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Winds of prosperity blow into county

By Brian Brisendine
SDN Staff Writer

The winds of change have reached Scurry County and soon will be making clean and efficient energy on the plateaus northwest of Snyder.

The Green Mountain Energy Wind Farm at Brazos, to contain 160 turbines, is being constructed primarily in Scurry County and also in Borden County and is scheduled to be complete by the end of the year.

Ninety-five of the turbines will be located in Scurry County with the remaining 65 in Borden County.

Construction of roads and clearing of foundation for each turbine began Monday. Subcontractors are hiring contract laborers, according to project manager Scott Rowland. He said manpower will peak at 200 to 225 workers.

"We switched from the development phase to the construction phase and we are excited and ready to go," Rowland said from the temporary office in Fluvanna.

The Fluvanna Methodist Church has been purchased for a permanent office, but asbestos must be removed and the building cleaned before staffers move in.

Erection of the turbines — the most visible portion of the construction phase — will begin in late August.

"We will start with the bluff east of FM 1269 and go from there," Rowland said. "People are really going to notice this project with all the equipment that will be coming into Scurry County."

More than 1,200 semi-trailers will be arriving on site soon, carrying equipment and turbine components. Timeliness is of the utmost importance, according to Rowland, as the Dec. 31 deadline for completion looms.

The project must be complete by midnight on the last day of 2003 to qualify for clean-energy tax breaks from the federal government. If the deadline is missed, the project could lose as much as one-third of its projected value, Rowland said.

"Missing that deadline is absolutely not an option," he said. "We will do whatever we have to do in order to make it by then, even if it means a lot of long days and short nights."

Austin-based Cielo Wind Power is developing the project and has partnered with Orion Energy of Oakland, Calif., TXU Energy of Dallas and Green Mountain Energy Co., also of Austin, to purchase 100 percent of the output from the project.

Rowland said everyone involved is appreciative of the communities of Fluvanna and Snyder and the people in Scurry and Borden counties.

"Everyone has been very supportive of us and of this project," he said. "We're working with a good group of people when it comes to the local community leaders and our land owners."

Scurry County commissioners' court and Western Texas College board of trustees voted earlier this year in favor of a 10-year tax abatement.

In exchange, Cielo Wind Power will pay the county $800,000 and the college $400,000 over the 10-year period.

The project will produce up to 160 megawatts, enough to power 30,000 average Texas homes per year.

Cielo Wind Power develops, maintains and assists with construction of utility-grade wind power projects.

The Fluvanna office is the company's third outside of Austin, with other locations in McCamey and White Deer.

Shell Wind Energy and Padoma Resources I acquired the project prior to construction and jointly own the wind farm. Shell Energy will be the operator.

The turbines at the Brazos wind farm should be hard to miss while driving east on U.S. 84. Each will stand 230 feet tall with three blades stretching 75 feet from the hub.

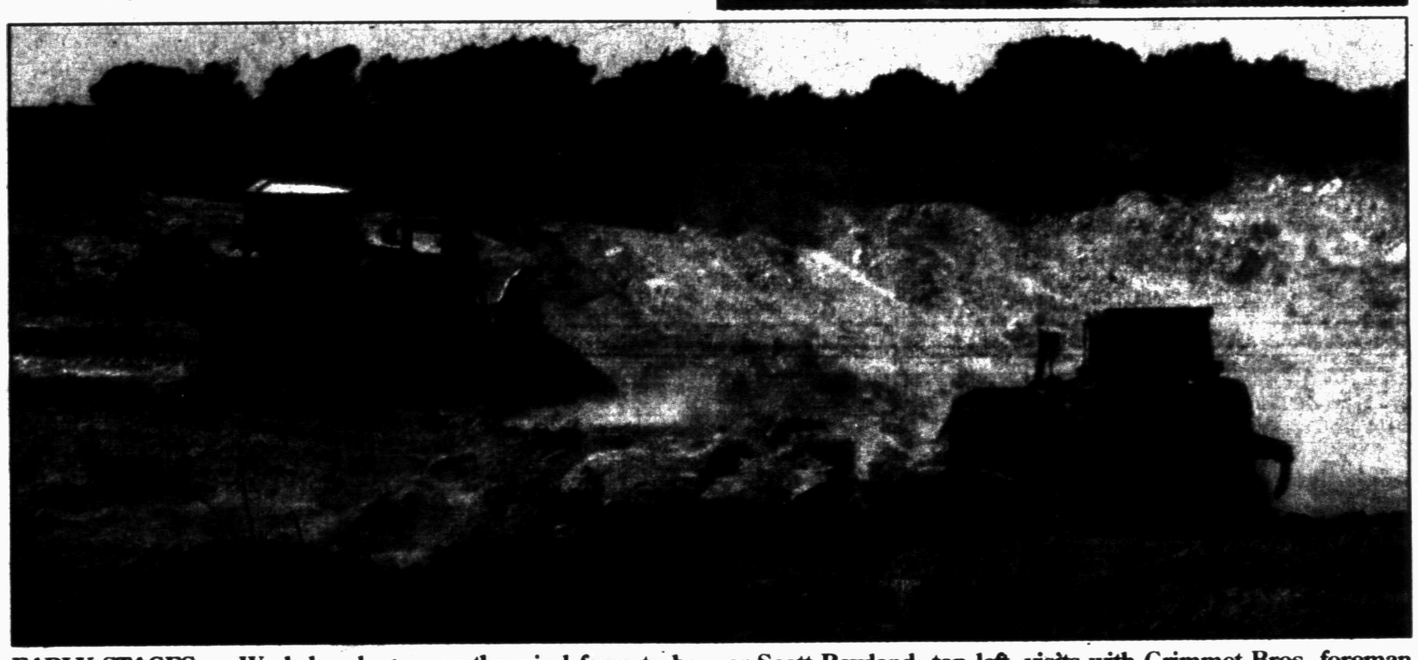
The turbines weigh 370,000 pounds each and produce no emissions.

The company said the wind farm will prevent an estimated 360,000 tons of carbon dioxide each year — equivalent to taking all the cars and SUVs in Houston off the road for about a week each year to avoid the same amount of the poisonous gas.

Rowland said everyone benefits from this project and its location.

"We're going to be a part of this community for a long time and we want to do anything we can to help," he said. "Clean energy is better for the environment and this whole project should be for the betterment of these communities."





EARLY STAGES — Work has begun on the wind farm to be located in northern sections of Scurry County. Project manager Scott Rowland, top left, visits with Grimmet Bros. foreman Harvey Waller about dirt work underway. (SDN Staff Photo)

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, " You are only young once — and after that you merely think you are."

Bill Looney, former Snyder resident who now lives in Canyon, sent the following, a letter written by an 83-year-old and the last line says it all:

I'm reading more and dusting less. I'm sitting in the yard and admiring the view without fussing about the weeds in the garden.

I'm spending more time with my family and friends and less time working. Whenever possible, life should be a pattern of experiences to savor, not to endure. I'm trying to recognize these moments now and cherish them.

I'm not "saving" anything; we use our good china and crystal for every special event such as losing a pound, getting the sink unstopped, or the first Amaryllis blossom.

I wear my good blazer to the market. My theory is if I look prosperous, I can shell out $28.49 for one small bag of groceries.

I'm not saving my good perfume for special parties, but wearing it for clerks in the hardware store and tellers at the bank.

"Someday" and "one of these days" are losing their grip on my vocabulary; if it's worth seeing or hearing or doing, I want to see and hear and do it now.

I'm not sure what others would've done had they known they wouldn't be here for the tomorrow that we all take for granted.

I think they would have called family members and a few close friends. They might have called a few former friends to apologize and mend fences for past squabbles.

I like to think they would have gone out for a Chinese dinner or for whatever their favorite food was.

I'm guessing; I'll never know.

It's those little things left undone that would make me angry if I knew my hours were limited. Angry because I hadn't written certain letters that I intended to write one of these days. Angry and sorry that I didn't tell my husband and parents often enough how much I truly love them.

I'm trying very hard not to put off, hold back, or save anything that would add laughter and luster to our lives.

And every morning when I open my eyes, I tell myself that it is special. Every day, every minute, every breath truly is a gift from God.

If you received this, it is because someone cares for you.

If you're too busy to take the few minutes that it takes right now to forward this, would it be the first time you didn't do the little thing that would make a difference in your relationships? I can tell you it certainly won't be the last.

Take a few minutes to send this to a few people you care about, just to let them know that you're thinking of them.

People say true friends must always hold hands, but true friends don't need to hold hands because they know the other hand will always be there.

I don't believe in miracles. I rely on them.

Life may not be the party we hoped for, but while we are here we might as well dance.

Elementary registration is Wednesday

Registration for Snyder ISD's upcoming school year is Wednesday at the district's five elementary schools.

Registration at the elementary schools is for all students from pre-kindergarten through the sixth grade and will be conducted from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m.

Pre-kindergarten students scheduled to attend West Elementary will register in the Fellowship Hall of Colonial Hill Baptist Church due to the air conditioning work underway on the West campus.

Bilingual pre-kindergarten students also will register at the church.

Bilingual kindergarten students will register at Central Elementary.

Regular first grade students will register at their school campus for their respective attendance zone, as will regular kindergarten students.

Second grade students will register at Stanfield and third graders at Central Elementary.

Fourth grade students will register at East Elementary, while fifth graders will go to Northeast to register, and sixth graders at West.

To be eligible in a pre-kindergarten class, a child must be four years of age by Sept. 1, and meet the following requirements:

- The child must be unable to speak and comprehend the English language; or
- Be from a family whose income is at, or below, subsistence level. (Family will qualify for the Federal Free Lunch program).

School officials urge parents to follow the below listed registration times so that unnecessary waiting might be avoided.

Students whose first letter of the last names of A-D will register from 8-9 a.m., while E-H will register from 9-10 a.m., and I-L will register from 10-11 a.m.

Students whose last names begin with M-P will register from 11 a.m. until noon.

Registration will resume at 1 p.m. and students with last names beginning with Q-T will register until 2 o'clock, followed by students with U-W last names from 2-3 p.m.

The last group will be students with their last names starting with X-Z from 3-4 p.m.

To be eligible for enrollment into kindergarten, a child must be five years of age on or before Sept. 1. And to enroll in the first grade, the child must be six years old before Sept. 1.

All students who are entering Snyder schools for the first time must bring a birth certificate, Social Security card and a record of immunization.

All elementary students who register must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian, and if parents are scheduled to be out of town on Wednesday, children can be registered Monday or Tuesday.

Students who attended Snyder High School or Snyder Junior High last year are already registered for the school year.

Junior high students who have recently moved to Snyder need to register between Monday and Friday at the junior high building. Students need to bring grade records, Social Security card, birth certificate and immunization records.

High school students new to the community need to register Aug. 5 at SHS.

Students need to bring grade records and immunization records to the registration.

New student and ninth grade orientation will be at 1:30 p.m. Aug. 6 in the Worsham Auditorium.

Offices are open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. until noon and from 1-4 p.m.

The first day of school for all Snyder students is Aug. 18.

Chamber to meet Monday

The board of directors of the Snyder Chamber of Commerce will hear two hotel-motel funds requests when it meets at 11:30 a.m. Monday at The Shack.

The aMAZEingFUNmazes has requested $2,000, while the Western Texas College Theatre Department will present its request at the meeting.

Reports will be heard on the July 4 celebration, as well as the fly-in. Both events were held earlier this month.

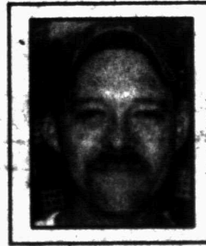
Sandra Salinas, administrative assistant, also will report on the Scurry County Rodeo Association, and give reports on the monthly newsletter, Western Swing Festival and the coliseum rental fee, the 2004 budget, as well as the need for part-time help while the chamber searches for a new executive director.

The board also will discuss plans for hiring a new executive director to take the place of the late Donna Fowler.

ASK US

Q—Where did the CADA office relocate?
A—To 1904 37th Street.

MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR



Scott Bounds...

...just moved to Snyder with his wife, Sheila, and their children. They are, Christopher, 18, Holly, 15, Aaron, 10, Curey, 9, and Simon, 1. Scott is a professional tile installer and hobbies include creative tile artwork.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

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WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

Refurbish Haynes' angels

Friends and well-wishers of cancer patient Carole Haynes will meet at 1:30 p.m. Sunday at her home in Hermleigh to refurbish the angels set up several months ago to support her during her treatment. Bring own supplies also bring favorite snacks or finger food. For more information call 573-1031 or 574-1960.

Guadalupanas food sale

The Guadalupanas of Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church will be selling food on Sunday at the Guadalupe Center. The menu includes menudo, gorditas, brisket burritos, barbacoa, chicharron, chicken tacos and lots more.

Church of God VBS

Vacation Bible School at Church of God, 21st and Ave. O, will be held from 6-8 p.m. Monday through Friday. Call 573-6875 if you need a ride.

Head Start registration

Scurry County Head Start registration begins Monday and continues through Aug. 18 between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. at 2800 2nd Street. The following will be required: child's certified birth certificate, current immunization record, social security number and proof of family income.

First Methodist VBS

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

Star Boot Camp

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

Bible study tapes

Bible videos air each week on Channel 2. To be shown at 7 p.m. Monday is "What Does the Church See When It Looks in the Mirror," followed by "His Grace Reaches Me."

GED registration, test dates

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

Computer drawing

The Scurry County Anti-Drug Connection will have a drawing for a computer Friday at the Back-to-School Bash. Buy a chance to win a Dell computer system for $1 each, or 6 for $5 from any CADA member. Call 573-1141, 574-1931, or come by 2513 College Ave. The bash is from 7-11 p.m. at the Towle Park Barn.

Class of '83 reunion dance

The SHS class of '83 reunion dance will be held from 8:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. next Saturday at the Snyder Country Club. Music will be by Cross Mojo Nation. Cost is $10 per person. Classmates, friends, teachers and the public are invited.

'59 HHS class reunion

The Hermleigh High School class of 1959 reunion will begin at 9:30 a.m. next Saturday with a brunch at Martha Ann Woman's Club. Meet at MAWC for class picture at 5 p.m. and the evening meal will follow at 6 p.m. RSVP by July 28 to Carllee Burleson at 573-0921, or Harold Robbins at 573-8083.

First Christian Bible Camp

First Christian Church, 37th and Austin, has set its Morning Bible Camp from 9-11:30 a.m. beginning Monday, Aug. 4, through Thursday, Aug. 7. Children from kindergarten through sixth grade are eligible. Call 573-6877 to register.

SHS football program ads

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

Sonshine registration

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

Cancer treatment transportation

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

A&M students will now pay $9 more per semester hour

COMMERCE (AP) — Texas A&M System regents, now able to set tuition as high as they want, have raised the rate by 20 percent on the main campus.

More increases are expected around the state in response to the Legislature's decision this year to deregulate college tuition. A&M regents, meeting in Commerce, decided Friday to increase tuition $9 per credit hour for students in College Station.

A student with a 12-hour workload would owe an additional $108 a semester.

"I think we are being very responsible," university President Robert Gates told the regents during a public hearing on the increase.

Regents Chairman Lowry Mays said the higher rate still leaves A&M with lower tuition than universities such as Michigan and North Carolina.

"This is a small overall increase that shouldn't cause significant hurt," Mays said. "I know some people felt that because Texas tuition is so low, there'd be a rush to catch up once we got this authority. But that's not going to happen. We're conservative financial stewards with experience spending money for goods received."

The tuition hike, along with about $20.5 million in recent cuts that included 35 staff layoffs, will help pay for a plan to hire 400 new professors. Gates said the plan will transform the university.

However, Matt Josefy, student body president, expressed concern about "what will come the semester after that and the semester after that.

