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Cogdell woes: commissioners to plug half the leak

By Wade Warren
SDN Staff Writer

Admitting they were only buying time until an outside source of funding for needed hospital improvements can be found, Scurry County commissioners voted unanimously this morning to fund one-half the money needed for emergency plumbing and telephone repairs at Cogdell Hospital.

The county and Cogdell Hospital will share equally in the project, which is expected to cost $550,000.

The county's money will come from its reserve fund while the hospital will have to draw from its capital reserve fund targeted for medical equipment purchases.

The vote to share equally followed an earlier motion by Commissioner C.D. Gray Jr. for the county to fund the entire amount. Gray's motion failed for lack of a second, however.

Commissioner Ralph Trevey made a motion that the county and hospital share in the costs. His motion was seconded by Commissioner Jerry Gannaway. Before a final vote was taken, the court heard from several doctors on the staff at Cogdell Hospital, including Dr. Tom Kerr who said, "I feel uncomfortable, as a physician, with taking money from funds intended for medical equipment to fix plumbing."

Dr. Kathleen Weaver told those at the meeting that one of the reasons that she and her physician/husband located in Snyder was the promise of new medical equipment for the hospital. She said a hospital has to have modern, up-to-date equipment in order to attract patients to use the facility.

"It took us awhile to start getting new equipment," said Dr. Weaver, "and now we must continue to do so or blow the whole thing (expanding surgical procedures) out the window."

Weaver strongly urged the commissioners to make the needed plumbing repairs but not at the expense of medical equipment.

Cogdell Hospital board president G.A. Parks Jr., told the commissioners that a hospital's number one recruiting tool is its facilities.

Cogdell Hospital CEO Jeff Reecer told court the hospital will need at least $3 million over the next 41 months for needed medical equipment.

Reecer outlined the safety problems the hospital has had with the plumbing and telephone system over the past few months and said both systems present an element of danger at the facility.

Reecer said two nurses have fallen because of slippery floors caused by the water leaks and hospital maintenance employees are forced to make plumbing repairs in unsafe conditions due to the water lines' proximity to electrial boxes and conduit.

County Judge Ricky Fritz told Reecer that neither the reserve funds that the hospital or county have cannot take care of the immediate repairs plus planned medical equipment purchases. He suggested that perhaps both entities need to explore other funding possibilities.

Reecer said he sees three possible solutions for the funding prob-

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Q—Will you publish fax numbers for Senators Gramm and Hutchison?

A—Yes. The fax number for Phil Gramm is (202) 224-2934. Kay Bailey Hutchison's fax number is (202) 224-5922.

Local

Stanfield

Stanfield Parent Council will hand out previously ordered school supplies on Tuesday and Wednesday.

Revival

Hobbs Baptist Church will continue its revival services at 7 o'clock each evening through Thursday. Evangelist is Ruben Osuna. Roy Donaldson is providing the music.

Band boosters

Snyder Band Boosters will meet at 7 this evening in the Towle Park Pavilion. Parents of all high school and junior high band students are encouraged to attend.

Video series

Video tapes of a series titled "Back to Basics," presented by Dr. Steve Flatt, will be shown on TCA Cable TV Channel 2 through Aug. 29. The first tape, "Is There A God?" will air at 7 this evening.

All-Sports

Snyder All-Sports Booster Club will meet at 6 this evening at the home of Jerry House. Yard signs for varsity players in all sports will be prepared and parents of the athletes are urged to attend. Call 573-5078 for more information.

Weather

Snyder Temperatures: High Saturday, 99 degrees; low, 71 degrees; high Sunday, 87 degrees; low, 71 degrees; reading at 7 a.m. Monday, 74 degrees; .10 of an inch precipitation for 1995 to date, 12.09 inches.

Snyder Area Forecast: Tonight, cloudy with a good chance of showers or thunderstorms. Low in the lower to mid 60s. Northeast wind 10-15 mph. Chance of rain 50 percent. Tuesday, cloudy with showers or thunderstorms likely, locally heavy rain possible. High around 80. Northeast wind 10-15 mph. Chance of rain 60 percent.

Almanac: Sunset today, 8:40. Sunrise Tuesday, 7. Of 211 days in 1995, the sun has shone 198 days in 1995.

FAMILIAR SIGHT - City street superintendent Bobby Kenner watches as crews repair a water break on 30th Street recently. Kenner said the city has experienced more water breaks than normal and said the increased demand on the lines due to the dry weather is the primary reason. (SDN Staff Photo)

School registration...

It's 'Roundup' time

It's time for Snyder public school's annual "Roundup."

Snyder ISD will hold its annual kindergarten and pre-K registration, commonly known as "Roundup," on Wednesday.

Student registration will be held from 8:30 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall of Colonial Hill Baptist Church, located at 3506 El Paso.

Children who will be five years old by Sept. 1 are eligible to register for kindergarten. Also, any child who has not previously attended public school, but who will reach age six on or before Sept. 1, should register.

Children who will be four years old by Sept. 1 are eligible to register for the four-year-old program. In addition, any three-year-old child who is suspected of having a delay in the areas of motor development, language development or intellectual development is eligible for screening.

Parents must bring an official birth certificate, immunization records, income verification for four-year-olds, and the child's Social Security number.

Any early childhood student enrolled in ECH is to register at West Elementary on Tuesday.

7th-8th graders to sign up

Registration for seventh and eighth grade students new to Snyder will be held Tuesday.

Students who attended West Elementary last year pre-registered in the spring and will not need to register again.

For those who haven't registered, the process will be held in the junior high school office from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. Students will need to bring immunization records, Social Security number, any test scores, grades and other pertinent information.

Welfare debate...

Clinton, Dole joust for upper hand

BURLINGTON, Vt. (AP) — Firing first in a welfare reform showdown, Bob Dole told the nation's governors today that Republicans were eager to give states almost unlimited powers to set benefits, force recipients to work and attack illegitimacy and teen pregnancy.

In contrast, the Senate majority leader told the National Governors' Association that President Clinton wanted only minor tinkering with a welfare system that "undermines almost every value and virtue that leads to self-reliance and success."

Begging to differ, Clinton was addressing the governors a few hours after Dole, and bringing along a new welfare initiative of his own.

According to officials familiar with the plan, Clinton was moving to put more teeth in state work requirements, ordering a rewrite of food stamp rules so that welfare recipients who refuse jobs cannot get more food stamps when their welfare benefits are cut.

Clinton also was promising swifter review of most state requests for waivers from federal welfare rules. As a symbol of his commitment to state experiments, Clinton was granting waivers to four more states — Utah, West Virginia, Texas and California — according to officials familiar with the president's plans.

For both Clinton and Dole, the goal was to break a two-month congressional impasse on welfare reform. Convinced his new initiative will do that, Dole is preparing for floor action next week.

Outlining it for the governors, Dole said the initiative would convert Aid to Families with Dependent Children, child care and job training programs into block grants administered by states with minimal regulation from Washington. The proposal also allows states to receive food stamp funds through a block grant if they prefer.

Clinton's proposal, on the other hand, would still leave much of the program authority in Washington's hands, something Dole cast as unacceptable as Republicans carry out their plans to shift power back to the states.

"I believe America's historical detour into bureaucracy and centralization is over," said Dole, the early front-runner for the Republican presidential nomination. "The answer is not more waivers."

Dole mocked Clinton's suggestion that giving states too much power over welfare, Medicaid and other social programs might lead to a "race to the bottom" as states slashed benefits and services.

Government killed Davidians, GOP Chairman Zeliff charges

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Republican leader of the Waco hearings, who says the government "killed over 80 people" at the Branch Davidian compound, charged today that President Clinton was involved in the decision and appears to be distancing himself from it.

"Even the president ... has been quick to dismiss further questioning" about the Waco siege, Rep. Bill Zeliff, R-N.H., said in an opening statement on the ninth day of hearings by two House subcommittees.

"Frankly, the impression that leaves — rightly or wrongly — is that the president is distancing himself from the original, March-through-April 1993 decision-making process (and) does not favor further review," he said.

On Sunday, Zeliff said on NBC's "Meet the Press": "We had a tank that went through that front door, went into that area where women and children were there (and) we killed over 80 people."

That drew a sharp response from Rep. Charles Schumer of New York, the ranking Democrat on the panel investigating the 1993 Waco siege, who accused Zeliff today of making an "allegation based not on evidence, but on innuendo."

"There was not a shred of evidence there that the president did anything other than hear the plan and approve it," Schumer said. "The president was informed but did not interfere with the decisions of law enforcement experts, and that's how if ought to work. ... I await some hard, conclusive evidence that the president intruded in the decision-making process."

Cult leader David Koresh killed his followers when he ordered the compound torched, Schumer said.

The April 19, 1993, fire killed Koresh and 80 of his followers, including 22 children. It occurred several hours after a tank punched holes in the compound and inserted tear gas.

A witness at today's hearing, former top Justice Department official Edward S.G. Dennis, Jr., said there was "no question in my mind" that the Davidians — not the tear gas pumped into the compound by FBI agents — started the fire.

In addition, he said, even if firefighters had been called to the scene, they wouldn't have been able to control the fire because of the flammable liquids spread around the compound by the Davidians and the strong winds.

Rep. Bill McCollum, R-Fla., Zeliff's co-chairman for the hearings, said the testimony presented earlier in the hearings "should close the book" on speculation about how the fire started.

'Erin' threatens Bahamas

MIAMI (AP) — Tropical storm Erin formed in the Atlantic and rapidly gained strength today, threatening the Bahamas and southern Florida even as its predecessor storm, Dean, was pouring heavy rain on Texas.

Hurricane warnings were posted for the Bahamas and seven southern Florida counties.

Erin became the fifth named storm of the Atlantic hurricane season late Sunday and strengthened today as it slowed its movement through the southeastern Bahamas. By late morning, it had wind blowing at a steady 65 mph; storms are renamed hurricanes when their sustained wind speed hits 74 mph.

At 11 a.m. EDT, the storm's center was located near 22.9 north latitude and 74.0 west longitude, or about 400 miles southeast of Miami. It was moving toward the west at about 9 mph, said the National Hurricane Center.

If it stays on that track, the storm should hit the Atlantic Coast by Tuesday afternoon, meteorologists said.

The center had said just a few hours earlier that the storm wasn't likely to strengthen much today.

The hurricane warning in Florida covered an area from Sebastian Inlet in Indian River County through the Florida Keys and Florida Bay. A hurricane watch was in effect for the Florida's Gulf Coast from Venice south to Everglades City.

Emotional reunion: Americans meet pilot they downed

PIGEON FORGE, Tenn. (AP) — Fifty years after trying to kill each other in war, a kamikaze pilot and the American sailors who shot him down embraced, exchanged mementos and forgave.

"The enemy yesterday can be your friend today," 71-year-old Kaoru Hasegawa told the surviving crew of the USS Callaghan on Saturday. "At certain times man has to fight against each other and nations against nations and peoples against peoples, but when the war is over they become friends."

Hasegawa, who spent a year researching war records to find the men who shot him down and plucked him from the water, spoke slowly through an interpreter. When he was finished, about 100 gray-haired survivors of the U.S. destroyer applauded.

"To come all the way from Japan to do this," said former gunner Leo Jarboe, "means a lot."

The emotional reunion came on an ominous anniversary.

On July 29, 1945, two months after Hasegawa was shot down, another kamikaze made it past the gunners in a bomb-laden biplane and sank the 2,000-ton ship.

It was the last of 32 ships sunk in the last battle of World War II — the 11-week invasion of Okinawa.

The sinking, only 45 minutes before the ship was to be relieved and sent home, killed 47 of the Callaghan's 325-man crew.

"Well, the war ended 50 years ago and I think it is time to put all that stuff behind us," said Robert Thatch, who was a 20-year-old boilermaker on the Callaghan a half-century ago. "I believe in forgiveness."

Hasegawa, now the president of a large paper manufacturing company in Osaka, was commanding three "Ginga" bombers May 25, 1945, against the U.S. task force bombarding an island east of Okinawa.

The other planes were either turned back or shot down. Hasegawa's craft, armed with a 1,760-pound bomb, pressed on, drawing a bead on the cruiser San Francisco to make a suicide run.

The battleship West Virginia began firing as Hasegawa's plane started its approach. The Callaghan gunners whipped their guns around and joined in as the bomber crossed the Callaghan's bow.

Boats were sent from the Callaghan to pick up survivors — a standard practice for friend or foe. Hasegawa was brought aboard unconscious. He said Saturday he expected to be executed.

Hasegawa awakened on the Callaghan and was transferred to the battleship New Mexico, where he tried to kill himself before being sent to a prisoner-of-war camp in Hawaii.

He later explained to Jarboe that he felt he was not a "true kamikaze because he didn't succeed. That he was a disgrace to his country."

Dear Abby

by Abigail Van Buren

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Young Love Can Turn Defiant If Teens Not Allowed to Meet

DEAR ABBY: I am a 47-year-old woman married to a wonderful man who is my second husband. When I read the letter in your column from the 13-year-old who was not allowed to talk to her boyfriend, it reminded me of what happened when my parents refused to let me see a boy I was in love with when I was 14. (I'll call him Ray.)

Although I couldn't stop loving Ray, my parents refused to let me see or talk to him outside of school. On my 16th birthday, I again asked permission and was finally permitted to see him two or three times a week in my home, under very stressed conditions, and I was allowed a 15-minute phone call once a day.

At age 17, I ran away and married Ray, a boy I loved but didn't really know because my parents wouldn't let me spend enough time with him. After several years of sadness, we divorced. While rearing our three children, I graduated from high school and went to college.

I must also tell you that my parents learned from my experience. When my sisters were 13 or 14 and fell in love, my mother talked to me. I suggested they be allowed to talk to their boyfriends on the phone and have them over for visits as long as grades, chores, sleep, etc., were not compromised.

Although my parents never left them alone with the boys, the atmosphere was relaxed. My sisters never had the need to run away and marry their young boyfriends to be with them. Predictably, they outgrew those loves and are now married to "new loves."

Parents should not be frightened by young love, and should allow their children the freedom to explore friendships in a safe environment. Of course, that takes a lot of time, love and patience, but in the end it will pay high dividends.

