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CLOSE CALL —Houston truck driver Leroy Hobartsch Jr. escaped injury early today when his 1998 Volvo truck-tractor overturned on Highway 84, near the Business 84 overpass. Hobartsch was driving a Knight Transportation truck from Houston with a load of newsprint bound for Plainview when he crossed the median and overturned. DPS trooper Terry Snyder investigated the 4:30 a.m. accident. (SDN Photo by Wade Warren)

SISD facing financial cuts from state funds

By Wade Warren
SDN Staff Writer

Snyder ISD trustees got their first look at the district's proposed 2000-01 budget Monday night and it appears the district will receive some $485,000 less in state funding than last year because of a decrease in enrollment.

The district dropped 250 students last year, with another 50 fewer students being projected for the upcoming school year.

Asst. Supt. Lee McNair said the state bases its payment to schools on the average daily attendance.

Emphasizing that the budget figures are only estimates, McNair said the district could receive $9,525,000 from the state – down from $10,010,000 last school year.

Local tax revenue is expected to be up, however, from $6,410,000 last year to a projected $6,650,000 this year.

Overall, the district is currently looking at a decrease in revenue of some $195,000.

McNair also said the increase in taxable values this year could set the district's roll-back rate as low as $1.35 per $100 valuation, 15 cents below the present $1.50 rate.

Supt. Gayle Lomax said the district could set the rate at $1.50, but the action would trigger an automatic rollback election for the district.

Lomax added that a rollback election is now automatic if the tax rate exceeds the rollback figure, where in the past, taxpayers had to petition to call an election.

McNair added that the figures presented to the board Monday were based on a rate of $1.37 per $100, which might not necessarily trigger a roll-back election depending on what the local and state revenue figures are.

The business manager added that certified values are expected in mid-July from the Scurry County Appraisal District.

This preliminary budget also included some $528,000 in new expenditures, including $135,000 in step-increase raises for teachers.

Lomax said para-professionals in the district would also receive raises, as their salaries are based on teachers' pay.

"There are no other salary increases in the budget," Lomax said.

The proposed budget also reflects some $462,000 less money being paid to teachers due to staff absorption and the early retirement incentive the district offered for the first time this year.

McNair said schools in West Texas are facing similar funding dilemmas.

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WTC budget balanced after preliminary look

By Joyce May
SDN Staff Writer

Western Texas College's administration presented a balanced 2000-2001 budget overview to the board of trustees Monday evening and were instructed to continue in the same direction with the budget planning.

WTC Vice President Bettie McQueen went over the proposals, highlighting the major changes in revenue and expenses for the coming year.

The proposed 2000-2001 budget totals $7,587,123, up some $76,000 over the current budget of $7,510,340.

On the revenue side, the college is anticipating an additional $72,184 in state appropriations as well as an insurance reimbursement from the state in the amount of $20,564.

Western Texas is projecting $219,885 in additional local tax money due to an increase in tax valuations. That figure is estimated at the current tax rate of .3143 cents per $100 valuation. The actual amount of local tax dollars will not be known until certified values are released in July.

A technology fee increase of $2 per credit hour also is planned, which, based on current enrollment, would mean an additional $58,000 in revenue.

McQueen said that even with the increase, the fee is still extremely low compared to other area colleges.

On the expense side for the 2000-2001 year, the administration has proposed the creation of six new positions, which totals $113,190 in salaries and benefits.

A public information position, with a salary of $33,000, is proposed. This person would be under the student services division and would be responsible for coordinating press releases with local and area media and other public relations duties.

Also included in the proposed budget is a clerical position in the business office. McQueen said the employee would assist with the large amount of paper flow in that office. The budgeted salary is $16,568.

A technician position with a salary of $17,672 is also proposed.

(See WTC, Page 10)

Lee Presswood assumes WTC board presidency

Following the installation of newly-elected Western Texas College Place 6 trustee Scott Richburg Monday evening, board officers were elected.

Lee Presswood was chosen president, replacing Dr. Jay Kidd. Carolyn Barbee was re-elected vice president, and Drew Bullard was renamed secretary.

Trustees took care of several items of business under personnel.

The board ratified the employment of Jim Clifton as dean of student services, and Pam Murray as director of human resources.

Jim Clifton

The board also ratified the contract of Wade Hatter as the pro shop director.

Edward J. Petty was hired as the correctional officer training instructor to replace J. D. Barham who has resigned to teach in Weatherford.

Matt Rose was employed as an English instructor. A second English position needs to be filled, and the administration said it should have a recommendation to bring to the board in July.

Trustees also approved the promotion of Duffy Wilks to the status of associate professor.

In a routine item, the board approved the small class report for the summer session.

It also approved a revision of board policy relating to security clearance for employees and the manner in which suspension or dismissal procedures will be addressed should security clearance be revoked or denied.

The action was on recommendation on college attorney Gary Terrell.

Trustees also gave pre-bid approval for new carpet for various offices and classrooms.

Clifton gave the summer enrollment report, showing 644 enrolled part-time and 101 enrolled full-time.

This includes students in the categories of on-campus, off-campus (at satellite sites), prison units, concurrent enrollment and interactive television (ITV).

HISD begins budget work for school year

Hermleigh ISD trustees will meet this at 8 this evening for the regular monthly board meeting.

Trustees will begin work on the district's 2000-01 budget, and in the process, set salaries for 12-month personnel.

The board will also consider the resignation of Rocky Clindaniel as girl's sports coach.

Also on the agenda is a discussion of a matching grant to automate the library records, and the consideration of contracting with Interquest Detection Canines for monthly drug searches.

The meeting will be in the high school building.

United Way sets $80,000 goal

Scurry County United Way directors announced a campaign goal of $80,000 for the coming year during a meeting Monday at the chamber of commerce.

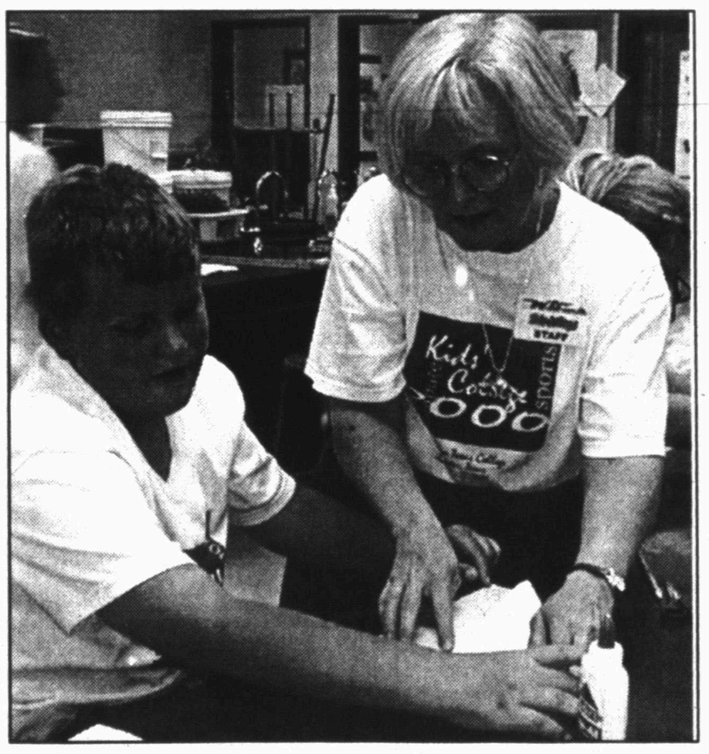
Allocations were disbursed May 31 by executive secretary Zola Schlegel to the Boys and Girls Club, Boy Scouts, CADA, Girl Scouts, Noah Project, Red Cross, Snyder Day Care and the Scurry County Food Cupboard. Allocations are made twice a year.

After approval of the minutes and financial statement, Shirley Fritz agreed to serve as the advisory person and to gather information for grant applications.

A copy of by-laws were issued to each member and president Kent Wright said division chairmen would be announced at the July 10 meeting, also planned for the chamber office.

Steve Covey and Dr. Bryan Cave discussed the possibility of having a three-on-three basketball tournament at the July 4 celebration at the park and were to put plans in action providing there is not a tournament already planned.

Others attending were Bill Dryden, Peggy Vernon, Leslie Cooley, Marita Burton, Lea Phillips and Jo Ann Nunley.



DINOSAUR PYRAMIDS — Rebekah Thornton assists Josh Hall in making a dinosaur pyramid Monday in her Kids' College class at Western Texas College. (SDN Staff Photo)

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "You have to work at avoiding being like concrete – all mixed up and permanently set."

Insurance peddler Ernie Sears spied this item in a Kentucky newspaper and suggested that some of the medical chart jottings might be of interest to Snyder citizens.

Obviously, physicians sometimes get in a hurry and are not necessarily precise in making notations on medical charts.

Enjoy:

—Patient has chest pains if she lies on her left side for a year.

—On the second day, the knee was better and on the third day, it disappeared.

—She has no rigors or shaking chills, but her husband states she was very hot in bed last night.

—The patient has been depressed ever since she began seeing me in 1993.

—The patient is tearful and crying constantly. She also appears to be depressed.

—Discharge status: alive but without permission.

—Healthy-appearing decrepit 69-year-old male, mentally alert but forgetful.

—The patient refused an autopsy.

—The patient has no past history of suicides.

—Patient has left his white blood cells at another hospital.

—Patient's past medical history has been remarkably insignificant with only a 40-pound weight gain in the past three days.

—Patient had waffles for breakfast and anorexia for lunch.

—Between you and me, we ought to be able to get this lady pregnant.

—Since she can't get pregnant with her husband, I thought you might like to work her up.

—She is numb from her toes down.

—While in the ER, she was examined, X-rated and sent home.

—The sink was moist and dry.

—Occasional, constant, infrequent headaches.

—Was alert and unresponsive.

—Rectal exam revealed abnormal-size thyroid.

—She stated she had been constipated for most of her life, until she got divorced.

—I saw your patient today, who is still under our car for physical therapy.

—Both breasts are equal and reactive to light and accommodation.

—Exam of genitalia reveals that he is circus sized.

—The lab tests indicated abnormal lover function.

—Skin: somewhat pale but present.

—The pelvic examination will be done later on the floor.

—Patient was seen in consultation with Dr. Blank, who felt we should sit on the abdomen and I agree.

—Large brown stool ambulating in the hall.

—Patient has two teenage children, but no other abnormalities.

ASK US

Q—When is the city going to start spraying for mosquitoes again?

A—The city started the spraying program on Monday.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Monday, 87 degrees; low, 70; 7 a.m. Tuesday, 72; no precipitation; total for 2000, 11.27 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, partly cloudy; 30% storms chance; low, upper 60s; S wind 10-20 mph; Wednesday, partly cloudy, slightly cooler; 30% storms chance.

Daniel Chacon
Partly Cloudy

Sunset: 8:49 p.m.
Sunrise: 6:40 a.m.
Of 164 days in 2000, the sun has shone 161 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

Our task is to make ourselves architects of the future.

—Jomo Kenyatta

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Credit card antitrust trial underway

NEW YORK (AP) — Visa USA and MasterCard conspired to obliterate their competition, cheating customers out of lower costs and giving the companies 75 percent of the credit card market, according to government attorneys.

"It is consumers that clearly are the losers," said Melvin Schwarz during Monday's opening statements in the government's antitrust case against the two credit card giants.

Schwarz told U.S. District Judge Barbara Jones, who is hearing the case without a jury, that the government will prove the companies violated antitrust laws by joining with banks to create rules that block the banks from doing business with American Express and Discover.

An attorney for both companies dismissed the allegations. Another attorney, MasterCard lawyer Ken Gallo, called some of them "outrageous."

"MasterCard operates in an extremely competitive market," he said. "There is no evidence of consumer harm."

He said the government was trying to rectify the mistake American Express made in the marketplace by failing to align itself with banks.

"It just missed the boat completely," Gallo said. "The antitrust laws are not designed to help a company get a second chance when companies make bad business decisions."

Visa's lead attorney, Laurence Popofsky, called the credit card industry "one of the most competitive industries in the United States, featuring gradually rising prices, exploding output."

The government filed the lawsuit in October 1998 against Visa and MasterCard, which are nonprofit associations made up of some 8,500 banks.

Together they control about three-fourths of the bank credit card market in the United States. CardWeb.com, which studies the industry, said that as of the end of 1999, Visa had a 49 percent market share, while MasterCard was at about 28 percent, American Express 17 percent and Discover 6 percent.