California Supreme Court will not halt Davis' recall election

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — The state's highest court has left the date intact for California's first ever gubernatorial recall election and even allies of embattled Gov. Gray Davis all but conceded that the vote would go on.

The state Supreme Court declined Friday to halt the recall timetable, now set for Oct. 7. That leaves what is expected to be fierce litigation in Los Angeles on Aug. 8 as pro-Davis forces challenge the legitimacy of pro-recall signatures gathered by Republicans.

Dave Gilliard, director of Rescue California Recall Gray Davis, the anti-Davis group that fostered the recall, said, "This is what we expected from the Supreme Court."

"No court has accepted any of the governor's arguments to stop or slow down this recall and now we're going forward," he said. "We're going to have an election."

A pro-recall rally was set for Saturday in Sacramento.

Pro-Davis forces all but conceded the recall vote was on after the high court ruled, and were gearing up to wage a political campaign, not a court battle to block the election.

"From this point forward, our assumption is that the recall is on the ballot. That is our primary focus," said Eric Bauman, a spokesman for Taxpayers Against the Governor's Recall.

The Republican-dominated Supreme Court was responding to an emergency petition by pro-Davis forces who charged that the 900,000 signatures of registered voters required to force an election were obtained fraudulently.

The court, voting 5-0 with two absentees, did not rule on the merits of the charges. Instead, the court declined to halt the election pending litigation in Los Angeles.

GOP Rep. Darrell Issa bankrolled the recall drive with $1.7 million of his own money and has declared his intention to put his name on the ballot. Issa and other Republican forces have accused Davis of steering California into a $38 billion deficit, which the governor denies.

Candidates hoping to replace Davis if he is recalled have only until Aug. 9 to get into the race. Under California law, candidates to replace the subject of a recall must file their papers 59 days before the vote.

Though Issa is the only declared major-party candidate so far, other potential Republican contenders include actor Arnold Schwarze-negger, former Los Angeles Mayor Richard Riordan, last year's failed GOP gubernatorial nominee Bill Simon and state Sen. Tom McClintock of Thousand Oaks.

Still another Republican possibility emerged Thursday — Jack Kemp, the GOP vice presidential nominee in 1996 and a former New York congressman. And three more names surfaced Friday: Former GOP congressman and U.S. Senate candidate Michael Huffington; former governor George Deukmejian; and former Assemblywoman Audie Bock, a one-time Green Party member who said she's entering the race as a Democrat.

Huffington took out nominating papers to run. "He's been contemplating it and made a final decision this past week to file the papers," said Huffington's spokesman Bruce Nestande.

The state's Democratic officeholders have closed ranks behind Davis and say they will not run, and state Democratic Party spokesman Bob Mulholland said.

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ALL CHOKED UP — Sandy, Leigh Wilbourn of El Paso, and Danny, Thomas Lowery of Snyder, are "All Choked Up" during the finale of "Grease." The 1950s-era musical concludes Sunday at 8:15 p.m. at the Kokernot Outdoor Theatre at Sul Ross University. (Photo by Barbara Richerson)

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Courtney Tyrrell

Tyrrell given mathematics recognition

Courtney Tyrrell of Snyder has been named a United States National Award winner in mathematics, according to the United States Achievement Academy.

Courtney, who will be a freshman at Snyder High School this fall, was nominated by Theresa Vest, junior high math teacher.

Courtney is the daughter of Mike and Tammy Tyrrell of Snyder. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. C.E. Harlow of Van Horn and Mr. and Mrs. Phil White of Golden, Colo.

Wittie serving on aircraft-carrier

Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Shawn D. Wittie, son of Patricia A. and David L. Wittie of Snyder, is currently assigned to the Navy's newest nuclear-powered aircraft carrier, USS Ronald Reagan, recently commissioned at Norfolk Station in Norfolk, Va.

Wittie's ship, the ninth Nimitz-class aircraft carrier, will be homeported in San Diego, Calif. The USS Ronald Reagan will hold more than 5,500 sailors and support approximately 75 aircraft.

Wittie is a 1996 graduate of Snyder High School. He joined the Navy in April 1999. Information about Wittie's ship is available at www.reagan.navy.mil

GOP told Bush poll numbers will come down

NEW YORK (AP) — President Bush's solid poll ratings will drop, his re-election campaign manager says, warning Republican activists against complacency in the 2004 race.

"These numbers will come down. We must prepare for an election every bit as close as the 2000 election," Ken Mehlman said in remarks prepared for delivery Saturday to Republican National Committee members.

Mehlman's speech closed out a four-day RNC meeting punctuated by worries that Bush's political stature has been hurt by the ailing economy, the death toll of U.S. troops in Iraq and questions about the administration's use of shaky intelligence to justify the invasion of Iraq.

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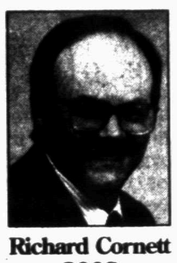
Whatever happened to...

Richard Cornett, son of Jimmie and Pat Cornett of Snyder, is a Thoracic Care Nurse at the VA Hospital in Dallas.

Richard is a 1974 graduate of Snyder High School and was active in choir, manager of the basketball team, member of the National Honor Society and a member of the State TroubleShooters.



Richard Cornett
1974



Richard Cornett
2003

He graduated with a bachelor of science degree from Baylor School of Nursing. Richard was a finalist for "Who Wants to Be a Millionaire."

He and his wife, Susan, live in Mansfield. They have three children, Allison Cornett, who was to marry this weekend, Jim Cornett and Leslie McCowen.

(Readers are invited to submit information and pictures for this feature free of charge. Bring by Snyder Daily News or mail to Box 949 in Snyder, 79550)

Snyder, Ira, Hermleigh and Fluvanna grads...

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

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Year graduated _____

Parent's name _____

Some general high school activities for which they might be remembered _____

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Current picture?

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ASARCO calls EPA report 'flawed'

EL PASO (AP) — Environmental Protection Agency studies showing that a century-old smelter is the source of lead and arsenic contamination in neighborhoods on El Paso's west side are seriously flawed, a smelter official said Friday.

"We found major errors in their calculations," said Lairy Johnson, manager of ASARCO's El Paso smelter. The smelter was shut down in 1999 when copper prices dropped.

The EPA stands behind its studies, said Susan Webster, Superfund site assessment team leader for EPA Region 6.

The EPA started its testing in response to University of Texas at El Paso research in early 2001 that found high levels of heavy-metal contamination on a campus hilltop. The EPA first tested soil in July 2001 at more than 400 sites across El Paso and Sunland Park, N.M.

The agency study released earlier this week found the smelter responsible for at least 53 percent of the lead and 85 percent of the arsenic in its samples.

After earlier taking nearly 2,000 soil samples, the EPA had determined that about 1,100 homes had soil that could potentially cause health problems for residents. It began a soil replacement program for homes with the worst contamination.

Other results presented this week showed the arsenic wouldn't be absorbed into the body as quickly as previously thought. That dropped the number of homes with contamination presenting a possible health threat to 781, EPA officials said.

Johnson pointed to parts of the study that indicate finely crushed slag is a major component of many of the contaminated soil samples.

"At ASARCO, we don't crush slag," Johnson said. He also said the company believes the EPA underestimated the amount of contamination in the slag.

Slag, made up of iron and silicates, is a byproduct of the smelting process, Johnson said. When ore is melted, the slag separates to the top and is poured off. The molten material is deposited in an area at the plant's edge resembling an ancient lava flow.

A neighboring company operating on ASARCO property takes the slag and crushes it. Coarsely crushed slag can be used as a base for railroad tracks and finely crushed slag can be used for sandblasting.

A large pile of the finely crushed slag sits on the edge of the property and may, along with other industrial operations in the area, represent a substantial source of contamination, Johnson said.

"If you don't know the source, you run into the problem of recontamination," Johnson said.

And he said slag, which is part glass, provides a very stable medium for the contamination and would be even less likely to be absorbed into the body, dramatically reducing the potential health threat.

Webster said contaminants identified from the plant include smoke stack emissions and dust that escaped from smelter operations.

EPA to study part of relaxed clean air rules on older plants

WASHINGTON (AP) — Utilities, oil companies and manufacturers may lose part of the reprieve they won last December from having to install more costly air quality controls on their older facilities.

The Bush administration said Friday it will reconsider parts of new clean air rules it completed last New Year's Eve. Those rules relaxed some earlier regulations on dealing with air pollution when older industrial plants expand, make major repairs or modify operations to increase efficiency.

Several states downwind from the biggest industrial sources of air pollution and environmental groups sued to overturn the new rules immediately after they were issued, saying they undermined efforts to protect public health.

Responding particularly to the claim that some new rules never got an adequate public airing, EPA said it will reconsider six limited issues and accept public comment on them for 30 days. In the meantime, EPA said it will keep the new regulations intact.

The six issues involve:

—An EPA analysis that concluded its revisions will lead to less pollution than the past rules.

—Allowing plants that have installed state-of-the-art pollution controls not to install more effective equipment for 10 years, even if they expand or change operations in a way that results in greater pollution.

—Whether facilities that modernize have to keep records and file certain reports about their pollution levels.

—How companies calculate their emissions to reduce the likelihood that new pollution controls will be required.

—Allowing plants with numerous pollution sources to increase pollution from some sources as long as overall, plant-wide air emissions are not increased.

—How emission increases are measured when smokestacks, boilers and generators are replaced.

EPA said it will hold a hearing on the issues on Aug. 14 at Research Triangle Park, N.C.

White House and EPA officials have maintained that the regulations as interpreted by the Clinton administration created disincentives for companies to reduce pollution.

"We continue to believe that the changes finalized in the December 2002 rulemaking are fully justified," EPA spokeswoman Lisa Harrison said. "This reconsideration doesn't mean that we've decided to change any aspects at this time."

Keri Powell, an attorney for law firm Earthjustice, representing the environmental groups, said the new rules create broad loopholes for industry.

Dewhurst declares congressional redistricting dead issue this session

AUSTIN (AP) — Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst confirmed Friday that congressional redistricting will not be debated or voted on by the full Senate before the term ends next week because of a lack of support but he vowed that "sooner or later" a new plan will get approved.

"In essence, redistricting in this session is dead," said Dewhurst, who presides over the Senate. "We will continue to do everything we can to bring everyone together."

A bloc of 11 Democrats and one Republican have been holding firm in opposing redistricting in the Senate. That's enough to keep the bill from coming up for debate under Senate rules.

Republican Gov. Rick Perry, however, is expected to call a second special legislative session on the issue and Dewhurst said he expects Perry to call it "sooner than later." The current 30-day special session ends Tuesday.

A GOP-controlled Senate committee approved a redistricting map this week that appears as though it could give Texas Republicans an additional seven seats in the congressional delegation that is now dominated by Democrats 17-15. The bill stalled in the Senate after the vote.

The Republican-dominated Texas House already approved its own redistricting map that could give Texas Republicans as many as 21 seats.

Lawmakers failed to draw district lines during the 2001 legislative session, so the current plan was drawn by federal judges. Republicans, led by U.S. House Majority Leader Tom DeLay, have been pushing the effort to redraw congressional lines, saying current voting trends show Texas Republicans should have more seats in Congress.

Dewhurst, a Republican, said he is encouraging senators to work together to come up with a plan that is fair to all Texans.

He said if Perry is willing to call lawmakers back for a second or possibly third legislative session "sooner or later, we're going to have a new plan and it's my ardent hope that we work together now as soon as we can."

Dewhurst has said that in the second session he would remove a rule requiring two-thirds of the 31-member Senate to agree to bring a bill up for debate so that support from only a majority of senators would be needed to debate the bill.

Community comes together to help U.S. soldiers overseas

LONGVIEW (AP) — About 24 boxes, some crammed full of bunnies, bears and dolls and others with construction paper, water colors and notebook paper, are taped and ready to be sent to Iraq on Monday.

And Stephanie Powell would give anything to be able to see her son's face when he sees evidence of East Texans' generosity arrive halfway across the world.

As of Friday afternoon, just two days after the Longview News-Journal ran a story about Powell's soldier son requesting stuffed animals and school supplies for the Iraqi children, her living room floor was covered with donations to Baghdad.

"A lot of people said they wanted to do something but they didn't know what they could do," Powell told the Longview News-Journal.

"I have more stuff than what I have boxes for."

People even responded with gifts for the soldiers, powdered drink mixes and foot powder to fight summer outbreaks from army boots. The owners of a company that ships out packages decided to cover the cost of shipping the boxes so Powell won't have to take up her son's offer to pay for that end of the project.

"I couldn't imagine this young man trying to drain his bank account and it seemed like a small gesture on our part for these people who are trying to do a good cause," said Jana Cor-

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Financial Focus

Keeping Your Balance Can Help You Avoid Investment Pitfalls

The road to investment success is filled with potholes. Financial markets are rocked by wars, scandals and political turmoil. Today's "sure thing" turns into tomorrow's "never was." Prognosticators conveniently forget their mistakes and trumpet new recommendations. What's an individual investor to do?

For starters, you can keep your balance. By building a balanced portfolio, and taking a balanced view of your expected returns, you can help make steady progress toward your long-term goals - and typically avoid a lot of frustration and disappointment.

How can you build a balanced portfolio? First, you need to recognize that the term "balanced" means different things to different investors. Suppose, for example, that you are by nature an aggressive investor, willing to take greater risks in exchange for potentially high returns. In your eyes, a properly balanced portfolio should be more heavily weighted with growth stocks than with fixed-income vehicles, such as Treasury bills and Certificates of Deposit. Conversely, if you are willing to sacrifice potential future growth for greater relative stability of principal, then you might view a balanced portfolio as one that has greater percentages of bonds and government securities and smaller percentages of equities.

In other words, the concept of "balance" is somewhat in the eyes of the beholder. Still, no matter what your risk tolerance is, you'll almost certainly need some amount of diversification - some exposure to a wide variety of high-quality investments. By spreading your investment dollars among stocks, bonds, Certificates of Deposit, Treasuries and other securities, you can help maintain your balance - especially in the face of market downturns that may hit one asset class particularly hard.

While building a balanced, diversified portfolio is a key ingredient to investment success, it's not the only ingredient. You also need to maintain a healthy balance, in your mind, between what you hope to achieve with your investments and what is realistic. During the late 1990s, many investors got "spoiled" by years of double-digit returns on their stocks. Yet, when viewed in a historical context, these huge returns were clearly aberrations - not the norm. But ever since early 2000, when the bubble burst on the raging bull market, a lot of people still anticipate the day when they'll once again get those annual returns of 15 percent or more on their investments.

This is a dangerous way to look at investing. If you delude yourself into thinking that those 1990s-style returns will be back soon, you will make mistakes with your investment choices, and, just as importantly, you will never be satisfied with the more realistic 6 or 7 percent returns.

By basing your long-term plans on reasonable rates of return, and by staying invested through all types of markets, you may maintain your psychological balance, even in the face of the market corrections and downturns that are inevitable.

So, there you have it: two types of investment balance to strive for. First, build a diversified portfolio of high-quality investments that's balanced according to your investment personality, time horizon and long-term goals. Second, balance your passionate hopes for investment success with a cold-eyed view toward what's possible and likely. If you can keep these balancing acts going, you'll be prepared for just about anything that comes your way.

