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GUN SHOW — V.O. Kuhn of Colorado City bought this Savage O/U shotgun at the 18th annual Canyon Gun Club, Gun Knife and Coin Show. The show was held last weekend in the coliseum. (SDN Staff Photo By Joyce May)

In meeting this evening...

WTC board expected to finish budget work

Topping the agenda for Western Texas College board of trustees when they meet tonight at 7 will be adoption of the 1999-2000 budget and tax rate.

The tax rate is expected to stay the same as the current year — .3143 per $100 valuation.

The budget totals $7.4 million compared to 1998's $7.1 million budget.

Trustees gave the administrative staff the green light on July 20 to include three of four staff-recommended priority items out of reserve funds with a fourth item — salary adjustments — to be funded from state dollars.

The priority items fall into four categories: new programs, technology advancement, instructional programs/plant maintenance and salary adjustments for full and part-time employees.

The new programs include truck driving, expansion of the correctional officer training in-service program to Lamesa and Abilene, a co-op EMS program with Texas Tech University and a childcare/early childhood program.

The estimated start-up cost for all four programs is $125,000.

Concerning salary adjustments, the board instructed the staff to work within a $130,000 perimeter.

Trustees will also consider approving policy changes in the Intellectual Properties policy and the Transfer and Job Competency Guarantee.

The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board recommends the changes.

In other business, the College Welfare Committee will present proposals from companies interested in administrating the college matching annuity plan.

Eight proposals were received and reviewed, and the committee is expected to make a recommendation to the board tonight.

The board also has several personnel matters to consider, including hiring Michael Shane Christensen as art instructor Dani Day as an English instructor, Dave Hanes as director of workforce education and Terry Stephens as workforce coordinator.

Trustees will also give consideration to changing Level V classified employees to contract employees.

WTC President Dr. Harry Krenek said the action is recommended in order to bring continuity and consistency into the system.

At this point, he said, some program directors are classified, which means they get paid by the hour, and others are on contract.

"There will be no salary increase and no responsibilities will change," Dr. Krenek said.

He added it only means the employees will have a contract and the added option to go to either the optional retirement program or the teacher retirement program.

The board will also be given pre-bid information on a firing range for the college.

Dr. Krenek explained that WTC provides both correctional officer training pre-service and in-service and that attendants must be trained in the use of certain types of firearms.

"Because we expanded this service, we need a place to provide this training. We hope to locate a firing range at the college farm."

Trustees will also receive information on property donated by the Boothe family.

Dr. Krenek said the family has donated three lots in the north part of town to the college. "We will see what the board wants us to do with it."

Tax holiday a success

From wire, local reports

Folks in the retail clothing and apparel business were very, very busy over the weekend, and equally as happy with the results of the tax-free shopping period.

Wal-Mart assistant manager Debra Perez said sales were definitely up.

"We had a very, very strong weekend, especially in clothes," she said. "Clothes carried our business and sales were up tremendously."

Perez said she was not allowed to release specific sales figures.

Bealls manager Kathleen Huddleston also gave a good report.

"We did very, very well and we survived it, thank God. It was unbelievable." She also said sales were up substantially.

Huddleston was also unable to release sales figures, but did say, "I can tell you it well over doubled our day. It more than doubled."

She said sales were strong all day during the majority of the three tax-free shopping days.

"Sunday was a really strong day for the short day we had."

The store opens from 1 to 6 p.m. on Sunday.

Hackfeld's owner Jackie Hackfeld used the word "phenomenal" to describe business at her store.

"We did fantastic. It was great. We were real, real pleased."

Hackfeld said sales this weekend were almost tripled compared to the weekend before school started last year.

She added, however, that the store was also having a sidewalk sale this weekend.

"God blessed us when we were not suspecting it. We were not suspecting this at all. It was a blessing from Heaven," Hackfeld said.

Texas shoppers saved about $69 million on unpaid sales taxes during the three-day weekend, state officials estimated.

In North Texas, where shoppers sought refuge at malls from triple-digit heat, some department stores recorded increased sales of 40 to 100 percent for the state's first sales-tax holiday, which extended from Friday through Sunday.

The tax break applied to many clothing items including shoes— as long as they cost under $100.

"We waited for this weekend," said Judy Swinney of Fort Worth, a mother of two boys, as she stood in the checkout line at a Wal-Mart.

She said she figured she was saving at least $20 in taxes.

"Is it worth it? It's depends on how long we have to wait in line," said Ms. Swinney.

But many lines were moving briskly because store managers said they brought in extra people for the weekend rush, which preceded reopening of area schools this week.

"Oh, my God, it has been a zoo," said Rosie Leyendecker, who works at the Wal-Mart Supercenter in Round Rock. "People are waiting nine deep to get into fitting rooms."

A self-professed "last-minute shopper," Carla Morris said she would have been shopping anyway, but the tax break was "a nice advantage."

"I'm not complaining," she said. "Even if I only save $8, $8 is $8 when you're a single mom with two kids."

Paul Cozby, a father of five, said he and his wife bought school clothes early to avoid the crowds, but he was puzzled there was no tax break on school supplies.

"I believe it's because they can't tell the different between school supplies and office supplies, but there's a tax break on adult clothes also," said Cozby.

At Houston-based Oshman's Sporting Goods, clothing and shoe sales were double their usual volume. Because hard goods like basketballs and baseball mitts were not tax-exempt, sales of that type of merchandise were flat over the weekend.

Overall, the chain reported a sales increase of about 40 percent in Texas.

"Sales have been very strong. It's nothing like Christmastime, but it has been very busy," said Alvin Lubetkin, Oshman's president.

"This was the best weekend we've ever had. We quadrupled what we planned for this weekend," said Lori Riberi, vice president of a Houston chain of three stores called the Children's Collection, which has been in business since 1979. "We experienced an incredible weekend."

Phyllis Seberger, district manager for J.C. Penney in Houston, agreed.

"We tripled our normal sales Friday, and we more than doubled them Saturday," said Ms. Seberger. "This weekend beat any weekend we had in December '98."

Trio arrested for marijuana

Three California men were arrested late Sunday night on U.S. Hwy 180 for felony possession of marijuana.

Simon Batashvili, 19, Shoul Zosa, 28, both with addresses listed as 9903 Santa Monica Blvd., Beverly Hills, Calif., and Andrew Neil Saul, 20, of 1112 Maybrook in Beverly Hills, were taken into custody at 11 p.m. by Department of Public Safety trooper Mark Phillips.

They were all charged with felony possession of marijuana.

Cpl. Dennis Young of the Snyder Police Department also made a felony drug arrest over the weekend.

Young took Felipe Gutierrez, 43, of 1708 28th Street, into custody at 10:11 a.m. Sunday for felony possession of a controlled substance. In addition, Gutierrez was also charged with misdemeanor possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia.

The driver of the vehicle Gutierrez was in, a 38-year-old female, was taken into custody for driving while license suspended.

Republicans pledge to pressure Clinton to sign tax proposal

WASHINGTON (AP) — Congressional Republicans say they're willing to fund the government at current levels for as much as a year until a budget agreement with the White House can be worked out, but they plan to pressure President Clinton into signing their $792 billion tax cut package.

Clinton, meanwhile, bashed the GOP tax cut in a speech Sunday to the nation's governors in St. Louis, saying the proposal would automatically trigger billions of dollars in cuts to Medicare, veterans and other programs.

But he professed optimism that a compromise can be reached. "I am not nearly as pessimistic as a lot of people are about the prospects of our reaching an agreement, and I am determined to try to do it," he said.

The budget talks and tax cuts are linked politically as each party strives for support from voters next year, when the presidency and House control hinge on the November elections.

The last time the government shut down — twice during the 1995 budget standoff — public blame landed squarely on the Republicans, and the party is eager to avoid a repetition if current talks collapse before the Oct. 1 start of the new fiscal year.

GOP leaders made clear they would be willing to continue to fund the government at current levels for as long as a year while an agreement can be worked out.

"That's the way to avoid a train wreck," Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott said Sunday on ABC's "This Week," alluding to a possible shutdown. "There's no need for that sort of thing. And it's irresponsible, too."

Lott, R-Miss., suggested that stopgap spending legislation, known as a continuing resolution, could keep the government running "for two weeks or a month or for a year."

The House's third-ranking Republican, Rep. Tom DeLay of Texas, has called the such a resolution "a little trick" that would put Clinton at risk of being blamed for a shutdown if he vetoed it — as Republicans were during the 1995 shutdowns.

On tax cuts, meanwhile, voters might have to wait for a break on their tax bills.

"If (Clinton) vetoes it, then maybe we'll have to wait for a real president that wants to give the American family a tax relief," DeLay said Saturday on CNN's "Evans, Novak, Hunt & Shields."

Clinton might reconsider his position on the tax cuts as Republicans sell it to voters during the current congressional summer break, GOP lawmakers said.

"We believe that public opinion is going to come out strong for this package as it's better understood and we believe the president will respond to that," House Majority Leader Dick Armey, R-Texas, said on "Fox News Sunday."

Clinton believes the GOP cuts, to be paid with a projected $1 trillion surplus over the next decade, are too large and endanger the nation's economic future.

He told state leaders Sunday at the National Governors' Association meeting in St. Louis that the GOP tax cut proposal would automatically trigger billions of dollars in spending cuts from current programs, including $31.8 billion from Medicare.

The timing of the looming fight is sensitive for both parties as the 2000 elections near, with control of the White House and the House at stake.

Seminars set for incoming WTC students

Orientation for all new students at Western Texas College will take place on Thursday and next Tuesday.

The college is planning two Success Seminars to help students ease the transition to college life.

Students will be given the opportunity to meet the faculty, interact with other incoming students and tour the campus.

Also, students may pre-register for the fall semester.

Academic advisors will be available to help with class selection.

Lunch and entertainment are also part of the seminars, and parents are welcome to attend.

Students who have not completed their admission paperwork or paid registration or housing fees will need to do so at the seminar. Students who have not taken the TASP will need to take the ASSET test (the TASP alternative test). The test will be given on both orientation days.

The cost of the test is $29 and it takes about 3½ hours to complete.

Students who plan to receive financial aid for the 1999-2000 school year should have their financial aid file complete before the seminar.

Registration for the Success Seminar is necessary and students may do so by calling the admissions office at 573-8511, ex. 368. The cost is $20 for 1-3 persons (one student and two non-students), $25 for four persons and $30 for five persons.

Students who do not attend a seminar will register on Aug. 25 and 26.

Classes begin Aug. 30.

ASK US

Q—What caused the tornado warning sirens to go off last week in the area of 25th Street and El Paso?

A—The warnings were apparently set off by lightning strikes in that area as they were not manually tripped. Repairs are currently being made to correct the alarms from going off.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Saturday, 99 degrees; low, 74; high Sunday, 100; low, 74; 7 a.m. Monday, 77; no precipitation; total for 1999, 19.31 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, partly cloudy. Low, upper 60s. Tuesday, mostly sunny. High, mid 90s. Tuesday night, fair skies. Low, upper 60s.

Joel Rocha
Sunny

Sunset: 8:33 p.m.
Sunrise: 7:06 a.m.
Of 220 days in 1999, the sun has shone 213 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

"Don't let the fear of striking out hold you back."

—Babe Ruth

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Government may consider oil trade dispute

WASHINGTON (AP) — The petroleum industry is awaiting word on whether the government will agree to consider charges that unfair foreign imports are driving U.S. oil producers out of business.

If the government decides to accept the petition by Oklahoma oilmen, America's trade policy could be put to a new test, with a possible tariff on as much as 60 percent of imported oil — and higher prices for consumers.

