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Public provides input on parks plan

By Bobby Allen
SDN Staff Writer

Area residents voiced their opinions about the future of Towle Park at a public meeting in the park's barn Monday night.

Members of the Arlington firm Schrickel, Rollins and Associates gave a Powerpoint demonstration on the master plan, addressed some challenges in Scurry County, and then listed the priorities for the park.

Project manager Suzanne Sweek began the evening with a presentation giving citizens a glimpse of the possibilities for the park. She said one of the areas of concern was the fact that playground equipment did not meet present Consumer Product Safety Commission standards, something echoed by residents during the post-presentation open forum.

"Every time I take my son to the Kiddie Park, a kid gets hurt," said Donna Ramirez. "I mostly take him to Stanfield (Elementary) because the equipment is better."

Sweek said the newer playground equipment would require less maintenance, as it would be coated with plastic and not require periodic painting.

Master plan designer Janna Bradford agreed the playground equipment needed to be updated, but said the Texas Parks and Wildlife grant would be more easily obtained with additions to the park that are not already there.

"Some of the things that can get the grant are some of the least expensive," she said. She listed sand volleyball as an inexpensive way to satisfy grant requirements without spending excessive amounts of money.

She said the decision to administer grants was based on a points system, with parks director Scott Crenwelge adding that the minimum points for the last grant was 107. Bradford said more points are awarded for equipment and activities that would be new to a park. Other ideas for new activities included basketball courts and walking trails.

Firm landscape architect and Snyder native Delbert Hirst presented a concept for a renovation of the baseball fields. He indicated that the current design could be altered to include a four-plex field system, with a center playground and covered walkways for spectators.

Ronnie Hines with Oncor Pipeline said a pipeline runs through the park, and the company would need at least 25 feet of access on either side of the pipeline for maintenance. He added that any park construction would need approval from an engineer.

"I'm just here to cover bases," he said. "As far as Oncor Pipeline is concerned, we will work with them any way we can."

Many residents approved of the concept for a "splash pad," an area in the park where children could play in sprinklers. No lifeguard would be needed for the splash pad, as there would be no deep water at the site. Sweek said the cost for such an attraction would be minimal, both in terms of construction and upkeep.

Sweek added that many parks are moving away from 50-meter pools like the one currently in the park, and are gravitating more toward zero-depth pools, which gently slope from extremely shallow water to a depth of five-feet. Other ideas included a family aquatic center.

Crenwelge said the cost to run the current pool is such that he hoped to just pay for the treatment chemicals with the revenue gained from pool entrance fees.

Sweek said that walking trails, one of the features most requested on the county survey, were "the ultimate versatile attraction at parks." Bradford pointed out that the trails would be looped in such a way as to cater to all levels of walkers, bicyclists and rollerbladers. "Some folks can go one mile while others can go five," she said. "This design provides a stopping point for people of all levels."

Crenwelge said residents came up with a list of nine items they most sought for the park, including a new playground, splash pad, sand volleyball pit, basketball courts and pavilions.

Sweek recommended the parks department eventually remove the coverings from the picnic tables and move them under trees.

Crenwelge said there are many phases of the park renovation that could be done by the department. "There are so many things that could be done in-house for in-kind services," he said.

Crenwelge said he was pleased with the input from county residents. "It was a good meeting."

The grant application must be submitted for review no later than Nov. 30. The final application must be filed by Jan. 31, 2003.

More than fifty people attended the meeting.

PARKS INPUT — Suzanne Sweek, project manager from Schrickel, Rollins and Associates, takes suggestions from the public on the future of Towle Park while firm designer Janna Bradford and architect Delbert Hirst look on. (SDN Staff Photo by Bobby Allen)

Dr. Charles Church added to Cogdell board

Scurry County commissioners' court reconvened at 1:30 Monday afternoon after a lunch recess from the morning session and appointed Dr. Charles Church to the Cogdell Memorial Hospital Board of Managers.

Church will replace former board chairman Nan Swanson who has moved from the community.

In other new business, the court voted to table action on appointing judges and clerks for the general election in November.

Judge Ricky Fritz said the court had not received a list from either political party, so no action was taken. The issue is scheduled to be revisited in two weeks.

In one item of old business, the court voted to provide space in the courthouse annex for $675 per month for the Snyder Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse (CADA).

Precinct 4 Commissioner Chloanne Lindsey first made a motion to allow use of the space for $475 per month for five years, but the motion died for lack of a second.

Precinct 3 Commissioner Howard Limmer said he felt that $475 was not enough for rent. He said utilities may increase again and $475 may not cover all costs.

Limmer then made a motion for a five-year lease with CADA at $675, and the motion passed 3-1, with Lindsey dissenting.

Before the break, the court also voted to adopt a resolution to participate in the federal off-system bridge program. The bridges, located in Precinct 4, will be repaired by Texas Dept. of Transportation. One of the requirements for the program is that other county repairs must be made, and commissioner Chloanne Lindsey said her precinct will renovate a low water crossing at a cost of $50,869 spread out over three years.

The court also approved a contract assistant district attorney, providing $2,000 per month out of the general fund to help with monthly salary.

The court approved two line item transfer requests, including one from juvenile probation on behalf of the S.T.A.R. Program to move $900 from the miscellaneous line, and put $500 into communications and $400 into travel. The court also approved a request from the parks department to move $2,200 from the community center expenses line to the fuel, oil and grease line.

The court also approved budget amendments for the parks department for $2,500 for the resale line to buy concession stand supplies, and for $7,200 for coliseum maintenance for the air conditioner. The court took no action on a $5,000 budget amendment for contract labor for Frankie Grimmett.

The court approved the payment of bills before adjourning. Commissioners Limmer, Lindsey, Ralph Trevey and Roy Idom were present, and Judge Ricky Fritz presided.

MUSICAL RIDE — Nine-year-old Devin Brumbelow pulls his guitar picking buddy, Adrian Alvarez, 11, down 42nd Street Monday evening just before sunset in the duo's Flexible Flyer wagon. Snyder youths have just one more month of Summer fun before school gets back underway on Aug. 19. (SDN Staff Photo by Bobby Allen)

Cash 5 winner sold in Snyder

One of two winning tickets in the Texas Lottery's Cash 5 contest Monday was purchased at Snyder One-Stop.

And it was news to owner Josef Shlezinger.

"This is the first I've heard of it," said Shlezinger when contacted if he knew who held the lucky ticket.

"That's good news for someone," added Shlezinger.

It certainly is good news, as each winner will receive $26,953 for correctly picking numbers 13, 39, 26, 8 and 24 in the Monday night drawing.

The other ticket was sold at the Speedy Stop in Victoria.

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "In cartoons, the mouse always outwitted the cat. When using computers, the mouse also outwits this cat."

When fooling around with computers, a little humor is necessary. Britt Canada, computer guru at Western Texas College, sent along a collection of stories related to computer trouble-shooting:

After an hour on the phone trying to get a user's laptop to boot, the technician is stumped.

"Bring it into the shop Monday morning", he sighed."Okay", the user said, then asks, "Does it matter if I might have stepped on it?"

"I got this virus and I don't know what to do about it," the user wails to technician who is puzzled because he had personally set up the user's PC to automatically run maintenance functions, including virus updates.

"What happened?" technician asks. "Well, I got tired of those annoying messages telling me to update the virus software," user replies. "So, I just poked around in there and figured out a way to turn it off."

User calls technician with a configuration request after he has accidentally deleted whole sections of an important document: "I want you to fix it so that I can't delete things."

Mainframe's controller indicator lights keep blinking red - for error.

After 10 hours of fruitless trouble-shooting, computer engineer finally strolls into the command center and tells the technician that he has fixed all the red-light errors. "How did you do it?"

Engineer replies, "I just changed them all to white lights."

The new software project isn't going well, so the technician's boss decides to add a little levity by adding a message to the sign-on screen:

"When you are not looking, this screen is in German."

Sure enough, next day a user calls the project manager: "When the technical team did their maintenance last night, they messed something up. Now my screens are in German when I'm not looking."

User calls the technician to get a brand new, still-in-the-box PC hooked up.

"What kind of PC is it?" technician asks. User is evasive but finally comes clean: It's a 286-based PC that's been sitting in an unheated warehouse for about 10 years. "But it should work OK, it's brand new."

Britt added, if you fail to see the humor in any of these true stories, then feel free to call one of the technology folks - they'll explain.

ASK US

Q—How much more rain have we had this year compared to last year?
A— Four inches.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Monday, 89 degrees; low, 67; 7 a.m. Tuesday, 67; no precipitation; total for 2002, 13.71 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, partly cloudy; low near 70; SE winds 5-10 mph; Wednesday, partly cloudy; high near 90; SE winds 10-15 mph. Wednesday night, partly cloudy; low near 70; 20% rain chance.

Audriana Rascon
Partly Cloudy

Sunset: 8:49 p.m.
Sunrise: 6:51 a.m.
Of 196 days in 2002, the sun has shone 189 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

You can't hold a man down without staying down with him.
—Booker T. Washington

JUL 16 2002

Business fraud legislation put on fast track

WASHINGTON (AP) — Galvanized by the need to shore up investor confidence, lawmakers have put on a fast track legislation creating stiff penalties and jail terms for company fraud and tightening oversight of the accounting industry.

Without dissent, the Senate on Monday passed the most sweeping changes in corporate accountability since the Depression. The vote was 97-0 for the bipartisan bill, lifted by a rising tide of unease over a string of corporate accounting scandals that have shaken Americans' confidence in business and the markets and threatened the fragile economic recovery.

"It is high time we call corporate executives on the carpet and hold them responsible," Sen. Max Cleland, D-Ga., declared on the Senate floor before the vote.

Sen. Charles Grassley, R-Iowa, denounced "the crooks running these corporations."

"I am pleased the Senate has now acted on a tough bill that shares my goals," President Bush said in a statement. "We owe it to America's workers and shareholders to crack down on wrongdoing and fix the system to prevent future abuses."

Bush urged Congress to get him a bill to sign before adjourning for its summer recess. Congressional leaders indicated they would try to do that.

A spokesman for House Speaker Dennis Hastert, R-Ill., said lawmakers would try today to take initial procedural steps toward resolving differences between the bill passed by the Democratic-controlled Senate and a version passed in April by the GOP-led House. The House measure is widely considered weaker.

Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle, D-S.D., asked Republican leader Sen. Trent Lott, R-Miss., to join him in a request to Hastert to have the House vote on the newly passed Senate measure.

The Senate bill contains a series of new penalties, including 10-year prison terms for securities fraud. Chief executive officers and chief financial officers who certified false company financial reports would be slapped with prison terms of five years to 10 years and fines of $500,000 to $1 million.

"Americans must know that they can save with confidence for their children's education or for retirement — that they can look ahead confidently to the future," said the bill's chief sponsor, Sen. Paul Sarbanes, D-Md., chairman of the Senate Banking Committee.

The measure drew praise from groups as diverse as the Business Roundtable, representing CEOs of major corporations, and the Consumer Federation of America — although it said the bill didn't go far enough.

