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Including custodial services...

WTC opts to privatize maintenance

By Brian Brisendine
SDN Staff Writer

After considerable discussion Monday night, Western Texas trustees unanimously voted to outsource the maintenance and custodial departments to Johnson Controls, an international firm also responsible for maintenance of Kennedy Space Center and the United States Pentagon.

WTC president Dr. Greg Williams told the board it is a necessary move.

"Our biggest concern right now is that we're not a clean campus and we need to get better," he said. "We are in the business of keeping our students happy and cleanliness is a major factor in that."

The transition, beginning today and effective Sept. 1, will affect 10 WTC employees.

Their positions will be eliminated from the college payroll, but each of them are guaranteed interviews with Johnson Controls. Dr. Williams estimated 80 percent would be retained by the company.

"The time is right for us to take our campus to a new level," he said. "We understand that it could be difficult for some and we don't wish any harm to anyone, but we need to get better at what we do as we approach our goal of 2,000 students at WTC."

Cost to the college is $796,789 the first year and a two-year contract was approved.

Patricia Claxton, director of fiscal services, said the expense to the college "is a wash when you consider our costs and the fact that the state will no longer fund insurance for custodial employees.

"This is not an issue of financial gain or savings," she said. "It's an issue of quality."

Phillip Lowery, a Johnson Controls account executive, told the board the proposal presented Monday "was not planned overnight." Company representatives have made several visits to the campus.

Lowery said job descriptions and openings would be posted this week and current employees would be offered interviews.

Several maintenance and custodial employees were in attendance and Lowery assured them that as Johnson Controls employees, they would receive equal compensation and benefits.

Trustee Scott Richburg, a former employee of Johnson Controls, said he is not an advocate of outsourcing the maintenance department, but he thinks the move is necessary.

"As bad as I hate to see us take maintenance out of the college, I don't think we can match the resources Johnson Controls has. There are some things I don't like about this company, but this proposal is fair. I think it's a wise move."

Trustee Drew Bullard said he likes the two-year contract with the company "to prove they can perform" without locking the college into an extended timeframe.

In other business, the board convened in executive session for its annual review of Dr. Williams.

After an hour and a half in the closed session, the board reconvened and voted to extend the president's contract through 2006 with a two-percent salary increase this year.

Also, the board approved an advanced degree proposal and another for classified clerical advanced degree/certification compensation.

The incentives will allow for increased pay for WTC employees who further their education and receive degrees or certification.

Ratification of abatement of taxes for Brazos Wind, L.P. was approved. The company will pay the college $400,000 over 10 years in exchange for the abatement.

A contract was approved with Scurry County for collection of taxes. The contract includes a rate increase of .002 percent of taxes collected.

The increase will cost WTC about $5,000 per year.

An increase in pay for adjunct instructors also was okayed. The amount will be increased $150 per class, according to Dr. Williams.

"This is still not enough, but we feel it's necessary to be more in line with what other schools are paying," he said.

WTC's depository contract with West Texas State Bank was extended through 2005, at which time it will have to be re-bid.

Several personnel matters also were attended to Monday, including the retirements of Mike Thornton, dean of continuing education, and Leanord Dodgen, director of correctional officer training.

Both men will remain at the college in their current positions on a part-time basis.

The board accepted the resignation of Sam Fare, instructor of golf and landscape technology.

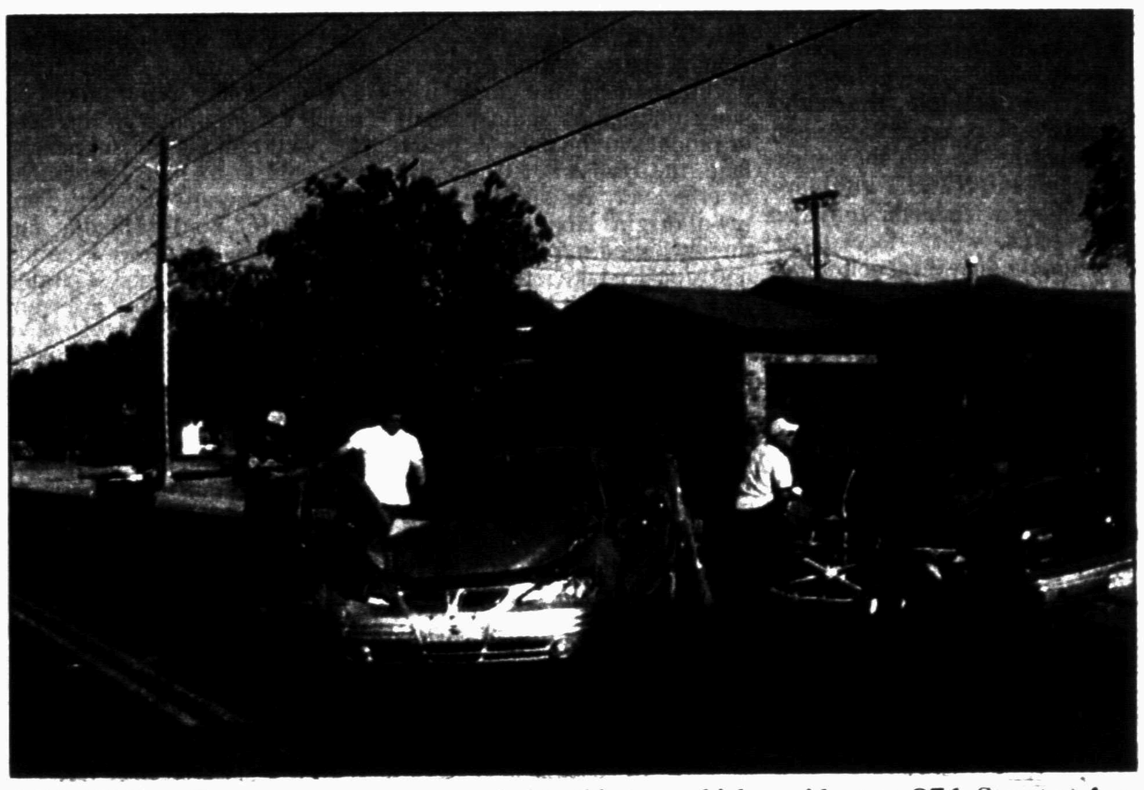
Three people were employed, to include Leonard Lee, social sciences instructor; Billy Heflinger, assistant baseball coach and director of intramurals; and LaVeeda Newsome, English instructor.

A promotion in rank also was approved for Melanie Graf, from instructor of English to assistant professor.

Information and discussion items included a report on the talent search grant by Tammy Wesson and summer enrollment report by Dr. Jim Clifton.

The report showed an increase of students for the summer session, but a decrease in contact hours because there was no Maymester this year.

Board president Lee Presswood presided and trustees present were Richburg, Bullard, Jackie Greene, Eddie Peterson and Carolyn Barbee. Jay Kidd was absent.



ACCIDENT — Emergency crews responded to this two-vehicle accident on 37th Street at Ave. V at 6:40 p.m. Monday. A 2001 Pontiac Grand Am driven by Keith Messick, 22, of 2213 41st Street was involved in the collision with a 1991 Lincoln Towncar driven by Servando Gonzalez, 34, of Levelland. Gonzalez was transported to Cogdell Hospital and was listed in good condition this morning. (SDN Staff Photo)

City budget ready except for impact of agreement

Snyder city council Monday night tweaked the proposed $9.6 million budget for 3½ hours, concluding that it is ready for first reading next month.

A major obstacle, however, remains the impact of the city-county agreement on next year's fiscal plan.

In the first 30 minutes of the session attended by County Judge Rod Waller and Commissioner Chloanne Lindsey, the council, responded to a June 27 letter from the county, worked on an acceptable date to begin contract negotiations.

The council finally landed on July 28 at 6 p.m. at city hall.

The city has given the required 90-day notice to end the city-county pact that includes fire protection, dispatching, jail, ambulance and sanitation.

In preparation for the joint meeting, both entities will prepare a list of services provided and their costs.

Judge Waller asked, "We'd like to know what you don't like about the old contract."

At the conclusion of budget talks, the council noted that the results of the shared-services agreement could have an impact on the proposed budget which is due for first reading next month.

At the last budget workshop, the council learned that health insurance premiums would cost the city an additional $38,230, so staff presented a revised spending document eliminating sufficient expenditures to offset the added cost of employee health care.

A major change was the elimination of a second clerk for the municipal court at a cost of $29,433. The item was replaced with a part-time clerk at $5,000. Other items eliminated were a $500 kitchen sink for city hall, a $900 typewriter, and a $7,000 computer software program to track utility complaints.

Still not in the budget is a new animal shelter, an item being researched by city staff. The city currently contracts with West Texas Veterinary Clinic for those services.

Budget revenues are based on the same tax rate as 2002-2003, 42.36 cents, which is 2.07 percent over the effective tax rate. That will net the city an addition $20,123.

The budget also calls for an 8 percent hike in sanitation fees and a five-percent increase in water and sewer rates.

That prompted a lengthy discussion as Councilman Terry Martin noted that sanitation rates were raised 10 percent last year, making it an 18-percent increase over two years.

City financial officer Jeanne Johnson said that expenses have been cut, but operating costs continue to increase.

Martin asked for a comprehensive study regarding the frequency of trash collections which currently is twice per week for residential customers.

Martin asked, "Can we pick up less? If so, how much less? And can we save any money?"

Carolyn House, director of customer service, said such a study is possible but likely couldn't be done in time to help on next year's budget.

The proposed budget also calls for a 1.4 percent cost of living adjustment for city employees at a cost of $40,509 and a .32 percent increase in contribution to the employee retirement system.

Regarding personnel cost, Martin also asked staff to prepare a report on expenses relating to staff travel.

Another focus of discussion was how to build reserves in the general fund. The reserve fund currently has $1.5 million, representing just over three months of operating expenses.

Johnson noted that it is illegal to tax for more than is needed to support the budget.

Mayor Francene Noah presided and those present were Martin, David Harrell, Stephanie Ducheneaux, Vernest Tippens and Ron Shaw. James Ashley was absent.

Reorganization is topic of SISD meet

Dr. Ronny Collins, Snyder ISD superintendent, is expected to present his administrative reorganization plan to trustees during this evening's board meeting.

In late June, trustees approved the contract of former SHS teacher and coach, Ron Cottrell, as a district-wide administrator.

At that time, Dr. Collins said the hiring of Cottrell would help complete his reorganization plan.

Also in the wings are the contract extensions of two assistant superintendents — Melissa Jones and Karen Waller.

Jones is in charge of personnel, curriculum and special programs, while Waller is the chief financial officer. Both have contracts that run through the upcoming school year.

Other personnel matters include the approval of contracts for new teachers, and staff resignations.

A list of these teachers, the agenda notes, will be presented to the board tonight.

A closed session is scheduled before the board begins its action on personnel.

Other action items include the acceptance of student athletic and activities insurance, the agreement with the Hobbs Accelerated Education Cooperative, and the teacher appraisal calendar for next school year.

Trustees also will approve qualifications for instructional aides, and will hear a budget update from Waller.

The meeting gets underway at 6 o'clock in the administration building boardroom.

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "The best friend is like a rabbit — all ears and can't speak."

Despite the roller coaster stock market, the entrepreneurial spirit is alive and well in the U.S.

The newest effort is right in line with the friendly undertaker who had a drive-thru for people in a hurry who wanted to view the dear departed and sign the guest book.

A creative fellow has come up with the idea of ParishPay, a service that allows parishioners to tithe by credit card.