The Justice Department wants the judge to order the companies to stop electing representatives of banks with interests in both Visa and MasterCard to their boards and governing committees.

Popofsky said the government felt obligated to bring the case to trial after spending four years investigating thousands of pages of documents.

"We are here because the government will not admit that it made a mistake," he said.

He cited several instances that he said demonstrated the competitive nature of the industry, and noted that one Visa executive once suggested the company mission "should be kill MasterCard."

On the Net:
http://www.visa.com
http://www.mastercard.com
http://www.americanexpress.com
Department of Justice:
http://www.usdoj.gov/atr/cases/indx57.htm

Convicted killer of former in-laws executed in Texas

HUNTSVILLE (AP) — Melinda Mason stood trembling in the corner of the Texas death chamber, two relatives comforting her, as her ex-husband was strapped to a gurney, denounced his prosecutors and insisted he didn't kill her mother and grandmother.

"I'm not surprised," she said after watching Thomas Wayne Mason be executed Monday evening. "He's the type of man who would never admit he was wrong."

"He put the fear right back in me. He had that one last chance to scare me and he did."

Thomas Mason, 48, was condemned for the killings 8½ years ago of Marsha Brock, 55, his former mother-in-law, and her 80-year-old mother, Sybil Dennis.

He became the 20th Texas inmate to be executed this year and the first of three set to die this week. The U.S. Supreme Court had turned down his final appeal Monday afternoon a few hours before the punishment was carried out.

"It was just a cold-blooded premeditated double homicide of two totally defenseless women by an individual who never showed any remorse for his crime nor ever accepted any responsibility," said Jack Skeen, the Smith County district attorney who prosecuted Mason.

Mason blistered Skeen and his staff in his final statement, accusing the district attorney of orchestrating a conspiracy to make certain he was convicted.

"Jack Skeen knows he illegally convicted me," Mason said just before gasping twice, sputtering and dying.

Mason's execution occurred with little of the hoopla that greeted the scheduled June 1 execution of Ricky McGinn, condemned for raping and killing his 12-year-old stepdaughter, or the fanfare already building for next week's scheduled execution of Gary Graham, convicted of a 1981 fatal shooting in Houston.

McGinn received a 30-day reprieve from the Texas governor's office, with presumed Republican presidential nominee George W. Bush endorsing the decision of state Sen. Rodney Ellis, a Houston Democrat who was governor pro-tem that day with Bush and Lt. Gov. Rick Perry out of the state.

McGinn, with much national publicity about his case, successfully won the rarely-granted delay so new DNA tests may show he did not rape his stepdaughter.

Graham's claims of innocence also have attracted attention, with supporters and Graham himself fueling a publicity blitz.

Mason, however, had no DNA issues, drew little media hype outside the East Texas area of his crime and never petitioned the governor's office for a reprieve.

"I will always support the death penalty," Melinda Mason said when asked about the renewed national debate about capital punishment. "If you do the crime, you need to be punished in the exact same way."

Her ex-husband, a former drywall installer, acknowledged the Oct. 2, 1991 killing to a television reporter shortly after his arrest in Tennessee and also told his daughter and a nephew of his involvement.

He insisted in the weeks leading up to his punishment, however, that his death was a government conspiracy and he was innocent.

Alligator in danger with noose tied around snout

BROWNSVILLE (AP) — Federal wildlife officials are still trying to capture an alligator that might have a life-threatening noose tied around its snout.

The reptile was first spotted in November at Cayo Atascosa, a canal that runs near Laguna Atascosa National Wildlife Refuge.

The gator was recently spotted again in the canal, Kevin Stephenson, outdoor recreation planner with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, told The Brownsville Herald in Tuesday's editions.

Officials are concerned the animal may not be able to feed itself. Alligators are able to survive up to six months without eating, depending on what they last ate, officials said.

If the reptile is spotted again, wildlife officials have ruled out trying to capture it by using tranquilizers. They fear the animal might drown.

"The only way to catch that animal is to get a noose on it and drag it up on a boat," said Pat Burchfield, deputy director at Gladys Porter Zoo in Brownsville.

He said the zoo wouldn't get involved in the animal's capture unless federal or state wildlife officials request its help.

Pack of dogs attack and kill census worker in Indiana

NASHVILLE, Ind. (AP) — A pack of dogs attacked and killed a 71-year-old Census Bureau worker who apparently walked past warning signs in an attempt to count the occupants of an isolated rural home.

An autopsy showed that Dorothy Stewart died from injuries sustained during the attack, Brown County prosecutor Jim Oliver said Monday.

"This really is terrible," Oliver said. "That as a way to die is just unthinkable."

When sheriff's deputies arrived at the home Saturday afternoon, they found Stewart's body about 3 feet from the front door of the one-story log cabin, surrounded by dogs. The dogs were chewing on Stewart's arms and legs, Brown County Sheriff Dan Huesman said.

Deputies counted more than 20 dogs.

The home is about a mile from Stewart's home along a winding, gravel road just within the boundaries of the state forest. The driveway is posted with "Beware of Dog" and "No Trespassing" signs.

"Some were on chains, some were loose and some were in the house," Huesman said. "We were able to capture at least 12 dogs. We captured as many as we could."

One dog was shot because it attacked an officer, Huesman said.

Investigators were not sure how many of the dogs belonged to the homeowner, Wayne Newton, and how many were strays.

"They have denied that the dogs were theirs," Oliver said. "We have reason to disbelieve that. Mostly because the complaints indicate there were always many more dogs there than the few that they claim to have."

Oliver said the investigation into Stewart's death will continue and he hasn't ruled out criminal charges. He said Newton was fined in 1994 for violating the leash law and numerous other complaints had been filed regarding dogs running loose around the house.

The state of Indiana and Brown County have leash laws that require animals to be under the control of their owner.

A phone call to the only Wayne Newton listed was not returned, and Oliver was not sure if Newton had retained legal counsel.

Stewart was an active figure in the community and lived alone, said John Knight, the manger of a nearby gas station and grocery store. He said she could often be found walking along the side of the road picking up trash.

"Mrs. Stewart, I think she did a great deal for the community," Knight said. "Someone that takes the time to go out and pick up trash and stuff, that's a pretty good person."

Across the country this year, 440,000 Census Bureau workers have been following up on the 42 million households that did not return a questionnaire. Census employees are required to call on the houses to collect data, though during training they're told not to put themselves in danger.

"We put a premium on the safety of employees and respondents," said Census spokesman Steve Jost. "This and any other death of a census employee is a real blow to morale. The census family gathers together in this tragic instant."

Officials at the Census Bureau's national office in Suitland, Md., said six other fatalities of on-duty census workers have occurred since Jan., when operations for this Census began. Five died in traffic accidents and the other died of a stroke.

Numerous injuries have been reported, including one two weeks ago in which two census workers were seriously injured in a crash near Charlottesville, Va. There have also been several cases of workers being shot at or chased away by homeowners.

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The American flag was raised at Monterey, Calif., after the surrender of the Mexican garrison in 1840 and the U.S. annexation of California was proclaimed.

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

Better Business Bueau won't give credit where it isn't due

DEAR ABBY: Please do your readers a service by cautioning them to phone the Better Business Bureau whenever they receive a "great" offer they are considering accepting.

I received a notice from a legitimate-sounding credit card company ("member of FDIC") in Scottsdale, Ariz., saying that I was "pre-approved" for a secured credit card. They asked that I send a check for $99, and they would issue a credit card with a limit of $500. That was exciting because my finances are in a state of disarray. I don't get many of these kinds of offers.

I phoned the credit card company and asked how long it would take to receive the new card. The response was "six weeks." That seemed rather long, and my intuition told me to phone the Better Business Bureau in Scottsdale. I was informed the bureau has a file with pages and pages of complaints against this company.

Please inform your readers that a phone call to the BBB may not only save them money, but prevent grief and a great deal of wasted time as well. — **A FRIEND IN FLORIDA**

DEAR FRIEND: Better Business Bureaus are located in most major cities in the United States. They were one of the first consumer "watchdog" organizations. The bureaus provide consumer education materials, answer questions, provide information about businesses — i.e. whether there are unanswered or unsettled complaints or other marketplace problems — and help resolve buyer/seller complaints against a business, including mediation and arbitration services. They also have information about charities and other organizations seeking public donations.

BBBs that provide information via 1-900 telephone numbers charge a nominal fee for their services; some offices charge a flat fee and require a major credit card to access information. The BBB Web site can be accessed at www.bbb.org for consumer fraud and scam alerts, and information about BBB programs, services and locations.

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DEAR ABBY: I kissed a married man. Actually, it went beyond just kissing. I have just turned 19, and he's 30 and has a baby on the way.

Abby, I didn't sleep with him — but we went pretty far. We both wanted it to happen, but I still feel guilty.

I have liked this guy for four years. I was, and probably still am, too young for him. What should I be doing about this situation now? I don't see him often, but when I do, we fool around. What do you think this guy is thinking? — **"BUNNY" IN INDIANA**

DEAR "BUNNY": This guy is thinking, "Here's an 'easy' girl I can get some action from without any commitment." That means no love, no respect — zero on your balance sheet. He gets a quick thrill while you get a few moments of pleasure — and plenty of risks.

You feel guilty because you know he is married to another woman who can't compete with you right now. Listen to your conscience and stop playing around with him. You're risking an emotional involvement with a man who has proved he cannot be faithful, a pregnancy with more responsibility than you can handle, and a social disease from someone who's probably playing around with more "other women" than you.

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Letter to Editor

An apology to Tim Griffin

Dear Editor:

I would like to publicly apologize to Dr. Tim Griffin for the articles that came out prematurely in the Snyder Daily News.

It was discussed with one of the news writers, so she could have enough time to do an interview with him. Nothing, not even the announcement of a reception, was supposed to come out in the paper until June 15.

It is my understanding that reception announcements started as early as the weekend paper of June 10-11.

My humble apology to Tim Griffin.

Hattie Kinder,
Board Chairman,
First Christian Church

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ARE YOU AN ISLAND?

Paul wrote, "So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are *fellow-citizens* with the saints, and are of God's household" **(Ephesians 2:19).** If it is true that "No man is an island," it is certainly true that Christians need one another.

Jesus was not an island when He walked the earth! He loved and He cried. His protection was God. He touched everyone and they touched Him. Our Savior felt pain because of His great love for men. Jesus knows our names and hearts' thoughts. He sees our needs.

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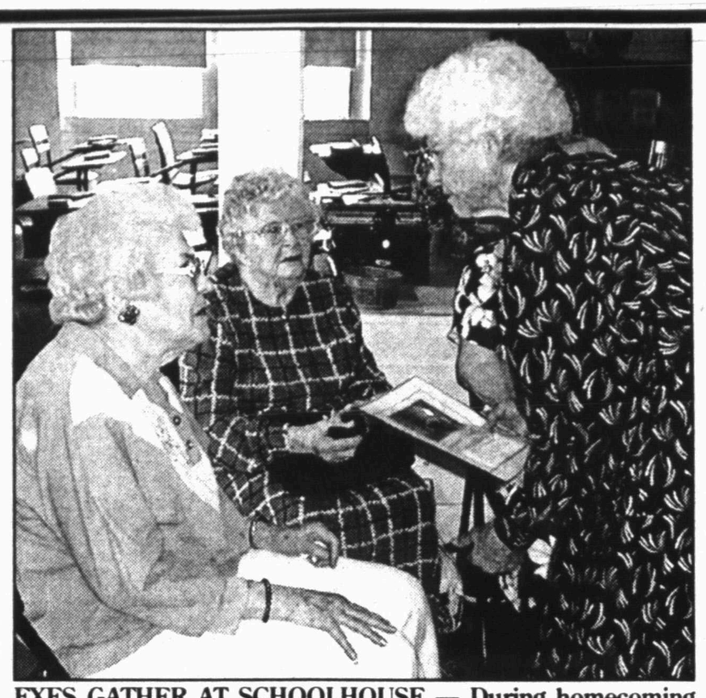
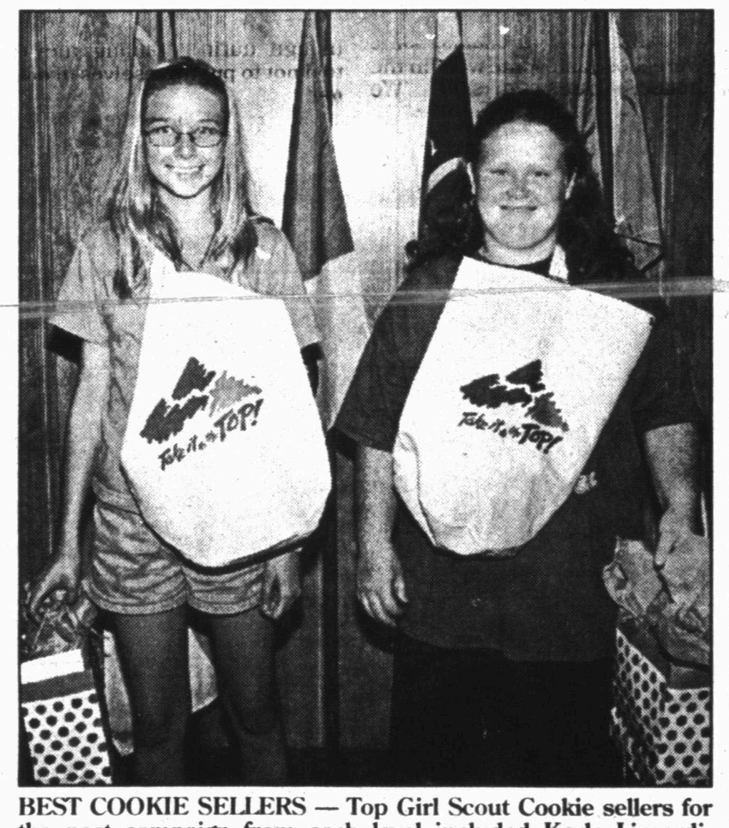


