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Home of Mae Cole

For distance learning center...

County okays sale of Ira community center

By Brian Brisendine
SDN Staff Writer

Scurry County Commissioners' Court voted unanimously this morning to order an appraisal of the Ira Community Center for the sale of the building to the Ira School District.

ISD plans to use the building, which commissioners said would likely appraise for $2,000 to $3,000, as a distance learning center. The school district recently received a $50,000 grant for the technological center.

Sale of the building would include a stipulation that the facility must continue to be used as a community center when needed and also as a voting site for elections.

County Judge Ricky Fritz said he has not received any negative feedback from the public regarding the proposal.

The court also heard from members of the Scurry County Library Board concerning a proposed increase in salary for library director Jamie Romine.

The board produced a list of salaries for the same position in communities that are similar in size to Snyder. Scurry County was near the bottom of the list with an annual base salary of $19,339, as compared to Andrews which pays $32,035 and Brownfield which pays $25,057 per year.

The library board asked commissioners to increase the salary to $24,000, an almost 25-percent raise. No action was taken.

Several library patrons attended the meeting and all attested that the library is in better shape now than it has been in the past. They attributed most of that success to Romine, who has a master's degree in library science.

In other business, the court received the proposed $28.1 million budget for Cogdell Memorial Hospital from CEO George Parsley. The hospital board approved the budget on Friday.

The court will put its stamp of approval on the hospital budget when the overall county budget is considered.

James Cain, a representative from the Texas Association of Counties, presented Scurry County with a Gold Star Safety Award during the meeting.

Cain said that citizens should be proud of the award because only seven are given throughout the state.

"This is a really big deal and you all should be very proud," Cain said. "In the whole state of Texas, only six other counties can claim to have received this award and this is the second year in a row that Scurry County has received it."

One item on the agenda regarding a request from the Scurry County Treasurer for a hotel rate variance was withdrawn prior to the meeting.

Commissioners also approved several line-item transfers and one budget amendment in the amount of $13,634.

The budget amendment included $8,449 for workmen's comp and $5,185 for unemployment insurance.

Line-item transfers included $73 in the tax assessor's office from postage to bonds, $500 from janitorial supplies to auto expenses in the maintenance department, $956.85 in transfers at the airport, and a transfer of $37,706.69 in the parks department from general payroll for new equipment, pool repairs and part time labor.

Judge Fritz presided and commissioners present were Ralph Trevey, Chloanne Lindsey, Roy Idom and Howard Limmer.



GETTING READY — Lonnie Horwood of Sterling City works on a lamb Saturday morning before the Best of Texas Livestock Show. Hundreds of animals were shown in the Scurry County Coliseum during the three-day show. (SDN Staff Photo)

Astronauts work on air lock

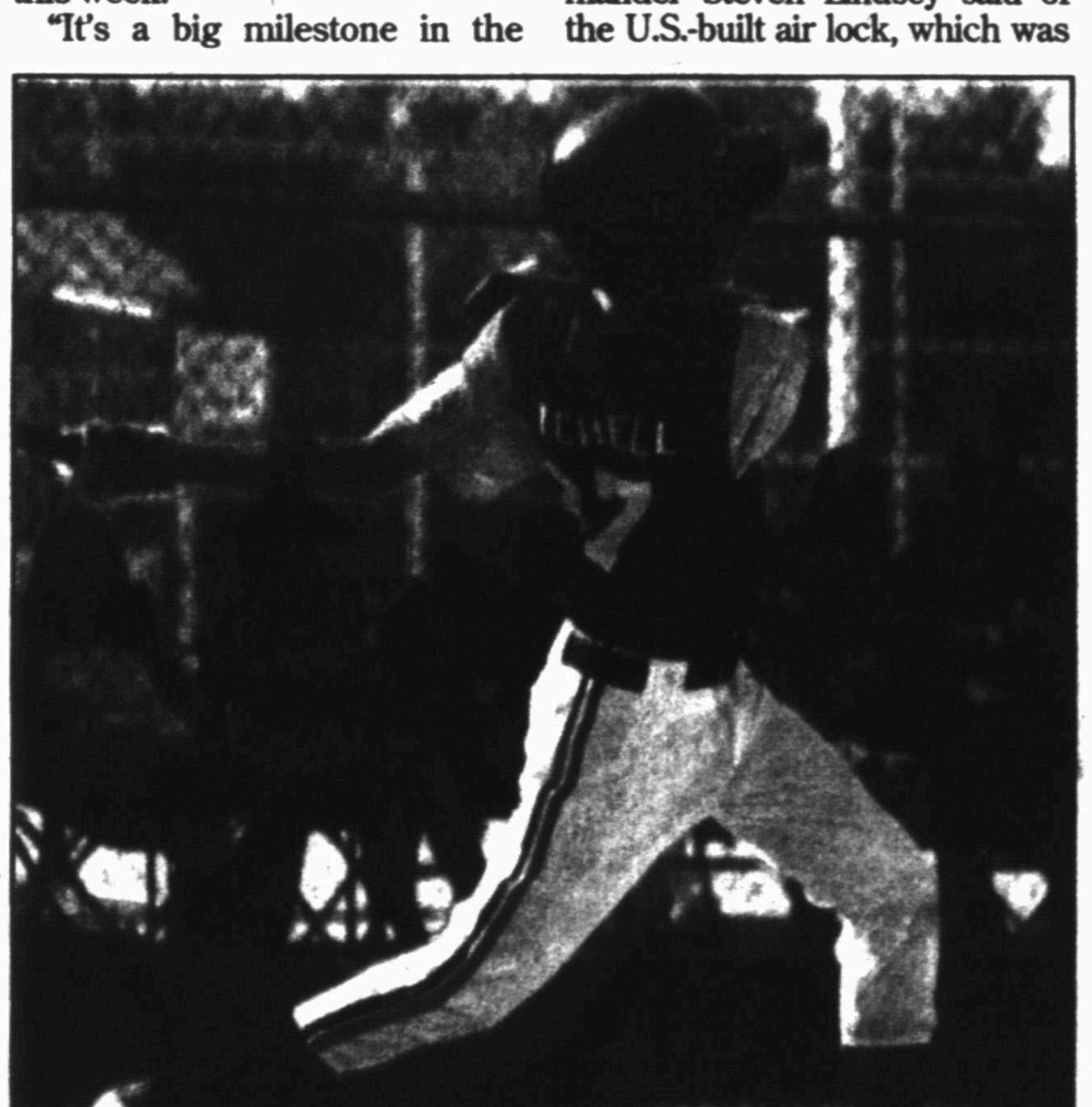
SPACE CENTER, Houston (AP) — Astronauts early today worked to hook up a new $164 million air lock aboard the international space station in preparation for putting it to work later this week.

"It's a big milestone in the whole station assembly program because when we complete the air lock task we will have completed the first phase, the initial phase of space station construction," space shuttle Atlantis Commander Steven Lindsey said of the U.S.-built air lock, which was attached to the space station Alpha early Sunday.

"When we leave we'll have a fully operational space station," he said.

The 61/2-ton, U.S.-built air lock will enable astronauts to conduct spacewalks from the station in American spacesuits. They have been able to step out into space from a Russian segment of the space station wearing Russian suits, but U.S. suits are incompatible with the Russian systems.

"It simply added to the spacewalking capabilities that we already had," said U.S. astronaut Susan Helms.



MOVING ON — Ryan Mitchell blasts a three-run homer Saturday to help Snyder's 11 and 12-year-old all-stars earn the District 5 tournament title with a 6-5 victory over Abilene Dixie. Mitchell and his mates were the only Snyder team to advance pass the district round. Next up for the local squad is the subsectional tournament starting Wednesday at Graham. (Contributed Photo)

Heat, usage causes hospital power outage

Heavy electrical usage during Sunday's 104-degree heat caused an in-line fuse to blow on a utility pole in the area of Cogdell Memorial Hospital around noon. As a result, the hospital was forced to go on auxiliary power.

TXU Electric manager Daryl Thomas said the fuse blew in the alley of 5300 Etgen, just across the street from the hospital.

Thomas said electricity was out about 20 minutes.

The Snyder Fire Department responded to a report of a fire in the alleyway, and Fire Chief Perry Westmoreland said the department was on the scene only about 15 minutes.

"The transformer was sending out sparks so we stayed around until TU crews arrived," said Westmoreland.

Search for missing intern moves to popular park area

WASHINGTON (AP) — Authorities resumed their search for Chandra Levy today, using police cadets to help officers looking in a large park that the former federal intern liked to visit.

Searchers were concentrating on the area around Klingle Mansion in Rock Creek Park. Police say Levy, 24, looked up a map site for Klingle Mansion on May 1, the last time police believe she used her laptop and a day after she was last seen in public. The mansion is about two miles from her apartment building.

The lawyer for Levy's family said Sunday that the family believes she left her apartment to see someone she knew because she did not take her purse, wallet, identification or credit cards.

Before Levy disappeared, she told her family that her boyfriend demanded she not carry identification when they were together, attorney Billy Martin said.

"Chandra instructed friends and family that when she met with her secret lover and her friend that that was the procedure used. ... He did not want her to be identified," Martin said on NBC's "Meet the Press."

He said Levy "appears to have been lured, called or brought out of the apartment expecting to return."

Washington Police Chief Charles Ramsey said investigators do not believe Levy would easily be lured from her apartment by a stranger. "I mean, it just doesn't fit that it would be a stranger or something like that," Ramsey said.

Police have reported finding no signs of foul play in her apartment.

The missing person's case has generated national attention because Rep. Gary Condit, whose district includes Levy's hometown of Modesto, Calif., acknowledged to investigators that he was having an affair with Levy, a police source has said.

Condit, 53 and married, is not a suspect in Levy's disappearance, police have said. He has kept a public silence, and acknowledged the romantic relationship on July 6, in his third interview with police, the source said.

That reported admission prompted the Senate's top Republican, Trent Lott of Mississippi, to say that Condit, a Democrat, should resign.

"Infidelity is always unacceptable, but particularly when you have an elected official involved in a position of trust with a young girl, an intern," Lott said on "Fox News Sunday."

Meeting tonight for four-year degree plan at Western Texas

Residents interested in pursuing a four-year college degree without having to travel out of town are invited to a "town-hall meeting" this evening to receive information on the program.

John Gibson, dean of vocational instruction at Western Texas College, and Dr. Harvey Stone, associate professor and director of outreach at Midwestern State University, will conduct the 6:30 p.m. program in the WTC Fine Arts Theatre.

WTC and Midwestern have partnered to provide a flexible alternative for working adults to earn a B.A.A.S. degree.

Gibson said the concept of the inverted bachelor's degree is not new, but the approach to serve the non-traditional working adult is.

The degree focuses on the student's occupational specialty while accepting the vocational-technical courses a student earns while completing the associate of applied science degree at WTC.

Most universities will accept no more than 66 hours from a community college, but Midwestern will make an exception to the 66-hour rule by allowing the individual to transfer up to 84 hours from WTC.

The remaining 40 hours of the 124-hour bachelor's degree can be earned either online on the Internet, or through classes taught by Midwestern adjunct faculty on the WTC campus.

ASK US

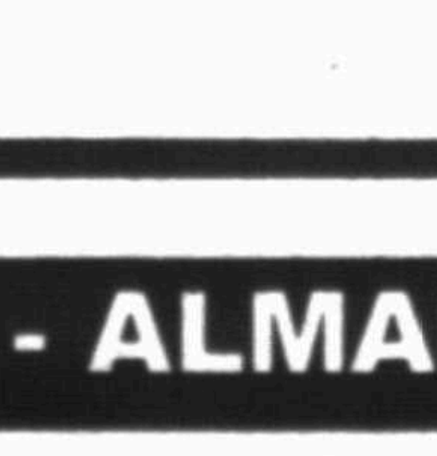
Q—What entity uses the most city water?

A—The Price Daniel Unit, by far. It annually uses over 90 million gallons, followed by the Snyder school district at 30 million gallons and WTC at around 14 million.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Saturday, 104 degrees; low, 75; high Sunday, 104; low, 76; trace precipitation; total for 2001, 9.44 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, mostly clear, low mid 70s. Tuesday, mostly sunny, high around 101. Tuesday night, mostly clear, low mid 70s.



Juan Tejada
Sunny

Sunset:
8:49 p.m.
Sunrise:
6:52 a.m.
Of 196 days in 2001, the sun has shone 184 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

Failure is the opportunity to begin again more intelligently.

—Henry Ford

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VP and Cabinet members pitch energy plan

WASHINGTON (AP) — Vice President Dick Cheney, Cabinet members and a squad of sympathetic lawmakers are scattering across the nation to drum up support for the Bush administration's energy strategy.

The House and Senate are beginning to consider many of the recommendations President Bush outlined when he released the plan in May, and administration officials view this as a critical moment to take their case directly to voters.

Rather than argue for their plan from Washington, Cheney and the others were employing a forum favored by former President Clinton: the town hall meeting.

Cheney was moderating such a gathering on energy in Monroeville, Pa., east of Pittsburgh, on today evening, after addressing a convention of county officials in Philadelphia. In tow were three Republican lawmakers from Pennsylvania, Sens. Rick Santorum and Arlen Specter, and Rep. Melissa Hart.

Tickets to the event were distributed by another Republican, Gov. Tom Ridge. But aides to the governor and to the vice president said a broad array of interest groups would be on hand to question Cheney.

Bush has visited Pennsylvania, a key electoral state, four times in his six months as president.