Two church groups, surprisingly, have objected. They describe the act of bringing your offering and putting it in the collection plate as an important act of obedience.

Happily for ParishPay, according to an American Express magazine article, not all churches object. Some counter that it's a new era and that people are rushed and some churches are looking for creative ways to dig deeper into members' pockets.

It would take some getting used to – sliding your maxed-out credit card in the machine on the back of the pew in front of you.

Here's some other money saving tips, courtesy of the same publication:

—If Americans unplugged the TV when they turned them off, they'd save 8.45 billion kilowatt hours a year, twice the amount produced by the Hoover Dam.

—Recycling one aluminum can save enough energy to light a 100-watt bulb for three and a one-half hours.

—On an average, a homeowner with an automatic sprinkler system over waters the lawn by 112,000 gallons a year.

—A family of four can save up to 20,000 gallons of water a year, the amount needed to fill an average-sized swimming pool — by using a low-flow shower head.

—Recycling two gallons of used motor oil provides enough electricity to cook 48 meals in a microwave.

—Under-inflated car tires reduce fuel efficiency, wasting an estimated two billion gallons of gasoline a year.

We may turn off the boob tube, but we plan to keep the air conditioner running as long as we can.

By the numbers, according to the Air Force and reported in the Austin newspaper:

—The number of leaflets dropped on Iraq, 31.8 million, would make 120,454 rolls of toilet paper.

—The amount of money spent - $917,744,351.55 – equates to 46 minutes, 10.5 seconds of the U.S. gross domestic product.

—The amount of jet fuel consumed, 417,137,233 pounds, would keep a Boeing 737-300 airborne for 11.9 years.

—Number of Meals Ready to Eat transported into the Iraqi theater of operations, 3,186,504 — probably the same number that were wishing for a cheeseburger.

ASK US

Q—Are Turner cantaloupes available in Snyder?
A—Yes, the first load was delivered to United Supermarkets on Monday.

MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR



Autumn Levens...

...is a WTC student from San Angelo, but her Snyder ties are strong. Autumn's aunt and uncle are Marsha and Mike Levens and her grandparents are Pete and Margaret Browning, all of Snyder. She also is engaged to Snyder native John Ryan Rasmus. The couple plans to wed in March. Autumn is studying elementary education and her hobbies include reading Christian fiction.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

In times like these, it helps to recall that there have always been times like these.

—Paul Harvey

events

WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

S.M.A.R.T. School

S.M.A.R.T School at Ira ISD with Carol Scott and Kim Allen being held from 8-11:45 a.m. daily through Thursday. Transportation is available. Call 573-2628 to reserve your spot.

Emmaus meeting

Mesquite Country Emmaus Community meeting will be held at 7 tonight at Colonial Hill Baptist Church. Babe chicks meet at 6 p.m.

Tamale fundraiser

Faith Revival Church will be taking orders for tamales from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Wednesday. Cost is $8 per dozen and need to be picked up on Thursday starting at 9:30 a.m. Call 573-6177.

Clothing workshop

A clothing workshop – just for girls ages 9-18 – will be held Thursday at the Scurry County extension office. Bring rubber flip-fops for decorating and $3 for other supplies. RSVP by Wednesday by calling 573-5423.

FBC services televised

First Baptist Church services are televised on channel 2 at 3 p.m. each Thursday.

'83 class reunion meeting

A reunion planning meeting for the SHS Class of 1983 will be held at 7:30 p.m. Thursday at Kirk Herrley's home. For more information, call 573-3204.

United Way

A Scurry County United Way board meeting will be held at noon Monday at the United Way office at 2311 Ave. T.

Bible study tapes

Bible videos air each week on Channel 2. To be shown at 7 p.m. Monday is "When Traditions Become Sinful," followed by "Called to a Holy Calling."

Financial workshop

Snyder Oaks Care Center will sponsor a workshop on preparing financially for nursing home placement to protect assets and qualify for assistance. It will be held at 7 p.m. next Tuesday. For more information call Ray or Joni at 573-9377.

Star Boot Camp

Star Boot Camp junior military academy will be held from 8 to 11 a.m. July 18-Aug. 1. The camp is for ages 6 to 11. To register call 574-6090 or 573-3703.

First Methodist VBS

First United Methodist Church will hold Vacation Bible School from 6 to 8 p.m. July 28-Aug. 1. For ages kindergarten through 5th grade, theme is "God People Celebrate." Register at 2700 College Ave. or call 574-1547.

GED registration, test dates

Mandatory pre-registration for GED test will be held from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. Wednesday, July 30, at the GED testing center, Building 7B, at WTC. The math segment of the test will begin at 8 a.m. on Thursday, July 31. For more information call Molly Kattes at 573-2919 or Emily Hataway at 573-8511, ext. 297 or 574-2112. It is recommended that candidates receive some preparation before attempting the test.

Senior swimnastics

Swimnastics for senior citizens is held from 10 to 11 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays at the WTC pool.

SHS football program ads

Advertisements are now being sold for the 2003 football program. Anyone interested in purchasing an ad can call Christy Smith at 573-6301.

Sonshine registration

Sonshine School at 37th St. Church of Christ is currently registering students for the fall semester. For more information, call director Wendy Barnett at 574-1960.

Cancer treatment transportation

Transportation for cancer patients to Lubbock, Abilene or Midland is available free of charge. Call Sammie Jarrell at 573-5993 or Blakey Fargason at 574-8041. If not home, leave message on answering machine.

Bergman will retire to private island retreat

STOCKHOLM, Sweden (AP) — Ingmar Bergman says he'll now spend all his time on Faaroe, a beautiful, barren island in the Baltic Sea southwest of Stockholm where he has a private retreat.

"Now I have stopped doing theater, film and television. Now there is only one documentary film which we will do during the summer. Now I will become an 'old Faaroe man' for good and will live there both summer and winter, which I'm looking forward to," the director said in an interview in a local tourist brochure.

He turned 85 on Monday.

Later this year, the Swedish Film Institute will set up an Ingmar Bergman Web site based on the contents of 45 packing cases containing unique archive film material, including personal letters and behind-the-scenes footage. He donated the cases to the institute last year.

Bergman first gained international attention with "Smiles of a Summer Night," a 1955 romantic comedy that inspired the Stephen Sondheim musical "A Little Night Music."

But it was "The Seventh Seal," released two years later, that riveted critics and audiences. An allegorical tale of the medieval plague, it contains one of film's most famous scenes — a knight playing chess with the shrouded figure of Death.

Bergman's "Fanny and Alexander" won the Oscar for best foreign language film in 1984.

Fastows want change of venue

HOUSTON (AP) — Attorneys for former Enron Chief Financial Officer Andrew Fastow and his wife plan to ask that the couple's criminal trials be moved out of Houston.

In a motion requesting that Andrew Fastow's case proceed before his wife Lea's, a footnote indicates the attorneys plan to ask for the change of venue sometime in August.

Defendants usually ask for a change of venue when they believe they cannot be tried fairly because of adverse publicity about the case, the defendant's notoriety in the community or other factors. Enron's bankruptcy led to the layoff of more than 5,000 Houston workers and affected countless numbers of investors in Houston and around the country.

Defense attorneys commonly conduct surveys of potential jury pools to back up claims that their clients won't receive fair trials, but it's not known if the Fastows' attorneys have done so, the Houston Chronicle reported in its Tuesday editions.

U.S. District Court Judges David Hittner and Kenneth Hoyt will decide whether to move the trial dates or allow a change of venue.

The Fastows have pleaded not guilty to all charges.

Lea Fastow was indicted April 30 on charges of conspiracy to commit wire fraud, conspiracy to commit money laundering and four counts of filing a false income tax return. Jury selection in her trial is scheduled for Jan. 27.

Lea Fastow's attorneys sought the delay because her husband has indicated he could offer testimony to defend his wife, but only if his own criminal proceedings were finished. Andrew Fastow, the highest Enron official charged so far, faces trial on a 109-count indictment. His case has not been scheduled.

Generally, changes in venue would move a case to another federal courthouse within the same district. Brownsville and Laredo are in the same district.

West Texas included in fire warning area

TUCSON, Ariz. (AP) — With moisture in trees and other vegetation at record low levels, the potential for extreme fire behavior in Arizona is worse than last year, an expert fire analyst said Monday.

"We are presently at record levels regarding extreme fire behavior potential," said Ron Moody of the federal interagency Southwest Coordination Center in Albuquerque, N.M.

Moody warned fire incident commanders in Arizona, New Mexico and West Texas about the situation in a fire behavior alert issued for the region.

"I think it's very significant," Moody, a retired fuels specialist now working as a fire behavior analyst, said in a telephone interview.

Arizona is at record levels for a key measurement that reveals how hot a fire can burn, he said.

Called 'energy release component', or ERC, the index is used by wildland fire specialists and is considered the best indicator of the effects of long-term drying on fire behavior, he said.

Combined with record ERCs and record lows for fuel moisture, massive numbers of still-standing trees killed by beetle infestations have created an unprecedented potential for extreme landscape scale fire, the advisory said.

"When we have ignitions or ongoing fires, fuels are about as low as they can be, and basically the conditions are explosive," Moody said.

As an example, he cited explosive characteristics seen Monday in the Kinishba (pronounced kih-NEESH'-buh) fire in eastern Arizona's White Mountains, which forced the evacuation of several communities near Whiteriver on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation.

Meat labeling bill recinded by House

WASHINGTON (AP) — Labels that tell consumers whether the hamburger in U.S. grocery coolers is imported or homegrown seem less likely now than it did a year ago.

In a battle pitting grocers, packinghouses and large livestock operations against smaller ranches in the nation's heartland, the House voted Monday to effectively rescind the country-of-origin labeling requirements signed into law last year and due to take effect by fall 2004.

Legislation that would forbid the department from spending any money to force companies to stick the labels on beef, pork and lamb products was approved on a 347-64 vote as part of a $17 billion budget bill for the Agriculture Department.

The labeling requirement is much more popular in the Senate, where it has the support of powerful farm state lawmakers like Democratic Leader Tom Daschle of South Dakota and Republican Senate Finance Committee Chairman Charles Grassley of Iowa. Both are from meat-producing states.

"It would be completely irresponsible to reverse course and kill country-of-origin labeling," said Daschle. "The recent mad cow scare in Canada is one more reminder that the new labeling law can serve as an important marketing and informational tool."

Rep. Dennis Rehberg, R-Mont., sought an amendment to protect the labeling law, which was enacted as part of the farm bill last year, arguing it would help U.S. farmers sell meat to American consumers.

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Move to assisted living gives elderly mom what she needs

DEAR ABBY: Please allow me to offer my support to "Wants What's Best for Mom in New York," the woman whose mom is in her 70s. The mother's friends think she is "too young to be in assisted living" despite the memory problems she's having.

As you suggested, talking to them is a great idea. But she should emphasize to these friends that what she's doing is in her mother's best interests. It's relieving her of the burden of cooking, cleaning and paying bills. Relief from these burdens will cause her to relax and think more clearly — and her socialization will increase. Her nutrition will improve, and she will receive the proper dosage of her prescribed medications — at the right times. On some level, her mother knows her memory is slipping. Anxiety over that, as well as her responsibilities, causes more anxiety and more memory loss.