WISER NOW IN PENNSYLVANIA

DEAR WISER NOW: Yours was not the only letter I received pointing out that forbidding young people to see one another will only drive them together. Your parents are to be commended for learning from your experience, and for taking your advice when dealing with your younger sisters. Thank you for writing. Your letter may help countless teens.

Read on for another enlightened letter from a parent in Minnesota:

DEAR ABBY: I strongly disagree with your reply to the 13-year-old girl whose parents forbade her any contact with the boy she believes she "truly" loves. You agreed with the parents' judgment and told her to honor their wishes.

What that girl needs right now is supervision and guidance, not imprisonment. As a single father, I also believe she may not be ready to make a long-term commitment, but the tone of her letter, her history of good grades, and the fact that she was seeking advice instead of being outright rebellious did show signs of maturity and intelligence.

Why not allow the two to see each other under rules set down by the parents and mutually agreed upon? These could include that they only get together at home when there is an adult present, and if they go out, they do so only as part of a group. This would allow the parents to get to know the boy better, and the two to spend time together. Who knows? It may turn out that the parents find the boy quite acceptable, or the girl may find she doesn't "love" him after all.

MINNESOTA DAD

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What teens need to know about sex, drugs, AIDS, and getting along with peers and parents is in "What Every Teen Should Know." To order, send a business-sized, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for $3.95 ($4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby, Teen Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, Ill. 61054-0447. (Postage is included.)

Mourners recall slain doctor, volunteer

PENSACOLA, Fla. (AP) — The wife of a bodyguard slain at an abortion clinic last year urged mourners Sunday to keep working for an end to the anti-abortion violence that also left her wounded.

June Barrett attended two memorial services for her husband, James, 74, and Dr. John Bayard Britton, 69, who were shot to death by an anti-abortion agitator a year ago Saturday.

"Stay involved," Mrs. Barrett said during an ecumenical memorial service at Christ Episcopal Church. "Together we can work for a more tolerant and peaceful coexistence."

A daylong deluge let up as Mrs. Barrett and more than 50 people marched from the church to a monument for Martin Luther King Jr. Mrs. Barrett laid a wreath of white carnations at a bust of King as the others sang "We Shall Overcome."

The service was also dedicated to the others who have died at the hands of anti-abortion activists: Dr. David Gunn, shot at another Pensacola clinic in 1993, and two receptionists slain at two suburban Boston clinics in December.

Mrs. Barrett, also a clinic volunteer, has recovered from the gunshot wounds she received in the arm and breast outside the Ladies Center clinic. The Barretts and Britton had just arrived at the clinic when their pickup truck was riddled by shotgun blasts.

Earlier in the day, Mrs. Barrett joined more than 100 mourners at a Unitarian church filled with white ribbons sent by abortion rights supporters nationwide. The ribbons were inscribed with such messages as "Let the majority fight back" and "Cast no stones."

The congregation also sang "Jim's Song" for Barrett, which included the lyrics, "We're standing here in courage 'cause it's where Jim would have been."

"He was always there for everybody," said Chicky Desmarais, who finished her term as head of the local chapter of the National Organization for Women and moved away after the murders. "No matter what you needed, you could count on Jim."

Former minister Paul Hill, 41, awaits execution for the Ladies Center slayings. Michael Griffin, 33, is serving a life sentence for killing Gunn. John C. Salvi III, 22, is charged with the Massachusetts slayings.

DPD has fewer applications

DALLAS (AP) — The thin blue line may be getting thinner in Dallas.

Dallas police say they are concerned by their inability to attract enough qualified applicants to fill their last two training classes of 1995.

So they are taking some unusual steps, such as urging rank-and-file officers to look within their families and neighborhoods for recruits to be the next generation of Dallas officers.

"It's unheard of," one detective, who asked not to be identified, told The Dallas Morning News after the move. "But the guys who are here now, they are just not recommending people to come here."

Administrators and others blame the recruiting slump on several factors, including Dallas' tough entry qualifications, affirmative action goals, racial strife in the department, low morale, low wages and stiff competition with other law enforcement agencies and private business.

"One year ago, no one was hiring," said Police Chief Ben Click. "But the economy is not the same any more, and everyone is looking for the same thing we are: diversity and language skills. Our concern is to find enough qualified applicants to meet the needs of our community."

The department has had to sift through 1,195 applicants to reach the 125 candidates who have been hired this year.

Former White House counsel prepares for Senate grilling

NEW YORK (AP) — Former White House Counsel Bernard W. Nussbaum insists he did nothing wrong on the day Vincent W. Foster Jr. committed suicide or on the days that followed, The New York Times reported Monday.

In an interview with the paper Friday, Nussbaum called the Senate committee investigating Foster's death and the Whitewater probe, in a paraphrase of Voltaire: "A search in a dark room for a black cat which isn't there."

Republican critics have claimed that Nussbaum interfered with a federal investigation into Foster's suicide in July 1993.

They claim that he had initially promised Justice Department lawyers that they could look at the files in Foster's office in search of a suicide note, and then abruptly reneged after talking to Susan Thomases, one of Hillary Rodham Clinton's close advisers, the paper said.

As he prepared for his testimony before the Senate committee, Nussbaum told the paper: "I'm taking the heat and a good lawyer often takes the heat for a client."

But he was interrupted by one of his lawyers, Lawrence B. Pedowitz, who said that Nussbaum did not mean to imply that President Clinton or Mrs. Clinton had done anything wrong, the paper reported.

Nussbaum, who resigned under pressure, insisted that Mrs. Clinton never ordered him to do anything improper after Foster, her close friend and former law partner, killed himself.

AP corrections

YONKERS, N.Y. (AP) — An Associated Press story July 26 contained contradictory references to a Consumers Union report on the test failure of the Evenflo On My Way 206 child safety seat.

The fifth paragraph of the story erroneously reported that the seat had failed the organization's tests when it was attached to its base. A later paragraph in the same story reported correctly that the failure occurred when the seat was not used with its detachable base.

Report: Detroit newspapers fire four more employees

DETROIT (AP) — Four striking employees of the Detroit Newspapers were fired Saturday and one was suspended for theft, destruction of property and threatening newspaper carriers, the company said.

The fired employees are Teamsters, the company said in a statement. The suspended employee is a member of The Newspaper Guild Local 22.

The firings follow the dismissals of five striking employees Thursday. Three are Teamsters and two are pressmen.

Teamsters negotiator Frank Kortsch criticized Detroit Newspapers for firing the employees before they have gone through the legal system, saying it demonstrates that the company isn't interested in negotiating a contract.

"They are interested in bullying employees back into the workplace," he said.

Six unions representing 2,500 workers went on strike July 13 over job cuts for Teamsters and a proposal to base newsroom raises on merit. Managers and temporary replacements have published a joint edition since the strike began.

No talks were scheduled between Detroit Newspapers and the unions.

Parade slated in Fisher Co.

Scurry County groups and individuals are invited to participate in the Fisher County Fair and Rodeo parade, scheduled for 10 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 12, in Roby.

Anyone interested in participating is asked to call (915) 776-2109 or 776-2171.

Pick 3

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

5-8-7

(five, eight, seven)

Lotto Texas

AUSTIN (AP) — One ticket bought in El Paso correctly matched all six numbers drawn Saturday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials said. The jackpot was worth $45 million.

The numbers drawn from a field of 50 were: 1, 9, 14, 18, 24 and 46.

There were 317 tickets sold with five of the six numbers, with each ticket worth $1,663. There were 19,231 tickets with four of six numbers, with each winning $99. And there were 361,907 tickets sold with three of six numbers, with each worth an automatic $3.

Lottery officials estimate the jackpot for Wednesday night's game will be $4 million.

Oil Patch News

Scurry County

Spalding Energy Inc. will drill the No. 6 Fuller in the Corazon field, two miles north of Fullerville. Planned for a depth of 2,500 feet, location is in Section 88, Block 5, H&GN survey.

Mitchell County

Parker and Parsley Development Co. has completed the No. 301 Mary Foster in the Iatan East Howard field, nine miles southwest of Westbrook. The well was finaled to produce 43 barrels of 34.8 gravity oil and 291 barrels of water. Perforations were from 2,468-3,142 feet, and location is in Section 17, Block 29, T1S, T&P survey.

Parker and Parsley has completed the No. 294 Mary Foster in the Iatan East Howard field, nine miles southwest of Westbrook. The venture was finaled to produce 74 barrels of 34.8 gravity oil and 187 barrels of water. Perforations were from 2,451-3,216 feet, and location is in Section 7, Block 29, T1S, T&P survey.

Parker and Parsley has completed the No. 306 Mary Foster in the same field, nine miles southwest of Westbrook. The well was completed to produce 53 barrels of 34.8 gravity oil and 14 barrels of water. Perforations were from 2,412-712 feet, and location is in Section 16, Block 29, T1S, T&P survey.

Meridian Oil Inc. will drill the No. 1030-A Westbrook southwest unit in the Westbrook field, four miles west of the townsite. Planned for a depth of 3,350 feet, location is in Section 42, Block 28, T1N, T&P survey.

Riley Production Inc. will drill the No. 1-95 Brock, a 3,500-foot wildcat located seven miles west of Westbrook. Drill site is in Section 39, Block 29, T&P survey.

Borden County

Ausland Production Co. will drill the No. 1-25 Canon-Whatley in the Jo Mill field, 11 miles west of Gail. Planned for a depth of 7,500 feet, location is in Section 25, Block 33, T5N, T&P survey.

Howard County

Gilmore Oil and Gas Co. will drill the No. 1 Tubb, a 7,200-foot re-entry wildcat located five miles south of Big Spring. Location is in Section 36, Block 33, T&P survey.

Chevron USA will drill the No. 41-R Bell in the Iatan field, 12 miles southeast of Coahoma. Planned for a depth of 1,600 feet, location is in Section 12, Block 30, T1S, T&P survey.

Nolan County

Rendova Oil Co. has completed the No. 2 Floyd Craig Estate in the Blackwell north field, two miles northeast of Blackwell. The well was finaled to produced 99 barrels of 39 gravity oil and two barrels of water. Perforations were from 5,469-475 feet, and location is in Section 203, Block 1-A, H&TC survey.

Tucker Drilling Co. will drill the No. 5 B.K. Harris, a 5,700-foot wildcat located three miles north of Maryneal. Location is in Section 76, Block X, T&P survey.

Berry's World

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"Doctor, you have a call waiting."

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Community Calendar

MONDAY

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

Narcotics Anonymous; Winston Park Club; for information call 573-2101, 573-0599 or 573-1579; 6 p.m.

Alateen; Park Club at Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; for more information call 573-8971 or 573-2101; 8 p.m.

Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; for more information call 863-2349, 573-8626 or 573-1141; 8 p.m.

TUESDAY

Ladies Golf Association; Snyder Country Club; tee time 9 a.m.

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

Narcotics Anonymous; Winston Park Club; for more information call 573-2101, 573-0599 or 573-1579; 6 p.m.

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

Snyder Fire Department Auxiliary; Central Fire Station; 7 p.m.

New Horizon Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-1141 or 573-2101; 8 p.m.

Al-Anon; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; for inofrmation call 573-3956, 573-2101,573-1141 or 573-8626; 8 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

Snyder Christian Women's Club prayer coffee; home of Cathy Reed, 3412 44th; nursery information by calling 573-4847; 9:30 a.m.

Narcotics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-2101, 573-0599 or 573-1579; 8 p.m.

THURSDAY

TOPS TX56, (take off pounds sensibly); weigh-in and meeting 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.; 2501 35th. For information call Peggy Vernon at 573-3122.

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

SOS (singles of Snyder) volleyball and games; First Baptist Church Family Center; 7 p.m.

Codependents Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; 37th & Ave. M; for information call 573-7358; 7 p.m.

New Horizons Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club Addition in Winston Park; for information call 863-2349 or 573-8626; 8 p.m.

FRIDAY

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

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

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

Cornelius-Dodson House; open by appointments; 573-9742 or 573-2763.

Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-8626, 863-2349; (last Friday of the month is the birthday, open meeting); 8 p.m.

Al-Anon; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; for information call 573-3956 or 573-2101; 8 p.m.

SATURDAY

People Without Partners; Inadale Community Center; games of 42 and dominos; 6:30 p.m.

SUNDAY

Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-1141, 863-2349 or 573-8626; 10 a.m.

Scurry County Museum; Western Texas College; open from 1 to 4 p.m.

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

Beginners Alcoholics Anonymous and Narcotics Anonymous; Park Club at Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; 7 p.m.

Medicare's future far from certain, thirty years after its birth

INDEPENDENCE, Mo. (AP) — Only in their mid-30s, Leo and Barbara Kazma won't even be eligible for Medicare for years, but they still are concerned about the program and its future.

"Entitlements are a big part of the budget, and cuts need to come from everywhere, even Medicare," Leo Kazma said. "If we don't control spending today, the young people like ourselves won't be able to afford it (health care) in the future."

The Des Moines, Iowa, couple were in the audience Sunday for a national town hall meeting on the 30th anniversary of the creation of Medicare. The meeting at the Harry Truman Presidential Library — in the auditorium where President Johnson signed legislation creating Medicare in 1965 — became a complaint session about GOP proposals to slash the program's spending.

Democrats chose Independence because Truman tried unsuccessfully throughout his administration to create some type of national health insurance.

Similar meetings in Boston; Portland, Ore.; Tampa, Fla.; and Lorain, Ohio, were linked by satellite to the Independence event, which drew a mostly senior capacity crowd of 250.

"They are raiding Medicare to pay for a tax cut and that is wrong," said House Minority Leader Richard Gephardt, D-Mo. He said half the tax cut would go to families earning more than $100,000 a year.

Republicans have proposed saving $270 billion in Medicare costs over the next seven years by reducing the program's growth rate. The Clinton administration says that could cost senior citizens an average of $2,800 over those years if half the savings is taken from beneficiaries.

Sen. Christopher Bond, R-Mo., defended GOP plans for Medicare and noted that Clinton's own Medicare Board of Trustees has warned the program could be broke by 2002.

"Medicare has to be fixed so it doesn't go bankrupt," he said in a statement.

Under the GOP budget resolution, Medicare still would rise 1 percent per person above projected inflation, Bond said. Other reforms will help account for new patients coming into the system and make sure care providers continue to get reimbursements.

Health and Human Services Secretary Donna Shalala said such slashes in Medicare would endanger the health of senior citizens.

