form requires them to do so.

All athletes not needing a physical must return all completed forms to their coach, athletic director's office, or Steve Krueger.

Incoming 7th and 9th graders can pick up physical forms in the doctors' offices.

WTC junior golf clinic

A junior golf clinic for ages 10-17 will be held at Western Texas College July 26-30. Cost is $75 per student for the week.

Covered during the clinic will be the short game, putting, trouble shots, etiquette and rules, with video swing analysis also provided.

The first 50 golfers to register will be accepted. For more informa-

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SPORTS

SHS grad signs letter of intent



Darcee Purcell

After competing in volleyball and softball during her Snyder High School career, it will be the sport of rodeo that Darcee Purcell continues in college.

Purcell signed a National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association letter of intent to participate on the New Mexico Junior College rodeo team.

The former Lady Tiger is the daughter of Larry and Ruth Ann Purcell, and Theresa Purcell.

She will compete in barrel racing, breakaway roping and goat tying at NMJC, after finding success in all three events during high school.

Purcell currently competes in the High Plains Junior Rodeo Association. She is also a member of the American Junior Rodeo, Texas High School Rodeo and Scurry County Rodeo associations.



REMEMBERING OLD TIMES — Former WTC golf coach Bob O'Day (left) visits with ex-Duster Paul Pressey outside the college pro shop Friday. Pressey, now an assistant coach with the NBA champion San Antonio Spurs, was a member of the WTC team which won the JUCO national championship under Nolan Richardson. (SDN Staff Photo)

Gonzalez to make choice

FORT WORTH (AP) — New York Yankees manager Joe Torre says whether or not Juan Gonzalez plays in the All-Star game is up to him.

Torre, who as the American League All-Star manager will pick the reserves and pitchers next week, said Thursday he plans to select Gonzalez for the July 13 game in Boston.

"I'm going to pick him, and I'll let him make the decision," Torre said before the Yankees' game against the Detroit Tigers.

Gonzalez, the AL's Most Valuable Player in 1996 and 1998, earlier this week said he would not go to the All-Star Game as a reserve. Gonzalez is upset at the fan-voting process for starters, especially since AL balloting is being dominated by fans in Cleveland.

He is batting .318 with 23 homers and 71 runs batted in.

But Gonzalez is a distant fifth among AL outfielders. Seattle's Ken Griffey Jr. led all AL outfielders in the latest voting update with 1,752,313 votes, followed by three from Cleveland: Manny Ramirez (1,095,174), Kenny Lofton (965,148) and David Justice (753,667). Gonzalez has 493,038 votes.

The slugging right-fielder also is upset that Torre overlooked him when picking the AL reserves in 1997.

Rangers general manager Doug Melvin said he might talk to Gonzalez about his decision.

"I'll wait and see if Joe is really going to do that," Melvin said. "Then I'll talk to Juan and see what his thoughts are because when you do go to an All-Star Game, you're not only representing yourself but the organization as well."

Melvin said there are flaws in the selection system.

Rockets' draft choices just grateful for chance in Houston

HOUSTON (AP) — With three of the NBA's 50 greatest players possibly roaming Houston's front court again this fall, the three big players drafted this week by the Rockets say they aren't fancying themselves as starters just yet.

Unlike last season, when guards Michael Dickerson and Cuttino Mobley formed a rookie starting back court, the newest Rockets say they're just happy to have a chance to prove themselves.

"I want to be aggressive in rebounding and just try to play team ball — that's my specialty," said Kenny Thomas, the former New Mexico star who hopes to be tutored by Charles Barkley, if Barkley chooses to stick around.

Second-round picks Tyrone Washington of Mississippi State and Venson Hamilton of Nebraska, drafted 44th and 50th on Wednesday, simply say they're grateful for a chance to prove their worth.

Each is bolstered by the success of Mobley, the former Rhode Island star who ascended from 41st pick last summer to starting point guard for much of the lockout-shortened season.

"In this business, there aren't very many people that get this kind of opportunity," Washington said. "Whether it's me at the 44th pick or Elton Brand at No. 1 (for Chicago), it doesn't matter."

Carroll Dawson, the team's vice president for basketball operations, echoed his young player's sentiments.

"What you need is a chance; that's what everybody's looking for. Cuttino showed that," Dawson said.

If the future Hall of Fame triumvirate of Barkley, Hakeem Olajuwon and Scottie Pippen indeed returns, Hamilton hopes they'll rub off on the young crop of forwards.

"They want me to come in and rebound and block shots," Hamilton said. "Hopefully, (the veterans) will take me under their wing and make me a lot better."

Thomas fits most immediately into the Rockets' plans. He would be behind Barkley and fourth-year pro Othella Harrington at the power forward slot; Barkley's departure would make him even more important.

Thomas was hampered by injury at a pre-draft camp in Chicago, but interviewed with the Rockets there and again Tuesday in Houston. Dawson believes Thomas' inability to play in Chicago helped Houston.

"Probably, if Kenny hadn't gotten hurt in Chicago, he wouldn't have been there for us (at No. 22)," Dawson said. "His misfortune turned out to be to our benefit."

U.S. women step closer to second World Cup

LANDOVER, Md. (AP) — Here we go again, sort of.

Brazil vs. the United States. The Fourth of July. Stanford Stadium.

This will be the most anticipated soccer game in America since, well, Brazil vs. the United States on the Fourth of July at Stanford Stadium in 1994.

That, of course, was in the men's World Cup, where Brazil was a heavy favorite to beat the hosts and go on to win its fourth title. That's just what the Brazilians did, taking the Americans 1-0 in the quarterfinals on their way to the championship.

This time, the American team that carries the burden of being the strong favorite, and the game is a semifinal in the Women's World Cup.

The Americans survived their toughest test so far, beating Germany 3-2 on Thursday. Then Brazil endured a collapse, blowing a 3-0 lead before winning 4-3 in overtime against Nigeria.

"We'll have to play better against Brazil than we did against Germany," U.S. coach Tony DiCicco said. "We'll have to be very good to get into the final. Brazil is not an easy team. It will be a hard game, with hard tackles, but it will be a game of skill and defense.

"The Brazilians are very resilient, as they showed against Nigeria. We are stepping up to a higher level now."

Actually, maybe Brazil should feel that way. The Brazilians were dragging in the second half against Nigeria and advanced only because their star, Sissi, was accurate on a free kick.

"I'm aware of the significance of the date," Sissi said after scoring her tournament-leading seventh goal. "I only hope we can achieve the same results as the men did. We're going to shoot for it."

Organizers hope for a sellout in the Independence Day game.

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WESTERN CONFERENCE	**W**	**L**	**Pct**	**GB**
Houston	9	1	.900	—
Sacramento	6	3	.667	2½
Los Angeles	6	4	.600	3
Minnesota	4	4	.500	4
Phoenix	3	6	.333	5½
Utah	2	6	.250	6

Thursday's Games

New York 83, Phoenix 67
Los Angeles 81, Minnesota 77, 2 OT
Houston 76, Cleveland 64

Friday's Games

Los Angeles at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
Sacramento at Washington, 8 p.m.
Cleveland at Utah, 9 p.m.

Saturday's Games

New York at Houston, 2 p.m.
Charlotte at Orlando, 7:30 p.m.
Phoenix at Minnesota, 8 p.m.

Special Olympics go on after tragedies

CARY, N.C. (AP) — A 14-year-old athlete died in his sleep. A volunteer collapsed and died at the opening ceremonies. Four competitors disappeared.

The Special Olympics, an international sports festival for the developmentally disabled, have brought together nearly 70,000 people from around the world for nine days.

Organizers say deaths and disappearances can happen when so many people — many with special medical needs — are involved.

"It's important to remember that this is a global movement," said Timothy Shriver, president and chief executive officer of Special Olympics Inc. "We have thousands of events a year, and periodically we have tragedies occur."

During the 1995 Special Olympics in Connecticut, an athlete drowned during a beach outing, and two competitors walked away. Both were located.

This year's event features about 7,000 competitors — most of them mentally retarded — from 150 countries. There are about 2,000 coaches, 15,000 friends and relatives and 45,000 volunteers.

The Special Olympics were founded in 1963 by Eunice Kennedy Shriver.

Minutes after the opening ceremonies ended last Saturday, volunteer Neale Orrok, 62, of Hendersonville collapsed and died of heart problems while walking to a bus.

Two Dominican basketball players and two Moroccan soccer players slipped away from their delegations in the days that followed.

On Thursday, Mohamed Abdul Baset Barin, a volleyball player from Egypt, died in his sleep, apparently from an epileptic seizure. The rest of the 32-member Egyptian delegation remained in the competition.

And University of North Carolina chancellor Michael Hooker died of cancer this week. Hooker, 53, was on the Special Olympics board of directors and was instrumental in bringing the games to the area.

"I guess the ironic thing is they represented three different aspects of the games that are very key to our success — our athletes, our community leadership that helped bring the games here, and our wonderful volunteer force," said Joe Freddoso, chief executive officer of the World Games Organizing Committee.

Freddoso said the three would be remembered at Sunday's closing ceremonies.

"It has been such a great week of joy for the athletes, and we've set new standards for the Special Olympics, but anytime something likes this happens we have to take time out to mourn," Freddoso said.

There was never a doubt the games would continue following the deaths, said LeRoy Walker, president of the Games and former president of the U.S. Olympic Committee.

Walker was an assistant coach on the U.S. track and field team when 11 Israelis were killed by terrorists in the 1972 Munich Olympics. There were calls at the time to stop the games.

"But it was the Israeli delegation that made it very clear that there was something more important to this particular incident and its meaning," he said. "We had one day of mourning and went on to complete the games."

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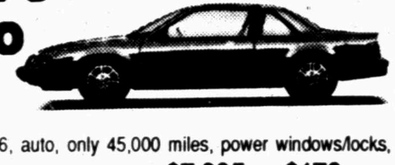
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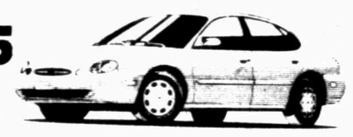
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Military planners not likely to use NATO's way as model

WASHINGTON (AP) — While relishing what some call a revolutionary triumph for air power, senior Air Force officers and strategists are working to ensure the Kosovo campaign doesn't become a model for future wars.

These specialists worry that NATO's victory in the Balkans could set unrealistic expectations for airstrikes and legitimize faulty strategic decisions.

They are urging that policy-makers avoid repeating the "war by committee" waged by NATO, and the gradual application of air power that they say prolonged the conflict in the Balkans.

Some of these specialists also say that if the United States again participates in an air-only campaign, the top officers should include a commander steeped in the uses of combat air power.

Others caution against expecting the next victory to come with no U.S. or allied pilots killed in combat.

Air Force Lt. Gen. Marvin Esmond likens the 78-day Kosovo campaign to "throwing a no-hitter," in that only two NATO planes and no pilots were lost.

"You can't get used to that kind of performance," said Esmond, deputy chief of staff in charge of air and space operations.

While displaying unabashed pride in his service's accomplishment, he says the United States runs the risk of becoming "so confident that we lose our cautiousness about putting (the military) in harm's way."

For as long as airplanes have flown into battle, accepted military doctrine has held that only combat troops can decisively change the military and political situation on the ground, that air power alone cannot decide a conflict. In the wake of the Kosovo campaign, some military analysts are rethinking that doctrine.

"I didn't want to change my beliefs, but there was too much evidence accumulating to stick to the article of faith," military historian John Keegan wrote in The Daily Telegraph of London recently. "It now does look as if air power has prevailed in the Balkans and that the time to redefine how victory in war may be won has come."

Air Force Lt. Col. Peter Faber, a senior strategic planner, said the Air Force "proved a major point" in military circles by showing that airstrikes can accomplish more than simply prepare a battlefield for a ground assault.

Dan Kuehl, a professor at the National Defense University and one of the planners of the Persian Gulf War air campaign, views the success of air power in Kosovo as evolutionary, rather than revolutionary.

But he suggests that in the future political leaders, made overconfident by Kosovo, "may feel tempted in a crisis to splash a little air power on the problem and it will go away."

An internal Air Force critique of the Kosovo campaign, however, questions the Clinton administration's initial decision to remove ground troops as an option should Serb leader Slobodan Milosevic refuse to buckle.

"The threat or use of all branches of combat arms should be brought to bear upon an aggressor motivated by unlimited objectives," concludes an Air Force document to be used as talking points by senior officers.

Another complaint is the slow start of the bombing. The Kosovo campaign began with what Esmond called a "confidence-gaining phase" that lacked the punch to force Milosevic back to the negotiating table. But it was necessary to convince political leaders that more air power could be unleashed with minimal risk of major U.S. losses, he said.

"Could we have done it quicker? Absolutely," Esmond said. "But then, what cost is that speed?"

The Air Force paper, obtained by The Associated Press, attributes the slow start to an unwillingness by policy-makers to risk casualties.

"Airmen would have preferred (inflicting) shock and paralysis," in the opening stages of the campaign, the paper concludes.

Air power specialists worry that the gradual approach to bombing allows more time for variables such as diplomacy, casualties and errant bombs to affect the outcome, said Faber, the strategic planner.

"There's a feeling that we dodged a bullet," Faber said.

Gen. Henry Shelton, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, acknowledged the concern in a news conference following Serbia's agreement to pull troops out of Kosovo.

"While it's true that U.S. military doctrine is geared toward hitting an adversary hard from the very start, it's also true in this instance that the strategy that NATO adopted ... was successful," Shelton said.

He conceded that the NATO strategy was "not exactly" the approach the United States would have taken had it been acting alone. Defense Secretary William Cohen called the strategy "the best of a series of bad options."

Air Force Association analyst Steve Aubin questions a military hierarchy that placed a pair of Army generals, Shelton and NATO military commander Wesley Clark, in charge of an air war.

"Across the top echelon of military leadership, you had no people who really understood aerospace power and how to employ it," Aubin said.

Assets not declared

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — A court-appointed trustee overseeing M.C. Hammer's finances is accusing the rap star of failing to declare some of his assets in bankruptcy proceedings.

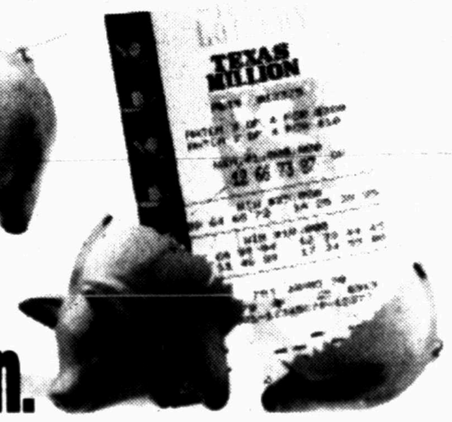
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LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Left to your own devices today, you'll do an outstanding job even with arduous tasks, so it would be far better if you can do so out of the range of kibitzers or advisers.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) There is ample room in this world for an optimistic romanticist, so if you find yourself in love with love today, go at it. Others will enjoy your charm.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) If possible, avoid partaking in critical assignments today and enjoy a day of pleasure or rest. The break will refurbish you both in body and spirit.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) A busy day might be in store for you communicating with tons of people with whom you'll take much pleasure in talking with and catching up on all the latest news.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) You'll have the time, so if you have the money or inclination to do so today, this could be a good day to go shopping. Your eye for spotting all the right items will be sharp.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Don't let anyone put you in a position that could inhibit your flexibility and mobility today. The more independently you're able to operate, the more effective you're likely to be.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) To your credit, you could come to the assistance today of someone who is truly in need. In fact, you might pht put yourself out to the point of a personal sacrifice.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) The friendly ambiance you project today wil readily perceived by everyone with whom you come in contact and all will view you as a cherished friend.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) That which you previously perceived as obstacles could simply turn out to be stepping stones today. What was difficult earlier in the week may now be a breeze to accomplish.

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Your Birthday

Monday, July 5, 1999

Planning will be the key to success in the year ahead. Before making your first moves concerning new endeavors, establish your objectives, then proceed to the path for reaching them.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Acquiring self-esteem has far greater value than gathering gold nuggets, so if you have to make a choice today between profit or pride of accomplishment, choose the latter. Major changes are ahead for Cancer in the coming year. Send the required refund form and for your Astro-Graph predictions by mailing $2 and self-addressed stamped envelope to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to state your Zodiac sign.

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LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) You're already aware of everything you know. If you want to add to your stockpile of knowledge, it behooves you to be a good listener, especially with those who are very bright.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Don't place demands on yourself which you're unable to meet. When your intentions are in proportion to your abilities, success becomes feasible.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Use that talent you have for being an excellent organizer. Whatever you take on today you'll do efficiently, as well as know what to assign to whom.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Be sure to pay particular attention to small details today, because they could take on more significance than usual, especially pertaining to domestic matters.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) A good rule to follow today is to keep your visits brief whether you're putting in a personal appearance or merely gabbing on the telephone. Appreciate the value of other people's time.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Although it might require a little cleverness on your part, a small, but significant monetary gain could be achieved today that could grow in value over time.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Getting away from mundane activities could do wonders today to refresh your outlook and make you more industrious throughout the week ahead. If you can, alter your routines.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) The best way to gather information you're desirous of acquiring today is to use the indirect approach. People might be more willing to share tidbits in subtle ways.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Seek out quality companions today rather than opting for quantity. You could learn a lot more from a few well chosen allies than from a group.

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Baby boomers' children now in school

WASHINGTON (AP) — Remember how the baby boom generation flooded the nation's schools decades ago? Well, they're at it again.