I have worked in assisted living for five years. Without feeling guilty, I placed my 79-year-old mother, who had similar problems, in the facility. The stimulation and support of others not only added to her life, but helped her feel she had a better life. She was free of her prior stresses. I have seen hundreds of cases of improved lifestyle, less depression, and more happiness and fulfillment in assisted living. That daughter needs to know she's doing the right thing. — **MICHELE B., ROSELAND, N.J.**

DEAR MICHELE: Thank you for the helpful input, and for sharing your personal experience. Now read on for more:

DEAR ABBY: Please tell "Wants What's Best" to do what she needs to do for her mother. Get the assistance she needs and ignore the "well-meaning people." But first of all, take her car keys away from her. If she gets lost and doesn't remember what she's doing in the car, she can no longer drive safely on the roads.

My 18-year-old daughter, Lynae, was killed by a woman with dementia almost five years ago, because no one wanted to interfere with her driving privileges. Lynae was two days away from starting college. She had her whole life ahead of her. But because no one had the guts to take a firm stand, my daughter never had a chance.

Abby, please urge family members to do the "right" thing when they realize that elderly members of their families need help. — **MOTHER OF AN ANGEL IN MINNESOTA**

DEAR MOTHER: Please accept my deepest sympathy for the tragic loss of your daughter. Your letter carries a strong message, and I'm pleased to share it. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: Since I'm dealing with similar issues as that daughter in New York, it occurs to me that she might not know that in many places — and with many insurance programs supplementing Medicare — various services are available that can help to maintain individuals in their homes. It might be less expensive and more satisfying for all concerned to try this alternative before going to assisted living.

In my case, the insurance company provides a care provider who helps with housekeeping, meal preparation, giving meds, bathing, and trips to the doctor, pharmacy, grocery shopping, etc. And all for a minimal co-pay for any visit to provide the needed care. — **DIANE IN INDIO, CALIF.**

DEAR DIANE: For some people — not all — that's a viable alternative. Families who are interested should check with the local office on aging, local senior centers, the Visiting Nurse Association, their Medicare supplemental insurance provider, Meals on Wheels, and local transportation companies to inquire if they provide free or low-cost transportation for seniors to get to doctors, pharmacies, markets, etc.

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9-10-14-29-33

Pick 3

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

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Something Certain!

In a changing world we look for stability. We look for things that are not going to change. We need those things in our life. One of the most characteristic aspects of 21st Century America is the swiftness of change. Technology, media capabilities along with a host of other things are changing at an increasing pace. Unless we are in the field of computers and communication we probably feel that we are always falling behind in our knowledge and ability.

The Bible points us to things that do not change. Jesus does not change. Hebrews 13:8 tells us that Jesus is the same yesterday, today and forever. He understands all of the changes that are going on in our world, but He Himself does not change. We can count on Jesus doing what He promised long ago and being faithful to Himself. He will forgive, love and judge just as He has promised because He does not change.

There are other things that the Bible tells us are certain. II Timothy 2:19 tells us that two things are certain. First, the Lord knows those who are his. That does not change. Second, everyone who confesses the name of the Lord must turn away from wickedness. Repentance is a requirement of Jesus in every society and every age. Wickedness is real. Some things are wrong in the eyes of God. The Scriptures say that does not change. If we would follow Christ, we must turn away from wickedness. The world is changing as fast as it is spinning. Open the Bible to find something that does not change. It is there.

Dale Huff

Large Sale Table
30% off

LOTS OF NEW MERCHANDISE ARRIVING DAILY

Infant Registry
Stacy (Titus) & Brandy Hickman
Brook & Jonathan Henry
Leslie & Kraig Billingsley
Jami & Jason West

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Reecie Sauceda & David Sanchez
CeCe Valadez & Johnny Pena
April Armacost & Wacey Estes
Suzannah Parkerson & Casey Chaney
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CMH AUXILIARY OFFICERS — Officers for the Cogdell Memorial Hospital Auxiliary include Carolyn Cox, president; Sandra Robinson, first vice president; Peggy Fowler, second vice president; Lynn Heard, recording secretary; and Una Orms, corresponding secretary, from left. Sixty auxiliary members man the Snack Bar and Gift Shop, provide scholarships, conduct blood drives, furnish TVs for patient rooms, decorate the hospital during holidays, host teas honoring the medical staff, infant T-shirts and many other projects. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Ten tools for surviving family vacations

Americans are going on vacation in unprecedented numbers. Having a flashlight and flares for a car trip is a great idea. So is a travel bag of games and CDs. But what about a repair kit for family feelings? Or a road map to harmony?

Even a dream vacation in an idyllic setting can become a nightmare if the kids are at each other's throats. Here are some practical parenting tools to help bring out the best in everybody by Don R. MacMannis, Ph.D.:

1. Remember the big picture. A family vacation can be a perfect opportunity to create fun and lasting memories. Consider making learning, loving and living in the moment your highest priority, rather than getting to a particular destination.

2. Share appreciations and praise. Families do best when everybody (including adults) feels appreciated. Notice the good things and praise your kids, aiming for at least a 5:1 ratio of positive to negative statements.

3. Don't relax the rules and routines too much. Younger children can't "sleep in," so later or irregular bedtimes can create sleep deprivation and irritability. Kids thrive when parents provide lots of love and warmth, but also firmness and structure.

4. Give lots of time to blow off steam. Being away can be exciting but also stressful. Join in and help your children express themselves physically and emotionally through exercise and activities.

5. Provide practice at making decisions. If done in moderation, handing over some decisions to the kids is a terrific way for them to learn planning and thinking skills. Going somewhere new puts everybody on an exciting, equal footing.

6. Have family meetings. This is an ideal way to air feelings, make group decisions and help everyone feel respected for their preferences. Don't forget that you're all in the same boat. When tensions flare, it's time to attend. If siblings aren't getting along, a good "repair kit" is to have them work things out by sitting face to face, listening to and acknowledging each other's feelings.

7. Honor individual differences. Travel often highlights some differences between family members: preferences around food, activities, how much time to be active vs. relaxing, etc. It's a fabulous time to learn to compromise and take turns leading and following. Some kids get homesick and may act younger and need more loving attention.

8. Be prepared for idle times. In addition to the travel bag of games and CDs, have some games to use when you're waiting or standing on lines (e.g., guessing which hand a coin is in). It's also fun to let the kids safely scout out new places and come back to give you a report.

9. Allow some down time. Families are often not accustomed to being togetner all the time. Allow some ebbs and flows of being together and apart, and of quiet and more active times.

10. Listen to your own needs. Greate time to be apart from the children and nurture yourself and your adult relationships. It's a win-win situation. One of the greatest gifts you can offer your children is your own sense of happiness and well-being.

Don R. MacMannis, Ph.D. has been a psychologist specializing in the treatment of children and families for the past thirty years. He is also music director and a song writer for the hit PBS series, Jay Jay the Jet Plane. His CD/book, A Pocket of Tunes: Songs and Activities for Social and Emotional Learning, won the 2003 Best Children's Vacation Product award. He has been interviewed by over forty media contacts, including Time, Inside Edition, Parenting, and AOL on Boosting Social and Emotional Skills, Children's Fears about the War, and Guidelines for Parents about Instant Messaging.

Banderas set to film next two movies on location in Mexico

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Antonio Banderas got to spend more time in one of his favorite places while playing Mexican revolutionary Pancho Villa in a new HBO movie.

The Spanish actor filmed "And Starring Pancho Villa as Himself" on location in Mexico. It airs Sept. 7.

"It became what was my second country because I've done six movies in Mexico and I suppose that I'm going to go back to Mexico more because now we are planning to do a sequel for 'Zorro,'" Banderas told the Television Critics Association recently.

"I feel very comfortable there, but I never actually portrayed a character like this, who's got a historic link with the place. I felt a certain responsibility because I know that Pancho Villa awakens very much different feelings in the Mexican population, and outside of Mexico, too," he said.

The HBO movie tells the story of how movie giants D.W. Griffith and Harry Aitken bought the exclusive rights to film Villa's Mexican revolution to create Hollywood's first action movie.

"I tried to approach the Mexican accent not only when I speak Spanish in the movie, but also when I'm speaking in English," he said.

Banderas, 42, said he will end his Tony Award-nominated run in the Broadway musical "Nine" in early October, and will begin filming the sequel to 1998's "The Mask of Zorro" in February.

Community Calendar

TUESDAY

Weight Watchers meeting; Colonial Hill Baptist Church; for more information call Kathy at 573-1289 during the evening; weigh-in is at 5:30 p.m.

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

Beginners' AA open meeting; Snyder Park Club, 1212 37th Street; 573-8268, 574-1292 or 573-1141; 7 p.m.

Al-Anon open meeting; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th and Ave. M; for more information call 573-3733, 573-2101 or 573-1141; 8 p.m.

TOPS TX56 (take off pounds sensibly); weigh-in and meeting 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.; Trinity United Methodist Church. For more information call Phillis Leatherwood at 573-6105.

WEDNESDAY

NA Just For Today, open meeting; Park Club; for information, call 573-1438; 8 p.m.

THURSDAY

Horseshoe Pitching For Fun; horseshoe courts located at the coliseum; everybody welcome, for further information call 573-9762.

Deep Creek Cloggers lesson; at the coliseum annex; 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

AA Big Book Study; closed meeting; contact numbers are 574-1292 or 573-1141; 7 p.m.

FRIDAY

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

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

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

Cornelius-Dodson House; open by appointment, call 573-0538 or 573-0770.

Scurry County AA closed meeting; Park Club at Winston Park; for information call 574-1292 or 573-9458; 8 p.m.

Al-Anon open meeting; Park Club; 573-3733, 573-2101 or 573-1141; 8 p.m.

SATURDAY

NA-Just For Today open meeting; Park Club; for information call 573-1438; 7 p.m.

SUNDAY

Scurry County AA open meeting; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 574-1292 or 573-9458; 10 a.m.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder



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Dealer: South
Vulnerable: East-West

South	West	North	East
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3 ♥	Pass	4 ♥	All pass

Opening lead: ♦ Q

Tuesday, July 15, 2003

How can you count on success?

By Phillip Alder

While sitting at the bridge table, if you do one thing on a regular basis, the game will be much easier — what is it?

This deal highlights the technique. You are South, the declarer in four hearts. West leads the diamond queen. How would you plan the play?

South might have rebid two diamonds, but decided to emphasize his excellent major suit. (Over two diamonds, North should rebid two hearts. Then, South would probably continue with three hearts, and North would go on to game. This sequence may have persuaded West to lead a lethal trump.)

First, count your possible losers. There are two in diamonds and three in clubs. Next, count — that word again! — your winners. You have nine: one spade, six hearts and two diamonds. What will be your 10th trick?

You could try your luck in clubs, but it is much better to hope for either a 3-3 diamond split or a diamond ruff in the dummy.

Win the first trick with dummy's diamond king, discard a club on the spade ace, and call for a diamond. If East ruffs in, you will probably go down after a club to West, another diamond ruff, and a second top club. When East follows suit, though, win with your ace and concede a diamond trick.

Here, East discards. The defenders may take two clubs, but you win the next trick, ruff your last diamond with dummy's heart queen (the ruff in the shorter trump hand providing the key extra trick), and draw trumps.

Note that if West initially leads his low club, your diamond losers would disappear on dummy's spade ace and club 10.

Count for success, then count on success.