"We will not go back to the days when older Americans brought bags of apples to pay for their doctor visits," Shalala said, drawing cheers from the crowd.

"You worked for it, fought for it and earned it, and we are not going to let them take it away," said House Democratic Whip David Bonior of Michigan.

Rep. Joseph Kennedy of Massachusetts, speaking in Boston, said the generation now receiving Medicare provided "moral leadership" through two World Wars and other trying times.

Bob Hemenway, a retired pipefitter from Kansas City, Mo., rose from the audience to ask why both parties could not work together to correct problems in the program.

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Suspect may fit Unabomber's portrait

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A man who has lived underground for nearly 20 years bears striking similarities to the FBI's description of the Unabomber, the Los Angeles Times reported Sunday.

Although the FBI considers James William Kilgore only one of many potential suspects, others familiar with the case say the government should try harder to locate the fugitive.

"He is the only fugitive wanted for bombing and hiding for 18 years — and they can't find him?" said one law enforcement source quoted anonymously by the newspaper. "At least if they find him, they can find out whether he is the guy."

Kilgore, 48, disappeared in 1976 after a bomb-related charge and hasn't been seen since. He is best known for his connections to the Symbionese Liberation Army — the terrorist group that kidnapped newspaper heiress Patricia Hearst more than two decades ago.

"I think he's interesting, and you certainly can't eliminate him," said Lt. Joe Enloe, a Sacramento homicide detective involved in the investigation. "The Unabomber has been virtually invisible ... all these years, and you can say the same about Kilgore."

Photographs of Kilgore taken before he disappeared resemble a composite sketch of the Unabomber. His build is about the same — 5 feet 10 inches tall and 170 pounds. The Unabomber is described as 5 feet 10 inches and 160 pounds. Like the bomber, Kilgore is white with reddish hair who would now be in his 40s.

Kilgore, born in Portand, Ore., knew the San Francisco Bay area and Sacramento. A number of the Unabomber's missives have had Sacramento postmarks, and investigators believe he lives there or near San Francisco.

But those who knew Kilgore before he disappeared say he does not fit the picture of an anarchist bomber.

Patricia Hearst wrote in her book that Kilgore was a "model of reason" among a host of hotheads.

Michael Bortin, who was once a close friend of Kilgore's, said he was an idealist who once considered becoming a priest. Among those involved with the SLA, Bortin said, "Jim Kilgore probably was the most level-headed."

Kilgore is wanted on a charge of possessing an unregistered explosive device, and faces a maximum of 10 years in prison and a $10,000 fine if convicted.

The government is offering a $1.1 million reward for capture of the Unabomber, who has killed three people and injured 23 others since 1978 with 16 package bombs.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

NORTH 7-31-95
♠ 6 5
♥ A 5 2
♦ Q 5
♣ A Q J 10 7 6

WEST
♠ 9 8 4
♥ K Q J 10
♦ A 9 2
♣ 8 3 2

EAST
♠ Q 10 7 2
♥ 7 6 3
♦ J 10 7 6 4
♣ K

SOUTH
♠ A K J 3
♥ 9 8 4
♦ K 8 3
♣ 9 5 4

Vulnerable: Both
Dealer: West

South	West	North	East
	Pass	1 ♣	Pass
1 ♠	Pass	2 ♣	Pass
2 NT	Pass	3 NT	All pass

Opening lead: ♥ K

Who has which card?

By Phillip Alder

The 19th-century English playwright and humorist, Douglas Jerrold, wrote, "He was so benevolent, so merciful a man that, in his mistaken passion, he would have held an umbrella over a duck in a shower of rain."

The trick-three duck in today's deal was certainly benevolent to the defending side, but the declarer felt it was malevolent.

Against three no-trump, West led the heart king. Declarer ducked the first trick, but took the heart-jack continuation with dummy's ace.

The simple line is to play a spade to hand and take the club finesse. If West has the club king, the contract will roll home with overtricks. However, South had an imaginative idea. At trick three, he played a diamond to his king. But West was ready: He played low smoothly.

The defense collected the next *seven* tricks. South took the club finesse, losing to East's king. West took two heart tricks and the diamond ace, then East won three diamond tricks. Along with trick one, that spelled four down.

Note that if West wins trick three with the diamond ace, the contract will make. As West didn't open the bidding as dealer, he cannot hold the club king in addition to his heart honors and the diamond ace. South will have no option but to play a club to dummy's ace, with benevolent results to the declaring side.

Always consider withholding a winner that cannot run away if the duck might mislead an opponent about the lie of the land.

Phillip Alder's book, "Get Smarter at Bridge," is available, autographed upon request, for $14.95 from P.O. Box 169, Roslyn Hts., NY 11577-0169.

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Costly 'Waterworld' debuts in No. 1 spot with $21.6 million take

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Audiences made Kevin Costner's "Waterworld" No. 1 at the box office over the weekend in the wake of tepid-to-warm reviews and bad press over its bloated budget.

The movie — considered the most expensive movie ever made at $175 million to $200 million — took in an estimated $21.6 million in its debut weekend.

"It's impressive considering the negative press, but there is still a question whether it will earn its money back," said John Krier of Exhibitor Relations Co. Inc., which tracks box office performance.

"Only time will tell," said Universal Studios spokesman Alan Sutton.

Universal won't discuss the movie's cost.

The "Waterworld" debut was preceded by more negative coverage than anything since 1963's "Cleopatra," which cost $213 million in today's dollars. Before "Waterworld," the costliest film was last year's $115 million "True Lies."

The futuristic film is about the cutthroat quest for mythical Dryland after a polar meltdown submerges the continents. Costner plays a gilled and web-footed loner who saves the world-without-land from pirates.

"It wasn't as good as I thought, and it wasn't as bad as I feared," said 17-year-old moviegoer Michelle Rodriguez. "When I saw it you could see why it cost so much. All the visual effects were really good."

Vaughan Edwards, 46, wasn't so sure: "It's pretty good, but it ain't 'Gone With the Wind.' But no movie's worth that much money."

"It was good but it wasn't great. Forget about the money, and it's very entertaining," said 50-year-old David Jacobs.

The critics sounded a similarly ambivalent note, with a wryer tone injected by The Washington Post's Rita Kempley, who noted that Costner has "the personality of a giant fish stick."

She calls him "Gil."

"'Waterworld' isn't 'Fishtar,'" Kempley concedes, while noting that viewers are not "distracted by humor, innovation or a clear, cohesive vision."

Others were gentler.

"Harmless summer filler," Dolores Barclay called it in her review for The Associated Press. "It is as bleak as any vision seen by Mad Max. But it lacks the humor and ingenuity injected in the Road Warrior movies, and that's one of the problems."

Worse, the AP said, Costner is "as dreary as the landscape he travels" and the action shots are "surprisingly uninspired and ordinary."

USA Today's Mike Clark seconded that: "There's scant evidence of the budget on screen."

Still, Clark called it "a satisfying summer-movie spritzer ... 'Waterworld' hasn't much depth, but it has the fizz that eluded 'Batman Forever' and 'Die Hard With a Vengeance.'"

Nine-year-old moviegoer Phillip Lew boiled it all down: "It was pretty cool. I really liked Kevin Costner."

COUNTY TREASURER'S REPORT

ORDER OF THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF SCURRY COUNTY, TEXAS, APPROVING THE TREASURER'S REPORT FOR THE 2ND CALENDAR QUARTER, 1995. TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS MAY COME, BE IT KNOWN THAT:

THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF SCURRY COUNTY, TEXAS, did duly convene in Special Session at its meeting place in the Courthouse in the City of Snyder at 10:00 o'clock A.M. on Monday, July 24, 1995 and, the entire membership of said court, viz., Ricky Fritz, County Judge, presiding, and Ralph W. Trevey, Roy Idom, Jr., C.D. Gray, Jr., and Jerry Gannaway, Commissioners for Precincts, 1, 2, 3, and 4, respectively, being present, the matter of the comparison and examination of the Quarterly Report of Charlie Bell, Treasurer for Scurry County, for the period April 1 thru June 30, 1995, came to the attention of said Court and the said Court compared and examined the same, and inspected and counted all the actual cash, certificates of ti and demand deposits, and other assets in the hands of the Treasurer belonging to the County at and as the time of such report: NOW, THEREFORE, the Commissioners Court finds that the Treasurer at and as of the time of his said report did not have actually in his hands any money or other assets of Scurry County but the same were all on deposit in the Snyder National Bank of Snyder, Texas, the official County depository, except the following, viz., Texpool; and that from the commencement of business at 8:00 o'clock A.M. on April 1, 1995 thru June 30, 1995, the beginning and ending balances for each fund of the Treasurer of Scurry County, Texas, for such quarterly period are fully and accurately reflected by the following tabulation attached hereto, incorporated herein by reference, and made a part hereof for all purposes;

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF we, the aforesaid and undersigned County Treasurer, County Judge, and each Commissioner, swear that the above and foregoing averments are complete and correct and that the requirements of Article 1636, Vernon's Annotated Civil Statutes of Texas 1925, as amended, have been in all things duly complied with by the County Judge and each Commissioner aforementioned in the Regular Session of said Court of Scurry: WHEREOF WITNESSETH OUR HANDS on the first above date.

FUNDS	CASH BALANCE & INVESTMENT BALANCES DATE: 3-31-95	RECEIPTS	TRANSFERS IN	DISBURSEMENTS	TRANSFERS OUT	CASH BALANCE & INVESTMENT BALANCES DATE: 6-30-95
GENERAL:						
Departmental				928,231.93		
Jury				3,336.00		
Permanent Improvement				0.00		
Airport				14,274.19		
Health Unit				23,350.09		
Park & Coliseum				61,531.11		
Library				47,954.86		
TOTALS:	**********	**********	**********	**********	**********	**********
GENERAL	3,489,760.56	1,304,000.47	143,205.86	1,078,678.18	3,547,595.82	310,692.89
COGDELL OPERATING	98,576.44	3,121,163.07	0.00	1,707,165.52	1,035,828.52	476,745.47
COGDELL CLINIC	2,802.33	6,146.77	10,529.00	14,991.47	0.00	4,486.63
COGDELL DEPRECIATION	942,085.23	11,936.82	0.00	65,648.83	0.00	888,373.22
COGDELL PAYROLL FUND	825.94	807.57	868,391.91	869,978.05	0.00	47.37
HOSPITAL GRP.MEDICAL	6,038.18	19,819.68	134,885.15	159,563.04	0.00	1,179.97
ABANDONED VEHICLE	2,205.05	71.84	300.00	338.48	300.00	1,938.41
HEALTH UNIT SPECIAL	6,442.05	4,168.33	8,004.84	1,908.50	5,535.76	11,170.96
JUVENILE PROBATION FEES	1,423.53	18.53	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,442.06
LIBRARY DONATIONS	2,005.23	861.19	0.00	115.00	0.00	2,751.42
D.A.R.E. PROGRAMS	307.01	408.38	300.00	589.73	300.00	125.66
COGDELL REFUND	242.28	244.25	28,936.91	28,936.91	0.00	486.53
TEXPOOL	880,238.62	48,060.48	3,149,000.00	0.00	141,000.00	3,936,299.10
Payroll Clearing Acct.	0.00	667.14	580,075.71	652,897.89	0.00	(72,155.04)
TOTAL ALL FUNDS:	5,432,952.45	4,518,374.52	4,923,629.38	4,580,811.60	4,730,560.10	5,563,584.65

AIRPORT REVENUE 2nd QTR. 12,831.62
INTEREST 2nd QUARTER: 81,354.25
INTEREST EARNED TO DATE: 155,342.80

SIGNED Charlie Bell
CHARLIE BELL, SCURRY CO. TREASURER

(s) Charlie Bell, County Treasurer
(s) Ricky Fritz County Judge
(s) Ralph W. Trevey Commissioner for Precinct No. 1
(s) Roy Lee Idom, Jr. Commissioner for Precinct No. 2
(s) C.D. Gray, Jr. Commissioner for Precinct No. 3
(s) Jerry Gannaway Commissioner for Precinct No. 4

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to by the said Charlie Bell, Ricky Fritz, Ralph W. Trevey, Roy L. Idom, Jr., C.D. Gray, Jr., and Jerry Gannaway before me, the undersigned, a NOTARY PUBLIC in and for Scurry County, Texas: WHEREOF WITNESSETH on 24th day of July, 1995 in Snyder, Texas, my hand and official seal.