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Sunday, July 27, 2003

Projects you manage in the year ahead will have good chances of succeeding. You won't have to make a big splash about it — you'll make progress slowly but surely.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — A period for fulfilling your secret ambition is upon you. Recognize it for what it is and make your move today, but try to keep it under wraps a bit longer.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Any new acquaintance you make during the next week will have a favorable influence on your social life. Don't turn down any invitations.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Some powerful motivating forces are now encouraging you to raise your sights in regard to your goals and ambitions. Don't ignore them.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Any knowledge you've acquired in the past year will be put to good use. You'll be glad for the lessons you've learned — even the painful ones.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Listen to anyone with a good track record who comes to you with an investment proposal. Study it well, because it might be something you'll want to get involved in.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — An endeavor can be launched by contacting someone with the capabilities to do so. This person is looking for something new.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — If you've been hankering to start a diet or exercise program, get going on it now. Anything begun today has an excellent chance for success.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — You will gain greater control over a matter that has been dominated by another. Make your moves now and you'll get stronger management of the situation.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Starting today, conditions that affect your affairs indicate an improvement. Something may occur that will bring about greater security and happiness for all.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Start making plans for what you'd like in the weeks ahead. Anything formulated today has an excellent chance of being accomplished.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Greater financial security can be found, provided you take the time to search things out. There are ways out there for you to cash in.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — The chance to disengage yourself from an unproductive project will be presented to you. Let go of it without looking back and get a fresh start on life.

Monday, July 28, 2003

It behooves you in the year ahead to take greater control of projects in which you become involved. Under your leadership, you and everyone else involved could experience an abundance of success.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — This is not a day to rest on your laurels, but to get moving on something new. The course you set for yourself will prove to be exceptional, and one you'll desire to follow for some time to come.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Take advantage of a unique cycle you're entering today in which you should be able to gain the upper hand in circumstances you have not created nor had direct control over. Have faith in your destiny.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Endeavors, projects and ventures that use updated principles or methods can be successfully launched today. The cycle favors progressive, forward-looking ideas and promises success.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Chances are you'll get the opportunity today to capitalize on little details that your competitors or adversaries have overlooked. In fact, it might give you a whole new way of looking at things.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Someone you meet today could have an enormous influence on your outlook and attitude toward life. This new frame of mind can make life in general much easier for you.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — A venture in which you enjoy a shared interest with another could take off today in ways that give you greater chances for success. It may be just the beginning, with much more to come.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — There are strong indications that you could form a new alliance of some importance today. Whatever it entails, it promises to grant mutual gratification for both you and your cohort.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — This might not just mark the beginning of a new week, but of some significant improvements where your work or career is concerned. It could awaken ambitions you had suppressed.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — If your social life hasn't been up to its usual standards, today could mark that turnaround you've desired. New activities, new friends and new places to go might all be part of the scenario.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — A positive shift in conditions that could occur today is apt to cause you to veer off in a new direction that you hadn't previously considered. It'll take you to happy experiences.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Leave yourself a lot of space in which to move around today. Chances are plans or ideas could pop up that you'll want to be a part of. Being flexible will work to your advantage.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — This is the day to work on ways to strengthen your financial position, because there are a number of areas opening up at this time where you can either make or save money.

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Lawmakers, outside groups say House bill short on vets' care

WASHINGTON (AP) — Some lawmakers and interest groups are complaining that a $90 billion, House-passed spending bill shortchanges veterans' health-care programs, and say they might do something about it.

But supporters of the package for veterans, housing, environment and science programs say they did the best they could under tight budget restrictions. And they indicate more money might be found for veterans by the time Congress sends the bill to President Bush.

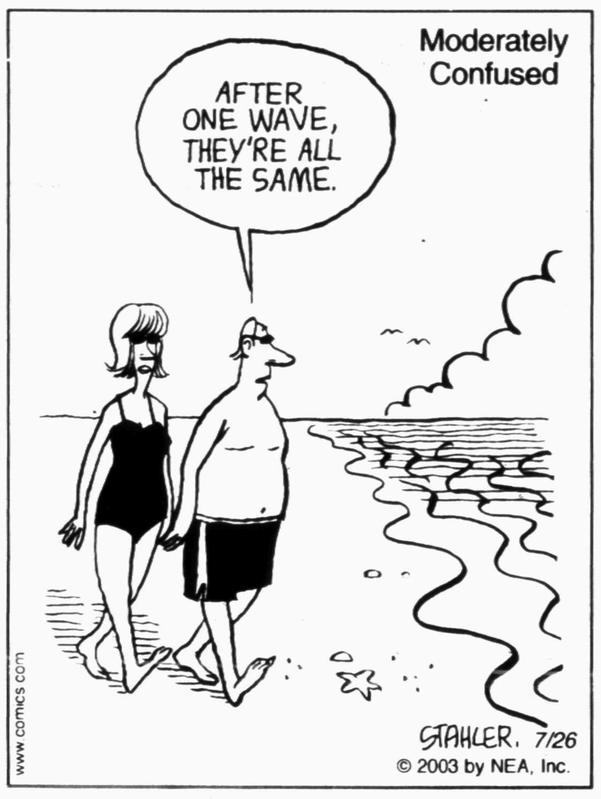
"This is not the end of the process," Rep. James Walsh, R-N.Y., chairman of the House Appropriations subcommittee that wrote the bill, said shortly before the House approved it 316-109 late Friday.

As the House ended its legislative work until September, the chamber also voted 352-60 for a separate bill providing $984 million in immediate relief for victims of natural disasters.

The measure lacked $100 million for AmeriCorps, which supporters of the national service program said would force it to drop thousands of its volunteers in housing, teaching and other community projects.

The overall measure for the budget year beginning Oct. 1 has $25.7 billion in new spending for veterans' health care, the same amount Bush requested and $1.3 billion above this year's total.

But critics said it was $1.8 billion below what the Republican-led Congress had promised in its nonbinding budget in April, and would leave thousands of veterans waiting six months or longer for treatment and beds.



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Grad student finds lots of dinosaur bones

POCATELLO, Idaho (AP) — A paleontology graduate student on a stroll with his father stumbled upon more dinosaur bones in one day than had previously been discovered in the state's history.

Jason Moore stopped at a stone outcropping on a southeast Idaho hillside to give his father a lesson in fossil hunting.

"I happened to glance down and said, 'That large pile of bones on the ground is bone,'" said Moore, who studies paleontology at Cambridge University.

Moore and his parents scoured the hillside, finding more fragments, and soon realized a dinosaur was buried in the earth below.

The discovery in late June became the most complete dinosaur skeleton ever found in Idaho, and it doubled the number of known dinosaur bones in Idaho. The location remains secret.



Experts say the animal was probably a large herbivore, perhaps a Tenontosaurus, that lived during the late Early Cretaceous Period, which began about 89 million years ago and lasted about 16 million years.

Until now, most dinosaur hunters have avoided Idaho, where soil and vegetation cover rocks and make searching difficult. Montana State University paleontologists Frankie Jackson said searching in Idaho requires spending more time driving than digging.

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By Peter Gott, M.D.



Treatment of incontinence in a young man

DEAR DR. GOTT: I've battled incontinence for years. I'm a male, 28, in otherwise good health. Some days I will have up to five bowel movements with incredible urgency. The condition is amplified by stress and puts restrictions on my activities and lifestyle.

I've been to a gastroenterologist, and had normal tests (colonoscopy, ultrasound and X-ray studies). The conclusion is "spastic colon." Would you now suggest a chiropractor, herbologist, acupuncture or reflexology?

I'm desperate.

DEAR READER: Your problem is certainly tantamount to disaster, especially in a healthy young man. The unpredictable intestinal spasms of irritable bowel syndrome can be difficult to control.

Quite honestly, I don't believe that the various resources you mention would be of much help, although stress counseling might assist you in avoiding attitudes and situations that aggravate your bowel urgency.

I think that your most productive resource would be your gastroenterologist — or another GI specialist, if you choose. He might suggest that you increase your fiber intake (with Metamucil, Fibercon and similar products) and/or try a prescription antispasmodic, such as Donnatal, that would reduce the strength of your colonic contractions, thereby allowing you more control.

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

DEAR DR. GOTT: Are Lyme disease and fibromyalgia similar diseases? If not, what differentiates them?

DEAR READER: Although Lyme disease and fibromyalgia share some characteristics (such as achiness, muscle spasm and fatigue), the two afflictions are distinct. Fibromyalgia causes sore and stiff muscles. It is assumed to be a rheumatic disorder of unknown origin, occurs more frequently in women, is commonly related to stress, and is not a hazard to health. There are no tests to confirm the diagnosis.

Lyme disease, on the other hand, is caused by infection with a microorganism transmitted by the bite of the female deer tick. Unlike fibromyalgia, Lyme disease may cause arthritis, rash, heart disorders and brain inflammation. It can be diagnosed with a blood test. Further, the treatment is different: long-term antibiotic therapy for Lyme disease, symptom control for fibromyalgia.

Comparing these two disorders is like comparing a go-cart to a minivan: the two vehicles have certain similarities, but their differences are striking. Lyme disease is a serious medical condition that requires therapy. Fibromyalgia is far more benign and is treated much less aggressively.

DEAR DR. GOTT: Is there a new treatment for psoriasis? My dermatologist has tried various preparations, to no avail.

DEAR READER: Researchers recently reported on a new product that is a combination of calcipotriene (Dovonex) and a topical steroid cream (the product is discussed in the January 2003 issue of the Journal of the American Academy of Dermatology, on pages 48-54). The medicine significantly reduces the size and activity of psoriatic skin lesions, but has not yet been released for public use. Ask your dermatologist about this. Perhaps he can obtain a trial supply for you.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I've had a problem with sciatica for the past five years. A searing, debilitating pain radiates downward from my left lower buttock, into my leg, and is often accompanied by numbness and weakness. Past treatment has included bed rest, massage, ultrasound, physical therapy and analgesics — all of which have produced short-lived benefits. On the Internet, I recently discovered a condition called piriformis syndrome. Could this be my problem?

DEAR READER: Most cases of sciatica are caused by pressure on the nerves that travel from the spinal cord into the lower extremities. This pressure is often the consequence of a herniated disc in the lower back, not a tense muscle. The symptoms you describe suggest that the pressure on the sciatic nerve may be extreme. In such cases, permanent damage (weakness and numbness) may result if the condition is not treated aggressively with surgery and other techniques.

Rather than relying on exercises and other methods of pain control, you need an MRI scan. This test uses electromagnetic waves to produce a picture of internal organs, including the spine, which will indicate where the pressure is exerted and how serious it is. Your doctor can order the scan.

Having said this, I must elaborate on the condition you mention that is said to cause sciatica in some patients. Called piriformis syndrome, the disorder is not universally recognized by physicians. Yet, in some people, the piriformis muscle, deep in the buttock, can trap the sciatic nerves in their course down the back of the thigh and leg.

Accentuated by prolonged sitting (such as working at a computer), by strenuous twisting of the torso (such as shoveling snow), or even by falling on one's backside, the piriformis muscle goes into spasm. This may lead to low-back ache, weakness of the hip on the affected side, difficulty walking, pain down the back of the thigh and numbness of the lower leg — in short, all the classic signs of a herniated disc.

Unfortunately, piriformis syndrome will not be evident on either CT or MRI scans. Rather, the diagnosis is made clinically: by a specific examination of the piriformis muscle.

In a sitting position (or while lying flat on the back), the patient flexes the knee on the painful side, and pulls the knee across the body and slightly upward. As the hip rotates, the tight piriformis muscle is stretched, yielding increasing pain as the spastic muscle is stressed.

Most medical authorities recommend that the "piriformis test" be performed by qualified personnel (doctors, chiropractors or physical therapists). However, by attempting to test themselves, many patients can actually diagnose the cause of their own back pain.

In contrast to the finding of this test, a herniated disc usually causes pain when the patient, lying on the back, flexes one knee hard against the chest and then straightens the leg.

Orthopedic specialists, who treat piriformis syndrome, recommend two home exercises that help relieve discomfort by stretching both the piriformis muscle and the hamstring muscles (in the back of the thigh); the hamstrings can also increase pressure on the sciatic nerve.

Exercise No. 1: Lie down, face up, on a comfortable flat surface (such as a thick rug on the floor). Make certain that your shoulders, mid-back and legs are flat against the surface. Bring the knee up (on the affected side) to waist level and plant the foot next to, but just outside, the opposite knee. Then gently pull the bent knee down toward the floor, across the body, without moving the anchoring foot. In the presence of piriformis spasm, this maneuver will cause some pain. Carefully continue pressing the bent knee downward, releasing the pressure if the pain becomes too intense. Do this 8 or 10 times per session twice a day. As the piriformis spasm lessens, the exercise will hurt less and the hip will rotate more easily.

Exercise No. 2: Again, lie down face up on a flat surface. Flex the affected knee up toward the chest, keeping the "good" leg flat, thereby forming a right angle with the thighs. Gradually straighten the bent knee, while keeping the "down" leg flat. Repeat this 8 or 10 times, twice a day.

I don't know whether you have piriformis syndrome. See an orthopedic surgeon for an examination, further testing and additional advice.

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RAISING KIDS WHO DON'T SMOKE

The responsibilities of being a parent can sometimes seem overwhelming. What with the feeding and clothing and making sure they don't permanently injure one another, moms, dads and legal guardians have enough to keep themselves occupied for the next 18 plus years.

But the responsibility does not end at meal time, bath time or bed time; there is so much more to it. Parents are held responsible for ensuring that their precious little ones develop into mature and productive members of society. Our influences on them can have long-lasting effects as they go about building the foundations of their future. We either teach them to build on the shifting sand or the solid rock.

One of the ways we can prepare young people for the future is to talk to them about making wise decisions and taking care of themselves body, mind and soul.

Every child should know that they only get one body, and it is up to them to take care of it. One way to do so is to avoid harmful habits like smoking. Talking to your child about smoking and other risky behaviors is important because parents can be the single most important influence on a child's decision to or not to smoke, drink or use drugs. Tobacco may seem like the least of your concerns, but the topic is worth discussing with your young people because of the direct health risks of using tobacco products as well as those other risky behaviors associated with the habit. Cigarettes can also be a gateway drug to marijuana which in turn can be a gateway to even more dangerous substances like cocaine or methamphetamines.

The statistics are somewhat alarming. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, more than 20 percent of high school students report that they smoked a cigarette before age 13. Therefore, it is never too early to talk to your child about smoking. In fact, you should have ongoing conversations with your children about such topics. You don't always have to sit them down and make them listen to a long, drawn-out lecture. Some of the most powerful parent-child conversations occur when the two of you are doing another activity such as shooting hoops, watching television, driving on a road trip, shopping or eating dinner.

Remember to be firm in your stance and let them now your disapproval of the bad habit. Also, ask your child questions and answer theirs honestly. If you are a smoker, don't let that stop you from talking to your kids. Explain to them why you don't want them using tobacco products and tell them how you come to be a user. Don't be afraid to admit that you might have made different choices had you knew then what you know now. If you've tried to quit and have been unsuccessful, tell them. Your child will respect your honesty.

Every child is in danger of becoming a tobacco user. The following questions will help you determine whether your child is at a higher risk.

Does your child have friends who smoke? Kids who have three or more friends who smoke are 10 times more likely to smoke than those who report to have no friends who do.

Do you or your spouse smoke? Studies indicate that a child with a parent who smokes is twice as likely to also pick up the habit.

Do any of your child's siblings smoke? Having an older brother or sister who is a smoker triples a kid's oddS of smoking.

Is your child having trouble in school? Smoking has been repeatedly linked to poor academic achievement.

Does your child have a great deal of unsupervised time after school? Participating in after-school activities such as sports or clubs lowers a child's risk of regular smoking.

Is your child depressed? Research indicates a link between smoking cigarettes and symptoms of depression among adolescents.

Remember, children ages 11 through 15 in grades 6 through 10 are the most vulnerable to giving into the pressure to smoke. That is the time when most kids who smoke say that they tried their first cigarette. You want your children to have a healthy start so talk to them about not smoking.

Head Start overhaul going to Senate next

WASHINGTON (AP) — After not a single Democrat voted for the House's Head Start plan, the Republican leading the Senate's preschool review reaffirmed he envisions a different approach.

"I am committed to working with my colleagues in the Senate, on both sides of the aisle, to craft a bill that best serves the children," said Sen. Judd Gregg of New Hampshire, chairman of the Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions.