EXES GATHER AT SCHOOLHOUSE — During homecoming happenings for the Fluvanna Homecoming 2000, ex students of the Dermott School had open house at the schoolhouse on the coliseum grounds. Luther Gene Edmonson shows Tomilee Edmonson the stove he kept firewood in during church services held at the school when he was a boy. In the photo above (from left) LaVerne Herring, Opal Nicks and Katherine Elkins reminisce "the good ol' days." (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

BRIDAL SHOWER HELD — Jackie Beck, bride-elect of Erick Roberson, was given a shower at the Union Community Center. The couple will marry on June 24 at the bride's home. Pictured from left are Shirley Pate and Charlcie Roberson, the future groom's grandmothers; Monica Roberson, his sister; Penny Roberson, his mother; the honoree; Inez Beaver, the bride-elect's great-grandmother; Jamie Beck, her sister; Cooper Beck, her nephew; and Denise Beck, her mother. (Contributed Photo)



BEST COOKIE SELLERS — Top Girl Scout Cookie sellers for the past campaign from each level included Kayla Liccardi, third grade Brownie, 319 boxes; Nicole Presley, fifth grade Junior, 262 boxes; Tressie Martin, Senior Troop, 251 boxes; and Nikki Timora, seventh grader in the Cadette Troop, 143 boxes. Two of the best cookie sellers are pictured from left, Timora and Martin. Snyder Girl Scouts sold 630 cases, grossing $1,268 for the local troop programs. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Four people were hanged in 1865 after being named as accomplices of John Wilkes Booth in the assassination of Presidednt Abraham Lincoln.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

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Vulnerable: East-West
Dealer: West

South	West	North	East
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3 ♣	Pass	5 ♣	All pass

Opening lead: ♦ Q

Fourth-highest can backfire — but when?

By Phillip Alder

This was the second board Anne Chatham and I played in Hobe Sound, Fla., last April. What is your analysis of the auction? What do you think happened at the other four tables? (We had six tables, but played only five rounds.)

South was right to open two clubs, strong, artificial and forcing. But he should have rebid two no-trump, describing a balanced 23-24 points. He shouldn't have worried about the doubleton diamond. True, occasionally that will prove to be a fatal flaw, but in a matchpoint duplicate, no-trump rules. You head toward game in a minor only when sure no-trump is unplayable. Also, the two-no-trump rebid makes partner's life so much easier.

North should have raised to four clubs. The jump to five ought to deny any first- or second-round control.

For once, I found a successful opening lead in the diamond queen. After that, South had to lose one spade and one diamond.

At one table, South was in six clubs (2 CLUBS-2 DIAMONDS-3 CLUBS-4 CLUBS-5 CLUBS-6 CLUBS!!-Pass). West, a friendly opponent, led her fourth-highest spade five! So, the slam made for a top.

At two other tables, the contract was five clubs, and these Wests avoided the spade lead.

At the final table, South rebid my recommended two no-trump, which was raised to game. Here, West did very well to lead a diamond, not a spade. Leading away from a king is often best, but when it is around to a big balanced hand, it is very dangerous. South should have been happy with her 10 top tricks, but risked the spade finesse, so was held to nine. Therefore, there were four plus-400 results, and one plus-920.

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Ask Anne & Nan

By Anne B. Adams and Nancy Nash-Cummings

Looking for linens and things

It's "Where Can I Find?" time again! Here goes.

LINEN CLOTH: Albert Constable of East Millsboro, Pa., is looking for unbleached, pure linen cloth by the yard. He writes that he needs it for his player-piano restoration work but can't find it anywhere.

When we are looking for hard-to-find dry goods of just about any kind, we always turn to the Gohn Bros. catalog (105 S. Main St. Box 1110, Middlebury, IN 46540-0111; 800-595-0031). They sell pure, 16-inch-width natural linen toweling by the yard ($2.89). It comes with either a blue or mauve border, but it should fit the bill for Albert.

By the way, in answer to a number of inquiries, Gohn Bros. also carries men's garters (single grip, navy blue only, $5.98/pair). Shipping and handling are not included in the above prices. The catalog costs $1.

ZENITH ALMOND STICK: Pauline Rosales of Pico Rivera, Calif., can't find this product anywhere and wonders if the company has gone out of business. "This is just wonderful for removing scratches on wood surfaces, and I'm lost without it," she writes.

The company is still alive and kicking and the product is actually called Tibet Almond Stick (it's made by the Zenith Chemical Company). You can order it from The Vermont Country Store catalog, P.O. Box 3000, Manchester Center, VT 05255-3000; 802-362-8440). A set of two sticks is item No. 15059. The price is $7.90 plus $4.95 shipping and handling.

LYDIA PINKHAM TONIC: K.F. of Azusa, Calif., wonders if this old-timey tonic for hot flashes and other menopause-related discomforts is still being sold. Indeed, it is. An 18-ounce bottle is available from Champion's Pharmacy (2369 Elvis Presley Blvd., Memphis, TN 38106; 800-936-6662 or 901- 948-6622). Call or write to check on price and shipping and handling charges. If you write, be sure to enclose a self-addressed, stamped envelope.

For Lambert Karpisek of Dysart, Iowa, Kirk's Hard Water Castile Soap is also available from Champion's Pharmacy.

SILK STOCKINGS: Margie Emerson is allergic to nylon. She has been looking for silk stockings but can't find them anywhere. The One Hanes Place catalog (Outlet catalog, P.O. Box 748, Rural Hall, NC 27098; 800-522-1151) carries silk stockings in a variety of styles and colors. The catalog is free.

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Noel Gallagher leaves band's world tour

LONDON (AP) — Oasis guitarist Noel Gallagher says he left the band's world tour because he couldn't stand to be around his younger brother and bandmate, "monkey boy" Liam Gallagher.

"It's been virtually impossible for me to tour at the moment because he's been a bit of an idiot," Noel Gallagher said during a British Broadcasting Corp. radio interview on Monday.

Noel Gallagher, who writes the bulk of the band's songs, left the tour last month but plans to rejoin the group for its concerts in Britain.

"It's me that's kept the band together. ... It's just been made impossible for me to let alone be on the same stage but be in the same room as him," he said, referring to his brother.

Gallagher also dispelled speculation that he left to spend more time with his wife and newborn daughter.

"I don't like the way that people are blaming it on the fact that I want to spend more time at home," he said. "If you tasted my wife's tea you wouldn't."

Oasis has continued touring with guitarist Matt Deighton in Noel Gallagher's place, but canceled several dates.

Lawyers help solve kidnapping case

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) — Johnnie Cochran gave out some free legal advice, became a potential witness and solved an accused kidnapping — all while walking through an airport.

James Allan, 39, who is accused of kidnapping a former girlfriend from Wayne, N.J., spotted Cochran and Des Moines attorney Bob Wright Jr. during a chance encounter Monday and ended up turning himself in to police.

"Johnnie told me, 'Look, this could be a prospective client and he may need help,'" Wright said Monday.

Allan told the lawyers there was a warrant out for his arrest but that 51-year-old Linda Gazda, whom he allegedly had kidnapped, was with him voluntarily.

Wright said Allan let him talk to Gazda, and she said she did not want to be there, the attorney said. Wright persuaded Allan to follow him to the police station.

"I think this gentleman really thought I'd take care of the warrant for him," Wright said. "I couldn't represent him anyway. I'm a witness now."

Police and the FBI were interviewing Gazda on Monday evening.

Markets

Midday Stocks

NEW YORK (AP)