ATTEST:
(s) Frances Billingsley, County Clerk of Scurry County, Texas
(Seal)

(s) Mary V. Key, Notary Public in and for Scurry County, Texas
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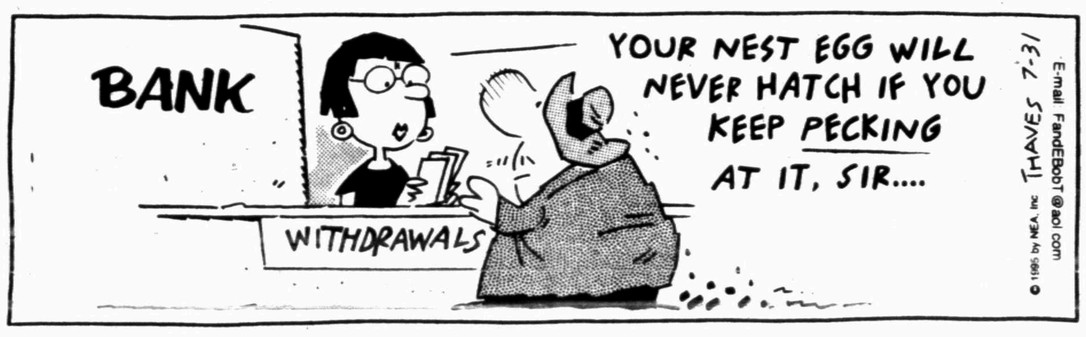

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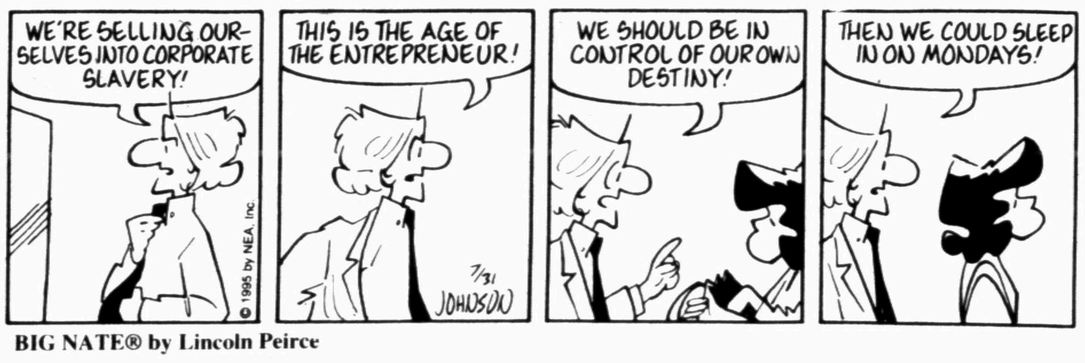

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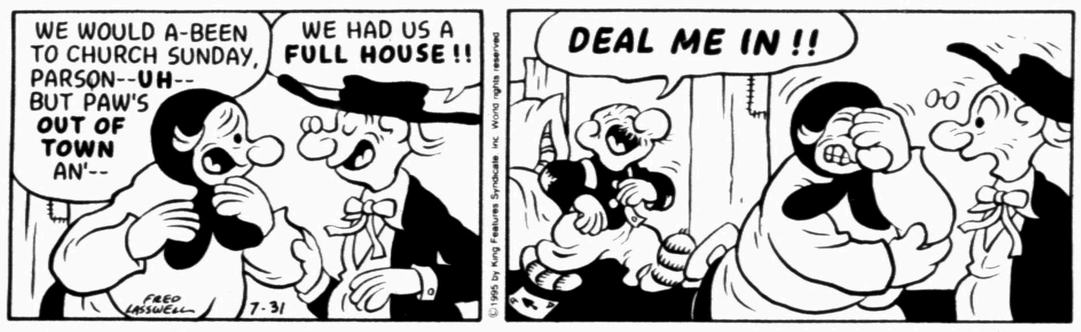

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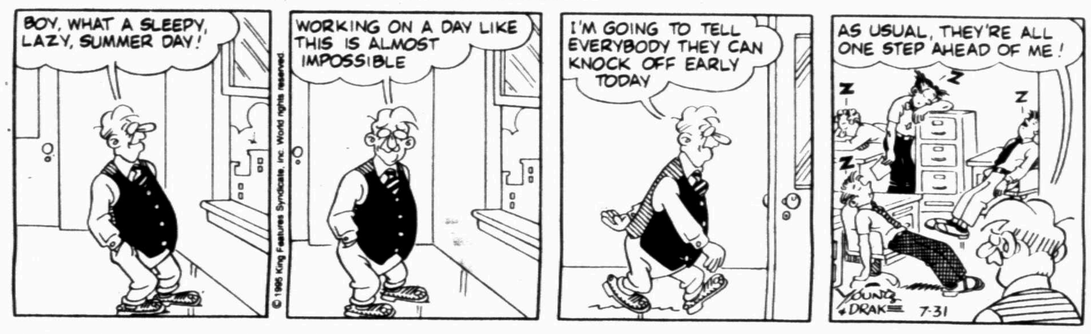

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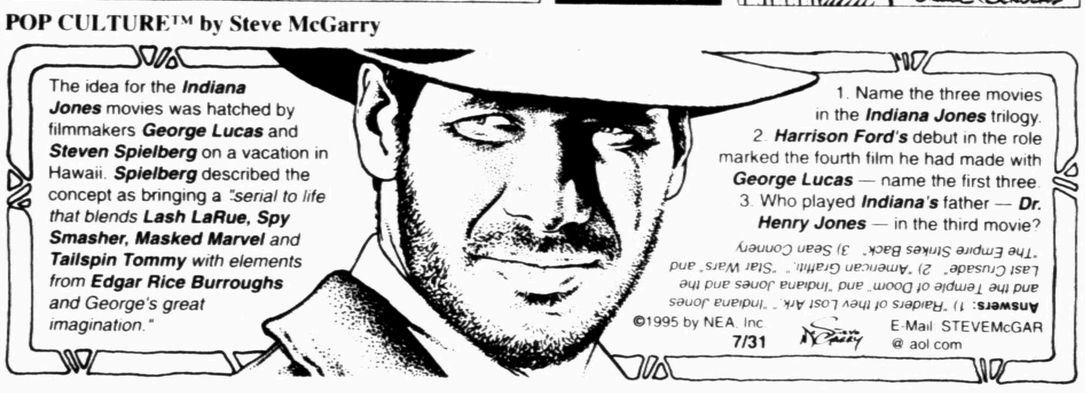

NEA Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

1 From — — Z
4 Fiddling emperor
8 Social misfit (sl.)
12 Highest part
13 Construction beam (2 wds.)
14 Jai —
15 Had lunch
16 Merging
18 Strong wind
20 Hosiery mishaps
21 Part of to be
22 Greasy
24 — bene
26 Novelist Ferber
27 Tiny
30 — de Havilland
32 Kind of rock
34 Actress Robin —
35 Most unusual
36 Dollar bill
37 Sparrow's home
39 Exuberance
40 Team
41 Sen. Kennedy
42 City in Utah
45 Scandinavian
49 Ape
51 — out: stretch
52 Loch — monster
53 Golfer Ballesteros
54 Madam's counterpart
55 Tennis pro Arthur —
56 Delete's opposite
57 Mao — tung

DOWN

1 — — angle
2 In — (as a whole)
3 Working
4 Wall recess
5 Tropical tree
6 Rigid boss
7 Globe
8 Nursemaid
9 Director Kazan
10 Resounded
11 Excavates
17 N.Y.'s Staten —
19 Crossbeam
23 Metal bar
24 Not working (sl.)
25 TV actor Ken —
26 Alleviated
27 Easiest to handle
28 Being
29 Ancient Italian family
31 Baseball game division
33 Bordered
38 Sonnet part
40 Feel
41 Belief
42 An O'Neill
43 French stoneware
44 Short race
46 Hand motion
47 Slides on snow
48 Roll-call reply
50 Navy ship pref.

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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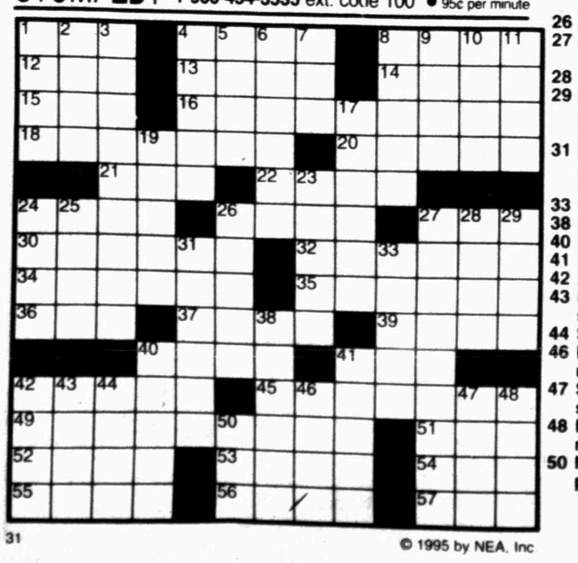

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Sports

THSCA All-Star game set for tonight

DALLAS (AP) — When Devoy Brantley hits the court tonight for the Texas High School Coaches Association All-Star game in Fort Worth, his former coach would like to see him shoot a little.

"He should have been a shooting guard," said longtime Laneville coach Bennie Gupton of his entry, the fifth in the last 20 years from the East Texas Class A school. "He's probably one of the best shooters I've ever coached, but we had to use him at the point. He could have averaged 29 or 30 points if we'd had another point guard."

Brantley, a 6-foot guard who will be a walk-on for Baylor this fall, will help man the backcourt for the South. He is joined by Southwest Conference rivals DeJuan Vazquez of Austin Reagan (Texas); Omar Sneed of Beaumont West Brook (Houston) and Brad Stricker of Devine (Texas A&M).

They'll face off against a North squad equally loaded with talent from all five University Interscholastic League classifications. Ballinger coach Robert Buxkemper will lead the North against Fort Bend Willowridge's Gary Nichols and his South team.

"You can feel the energy throughout the week because the players know they are among the top high school athletes in the state," said Eddie Joseph, THSCA executive director.

Game time is 7:30 p.m. at Texas Christian University's Daniel-Meyer Coliseum.

Laneville has had no shortage of talent over the years. The Yellowjackets won state championships in 1992-93 and made the title game in 1994. It took a 60-foot desperation heave at the buzzer for eventual champ Avery to dispatch Laneville 92-91 in triple overtime in last year's state semifinals.

Lewis honored for coaching achievements in HS baseball

By Laura Barnes
SDN Sports Editor

Retired Snyder High baseball coach Albert Lewis was honored recently for his accomplishments in high school athletics.

Lewis received an award from the Texas High School Coaches' Association for his accomplishments and an award from the National High School Coaches' Association for his work in helping student athletes.

Lewis retired immediately following the 1994 baseball season. Lewis hung up his coaching hat, but he continues to work in the classroom teaching world history.

Lewis reigned as baseball coach at Snyder High since 1977 when he took over for James Moffett. Lewis had amassed a record of 320-179, including a 50-game district winning streak in the late 70s.

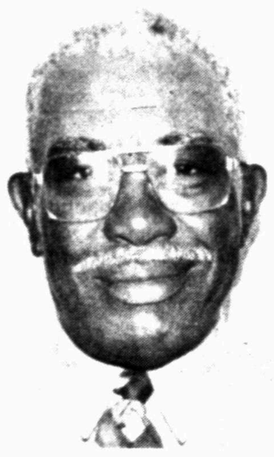
In 1983, Lewis guided his Tiger baseball team to a Class 4A state championship. He has also accomplished winning 11 district crowns, a pair of loop co-championships and three trips to the state championship in Austin.

Lewis also coached the North to a 7-3 victory over the South in the Texas All-Star game at the Astrodome, shortly after winning the state championship in 1983.

Among other awards, Lewis was named district Coach of the Year 10 times and was area honoree once. He has received a plaque from the THSCA before in 1992 to mark his 300th career coaching victory.

Lewis was the first black faculty member at SHS, coming to Snyder High in 1965 from Lincoln High.

Lewis was replaced as head coach by Roland Herrera, who was Lewis' personal pick for the job.



ALBERT LEWIS

NFL exhibition underway

The NFL's exhibition season is officially underway.

And could you ask for a better opening-day scenario than the defending Super Bowl champions losing to their former coach?

That's what happened when the Denver Broncos beat the San Francisco 49ers 9-7 in one of three games Saturday.

"Because I know their personnel, I could anticipate some of the calls," said Denver coach Mike Shanahan, who helped the 49ers win the Super Bowl last year as offensive coordinator. "A couple of times when they audibled, we knew what they were going to do because the terminology we use is the same."

Cowboys 21, Bills 15

At Irving, Texas, the Cowboys' Sherman Williams scored on runs of 3 and 2 yards and carried 15 times for 41 yards as backups spent a lot of time on the field for both Dallas and Buffalo.

"Sherman is a tough kid. He's going to help us," Dallas coach Barry Switzer said.

The game was a typical exhibition opener — Dallas' first team offense played only one series and Buffalo coach Marv Levy said: "We played everyone on the roster of 80, so we did not have high expectations for this game."

The outcome was the same between the teams as in their last two Super Bowl matchups, in the 1992 and 1993 seasons.

In training camp developments:

Oilers

Bruce Matthews, an All-Pro center-guard for Houston, has agreed to a four-year, $10.3 million contract and is expected to sign today or Tuesday.

Matthews, who has been to seven consecutive Pro Bowls, now has a chance to break Mike Munchak's team record of nine.

"I'm glad it's over because I'm ready to get back to work," he said. "I'm excited about the season. I wanted to stay in Houston all along. This means I should be able to finish my career with the Oilers."

Sports briefs

By The Associated Press
GOLF

WOODBRIDGE, Ontario (AP) — Nick Faldo, who hasn't played competitive golf in Canada since the 1989 Canadian Open, won $110,000 in the final nine holes of the Skins Game.

Combined with the $50,000 he won Saturday, Faldo pocketed $160,000 and was the overall winner of the four-man, $360,000 event.

Ben Crenshaw earned $50,000 Sunday and finished with $110,000 for the weekend, while Fred Couples won $50,000 Sunday and $40,000 Saturday for a total of $90,000. Nick Price was shut out for the second straight year.

PORTRUSH, Northern Ireland (AP) — An 80-foot eagle putt gave Brian Barnes the British Seniors Open title on the third hole of a playoff with Bob Murphy.

Barnes and Murphy were tied at 7-under-par 281 after 72 holes. John Morgan, with a 68, and Bob Charles (66) finished one stroke back.

Cheerleading

A mini-cheerleading camp will be held Wednesday through Friday at Hermleigh from 9 a.m. until noon.

Sign-up is $20 in the Hermleigh Gym.

Anderson shoots hole-in-one and CC tourneys held

Larry Anderson knocked in a hole-in-one at hole #3 Saturday. The drive was 178 yards and he hit it with a 7 iron. At the Country Club to witness it were Marcus Byrum, Rick Hall, Randy Glasscock, John Lacik and Kevin Lacik.

Snyder Country Club also held the 1995 Junior Club Championship Friday and the Parent Child Championship Saturday.

The following are the results:

Junior Club Championship

Boys 16-18— 1. Bryan Word, 73 (Junior Club Champion); 2. Page Patterson, 75; 3. Gene Pollard, 87; Troy Allen, 90.

Girls 15— Daysha Weaver, 81.

Boys 14-15— 1. Craig Billingsley, 88; 2. Cory Mandrell, 108; 3. Garrett Griswold, 112.

Boys 12-13— Levi Mandrell, 123.

Boys 10-11— 1. Stafford Gray, 48; 2. Patrick Alderete, 48.

Girls 13-14— 1. Randi Reed, 99; 2. Stephanie Alderete, 139.

Parent Child Championship

Championship Flight— 1. Alton & Page Patterson, 102; 2. Randy & Daysha Weaver, 94.

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Bill Terry's batting average of .401 in 1930 was the last time a National Leaguer has batted that high.