Five Cabinet members were also convening town hall meetings for Bush's plan, which calls for a blend of new coal and oil production; increased reliance on nuclear power; increased energy conservation; and research into such renewable power sources as wind and solar.

Interior Secretary Gale Norton was heading today to Sioux Falls, S.D., with Rep. John Thune, R-S.D., to promote the plan.

Commerce Secretary Don Evans was flying to Monroe, N.C., with GOP Reps. Robin Hayes and Sue Myrick, R-N.C.

Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Christie Whitman was going to Old Lyme, Conn. with Rep. Rob Simmons, R-Conn.

Energy Secretary Spencer Abraham was traveling to Argonne, Ill., with Rep. Judy Biggert, R-Ill.

Transportation Secretary Norman Mineta was appearing in Euclid, Ohio.

Notably absent from the administration's target list was California, where an electricity crisis has threatened to cripple the most populous state and where gasoline prices have surged in recent months. Bush visited California in late May to discuss energy with Democratic Gov. Gray Davis.

"The districts we're going to were planned where Congress members believe that a drop-by by a Cabinet official or the vice president would provide a great deal of information about the plan," said Juleanna Glover Weiss, a spokeswoman for Cheney. "The belief is the more people know about this, the more they like it."

Anticipating the town hall meetings, the Natural Resources Defense Council renewed its criticism of the Bush plan, contending it would "increase pollution, despoil the environment, threaten public health and accelerate global warming."

"Moreover, it would have no impact on energy prices, and no practical effect on U.S. dependence on foreign sources of oil," the environmental group said.

Conventions highlight new places for minorities

MILWAUKEE (AP) — Huddled in a New York apartment in 1909, civil rights activists convened the first meeting of the NAACP and vowed to fight for anti-lynching laws, president Kweisi Mfume reminded delegates at last week's convention.

Several generations later, Mfume said the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People is still engaged in fighting hate crimes, citing the case of James Byrd, a black man dragged to his death from a pick-up truck in 1998 by three whites.

"The greater fight is before us," Mfume said.

As the National Council of La Raza meets through Wednesday, members too will focus on the future — but for the Hispanic advocacy group it is a future promising increasing influence and power.

Census data shows the Hispanic population grew 58 percent nationwide in the last decade — from 22.4 million in 1990 to 35.3 million in 2000. Hispanics now rival non-Hispanic blacks as the country's largest minority group.

"Whereas blacks have been the kind of established racial minority group that have made their way into politics, Latinos are the emerging group," said Paula McClain, a political science and law professor at Duke University.

La Raza will use its conference to convene workshops to study the emerging Latino communities in the southeast and what the 2000 census means to the nation.

But the meeting agendas also reveal that the two groups are also trying to figure out how to relate to each other in their new roles.

La Raza is devoting a panel specifically to black-Hispanic relations.

At the NAACP meeting in New Orleans, there were repeated calls for the group to reach out to non-black minorities.

"The emergence of new and vibrant populations of people of color holds great promise and great peril," NAACP chairman Julian Bond told the convention. "The peril is that our old enemies will find ways to separate us and divide us."

At the national level there has been a long-established relationship and a common agenda between blacks and Hispanics, said La Raza spokeswoman Lisa Navarrete.

"At the local level, it's much more problematic. There are a lot of areas in the country where there are increased tensions and a competition for dwindling resources," she said.

The battle for housing, jobs, government funding and social services is likely to increase, experts predict. The two groups may also clash over political representation, as they did in the recent Los Angeles mayoral election.

But blacks and Hispanics have worked together on key issues. The NAACP, La Raza and other civil rights groups backed recently introduced legislation that would ban racial profiling by federal agencies.

"It doesn't make sense for blacks and Hispanics to argue over which of us has the smallest amount of power. Together we can constitute a mighty, mighty force for right," Bond said.

A glance at La Raza's conference speakers shows an influential list: Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle, Sen. Joseph Lieberman and Energy Secretary Spencer Abraham. Mexican President Vicente Fox will also speak at the conference.

"Politicians know that in order to get elected and maintain stature, they're going to have to speak to the growing Hispanic population," said Jim Johnson, a professor of management at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

La Raza senior vice president Charles Kamasaki said Hispanics are optimistic about "not just the growth of the population, but the increasing political and economic clout that comes with it, the increasing acceptance and recognition by the public."

NAACP convention speakers included Surgeon General David Satcher, Rep. Sheila Jackson Lee, D-Texas, Rep. Bobby Scott, D-Va. and Sen. Christopher Dodd, a Connecticut Democrat.

But some wondered at the absence of Lieberman and Daschle at the NAACP, both said to be eyeing presidential bids in 2004.

"There is sort of this swing to courting the Hispanic vote," said University of Maryland political science professor Ronald Walters. "If they're going to La Raza, why are they going to La Raza and not the NAACP?"

Bond was untroubled: "When they feel they need us, they'll come back."

Meantime, both black and Hispanic leaders are working toward integration.

The NAACP's push to broaden itself has shown up at the local level.

In San Jose, Calif. branch, for example, the NAACP has three Asians and two Hispanics on its 23-member board.

"African-Americans are the ones that kicked open the doors for civil rights for everyone else to pass through," said branch president Rick Callender. "By allowing any community of color to be discriminated against, for us not to stand up and speak about it, is absolutely wrong."

events

RESULTS

Lotto Texas

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

The ticket was worth an estimated $6 million.

The numbers drawn Saturday night from a field of 54 were: 15-25-39-43-49-53

Wednesday night's drawing will be worth an estimated $9 million

Pick 3

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Scurry County

J. Ray Stewart will drill the No. 1 Eddie Eicke, a 7,695-foot wildcat re-entry, eight miles northeast of Snyder. Location is in Section 150, Block 2, H&TC survey.

Kent County

Hollis R. Sullivan Inc. will drill the No. 1-238 Beggs, a 5,000-foot wildcat located 11 miles north of Jayton. Drill site is in Section 238, Block F, H&TC survey.

Mobil Producing will drill the No. C556-W Salt Creek field unit, eight miles southeast of Clairemont. The re-entry project is planned for a depth of 6,900 feet, and location is in Section145, Block G, W&NW survey.

Garza County

McClure Oil Co. Inc. will drill the No. 4 Kirkpatrick in the Rocker A field, nine miles southeast of Post. The re-entry project is planned for a depth of 5,206 feet, and location is in Section 945, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Fisher County

Cholla Petroleum Inc. will drill the No. 125 Newman Swastika unit in the Newman field, five miles north of Eskota. Planned for a depth of 3,999 feet, location is in Section 7, Block 20, T&P survey.

Howard County

Devon SFS Operating has completed the No. 4-14N Allday in the Signal Peak field, three miles south of Coahoma. The well was finaled to produce 109 barrels of oil and 25 barrels of water. Perforations were from 7,530-594 feet, and location is in Section 14, Block 31, T1S, T&P survey.

Anadarko Petroleum has completed the No. 2868-A Snyder in the Snyder field, six miles southeast of Coahoma. The venture was completed to produce 564 barrels of oil and 1,564 barrels of water. Perforations were from 2,605-855 feet, and location is in Section 28, Block 30, T1S, T&P survey.

After family tragedies, septuplets bring joy

WASHINGTON (AP) — In his first interview since his wife delivered seven babies, the father says the couple is joyful about the births because they want a large family but have lost two other children in the last five years.

"God took two of them, and he gave us seven," Fahad Qahtani said in an interview published today in The Washington Post. "We thank Him for it all the time."

The septuplets were born Thursday at Georgetown University Hospital. By Sunday five of the newborns were breathing on their own and a sixth was expected to do so by today, the Post said.

Qahtani, a 29-year-old high school teacher from Saudi Arabia studying for a master's degree at George Washington University, said he and his wife, who was not identified in the interview, came to this country three years ago hoping to save the life of their youngest child. The boy, then 6 months old, was on a waiting list for an organ transplant, but died.

Two years earlier their 3-year-old daughter died while waiting for a liver transplant. The Post said it was unclear if the health problems of those children might suggest similar problems for the newborns.

Qahtani said he and his 28-year-old wife wanted a large family and after she had trouble becoming pregnant again opted for fertility drugs.

"We hope and pray for them to get better," Qahtani said of the babies. "We pray for them to be healthy."

The couple also has a 9-year-old son.

The babies, born within minutes of each other by Caesarean section, weighed from 2 pounds to 2 pounds 7 ounces at birth. They were named for the members of the Saudi royal family.

"We want to show our love for this family," Qahtani said.

The couple has received strong support from Saudi officials, who say they typically cover medical expenses for Saudi nationals.

The hospital said today the mother remained hospitalized in good condition and the babies were in the neonatal intensive care unit.

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EPA action alarms hog industry

HENNESSEY, Okla. (AP) — In the red dirt of central Oklahoma, where tractors lumber until dark and the stench of 8,800 sows clings to the breeze, manure has a new name: solid waste.

In an unprecedented move, the Environmental Protection Agency last month ordered a major hog producer to obey the same law that governs industrial and municipal pollution.

The consequences may be more than just a label change. The hog industry fears the order could touch every hog pen, chicken coop and cow pasture in rural America.

"It's a suggestion that manure is a toxic waste," said Al Tank, head of the National Pork Producers Council, which opposes using laws regulating hazardous and solid waste against hog farmers.

The EPA took action after discovering excessive nitrates in the private water well of Ana Rangel, who was 81/2 months pregnant at the time. High levels of nitrates can cause illness or death, particularly in infants.

Monitoring wells at hog waste lagoons in the area were found to have nitrate levels that were 10 times the acceptable level. The EPA feared waste had leaked from lagoons into the groundwater flow.

Using the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, the EPA declared that the leaking effluent was, in essence, solid waste. The act typically applies to hazardous and solid wastes from industry or municipal water treatment plants.

The agency ordered Seaboard Farms Inc. and former owner PIC International to investigate and clean up any contamination — acknowledging it doesn't know for sure if the lagoons are to blame.

"The whole idea is to protect public health," said Tim Jones, an EPA lawyer. "Whether we know conclusively if it's coming from a lagoon is not as important as protecting health."

Seaboard's supporters say that's unfair.

Wells in this farming region have tested high for nitrates before, and the pork industry points to fertilizer used by wheat farmers as a source. The town of Hennessey's water supply has been cited for nitrate violations in excess of 15 parts per million three times since 1995; 10 parts or higher is considered a health threat.

"There's a nitrate problem in this area. Is it related to hogs? We don't see the proof," said Shawn Lepard, executive director of ProAg, an Oklahoma lobby group that supports corporate farming.

Lepard arranged a visit with Luis and Ana Rangel, whose son was born healthy soon after the EPA order. The couple lived a quarter-mile from a manure pit big enough to hold two football fields. They've since moved but aren't sure whom to blame for their contaminated well.

"We talked to our doctor who said the wheat farmers aren't very innocent either," said Luis Rangel, a local ranch hand.

Seaboard, the nation's third-largest pork producer, is cooperating with the EPA. The Merriam, Kan.-based company will pay for an investigation to "prove ourselves innocent," said spokesman Gary Reckrodt.

"We are as concerned about our neighbors as anybody. We have employees, our own families, living near sites," he said. "If it's proven that it does have something to do with our operations, we'll address it."

In December, the EPA declared concentrated animal feeding operations like Seaboard's one of the nation's chief causes of water pollution. But enforcement action has been taken only once before against a hog farm over groundwater pollution. In that case, a North Carolina producer dug deeper wells for nearby residents after land application of manure was suspected of contaminating water.

The hog industry is suspicious of the EPA's timing in the Oklahoma case. The agency has monitored the farms for years because of their risky location above an aquifer topped by a thin shelf of sandy soil.

Roy Lee Lindsay, head of the Oklahoma Pork Council, believes the agency is trying to bolster its case for a proposal to expand the number of cattle feedlots and hog farms that have to get pollution permits.

"We're raising food to feed the world. To us, that's agriculture," Lindsay said. "Opponents tell you that we're an industry. They're trying to treat us not as agriculture producers but as an industry."

Tank warns that if the EPA is successful against Seaboard, it could use the Resource Conservation law against manure produced by cattle and poultry operations, or even farmers applying fertilizer to row crops.

"This is a very serious legal precedent that has implications for not only Seaboard but for every pork producer, every livestock producer, every poultry producer — regardless of size — in the United States," he said.

Tom Buis of the National Farmers Union doubts the case will have any effect on family farmers and said different rules should apply to corporate farms. And EPA spokesman David Bary said it's a leap to assume the agency will use the law across the board.

"This case is unique," he said. "It's unique because of the demonstrated effect on groundwater and public health."

On The Net:
National Pork Producers Council: http://www.nppc.org
Environmental Protection Agency: http://www.epa.gov

U.S. Congress members tour Vieques Island bombing area

VIEQUES, Puerto Rico (AP) — Six U.S. legislators toured the Puerto Rican island of Vieques on Sunday to see for themselves the Navy bombing range at the center of a dispute between Washington and the U.S. territory.

The legislators, all Democrats, landed in a helicopter at the observation post overlooking the range. Navy officers pointed out where planes make their bombing runs and where some protesters have been detained.

Officers also showed members of Congress where civilian security guard David Sanes was killed by errant bombs in 1999, an accident that touched off mass protests among Puerto Ricans frustrated with the Navy's six decades of exercises.

"All of us understand military preparedness, training, is key," said Rep. Sheila Jackson Lee of Texas. "I'd like to see them be able to train and not be in conflict with the people of Vieques."