Prior to the vote, Bush told business leaders in Birmingham, Ala., on Monday, "We intend to hold people accountable."

"We can't pass a law that says, 'You will be honest,'" the president said in a speech at the University of Alabama at Birmingham. "We can pass laws that say, 'If you're not honest we'll get you.'"

Bush's speech was his second such attempt within a week to restore investor confidence, but the markets dropped even further after his remarks. The Dow Jones industrials were down about 400 points in early afternoon trading but rallied late in the session to close down 45 points.

"It's kind of like beating your head against the wall. You might want to change" the content of the message, said Sen. Jon Corzine, D-N.J., former head of Wall Street investment bank Goldman Sachs.

Bush has been dogged in recent weeks by a decade-old insider-trading investigation by the Securities and Exchange Commission into his $848,000 sale of stock in his former oil company, Harken Energy Corp., where he was a director. And Vice President Dick Cheney's former company, Halliburton Co., is being investigated by the SEC for its accounting practices while Cheney was its chief executive.

The Senate bill would ban personal loans from companies to their top officials and directors, and would require company insiders to notify the SEC more promptly when they buy or sell company stock.

The measure creates a new private-sector oversight board for the accounting industry with disciplinary powers, to replace the current system in which the industry polices itself. The board would be overseen by the SEC.

The legislation restricts a wide range of consulting and other nonauditing services that accounting firms would be allowed to provide to their audit clients, including bookkeeping, financial systems design and personnel and legal services. The move has been fiercely opposed by the accounting industry, a major contributor to lawmakers' campaign funds.

Investor confidence has been affected by a series of corporate accounting scandals, beginning with the collapse of Enron Corp. late last year. Its longtime auditor, Arthur Andersen LLP, recently was convicted of obstructing justice by shredding Enron audit documents. WorldCom Inc., Xerox Corp. and Global Crossing Ltd. also are under investigation.

Bush and the Republicans have been on the defensive as Democrats have made corporate accountability a political issue in this congressional election year. Presidential spokesman Ari Fleischer said Monday, "The closer it gets to the election, it's going to be expected that some people are going to engage in statements that are political in nature."

Dog-mauling case gets woman 4 years

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — A judge sentenced a lawyer to four years behind bars for owning two ferocious dogs that killed a neighbor last year, saying it was clear "someone was going to get hurt by those dogs."

Judge James Warren said Marjorie Knoller deserved the maximum because she had shown no remorse and had lied under oath in denying that she had seen the two huge dogs bite or menace others.

"You knew those dogs were dangerous, you knew you could not control them, you took them outside anyway and it was clear at some point, someone was going to get hurt by those dogs," he said Monday.

With credit for good conduct and time served, Knoller could spend about 14 months in state prison.

She and her husband, Robert Noel, were convicted in March in the death of Diane Whipple, who was attacked by the couple's two huge Presa Canario dogs in January 2001. Noel is already serving a four-year term.

Knoller, 47, was convicted of second-degree murder, involuntary manslaughter and having a mischievous dog that killed someone. Noel, 61, was found guilty of the manslaughter and mischievous dog charges.

Knoller could have gotten 15 years to life in prison for murder. But the judge threw out the charge last month, saying Knoller had no way of knowing the dogs would kill someone when she left her apartment that day.

His decision drew criticism from prosecutors, who appealed. District Attorney Terence Hallinan said it should take about a year for the appeal to work its way through the system.

Knoller also was ordered to pay $6,800 in restitution to Sharon Smith, Whipple's partner.

"This isn't about money. It wouldn't matter if it was $6,800 or $68 million," Smith said outside court. "Her being sentenced on manslaughter was my best hope."

Prosecutor James Hammer nearly lost control during the hearing as his strained with emotion. He practically begged Knoller to take responsibility and give Whipple's family "some peace." She said nothing.

The dogs, Bane and Hera, each outweighed the 110-pound victim. Knoller testified that she tried to fling herself between the animals and her neighbor to no avail — one of many statements the judge didn't believe.

Knoller denied responsibility and said Whipple, 33, could have saved herself simply by going inside her apartment. Noel suggested Whipple may have attracted the dogs' attention with her perfume or even steroids.

Defense lawyers left court without comment.

The case stunned this city and made legal history when Smith won the same right as a spouse to sue for damages. The state Legislature enacted a law to allow wrongful-death lawsuits by gay partners.

And, for now, a certain kind of justice has been served, prosecutors said.

"It's not everything we wanted," Hammer said of Knoller's sentence. "But they've now received some punishment."

Date Book

Tuesday, July 16, 2002

Today is the 197th day of 2002 and the 26th day of summer.

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

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

On this day in 1969, human beings set foot on the moon — on any land beyond the earth — for the first time.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Sir Joshua Reynolds (1723-1792), artist; Mary Baker Eddy (1821-1910), founder of the Christian Science movement; Roald Amundsen (1872-1928), polar explorer; Shoeless Joe Jackson (1889-1951), baseball great; Barbara Stanwyck (1907-1990), actress; Ginger Rogers (1911-1995), dancer and actress; Barry Sanders (1968-), football star, is 34.

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

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

TODAY'S MOON: Between new moon (July 10) and first quater (July 17).

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Desert Reign will perform at TUMC Thursday night

Desert Reign of Morenci, Ariz., a country gospel musical group, will perform at 7 p.m. Wednesday at Trinity United Methodist Church.

Desert Reign Ministry brings uplifting, anointed country gospel music, with Southwestern flair.

Members and their instruments include R.C. Reynolds, lead guitar; Lori Reynolds, pedal steel guitar; Rev. Solomon (Buddy) Banks, drums; Sam Horn, bass. Evelyn Banks handles the sound, booking and prayer requests.

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The state flower of Texas is the bluebonnet.

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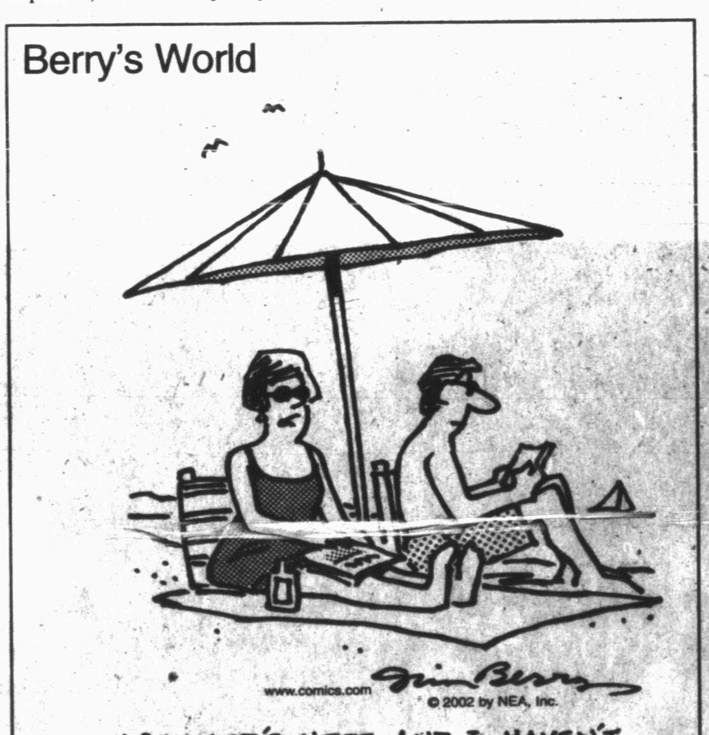

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events

LOTTO TEXAS

TEXAS LOTTERY

RESULTS

Cash Five

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

8-13-24-26-39

Pick 3

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

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Amazing Authority

Jesus spoke and acted with authority. It was one of his characteristics. When he finished teaching, the people were often amazed at his authority as he taught, Matthew 7; 28, 29. Jesus introduced some of his teaching with the formula, "You have heard that it was said..... but I say to you." Matthew 5: 21 and 27 contain this formula when Jesus quotes from the 10 commandments. It is with great authority that Jesus says this. Only the Son of God can quote from the law of God and go on to say, but I say to you.

Jesus gives commands concerning how we should live. These commandments are not just orders given to see if we will obey. They are the things we really need to do in our life. Jesus promised that those who accepted the yoke of his authority would find rest and peace in life, Matthew 11:28-30. If we obey the commands of Jesus, life really goes better. Everyone looks somewhere for guidance in life. How do we live? What is really important? What do I need to do? Jesus answers those questions for those who will accept his authority in their life.

All authority in heaven and earth has been given to Jesus. That is what Jesus tells his disciples after his resurrection, Matthew 28: 18. Jesus is truly a friend to those who follow him, but his friendship is one that involves his authority. "If you obey my commands, you will remain in my love," John 15: 10. "You are my friends if you do what I command," John 15:4. The authority of Jesus is meant to really be at work in our life. When we repent and begin to obey Jesus, life will be different. He is gentle and humble in heart. When we obey him, we will find rest for our souls.

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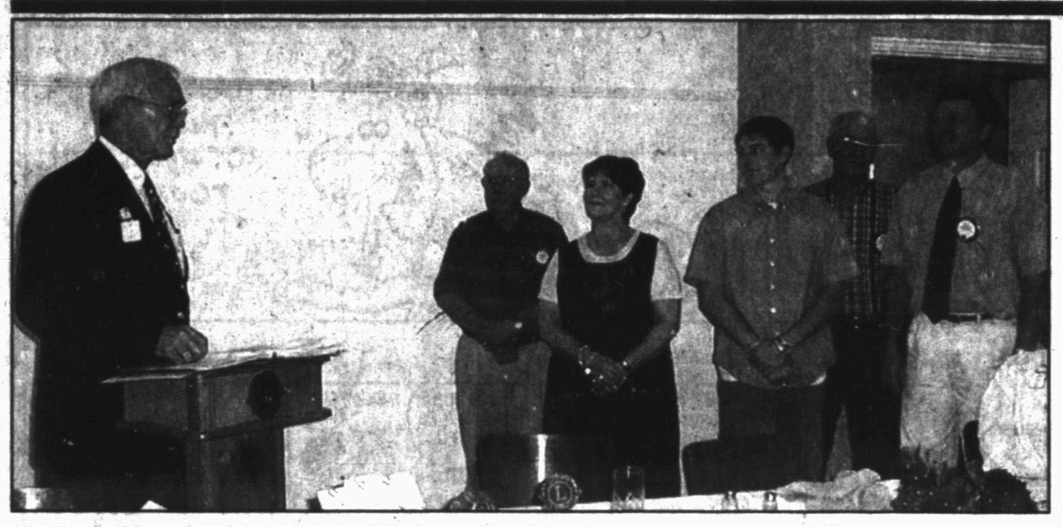