This time it's their children jamming the classrooms, something population researchers refer to as an echo effect when a generation reproduces itself.

The Census Bureau reports that the number of students enrolled in U.S. elementary and high schools reached 48 million in 1997, just short of the all-time high of 48.7 million recorded in 1970

"In the past few years, as the children of baby boomers reached school age, elementary and high school enrollments have risen, and this trend is expected to continue for the near future," said Gladys Martinez, one of the report's authors.

"This comes on the heels of declining enrollments in the 1970s and early 1980s when there was a general decrease in the 6- to 17-year-old population."

According to the report, "School Enrollment in the United States — Social and Economic Characteristics of Students: October 1997," elementary and high school students in 1997 were more racially and ethnically diverse than students of the baby boom generation.

When the crest of the baby boom was in school, in 1972, for example, 85 percent of the student population was white, 14 percent was black and the remaining 1 percent was Asian or other races.

In 1997, 78 percent of elementary and high school students were white, 17 percent black, 4 percent Asian and the rest other races.

The proportion of students of Hispanic origin, who can be members of any race, increased from about 6 percent in 1972 to 14 percent in 1997, reflecting immigration trends that have also contributed to the rising school population.

Some of the increase, too, reflects the fact that nursery school attendance has become more common, thus increasing the potential student population by including a younger age group.

From only about 500,000 in 1964, nursery school enrollment grew to 4.5 million in 1997.

The report also said:

— College enrollment of traditional college-age students — those under age 25 — reached a record high of 9.4 million.

— There were 4.5 million children enrolled in public or private nursery schools, up from 500,000 in 1964.

— About 9 million elementary and high school students had a foreign-born parent.

Summers confirmed

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate on Thursday overwhelmingly confirmed Lawrence Summers to succeed Robert Rubin as treasury secretary, promoting the man who helped lead the Clinton administration's effort to combat the recent global currency crisis.

In a vote that highlighted the lack of controversy surrounding his nomination by President Clinton, senators approved Summers in a 97-2 vote. Only Sens. Wayne Allard, R-Colo., and Bob Smith, R-N.H., voted against him, while Sen. James Inhofe, R-Okla., did not vote.

The 44-year-old Summers joined Treasury in 1993 as undersecretary for international affairs and has served in the agency's No. 2 job since 1995, when Rubin became secretary. Rubin announced his resignation on May 12, and Clinton immediately named Summers to be his successor.

Summers will assume the top job Friday following a swearing-in ceremony, Treasury Department spokeswoman Michelle Smith said.

Rubin, a millionaire Wall Street investment banker before joining the administration, has not said what he will do next. He led the Treasury Department during a time of historic levels of economic growth, debt reduction, job growth and low inflation.

Summers has said he sees no need to change any of Rubin's policies on issues facing Treasury, including Social Security and Medicare reform, the health of the U.S. steel industry, Japan's worrisome economy and the dismal U.S. savings rate.

Summers is a native of New Haven, Conn., and was a Harvard economics professor and the World Bank's chief economist before joining Treasury. He was also a domestic policy economist on President Reagan's Council of Economic Advisors from 1982 to 1983.

Agencies issue new rules for handling of fresh eggs

WASHINGTON (AP) — In an effort to assure eggs are kept fresh and disease-free from hen to skillet, two federal agencies have proposed guidelines for refrigerating and cooking eggs.

The Food and Drug Administration and the Agriculture Department on Thursday proposed a federal requirement that eggs and egg products prepared for consumers be kept refrigerated at 45 degrees or colder.

The action came at the same time a report criticizing their efforts was presented at a congressional hearing.

The report by the General Accounting Office found that too many federal agencies have done too little, too slowly to protect Americans from salmonella-contaminated eggs. It concluded that new national standards and better coordination among the several agencies with jurisdiction over the issue is needed.

The FDA and Agriculture's Food Safety and Inspection Service share responsibility for measures designed to combat food-borne illnesses. The FDA regulations apply to grocery stores, nursing homes and schools, while the FSIS directive applies apply to warehouses that store eggs packed in containers for sale to consumers.

In addition to the refrigeration requirement, the FDA has proposed that each egg carton carry safe handling instructions for consumers that warn that eggs "may contain harmful bacteria known to cause serious illness, especially in children, the elderly, and persons with weakened immune systems."

The instructions recommend that eggs be kept refrigerated, that egg yolks be cooked until they are firm, and that foods containing eggs be cooked thoroughly.

Further measures to control egg-borne diseases are being developed by the President's Council on Food Safety and will be completed by Nov. 1, the announcement said.

Undercooked eggs have been a common source of a digestive illness caused by a pathogen called salmonella enteritis. Incidence of the disease has decreased by 44 percent since 1996, but it remains a troublesome public health problem. Officials said the proposed new measures could prevent up to 66,000 illnesses and 40 deaths a year.

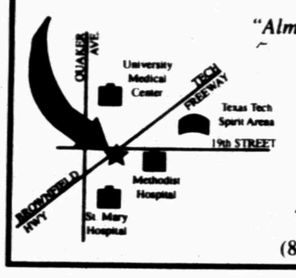
Raw or undercooked eggs can be found in such favorites as runny fried eggs, thick-cut French toast, Caesar salad and unbaked cookie dough.

Salmonella Enteritis can cause diarrhea, fever, abdominal cramps, headache, nausea and vomiting. Healthy people usually recover, but the disease can be life-threatening for children, the elderly and for persons with weakened immune systems.

The new proposed regulations are being published in the Federal Register and will be open to comment for the next 75 days.

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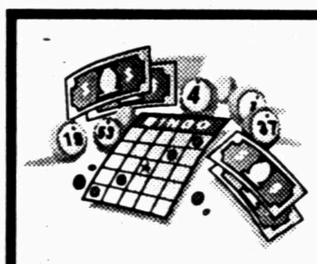
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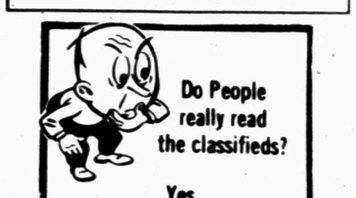
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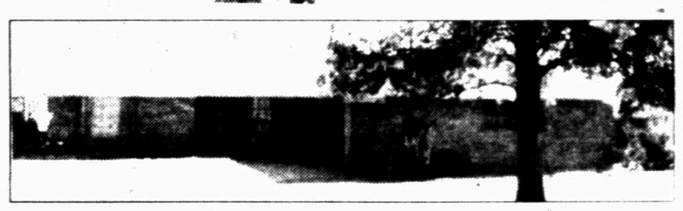
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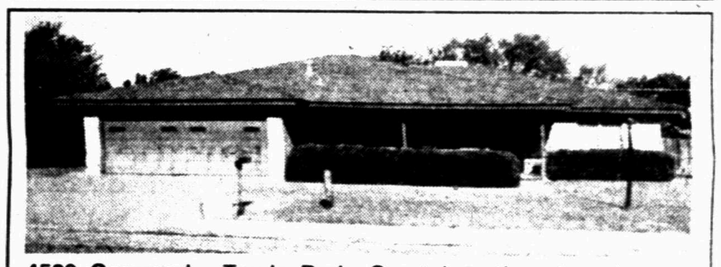
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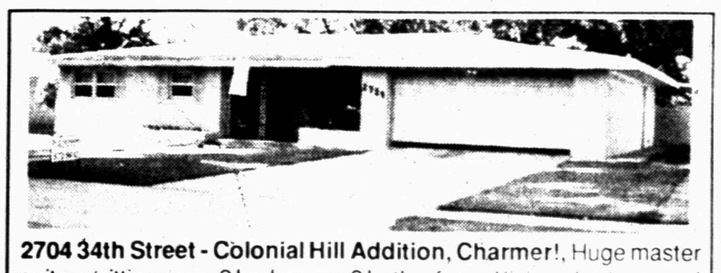
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POSITION: **Proposed Position: TECHNOLOGY TECHNICIAN** EMPLOYMENT: Full-time, excellent benefits SALARY: College Scale; contingent on budget for 1999-2000 QUALIFICATIONS: Bachelor's degree, preferred DUTIES: Help maintain network, coordinate Distance Learning, help with multimedia. GENERAL QUALIFICATIONS: Telephone skills, computer knowledge, working knowledge of windows 95/98, power point, accurate record keeping skills. Some night time work will be required. DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF APPLICATION: July 19, 1999. SEND APPLICATIONS/RESUMES TO: Ms Terry Busby, Director of Human Resources, Western Texas College, 6200 College Avenue, Snyder, TX 79549-9502. DATE OF EMPLOYMENT: September 1, 1999.

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JOB VACANCY
WESTERN TEXAS COLLEGE
SNYDER, TEXAS 79549

POSITION: Workforce Coordinator - Extension Campuses
EMPLOYMENT: Full time, excellent benefits
SALARY: College Scale
QUALIFICATIONS: BA preferred. **DUTIES**: assist in the development, coordination, and maintenance of courses for business and industry for Snyder and the college service area, with a concentration on the extension campuses.
GENERAL QUALIFICATIONS: Must be energetic, out-going, meet the public well, and be a self-starter. Travel required.
DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF APPLICATIONS: July 23, 1999 or until filled.
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EMPLOYMENT DATE: 9-1-99

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POSITION: Director of Workforce Education
EMPLOYMENT: Full time, excellent benefits
SALARY: College Scale
QUALIFICATIONS: Master's degree background, preferred, BA acceptable. **DUTIES** develop, coordinate, and maintain courses for business and industry for Snyder and the college service area. **GENERAL QUALIFICATIONS**: Must be highly motivated, energetic, out-going, meet the public well, be a self-starter, possess proven organizational skills and attention to detail. Experience in rules and regulations of THE TEXAS HIGHER EDUCATION COORDINATING BOARD and grant writing preferred. Travel required.
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For federal workers...

Senate continues ban on abortions

WASHINGTON (AP) — Abortion-rights forces have lost an attempt in the Senate to end a longtime ban on coverage of most abortions by federal workers' health-insurance plans.

The Senate refused to remove the prohibition Thursday from a $27.7 billion bill financing the Treasury Department and smaller agencies for the coming fiscal year. The vote to leave the ban intact was 51-47. The overall bill was approved by voice vote, and shortly afterward the Senate adjourned for a 10-day July Fourth recess.

The Senate also used a voice vote to approve $411 million in federal contributions to the District of Columbia's city budget. The measure bans the use of federal or district funds for most abortions.

Passage of both measures means the Senate has approved seven of the 13 annual spending bills for fiscal 2000, which starts Oct. 1.

The House has passed three of the measures, but none have been sent to President Clinton. There remains a strong possibility of yet another autumn spending showdown between the White House and Congress.

The Treasury measure also raises the possibility of a $4,600 cost-of-living pay raise next year for members of Congress. Legislators get an automatic annual increase unless they vote to deny it, under a 1989 law. The Treasury bill is the traditional vehicle for a provision blocking the raise, but so far there is no such prohibition.

A version of the measure approved by a House subcommittee also lacks language blocking the pay raise. Lawmakers currently earn $136,700, a level reached two years ago.

The abortion prohibition for federal employees would allow exceptions for cases of rape, incest and when the woman's life is in jeopardy.

Sen. Mike DeWine, R-Ohio, sponsored the abortion ban, saying 73 percent of the cost of federal workers' health plans comes from taxpayers' dollars. He said abortions "violate the conscience of many taxpayers" and federal dollars should not be used to pay for them.



PATRIOTIC MUSICAL FOR ALL — The patriotic musical "With Liberty and Justice for All" will be presented at 7 p.m. Sunday at the Colonial Hill Baptist Church, sponsored by the Mitchell-Scurry Baptist Association. Performing will be choir members from Colonial Hill and First Baptist and will include readings and solos, accompanied by a 20-piece orchestra. Director Larry Wesson is shown right with Mike Dennis far left. There is no charge and everyone is welcome to attend and dress casual. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

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SNYDER POLICE DEPARTMENT
COMMUNITY NOTIFICATION
SEX OFFENDER REGISTRATION
June 23, 1999

NOTICE

The following person has registered with the Snyder Police Department as a convicted sex offender.

(1) 25 year old male, 37th Street, Snyder, Texas 79549, convicted of "Sexual Assault". Victim was a female child 15 years old.

NOTIFICATION

El siguiente persona se a registrado con el Departamento de Policia de Snyder, y fue convicto de una offensa sexual.

(1) Un hombre, 25 anos de edad, Calle 37th, Snyder, Texas 79549, convicto de "Asalto Sexual". La victima era nina, 15 anos de edad.

Stephen W. Warren
Interim Police Chief

SNYDER POLICE DEPARTMENT
COMMUNITY NOTIFICATION
SEX OFFENDER REGISTRATION
June 24, 1998

NOTICE

The following person has registered with the Snyder Police Department as a convicted sex offender.

(1) 39 year old male, 19th. Street, Snyder, Texas 79549, convicted of "Indecency With A Child, By Exposure". Victim was a female child 15 years old.

NOTIFICATION

El siguiente persona se a registrado con el Departamento de Policia de Snyder, y fue convicto de una offensa sexual.

(1) Un hombre, 39 anos de edad, Calle 19th, Snyder, Texas 79549, convicto de "Indecencia Con Un Menor Por Descubrir". La victima era nina, quince anos de edad.

Stephen W. Warren
Interim Police Chief

NOTICE OF SALE

THE STATE OF TEXAS §

COUNTY OF SCURRY §

By virtue of a Writ of Execution issued out of the Justice of the Peace, Precinct No. One, Scurry County, Texas, on a Final Judgment rendered in said Court on January 26, 1999, in favor of Matt and Kori Glenn, Plaintiffs, and against Shaun Terrell and Stephen Kennedy, individually and d/b/a Computer Partners, Defendants, in the case of Matt and Kori Glenn vs. Shaun Terrell and Stephen Kennedy, individually and d/b/a Computer Partners, No. S-607 in said Court, the undersigned did on the 10th day of May, 1999, at 10:00 o'clock A m. levy upon the following described property as the property of said Shaun Terrell and Stephen Kennedy, individually and d/b/a Computer Partners

-ITEM 1 -- One complete computer system
1a -- Pentium 166 processor with 12 - 16x CD-ROM drive and 3 5" floppy drive
1b -- System includes mouse, keyboard, speakers, modem and had Windows 95 installed, also includes Sceptre 15" color monitor

-ITEM 2 -- Various processors, monitors and printers

-ITEM 3 -- Various boxes of computer related parts

You are further notified that on the 6th day of July, 1999, being the first Tuesday of said month, at 10:00 a m. on said day, at the Old Scurry County Jail Annex, located in Snyder, Scurry County, Texas, all of the right, title, and interest of Shaun Terrell and Stephen Kennedy, individually and d/b/a Computer Partners in and to the above-described property will be offered for sale and sold at public auction, for cash

WITNESS my hand this the 10 day of May, 1999

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Sheriff of Scurry County, Texas

By Bobby Goodwin
Bobby Goodwin, Deputy Sheriff

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We would like to express our sincere gratitude and thanks to our family and friends for all the visits, calls, cards, food, love and encouragement given us during the illness and passing of our Dad and Grandfather, Doug Vineyard. We have been over-whelmed by so many acts of kindness that have meant so much to us.

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Special Thanks to Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home, Bro. Larry McAden and Bro. Bill Merritt, the ladies of Calvery Baptist Church and our friends that prepared food and a special thank you to Cindy Nix and to everyone for the lovely flowers and cards.

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For violating troop-pullout agreement...

Five Yugoslavian soldiers arrested

PRISTINA, Yugoslavia (AP) — NATO peacekeepers said Friday they had arrested five Yugoslav army soldiers and six suspected members of the Serbian Interior Ministry police inside Kosovo in violation of a strict troop-pullout agreement.

The five soldiers, all in uniform and carrying Kalashnikov assault rifles, were detained by U.S. troops in the sector assigned to Americans in southeastern Kosovo, said Maj. Jan Joosten, a spokesman for the NATO mission in Kosovo.

He said the soldiers, who were detained near Kosovo's provincial boundary with the rest of Serbia, claimed to be part of a border security force.

Under the agreement between the Yugoslav government and NATO, all Yugoslav soldiers and police are supposed to be outside a 3-mile-wide buffer zone along Kosovo's provincial border.

Joosten said NATO commanders in Kosovo had requested an explanation from the Yugoslav federal government.

In a separate incident, Joosten said NATO troops detained six suspected Serbian special police found with weapons, computers and radio equipment in a building in Urosevac, 20 miles south of Pristina, the provincial capital.

He said peacekeepers went to the building after receiving information that radio signals were being sent from the location. The suspects were not wearing police uniforms, Joosten said. No other details were immediately available.

The incidents were disclosed a day after the commander of U.S. peacekeepers in Kosovo warned that soldiers still face a threat from Serb paramilitaries who remain in the province in violation of the peace agreement that ended the 78-day NATO air war with Yugoslavia.

"It's a dangerous environment out there," U.S. Brig. Gen. John Craddock said. "This is not going to be a quick fix.

To form Northern Ireland's Protestant-Catholic government...

British, Irish PMs offer bold plan

BELFAST, Northern Ireland (AP) — The British and Irish prime ministers announced a bold plan Friday to form Northern Ireland's long-postponed Protestant-Catholic government — without securing the support of key local politicians.

The plan was offered after weeklong negotiations between the British and Irish governments and major political parties failed to reach an agreement to create the government, the heart of last year's troubled peace accord.