Navy Rear Adm. Kevin Green, who accompanied the legislators, said the 1999 accident "is an argument for more training." Navy officials say they have installed a new radar system and established new procedures in an effort to prevent such mistakes in the future.

President Bush has called for the Navy to leave Vieques in 2003, but many Puerto Ricans — including Gov. Sila Calderon — say the bombing should stop immediately. Bombing opponents say the exercises pose a health risk, which the Navy denies.

Representatives from New York, California, Ohio and Texas visited on Sunday along with the nonvoting Congressional delegates from Puerto Rico and the neighboring U.S. Virgin Islands.

Jackson Lee said the first order of business should be finding a replacement for Vieques, preferably in an uninhabited area. Vieques, just east of the main island of Puerto Rico, has 9,100 residents.

Rep. Gregory Meeks of New York said the bombing should stop immediately and expressed concern about ammunition that has fallen in the water, saying "I wouldn't eat the fish." Rep. Nancy Pelosi of California said the bombing shouldn't resume at least until the government finishes an evaluation of health effects on residents.

Before returning to Puerto Rico, the legislators also met with three dozen opponents of Navy bombing at a protest camp just outside Navy land.

"The message of our visit is that Congress is listening to you," Pelosi told them.

The legislators urged Vieques residents to vote in a nonbinding referendum that the Puerto Rican government is holding on July 29 to gauge if and when they want the Navy to leave.

"It's important the people be able to determine what happens on their island," said Donna Christian-Chistensen, the Virgin Islands' delegate to Congress.

The group also toured the Navy's Camp Garcia and a building that serves as a holding area for detained protesters. Rep. Luis Gutierrez, an Illinois Democrat arrested during April protests, has complained the building was roofless and dirty. He was not among those visiting on Sunday.

"I would like us to have a better holding area," Jackson Lee said.

On Saturday, some legislators visited protesters jailed for trespassing on Navy land, including environmental lawyer Robert F. Kennedy Jr., nephew of the late president.

Rep. Stephanie Tubbs Jones of Ohio said Kennedy, serving a 30-day sentence in suburban San Juan, told her his wife had a baby while he was in the detention center.

"He said his wife was very happy and he wished he'd had a chance to be there," Tubbs Jones said.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder



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♥ A K 10 8 7 6
♦ A K Q
♣ 3

Dealer: South
Vulnerable: Both

South	West	North	East
2 ♣	Pass	2 NT	Pass
3 ♥	Pass	4 ♥	Pass
4 NT	Pass	5 ♦	Pass
5 NT	Pass	6 ♣	Pass
6 ♥	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♣ K

Monday, July 16, 2001

When the letters come in

By Phillip Alder

When mail arrives from readers, it is usually to point out an error. And normally they are correct, but not always. Yet earlier this year I received an unusual letter, from Nancy Seeley of Grass Valley, Calif. It included this deal. Seeley thought the columnist had recommended the second-best line of play. Well, how would you play in six hearts? West leads the club king, and trumps are 3-1.

One line is to win the first trick with dummy's club ace, ruff a club in hand, cash the heart ace, cross to the heart jack, ruff the last club, and play off the top diamonds. If West ruffs the last of these, he is endplayed. West must either lead a spade into your ace-queen or play a club, which you ruff in the dummy while discarding a spade from hand. And your second spade loser disappears on the diamond jack.

The alternative is to duck trick one. You ruff the next club, draw two rounds of trumps from hand, unblock two top diamonds, cross to dummy with a trump, discard your last diamond on the club ace, and throw both spade losers on the jack-10 of diamonds. (Similarly, you could win trick one, cash the heart queen, then do a winner-on-loser play, pitching a high diamond on a low club.)

Which is your pick?

Both lines work with this distribution. Yet if you switch the red suits, the first line fails and the second works. However, if diamonds break very badly, the first is alive whereas the second is probably dead. It is very close.

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4 die in shooting

BELVIDERE, Vt. (AP) — A man was charged Saturday with shooting and killing four people, police said. The motive remained a mystery.

Doug Provost, 34, of Fairfax, was arrested Saturday on four counts of first-degree murder, police said.

The victims were identified as Jessica Bishop, 18, her father Mitchell Bishop, 46, Derrick Davis, 23, George Weatherwax, 19. All were at a home late Friday owned by the Bishops about 40 miles northeast of Burlington.

"As to what actually took place to cause this to occur, we haven't put that together yet," state police Capt. Bob White told WCAX-TV Saturday.

Hugh Tallman, owner of a general store, said residents were incredulous that such violence could occur in a town with fewer than 300 people.

"It's pretty well much shock," he said. "There's just no understanding why it was done."

The first person to sail around the world alone was Joshua Slocum. In 1895, he set out from Newport, R.I., in a 36-foot sailboat and returned three years and two months later. He was 51 years old when he began the voyage.

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Faux Pas shatters glass during bathroom breakout

DEAR ABBY: Last night, my wife and I attended a potluck dinner. It was held in an older home that had recently been moved on a truck from its original location.

During the evening, I had to use the bathroom. The door opened inward, and I pushed it closed from the inside. When I was ready to leave, I realized the door knob was missing. I pulled on the towel rack attached to the back of the door, but it came off in my hand. The door was firmly stuck in its frame, and there was no way to open it.

I unlatched the window. Unlike the door, it was loose in its frame and wouldn't stay up. I used the towel rack to prop it open while I climbed out. Unfortunately, as I was making my escape, my foot caught on the towel rack. The window came crashing down. It shattered, attracting the attention of everyone there.

My wife says the proper thing to do would have been to bang on the bathroom door and wait for someone to let me out. Abby, I am a professional man and to do that would have been undignified.

My wife says I should pay to replace the broken window. I think they are lucky I didn't sprain my ankle when I jumped out.

What is the correct protocol for dealing with this type of unexpected social situation? — **LOCKED IN THE LOO**

DEAR LOCKED: When someone is locked in a confined space — professional or not — dignity flies out the door and sometimes claustrophobia sets in. It could have been a long time before someone heard you or you were missed.

Your wife is right that you should have pounded on the door so someone had the option of letting you out of the bathroom. You are fortunate that the only injury you suffered was to your pride. Now, be a gentleman and write your hosts a check to cover the damage.

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DEAR ABBY: I'm responding to the letter from "Stacey in St. Petersburg," the Jewish woman who wants to include the breaking of the glass in her nontraditional wedding ceremony, but whose mother feels it wouldn't be appropriate.

I am Catholic; my husband is Jewish. For our interfaith wedding, we took traditions from each faith and incorporated them into the ceremony. Both a priest and a cantor officiated, and our vows were made under the chuppah.

My husband said his vows in Hebrew, and I said mine in English. At the end, my husband broke the glass. The cantor chose not to attribute a religious meaning to the tradition. He said, "May your marriage and love last as long as it takes to put all the pieces of the glass back together." Both mothers lit the unity candle.

It was a beautiful ceremony, and three years later, we still receive compliments from guests of both faiths.

"Stacey" should include any tradition she wants in their ceremony. Her mother should not stand on propriety, but instead be pleased that her daughter wants to incorporate the breaking of the glass in the ceremony. — **HAPPY INTERFAITH COUPLE IN ARIZONA**

DEAR HAPPY COUPLE: As long as there is no objection by the clergy performing the ceremony, I see no reason why the bride shouldn't include any tradition that's meaningful to her.

The cantor at your wedding was sensitive and wise.

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

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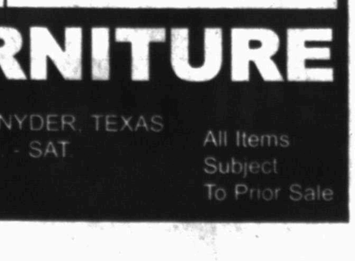

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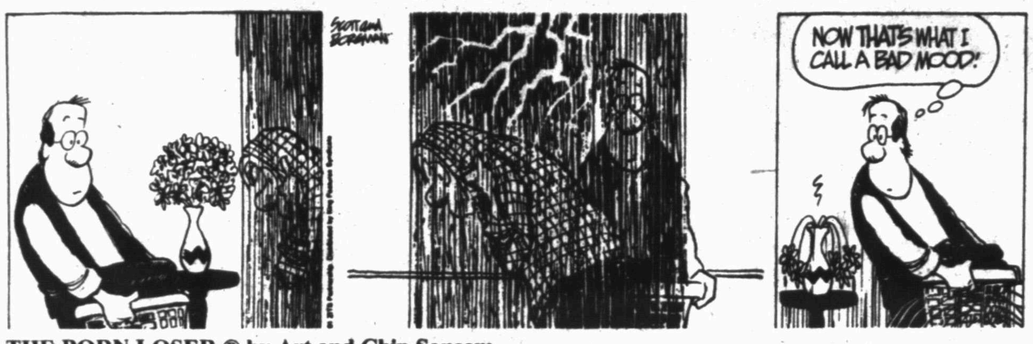

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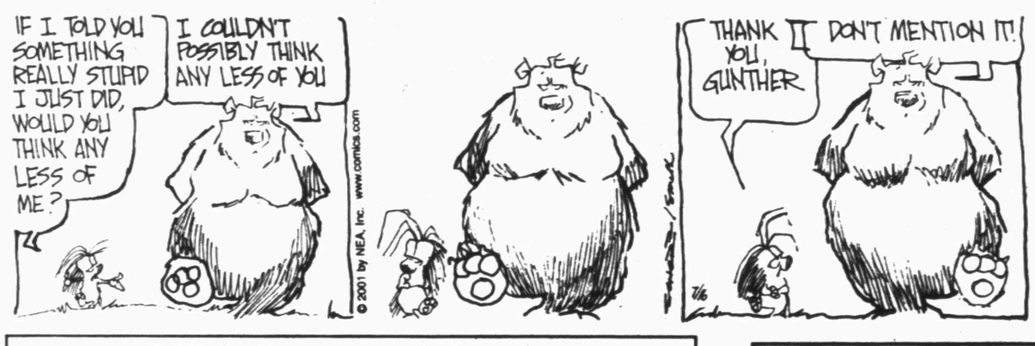

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ACROSS

1 Tie
7 "Top Gun" star
13 Crystalline gem
14 Went after game
15 Throws
16 American rival
17 Comic Philips
18 2,000 lbs.
20 "Peg — — Heart"
21 Small skin spot
25 Amasses
28 Of an armbone
32 River in Africa
33 Peter Nero's instrument
34 "Farewell, Henri"
35 Feeble-minded person
36 Floats gently
37 Diplomatic maneuvering
39 Some Middle Easterners
41 Cooking fat
44 Annapolis grad
45 Rep. party
48 Inclines
51 Fruit ripener
54 — of London
55 Singer Richie
56 Sea hawk
57 Smallest number (of things)

DOWN

1 Quote
2 Lodging
3 In addition
4 Brit. nobleman
5 Had a snack
6 Bed canopy
7 Thick piece
8 Do a marathon
9 "Form" front
10 "Leave — — Beaver"
11 Appear
12 Small whirlpool
19 Mil. school
21 Pieces of paper
22 Read
23 Wolfish
24 Leaves out speech sounds
25 Act like a beaver
26 Opera by Verdi
27 Weekend-welcoming abbr.
29 River nymph
30 Years (Sp.)
31 Learn by — (memorize)
37 Fish part
38 Neuter pronoun
40 In disorder
41 European capital
42 Infirmities
43 Circuit
45 Heckman or Autry
46 Wallet fillers
47 Throw things at
49 Unit of light
50 Dutch city
52 Even score
53 In what way?

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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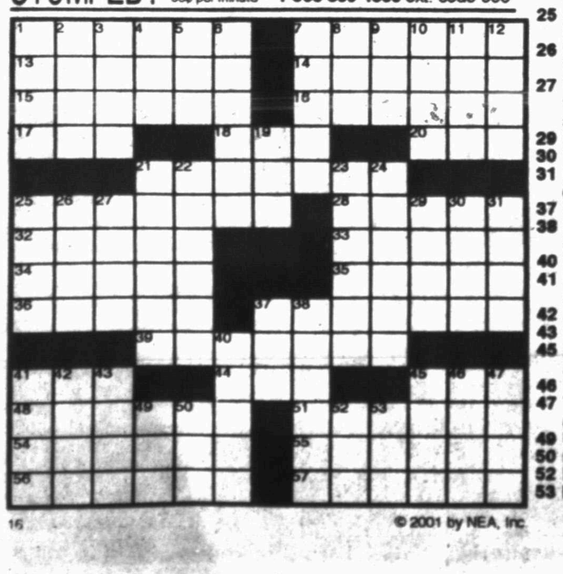

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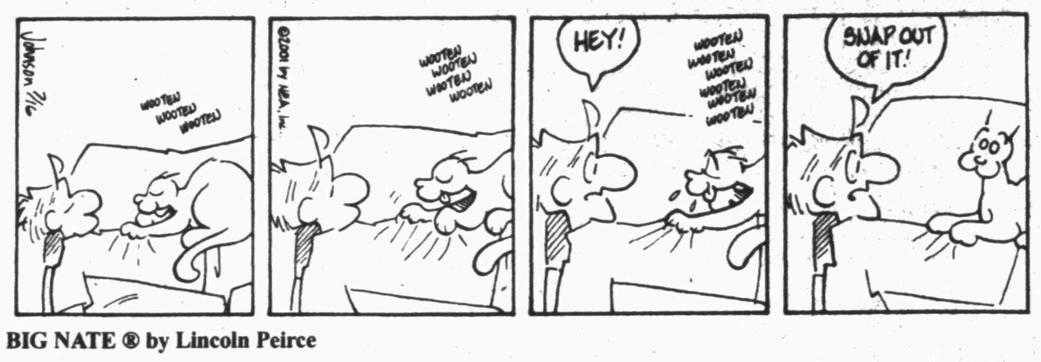

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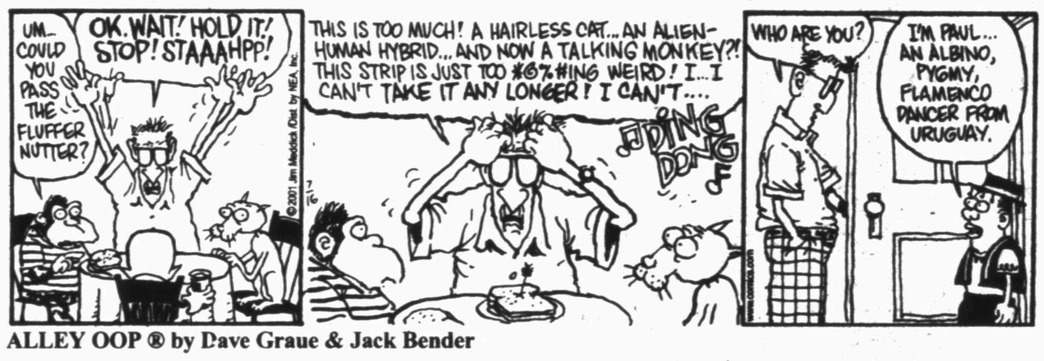

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SPORTS

Snyder edges Dixie for District 5 title

ABILENE — In a game that featured 19 hits and four home runs; it was a wild pitch that decided the District 5 Little League title.