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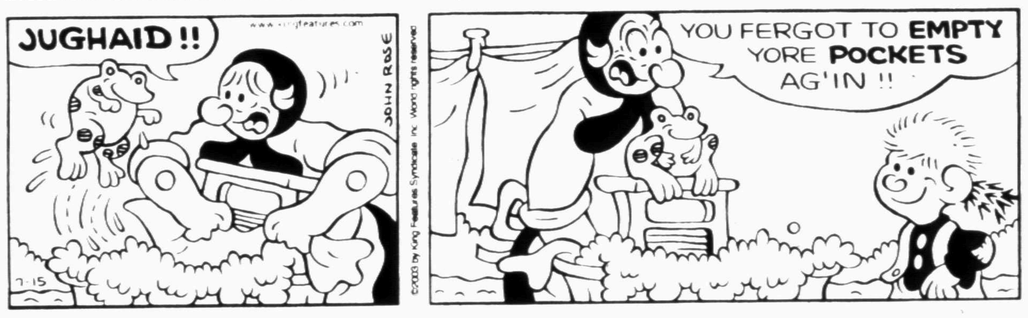
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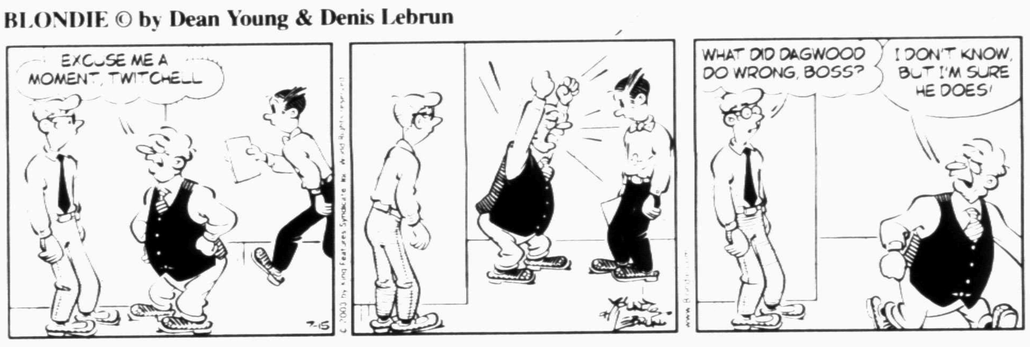
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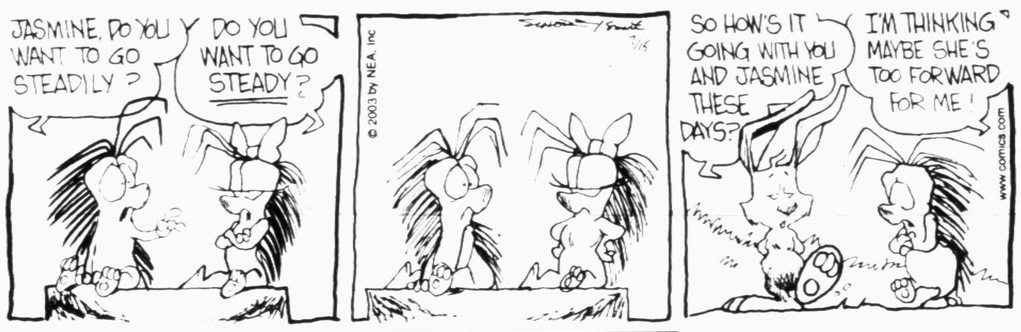
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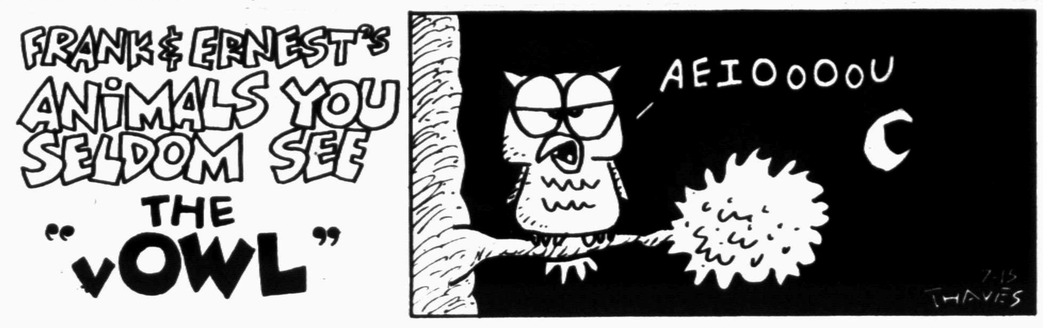
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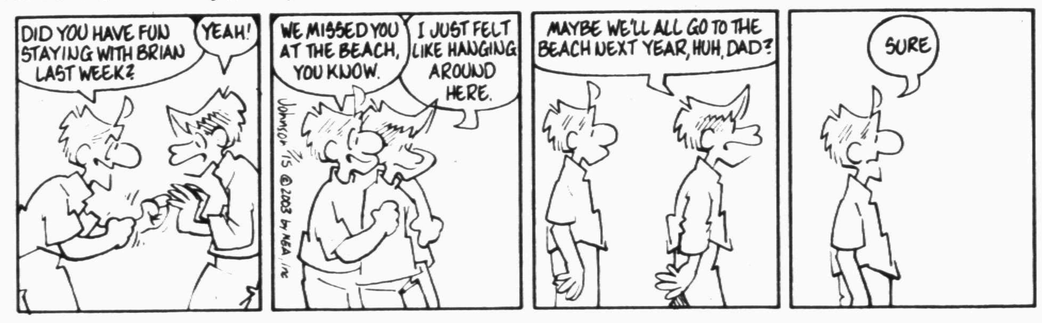
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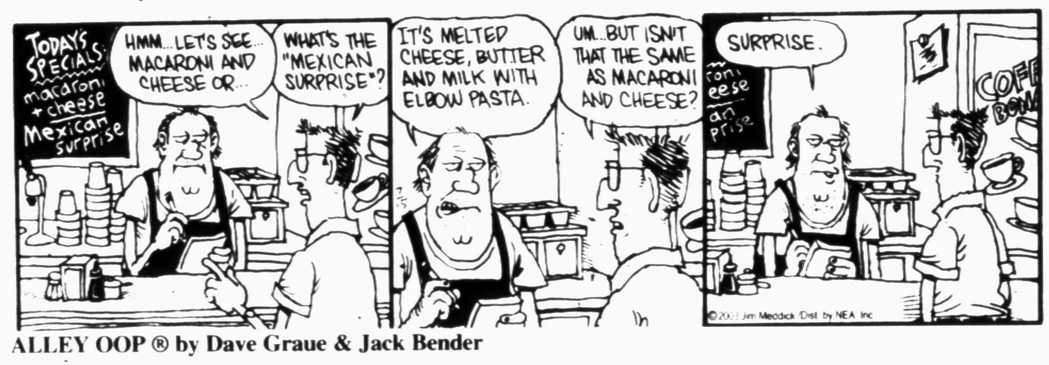
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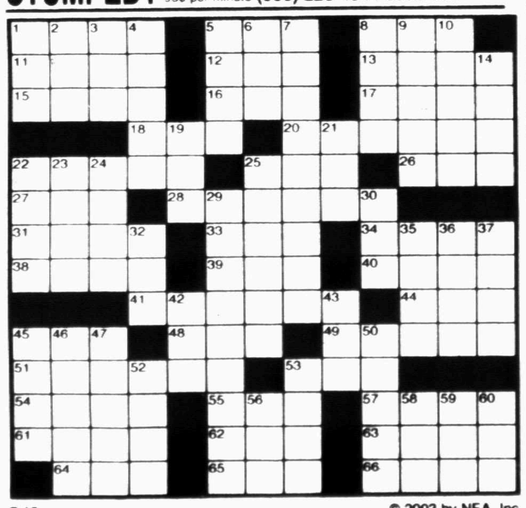
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by Bobby Allen

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SPORTS

Sideline Views



by Bobby Allen

Rush Limbaugh has joined the cast of ESPN's *NFL Countdown* pre-game show.

At least his picks will be easy to find — they will be on the far right of the screen.

And upholding a long-standing tradition, Limbaugh will not provide any information or explanations to support his picks.

The 70th All-Star game starts at 7 tonight, with Jason Schmidt getting the call for the senior circuit and Estaban Loiaza taking the hill for the AL.

The first game was played in 1933 and was won by Lefty Gomez and the American League, 4-2. That first game was dubbed "Game of the Century" and was highlighted by 38-year-old Babe Ruth's third inning blast that, fittingly, was the first home run ever hit in an all-star game.

Take this quiz and test your All-Star acumen. First prize is a night on the town, because if you know all these answers, you need to get out more. For the rest of us, the answers are at the bottom of the page:

1) Name the three players who played in the most games (hint: all are in the Hall of Fame).

2) Who has the most home runs in All-Star history?

3) Who is the only player to hit a grand slam in the All-Star game? What year?

4) Who are the only father and son to be named All-Star MVP?

5) Name the four players who have won two All-Star MVP awards.

6) What brothers won back-to-back MVP awards?

7) Which league has won the most games?

8) How many ties have there been in All-Star history?

9) How many games have been played in Texas?

And, finally, 10) Who was last year's MVP?

Tonight's starting lineup:

National League

1. Edgar Renteria, St. Louis, SS
2. Jim Edmonds, St. Louis, CF
3. Albert Pujols, St. Louis, LF
4. Barry Bonds, San Francisco, DH
5. Gary Sheffield, Atlanta, RF
6. Todd Helton, Colorado, 1B
7. Scott Rolen, St. Louis, 3B
8. Javy Lopez, Atlanta, C
9. Jose Vidro, Montreal, 2B

American League

1. Ichiro Suzuki, Seattle, RF
2. Alfonso Soriano, New York Yankees, 2B
3. Carlos Delgado, Toronto, 1B
4. Alex Rodriguez, Texas, SS
5. Garret Anderson, Anaheim, LF
6. Edgar Martinez, Seattle, DH
7. Hideki Matsui, New York Yankees, CF
8. Troy Glaus, Anaheim, 3B
9. Jorge Posada, New York Yankees, C

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1) Hank Aaron, Willie Mays, Stan Musial — 24; 2) Stan Musial — 6; 3) Fred Lynn — 1983; 4) Ken (1980) and Ken Griffey, Jr. (1992); 5) Willie Mays ('63,'68), Steve Garvey ('74, '78), Gary Carter ('81,'84) and Cal Ripken, Jr. ('91, '01); 6) Robbie and Sandy Alomar in 1997 and 1998; 7) The NL (40-31); 8) Two, 1961 and last year; 9) Three, two in Houston ('68, '86) and on in Arlington in 1995; 10) No MVP was named after last season's game, which ended in a tie when both managers ran out of pitchers.

NFL innovator Schramm dead at 83

DALLAS (AP) — Tex Schramm, the showboating innovator who helped build the Dallas Cowboys into "America's Team" and was an instrumental figure in the NFL's evolution and popularity, died at his home today. He was 83.

Greg Court, Schramm's son-in-law, told The Associated Press that Schramm died at his Dallas home this morning.

Schramm hired Tom Landry as the Cowboys' first coach and was with the team for the first 29 seasons. He left in 1989, two months after Jerry Jones bought the club and fired Landry, and was elected to the Pro Football Hall of Fame two years later.

Schramm's legacy extends far beyond the Cowboys. Without playing a down, he did as much as anyone to shape today's NFL.

Instant replay, sideline radios in quarterback helmets and starting the play clock immediately after the previous play were all his ideas. So were wrinkles such as wide sideline borders and wind-direction strips dangling atop goalpost uprights.

He also promoted the six-division, wild-card playoff concept and introduced the world to the Cowboys cheerleaders. The nickname "America's Team" wasn't originally his, but he was the one who popularized it.