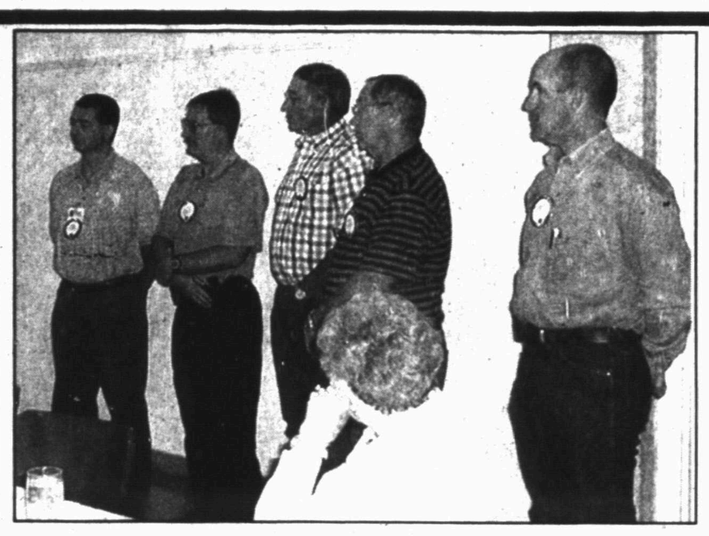

SNYDER LIONS BEGIN NEW YEAR — Lions District 2T2 Governor Joe Hargrove, from Crosbyton, inducted new members and installed officers at the Martha Ann Woman's Club. From left are Bill Dryden, sponsor of Wenona Evans; Michael Pigg, Max von Roeder, sponsor, and Trent Driggers. In photo at right, directors include Kenneth Roark, Cy Posey, Carl Burleson, Tommy Cotton and Robert Lehrer. Joyce Hargrove is pictured in front. (Staff Photos by Jo Ann Nunley)

HERMLEIGH CLASSMATES GATHER — Hermleigh ex-students and their teachers gathered at the Holiday Inn in Sweetwater June 28-29. Pictured in the top photo are members of the 1960-61 Hermleigh Cardinals Region II champion football team. From left are, standing, Jack Calvert, Donnie Rannefeld, Wayne Hilcher, Wallace Wall, Doug Foster; seated, Don Collier, Ken Bell, Jim Robinson, Coach Ted Averitt and Joe Paty. (Contributed Photos)

CLASS OF '62 — Members from the Hermleigh class of 1962 attending the reunion were, from left, standing, Ken Bell, Jack Ervin, Jim Robinson, Don Collier; seated, Mary Carol Hanson Naizer, Linnie Thomason Travis and Carol Corn Haynes.

1961 HERMLEIGH GRADS — Members of the 1961 graduating class of Hermleigh High School attending the reunion included from left, standing, Ted Robbins, Nita Corley Rannefeld, Don Paul, Jack Calvert, Donnie Rannefeld, Wayne Hilcher, Dorothy Freytag McKenzie, Dolores Richter Stevens, Wallace Wall, Joe Paty; seated, LouWayne Rogers McQuirk, Ramona May Huffman, Jo Chitsey, Henry and Brenda Hobbs Winter, Carolyn Clift DelaCruz, Doug Foster; front row, teachers Donnie Fincher, Orville Paty and Ted Averett.

Wrong named called as beauty contest winner

FRESNO, Calif. (AP) — The women were beautiful. The administration of the pageant was not.

Nicole Lamarche's name wasn't called Saturday as one of the ten finalists at the Miss California pageant because the outgoing Miss California read another contestant's name by mistake.

After officials realized their goof, Lamarche, who is Miss Greater Bay Area, and Rachelle King, who is Miss Greater East Bay, hugged and traded places.

Robert Arnhym, president of the Miss California Organization, apologized for the mistake. He said he wasn't sure how it had happened.

The winner of the pageant was Jennifer Glover, Miss Contra Costa County. She goes on to the Miss America Pageant in Atlantic City in September.

Glover will get a $10,000 scholarship. The 22-year-old is a senior at California State University at Hayward where she majors in mass communications.

In Greek mythology, the fates were three goddesses who controlled human life. Clotho spun the web of life, Lachesis meansured it and Atropos cut it.

Happy Birthday Lulu

for your old eyes

Community Calendar

TUESDAY

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

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

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

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

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

WEDNESDAY

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

THURSDAY

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

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

New Horizons AA, closed meeting; for information call 573-8268, 573-4048 or 573-1141; 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.

Hermleigh Community Center Family Night; 6:30 p.m.

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

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

Al-Anon open meeting; Park Club; 573-3733, 573-2101 or 5731141; 8 p.m.

SATURDAY

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

SUNDAY

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

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

07-16-02

North
♠ 5 2
♥ 7 6 4
♦ J 3
♣ Q J 8 6 4 3

West
♠ J 10 9 7 6
♥ 9 5 3 2
♦ A 7 6 2
♣ —

East
♠ 8 4 3
♥ Q J 10 8
♦ K 5
♣ A 10 9 7

South
♠ A K Q
♥ A K
♦ Q 10 9 8 4
♣ K 5 2

Dealer: South
Vulnerable: Both

South	West	North	East
2 NT	Pass	3 NT	All pass

Opening lead: ♠ J

Tuesday, July 16, 2002

High or low on round one?

By Phillip Alder

It seems unlikely that Orson Welles was speaking from personal experience, but he said, "When you are down and out something always turns up — and it is usually the noses of your friends."

The key to this deal is whether to start the clubs with your nose in the air — the king — or your head turned down — a low card. Which is your choice?

You start with five top tricks: three spades and two hearts. If the clubs are generating five tricks, an opponent holding a singleton or doubleton ace, you will have no trouble. But what if someone has ace-third or ace-fourth of clubs? Then you may need both to establish the diamonds and not to watch the opposition set up and run too many major-suit tricks.

The key play, at trick two, is to put the club king face up on the table.

If East wins with the ace and returns a major suit, duck the next round of clubs and win nine tricks with three spades, two hearts and four clubs.

If East ducks his ace, shift immediately to diamonds, getting home with three spades, two hearts, three diamonds and one club.

Note that if you start with a club to dummy's jack, the defense is a step ahead. East wins with the ace and plays any major-suit card. You cannot duck a club without blocking the suit, and you do not have time to establish diamonds.

Finally, if your club king wins and both opponents follow suit, you can enjoy the luxury of another round of clubs. If that wins too, you shift to diamonds and collect an overtrick.

"Next time," concluded West, "I'll lead a heart."

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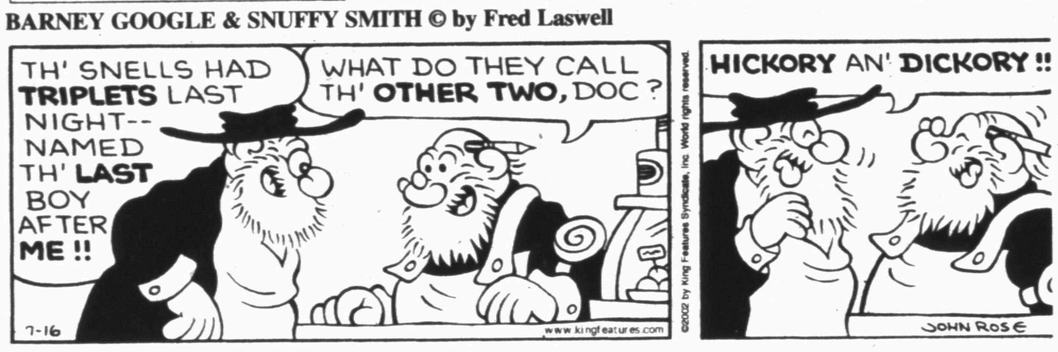

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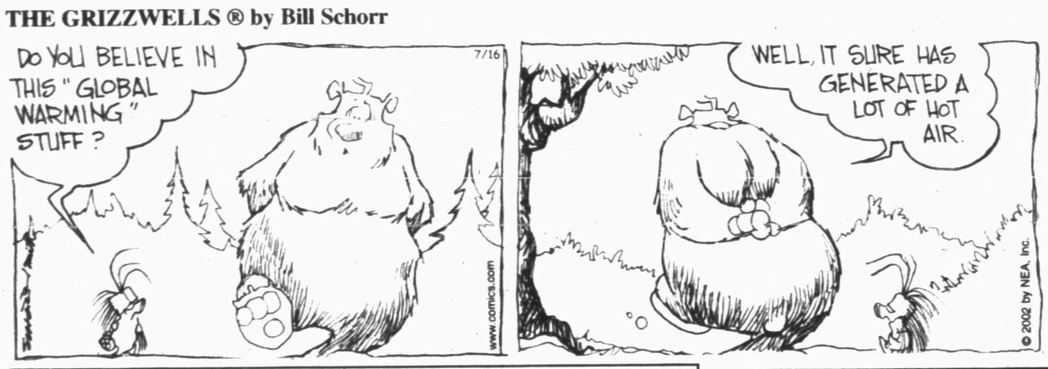

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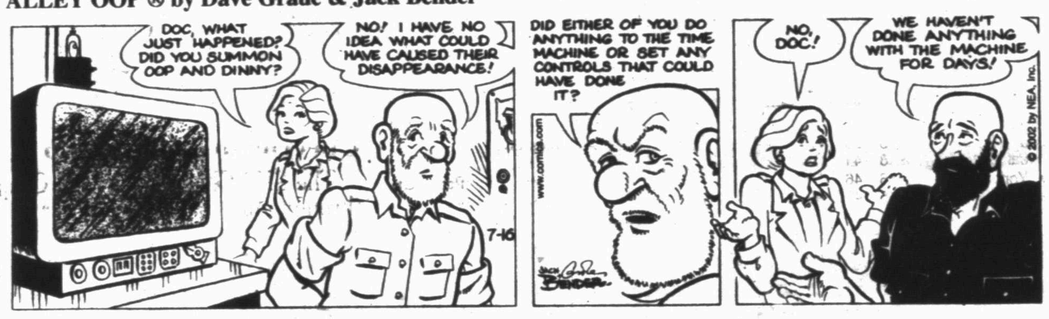

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ACROSS

1 Kind of neckline
4 Hackers' machines
7 Actress Baxter
11 Classified section
12 Buckeye State
14 Kind of cheese
15 Mesh
16 Science rooms
17 Concerning (2 wds.)
18 Munchies
20 Large snake
22 Cooking spray
23 Stadium cheer
24 Food lists
27 Wanted-poster word
30 Levin and Gershwin
31 Dolls and blooks
32 Over there
34 Young chap
35 Wins at rummy
36 Hot mood
37 Dueling swords
39 Like a tablet
40 Anger
41 Fair-hiring letters
42 Pondered
45 Recently
49 Empathize
50 Glance
52 Teachers' org.
53 Steakhouse order
54 Cry of dismay
55 Monsieur's wine
56 Coasted
57 Conducted
58 Talk, talk, talk

DOWN

1 Delivery trucks
2 Churchill successor
3 This, to Isabella
4 Oktoberfest tunes
5 Fissure
6 Bro or sis
7 Writer Christie
8 Quick bite
9 Eur. alliance
10 Collar style
13 Fish hawks
19 PC "brains"
21 Fishtails
24 A thousand G's
25 Memorable times
26 Nothing, to Pedro
27 Guidry and Howard
28 Baseball's Nolan
29 Ruler of Venice
31 In a weary manner
33 Composer Rorem
35 "Primal Fear" star
36 Brawl
38 Swindled
39 Oozed out
41 Avoid a big wedding
42 Ball club VIPs
43 Pertaining to the Europe-Asia range
44 Actress Loughlin
46 Jealousy
47 "Star Wars" princess
48 Tug sharply
51 Lubricate

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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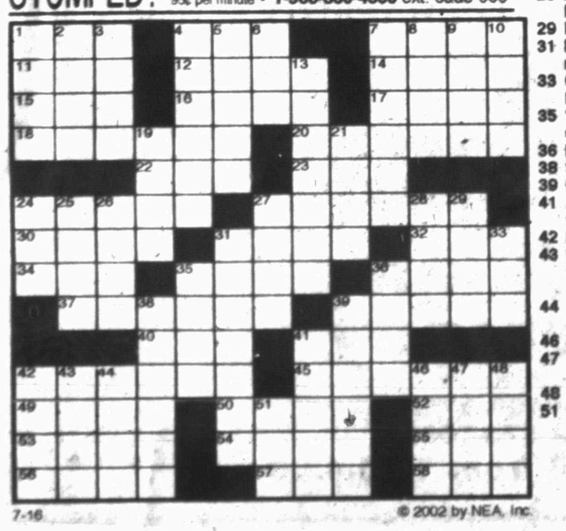

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Snyder Daily News Comics

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"IS A SMIDGEN MORE, OR LESS, THAN A PINCH?"