Jamie Arnold scooted home on a wild pitch in the bottom of the seventh inning Saturday night to lift Snyder past Abilene Dixie, 6-5, in the 11 and 12-year-old championship game at Red Bud Park.

The District 5 title earned Snyder a spot in the sub-sectional tournament at Graham. Snyder squares off with Allen at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday in the first round of the four-team tourney.

In Saturday's title match-up, Snyder grabbed the initial lead when Lance Day belted a solo home run in the opening frame.

Dixie built a 2-1 advantage in the top of the second, before Ryan Claxton busted a solo shot in the bottom of the inning to knot the tally.

After Dixie moved ahead again, 3-2, Snyder took charge in the bottom of the fifth. Singles from Day and Brent Bollinger were followed by a towering three-run blast by Ryan Mitchell to give Snyder a 5-3 lead.

Dixie rallied to tie the game in the sixth on a two-run homer, leading to Arnold's winning run in the seventh.

Day worked all seven innings on the mound for Snyder, surrendering 10 hits and three walks to go along with four strikeouts.

The winner of the double-elimination sub-sectional tourney advances to the state Little League tournament at Waco.

Snyder 6, Abilene Dixie 5

Snyder: Lance Day, home run and single; Ryan Mitchell and Ryan Claxton, home run; Dustin Murdock, two singles; Brent Bollinger, Jesse Conner and Jamie Arnold, single. **WP:** Lance Day.

Snyder takes fourth at USSA event

After a rough start, a pair of Snyder teams rebounded to earn fourth-place finishes at the USSSA West Texas State Fast Pitch Softball Tournament at Cates Field.

Snyder 2-Xtreme earned fourth place in the 12-under division, while Snyder Triple T took fourth in the 18-under classification.

After an opening round setback on Friday, 2-Xtreme answered with a 23-3 rout of Odessa Rip It on Saturday. Snyder continued its strong play with a 6-4 win over Lubbock Justice, before falling to the Colorado City Ladybugs, 7-1.

Snyder Triple T got off to a fast start Saturday with a 7-4 victory over El Paso Fear, before falling to the Coahoma Shockers, 4-0.

Snyder bounced back to blank Colorado City Loco, 3-0, but was edged by the Lubbock Ruff Riders, 3-2, in the third-place game.

Snyder's other two squads suffered consecutive setbacks to end their tournament runs.

Snyder Nightmare fell to Odessa Aftershock and Midland Lightnin' in the 10-under division, while Snyder Storm bowed to Andrews Lightnin' and Amarillo Dynasty in the 14-under competition.

All four age divisions were forced to play two championship games Sunday in the double-elimination format.

In the 18-under classification, Midland Strike Force earned the title with a pair of wins over Coahoma.

Andrews grabbed the 14-under crown with two victories over Wichita Falls Fire, while Midland XLR8 knocked off Midland NXS twice for the 12-under title.

After falling to Midland the first time around, Odessa won the second meeting to capture the 10-under crown.

Am. Dynasty 12, Snyder Storm 0
Snyder: Erin Hogan, single.
Snyder 2-Xtreme 23, Rip It 3
Snyder: Sarah Covington, home run; Kendra Birks, Briana Bernal and Jordan Derryberry, two singles; Callie Paige, Courtney Tyrrell, Samantha Pena and Devin Davidson, single.
Snyder 2-Xtreme 6, Lubb. Justice 4
Snyder: Birks, two singles; Amy Foreman, Paige, Tyrrell, Bernal and Covington, single.
Ladybugs 7, Snyder 2-Xtreme 1
Snyder: Derryberry and Foreman, single.
Snyder Triple T 7, EP Fear 4
Snyder: Shelley Fisk, two doubles; Amber Alexander, double and two singles; Vanessa Freeman, double and single; Leticia Martinez, Valerie Hernandez and Dara Chambers, single.
Coa. Shockers 4, Snyder Triple T 0
Snyder: Hernandez and Chambers, single.
Snyder Triple T 3, C-City Loco 0
Snyder: Chaelyn Robinson, triple; Fisk, two doubles; Missy Vasquez, Martinez and Alexander, single.
Ruff Riders 3, Snyder Triple T 2
Snyder: Freeman, double; Robinson and Hernandez, two singles; Jacque Alvarez, single.

USSSA West Texas State Tournament
(Double Elimination)
10-UNDER
Game 1: Midland Explosion 11, Andrews Twisters 0
Game 2: Odessa Aftershock 5, Snyder Nightmare 1
Game 3: Midland Explosion 6, Midland Lightnin 5
Game 4: Odessa Rip It 10, Odessa Aftershock 2
Game 5: Midland Lightnin 7, Snyder Nightmare 0
Game 6: Odessa Aftershock 21, Andrews Twisters 0
Game 7: Odessa Rip It 9, Midland Explosion 2
Game 8: Midland Lightnin 5, Odessa Aftershock 2
Game 9: Midland Explosion 4, Midland Lightnin 3
Championship
Game 10: Midland Explosion 3, Odessa Rip It 2
Game 11: Odessa Rip It 8, Midland Explosion 1
12-UNDER
Game 1: Midland XLR8 9, Colorado City Ladybugs 1
Game 2: Midland NXS 8, Snyder 2-Xtreme 2
Game 3: Lubbock Pride 12, Odessa Rip It 6
Game 4: Midland XLR8 3, Lubbock Justice 2
Game 5: Midland NXS 7, Lubbock Pride 3
Game 6: Snyder 2-Xtreme 23, Odessa Rip It 3
Game 7: Colorado City Ladybugs 12, Lubbock Pride 1
Game 8: Snyder 2-Xtreme 6, Lubbock Justice 4
Game 9: Midland NXS 5, Midland XLR8 1
Game 10: Colorado City Ladybugs 7, Snyder 2-Xtreme 1
Game 11: Midland XLR8 3, Colorado City Ladybugs 1
Championship
Game 12: Midland XLR8 9, Midland NXS 3
Game 13: Midland XLR8 4, Midland NXS 0
14-UNDER
Game 1: Midland XLR8 7, Big Spring Bandits 4
Game 2: New Home Trauma def. Midland Storm
Game 3: Andrews Lightnin 16, Snyder Storm 0
Game 4: Wichita Falls Fire 6, Amarillo Dynasty 1
Game 5: Midland Storm 20, Big Spring Bandits 0
Game 6: Amarillo Dynasty 12, Snyder Storm 0
Game 7: Midland XLR8 5, New Home Trauma 4
Game 8: Wichita Falls Fire 3, Andrews Lightnin 0
Game 9: Amarillo Dynasty 5, New Home Trauma 3
Game 10: Andrews Lightnin 9, Midland Storm 8
Game 11: Wichita Falls Fire 7, Midland XLR8 0
Game 12: Andrews Lightnin 3, Amarillo Dynasty 0
Game 13: Andrews Lightnin 6, Midland XLR8 1
Championship
Game 14: Andrews Lightnin 3, Wichita Falls Fire 2
Game 15: Andrews Lightnin 3, Wichita Falls Fire 1
18-UNDER
Game 1: El Paso Lady Hawks 10, Colorado City Loco 0
Game 2: Snyder Triple T 7, El Paso Fear 4
Game 3: Coahoma Shockers 5, Lubbock Ruff Riders 0
Game 4: Midland Strike Force 2, El Paso Lady Hawks 1
Game 5: Coahoma Shockers 4, Snyder Triple T 0
Game 6: Lubbock Ruff Riders 7, El Paso Fear 4
Game 7: Snyder Triple T 3, Colorado City Loco 0
Game 8: Lubbock Ruff Riders 4, El Paso Lady Hawks 3
Game 9: Coahoma Shockers 6, Midland Strike Force 0
Game 10: Lubbock Ruff Riders 3, Snyder Triple T 2
Game 11: Midland Strike Force 7, Lubbock Ruff Riders 0
Championship
Game 12: Midland Strike Force 6, Coahoma Shockers 3
Game 13: Midland Strike Force 3, Coahoma Shockers 2

Rangers can't produce timely hits in 7-6 loss

ARLINGTON (AP) — The struggling Livan Hernandez got to face one more batter, and he delivered.

San Francisco manager Dusty Baker decided not to pull Hernandez after Texas got two men on with two outs in the seventh inning Sunday night. The right-hander responded, and the Giants held on to win 7-6.

Hernandez got Mike Lamb to ground into an inning-ending out, then Baker turned the game over to the bullpen.

"I've stuck with him in that situation and taken him out in that situation. He had handled Lamb pretty good," Baker said.

Barry Bonds has just one homer in 17 games after finishing 0-for-4. He still has 40 homers in 92 games, the same total Mark McGwire had in 1998 when he hit a record 70.

After allowing the first three Texas batters to get hits and score, Hernandez rebounded to win for the first time since June 22 — a span of four starts — when he threw a complete game at St. Louis.

"Hernandez did a great job for them," Texas manager Jerry Narron said. "He's the kind of guy that steps it up when he gets in trouble. He worked out of some big jams."

Texas led 3-0 after Alex Rodriguez hit a two-run double and scored on a groundout by Ivan Rodriguez in the first. San Francisco got the runs right back when Shawon Dunston hit a three-run homer in the second.

"That was perfect. It was like a new game," said Hernandez, who struck out six while giving up six runs and 10 hits.

Even though Hernandez surrendered the lead again, giving up a solo homer to Alex Rodriguez in the third and a two-run double to Randy Velarde an inning later, the Giants came back again. And he struck out Rodriguez to end the fourth with two men on base.

Lubbock duo wins SCC tourney

Lubbock's Adolph Garza and Kevin Glaspie turned a close race into a five-stroke victory Sunday at the Golfers' Memorial Partnership at Snyder Country Club.

With only two shots separating three teams after the first round, the Garza-Glaspie duo fired an 8-under-par 64 Sunday to post a two-day total of 124.

Two local tandems figured to challenge for the title finished five strokes back at 129. Alton and Page Patterson, who carded rounds of 61 and 68, earned second place in a playoff. Billy Brock and Larry Anderson took third in the Championship Flight after posting scores of 62 and 67.

In the President's Flight, David and Bubba Stobaugh lapped the field with a 63-66—129 to win by 10 strokes over Rick Williams and Randy Glasscock. Scott and Blake Rundell finished one stroke back in third.

Rick Billingsley and Johnny Powell held onto their first-round lead to post a five-shot victory in the first flight. Billingsley and Powell turned in rounds of 65 and 70 to hold off Mark Waldrip and Carl Guelker. Ricky Daniell and Wes Key earned third place.

The closest race came in the second flight where James Caldwell and Barry Blackmon used a final-round 67 to edge Russell and Jeff Merket by a single stroke. The Merket team held the first-round lead with a 66, before closing with a 71. John Reed and Cloyce Talbott took third.

Consistent play earned Kim Robertson and Richard Trout top honors in the third flight. The winning tandem carded back-to-back rounds of 74 to best four teams by four strokes.

Mackey and John Greene won a four-team playoff for second place, while Lane Beaty and Riley Sterling grabbed third.

The two-day event hosted 38 teams. Format was scramble for the opening round and low-ball on Sunday.

Closest-to-the-hole honors went to Garza, Jeff Merket, David Stobaugh, David Maddox, Clay Allen and Mark Seale.

Golfers' Memorial Partnership at Snyder Country Club

Championship flight: Adolph Garza-Kevin Glaspie, 60-64—124; Alton Patterson-Page Patterson, 61-68—129; Billy Brock-Larry Anderson, 62-67—129; Ben Greene-James Higdon, 64-67—131; Mark Smith-Stan Scarborough, 65-71—136.