Baseball Glance

American League
By The Associated Press
All Times EDT

East Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Boston	48	38	.558	-
Baltimore	43	42	.506	4½
NewYork	43	42	.506	4½
Detroit	40	47	.460	8½
Toronto	37	48	.435	10½
Central Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Cleveland	59	26	.694	-
KansasCity	41	42	.494	17
Milwaukee	42	44	.488	17½
Chicago	36	48	.429	22½
Minnesota	30	56	.349	29½
West Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
California	54	33	.621	-
Texas	44	43	.506	10
Seattle	43	44	.494	11
Oakland	41	48	.461	14

Saturday's Games

Toronto 18, Oakland 11
Chicago 7, Baltimore 4
New York 4, Minnesota 2
California 4, Milwaukee 0
Boston 7, Texas 1
Kansas City 5, Detroit 4, 16 innings
Seattle 5, Cleveland 3

Sunday's Games

Baltimore 8, Chicago 3
Oakland 11, Toronto 3
California 8, Milwaukee 3
Kansas City 3, Detroit 2
Cleveland 5, Seattle 2
Texas 7, Boston 6
New York 7, Minnesota 4

Monday's Games

Toronto (Hentgen 7-8) at Baltimore (Moyer 6-3), 7:35 p.m.
Kansas City (Jacome 0-0) at Chicago (Fernandez 4-7), 8:05 p.m.

National League
All Times EDT

East Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Atlanta	54	32	.628	-
Philadelphia	47	41	.534	8
Montreal	43	44	.494	11½
Florida	35	49	.417	18
NewYork	34	52	.395	20
Central Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Cincinnati	53	32	.624	-
Houston	50	36	.581	3½
Chicago	43	44	.494	11
Pittsburgh	36	48	.429	16½
St.Louis	37	51	.420	17½
West Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Colorado	48	39	.552	-
LosAngeles	45	42	.517	3
SanDiego	40	46	.465	7½
SanFrancisco	39	48	.448	9

Saturday's Games

Chicago 8, Philadelphia 7
Atlanta 5, San Francisco 1
Florida 2, St. Louis 0
New York 2, Pittsburgh 1
Colorado 5, Montreal 3
Los Angeles 4, Cincinnati 2
Houston 6, San Diego 1

Sunday's Games

Montreal 11, Colorado 4
New York 2, Pittsburgh 1
Chicago 8, Philadelphia 0
Los Angeles 5, Cincinnati 4
Houston 7, San Diego 1
San Francisco 3, Atlanta 2
Florida 3, St. Louis 1

Monday's Games

Houston (Kile 4-10) at San Diego (Ashby 6-5), 4:05 p.m.
Colorado (Reynoso 2-3) at Montreal (Henry 6-7), 4:55 p.m.
St. Louis (Osborne 0-3) at Florida (Rapp 4-6), 7:05 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Parris 4-2) at New York (Pulsipher 2-5), 7:40 p.m.

Bagwell breaks hand as Astros route Padres, 7-1

SAN DIEGO (AP) — This broken hand thing is getting old for Jeff Bagwell.

Been there, done that, three years in a row.

"I'm flustered right now," Bagwell said on Sunday after a pitch from former teammate Brian Williams broke the fourth metacarpal bone in his left hand. "They say bad luck, whatever, those things come in threes. So I hope I'm done."

So do the rest of the Houston Astros. They routed the San Diego Padres 7-1, but the loss of the red-hot Bagwell could be costly.

"It's a tremendous blow to our club," manager Terry Collins said. "We've got veteran guys here and we're going to have to pick up the pace. This is where you find out how good your club is and what you're made of. He was swinging the bat like he's capable of, and for it to happen again is tough."

Bagwell, the unanimous National League MVP in 1994, is expected to miss three to four weeks.

Not only was it the third straight season that Bagwell has had his left hand broken, but it was the second time in just less than a year that the same bone was fractured by a pitch from a San Diego player.

"I can't tell you how sad I am about this right now because we're 3½ games behind the Reds and we're playing great baseball," Bagwell said. "We've still got a great team and everything, but I know that my production was helping, at least."

Bagwell had a career year in 1994, hitting .368 with 39 homers and 116 RBIs. He slumped badly opening this season, but had raised his average 100 points, to .283, since May 31.

Bagwell hit .330 in July, with 31 RBIs.

Williams threw a fastball up and in that bounced off the hard plastic protective pad Bagwell wears on his left hand. The crack could be heard in the press box.

"I heard that same thing you heard," Bagwell said. "I got scared. I knew it hurt."

Bagwell was examined on the field by the team's trainer and took first base, but was doubled off when Derek Bell lined out to right. Bagwell left for X-rays and was replaced defensively at first base by Dave Magadan.

Bagwell broke the same bone when he was hit by a pitch from Andy Benes on Aug. 10 in Houston, two days before the players' strike began.

Bagwell is scheduled to return to Houston today to be examined by a team doctor.

"This year was especially satisfying because of how far this team has come and how well it's been playing," Bagwell said. "I was getting very excited about winning. I'm still going to enjoy it. The season's not over and hopefully by the time I get back we're going to be in first place. It's just a tough deal for me right now."

Said Williams: "I told him I'm sorry. He understands and I understand. That's basically all that needs to be said about it."

Bagwell's teammate, Craig Biggio, had something to say.

"I understand you've got to pitch inside, all this other stuff, but I'm sorry, it's two years in a row that guys say, 'I'm sorry' after breaking his hand. It (stinks)," Biggio said.

Bagwell didn't point fingers. On Sept. 12, 1993, Bagwell broke the fifth metacarpal bone in his left hand when he was hit by a pitch from Philadelphia's Ben Rivera. All three injuries have been on up-and-in fastballs.

Bagwell doesn't turn his shoulder in on tight pitches, leaving his hands vulnerable.

"I don't know whether to change my stance," he said. "I've taken all the precautions. I'm not on the plate like I used to be when I first came up. I don't know what to do."

Rangers rally for a 7-6 win

ARLINGTON (AP) — Everyone was laughing except the Texas Rangers.

The Boston Red Sox were all grins after taking an all-too-easy 3-0 lead in three at-bats Sunday. Some folks already were cracking jokes about the Rangers heading for their 13th loss in 14 games.

Everyone was chortling over the antics of the Famous Chicken atop the Boston dugout roof.

Texas catcher David Valle then lined a foul ball that nearly knocked some feathers off the mascot.

For some reason, that seemed to jolt the Rangers awake and started what turned into a wacky 7-6 victory that was in doubt until the last pitch.

"For the first time this year, I couldn't sit down at the end," said Texas manager Johnny Oates. "We did get a few breaks, but we had to hit a few balls to get the breaks.

It took the worst fielding team in the American League to help Rangers post a 7-6 win Sunday

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Erik Hanson began Boston's woes by fumbling a ball that Mo Vaughn ended up dropping for an error. One swing later, Hanson got an error on a wide throw to first. Then, after the Red Sox rebounded to tie the game, Mike Greenwell lost a ball in the lights.

The two errors and botched fly were enough to propel Texas to only its second victory in two weeks. The Rangers improved to 43-42 and avoided going under .500 for the first time since May 19.

"We've had quite a few breaks go against us lately," said Will Clark, whose three RBIs were the offensive spark for Texas. "Tonight, we had some go our way and we took advantage of it."

It wasn't easy.

Texas closer Jeff Russell allowed consecutive singles to open the ninth. Then John Valentin hit a double off the left-field wall that may have been a homer had the wind not been blowing in. It also would've driven in more than one run had Mark McLemore not played it so cleanly off the wall.

Cowboys may have found Smith backup

IRVING (AP) — The Cowboys may have discovered a rookie from Alabama who can extend Emmitt Smith's mileage during a long 16-game season.

Sherman Williams scored twice and rushed for 40 yards Saturday night as the Cowboys opened the NFL preseason with a 21-15 victory over the Buffalo Bills. Dallas got Williams in the second round of the NFL draft. He was the Cowboys first overall pick.

Despite his banged up shoulder and hamstring injuries, coaches couldn't afford to rest Smith last season because of the lack of an adequate backup.

Williams said he wanted that type of game so the team would feel good about him resting Smith.

"I have to work hard and play hard to get the respect of my teammates," the rookie said.

As for the coaches ...

"Sherman is a tough kid, he's really going to help us," said Dallas coach Barry Switzer. "I like the way he runs the ball in there tough. He has quick feet and can bounce outside too. He's got good speed and can catch the ball. We like him a lot."

Williams said he hoped the game "erased any doubts about my ability. It's good to have a game like this to build some confidence in my teammates and coaching staff."

He added: "I just hope I can take some of the load off Emmitt this year. I'm learning the Dallas offense fast."

The Dallas first-team offense played only one series before retiring for the night.

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1609 Augusta, 3-2½-3, $185T.
Round Top,3-2½-2,10a.$152T
3 bd, 2 bth, with acreage, $90's.
4110 Jacksboro, 3-2-2, $68T
3606 Kerrville, 3-2-2, $44,900.
2366 Sunset, 3-2-cp, $49,750.
3782 Avondale, 3-2-cp, 46T
Country, 3-2, 1 ac. $49,500.
2906 El Paso, 3-2-2, $56,500.
3107 Ave. W, 3-2-2, $37T.
303 36th Pl., 3-2-cp, $38,500.
2805 Ave. Y, 3-2-2, $37,500.
3006 40th, 3-1-cp, $35T.
4105 Eastridge, 3-1-2, $32T.
2215 44th, 3-2-1 & apt.,$44,500.
3403 Irving, 4-2-1, $53T.
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Capital Cities-ABC Inc. will merge with Walt Disney Co.

NEW YORK (AP) — The Walt Disney Co. will acquire Capital Cities-ABC Inc. in a surprise merger of entertainment and communications giants valued at $19 billion.

Under the agreement announced today, the biggest merger ever in the media business, New York-based Capital Cities will become a subsidiary of Burbank, Calif.-based Disney.

The combined company will still be called The Walt Disney Co., and Disney's chairman, Michael D. Eisner, will stay chairman and chief executive.

Disney already produces ABC-TV's hit comedy "Home Improvement," and Eisner held several programming jobs at ABC in the 1960s and '70s.

The deal would be the second largest in U.S. history, behind only the $25 billion acquisition of RJR Nabisco Inc. by Kohlberg Kravis Roberts & Co. in 1989.

There have been reports for weeks speculating that Westinghouse Electric Corp. is putting together a $5 billion bid to buy CBS Inc.

Recently, Viacom Inc. agreed to sell its local cable television operating systems to Tele-Communications Inc. in a deal valued at $2.25 billion. Gannett Co., the nation's leading newspaper publisher, announced it is acquiring Multimedia Inc., a publisher and producer of talk shows, for more than $1.7 billion.

Disney is a household name for cartoon characters like Mickey Mouse, animated movies like "Pocahontas" and its Disney World and Disneyland theme parks. Its characters appear on the Disney Channel on cable television, in 400 Disney Stores, on a huge variety of licensed merchandise, and in books and magazines.

In addition to ABC-TV, Capital Cities has a network of 225 affiliated TV stations and owns eight. It plans to acquire two more in August.

It also owns 80 percent of sports cable broadcaster ESPN, has interests in the Lifetime and A&E cable networks cable channels, and has 21 radio stations.

It also publishes newspapers including The Kansas City Star and Fort Worth (Texas) Star-Telegram; shopping guides; magazines; and books.

The acquisition, already approved by the boards of both companies, is subject to shareholder approval and federal antitrust review. The companies said they expected the deal to be concluded by early 1996.

Because the businesses are complementary, the companies said they do not expect jobs will be lost in the combination.

Under the proposal, Capital Cities shareholders would receive one share of Disney stock and $65 in cash for each of their shares.

At the close of trading Friday, Disney stock was at $57.37½ a share and Capital Cities at $96.12½. The deal would value Capital Cities at $122.37½ a share.

The companies had combined annual revenues of about $16.5 billion in 1994.

Eisner said the deal "is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to create an outstanding entertainment and media company."

"Disney and Capital Cities-ABC have created some of the most recognized and respected brands in the world," said a joint statement by Eisner and Thomas S. Murphy, chairman of Capital Cities. "The merger will create tremendous value for the shareholders of each company by taking full advantage of the complementary strengths of each organization."

Murphy will relinquish his titles of chairman and CEO when the merger takes effect and join the Disney board. Robert A. Iger would remain as president of Capital Cities-ABC.

Eisner, appearing with Murphy this morning on ABC's "Good Morning America," said the deal fell together a week ago Thursday at an Idaho resort.

"I literally passed Tom Murphy in Sun Valley on the street ... and said, 'Tom, I think the time is right now. Every part of your company is working. Every part of our company is working.

"There are no fires in any divisions. Disneyland in Paris is doing great. They're No. 1 in prime time. Maybe now is the time,'" said Eisner. "He simply looked at me and said OK."

Murphy said, "We're not putting two television networks together or two movie studios together or two theme parks together. We're in allied fields but we're in different fields."

Byrd will be chief...

Runoff motions said denied

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — When Joe Byrd assumes his role as chief of the Cherokee Nation in August — barring a successful appeal — his first task will be a difficult one: patching up a tribe carved in two by the runoff election from which he emerged the winner.

"I think in time, once they see my heart is in it for the Cherokee people ... I think we're going to be OK," Byrd said on Sunday, after he learned a tribunal court had cleared the way for him to be declared principal chief. He will be sworn in Aug. 14.

Byrd, a tribal councilman for the past eight years, received 5,767 votes Saturday in the upheaval of an election in which the tribe's Judicial Appeals Tribunal refused to allow the votes to be counted for George Bearpaw, who was the leading candidate in the general election.

The tribunal met Sunday by phone, ruling on a 2-1 vote to deny all motions to intervene in the runoff. The tribunal initially had to decide whether to order another election that would include either third-place candidate Chad Smith or the original field of nine candidates minus Bearpaw.

Byrd, a 40-year-old high school counselor from Tahlequah, said he had mixed feelings about the tribunal's decision that only ballots cast for him would be counted. When the field included two candidates, he said, "we felt like we were in very good shape."

The issue of Bearpaw's candidacy was divisive.

"It tarnished the reputation of the tribe somewhat," Byrd said.

Chief Justice Dwight W. Birdwell said from his Oklahoma City office that Sunday's ruling "clears the way for the approval of Joe Byrd as chief of the Cherokee Nation." Election results must be verified this week by the Tribal Election Commission.