SPORTS

Rangers drop twinbill to lowly Kansas City

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Raul Ibanez didn't want to be known as the teammate dragging the chain.

Instead, he's become the team leader.

Raul Ibanez continued his RBI barrage Monday, driving in three runs in each game of a doubleheader as the Kansas City Royals beat the Texas Rangers 8-6 and 6-4.

Ibanez credited teammates hitting ahead of him, including Joe Randa who also drove in three runs in the nightcap, with motivating him to do his best.

"Absolutely, it feels great to get key hits," said Ibanez, hitting .386 over the past 17 games with 23 RBIs and seven homers. "Again, Joe Randa was hitting in front of me and having a good at-bat. You see that and you push yourself to not be the one to not put a great at-bat out there."

An outfielder filling in at first for the injured Mike Sweeney, Ibanez put his team ahead in the nightcap with a two-run single in the seventh that broke a 4-4 tie.

He'd already driven in a run with a first-inning double, and got his three RBIs in the opener with a bases-loaded triple in the first.

All this after driving in seven runs Sunday with a pair of homers, one of them a grand slam, as the Royals beat the Anaheim Angels 12-3.

The seven-RBI performance tied a club record held with seven other players, including Hall of Famer George Brett. The 10 RBIs in two games and 13 in three are new Royals marks.

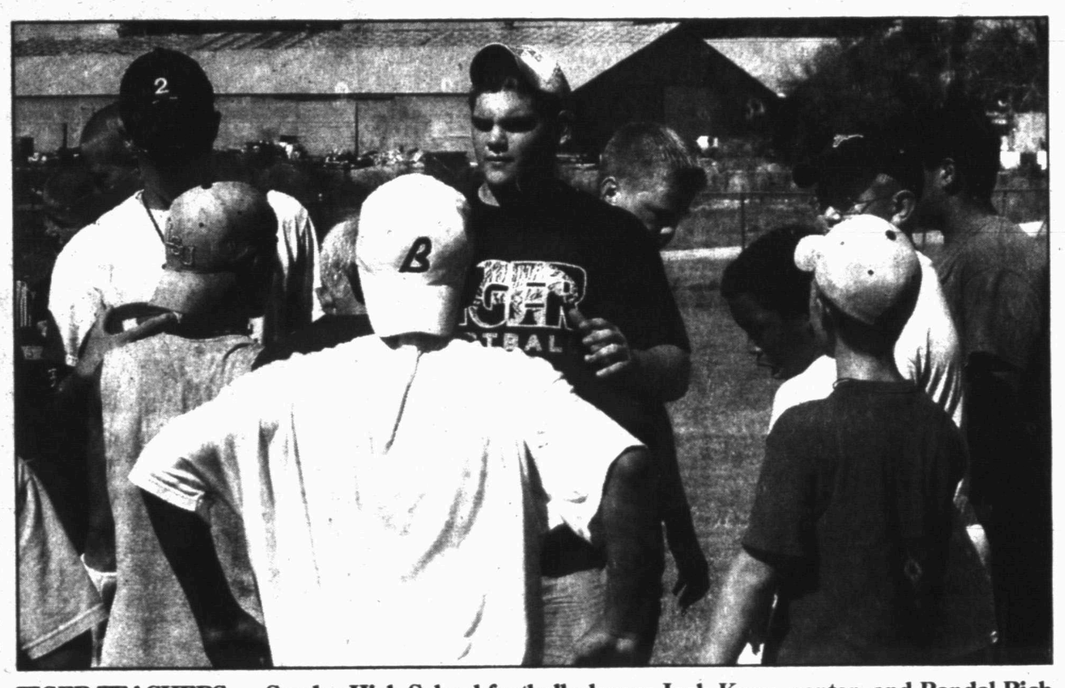
Ibanez was moved to first base on Sunday because Sweeney's back was bothering him. Sweeney, who ranks second in the American League in hitting with a .355 average, sat out both games again Monday. He said he injured the back about two weeks ago in Oakland when he rode in the back seat of a relative's truck after a game.

Sweeney said the pain got worse during batting practice Sunday.

"It's nice for someone to step in when the big man is out," Royals manager Tony Pena said.

The two wins Monday extended the Royals' streak to four in a row, matching their longest of the 37-54 season.

Kansas City's Luis Alieca had his first four-hit game of the season in the second game and scored three runs, as did Carlos Beltran, who had three hits including two doubles.



TIGER TEACHERS — Snyder High School football players Josh Knox, center, and Randal Rich talk to a group of youngsters this morning during the Snyder Tiger Football Camp. More than 60 local youths took part in the free camp. (SDN Staff Photo)

Guelker, Waldrip win Golfers' Memorial event

Carl Guelker and Mark Waldrip held off a pair of teams by a single stroke Sunday to win the Golfers' Memorial Partnership.

Guelker and Waldrip fired rounds of 71 and 66 at the country club for a two-day total of 137. It was just enough to edge the Levi Mandrell-Jason French team and the Steven Callaway-Cameron Smith duo by one shot. Rick and Jeral Beard finished at 140 for fourth place.

In the second flight, Mickey Neff and Dobie Williams took top honors, also closing with a 66 to finish at 140. Tracy Lammert and Cary Coffee came in at 143 for second place. One stroke back in third was Joe LaRoux and Billy Wayne Harris. Also posting a 144 was the fourth-place tandem of Shawn and Kelly Ragland.

Top spot in the third flight went to Eicke Perry and Wes Key. Perry and Key carded the lowest round on Sunday with a 64 to finish at 144. Kim Robertson and Richard Trout tallied a 149 to earn the runner-up spot. Cloyce Talbott and John Reed turned in a 150 for third place, and Randy Glasscock and John Greene were fourth with a 152.

Woods ready to tame Muirfield

GULLANE, Scotland (AP) — Tiger Woods already met his match at the British Open.

After finishing a practice round Monday morning before the wind began to whip off the Firth of Forth, Woods headed directly to the driving range. But he ran into a security guard who didn't recognize him and didn't see his credentials.

She threw her arms out and blocked him from going any farther until a member of Woods' entourage intervened.

If only the rest of the field at Muirfield could stop him so easily.

Woods has breezed to victory in the first two major championships of the year, winning the Masters by three strokes when no one mounted a charge, and winning the U.S. Open by the same margin despite closing with a 2-over-par 72.

That made him the first player since Jack Nicklaus in 1972 to win the first two legs of the Grand Slam, and a big favorite to win all four majors in the same year.

The next test — if one even unfolds — starts Thursday at Muirfield, the East Lothian links which is short by modern championship standards (7,034 yards) but is regarded as one of the most complete tests among courses in the British Open rotation.

"It's a fair test," said Nick Faldo, who won the silver claret jug in 1987 and 1992, the last two times the British Open was played at Muirfield. "If you play well, you'll score well."

That's what is expected from Woods, who hasn't hit a competitive shot since he tapped in a bogey putt on the 72nd hole at Bethpage Black in New York last month.

Still, there are no guarantees in golf, and Woods was taking nothing for granted.

He has spent two days at Muirfield, working on a variety of shots and paying close attention from the tee. He rarely hit a driver Monday, even on the par 5s, and concentrated on how far the ball would roll and what was required to avoid the bunkers.

Players complain about the driver being taken out of their hands at American majors. Here, they expect it. The British Open has always been more about position and course management than hitting the ball a mile for a short iron into the green.

An example of that came on the 448-yard 14th hole that played into a stiff breeze. Driver brings the deep, sodden-faced bunkers into play, so Woods hit a 2-iron off the tee and had a 3-iron for his second shot.

With a low, piercing trajectory, the ball rolled onto and through the green.

Woods dropped another ball.

"How about this time I hold it against the wind," he said to caddie Steve Williams. The ball climbed against overcast skies and landed some 15 feet next to the hole.

Major League Baseball

National League
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East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	58	35	.624	—
Montreal	48	44	.522	9½
New York	46	46	.500	11½
Florida	45	47	.489	12½
Philadelphia	42	49	.462	15

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
St. Louis	50	39	.562	—
Cincinnati	48	44	.522	3½
Houston	44	47	.484	7
Pittsburgh	42	50	.457	9½
Chicago	39	51	.433	11½
Milwaukee	34	59	.366	18

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	55	38	.591	—
Arizona	54	38	.587	½
San Francisco	53	39	.576	1½
Colorado	44	49	.473	11
San Diego	36	56	.391	18½

Monday's Games

Philadelphia 11, Montreal 8
N.Y. Mets 8, Florida 3
Chicago Cubs 3, Atlanta 2
Cincinnati 2, Milwaukee 0
Pittsburgh 5, Houston 4
Colorado 5, San Diego 0
St. Louis 4, Los Angeles 2
San Francisco 6, Arizona 3

Tuesday's Games

Florida (Beckett 2-3) at N.Y. Mets (Leiter 8-7), 12:10 p.m.
Atlanta (Millwood 7-5) at Chicago Cubs (Lieber 6-6), 2:20 p.m.
Arizona (Johnson 12-3) at San Francisco (Ortiz 6-6), 3:05 p.m.
St. Louis (Benes 0-2) at Los Angeles (Nomo 9-5), 3:10 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Fogg 9-6) at Houston (Oswalt 10-5), 4:05 p.m.
Philadelphia (Wolf 4-6) at Montreal (Armas Jr. 8-8), 7:05 p.m.
Cincinnati (Dessens 5-5) at Milwaukee (Sheets 4-10), 8:05 p.m.
Colorado (Jennings 9-4) at San Diego (Peavy 0-3), 10:05 p.m.