President's flight: David Stobaugh-Bubba Stobaugh, 63-66—129; Rick Williams-Randy Glasscock, 71-68—139; Scott Rundell-Blake Rundell, 70-70—140; Rick Beard-Jeral Beard, 66-74—140; Billy Wayne Harris-Jim Blume, 68-72—140; R.T. Henderson-Dave Sebo, 70-73—143; Shawn Ragland-Kelly Ragland, 69-75—144; Mike Rodriguez-Brandon Martin, 67-79—146.

First flight: Rick Billingsley-Johnny Powell, 65-70—135; Mark Waldrip-Carl Guelker, 68-72—140; Ricky Daniell-Wes Key, 68-75—143; Clay Allen-Bill Allen, 65-78—143; Mike Levens-Jim Petty, 68-76—144; David Holt-Ted Crenweige, 71-75—146; Jerry Owen-Les Brown, 71-77—148.

Second flight: James Caldwell-Barry Blackmon, 69-67—136; Russell Merkett-Jeff Merkett, 66-71—137; John Reed-Cloyce Talbott, 69-74—143; Eicke Perry-Billy Hill, 70-75—145; Bob Hart-Max Hildebrand, 67-79—146; Don Chandler-Dale Jenkins, 70-81—151; Sid Lee-Merle Rogers, 74-78—152; Doby Williams-Don Sasser, 73-79—152; Pete Greene-Randy Miles, 73-81—154.

Third flight: Kim Robertson-Richard Trout, 74-74—148; Mackey Greene-John Greene, 73-79—152; Lane Beaty-Riley Sterling, 74-78—152; Lee Maddox-David Maddox, 71-81—152; Gary Smith-Dink Foree, 78-84—152; John Bloom-Mark Seale, 77-82—159; Larry Thompson-Mike Molter, 74-86—160; Rex Robinson-Don Sealy, 81-83—164; Mike McLeod-Mike Tyrrell, 80-90—170.

Sports Briefs

Basketball camp

The four-day Super Shooters basketball camp begins Monday at the Western Texas College gym. Former WTC basketball coach Valery Jackson will provide instruction.

Incoming third through sixth grade boys and girls will workout from 9 a.m. until noon. Junior high and high school girls only will practice from 2 to 5 p.m.

Registration will be held Monday at 8:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Cost is $50 per camper, and a parent or guardian must be present to sign-up.

Golf tournament

Price Daniel Unit will host a four-man scramble Aug. 6 at Sweetwater Country Club. Benefits will proceed Special Olympics of Texas.

Cost is $50 per player, including green fee, meal and cart. Trophies, shirts and hats will be awarded to the top teams, with $50 going to the winners. Hole-in-one prizes are a 2001 Ford Mustang, two airline tickets, a set of Hogan irons and a year's supply of Top Flite golf balls.

Entry deadline is July 31. Entry fees should be mailed to PDU c/o Connie Rushing. Checks should be made payable to Area 14 Special Olympics.

Western Texas MGA

The Men's Golf Association of Western Texas College holds a weekly event at 6 p.m. each Tuesday. Players need to register in the pro shop by 5:30.

Tuesday scramble and all-day MGA

The Men's Golf Association of Snyder Country Club holds its weekly scramble at 5:30 p.m. each Tuesday.

Also, an all-day MGA event is held each Thursday.

WGA play day

The Women's Golf Association of Snyder Country Club holds its weekly play day at 9 a.m. each Tuesday. Format is queen of the hill.

Athletic physicals

Seventh and ninth grade SISD athletes, and anyone who has never participated in Snyder athletics must take a physical. SISD will pay for the physicals through Aug. 3.

An appointment should be made with one of the following doctors: Raykov, Burleson, Cooper, Thompson, Nussey, Wobolt, Leighton or P.A. Beth Ashley.

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New York	53	37	.589	—
Boston	53	38	.582	½
Toronto	44	48	.478	10
Baltimore	41	50	.451	12½
Tampa Bay	29	63	.315	25
Central Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Minnesota	57	34	.626	—
Cleveland	51	38	.573	5
Chicago	44	45	.494	12
Detroit	39	49	.443	16½
Kansas City	35	56	.385	22
West Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Seattle	66	25	.725	—
Oakland	47	44	.516	19
Anaheim	43	48	.472	23
Texas	37	54	.407	29

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All Times EDT

East Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Philadelphia	52	39	.571	—
Atlanta	51	40	.560	1
Florida	46	46	.500	6½
New York	41	52	.441	12
Montreal	39	53	.424	13½
Central Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	53	37	.589	—
Houston	50	40	.556	3
St. Louis	45	45	.500	8
Milwaukee	43	47	.478	10
Pittsburgh	35	55	.389	18
Cincinnati	34	57	.374	19½
West Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Arizona	53	38	.582	—
Los Angeles	50	42	.544	3½
San Francisco	48	44	.522	5½
San Diego	44	48	.478	9½
Colorado	40	51	.440	13

Saturday's Games
N.Y. Yankees 5, Florida 4, 10 innings
N.Y. Mets 2, Boston 0
Cincinnati 6, Cleveland 5, 13 innings
Chicago White Sox 3, Chicago Cubs 1
Montreal 10, Tampa Bay 2
Kansas City 7, Pittsburgh 4
St. Louis 3, Detroit 2
Seattle 3, San Francisco 2
Los Angeles 5, Oakland 3, 15 innings
Toronto 4, Philadelphia 2
Colorado 11, Texas 2
Baltimore 4, Atlanta 1
Minnesota 5, Milwaukee 3
San Diego 8, Houston 6
Arizona 7, Anaheim 5

Sunday's Games
Tampa Bay 9, Atlanta 1
N.Y. Mets 6, Toronto 2
Detroit 8, Cincinnati 5
Boston 8, Montreal 5
Philadelphia 9, N.Y. Yankees 3
Chicago White Sox 3, Milwaukee 2
St. Louis 5, Minnesota 1
Chicago Cubs 2, Kansas City 1
Houston 5, Cleveland 3
Oakland 6, Colorado 3
Florida 7, Baltimore 1
Los Angeles 4, Pittsburgh 2
San Diego 5, Anaheim 1
Seattle 8, Arizona 0
San Francisco 7, Texas 6

Monday's Games
Boston (Ohka 2-4) at Montreal (Munoz 0-0), 7:05 p.m.
Detroit (Pettyjohn 0-0) at Cincinnati (Davis 1-1), 7:05 p.m.
Los Angeles (Gagne 1-4) at Pittsburgh (Beimel 4-4), 7:05 p.m.
Baltimore (Mercedes 4-9) at Florida (Sanchez 1-0), 7:05 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Keisler 1-2) at Philadelphia (Wolf 5-9), 7:05 p.m.
Toronto (Halladay 0-0) at N.Y. Mets (Trachsel 2-10), 7:10 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Rupe 4-8) at Atlanta (Marquis 2-3), 7:35 p.m.
Cleveland (Nagy 3-3) at Houston (Elarton 4-8), 8:05 p.m.
Kansas City (Reichert 7-7) at Chicago Cubs (Tapani 8-6), 8:05 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Baldwin 5-5) at Milwaukee (Suzuki 0-2), 8:05 p.m.
Minnesota (Johnson 0-0) at St. Louis (Smith 1-0), 8:10 p.m.
San Francisco (Jensen 0-0) at Texas (Bell 2-0), 8:35 p.m.
San Diego (Tollberg 3-2) at Anaheim (Rapp 3-9), 10:05 p.m.
Arizona (Batista 4-5) at Seattle (Halama 6-5), 10:05 p.m.
Colorado (Neagle 6-2) at Oakland (Heredia 4-7), 10:05 p.m.

Tuesday's Games
Chicago White Sox at Milwaukee, 2:05 p.m.
Kansas City at Chicago Cubs, 2:20 p.m.
Colorado at Oakland, 3:35 p.m.
San Diego at Anaheim, 4:05 p.m.
Arizona at Seattle, 4:05 p.m.
Boston at Montreal, 7:05 p.m.
Detroit at Cincinnati, 7:05 p.m.
Baltimore at Florida, 7:05 p.m.
Los Angeles at Pittsburgh, 7:05 p.m.
San Francisco at Texas, 7:05 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees at Philadelphia, 7:05 p.m.
Toronto at N.Y. Mets, 7:10 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Atlanta, 7:35 p.m.
Cleveland at Houston, 8:05 p.m.
Minnesota at St. Louis, 8:10 p.m.

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Detroit	5	13	.278	9
Washington	5	13	.278	9
WESTERN CONFERENCE	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	17	3	.850	—
Houston	14	4	.778	2
Sacramento	12	8	.600	5
Portland	9	9	.500	7
Utah	8	10	.444	8
Seattle	8	12	.400	9
Phoenix	7	12	.368	9½
Minnesota	6	12	.333	10

Saturday's Games
Los Angeles 62, Washington 50
Utah 69, Sacramento 57
Charlotte 71, Indiana 58
Miami 66, Detroit 51
Phoenix 80, Minnesota 67

Sunday's Games
No games scheduled

Monday's Games
WNBA All-Star Game at Orlando, 8 p.m.

Tuesday's Games
No games scheduled

Wednesday's Games
New York at Detroit, 11:30 a.m.
Charlotte at Miami, 7 p.m.
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Hattie Caraway fights for 'place in sun'

WASHINGTON (AP) — Nearly 70 years after she astonished her many male rivals by barnstorming Arkansas and winning a full six-year term in the U.S. Senate, Hattie Caraway is finally getting some respect.

Her portrait was hung in a Senate corridor six years ago, honoring her as the first woman elected to the chamber. This year the U.S. Postal Service featured her on a stamp.

Caraway's increased visibility occurs at a time when women hold 13 of the Senate's 100 seats, more than at any other time. Three states — Maine, California and Washington — each have two female senators.

The numbers, and the odds they will increase in future elections, recall the prediction made by the one woman to serve as a senator before Caraway.

Rebecca Felton was 87 in 1922 when the governor of Georgia appointed her to the seat of a senator who had died in office. Although Felton was well known in the state, many said the governor had a hidden motive.

"He did not appoint a woman because he has respect for women in politics, but actually to smooth his own path to the Senate," one newspaper said.

The plan failed; Walter George, a state judge, won the election.

But Felton made the most of her situation. Backed by women from around the country, she insisted on being sworn in and seated in the Senate, if just for a day.

She got her wish, taking the oath of office on Nov. 23, 1922.

In a brief speech from her Senate desk, the outspoken newspaperwoman quickly got to the point.

"Let me say, Mr. President, that when the women of the country come in and sit with you, though there may be but very few in the next few years, I pledge you that you will get ability, you will get integrity of purpose, you will get exalted patriotism, and you will get unstinted usefulness."

Nine years later, the governor of Arkansas appointed Caraway to the Senate seat left vacant by the sudden death of her husband. She easily won a special election for the year remaining in the term, in part because few men were interested in so short a term.

At first, the new Sen. Caraway felt isolated. She noted she had been allotted the same desk assigned to Felton when she served as senator-for-a-day.

"I guess they wanted as few of them contaminated as possible," she wrote in her diary. Listening at her desk, she rarely spoke and was soon dubbed "Silent Hattie."

She broke her silence in the summer of 1932. She would run for a full six-year term. "I am going to fight for my place in the sun," she said.

Caraway had five male opponents. She was given no chance to win.

But she soon gained an unexpected ally, one who was as colorful and outspoken as she was reserved.

Chatting quietly from their adjoining desks at the rear of the Senate chamber, Caraway and Sen. Huey Long, D-La., forged a bond. A powerful state politician known as the "Kingfish," he yearned for a broader stage.

Long mustered a caravan of seven vehicles, two of them powerful sound trucks, and he and Caraway roared into Arkansas for one whirlwind week in August. By one estimate they spoke to more than 200,000 people in 39 appearances throughout the state.

"I'm here to get a group of potbellied politicians off a brave little woman's neck," Long told every audience.

"We brought a three-ring circus to Arkansas and it was well worth the price of admission," a satisfied Caraway said after claiming victory.

Six years later, she won a second term against an opponent who ran under the slogan, "Arkansas needs another man in the Senate." Her career ended in 1944 when she lost the Democratic primary.

For years afterward, most women entering the Senate did so on the "widow's mandate," appointed to succeed deceased husbands. But increasingly they are elected in their own right.

Four women joined the Senate after last fall's election, including former first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton, New York's first female senator.

The list is still a short one; since 1923 only 31 women, including Felton and Caraway, have been senators.

But with every increase in numbers, the novelty of their presence lessens.

When some started calling 1992 "the Year of the Woman" after four new female senators entered the chamber, Sen. Barbara Mikulski, D-Md., memorably objected. It's not a fad or a fancy but a fact, she said.

"Calling 1992 the Year of the Woman makes it sound like the Year of the Caribou or the Year of the Asparagus," Mikulski said.

Floods turn fuel oil, propane tanks into safety hazard

CHARLESTON, W.Va. (AP) — Hundreds of fuel oil and propane tanks damaged in record floods that battered southern West Virginia earlier this month are ticking time bombs that threaten public safety, state officials said Sunday.

"Propane, whether in the small bottles or a 200 gallon tank, is very dangerous," said Steve Kappa, director of the state Office of Emergency Service. "Those tanks are lodged all over the place so we have to police them up."

Hazardous material teams with the Environmental Protection Agency were to begin arriving today to start cleaning up, Bill Adams, general counsel with the state Department of Environmental Protection, said during a Sunday evening briefing with Gov. Bob Wise.

In the Rhodell area of Raleigh County alone, where one out of every two homes rely on fuel oil for heat, crews will likely encounter at least 150 damaged tanks, Kappa said.