The talks had stalled over Protestant demands for the disarmament of the Irish Republican Army.

Under the plan announced by Tony Blair of Britain and Bertie Ahern of Ireland, Northern Ireland's new legislative Assembly would elect the government administration on July 15.

But the conditional nature of the plan was underlined by Ahern, who called it "an agreement for consideration."

Gerry Adams, leader of the IRA-linked Sinn Fein party, accentuated the plan's positive aspects of the plan, but did not commit to it.

And David Trimble, the head of Northern Ireland's major British Protestant party, the Ulster Unionists, called it "fundamentally unfair," saying Sinn Fein would be allowed to join the government without a firm commitment that the IRA would surrender its weapons.

Both men were expected to consult with their party members to see whether they could sell a package that contained unpalatable compromises for both.

Blair, meanwhile, presented the plan as a last chance for peace.

"Once these proposals are accepted and put in place, they offer, at last, after decades of violence and conflict and injustice, the chance for peace and for democracy and for equality for all," he said.

"I say to you in all frankness, this is the only way forward for Northern Ireland," he added. "I ask all of you, the people of Northern Ireland, that you give it a chance to work."

The two prime ministers' efforts to salvage the Good Friday peace agreement gained impetus Friday when an international commission accepted that Sinn Fein's new position on IRA disarmament was likely to "translate into a commitment" by the IRA itself.

After continually insisting they could not speak for the IRA, Sinn Fein's leaders now say they believe they "could succeed in persuading those with arms to decommission them in accordance with the agreement."

But Sinn Fein added that would happen only if the party received its allotted two posts in the envisioned 12-member government that serves as the heart of the peace accord.

The report from the Canadian general leading the international commission, John de Chastelain, said Sinn Fein's latest pledges "give the basis for believing" that the IRA will completely disarm by the accord's deadline of May.

Blair and Ahern aggressively seized on the pledge to try to seal a deal on the government's formation.

But Ulster Unionist negotiators remained deeply skeptical of Sinn Fein's gambit and had pressed for an unambiguously clear-cut promise from the IRA itself.

Mario Puzo dies at 78

NEW YORK (AP) — Best-selling author Mario Puzo, creator of the fictional Corleone mob family and winner of two Oscars for his screen adaptations of his book "The Godfather," died Friday. He was 78.

Puzo died, apparently of heart failure, at his home in Bay Shore on Long Island, said Neil Olson, his literary agent. Puzo had just finished work on his latest book, "Omerta." The book is due out in July 2000.

Puzo, who wrote seven other novels in addition to "The Godfather," was born in New York, the son of illiterate Italian immigrants. After serving in World War II, he began his writing career — starting out doing pulp stories for men's magazines.

But his literary ambitions were much higher, and he published his first novel, "The Dark Arena," in 1955.

Puzo's next book was an autobiographical piece about the Italian immigrant experience. "The Fortunate Pilgrim" was hailed by The New York Times as "a small classic." But it sold fewer than 5,000 copies and Puzo, seeking the fame and fortune he felt he deserved as a writer, set out to write a best seller.

He succeeded. "The Godfather," which came out in 1969, covered a different immigrant experience: It focused on the Corleone family, Italians who came to the United States and plunged into the world of organized crime.

The book sold more than 21 million copies worldwide, and spawned movies that became American cinematic classics. Marlon Brando, Al Pacino and Robert De Niro brought Puzo's characters to the screen; Puzo co-wrote the screenplays with director Francis Ford Coppola.

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Attorney general to appoint future special prosecuters

WASHINGTON (AP) — A day after the independent counsel law expired, Attorney General Janet Reno took authority Thursday to appoint special prosecutors to investigate alleged wrongdoing by presidents and top government officials.

The new rules announced by the Justice Department replace the 21-year-old independent counsel law. That statute died after years of controversy over investigations such as Lawrence Walsh's of the Reagan-era Iran-Contra affair and Kenneth Starr's of President Clinton's involvement in Whitewater and other matters.

Both Reno and Starr urged Congress in the spring to let the independent counsel law lapse.

Deputy Attorney General Eric Holder said at a news conference the new rules were intended to "strike the proper balance between accountability and independence."

"We believe these regulations will ensure integrity, independence and accountability in high-profile investigations," Holder said. "It is time to move on from our experience with the independent counsel act and to return this nation back to the principles that have guided law enforcement for nearly 200 years."

The rules give Reno the sole authority to appoint a prosecutor, to be called a special counsel, if she determines the Justice Department would have a conflict of interest in investigating allegations of wrongdoing, and if she decides that naming an outside prosecutor would be in the public interest.

Reno would outline the boundaries of the investigation, although a special prosecutor could ask her to expand those boundaries to cover new matters that surface.

A special counsel would not be subject to day-to-day supervision by the Justice Department but would be required to comply with its practices and seek guidance from department officials on those policies.

A Justice Department commentary on the rules said that provision would "help to guard against a special counsel becoming too insulated and narrow in his or her view of the matter under investigation."

A prosecutor would have to notify the attorney general before seeking an indictment in a sensitive case, and she could veto a planned indictment. Reno also would have veto power over appeals and in some instances over investigative steps she considered unwarranted or inappropriate.

Asia's stock rebound encouraging, but too early to tell if effective

TOKYO (AP) — Two regional stock markets marked the second anniversary of the Asian financial crisis Friday by reaching their highest levels in 21 months, more signs of improvement that have become nearly a daily routine.

But even though everyone agrees that the rebound of Asia's stock and currency markets has been remarkable, many economists say it's still too early to say the region is on the road to a full recovery.

The crisis began in Thailand on July 2, 1997, when the baht currency was floated and then collapsed. But now, Thailand's Central Bank is considering buying dollars to slow its rebound.

In Indonesia, which was facing its worst economic crisis in decades, the stock market has bounced back a remarkable 160 percent from last year's lows. The rupiah currency, which fell so far it became a laughingstock on world markets, is now 150 percent higher.

Even Japan, the world's second largest economy, is struggling to prevent the yen from rising against the dollar. The reason? That would hurt exporters such as Sony Corp. and Toyota Motor Corp. as Japan battles its worst recession since World War II.

On Friday, Hong Kong's Hang Seng Index rose 4.8 percent to close with its highest point gain of the year and its best finish since Oct. 9, 1997. In Japan, the Nikkei Stock Average rose 0.40 percent to reach its highest level since Sept. 29, 1997.

Financial markets in South Korea, Singapore, Malaysia, Hong Kong, the Philippines, Australia and New Zealand, also have experienced strong recoveries.

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Book signing

Charles Anderson, author of "Confederate General William Read "Dirty Neck Bill' Scurry" will autograph copies of the new book from 1:30 to 3 p.m. Sunday at the Dermott School. The event is open to the public and sponsored by the Scurry County Historical Society and Historic Scurry County Inc.

God, Country service

"With Liberty and Justice for All" will be presented by the combined choirs of Colonial Hill Baptist Church and First Baptist Church at 7 p.m. Sunday at the Colonial Hill church. Veterans will be recognized and the public is invited.

Lions set white elephant sale

Lions Club members will participate in a white elephant sale at Tuesday's noon meeting at Martha Ann Women's Club.

A fine will be assesed to those not bringing a gag gift.

Quilt Raffle

Christian Women's Fellowship of First Christian Church will raffle a red, white and blue quilt July 4th in Towle Park. Tickets are $1 and will be sold in the cottonwoods across from the Armory.

Bible study tapes

Bible study video tapes air weekly on cable TV channel 2. The tapes to be shown at 7 p.m. Monday are "Esther, A Woman of Destiny," followed by" The Search for Intimacy."

Grand jury

The Scurry County grand jury will convene at 9 a.m. Tuesday in 132nd District Court. The grand jury will consider 14 felony cases.

Retirement party

A retirement party for Fluvanna postmaster Lynda Beaver will be Tuesday from 2-3 p.m. in the Fluvanna Community Center. She will be retiring July 14.

Scurry Masonic Lodge #706

The lodge will meet Tuesday for its stated meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the lodge hall.

Class of '69 reunion

The SHS Class of 1969 will have its 30th reunion Friday and Saturday at Snyder Country Club. The class extends a special invitation to teachers, parents and family of the class as well as friends and other classmates for the social at 8 p.m. Friday. For other details, call 573-8877 or 573-5425.

Support groups

Three different support groups meet at 6:30 p.m. Thursday at the First Baptist Church. The groups include divorce recovery, cancer support group, and grief support group. Child care is provided.

Medical fund established

A medical fund has been established at West Texas State Bank to assist Mary Batchelor, a cancer patient and owner of MB's Beauty Salon.

Glory Room

The Glory Room, a non-denominational Christian Library, formerly located at Stewart Insurance, is now housed at Trinity United Methodist Church at 5200 Trinity Blvd. Hours are from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Thursday and anytime during church activities. Everyone is welcome. Call 573-3988 for more information.

Seniors swimnastics

Swimnastics for senior citizens is held from 10 to 11 a.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays at Western Texas College.

Avenue D Baptist VBS

Children who have completed kindergarten though 6th grade are invited to Vacation Bible School at Avenue D Baptist Church from 6-9 p.m. July 12-16. Theme is "Mt. Extreme: The Ultimate Good News Challenge." Call 573-0971 for more information.

GED testing date

The GED Testing Center on the WTC campus will administer exams at 8:30 a.m. July 24. Any person not enrolled in high school, who has not graduated, who is at least 16 years of age and meets other requirements may be tested for a high school equivalency diploma. The battery of five GED tests costs $60 and takes 7 1/2 hours to complete. Tests need not be taken in one sitting. For pre-registration and additional testing dates, call 573-2973 or 573-8511, ex 246.

LVN registration at WTC

Students wishing to enroll in the September class for Licensed Vocational Nursing at Western Texas College need to contact the counseling office to arrange to take the pre-entrance exam. Tests will be given through July 27, and interviews will be scheduled through Aug. 9. For more information cal' 573-8511, ext. 313.

Adult education classes

Adult Education will be held from 8 a.m. until noon on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday in the library at Western Texas College. Classes include English as a second language, GED preparation and those wanting to improve basic skills. No night classes are available.

Foster parent training

A training session, "Framework for Understanding Poverty," will be presented by the Oil Patch Foster Parent Association from 9:30 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. July 17. RSVP to Donna Zalman at 863-2275 or Donna Dickinson at 573-7817. Cost of the workbook is $15.

Road to Recovery program

Volunteers are needed to take patients to Abilene or Lubbock one day a week for cancer treatment. Following approval by the American Cancer Society, drivers will be provided liability insurance and can be reimbursed for fuel expenses incurred for the trip. For more information, contact ASC Road to Recovery volunteer coordinator Martha Schiebel at 573-8626 and leave a message, or Sammie Jarrell at 573-



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Anderson book-signing slated

Charles G. Anderson, local historian, will sign copies of his latest book, "Confederate General William Read 'Dirty Neck Bill' Scurry, 1821-1864," from 1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday at the Dermott School located on the coliseum grounds.

The signing is sponsored by the Scurry County Historical Commission and Historic Scurry County Inc. The public is invited.

On Tuesday, Anderson also presented a copy of his book to Elois Pruitt, whose late husband, Dr. Franklin Pruitt, provided "valuable assistance" while the book was being researched.

Also attending the presentation which took place at the courthouse were Dr. Harry Krenek, president of Historic Scurry County Inc., and Billy Bob McMullan, president of the Scurry County Historical Commission.

"Confederate General William R. 'Dirty Neck Bill' Scurry, 1821-1864" was published with the assistance of Snyder Publishing Company. The hardback has 240 pages.

Wayne Burney, SDN's advertising manager, assisted in editing and designing the book. Elmer Kelton has written the forward and the book is illustrated with pictures and art.

Rose Printing Company of Florida has printed the book.

Kent Biffle of the Dallas Morning News, who has seen the material for the book, said, "Charles Anderson knows "Dirty Neck" Bill Scurry more intimately than anyone – even Sam Houston who "nicknamed" him.

Elmer Kelton said of Anderson's book, "Historians like Charles Anderson can bring history back to life for us and show the things that men accomplished – or in some case did not accomplish – and how important they were in shaping our lives."

The book will be available at the Snyder Daily News and at the National Guard Armory during the Fourth of July celebration.



PRESENTS BOOK — Charles Anderson, far left, is presenting a copy of his book about General Scurry to Elois Pruitt. Shown in back are Dr. Harry Krenek and Billy Bob McMullan . Also shown is April Boyd, Elois' granddaughter. Anderson will sign copies of his book Sunday afternoon from 1:30-3 p.m. at the Dermott School. (Photo By Jo Ann Nunley)

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William Read Scurry grew up in Gallatin, Tenn. After the War of 1812. His father, Thomas Scurry, fought in that war along with the Tennesseans. General Andrew

Scurry came from Southern aristocratic stock and his family belonged to the upper crust of Gallatin society. William's mother, Catherine, was descended from the Isaac Bledsoe family, early settlers of Tennessee who explored the Cumberland wilderness with Jackson and Sam Houston. Daniel Boone. Scurry's great uncle, Anthony Bledsoe, was killed by Creek Indians in 1788.

William Scurry studied to be a printer, but later decided to become a lawyer. In 1840, at the age of 19, William joined his brother, Richardson, in Texas and practiced law in Clarksville, San Augustine, and Nacogdoches.

By February, 1841, he had been appointed district attorney of the Fifth Judicial District. Scurry traveled throughout East Texas and often roomed with Adolphus Sterne in Nacogdoches.

Returning to Texas, Scurry married his 15-year-old sweetheart, and they rode horseback to their home in the piney woods of East Texas. This union produced seven children.

During the years leading up to the Civil War, Scurry represented East Texas in the state legislature, where he and Sam Houston became bitter enemies. While Houston and William's brother, Richardson, had fought together at the Battle of San Jacinto and were good friends. Houston resented the younger Scurry, and gave him the name of "Dirty Neck Bill. Houston often upstaged and berated Scurry in public assemblies.



CAYLOR EXHIBIT UNDERWAY — Scurry County Museum is currently showing the paintings and sketches of H.W. Caylor, frontier artist. (Contributed Photo)

Exhibit underway

Scurry County Museum is currently exhibiting paintings and sketches by Harvey Wallace Caylor, frontier artist.

The exhibit opened last week and will continue through Aug. 18. Caylor's works are on loan from the Big Spring Heritage Museum.

Included in the display is one sketch signed by Caylor and dated 1899.

The following information is from Joe Pickle's "H.W. Caylor, Frontier Artist."

Caylor was a West Texas resident for 40 years. He was a practicing artist as well as landowner and stockman.

His paintings have a fidelity to authentic details that were sought by old-time cattlemen.

Caylor is buried in the Mount Olive Cemetery in Big Spring. The epitaph reads: "Harvey Wallace Caylor, 'The Artist.'" This is the title given to him by his fellow townsmen.

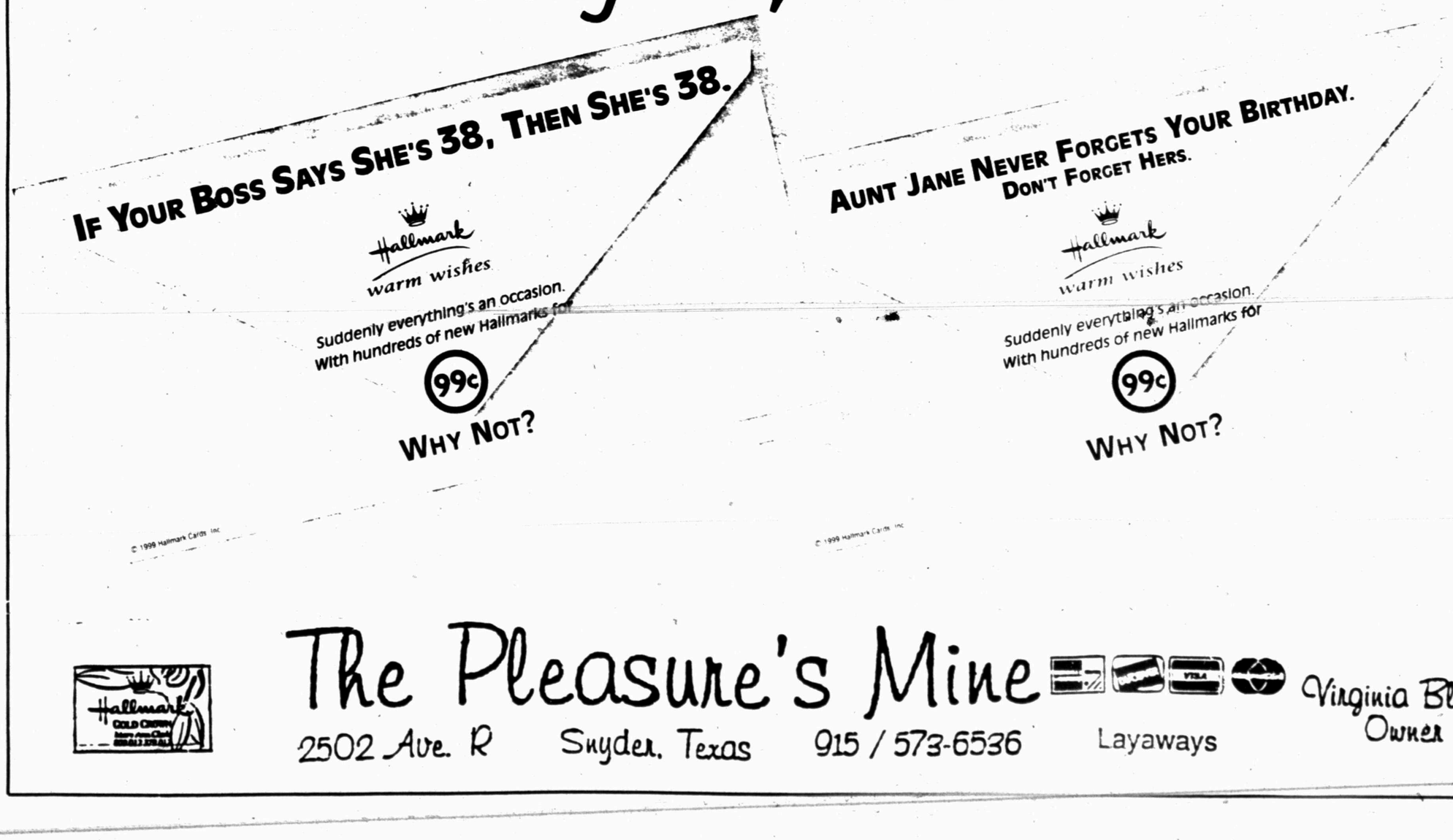
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Making a T-shirt quilt

DEAR ANNE AND NAN: My son has participated in many marathons and has collected many T-shirts from these events. He would like me to make a quilt using the fronts of these shirts. I haven't been able to find instructions locally and am reluctant to start one on my ow Do you have any idea where I coulo find instructions for a T-shirt quilt? — **BARBARA BUETEMEISTER, Prescott, Ariz.**

DEAR BARBARA: Absolutely! A company called T-Quilts, 14 Sunrise Point Court, Lake Wylie, SC 29710 (803 831-2455), carries a "T-Quilt Packet" ($9.95 including postage), which includes a clear pattern (template) for cutting and mounting T-shirt fronts (or backs, as the case may be), as well as a detailed, easy-to-follow set of instructions adaptable to the number of T-shirts you want to use. The instructions show you how to cut out the designs and combine them with your choice of borders and backings.