	High	Low	Last	
AMR Corp s	29 7-16	28 5/8	28 7/8 —	1/8
AT&T Corp	34 11-16	33 7/8	34 5/8 +	1 1/8
Albertsons	37 7-16	36 13-16	36 15-16 —	1/2
Alltel	67 3-16	65 15-16	66 15-16 +	1
AmerOnline s	52 3/4	51 1/2	51 15-16 —	5/8
AndarkPtr	52 3/8	51 1-16	52 1/8 +	9-16
ATMOS Egy	19 1/4	19 1-16	19 3-16 +	1-16
Aviall	4 7/8	4 5/8	4 7/8 +	1/4
BP Amoco s	57 13-16	57 1/2	57 5/8 +	1/4
BakerHughes	34 9-16	33 7/8	34 1/8 +	3/8
Bank of Amer	56 9-16	55 9-16	55 3/4 —	3/4
BellAtl	54 15-16	53 15-16	54 15-16 +	1 1/8
BellSouth	47 5/8	46 5-16	47 3/8 +	1 9-16
Beth Steel	3 7/8	3 3/4	3 13-16 +	1/8
BurlNoSFe	25 3/4	24 3/4	24 7/8 —	5/8
Caterpillar	38 9-16	37 5/8	37 13-16 —	13-16
CenSoWst	21 1/4	20 7/8	21 3-16 +	1/4
Chevron	92 5-16	91 7-16	91 1/2 —	1 3/8
Citigroup	64 5/8	63 5/8	64 3-16 +	3-16
Coastal	61 1/8	60 3/8	60 15-16 —	1/4
CocaCola	53 7-16	52 13-16	53 3-16 +	3/4
ColgatePal	57 1/2	56 3/4	57 3-16 —	1/4
ComclMetals	25 13-32	25 13-32	25 13-32 —	1-32
Cooperin	33 15-16	33 1/8	33 3-16 —	3/8
DaimlrChry	57 1/2	57 1-16	57 1/2 +	1/8
DalSemicn s	43 5/8	41 3/8	42 7/8 —	9-16
DeltaAirl	53 5/8	52 1/4	52 1/4 —	11-16
Dillards Inc	14 1/8	13 5/8	14 1/8 +	3/8
DowChem	107 13-16	105 7-16	106 5/8 +	1 7-16
DowChem wi	35 5/8	35 5/8	35 5/8 +	1/4
DuPont	49 11-16	48 9-16	49 —	5-16
EastmanChem	47 7-16	47	47 1-16 —	1/8
EstKodak	59 5/8	58 1/8	58 5/8 +	3/8
EDS Corp	42 9-16	41 7-16	41 15-16 —	11-16
Entergy	30 15-16	30 1/2	30 7/8 +	3/8
ExxonMobil	81 7-16	81	81 3/8 +	5/8
FstBksAm	18 1/8	18 1/8	18 1/8	
Flowers	19 5/8	19 3-16	19 1/2 +	5-16
FordMotor	49 3/4	49 3/8	49 5/8 —	1/2
GTE Cp	66 3-16	64 5/8	66 1/8 +	1 1/4
GenDynam	55 3-16	54 3/8	54 9-16 —	5/8
GenElec s	50 3/4	49 3/4	50 5/8 +	3/4
GenMills s	40 7-16	39 5-16	40 3/8 +	3/4
GenMotors	71	69 3/8	69 3/4 +	3/4
GaPacGP	28 13-16	28 1-16	28 1/8 —	9-16
GlobalMar	29	28 7-16	28 9-16 +	1-16
Goodrich	37	36 1/4	36 5-16 —	7-16
Goodyear s	27 1-16	26 [illegible]-16	26 7/8 +	5-16
GtAtlPac	17 15-16	17 11-16	17 7/8 —	1-16
Halliburtn	50	48 5-16	49 1/2 +	1 3-16
Hanson ADS	37	36 7/8	36 7/8 +	1
HarteHanks	24 1/2	24 3/8	24 7-16 —	1-16
HomeDepot s	46 7/8	45 15-16	46 5/8 +	5/8
HoneywellIntl	50 13-16	50 3-16	50 11-16 —	9-16
IBM	118 7/8	116 3/4	117 1/4 —	1 5/8
IntlPaper	33 15-16	33 5-16	33 3/8 —	7-16
JohnsonJn	87 1/2	85 9-16	87 1-16 +	2 1/4
K mart	7 13-16	7 11-16	7 3/4	
Kroger Co	19	18 1/2	18 7/8 +	1/8
Litton	44 1/2	43 15-16	44 5-16 —	3-16
LockheedM	25 3/8	24 13-16	24 13-16 —	3/4
Lowes Cos	42 3/4	41 7/8	42 7-16 +	5-16
Lubys	9 1/4	9 1/8	9 1/8 —	3/8
LucentTech	59 1-16	57 5/8	58 1/8 —	15-16
MayDeptStr	26 11-16	26 1-16	26 5/8 +	1/8
MediaOne	67 7-16	66 13-16	67 3/8 +	1/2
Medtronic s	48 3/4	48 1-16	48 5-16	
MorganJP	128 3/4	127 3-16	128 3/4 —	7/8
Motorola s	34 3-16	33 9-16	34 —	5/8
NCR Corp	40 5/8	39 7/8	40 5-16 —	1-16
Navistar	31 3-16	30 13-16	31 —	3-16
Penney JC	17 7-16	17 1/4	17 5-16 —	3-16
PepBoys	7 1/4	7 1/8	7 3-16 —	1-16
PepsiCo	42 15-16	42 1/4	42 15-16 +	15-16
Pharmacia	53 1/2	52 1/4	53 +	7/8
PhelpDodge	44 1/4	43 5-16	43 5-16 —	9-16
PhilipPet	57 1/4	56 1/2	56 5/8 +	1
PilgrmPrd B	7 15-16	7 15-16	7 15-16 —	1-16
Polaroid	18 7/8	18 11-16	18 7/8 +	3-16
Praxair	40	39	39 1/8 —	3/8
ProctGamb	56 9-16	55 13-16	56 —	3/8
PubS NwMx	16 7/8	16 1/2	16 11-16 +	3-16
RadioShack	40 3/4	38 3/4	39 9-16 +	1 1-16
ReliantEngy	28 3-16	27 9-16	28 3-16 —	1-16
RoyalDut	65 5/8	64 7/8	65 1-16 +	1 1-16
SBC Comm	47 3-16	46 1/2	47 +	3-16
SaraLee	18 7-16	18 1-16	18 1/4 +	1-16
Scripps EW	48 1/2	48 7-16	48 1/2	
SearsRoeb	34 3/8	33 1/2	34 3/8 +	3/8
SherwinW	23 1/2	22 3/4	23 —	5/8
SmithklBchm	62	61 1/4	62 +	1 7/8
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Sunoco Inc	32 5-16	32	32 3-16 —	1/8
TXU Corp	34 7-16	34	34 3/8 +	1-16
TempleInland	46 1/4	45 5-16	45 5-16 —	5/8
Texaco	58 1/8	57 5/8	57 13-16 —	5-16
TexInd	29 7-16	29 1/4	29 7-16	
TexasInst s	81 5-16	78 9-16	79 1/4 +	1/8
Textron	58 11-16	58 3-16	58 7-16 +	5/8
TriconGlbR	28 11-16	28 3-16	28 7-16 —	1/4
TrinityInds	20 3/8	19 13-16	19 13-16 —	1/2
TritonEngy	34 7/8	34	34 5/8 +	5/8
TylerTech	4	3 15-16	4 +	1-16
US West Inc	82 3/8	80	81 3/4 +	1 9-16
USX-Marathn	28	27 5/8	27 11-16 —	3-16
USX-USS	21 1/2	21 5-16	21 3/8 —	1-16
UnCarbde	56 1/8	55 1/8	55 5/8 +	9-16
UnionPacif	42 7/8	42 1/4	42 3/8 —	1/4
UnitedTech	58 13-16	57 11-16	58 5-16	
Unocal	37 9-16	36 11-16	37 3-16 +	5-16
Venator Grp	10 3-16	10 1/8	10 3-16 —	1-16
WalMart	52 7/8	51 5/8	52 3/8 —	3/8
WellsFargo	43 7/8	43 5-16	43 7-16 —	9-16
WstnGasRs	22 1-16	21 5/8	21 5/8 —	3/8
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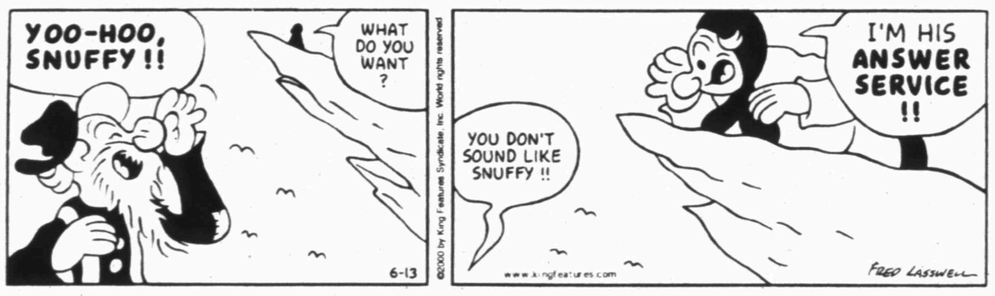

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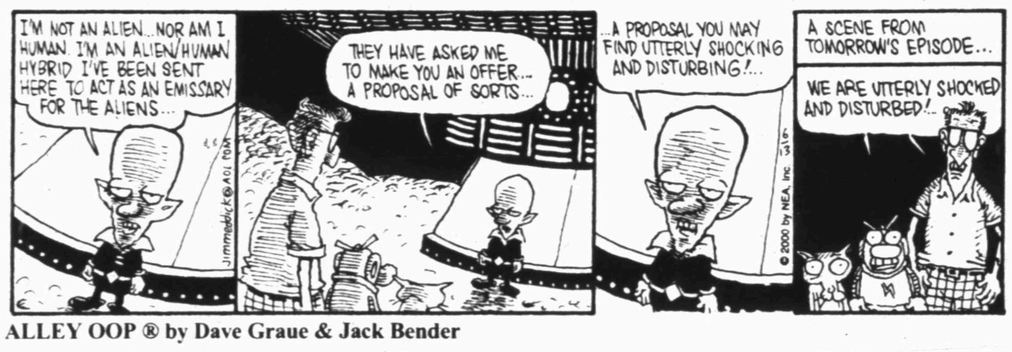

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1 Used a stopwatch
6 Small amount
10 Mistreated
12 Unexpectedly sudden
14 Like cherries for pies
15 Small chin beard
16 JFK sight
17 Year (Sp.)
19 Rotate
20 Pungent pepper
23 Physical strength
26 Stop working, like a battery
27 Observe
30 On the train
32 Singer/actress Williams
34 — Mae
35 Take a slow walk
36 "Cyan" end
37 — and downs
39 Not rigid
40 Came out
42 Morse-code signals
45 A Bobbsey twin
46 Smoker's smoke, for short
49 Lessened
51 Scratch
54 Musical compositions
55 Decay of timber (2 wds.)
56 Soothe
57 Narrates

DOWN

1 Faucets
2 Sacred bird of the Nile
3 Dog without a pedigree
4 Superlative ending
5 Actress Sandra —
6 African native
7 Speak eloquently
8 Ballet skirt
9 Copycat
11 1944 invasion date
12 Sufferings
13 Decade number
18 Actor Sparks
20 Detective Charlie —
21 Feature of many malls
22 Snuggle
23 "The Gift of the —"
24 In the same place (abbr.)
25 Auctioneer's word
27 "Scat!"
28 Lampreys
29 Author Gardner
31 Relies (on)
33 Walked
38 Madrid Mrs.
40 Rocky Mountain park
41 Act like a beaver
42 Hoover or Aswan, e.g.
43 Musical instrument
44 "Bye!"
46 Poet Sandburg
47 Matinee guy
48 Obtains
50 Paris summer
52 Wager
53 Map abbr.

Answer to Previous Puzzle

L	I	L	I	E	S		L	I	O	N	E	T
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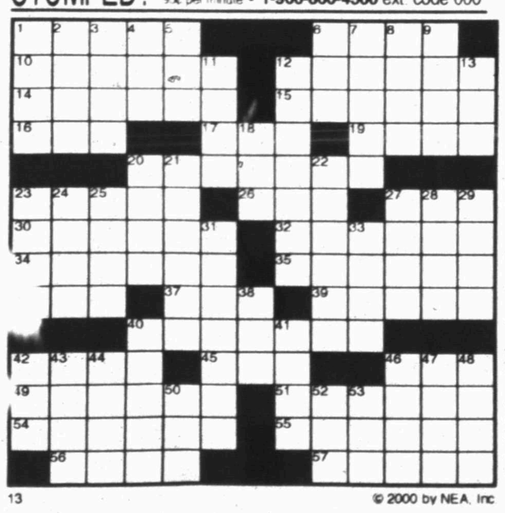

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SPORTS

At College World Series...

'Horns ousted by FSU

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — Florida State's Ryan Barthelemy already is in pretty good company atop the College World Series home run list.

But there's a more special group he'd like to join — those with a national championship.

It still could happen. Barthelemy tied former Seminoles star J.D. Drew with five CWS home runs Monday night and Mike Ziegler pitched a five-hitter as Florida State staved off elimination with a 6-2 victory over Texas.

"Mike Ziegler was the driving force for Florida State," Texas coach Augie Garrido said. "He didn't walk anybody, he didn't hit anybody and they didn't make any errors for a while. That takes a lot of our game away right there. They were able to dominate because they played very well."

The Seminoles (52-18) face Southern California tonight in another elimination game. Right-handed Jon McDonald will start for Florida State, and the Seminoles can only hope for a performance similar to Ziegler's.

"It was the Mike Ziegler show," FSU coach Mike Martin said. "It was a tremendous display of pitching."

Ziegler (10-4) retired 15 of the final 17 batters. He had sat down 13 consecutive Texas hitters before Matt Rosenberg singled with one out in the ninth. Two batters later, Tommy Nicholson doubled, scoring Rosenberg.

Nicholson had two hits for the Longhorns (46-21).

"He was just ahead of us all night and kept us off-balance enough to make us not effective," Nicholson said.

Ziegler struck out five without a walk.

"This is what college baseball is all about, winning at the College World Series," said Ziegler, a junior college transfer from Tallahassee Community College.

He was drafted in the 14th round by Oakland. Now, Martin is looking for a way to keep him at Florida State.

"I've offered him my car, but he thinks he can get more," Martin joked. "This is probably his last year at Florida State."

Barthelemy, who went 4-for-4 with two homers and three RBIs in the Seminoles' opening loss to Southern California, made it 6-1 in the eighth with a two-run homer, his 13th of the season and fifth at Rosenblatt Stadium.

LSU 10, Southern California 4

Louisiana State's Brad Cresse, the Tigers' leading hitter, is 0-for-6 with five strikeouts. LSU hasn't really missed him. Brad Hawpe hasn't let them.

Hawpe, who hits cleanup behind Cresse, had two three-run homers as LSU snapped the Trojans' 16-game winning streak. The Tigers are one victory from advancing to the CWS championship game for the fifth time.

With the Tigers trailing 3-0 in the sixth with just two hits off USC starter Mark Prior (10-7), Hawpe drove a pitch high over the bleachers in right-center to tie it 3-3.

LSU (50-17) has won 11 straight games and remains the only unbeaten team in the postseason. In two CWS games the Tigers have scored 23 runs and hit five home runs.