The Commerce Department was expected to make the announcement late today.

The dispute already has fractured the oil industry, with Big Oil pitted against the struggling independent producers.

At issue is a petition filed by an Okahoma-based group of independent oil companies charging that Saudi Arabia, Mexico, Iraq and Venezuela have violated U.S. trade laws by selling oil in this country for less than it costs them to produce it. The petition also argues that production is being unfairly subsidized by the foreign governments.

The International Trade Association, a Commerce agency, was to decide whether the oilmen's petition had proper standing, allowing the case to proceed. If rejected, the decision could be appealed to a special court, but such a process could take years.

The agency in recent weeks has been taking comments from hundreds of small oil producers, major energy users and the larger oil companies. Under the law, 25 percent of the industry must support the petition for it to be accepted.

If the allegations are found to be true it would amount to illegal dumping of oil in violation of federal anti-dumping laws. The United States would be obligated to impose tariffs and penalties against such imports, amounting in some cases to as much as a 170 percent increase in the price of a barrel of imported oil.

Use of anti-dumping laws to challenge oil imports has stunned many trade experts because oil is traded and its prices often set on the worldwide market.

"This involves a commodity that no one ever would have thought would be subject to an anti-dumping case," said Robert Litan, a Brookings Institution economist who has been one of the law's most vocal critics.

"What's absurd about this case is Americans have been opposed to higher oil prices for my entire adult lifetime and here we have a case where the effect could well be to raise prices," he continued.

But Harold Hamm, president of an Enid, Okla.-based independent oil company, who helped found a group called "Save Domestic Oil" expressly to bring the complaint, argued the anti-dumping law was enacted to protect U.S. companies in just such a case.

"Oil is not any different. Dumping did occur and it put 100,000 people out of jobs," Hamm said in a telephone interview. "There's not anything absurd about it. Our only line of defense is the trade laws and I think we've got a very good case."

Many economists and trade specialists, however, argue the case is extremely weak and some contend — if the oilmen were successful — it could result in a backlash against the anti-dumping law.

"There are a lot of other users of the anti-dumping (provision) who do not want this case to go further. It puts a real spotlight on it," said Gary Hutbauer, a trade expert at the Institute for International Economics.

Already the petition has caused repercussions:

—The American Petroleum Institute, which represents the large, international oil companies, has vowed to fight it along every step. It hired an attorney who specializes in bringing anti-dumping cases to fight this one.

—More than 100 organizations, companies and industry groups from airlines and truckers to farmers have filed in opposition, arguing a favorable ruling would harm consumers by raising oil prices.

—Mexico has put on hold plans to phase out its tariff on U.S. natural gas imports until the anti-dumping case is resolved.

Highlights of oil trade dispute

By The Associated Press

Highlights of the case alleging unfair trade practices involving oil imports:

PETITION: Filed by about a dozen small independent oil producers organized under an Okahoma-based coalition called Save Domestic Oil Inc. Petition is supported by many other independents, but opposed by the major international oil companies.

CHARGES: That government-oil companies in Venezuela, Mexico, Saudi Arabia and Iraq sold oil in the U.S. market at "less than normal value" and that the government's subsidized such sales, to the economic detriment of the U.S. industry. These countries account for 60 percent of U.S. oil imports.

THE LAW: The anti-dumping laws enacted in 1930 prohibit selling imported products at lower prices than they are sold in home countries or below average cost of production, and prohibit governments from subsidizing production or export of such products.

PROCEDURES: Jurisdiction is divided between the Commerce Department's International Trade Association, and an independent agency, the International Trade Commission (ITC).

The petition is filed with Commerce, which decides if the group has legal standing, whether the product is being sold in violation of the law, and whether an action should be initiated.

If the case is accepted, the independent ITC then must decides whether the U.S. industry, or the portion of the industry subject to the petition, has been harmed economically as a result. The Commerce agency then decides what tariffs or penalties should be imposed.

APPEALS: If Commerce decides initially to reject the case, petitioners may appeal to the Court of International Trade, a process that can take several years.

No winners in large jackpots

BATON ROUGE, La. (AP) — Nobody won Saturday's $450,000 Louisiana Lotto jackpot, $50,000 Cash Quest drawing, or the $17.3 million multistate Powerball jackpot.

The next Powerball drawing will be worth an estimated $21 million, and the next Louisiana Lotto drawing will be worth an estimated $500,000.

Powerball tickets that match the first five numbers, but miss the Powerball, win $100,000 each, and there were three of those. They were sold in: Indiana, New Hampshire and Wisconsin.

The Louisiana Lottery Corporation said Sunday that 19 tickets had five of the six numbers drawn Saturday and won $1,706, and another 775 had four of the numbers to win $43.

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Tuesday, Aug. 10, 1999

You'll prove to be at your best in the year ahead when faced with serious challenges. Your ingenuity and resourcefulness could amaze others, as well as yourself.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Feeling comfortable about making snap decisions today does not automatically transfer into being a good judgment call. Hasty assessments could be erroneous. Trying to patch up a broken romance? The Astro-Graph Matchmaker can help you understand what to do to make the relationship work. Mail $2.75 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) A day that starts out okay could turn foul if you allow someone to usurp precious time you've allotted to taking care of your affairs to doing his or her chores. Don't let this happen.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Someone could suddenly make a quick exit from your life today, but don't fool yourself into thinking the relationship was more than it was. Actually, you're better off without this individual.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) You must not do things in fits and starts today if you have any hope of being successful in your endeavors. Define your objectives first, then proceed in a methodical manner.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Before imposing your program upon others today, go back to the drawing board and make sure it's an acceptable plan. Save your push until your presentation is perfect.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) If an arrangement in which you're involved turns out to favor the other guy more than it does you, inequities are certain if the profits are distributed. Stall to check things out.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Making promises or commitments is easier than fulfilling them, and unwinding your pledge might be a difficult matter. Don't get caught up in things which you can't handle.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) A skillful inquisitor could wrestle some confidential information out of you today if you're not careful. Be forewarned, so that you can equip yourself with stronger armor.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) If you start paying more attention to a new pal and treating this person better than you do your old friends, the feelings of a number of loyalist could be hurt. Be sensitive to all.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Take care not to make any sudden, impulsive changes today concerning an important situation just because the end is in your sight. Everything you've attempted could go down the drain.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Especially with close friends, steer clear of debating any volatile issues today. If you treat the subject emotionally rather than logically, you could jeopardize a relationship.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Some form of a loss from a misplaced trust is possible today, so you need to be keenly aware of blind acceptance of others in order to minimize the net results.

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Oil Patch News

Kent County

Woods Operating Co. Inc. will drill the No. 1 V.H. Thomas, a 7,300-foot wildcat located 11 miles northwest of Jayton. Location is in Section 113, Block 1, H&GN survey.

Howard County

Santa Fe Energy Resources Inc. will drill the No. 2703 Powell Ranch in the Hutto south field, seven miles south of Coahoma. Planned for a depth of 8,000 feet, location is in Section 27, Block 31, T1S, T&P survey.

Westport Oil and Gas Inc. will drill the No. 133-W Dora Roberts in the Howard-Glasscock field, three miles east of Forsan. Planned for a depth of 3,000 feet, location is in Section 137, Block 29, W&NW survey.

Westport Oil and Gas will drill the No. 134-W Dora Roberts in the Howard-Glasscock field, three miles east of Forsan. Contracted for 3,000 feet, location is in Section 137, Block 29, W&NW survey.

Westport Oil and Gas will drill the No. 135-W Dora Roberts in the Howard-Glassocock field, three miles east of Forsan. Also planned for a depth of 3,000 feet, drill site is in Section 137, Block 29, W&NW survey.

Westport Oil and Gas will drill the No. 130-W Dora Roberts in the Howard-Glasscock field, three miles east of Forsan. Planned depth is 3,000 feet, and location is in Section 137, Block 29, W&NW survey.

Westport Oil and Gas will drill the No. 131-W Dora Roberts in the Howard-Glasscock field, three miles east of Forsan. Planned for a depth of 3,000 feet, location is in Section 137, Block 29, W&NW survey.

Westport Oil and Gas will drill the No. 132-W Dora Roberts in the Howard-Glasscock field, three miles east of Forsan. Planned for a depth of 3,000 feet, drill site is in Section 137, Block 29, W&NW survey.

Miltex Oil Co. has completed the No. 2-12 Powell in the Hutto south field, five miles south of Coahoma. The well was finaled to produce 90 barrels of oil. Drilled to 7,800 feet, location is in Section 12, Block 31, T1S, T&P survey.

Nolan County

Chisholm Exploration of Abilene will drill the No. 1 Sheffield, a 6,500-foot wildcat located one mile north of Nolan. Location is in Section 44, Block 5, T&P survey.

Raft rides shut down after mishap

ARLINGTON (AP) — Raft rides at all Six Flags over Texas theme parks are shut down today after a second accident this year in which a raft overturned, trapping riders underwater.

Premier Parks, Six Flags' parent company, ordered the move Sunday after six riders belted into a raft flipped over on a popular water ride at Riverside Park in Agwam, Mass. A family of four and two friends were hurt in Saturday's accident. Two adults and two children remained hospitalized.

Six Flags and Riverside are owned by the same company, Premier Parks, but the rides involved in the accidents are made by different companies.

A woman was killed and 10 people were injured in March during a similar accident at Six Flags in Arlington. A raft carrying a dozen people had flipped on the Roaring Rapids ride.

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Columbine High School...

Students, staff ready to return

LITTLETON, Colo. (AP) — When his friends return to Columbine High for the first day of school, shooting victim Richard Castaldo won't be in class. He'll be in a hospital 8 miles away, thinking about the day he too can return.

On that first day of school, student Joshua Lapp said he will scan for friendly faces in Columbine's main hallway, where new white tile gleams in place of bloodstained carpet.

And boy's basketball coach, Rudy Martin, said he will walk into the gym only to feel the loss of Dave Sanders, a teacher and fellow coach killed as he tried to save students last spring.

Although few expect memories of last term's deadly shootings to fade any time soon, many believe it will help when classes resume Aug. 16.

"I think everyone's anxious and excited to get back there," Martin said. "A lot of us just want to get back into our building and sort of reclaim it, to bring some sort of normalcy back into our lives."

Castaldo, 17, was leaving Columbine on April 20 when seniors Eric Harris, 18, and Dylan Klebold, 17, arrived armed with guns and pipe bombs.

They fired at Castaldo and others and then entered the school, killing Sanders and 12 students. Twenty-three students were injured before the gunmen committed suicide.

Castaldo and Anne Marie Hochhalter, both recovering from spinal injuries, are the only two students still hospitalized. Both are paralyzed from the waist down but plan to return to Columbine.

"All my friends are there. I don't see any reason to change," said Castaldo, sitting in a wheelchair at Craig Hospital. "I'm pretty much just trying to pick up my life where I left off ... except for a few things, of course."

School officials have stepped up security, requiring identification badges for students, installing video cameras and hiring two additional guards. Two mental health counselors will be on hand all year, joining the regular staff of six counselors.

"Certain kids are going to be re-traumatized by going back, so the school has to be on alert," said Jeff Dolgan, chief of psychology at Children's Hospital.

He said the students and staff may break down or experience flashbacks, a common symptom of post-traumatic stress disorder.

The Jefferson County School District has spent $1.2 million to remove signs of the violence. Even the sound of the fire alarm has been changed, so it doesn't remind anyone of the alarm that blared for seven hours during the attack.

"It has a different feel, which I think is great," said Mike Sheehan, 17, who is scheduled to be Columbine's next student body president. "The No. 1 thing is, this should be a place to learn. If you have things distracting you it's hard to do that."