Texas E. "Tex" Schramm

"For years, I also pushed for the elimination of the huddle," Schramm said in a 1998 interview. "The huddle is useless and time-consuming. You could run 20 additional plays a game. Maybe more."

But for 12 years, Schramm remained the Cowboys' only Hall of Famer not to be inducted into the club's Ring of Honor because of a strained relationship with Jones. In April, however, Jones decided that the man who created the Ring should be in it, too. Schramm was going to become the Ring's 12th member — and he was responsible for bringing the other 11 to the Cowboys.

A strong personality with an imaginative football mind, Schramm had a fierce and protective love of the NFL.

Schramm was a significant force in the AFL-NFL merger in 1966 and was the original chairman of the league's competition committee, a position he held from 1966-88. His first committee members were Vince Lombardi, Paul Brown and Al Davis.

Before being hired by Cowboys founder Clint Murchison in 1960 to run the expansion team, Schramm worked for the Los Angeles Rams from 1947-56, working his way up from publicity director to general manager. Then he became an executive for CBS-TV Sports.

While with CBS in Los Angeles, Schramm learned the intricacies of wedding football and television, a marriage that has since brought the league billions of dollars. During that job he also gave eventual NFL commissioner Pete Rozelle his first job in the league, hiring him as the Rams' publicity director.

At CBS, he orchestrated the first-ever television broadcast of the Winter Olympics. He also hired Pat Summerall to broadcast New York Giants football games.

Schramm was 39 when Murchison, a prominent Texas oilman, hired him to start an expansion team that had yet to be approved by the NFL.

"I'd always wanted, as far back as I can remember, to take a team from scratch and build it," Schramm said. "So this was an opportunity I couldn't pass up even though we didn't know for sure that Dallas would get a team."

Among his first hires was Landry. Although complete opposite personalities, their "business relationship" — as Schramm called it — produced 20 straight winning seasons, 18 playoff appearances, 13 division titles and five Super Bowl appearances. Dallas won two and lost the other three by a combined 11 points.

Thing started slowly, though, with Dallas not winning a game its first season. Despite high hopes in 1963, the losing continued and there were rumblings of a coaching change. Schramm remained confident in Landry and asked Murchison to do the same. He responded with a 10-year contract.

Dallas went on to win division titles in 1966 and '67, leading to memorable playoff losses to the Green Bay Packers, including the Ice Bowl. After being dubbed "Next Year's Champions," they finally won Super Bowls after the 1971 and 1977 seasons.

When the tide turned in the late 1980s, owner Bum Bright wanted Landry fired. Schramm refused.

Schramm was with Jones when Landry was fired in February 1989, but two months later he announced his resignation at the same NFL special meeting during which the sale of the team was unanimously approved. A rift developed between Schramm and the Cowboys' new organization as a result, with Schramm staying away from headquarters.

Snyder plays for Texas state crown tonight

DUMAS — The Snyder 13-year-old all-stars will play for the West Texas state crown at 6 tonight against host Dumas.

Should Snyder be victorious, they will join the two other Texas champs at the national sectional tournament July 25 in Warren, Ark., the next stop on the way to the Little League World Series.

Offense lifts Snyder all-stars past Seminole

SEMINOLE — The Snyder Babe Ruth All-Stars got five runs in the first inning Monday and six in the sixth to down host Seminole, 12-6.

Chris Smith belted an RBI single to spark the scoring for Snyder in the first, driving in Cade Simpson.

Orlando Vasquez added an RBI single, and Ryan Mitchell drove in two.

Cale Lancaster also drove in a run in the first frame.

Seminole entered the fourth up 6-5 before Vaquez smashed a double to plate Smith and tie the score.

The squad put the game away in the sixth when the offense caught fire with two outs.

Martinez led off with a double and scored on a Vasquez double with two down.

Williams reached on an error and Mitchell drew a walk to load the bases for Danny Ortegon, who slapped a two-run single.

Lancaster followed with a three-run homer to seal the win for Snyder.

Mitchell was the starter, going two innings before giving way to Williams, who got the victory.

The club will play at 6 tonight against Pampa.

Dodgers add Burnitz, Henderson to lineup

LOS ANGELES (AP) — At age 44, Rickey Henderson wanted one more shot at playing in the big leagues.

He got it Monday.

Henderson, baseball's career leader in runs, stolen bases and walks, signed with the Los Angeles Dodgers after an outstanding 56-game stint for the Newark Bears of the independent Atlantic League.

A certain Hall of Famer when his playing days finally end, Henderson will appear in his 25th major league season for his ninth team.

Desperate for offensive help after losing 15 of their last 20 games, the Dodgers also acquired power-hitting outfielder Jeromy Burnitz from the New York Mets for three minor leaguers — second baseman Victor Diaz and right-handed relievers Joselo Diaz and Kole Strayhorn.

Anderson wins HR derby

CHICAGO (AP) — Garret Anderson was an unlikely winner of the All-Star Home Run Derby. Then again, most of the Anaheim Angels' recent accomplishments have been surprises.

Anderson edged the St. Louis Cardinals' Albert Pujols 9-8 Monday night to win the title for the first time.

Some of the drama was lacking this year.

Barry Bonds and Sammy Sosa weren't among the eight players in the competition, which has become a highlight of the All-Star break.

Still, the crowd of 47,819 rose to its feet as Pujols, batting last, came up with one strike left. He stepped out and lined a pitch from Cubs bullpen catcher Benny Cadahia off the left-field warning track.

Pujols, the 2001 NL Rookie of the Year, defeated Giambi 14-11, hitting the longest shot of the night — a 478-foot drive.

Pujols' total tied for the most in a derby round.

Players expect more strategy at this year's all-star game

CHICAGO (AP) — Up until now, the only reason any player glanced at a third-base coach in an All-Star game was to see how far Tommy Lasorda would tumble.

"I don't think anybody ever looked down for signs," Milwaukee slugger Richie Sexson said. "I don't think we had any signs."

That could change Tuesday night, and call it a sign of the times. With home-field advantage in the World Series at stake, signals and strategy are set to make a comeback in baseball's summer showcase.

"In the past, we didn't have signs — takes, hit-and-runs," Texas shortstop Alex Rodriguez said. "I guarantee you we'll be going over that. If it's the seventh or eighth innings, I know we're going to see some bunts laid down."

In fact, Baltimore's Melvin Mora got to work right away. He was the first player to take batting practice Monday and began his round with four straight bunts — uncharacteristic for a guy hitting .349.

"You want an exhibition? Go to spring training," said St. Louis manager Tony La Russa, an NL coach. "This is meant as a competition, not an exhibition."

In 2001, Lasorda came out to coach third base and was hit in the left hip by the shattered barrel of Vladimir Guerrero's bat. The NL's honorary manager fell over backward, drawing laughs and cheers from the crowd at Safeco Field.

This year, the wheels were spinning well before Esteban Loaiza and Jason Schmidt started the game at U.S. Cellular Field.

Roger Clemens was added to the AL team, and Barry Bonds was moved from the outfield to the NL's designated hitter.

Clemens recently earned his 300th victory and this was a nice way to honor him in what likely is his final season. But the well-rested Rocket was ready to pitch and took the place of Barry Zito, who worked eight innings Sunday.

Zito seemed startled to find out he'd been bumped off the active roster. Still, the reigning AL Cy Young winner added, "I think Roger Clemens is a blue chip name. I think, yeah, he deserves to go out here."

Because last year's All-Star game ended in a 7-7, 11-inning tie when the teams ran out of pitchers, the commissioner's office increased the rosters to make sure each side had 12 pitchers available — and wanted each of them to be prepared.

NL manager Dusty Baker, meanwhile, tinkered with his lineup.

Bonds, elected by fans to start in the outfield, will DH, while Jim Edmonds will play center, between Albert Pujols and Gary Sheffield.

Baker had to get approval from the commissioner's office to move Bonds, and admitted he initially wasn't sure he'd get it.

Armstrong keeps lead in bumpy ninth stage

GAP, France (AP) — High-speed crashes, near misses, treks across bumpy fields and stomach viruses have made for an eventful Tour de France for Lance Armstrong.

Armstrong, seeking a record-tying fifth straight Tour win, narrowly missed crashing Monday for the second time in the race's centennial year.

Just over a week ago, he was lucky to avoid serious injury in the race's opening stage — emerging with just bruising from a pileup involving 35 riders.

In Monday's ninth stage, won by Kazakhstan's Alexandre Vinokourov, only quick reactions and a penchant for improvisation prevented a potentially disastrous fall.

Sweeping down a steep descent close to the finish line in Gap, Armstrong had to swerve suddenly as Spain's Joseba Beloki — a fraction ahead of the Texan — jammed his wheel and fell from his bike.

In avoiding Beloki, Armstrong had no option but to skid off the road. To rejoin the race, he decided against getting back on the tarmac. Armstrong turned left into a field, rode a short way, then lifted his bike onto his shoulder.

Webber avoids jail time

DETROIT (AP) — Chris Webber might have avoided jail time by admitting he lied to a grand jury about money he repaid a former University of Michigan basketball booster.

A day before jury selection was to begin in his perjury trial, the former Michigan player and current Sacramento Kings star pleaded guilty Monday to a lesser charge of criminal contempt. He faces a fine, but the agreement with prosecutors should keep him out of jail.

"I'm relieved that it is in the process of being over," Webber said.

In 2000, Webber said he didn't recall giving money to booster Ed Martin, who died this year. Webber acknowledged he gave Martin about $38,000 in 1994.

Webber originally was charged with lying to a grand jury about money authorities say he received from Martin. Webber could have faced five years in prison and a $250,000 fine.

Webber, who had left knee surgery last month, used crutches to walk to a podium in court.

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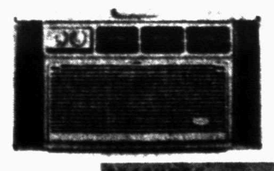
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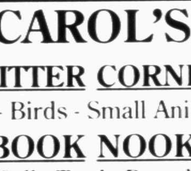
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SYRACUSE, N.Y. (AP) — A retired handyman who admitted keeping five women as sex slaves in an underground bunker in his back yard was sentenced Tuesday to 18 years to life in prison.

County Judge Anthony Aloi ignored a plea for leniency from John Jamelske's lawyer, who asked for a penalty of 15 years to life.

"You are a sick coward. You are an evil man. You are a kidnapper and rapist, a master manipulator of people and the truth, but your reign of terror is over," Aloi told Jamelske.

Jamelske cried in court and apologized: "I'm sorry for what I did and how it affected everyone."

Jamelske, 68, pleaded guilty last month to kidnapping five women and girls and holding them as sex slaves between 1988 and 2003 in a concrete bunker he built 3 feet underground, behind his home in DeWitt, a Syracuse suburb.

Aloi said Jamelske "should die in prison for what you have done to these five women."

Each count carried a maximum penalty of 25 years to life in prison, which meant Jamelske could have served up to 125 years behind bars if convicted at trial and sentences were combined.

Jamelske told authorities he began seeking out girls and women in 1988, after his wife became bedridden and couldn't satisfy his sexual urges. She died in 1999.

Jamelske was arrested in April after his most recent victim, a 16-year-old girl, managed to call her sister when Jamelske took her out on errands after six months of captivity.

After Jamelske's arrest, police identified four other women who said he had abducted and raped them since 1988. The victims ranged in age from 13 to 53 and were held in the bunker from two months to three years.