Prior took a no-hitter into the sixth inning. It was broken up by Ryan Theriot, who scored three times and drove in three runs for the Tigers, who have won four national titles in the five times they have opened the CWS 2-0.

FARM LEAGUE CHAMPS — The Astros won the Snyder Farm League baseball title. Members of the team are, front row from left, Josh Morrell, Joel Rocha, Clint McFatridge, Chase Guynes, Brett McClure, Michael Ramos and Jeremy Mills. On the back row are Coach Curtis Guynes, Justin Martin, James Simmons, Jacob McFatridge, Corey Jaramillo, Derrick Watson and Coach Thomas Rocha. Not pictured is Coach Roy Gutierrez. (Contributed Photo)

Rice steams about playing time

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Glen Rice could have picked a better time to vent his feelings about being left out of the Los Angeles Lakers offense.

A day after the Lakers' NBA Finals lead was cut in half by a loss to the Indiana Pacers, Rice said he should be playing more minutes and getting more shots as Los Angeles tries to stay focused on getting two more victories and a title.

The target of his ire was coach Phil Jackson, who has shown through his actions rather than his words he doesn't agree with Rice's assessment of his importance to the team.

"I'm not going to go to him," Rice said. "I don't think anything's going to change. He's going to do what he's going to do. I've just got to be ready when I'm out there."

Game 4 in the series is Wednesday night. The Pacers, who lost twice in Los Angeles before winning 100-91 on Sunday night, can tie the series with a victory at Conseco Fieldhouse.

Rice is angry about being benched by Jackson during critical parts of the finals, including most of the fourth quarter in Game 3. Jackson, who largely used defense-minded Rick Fox in Rice's place, apparently sees him as defensive liability.

"I definitely think we would have had a better chance to win with me on the floor," Rice said. "I really think I need to be in there for us to succeed. ... I'm trying to be as positive as I can. I'm not trying to be negative or be the bad apple in the bunch. I'm just asking to be involved a little more."

Rice played just 27 minutes and had seven points — none after halftime — in Game 3. While Indiana said its defense was the reason for Rice's failures, Rice blames Jackson for benching him in the fourth quarters of the last two games.

"I have no comment for that," Jackson said when told of Rice's statements. "That's the way he saw the game."

Kobe Bryant's sprained left ankle likely will be well enough for him to play Wednesday night. But even if Bryant returns, the Lakers showed in Game 3 they need several options on offense besides Shaquille O'Neal to win.

Rather than treating the complaints as a distraction, his teammates appear to be rallying behind Rice, who scored 21 points in Game 2 with Bryant out.

"I was disappointed a little bit that our best shooter was on the bench," said O'Neal, who had 33 points in Game 3, but was harassed by double-teams.

Gibson wins singles title

Ryan Gibson

AMARILLO — With his doubles partner moving on to college, Snyder's Ryan Gibson has turned his attention to singles.

Gibson won the boys' 18 singles title at the Amarillo ZAT Tennis Tournament over the weekend, dropping only one set on his way to the championship.

Gibson, who advanced to the state tournament last month with doubles partner Adrian Gonzales, cruised past Borger's Nathan Miller, 6-1, 6-0, in the finals.

The only set Gibson dropped came in the semifinals when he knocked off Colby Walker of Winters, 6-4, 2-6, 6-3.

The SHS senior took care of Ft. Worth's Louis Erickson, 6-0, 6-1, and Dumas' Cody Crouch, 8-6, 6-4, in the early rounds.

SCC to host jr. golf event Wednesday

Eleven local junior golfers will be joined by 41 competitors from around the state Wednesday for the NTPGA Junior Golf Tournament at Snyder Country Club.

The 18-hole event gets underway at 9 a.m., with players divided into age groups, ranging from 12 up to 18-years-old.

Local golfers competing in the girls' division will be Jessica Davis, Kara Harrison, Andra Lancaster, Hailey Putnam, Kati Smith, Catherine Whitworth and Kellie Dodson of Ira.

Teeing it up in the boys' division will be Kameron Harrison, Austin McCormack, Blake Seale and Jay Weaver.

CNFR set for tonight's opening performance

CASPER, Wyo. — The first round of slack at the College National Finals Rodeo was to have wrapped up this afternoon, in preparation for tonight's opening performance.

Western Texas College, which is bidding for the men's and women's titles, has three competitors due up tonight.

Saddle bronc rider Rawley McFarland will be the only member of the WTC men's squad competing this evening. McFarland, a freshman from Dewey, Ariz., was the regional saddle bronc champion this season.

The Lady Westerners have a pair of competitors on tonight's schedule.

Freshman Jamie Standifer of Colbert, Okla. will ride in the barrel racing event, with sophomore Jill Childers taking her turn in the goat tying.

Childers, a sophomore who hails from Calera, Okla., captured the national title in the goat tying last year, and was this season's regional all-around cowgirl.

The top two men's and women's teams from 11 regions are competing at the CNFR.

Nightly performances will run through Saturday, with the championship round set for Saturday evening.

Sports Briefs

SHS training underway

Participants in Snyder High School boys' athletics can sign up this week for the summer training program. Athletes can register at the field house at 9 a.m. or 5 p.m. Cost of the six-week session is $50.

The program is not affiliated with Snyder ISD, and will be run by former SHS athletes Cory Mandrell and Sonny Cumbie. Morning and evening workouts will be held to accommodate athletes' schedules.

Jr. tennis camp scheduled

The Tiger Junior Tennis Camp will be June 26-30 at Snyder Tennis Complex behind the junior high.

All incoming sixth through ninth graders are eligible to participate, and cost of the camp is $100. Deadline to register is June 21.

For more information, call Brad Wikse at 573-5420.

Snyder volleyball camp set

Snyder Volleyball Camp will be held July 17-20 at the SHS gym. All incoming fifth through ninth grade girls are eligible.

The camp will meet from 9 a.m. until noon each day, and will cover technique, drills and team volleyball skills.

Cost is $40, and includes a camp T-shirt. Regsitration deadline is July 15. To sign up call Patty Grimmett at 573-9416.

Volleyball league to begin

A summer volleyball league for high school girls will host games at 5:30 p.m. every Tuesday until July 25.

Teams from Snyder, Colorado City and Sweetwater will compete in JV and varsity divisions. Cost is $20 per player. For more information, contact Patty Grimmett at 573-9416.

Dates set for basketball camp

The Bubba Edwards Basketball Camp will be June 27-30 for incoming third through seventh grade boys and girls.

The camp will meet from 9 a.m. until noon each day at the Ira High School gym. Cost is $40 and includes a camp T-shirt.

For more information, contact Coach Edwards at 573-2628 or 573-2227.

Basketball clinic scheduled

The Sam Tipton 2000 Basketball Camp will begin next Tuesday and run through June 23 at Snyder High School.

The co-ed division is open to incoming third through sixth graders and will run from 9 a.m. until noon. Seventh through ninth grade girls only will be from 1 until 4 p.m.

Cost is $60 and includes a camp T-shirt.

For more information, call Coach Tipton at 573-6301 ext. 30, or 573-4437.

Young announces retirement

SANTA CLARA, Calif. (AP) — Steve Young announced his retirement, ending a 15-year NFL career highlighted by 13 seasons with the San Francisco 49ers, the team he quarterbacked to a 1995 Super Bowl title.

Young, who suffered four concussions the last three years, was a seven-time Pro Bowler and two-time league MVP. He leaves as the NFL's highest-rated passer.

Moss kicked off plane

CHARLESTON, W.Va. (AP) — Minnesota Vikings wide receiver Randy Moss was kicked off an airplane after a confrontation with a flight attendant over the storage of carry-on luggage.

Major League Baseball

American League
All Times EDT

East Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
New York	33	24	.579	—
Boston	33	26	.559	1
Toronto	34	31	.523	3
Baltimore	26	34	.433	8½
Tampa Bay	23	38	.377	12
Central Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Chicago	38	24	.613	—
Cleveland	34	26	.567	3
Kansas City	32	30	.533	6
Minnesota	29	35	.453	10
Detroit	23	36	.390	13½
West Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Seattle	33	27	.550	—
Oakland	34	29	.540	1
Anaheim	32	30	.516	2½
Texas	30	31	.492	4

Monday's Games

Boston at N.Y. Yankees, ppd., rain
Toronto 4, Detroit 2
Chicago White Sox 8, Cleveland 7
Minnesota 7, Oakland 2
Seattle 5, Kansas City 3

Tuesday's Games

Boston (Rose 3-3) at N.Y. Yankees (Hernandez 6-4), 7:05 p.m.
Toronto (Andrews 1-1) at Detroit (Blair 2-1), 7:05 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Parque 6-2) at Cleveland (Colon 6-3), 7:05 p.m.
Anaheim (Etherton 0-1) at Tampa Bay (Rekar 2-3), 7:15 p.m.
Texas (Helling 7-4) at Baltimore (Erickson 2-3), 7:35 p.m.
Seattle (Meche 1-4) at Kansas City (Laxton 0-0), 8:05 p.m.
Oakland (Mulder 3-2) at Minnesota (Mays 3-7), 8:05 p.m.

Wednesday's Games

Boston (P.Martinez 9-2) at N.Y. Yankees (Clemens 4-6), 1:05 p.m.
Seattle (Halama 6-2) at Kansas City (Suppan 2-5), 2:05 p.m.
Toronto (Carpenter 5-5) at Detroit (Weaver 3-5), 7:05 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Wells 3-5) at Cleveland (Brower 1-0), 7:05 p.m.
Anaheim (Cooper 2-2) at Tampa Bay (Lopez 2-4), 7:15 p.m.
Texas (Rogers 5-5) at Baltimore (Rapp 4-4), 7:35 p.m.
Oakland (Hudson 6-2) at Minnesota (Bergman 4-4), 8:05 p.m.

National League
East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Atlanta	40	22	.645	—
New York	34	27	.557	5½
Montreal	32	28	.533	7
Florida	29	35	.453	12
Philadelphia	23	38	.377	16½
Central Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
St. Louis	35	28	.556	—
Cincinnati	32	30	.516	2½
Pittsburgh	27	34	.443	7
Chicago	26	37	.413	9
Milwaukee	26	37	.413	9
Houston	22	40	.355	12½
West Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Arizona	38	25	.603	—
Colorado	34	25	.576	2
Los Angeles	33	28	.541	4
San Francisco	29	31	.483	7½
San Diego	27	35	.435	10½

Monday's Games

Atlanta 10, Pittsburgh 8
Milwaukee 8, Montreal 1
Arizona 4, Los Angeles 2
San Francisco 10, Cincinnati 3
St. Louis 7, San Diego 3
Florida 5, Philadelphia 2

Tuesday's Games

St. Louis (Kile 9-3) at San Diego (Lopez 0-2), 5:05 p.m.
Atlanta (Burkett 4-3) at Pittsburgh (Anderson 1-4), 7:05 p.m.
Florida (Smith 0-0) at Philadelphia (Person 5-2), 7:35 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Reed 3-1) at Chicago Cubs (Tapani 4-6), 8:05 p.m.
Montreal (Pavano 6-3) at Milwaukee (Woodard 1-4), 8:05 p.m.
Houston (Reynolds 5-3) at Colorado (Arrojo 4-4), 9:05 p.m.
Arizona (Morgan 1-0) at Los Angeles (Park 7-4), 10:10 p.m.
Cincinnati (Fernandez 2-0) at San Francisco (Ortiz 3-6), 10:15 p.m.

Wednesday's Games

N.Y. Mets (Hampton 6-5) at Chicago Cubs (Lieber 5-4), 2:20 p.m.
Cincinnati (Neagle 5-1) at San Francisco (Rueter 3-4), 3:35 p.m.
Atlanta (Maddux 8-1) at Pittsburgh (Schmidt 2-5), 7:05 p.m.
Florida (Dempster 6-4) at Philadelphia (Wolf 6-3), 7:35 p.m.
Montreal (Johnson 2-0) at Milwaukee (Woodard 1-4), 8:05 p.m.
Houston (Holt 3-7) at Colorado (Astacio 6-2), 9:05 p.m.
Arizona (Johnson 10-1) at Los Angeles (Perez 4-2), 10:05 p.m.
St. Louis (Stephenson 8-2) at San Diego (Spencer 2-1), 10:05 p.m.