Head Start, the nation's signature early education program for the poor, is typically revised with bipartisan support when it comes up for a periodic review like this year's.

The House plan, approved 217-216 early Friday morning, drew fire from Democrats and several child welfare groups. They opposed an experimental shift in power to states and a provision to allow religious groups to base Head Start hiring solely on people's religion.

The Bush administration backs both. The White House said Bush's senior advisers would recommend he veto the House bill if the religious hiring idea were stripped before it reached his desk.

In the end, House Republicans jockeyed for just enough votes to pass the bill after 12 GOP members broke ranks. Critics shifted focus Friday to the Senate, where action is just starting, and the matters of state control and religion-based hiring are open questions.

Gregg said he wants the states to coordinate Head Start centers better with other childhood programs. That was the same message from House Republicans and Bush, and Democrats agreed with the principle.

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TOURNEY TITLE — The Snyder Division III all-stars won the United Girls Softball Association tournament July 13. The team is front, from left, Ashley Luecke, Breanna Bernal, Joshlyn Tovar, Tana Sullenger, Bianca Gonzales, second row, Terann Ragland, Shannon Mangis, Lindsey Morin, Amber Luecke, third row, Courtney Tyrrell, Kendra Birks and Jessica Calvert. Coaches are, from left, Shawn Ragland, Bud Birks, Terry Luecke and Tom Gonzales. (Contributed Photo)

Snyder girls claim UGSA title

The Snyder girls softball all-stars cruised through the field at the United Girls Softball Association tournament held in Abilene July 10-13, capturing the Division III (13-15-years-old) trophy while going undefeated in the tournament.

The Snyder girls got their toughest test on July 10 in the opening game of pool play, coming from behind to top Haskell, 4-3. The team pounded Aspermont 14-2 in the second game.

Snyder played two more pool games that Friday, and made a bold statement to the rest of the 10-team field.

Amber Luecke and Bianca Gonzales each hurled a perfect game Friday, with Luecke mowing down Abilene South B, 13-0, and Gonzales blowing away Abilene North B, 11-0.

Snyder grabbed the top spot in the Gold division, drawing a bye in the first round.

Timely hitting and smart, aggressive base running behind another clutch performance from Luecke propelled Snyder to a 6-0 blanking of Abilene South A in the first round Saturday.

Defense was the key in the team's 5-4 semifinal victory over Abilene North A in the winner's bracket. The solid play in the field helped Gonzales earn another victory. In a jam in the final inning, Gonzales gave way to Luecke, who retired the final two batters to garner the save and ice the win.

The team had a rematch with Abilene South A in the championship game on Sunday, and the Snyder all-stars finished the mission with a 7-3 victory.

Coach Terry Luecke said the tournament was won by, "a total team effort from the 12 girls who made this year's all-star game."

Cowboys' new boss looking to restore winning tradition

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Bill Parcells knows he must do three things to have a winning football team: Collect good players, whip them into great shape, then pick the best 53 and maximize their strengths.

"Any one of the three things goes wrong," the new coach of the Dallas Cowboys said, "and you're going to suffer."

Six months into the job, Parcells is pleased with how the first two phases have gone.

He likes the free agents Dallas has signed and the rookies they drafted, and he's proud of the dedication players have shown in the weight room and to their waistline.

That was the easy part. The hard stuff begins Saturday, when training camp opens and Parcells' attention shifts squarely to No. 3 on his list.

He said Friday his top priority — and "probably my most difficult thing to do" — is setting the 53-man roster. He's mainly looking for the 20 best players on each side of the ball, then will use the rest of the slots as a work in progress, probably throughout the season.

"We're going to be on a constant vigil ... to look under every rock we can find to find one more player who can help us," Parcells said during a wide-ranging, hourlong news conference. "That includes young players, veteran players — anyone who may be able to, either longterm or temporarily, help us restore this to what we want."

Restoration is Parcells' specialty. He's been with three previous organizations, taking over each time after a losing season. All three made the playoffs in his second season and eventually won the Super Bowl or got within a game of the championship.

Dallas is coming off three straight 5-11 seasons and hasn't won a playoff game since 1996, the year after its last Super Bowl win. That long dry spell convinced Cowboys owner Jerry Jones to break his mold of hiring first-time coaches and instead turn to a proven winner.

"Bill is here to teach — hopefully for a long time — and to develop a winning atmosphere in our locker room," Jones said. "We didn't enter into this partnership for a quick fix."

There's a lot to be repaired, starting at quarterback and running back.

Troy Hambrick is the favorite to replace Emmitt Smith as the featured ballcarrier. The quarterback battle is more open. Chad Hutchinson and Quincy Carter are the front-runners, but Parcells refuses to rule out third-stringer Clint Stoerner or undrafted rookie Tony Romo.

Parcells hopes to name a starting QB before leaving San Antonio on Aug. 19. He also expects to break camp having an idea of how good the team can be.

"That's really my challenge, to get the team directed properly so they can play to their potential," he said.

A major component will be whether they understand Parcells' way of doing things.

"Can we get them to adjust to our philosophy and be a smart team, a team that knows how to play, a team that understands what it has to do to win? I have to teach them all those things," he said. "That's one of the first things I told them this morning. When I come out of camp, this team is going to have to know how it has to play to be successful."

Jones is optimistic they'll figure it out pretty quickly.

"I think we've got a chance, with good quarterbacking, to surprise people," Jones said. Asked about the odds of getting good quarterbacking, he said, "Good. I won't say great, but good."

"We don't know enough to be feeling like we ought to be a playoff team," Jones said. "Does that mean that you're not? No. That just means that you don't know enough."

Parcells' first training camp since 1999 will be very different for the Cowboys.

Unlike last season, their first in San Antonio, there won't be HBO cameras filming every move for its "Hard Knocks" show. There's not likely to be field trips to Sea World and a ranch.

All meetings and coaches offices will be at the Alamodome and each practice will be followed by weightlifting, with half the positions going in the morning and the others in the afternoon.

Are the players ready for it?

Borrowing from local linguistics, Parcells said: "They're fixin' to find out."

Whaley proud of play at GHO

CROMWELL, Conn. (AP) — Despite missing the cut at the Greater Hartford Open, Suzy Whaley thinks the seven months of intense physical preparation and countless interviews leading up to tournament were all worth it.

The local teaching pro made a graceful exit Friday, shooting an 8-over 78 to finish 13 over for the tournament. She was cheered every step of the way, through birdies and bogeys. Whaley, the first woman to qualify for a PGA Tour event since Babe Zaharias in 1945, said she accomplished what she set out to do.

"For me, the greatest benefit of the world is every single young girl that was here today, including my daughters watched me tee off with two men like it was not anything different," she said. "I feel like I showed people that you can achieve anything if you just work extremely hard and your dreams are possible."

Whaley played her way into the tournament by winning the Connecticut PGA section last year. She hit from the women's tees in that event — making the course about 10 percent shorter — but she played the TPC River Highlands from the championship tees, a total of 6,820 yards.

She finished 148th, tied with three men and ahead of three — not counting slumping 13-time tour winner David Duval, who withdrew after an opening-round 83.

"I'm proud of the way I hung in there," she said. "It was a pleasure to be here and be a part of it."

Meanwhile, Peter Jacobsen and Jay Haas, both 49, are in contention for their first PGA Tour win in years.

Jacobsen shot a 3-under 67 Friday and is the leader at 10 under going into the third round Saturday. Haas is one stroke back.

Jacobsen, a former GHO champion, hasn't won on tour since 1995, while it's been a decade since Haas finished on top.

Jacobsen's opening 63 was his best round of the year.

"Definitely, my best golf is behind me. I realize that," Jacobsen said. "That doesn't mean I can't play well for four days or string eight or 10 rounds together and possibly win a tournament."

Newman claims pole at Pocono

LONG POND, Pa. (AP) — Ryan Newman listened to crew chief Matt Borland on the radio and thought he should have done a better job in his first lap of qualifying.

"I thought it was pretty good," Newman said. "I asked Matt at the start of my second lap, 'How was it?'"

The response was a positive one, but Newman thought there was more left in his car.

"I swear he said 53.223 (seconds), you've got the pole, but I didn't understand him," Newman explained Friday after his time test at Pocono Raceway. "It was 52.83. I tried extra hard that second lap."

It wasn't necessary, and Newman got his fifth pole of the season.

He hustled his Dodge around the 21/2-mile triangular track at 170.358 mph to claim the top starting spot for Sunday's Pennsylvania 500. He continued to demonstrate his liking for the track, where he qualified second seven weeks ago before finishing fifth in the Pocono 500.

His second-lap speed of 170.007 came up short, but was faster than the best of any other qualifier.

Newman extended his Winston Cup series lead in poles this year.

"I told the crew earlier in the season that if they gave me a straight arrow, I'd shoot it straight," he said.

He will be going for his fourth victory of the season — which would give him the series lead — and fifth overall.

The Purdue graduate has established himself as the best qualifier in NASCAR. He led with six poles last year and has 12 overall.

"It's definitely important," he said of the poles, but tempered that. "If you can't get to the end, it doesn't do you any good."

Despite the victories and seven finishes in the top five, Newman is 13th in the points. The reason is six results of 39th or worse in 19 races.

"But we're finishing races now, and that's a big improvement over the first half of the season," he said.

The speed Newman posted did not approach Tony Stewart's 3-year-old track-record of 172.391.

Sports Briefs

Football booster club

The football booster club will meet at 7 p.m. Monday in the film room. Discussion will include the two-a-day schedule and upcoming scrimmages. Everyone is invited to attend.

Volleyball camp

A camp for 7th-12-graders is set for Monday through Wednesday. Contact Coach Moses at 436-9067 for more details.

Pee Wee football coaches meeting

A meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday at the Boys and Girls Club for all interested Pee Wee and flag football coaches. Contact Brad Hinton at 573-0878 or 868-0139 or Chad Welch at 573-3344 for more information.

Ladies play day

The SCGA hosts a ladies play day at 9 a.m. each Tuesday. Format is blind partners.

Hermleigh athletic physicals

All incoming sixth, ninth and 11th grade Hermleigh athletes are reminded to get a physical. Forms can be picked up at the high school and all paperwork must be completed prior to the physical.

Snyder athletic physicals

Physicals are required for students wishing to participate in SISD athletics. Those needing physicals include all incoming seventh, ninth and third-year high school students; all new students to SISD who plan to participate in athletics; any student who answered yes to questions 1, 4, 5, 6, or 7 on their medical history form; and any student who has not participated in athletics in the past.

The district will pay for physicals until Friday with the following doctors: Rakov, Burleson, Cooper, Thompson and Wolboldt. Incoming seventh and ninth graders pick up physical forms at the doctor's office.

Men's softball tourney

A men's softball tournament to benefit Baile Folkloric De Guadalupe will be held next Saturday and Sunday at Winston Field. For more information call Cal Luis at 573-7321.

Kiwanis Club golf tournament

The Snyder Kiwanis Club will sponsor a four-person scramble Aug. 9 at WTC to benefit the Cargile Scholarship Foundation. The tournament begins at 8:30 a.m. Cost is $30 per person, and cash prizes will be awarded.

The tournament includes a long drive and putting contests, closest to the hole par three and $100,000 shoot-out. Call the WTC pro shop at 573-9291 or Russell Fisk at 573-3438 to sign-up or to reserve a cart.

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Chad Rogers is excited.

Heading into his third season as the pilot of the Snyder Tigers football program, Rogers has witnessed more participation in the offseason program than ever before.

The program held its first camp of Rogers' tenure this season, and the results of that and the conditioning camp have the coach and his staff ready to get two-a-days started.

"A lot of coaches are tired this time of year, but all of these guys are enthusiastic. We basically kept the entire staff, and this is the third year of our system, so the kids know what to expect," he said. "I'm ready to go. It's going to be an exciting year."

One key change is the elevation of Armando Martinez to defensive coordinator after the departure of Buster Mabry at the end of last season.

Martinez has tweaked the defense, running a more attacking scheme that puts a lot of pressure on the quarterback.

Martinez and Rogers have coached together for 13 years, and Rogers said the new coordinator's personality would show through in his unit.

"I'm excited about him," he said. "He is aggressive by nature, and we will have a more aggressive defense. We are going to be a lot more physical."

For his part, Rogers said we can expect a more up-tempo pace from his offensive squad this year.

"We're going to try to speed things up," he said.

Practices will run a bit differently, too, with the junior varsity and the varsity being split to provide more reps and a more economical use of practice time.

The dedication of the team in keeping in shape in the offseason also has Rogers eager for the start of the 2003 campaign.

"The majority (of the team) has been up here. Each year there have been more and more," he said. "It shows their commitment. The participation is vastly improved over last year. I'm excited. I've always felt like we have the best kids around. The atmosphere is here and it is getting better and better."

Safety is always a concern, especially under the blistering sun in full pads. Rogers said the ability to work in the conditions is related to the type of offseason work the players do.

"(SHS athletic trainer) Steve Krueger does an excellent job monitoring water and weight," he said. "If players make the commitment in the summertime, you don't see a lot of problems. Our kids are educated enough to keep in shape."

The team will practice once in Lubbock and once in Midland to get a feel for the type of artificial grass it will play on in Sweetwater and, more importantly, to give the team a chance to bond.

The team has scrimmages lined-up against Post Aug. 16 and Dumas Aug. 21, and the head coach said the team will use those contests to, "see how good of a spring we had."

Rogers and his team have lofty expectations for the upcoming season, which commences Aug. 29.

"This team has set extremely high goals in the playoffs this year," he said. "But they are smart enough to know we play Frenship Aug. 29."

Coach Lewis pointed out that I didn't include this year's record into the Tigers all-time baseball record. The team now has 992 wins.

Rangers allow four homers in loss

SEATTLE (AP) — Seattle Mariners second baseman Bret Boone would like to win the AL home-run title this season and he just might do it if he can find the right bat.

Boone hit a pair of two-run homers as the Mariners maintained their four-game lead over Oakland in the AL West with an 11-5 victory over the pitching-poor Texas Rangers on Friday night.

Boone is one of the game's most charming characters who packs up to 200 bats in his locker.

"He'll bring seven or eight out on the bench," Mariners manager Bob Melvin said. "If you ever looked at his locker, he's got quite a few. It looks like he found one that worked tonight."

Boone has 27 home runs, tied for third in the league behind Carlos Delgado's 29 and Jason Giambi's 28. He knows he's an undersized underdog compared to Delgado and Giambi, though.

His career high is 37 homers for the Mariners in 2001.

"I've never hit 40 home runs," Boone said. "The guys who are out there have hit 40 home runs."

In the opener of a four-game series with Texas, the Mariners bounced back with a 13 hits after being shut out 3-0 by Mark Mulder and two Oakland relievers Thursday night. They beat Barry Zito, last year's AL Cy Young Award winner, Wednesday night.

Of course, the Rangers' pitching staff specializes in perking up offenses and the Mariners hit four homers in a game for the second time this season.

The Mariners broke the game open with a six-run fourth as Boone, Mike Cameron and Ichiro Suzuki homered. Boone got his second two-run homer in the sixth.

Texas has the worst ERA in the majors at 6.09, and the Rangers have allowed 10 or more runs 22 times this season.

"Regardless of who we've played or what their tendencies have been in the past, it seems we have brought in the best in teams offensively," Rangers manager Buck Showalter said.

Robert Ellis (0-1) became the Rangers' 14th starting pitcher this season.

Suzuki, who has a career-best 10 homers this season, and Cameron each drove in three runs.

Texas' Rafael Palmeiro hit his 512th career homer to move past Mel Ott into a tie for 14th place on the all-time list with Ernie Banks and Eddie Mathews. Next up are Ted Williams and Willie McCovey at 521.

All-Star Jamie Moyer (13-5) won his third straight decision after losing three consecutive starts. Rafael Soriano pitched four scoreless innings for Seattle and got his first save of the season, and the second of his career.