DEAR ANNE AND NAN: Help! I can't find the pint-size freezer bags that you use a twist-tie to fasten. All I can find are zipper-type bags, and the smallest size is a quart. I freeze peas, beans and all kinds of fruits in pint bags, as there are only two of us. Can you give me an address where I can order some pint-size bags? — **MARILYN HARRER, New Washington, Ohio**

DEAR MARILYN: We haven't seen the pint freezer bags anywhere. As a matter of fact, until we received your letter, we didn't even realize they had "gone missing." We stopped using pint bags when the zipper-type freezer bags came on the market. We love them. We no longer have to contend with freezer burn! Our solution to freezing small portions is to put the food into fold-over plastic sandwich bags. Then place as many of these bags as will comfortably fit into quart- or gallon-size zipper freezer bags. (Be sure to squeeze any excess air from the bag before freezing.) At mealtime, remove the individual sandwich bags as needed. No muss, no fuss, no waste!

DEAR ANNE AND NAN: I have some old cookware called Prizer-Ware. It is enamel-coated and pretty. However, I believe it may be lead-filled, as it is very heavy. Is it safe to cook in? Or is it just a nice showpiece? — **LISA, Elverson, Pa.**

DEAR LISA: Not to worry. Your Prizer-Ware is enamel-coated cast iron and is perfectly safe to cook in.

FEEDBACK: Sam DiLeo of Scranton, Pa., wrote in, wondering if we had a "good" recipe for eyeglass-lens cleaner. We were STUMPED, but as usual, our readers have come to the rescue.

E. Felts of Prescott, Ariz., suggests mixing 1/3 cup Windex, 1/3 cup rubbing alcohol and 1/3 cup distilled water in a spray bottle. "Even using it daily, it lasts a long time."

Ellen Ione Spearman of Greenwood, Ark., sent this recipe for an all-purpose glass cleaner: "Mix 1 cup rubbing alcohol with 1 cup water and 1 tablespoon white vinegar. Spray on glass surface and wipe dry with a cotton cloth that has not been washed or dried with a fabric softener, as this would cause the surface of the glass to smear."

Grace Gamble of Norman, Okla., writes: "The best is shaving cream! It cuts grease and does not leave a film. Wet the glasses, put on the shaving cream and rub with fingers. Rinse off and dry with a soft cloth. The lenses really shine!"

And finally, Pat Dailey of Uniontown, Pa., mailed us the following hint: "Ask any bartender and he'll tell you dry gin is the best eyeglass cleaner out there. It doesn't take much; just pour a little on each lens, wipe it around, rinse and dry. The lenses come out cleaner than ever before. Try it; you'll like it."

Write to "Ask Anne & Nan" at P.O. Box 240, Hartland, VT 05048. Questions of general interest will appear in the column. Due to the volume of mail, personal replies cannot be provided.

DEAR ANNE AND NAN: Every year we plant a few tomatoes, and we've had very good luck and a good yield because we had a bottle of Chacon Tomato Hold. This spray worked great on the tomato blossoms and kept them from falling off. Now we are out of it, and as it was given to us, we have no idea where it was purchased. — **VIRGINIA CURLEY, San Dimas, Calif.**

DEAR VIRGINIA: We weren't able to find Chacon Tomato Hold, but we did find a product called Tomato Blossom Set Spray (item number 8325) in our "must-have catalog for every organic gardener." The name of this free catalog is Gardens Alive!, 5100 Schenley Place, Lawrenceburg, IN 47025 (812 537-8650). The description of Tomato Blossom Set Spray reads: "Helps tomato blossoms set fruit despite poor weather and other unfavorable conditions. Ready-to-use spray contains a natural hormone that also increases fruit set on cukes, peppers, eggplants, melons, etc." The price for a 32-ounce ready-to-spray bottle is $9.99 plus $5.95 shipping.

For healthy growth and maximum production, tomatoes require high levels of potassium as well as magnesium and calcium in the form of trace minerals in the soil. A balanced fertilizer called Tomatoes Alive! Plus (item number 8963), which contains all of the above (and more), is also available from the Gardens Alive! Catalog. A 1-lb. bag ($6.99 plus $5.95 shipping) provides a season's supply for seven plants. We plant about six varieties of tomatoes every year and swear by the stuff, though at harvest time we are frequently so overwhelmed that we make a promise to ourselves to put in only half as many plants next year. For whatever reason, this is a promise we never seem able to keep.

While on the subject of tomatoes, we received the following letter from Nina Dyer of Cleburne, Texas: "For ripening green tomatoes, I've had great luck with the following: Place your green tomatoes in a brown paper bag with two apples and close up the bag. When the tomatoes have ripened, they'll taste like you just gathered them."

DEAR ANNE AND NAN: Where can I get nonelastic top dress and nonelastic top cotton socks for men? — **ADAM KNOBLE, Kintnersville, Pa.**

DEAR ADAM: Nonelastic top dress-weight cotton lisle men's socks are available from the Vermont Country Store, P.O. Box 3000, Manchester, VT 05255-3000 (802 362-8440). They are available in black, tan, white, navy, brown and charcoal, and are item number 15045. The price is $8.90 for two pairs and $2 for six pairs, plus shipping. Nonelastic, nonbinding mercerized crew-length cotton socks can be ordered from the Dr. Leonard's Healthcare catalog, P.O. Box 7821, Edison, NJ 08818-7821 (800 785-0880). The socks come in a variety of colors; two pairs are $5.99 (plus $2.95 shipping) and six pairs are $14.99 (plus $3.75 shipping).

Scurry County Library News and Views

The Scurry County Library will be closed on July 5 and Storytime will resume as usual on July 12.

Summer Reading Program participants will walk to the Ritz Theatre Wednesday to do some more of the reader's theatre, on stage. Readers are asked to remind children to turn in their reading time.

NEW YOUTH FICTION

"Who Was That Masked Man, Anyway?" by Avi.

"The Ghost of Fossil Glen," by Cynthia Defelice.

"Grams, Her Boyfriend, My Family," by Pat Derby.

"Bandit's Moon," by Sid Fleischman.

"Hob & the Goblins," by William Mayne.

"Girls' Revenge," by Phyllis Reynolds Naymor.

NEW CHILDREN'S EASY FICTION

"Hurry, Hurry Mary Dear," by N.M. Bodecker.

"Loop the Loop," by Barbara Dugan.

"Iktomi and the Coyote," by Paul Goble.

"Mouse TV," by Matt Novak.

"Wolf Christmas," by Daniel Pinkwater.

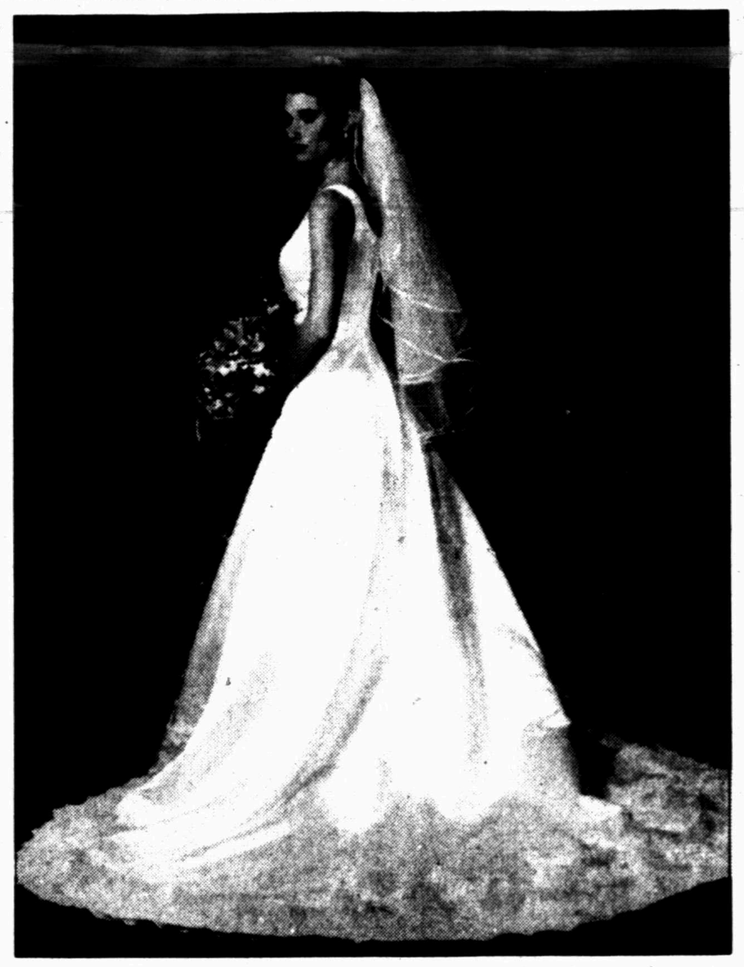
"Emeline At the Circus," by Marjorie Priceman.

LIBRARY HOURS

10 a.m. to 6 p.m. — Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday.

10 a.m. to 9 p.m. — Tuesday and Thursday.

Books may be placed in the book drop in front of the library. Please remember to return your books promptly.



Mrs. Bryan Phillip Hager (Contributed Photo)

Miss Dunn marries Hager in College Station church

COLLEGE STATION — Kristen Anease Dunn of College Station became the bride of Bryan Phillip Hager, also of College Station, at 3 p.m. on June 26 at Kelview Heights Baptist Church in Midland. The altar featured a grouping of white columns and Grecian urns filled with cascades of Springeri fern. Each fern held three candles. The Rev. Russ Hale, Kristen's youth and college minister, officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Jerry and Deanna Dunn of Midland. Her grandparents are Berlie and Opal Dunn of Midland, formerly of Coleman, and Elbert and Dorothy Hill of Snyder.

Parents of the bridegroom are Bruce and Phillis Morris of Bangs/Panther Creek and Steve and Jan Hager of Las Vegas, Nev. His grandparents are Roy and Oneita Early of Bangs, Larry and Bella Hager of Brownwood, Zona Jean Davis of Woodville and the late Revis and Edith Morris of Paris, Tex.

The bride wore a sleeveless dress of brilliant white peau de soie fashioned with a scoop neckline and princess lines which swept to a full skirt that culminated in a chapel train accented with wide Alencon lace reembroidered with seed pearls. She wore her grandmother Dunn's pearl necklace and earrings.

Her bouquet included stargazer lilies, yellow freesia, hot pink miniature roses, wave roses, Queen Anne's lace and trailing English ivy.

Maid of honor was Rhesa Dunn of Lubbock. Her other attendants included Leslie Dunn, her sister-in-law of Midland, Shelley Sherman Lander of Carrollton, Malita Jones, Sara Robbins and Amber Hicks, her former roommates from College Station, and Amy Hale of Seattle, Wash. They wore identical empire waist gowns of black crepe with scoop necklines and cap sleeves and carried large nosegays of bright spring flowers similar to the bride's. They wore silver and fresh-water pearl necklaces, gifts of the bride.

Mr. Hager wore a jet black morning coat accented with black satin lapels. His best man was Phil Medina, his college roommate of College Station. Other groomsmen were Garrett Hager and Michael Hager, brothers of the groom from College Station; Corde Morris, brother of the groom from Bangs; Kirk Dunn, brother of the bride from Midland; Ryan Baldwin and Patrick Johnson, also of College Station.

Ushers included Rusty Dunn of Odessa, Michael Aye of Willard, Mo., and Lane Hill, all cousins of the bride; Heath Ballard and Michael Loureiro of College Station.

The bride and groom are scheduled to graduate from Texas A&M in May, 2000. Mr. Hager will earn a degree in industrial distribution, and Mrs. Hager's degree will be in marketing. Upon graduation, the groom will be commissioned as a naval officer and attend flight school. He is now employed by Arbin Instruments in College Station. Mrs. Hager is employed by Texas A&M as a bus driver.

Following their trip to Puerta Vallarta, Mexico, they will make thier home in College Station.

Kirkpatrick fined

BETHESDA, M.D. (AP) — Jeane Kirkpatrick may be in the dog house with animal lovers after locking her poodle in her car during a sweltering summer day.

The former ambassador to the United Nations under President Reagan apparently left her dog Jasper in her Lincoln Continental with the windows rolled up as she shopped Saturday at some boutiques. Temperatures rose into the 90s.

A police officer issued Ms. Kirkpatrick a $45 ticket for violating a state law which forbids leaving animals in locked cars.

Sharon Kessler, executive director of the Montgomery County Humane Society, said Ms. Kirkpatrick probably didn't know the dangers of leaving a dog in a locked car on a hot day.

"The animal can die within a very few minutes," she said.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

	North	
	♠ Q 9 4 3	07-03-99
	♥ K 3	
	♦ 8 6 3 2	
	♣ 7 6 4	
West		**East**
♠ 6		♠ K 8 7 2
♥ Q J 10 8 6		♥ A 9 2
♦ 10 5 4		♦ Q J 9
♣ J 8 3 2		♣ 10 9 5
	South	
	♠ A J 10 5	
	♥ 7 5 4	
	♦ A K 7	
	♣ A K Q	

Vulnerable: Neither
Dealer: South

South	West	North	East
2 NT	Pass	3 ♣	Pass
3 ♠	Pass	4 ♠	All pass

Opening lead: ♥ Q

Which is the right card?

The Senior Life Master started his class. "Everybody makes mistakes at the bridge table. However, some errors pass unnoticed or go unpunished because the full layout doesn't make the perpetrator pay. Look at my first deal and decide how you would play in four spades. West leads the heart queen. Let's suppose that the defenders take two heart tricks, then switch to a diamond. What would you do from there?"

The SLM's students looked at today's North-South hands.

After giving them a few moments to consider their line of play, the SLM continued.

South's two-no-trump opening showed 21-22 points. North was tempted to raise to three no-trump, but that wouldn't have been a success here, as the defenders immediately take five heart tricks. Instead, Stayman uncovered the spade fit.

Starting with three red-suit losers, you cannot afford a trump loser. First, you must get into the dummy by ruffing the third heart. Then, if East has king-doubleton or king-third of spades, you can start with dummy's queen or nine. But the right play, which picks up king-fourth in the East hand, is to start with the *nine*. When that finesse works, you continue with the *queen*. Now East cannot win a trump trick.

Finally, note that if you start with dummy's spade queen, East can defeat the contract by not covering. Then, if you play low from hand, you must win the second spade trick with your 10 or jack. Alternatively, if you unblock the 10 or jack under dummy's queen, East covers your nine-continuation. Either way, East wins a trump trick.

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Snyder Duplicate Bridge Scoreboard

Jane Hinton directed all games at the Snyder Country Club.

FRIDAY
June 25

1. Mary Bast, Johnye Van Dever.
2. LaVerne Hood, Shirley Stewart.
3. Martha Fagin, Jane Hinton.
4. Doyle Fowler, Christine Stuard.

SUNDAY
June 27
SWISS TEAM

Margaret Birdwell, Jane Hinton, J.O. Morrison and Nona Morrison tied with Dot Casey, Louise Thompson, Margaret Presswood and Billisue Stuard.

TUESDAY
June 29

1. Jane Hinton, Billisue Stuard.
2. Dot Casey, Louise Thompson.
3. Margaret Birdwell, Maribeth Vestal.

LeRoy's ex-wife gets millions in settlement

NEW YORK (AP) — The ex-wife of Warner LeRoy, owner of the posh Tavern on the Green, will still be able to eat at the finest restaurants thanks to a $22 million-plus divorce settlement.