Election results could be appealed, but the tribunal is the highest legal authority for the Cherokee Nation, which has more than 160,000 members and is the second-largest tribe in the United States.

Any appeal would have to go through the federal Bureau of Indian Affairs or the federal court system, which frequently dismisses Indian petitions because of tribal sovereignty.

Retiring Chief Wilma Mankiller supported Bearpaw who was disqualified six days before the election because he pleaded guilty to a felony of shooting another man in 1975, and because he didn't note that he had pleaded guilty when he filed as a candidate.

Mankiller granted him a pardon Tuesday night to try to restore his right to run.

"These are the darkest days of Cherokee history since Andrew Jackson stole our land and marched our people to their death," Bearpaw said Saturday night, after the returns were posted. "At least Andrew Jackson wasn't doing it to his own people."

In the race for deputy chief, Garland Eagle received 5,256 votes to 4,449 for Barbara Dawes Martens, who was running on Bearpaw's ticket. The 9,705 votes cast were about 20 percent less than the amount cast in the June 17 general election.

Bearpaw had 40 percent of the vote in the general election. Byrd got 30 percent, and Smith had 18 percent.

Smith said today in a letter to the tribunal members that he disagreed with the court's decision but believed they had the interest of the Cherokees at heart.

"Although the temptation for me to reargue my position is present, I know you have read the briefs that I and others have submitted and have come to a decision balancing a number of very difficult issues," Smith said.

Forgiveness theme in Union following Smith's sentence

UNION, S.C. (AP) — Susan Smith's case ripped into the heart of this little mill town. Now that she is in prison for at least 30 years, the community is on the mend.

"He that is without sin among you, let him cast the first stone at her," the Rev. Tom Currie told the congregation at First Presbyterian Church on Sunday, echoing the closing statement of the defense.

"Even though the bleeding has stopped, there are still plenty of wounds to be healed and many will not be healed for a long time," said Currie, who testified for Ms. Smith. "But only God has the authority to be judgmental."

Many in this community of 10,000 judged Ms. Smith, some shouting "Baby killer!" after first praying with her for the safe return of her boys.

For nine days last fall she wove a tale about a carjacker who abducted her children on a dark road, then confessed that she had strapped them into her car and rolled it into a lake. She was sentenced to life in prison on Friday and will be eligible for parole in 30 years. Prosecutors wanted her executed.

"I know she done wrong, but that wouldn't have been helped by putting her to death," said J.B. Smith of Union, who was visiting the lake where 3-year-old Michael and 14-month-old Alex died. "I personally feel sorry for her."

"It's a sad thing," agreed Alma Stumbo of Allen, Kan., her video camera purring as she stepped carefully around the stuffed Barneys and plastic X-Men left at John D. Long Lake to memorialize the boys.

"It felt so sorrowful when I saw it on television and it feels even worse here. I just hope those two boys are resting in heaven now," he said.

Freak accident injures several

NEW YORK (AP) — The Hell Hole lived up to its name.

The Coney Island thrill ride mangled a 24-year-old woman's leg Saturday night and left 13 other people with sprains and lacerations.

The adjacent boardwalk and arcades were jammed with people sauntering in the steamy night air. Shrieks and shouts followed a thunderous boom as those waiting to enter the ride fled the steel and wood structure.

"You heard that sound, you knew something was wrong," said Joe Englebert, who was working at a nearby stall.

Inside the ride — a large cylinder that spins so fast it pins people to its walls while the floor drops — there was "blood all over the place and what looked like pieces of skin," said Mark Wurzel, a spokesman for the city Consumer Affairs Department, which licenses Coney Island amusements.

The roughly 20-year-old Hell Hole, which warns "Abandon All Hope" above its entry, passed inspection in April.

"This was very much a freak accident," said Consumer Affairs Commissioner Fred Cerullo.

It happened when one of several steel bands encircling the cylinder snapped, ripping open the barrel, officials said.

Clinton approved lease for partner

WASHINGTON (AP) — Drawn into a dispute over a state lease while he was governor of Arkansas, Bill Clinton sided with a recommendation to award the contract to his Whitewater business partner over the objections of a state agency.

The president's role, acknowledged last week by a Clinton confidant and a former state official, marks the first known instance in which Clinton was involved in a decision that financially benefited Madison Guaranty Savings & Loan, owned by the Clintons' Whitewater business partner, James McDougal.

Clinton's role comes to light as the Whitewater independent counsel is investigating a 1987 legal memo that describes third-hand an allegation that Clinton promised state lease business to McDougal in exchange for a "substantial campaign contribution."

Arkansas records show Madison Guaranty, which failed in 1989 at a cost of more than $60 million to taxpayers, received three state leases worth tens of thousands of dollars from Clinton's gubernatorial administration.

One lease was finalized in 1984; the two others were approved after a controversial April 1985 fund-raiser that McDougal hosted for Clinton at Madison.

Clinton's personal lawyer, David Kendall, said that while Clinton supported moving state agencies into the poor Little Rock, Ark., neighborhood that McDougal and others were refurbishing, there was never any connection between political contributions and the leases.

"There was never, at any time, or in any way, special treatment of Jim McDougal or any quid-pro-quo favors of any kind," Kendall said.

The memo's allegation originated with a lawyer representing Arkansas businessman Charles Peacock III, a former Madison official who at the time was trying to stop the S&L from foreclosing on several of his company and personal loans.

Peacock's contribution to Clinton at the 1985 fund-raiser has been a focus of the Whitewater investigation. He later was hired to renovate one of the buildings that got a state lease.

In a three-page memo dated April 23, 1987, Lance Miller, an attorney working to collect loans overdue to Madison, recounted allegations made by Greg Hopkins, Peacock's attorney. The memo quotes Hopkins as stating that some of the proceeds from a loan his client received from Madison on April 4, 1985, were diverted as a donation to Clinton's campaign.

Investigators believe the donation was delivered to Clinton at a fund-raiser later that day at McDougal's S&L. They have alleged it was disguised in the name of two others — part of a larger scheme to divert S&L funds to Clinton's campaign.

Obituaries

Mrs. Thompson

1904-1995

Funeral service is set for 2 p.m. Wednesday at Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home for former Snyder resident Martha Laura Thompson of Temple. She was 91.

Burial will follow in the Snyder Cemetery. The Rev. Miller Robinson, pastor of Colonial Hill Baptist Church, will officiate.

Mrs. Thompson died Sunday at Temple.

Born on March 10, 1904, in Moulton, she married Edward Y. Thompson on May 4, 1924. He died in 1952. Mrs. Thompson served in many leadership roles in church, school, community and civic organizations. While residing in Monte Alto, she was honored as Delta Area's First Lady of 1959. She was a former member of Colonial Hill Baptist Church and had lived in several Texas towns and moved from Monte Alto to Temple in 1977.

Survivors include two daughters, Ola Glasscock of Snyder and Dorothy LaVerne Thompson of Temple; one brother, Thomas Hausler of Higgins; one sister, Clara Scarborough of Big Spring; five grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a son, T.W. Thompson in 1945; a daughter, Naomi Wimberly in 1986; and a great-great-granddaughter, Kylee Pepper.

Harvey Gregory

1904-1995

AMHERST - Graveside service is set for 10 a.m. Wednesday in the Fairlawn Cemetery for Harvey Gregory, 90, who died Saturday in Lubbock's Methodist Hospital.

A former resident of Snyder, Mr. Gregory was the brother of Kenneth Gregory of Snyder.

Born in Sallisaw, Okla., Mr. Gregory married Lucille Calloway on Sept. 3, 1945 in Raymondville. Mr. Gregory worked as an automobile mechanic in Snyder, Bertram and Sudan.

He moved to Amherst in 1968 and worked for Baccus Chevrolet from 1968 until his retirement in 1979. He was a member of the Amherst Church of Christ and was past president of the Amherst Senior Citizens.

Other survivors include his wife, Lucille Gregory of Amherst; a son, Cliff Gregory of Lubbock; a sister, Ivie Moody of Corpus Christi; two grandchildren; eight stepgrandchildren; and 10 stepgreat-grandchildren.

County to share funding

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lems: creating a hospital district, having a bond election or seek some outside help — not only in management, but in operations as well.

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In other action this morning, Snyder Chamber of Commerce manager Donna Fowler presented Scurry County's Coliseum operating budget review to the court.

Fowler said the Coliseum's revenues currently exceed expenses by $40,264.

Two budget amendments were also approved by the commissioners, including $2,700 for the Health Department for operating supplies and $22,500 for a new pickup for the Extension office.

One-line item transfer was approved for the airport as $500 was transferred from resale. Three hundred dollars went to repairs and $200 to supplies.

The court went into recess at noon and was to reconvene at 1:30 p.m. to continue budget talks.

Fritz presided this morning. Commissioners in attendance were Gray, Gannaway, Trevey and Roy Idom.

Area peace officers make a dozen arrests

Twelve people were arrested over the weekend, including nine for public intoxication.

Following a report at 9:25 p.m. Saturday of a person lying in a pasture in the vicinity of 15th Street and Avenue M, officers arrested a 22-year-old male for public intoxication.

Officers received a report of suspicious subjects in a vehicle on the parking lot of Lawrence IGA at 11:29 p.m. Saturday. Police arrested three males, ages 23, 29 and 32, for public intoxication.

Officers were requested in the 1100 block of 15th Street at 12:15 a.m. Sunday in reference to subjects fighting. Four people were later arrested in reference to the call. Taken into custody for public intoxication were a 50-year-old male, a 35-year-old female and a 33-year-old male. Also arrested was a 51-year-old male who was charged with resisting arrest.

At 4:50 a.m. Sunday, officers arrested a 20-year-old male for public intoxication.

Following a report of family violence, officers arrested a 27-year-old male at 6:08 a.m. Sunday.

Following a disturbance call at 9:35 p.m. Sunday, officers arrested a 22-year-old male for outstanding city warrants including Class C assault, public intoxication and reckless driver.

At 2:26 Monday morning, officers arrested a 25-year-old male for public intoxication.

In other activity over the weekend, an offense report for Class C theft was submitted at 3 p.m. Saturday in reference to two cases of beer being stolen from a residence in the 1800 block of Avenue T.

A report for Class B theft was submitted at 3:40 p.m. Saturday in reference to a stereo and CDs reported stolen Friday.

A gas drive-off complaint was cancelled at 4:53 p.m. Saturday in reference to an incident which occurred Friday. The people came in and paid for the gas at Skinny's.

A 53-year-old male was treated and released from Cogdell's emergency room shortly before 1 a.m. Sunday following treatment for an accidental gunshot wound.

The fire department responded to a report of a fire at a tank battery four miles northwest of Ira at 11:34 a.m. Sunday. The blaze was extinguished by company personnel before the firemen arrived.

A report for burglary of a building was submitted at 11:38 a.m. Sunday in reference to someone breaking into a storage shed in the 1800 block of 17th Street.

Hospital Notes

ADMISSIONS: Helen Kellner, Ira; Oralia Martiniz, 2701 Ave. L; Frankie Wall, 3600 Hill Ave.

DISMISSALS: Brent Hibbitts, Maria Morin, Ralph Odom, Janell Espinoza, Helen Kellner, Silvia Martinez and baby.

CENSUS: 38 (Med.-3, Long-term Care-32, OB-2, Nursery-1).

Births

Cade and Deana Proctor of Colorado City announce the birth of their son born at 11:45 p.m. on July 30 at Cogdell Memorial Hospital. He weighed eight pounds, 5½ ounces.

Part of the United Nations mission in the Balkans was to be the maintenance of six so-called "safe areas" in Bosnia: Sarajevo, Bihac, Gorazde, Tuzla, Zepa and Srebrenica.

Knin shelled today; refugees flee attack

KNIN, Croatia (AP) — Croatian soldiers pressed toward the self-declared capital of rebel Serbs today after the rebels reneged on a promise to halt their attacks on a besieged Bosnian enclave.

Shells fell around the rebel stronghold of Knin throughout the morning, and appeared to be landing closer and closer to the town.

Col. Andrew Leslie, a U.N. military spokesman in Knin, said the shells were falling 10 miles away, near the Bosnian border, as they have been for several days.

The Serbs in Croatia had attempted to prevent an assault on Knin by pledging Sunday to stay away from a Muslim enclave in northwestern Bosnia, just across the border. They reneged on the agreement within hours, attacking Bosnian government forces near the Bihac enclave, the United Nations said.

Croatian government troops, which had crossed into Bosnia to help defend Bosnian Croats and the Muslim-led government against Serb rebels from Croatia and Bosnia, turned back toward rebel-held territory in Croatia.

A Croatian Serb military statement said the shells were coming from the direction of Grahovo, a Bosnian town about about 18 miles northeast of Knin. Grahovo fell to a Croat advance on Friday.

The statement also said Croat forces were attacking the border village of Strmica, just outside Knin. It said the assault had been repelled with "the enemy suffering huge losses."

U.N. officials said civilians from Strmica were fleeing toward Knin.

The Serbs in Croatia, in their pledge Sunday to U.N. mediators, promised to stop attacking Croatian troops unless provoked and to allow the United Nations "unhindered access" to areas around Bihac.

The Croatian Serbs also proposed holding talks with the Croatian government. Croatia swiftly rejected the offer and turned its guns toward Knin.

Serb-held villages 10 miles northwest of Knin came under sporadic rocket attack Sunday.