Moyer's mind might have been on other things. His wife, Karen, who is the daughter of former Notre Dame basketball coach Digger Phelps, will deliver the couple's fifth child and third son next week, probably Monday.

"We're getting close," Moyer said. "We'll see how things go tomorrow."



UPHILL CLIMB — Lance Armstrong of the U.S. and riding for U.S. Postal-Berry Floor climbs the Col Bugarguy mountain as he defends the yellow jersey during Stage 16 of the Tour de France from Pau to Bayonne in France. (AP Photo)

Armstrong 30 miles from title

SAINT-MAIXENT-L'ECOLE, France (AP) — Lance Armstrong's bid for a record-tying fifth Tour de France title has come down to 30 miles.

That's the distance of Saturday's time trial, which is likely to decide the winner of cycling's most prestigious race.

Armstrong heads into the 19th of this year's 20 stages with a 65-second lead over Jan Ullrich, the 1997 champion and a runner-up four times. One fact in Armstrong's favor is he's never lost in the final time trial of cycling's most prestigious race since overcoming cancer to first win the Tour in 1999.

"I'm relaxed. I remain confident because I've raced very well in the last time trial over the last four years," he said.

Ullrich, who finished second to Armstrong in 2000 and 2001, also has reason to be confident. In a stunning ride July 18, Ullrich clinched the Tour's first time trial by a whopping 96 seconds over a dehydrated Armstrong. A similar performance would likely clinch a second title for Ullrich.

Ullrich earned a 4-second bonus by finishing second in an intermediate sprint in Friday's 126.2-mile stage from Bordeaux to this town in west-central France.

Zambrano bomb downs Astros

HOUSTON (AP) — Dusty Baker didn't go by the book and the Chicago Cubs are a game closer to the Houston Astros because of it.

Baker declined to pinch-hit for pitcher Carlos Zambrano when the Cubs were down two-runs in the seventh inning. Zambrano responded with a two-run homer and pitched into the ninth Chicago beat Houston 5-3 Friday night.

Trailing 3-1, Baker chose to go against customary strategy and leave Zambrano in the game. His decision worked.

"You're open for criticism when it doesn't work but it was a two-out situation," Baker said. "It would have been different if there were one out or no outs. Wherever that book is, I haven't seen it. You go with what you think is best in that situation and that was big. He threw a great game."

Moises Alou broke a 3-3 tie with a two-run homer in the eighth off Octavio Dotel (6-4) and finished with three RBIs to help the third-place Cubs move within 4½ games of the NL Central-leading Astros.

Alou thought Baker managed a great game.

"He's a great manager so I don't question him," Alou said. "Whatever he does I trust. He seems to have a sixth sense. I'm glad he did it because it won the game for us."

The Cubs were trailing 3-1 in the seventh when Paul Bako singled with two outs and Zambrano hit his second career home run — both this season — off Wade Miller.

After Dotel walked Mark Grudzielanek in the eighth and Sammy Sosa struck out for the third time, Alou hit his 15th homer of the season over the left-field fence for a 5-3 lead. Dotel has allowed four homers in his last seven appearances.

"After the first pitch from Dotel, I knew I was going to have a good at-bat," Alou said.

Dennehy's family gets few answers

WACO (AP) — In a rental truck filled with Patrick Dennehy's clothes and furniture, the dejected family of the missing Baylor basketball player left Waco on Friday with few answers about his disappearance more than a month ago.

His mother and stepfather, Valorie and Brian Brabazon, appeared tired and sad as they walked out of the Waco Police Department on Friday after a three-hour meeting with a detective before driving back to their Carson City, Nev., home. They said the meeting went well but would not discuss specifics about the investigation.

"He just clarified more that they are doing their jobs, and they are still on the case and for us not to be worried about it," Valorie Brabazon said. "... We still have hope our son is out there alive. We're not going to give up hope ever."

Carlton Dotson, who played basketball at Baylor last season and had been living with Dennehy since April, has been charged with murder. Dotson, 21, remained jailed without bond in his home state of Maryland. An extradition hearing is set for Aug. 19.

Waco police have called off the search for Dennehy, 21, until Dotson can return to Texas and lead them to the body, the Fort Worth Star-Telegram reported Friday, citing an unidentified police source.

Waco Police Chief Alberto Melis said Friday that he did not know anything about the search. Sgt. Ryan Holt said in a statement that there were no developments Friday.

In a separate matter, Baylor's three-member compliance investigation committee is looking into whether the men's basketball program violated NCAA rules by making improper payments to Dennehy, university officials announced Friday.

Rockets ink free agent forward

HOUSTON (AP) — Los Angeles Clippers free agent Eric Piatkowski was expected to sign a three-year deal with the Houston Rockets on Saturday, Houston television station KRIV reported Friday.

The 6-foot-6 forward confirmed that he reached a verbal agreement with the team Thursday and will arrive in Houston on Saturday to sign the deal. He would not discuss terms of the contract.

Attempts by the Associated Press to reach Piatkowski's agent Jeff Austin by phone Friday night were unsuccessful.

Piatkowski has spent his entire nine-year career with the Clippers and is the franchise leader in career 3-pointers made.

Piatkowski said his long-range shooting skills will fit well into a team like the Rockets.

"Going into free agency you go ahead and look at the teams that you think would be a really good fit for yourself," he told the television station. "The type of player I am, being an outside threat, I need players that demand a double team. So to be able to play with Yao Ming and Steve Francis, those two guys demand a double team more than most guys in the entire NBA. So it's going to be fun for me."

Major League Baseball

American League

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	63	38	.624	—
Boston	60	42	.588	3½
Toronto	53	50	.515	11
Baltimore	48	52	.480	14½
Tampa Bay	36	65	.356	27

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Kansas City	56	45	.554	—
Chicago	53	50	.515	4
Minnesota	51	51	.500	5½
Cleveland	42	61	.408	15
Detroit	27	74	.267	29

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Seattle	62	40	.608	—
Oakland	58	44	.569	4
Anaheim	51	50	.505	10½
Texas	41	61	.402	21

Friday's Games

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

Saturday's Games

N.Y. Yankees (Mussina 11-6) at Boston (Burkett 8-4), 12:20 p.m.
Texas (Dickey 4-5) at Seattle (Pineiro 11-5), 3:05 p.m.
Oakland (Harden 0-0) at Anaheim (Sele 6-7), 3:05 p.m.
Baltimore (Hentgen 2-5) at Toronto (Hendrickson 6-6), 3:05 p.m.
Minnesota (Lohse 6-8) at Cleveland (Traber 4-5), 6:05 p.m.
Kansas City (Snyder 1-4) at Detroit (Bonderman 3-14), 6:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Bell 2-2) at Chicago White Sox (Porzio 1-1), 6:05 p.m.

Sunday's Games

Baltimore (Lopez 3-5) at Toronto (Halladay 14-2), 12:05 p.m.
Kansas City (Lima 6-0) at Detroit (Maroth 5-14), 12:05 p.m.
Minnesota (Reed 5-9) at Cleveland (Ja.Davis 7-8), 12:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Kennedy 3-7) at Chicago White Sox (Colon 7-9), 1:05 p.m.
Texas (Thomson 7-10) at Seattle (Garcia 9-9), 3:05 p.m.
Oakland (Hudson 8-4) at Anaheim (Ra.Ortiz 12-7), 3:05 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Weaver 5-8) at Boston (Lowe 11-4), 7:05 p.m.

National League

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	67	35	.657	—
Philadelphia	57	44	.564	9½
Florida	54	49	.524	13½
Montreal	53	50	.515	14½
New York	43	59	.422	24

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	56	47	.544	—
St. Louis	52	50	.510	3½
Chicago	51	51	.500	4½
Pittsburgh	47	53	.470	7½
Cincinnati	44	58	.431	11½
Milwaukee	41	61	.402	14½

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
San Francisco	66	37	.641	—
Arizona	55	48	.534	11
Los Angeles	53	49	.520	12½
Colorado	53	53	.500	14½
San Diego	39	65	.375	27½

Friday's Games

Montreal 9, Atlanta 8, 11 innings
N.Y. Mets 3, Cincinnati 1
Florida 11, Philadelphia 5
Chicago Cubs 5, Houston 3
Pittsburgh 10, St. Louis 5
Colorado 7, Milwaukee 3
Arizona 2, Los Angeles 1, 15 innings
San Francisco 5, San Diego 2

Saturday's Games

Chicago Cubs (Cruz 0-0) at Houston (Redding 6-9), 12:20 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Fogg 6-4) at St. Louis (W.Williams 13-3), 1:10 p.m.
Los Angeles (Ashby 2-7) at Arizona (Dessens 5-7), 3:05 p.m.
Philadelphia (Duckworth 3-4) at Florida (Beckett 4-4), 5:05 p.m.
Atlanta (Reynolds 7-5) at Montreal (Day 4-3), 6:05 p.m.
Cincinnati (Acevedo 1-0) at N.Y. Mets (Heilman 1-2), 6:10 p.m.
Milwaukee (Kinney 6-8) at Colorado (Stark 1-0), 7:05 p.m.
San Diego (Jarvis 3-2) at San Francisco (J.Williams 5-1), 9:15 p.m.

Sunday's Games

Atlanta (Maddux 9-8) at Montreal (Ohka 7-10), 12:05 p.m.
Cincinnati (P.Wilson 5-8) at N.Y. Mets (Trachsel 9-6), 12:10 p.m.
Philadelphia (Millwood 10-7) at Florida (Pavano 7-10), 12:35 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (Estes 6-8) at Houston (Robertson 10-3), 1:05 p.m.
Pittsburgh (S.Torres 5-3) at St. Louis (Fassero 1-5), 1:10 p.m.
Milwaukee (W.Franklin 7-6) at Colorado (Jennings 9-8), 2:05 p.m.
San Diego (Peavey 8-7) at San Francisco (Foppert 6-8), 3:05 p.m.
Los Angeles (Nomo 11-8) at Arizona (Schilling 5-5), 3:35 p.m.

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New York	9	10	.474	4½
Washington	5	16	.238	9½

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	W	L	Pct	GB
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Seattle	13	9	.591	4½
Minnesota	12	10	.545	5½
Sacramento	11	12	.478	7
San Antonio	6	16	.273	11½
Phoenix	3	18	.143	14

Friday's Games

Minnesota 81, San Antonio 54
Seattle 82, Phoenix 53

Saturday's Games

Washington at Cleveland, 12 p.m.
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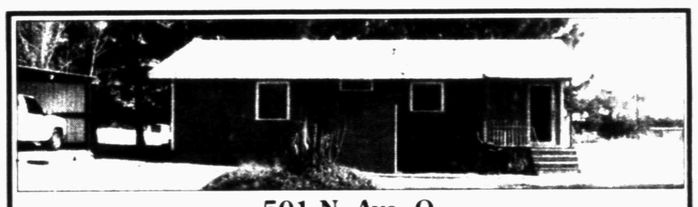
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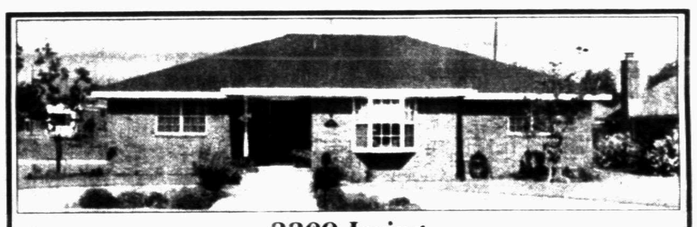
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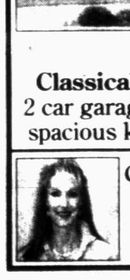
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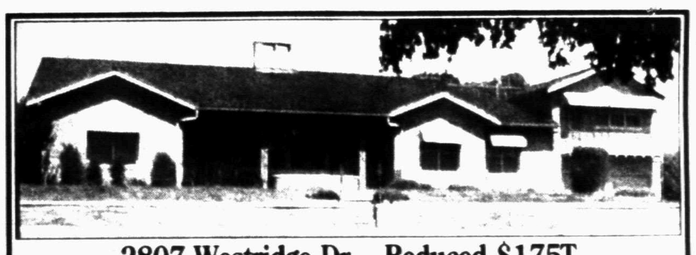
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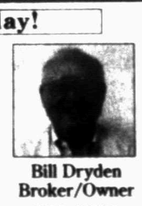
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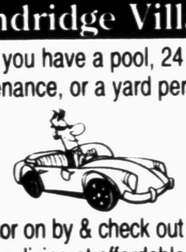
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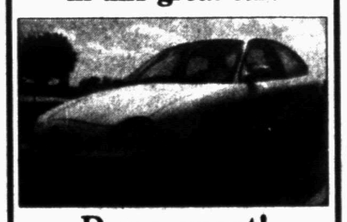
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Professor with murder record leaving Penn St. for California school

STATE COLLEGE, Pa. (AP) — Last month, Penn State University officials learned something about professor Paul Eric Krueger that wasn't on his resume — he is on parole for a triple murder committed in Texas nearly 40 years ago.

University spokesman Bill Mahon said Friday that the university knew nothing about Krueger's conviction until late last month, when the Pennsylvania Bureau of Probation and Parole first contacted the university. Parole officials in Texas only notified Pennsylvania in February.

"We're in shock to find out some of the details, and we're still looking into it," Mahon said. "We've never had a situation like this before."

Mahon said the university doesn't require prospective faculty to report their criminal backgrounds.

But it may soon be a moot point. A spokesman for National University in California confirmed that Krueger had accepted a teaching job there, and parole officials in Texas said they already were working on that move.

"We are, as a matter of fact, to meet with him at our headquarters here today to do some of that paperwork," said Kathy Shallcross, deputy director of Texas' parole division said Friday.

Hoyt Smith, spokesman for National University, the La Jolla-based college where Krueger will be associate professor of business, said officials were shocked to learn of the conviction from a reporter Friday, but that it wouldn't necessarily affect his employment.

"He had excellent credentials. He came highly recommended from Penn State," Smith said.

Krueger, who has been at Penn State for four years, has no telephone listing in the State College area. He did not immediately respond to an e-mail from The Associated Press.

In 1965, when he was just 17, Krueger and a friend, 16-year-old John Angles, left San Clemente, Calif. The two passed through Texas and rented a motor boat hoping to travel to Venezuela, where they intended to become "soldiers of fortune," according to a 1979 story in the Austin American-Statesman.

Along the Intracoastal Waterway near Corpus Christi, they encountered a fishing boat with a crew of three, John D. Fox, 38; Noel D. Little, 50; and Van D. Carson, 40, all from Corpus Christi. As night fell on April 12, 1965, all five went to shore and put in for the night.

For reasons Kreuger never made public, he shot the three fishermen that night, unloading a total of 40 bullets into their bodies. Sam Jones, then the district attorney for Nueces County, later referred to the shooting as "the most heinous crime in the history of the Gulf Coast."

Krueger pleaded guilty in 1966 to three counts of murder with malice aforethought and was sentenced to three life terms, to be served concurrently.

Corrections officials described Krueger as a model inmate. He earned his diploma and an associate's degree from inside, volunteered with alcohol and drug rehabilitation programs and reported for the prison newspaper.

Two parole commissioners, in 1977, called Krueger, "probably the most exceptional inmate" in the entire state. "There is nothing further he can do to rehabilitate himself," they said. Two years later, he was paroled to West Covina, Calif., where he enrolled in graduate school.

Krueger's academic credentials are unquestioned — he graduated summa cum laude from Sam Houston State University, going on to earn a master's degree from California State University-Los Angeles, a Ph.D. in sociology from South Dakota State University and an Ed.D. from the University of Southern California.

He was a visiting professor at Idaho State University and held a tenure-track position at Augustana College in South Dakota before coming to Penn State, where Krueger was director of the Institute for Research in Training and Development, teaching mostly graduate courses and studying employee training programs.