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Friday, June 9
Clemson 10, San Jose State 6
Stanford 6, Louisiana-Lafayette 4

Saturday, June 10
Southern California 6, Florida State 4
LSU 13, Texas 5

Sunday, June 11
Stanford 10, Clemson 4
Louisiana-Lafayette 6, San Jose State 3, San Jose State eliminated

Monday, June 12
LSU 10, Southern California 4
Florida State 6, Texas 2, Texas eliminated

Tuesday, June 13
Game 9 — Clemson (51-16) vs. Louisiana-Lafayette (48-19), 3 p.m.
Game 10 — Southern California (44-19) vs. Florida State (52-18), 7 p.m.

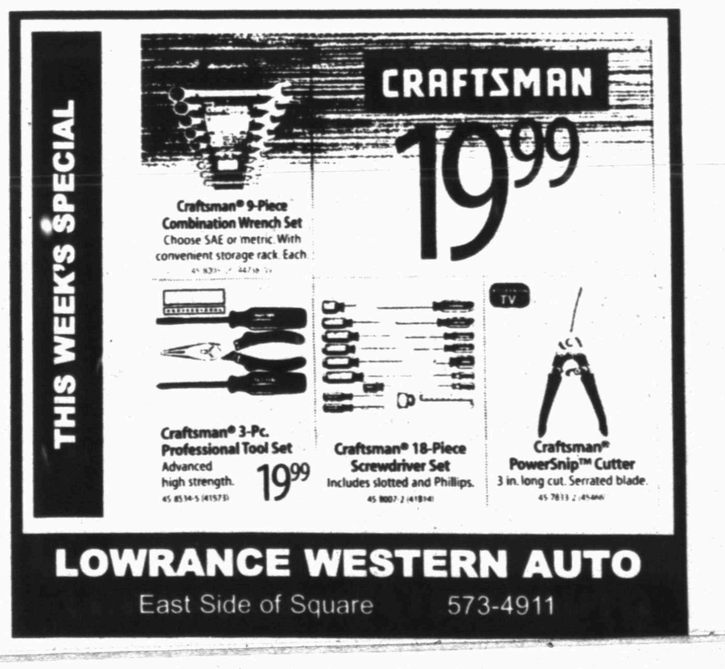
Wednesday, June 14
Game 11 — Stanford (49-15) vs. Game 9 winner, 7 p.m.

Thursday, June 15
Game 12 — LSU (50-17) vs. Game 10 winner, 3 p.m.

Friday, June 16
Game 13 — Stanford vs. Game 11 winner, 3 p.m., if necessary
Game 14 — LSU vs. Game 12 winner, 7 p.m., if necessary

Saturday, June 17
Game 15 — Game 11 or 13 winner vs. Game 12 or 14 winner, 2:30 p.m.

NOTE: Game 13 will be necessary if the winner of Game 9 also wins Game 11. Game 14 will be necessary if the winner of Game 10 also wins Game 12. If only one game on Friday, June 18, is necessary, it will start at 3:30 p.m. If the winners of Games 11 and 12 are undefeated, there will be no games on Friday and the national championship game will be Game 13.



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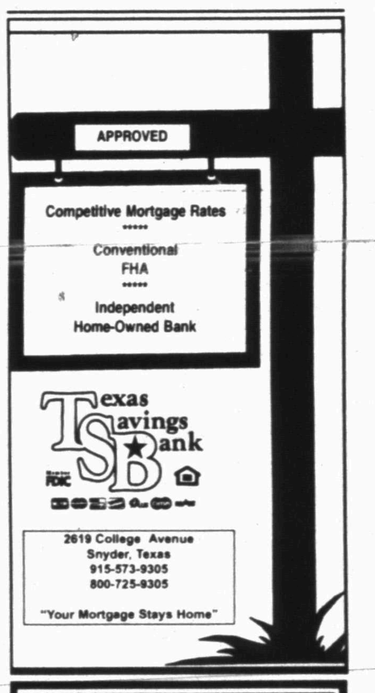

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Recording industry wants Napster to be shut down

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — The recording industry has asked a federal court judge for a preliminary injunction to shut down Napster as part of its lawsuit against the popular Internet song-sharing service.

The Recording Industry Association of America filed a brief Monday asking U.S. District Judge Marilyn Hall Patel to grant the injunction preventing Napster from "facilitating or assisting others in, the copying, downloading, uploading, transmission or distribution of copyrighted musical works."

The request was bolstered by declarations filed by Motion Picture Association of America president Jack Valenti and MP3.com CEO Michael Robertson. Robertson supported the recording industry's claim that San Mateo, Calif.-based Napster's music-swapping service was a breeding ground for widespread copyright infringement.

"If Napster can encourage and facilitate the distribution of pirated sound recordings, then what's to stop it from doing the same to movies, software, books, magazines, newspapers, television, photographs or video games?" Valenti said in his declaration.

While Napster's central servers can be ordered off-line by the court, distributed network file-sharing systems communicate user-to-user It would require hundreds of thousands of injunctions to halt the widespread trade of content online.

The RIAA sued Napster in December for copyright infringement and related state law violations, asserting that Napster encouraged music piracy via the Internet through its software and computer servers.

Patel ruled May 9 that Napster was not entitled to "safe harbor" as defined by the Digital Millennium Copyright Act because the company "does not transmit, route or provide connections for allegedly infringing material through its system."

That provision of the act was crafted to protect Internet service providers such America Online and Earthlink from the illegal actions of their users.

A curious new ally in the battle against Napster is Robertson, who last week settled with major recording labels which sought to halt his company's "Instant Listening Service."

That feature of MP3.com allowed users to purchase CDs via the Web site and listen to them online before they were physically delivered to the buyer. The recording industry cried foul, subsequently settled with MP3.com and entered into a new licensing agreement to allow the service.

Robertson is now concerned that the work of his Web site's fledgling artists are being given away through Napster.

"Any such distribution would cause potential detriment to both MP3.com and the artists who upload their music to the Web site," Robertson said in his declaration.

Calls placed by The AP to Napster were not immediately returned.

On the Net:
Napster:
http://www.napster.com
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http://www.riaa.org
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Black box for cars on horizon

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — A car rolls on the highway in the middle of the night and a signal is sent to the nearest 911 center. Within seconds, emergency workers know how fast the car was going, where it crashed, who was inside and whether they were wearing seat belts.

The technology is within reach, according to experts who presented a prototype of the Automatic Crash Notification System at the National Emergency Number Association conference Monday.

"It's not here today, but it's right around the corner," said Stephen Meer of SCC Communications Corp., a 911 routing company that was part of the demonstration.

The system is based on a so-called "black box" — nicknamed after the devices that record altitude and other flight data on planes — built by an Alexandria, Va.-based company called Veridian.

The box uses sensors to record the speed a car is traveling and the point of impact, and then radios that information into a central communication system when a crash occurs.

A global positioning system embedded in the box tells the network how to relay the call to a local 911 number, transmitting the crash information to the dispatcher on the ground. That data can then be relayed to a hospital or trauma center to feed information about the crash to doctors or paramedics on their way to the accident.

The idea of crash notification is not new; General Motors and other car companies already install systems such as OnStar in some models. Proponents of the new technology call those systems basic.

"That says there was a frontal crash, yes or no," said Doug Funke, transportation sector program manager for Veridian. "But we know was it side impact, was it the left side, did the car roll over, what was the car's final resting position — on the side or the roof — as well as the car's actual location."

The new system also meshes with traditional 911 operations, said Meer, who helped design a routing network for calls. That means emergency systems won't have to be overhauled each time another company invents a new black box.

The system was tested earlier this month, when Veridian wired two cars and crashed them near Niagara Falls, N.Y. The emergency services department in Harris County, Texas, which covers Houston and its suburbs, signed on in advance to take the call.

When the cars slammed together, the black box data was instantly transmitted to SCC's home base in Boulder, Colo. and relayed to Houston's 911 number.

On the Net:
http://www.veridian.com
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New York crowd cheers Diallo song

NEW YORK (AP) — Caught in another political storm over his lyrics, The Boss responded by letting his music do the talking.

Bruce Springsteen performed his new song about the New York City police killing of Amadou Diallo to a New York City crowd Monday, despite angry police union leaders urging their members to boycott his concert.

The New Jersey rocker made no introduction and offered no explanation of his thoughts on the song, "American Skin (41 Shots)." Springsteen introduced the song last week during a concert in Atlanta.

E Street Band members began the song by approaching microphones one by one and repeating the words "41 shots," referring to the number of times four white officers shot at Diallo, a black West African immigrant.

The crowd began cheering in recognition of the song and interrupted Springsteen's singing with cheers several times. It was difficult to distinguish any boos from the traditional "Bruce!" chant at his shows.

Program puts inmates and man's best friend together

PURDY, Wash. (AP) — Behind six locked doors and two layers of razor wire, Jennifer Palmer cuddles a fellow inmate — her golden retriever, Tanner.

Two years ago, Palmer's only skills appeared to be selling drugs and surviving on the streets. Not anymore: At the maximum security Washington State Correctional Center for Women, Palmer and other inmates are training dogs like Tanner to be service animals for the disabled.

It's a win-win-win situation: It's good for the dogs, often adopted from shelters where they'd otherwise be killed. It's good for the disabled, who experience a new world of freedom with the dogs at their side. And it can forever change the lives of the inmates.

"I've learned responsibility. I know now it depends on me to change my life," said Palmer, 29, who is serving almost four years on drug charges. "Doing this has given me some self esteem. This is something I can do."

The program works, by all indications. In Washington state, the recidivism rate for participants over the last three years is zero. Prisons in Connecticut, Kansas, Florida, Maine, Massachusetts, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Wisconsin and New York have started similar programs, and other states are considering it.

"It is absolutely the best program that a correctional institution can have," said Nancy Bouchard, associate commissioner with the Maine Department of Corrections, which started the program in October and is expanding it. "Learning how to take care of something else other than just yourself — that is a lesson that is critical in a corrections setting."

In Washington, Sister Pauline Quinn persuaded skeptical officials to start the dog-training program in 1981 at the women's prison located across Puget Sound from Tacoma.

Quinn, a former street kid herself, believes the unconditional love of a dog can work miracles.

"In order to change our lives, we have to feel we are accepted and loved," she said. "People may have made a mistake in life, but they can change."

Five women at the 759-inmate prison participate in the program, with another four expected to start soon. Because of limited funds, staff, and dogs, the program can take only about 10 women at a time.

More than 75 women have taken part since the program began. They first must pass a 12-week course, where they learn the basics of dog care, grooming and training.

They work at a prison kennel in the mornings, feeding and grooming the dozens of dogs and a few cats boarded there by private owners. The boarding and grooming fees, plus donations and grants, sustain the nonprofit program.

One recent morning, Palmer gently snipped away tufts of hair from a trembling white poodle named Ragamuffin. Tanner, watching by Palmer's feet, thumped his tail and licked the bars of his kennel plaintively.

"Every dog is different, so it teaches you patience," she said, stepping back to scrutinize Ragamuffin's hairdo. Palmer hopes to find work as a dog groomer when she is released later this summer.

Training starts with simple stuff: sit, stay, come. Then it gets more complicated: inmates teach the dogs to switch lights on and off, to support someone who walks with a cane, to take laundry out of the dryer and put it in a basket and countless other tasks.

Only 20 percent of the dogs have the temperament to complete the eight-month training, said Executive Director Beth Rivard. The rest are adopted out into the community as "paroled pets." It costs about $5,000 to train one service dog, she said, and the disabled recipients pay only a $25 application fee.

At night, the dogs live in cells with their convict caretakers. For the inmates, many of whom left behind children in the outside world, the dogs are an emotional lifeline.

They also are a second chance — for both the women and their dogs. Palmer, who said she was abused by her father and her boyfriend, sees a kindred soul in the rescued dogs.

"Someone gave up on them," she said in a low, guarded voice. "You see a dog whose whole spirit has been broken, and you can change that — that's amazing."

On the Net:
Washington's program:
http://www.members.tripod.com/(tilde)prisonp
New York's program:
http://www.puppiesbehind-bars.com

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.

Soap punishment is abusive

DEAR DR. GOTT: Because my daughter was the worst biter in the world, I was at my wit's end. Then I tried the old-fashioned remedy of washing her mouth out with soap. After that experience, whenever she started to bite, I'd remind her of the soap. She never bit again.