Any student too traumatized to stay may transfer, said Rick Kaufman, a district spokesman. A teacher and an assistant principal have decided not to return this fall.

"We're still a little nervous, but overall, everyone's excited to get back," said Lapp, 16, who watched the gunmen kill Isaiah Shoels in the library. "Life isn't as easy as I thought before."

Because Harris and Klebold were often taunted and harassed by popular students, especially athletes, some hope that students have learned to show more compassion toward each other.

"I've tried to just be a kinder person," said Megan Frye, a 14-year-old cheerleader at neighboring Chatfield High who often hangs out at Columbine. "That's what me and my friends are trying to take out of this, just to be kinder, because obviously something wasn't right there."

Terry Havens, a math teacher and coach for 37 years, hopes that attitude sticks.

"But I have to say, when we lose athletes to drunken driving, and we have lost five or six over the years, it affects kids a couple of weeks and then it's over. They think they're invincible and they go back to the way they were."

Hatch says U.S. will get Bin Laden someday

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sen. Orrin Hatch says the United States knows where Osama bin Laden is, generally knows what the alleged terrorist leader is doing and is aware that top Arabs are funneling money to him.

"He does have the finances, he does have some support around the world that literally could cause him to penetrate our country as well as others," Hatch, a member of the Senate Intelligence Committee and GOP presidential aspirant, said Sunday on CBS' "Face the Nation."

But the Utah Republican predicted the United States eventually will get to the expatriate Saudi and make an example of him. He refused to say whether that might include assassination.

"I can't comment on that," Hatch said.

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

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Bullies Roam the Hallways In Schools Across the U.S.A.

DEAR ABBY: I'm writing in response to the letter from "A Mom Who Loves Her Son, Anywhere, U.S.A." She arranged counseling for her angry son, and she wrote hoping that publicity will be given to counselors specializing in adolescents. She also mentioned that the apparent reason for her son's unhappiness and anger was that he "felt intimidated and threatened by groups of older students at his large suburban high school."

This behavior has a name. It's called *bullying*, and it victimizes millions of schoolchildren every year. Presumably, if the son had not been bullied, he would not have become so angry and would not have *needed* counseling. Surely this is a perfect example of why there is a need for "prevention" — the elimination of bullying.

"Mom" wrote in response to the tragedy in Littleton. Immediately after the tragedy, young people themselves also responded by identifying bullying as a serious problem in our schools.

Students in Hillsboro High School in Nashville, Tenn., created the *"I Will Pledge"* and urged fellow students to sign the pledge not to mock or bully others who dress, act, look or talk differently. At the time, these student observations and efforts were reported in the media. Now the media no longer look to these young experts for input and advice, but have reverted to reporting and quoting only adult "experts" who appear not to have heard the youth. While gun control and violence in the media certainly must be addressed, the adult policymakers and administrators do not seem to grasp the urgent importance of dealing with bullying consistently over the long term in a public and publicized way.

Only with raised awareness of the widespread and devastating consequences of bullying will society be able to rid itself of the attitude that teasing and taunting are "just something to put up with." Only with raised awareness will educators and school personnel realize and accept that only they can accomplish zero tolerance of the bullying that occurs daily in classrooms, restrooms, hallways, cafeterias, playgrounds and on school buses. Only with raised awareness will millions of silently suffering children from elementary school through high school be spared this humiliation and pain.

ANOTHER MOM WHO LOVES HER SON, ANYWHERE, U.S.A.

DEAR MOM: You have expressed it beautifully. Your thinking parallels my own. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: I am 12 years old. Starting in the fourth grade, no one in my class really cared for me. A boy named "Tom" and a girl named "Megan" were the exceptions.

After fourth grade, Megan gave in to peer pressure, so Tom and I were the outcasts. At the end of the year, Tom moved — so I spent the first half of the sixth grade as the lone outcast.

My family and I moved to Iowa about a year ago. I enrolled in school and for the first few days I was accepted. Then one day I said or did something that offended the other kids and my old life came back. I am haunted with the name-calling and teasing and feel like I'm going crazy.

I came home from school crying, and have even mentioned suicide to my mom. The teachers have helped some, and I've spoken to two counselors. Today I thought of having a train hit my arm, with the intention of breaking it, to prove my seriousness. Please help me.

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Bridge

By Phillip Alder

North 08-02-99
♠ 10 4
♥ Q 9 6 5 3
♦ A K 6 4
♣ 10 2

West
♠ 5 3
♥ 10 8 7 2
♦ Q 8 7
♣ K Q J 9

East
♠ K Q 9 7 6 2
♥ J 4
♦ 9 3 2
♣ A 6

South
♠ A J 8
♥ A K
♦ J 10 5
♣ 8 7 5 4 3

Vulnerable: Neither
Dealer: North

South	West	North	East
		Pass	2 ♠
Pass	Pass	Dbl.	Pass
3 NT	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♣ K

Try to glean information

By Phillip Alder

There are deals in which you could claim if only you could see the opponents' cards. But while they have their hands properly chested — or sit way back from the table — you do not enjoy that advantage. Then, you must resort to that dirty word: analysis. However, sometimes just cashing a winner or two will push you in the right direction. That was the case in this deal from the Spring Nationals in Vancouver last March.

North's reopening double is typical in the tournament world. Don't let the opponents play at the two-level if both sides have a fit; try to push them to the three-level.

West led the club king, and the defenders took four tricks in the suit, the dummy and East each discarding two spades. West switched to the spade five: heart three, spade queen, spade ace.

Declarer could place East with the king-queen of spades and club ace, so West was marked with the diamond queen. However, what was the red-suit distribution? If the diamonds were 3-3, South could take nine tricks from one spade, three hearts, four diamonds and one club. However, if the hearts were 3-3, declarer had nine tricks via one spade, four hearts, three diamonds and one club.

South began by cashing the ace-king of hearts. When East dropped the jack on the second round, it looked as though he had a doubleton there. (With J-10-4, he might have played the 10 on the second round; with J-4, he had no choice.) So, South assumed diamonds were 3-3. He cashed the last club, discarding a heart from the dummy, then took the diamond finesse.

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The basic monetary unit of Costa Rica is the colon, and its chief fractional unit is the centimo.

Community Calendar

MONDAY

Defensive Driving Course set Monday and Tuesday evenings 6 to 9 p.m.; community room of Texas Savings Bank, 27th & College Ave.; no reservations are needed and for more information call 573-2850.

Just For Today NA, closed meeting; Snyder Park Club; for information call 573-0949 or 573-8018; 6 p.m.

Manic Depression (Bipolar) support group; Family Life Community Church, 904 26th Street; 7 p.m.

American Legion Layne Kite Post 181 and Auxiliary; 7;30 p.m.

Scurry County AA; closed meeting; Park Club; for more information call 573-8626, 573-9458 or 574-1292; 8 p.m.

Nuestra Vueva Esperanza AA; Park Club; 8 p.m.

TUESDAY

Plainview Family Community Education Club; 2 p.m.

Weight Watchers; Trinity United Methodist Church, 5200 Trinity Blvd.; for more information call for Nathalie at 573-0015; 5 p.m. weigh-in.

Snyder Shrine Club; call 863-2702 for meeting place; 6 p.m.

Just for Today NA, closed meeting; for information call 573-0949,573-4238 or 573-8010; 6 p.m.

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

New Horizons 12 & 12, closed meeting; Park Club; 7 p.m.

New Horizons AA, closed meeting; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-8626, 573-9458 or 574-1292; 8 p.m.

Al-Anon; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th and Ave. M; for more information call 573-4203, 573-8626, 573-2101 or 573-0695; 8 p.m.

TOPS TX56 (take off pounds sensibly); weigh-in and meeting 5 to 6 p.m.; 2501 35th. For more information call Phillis Leatherwood at 573-6105.

WEDNESDAY

Storytime at the Scurry County Library for 4- and 5-year-olds; 10 a.m.

Just For Today NA, open meeting; Park Club; for information, call 573-4203, 573-8018 p.m.

THURSDAY

LLL Club; fellowship hall of First Baptist Church; 9:30 p.m.

Noah Project Advisory Committee; MAWC; noon.

Al-Anon brown bag; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-4203, 573-8626, 573-2101 or 573-0695; noon to 1 a.m.

Horseshoe Pitching For Fun; horseshoe courts located at the coliseum; everybody welcome, for further information call 573-9762; 7 p.m.

Just For Today NA; Park Club; for information call 573-0949 or 573-8018; 6 p.m.

Snyder Chapter 450 Order of the Eastern Star; patriotic program, Masonic Hall; 1912 35th Street; 7:30 p.m.

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

New Horizons AA, closed meeting; for information call 573-8626, 573-9458 or 574-1292; 8 p.m.

Nuestra Nueva Esperanza AA; Park Club; for information call 573-8626, 573-9458 or 574-1292; 8 p.m.

FRIDAY

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

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

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

Cornelius-Dodson House; open by appointment, call 573-9742.

Just For Today NA; Snyder Park Club; for information call 573-0949 or 573-8018; 6 p.m.

Hermleigh Community Center Family Night at 6:30.

Scurry County AA closed meeting; Park Club in Winston Park; for information cal 573-8626, 573-9458 or 574-1292; 8 p.m.

SATURDAY

Defensive Driving Course; no reservations necessary, cost $30. For more information call 573-2850; 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Texas Savings Bank.

Just For Today NA open meeting; Park Club; for information call 573-0949 or 573-8018; 7 p.m.

Rolling Plains Ratite Association; The Shack; 7 p.m.

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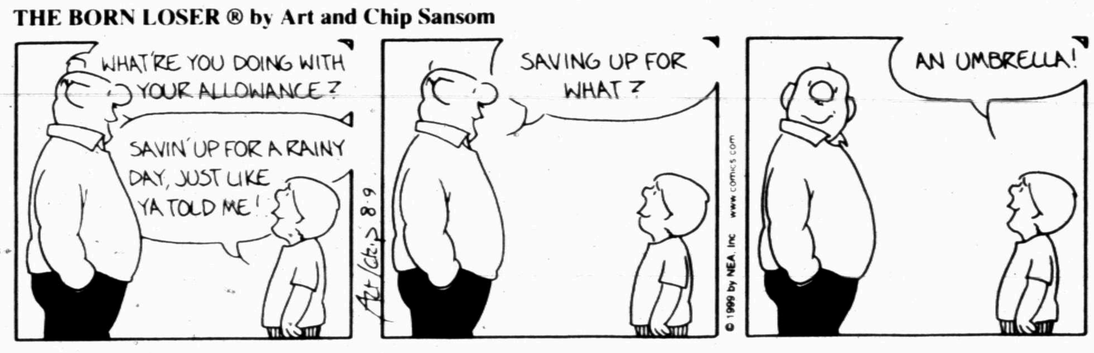

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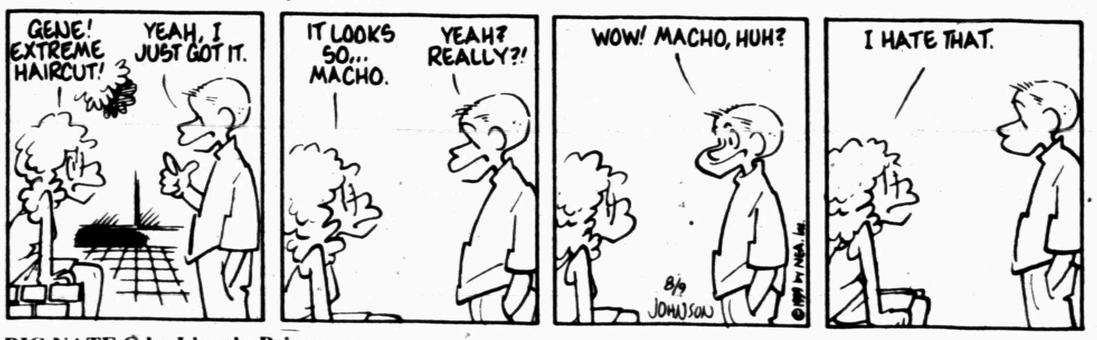