Group posts code to exploit Windows flaw, attack computers

SEATTLE (AP) — A group in China released a program Friday that lets hackers exploit a flaw in Microsoft software and take over a victim's computer over the Internet.

The program, released nine days after Microsoft Corp. announced the flaw, has turned an embarrassment for the company and inconvenience for customers into a near-emergency.

The program, posted on the group's Web site, takes advantage of a vulnerability in nearly all versions of Microsoft's Windows operating system, including Windows Server 2003, touted as Microsoft's safest ever.

The Redmond software giant has urged corporate and home users to download a free software fix, but many consumers — particularly companies with hundreds or thousands of computers at risk — probably have not yet done so, said Marc Maiffret, co-founder of eEye Digital Security Inc. of Aliso Viejo, Calif.

"Three times a year, there are (flaws) this bad," Maiffret said. "This is one of those times."

The flaw, discovered by western Poland researchers called the "Last Stage of Delirium Research Group," affects Windows technology used to share data files across computer networks. It can allow attackers to seize control of a victim's computer, letting them steal data, delete files and access e-mails.

The flaw is an embarrassment to a company that has dedicated millions of dollars to its highly trumpeted Trustworthy Computing initiative, in which Microsoft has been emphasizing security in writing code.

The Chinese group, Xfocus, did not contact Microsoft before posting the sample code, said Jeff Jones, Microsoft's senior director of Trustworthy Computing security.

"We continue to believe that publication of exploit code in cases like this is not good for customers," Jones said.

Xfocus, described on its Web site as a nonprofit and free technology organization founded in 1998, did not immediately return an e-mail request for comment sent Friday by The Associated Press.

Russ Cooper, of Herndon, Va.-based TruSecure Corp., questioned why the group chose to post the code. "I don't understand the point behind doing this," he said. "This isn't healthy for the 'Net at all."

So far, Microsoft has not heard of any instances of the code being used. Microsoft said companies with strong firewalls commonly block the type of data connections that outside hackers would need for such attacks.

Senior Center News

The Scurry County Senior Citizens Center is located at 2603 Avenue M and can be reached by calling 573-4035. We are open Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m. – 5 p.m. We offer nutritious noon meals, a variety of activities, and an opportunity to volunteer and serve your community.

Each of you is invited to tour our facility, receive a calendar of activities and a menu list. There is no cost for participating in activities; however, we do ask for a donation of $2.50 for each recipient of the noon meal that is over the age of sixty. Those dining with us who are less than sixty years old must pay $4 per person. The donations are greatly appreciated and they are a very important part of our yearly budget. We have many supporters of this non-profit organization: The college, the county, the city, the federal nutrition program, local businesses, and individuals.

Senior citizens are reminded that we have a computer room with eight computers accessible to the Internet. We have a total of 10 computers available to senior citizens. You are welcome to use the Internet or play games. Please feel free to use these anytime during our regular business hours.

It is extremely hot, so be cautious walking in the heat. We offer transportation in the morning Monday-Friday. Call a day in advance to make arrangements for transportation. Also, we have a treadmill and access to the Travis gym for senior citizens who enjoy walking for exercise.

The bi-monthly newsletter for August & September will be mailed soon. Bingo is very popular so pay close attention to the schedule for this activity. Also, as soon as the college can schedule lifeguards for the fall semester we will publicize the information. It will be the last week of August or the first week of September.

New activities are often the result of requests from senior citizens. Seniors who would like to have a game added to the schedule and would be able to help organize the new activity should call the center. New activities often result in new participants and new games are always fun and stimulating.

MONDAY

Join us for bridge beginning at 9:30 a.m. We have three tables in the bridge room and two more tables in the poolroom. The seniors play until 11:30 a.m. Join us and stay for our noon meal. The poolroom also has domino tables, pool tables, a snooker table, jigsaw puzzles, and a library.

TUESDAY

Swimnastics for senior citizens at Western Texas College is from 10-11 a.m. Don't miss this Tuesday and Thursday since they are the last two days to swim until the fall semester is scheduled. Seniors may play eighty-eight 10 a.m.-noon at the center. Senior citizens are always invited to join the Golden K Kiwanis for their meeting every Tuesday at noon in the conference room.

WEDNESDAY

Wednesday is truly game day with ladies pool at 9 a.m., Skip-Bo at 10 a.m. in the bridge room and pinochle at 1 p.m., also in the bridge room. We had four playing Skip-Bo this last week and expect more participants next week. Come join the fun. Newcomers are always welcome to join any of our activities. Our volunteers and participants will be glad to assist you.

THURSDAY

Enjoy the last day of swimnastics at WTC from 10-11 a.m. This service is provided by the college. Join us for bingo at the center. We will play from 10-11:45 a.m. with a break at 11 a.m.

FRIDAY

Volunteers will check blood pressure readings from 9:30-11:30 a.m. Bridge play begins at 9:30 a.m. and eighty-eight at 10 a.m.

Senior Menu

Monday
Spaghetti w/meat sauce
Whole kernel corn
Spinach
Tomato wedges
Oatmeal raisin cookie
Tuesday
Braised ham
Sweet potatoes
Chopped broccoli w/cheese
Waldorf salad
White cake /cream cheese frosting
Wednesday
Chicken patty w/gravy
Cottage fries
Golden carrots
Tossed salad
Cherry cobbler
Thursday
Taco salad
Refried beans
Spanish rice
Strawberries & bananas
Chips & salsa
Friday
Fried fish
Tater tots
Stewed squash
Creamy Coleslaw
Tropical pudding

Senate mulls action on energy proposal before August recess

WASHINGTON (AP)— With high natural gas prices looming, Senate Republicans want to push through an energy bill quickly but face a series of hurdles, including disputes over global warming and gas mileage requirements.

The bill's floor leader, Sen. Pete Domenici, R-N.M., pleaded with senators Friday to step up the pace. He said he saw no reason why the Senate shouldn't be able to resolve six or seven remaining issues before the scheduled recess a week from now.

Yet for most of Friday, the Senate shifted to discussions other than energy, even though the energy bill technically was the order of business. Domenici waited for senators to produce several additional amendments dealing with automobile fuel economy, but they never came.

Earlier, Majority Leader Bill Frist said "we simply can't afford" to delay further on energy legislation, noting the House already had passed its energy bill and President Bush is waiting for legislation to sign. Soaring natural gas prices, predictions of even higher prices this winter and questionable supplies add to the urgency, said Frist, R-Tenn.

But senators, both Republicans and Democrats, acknowledged there is little in the broad Senate package of energy proposals and tax incentives that will address the short-term natural gas supply problem.

Supporters of the bill said the legislation is aimed at the long-term, promoting diversity of energy sources, boosting clean coal development and nuclear power and helping develop the fledgling wind energy industry.

Many Democrats said the bill doesn't go far enough to reduce energy use and ignores the issue of climate change altogether. The most dominant of the "greenhouse" gases believed to be causing global warming comes from burning fossil fuels, especially in coal-fired power plants and gas-guzzling automobiles.

"How can you have a serious energy bill and not talk about conserving energy? ... How can you avoid the largest consumer of petroleum products in America, the cars and trucks we drive on the highways?" asked Sen. Richard Durbin, D-Ill., as debate began on proposals to increase federal auto fuel economy requirements.

Durbin offered an amendment that would require increasing the corporate average fuel economy (CAFE) standard from 27.5 miles per gallon to 40 miles per gallon by 2014. His is one of four CAFE amendments that are likely to come up for a vote Monday. One proposal, offered by Sen. Kit Bond, R-Mo., and supported by the auto industry, would make no change and require the Transportation Department to consider auto industry job losses, safety and foreign competition among other issues when setting fuel economy standards.

Proposals such as Durbin's would cost auto industry jobs by forcing automakers to cut back production of sport utility vehicles, pickups, vans and larger cars, "the vehicles quite frankly that Americans are demanding," said Bond.

Other Democrats, joined by some moderate Republicans, will offer several amendments on climate change, from simply requiring industry to provide data on greenhouse gas emissions to a more ambitious proposal that would set a cap on heat-trapping gas emissions — mainly carbon dioxide.

Judge OKs fiber-optic lawsuit settlement

CHICAGO (AP) — A judge Friday approved an agreement under which Sprint and three other phone companies would pay an estimated $142 million to owners of land across the country where fiber-optic cables have been placed.

U.S. District Judge Wayne R. Andersen gave preliminary approval to the settlement in a class-action lawsuit filed on behalf of an estimated 360,000 landowners against Sprint, Qwest, Level 3 and WilTel.

"We are very pleased that the court has entered the orders and we think it's a very substantial and advantageous result," said Samuel D. Heins, the plaintiffs' lead attorney.

The companies paid railroads to allow placement of fiber-optic cables along their tracks — only to find the railroads didn't own the land.

Corpus Christi man among 3 soldiers killed in Iraq ambush

CORPUS CHRISTI (AP) — When Staff Sgt. Hector Perez was sent to Iraq in March at the start of the war, his family would anxiously gather around the television hoping to catch a glimpse of him on the news.

As the months went on and the news became more grim, the only person still watching was Perez's father. Esequial Perez, a World War II veteran, would sit quietly in his wheelchair and hold out hope that his son would return home.

The family's hopes of a safe return were crushed Thursday when they learned Hector Perez, 40, of Corpus Christi was one of three soldiers from the 101st Airborne Division who were killed in Iraq after their convoy was ambushed.

"My dad will miss him the most of us," Perez's sister, Sandra Perez-Vasquez, said in a story in Corpus Christi Caller-Times.

The soldiers killed were Perez; Cpl. Evan Asa Ashcraft, 24, West Hills, Calif.; and Pfc. Raheem Tyson Heighter, 22, Bay Shore, N.Y., according to a statement from the Defense Department.

Perez and Ashcraft were assigned to Company A, 1st Battalion, 327th Infantry, while Heighter was assigned to the 2/320th Field Artillery.

All the men were based at Fort Campbell, Ky.

V Corps spokeswoman Spc. Nicole Thompson said the soldiers were traveling in a convoy toward Qayyarah, 185 miles north of Baghdad, when they were attacked about 2:30 a.m.

The 101st is a rapid-deployment air assault division trained to go anywhere in the world in 3 hours. Its 20,000-plus soldiers based at Fort Campbell deployed in February.

On Thursday, Hector's wife, Elisa Perez, called from Fort Campbell to share the bad news and to warn the family to prepare Esequial Perez for the worst. Military officials were coming to tell him that his son was dead.



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While guarding children's hospital in Iraq...

3 American soldiers killed; 4 wounded

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — A grenade attack killed three U.S. soldiers and wounded four Saturday while they guarded a children's hospital in Baqouba, a town northeast of Baghdad.

The deaths of the soldiers from the U.S. Army's 4th Infantry Division brought to 161 the number of troops killed in action in Iraq since the start of the war, 14 more than in the 1991 Gulf War.

Further details on the grenade attack were not immediately available. It came as Iraqis continued to debate the authenticity of video images of the bodies of Odai and Qusai Hussein released Friday by U.S. authorities in their effort to convince Iraqis the brothers were dead.

A number of explosions and bursts of gunfire were heard in the capital throughout the day, but there were no reports of casualties among U.S. troops. Guerrilla-style attacks on American forces have been averaging 12 a day, according to the military.

There were also reports that shots were fired along the main highway leading from the capital to the northern city of Mosul, where Odai and Qusai were killed in a gunbattle with American troops Tuesday.

In Baghdad's al-Shoala neighborhood, the commander of Iraq's national police academy, Brig. Ahmed Kadhim, was wounded while leading a raid on suspected hijackers about 1 a.m., police told The Associated Press.

Kadhim's assistant, Capt. Mushtak Fadhil, said five other officers also were wounded, one critically, when shots were fired as police confronted five suspects. The suspected hijackers were arrested, he said.

Baghdadis have complained that kidnappings, car thefts and carjackings are getting worse in the city, which is patrolled by Iraqi police, many carrying sidearms. There are about 60 police stations.

Meanwhile, Iraqis questioned whether videotape of Saddam Hussein's elder sons — whose reconstructed faces were covered in morticians' makeup — would convince people of their deaths.

At least six houses lost in wildfire in Glacier Nat'l Park

WEST GLACIER, Mont. (AP) — At least six houses burned in a blaze that blew up along the western edge of Glacier National Park, a crown jewel of the park system from which thousands of people have been evacuated because of wildfires.

The houses were lost in a fire that has burned 14,000 acres west of the national park, Flathead County Sheriff Jim Dupont said Friday. No one was injured in the blaze, which continued to threaten hundreds of homes.

Meanwhile, a helicopter dumping water on a wildfire on an Indian reservation in northeastern Washington crashed Friday evening, a fire spokesman said. The pilot of the Kaman K-1200 was killed.

In California, a wildfire expanded into rugged terrain in the Sequoia National Forest, about 100 miles north of Los Angeles. Firefighting officials said Friday that up to 200 homes and other buildings could be threatened if the 1,100-acre blaze got out of control, but the giant redwoods for which the forest is named were too far away to be in danger.

Elsewhere in California, wildfires forced residents to evacuate hundreds of homes in Southern California's Riverside County and devouring brush in Kern and Los Angeles counties.

Residents of a rural, hillside community close to the blaze in Riverside County quickly gathered their possessions and headed to nearby Banning High School after authorities ordered the evacuation of 500 homes.

Colorado was fighting wildfires that covered a total of about 11,000 acres, including a lightning-caused blaze that broke out Friday northwest of Fort Collins and forced the evacuation of 15 homes.

In Montana, hundreds of firefighters tried to contain seven major fires around the state, including the one near Glacier National Park. The firefighters were helped by overcast skies and cooler weather.

Campers and concession employees were evacuated from the park, and even its headquarters was empty.

"It's time to go," park spokeswoman Amy Vanderbilt Thursday as the fire approached less than two miles from West Glacier. "We're looking right at this thing from headquarters."

The National Interagency Fire Center said 42 large fires were burning in 12 Western states Friday.

On the Net:
National Interagency Fire Center: http://www.nifc.gov

Strong earthquake jolts Japan

NARUSE, Japan (AP) — Three powerful earthquakes knocked out power grids, collapsed buildings and set off mudslides across northern Japan on Saturday. At least 268 people were hurt — suffering mostly minor injuries — and several hundred people were evacuated.

An earthquake with a preliminary magnitude of 6.2 struck Miyagi, a rural state about 190 miles northeast of Tokyo, early Saturday morning. It followed a magnitude-5.5 tremor seven hours earlier.

More than 400 aftershocks, including one measuring magnitude 5.4, were felt into the afternoon and raised fears about more mudslides in a region pelted by heavy rains.

At least 268 people were treated for injuries. Two people were seriously hurt, said Isao Takahashi, a spokesman for prefectural (state) police.

Most of the injuries were caused by broken glass or falling objects. The tally included 17 people who were hurt in the first earthquake, which hit shortly after midnight.

More than 100 homes were damaged around the region.

In Naruse, one of several towns nearest the epicenter, tiles were shaken off roofs and television news showed caved-in homes, shorn-off walls, a house turned upside down and a collapsed garage.

Officials warned of more mudslides as tremors continued to rattle the region.

"Heavy rains and strong aftershocks are a dangerous combination," said Katsuaki Ito, director of the Tokyo-based Earthquake Information Center. "Waterlogged soil is already weakened."

Two people were trapped in a house buried in a mudslide in the town of Kanan but were pulled out alive, police said.

In nearby Yamoto, local officials coordinating the cleanup had to work in a tent outside after the earthquake left the town hall tilting, said town spokesman Katsuo Atsumi.

Several hundred people in the area sought refuge at elementary schools, community halls and other evacuation points, national broadcaster NHK said.

The earthquake temporarily knocked out power in thousands of homes, halted trains and forced authorities to close roads to check for cracks and landslides.