A judge Wednesday granted Kay LeRoy $15 million, a house in Long Island worth about $5.5 million, art by Picasso and Monet and $65,000 a month for the rest of her life, her lawyer David Aronson said.

Justice Walter Tolub, who presided over the bitter divorce trial last year, gave Mrs. LeRoy about 40 percent of the $47 million marital estate.

"They got substantially less in legal fees than they asked for," said LeRoy's lawyer, Jeffrey Cohen. "There are substantial issues to be determined on appeal."

Bridal Registry

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Haley Boaz and Steven Ratliff
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Katy Cooper and Shane Beauchamp
Tamara Byrd and Brian Crawford
Cara Stansell and Beau McLeod
Sharon Merryman and Kurtis McCathern
Jill Jackson and Dave Holmes
Emily Everhart and Mat Powell
Jodi White and Chris Boone
Sallie Eime and Dwayne Robertson
Paige Gayle and Erik Martin
Sharika Wofford and Chris Bryant
Janell Johnson and Thad Davis
Anne Henderson and Pete Barrera
Joanna Funtez and Cory Stone
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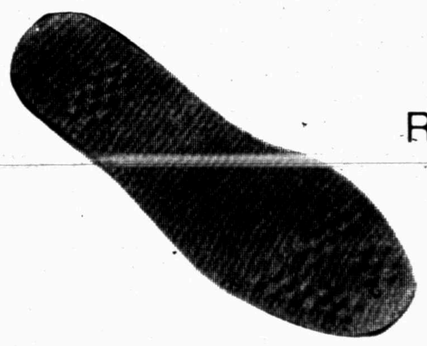
High blood pressure is linked to about 200,000 deaths in the United States each year. Of the 50 million Americans with the condition:

- 32 percent are unaware they have it
- 27 percent are on medication and have it controlled
- 26 percent are on medication but do not have it controlled
- 15 percent are not on medication



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Golden Terrace Village Resident of the Month

Blanche Arnold



Blanche Arnold was born in Hunt County in east Texas. She has lived in Scurry County since 1919 and at Golden Terrace Village for four of those years. Blanche enjoys playing dominoes at the Senior Center. She likes to work puzzles for a hobby.

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Resident received bouquet donated by Countryplace Floral & Gift Shop

Dear Abby



By Abigail Van Buren

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Unsettling Year of Changes Puts Marriage on the Rocks

DEAR ABBY: My husband, "Earl," and I married when I was 23 and he was 26. We had dated for five years long-distance. We moved to an area where he could get a job — 15 hours from my home in Connecticut, but only two hours from his home in South Carolina. Since I am a teacher, I have more flexibility.

During the first year, Earl quit his job to go to college. He also began an affair, which resulted in his moving out of our apartment and moving in with his girlfriend, who was also married. Because of state law, we had to be separated a full year before filing for divorce.

The year is just about to end. I have moved to New Jersey and Earl has gone back to his original job. After six months of not seeing or hearing from him, he called my family to get my phone number. Now Earl is saying that he has realized his mistakes and is straightening out his life — yet he is still living with his girlfriend! He suggested that divorce is "not needed" and that "possibly" things may work between us.

Abby, I am not a silly schoolgirl thinking her knight has returned, but should I *ever* (even if not now) give Earl the chance to re-establish the relationship that was so strong between us for 5½ years, as purely friends? My friends doubt whether I could ever trust him as a friend, but should he be given the chance?

SOON TO BE A
GEN-EX STATISTIC

DEAR SOON TO BE: You have nothing to lose by listening to what your soon-to-be-ex has to say. But remain skeptical until he leaves his girlfriend. Even if he wants to revive the marriage, do not agree until the two of you have had many months of marriage counseling.

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DEAR ABBY: My boyfriend and I have been together for two years. We live together. I am 29 and he is 31. I love him and think we have a great relationship.

His mother passed away last summer. The nursing home she was in took all her savings and she didn't have funeral insurance, so the costs for everything rested on the two of us. While he has two older sisters and one older brother, two of them didn't even come to the memorial service or help pay for the funeral costs. We chose to have her cremated.

We had very little money at the time, but a minister friend of mine held a lovely church memorial service in her honor, and my father held the repast at his home. My divorced parents made sandwiches and drinks for my boyfriend's family, and one of my boyfriend's sisters graciously paid for 75 percent of the cremation costs.

A few days after the service, his sister returned home and his mother's ashes were left with us. None of the children want them, and for the past year my boyfriend has stored them in our bedroom closet. I am uncomfortable with them being there. I really liked his mother a lot and have a problem seeing that box of ashes every morning when I get dressed for work.

How should I broach this with my boyfriend?

HAUNTED IN NEW JERSEY

DEAR HAUNTED: Since the remains make you uncomfortable, suggest to your boyfriend that his mother's ashes deserve a more dignified resting place than a box in a bedroom closet. Then go with him to investigate the cost of placing her ashes in one of the local cemeteries, and discuss payment plans.

Another option: According to the Funeral and Memorial Societies of America, as of 1998 it's legal in all 50 states to scatter ashes. Perhaps you can find an appropriate and meaningful spot for her remains.

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DEAR ABBY: Last year, my husband and I retired to a small town in which our son lives. He and his wife have two children, and ever since we moved here, they frequently call to say that the children want to come over and "visit." The visits last from four to 12 hours, since they both work.

Abby, it has gotten to the point where we have no freedom anymore. They have made no provisions for a sitter this summer, so they probably expect us to keep the children whenever we are at home. How can we let them know that we are available in emergencies, but every day is getting to be too much? We don't want to hurt their feelings.

TIRED GRANDMA
IN NEBRASKA

DEAR TIRED GRANDMA: If caring for the grandchildren has become a burden, you must be honest with your children and tell them exactly what you have told me. Finding reliable day care can be time-consuming, so unless you want the children "visiting" with you all summer, the time to announce your unavailability is right now.

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DEAR ABBY: My mother passed away more than seven years ago, and on her deathbed she asked me to make sure my little sister was given a beautiful wedding, like the one she and my father had given me six weeks earlier. Of course I agreed because my sister is my very best friend and I need to honor my mother's request.

My sister is now engaged, and we are in the process of planning the wedding of her dreams. She is paying for most of it, and we're having a lot of fun. Everything went smoothly until I decided to plan and host a bridal shower before I move out of town. (I'll be 12 hours away.)

Shortly after my mother's death, my father remarried a woman his age who had never been married before. My brothers and sisters have accepted her into the family and been pleasant to her, although we do not consider her a "mother figure." We were all grown professionals at the time of my mother's death. During the past several years, she has been critical and judgmental about various family dilemmas and has tended to "pout" if she didn't get her way.

When I mentioned my intention to host a bridal shower to my father's wife, she led me to believe it was fine with her. She is now upset with me and my sister because *she* wanted to host the shower. We have tried to tell her that this is not appropriate. As matron of honor, isn't this one of *my* responsibilities?

I have suggested that she host a bridal luncheon the day before the wedding, but she's still pouting about the shower. My father told me it's causing problems in his marriage. My sister and I have included her in planning the wedding, choosing the wedding gown and bridesmaids' dresses, and consulted her on various other decisions. Her childish, selfish behavior is causing lot of stress.

Abby, my sister and I want to do the right thing. Please advise us.

STRESSED-OUT
MATRON OF HONOR

DEAR STRESSED-OUT: Neither you nor your stepmother should be hosting a bridal shower for your sister. An aunt, cousin or one of her co-workers should do it instead, because it is considered in poor taste for immediate family members of the bride or groom to host a shower. Perhaps your stepmother will be pacified if she realizes she's not being excluded.

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CONFIDENTIAL TO MY WOMB-MATE: Happy birthday, Sissy!

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Tips for hot weather workouts given

WASHINGTON (AP) — For couch potatoes who begin an exercise program when it's hot, even working up a sweat takes practice.

The practice is called acclimatization. It's the process of getting your body used to the special demands of hot weather.

"You don't sweat as much until you are acclimated," said Dr. Janice Zimmerman, director of the medical emergency center at Ben Taub General Hospital and an associate professor of medicine at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston.

Beginners should not feel alone in this. Even trained athletes who plunge into working out in hot weather could benefit from time to adjust, Zimmerman said. "A period of acclimatization is necessary from a safety standpoint for just about everybody," she said.

The risk in not easing into exercise is in overexerting before your body has learned how to shed heat efficiently. The outcomes could range from having a less rewarding workout to, in the worst cases, triggering an underlying heart problem or fatal heat stroke.

The body has two main ways of doing controlling heat, Zimmerman said.

One is to dilate blood vessels near the skin. Blood that's heated in the body core by exercise can be cooled by radiating the heat through the skin into the air. Dilated blood vessels bring more blood to the skin. "It operates kind of like a car radiator does," Zimmerman said.

The other method is by sweat production, which acts more like the car's air conditioner. Evaporation has a cooling effect. And when sweat evaporates, it gives up heat, which cools the skin. "The more you sweat, the more heat you lose," Zimmerman said. "As people get acclimated, they sweat more and lose heat better."

How long it takes to become acclimated varies from person to person, Zimmerman said. Trained athletes, who already sweat efficiently, take less time than do untrained people to get used to heat. However, the technique of acclimatization is the same for the trained and untrained — starting at a comfortable level and increasing it gradually.

Sweat output requires liquid input to keep the body's water level up. And people can lose water more easily than they realize. "The best way to say it is, if you just go by thirst alone, you'll probably underdrink by a third," said Mike Sawka, chief of the Thermal and Mountain Medicine Division, U.S. Army Research Institute of Environmental Medicine, Natick, Mass.

That's because the brain doesn't sense thirst until the fluid levels are already drawn down. The body then has to play catchup, drinking until the feeling of being thirsty goes away. As hot weather wears on and people become used to it, they become better at matching their liquid needs to their liquid output, Sawka said.

But a person can lose 3 percent of body weight before feeling thirsty, Zimmerman said. And people may go through the summer in a continuous state of slight dehydration. This can account for the pounds that many people lose each summer, thinking they've been burning more calories by being more active, she said. "People are proud of that fact, but the reality is they are losing water, not fat," she said.

People also can see their exercise performance drop without realizing it, Sawka said. "If I ride a bike and I'm not competing, I'll just notice I rode a little slower — or I might not notice," he said.

An athlete keeping track of time or distance might feel thirsty but not care, focusing instead on the event, Sawka noted. And an older person might not notice thirst quickly, he said — age dulls the ability to sense thirst. This is especially a risk for older people because dehydration, which makes the heart beat faster, can trigger underlying problems such as heart disease, he said.

For all exercisers, the way to head off trouble is to drink even when they are not thirsty, and water is the best drink, the experts said. Sports drinks that replace sweated-off carbohydrates and electrolytes are valuable only for people who exercise an hour or more, Sawka said.

Some drinks should be avoided, Zimmerman said. Alcohol is among these, she said — it is a diuretic, so it makes you excrete water. Caffeine is a mild diuretic, so drinks with caffeine are "better than nothing," she said.

However, a noted researcher sees value in some flavored drinks. The use of salt and carbohydrates, as found in sports drinks, stimulates thirst, said Dr. Oded Bar-Or of McMaster University in Hamilton, Ontario. His research looked at children, but the results probably hold for adults as well, the Canadian scientist said.

In Bar-Or's experiments, children who got a lab-prepared flavored drink with salt and carbohydrates drank enough to keep themselves fully hydrated. Flavored water alone left his test subjects slightly dehydrated, and plain chilled water did even less good, he said.

Exercise is best kept simple

WASHINGTON (AP) — A key to sticking with a startup exercise program may be as simple as getting encouragement and good advice.

Beginners who had regular letters and phone calls from staff members in a research project were as likely to stay with their programs as were people who got memberships at a health club, scientists say.

The researchers now are looking for easier and cheaper ways to encourage nonexercisers to start and stick with physical activity.

"Social support was a big thing," said researcher Sheila Reynolds at the Cooper Institute for Aerobics Research, Dallas. The next step is to learn how to target support to fit the individual, she said.

In the earlier part of the study, known as "Project Active, 235 sedentary men and women with an average age of 46 were trained for six months at the Cooper center either in a structured exercise program or in an on-their-own program. They were followed for 18 more months to see how many stuck with exercise.

The structured program was an aerobic workout — three to five sessions a week of 20 to 60 minutes of exercise at a sweat-producing 50 to 85 percent of the participants' aerobic maximums.

The lifestyle program was just that — a way to work increased physical activity into ordinary life. The people in this program were taught how to do such things as fit more walking into their lives by taking longer walks to office meetings. The researchers tried to tailor the advice to the individual.

The overall goal for the lifestyle group was lower than that for the structured exercise group. The lifestyle goal was to do at least 30 minutes of moderate activity on most or all days of the week. That's enough to pull people out of the highest risk group for early death from conditions associated with inactivity, such as heart disease.

After 24 months, both groups had made similar improvements in reduced fat, lowered cholesterol and blood pressure, and increased activity.

The idea that people who didn't work hard at a fitness center could do as well as those who raised the sweat intrigues the Cooper Institute researchers, who published their earlier findings in The Journal of the American Medical Association in January.

They now want to see if they can spread the benefits long-distance, without actually meeting with lifestyle activity participants.

In the current study, Project Prime, the lifestyle group is getting monthly letters and phone calls from research staff members. Members of a comparison gym-style exercise group are getting six-month memberships at local YMCAs. A third group, used as a control, is getting only mailings of information on activity.

Project Prime is ongoing, and it's too soon to tell what the results will be, Reynolds said. Project Active established that tracking people and giving them encouragement worked; Project Prime will see how to make the help more effective, she said.

"A huge factor is something we do in these groups — help them figure out why they want to become more active," Reynolds said. "We key in on that and remind them."

If Project Active can work in Dallas-area lifestyle volunteers, Project Prime's telephone calls and letters could let the benefits expand nationwide, Reynolds said.

Exercise physiologists are awaiting the results of the Project Prime.

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New Vehicle Registrations

Automotive Rentals, 1999 Chevrolet pickup from Wilson Motors.

Mesquite Oil Tools and Jerry Pechaeck, two 1999 GMC pickups from Big Country Autoland.

Sidney Johnson and Sherry Johnson, 1999 Chevrolet Tahoe from Big Country Autoland.

Alfred and Dana Lynch, 1999 Buick from Big Country Autoland

Ramona Pena, 1999 Chevrolet Suburban from Big Country Autoland.

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N.R. King, 1999 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Steve White, 1999 Oldsmobile from Big Country Autoland.

Gerald Jenschke, 1999 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Elvin L. Bearden, 1999 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Leon Crenshaw and Carroll Spencer, 1999 GMC pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Alden Carthel, 1999 GMC pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Phillip C. Coover, 1999 Dodge pickup from Snyder Chrysler.

Ryan Byrd, 1999 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Vicente A. and Mary D. Gaona, 1999 Dodge pickup from Snyder Chrysler.

Marriage License

Jerry Eldon Hembree and Judy Ann Kuliga, both of Snyder.

Clay Mize and Shaunna Michele McGuigan, both of Hermleigh.

Sid Erick H. Rodriguez and Erin Brook Fry, both of Snyder.

Charlie Aaron Applin and Jennifer Annette Cervantez, both of Snyder.

Larry David Purcell and Ruth Ann Cawthron, both of Ira.

Rolando Martinez and Jocelyn Suzanne Pinkerton, both of Snyder.

Juan Luis Rosales Aguilar and Daisy Rose Martinez, both of Snyder.

Filed in District Court

Tod Stinson, dba Tod's Used Cars, vs. Joe Waylon Presley, motion for writ of sequestration.

Jesus Hermosillo vs. Danny Crawford and Koch Pipeline L.P., suit for damages.

USE Credit Union, aka U.S. Employees Credit Union, vs. Ricky L. and Effie L. Elliott, suit on note.

Action in District Court

In the marriage of Blake Alan Toland and Laura Anne Toland, divorce granted.

In the marriage of Robyn Rena Draper and David Wayne Draper, divorce granted.

Deed Records

Robby Robinson and Lynda Ann Robinson to Martin and Belinda Salazar, tract one being the east one-half of Lot 4 in Block 46 of the Blankenship Addition; tract two being the west one-half of Lot 4 in Block 46 of the Blankenship Addition.

Richard D. and Betty P. Able to Swartz and Brough Inc., Lot 15 in Block 1 of the Cullum Addition.

Cole and Brenda Harvey to Swartz and Brough Inc., the east 100 feet of the south 70 feet of Lot 2 in Block 37 of the Blankenship Addition.

Snyder Motor Co. to Prime Builders Inc., the east one-half of Lot 5 and all of Lot 6 in Block 10 of the Wilmeth Addition.

Dan Cotton, independent executor of the estate of Foster Watson, to James E. and Joyce A. Lionberger, the south 220 feet of the east 167.5 feet of Block 99, Original town of Hermleigh.

Lindel N. and Evelyn D. Koonce, Trustee of the Koonce Family Trust, to Jerry D. and Kathy Greene, all of Lot 7 and the east one-half of Lot 8 in Block 10 of the Wilmeth Addition.

Edolina Foster to Raymon M. and Mary S. Rodriguez, a 0.68-acre tract out of the northeast one-quarter of Section207, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Billy Mac Smyrl, Linda May Walls, Billy Doran Durham Jr., Brenda Kay Sartain and Evelyn Durham to Bonnie Sheid, 108.56 acres out of 145.7 acres in the southwest part of the north 406 acres in Section 146, Block 3, H&GN survey.