Peter Fonda accepts achievement award

WATERVILLE, Maine (AP) — Peter Fonda was awarded the Mid-Life Achievement Award this weekend at the Maine International Film Festival.

Fonda accepted the award Sunday at the Waterville Opera House following a screening of his 1971 film, "The Hired Hand."

"You found a reason to honor me and that feels better than if it was Los Angeles, New York, Denver, San Francisco, any of those places, you bet," the Waterville Morning Sentinel quoted the 63-year-old actor as saying. "Because those places are jaded and they like to be hip and they don't get it right."

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Elderly want state review of home seizure law

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Elderly Texans and others angry over a new law allowing the state to seize the homes of some nursing home patients after they die rather than allow the houses to go to relatives want the governor to reconsider the measure during the special legislative session.

Even Gov. Rick Perry, who signed the provision that was part of House Bill 2292 into law last month, is expressing concern over the measure. The governor has added 29 items to the special session agenda, but hasn't said whether he'll permit lawmakers to reconsider HB 2292.

Rep. Ruth Jones McClendon, D-San Antonio, has already filed a bill to repeal the measure. Two other San Antonio Democrats, Sen. Leticia Van de Putte and Rep. Carlos Uresti, who carried the original provision, said the state must comply with federal law on estate recovery or risk more than $2.2 billion in Medicaid money.

McClendon said her constituents' opinions prompted her to file House Bill 28, the repeal measure.

"They feel very threatened by the thought that they may have their homesteads taken away from them upon their death," McClendon told the San Antonio Express-News in Tuesday's editions. "They understand there are exemptions. They are afraid those exemptions may not apply."

But Uresti and Van de Putte said they're convinced the provision is needed. Texas had been one of three states not in compliance with the federal law, which dates back to 1993.

A spokeswoman for the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services has said that federal funding can be at risk if states don't comply with federal rules, but that there had been no pending action against Texas.

Uresti has called McClendon's bill premature.

"I feel confident she's going to be relieved — and if her constituents are concerned, they're going to be relieved — when they see how this bill is fully enacted," said Uresti. "We're not taking away poor people's homes."

Protections were cited by Van de Putte, including a provision that homes beneath a certain value would be exempt.

Perry's office has received 82 phone calls protesting the provision. Of 42 e-mails and letters, some expressed concern or asked for more information, but most were clearly opposed.

"Reminds me of Hitler getting the gold fillings out of the inmates' teeth in the concentration camps before they went to the ovens," wrote a Mesquite man.

An e-mail from another man with the subject line "You've Got Some Nerve" stated his elderly parents were "horrified and scared that all they've worked for and all that they hoped to pass on to their kids and grandchild will be gone."

A woman who said she is caretaker for a 98-year-old aunt who is bedridden and living in a nursing home, wrote: "Her only possession is her house. I was keeping it in order to have a means by which to have enough money to pay for her funeral expenses."

New Iraqi government to form courts to prosecute old foes

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Iraq's Governing Council said today it will establish a special court system to prosecute former members of Saddam Hussein's regime for the mass executions, torture and other abuses during his 23-year rule.

The plans for the special tribunal come as Iraq's first postwar political body prepares to create its first Cabinet amid criticism that the group, formed in consultation with U.S. occupation authorities, lacks real authority in the country.

Bringing members of the former regime to justice was among the most pressing issues facing the newly established council, said Entifadh Qanbar, spokesman for one of the former opposition groups represented on the Governing Council.

"These are not normal crimes we are talking about. We are talking about killing 8,000 members of the Barzani tribe in 1982. We are talking about killing 300,000 Shiites after the 1991 Gulf War," Qanbar told reporters.

Human Rights Watch challenged the plan saying it would put former victims of Saddam and his regime in the position of judging their tormentors and might not result in justice.

As the council met behind closed doors Monday, the chaos of Iraq's streets was not far away.

After the meeting ended, an explosion about a quarter-mile from the compound turned a black four-wheel drive vehicle owned by the Tunisian Embassy into a burned metal hulk. The site of the blast was a parking lot where journalists leave cars during news conferences.

The target of the blast was not clear.

There was also some reported progress on restoring normal live in the country.

Britain's foreign secretary said today that all Iraq's hospitals and 98 percent of its schools have reopened, but attacks by remnants of Saddam Hussein's regime still hamper reconstruction work.

"The main problems are in the areas to the north and west of Baghdad, the so-called Sunni triangle, from where much of the Republican Guard was recruited," Jack Straw told the House of Commons.

Attacks by Saddam's supporters in Baghdad have left the capital receiving only 70 percent to 90 percent of its prewar water supply, Straw said. But he added that across the country more Iraqis are receiving electricity than before the war and food rations are being distributed to 26 million people out of a target population of 27 million.

The Governing Council will begin filling Cabinet positions next week in a gradual process, said Fawzi Hariri, a spokesman the Kurdistan Democratic Party.

The party is one of the groups that make up the council, which was selected with major imput by L. Paul Bremer, the American administrator of Iraq, and has been in daily session since it was announced on Sunday.

"The work to form a Cabinet will begin next week," Hariri told The Associated Press. "Consultations will begin next week. It may not be that a whole government is formed at once, but ministries will be named, one after the other."

He rejected criticism that the council lacked independence from Bremer.

"The council will have major authority. It will be the real ruler of Iraq," Hariri said. "Bremer's role as a civil administrator of Iraq will be consulting with the governing council in some of the matters, especially the security matters since they (the Americans) are the main military force in Iraq."

The governing council has the power to name ministers and approve the 2004 budget. The 25-member body is comprised of prominent Iraqis from all walks of political and religious life and will have some political muscle even though the Americans have made clear Bremer has ultimate control.

Hariri said governing council will send three or four members to New York as part of a U.N. delegation, including one of three women members and at least one Kurdish representative. He said details of the delegation were being decided in meetings today.

Date Book

Tuesday, July 15, 2003

Today is the 196th day of 2003 and the 25th day of summer.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1922, New York City's Bronx Zoo opened its platypus exhibit to the public. The star of the show was the first platypus to be exhibited in the United States.

On this day in 1933, Wiley Hardeman Post set off on the first round-the-world solo airplane flight.

On this day in 1997, Italian fashion designer Gianni Versace was shot and killed on the steps outside his Miami mansion by Andrew Cunanan.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Rembrandt van Rijn (1606-1669), artist; Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini (1850-1917), religious worker; Iris Murdoch (1919-1999), writer; Linda Ronstadt (1946-), singer, is 57; Forest Whitaker (1961-), actor and director, is 42; Brigitte Nielsen (1963-), actress, is 40.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1952, Walt Dropo ended his hitting streak of 12 consecutive hits, tying the major league record set by Mike Higgins in 1938.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "People from a planet without flowers would think we must be mad with joy the whole time to have such things about us." — Iris Murdoch.

TODAY'S MOON: Between full moon (July 13) and last quarter (July 21).

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Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.



Heart disorders are treatable

DEAR DR. GOTT: My doctor, with downcast eyes, assured me that my congestive heart failure is incurable. Is this a death sentence?

DEAR READER: It would seem so, but — hold on — let's analyze the situation.

Congestive heart failure (CHF), an inevitable consequence of various cardiac disorders, is marked by difficulty breathing (especially when lying down); intolerance to exercise; weakness; weight gain (from excess fluid); and swollen ankles.

The basis of CHF is ineffective cardiac contractions. Because of this inefficient heart action, excessive and unwanted fluid accumulates in tissues outside the vascular system: ankles, legs and lungs. When an abnormal amount of fluid leaks into the lungs, it displaces air and makes breathing more labored; patients are literally drowning in their own fluid.

If the cause of the heart disease can be remedied (by surgery or other methods), CHF can be cured. For example, sophisticated testing may show a damaged coronary circulation, diseased valves or a weakened heart muscle from excessive alcohol consumption. In these instances, reconstructive surgery or stent placement may be helpful, as may avoidance of alcoholic beverages.

Granted, curing CHF from arteriosclerotic heart disease (the most common cause) is more challenging because the age-related accumulation of plaque reduces the supply of oxygen and nutrients to heart muscle. This imbalance is hard to eradicate except by special means, such as coronary artery surgery. And the situation will continue to progress because of the normal aging process. To a large degree, we are all victims of our ages and inheritances.

Unlike your doctor, I cannot comment on whether your CHF is curable or not.

However, it is certainly treatable and controllable. Drugs (such as digoxin) to strengthen the cardiac contractions, diuretics (such as Lasix and others) to release excessive fluid from congested tissues, and ACE inhibitors (such as Capoten and others) to reduce the work of the beating heart, thereby relieving strain and permitting the cardiac muscle to contract more efficiently and forcefully.

Therefore, your outlook is far from grim. I urge you to be examined and tested by a cardiologist. In my opinion, you need (at least) a cardiac ultrasound, a chest X-ray and a stress test to determine the cause of your CHF. Then the specialist can recommend appropriate therapy and make arrangements to work closely with your primary care physician.

As the population ages, CHF is becoming a more common and pressing health problem. While not always curable (in the strictest sense of the word), it can almost always be relieved or improved. Ask your primary care physician for a referral to a cardiologist.

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

DEAR DR. GOTT: I'm 70 years old. As a youngster, I had a smallpox vaccination. Now, with all the publicity about bioterrorism, should I have a booster?

DEAR READER: I believe that the current focus on a smallpox threat is exaggerated. I recommend that you hold off on a re-vaccination until public health authorities indicate that such a step is necessary.

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Donaciana Lopez has been a resident of Snyder Oaks since March 21, 2003. She was born in Loraine, Texas September 6, 1926. She came from a family of ten children. She has four children and nine grandchildren. She has worked as a Nurse's Aide, done laundry at nursing homes, also worked in a school cafeteria. She enjoyed working and would still be working if her health would let her. She is a Catholic. She enjoys going outside each day. She is a joy to have at Snyder Oaks.

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Troops in Liberia to be limited

WASHINGTON (AP) — U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan made his strongest pitch yet to President Bush for American peacekeeping troops in Liberia, but Bush is deferring his decision until he gathers more information.

Bush said Monday that any deployment of American troops to Liberia would be limited in size and duration and would depend on Liberian President Charles Taylor stepping down and leaving the country.

Bush gave no indication he was close to a decision, and aides said they didn't expect one this week. He offered no hint of whether any U.S. contingent would comprise military advisers, humanitarian experts or soldiers.

The president commented after meeting at the White House with Annan, who appealed for help in bringing peace to Liberia.

Asked whether United Nations or U.S. involvement is necessary, Annan said, "I think for us to pacify Liberia, both will be necessary."

The president said he was awaiting reports from two teams he sent to assess the situation in Liberia, one reviewing the humanitarian needs there, the other the military situation.

"I think everybody understands, any commitment we have would be limited in size and limited in tenure," Bush said.

"It may require troops. We don't know how many yet," Bush said after meeting with Annan. "Therefore, it's hard for me to make a determination until I see all the facts."

Bush said he had pressed advisers in a meeting of the National Security Council on when the assessment teams would report back.

The Pentagon, meanwhile, said it had sent aircraft to neighboring countries in case members of the Liberia assessment team need to be evacuated. Three helicopters were sent to Sierra Leone and one MC-130 special operations transport plane was sent to Senegal, according to Navy Lt. Dan Hetlage, a Pentagon spokesman. There are about 100 U.S. troops with the four aircraft, he said.

The Pentagon had previously arranged for commercial aircraft to stand by in case an evacuation was required but they became unavailable this week, so the military planes were sent, Hetlage said.