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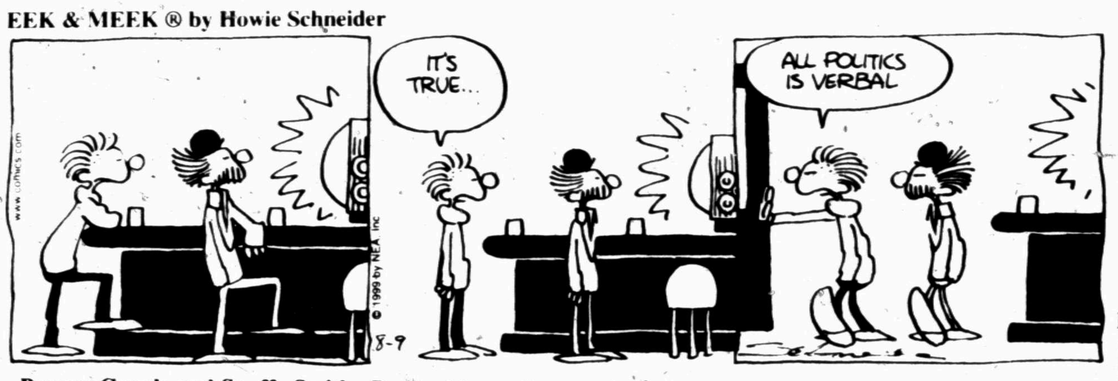

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ACROSS

1 Pedal
6 End-of-week abbr.
10 Rock salt
12 Actress Ruth —
14 Prayer
15 For each
16 Numero —
17 Comparative suffix
19 Send out (heat)
20 Small beetle
23 Doubter
26 Shade tree
27 Cry of affirmation
30 Acts ghostly
32 Seniors
34 Even though
35 Discourages
36 — Moines
37 Moving truck
39 Unnerve
40 Having made a will
42 Takeout-order words
45 The female
46 — Guevara
49 Shade of difference
51 Hateful
54 Satellite of Neptune
55 Swimming
56 Cease
57 Davis or Midler

DOWN

1 Chinese leader — En-lai
2 Knitting need
3 Muse of history
4 Fleur-de- —
5 WWII area
6 Crown
7 "Peer Gynt" composer
8 The same (Lat.)
9 Central points
11 Oklahoma city
12 Incomprehensible
13 Tennis equipment
18 Hurricane center
20 Row
21 Lively
22 Pronunciation mark
23 Actor Everett
24 Ivy League school
25 Small lumps
27 Intense desires
28 Art deco illustrator
29 Aide (abbr.)
31 Perennial candidate Harold —
33 Deceive
38 — degree
40 Lone Ranger's companion
41 Vast period of time
42 Explosive inits.
43 Yours and mine
44 Gallop, e.g.
46 Paint layer
47 Seek
48 Italian noble family name
50 Police officer
52 Small amount
53 Ending for "graph"

Answer to Previous Puzzle

P	R	I	M	E	S		P	R	I	C	E	D
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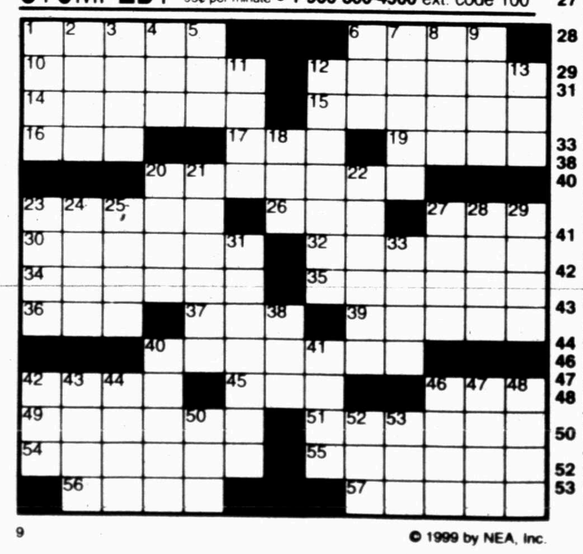

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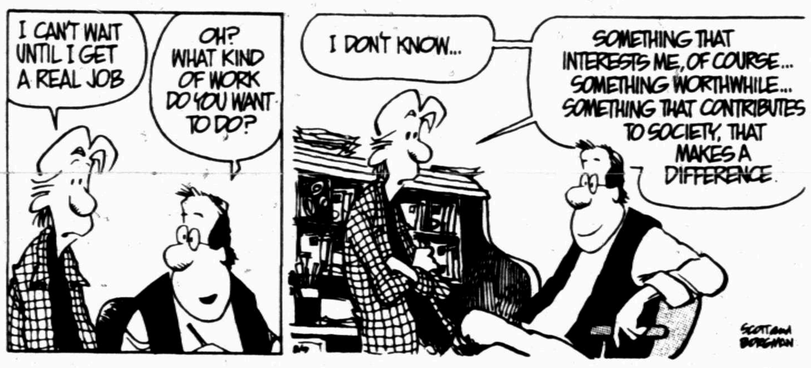

A Little Bit Of HUMOR

Candi: Is it true that an alligator won't attack you if you carry a flashlight?
Mandi: That depends on how fast you carry it.

Jason: Where are you going?
Mason: Hunting for alligators.
Jason: There are no alligators around here.
Mason: I know that. If there were, I wouldn't have to hunt for them.

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SPORTS

Rangers downed by streaking Blue Jays

ARLINGTON (AP) — Carlos Delgado is going through one of those phases that hitters dream about and pitchers fear.

"You get to the plate and everything is like in slow motion," Delgado said after going 3-for-4 with three RBIs and a homer in Toronto's 8-7 victory over Texas on Sunday night.

"You recognize the breaking ball, you recognize strikes and when you swing, it's effortless, really flowing. You don't know how you got there and you don't know when you're going to get out of there. You just want to ride it as long as you can."

Delgado gave Toronto a 2-0 lead with an RBI single in the first, then he chased Texas starter John Burkett with the third of three straight doubles in the fifth as they rallied for a 6-4 lead. His seventh-inning homer made it 7-5.

Needing a triple for the first cycle by a Blue Jay since Kelly Gruber in April 1989, Delgado hit a fly to deep left-center, but Roberto Kelly made a nice catch against the wall to end the ninth inning.

Although Delgado has no triples this year and only six in his previous six seasons, it would've made sense for him to get one against Texas. Delgado is 11-for-18 against the Rangers this season with two doubles and five homers, three of them coming in a victory Friday night.

His career average against the Rangers is .359 and he has 12 career homers at The Ballpark, tying Jose Canseco for the most by a visitor.

"He's being patient and swinging at pitches that he can drive," said Burkett, who allowed five earned runs and six overall in four innings. "He's a strong guy, probably the strongest in the league."

Texas' Todd Zeile, himself on quite a roll, hit a two-run homer in the bottom of the seventh to tie the game at 7. One out into the top of the eighth, Darrin Fletcher broke the tie with a solo homer off Mike Venafro (3-2).

Fletcher, a left-handed hitter, didn't like his odds against Venafro, a submarine-style left-hander. On Friday night, Fletcher had jokingly turned around his batting helmet and took a right-handed stance while in the on-deck circle.

Batting left-handed Sunday, Fletcher was down 0-2 when he pulled a hanging breaking ball just inside the right-field foul pole.

"There are maybe two, three guys in the game who drop down from the left side, so I just wanted to see the ball," Fletcher said. "I saw it spin and I was able to hit it out."

Venafro said he was trying to get Fletcher to chase a pitch low and outside, but instead it stayed waist-high and inside.

"It was a slider that didn't do too much," the rookie said.

John Frascatore (7-0) gave up Zeile's homer, a single and a wild pitch, but he also got two outs and that was enough for the victory in relief of David Wells.

Wells was tagged for six runs on nine hits over 6 1-3 innings. He walked two and struck out three. Billy Koch pitched a perfect ninth for his 24th save.

The Rangers led 4-2 on an RBI double by Rafael Palmeiro, a two-run double by Roberto Kelly and an infield single by Ivan Rodriguez.

After a four-run fifth put Toronto up 6-4, Texas' Juan Gonzalez hit a solo homer in the bottom of the inning. It was his 26th of the year, but his first since July 17, ending a 14-game drought.

Browns return against Dallas

CANTON, Ohio (AP) — From the time Al Lerner was named their new owner last September, the Cleveland Browns had just 11 months to get ready to play the Dallas Cowboys.

Cleveland's fans have had three years to prepare.

And at a little after 8 p.m. tonight when they take the field at Fawcett Stadium to face the Cowboys in the Hall of Fame Game, the new Browns will be welcomed back by a city, the NFL and a national TV audience like a long lost relative.

Browns fans, who cried when their team was swept out of town by Art Modell in 1996, will finally be able to reconnect with Cleveland's glorious football past.

Finally, the bridge between the old Browns and the new Browns will be complete. Old memories will make room for new ones.

"I know when I take the field, and see the fans and the Cowboys," said Browns rookie quarterback Tim Couch. "Then I'll know I'm in an NFL game."

So will the Browns, who after a three-year exile are being reborn in football's birthplace.

Never has an exhibition game meant so much, and more than 17,000 fans turned out for Sunday's walk-throughs for both teams.

In exhibition games on Saturday, Denver defeated San Diego 20-17 in Sydney, Australia; Chicago beat Indianapolis 9-6; and the Raiders edged St. Louis 18-17.

Cleveland's comeback isn't just for Browns fans, either. It's for every fan who had his favorite team moved whether in Baltimore, New York, St. Louis or Los Angeles.

On Saturday, NFL commissioner Paul Tagliabue talked with Cleveland's players about the hurt he felt as a child when the Brooklyn Dodgers moved out West.

"I could relate to that, too," said Browns coach Chris Palmer, who felt similarly betrayed when the New York Giants went to San Francisco.

But after wiping away their tears when Modell abandoned them, Cleveland fans fought back and convinced the NFL to bring a team back in 1999.

"It says a lot about Clevelanders," Browns linebacker Chris Spielman said. "It says a lot for the NFL to bring a team back so quickly, and it says a lot for Mr. Lerner to put up a half-billion ($530 million) dollars. There's a special relationship between the fans and the team here."

This year's Hall of Fame Game was moved from its traditional Saturday slot to Monday in prime time by the league to showcase the Browns' return as the first expansion team with a history.

The game will cap an unforgettable football weekend in northeast Ohio. Saturday, former Browns tight end Ozzie Newsome was enshrined in the Hall of Fame.

"For us to go down there and be able to play as a local team in that whole setting, coming back new ...," said Palmer, making his debut as an NFL head coach. "I won't be the only one with butterflies."

Even America's Team is caught up in the excitement.

"I have a hard time thinking the Cleveland Browns are new," said Cowboys coach Chan Gailey, who became familiar with the Browns and their tradition while an assistant coach in Pittsburgh. "That doesn't sound right. It seems like there ought to be some special name or exotic name for an expansion team. I'm struggling with them being a new team. They've got the same fans, I know that."

Cleveland's new football era will begin the Tim Couch Era with the Browns.