Wednesday's Games

Florida (Burnett 8-6) at Atlanta (Maddux 8-2), 7:05 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (D'Amico 4-8) at Montreal (Ohka 8-4), 7:05 p.m.
Cincinnati (Dempster 5-9) at Pittsburgh (J.Anderson 6-10), 7:05 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (Wood 8-5) at Philadelphia (Person 4-5), 7:05 p.m.
Houston (Miller 5-3) at Milwaukee (Rusch 5-8), 8:05 p.m.
San Francisco (L.Hernandez 7-10) at St. Louis (Simontacchi 7-1), 8:10 p.m.
Arizona (Schilling 15-3) at Colorado (Hampton 5-10), 9:05 p.m.
San Diego (Lawrence 7-5) at Los Angeles (Od.Perez 10-5), 10:10 p.m.

American League
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East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	57	35	.620	—
Boston	53	37	.589	3
Baltimore	44	46	.489	12
Toronto	38	53	.418	18½
Tampa Bay	29	61	.322	27

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Minnesota	54	40	.574	—
Chicago	44	50	.468	10
Cleveland	42	49	.462	10½
Kansas City	37	54	.407	15½
Detroit	35	56	.385	17½

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Seattle	58	35	.624	—
Anaheim	53	38	.582	4
Oakland	54	39	.581	4
Texas	40	52	.435	17½

Monday's Games

Kansas City 8, Texas 6, 1st game
Kansas City 6, Texas 4, 2nd game
Detroit 4, Boston 3, 11 innings
Toronto 8, N.Y. Yankees 5
Baltimore 6, Seattle 5
Cleveland 7, Chicago White Sox 1
Oakland 4, Tampa Bay 0
Minnesota 10, Anaheim 8

Tuesday's Games

Seattle (Pineiro 10-3) at Baltimore (Erickson 3-9), 12:35 p.m.
Anaheim (Washburn 10-2) at Minnesota (Milton 11-6), 1:05 p.m.
Boston (Burkett 8-3) at Detroit (Sparks 4-9), 2:05 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Weaver 7-8) at Toronto (Walker 3-1), 7:05 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Wright 6-8) at Cleveland (Sabathia 6-8), 7:05 p.m.
Oakland (Mulder 10-5) at Tampa Bay (Sosa 0-1), 7:15 p.m.
Texas (Park 3-5) at Kansas City (May 2-6), 8:05 p.m.

Wednesday's Games

Baltimore (Johnson 3-6) at Toronto (Halladay 10-4), 7:05 p.m.
Minnesota (Reed 6-5) at Cleveland (Baez 7-6), 7:05 p.m.
Detroit (Redman 5-8) at N.Y. Yankees (Pettitte 3-3), 7:05 p.m.
Boston (Lowe 12-5) at Tampa Bay (P.Wilson 2-6), 7:15 p.m.
Seattle (Moyer 9-4) at Texas (Valdes 5-6), 8:05 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Ritchie 5-12) at Kansas City (Suppan 7-7), 8:05 p.m.
Anaheim (Appier 7-7) at Oakland (Hudson 7-7), 10:05 p.m.

Sports Briefs

Cheerleader mini camp

The SHS Cheerleader Mini Camp for ages 4-12 is set for July 29 through Aug. 1. Cost is $40 per camper. Registration will be held Wednesday and Thursday from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Humble Smith office. Campers will compete during halftime of the first home football game.

Booster club meeting

Snyder Tiger Booster Club meets at 7 p.m. next Tuesday at the athletic film room. Parents of all SHS football players are urged to attend.

Cargile golf tournament

The Kiwanis Cargile Scholarship Foundation benefit Golf Tournament is set for Aug. 10 at Western Texas College. Format is four-person scramble and cost is $30 per player.

Cash prizes will go to the top four teams. Contests for closest-to-the-hole, longest drive and hole-in-one will be held. To register, call the pro shop at 573-9291.

SISD athletic physicals

Physicals are required for students wishing to participate in SISD athletics. Those needing physicals are all incoming seventh and ninth grade athletes, students new to SISD athletics, athletes in their third year of high school, and all students who answered "yes" to questions 1, 4, 5, 6 or 7 on their medical history form.

The school district pays for physicals through Aug. 2 with the following doctors: Raykov, Burleson, Cooper, Thompson, Wolboldt and NP Beth Ashley. Incoming seventh and ninth graders can pick up physical forms in the doctors' offices.

Tennis events

The four-day Snyder Tennis Camp, hosted by SHS coach Ted Phillips, begins Monday. Incoming fourth through seventh graders are eligible and cost is $30. Registration forms can be picked up at the SHS principal's office.

Snyder Tennis Booster Club is hosting a three-day tournament starting Friday. There will be singles and doubles competition in five age divisions, 12-under, 14-under, 16-under, 18-under and open. There will also be mixed doubles in the open division.

For more information on either event, contact Ted Phillips at 573-2525.

Williams' children unable to reach agreement

INVERNESS, Fla. (AP) — The children of Ted Williams cannot resolve a stalemate over their father's body, an attorney said this morning, setting the stage for a possible court battle.

John Henry Williams and Bobby-Jo Williams Ferrell, his half sister, have been fighting over what to do with their father's remains since he died July 5 at age 83. John Henry Williams had the body flown to a cryonics lab in Arizona to be frozen, against her wishes.

On Monday, Ferrell, John Henry Williams and sister Claudia Williams met for hours in discussions that were "civil, candid," Fitzpatrick said.

NBA fires female referee

NEW YORK (AP) — Dee Kantner, one of the NBA's two female referees, has been fired.

NBA vice president of basketball operations Stu Jackson said Kantner was not making sufficient progress in her own development.

Armstrong moves up to second

LORIENT, France (AP) — Lance Armstrong recorded a rare second-place finish in a Tour de France time trial, taking 11 seconds more than Colombian Santiago Botero to complete a wind-swept ninth stage through Brittany.

Armstrong's performance allowed him to move up six spots into second place overall, 26 seconds behind Spain's Igor Gonzalez Galdeano. The Spaniard finished 19 seconds behind Botero.

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Indiana	8	11	.421	5½
Cleveland	7	12	.368	6½
Detroit	3	16	.158	10½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	15	3	.833	—
Houston	16	4	.800	—
Utah	13	6	.684	2½
Portland	11	9	.550	5
Seattle	9	11	.450	7
Phoenix	8	11	.421	7½
Minnesota	6	13	.316	9½
Sacramento	3	15	.167	12

Monday's Game

West All-Stars 81, East All-Stars 76

Tuesday's Games

No games scheduled

Wednesday's Games

Sacramento at Miami, 12:30 p.m.
Phoenix at Portland, 4 p.m.
Orlando at Charlotte, 7 p.m.
Cleveland at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Los Angeles at Indiana, 8 p.m.
Houston at Utah, 9 p.m.

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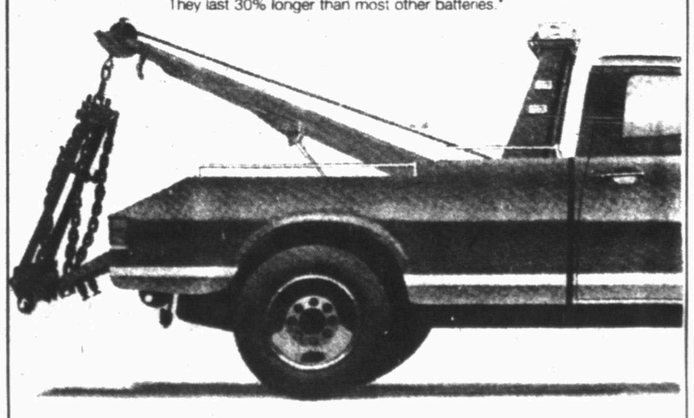
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High-speed accident kills 6 young people

HARRISBURG, Pa. (AP) — Two cars collided on a rural road, killing six young people and injuring the drivers, authorities said. Police suspect alcohol may have played a role.

The crash occurred shortly before 10 p.m. Saturday when a Ford Mustang that one witness estimated was traveling at 100 mph skidded sideways into the opposite lane on a state road 10 miles northeast of Harrisburg.

The Mustang collided with a Toyota carrying five people, then struck a telephone pole and slammed into a tree, police said.

Killed were the Mustang's two passengers and the Toyota's four passengers, including a 14-year-old boy who died Monday. They ranged in age from 8 to 22.

Witnesses told police that the Mustang's 20-year-old driver had been drinking at a party, Lower Paxton Township police Lt. Richard Toth said Monday.

Officials were seeking results of drug and alcohol tests. No charges were immediately filed.

The driver of the Mustang was in stable condition. The Toyota driver was in serious condition.

Police: Man used lost dog ruse to abduct girl

STANTON, Calif. (AP) — Police on Tuesday searched for a man who kidnapped a 5-year-old girl while she played with a friend, gaining the youngsters' confidence by saying he needed help finding his dog.

Samantha Runnion's mother, Erin Runnion, pleaded for her daughter's return.

"She is such a sweet child," Runnion told reporters Tuesday morning. "We don't want vengeance, we just want our baby back."

Samantha was playing a board game with 5-year-old Sarah Ahn at their apartment complex when the man drove up Monday evening, said Jim Amormino, a spokesman for the Orange County Sheriff's Department.

The man got out of his car and approached the girls, asking them for help in finding his dog, Amormino said.

Police and witnesses said Samantha talked to the man and then he grabbed her and drove off.

"She screamed 'Help me! Tell my grandmother!'" Sarah said. "I was so scared and ran back and told my mom."

Samantha's grandmother was inside the family's apartment while her parents were at work.

Police do not believe Samantha knew her kidnapper, Amormino said.

"The parents are both very, very upset," Amormino said. "They have no idea who would do this."

Clearing away derailment begins in Wisconsin today

ALLENTON, Wis. (AP) — A crane was brought in to help clear nearly three dozen freight cars that derailed, some of them catching fire, authorities said Tuesday.

A 107-car Canadian National Railway train carrying hazardous materials derailed Monday, sending 34 cars off the track.

One of the cars that derailed was carrying potash, a moderately hazardous chemical, said Allenton Assistant Fire Chief Ron Naab. Crews contained the chemical from spilling into a nearby creek, he said.

There were no reported injuries.

Three cars caught on fire, but they were carrying lumber, waxes and plastics, not hazardous materials, Naab said. A fourth car holding potato products was smoldering.

"It'll probably take two days" to clean up the jumbled cars, Washington County Sheriff Jack Theusch said Tuesday. Workers must also rebuild part of a recently constructed concrete bridge that was damaged in the derailment, authorities said.

The northbound Canadian National freight derailed about 2:30 p.m. Monday about 40 miles northwest of Milwaukee.

Three men from a nearby auto body shop were evacuated as a precaution. The nearest homes are a half-mile away because the area is marshy, Naab said, adding, "There was not much to be evacuated except for deer and ducks."