Bush said he wanted to help enforce a cease-fire, but he added: "This is conditional on President Taylor leaving. He's got to leave."

Annan said he expected the Economic Community of West African States to send up to 2,500 troops.

"After that, from what I gather, President Taylor will leave Liberia, then the force will be strengthened, hopefully with U.S. participation and additional troops from the West African region," Annan said.

Eventually, U.N. forces would supplant the initial forces, he said.

Estimated federal budget deficit may be as high as $450 billion

WASHINGTON (AP) — New Bush administration projections of record federal deficits surpassing $400 billion seem understated, Democrats say, because they will probably exclude the future U.S. operations in Iraq and other long-range costs.

Republican congressional aides said that the White House's latest budget forecast, to be released today, will predict a deficit this year exceeding $400 billion, perhaps reaching $450 billion. The administration's Office of Management and Budget was expected to project a similar figure for 2004, said the aides, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

"There's no way OMB can make the budget a pretty picture," South Carolina Rep. John Spratt, top Democrat on the House Budget Committee, told reporters on Monday.

The enormous new numbers were certain to throw gasoline on the political fight over the budget.

Republicans say the weak economy and the costs of fighting terrorism are to blame, and say the bad deficit figures underscore the need to restrain federal spending. Democrats say tax cuts pushed by President Bush have worsened the situation, especially in the long run.

The largest deficit until now was $290 billion in 1992, under the first President Bush.

Republicans argue that the more important measure of the red ink is how it compares to the size of the U.S. economy, because that shows the government's ability to afford it. But even gauged that way, a shortfall 4 percent as big as the economy — as this year's and next's will probably be — begins to approach the dimension of the deficits of the 1980s and early 1990s that both parties agreed were untenable.

"I think the economy can handle it," Senate Budget Committee Chairman Don Nickles, R-Okla., said in a brief interview of the expected shortfall figures. "I think it's higher than I'd like it to be."

The magnitude of the administration projections were not a surprise. The nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office said last month that it believes this year's deficit will exceed $400 billion, and private forecasters have been predicting shortfalls of that amount or more for months.

Still, the numbers would be the first time the administration has formally acknowledged red ink of those amounts.

So far, the public has paid little attention to the budget's declining condition.

Most Americans have been more focused on the feeble economy, the war with Iraq and the drive against terrorism. All-time low inflation and interest rates have further cushioned people from the worsening budget picture.

Politicians have not offered much in the way of controlling the deficit, aside from Republican calls for spending restraint and some Democrats saying recent tax cuts for the wealthy should be rolled back.

The White House numbers were expected to exclude the future costs of U.S. operations in Iraq and Afghanistan, which are approaching $5 billion per month. They were expected to include costs incurred there to date.

In the longer term, the administration figures will not count the hundreds of billions of dollars it would take to make permanent the tax cuts Congress enacted in 2001 and earlier this year. The White House's budget projections are expected to be for the next five years, but many of those tax cuts expire in 2010 — leaving the costs of extending them outside that five-year window.

Davidian's claims rejected on appeal

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — A federal appeals court rejected an attempt by survivors to collect damages from the government for the deadly 1993 confrontation outside Waco between federal agents and members of the Branch Davidian cult.

Without dissent, a three-judge panel of the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals late Monday turned aside contentions that a lower-court judge who ruled against the survivors of the Branch Davidians was biased.

Scores of Branch Davidian members, including leader David Koresh, were killed in 1993 when government agents stormed their compound. Survivors have been pursuing a wrongful death claim for years.

In September 2000 in Waco, U.S. District Judge Walter Smith rejected their lawsuit, backing the government contention that agents had not used excessive force in their tear-gas assault on the compound. Smith found the Davidians themselves set the fire that killed nearly 80 men, women and children.

The appeal before the 5th Circuit basically dealt with one question: Was Smith biased against the Davidians because of remarks he made during the trial and his past relationships with government attorneys?

"We conclude that appellants' allegations do not reflect conduct that would cause a reasonable observer to question Judge Smith's impartiality," Chief 5th Circuit Judge Edith Jones wrote for the panel.

Attorneys for the survivors did not immediately return calls seeking comment.

The Davidians had argued that Smith's comments on and off the bench showed "deep-seated antagonism" and "preconceptions" about the group, whose beliefs encompassed fierce hostility against the government.

As an example, the survivors said Smith had called one Branch Davidian follower "crazy" and a murderer.

But government attorneys said Smith "displayed patience and diligence wading through enormously complicated legal and factual claims."

Today's chuckle

Human cannonball does it for the fans

MILWAUKEE (AP) — The crowd counts down three-two-one and the cannon fires with a boom, launching a man high over the flapping flags of the circus big top.



A blink of the eye later, David Smith Sr. — the Human Cannonball — plummets back to Earth, bouncing on his back into a mesh netting.

Smith, 61, has been wowing crowds for more than 30 years. Dozens ignore the lions and tigers for a minute to cheer this 175-foot shot.

It's the fans that keep Smith flying high.

"When I go to work, 99 percent of the time they go bananas," said Smith, whose silver performance suit matches his thinning hair. "Everyone is friendly. You see the good side of people all the time."

Smith — who said he broke his own world record with a 201-foot cannonball shot last August — performed with his son, David Jr., over the weekend as part of the Great Circus Parade through downtown Milwaukee. Five of Smith's eight children also are human cannonballs.

According to Smith, one cannon shot is more or less like any other.

"You're in there, and then you're out," said Smith. "There's no 'Here we go.'"

Astrograph

Tuesday, July 15, 2003
By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Lady Luck may play a prominent role in helping you reap excellent rewards in the year ahead. You'll have the opportunity to build upon it through solid use of your resources.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Joint ventures requiring a financial outlay on your part must be thoroughly scrutinized today. If you don't watch every move, you could come up short.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Don't take it upon yourself to make a major decision without first talking things over with others. There's a good chance something could go wrong.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — If you want to lighten your workload today, let your head figure out more sensible methods for performing the tasks. Don't rely solely on your back.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — You'll get more attention at a social gathering by taking a backseat to a dominating character who wants the whole stage to himself. In contrast, you'll be a standout.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Let everyone be heard concerning a major family issue today. The full mix will produce a solution that allows harmony to prevail.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Don't be so anxious that you present a plan prematurely. You will meet with serious opposition and you won't have the answers.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — There's nothing wrong with handling your own financial affairs today, but taking on someone else's is another story. Keep your counsel to yourself.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Don't debate a contested topic with your mate while out with friends. Hold your tongue or it could lead to an airing in public.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — An opportunity will slip past if you believe you can put it off until tomorrow. It'll get snatched up in front of your eyes.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Don't act like the center or attention at a social gathering today. You'll gather more admirers than you would otherwise. Be a bit laid back.

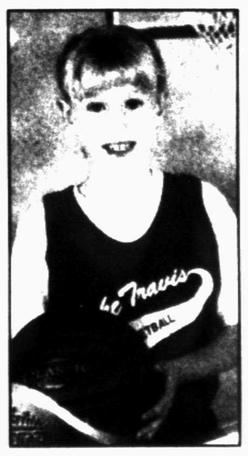
TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — For the sake of your image, don't toot your own horn. Someone will step forward on your behalf and sing your praises for you.

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THE SNYDER DAILY NEWS

Accident victim is admitted to Cogdell

Accident

Snyder emergency personnel responded to 37th Street and Ave. V at 6:40 p.m. Monday to a two-vehicle accident.

Involved were a 2001 Pontiac Grand Am driven by Keith Messick, 22, of 2213 41st Street and a 1991 Lincoln Towncar driven by Servando Gonzalez, 34, of Levelland.

Snyder EMS transported Gonzalez to Cogdell Hospital, where he was admitted for observation and was listed this morning in good condition.

Theft

Roy Cole at 3:30 p.m. Monday reported that a Weedeater was stolen from 303 34th Street. Officers advised a report for theft would be filed.

Fire report

A woman reported seeing smoke behind Bethel Oil on Ave. R at 8:50 p.m. Monday and the fire department responded.

Firefighters said the fire was contained to a trash can and it was quickly extinguished.

Vandalism

Mike Carter Monday morning discovered three windows broken at the East Elementary gym. Officers advised an offense report for criminal mischief would be submitted.

Jack Hardin requested an officer at the Fieldcrest Apartments after another man damaged a fire extinguisher and its cabinet. Officers inspected the damage and served the subject with a criminal trespass warning not to return to the complex.

Juveniles

Officers located two young boys, ages 10 and 13, at the Towle Park pool at 12:02 this morning.

The juveniles were released to their father and he was advised of the consequences of the boys being out again.

Monday evening...

Hermleigh school board handles number of items

Hermleigh ISD's trustees approved a number of housekeeping items during Monday night's meeting.

Supt. Marvin Beaty said the board approved the district's appraisal calendar, copy machine contract, milk bid and employee handbook.

The board also agreed to continue using the Scurry County Sheriff's Department for criminal background checks on potential employees.

Beaty said the sheriff's department had been doing the background checks for a number of years, and the board wanted to continue using it as opposed to an out-of-town company.

Trustees accepted the recommendation of Beaty to hire Raymond House as a resource teacher and coach.

House is a graduate of Snyder High School and Hardin Simmons University, and has been teaching and coaching at Colorado City.

Trustees also approved the resignation of special ed techer Sherry Holland.

The board also agreed to pay coaching stipends on a per-sport basis.

"If a coach is involved with one sport, they will get one coaching stipend," said Beaty. "If they coach two, they will get two, and so on."

Other items acted on by the trustees were the football field bleachers and federal Title programs.

"We agreed that the bleachers need work," said Beaty. "The question was do we just keep repairing them, or do we replace them."

Beaty said the school will repair the bleachers for the upcoming season, and then he and the board would look at a long-term solution.

The superintendent said the school district qualifies for more federal Title programs than it currently participates in, so the board voted to make application for these programs.

"We probably qualify for about $7,000 more in Title funds."

Beaty also informed the board that he has meetings scheduled with former Jayton superintendent Gary Harrell - Beaty's superintendent mentor for the next 18 months.

Beaty said a mentor is required for a first-time superintendent in Texas.

The board also set a meeting for July 28 to discuss board goals.

Obituaries

Donna Fowler

1944-2003

Donna Sue Fowler, executive director of the Snyder Chamber of Commerce, died Monday, July 14, at her home in Fluvanna after a brief illness.

Funeral service for Mrs. Fowler, 59, is set for 10 a.m. Wednesday in Colonial Hill Baptist Church with Dr. Tommy Culwell, pastor, officiating. Burial will follow in Hillside Memorial Gardens under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.



Donna Fowler

Born July 9, 1944 in Oakland, Calif., she was a 1962 graduate of Snyder High School. She married Joe Fowler on Aug. 26, 1962 in Gainesville. They lived in Houston before returning to Snyder in 1976.

Mrs. Fowler, a self-proclaimed "cheerleader" of Snyder and Scurry County, once owned the Sunshine Ice Cream Shop. For 16 years she was employed by KSNY Radio, 10 years as sales and operations manager. During those years she co-hosted an early morning radio program, "Coffee Break."

Mrs. Fowler became chamber manager on Jan. 1, 1995. At the time she was selected from a list of 18 applicants, Mrs. Fowler described the position as "the job I wanted all my life."

As chamber executive, she managed the Scurry County Coliseum for seven years and helped organize the White Buffalo Celebration and the Western Swing Festival.

She was a member of the economic development committee that worked to locate the Price Daniel unit in Snyder and was part of the committee that helped raise funds to build a chapel at the prison unit.