The rookie quarterback, taken No. 1 overall by the Browns in April's NFL draft, will make his pro debut midway through the first quarter. He'll replace Ty Detmer, who will run the Browns this season until Palmer and his staff think Couch is ready.

Couch outwardly doesn't appear to be nervous.

"I played in the SEC and we played in the big game week in and week out," he said. "I'll probably forget it's on TV once we get out there and start playing football again."

Palmer has had just seven months to put together a staff, assemble a team and have it ready by Monday. It's too early to worry about final scores yet, he said.

"Winning takes care of itself," he said. "All I'm looking for is improvement with my players, that we're getting better from week to week."

Five enshrined in Hall of Fame

CANTON, Ohio (AP) — Eric Dickerson said he was overcome by the permanence of it all.

Standing on the front steps of the Pro Football Hall of Fame on Saturday — joined by fellow inductees Lawrence Taylor, Tom Mack, Ozzie Newsome and Billy Shaw — the big tailback with the goggles and breakaway speed said it was more than the ceremony and a bronze bust.

"Someday you'll see a runner and think, 'long, stately stride,' and say, 'Damn, he looks just like Eric Dickerson,'" said the No. 3 rusher in NFL history.

It was a breezy and warm day for freezing such images forever. The huge video screens flanking the podium showed Taylor cutting across the field to cut down a runner from behind, Mack and Shaw pancaking defensive linemen and Newsome pulling in passes for the Cleveland Browns.

It was Newsome's highlight reel that provoked one of the loudest reactions of the day. Interspersed with touchdown catches and big blocks were testimonials from coaches, players — and former Browns owner Art Modell. The large contingent of Browns fans booed loud and long the man who took their team to Baltimore.

But Newsome, now the Baltimore Ravens' personnel director for Modell, was more than forgiven.

The tight end, who spent all 13 of his seasons in a Browns uniform, said he was "proud to be joining as a member of that great tradition." He said he was looking forward to the return of the new Browns expansion franchise in tonight's Hall of Fame exhibition game against Dallas. And he welcomed other fans to the Browns' "Dawg Pound."

All the while, the old/new franchise's fans barked and woofed.

Taylor, the fearsome linebacker for the New York Giants, was greeted by a large section which included dozens of fans wearing jerseys with his No. 56. His speech showed a softer side of the violent, rock-hard defender known as L.T.

Taylor, who had pledged to former coach Bill Parcells that he wouldn't break down and cry, said he "about lost it" when introduced by his 17-year-old son, LJ. He had his ex-inlaws stand at one point and said, "Even though they're ex-inlaws, I still love them."

Since retiring six years ago, Taylor has encountered drug, legal and financial problems. During his speech, he thanked his kids for "understanding that people do make mistakes in life. They have the ability to forgive me and love me anyway."

Mack, who grew up in suburban Cleveland, failed to garner enough votes in his first 10 times as a finalist for induction.

State softball...

Local team wins event

The Snyder Iron and Metal men's softball team already has one title under its belt, and now it's looking for two more.

The Snyder squad posted a 5-0 mark to capture the crown of the Men's Class B Texas State Championship recently in Wichita Falls. With the win, Snyder earned a spots in the national tourney Sept. 4-6 in Overland, Kan. and in the world event Sept. 24-26 in Montgomery, Ala.

During the state tournament, Snyder knocked off teams from Dallas, Wichita Falls, Killeen, San Antonio and Pasadena, averaging 27 runs per game en route to its 10th tourney title of the year.

Receiving all-tourney honors were Brian Sledge, Donnie Warren, Ed Payne and Lenny Boyd.

Hampton becomes first 16-game winner

CHICAGO (AP) — Mike Hampton pitched four-hit ball for seven innings Sunday night to become the NL's first 16-game winner, and Carl Everett drove in three runs as the Houston Astros defeated the Chicago Cubs 6-2.

The Cubs have lost 13 of 17 games and are 10 games below .500, a season low. Houston, meanwhile, has won 13 of 17 games.

Everett, 9-for-13 with 10 RBIs in the four-game series, homered from both sides of the plate Saturday, and he was the hitting star again Sunday. His single up the middle in the third inning drove in two runs, and he added another RBI single in the fifth.

That was all the help Hampton (16-3) needed. Though he allowed a season-high six walks, he never gave Chicago a chance to get anything going after the second inning. He gave up two runs in seven innings, and also struck out five.

It was Hampton's seventh victory in a row. He hasn't lost — or had a no-decision — since June 24, when he and the Astros lost 3-0 to Cincinnati.

Micah Bowie (0-3) gave up four runs and 10 hits in 5 1-3 innings. He gave up seven runs in 3 2-3 innings in his first outing.

Sammy Sosa, who trails Mark McGwire by two home runs for the major league lead, went 0-for-4. He is 1-for-18 in his last five games, and hasn't homered since Wednesday.

Major League Baseball

American League
All Times EDT

East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
New York	68	42	.618	—
Boston	61	50	.550	7½
Toronto	62	51	.549	7½
Baltimore	49	62	.441	19½
Tampa Bay	46	65	.414	22½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Cleveland	66	44	.600	—
Chicago	51	58	.468	14½
Minnesota	47	62	.431	18½
Kansas City	45	65	.409	21
Detroit	44	67	.396	22½

West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Texas	66	44	.600	—
Oakland	60	51	.541	6½
Seattle	53	58	.477	13½
Anaheim	46	64	.418	20

Saturday's Games

Oakland 11, Chicago 1
Boston 14, Anaheim 4
Baltimore 5, Detroit 4
Cleveland 15, Tampa Bay 10
Texas 6, Toronto 0
New York 1, Seattle 0
Minnesota 6, Kansas City 5

Sunday's Games

Detroit 5, Baltimore 2, 11 innings
Tampa Bay 5, Cleveland 3
Minnesota 7, Kansas City 3
Oakland 7, Chicago 5
New York 9, Seattle 3
Boston 9, Anaheim 3
Toronto 8, Texas 7

Monday's Games

Baltimore (J.Johnson 3-5) at Tampa Bay (Rupe 5-6), 7:05 p.m.
Boston (Portugal 7-8) at Kansas City (Suppan 6-6), 8:05 p.m.
Toronto (Hamilton 4-6) at Texas (Morgan 12-6), 8:35 p.m.
Cleveland (Colon 10-4) at Anaheim (Hill 4-10), 10:05 p.m.
New York (Irabu 9-3) at Oakland (Haynes 7-10), 10:05 p.m.
Chicago (Snyder 9-6) at Seattle (Meche 2-2), 10:05 p.m.
Only games scheduled

Tuesday's Games

New York (Clemens 10-4) at Oakland (Heredia 9-5), 4:05 p.m.
Baltimore (Ponson 10-7) at Tampa Bay (Eiland 2-6), 7:05 p.m.
Toronto (Escobar 9-8) at Minnesota (Radke 8-10), 8:05 p.m.
Boston (Rose 6-4) at Kansas City (Witasick 4-9), 8:05 p.m.
Detroit (Thompson 9-10) at Texas (Loaiza 4-1), 8:35 p.m.
Cleveland (Langston 1-1) at Anaheim (Finley 6-10), 10:05 p.m.
Chicago (Sirotka 7-10) at Seattle (Moyer 10-6), 10:05 p.m.

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East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
New York	67	45	.598	—
Atlanta	67	46	.593	½
Philadelphia	61	50	.549	5½
Montreal	44	64	.407	21
Florida	44	68	.393	23

Central Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Houston	69	44	.611	—
Cincinnati	64	45	.587	3
Pittsburgh	56	55	.505	12
St. Louis	56	57	.496	13
Milwaukee	50	59	.459	17
Chicago	50	60	.455	17½

West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Arizona	63	49	.563	—
San Francisco	58	53	.523	4½
San Diego	52	59	.468	10½
Los Angeles	49	62	.441	13½
Colorado	48	63	.432	14½

Saturday's Games

Arizona 8, Philadelphia 2
Atlanta 15, San Francisco 4
Houston 10, Chicago 4
Florida 4, Colorado 1
Pittsburgh 3, St. Louis 1
Montreal 3, San Diego 1
Los Angeles 7, New York 6
Milwaukee 6, Cincinnati 4

Sunday's Games

San Francisco 5, Atlanta 2
Montreal 4, San Diego 2
Arizona 7, Philadelphia 4
Pittsburgh 5, St. Louis 1
Los Angeles 14, New York 3
Cincinnati 8, Milwaukee 2
Florida 2, Colorado 1
Houston 6, Chicago 2

Monday's Games

San Diego (Clement 5-10) at Montreal (Powell 0-4), 7:05 p.m.
San Francisco (L.Hernandez 6-10) at Florida (Springer 5-11), 7:05 p.m.
Cincinnati (Neagle 2-3) at Pittsburgh (Ritchie 10-7), 7:05 p.m.
St. Louis (Mercker 4-4) at Philadelphia (Byrd 13-6), 7:35 p.m.
Los Angeles (K.Brown 12-6) at New York (Hershiser 11-8), 7:40 p.m.
Houston (Holt 2-11) at Atlanta (Smoltz 8-5), 7:40 p.m.
Arizona (Daal 10-6) at Chicago (Trachsel 4-14), 8:05 p.m.
Colorado (Kile 6-11) at Milwaukee (Pulsipher 3-2), 8:05 p.m.

Tuesday's Games

Arizona (Anderson 4-2) at Chicago (Lieber 8-5), 2:20 p.m.
Los Angeles (Valdes 8-10) at Montreal (Thurman 4-7), 7:05 p.m.
San Francisco (Gardner 3-9) at Florida (Nunez 4-5), 7:05 p.m.
Cincinnati (Guzman 0-1) at Pittsburgh (Schourek 3-5), 7:05 p.m.
St. Louis (Jimenez 5-12) at Philadelphia (Person 6-3), 7:35 p.m.
San Diego (Ashby 10-5) at New York (Rogers 1-0), 7:40 p.m.
Houston (Reynolds 14-7) at Atlanta (Glavine 9-9), 7:40 p.m.
Colorado (Astacio 12-9) at Milwaukee (Peterson 1-2), 8:05 p.m.

NFL Preseason Glance

Saturday's Games

Chicago 9, Indianapolis 6
Oakland 18, St. Louis 17
Denver 20, San Diego 17

Monday's Game

Cleveland vs. Dallas at Canton, Ohio, 8 p.m.

Thursday, Aug. 12

Baltimore at Philadelphia, 8 p.m.
San Diego at San Francisco, 8 p.m.

Friday, Aug. 13

Detroit at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
Carolina at Jacksonville, 7:30 p.m.
New Orleans at Miami, 7:30 p.m.
Washington at New England, 7:30 p.m.
Chicago at Pittsburgh, 7:30 p.m.
N.Y. Giants at Minnesota, 8 p.m.

Saturday, Aug. 14

N.Y. Jets at Green Bay, 8 p.m.
Cincinnati at Indianapolis, 8 p.m.
Cleveland at Tampa Bay, 8 p.m.
Arizona at Denver, 9 p.m.
Buffalo at Seattle, 9 p.m.

Sunday, Aug. 15

Dallas at Oakland, 4 p.m.
Tennessee at Kansas City, 8:30 p.m.