Authorities said the train was not speeding and the derailment was probably caused by either a track flaw or a mechanical failure on a car. The Federal Railroad Administration was investigating.

Fifteen of the train's cars were carrying hazardous materials, including peroxide and toluene, but authorities said those were not near the derailed cars.

Eight people from the Allenton Fire Department were called back from Lomira, where they were helping fight a blaze at the huge Quad/Graphics printing plant that has been burning since Friday night.

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Portfolios affected by stock market decline

NEW YORK (AP) — Wall Street had hoped for a rally this summer — instead it got a full-scale retreat.

Eight weeks of selling have sent the Nasdaq composite and Standard & Poor's 500 indexes to their lowest levels in five years. Even the venerable Dow Jones industrials have suffered, recording six triple-digit losses since the beginning of the month.

The Dow appeared well on its way to another disastrous finish Monday as it plunged 439 points during early trading. It rallied to a 45-point decline — a dramatic rebound but still not enough to persuade some buyers.

The stunning declines reflect a growing sense of despondency among investors beleaguered by selloffs and mistrustful after months of accounting scandals. They find no reason to buy stocks — not even a recovering economy or improving corporate earnings can motivate them.

"Last week, I said several times, 'What would make anyone want to invest in the market these days? They might as well go out and buy houses ... or gamble and go to Las Vegas,'" said Steve Fletcher, 58, of Cleveland, who once hoped to retire early.

"I can't really tell what's going on any more," he said. "For all I know, maybe the Dow's going to fall to 6,000."

That sense of insecurity may be feeding the stock market's decline in a way it didn't during downturns in the late 1980s and early '90s, and that in turn intensifies the market's malaise.

A new study by the Pew Research Center suggests the stock market is having its biggest influence in two decades on the way Americans view their own personal financial prospects.

In large part, that's because a growing number of Americans are counting on 401(k) or other investment accounts to fund their retirements. Increased media coverage of the markets is another factor.

"Through most of the 20-year period we looked at, there wasn't much of a link. The Dow went up or down, and people didn't pay much attention," said Scott Keeter, the center's associate director. "Starting since about 1998, people have been paying more attention to the market as an indicator of what the economy is going to do."

That kind of cycle can help drive a market up when optimism is strong but, investor confidence is currently at the lowest point many market observers and financial planners say they can remember. After two years of steep losses, many would-be buyers have simply lost faith that their investments will hold value — let alone improve — anytime soon.

"Some people are calling up and telling us they want to go to cash, to go to the sidelines," said Jeff Land, a Charles Schwab investment consultant in Detroit. "That's not our recommendation. But in this kind of a market, a lot of clients are feeling panicked."

Accounting scandals at companies ranging from Enron Corp. to WorldCom Inc. have been blamed for much of the selling. But analysts say the selloffs also reflect the fact that investors, who had once hoped for a resumption of the bull market of the '90s, are lowering their expectations.

Consensus is growing that many companies' profits will be anemic at best over the next few years. That's because the economy appears to be improving slowly — and some fear that the market's declines will make it even harder for companies to turn a profit. As a result, the beginning of second-quarter reporting season this week is being greeted with anxiety.

"Investors are scared. They're worried about the quality of the numbers," said John Forelli, portfolio manager for Independence Investment LLC.

At the same time, the dollar is losing strength against foreign currencies — making U.S. stocks less attractive to overseas investors whose enthusiasm for the market has been an important force in its successes.

"A day doesn't go by without a foreign client wondering how to manage this," said Christopher Wolfe, equity market strategist for J.P. Morgan Private Bank, who worries that the worst might not be over. "In the past, I would have been able to believe that this might be what's called a selling climax ... but no longer.

"The low 7,000 level on the Dow is absolutely within range right now, another 1,000 points of overshooting to the downside is not out of the realm of possibility."

That prediction might not be as outlandish as it sounds. Nearly six years ago, when Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan first expressed concern that "irrational exuberance" was propelling the market too high, the Dow stood at about 6,360. The S&P was at 735, fewer than 200 points below where it is now, while the Nasdaq stood at 1,276, about 100 points below its current position.

Greenspan was scheduled to make his regular semiannual appearance before the Senate Banking Committee today. No doubt Wall Street will be listening carefully, but for many investors it will take more than a few words to restore their enthusiasm about investing.

"It really is scary. Intellectually, you do know it's a good time to be buying, but it's hard to," said Cathy Patrick, 47, of Houston, who lost her job in the energy industry five months ago. She's continued to reinvest the dividends in stocks she already owns, but hasn't done much else.

"You keep wondering if the economy might not be as good as we think it is, and the market is going to keep falling," she said.

Disabled man sues strip club

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. (AP) — A quadriplegic has sued a strip club, charging that it violates the Americans with Disabilities Act because the lap dance room does not have wheelchair access.

Edward Law sued the Wildside Adult Sports Cabaret last month after visiting the West Palm Beach club in May and June.

The lap dance room is only accessible by a short flight of stairs, according to the suit. It also alleges that the counter around the stage where strippers dance is too high, making it difficult for Law to see the stage and set down his drinks.

"This is an industry that is high profit and knows about ADA and is ignoring it," attorney Anthony Brady Jr. told the South Florida Sun-Sentinel. "I have no sympathy for them violating ADA."

Law also sued another West Palm Beach strip club, The Landing Strip. He charges both clubs with violating ADA standards for bathrooms and parking spaces.

The suit seeks an unspecified amount of money in attorney's fees and asks that the clubs comply with federal disability standards.

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Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.

Update on Vioxx and Celebrex

DEAR DR. GOTT: When media reports indicated that Vioxx and Celebrex were possibly associated with heart attacks, I almost had one. I am certain that many arthritis-sufferers had the same reaction. For the first time in 20 years, the pain of my rheumatoid arthritis has been controlled — with Celebrex — and I don't relish having to stop the medicine and affect the quality of my life. Nonetheless, I don't want a heart attack either. What's new on this topic?

DEAR READER: I am pleased to be able to give you an answer to this important health concern.

The original study upon which the hungry news media based their reports, involved an analysis of more than 8,000 patients with rheumatoid arthritis. The purpose of the study was to determine whether Celebrex and Vioxx were superior to a standard treatment (Naproxen) for arthritis. The researchers concluded that 1) the three drugs were more-or-less similar in their success rates 2) gastrointestinal upset was more common in the Naproxen group and 3) heart attacks were statistically more prevalent in the Celebrex/Vioxx group. This latter finding was not only unexpected; it was of obvious concern to the millions of people taking the drugs, as well as to the manufacturer.

For some patients, life was put on hold. Do I put up with pain or risk a cardiovascular event? Further research was certainly needed.

This research has now been carried out in Boston, New Jersey and Montreal; the findings, which were reported in the Archives of Medicine, May 27, 2002, are fascinating because of their unpredictability.

Remember that in the original study, patients on Celebrex/Vioxx were compared to counterparts on Naproxen. No placebo was used.

In the recent three investigations, placebos were used. When compared to the placebo group, the Celebrex/Vioxx patients did not have a higher incidence of cardiovascular events. When compared to the same placebo group, the Naproxen patients had a lower incidence of heart attacks.

Therefore, the authors concluded Celebrex and Vioxx are not associated with an increase in cardiac problems. Rather, Naproxen protects its users from such problems. In a phrase, the effects (and complications) of any drug must be analyzed against placebos, as well as similar medications. Celebrex and Vioxx are safe to use; Naproxen is equally effective and seems to protect against heart attacks, as well.

I doubt that this brand new information will be widely publicized because it is not as "sexy" as news reports about tragedy and wrongdoing. But it is important because it shows the value of well-performed scientific research and how such research can have a significant impact on health issues.

As some of my more perceptive readers may be thinking, where do we go from here? Is Naproxen superior to aspirin in preventing heart attacks? Should all of us be using the drug for that purpose? I don't know, but perhaps further studies may shed light on this topic.

The other secondary issue — the gastrointestinal side effects of Naproxen — has been addressed. For patients with arthritis, Naproxen is now marketed in a form that is combined with misoprostol, to reduce stomach irritation. The product, available as Arthrotec-75 or Arthrotec-50, is a useful antidote for arthritic pain and, perhaps, it also has beneficial cardiovascular effects. Remember that you first read about this here.

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Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

Bride walks into marriage with groom by her side

DEAR ABBY: This is regarding "Ready to Go It Alone in Mississippi," the bride-to-be who had no one to walk her down the aisle.

The day before my son and his wife married, her father died after a long illness. It was heartbreaking, but the wedding went ahead as planned.

My son and his beautiful bride came up with a plan. My future daughter-in-law came from a large family — nine brothers and one sister. Her nine brothers escorted their mother into the church, and when it was time for the bride to enter, my son left his position at the altar, met her at the rear of the chapel, and they walked down the aisle together. Abby, it was the perfect solution. There wasn't a dry eye in the church. — **PROUD MOTHER-IN-LAW IN CINCINNATI**

DEAR MOTHER-IN-LAW: I'm sure her father was with his daughter and all of you in spirit on that special day. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: I faced a similar predicament as "Ready to Go It Alone" when I married in 1961. Added to my dismay of having no one to "give me away," was the fact that I was only 18 and scared silly.

I decided to let nothing ruin my day, so I put a smile on my face and started down the aisle on what looked like the longest walk of my life. As I passed the first row of guests, one of my cousins gave me a wink and a thumbs-up. I leaned over and gave her a hug. As I proceeded down the aisle, I stopped to hug or kiss several more loved ones who were seated along the way. By the time I reached my groom, the guests were joyfully laughing and broke into applause.

"Ready to Go It Alone" shouldn't worry that her mother thinks it's "horrific" to walk solo down the aisle. If the bride approaches her wedding day with the right attitude, she'll have a wonderful time, and so will everyone who shares her happiness. — **BEEN THERE/DONE THAT IN ILLINOIS**

DEAR B.T.D.T.: Well said!

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DEAR ABBY: This is for the bride whose mother disapproved of her daughter walking down the aisle alone. Mom needs to realize that young women are no longer "given away." Here is how my daughters and I solved the problem:

I was escorted by an usher to the traditional pew reserved for the mother of the bride. When my daughter appeared at the rear of the church and everybody rose, I stepped into the aisle and waited to meet her. We then walked the rest of the way together.

Instead of the minister asking who is giving the bride in marriage, he asked, "Who supports this decision?" I responded, "Her sister and I do." I returned to my seat; the ceremony continued. Many guests commented favorably about the positive way in which the situation was handled. — **HAPPY WE DID IT "OUR WAY"**

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DEAR ABBY: I am a 20-year resident of Germany, and I married a German man. I have a suggestion for "Ready to Go It Alone in Mississippi." Here in Germany, the bride is not "given away." Instead, the happy couple walks down the aisle together. This lovely custom serves as a symbol of starting their own life. — **MONIQUE SIMMER, SAARBRUECKEN, GERMANY**

DEAR MONIQUE: As your letter proves, there are many varied but perfectly acceptable wedding customs. Culture isn't static, it's organic — and change is healthy.