DEAR READER: While it's hard to argue with such success, this practice is really child abuse. Washing out a child's mouth with soap used to be a standard method of altering behavior and vocabulary. However, I advise against it. The experience is extremely unpleasant and, I can tell you, ever since I had my mouth washed out with soap at summer camp when I was a child, I have strongly sympathized with youngsters who were subjected to this punishment. As a general rule, there are more appropriate ways by which parents can control their children — for example, by limiting enjoyable activities, such as TV-watching. Growing up is tough enough without having to do it while foaming at the mouth.

DEAR DR. GOTT: Although I am an active and fit woman of 25, my resting pulse is 92. My blood pressure is 110/60 and I feel great. Is my pulse rate anything to be concerned about?

DEAR READER: Most adults have resting pulse rates between 60 and 80. An occasional person may be lower — or run as high as 100. Thus, the 92 may be a normal value for you. Nonetheless, I believe that you should be checked by a physician, because you might have a low-grade anemia (from excessive menstruation) or a hidden thyroid condition, the first sign of which could be a tendency to fast pulse. These conditions, and others like them, may produce few if any symptoms early on; a slight pulse increase could be a first warning signal. To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Blood — Donations and Disorders." Other readers who would like a copy should send $2 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to P. O. Box 2017, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to mention the title.

DEAR DR. GOTT: My 14-year-old son is 5 feet 1 inch tall and weighs 110 pounds. Although he is growing, he has yet to show signs of puberty. While he is not shorter than his classmates, his lack of development is affecting his self-esteem. The doctor merely labels him a late-bloomer. What can I do to help my son cope with this situation until his hormones decide to kick in?

DEAR READER: This is a difficult question because the answer depends on many factors, not the least of which are your son's late development and his feelings about body image. Yes, some children do mature late; the onset of puberty is built into their biological genetic clocks. Once puberty begins, such youngsters grow normally and catch up to their classmates. However, some early adolescents suffer from true delay of sexual development. They need endocrine evaluation and treatment.

Although I cannot fault your son's doctor, I can understand the boy's frustration and embarrassment; so-called late-bloomers frequently suffer from social and psychological stresses that are the direct result of slow maturation. This may require counseling and professional advice.

I suggest that you have an in-depth interview with your son's pediatrician to investigate ways of handling the situation to the child's best advantage. While a wait-and-see approach may be the best strategy, the doctor should be able to advise you or refer you to the proper resources.

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Correction...

Casey Arnold was inadvertently omitted from the Northeast fifth grade A-B honor roll.

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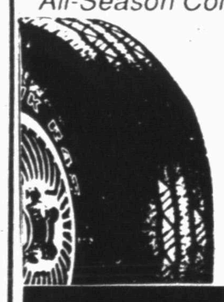
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Hurricane experts stress damage prevention

WASHINGTON (AP) — While researchers are working to improve hurricane forecasts, many believe that more lives and property can be saved by being better prepared to face the storms.

"The impact of the next hurricane is being decided right now — in the days, weeks and months of preparation that are required to make communities resistant to disaster," James Lee Witt, director of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, told a conference on hurricane preparedness.

Witt spoke as top hurricane specialists gathered with emergency management planners and broadcasters to discuss hurricane forecasting and preparedness. The conference was sponsored by the American Meteorological Society and The Weather Channel.

"Mitigation will probably save more lives and property than improving the forecast," agreed Richard Anthes, president of the University Corp. for Atmospheric Research.

"But there is room for improving the forecast," he added. "Hurricanes do have inherent predictability."

UCAR, based in Boulder, Colo., is a consortium of 63 colleges and universities that do weather and climate research.

Hurricane forecasters struggle to predict the path a storm will take, how fast it will move and, perhaps most difficult, how strong it will be.

But hurricanes — also known as tropical cyclones and typhoons — can do the unexpected, suddenly changing direction, rapidly getting stronger, or just drifting along the coast, threatening for days before turning inland.

D. James Baker, head of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, noted that hurricane track forecast error has been reduced over the last few decades. In the 1960s and 70s, forecasters could predict 24 hours ahead of time a hurricane's path within about 100 nautical miles, he said, and now they can predict it within about 80 nautical miles. And 72 hours ahead of time, the error has cut in half, from 400 nautical miles to 200 nautical miles, he said. A nautical mile is 1.15 statute miles.

One forecast that most seem to agree on is that more storms are likely, for a variety of reasons.

Hurricanes seem to occur more often in some decades and less often in others, with the Atlantic and Gulf of Mexico heading into a more intense period, experts say. In addition, La Nina cooling of the Pacific Ocean that remains under way tends to be associated with years of more Atlantic hurricanes. And many believe that global warming will result in more and stronger storms.

Emergency management officials stressed the need for more lead time in forecasts to give them time to evacuate people if needed. But forecasters noted that increased lead time means warning a larger area because of the uncertainty of what a storm will do.

Because of rapid growth there are many areas of the coastline that are so heavily populated that people are going to have to take action well before the watch-warning phase, said Max Mayfield, director of the National Hurricane Center in Miami.

Witt noted that "one out of every five people in the United States is now at direct risk every year. In the 1990's over 2.5 million people relocated to the Southeast."

Russell Elsberry of the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, Calif., urged forecasters to seek a way to include a measure of confidence in their forecasts.

Witt noted that traffic jams that occurred during the massive evacuation in Hurricane Floyd forced state and federal officials to review past practices.

"The good news was that hundreds of thousands of people in several states responded to evacuation orders," Witt observed. "The bad news was that their response — which turned into the largest evacuation in American history — overwhelmed transportation infrastructure in four states."

On the Net:
American Meteorological Society:
http://www.ametsoc.org/AMS
The Weather Channel:
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Federal Emergency Management Agency:
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National Hurricane Center:
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Prosecutor says...

TV made Simpson acquittal unacceptable

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Six years after the killings of Nicole Brown Simpson and Ronald Goldman set off the nation's most watched legal drama, a prosecutor said he believes O.J. Simpson would have been better off if his trial hadn't been televised.

Former Deputy District Attorney Christopher Darden, appearing on CNN's "Larry King Live" with his trial opponent Johnnie Cochran Jr., said Monday he believes that without TV "people in this country would have accepted the verdict."

The public's opportunity to view the trial from beginning to end bred skepticism and disagreement when Simpson was acquitted of killing his ex-wife and her friend, Darden said. A jury in a civil case later found Simpson liable for the deaths and ordered him to pay a $33.5 million judgment.

But Cochran said the televised trial presented a civics lesson for the public.

"People now understand the roles of the parties and the role of the judge," he said.

In a non-confrontational joint appearance, both men said they held no grudges toward one another or Superior Court Judge Lance Ito, who they agreed tried to run the trial fairly.

Darden said he holds no ill will for anyone except former police Det. Mark Fuhrman, who lied on the witness stand when he said he had not used a racial epithet to describe black people in 10 years. After a tape recording of him using the word was produced to discredit him, Fuhrman pleaded no contest to perjury, was fined $200 and sentenced to probation.

Darden said he never believed Fuhrman planted a bloody glove at Simpson's home to try to frame him for the killings, as defense attorneys charged.

"But when you get a cop up there on the witness stand and he lies it undermines the whole case," he said.

During the broadcast, a film clip showed Nicole Brown Simpson's family visiting her grave to mark the anniversary of her death on Monday.

Earlier in the day, a judge refused to order the release of telephone records to a new Simpson lawyer. Attorney Douglas McCann says the records, of a conversation between Ms. Simpson and her mother on the night of the killings, will prove that Simpson had already left on a business trip when the killings occurred.

The Brown family has refused to relinquish the records and, at a hearing Monday, Deputy District Attorney William Hodgman said the defense had an opportunity to examine them during Simpson's trial.

Superior Court Judge Larry P. Fidler said he saw no basis for releasing the records. A similar request has already been rejected by a federal judge.

Also Monday, in an appearance in Des Moines, Iowa in connection with a wrongful death suit there, Cochran said he thought Simpson should abandon plans to take a lie-detector test about the killings.

"Everybody's views have been so set on this case. If he passes the lie-detector test with flying colors, and it was administered by people who he went out and selected, it's not going to change anything at this point," Cochran said.

Defense attorney F. Lee Bailey said last week that Simpson would take a lie detector test if someone put up a $3 million reward to catch the killer.

Simpson later told the Fox News Channel that he plans to answer questions from the public through the Internet on public-crossing.com, with some of the proceeds going to charity.

Cochran said Simpson would have nothing to gain by taking the test.

"People feel so strongly about this one way or the other," Cochran said. "That would be my advice to him: It's not going to make any difference. He should try to go on with his life and keep raising those children."

Houston councilman pleads guilty to DWI

HOUSTON (AP) — A freshman city councilman has received one year's probation after pleading guilty to a misdemeanor charge of driving while intoxicated.

Councilman Bert Keller, who came to court with his wife and his attorney, promised to follow probation guidelines issued Monday.

"It's an extremely serious event," he said in Tuesday's editions of the Houston Chronicle. "It's also a very serious commitment to make to follow through on the terms that are provided in this penalty."

But the owner of the parked truck that Keller smashed his Ford Expedition into while making a wide turn on June 7 was unsatisfied. Keller had fled the wreck scene on foot.

"I think anybody should have to sit in jail and think about this," Susan Borck told the Chronicle. "Because, for him, in a month from now, he isn't going to feel that bad."

Borck's Ford truck sustained about $4,100 damage.

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Wednesday, June 14, 2000
A better than average year could be in the offing for you as the months unfold. It will be due to your ability to make the most of circumstances and events happening around you.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Not only is your judgment keen today, but you'll make decisions with an eye on what's the kindest way to handle things. This combination makes you a winner. Gemini, treat yourself to a birthday gift. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead by mailing $2 and SASE to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper. P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to state your Zodiac sign.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) While your peers are still trying to define the source of a dilemma, you'll be making all the right moves to rectify the situation and bring peace back into the work place.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Circumstances today could bring you even closer together with someone who you already have strong bonds. This relationship is destined to be a good one for you.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) If you are considerate of the feelings and concerns of those with whom you work side-by-side, the productivity of all will be increased.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Intuition, not wishful thinking, could be your best ally today when dealing with others. Play your hunches as to what their needs are, and you'll come out a winner.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Some sort of profit is possible today through valuable knowledge you pick up on while with an individual who holds a responsible position. You might want to share the info with others.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Information passed onto you today by another can be turned to your advantage. It'll all come about because you know when to stop talking and when to start listening.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Being in the right place at the right time will help events take a fortunate turn for you today. Don't be complacent as to what is taking place.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) You can be extremely resourceful when necessity calls for it as today's events might prove. It'll be your ingenuity that will give you an edge.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Two progressive contacts could be credited for ushering in an excellent opportunity for a promotion that is not necessarily being offered to others.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) It'll be in advice or thoughts that are quite foreign to you that you'll be the most fortunate today. Fortunately, you're not afraid to stray into virgin territory.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Through the good graces of someone in a high place, a problematical situation could be changed today in a manner that would afford you new financial growth.

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Date Book

Tuesday, June 13, 2000
Today is the 165th day of 2000 and the 86th day of spring.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1910, Charles Keeney Hamilton, flying a Curtiss biplane, made the first round trip in one day by airplane between two major cities of the United States. He flew from Governor's Island (in the harbor of New York City) to Philadelphia and back.

On this day in 1967, Thurgood Marshall was nominated by President Lyndon B. Johnson to the U.S. Supreme Court. He was the first African-American to be nominated to the Supreme Court.

On this day in 1993, Kim Campbell became the first woman to serve as prime minister of Canada.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Winfield Scott (1786-1866), U.S. general; Basil Rathbone (1892-1967), actor; Dorothy L. Sayers (1893-1957), mystery writer; Red Grange (1903-1991), football great; Malcolm McDowell (1943-), actor, is 57; Richard Thomas (1951-), actor, is 49.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1987, 40-year-old third baseman Sachio Kinugasa, playing for the Hiroshima Carp, played his 2,131st consecutive game, breaking Lou Gehrig's consecutive-game record.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Trouble shared is trouble halved." — Dorothy L. Sayers

TODAY'S MOON: Between first quarter (June 8) and full moon (June 16).

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THE SNYDER DAILY NEWS

Central Park attacks probed

NEW YORK (AP) — The mayor and police officials tried to reassure residents that the city is still safe after a series of attacks in Central Park where a gang of men ripped off women's clothing and sexually abused them.