WNBA Glance

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	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	14	11	.560	—
Charlotte	15	12	.556	—
Detroit	11	14	.440	3
Orlando	10	15	.400	4
Washington	10	17	.370	5
Cleveland	6	21	.222	9

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	21	5	.808	—
Los Angeles	17	7	.708	3
Sacramento	17	10	.630	4½
Minnesota	12	13	.480	8½
Phoenix	11	14	.440	9½
Utah	10	15	.400	10½

Saturday's Games

Washington 63, Cleveland 62
Charlotte 64, Orlando 60
Utah 80, Minnesota 70
Sacramento 71, Phoenix 60

Sunday's Games

New York 74, Houston 71
Washington 80, Cleveland 45

Monday's Games

New York at Orlando, 8 p.m.
Charlotte at Utah, 9 p.m.
Minnesota at Phoenix, 10 p.m.
Detroit at Los Angeles, 10:30 p.m.

SDN Sports Briefs

Golf meeting

A meeting will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday in the junior high auditorium for parents of all junior high and high school golfers. Sixth grade parents, whose children hope to play golf next year, are also invited.

SCC scramble and MGA

A members' scramble is held each Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. at Snyder Country Club. At 5:30 each Thursday, the Men's Golf Association hosts a 9-hole event. Thursday's format varies.

WGA play day and mixed foursomes

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'Sixth Sense' frightens up top film slot

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Darkened theaters turned into mass seances as the summer's latest fright film, the tale of a boy who talks with the dead, debuted at No. 1 in North American theaters.

The psychological thriller "The Sixth Sense" starring Bruce Willis and Toni Collette took in $25.8 million, according to industry estimates released Sunday.

Low-budget horror hit "The Blair Witch Project" stayed in second place with $24 million. Last week's top movie, the Julia Roberts-Richard Gere comedy "Runaway Bride," fell to third with $21 million.

"The Thomas Crown Affair," a Pierce Brosnan-Rene Russo remake of the Steve McQueen-Faye Dunaway crime caper, opened at No. 4 with $14.6 million. The superhero comic-book spoof "Mystery Men" premiered in sixth place with $10 million.

"Iron Giant," an animated film about a robot who falls to Earth, took in $5.7 million to debut at No. 9. "Dick," a satiric retelling of the Watergate scandal through the antics of President Nixon's teen-age dog-walkers and secret advisers, came in a disappointing 11th with $2.2 million in its first weekend, for a total of $3.4 million since opening Wednesday.

Despite a low-key ad campaign, "The Sixth Sense" managed to rise above a crowd of new releases, said Paul Dergarabedian, president of Exhibitor Relations Co. Inc., which tracks box office ticket sales. The movie ads used hushes and whispers to intrigue filmgoers, he said.

"They say when you whisper, it gets people to listen. They did listen in this case," Dergarabedian said. "People are just hungry for horror movies."

Along with four other major new releases, "The Sixth Sense" had to contend with "Runaway Bride" and "Blair Witch," which earned a combined $64.3 million last weekend. "Runaway Bride" has taken in $74.1 million in 10 days, while "Blair Witch" has grossed $80.2 million, most of it since going into wide release 10 days ago.

"Even in the face of blockbusters like that, we were able to work through the clutter," said Chuck Viane, head of distribution for Disney, which released "The Sixth Sense."

"The Sixth Sense" was the highest-grossing movie ever to open in August, surpassing "The Fugitive," which took in $23.7 million in 1993. It was Willis' second-best opening ever, behind "Armageddon," which grossed $36 million in its debut last summer.

Playing in 2,161 theaters, the movie averaged $11,939 a screen. "Blair Witch," which did a stratospheric $26,528 a screen when it hit wide release last weekend, averaged $11,438 in 2,142 theaters this weekend.

Artisan Entertainment, distributor of "Blair Witch," and its filmmakers spent just $350,000 producing the movie. Artisan expects it to top $100 million at the box office by next weekend.

"If 'Sixth Sense' wasn't out this weekend, we clearly would have been No. 1," said Steve Rothenberg, Artisan executive vice president of domestic distribution.

"Star Wars: Episode I — The Phantom Menace" finally dropped out of the top 10 after 11 weeks. The movie came in at No. 12 with $2.2 million, for a domestic total of $412.8 million.

Nutrition

By Ed Blonz, PH.D.

Can vitamin K help fight cancer?

By Ed Blonz, Ph.D.

DEAR DR. BLONZ: Can you tell me what you think of taking vitamin K to treat cancer? I heard somewhere that it is supposed to help. — H.I.

DEAR H.I.: Vitamin K is required for normal blood clotting and is present in a number of food sources. It is unusual for anyone to be deficient in this nutrient. If, however, one is being given an anticoagulant or is undergoing treatment for a blood-clotting disorder, the level of vitamin K in the diet needs to be closely regulated.

The potential use of vitamin K in the fight against cancer is a complicated topic, and it is currently receiving some research attention. Results are preliminary, and somewhat confusing. For example, there are a few compounds that have vitamin K activity, and a couple of these have shown an ability to create an environment that can destroy certain types of cancer cells. There also was a study done at the University of Pittsburgh which reported how a new, synthetic form of K was able to inhibit the growth of cancer cells in a laboratory setting.

Contrast all this with studies that have found that blood clotting can contribute to the spread of cancer (metastasis) by trapping wandering cancer cells and helping them to adhere to the capillary walls, where they then begin to grow. This means that vitamin K might contribute to the problem. In fact, compounds that work against vitamin K have been able to prevent the spread of cancer.

See what I mean by confusing? Some research says vitamin K can help, and some says it may make things worse. The bottom line is that at the present time, it is simply too early to be able to properly assess vitamin K's potential — if any — in the fight against cancer.

DEAR DR. BLONZ: Regarding your article on the values of rosehips, it is my belief you should have included a warning that rose hips may be harmful for anyone allergic to them in any form. I make this statement from experience.

In her late teens, my daughter was on a "health kick" and drank rosehip tea. In one hour, she was covered in hives. I rushed her to the nearest doctor who informed me that the hives, which were also in her throat, could have caused suffocation — even death — had she been brought in one hour later. I just thought you should know. — M.R., Dover, N.J.

DEAR M.R.: I appreciate the importance of your note, and I trust that others will take heed to the lesson learned by you and your daughter. It alerts us to the potential dangers of food allergies and councils caution when trying unusual new foods. Any rapid appearance of hives is not to be trifled with, and medical attention should be sought immediately. Thanks again.

DEAR DR. BLONZ: What is the daily allowance for sugar? Should we eat a certain amount every day? — J.E.

DEAR J.E.: Sugar, also known as sucrose, is composed of glucose and fructose. Glucose is the body's most important carbohydrate and is referred to as "blood sugar." Fructose, also known as fruit sugar, is the main sweetener found in fruits.

Glucose is the part of sucrose that can be used directly. It serves as the body's primary source of energy. Glucose is the only fuel used by red blood cells, and it's the preferred fuel of the brain. A small amount of glucose is made into glycogen, a special glucose reserve found in muscles and in the liver.

Despite these important roles, there is no daily allowance for sucrose, as it is not something that the body requires. Any digestible carbohydrate — such as bread, pasta or rice — can supply the glucose we need. In a pinch, even our bodies' own protein can be broken down and changed into glucose. (That's precisely what happens during starvation or intense muscular work.)

If one had to come with up with a range, however, think in terms of no more than 10 percent of the daily carbohydrate intake in the form of sugar.

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

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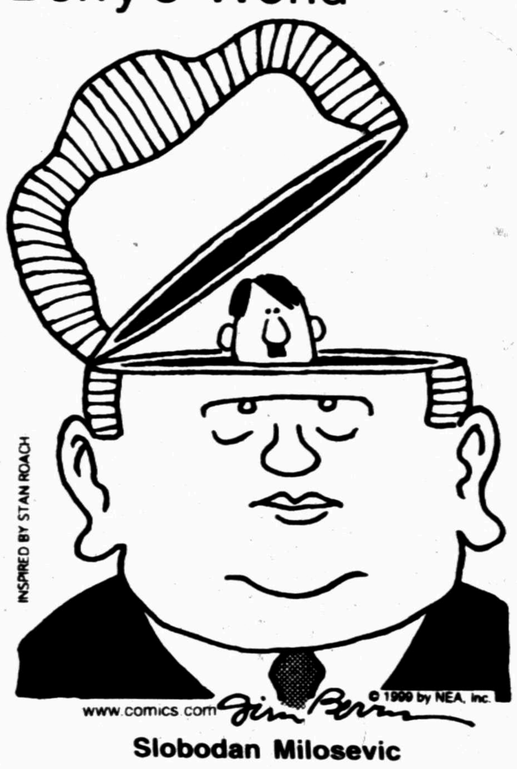

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College students test robot submarine

PANAMA CITY BEACH, Fla. (AP) — College students racing robot submarines may sound like fun and friendly competition, but the technology at work also could help the Navy prevent casualties in future wars.

Navy officials are looking at the machines as a way to keep sailors and Marines out of harm's way by performing such dangerous missions such as finding and neutralizing sea mines and underwater obstacles.

The Massachusetts Institute of Technology defeated four other teams Sunday to repeat as champions of the second annual International Autonomous Underwater Vehicle Competition.

In addition to competing for $10,000 in prize money, the students got a chance to demonstrate design ideas that may be incorporated into operational robot subs.

"We've done a lot of academic studying but we've never actually designed and built something from the ground up before," said Ensign Jason Edelberg, part of the team from the U.S. Naval Academy.

The AUVs, as the robots are known, also are expected to significantly increase the speed of underwater mapping and aid in searches for shipwrecks or sunken aircraft.

Entries were judged on design characteristics, safety and craftsmanship before racing in an underwater course consisting of six 10-foot-wide gates submerged in 6 to 10 feet of water.

After crossing the last gate, the robot subs followed a track of pipes leading to a target where they dropped depth markers. Points were awarded according to the number of gates crossed, whether they hit the target and the time needed to complete the course.

The MIT sub was followed by the University of Florida, Florida Atlantic University, the U.S. Naval Academy and Stevens Institute of Technology of Hoboken, N.J.

The teams faced off at the Naval Coastal Systems Center near this Florida Panhandle city.

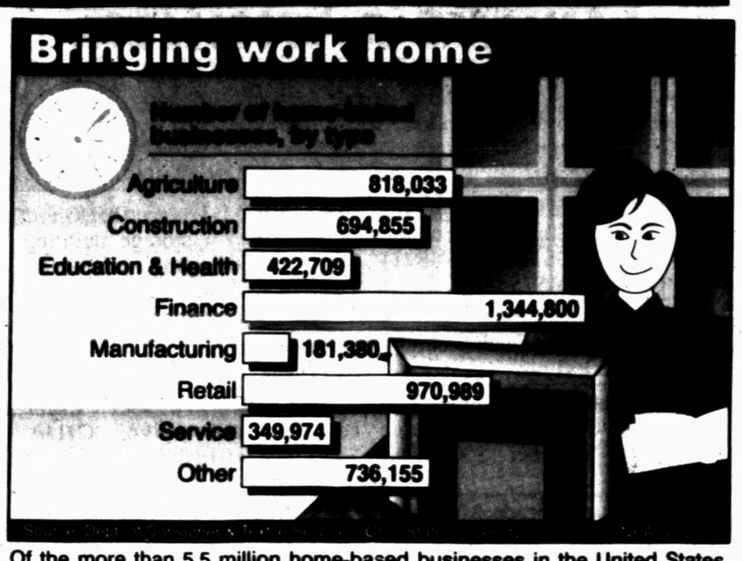
Florida's SubjuGator looked more like a blue box than a submarine, but its stubby shape gave it a shorter turning radius, said graduate student David Novick.

Most of the subs weighed in around 200 pounds except for Florida Atlantic's tiny SQUID, short for Submersible Quiet Underwater Intelligent Driver, at just over 20 pounds.