Two arrested; assaults reported

•Arrests

Deputies arrested a 50-year-old male at 1:51 a.m. Saturday for Class A assault, family violence.

A 37-year-old man was arrested on city warrants at 9:09 a.m. Friday. He was taken to municipal court where the fines were paid and he was released.

•Assault

At 12:44 a.m. Saturday, a woman reported that she was receiving threats from another woman. A report for Class C assault was submitted.

•Suicide threats

Officers were contacted regarding a man threatening suicide at 10:37 p.m. Friday. MHMR was contacted and the subject was released into the custody of his parents. An offense report for attempted suicide was submitted.

A report was made to officers at 2:33 p.m. Friday that a juvenile had threatened suicide by attempting to jump out of a moving vehicle. The subject's mother reported that she was having disciplinary problems with the youth. The juvenile was escorted to the police department to meet with MHMR, then released.

•Criminal mischief

A woman Friday afternoon reported a window broken out of her vehicle in the 1900 block of Coleman. A report for criminal mischief was filed.

•Family violence

A woman reported at 12:45 p.m. Friday that she and her husband had been involved in a family disturbance in Fisher County. A protective order was issued against the husband.

At 1:31 a.m. Saturday a man requested an officer after having a dispute with his girlfriend. No assault or threats occurred and a family violence report was submitted.

•Gas drive offs

A clerk at Rip Griffin's reported a drive off at 7:45 a.m. Friday worth $49.45.

Another drive off from the same location was reported at 8:16 a.m. for $12.67.

At 8:21 p.m. a drive off of $6.01 was reported from Town and Country East.

Obituaries

Dean Alexander

1939-2003

SAN ANGELO — Dean Alexander, the father of the Rev. Rocky Alexander of Ira, died Thursday, July 24, at his home in San Angelo.

Funeral service for Mr. Alexander, 64, is set for 10 a.m. Monday in the Robert Massie Riverside Chapel. The Revs. Russ Frazier and George Frazier will officiate. Burial will follow in the Miles Cemetery.

Born May 11, 1939 in San Saba, he worked at Cactus No. 7 for 12 years, at Del-Tex Candies for 15 years and for Central Freight Line for 15 years, retiring in 1999.

Mr. Alexander was a member of the Trinity Church of the Nazarene.

Survivors also include his wife of 47 years, Sue Alexander of San Angelo; a daughter and son-in-law, Susan and C.W. Porter of San Angelo; a daughter-in-law, Sheila Alexander of Ira; a sister-in-law, Frances Alexander of San Angelo; a brother-in-law and his wife, Billy and Virginia Lowrey; and two grandchildren, Amanda Alexander of Ira and Erica Fowler of San Angelo.

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Cora Randell

1910-2003

Cora Belle Randell, a former Snyder resident, died Friday, July 25, in Park Manor Nursing Home in Conroe.

Funeral service for Mrs. Randell, 92, is set for 10 a.m. Monday in the Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home Chapel. Tom Holcomb, East Side Church of Christ minister, will officiate. Interment will follow in Hillside Memorial Gardens.

Born Dec. 8, 1910 in Gunter, Texas, she married Hollis Randell on Dec. 14, 1928 in Snyder. He died in 1992.

Mrs. Randell also was preceded in death by a son, Dusty Randell; and a sister, Pauline Leamon.

Survivors include a daughter and son-in-law, Gloria and Owen McCombs of Corsicana; five grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and one great-great-granddaughter.

Melba Taylor

1921-2003

MORTON — Melba Taylor, the mother of Kenneth Taylor of Snyder, died Thursday, July 24, in Little Rock, Ark.

Funeral service for Mrs. Taylor, 82, is set for 2 p.m. Monday in the First Missionary Baptist Church in Morton with the Rev. James Pope officiating. Burial will follow in the Morton Memorial Cemetery under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

Born April 30, 1921 in Pecan Gap, Texas, she married Amos Taylor on July 20, 1940 in Morton.

Mrs. Taylor had lived in Morton since moving from Lubbock County in 1938. She was co-owner of the Morton Auto Parts Store and the Taylor and Son Furniture Store. A member of the First Missionary Baptist Church, she also was a member of the Morton Ladies Auxiliary.

Survivors include two other sons and their spouses, Jimmy and Dorothy Taylor of Ralls and Jerry and Cindy Taylor of Post; another daughter-in-law, Carolyn Taylor of Snyder; two daughters and sons-in-law, Mary and Bill Miller of DeKalb and Betty and James McCuller of Simms, Texas; a sister, Bernice Dancer of Granbury; a brother, J. L. Merrill of Frederick, Okla.; 24 grandchildren; 25 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandson.

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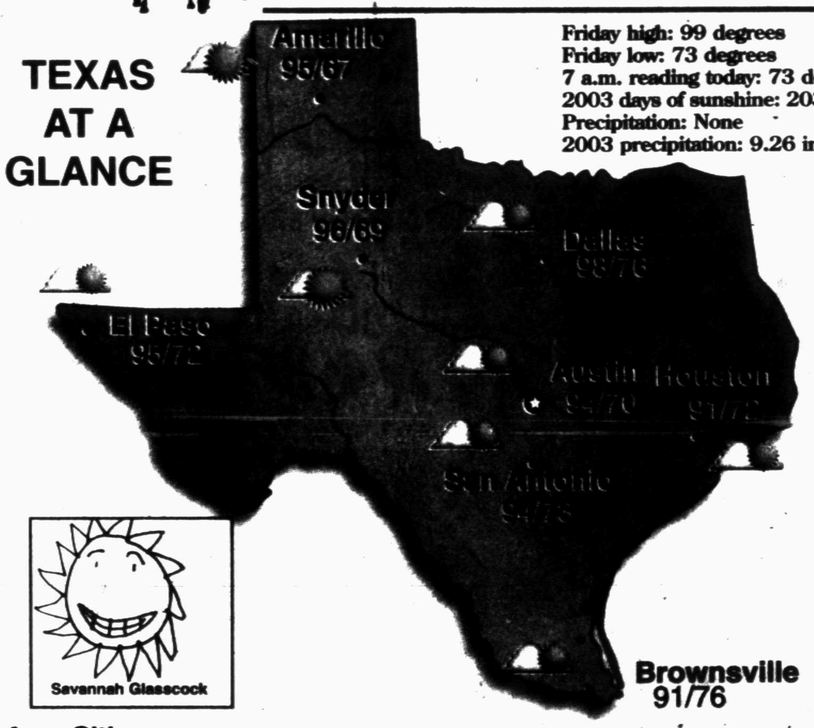
Today's Weather

Local 3-Day Forecast

Sun 7/27	Mon 7/28	Tue 7/29
96/69	95/68	86/66
Except for a few afternoon clouds, mainly sunny. High 96F.	Times of sun and clouds. Highs in the mid 90s and lows in the upper 60s.	A few thunderstorms possible. Highs in the mid 80s and lows in the mid 60s.
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2003 precipitation: 9.26 inches

Savannah Glasscock

Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond	City	Hi	Lo	Cond	City	Hi	Lo	Cond
Abilene	97	72	mst sunny	El Paso	95	72	pt sunny	Midland	94	69	mst sunny
Amarillo	95	67	mst sunny	Fort Stockton	92	68	mst sunny	Raymondville	95	73	pt sunny
Austin	94	70	pt sunny	Gainesville	98	72	pt sunny	Rosenberg	92	72	pt sunny
Beaumont	89	72	t-storm	Greenville	97	71	pt sunny	San Antonio	94	73	pt sunny
Brownsville	91	76	pt sunny	Houston	91	72	pt sunny	San Marcos	95	71	pt sunny
Brownwood	99	71	mst sunny	Kingsville	93	73	pt sunny	Sulphur Springs	97	70	pt sunny
Corpus Christi	91	75	pt sunny	Livingston	91	69	pt sunny	Sweetwater	97	70	mst sunny
Corsicana	97	72	pt sunny	Longview	94	70	pt sunny	Tyler	95	73	mst sunny
Dallas	98	76	pt sunny	Lubbock	96	69	mst sunny	Weatherford	98	72	pt sunny
Del Rio	95	75	pt sunny	Lufkin	92	70	pt sunny	Wichita Falls	101	74	mst sunny

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond	City	Hi	Lo	Cond	City	Hi	Lo	Cond
Atlanta	85	68	t-storm	Houston	91	72	pt sunny	Phoenix	102	79	t-storm
Boston	90	66	t-storm	Los Angeles	80	66	pt sunny	San Francisco	77	58	pt sunny
Chicago	82	63	t-storm	Miami	88	77	t-storm	Seattle	83	60	sunny
Dallas	98	76	pt sunny	Minneapolis	82	65	pt sunny	St. Louis	94	76	pt sunny
Denver	80	59	t-storm	New York	92	72	t-storm	Washington, DC	93	74	pt sunny

Moon Phases

Last	New	First	Full
Jul 21	Jul 29	Aug 5	Aug 12

UV Index

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Lowrys new youth directors at Calvary Baptist Church

By Shirley A. Gorman
SDN News Editor

Matt and Carrie Lowry are the new youth directors at Calvary Baptist Church. Here just three weeks, the Lowrys say they already "love Snyder."

The couple moved from Denison, a city of about 30,000. Matt says they prefer smaller towns because the people are friendlier.

Meeting the youth and their parents has kept the Lowrys busy as had planning lessons and activities, which will include a trip to Texas Water Rampage in Lubbock on Aug. 16.

The Lowrys' main goals are to share the love of Jesus, to see teenagers saved and to see them grow spiritually.

Both were active in their home churches during their growing years. Matt is originally from Sherman and Carrie's hometown is Dodd City.

While they lived in Denison, the Lowrys were active at the church at Bonham.

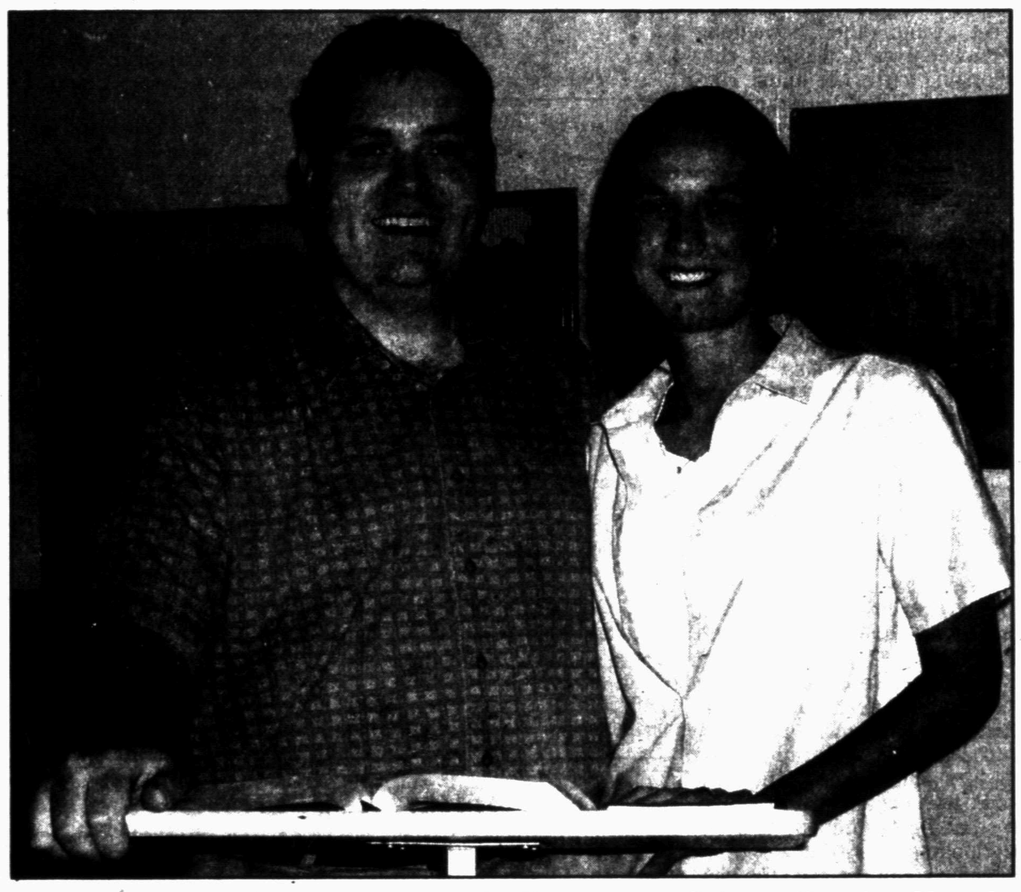
When they graduated from high school, they attended the Baptist Bible College in Springfield, Mo. They married four years ago. In Denison, Carrie was the secretary for Cooper B-Line and Matt sold real estate.

Though they worked at other jobs, Matt said they both had felt the call to youth ministry service since high school.

At the Bonham church, the Lowrys served as youth counselors and volunteer assistant youth directors during the summer. His brother Charles, a pastor in Pampa, knew Larry McAden, Calvary Baptist pastor, and helped them get the local position.

Before the Lowrys moved to Snyder, Steve Highfield had served as the youth and music minister at Calvary. He continues as music minister.

The Lowrys both enjoy golf and fishing.



Matt and Carrie Lowry...new youth directors at Calvary Baptist Church. (SDN Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

'Gamer geeks' attend gathering

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — They've come with backpacks filled with dragon-toothed dice and stacks of worn game cards, their heads reeling in realms far beyond their surroundings.

They're "gamers" — fans of role-playing and fantasy games — and they've flocked by the thousands to Gen Con Indy, one of the largest gatherings in the country for fantasy hobby games that began Thursday.

"We're the gamer geeks," said Jenny Brazas, 16, of Chicago, looking up from a game of Pokemon and tipping a black fedora to reveal a bleached strip of hair. "Basically we're the kind of people who stay up all night testing different decks of cards."

The moniker is hardly derogatory, though. The fans of these games wear it with pride, lugging trading cards by the thousands across the country to compete in marathon gaming sessions at conventions such as Gen Con.

What began 35 years ago in Milwaukee has grown into a global affair. Dedicated to fantasy games such as Dungeons & Dragons and Magic, which mix collecting and competition, Gen Con now attracts the world.

The convention — jokingly named after the Geneva Convention — attracts roughly 25,000 gamers and 800 exhibitors over four days. A second convention is even planned later this year. Gen Con So Cal will be in Anaheim, Calif., in December.

The Indy convention, which features marathon gaming sessions that end only when players leave the table red-eyed weary, also marks the 10th anniversary of Magic, the first trading card hobby game.



Lisa Williams

Lisa Williams getting DECA program set for school year

Lisa Williams, DECA advisor and marketing education coordinator at SHS, is back at work getting DECA students and their work stations lined up for the coming school year.

Any prospective employer who is interested in hiring high school students for part-time work (15-20 hours per week) may contact her at 574-6135 for more information.

Also, any junior or senior high school student who is interested in earning school credit while working and learning about the world of business and marketing can contact her.

Williams attended the Business and Marketing Educators Professional Conference (PIC) in Fort Worth July 14-17. At the conference, she was elected president of District 9 Marketing Educators of Texas (MET) for the coming year.

Judy Mackey earns child care credential

Judy Mackey of Humble, a former Snyder resident, has been awarded a Child Development Associate (CDA) Credential in recognition of outstanding work with young children.

The credential was awarded by the Council For Professional Recognition in Washington, D.C., which represents the early childhood profession.



Judy Mackey

CDA is the only major national effort to improve childcare by evaluating and recognizing the skills of individuals providing care.

As part of the CDA assessment process, every candidate for the CDA credential is observed working with young children or families by an early childhood professional.

Judy and her husband, Steve, lived in Snyder from 1977 until July 2001. They were transferred to Humble two years ago where Steve continues to work for ExxonMobil. Previously, he worked at Salt Creek in Kent County.