Bonnie Sheid to Billy Doran Durham Jr., Linda May Walls, Brenda Kay Sartain and Evelyn Durham, tract one being 37.1 acres out of 145.7 acres in the southwest part of the north 460 acres in Section 146, Block 3, H&GN survey; tract two being the south 180 acres of Section 146, Block 3, H&GN survey. Bonnie Sheid to Billy Mac Smyrl, the south 37.14 acres out of a 145.7 acres in the southwest part of the north 460 acres in Section146, Block 3,H&GN survey.

Shannon Laurie Tubb Nix to Nelda Belle Reneau, 181.3 acres in Section 238, Bock 97, H&TC survey.

Stanley J. Berman to Stanley J. and Judith M. Berman Family Trust, the west one-half of Survey 44, Block 3 Houston and Great Northern RR survey.

Francene Allen Noah, independent executrix of the estate of Stanley B. Noah, to Judith Annettee Schmoker and Stanley Morris Noah, tract one being the east 134.3 acres in the southeast one-quarter and west 37.1 acres out of the east 134.3 acres of the northeast one-quarter of Section 44, Block 5, H&GN survey; tract two being all of the southwest one-quarter and the west 51.4 acres of the east one-half of Section 44, Block 5, H&GN survey; tract three being the west 82.73 acres out of the south one-half of the north one-half of Section 142, Block 97, H&TC survey; tract four being the west 75 acres out of the north one-half of Section 142, lock 97, H&TC survey.

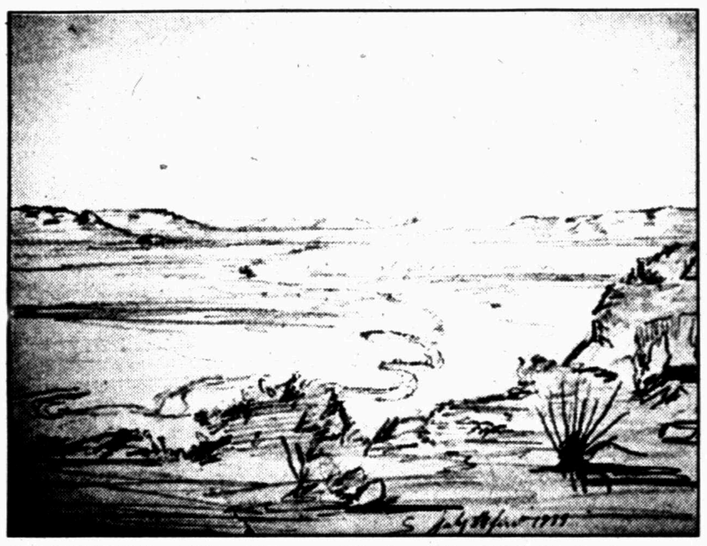
Francene Allen Noah, independent executrix of the estate of Stanley B. Noah, to Francene Allen Noah, the east one-half of Lot 4 and the west 20 feet of the south 100 feet of Lot 2 in Block 49 of the Blankenship Addition.

R.O. Gray to Jody Elam, 2.08 acres out of Section 120, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Ricky Williams, guardian of Clay Williams, to Anthony and Sharon M. Florian, 126 acres and 42.8 acres out of the southwest one-quarter of Section 119, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Misty Williams to Anthony and Sharon M. Florian, 26 acres and 42.8 acres out of the southwest one-quarter of Section119, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Rod Waller, as sole stockholder of Prime Builders, to Jerry Don and Kathy Greene, the east one-half of Lot 5 and all of Lot 6 in Block 10 of the Wilmeth Addition.



ON DISPLAY — This 100-year-old sketch by H.W. Caylor is part of an exhibit of his works currently on display at the Scurry County Museum. (Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

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painter of the wide-open spaces, and his work depicting the extreme western part of Texas was unique.

His primary range was from Fort Phantom Hill north of Abilene westward to the Cap Rock and South Plains, from the upper Edwards Plateau to the Pecos canyons and the wild Rio Grande in the Big Bend.

As one of the select few who documented the transition from open range to fenced pastures, Caylor sensed that a romantic and historic era was passing, and the captured it on canvas.

With a fidelity that amounted to passion, he sketched and painted the country as he saw it, without embellishment or extravagance.

Ironically, Caylor was known better by his contemporaries than by succeeding generations for whom he preserved the heritage of the West.

He painted with such skill that he won prizes in art shows at San Antonio, Dallas and in other Texas cities.

As a youth, Caylor sent samples of his work to Frederic Remington in hopes of arranging for instruction or receiving advice.

Harvey Wallace Caylor was born Feb. 20, 1867, in Noblesville, Ind., the ninth of 12 children. From his early boyhood, Caylor sketched pictures of dogs, cats, and other animals, or anything that was handy.

He occasionally used his mother's starched pillow cases as canvases. After he began to make crayon sketches for neighbors, his parents arranged for him to study under Frank Finch, a local art teacher, who instructed him in the use of charcoal as well as crayons. When he was 14, he studied in Indianapolis under Jacob Cox

By the time he was 16, Caylor had left home to make his own way to Kansas, He worked as a cowboy and continued to sketch

He became a traveling artist, hopping from town to town, selling paintings and sketches, mostly portraits, first on the Plains and then in the Rockies.

After he mastered skill in oil paintings, Caylor started painting seriously again in 1894. One of his most prolific periods came before the end of the century.

Minding Your Own Business

By Don Taylor



Erosion of Liberty: A July Fourth Session

When America's Forefathers crafted the Constitution they paid careful attention to the issue of liberty. One of the seven reasons given in the preamble for establishing the Constitution was to @see the blessing of liberty." Liberty is the sum of the rights possessed in common by a group of people. It is also freedom from excessive control.

Recall the stirring words Patrick Henry spoke as he addressed the Virginia convention in the spring of 1775. Henry said, @Is life so dear or peace so sweet, as to be purchased at the price of chains and slavery? Forbid it Almighty God! I know not what course others may take, but as for me, give me liberty or give me death!"

Nearly 200 years later, John F. Kennedy said, "Let every Nation know, shelter it wishes us well or ill, that we shall pay any price, bear any burden, meet any hardship, support any friend, oppose any foe, in order to assure the survival and success of liberty."

These were strong words from two strong Americans. But, I ask you to remember that this great country was formed by a revolution against what it's citizens considered a tyrannical government. And as a nation we've often fought great battles against oppressive powers.

However, the greatest threat to our liberty today may not be an aggressive foreign power. (Even one armed with nuclear technology, which we made readily available.) The greatest threat may not be another revolution by those in our own country who oppose our ideals. No, the real threat to our liberty is much more certain, much more deadly and much more insidious.

What is the greatest threat? Well, actually there are several threats to liberty.

The Enemies of Liberty

***Power-hungry leaders.** I suppose as long as there have been people in power, there have been abusers of power. When power-hungry people put the gain of personal power above freedom, we have the erosion of liberty. James Madison said, "Since the general civilization of mankind I believe there are more instances of the abridgment of freedom of the people by gradual and silent encroachment of those in power than by violent and sudden usurpations. It continues today just as it did in Madison's time.

***Apathy**. Apathy is truly an insidious threat. The lack of an active and spirited interest in freedom and liberty leads to the slow, but certain erosion of both.

When the majority of Americans fail to vote, choose not to get involved and don't pay attention to what is happening the result is diminishing liberty. Because there are any number of minorities who care enough to vigorously advance their own agendas, we cease to be governed by all the people. We become a nation controlled by the active and aggressive few.

***Greed.** The man who serves the cause of freedom for money, will likely serve any other cause for more money. There are those willing to sell their power in exchange for wealth.

The self-serving individuals are chipping away at your freedom and mine. One law, one regulation and one vote at a time. I'm convinced that they rationalize their greed as being for the common good.

***Willing ignorance.** It is no shame to be ignorant. Even if you are ignorant about your rights, freedom and liberty. The shame comes from unwillingness to learn.

Please don't stop when you read this column. Get a copy of the Constitution and study a little about our great system of liberty. Study the issues. Learn about the candidates. Never miss an opportunity to vote in any election because your vote does count. Together we can stop the erosions.

*Don Taylor is the co-author of **Up Against the Wal-Marts**. You may write to him in care of **Minding Your Own Business**, P.O. Box 67,Amarillo, TX 79105.*

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Declassified papers say little about Pinochet's death

WASHINGTON (AP) — The U.S. government's release of 5,800 once-secret papers detail atrocities in Chile under Augusto Pinochet's ruthless regime, but offer little new information on the death of a former Chilean ambassador who died in a car bombing within a mile of the White House in 1976.

The documents released at the National Archives on Wednesday confirmed that the murders of Orlando Letelier and his aide, Ronni Moffitt, were carried out by Pinochet's secret police. But they do not finger Pinochet, who was considered America's friend during the Nixon administration because he opposed communism.

White House press secretary Joe Lockhart said a limited number of documents were withheld because they relate to the Justice Department's ongoing investigation of the Letelier and Moffitt murders.

The newly released documents, as well as the ones still held by the government, might bear more than historic interest. The silver-haired general, now 83, was arrested in October last year and is in London facing extradition to Spain where charges are pending of human rights abuses by his regime against Spanish citizens.

Peter Kornbluh, an analyst at the National Security Archive, which seeks disclosure of national security information, was unhappy that some documents were withheld, yet was encouraged by updated news of the government's investigation into the car bombing.

"That is the first significant indication that they're actually investigating Pinochet's role as the possible intellectual author of this heinous crime," he said. "This was an unbelievable act of terrorism right in the nation's capital."

The car bombing occurred after Pinochet and his military officers rose to power following a bloody coup in 1973 to oust Salvador Allende, a Marxist who had been chosen in a democratic election.

Kornbluh suspects Pinochet ordered the car bombing in September 1976 because Letelier had been a close aide to Allende and a prominent opponent of Pinochet. But the newly released documents point only to Manuel Cantreras, the leader of the Chilean secret police.

A CIA report dated May 1978 discloses information from an informant who says Cantreras was the only senior officer involved in the Letelier case who continued to act "in the best tradition of the Chilean Army Officer Corps."

"Contreras had refused to allow a subordinate officer to accept the blame for something that he, Contreras, had ordered done," the report said.

Just weeks after the car bombing, another CIA document dated Oct. 1, 1976, suggested Pinochet wasn't directly involved. The report quotes a source who allegedly heard Pinochet say: "Chile had everything to lose and nothing to gain from Letelier's assassination."

But then a heavily blacked-out CIA report in April 1978 says most civilian leaders in Chile believe that Pinochet would be forced out of office if firm evidence surfaced that the secret Chilean police, known as the DINA, was behind the Letelier assassination.

"They believe that Pinochet has been too closely associated with former DINA head Gen. Manuel Cantreras to survive such a revelation," the report said.

Nearly all the documents released were from 1973 to 1978, the period of the most flagrant human rights abuses in Chile, where Pinochet and the junta worked to suppress leftists and other nonsupporters.

"The military is rounding up large numbers of people, including students and leftists of all descriptions, and interning them," according to a CIA report written 10 days after the coup. "The military has ordered an end to all sniper activity and other violence and it is considering killing 50 leftists for every sniper who is still operating after 15 days."

The records were simultaneously released in Chile where Congresswoman Isabel Allende, daughter of the Marxist president toppled in the coup, said the documents confirmed that the United States cooperated with Pinochet in the early years of his administration.

"Later on, that changed, when the United States saw the extremely serious violations of human rights, and especially after the assassination of Orlando Letelier," she said.

Leary quietly cooperated with FBI in '74

WASHINGTON (AP) — Timothy Leary, the counterculture guru whose "turn on, tune in, drop out" preachings made him an anti-establishment icon in the 1960s, quietly cooperated with the FBI in 1974 and informed on a radical leftist group in hopes of winning his freedom from jail, newly released FBI records show.

He even identified his collaborators in a 1970 escape from prison, where he was serving a drug-related sentence. Four years later, caught and jailed again, Leary told an FBI agent that he wanted to see "if I can work out a collaborative and ... an honorable relationship" with "intelligence and law enforcement people that are ready to forget the past," according to a transcript of FBI interviews with Leary in May 1974.

"I want to get out of prison as quickly as I can," Leary said in a meeting with an FBI agent, a Drug Enforcement Administration agent and two California state law enforcement officials.

Fourteen pages of Leary's FBI file, including interview transcripts and FBI reports, were published on the Internet this week by The Smoking Gun, an online site that publishes documents obtained through the Freedom of Information Act. The FBI confirmed their authenticity.

In all, the FBI released 585 pages, said Bill Bastone, editor of the Internet site.

Leary, who died of cancer in 1996, described for the FBI how members of the leftist Weather Underground helped him escape from a California prison in 1970.

In one passage, an agent said, "You've mentioned numerous Weathermen so far, is it correct to assume that each one of them knew ... they were aiding in your escape?"

"Oh, no question about it," Leary responded.

The identities of those Leary named were blacked out in the released documents.

Leary wrote in his 1983 autobiography that the FBI wanted him to inform on the Weather Underground but that he didn't "want to be called a snitch." He wrote that he told the FBI "the story of my hair-breath escape," but he gave no details in the book of what he told the FBI.

Rumors that Leary was cooperating with the FBI circulated in 1974, and left-wing leaders said the "high priest of LSD" was simply lying to federal agents to get out of jail.

Todd Gitlin, a New York University professor and author of a book about the 1960s, said that the disclosure that Leary cooperated and provided names was "surprising but not shocking."

"He was not a man of political principles," said Gitlin. "He'd do anything to get out of jail — he'd escape with the Weathermen or inform on them, whatever it takes."

A former Harvard lecturer who was kicked out of the university after he conducted experiments with psychedelic drugs, Leary became the foremost prophet and proselytizer for LSD during the turbulent 1960s. The drug inspired Leary's most famous line: "Turn on, tune in, drop out."

His advocacy of drug use brought numerous run-ins with the law. In 1970 he was serving a 10-year sentence for marijuana possession when a group from the Weather Underground helped him in a daring escape from a jail in San Luis Obispo, Calif.

Leary fled the United States and bounced from country to country. U.S. agents eventually caught up with him in Afghanistan. He was sent back to prison in California in 1973.

In May of the following year he met with FBI agents for a series of interviews, the documents show. The bureau was conducting an investigation into passport fraud and crimes in connection with Leary's jail break and flight from the country.

Leary told the FBI that the group helped get him false IDs and helped plan his escape out of the country. He identified some of his collaborators through photographs and was even taken from jail and driven around to identify safehouses where he was hidden after his escape.

Federal Reserve raises interest rates

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Federal Reserve raised interest rates for the first time in two years on Wednesday, nudging borrowing costs higher for millions of American consumers and businesses. But the central bank indicated its tiny quarter-point increase may be all that is needed to keep inflation under control.

That message cheered financial markets. Investors had feared the increase would be only the first in a series of moves to cool down the red-hot U.S. economy.

The Dow Jones industrial average, which had been down before the Fed's mid-afternoon announcement, roared to life, gaining more than 150 points.

At the conclusion of two days of closed-door discussions, Fed policy-makers said they were increasing the target for the federal funds rate, the interest that banks charge each other on overnight loans, from 4.75 percent to 5 percent.

That move was followed quickly by announcements from commercial banks that they were increasing their prime lending rate, the benchmark for millions of business and consumer loans, from 7.75 percent to 8 percent. Bank of America led the way, announcing an increase to 8 percent effective on Thursday.

The Fed said in a statement that it felt the need to be "especially alert to the emergence, or potential emergence, of inflationary forces that could undermine economic growth."

But at the same time, the Fed indicated that it was moving its policy directive, which signals the future course of interest rates, back to neutral.

The central bank had changed its directive at the last meeting on May 18 from neutral to one leaning toward raising rates, putting markets on notice.

Private economists said it was significant that the Fed was now willing to return to a neutral stance after only a single rate hike.

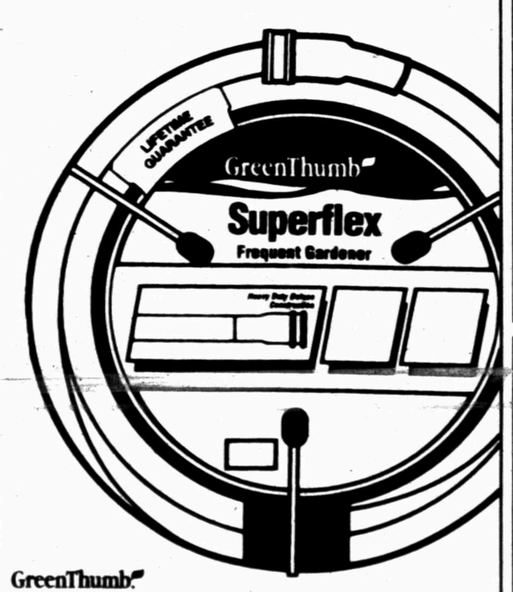
"The message from the Fed is that they are not in any big hurry nor particularly worried that quick action is necessary on the inflation front," said Allen Sinai, chief economist at Primark Global Economics in New York. "The markets are relieved because the central bank could have been a lot tougher."

Many analysts said they read in the central bank's statement a willingness to continue testing the view of many economists that the U.S. economy has entered a new era where higher productivity allows stronger growth and lower unemployment rates without triggering inflation worries.

"A few years ago most economists assumed that the economy could not grow much faster than 2 percent and unemployment could not get much lower than 6 percent without igniting inflation. Now we know that both of those assumptions are probably wrong," said Robert Reich, former labor secretary in the Clinton administration and now an economics professor at Brandeis University. He said he was "pleasantly surprised" because he was afraid the Fed would adopt a tougher stance on the need to be pre-emptive about inflation threats.