Markets Midday Stocks

NEWYORK(AP)

	High	Low	Last	
AMR Corp	75¼	75¼	75¼	— ½
AT&T Corp	53¾	53	53	— ⅜
AirTouch	31⅛	31⅛	31⅛	— ⅜
Albertsons	30	29½	29⅝	— ⅛
Alldsignal	46¾	46¼	46¾	+ ⅜
Alltel	26¾	26¾	26¾	+ ¼
AmStores		29⅝	29⅝	29½
Ameritech	48⅛	47⅞	47⅞	— ⅞
Amoco	66⅝	66¼	66⅝	— ⅜
AndarkPtr		41⅜	41½	41⅜
ArmcoInc	6¾	6¾	6¾	+ ⅛
AtlRichfld	113¾	112¾	113⅝	— ¼
ATMOS Egy	20	20	20	— ⅛
Aviall		8¼	8¼	8¼
BakerHughes	22⅛	21⅞	22	+ ⅛
BancTexas		1⅛	1	1
BellAtl	57¾	57	57⅛	— ⅞
BellSouth	67⅞	67⅝	67⅝	— ¼
BethSteel	15¾	15¾	15¾	+ ⅛
BritPet	91⅛	90¾	90¾	—1¼
Caterpillar s	69⅝	69⅝	69¾	— ⅛
CenSoWst	25⅛	25⅛	25⅛	+ ⅛
Chevron	48⅛	48⅛	48⅛	+ ⅛
Chrysler	49¾	49⅝	49⅝	— ⅜
Coastal		30⅞	30¾	30⅞
CocaCola	65¾	65⅛	65⅝	— ⅜
ColgatePalm	70⅛	69¾	70	+ ⅜
ComclMetals	28¾	28¾	28¾	— ⅛
CooperIn	37¾	37½	37¾	— ⅛
CyprusAmax	28¼	27⅞	27⅞	+ ¼
DallSemicn	22	21⅞	21⅞	— ⅛
DeltaAirl	78¾	77¾	78¾	— ⅛
DigitalEq	40⅝	39¾	39⅞	+ ⅛
Dillard		31⅛	31⅛	31⅛
DowChem		73⅛	73⅛	73⅛
DresserInd	23⅝	23⅛	23⅛	+ ⅛
DuPont	67⅞	67	67⅛	— ⅜
EastmanChem	64¼	63¾	64¼	+ ¼
EstKodak		58⅛	58	58⅛
EljerInd	5¼	5¼	5¼	— ⅛
Enserch		17⅞	17⅞	17⅞
Entergy	24⅝	24⅛	24⅛	+ ⅛
Exxon	71⅞	71⅛	71⅛	— ⅛
FlowerInd		18⅝	18⅝	18⅝
FordMotor	29¼	28⅞	29⅛	+ ⅛
GTE Cp	36	35⅝	35⅝	— ⅛
GenDynam	49	48¾	48¾	— ¼
GenElec	59¾	59	59¾	+ ½
GenMills	52¼	51⅝	52⅛	+ ⅛
GenMotors	49	48⅞	48⅞	— ⅛
GenMotors E	44	43⅝	43⅝	— ⅛
GaPacif	86½	85⅝	85⅝	— ⅜
GlobalMar		5⅜	5⅜	5⅜
Goodrich	54⅜	54¼	54¼	+ ⅛
Goodyear s	43⅛	42⅞	43	+ ⅛
GtAtlPac	28	27⅞	27⅞	— ⅛
Haliburtn	40⅝	39¾	40⅛	+ ⅛
Hanson ADS	17⅞	17⅝	17⅝	— ⅛
HoustInd	44⅛	43⅝	43¾	— ⅛
IBM	111¼	110¼	110⅛	— ⅛
IntlPaper	84⅝	83⅝	83¾	— ⅛
JohnsnJns	71⅝	71⅛	71½	— ¼
K mart	16	15¾	15¾	— ¼
Kroger	33	32⅞	32⅞	— ⅛
Litton	38⅝	38¼	38⅜	— ⅛
Lowes Cos		36¼	36¼	36¼
Lubys	19⅞	19¾	19¾	— ⅛
MayDeptStrs	43¾	43½	43½	— ¼
Medtronic s	83⅛	82¼	83⅛	+1⅛
Mobil	97⅛	96¾	97⅛	+ ⅛
Monsanto	93½	93⅛	93¼	+ ⅜
Motorola	77¼	76¼	76½	—1⅛
Nationsbk	56	55¾	55⅞	— ¼
Navistar		15⅜	15¼	15⅜
NoramEngy	6¾	6⅝	6¾	— ⅛
Nynex	41½	41⅜	41½	— ⅛
OryxEngy		14⅜	14½	14½
PacTelesis		28⅜	28⅛	28⅛
PanhECp		24¾	24⅜	24¾
Penney JC	49¼	48¾	49	— ⅛
Pennzoil	46⅞	46¼	46⅞	+ ⅛
PepBoys	28½	28⅛	28⅛	— ¼
PepsiCo	46 11-16	46¼	46¼	— ¼
PhelpDodge	66	64¼	65⅞	+1⅜
PhilipPet	35¼	34¾	34¾	— ⅛
PilgrmPrd	8⅜	8½	8½	— ¼
Polaroid		43¼	43	43⅛
Praxair	28⅜	28⅛	28⅛	— ⅜
ProctGamble	69⅝	68⅞	69	— ⅛
PubSNwMx		14¼	14¼	14¼
RoyalDutch	126⅞	126⅛	126⅞	+ ⅛
SBC Comm		47⅞	47⅞	47⅞
SFePacCp s	28¼	28	28⅛	+ ⅛
SaraLee	29	28¾	29	+ ⅜
SearsRoebs	33½	32⅞	32⅞	— ⅛
SherwinW	36⅜	36⅛	36⅜	— ¼
SmthBchADS	45½	45½	45½	— ¼
SmthBc eqt	45¼	45	45	— ¼
SouthernCo		22	21¾	21¾
SwstAirlines	28½	28¼	28½	+ ¼
Sprint	34½	34¼	34½	+ ¼
SterlingChm		10⅞	10¾	10¾
SunCo	29⅝	29¼	29¼	— ¼
TNP Ent	16¼	16¼	16¼	— ⅛
Tandy	59¾	59¼	59⅜	+ ⅜
TemplInl	51⅛	51⅛	51⅛	— ¼
Tenneco	50	49⅝	49⅝	— ⅜
Texaco	66¾	66	66¼	— ¼
TexasInd	43¾	43¾	43¾	+ ⅛
TexasInst	158½	154¼	154¼	—3¼
TexasInstwi		79½	78½	78½
TexUtil		34	33¾	33¾
Textron	65¼	65¼	65¼	+ ⅛
Travelers	47⅛	46¾	47⅛	+ ⅛
TrinityInds		33¾	33¾	33¾
TritonEngy	47⅛	47	47	— ⅛
Tyler		3	2⅞	3
US West	42¼	42½	42¼	— ¼
USX Delhi		10½	10⅜	10⅜
USX-Marathn	20	19¾	20	+ ⅛
USX-USS	33	32¼	32¼	+ ⅛
UnCarbde	35¼	34¼	35	+ ⅛
UnPac	65¼	65	65⅛	— ⅛
UnitedTech	84⅛	83¼	83⅛	— ¼
Unocal	28	27¼	27⅛	— ⅛
WalMart	26¼	26⅛	26⅛	— ¼
WstnGasRs	16⅝	16⅛	16⅛	— ¼
WestghEl		14⅛	13¾	13¾
WinnDixie		57⅛	56¾	57⅛
Woolworth	15⅞	15⅜	15⅜	— ⅛
XeroxCp	121½	119¾	120⅛	+1⅛
ZenithE		8⅜	8½	8½

HISD board

Hermleigh school trustees will meet at 8:30 tonight in special session to consider hiring teachers, setting the principal's salary and consider a building project.

Museum

Scurry County Museum is accepting donations for a rummage sale planned Aug. 12-13. All types of merchandise are welcome and all proceeds will go to the operation of the museum. Any clothing that is donated should be clean and ready to wear.

Items will be accepted through Aug. 11. Information about the sale can be obtained by calling 573-6107.

Health unit

Scurry County Health Unit will not give immunizations this Thursday.

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When facial eczema won't go away

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I have eczema. In recent years it would affect a part of my face and disappear following medication. Now, however, it's spreading to my neck and is becoming difficult to control. Is something lacking in my system to cause this?

DEAR READER: Eczema can be a real nuisance because the cause is unknown and the disorder tends to recur.

Typically, the rash of eczema begins as itchy little blisters that spread and break, leaving an oozing, scaly, raw patch that slowly heals.

Some cases of eczema are related to chemical irritants (cosmetics, soaps, hydrocarbons, and so forth), drug allergies and sensitivity to sunlight.

The customary treatment for eczema is cortisone, usually in creams or lotions.

If your eczema is worsening, you should return to your dermatologist for further advice. For example, he may choose to increase the strength of your cortisone cream, alter the method of its application, or give you a short course of oral cortisone. As an alternative, perhaps you need referral to an allergist.

In my opinion, your worsening symptoms are not caused by some deficiency in your body; that is, eczema is not related to any nutritional deficiency.

To give you more information, I am sending you a free copy of my Health Report "Eczema and Psoriasis." Other readers who would like a copy should send $2 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to P.O. Box 2433, New York, NY 10163. Be sure to mention the title.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I have Meniere's disease, a condition that has affected my hearing drastically for the past three years. Nothing seems to help and no one seems to know a cure. Do you have any new information or the suggestion of a place I could write for help with this ailment?

DEAR READER: The cause of Meniere's disease — which consists of the triad of vertigo (dizziness), tinnitus (ringing in the ears), and hearing loss — is unknown. Usually only one ear is affected, and the symptoms often occur in waves or attacks, with normal periods in between.

Treatment is directed toward relieving symptoms with medication, such as Antivert. However, patients with prolonged or particularly vicious episodes may have to consider surgery, called "vestibular neurectomy," to sever the nerve that is causing vertigo. The operation usually spares hearing.

Patients with Meniere's disease should be under the care of otolaryngologists.

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DR. GOTT

PETER GOTT, M.D.

Lynchmob's demise brings peace to Harlem streets now

NEW YORK (AP) — Life and death around West 142nd Street and Lenox Avenue come in strong doses.

On good days, mothers in curlers push strollers to a corner market, boisterous youngsters gather at a community center for after-school programs and old men play checkers at Col. Charles Young Playground.

On bad days, drug dealers and others settle their disputes with semiautomatic gunfire, often spilling blood in broad daylight, in front of children.

"The curriculum around here is violence," said Dwayne George, 31, one of the Harlem neighborhood's walking wounded. In 1993, George was shot in the face during a domestic row with his nephew.

"A lot of people got shot there the same way: Walk up, bam, bam, bam, and get away with it," said George, who now wears an eye patch.

Recently, the bad days are fewer. Murders and reports of other violent crime are down in the poor, largely black neighborhood, mirroring citywide statistics.

What's behind the overall trend is a topic of debate.

But in the blocks surrounding West 142nd and Lenox, authorities say, a startling drop in the homicide rate is directly tied to the demise of a drug gang known as the 142nd Street Lynchmob.

The gang's rise is the story of how a handful of criminals held an entire neighborhood hostage, piling up bodies and mocking justice. Its fall reflects a growing effort by authorities to use federal racketeering laws — designed to fight the Mafia — against street gangs.

The federal Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act, or RICO, requires proof only that a suspect was part of an enterprise that committed a murder, not that he was the actual killer. A conviction of conspiracy to commit murder carries a sentence of life without parole.

In the past two years, 225 New York City gang members linked to 129 murders — and suspected of committing countless others — have been indicted under federal racketeering laws.

On July 21, authorities announced federal indictments on 10 top members of the Lynchmob, including Louis Griffin, a ruthless enforcer nicknamed Homicide Lou.

The defendants allegedly played a role in 15 murders and nine attempted murders — five of the injured were innocent bystanders — in turf wars dating to 1989. The actual number of victims probably is much higher, authorities say.

Homicides in Harlem's 32nd Precinct had reached 46 in 1994 when police began arresting the defendants last summer. After that, just six people were murdered the rest of the year. Sixteen people were slain in the first half of this year.

"The random shootings and bodies found on the street — that's over now," said Detective Donald Whelan, who investigated the gang.

Before the recent crackdown, the Lynchmob was untouchable, police and residents said. The 29-year-old Griffin had been arrested for — but never convicted of — murder, attempted murder and robbery in less than a year.

"We need witnesses, and these guys had a way of making witnesses decide they didn't see anything," said Detective Jay Maher, Whelan's partner.

The Lynchmob distributed millions of dollars worth of cocaine — often packaged in plastic baby powder containers — to dealers throughout the Northeast and South, authorities allege. The profits allowed gang leaders to move out of Harlem and into expensive homes in New Jersey.

But their hangout remained West 142nd and Lenox, where they gathered each day in luxury cars. At one point, the gang distributed T-shirts featuring their logo.

The gang's brazen gunplay and wealth both scared and intrigued a new generation, said Courtney Bennett, director of the Minisink Town House community center.

"There was 15 rounds shot into one guy right in front of my office window last winter," Bennett said. "The kids saw these things firsthand."

Police finally arrested Griffin on Aug. 29, 1994. By then, federal agents already were pursuing a racketeering case against the Lynchmob. Griffin, who pleaded not guilty, and the others were ordered held without bail until their trial.

"Word got out on the street that this time he wasn't going to see daylight," Whelan said.

Those who live near 142nd and Lenox admit the neighborhood seems calmer.

Cheaper, easier-to-make and dangerous — meths spread

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Call it crank, speed, ice or "poor man's coke" — methamphetamine, already the illegal drug of choice in the West, is now spreading across the country.

It's in Wyoming, it's in the Midwest, it's in Atlanta's suburbs, says Thomas Constantine, head of the federal Drug Enforcement Administration. He has seen "a tremendous upsurge in methamphetamine traffic."

Signs are everywhere. Of 100 women recently booked into the Minneapolis jail, 75 had methamphetamine traces in their urine. In rural southwest Missouri, 12 meth labs have been raided in the last two years, according to DEA spokeswoman Shirley Armstead.

In 1994, U.S. methamphetamine seizures by dosage were up 88 percent over the previous year. And the dosages were more powerful — purity jumped from 46 percent to 72 percent in only two years.

The spread can also be measured in human wreckage.

In Contra Costa County near San Francisco, methamphetamine is involved in 89 percent of domestic dispute cases that courts refer to Dr. Alex Stalcup, former medical director of the Haight-Ashbury Free Clinic.

And 63 percent of those cases are scarred by violence, Stalcup says.

"We're sitting in the midst of a tidal wave — it's hellish," he says.

Meth-spawned paranoia — "speed psychosis" — accounts for a major share of hostage situations in Northern California, Stalcup says.

"I have patients come in with as much as 19 to 20 days of no sleep," Stalcup says. "They are very dangerous, paranoid, talking weapons. Some hold themselves in a house, take hostages and begin shooting out the windows."