Fuel oil contamination threatens not only public safety, but also can cause health problems such as headaches and breathing difficulty, said Dr. Henry Taylor, director of state Public Health.

"That is a definite public health hazard," Taylor said. "Not only because of the safety of the building and the potential problems of the building, but fuel oil is permeating the semi-rotten wood. It's a very serious situation and we do not recommend people live where fuel oil was once used."

The situation heightens the need for temporary housing, Wise said.

"We're going to have, conservatively, 1,500, perhaps as many as 2,500 homes destroyed in some way," Wise said. "It's important that people constantly see motion and improvement. I want them to know as they have gotten out of their houses or cleaned them out that we are working with them to find them secure housing."

Twenty-five mobile homes were to arrive in Beckley today and be delivered to flood victims as early as Tuesday, Kappa said.

"The first wave of trailers will go to individual sites where they've tried to stay on their property to do repairs because water and electricity is likely already on the property for hookups," he said.

While early estimates put flood damage at about $20 million, Wise said Sunday that that figure is too low.

"We will spend alone $8 to 10 million in the next several weeks on the National Guard," he said. "We are going to spend whatever we have to spend to get this part of the state moving again."

Across southern West Virginia's coalfields, some 3,500 homes were damaged or swept away during July 8's record floods. Two people were killed.

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.



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In addition, your son's leg movements and uttered expletives could reflect Tourette's syndrome, a neurological affliction marked by twitching, sudden and inappropriate vocalizations and behavioral changes. Also, don't forget substance abuse. It has to be at the top of the list for teens, who — in our society as well as in others — appear to be experimenting with drugs more frequently than was the case a decade ago.

Unquestionably, your son needs treatment. Before this, he needs a diagnosis.

I gather from your comments that you are fearful of his destructive tendencies. Under the circumstances, I believe that your course of action is clear.

Insist your son be examined by a doctor. The boy probably knows something is wrong and, during a lucid phase, might welcome some professional attention to define the root of his problem. I urge you to stress that you view him as needing medical help and that an examination may be the first step in getting well.

If he refuses, you have every right to involve the police or other authorities and, given your situation, I wouldn't hesitate to do so. Because your son's behavior is potentially harmful to himself and others, you have a moral responsibility to intervene on his behalf. Take note, however; before confronting him with your decision, make absolutely certain that you have adequate support in case he does become violent.

No matter the cause of his symptoms - physical or emotional - therapy is available. However, your son is unlikely to improve without professional intervention.

To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Reports "Tourette's Syndrome" and "Where to Get Help: Substance Abuse and Mental Health." Other readers who would like copies should send $2 per report to P.O. Box 2017, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to mention the title(s).

DEAR DR. GOTT: About a year ago, my tongue started burning. I've tried vitamins, antibiotics and herbals, to no avail. What else can I do?

DEAR READER: Glossitis (tongue inflammation) can cause burning and has many causes, including irritation (often from astringent mouth washes) and infection. Badly fitting dentures can also provoke symptoms, as can vitamin deficiencies (especially B-12). One variant of the disease, called Moeller's glossitis, is a chronic tongue inflammation seen primarily in middle-aged women. Its cause is unknown.

You need professional advice, rather than self-treatment with the methods you mention. See a dentist.

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Blondes have more fun as comedy debuts as top film

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Movie-goers prefer blondes.

Reese Witherspoon's law-school comedy "Legally Blonde" debuted as the weekend's top film, taking in $20.4 million, according to studio estimates Sunday.

The heist thriller "The Score," starring brunettes Robert De Niro and Edward Norton, premiered in second place with $19 million. Marlon Brando co-stars.

Last week's top movie, "Cats & Dogs," fell to third with $12 million.

The animated sci-fi adventure "Final Fantasy: The Spirits Within," starring a computer-generated brunette, opened at No. 4 with $11.5 million. That take pushed the movie's total since opening Wednesday to $19.1 million.

The overall box office declined significantly compared to the same weekend last year, when "X-men" debuted with a whopping $54.5 million. The top 12 movies grossed $108.3 million, down 25 percent from the same weekend a year ago.

Hollywood remains on track to break its summer revenue record set in 1999. Big films remaining include "Jurassic Park III" and "America's Sweethearts" this week, "Planet of the Apes" the following week and "American Pie 2" and "Rush Hour 2" next month.

"We're in a little lull right now," said Paul Dergarabedian, president of Exhibitor Relations, which tracks the box office. "I think we're going to have a final stretch of summer that will be extremely strong."

In "Legally Blonde," Witherspoon plays a California sorority girl who follows her snooty ex-boyfriend to Harvard Law School after he dumps her for being too blonde.

"I think it just looked bright and fun," said Robert Levin, head of distribution for MGM, which released "Legally Blonde." "When I opened the newspaper on Friday and looked at the ads, it popped out at me that this was the one where people said, 'Let's just go have fun at the movies.'"

"The Score" drew mostly older adults attracted by its notable trio of stars.

"I think it was the ensemble cast and the stature they brought to it," said Wayne Lewellen, head of distribution for Paramount, which released "The Score."

Inspired by the video-game series, "Final Fantasy" earned praise for presenting semi-realistic human characters through computer animation. But it received generally poor reviews for a weak story and dialogue.

Distributor Sony still had high hopes for "Final Fantasy" because of its solid opening of $5.1 million Wednesday.

"I think the weekend's disappointing based on the Wednesday figure. That kind of raised expectations," said Sony spokesman Blaise Noto. "But the game's got a very strong fan base, and it's fans that tend to go on the first day."

In limited release, Jon Favreau and Vince Vaughn's mob comedy "Made" opened strongly, taking in $118,500 in three theaters in New York City and Los Angeles, for an impressive $39,500 average.

Favreau wrote and directed the film; he and Vaughn co-produced it. It was Favreau and Vaughn's first collaboration since their 1996 indie hit "Swingers." The movie goes into wider release July 27.

The ogre tale "Shrek" climbed past "Toy Story 2" as No. 2 among the highest-grossing animated movies. "Shrek" took in $3.6 million over the weekend, pushing its total to $247.3 million, behind only "The Lion King" at $312.8 million.

"The Mummy Returns" took in $460,000 over the weekend, becoming the second movie this year to top $200 million.

Markets

Midday Stocks

NEW YORK (AP) -

	High	Low	Last	
AMR Corp		38.40	37.95	38.24 + .30
AOL TimeWrn		49.92	49.43	49.52—.29
AT&T Corp s		21.08	20.85	20.94 + .07
Albertsons		28.17	27.76	28.09 + .31
Alltel		64.73	64.20	64.58 + .30
AmEl Pw		48.25	47.20	48.06 + .71
AnadrkPtr		51.36	49.51	49.75—.84
ATMOS Egy		22.25	22.21	22.22
Aviall		10.97	10.90	10.93 + .06
BP PLC		48.19	47.84	48.07 + .07
BakerHughes		32.20	30.40	30.81—.79
Bank of Amer		62.49	61.35	61.81 + 1.56
BellSouth		40.34	39.80	40.22 + .19
Beth Steel		2.27	2.21	2.24 + .04
BurlNoSFe		31.26	31.00	31.14—.01
Caterpillar		52.45	51.31	51.61—.87
Chevron		90.19	88.64	88.94—.46
Citigroup s		50.71	49.70	50.15 + 1.29
CocaCola		46.85	46.05	46.85 + .84
ColgatePal		56.48	55.00	56.48 + 1.27
ComclMetals		31.50	31.45	31.46 + .08
Cooperin		40.04	39.79	40.00 + .10
DaimlrChry		49.25	48.90	49.03 + .14
DeltaAirl		46.56	45.88	46.30 + .60
Dillards Inc		15.06	14.76	15.00 + .16
DowChem		34.78	34.12	34.33—.14
DuPont		45.43	44.80	45.00—.47
EastmanChem		45.58	44.75	45.05—.26
EstKodak		45.98	45.48	45.86 + .15
EDS Corp		64.29	63.80	63.93 + .57
Entergy		40.00	39.71	39.95 + .22
ExxonMobil		86.64	86.10	86.32 + .34
ExxonMob wi		43.30	43.20	43.30 + .20
FstBksAm		26.60	26.50	26.60 + .29
GenDynam		80.40	78.93	79.92 + 1.18
GenElec		47.50	46.15	46.50—.95
GenMills		43.55	43.30	43.54 + .09
GenMotors		67.80	66.82	67.64 + 1.45
GaPacGP		35.25	34.57	34.80—.05
GlobalMar		16.68	15.50	15.62—.75
Goodrich		37.98	37.85	37.91 + .01
Goodyear s		29.89	29.72	29.89 + .23
GtAtlPac		13.36	13.31	13.35—.10
Halliburtn		32.80	30.78	31.15—1.00
Hanson ADS		36.50	36.15	36.15—.28
HartfdHanks		24.60	24.21	24.25 + .01
HomeDepot		49.20	48.70	48.91 + .21
Honeywellnt		36.59	36.05	36.22—.28
IBM		109.00	107.80	108.79 + .26
IntlPaper		39.59	39.05	39.33—.32
JohnsonJn s		53.44	52.82	53.30 + .25
K mart		11.36	11.20	11.33—.03
KinderMorg		53.72	53.45	53.55—.12
Kroger Co		24.05	23.78	23.97 + .19
LockheedM		37.20	36.84	36.95 + .22
Lowes Cos s		37.06	36.35	36.67 + .23
Lubys		9.20	8.95	9.10 + .10
LucentTech		7.39	6.95	7.06—.27
MayDeptStr		32.96	32.17	32.96 + .41
Medtronic		46.99	46.40	46.96 + .46
Motorola		17.79	17.35	17.72 + .13
NCR Corp		40.30	39.98	40.24—.04
Navistar		32.90	32.40	32.51—.24
Penney JC		28.15	27.45	28.10 + .71
PepBoys		12.45	11.90	12.10 + .28
PepsiCo		46.35	45.50	46.32 + .88
Pharmacia		44.00	40.00	42.97—3.88
PhelpDodge		40.75	40.20	40.48—.18
PhilipPet		55.99	55.31	55.37—.45
PilgrmPrd B		13.00	12.92	12.93—.07
Polaroid		1.47	1.37	1.42—.04
Praxair		45.75	44.52	44.90—.15
ProctGamb		69.40	68.04	69.32 + 1.18
PubS NwMx		30.15	29.65	29.87—.22
RadioShack		32.06	31.49	31.58 + .25
ReliantEngy		31.89	30.90	31.64 + .43
RoyalDut		56.36	55.73	55.93—.33
SBC Comm		42.49	41.81	42.41 + .46
SaraLee		19.45	19.16	19.37 + .28
Scripps EW		68.34	68.04	68.34 + .50
SearsRoeb		44.85	44.00	44.20—.28
SherwinW		22.99	22.77	22.79—.16
SouthernCo s		23.74	23.33	23.74 + .40
SwstAirl s		19.91	19.40	19.80 + .29
SprintFON		22.38	22.02	22.09—.31
SprintPCS		24.05	23.80	23.99 + .01
Sunoco Inc		34.75	33.95	34.15—.11
TXU Corp		47.84	47.33	47.76 + .43
TempleInland		56.87	55.70	56.10 + .01
Texaco		67.60	66.50	66.64—.34
Textnd		36.82	36.25	36.36 + .16
Texasinst		33.35	32.74	32.81—.39
Textron		55.01	54.84	55.01 + .22
TriconGlbR		44.79	43.11	44.64 + .87
TrinityInds		22.12	21.74	21.79—.33
TritonEngy		44.51	44.44	44.51 + .06
TylerTech		2.36	2.30	2.36 + .04
USX-Marathn		29.10	28.25	28.37—.20
USX-USS		20.80	20.45	20.62—.03
UnionPacif		57.85	57.45	57.75—.06
UnitedTech		75.30	74.85	74.86—.29
Unocal		33.75	32.98	33.09—.36
Venator Grp		15.73	15.36	15.68 + .10
VerizonComm		56.15	55.42	55.90 + .65
WalMart		53.95	53.20	53.95 + 1.05
WellsFargo		47.24	46.58	46.61 + .12
WstnGasRs		29.80	29.20	29.32—.16
WinnDixie		22.05	21.90	21.93 + .06
Xerox Cp		8.88	8.62	8.62 + .26

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Activist Einhorn to wait extradition from France by throwing big party

PARIS (AP) — Awaiting the final word on his extradition to the United States to face murder charges, fugitive Ira Einhorn said Sunday he would count down what could be his last days in France with a big backyard barbecue.

After losing his final French appeal against extradition on Thursday — which prompted him to slit his throat in a dramatic gesture of protest — Einhorn won a weeklong reprieve at the request of the European Court of Human Rights.

A decision was expected late this week from the European court, after the panel looks over his case.

"I will prepare myself for extradition," Einhorn said in a telephone interview from his home in southwestern France. "But thoughts like that tend to depress you. So we've put that out of our minds."

The former hippie and antiwar activist, convicted in absentia of killing his American girlfriend more than 20 years ago, said he would wait out the decision on his fate by hosting a "gigantic gathering" starting midweek.

"It's sort of a Last Supper," Einhorn said. He and his wife, Annika Floodin-Einhorn, were clearing their home of breakables so supporters would have space to camp out. "We're opening the house and we'll have a big barbecue."

Einhorn received outpatient treatment for his self-inflicted wounds on Thursday and returned home that night. He remains under constant police surveillance.

He dismissed concerns voiced by Philadelphia District Attorney Lynne Abraham that he was planning to flee rather than be returned to Philadelphia.