She had served on the United Way, worked with the American Cancer Society, was a former Girl Scout leader, PTA president and Lucky 13 sponsor.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Bernice Parker, on Jan. 8, 1996; and her stepfather, Sterling Parker, on April 1, 1995.

Survivors include her husband, Joe Fowler of Fluvanna; a daughter, Lezli Guerrero of Snyder; two sons, Jimmy Joe Fowler of Snyder and Jeffery Fowler and wife Tiffany of Lubbock; a brother and sister-in-law, Jim and Mollie Shearer of Snyder; a father and stepmother, Elton and Peggy Shearer of Montgomery; a half-sister Laura Keller of Houston; and five grandchildren.

Mr. Henderson

1922-2003

Talmadge P. Henderson, former Hermleigh resident, died Monday, July 14, at Vista Hospice Center in San Antonio.

Service for Mr. Henderson, 80, will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday in the Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home Chapel. Dr. Rex Reynolds, pastor of the Hermleigh First Baptist Church, will officiate. Interment will follow in the Pyron Cemetery.

He was born on Oct. 21, 1922. His wife, Nova Bowen Henderson, preceded him in death on June 10, 2003. They had lived in Hermleigh before moving to Odessa and then to San Antonio.

Survivors include his son and daughter-in-law, Larry and Karen Henderson of San Antonio; a sister-in-law, Katherine Wemken of Hermleigh; and a granddaughter, Robin Henderson of Chicago.

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Melvin Southern

1929-2003

ANDREWS — Melvin Southern, the father of Karen Gregory of Snyder, died, Saturday, July 12, at his home in Andrews.

Funeral service for Mr. Southern, 74, is set for 10 a.m. Wednesday in the Maranatha Assembly of God Church with the Revs. Roy Southern and Dean Williamson officiating. Burial will follow in the Andrews West Cemetery under the direction of McNett Funeral Home.

Born July 2, 1929 in Baskin, La., he moved to Andrews in 1955 from Winnsboro, La. He married Faye Duffy on March 11, 1983 in Andrews.

Mr. Southern was a farmer and a tool pusher, retiring in 1991.

Survivors include his wife, Faye Southern of Andrews; another daughter, Tonda Alexander of San Angelo; two sons, Steve Southern and Richard Southern, both of Andrews; three stepdaughters, Pam Stevens of Andrews, Patsy Bleven of Coahoma and Shirley Ann Pritchard of Midland; two brothers, Edward Southern of Gilbert, La.; and the Rev. Roy Southern of Fort Duchesne, Utah; five sisters, Georgia Clark and Juanita Bennett of Winnsboro, Wynell Eley of Gilbert, La., Sarah Homes of Duckhill, Miss., and Barbara Denney of Lakeville, Minn.; 22 grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren.

Una Morris

1922-2003

BIG SPRING — Una Lee Morris, the mother of Judy Davis of Snyder, died Sunday, July 13, in a Big Spring nursing home.

Funeral service for Mrs. Morris, 80, is set for 10 a.m. Wednesday in the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Chapel. The Rev. R.T. Havener, pastor of First Assembly of God, will officiate. Interment will follow in Trinity Memorial Park.

Born Oct. 13, 1922 in Knott, she married William Truman Morris on April 4, 1948 at Brown Community Church.

The family moved to Big Spring in July 1966 from Knott. She was a homemaker and a member of the First Assembly of God. She was a charter member of Evangel Temple Assembly of God in Big Spring and served as treasurer of Women's Missionary and had served as chaplain for Navy Wives Club in Morocco while stationed there from 1958-60.

Survivors include her husband, William Morris of Big Spring; two other daughters, Linda Holman of Plano and Nelda Reagan of Big Spring; two sons-in-law, Darrel Reagan of Big Spring and Delwyn Davis of Snyder; a sister, Ila Herren of Big Spring; a brother Alfred Herren of Knott; 15 grandchildren, Kevin and Alma Reagan of Fort Brag, N.C., Brian and Cheree Reagan and Amanda and Andy Rankin, all of Big Spring, Patrick and Lisa Reagan of Pensacola, Fla., Laura and Bryan Ritchey and Alyssa Davis, all of Snyder, Allyson and Jacalyn Holman of Plano, Stephanie and Toby Zalman of Canadian; eight great-grandchildren, Baylee and Landry Ritchey of Snyder, Kelsee and Kaycee Reagan and Kaleb and Jakob Rankin, all of Big Spring, and Ashley and Morgan Reagan of Ft. Bragg.

The family suggests memorials to the First Assembly of God, 310 West 4th in Big Spring.

Lyndal Ellerd

1918-2003

DALLAS — Lyndal Westbrook Ellerd, a Snyder native, died Sunday, July 13, in Carrollton.

Funeral service for Mrs. Ellerd, 85, will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday in North Dallas Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will follow in Dallas-Fort Worth National Cemetery in Dallas.

Born Feb. 20, 1918 in Snyder, Mrs. Ellerd lived in Snyder for 35 years. She was a Snyder High School graduate, attended Sul Ross Business College and then worked in the Scurry County clerk's office until she married Walter Ellerd in 1953. They then moved to Lubbock where they lived for 17 years and then to Carrollton where she lived until her death.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Little and Ella Westbrook; and one brother, Charles Westbrook.

Survivors include a daughter, Judy Cesander of Carrollton; a son, Jimmy Ellerd of Plano; two grandchildren, Angela and Mark Cesander; a niece and nephew, Lyneta Litterest and William Westbrook.

James Shepherd

1920-2003

BROWNFIELD — James A. Shepherd, 83, died Saturday, July 12, in Snyder Oaks Care Center.

Funeral service for Mr. Shepherd is set for 10:30 a.m. Wednesday in the First Baptist Church Chapel with the Rev. Randy Land officiating. Burial will follow in the Terry County Memorial Cemetery.

Born Feb. 21, 1920 in Kingston, Okla., he had been a resident of Terry County since 1924 and graduated from Brownfield High School.

He married Sarah Strain on Feb. 28, 1940 in Floydada. A World War II veteran, Mr. Shepherd lived in Austin and Lake Jackson before returning to Brownfield in 1997. He was a member of the First Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Sarah Shepherd of Brownfield; two sons, Jimmy Shepherd of Mililani, Hawaii, and Billy Shepherd of Pittsburg, Texas; a daughter, Kay Fleming of Enid, Okla.; a sister, Marie Lewis of Odessa; and three grandchildren.

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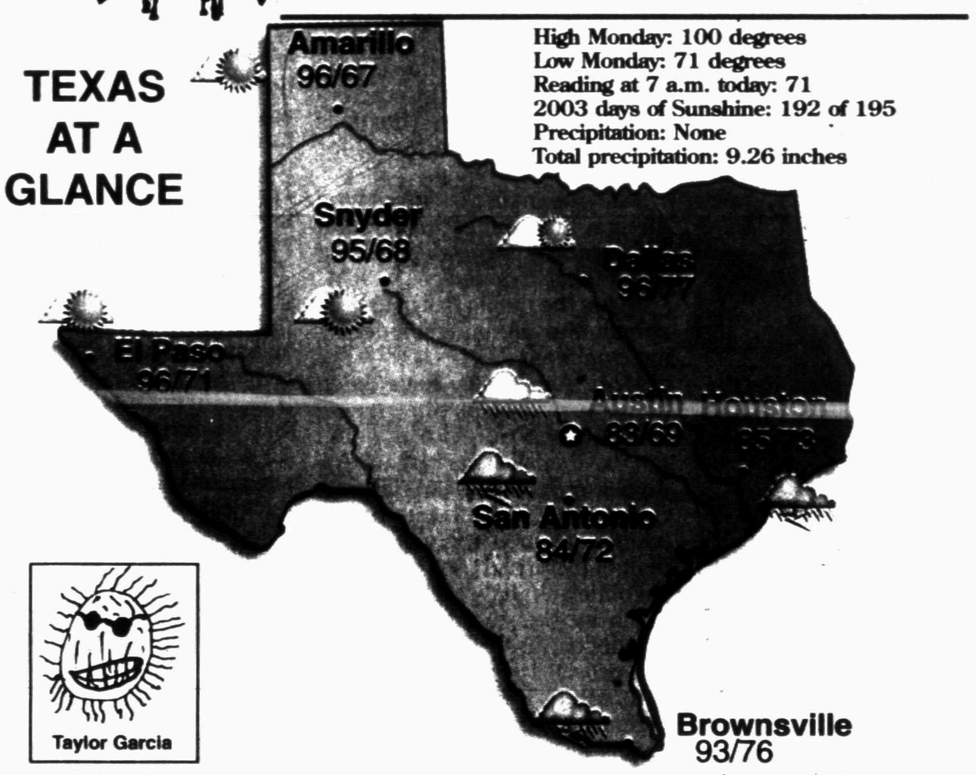
Wed 7/16	Thu 7/17	Fri 7/18
95/68	92/67	95/68
Mostly sunny skies. High around 95F. Winds SSE at 10 to 15 mph.	Partly cloudy, chance of a thunderstorm.	Mix of sun and clouds. Highs in the mid 90s and lows in the upper 60s.
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TEXAS AT A GLANCE



High Monday: 100 degrees
Low Monday: 71 degrees
Reading at 7 a.m. today: 71
2003 days of Sunshine: 192 of 195
Precipitation: None
Total precipitation: 9.26 inches

Taylor Garcia

Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond	City	Hi	Lo	Cond	City	Hi	Lo	Cond
Abilene	97	71	mst sunny	El Paso	96	71	mst sunny	Midland	96	67	mst sunny
Amarillo	96	67	mst sunny	Fort Stockton	94	66	pt sunny	Raymondville	95	73	t-storm
Austin	83	69	rain	Gainesville	96	71	pt sunny	Rosenberg	85	73	t-storm
Beaumont	86	73	t-storm	Greenville	94	72	pt sunny	San Antonio	84	72	t-storm
Brownsville	93	76	t-storm	Houston	85	73	t-storm	San Marcos	84	70	rain
Brownwood	96	69	t-storm	Kingsville	88	73	t-storm	Sulphur Springs	94	70	pt sunny
Corpus Christi	86	76	t-storm	Livingston	87	71	t-storm	Sweetwater	97	69	mst sunny
Corsicana	93	72	pt sunny	Longview	92	71	pt sunny	Tyler	93	73	pt sunny
Dallas	96	77	pt sunny	Lubbock	95	69	mst sunny	Weatherford	95	72	pt sunny
Del Rio	88	73	t-storm	Lufkin	88	72	t-storm	Wichita Falls	99	72	mst sunny

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond	City	Hi	Lo	Cond	City	Hi	Lo	Cond
Atlanta	85	68	t-storm	Houston	85	73	t-storm	Phoenix	110	90	t-storm
Boston	78	68	t-storm	Los Angeles	84	66	pt sunny	San Francisco	73	55	windy
Chicago	81	63	mst sunny	Miami	86	77	t-storm	Seattle	73	53	pt sunny
Dallas	96	77	pt sunny	Minneapolis	83	68	pt sunny	St. Louis	89	70	mst sunny
Denver	97	65	pt sunny	New York	83	69	t-storm	Washington, DC	90	73	t-storm

Moon Phases

Full	Last	New	First
Jul 13	Jul 21	Jul 29	Aug 5

UV Index

Wed 7/16	Thu 7/17	Fri 7/18
Extreme	Extreme	Extreme

The UV Index is measured on a 0 - 11 number scale, with a higher UV index showing the need for greater skin protection. 0 — 11

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