Like cocaine, meth is a powder that can be snorted, smoked or injected, and initially gives an exhilarating and long-lasting energetic high. But it's half the price and can be manufactured by even amateur chemists.

The drug and its reputation aren't new. Even in the drug-friendly 1960s environment of San Francisco, pot smokers and LSD users generally heeded the warning that "speed kills," avoiding meth and its relatives.

In the 1970s and into the 1980s, meth remained largely the province of motorcycle gangs, who manufactured by the quart.

Then, in the late 1980s, "cookers" figured out how to make methamphetamine from a legal drug, ephedrine. Street prices dropped to half that of cocaine, or less. Sales took off.

When the DEA succeeded in regulating ephedrine, lab chemists quickly substituted pseudoephedrine, a common drug found in over-the-counter cold and allergy remedies. The amount of pseudoephedrine entering California from East Coast mail order houses soared.

Meth got a big boost from Mexican gangs already smuggling marijuana, heroin and cocaine across the U.S. border. Unlike the other drugs, they could control meth from start to finish — no Colombian or Asian suppliers.

The gangs are hard to penetrate because they often use "mopes," Mexican villagers who know or are related to each other, to buy chemicals and equipment and to guard the labs,

The loosely organized gangs import legal ephedrine from China, India, Germany and eastern Europe into Mexico or lately Guatemala, which in 1994 received 10 times the amount of the drug needed for domestic use.

Astro-graph By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Tuesday, Aug. 1, 1995

Be sure to keep abreast of current knowledge in your chosen field in the year ahead. A promotion is indicated if you're brighter and better informed than your associates.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) You will know how to be strong and assertive today without being brash or overbearing. You can protect your rights without stepping on anyone's toes. Trying to patch up a broken romance? The Astro-Graph Matchmaker can help you understand what to do to make the relationship work. Mail $2.75 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 4465, New York, NY 10163.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Situations can work out as you envision them today, especially those of a commercial or financial nature. Imagine positive results.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) It will be imperative that you exercise your initiative today instead of waiting on others to light the fuses for you. Carry your own matches.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Assess situations logically today, but also give credence to your intuition. That little voice could provide a big edge in competitive involvements.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) You will have a marvelous faculty today for improving or building upon the ideas of others. Make notes when associates express their views.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Material motivation could provide you with the incentive you require today to be an achiever. If you want something strongly enough, you'll succeed.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) In partnership arrangements today, it will be up to you to determine the pace and course of action. You could lose valuable time waiting for your cohorts.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) What seems unresolvable and complex to a friend could prove easy for you to unravel today. Use your talents to help a pal untie these knots.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Seek activities today that are physically and mentally stimulating. Make sure, however, that they are neither too strenuous nor too structured.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Try to use your time effectively today doing constructive things. Services you render to others will be acknowledged and appreciated.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Put less emphasis on material interests today and more on aesthetic pursuits. Superficial goals will produce only hollow returns.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Do not leave loose ends dangling today in a financially meaningful arrangement. Make every effort to conclude these matters satisfactorily.

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DATE BOOK

July 31, 1995

Today is the 212th day of 1995 and the 41st day of summer.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1970, Chet Huntley retired from NBC's "Nightly News" after 15 years, saying "Goodnight David" to David Brinkley one final time.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Milton Friedman (1912-), economist, is 83; Whitney Young (1921-1971), U.S. civil-rights leader; Curt Gowdy (1919-), sportscaster, is 76; William J. Bennett (1943-), former U.S. government official, is 52; Geraldine Chaplin (1944-), actress, is 51; Evonne Goolagong Cawley (1951-), tennis great, is 44.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1984 at the Los Angeles Summer Olympics, the U.S. men's gymnastics team upset the heavily favored Chinese team on the strength of perfect performances by Mitch Gaylord, Tim Daggett and Bart Conner.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "History suggests that capitalism is a necessary condition for political freedom. Clearly it is not a sufficient condition." — Milton Friedman

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1993, Iqaluit in Canada's Northwest Territory received 1.61 inches of rain, a record for the area.

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TODAY'S MOON: Between new moon (July 27) and first quarter (Aug. 3).

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Survivors to gather for memorial dedication

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Survivors from the USS Indianapolis, the last American warship sunk during World War II, will muster in the heavy cruiser's namesake city for a final mission.

On Wednesday, fifty years after floating oil slicks and voracious sharks, about 100 survivors will dedicate a memorial to the valor of shipmates living and dead.

The granite memorial bears a likeness of the Indianapolis and the names of her 1,196-man crew set on a foundation resembling the ship's hull.

"I'm having an awful hard time keeping from crying," said Donald Beaty, a retired boiler insulator who was then a 20-year-old fire control seaman in a 40 mm gun tub. "It'll bring back some of the past."

"It's kind of an old nightmare now," Beaty said.

It was the worst wartime loss ever suffered by the Navy at sea.

Nearly 900 men abandoned ship, but only 316 survived sharks and madness by the time rescuers found them three days later.

For these men, the past is a troubling collection of brutal memories — a devastating torpedo attack that sank the cruiser in minutes, days of drifting and dying in the South Pacific, bitterness at the Navy for failing to mount a search and later for court-martialing the captain.

The Indianapolis' last top-secret mission was the delivery of parts of the atomic bomb to Tinian island. Just before midnight on July 30, 1945, the cruiser was steaming for the Philippines when it crossed the sights of Japanese submarine I-58, commanded by Mochitsura Hashimoto.

As Hashimoto launched six torpedoes at the vessel, seaman James E. O'Donnell was bunked on the aft deck, catching whatever breeze the oceans winds might offer in the closing days of World War II.

"If you slept below deck, you'd just sweat away," the 75-year-old retired Indianapolis firefighter recalled.

Had O'Donnell slept below, or been working his job as water tender in the boiler room, he might have become one of the ship's 880 lost souls.

He was jolted when a torpedo slammed into the ship's bow, and a second struck near a magazine and fuel bunker, instantly devouring much of the 10,000-ton warship in explosion and fire.

"You looked forward and all you could see was flame," O'Donnell said.

Beaty stepped from the radar room, peered over the side and saw a gaping hole. He donned a kapok life jacket as the ship listed to the right. "I just turned around and the water was at my feet, so I started swimming," he said.

Beaty, O'Donnell and their shipmates began an epic struggle for survival. Bunching together in the water, the sailors at first kept silence out of fear the submarine would surface and pick them off.

But delirium, dehydration and sharks with unspeakable appetites soon proved the deadliest enemies.

"Even in a group you could see the sharks down underneath you all the time," O'Donnell said. "If you got off by yourself, the sharks picked you off."

The survivors were rescued only by chance, when patrol plane pilot Wilbur Gwinn saw an oil slick and swooped down to attack what he thought was a submarine. Gwinn spotted the bobbing heads.

Within days, survivors learned the Indianapolis was never listed as missing, a casualty perhaps of the fog of war. The atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, and joy at the war's end, buried news of the sinking.

Another blow fell when Capt. Charles McVay III, a third-generation Navy man, was court-martialed for failing to sail an evasive zigzag course.

"For 45 years, I had kind of a negative attitude about the whole thing because of the way the Navy treated it," said Clarence Hershberger, 69, of Elkhart.

"Finally when I saw the memorial taking shape, and something positive coming out of this tragedy, I changed my attitude a bit."

National Doll Festival attracts variety

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Among the nipped waists, Victorian dresses and vacant porcelain faces sitting pretty at the National Doll Festival, there was Ms. Louise.

Seated on a wooden chair with a bag of groceries, the elderly black matron peered through her wire-rimmed spectacles and leaned forward, poised to tell a thing or two about life.

"She's based on my husband's grandmother," said artist Rose Mary King, of Lexington, Ky. "She would come out of her room, and would always be all dressed up with her hat and her pearls. She would go to the store and be all dressed up."

But where Ms. Louise and her pointed glance might once have been a rare sight in the doll world, she and other ethnic dolls now appear regularly beside flaxen-haired, blue-eyed Southern belles.

While ethnic dolls have always been available, their demand has increased in recent years, festival Director Rowbear Lowman said.

"Particularly in the past five years, there has been an appreciation," Lowman said. "And with new materials and techniques, dolls are more lifelike than ever."

King, who works full-time at a windshield factory, says it was this kernel of reality that drew her into the doll-making world. "The other dolls I saw, they weren't done by African-American artists, and they didn't look like people I knew," she said.

While mirror images of real people are increasingly popular, the svelte Barbie Doll is still very big, according to Lowman. About one-third of the 300 exhibit tables set up at the Pennsylvania Convention Center Sunday were devoted to the cult figure, who celebrated her 35th birthday this year.

But don't tell that to Edna Tkachuk, of Speedway, Ind., founder of Soft Sculpture Dolls. Her creations wouldn't be caught dead in Barbie's penthouse pool.

Instead of razor-edge features, Armani dresses and impossible measurements, Tkachuk's chubby characters dress in sloppy blue sweats, holding a weight-loss book in one stocking-stuffed hand and an Oreo cookie in the other.

"I know that doll. I see her every morning," laughed Meg Hardis, an avid doll collector, "but I'm holding potato chips."

Artists and retailers said they don't know why doll reality is suddenly as attractive as fantasy. But they know that, like fantasy, reality doesn't come cheap.

"Our dolls range from $100 to $1,000," said Barbara Whiteman, whose Philadelphia-based company, Dark Images, sells only black dolls. "I look for artists who use lifelike images, from a real ballerina to this baby doll who has a naturally sleepy look."

When King first took Ms. Louise on the road for her first doll exhibition in October, her wire-and-clay dolls sold for $80 apiece.

Ten months later, and pleasantly surprised, King can collect $500 and up for the figures that take at least 40 hours to construct.

Such a creature is 7-year-old Puck, dressed in a stoplight yellow raincoat, pulling a wagon full of junk. He's based on King's brother Phillip, who as a grown-up still brings home treasures no one else wants.

"I know them, so they're hard to let go sometimes," said King, fondly stroking one of her clay creations. "I had one doll, named Bubba, who was an old man. He liked to lay around on the couch. He was really hard to see go."

Shooter charged with capital murder

FORT WORTH (AP) — A church handyman who was suspected of sexually molesting a 6-year-old girl allegedly killed the child and her sister and critically injured their mother and younger sibling.

The gunman also wounded a police officer, a security guard and another man during the Sunday morning rampage, police said.

John Wheat, 51, was jailed on two counts of capital murder in the deaths of the children, ages 6 and 8. He also was charged with five counts of attempted capital murder.

The gunman opened fire early Sunday after he found out the children's mother, 28-year-old Angela Anderson, was about to tell authorities he molested her 6-year-old daughter, a neighbor told police.

The neighbor, Michelle Lopez, said Wheat accosted her and Ms. Anderson as they walked to a telephone to report the allegation to police, The Dallas Morning News reported Sunday.

Witnesses said Wheat was armed with two handguns and a rifle or shotgun when he went into the Anderson apartment.

"To the best of my knowledge, the children received gunshot wounds execution-style to the head," police Lt. Eddie Pricer said.

"I hid when I heard the shots," said neighbor Juan Rosales. "Me and my wife hid in the closet until it stopped. Some kids were screaming and yelling."

Ms. Anderson and her 20-month-old daughter were also shot in the head. Both were reported in critical condition.

Witnesses said the gunman then turned his attention to others in the complex, allegedly shooting Jesse Cranfield, 33, an off-duty security guard, as he stood in his doorway.

One witness said she heard the final three shots that the gunman fired, apparently aiming at police officer Angela Jay, 32.

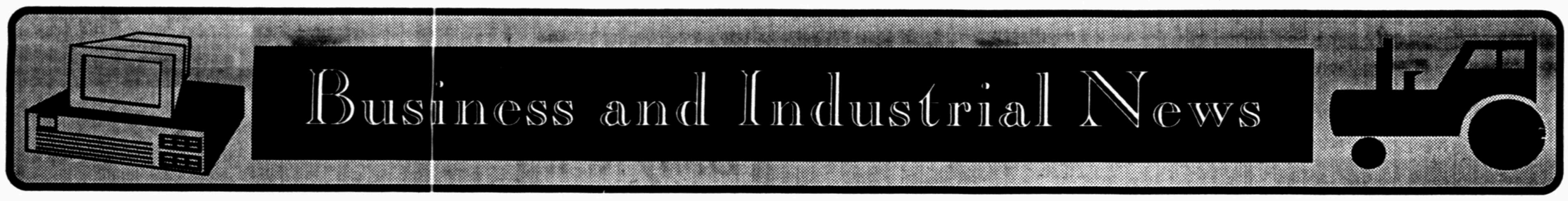
"Then he turned the (gun) back down toward the hall," said the woman, who declined to be identified. "That's when I shut the door."

Cranfield and Jay were admitted in critical condition.

An unidentified 19-year-old man also was shot. Hospital officials said his injuries were not as severe.

A man who said he knew Wheat described him as a "cop wanna be" who also was an active participant in the neighborhood's Citizens on Patrol program. He worked at the Travis Avenue Baptist Church, about a block from the apartment complex.

Dreams are more likely to inhabit the sleep of intelligent people, and the average adult has about 1,460 per year.



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Great American cattle drive reaches Gillette

GILLETTE, Wyo. (AP) — Participants in a 1,500-mile cattle drive marked the three-quarter point of their journey this weekend as the Great American Cattle Drive stopped for a rest in Gillette.

The grimy throng bore the dust and mud of more than 1,000 miles traveled since leaving Fort Worth, Texas. The hundreds who came to catch a glimpse of the old West didn't seem to mind very much.

"I would like to live on a farm and herd cows around," 5-year-old Stephanie Reece of Gillette, said before entering into a round of questions with her mother about why it was that the cattle walking down the street in front of them were not, well, potty-trained.

The 254 Texas longhorn cattle, 104 horses, 24 cowboys and a support crew of about 15 stopped on Friday at the Cam-plex arena outside Gillette, about 350 miles from their final destination of Miles City, Mont.

The entourage will remain in the area until Monday, when it begins the final push to Miles City.

On the way, the drive will pass through Sheridan in mid-August, and Ashland, Mont., Aug. 25, with hopes of arriving in Miles City on Sept. 1.

The drive has a $3 million budget, funded by donations, souvenir sales and private investors, as well as profits expected from an auction of the cattle, horses and equipment at the end of the line.

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