"There are points for the elegance of the engineering in the contest, so we thought that would be a point-getter," said Florida Atlantic team adviser Ken Holappa, an assistant professor of ocean engineering.

He said there also are practical considerations including lower cost and ease of handling.

"You don't need cranes and everything," Holappa said. "One person can pick it up and carry it around."



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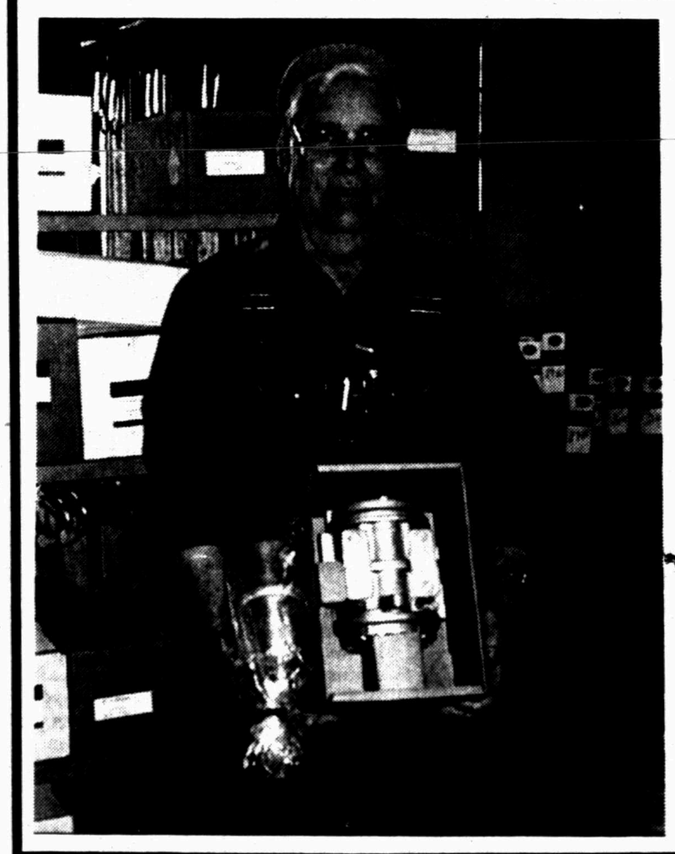

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Clinton defender turns down counsel position

WASHINGTON (AP) — Cheryl Mills, the young lawyer whose spirited defense of President Clinton wowed onlookers at his impeachment trial, has declined an offer from her boss to make history as the next White House counsel, administration officials said Sunday.

Mills would have been the first woman and first black to serve as the White House's top lawyer. She informed Clinton of her decision Friday after considering his offer for much of the summer, the officials said.

Mills has worked for Clinton since the start of his presidency, and became a central player on the team of lawyers who defended the president and Hillary Rodham Clinton during the many controversies of the last few years — from Whitewater and fund-raising to Monica Lewinsky.

"Cheryl is a wonderful lawyer and a wonderful person but I think she decided that it was time for her after six-and-a-half years to move on. She is tired and wants to get her life centered," White House Chief of Staff John Podesta said in an interview with The Associated Press.

Podesta said Mills, 34, had some private sector offers, and "I'm confident she is going to continue to serve her community and to serve the public. That is what really motivates her."

Mills has agreed to remain in the White House as acting counsel until a successor to Charles F.C. Ruff is named. Ruff, who served as presidential counsel during the most turbulent years of Clinton's tenure, is returning to private practice.

A confidante of both the president and Mrs. Clinton, Mills worked her way up in the counsel's office from the role of a junior lawyer working on the original Whitewater hearings in Congress in 1994 to the top deputy's spot.

She earned a reputation as an unapologetic and loyal Clinton defender, espousing a strategy of not giving an inch to presidential critics. It's a role that endeared her to the first family but landed her as a witness before grand juries and congressional committees investigating the administration.

Americans got their most extensive view of her during Clinton's impeachment trial Jan. 20. From the well of the Senate and before live television, she gave a forceful defense of the president's civil rights record and contested Republican allegations he had violated the rights of accuser Paula Jones.

Mills argued that Clinton's private behavior with Ms. Lewinsky was "not attractive or admirable," but his "record on civil rights, on women's rights, on all our rights, is unimpeachable."

Calling attention to her race and gender, she added, "I stand here before you today because President Bill Clinton believed I could stand here for him."

She finished her presentation to a hushed Senate, and afterwards Republicans and Democrats alike praised her. The next day's Washington Post headline blared, "In the city of legal stars, another is born."

Mills' tenure, however, was not without controversy. Republicans on a House subcommittee accused her last year of withholding two documents from investigators on an unrelated matter. She has denied withholding documents.

And on the eve of her questioning by Senate Whitewater Committee staff a few years earlier, Mills' car was broken into and copies of notes were stolen.

Teen-ager pricked by needle

BOSTON (AP) — A 13-year-old boy was rushed to the hospital and given an anti-AIDS cocktail after he was pricked by a discarded hypodermic needle on a jetliner.

The incident happened at about 4:20 p.m. Sunday to the takeoff of American Airline's Flight 491 from Logan International Airport in Boston to Dallas, the Boston Herald reported.

The Texas teen, whom officials would not identify, said he pricked himself while reaching into the crack between the seat cushion and the seatback.

The teen was rushed to Massachusetts General Hospital and given the anti-AIDS cocktail as a precaution.

State troopers took the syringe and the seat cushion for testing, a source told the Herald. Technicians hadn't determined the contents of the needle as of Sunday night.

Officials also were trying to find out the identities of passengers who'd recently occupied the seat where the needle was found.

The immediate concern was whether the needle was tainted with HIV-contaminated blood. Officials believe the needle could have been in the cushion for days, which may be a benefit to the boy because blood becomes less risky when it's dried out.

The risk of contracting HIV when pricked by a needle from a someone infected with the virus is about one in 300, the paper reported.

Dr. Gott by Peter Gott, M.D.

HMO: stands for 'Hey Moe'

DEAR DR. GOTT: I saw this on the Internet and thought your readers would enjoy it.

HMO QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Q. What does HMO stand for?

A. This is actually a variation of the phrase, "Hey, Moe!" Its roots go back to a concept pioneered by Dr. Moe Howard, who discovered that a patient could be made to forget about the pain in his foot if he was poked hard enough in the eyes. Modern practice replaces the physical finger poke with hi-tech equivalents such as voice mail and referral slips, but the result remains the same.

Q. Do all diagnostic procedures require pre-certification?

A. No. Only those you need.

Q. I just joined a new HMO. How difficult will it be to choose the doctor I want?

A. Just slightly more difficult than choosing your parents. Your insurer will provide you with a book listing all the doctors who were participating in the plan at the time the information was gathered. These doctors basically fall into two categories: those who are no longer accepting new patients, and those who will see you but are no longer part of the plan. But don't worry — the remaining doctor who is still in the plan and accepting new patients has an office just a half day's drive away.

Q. What are pre-existing conditions?

A. This is a phrase used by the grammatically challenged when they want to talk about pre-existing conditions. Unfortunately, we appear to be pre-stuck with them.

Q. Well, can I get coverage for my pre-existing conditions?

A. Certainly, as long as they don't require any treatment.

Q. What happens if I want to try alternative forms of medicine?

A. You'll need to find alternative forms of payment.

Q. My pharmacy plan only covers generic drugs, but I need the name brand. I tried the generic medication, but it gave me a stomach ache. What should I do?

A. Poke yourself in the eye.

Q. I have an 80/20 plan with a $200 deductible and a $2,000 yearly cap. My insurer reimbursed the doctor for my out-patient surgery but I'd already paid my bill. What should I do?

A. You have two choices. Your doctor can sign the reimbursement check over to you, or you can ask him to invest the money for you in one of those great offers that only doctors and dentists hear about, like windmill farms or frog hatcheries.

Q. What should I do if I get sick while traveling?

A. Try sitting in a different part of the bus.

Q. No, I mean what if I'm away from home and get sick?

A. You really shouldn't do that. You'll have a hard time seeing your primary care physician. It's best to wait until you return, and then get sick.

Q. I think I need to see a specialist, but my doctor insists he can handle my problem. Can a general practitioner really perform a heart transplant right in his office?

A. Hard to say, but considering that all you're out is the $10 co-payment, there's no harm in giving him a shot at it.

DEAR READER: I hope my readers get as big a chuckle as I did.

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Wittie completes Navy basic classes

(FHTNC) — Navy fireman Shawn D. Wittie, son of David L. and Patricia A. Wittie of Snyder, recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill.

During the eight-week program, Wittie completed a variety of training which included classroom study and practical instruction on naval customs, first aid, fire fighting, water safety and survival, and shipboard and aircraft safety. An emphasis is also placed on physical fitness.

He is a 1996 graduate of Snyder High School.

New violence erupts at Dave Matthews show

HARTFORD, Conn. (AP) — A night after scuffles broke out and one car was torched, violence again erupted outside a Dave Matthews Band concert when riot police were pelted with rocks and bottles.

More than a dozen people were arrested Sunday night on charges including assault on an officer, rioting and property damage, said Hartford Police Sgt. Ed Pawlina.

The melee comes two weeks after the three-day Woodstock '99 concert ended in an ugly orgy of violence, with tractor-trailers set ablaze, vendor stands overrun and authorities pelted with bottles.

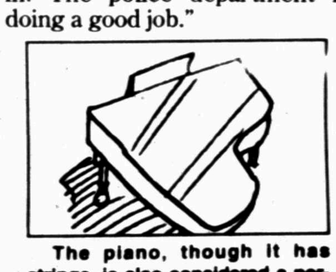
Sunday's concert was the last date on the Dave Matthews Band tour this year and the third consecutive show at Meadows Music theater.

Pawlina said there were no problems inside the theater but police had to contend with "a heavy barrage" of rocks and bottles in lots surrounding the arena.

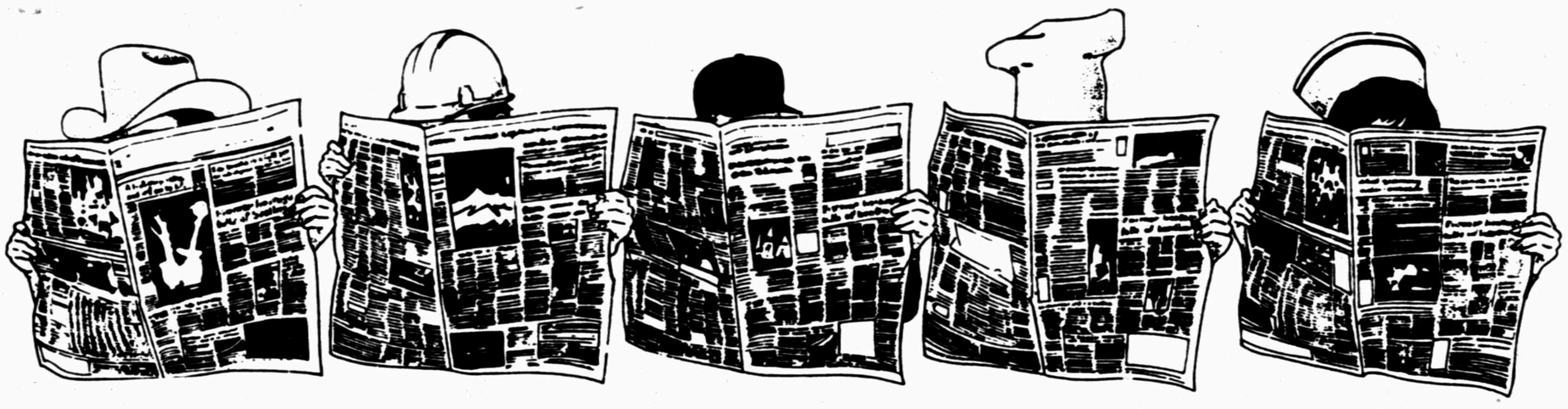
Pawlina said the situation was "out of control" at about 9:15 p.m., but most of the crowd began leaving by 11 p.m. after the concert ended. Empty beer and liquor bottles and littered the parking lots and streets around the theater.