"I've never had any intention of fleeing," Einhorn said. "I'm 61 years old. I've recreated my life about five times, and I don't want to do it again."

Einhorn fled the United States in 1981, soon before he was to stand trial for the 1977 murder of Holly Maddux of Tyler, Texas. Her bludgeoned corpse was found stuffed in a trunk inside a closet of the Philadelphia apartment the couple shared.

"(Running away) was immature. I should have gone to court, because I think we could have won," Einhorn said.

After fleeing the United States, Einhorn lived in England, Ireland and Sweden under false names before he was arrested in France in 1997.

Einhorn, an influential 1960s activist, maintains he was framed for the murder by the CIA. He adamantly denied killing Maddux.

"I am innocent of the crime I've been convicted of," he said.

If he is returned to Pennsylvania, Einhorn's conviction under state law would be set aside and a new trial held. Einhorn said he believes he could convince a jury of his innocence at a retrial but is still trying to fight his extradition.

"I'm going to propose that a trial be held in France under American law," Einhorn said. "All everybody wants is a new trial. I would like to see this resolved in a way that satisfies everyone."

"If I lost I'd go to jail, it's as simple as that," Einhorn said.

One of Einhorn's lawyers, Dominique Tricaud, said the proposal was an "interesting idea" that could work if France passed a law to support it, though he was not optimistic.

Tricaud believes, however, that Einhorn has a good chance of winning his appeal with the European Court of Human Rights.

In the appeal, Einhorn argues that he cannot legally be tried in the United States on a charge on which he has already been convicted; that no trial could be fair after all the publicity surrounding his case; and, that he could face the death penalty.

A 1998 Pennsylvania law provided for a retrial, and U.S. officials promised that Einhorn would not be eligible for the death penalty because capital punishment was not legal in that state at the time of the crime.

Einhorn also dismissed speculation that slitting his throat was a stall tactic.

"It didn't work because I am incredibly strong and I have a very thickly muscled neck," said Einhorn. "I tried very hard. And then I looked in the mirror and my spirit told me: 'You're not going to die. You've got to go on.'"

Date Book

Monday, July 16, 2001

Today is the 197th day of 2001 and the 26th day of summer.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1769, Padre Junipero Serra founded the first Spanish mission in California.

On this day in 1951, "The Catcher in the Rye," by J.D. Salinger, was first published.

On this day in 1992, Ross Perot announced he would end his campaign for the presidency.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Joshua Reynolds (1723-1792), artist; Mary Baker Eddy (1821-1910), Christian Science Church founder; Roald Amundsen (1872-1928), polar explorer; "Shoeless" Joe Jackson (1889-1951), baseball great; Barbara Stanwyck (1907-1990), actress; Ginger Rogers (1911-1995), dancer-actress; Margaret Smith Court (1942-), tennis great, is 59; Barry Sanders (1968-), football star, is 33.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1974, the San Diego Padres defeated the Philadelphia Phillies 5-4. In the ninth inning, Nate Colbert, Willie McCovey and Dave Winfield of the Padres hit consecutive home runs.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "A prudent man does not make the goat his gardener." — Hungarian proverb

TODAY'S MOON: Between last quarter (July 13) and new moon (July 20).

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Son to seek office

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (AP) — Tim James, the son of former Gov. Fob James, has joined the race for governor.

"The people of this state are starving once again for some straight talk and straight honesty," said James, 39, a businessman.

James said he'll file campaign papers next week and seek the Republican nomination, joining a field that includes Rep. Bob Riley and businessman Jim Cooper. Lt. Gov. Steve Windom is also expected to run in next year's race.

James' father won the 1994 general election, but lost to then-Lt. Gov. Don Siegelman in 1998. The elder James first won the governor's chair in 1978 as a Democrat and served a four-year term. Then he unsuccessfully sought the Democratic nomination in 1986 and 1990.

Tim James, a former Auburn University football running back like his father, has never run for public office.

He helped run a regional landfill set up by his father.

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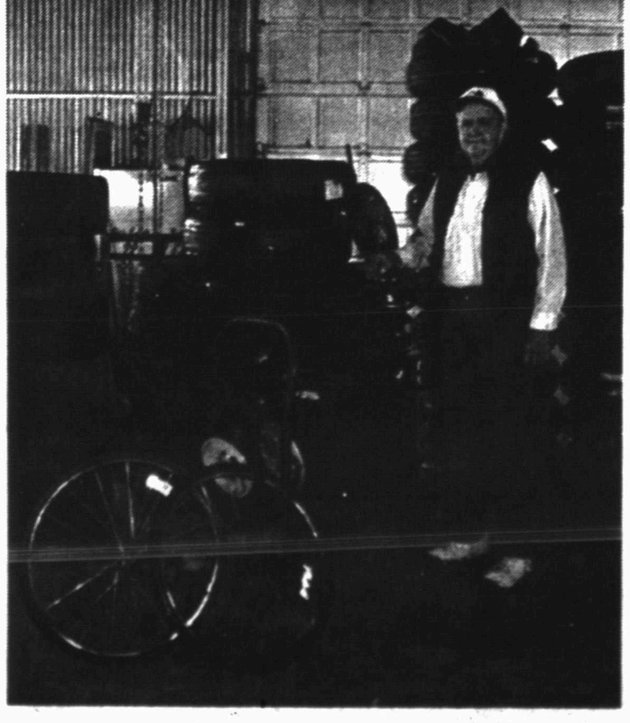

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THE SNYDER DAILY NEWS

Van plunges into river, at least 4 dead

BAYTOWN (AP) — A family outing turned tragic for a Georgia grandmother, her son and Texas relatives as at least four people died after their minivan careened out of control on Interstate 10 and rolled into the San Jacinto River, sinking upside-down.

The search for a fifth van occupant was to resume today. Two others, including the grandmother, were rescued after the one-vehicle rollover Sunday night near the Highlands.

"We've only recovered four bodies so far," said Harris County Sheriff's Deputy Rodolfo Zepeda. "We are still looking for a 36-year-old male."

Another 36-year-old man and three children died in the crash, which occurred at 6:55 p.m. between Houston and Baytown, county investigators said. The van sank in about 24 feet of water.

Zepeda said the dead children are a 7-year-old girl and 9-year-old boy, both from Houston, and a 15-year-old Georgia teen-ager.

Tennis shoes, backpacks, books and soda cans littered the highway overpass and river bank following the wreck. A Bible from the van was found on a rock by the water.

The 56-year-old grandmother, who was driving the minivan, and her 11-year-old grandson were rescued. They were in good condition today at Ben Taub Hospital in Houston, where the grandmother was interviewed.

"Her statement to me was that the vehicle started shimmying, then it lost control and rolled over," said Zepeda.

He said the woman was pulled from the water by two bystanders. The boy was ejected onto the roadway before the vehicle sank.

"The grandmother was screaming for help," Zepeda said. "A couple of bystanders jumped in and assisted her to shore."

He said one of the 36-year-old men was also heard screaming. Investigators believe he had swam free of the van as it sank.

"We haven't found him yet," said Zepeda said. "He has probably floated downstream."

The minivan's driver, from Riverdale, Ga., was driving eastbound on I-10, returning home after a visit with her daughter in Houston. The grandmother yelled to rescuers that her "babies" were trapped inside the van as it sank.

Emergency crews had arrived within eight minutes after the rollover. Identities of the victims and survivors were not immediately available. But the minivan bore license plates from Cobb County, Ga.

The son of the driver is from Marietta, Ga. The other 36-year-old man was a friend of the grandmother's son.

Keith Fisher, 33, of Houston said he was fishing and crabbing at the water's edge with his wife, Samantha, when he witnessed the wreck. He jumped into the water and helped to pull the grandmother to safety.

Russia, China sign friendship treaty

MOSCOW (AP) — Aspiring to forge a "new international order" and offset U.S. global influence, Russian President Vladimir Putin and Chinese counterpart Jiang Zemin signed the first post-Soviet friendship treaty today, cementing their nations' decade-long partnership.

"The friendship treaty will bring Russian-Chinese friendship from generation to generation," Jiang said after the signing ceremony in the Kremlin. "This is a milestone in the development of Russian-Chinese relations."

The document comes amid the two countries' mounting concern over American missile defense plans and their attempts to attract more nations into their own orbit.

In a joint statement issued today, Putin and Jiang expressed hope for a "just and rational new international order" to reflect their concept of a "multipolar" world led by the United Nations, rather than Washington.

The treaty is the first such document since 1950, when Josef Stalin and Mao Tse-tung created a Soviet-Chinese alliance — a friendship that had soured into a bitter rivalry by the 1960s. Since the collapse of the Soviet Union in 1991, Moscow and Beijing have put the strife behind them and forged what they call a "strategic partnership."

Jiang arrived Sunday for a four-day visit on the heels of the International Olympic Committee decision at its Moscow meeting to award the 2008 Olympics to Beijing.

Woman arrested for Class C assault and family violence

Arrests

Officers arrested a 44-year-old woman Satu day just before midnight for Class C assault, family violence.

A man was arrested Saturday for local warrants. He was processed then released.

Criminal mischief

Bill Murphy requested a deputy at his residence west of Ira to report that a steam roller working at a construction site had run over his mailbox. An offense report for criminal mischief was filed and the incident is still under investigation.

A small amount of damage was reported to the back door of Barbee Medical Center. Corporal Mike Duddleston advised that someone had kicked the door, dislodging the center section.

Joan Senn from the Covered Ranch reported Sunday afternoon that some fences had been cut.

Sunday evening, A.S. Silmon of 3701 Muriel Dr. requested an officer in reference to damage done to his vehicle. A criminal mischief report was filed.

Fire notes

Dispatchers Saturday morning were alerted to a grass fire two miles north of Union. A power line also was reported down. The fire department and Big Country Electric were dispatched.

Several people called to report a grass fire at Coleman and 16th Street early Sunday morning. The fire department responded.

Stolen property

Joe Zamora requested an officer at his residence at 2811 Ave. X in reference to his stereo being stolen.

Noise disturbances

Monica Taylor at 4400 Ave. U called to speak with an officer about a group of juveriles causing a noise disturbance at the same location. Officers responded and made contact with the juveniles who then went home.

Jeremy Wittie reported fireworks being discharged in the 2100 block of Peyton. Officers made contact with two people to advise them of the city ordinance regarding fireworks.

Dale Cooper at 2310 41st Street called police to report loud music in the vicinity. Officers made contact with the residents and advised them of the complaint.

Theft

David Yanez requested an officer to report $200 was taken from his uncle Andres Yanez' wallet at Towle Park pool. A Class B theft report was filed.

Gas drive offs

A clerk at Rip Griffin's Truck Stop reported a gas drive off in the amount of $22.07 Sunday evening. The vehicle was described as a red two-door Chevrolet Tahoe heading east on U.S. 84.

Two gas drive offs were reported from Town and Country East. The clerk reported the $5.04 and $10 drive offs, but had no descriptions of the vehicles.

Prowler

Nicole Redman requested an officer in the 400 block of 23rd Street in reference to a possible prowler. She reported someone was tapping on her daughter's window.

Accident

An unknown subject reported that a vehicle had driven through a fence at the former American Magnesium plant.

Obituaries

Bill Schiebel

1919-2001

William John "Bill" Schiebel, Snyder's first chamber of commerce manager, died Saturday, July 14, in Lubbock's Covenant Lakeside Medical Center.



Bill Schiebel

A memorial service for Mr. Schiebel, 82, is set for 10 a.m. Tuesday in the First United Methodist Church with his stepson, Paul Zeck, and his stepgrandson, Jonathan Zeck, officiating. Cremation is planned. Arrangements are under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Born May 24, 1919 in Rochester, N.Y., he was the son of Walter J. and Onnolee Schiebel. At the age of 13, he moved with his family to Dallas where he graduated from high school and then entered the University of Texas.

A U.S. Army veteran of World War II, he continued his military service in the Army Reserve and the National Guard, retiring as a colonel.

He married Virginia Robinson in 1944 in Dallas and they moved to Snyder in 1945. She died in 1975.

In December, 1979, he married Martha Whistler Zeck in Snyder. They moved from Snyder to Lubbock early this year and he was a member of the St. Luke's United Methodist Church.

Mr. Schiebel was Snyder's chamber manager from 1947-50 and he was retired from the U.S. Post Office in Snyder.

Mr. Schiebel was a member of the Snyder ISD board of trustees for 15 years, from 1959-74, and he served two terms, 1962 and 1963, as president.

He served on the board of the First United Methodist Church and at one time announced Snyder Tiger football games. He also served on the board of the Humble Smith School, coordinated Snyder's Job Corps and maintained an administrative service, Schiebel's Service System.

He was chairman of the Snyder Food Bank, a driver for the "Road to Recovery" program of the American Cancer Society, and co-chairman for local blood drives. He was a volunteer for the Relay for Life and had the honor of being the first male member of the Cogdell Hospital Auxiliary.

Survivors include his wife, Martha Schiebel of Lubbock; a son and daughter-in-law, John and Sandy Schiebel of Naples, Fla.; two daughters and a son-in-law, Cynthia Schiebel of Austin and Barbara and Billy Knight of Amarillo; a sister and brother-in-law, Mary and Irv Weatherup of Syracuse, N.Y.; two brothers and a sister-in-law, Richard Schiebel of Galveston and Tom and Betty Lou Schiebel of Loveland, Colo.