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WORTH REMEMBERING: "No human race is superior; no religious faith is inferior. All collective judgments are wrong. Only racists make them." — Elie Wiesel, Nobel laureate and Holocaust survivor (1928—)

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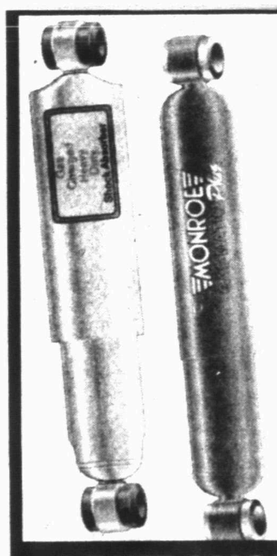
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Ethical questions raised in twins' dilemma

DALLAS (AP) — As 1-year-old Egyptian conjoined twins wait in Dallas, medical experts and religious authorities in their homeland are faced with a Solomon-like decision: should one baby be sacrificed at the expense of the other?

Doctors determined earlier this month that separating Mohamed and Ahmed Ibrahim, connected at the crowns of their heads, could be successful, but could result in the deaths of one or both. The twins could live indefinitely if nothing is done.

Ethicists say many factors must be considered, including their quality of life and doctors' opinions on the possibility of success.

"The biggest thing that's going to go into the decision-making is medical prognosis — what the chances are of both dying," said Richard Burgh, a professor of philosophy who teaches medical ethics at Rider University in Lawrenceville, N.J.

Burgh said one dilemma is whether it is right to use one person to preserve the life of another. "One ethical principle deeply entrenched is humans are valuable themselves," he said.

The twins were born June 2, 2001, to the wife of a laborer in a remote Egyptian village. The babies and their Egyptian doctors flew to Texas last month to be evaluated by craniofacial surgeon Dr. Kenneth Salyer and a team of specialists at North Texas Hospital for Children at Medical City Dallas.

Salyer said that while a good portion of each brain is separate, the attachment in their heads is extensive and includes the connection of blood vessels.

Dr. Nasser Abdel Al, head of neonatal surgery at the Abu el-Reesh Hospital in Cairo, returned to Egypt to consult with religious and medical experts about the possible scenarios: a successful separation, a separation in which one dies, the death of both, complications causing brain damage in one or both, or skipping the surgery.

Doctors and nurses at the Cairo hospital, where the twins had been cared for since shortly after their birth, pleaded for separation this weekend, Abdel Al said.

He is informally surveying Egyptian citizens about the twins' plight, which has captured wide attention in conservative, predominantly Muslim Egypt.

Abdel Al said decisions on their treatment have to be carefully and publicly formulated "so everyone will feel at ease. If any complications do arise, then they know we are doing everything we can."

The playful twins have spent the first year of their lives on their backs, often reaching back to grab the other's ear or nose. They also appear eager to move, trying to push each other up.

Burgh said the quality of life question is subjective and difficult.

"To perform the surgery is to make the judgment that the quality of life attached is so poor that it's not worth living to preserve it," Burgh said. "That's also an ethical judgment which as a society we are loath to make."

In late 2000, surgeons in Great Britain separated twin girls joined at the abdomen, knowing they would hasten the death of the weaker twin even as they saved the life of her stronger sister. The parents told doctors and the courts they wanted to leave matters in the hands of God, even if it meant both girls' deaths.

The judges ultimately decided that the weaker twin was living on borrowed time and chose surgery — and a chance at a normal life — for the stronger one.

Marvin Newman, professor of legal studies and communication at Rollins College in Winter Park, Fla., said it's important to get several medical opinions.

"It's really a weighing process," said Newman, who serves on the ethics committees of several hospitals around the world.

If they remain connected, "they'd be terribly debilitated and they'd have a terrible quality of life," Newman said.

The World Craniofacial Foundation, a nonprofit foundation founded by Salyer and based in Dallas, is paying for the twins' trip and organizing the doctors volunteering to work with them.

Foundation director Sue Blackwood said doctors still are doing more testing in preparation for the possible surgery.

She said there are no percentages on the chance for survival.

"They're still exploring every avenue to see the best way to begin," Blackwood said.

Abdel Al said he planned to discuss the twins' future with their father in Egypt. The parents earlier consented to separation, but now needed to be told of the clearer risks.

Ibrahim Hooper, a spokesman for the Council on American-Islamic Relations, a Washington-based Islamic advocacy group, said consulting public opinion is probably just public relations, but the religious opinion would be important in an Islamic society.

"I'm sure it would be taken into account by the family," Hooper said. "It would be like your doctor telling you something about medicine. If a well respected scholar tells you something about your faith you're likely to take it into consideration."

Jamal Badawi, a professor of religious studies and management at St. Mary's University in Halifax, Nova Scotia, said Islam values the opinion of experts.

Yusuf Kavakci, a religious leader of the Islamic Association of North Texas in Richardson, said since the case of two children connected to each other is not clearly mentioned in Islamic law, some general principles must guide them. Those principles include: do good, help alleviate pain, do not harm, do not kill.

Convicted priest says he was 'fooled' by molester

BROWNSVILLE (AP) — A former Rio Grande Valley priest said he was deceived when he helped child molester James Porter stay in the ministry.

"I tell you, the man had me fooled. He was deceptively charming," John B. Feit said in a story in today's edition of The Brownsville Herald.

Feit made recommendations about priest assignments even though he had been convicted in connection with a young woman's sexual assault.

Catholic officials and victims advocates have expressed shock that a man with a criminal record provided advice to cardinals and bishops regarding the church's troubled priests.

Porter assaulted more than 100 victims before he was ultimately defrocked and sent to prison.

Feit was among men whose recommendations helped some of the church's worst molesters gain new assignments, The Dallas Morning News reported Saturday.

In 1962, Feit pleaded no contest to aggravated assault in connection with the attempted rape of a 20-year-old college student. The woman testified during the trial that the priest had attacked her inside Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Edinburg.

Feit told the Brownsville newspaper, which conducted a telephone interview with him on Friday from his Phoenix home, that he did not commit the assault.

"I was out of the loop," Feit said. "I didn't know that I would be convicted and found guilty on a plea of no contest. I didn't know what that meant."

He was tried the previous year on a more serious charge of assault with intent to rape, but jurors deadlocked and the judge declared a mistrial.

Feit's order sent him to the Holy Servants of the Paraclete, the Jemez Springs, N.M., treatment center for troubled priests, in the early 1960s. Within a few years he became a supervisor and had a part in clearing Porter for assignments to parishes where he continued his attacks.

Feit left the priesthood in 1972, married and now works for a lay Catholic charity in Phoenix.

The present leader of the Paracletes, who oversees the order and the New Mexico center from his base office in Missouri, said he was stunned to hear of Feit's criminal past.

"This is obviously something that is shocking," said the Rev. Peter Lechner. "What kind of effect did his administration have when he had pled no contest to assault? I am deeply concerned of what happened back then."

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Wednesday, July 17, 2002

Your popularity may reach a high point in the year ahead and your calendar may get more crowded than usual. What you'll have to look out for, however, is not to break your wallet trying to attend every function.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Allowing your emotions to rule over your common sense today with something involving finances could cause you to suffer a loss instead of turning a profit. Cancer, treat yourself to a birthday gift. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead by mailing $2 and an SASE to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 167, Wickliffe, OH 44092. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Being overly assertive or dictatorial today will create problems, not resolve them. In order to get others to willingly and happily follow your dictates, you must ask, not demand.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Be careful not to let your fear of being taken advantage of by others cause you to conduct your affairs in such a manner that takes advantage of them.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — When involved in matters of commerce today, be extremely careful with whom you choose to do business, especially if the [illegible] friend. If things don't turn out right, you may lose more than money.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Making yourself look good at the expense of someone else, even if you don't intend to do so, will backfire in your face today. Be very careful not to tarnish or smear anybody else's image.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — If you are not careful with your emotions or feelings, they may cause that fiery temper of yours to flare today in retaliation. The world isn't always going to treat you right. Grin and bear it.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Although it may not be common for you to depend upon someone else to open doors for you, you won't get the help you're seeking today. You're still on your own.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — By being overbearing when dealing with others today you could inadvertently rub someone at the top the wrong way and get yourself in a whole lot of trouble. Be your own amendable self.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Do not look for others to gratify your emotional requirements today, because they won't be up to the assignment. In fact, they might contribute further to your frustrations.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — If a clash of opinions with a friend should pop up today, things may get nasty. Don't get into it with anyone: It isn't worth losing a good relationship over a silly, social issue. Agree to disagree.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — It may take even more resolution than you possess to finalize something that you had your heart set on completing today. More problems than you anticipated may stymie your efforts.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — It may not be possible today to mend fences with a co-worker with whom you've recently had a conflict. If this person isn't ready to cool down, stand back and give him/her more room.

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Three-year plan will help Palestinians

NEW YORK (AP) — Secretary of State Colin Powell sought approval today for Arab, European, Russian and U.N. leaders of an "action plan" to assist the Palestinian people over the next three years. In new violence, a roadside bombing in the West Bank left seven dead and more than a dozen injured.

Palestinians wearing Israeli army uniforms detonated the bomb as an armored bus passed by and then shot at civilians as they fled, authorities and witnesses said.

It was the first deadly attack on Israeli civilians since June 20.

White House press secretary Ari Fleischer said: "The president condemns the latest act of violence in the Middle East. This underscores the importance of focusing on peace and working with leaders in the Palestinian Authority who are dedicated to peace."

Fleischer also said that since Bush's June speech calling for new leadership in the Palestinian Authority "there have been some interesting rumblings from within the Palestinian Authority about the direction they would like to go in the future."

The plan Powell was presenting would set up a schedule for direct assistance to finance humanitarian and economic programs on the West Bank and Gaza, where an already difficult existence has eroded under the strain of Israeli retaliation to terror attacks.

Powell was meeting with U.N. Secretary General Kofi Annan, European Union diplomat Javier Solana and Russian Foreign Minister Igor Ivanov. He then planned to meet separately with Foreign Ministers Ahmed Maher of Egypt and Marwan Muasher of Jordan.

Afterward, the ministers planned to meet at Annan's East Side residence.

Powell will likely meet on Thursday in Washington with Maher, Muasher and the foreign minister of Saudi Arabia, Prince Saud al-Faisal.

Later in July, King Abdullah of Jordan is expected to visit Washington to meet with President Bush.

The Bush administration would like to skirt the Palestinian Authority, which it suspects of corruption, and already is channeling about $142 million a year in assistance through the United Nations, the Red Cross and other private groups. In April, on a trip to the region, Powell pledged an additional $30 million in aid.

The Europeans provide about $9 million a year in assistance. Unlike U.S. aid, it goes directly to the Palestinian Authority.

Government is seeking third indictment against Moussaoui

ALEXANDRIA, Va. (AP) — Prosecutors are seeking a third indictment of Zacarias Moussaoui to spell out conduct that could trigger the death penalty for the accused Sept. 11 conspirator, legal sources said today.