City councilman Lou Watkins, chairman of the city's public safety committee, said there were minor injuries but nobody was seriously hurt.

"It's not a riot," he said. "We've got some rowdy concertgoers. Actually, they're not concertgoers, they're people who didn't [illegible] in. The police department is doing a good job."



The piano, though it has strings, is also considered a percussion instrument.



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Others still held...

Rogue gunmen free hostages

FREETOWN, Sierra Leone (AP) — Rogue gunmen freed at least 19 hostages in Sierra Leone, raising hopes that a five-day crisis threatening the West African country's fragile peace would soon end.

Officials in Sierra Leone, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the estimated 15 remaining captives — including several foreigners and a number of U.N. observers, journalists, and aid workers — could be freed soon. The exact number of hostages originally taken has never been clear.

The British Foreign Office also said it hoped the hostages would be freed shortly.

"We are hopeful that the remaining hostages, including the three remaining British officials and officers who are there, will come out sooner rather than later," British Foreign Office Minister Peter Hain told British Broadcasting Corp. radio. "When exactly I'm not certain, but I'm hopeful that it will happen within the next day or two."

Later, a Foreign Office spokesman, speaking on customary condition of anonymity, said an unidentified intermediary had returned to speak to the junta soldiers. The spokesman said it was unlikely the remaining hostages would be freed today.

All but one of those released Sunday were among about 40 people captured Wednesday by the rebel-allied soldiers outside the capital, Freetown.

Early Sunday, five Sierra Leonean drivers working for the United Nations were released along with a former junta official, said Nance Webber, a spokeswoman for the U.N. Children's Fund.

U.N. officials in Freetown said 13 people were released Sunday evening. They included seven U.N. personnel, two journalists, two West African intervention force soldiers and two aid workers.

Canadian political adviser Robert Gravelle was among the 13, at least some of whom returned to Freetown late Sunday.

Obituaries

Dee Rambo

Dee Rambo

1919-1999

Dee Rambo, daughter of Blanche Murry of Snyder and former Snyder dance teacher, died at 3 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 8, in Arizona after a lengthy illness.

Mrs. Rambo, 80, was cremated and a memorial service will be held in Arizona at a later date.

She and her husband taught dance in Snyder at Western Texas College and the Senior Center. He preceded her in death.

Other survivors include two children, Randy and Susan; two brothers, Jay and Bud Murry of California; and two grandchildren.

Betty Rawlings

1941-1999

Graveside service for Betty Jean Rawlings is set for 10 a.m. Tuesday in Hillside Memorial Gardens. The Rev. "Bear" Williams will officiate, and a family friend, Nicky Chapman, will speak.

Arrangements are under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Mrs. Rawlings, 57, died at 8:25 a.m. Sunday in Cogdell Memorial Hospital following a lengthy illness.

Born Dec. 7, 1941 in Loraine, she was reared in Colorado City. She married Bill Rawlings on May 16, 1963 in Snyder.

Mrs. Rawlings lived in Ira before moving to Snyder in the early 1970s. She worked for Safeway in Snyder for 15 years and then was employed as a secretary for Consolidated Tool.

She was a member of the Union Baptist Church and was preceded in death by a sister, Shirley Ann Bearden.

Survivors include her husband, Bill Rawlings of Snyder; two daughters and sons-in-law, Sheila and Bodie Shafer and Debbie and Bruce Elder, all of Snyder; two sons, Danny West of Laredo and Montie Rawlings and his wife, Stephanie, of Kamas, Utah; a brother, Charles Bearden of Potosi; her parents, Claude and Sylvia Bearden of Potosi; 10 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

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Starr praises judge's ruling

WASHINGTON (AP) — Independent counsel Kenneth Starr today praised an Arkansas judge's decision declaring that President Clinton gave false testimony in the Paula Jones sexual harassment case.

"I thought it was very strong language," Starr said of the decision last month by U.S. District Judge Susan Webber Wright.

While Starr wouldn't call her decision vindication in an interview with the NBC "Today" show, he did say: "This is a very distinguished judge who looked at the facts and came to these conclusions. And I would just add that the system, did, in fact, work."

Starr has been investigating Clinton and his wife, Hillary, for over five years, and is thought to be winding down the probe. Clinton was impeached by the House last December in connection with the Monica Lewinsky case, but acquitted by the Senate.

The Clinton White House has said that Clinton will pay the $90,000 fine levied by Judge Wright. The judge said in the July 29 ruling she hoped that it might deter others "who might consider emulating the president's misconduct."

The money, which is in addition to $850,000 awarded Mrs. Jones in a settlement of her sexual harassment case, was aimed at covering legal costs related the president's denial that he had a sexual relationship with Ms. Lewinsky.

Break-in of storage building reported in city over weekend

Officers are investigating two break-ins at the ABC storage buildings located at 38th Street and Avenue O.

Kayla Bethel reported at 7:15 p.m. Friday the theft of furniture from her storage building.

At 3:50 p.m. Saturday, John Kelley reported a break-in at his storage building.

It was unknown this morning what was taken from Kelley's storage building or how the suspects gained access to the storage areas.

Offense reports for burglary of a building were filed in each incident.

An offense report for disorderly conduct/language was submitted at 9:20 a.m. Saturday.

At 5:17 p.m. Saturday, a caller notified officers of several juveniles in the 100 block of Milburn throwing rocks at passing vehicles. Contact was made with several juveniles who denied the allegations. They were advised of the consequences of the action.

An offense report was filed for Class A assault/family violence at 12:45 a.m. Sunday.

Officers also filed an offense report for assault/family violence at 9:55 p.m. Sunday.

At 1:03 a.m. today, officers submitted an offense report for harboring a runaway.

Four subjects were also jailed over the weekend on misdemeanor charges.

At 10:24 p.m. Saturday, Department of Public Safety troopers arrested a 19-year-old male on U.S. Hwy. 208 for driving while intoxicated.

A 17-year-old male was booked into jail at 4:55 p.m. Sunday on outstanding warrants for no driver's license and failure to appear.

Officers arrested a 36-year-old male at 6:44 p.m. on outstanding warrants for no driver's license, no liability insurance and three counts of failure to appear.

Outstanding warrants also sent a 46-year-old female to jail Sunday. The subject was arrested in the 1300 block of 26th Street for no valid Texas driver's license, failure to maintain financial responsibility/no liability insurance, and two counts of failure to appear.

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DISMISSALS: Aug. 6—Ramona Cain, Robert O'Day, Petra Villarreal, Charity Davidson and baby girl, Blanche Jackson, Maggie Yruegas; Aug. 7—Jade Moran; Aug. 8—Raymond Kellner, Mariella Ruiz and baby boy.

CENSUS: 40 (Med., Surg.-14, Long-term Care-23, OB-2, Nursery-1).

Births

Arlie and Barbara Eicke joyfully announce the birth of their first grandchild. Scott and Amy (Eicke) Ellis are the proud parents of Emily Brina, born Aug. 7, 1999 at 4:24 a.m. in Abilene Regional Hospital. She weighed seven pounds, eight ounces and is 20 inches long.

She is also welcomed by a very proud Aunt Traci Eicke and great grandmother, Lavelle Eicke.

Paid Announcement

Mariella Ruiz of Snyder announces the birth of her seven-pound, three-ounce son. He was born at 4:18 p.m., Aug. 6 at Cogdell Memorial Hospital.

Jenny Medrano announces the birth of her son, weighing eight pounds and two ounces, at Cogdell Memorial Hospital at 11:23 p.m. on Aug. 8.

events

WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

Snyder ISD events

Snyder Junior High School students can tour the building from 7-8 this evening. Stanfield Elementary School will have its meet the teachers night from 6-7 p.m. Tuesday. Northeast Elementary will have an open house on Tuesday from 6:30-7:30 p.m. East Elementary will have a meet the teachers night on Tuesday as well, from 5-6:30 p.m.

Snyder FFA

Snyder FFA will hold an ice cream social from 6 to 7 tonight to welcome new ag teacher Jerry Conring and his family to Snyder. The social will be held in the ag building at SHS.

Bible study tapes

Bible study video tapes air weekly on cable TV channel 2. The tapes to be shown at 7 this evening are "What to Expect When You Visit the Church," followed by "What Can I Believe?"

Ira community meeting

There will be a meeting at the Ira Community Center this evening at 7 o'clock to discuss plans for the 1999-200 school year in Ira.

SHS football booster club

The Snyder football booster club will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the student center. Plans for the new season and the Watermelon Bowl set for Friday will be discussed.

Social Security rep in Snyder

Representatives of the Social Security Administration will be in Snyder Tuesday at the Senior Citizens Center, 2603 Ave. M.

AARP board

The American Association of Retired Persons board will meet at 10a.m. Wednesday in the Senior Center.

Sen. Hutchison in Gail

U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison will conduct a town-hall meeting at 2:45 p.m. Wednesday at the Borden County Courthouse.

Support groups

Four different support groups meet at 6:30 p.m. Thursday at the First Baptist Church. The groups include divorce recovery, cancer support group, grief support and adult children caring for aging parents. Child care is provided.

Gramm staffer due here

Sondra Ziegler, a representative of U.S. Senator Phil Gramm's staff, will be in Snyder from 1-1:45 p.m. Friday in the county courtroom to meet with any local citizen.

Girl Scouts registration

Scurry County Girl Scouts will register from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday by the pond at Towle Park. All levels of scouts will register, including adults. Refreshments will be served.

Joy School

Joy School at East Side Church of Christ is now state licensed and will be open five days a week. The school is for ages 18 months to pre-kindergarten and begins Wednesday. Parents may choose days wanted. Call 573-3554 for 575-1138 for more information.

Sonshine School

Registration for Sonshine School at 37th Street Church of Christ is being held for pre-school through age five. For more information call the church office at 573-0154 or Lora Lord at 573-1700.

King's Kids registration

First Baptist Church is currently registering for King's Kids, ages 1-5, and for Mothers' Day Out, six months to five years old. Call 573-2631 for more information.

Children's Day Out

Children's Day Out, a Tuesday-Thursday child care program at First United Methodist Church, has spaces available for two and three year olds. School begins Tuesday. Call 573-4770 for more information.

Rock and Roll quilting club

The quilting club meets every Monday from 8 a.m. until noon at Hermleigh Community Center for free quilting lessons. Everyone is invited. Call 863-2426 for more information.

Faith Baptist revival slated

Faith Baptist Church, 208 37th St., will have a revival Aug. 15-18 featuring Evangelist Monty Martin. Sunday services are 10:50 a.m. and 7 p.m. and weeknight services are set for 7:30 p.m.

Lone Wolf Cemetery Association

The Lone Wolf Cemetery Association will hold a meeting at 9 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 19, at the cemetery.

Pick 3

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

7-7-0

(seven, seven, zero)

Lotto Texas

AUSTIN (AP) — Two ticket correctly matched all six numbers drawn Saturday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials said.

The tickets were worth an estimated $10 million.

The tickets were sold in Houston and Emory.

The numbers drawn Saturday night from a field of 50 were: 1, 6, 14, 21, 24 and 26.

Wednesday night's drawing will be worth an estimated $4 million.