The assaults, which occurred in one of the most heavily traveled areas of the famed park, highlighted a particulary violent weekend in New York City. Six people were killed and 59 others were stabbed or shot in numerous incidents.

But the Central Park attacks struck a chord of fear among residents because the attackers apparently struck random women during the day, despite the crowds.

A teen-age British tourist said a gang of about 15 men surrounded her, ripped off her clothing and fondled her before stealing $200.

"They were trying to pull my top up, and at the same time guys were trying to pull my shorts down," the 18-year-old tourist told WPIX-TV on Monday. "I was touched everywhere, and it was really humiliating. There must have been 14 guys touching me, just trying to take my clothes off."

David Rowe, 24, of Hempstead, on Long Island, and Tremayne Bane, 23, of Brooklyn, were charged with robbery and sexual abuse after the English victims pointed them out to police. Other suspects were being sought.

The men attacked the tourist and two 19-year-old female friends soon after the Puerto Rican Day parade, which was held in the area.

They men responsible for the Central Park incident are believed to have similarly accosted two Long Island teenagers and a married couple from France, restraining the husband while stripping and pawing the wife.

Despite the spate of violence over the hot, humid weekend, the mayor and police commissioner were quick to point out on Monday that crime is down from last year and is considerably lower than a decade ago.

"It's unrealistic to assume that police officers can be everywhere at every time, at all times, particularly when they are dealing with a parade," Mayor Rudolph Giuliani said.

Sen. John Danforth withdraws name from Veep list

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Former Sen. John Danforth has withdrawn his name from the list of potential running mates for George W. Bush, the former senator's office said Tuesday.

In a newspaper interview, Danforth had said the idea of running for vice president was "very tempting" and "would have been a dream." But, after mulling it over for two weeks, he said he and his wife Sally decided they didn't want to give up living in Missouri and their close contact with family here.

"We didn't want politics to totally define who we were," Danforth told the St. Louis Post-Dispatch in a story for Tuesday's paper. "The last six years have been the best years of our lives.

Danforthis now the special counsel overseeing an investigation in the Waco standoff and fire.

County change hopes to end suit on Ten Commandments

WILKESBORO, N.C. (AP) — Wilkes County commissioners hope adding the Declaration of Independence and the Magna Carta to a courthouse display of the Ten Commandments will end a lawsuit.

The American Civil Liberties Union sued in April on behalf of resident Lance Teague, asking a judge to declare the Ten Commandments display unconstitutional.

Last month, a judge declined to order the plaques removed after commissioners pledged to replace them with a display of historic documents, which was completed Monday.

"Everything that's in it is reflective of what our society's based on," Commissioner Jerry Sidden said. "I'm sure someone will take offense to it, though. This is America."

ACLU officials said they want to see photos of the new display before deciding whether to drop the suit.

Teague said he would support dropping the suit if his attorneys say the display doesn't violate the First Amendment.

Last week, a South Texas man announced he was suing a Houston judge for displaying the biblical Ten Commandments in his courtroom.

On June 8, James Craig Guetersloh filed a motion in federal court for injunctions to prevent state District Judge John Devine from displaying the biblical laws in his court.

It is the second such suit against Devine involving the poster, which depicts stone tablets with each commandment enumerated.

Last year, 41 members of Congress agreed to post the Ten Commandments in their offices to endorse legislation to allow posting the biblical laws on school grounds.

An Alabama judge won higher office by battling to keep his copy of the Ten Commandments in his courtroom in 1997..

SISD faces cuts in state funding

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"The state's school funding program is not beneficial to schools that are losing students," said McNair. "Every West Texas school district is in the same shape we are."

The district also got its first look at projected healthcare costs for the coming year.

The school's insurance advisor, Jerry Edwards of Marble Falls, said the district's medical claims in 1998-99 caused the sharp increase in rates last year.

"The claims in 1998-99 were $1,294,369 and so far through May, they're at $576,797," said Edwards.

"If we get by June and July without any large claims, there will be little or no increase in rates," Edwards said. "We are in much, much better shape today than we were this time last year."

The discussion on the budget and insurance were not on the Monday night agenda, and were considered as informational items only.

In action items Monday evening, the district approved the low bid of $30,400 for a new cooling tower at the high school. The low bid was received from Mulltex Mechanical Inc. of Abilene.

It had been estimated that the cost of a new cooling tower would cost the district $45,000.

The trustees also approved three changes to the student code of conduct.

The trustees voted unanimously on a new senior exemption rule for high school, and banned backpacks at the junior high. The trustees also voted to offer Saturday school for grades seven through 12.

The senior exemption reads that if seniors have an absence that is not an extenuating circumstance in the first or second semester, they will lose their senior exemption for all classes the second semester. The old rule referred to absences only in the second semester.

Students at Snyder Junior High will not be allowed to bring backpacks to school, but they can bring bags used for athletic purposes.

Last year, Saturday school was for high school students only.

Trustees also ratified the contracts of Nancy Schaap as assistant principal at Snyder Junior High School, Brad Wikse as high school tennis coach, and Donnie Reston as the SHS band director.

Schaap is a graduate of Texas Tech and Wayland Baptist University, and she has been teaching in Abernathy since 1991.

Wikse, a graduate of Angelo State University, has been employed by the U.S. Tennis Association for the past two years. He has also been the tennis pro at Mission Country Club in Odessa and the Midland Racquet Club.

Reston, also a graduate of Angelo State University, has been the band director in Seminole for the past six years. He has also directed bands in Seagraves, and was the Snyder Junior High band director from 1985-1989.

The board also approved the resignations of several teachers and staff members.

The administration has received letters of resignation from Kathy Moore, Central Elementary third grade teacher; Ashley Pitner, elementary counselor; Susan Stowe, diagnostician; Paula Howard, Central Elementary music teacher; Gust Witt, SJHS band director; Kathy Conring, elementary counselor; and Jerry Conring, vocational agriculture instructor.

Newly-sworn in trustee Cathy Peoples was appointed the district's official delegate to the Texas Association of School Board meeting in Houston next September, and Dr. Missy Jones discussed the preliminary TAAS results of the district.

The trustees also approved several changes in school policies as recommended by the Texas Association of School Boards.

Assault warrants send three to jail

Law enforcement activity on Monday included the arrest of four subjects, three on misdemeanor charges of assault and one for writing a hot check.

At 5:03 p.m., a 20-year-old man was arrested in the 1200 block of 22nd Street by deputies on a warrant for assault causing bodily harm.

Officers took a 24-year-old man into custody at 5:16 p.m. in the 3300 block of Avenue M on a warrant for assault causing bodily harm.

The third subject, a 23-year-old man, was arrested at 8:57 p.m. in the 2700 block of 38th Street.

A warrant for issuance of a bad check sent a 58-year-old man to jail at 10:07 p.m. Deputies took him into custody in the 1600 block of 15th Street.

In other activity Monday, Joseph Hodge contacted officers at 7:39 a.m. in reference to someone taking a bicycle from him at 908 16th Street and replacing it with another one. An offense report for theft and an offense report for found property were submitted.

Obituaries

Richard Castillo

1957-2000

A memorial service has been set for 7 p.m. Thursday at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church in Snyder for Richard Castillo who died June 5 in Amarillo. Interment was in Dreamland Cemetery.

Mr. Castillo, 42, was born on Aug. 6, 1957 in San Buena, Ventura, Coahuila, Mexico. He attended Hermleigh High School and married Maria Elena Ramirez in Snyder on July 11, 1981.

He moved to Canyon in 1981 where he was employed by the City of Canyon. He was a member of St. Ann's Catholic Church and a member of the Canyon Softball Association.

His father, Ignacio Castillo Sr., preceded him in death in 1990.

Survivors include his wife, Maria Elena (Penny) Castillo of the home; two sons, Seth and Carlos Castillo, both of the home; a daughter, Celina Castillo of the home; his mother, Maria Castillo of Snyder; two brothers, Ignacio Castillo Jr. of Snyder and Hermilo Castillo of San Angelo; six sisters, Rosa Sifuentes, Leticia Martinez, Sandra Alacala, Norma Verduzco all of Snyder, Brenda Juarez of Ira and Mary Romero of Round Rock; and numerous nieces and nephews.

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In addition, a full-time speech position with a salary of $29,905, a part-time welding instructor with a salary of $5,000 and an assistant rodeo coach with a salary of $11,045 are included in the proposed budget.

Three new programs are also budgeted. These include an early childhood program with a full-year budget of $28,870, an allied health program with a full-year budget of $35,583 and a networking program with a start-up cost of $41,683.

The administration has also included in the budget funds for the expansion of the mass communications department. An additional $17,000 would be included to allow the department to move in a more technical direction with an emphasis on broadcast journalism.

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"Son Zone Discovery Center" Vacation Bible School will be held for grades K through 6th from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. daily through Friday at North College Ave. Baptist Church. For more information call 573-7527 or 573-9540.

AARP board meeting

The AARP board meeting will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday in the Snyder Senior Center.

Diabetes support group

The Snyder diabetes support group will meet at 6 p.m. Thursday in the Cogdell Memorial Hospital cafeteria.

Cub Scout day camp

Summer Safari 2000, the Cub Scout day camp, will be from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday, and from 1-9:30 p.m. Friday at the Hughes Aquatic Base and Training Camp at Lake Colorado City. For more information, call 573-3310.

FBC worship service

The First Baptist Church Sunday morning worship service airs at 3 p.m. each Thursday on TV Channel

Northeast reading night

Northeast Elementary will host a parent-student reading night from 6:30 to 8 each Thursday throughout the summer. There will be refreshments and door prizes. Spanish classes also will be available. All students and families are welcome.

G-20 pledge season

Any girl, sophomore and up, wanting to pledge G-20 should come by 3401 Irving on Friday. Call Kara at 574-1374 for more information.

Car wash

The Hermleigh High School cheerleaders will have a car wash from 9:30a.m. until 3:30 p.m. Saturday beside Long John Silver's. Price is a donation.

GED exams

GED examinations will be administered Thursday and June 29 in the testing center at WTC. Call Emily Hataway at 573-0284 or Molly Kattes at 573-2919 for more information.

Weigh down workshop seminar

Registration is still open for the Exodus out of Egypt workshop set for 7 p.m. Monday at the Word of Life Church, 312 Coliseum Drive. Call Donna Nehring at 573-7471 to sign up.

Bible study tapes

Bible study tapes air each week on Channel 2. Tapes to be shown at 7 p.m. Monday are "Three Ways Satan Tries to Destroy the Church," followed by "In Search of the Real Thing."

First Baptist VBS

"Ocean Odyssey" is the theme for vacation Bible school at First Baptist Church. VBS will be held from 9 a.m. until noon June 26-30 and is for grades K through 6th. The public is invited to family night on Wednesday.

American Legion officers

American Legion Post 181 will elect officers on June 26.

LVN class testing

Students wishing to enroll in the fall Licensed Vocational Nursing class at Western Texas College should contact the counseling office to arrange for the pre-entrance exam to be given through July 25. Interviews will be conducted through Aug. 7. For more information, call the counseling office at 573-8511, ext. 313.

Computer courses

A variety of computer courses will be offered this summer by the Continuing Ed division of WTC. Call 573-8511, ext. 390, for a list of classes.

WTC basic education classes

Adult basic education classes at Western Texas College are taught Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 8 a.m. until noon during June. Classes include G.E.D., E.S.L. and refresher courses. For additional information, call 573-8511, ext. 322.

Cancer treatment transportation

Transportation for cancer patients is available every day free of charge to Lubbock, Abilene or Midland. For more information call Martha Schiebel at 573-8626 or Sammie Jarrell at 573-5993. If not home, leave message on answering machine.

Pick 3

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

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Cash Five

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Monday by the Texas Lottery:

4 16 21 35 38.

Brown sentenced to 75 days

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. (AP) — A judge has sentenced Bobby Brown to 75 days in jail for violating his probation for a drunken driving conviction.

"I just want to continue on with my sobriety and get back home to my family," the singer told reporters after Monday's sentence. "It's been really tough."

A prosecutor agreed to drop the most serious charge against Brown, that he failed a drug test by testing positive for cocaine. Brown agreed to plead guilty to refusing to take a second drug test and failing to return from a trip to Beverly Hills, Calif., on time.

Brown has been in custody since May 10. He will remain in Broward County Jail until July 8.

Brown spent five days in jail in 1998 and was placed on probation for one year after he was convicted of drunken driving and causing an accident on Aug. 17, 1996.