In addition he is survived by three stepchildren and their spouses, Margaret and Billy Edwards of Snohomish, Wash.; Paul and Gail Zeck of Point Blank and Mark and Doris Zeck of Midland; 12 grandchildren, J.R. Knight, Wendy Knight, Katherine Schiebel, Kera and Kammi Newby, Jonathan and Deborah Zeck, Julie Smithey, Elizabeth Badley, Jason Edwards and Caroline Thiessen; seven great-grandchildren, Alexandra Knight, Aaron Knight, Camille, David and Grant Thiessen, Claire Edwards and Kathryn and Alan Badley; and numerous nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society, 1901 26th in Snyder, or to the Schiebel Scholarship Fund, Crozier Tech Alumni Association, Box 181827 in Dallas, 75218.

Leroy Rudder Jr.

1924-2001

AUSTIN —Leroy B. Rudder Jr., Lt. USNR, retired, and brother of two Snyder residents, died Monday, July 9, in Seton Medical Center in Austin.

A memorial open house will be held Aug. 4 from 1-3 p.m. in the Marine Room. Mr. Rudder served in the U.S. Navy in World War II aboard the USS Portland and LST's in the Pacific Theatre. He graduated from the University of North Texas and retired from the Institute for Geophysics at the University of Texas at Austin.

Mr. Rudder, 76, donated his body to University Medical Center and then was to be cremated and buried at sea.

He was born on Aug. 22, 1924 in El Campo.

Survivors include three daughters, Debbie Netz of Lewisville, Rena Glubay of Eagle, Idaho, and Margo Rudder of Grapevine; three sisters, Willa Mae Booth, Allene LaRoux, and her husband, J.T., all of Snyder; and Etheldean Jay of Palmetto, Fla.; a brother, Jack Rudder of Lake Jackson; and five grandchildren.

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WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

Masonic Lodge.

Scurry Masonic Lodge will meet in open session at 7 p.m. today to install officers of both the Snyder and Ira lodges.

Bible study tapes

Bible study videos air each week on Channel 2. To be shown at 7 this evening is "Satan, the Christian's Great Enemy," followed by "Getting to Know God's Pardon."

Lions Club meets Tuesday

Snyder Lions Club will hear a program by Carolyn Barbee when it meets at noon Tuesday at Martha Ann Woman's Club. Guests are welcome and reservations should be made by 5 p.m. today. Cost is $7.50

Mini-cheerleading camp deadline

Final signup for the mini-cheerleading camp set for June 23-26 is from 5-7 p.m. Tuesday at Humble Smith School. The camp is for ages 4-12 and the cost is $25. Call Rhonda Ward at 573-3475 if additional information is needed.

Southern gospel concert

The Toney Brothers will be at First Baptist Church in Hermleigh at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday for a two hour show. There is no admission charge, but a love offering will be received.

Emmaus meeting

Mesquite Country Emmaus will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday at Trinity United Methodist Church. Babe Chicks meet at 6 p.m.

Snyder Wheels

Snyder Wheels Car Club will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the Pizza Inn. Anyone interested in joining the club is welcome.

Order of Eastern Star

The Order of Eastern Star will meet at 7:30 p.m. Thursday at the Masonic Lodge. Initiation ceremonies will be held and a patriotic program will be given.

Children's Saturday fun time/VBS

Children's Saturday fun time has joined the Vacation Bible School at Avenue D Baptist Church, 324 30th St. Sessions are planned from 9 a.m. until noon on Saturday during July. The VBS is for those who have completed kindergarten through the sixth grade. This year's them is "Truth Trackers." For more information, call 573-6878 or 573-0971.

1991 SHS class reunion

The SHS class of 1991 will hold its 10-year reunion Friday and Saturday. For more information call Robbie Braziel at 573-6632 or Melissa Lee at 574-8005.

Discovery School registration

Discovery School that provides daycare for children from birth to school age will register for the fall session from 11 a.m.-1 p.m., and 4-5:30 p.m. next Monday and Tuesday. Classes will begin Aug. 13. Call 573-4770 for more information.

Class of 1966 reunion

The SHS class of 1966 will hold a reunion July 27-28. Anyone with classmates' addresses is asked to write to Janeen Patterson at Box 208, Snyder.

Class of 1976 reunion

The SHS class of 1976 will hold its reunion July 28 at Jack Greene's pasture. For information, call Lorinda Hardin at 573-2700 or Sherry Thompson at 338-0026. The website is classmates.com.

Gateway Family support group

Gateway Family Services will offer family support groups for family violence victims from 6-7 p.m. starting Wednesday, Aug. 1. There will be groups for adults, for children under four and for children four and older. To attend, call 573-1822.

Kids' College project pick-up

All projects from Kids' College summer session need to be picked up by Aug. 1 at the continuing education building on the WTC campus. Projects may be collected from 8 to 5 p.m. Monday through Thursday.

Senior water aerobics

Senior water aerobics at the WTC pool will be from 11 a.m. until noon on Tuesdays and Thursdays. For more information, call Bobbie Taylor at 573-7144 or the Senior Center at 573-4035.

WTC swimming pool

The WTC swimming pool is open for public use. Lap swimming: M-TH 6:30-8 a.m. Open swimming: M-TH 2-5 p.m. Cost is $3 per person or $50 for a semester pass. The pool is also available for parties on Fridays and Saturdays. For more information, contact Mike Harrison at 573-8511, ext. 279.

Free lunch program

The free lunch program at Central Elementary continues through July 27. Meals will be served on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from noon until 1 p.m. All children who qualify for free lunches at school may eat. An adult accompanying a child will also be served. For more information, call 573-6915.

Mesquite Country Writers Guild

Mesquite Country Writers Guild invites citizens to send in original poetry to be considered for publication in the newsletter, "Bards of a Feather." The limit is 20 lines and the theme is fall and the holidays. Deadline is Sept. 15 to mail entries to MCWG, Box 237 in Ira, 79527, or e-Mail to dade@bigcountry.net.

Shark bites surfer in Florida

PENSACOLA, Fla. (AP) — On the same day doctors offered good news about the condition of the 8-year-old boy healing after a shark tore off his arm, a surfer some six miles from that attack felt a shark's jaw close on his leg.

The 48-year-old surfer, whose name was not released, was surfing Sunday afternoon off Santa Rosa Island when the shark bit him on the leg, causing puncture wounds, said Lt. Bob Clark of the Escambia County Sheriff's Office.

He was in good condition at a local hospital. The surfer told witnesses he had noticed small fish and a large shadow below him, but didn't think anything was wrong until he was bitten.

The attack occurred about six miles from where young Jessie Arbogast was attacked.

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Demos and GOP fight over budget squeeze

WASHINGTON (AP) — Republicans and Democrats are dueling over increasingly scant federal dollars, and for the first time since 1992, the budget's bottom line is widely expected to be leaner than the previous year.

Some questions and answers about the surplus, the Social Security and Medicare trust funds and other issues the political battle has raised.

Q: Is the budget in bad shape?

A: Not from a historical perspective. Last week, the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office estimated that the surplus for fiscal 2001 — which runs through Sept. 30 — will fall below $200 billion. President Bush's budget chief, Mitchell Daniels, said the figure could be as low as $160 billion. Either way, it would still be the second biggest surplus ever, trailing only the $236 billion rung up in 2000.

Q: So what's the problem?

A: After nearly a decade in which huge annual deficits evolved steadily into ever-larger surpluses, things are now headed the opposite way. Underlining the abrupt turnaround, Daniels' low $160 billion surplus estimate for 2001 is 43 percent smaller than the $281 billion that Bush projected just three months ago. Daniels and Dan Crippen, the budget office director, both say they expect the budget to recover. For now, however, the upward trend has been halted.

Q: Why has this happened?

A: Much of it is because the economy has slowed. Company profits have slipped and corporate income taxes have fallen with them. In June, they lagged $26 billion, or 11 percent, behind the same month a year ago.

Democrats say the recently enacted 10-year, $1.35 trillion tax cut was too big. This year alone, the Congressional Budget Office expects it to chomp $72 billion out of the surplus. Republicans blame Democratic efforts to increase spending, including boosts won while President Clinton was in office.

Q: Either way, wouldn't a $160 billion surplus still be a huge pot of money?

A: Of course. But it is important to understand where the surplus comes from.

Nearly all of that $160 billion figure will come from Social Security, the pension program for the elderly and disabled. For years, the two parties have agreed to use that program's surpluses only for debt reduction, and Daniels said Bush is committed to that idea.

An additional $28 billion in surplus money could come from the hospitalization portion of Medicare, which provides health insurance to the elderly and disabled. Medicare and Social Security revenues come from a payroll tax paid by workers and their employers.

The surplus could be increased further by the amount by which other tax collections — mostly personal and corporate income taxes — outweigh the costs of the rest of government.

Q: Don't those numbers mean that this year's overall surplus may not be much bigger than Social Security's?

A: Exactly. And that points to a big partisan dispute.

Democrats insist that the Medicare surplus be used only for debt reduction. But they predict that much of this year's Medicare surplus will disappear. Looking ahead to next year's congressional elections, they blame Republicans for dipping into that popular program's trust fund to help pay for Bush's tax cut.

Democrats say the tax cut and GOP budget policies will also drain all of next year's projected Medicare surplus, plus some of the Social Security surplus as well. They say that for both this year and next, that means the tax cut will deplete money needed for defense, education and other priorities.

Q: How are Republicans responding?

A: They blame the shrinking surplus figures on Democratic spending and the lethargic economy, and say the tax cut is helping the economy by pumping money into it. They also say the Medicare hospitalization surplus is only an accounting gimmick that masks losses in the overall program.

Yet the GOP is divided. The White House says Medicare's surpluses can be used for anything, including paying for tax cuts or general government programs. Many congressional Republicans consider that a politically risky stance and go no further than saying that Medicare trust funds can be used to create new prescription drug benefits under Medicare.

Q: How would Social Security and Medicare be affected if their surpluses are not set aside for debt reduction?

A: Only indirectly. Reducing the federal debt helps keep interest rates down and spurs the economy. That should mean more revenue for the government when retiring baby boomers start using Social Security and Medicare later this decade.

But neither program's benefits are affected by whether their surpluses are used for debt reduction or not. Both collect more than enough cash to pay their beneficiaries.

In fact, using their surpluses for debt reduction is a new phenomenon. Until the huge budget surpluses of recent few years, Medicare and Social Security surpluses were routinely used to cover other government costs.

But expanding Medicare to also provide prescription drugs would drain that program's surpluses faster, pushing it toward insolvency faster than is expected today.

Internet key to higher standards

NEW YORK (AP) — Poorer countries can raise their living standards by changing laws, building technology infrastructure and training workers to use the Internet, a report released today concludes.

The document urges countries to copy successful programs that use information technology to create jobs, lure investment and sell high-tech products and handmade crafts on the global market.

The 86-page report, "Creating a Development Dynamic," came from the United Nations Development Program, along with the Markle Foundation, a New York-based charity, and the global management consultancy Accenture. Together, the group calls itself the Digital Opportunity Initiative.

"This is not about technology for technology's sake," said Vernon Ellis, Accenture's international chairman. "We need to encourage local entrepreneurs to use information technology to generate the wealth that can fund a whole range of social needs."

The plan recommends poorer countries adopt new policies in five areas: technology infrastructure, human skill development, entrepreneurship, government policy and the creation of local Web content.

The report also cited as models several successful projects that use the Internet, wireless telephones or business incubators.

They include the Bangladesh Village Pay Phones project, which makes small loans to buy cell phones in 1,100 villages in largely phone-less Bangladesh.

Entrepreneurs who buy the phones set up small "call centers," taking messages and renting phones to farmers. The UNDP says farmers who use the cell phones to check crop prices and weather earn 10 percent more.

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Tuesday, July 17, 2001

If you strive for your objectives independent of others, your possibilities for fulfilling an old, secret ambition looks very good for you in the year ahead. Stand on your own two feet.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — There's an old axiom which is familiar to every former and present G.I. and that is don't volunteer. If you ignore this today, you'll get stuck with burdens not of your making. Trying to patch up a broken romance?

The Astro-Graph Matchmaker can help you understand what to do to make the relationship work. Mail $2.75 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — People you meet for the first time today could end up being very important to you later on, so it's important you be receptive and friendly to all, no matter who or what you think they are.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Those you hold in high regard might find reasons today to be disturbed by your conduct, unless you let your nobler qualities prevail under all conditions. Preserve your image.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Sadly, you may have not profited from a previous experience and could repeat the exact same mistake again today. This time around, analyze what happened and learn.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Before allowing anyone to manage your financial affairs today, make absolutely certain this person understands your wishes and needs. He or she could create problems for you.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — If you think that people who you will be involved with today are going to be overly enthused about doing everything your way, you're sadly mistaken. Leave room for their input.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Unfortunately, your mind could be every place but on what you're doing today. Should you find yourself daydreaming, stop and take things slowly in order to pay attention to the tasks at hand.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — You'll only have yourself to blame today if you allow yourself to be jockeyed into situations where you feel you must conform to peer pressure, then end up with many regrets.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Should you have a rough day, try to dismiss your experiences from your mind before returning home. Otherwise, you could take things out on your innocent family.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — To be on the safe side today, put all pertinent information in writing so that you won't get careless. There's a chance you could be too easily distracted and forget needed details.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Don't count on anything you don't have in hand today. Things on which you're banking cannot be taken for granted. They might not come through for you as you anticipate.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — To avoid the prospects of someone else making decisions for you today, which you'll find intolerable, stay on top of your responsibilities, so there'll be no need for such action.

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