The Bush administration said it would seek to execute Moussaoui if he's convicted of conspiracy to commit terrorism and other charges related to the attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon.

Prosecutors returned to the grand jury because the Supreme Court ruled last month that juries, not judges, must make the crucial decisions on life or death, said the sources, who spoke only on condition of anonymity.

The third indictment would spell out "aggravating" circumstances under the federal death penalty law.

Moussaoui is the only individual charged in connection with the attacks. The original indictment accused him of plotting with the 19 hijackers and taking similar actions, including enrolling in flight schools. While government officials believe he was planning to be the 20th hijacker, Moussaoui was in custody on Sept. 11 on immigration violations.

The second indictment of Moussaoui dropped references in the earlier version to allegations he sought information on crop dusting aircraft and changed some dates of his conduct.

Last week, the court-appointed lawyer for Moussaoui, Frank Dunham Jr., filed a motion contending the high court ruling should bar the government from seeking the death penalty in the case.

Seven are killed in explosion as bus nears Jewish settlement

EMMANUEL, West Bank (AP) — Palestinians dressed as Israeli soldiers detonated a roadside bomb near a bus heading to a Jewish settlement today, and then sprayed the passengers with automatic gunfire as they tried to flee, military sources and witnesses said. Seven people were killed and more than a dozen wounded.

The gunmen fled the scene and were being pursued by army helicopters.

The ambush was the first deadly attack on Israeli civilians since June 20. It came hours before representatives of the so-called "Quartet" committee — including the United States, Russia, European Union and United Nations — were to meet in New York to discuss ways of ending more than 21 months of violence.

The military wing of Hamas, Izzadine al-Qassam, claimed responsibility for the attack in a telephone call to The Associated Press in Jerusalem. A man who identified himself as Nasser Asidah said the gunmen were safe in the Nablus area.

But Abu Dhabi TV said the Al Aqsa Martyrs Brigade, affiliated with Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat's Fatah movement, claimed responsibility.

Medics who rushed to the entrance of the Emmanuel settlement in the northern West Bank quoted the wounded as saying that after the initial explosion, several smaller bombs went off, followed by shooting, Israel Radio said.

The witnesses said the attackers, about three in all, were dressed in Israel army uniforms and opened fire as the bus passengers tried to escape. The gunmen fled in the direction of Nablus, the radio report said.

"When I got there, an explosion and smoke went 10 meters (30 feet) high and stones flew over the road," said Yitzhak Yazdi, a taxi driver. "I saw two terrorists who were running away from the road and they hid behind a rock. The soldiers came and I showed them where the gunmen were."

Abraham Cohen, security officer at Emmanuel, said he arrived at the site a few minutes after the explosion.

"The shooting was still going on and shots were fired at my car. I was lucky to get out of my car before it was hit," he said.

Seven people were killed, said Shahar Ayalon, the police commander in the northern West Bank. Emergency officials said at least 14 people were wounded, three seriously.

Son is arrested in millionaire's death

DALLAS (AP) — Nearly three months after a civil jury found the son of a slain millionaire responsible for the 1998 slaying of his father, Charles "Chuck" Mayhew Jr. was arrested Monday in connection with the death.

Mayhew, 49, remained in a Henderson County Jail in lieu of $500,000 bail in connection with the death of former Sunnyvale mayor Charles Mayhew Sr.

In April, Dallas County jurors awarded a $26 million-dollar verdict against the son in a wrongful death suit brought by his sister, Amanda Mayhew Dealey. Dealey, a 51-year-old Austin socialite, filed the suit after Dallas County authorities failed to get enough evidence to pursue a criminal indictment.

She accused her brother of killing their father because he worried about being cut from a large inheritance, according the today's editions of The Dallas Morning News.

The Dallas County sheriff's office had sought Mayhew, of Longview, since a warrant was issued for his arrest July 2. No criminal court has heard the case.

The verdict in the wrongful-death lawsuit prompted a criminal review of the case after new evidence was uncovered by Dealey's attorneys.

A grand jury hearing on the case is set for July 23, said Sgt. Don Peritz, a sheriff's office spokesman.

The elder Mayhew was found dead in bed at his rural Sunnyvale home March 1, 1998. The Dallas County medical examiner ruled that he died from a single gunshot to the neck fired at close range from a .12-gauge shotgun.

Obituaries

Delores Eckert

1935-2002

Delores Eckert, lifetime Snyder resident, died Tuesday, July 16, in Mountain View Care Center in Big Spring after a lengthy illness.

Service for Mrs. Eckert, 67, is pending at Bell-Cypert-Sealé Funeral Home.

Born on May 13, 1935 in Snyder, she married Lester Eckert on Dec. 15, 1955 in Snyder. He died on Nov. 5, 1997. She was a member of Colonial Hill Baptist Church. Mrs. Eckert had worked at several Snyder businesses including Travis Flowers and Friendly Flower Shop.

Survivors include two daughters, Lavonda Eckert of Big Spring and Lujean Eckert of Snyder; one son, Danny Eckert of San Angelo; three brothers, Donald Stewart of Colorado City, Billy Stewart of Arlington and Jackie Stewart of Hale Center; three sisters, Barbara Ainsworth of Hobart, Okla., Effie Lou Meadows of Snyder and Charlene Sappington of Lubbock; and three grandchildren.

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Police investigate complaint of 2 children alone in home

• **Children's welfare**

Dispatchers received a call at 10:48 a.m. that two children were alone in a house. Officers were dispatched and found an eight-year-old child and a one-year-old child alone. The officer said he was there for 20 minutes before the mother showed up. She was advised of the complaint and the consequences.

• **Arrest**

A 32-year-old female was arrested in the 3700 block of Austin at 8:56 a.m. on an outstanding Mitchell County warrant and a Scurry County warrant for theft by check.

• **Theft**

Collin Jones told officers that his billfold had been stolen on July 5 with $300 and a credit card in it. Officers reported the billfold had been found with the money missing.

• **Trash dumping**

A citizen reported to deputies at 11:46 a.m. that someone had dumped trash on FM 1606.

• **Gas drive offs**

Gas drive offs were reported Monday from the Plaza Truck Stop, Town & Country East, and Town & Country North.

• **Criminal mischief**

Officers reported a street light globe broken in the 2800 block of Avenue C and the responsible parties located. A woman told officers that her boyfriend had broken out the windows of her house in the 2900 block of Avenue J. Another woman reported to officers around 11:45 p.m. that someone had stolen her doorbell after repeatedly ringing it throughout the evening.

• **Canine visitor**

A man told officers that he found a dog in his house in the 2800 block of Avenue M after he had been gone all weekend. The man secured the dog in a small pen.

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WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

Museum exhibit

A special exhibit of Harley-Davidson, Indian motorcycles and Cushman motor scooters continues through Aug. 22 at the Scurry County Museum on the Western Texas College campus. The free exhibit is entitled Ready To Roll and all bikes are owned by residents of Scurry County.

Medical fund

A medical fund has been established for James Weldon Buchanan at American State Bank to help with cancer treatment expenses. The account name is James Weldon Buchanan Medical Fund, #4802659.

Gateway Family Services

Gateway Family Services has a parenting discussion group from 10:30-11:30 a.m. every Tuesday, focusing on parenting issues and special challenges. The family violence support group also meets from 6:30-7:30 p.m. every Tuesday.

Mesquite Country Emmaus

Mesquite Country Emmasus will hold a community meeting at 7 tonight at the Word is Life Deliverance Church, 312 Coliseum Drive. Babe Chicks meet at 6 p.m.

Desert Reign Ministry

Desert Reign Ministry will perform at 7 p.m. Wednesday at Trinity United Methodist Church. The public is invited to hear country gospel music with a southwestern flair.

FBC services televised

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

Open house

Snyder Healthcare Center will host an open house from 2 to 6:15 p.m. Friday. Staff will provide tours of renovated facilities. There will be door prizes, entertainment and refreshments. For more information call 573-6332.

Girl Scout swim party

A Girl Scout swim party will be 5-7 p.m. Saturday at Towle Park pool, followed by a hot dog supper in the park. Girl Scout membership card is required for admittance. There will be a leader meeting during the party. Contact your leader or call 573-3926 for more information.

Adventures with Paul VBS

Adventures with Paul Vacation Bible School will be from 9 a.m. until noon July 22-24 at 37th St. Church of Christ. It is for ages two years through the sixth grade. For more information, call 573-0154.

Discovery School garage sale

Discovery School will have a garage sale on Friday July 26. Times are 9 a.m. until noon, and 5:30-8:30 p.m. at the youth center (old Lone Star Gas building) at 27th St. and Ave. R. If you have anything you would like to donate, bring it by the Discovery School office or call 573-4770.

Head Start registration

Head Start registration will be held Aug. 5-9 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Children must be at least three years old and family must meet income guidelines or child must have a diagnosed disability. Birth certificate, current immunization records, Social Security Card and proof of family income are required.

Fall poetry contest

Mesquite Country Writers Guild is accepting entries for its fall poetry contest. Theme is open and there is a 20-line limit. Deadline is Aug. 15 and entry fee is $2. First prize is $50, second is $30 and third is $20. Mail entries to Yvonne Nunn, 9221 S. State Hwy 208 in Hermleigh, 79526.

Cancer treatment transportation

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

Calling all poets

The Mesquite Country Writers Guild is inviting poets to send an original poem to be published in the fall newsletter, "Bards of a Feather." Theme is open with a 20-line limit. Mail entries to Yvonne Nunn, 9221 S. Hwy 208 in Hermleigh, 79526.

Greenspan provides upbeat appraisal of U.S. economy

WASHINGTON (AP)— Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan told Congress today the economy is on the road to full recovery but will keep feeling the effects of last year's recession. Corporate executives should be held accountable to accurately state the financial condition of their companies, he said.

"The effects of the recent difficulties will linger for a bit longer but as they wear off, and absent significant further adverse shocks, the U.S. economy is poised to resume a pattern of sustainable growth." Greenspan told the Senate Banking Committee.

The markets remained volatile, however, and investors seemed to take little comfort in promising second-quarter earnings reports or Greenspan's report. Stocks fell sharply in early trading, as the Dow Jones industrials plummeted by more than 230 points.

Delivering his semiannual report on the economy, Greenspan struck a more upbeat and reassuring tone than he had earlier this year.

He said he and his Fed colleagues now expect the economy this year to grow between 3.50 percent and 3.75 percent when measured from the fourth quarter of 2001. That's stronger than the 2.5 percent to 3 percent pace forecast in February.

"Financial markets have been notably skittish of late and business managers remain decidedly cautious," Greenspan said.

To restore investor trust shaken by the accounting scandals, Greenspan said CEOs must be held accountable to accurately report on the financial condition of their companies and should be penalized for not doing so.

During questioning, Greenspan said elements in the Senate bill to combat corporate fraud passed Monday were "to the point."

Greenspan said checks and balances on corporate governance that worked well in the past might have been hurt by the go-go mentality of the 1990s that "arguably engendered an outsized increase in opportunities for avarice."