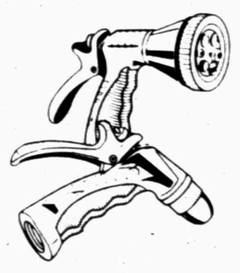
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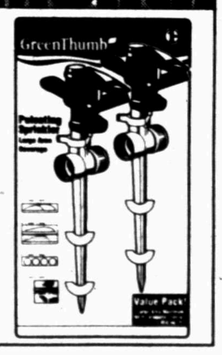
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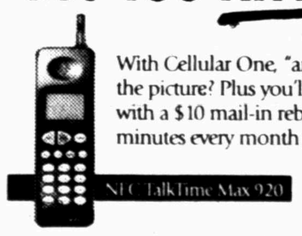
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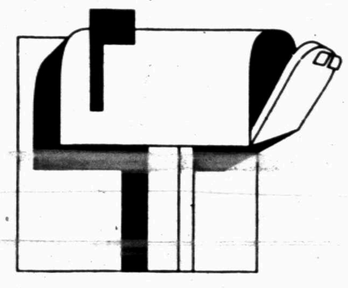


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Tenants praise police department

Dear Editor:

Sometimes people take the police department for granted. They presume that the police do not work hard enough for the people and that they are just around to harass the public.

We at Park Village Apartments would like to publicly express our gratitude to the officers of the Snyder Police Department. We appreciate all the officers for responding to our calls so quickly, but there are a few that have gone out of their way to help us further. These three men are Lt. Warren, Officer Holley and Officer Presley.

A month ago we began a neighborhood watch at our apartments. Without Lt. Warren, this could not have come about. He's the one that got us all together to restart the Neighborhood Watch program.

Officer Holley has been at our meetings and taught the tenants about what the Neighborhood Watch is all about and has helped in getting this organized. This past Tuesday, we had at least 50 tenants come to learn about the watch. Officer Holley, thanks for getting everyone involved.

Officer Presley has been taking the extra effort to personally walk the grounds and meet the tenants.

We appreciate all you have done to keep this a safer place to live.

Thank you,
Charles Hill, owner
Judy Fennell, manager
Park Village
Tenant Association
Sherry Clayton, president
Martha Emerson, v. president
Della McKinney, treasurer
Anita Vasquez, secretary
Esther Quintana
Michell Tippens

Proud to call Snyder home

Dear Editor:

On Memorial Day we experienced a fire in our home. We would like to thank all that helped us through.

A big "Thank You" goes out to our neighbors: Eddie Pinson, Danny Bedell, Ray Conner and Damon Simpson. Had it not been for their quick response we would have lost everything.

We also want to thank their families, our many other neighbors, our families, our many friends and St. Elizabeth Catholic Church for all their prayers and support.

We especially wish to thank the Snyder Fire Department, the Police Department and Snyder EMS and all emergency personnel that were on the scene.

This experience has truly made us aware of how very proud we are to call Snyder our home.

Thank you again!
David, Alisa,
Zach and Blake Cain

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Seniors say thanks

Dear Editor:

The Snyder High Senior Class of 1999 wishes to thank the community for its support.

Many of you donated gifts or money to help with the end-of-year activities such as the annual steak supper or the all-night, drug-free, alcohol-free party following graduation.

Others participated in various fund-raisers throughout the year. When the school year began, we knew that Snyder's economy was struggling and that our donations might be limited. However, we were rarely turned down.

Another thank you goes to our parents who worked together to make this year so special. While many thank yous were sent to individuals and businesses, we know we missed some, and for that we are sorry.

We hope this letter will let everyone know that we sincerely appreciate you.

Thank you, Snyder, for believing in the youth and making our senior year a memorable and positive one!

Sincerely,
The Snyder High School
Senior Class of 1999

Editorial comment...

European security force

Fort Worth Star-Telegram

A European security force to handle regional conflicts could be both good and bad for U.S. interests.

The European Union will begin creating a security force to take care of regional disputes without the help of the United States. This is either the double-edged sword of the new millennium's geopolitics or the last sign that the Cold War is over — or maybe both.

EU leaders say the crisis in Kosovo was the latest catalyst to spur movement on the security force issue. Given the majority of non-U.S. troops serving as NATO peacekeepers in Kosovo, the European Union is well on its way to putting its soldiers in the forefront of the region's conflicts.

That is not to say that these EU countries are ready to wave goodbye to the American forces that have stood ready to protect Western Europe against potential attack from Russia for 40-plus years.

For one thing, European nations do not have large troop transport planes to ferry soldiers to points of conflict. Those nations have previously preferred to depend on U.S. C-5s and C-17s.

That dependence seems to be leading this charge on the diplomatic front.

"We . . . are resolved that the European Union shall play its full role on the international stage. To that end, we intend to give the European Union the necessary means and capabilities to assume its responsibilities regarding a common European policy on security and defense," reads a draft statement by EU members.

It was probably always likely that the European Union's members would seek to form this type of force. A common monetary union and open borders are natural steps that would seem to lead to the formation of some sort of army. (For the record, this force is being structured to handle regional disputes and not as a global policeman — up to this point, that has been America's job.)

The official U.S. response has been positive.

"We welcome the commitment of our European friends and allies to enhance their military capabilities, both as a contribution to the alliance and for autonomous European military actions when NATO is not engaged," said State Department spokesman James P. Rubin.

All is not sunshine between the U.S. and the EU, though. Trade disputes about various commodities (beef, bananas, eggs) are various boiling points between the United States and the united states of Europe. Wars have started over lesser issues.

In many ways, this is what some average Americans have been saying for years: It's their conflict — let them work it out, and keep our boys out of it. But sometimes the only thing worse than playing the world's police officer is being asked to 'not' be the world's police officer.

Banking and privacy

Dallas Morning News

Until recently, insurance, banking and brokerage interests pretty much have had their way on privacy issues in Congress' banking modernization debate.

The Senate's modernization measure that passed earlier this year didn't address whether a financial institution's banking, insurance and brokerage affiliates could share sensitive customer files. Similarly, the House Banking Committee's version tepidly mandated companies to disclose their privacy policies.

But the House Commerce Committee recently voted to allow customers to block companies from sharing sensitive, nonpublic financial customer information with affiliates or nonfinancial third parties for marketing purposes.

But even this provision, loudly opposed by financial institutions, has a big loophole that allows banks to use information as long as the customer hasn't instructed to the contrary. Requiring institutions to obtain prior customer approval, as is commonly the case in Europe, would offer better consumer protection.

At last, Congress has nabbed the industry's attention on privacy, an issue that until now had been on the edge of modernization deliberations. Mega banks and financial service firms amass a vast inventory of personal financial information that warrant more than industry promises of protection.

Customer privacy is no small matter, in part, because modern technology makes timely financial information extremely valuable. Many financial service companies already sell credit card and checking account information, birth dates, addresses and telephone numbers to outsiders.

Worried by the trend, Comptroller of the Currency John D. Hawke Jr. has repeatedly criticized the sale of customer information as "seamy" and legally questionable. In Minnesota, the state's attorney general is locked in a lawsuit with U.S. Bancorp, which it accuses of selling customer information to telemarketing firms in violation of the bank's own privacy policies. There are also allegations in the case that some telemarketers may have used credit card information to sign up customers for products and services they didn't order.

Taxing the Internet

Amarillo Globe-News

The explosion of business on the Internet has led to a problem of increasing significance.

The Internet may be the technology of the 21st century, but even this technology will find it difficult to avoid a financial consideration as old as America itself — taxes.

Monday marked the inaugural meeting of the 19-member Advisory Commission on Electronic Commerce.

The commission undoubtedly makes those who own Internet stock cringe at the thought of taxes and the potential negative financial impact.

The commission was formed to study the complex problem of how to allocate state and local taxes on electronic commerce while avoiding a heavy tax burden on the companies selling goods on the Internet.

It is a perplexing problem.

Buying and selling on the Internet has become a multimillion dollar operation.

States and local communities fear as the electronic business continues to escalate, taxes will decrease which in turn could result in such things as higher property taxes to offset the financial loss.

These fears certainly are justified.

However, a large and inordinate tax on Internet commerce could stifle the growth of burgeoning electronic industry.

The commission, which is not scheduled to issue a report until next April, is bogged down politically with fund-raising issues and attempting to prevent conflicts of interest by accepting funds from businesses.

Perhaps Congress should foot the bill to avoid businesses buying influence on the committee.



Deanie Francis Mills

Chirp! Chirp!



Funny, the things we can learn from watching wild creatures in nature.

I was taking a walk with our dog, Bart, diddling along, not thinking of much of anything, when I noticed two little birds overhead, swooping and fluttering erratically in the West Texas wind. In the country silence, I noticed that as they flew, they called to each other intermittently in single little chirps. One would chirp, then the other would chirp. The first one would swing over and settle on a high wire and call out a chirp, and the other would chirp back mid-air.

I stopped to watch them. They were young scissor-tails...I could tell because their characteristic split tails were short. And they were inexperienced fliers. When Bart startled the bird on the high wire, it flew straight up in alarm, then tumbled back down in a free-fall for a few feet before regaining its direction — only to be pushed backward by the wind. Finally, he flew straight along the wire, grabbed onto it, and let out a grateful chirp. That's when I heard another, more authorative, "Chirp!"

Sitting splendidly poised on the wire, but down a few yards, was a full-grown scissor-tail, and she — I assumed it was the mother, though it could have been the father bird — was also calling to the young birds intermittently. Apparently, she was teaching her young how to fend for themselves in the big wide world, but she was careful not to let them get out of chirping range, so she could keep an eye on them. And they knew that as long as they could hear her frequent chirp, they would be all right while they fumbled around, figuring out how to be big birds. In the meantime, they also called to each other so that the whole family could maintain contact.

I've often heard about mother birds teaching their babies how to fly, but I never stopped to think about, say, teenage birds. They know how to fly but they don't know how to catch bugs in mid-air or navigate the wind or find shelter. Someone has to teach them how to do this, and as they gain strength and fly further and further from the nest, someone has to make sure they don't fly so far away that they get lost, for that would surely be the end of them.

How frightening that must be — exhilarating, to be sure, but frightening nonetheless — for a young bird, eager to leave the nest, to soar into the heavens — only to find himself slammed backward by the wind or caught helplessly in a dangerous downdraft. Forget finding bugs. He just wants to survive until he can get hold of that high wire. Then, wham! There comes a big old dog! Now what's he supposed to do? For all he knows, the dog can fly too.

Thank goodness mama is within chirping distance, reassuring him that he's doing fine, and that as far as she knows, the dog can't fly, after all. Soon he's ready to take flight again, and have some fun this time with his brothers and sisters and friends.

I know what's going on with the bird family, because I have two kids in college. The telephone is our "chirp" to one another, the way of keeping touch and of making sure everyone's all right. Whether one or the other is in a crisis of some kind, that phone will ring most every day. They know I'm here all the time — perched on that wire — and they'll call at odd times. Eleven in the morning or three in the afternoon, for instance.

When Dustin was going through his infamous (and notoriously hellacious) "fish" year in the Corps of Cadets at Texas A&M, he would call sometimes for no other reason than just to be mad. I could hear it in his voice. Not that he would be snippy with me or anything, but he would sound so down. He would say, "How're things at home? How's Bart? Have you heard from Jessica? And we would chat for a while. Eventually he would break down and tell me what was bothering him. Then, inevitably, he would see the humor in the situation and would start to turn the whole thing into a funny story. I would laugh, and he would laugh, and he'd hang up feeling better.

Chirp, Chirp.

This summer, Jessica is doing summer rep theatre in her college town. She started out flying high. She'd gotten a choice role and some terrific opportunities. A happier kid you never saw. Then she had a bad accident and wrecked her car — totaled it. No, she was not hurt, thank goodness, but she was definitely afoot for the first time in her privileged little life.

For at least two weeks after the accident, she'd call every day in tears over something that, on the surface, was minor. Maybe the director yelled at her during rehearsal — something she could handle like a pro any other time. But this wasn't any other time because now she was stranded and having to cope! She'd cry and I'd soothe. Gradually, the tears dried up and before long, she was laughing, too.

Chirp, Chirp.

The college years are a transition to adulthood. Young people are away from home — flying those blue skies — but they're not quite ready just yet to handle those downdrafts. And to tell the truth — mama's not quite ready for them to fly out of chirping range just yet either.

So we call to each other. And that way, the big blue sky doesn't seem quite so overwhelming.



Construction drops second straight month

WASHINGTON (AP) — Construction spending fell in May for a second straight month, the first time that's happened in two years, indicating one of the economy's strongest sectors is starting to slow.

The Commerce Department said Thursday that spending dropped by 0.9 percent in May, after falling by 2 percent in April.

The declines were fairly widespread, with decreases reported in single-family homes, apartment buildings, hotels and motels and big government construction projects.

The decrease was not expected. Many analysts had expected construction spending to rise by 1 percent in May.

Home building and other construction activity, driven by low mortgage rates, were a key contributing factor to the strong economic growth in the early part of the year. Sales of new and existing homes had hit record highs during the winter.

But the pace of home sales has cooled in recent months, reflecting rising mortgage rates. Sales of new homes fell 5.1 percent in May and sales of existing homes dropped 4 percent.

The Federal Reserve, worried that the economy was not slowing quickly enough to keep inflation under control, announced Wednesday it was increasing short-term interest rates by a quarter point.

However, the Fed, in a pleasant surprise for financial markets, signaled this increase may be enough to slow economic activity to a more sustainable rate.

Wall Street rebounded after the increase was announced Wednesday but was barely on the plus side in late morning Thursday although hovering near the 11,000 mark.

In a second report, the Labor Department said Thursday the number of Americans filing new claims for unemployment benefits dropped last week.

Additional evidence of the economy's strength came Thursday in a report from corporate purchasing executives. The National Association of Purchasing Management said 16 of 20 industries reported a pickup in business in June — the fifth straight month of increases.

The construction report showed that spending on residential building fell 0.5 percent in May to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of $320 billion with both single-family homes and apartments showing declines.

Construction spending for all private building projects fell 0.7 percent, the second straight month of decline, something that has not happened for three years. Spending on factories, hotels and hospitals all saw declines. But spending on office buildings showed a gain.

Spending on government construction projects fell 1.6 percent in May, the third straight monthly decline, the first time that has happened in eight years.

In the report on jobless claims, the Labor Department said 299,000 Americans filed new claims for jobless benefits for the week ending June 26 — down by 5,000 from the previous week.

Many analysts had expected a slight rise in jobless claims. The drop below the 300,000 level indicated that the labor market remains exceptionally tight.

The four-week moving average for claims, which helps smooth out week-to-week volatility, also was down to 307,000, the lowest level since May 29 when they were at 305,500.

The government on Friday will report on unemployment for the month of June and many analysts believe the rate will stay at 4.2 percent, a 29-year low.

No ice cream trucks

PORT ARTHUR (AP) — There's not much good humor in Nederland when it comes to ice cream trucks.

The Nederland City Council reaffirmed its longtime ban on the vendors at its meeting this week, citing concerns about the safety of trucks enticing children to run into narrow residential streets.

Mayor Homer Nagel also noted the reason ice cream trucks were banned more than two decades ago: complaints about music blaring from the trucks' speakers that woke shift workers, often asleep when the trucks passed.

Genetic link found for higher risk of colorectal cancer among blacks

BUFFALO, N.Y. (AP) — Researchers have identified genetic signs unique to some blacks that appear to increase their risk for cancer of the colon and rectum.

The findings, published in the June 23 issue of the Journal of the American Medical Association, could help early diagnosis, a key to survival.

"Knowing the alterations is helpful when trying to look for them in families that are affected," said Dr. Thomas Weber, who led the two-year study at Roswell Park Cancer Institute.

While similar links between colorectal cancer and specific genetic mutations have already been established among a handful of nationalities and ethnic groups, the new study was the first to focus on blacks.

The nation's third-leading cause of cancer deaths, colorectal cancer is expected to strike 129,400 people in the United States this year and kill 55,000.

Blacks suffer higher rates of cancer of the colon and rectum than other racial and ethnic groups and die more frequently from the disease.

However, the researchers said the genetic alterations are probably not an explanation for the higher death rate: that is largely attributable to late-stage diagnosis.

In any case, regular screening for cancer is essential, Weber said.

"Anything we can do to help identify who's at risk and direct clinical surveillance to those people would be very helpful," he said.

Despite easy take-home tests, only about 40 percent of Americans over the age of 50 are screened regularly for colorectal cancer, the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said.

The Roswell Park research, done over the past two years, looked at 11 unrelated black colorectal cancer patients.

The study determined that defects of the so-called "mismatch repair" genes, which normally repair DNA in cells that fail to replicate properly, contribute to hereditary nonpolyposis colorectal cancer, a specific type.

The American Cancer Society recommends that men and women 50 or older get tested annually to detect cancers of the colon or rectum. Screening should begin earlier for people with a strong family history of cancer.

$4 million in grants presented

WASHINGTON (AP) — Performances past and future will benefit from $4 million in grants to the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts and the Library of Congress, made by the Doris Duke Charitable Foundation in New York.

Of $3 million for the Kennedy Center, $2 million will go to its Millennium Endowment Fund to help organize international festivals. The grant is to be matched by other contributors over three years. The other $1 million will support festivals dealing this year with Africa, next year with Ireland and in 2001 with Latin America.

An additional $1 million, it was announced Tuesday, will go to the Library of Congress over two years so it can create an archive on the work of Martha Graham. She was a leading creator and performer of American dance who died in 1991 at age 96. The library will buy a collection of her papers concerning her career of more than 65 years.

The money also will commission the Martha Graham Company to reconstruct five of her works for presentation and video productions.

Swedish studies eye genetics and cervical cancer

By The Associated Press

A study of Swedish women offers some of the best evidence yet that heredity plays a role in cervical cancer, a disease blamed mostly on infection by a sexually transmitted virus.

Scientists know that the human papilloma virus can lead to cancer of the cervix in a small fraction of cases. But they have long suspected that genetics plays a role in at least some cases.

The researchers looked at public health records on mothers and daughters to reach their conclusion. They did not estimate what percentage of cervical cancer cases might be attributable to heredity.

The study published in Thursday's issue of the journal Nature was led by Ulf Gyllensten, a geneticist at the University of Uppsala in Sweden.

The study, based solely on statistics, is considered exceptional because of the detail provided by Swedish records, and the highly stable and homogeneous population in the Scandinavian country.

"This certainly gives us more of a reason to believe it's related to genetics," said Dr. Wendy Brewster, an epidemiology expert at the University of California at Irvine. "For so long with cervical cancer it's been argued that it's environmental, or a sexually transmitted cancer."

Gyllensten compared the Swedish cancer registry, which contains records of all cancer diagnosed in Sweden between 1958 and 1993, against the Swedish national registry of parents of people born after 1940.

The study looked at nearly 127,000 relatives of 71,533 women with cervical cancer. It tracked mothers and daughters in the same families, and distinguished between biological and adoptive relatives.

The results showed a strong link in the risk of cervical cancer between women related biologically.

"This study doesn't tell us what gene it's on, or whether it's multiple genes, but it's very exciting," Brewster said.

The study also indicated that women are at risk for cervical cancer at a younger age if they had a mother or sister with the disease. That typically is true of most types of cancer.

The human papilloma virus is the nation's most common sexually transmitted disease, infecting up to half the women in the United States with between 100 and 200 different strains, said Denise Galloway of the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center in Seattle.

But only a tiny percentage of women get one of the few dangerous strains that cause cervical cancer. The disease affects about 16,000 American women a year, and about 5,000 die.

Q&A

Don't let alcohol put a chill on your summer

(In response to a growing concern among parents, educators and other members of the community, Snyder Daily News, in cooperation with Al-Anon support groups and the Snyder Area Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse, is devoting this column to your questions about the increasing threat of substance abuse.)

DON'T LET ALCOHOL PUT A CHILL ON YOUR SUMMER

Lets understand a few simple facts about alcohol. The sunshine, warmth and long days of the coming season provide a wealth of opportunities for recreation and relaxation, but, when mixed with alcohol, these activities can turn dangerous and even deadly.

"Alcohol consumption results in a gradual dulling of reactions of the brain and nervous system, turning normal situations into potentially dangerous ones," says Dr. Nicholas A. Pace, M.D., a board member of the National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence, Inc. in New York City. "It causes a loss of inhibitions, which leads to aggressiveness, poor judgment, and reckless movements in the water while boating, swimming and diving. It can cause faulty coordination and disorientation in the water, and impair a person's swallowing and breathing reflexes -- both of which are essential to swimming."

The following statistics underscore the negative consequences of alcohol consumption:

- Drinking may be a factor in 80% of boating fatalities, says the National Transportation Safety Board. According to the National Safety Council, boating accidents are this country's second-largest cause of transportation injuries.
- According to the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism, alcohol is involved in an estimated 38% of drowning deaths. Data assembled recently for the Surgeon General shows that this number rises to between 40% and 50% for young males.
- 40-50% of all diving injury victims consume alcoholic beverages, according to the same report.

For heavy drinkers, alcohol consumption during the summer months can contribute to heat prostration. This dehydration also can increase your chances of having a stroke, particularly for individuals with high blood pressure. Hypoglycemia and heart rhythm irregularities are additional dangers of drinking on a hot, sunny day.

With so much fun to be had, why let alcohol put a chill on your summer? People under the age of twenty-one, drivers and people planning water-related recreational activities should stay away from alcohol. Even those who observe the Federal government's recommendations for moderate drinking (two drinks per day for men, one for women) should bear in mind that alcohol may affect them differently during their favorite summertime activity.

If you're spending July 4th at the lake or in the park, Snyder Area Council on Alcohol & Drug Abuse wants to remind boaters and skiers and fun seekers: mixing water, sports and alcohol can be a real drowner. Drinking means a loss of the coordination and reflexes you need to safely "catch a wave".

Please send your questions on drugs or addiction to P.O. Box 695, Snyder, Texas 79550. All questions and personal inquires may be submitted anonymously. Twenty-four-hour confidential information is available by calling (915) 573-1141 or 1-800-658-6722. Information on help groups and individual's phone numbers may be found in the SDN Community Calendar.

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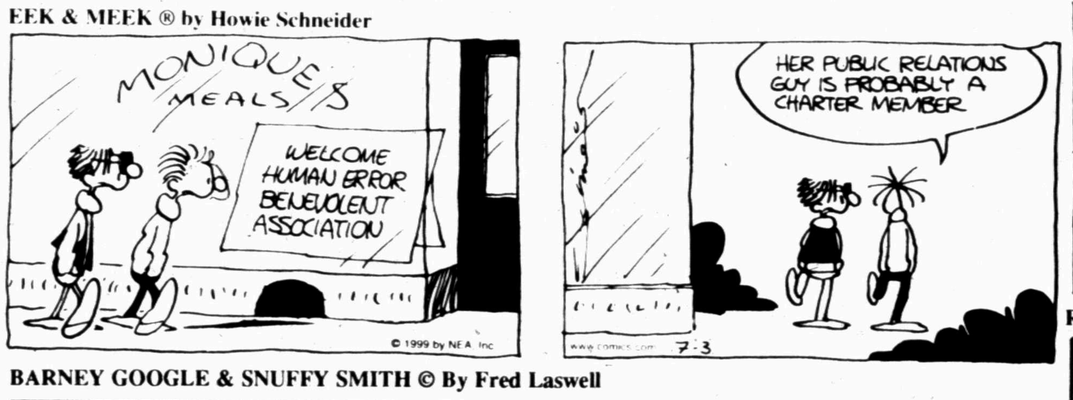
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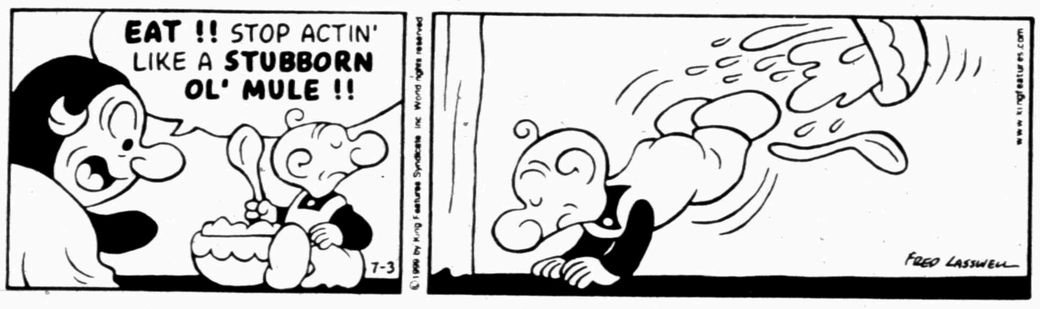
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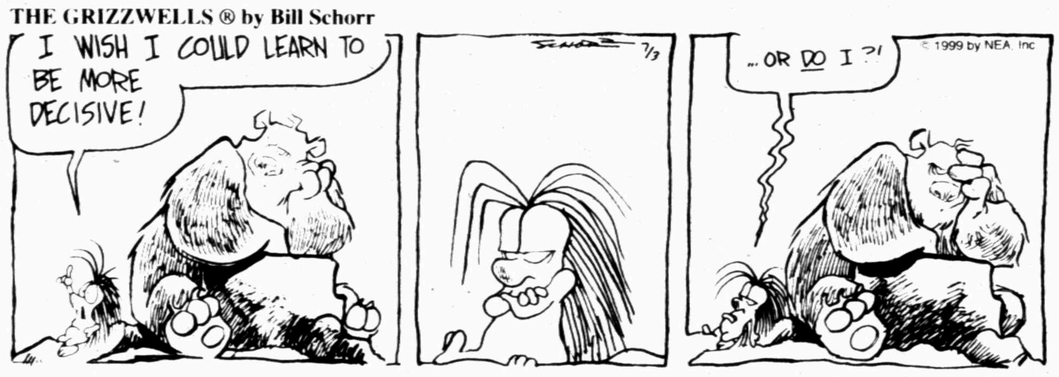
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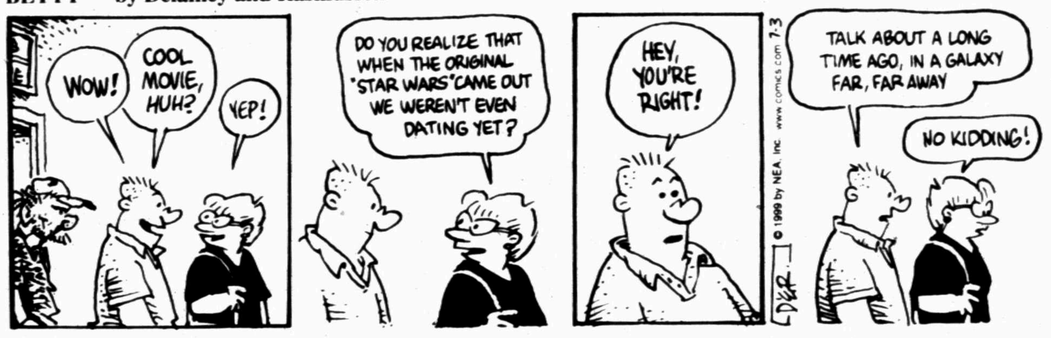
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ACROSS

1 Sways
7 Main
12 Rationally
13 Piece of china
14 Play segments
15 Hem
16 Superlative ending
17 Driller's deg.
18 — Tech
21 Flower part
23 Greek letter
26 River in Belgium
28 Tiny speck
29 Yule —
30 Attention-getting sound
31 Meeting
33 Takes umbrage at
36 Birthmarks
37 Yorkshire river
38 Adjective ending
40 Dill seed
41 Sault — Marie
42 Imitate
44 Mao — -tung
45 Beer holder (abbr.)
46 Beret
48 Showing signs of old age
51 Glacial epoch (2 wds.)
55 Clay worker
56 Cavalry soldier
57 Son of Jacob
58 Swiss songs

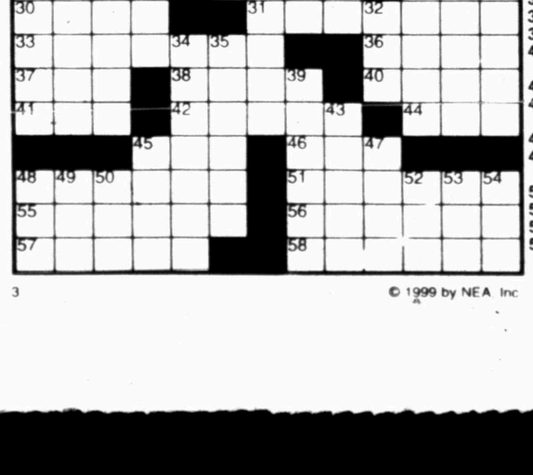
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1 Draft agcy.
2 Female soldier (abbr.)
3 Like (suff.)
4 Hawaiian goose
5 Actress Sharon —
6 Method
7 Ping-Pong equipment
8 Carpets
9 Here (Fr.)
10 Males
11 Unit of work
13 Dignified
18 Island in the Mediterranean
19 Affirm
20 Tenant
22 Marsupial
23 Customer
24 Horse feet
25 Set fire to
27 AAA offering
32 Nahoor sheep
34 More lithe
35 Laborer
39 Part of Italy
43 Source of chocolate
45 Tang
47 Await decision
48 Resort
49 Dawn goddess
50 — degree
52 Highest card
53 Salon buy
54 Hesitation sounds

Answer to Previous Puzzle

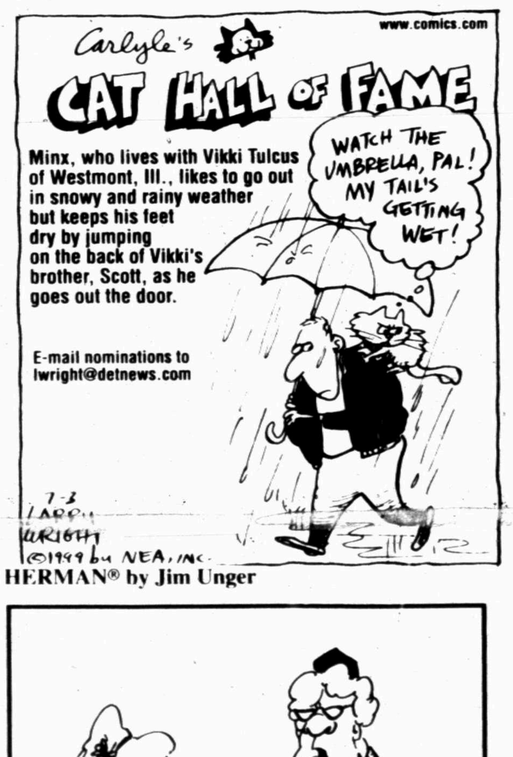
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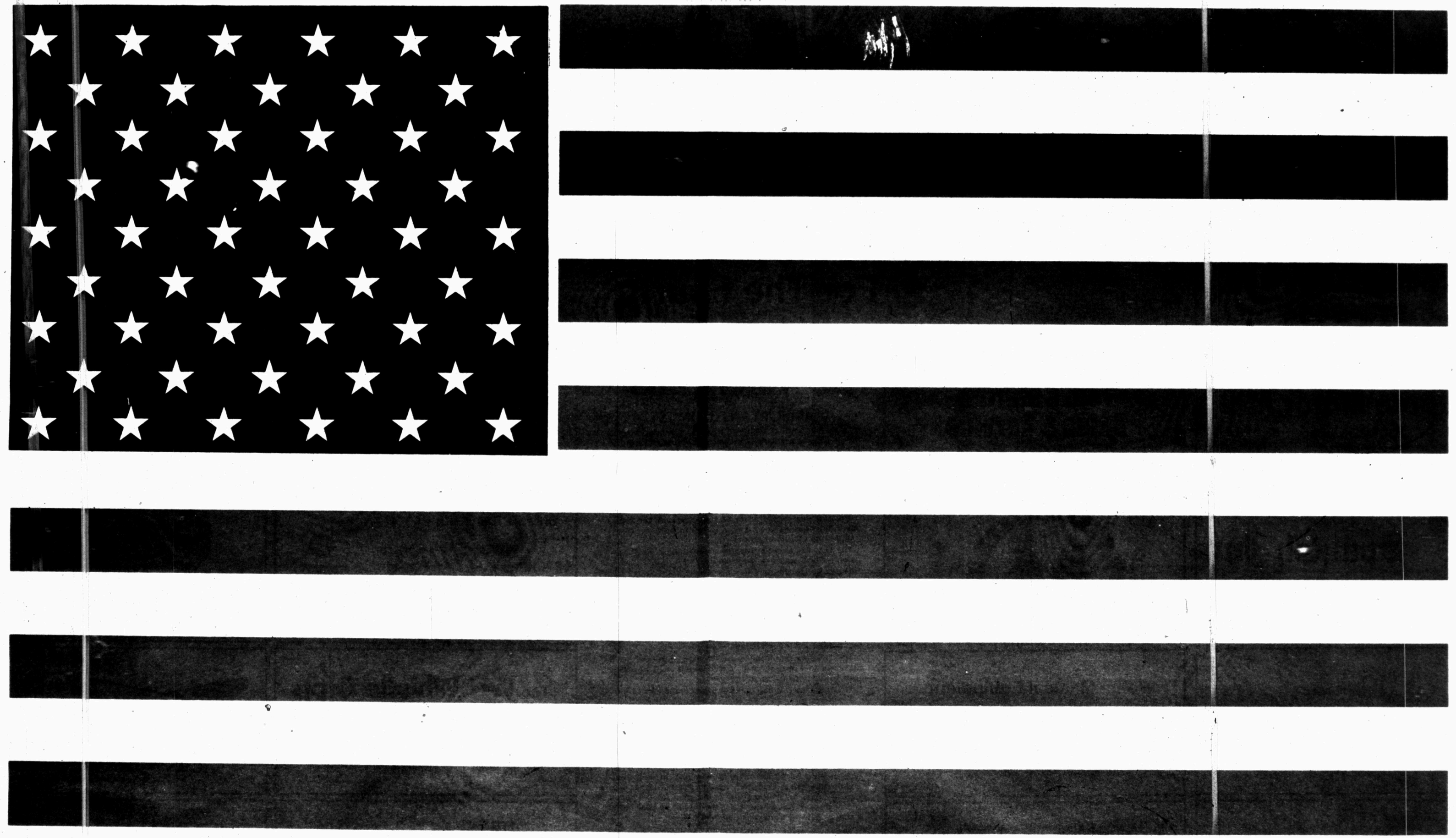
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