The Mackeys are still members of First Baptist Church in Snyder, and their son, Chris, works in the computer department at Western Texas College.

Daughter, Cameron, just graduated from WTC last May. She was female athlete of the year in 2001 at Snyder High School.

Judy's brother, John Hopkins, and nephew, Zack, also live in Snyder.

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In San Angelo's Christian Church...

Kemp, Edwards pledge solemn vows

SAN ANGELO — Keri D'Von Kemp of San Angelo, formerly of Snyder, and James Douglas Edwards Jr. of San Angelo, formerly of Karns City, Pa., were united in marriage at 4 p.m. on March 8 in the Christian Church in San Angelo.

Larry McAden, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church in Snyder, officiated the double-ring ceremony.

Sheila Kemp of Snyder is mother of the bride. The bride's grandparents are Dillard and the late Johnie Herrley of Snyder. The groom's parents are James and Joanna Edwards of Ford City, Pa., and Donald and Lisa McCarl of Butler, Pa. The groom's grandparents are Raymond and Shirley Edwards of Kittanning, Pa., and Dorothy and the late William Coradi of East Brady, Pa.

The church was decorated with candelabras entwined with ivory tulle. A unity candle was centered between the candelabras. The altar was adorned with two columns, each decorated with peace lilies combined with gladiolas, delphiniums and miniature ivory roses. The banisters were garnished with ivory tulle and lights draped around crystal bowls with floating candles. The pews were decorated with satin ivory bows.

Justine Bassett, stepsister of the groom, registered the guests.

The ceremony commenced with Diane Deatherage playing the piano and the lighting of the candelabras by Jocelyn Bassett, stepsister of the groom. Mother of the bride and mother of the groom met at the altar and lit the unity candle to "Pachelbel's Canon in D." The maid of honor was Elyse Merritt of Lubbock, friend of the bride. Bridesmaids were Julia Morelli of Ford City, Pa., stepsister of the groom; Rebecca Becerra of San Angelo, friend of the bride; Alyssa Miller of Kittanning, Pa.; and Heather Birckbichler of Karns City, sisters of the groom.



Mr. and Mrs. James Douglas Edwards Jr.
(Contributed Photo)

The bridal party wore floor-length, satin, lilac gowns accented with teardrop earrings given by the bride. They carried a bouquet of silk ivory and lilac roses. The bridesmaids were escorted down the aisle by the groomsmen to "Jesu, Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring." The best man was Matt Rimer of Pittsburgh, Pa., friend of the groom. The groomsmen were Brandon Kemp of Snyder, Chris Kemp of San Angelo, brothers of the bride, Josh Fritters of Chicora, Pa., and Josh Anderson of Karns City, Pa., friends of the groom.

The groomsmen wore black tuxedos with black ties and lilac vests. The couples were met by the groom at the altar. The groom wore a black tuxedo with a black tie and an ivory vest. Flower girl Taylor Birckbichler, niece of the groom, wore a miniature ivory bride's gown accented with pearls. She carried a basket filled with silk ivory rose petals. Austin Birckbichler, nephew of the groom, accompanied her down the aisle. He wore a matching groomsman tuxedo and carried an ivory satin heart-shaped pillow.

The bride, escorted and presented for marriage by her brothers, Chris and Brandon, entered the church to the "Wedding March." She wore an ivory matte satin, two-piece, ball gown from the designers of Zurc for Impression. A rounded sweetheart strapless bodice, edged with soft satin cording garnished with touches of gleaming golden thread and a floral design that was accented by baby pearls, created a ravishing affect. The same floral design embellished the full skirt and continued around the semi-cathedral-length train.

Her tulle veil was accented with pearls, trimmed in ivory satin and completed with a jeweled tiara. The bride's attire was enhanced with pearl earrings, necklace and bracelet. She carried a bouquet of cascading lilac and ivory silk roses embellished with baby's breath, lilac pearls and ribbon. The bride and bridesmaids' bouquets were designed and made by Karen Herrley, aunt of the bride.

The bride and groom lit the unity candle to "From This Moment," sung by Erin Alisanski.

For something old and blue, the bride carried a handkerchief given to her by the groom's mother belonging to the late Hazel Cornman, the groom's great grandmother. Something borrowed was a diamond ring belonging to the late Johnie Herrley, the bride's grandmother. Something new was her wedding gown.

The reception was held at the Top of the Cactus Hotel in San Angelo following the ceremony. A catered dinner was provided by Old Time Pit BBQ. A dance followed dinner with entertainment performed by Gary Karschner with Eclipse DJ Services.

The bride's table was decorated with a three-tiered cascading wedding cake garnished with fresh flowers, champagne glasses for toasting, multi-candle centerpiece, and the bride's bouquet. The cake was designed and made by Karen Herrley, the bride's aunt.

Serving were Kara Smith, cousin of the bride, Jamie Norton and Renee Hall, friends of the bride.

The centerpieces on the head and guest tables were various sized crystal bowls entwined with lilac tulle containing lilac marbles and candles. The ballroom was enhanced by lighted trees and tulle draped windows overlooking the city at sunset.

As the couple entered the ballroom, they were introduced and shared their first dance as Mr. and Mrs. James Edwards to "I Do."

The bride is a 1997 Snyder High School graduate and a 2001 Angelo State University graduate with a bachelor of science degree. She is employed by San Angelo ISD as a sixth grade teache. The groom is a 1996 Karns City High School graduate and is pursuing a degree in Information Systems Technology through Southern Illinois University. He is employed by ACS Defense. They have made their home in San Angelo.

Bridal Registry

Brandie Herrley and Jose Barrera
Laurie Kerley and Jerry Burton
Jessica Perkins and Danny White
Andrea Peraza and Ryan Landes
Shahala Marricle and Allen Hoelscher
Allison Cornett and Jay Ball
Sarah Moore and Lyndell Lee
Jillian Vieth and Isaac Spoor
Mesha Pate and B.K. Box
Tamara Cox and Dr. James Hanks
Nikki Hughes and J.K. Palmer
Jami Brown and Heath Hamrick
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Time capsule from 1908 contained old papers

OLYMPIA, Wash. (AP) — A 93-year-old time capsule from a high school in Aberdeen was opened with great expectations, an audience of state dignitaries and no small difficulty.

But instead of the "window to Aberdeen's past" they expected, Secretary of State Sam Reed, Archivist Jerry Handfield and others got a moldy wad of wet crud.

"Old papers," Reed said. "It looks like it's disintegrated, unfortunately."

The capsule was removed last week from the cornerstone laid in 1909 at the Weatherwax High School, about 45 miles west of the state Capitol.

Several blades of a rotary cutting tool broke as the outer container was opened Monday and tinsnips were used to cut into the inner copper box.

A hole about an inch wide at the top, first thought to be from drilling when the capsule was removed from the cornerstone, turned out to be much older.

About 20 people assembled for the opening were crestfallen by the sight of the glommed-up newspapers, photographs, booklets and other material.

Aberdeen School Superintendent Martin W. Kay tried to put the best face on the situation.

"The material inside was not in as good a shape as I had hoped," he said, "but it's not in as bad condition as it could have been."

In an attempt to salvage at least some material, the contents were placed in a freeze drier.

"I've seen cornerstones completely sealed in tar and disintegrated. We should be able to recover a significant amount from this," Handfield said.

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Praising what is lost makes the remembrance dear.

—William Shakespeare, *All's Well That Ends Well*

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Without constancy there is neither love, friendship nor virtue in the world.

—Joseph Addison

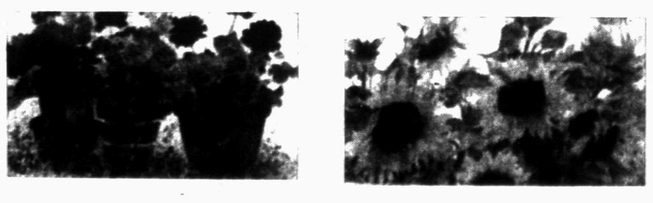


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All former patients and friends of Dr. Hanks are cordially invited to join in the celebration.

Reception will follow at Willow Park Inn

Bridge

By Phillip Alder



	North	
	♠ A K J 7 6	
	♥ 9	
	♦ Q 9 2	
	♣ 8 7 4 2	
West		**East**
♠ 4 3		♠ Q 10 8 5
♥ A K Q J 7		♥ 10 8 5 2
♦ 8 6 3		♦ 7 4
♣ Q J 10		♣ 9 6 5
	South	
	♠ 9 2	
	♥ 6 4 3	
	♦ A K J 10 5	
	♣ A K 3	

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Dealer: West
Vulnerable: Both

South	West	North	East
	1 ♥	1 ♠	Pass
2 ♦	Pass	3 ♦	Pass
3 ♥	Pass	3 ♠	Pass
5 ♦	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♥ A

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Today, diamonds are sparkling

By Phillip Alder

Yesterday's readers will remember that we discussed the possibilities of four spades. Today, we rotated the deal to retain South as the declarer. South, knowing that three no-trump is impossible, goes to game in the eight-card diamond fit. How should he plan the play after West cashes the heart ace, then shifts to the club queen?

As I mentioned yesterday, when the dealer opens one of a suit, the next player makes a simple overcall in a suit, and the responder passes, I think it is best to play that if the fourth hand introduces a new suit without a jump, it is forcing for one round.

After that, South's three-heart cue-bid asked his partner to bid three no-trump with a heart stopper. (If South had a stopper, he could bid three no-trump himself.)

Five diamonds should not be too testing. You have four losers in your hand: three hearts and one club. But you can ruff two hearts in the dummy. So, after winning trick two with the club ace, ruff a heart high in the dummy, cross back to the club king, ruff your last heart high, draw trumps, and claim.

If you decided to establish dummy's spade jack, you didn't succeed. You won only these 10 tricks: three spades, five diamonds and two clubs.

If you gambled on clubs 3-3 and diamonds 3-2, you were lucky, turning dummy's club eight into your 11th trick. But if West had 2-5-2-4 distribution, this line wouldn't work either. As usual, simplest is best — just ruff those losers in the shorter trump hand.

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Bridge Scores

Monte West directed bridge on Friday and Jane Hinton directed Tuesday at the Snyder Country Club.

Friday, July 18

1. Barbara Yorgesen, Margaret Birdwell.
2. Billisue Stuard, Monte West.
3. Peggy Hardin, Betty Courtney tied with Dorothy Rosson, Jane Hinton.

Tuesday, July 22
Swiss Team

1. Maribeth Vestal, Jane Hinton, Margaret Presswood, Nona Morrison.
2. Margaret Birdwell, Dorothy Rosson, Dora Blakey, Barbara Yorgesen.

Community Calendar

MONDAY

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

Rock and Roll Quilting Club; Hermleigh Community Center; everyone is invited for free quilting lessons, and special projects are to help someone in need; call 863-2426 for more information; 8 a.m. to noon.

Scurry County Museum's hours are Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

NA-Just for Today; Park Club at Winston Park; 573-1438.

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

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

TUESDAY

Gateway Family Services parenting discussion group, focuses on a variety of parenting issues and special challenges; no charge; call 573-1822 for more information; 10:30 a.m.

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

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

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

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

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

WEDNESDAY

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

THURSDAY

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

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

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

FRIDAY

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

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

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

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

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

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

SATURDAY

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

SUNDAY

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

Robber makes bad choice

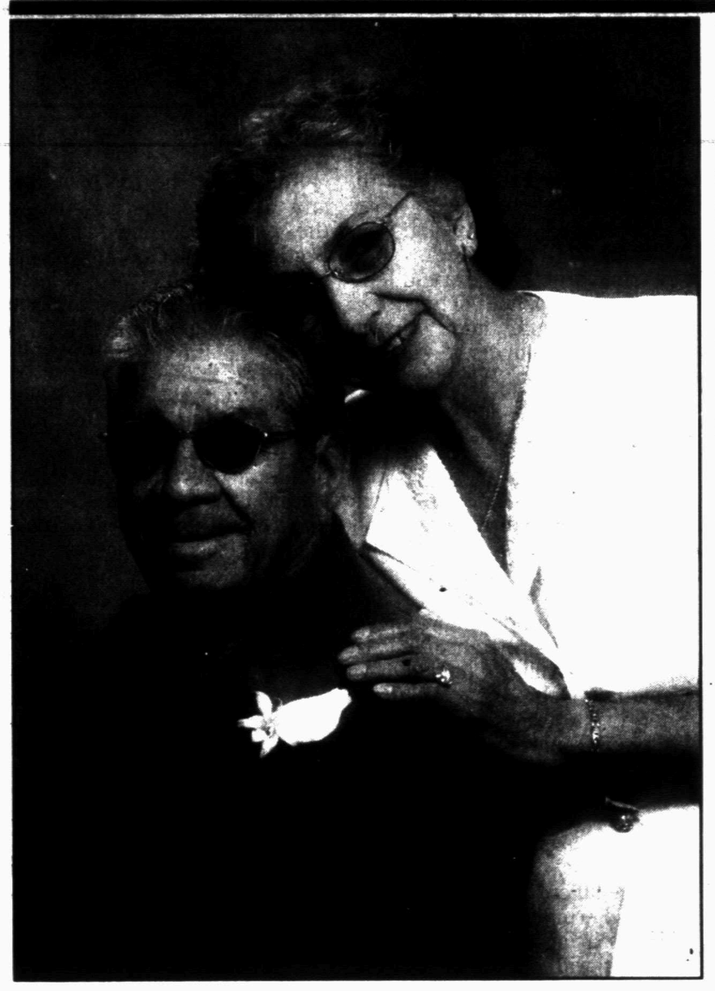
FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — A bank robber made the ultimate bad career move when he wrote a holdup note — on the back of his resume.

Police used the job-search information to identify the man, who was arrested and charged with robbing a Wells Fargo bank branch on Fort Worth's east side.

The man had tried to hide the personal information by taping black construction paper over it. But then he forgot to retrieve the note and take it with him after giving it to the teller.

Police then just peeled the tape from the note.

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MARRIED JULY 9 — Mercedes Vargas and Raul Rodriguez were united in marriage on July 9 at the Treasure Island Chapel in Las Vegas, Nev., by the Rev. Cameron Johnson. The couple will continue their residence in Snyder. (Contributed Photo)

Best Sellers

HARDCOVER FICTION

1. "To the Nines" by Janet Evanovich (St. Martin's)
2. "The Da Vinci Code" by Dan Brown (Doubleday)
3. "The Lake House" by James Patterson (Little, Brown)
4. "Gone Too Far" by Suzanne Brockmann (Ballantine)
5. "Trading Up" by Candace Bushnell (Hyperion)
6. "Johnny Angel" by Danielle Steel (Delacorte)
7. "The Lovely Bones" by Alice Sebold (Little, Brown)
8. "The Devil Wears Prada" by Lauren Weisberger (Doubleday)
9. "White Death: A Novel from the NUMA Files" by Clive Cussler with Paul Kemprecos (Putnam)
10. "Seizure" by Robin Cook (Putnam)

NONFICTION/GENERAL

1. "Kate Remembered" by A. Scott Berg (Putnam)
2. "The South Beach Diet" by Arthur Agatston, M.D. (Rodale)
3. "Living History" by Hillary Rodham Clinton (Simon & Schuster)
4. "Under the Banner of Heaven: A Story of Violent Faith" by Jon Krakauer (Doubleday)
5. "Benjamin Franklin" by Walter Isaacson (Simon & Schuster)
6. "The Essential 55" by Ron Clark (Hyperion)
7. "Treason" by Ann Coulter (Crown)
8. "The Kennedy Curse" by Edward Klein (St. Martin's)
9. "The Purpose-Driven Life" by Rick Warren (Zondervan)
10. "Atkins for Life" by Robert C. Atkins, M.D. (St. Martin's)

MASS MARKET PAPERBACKS

1. "Seabiscuit: An American Legend" by Laura Hillenbrand (Ballantine)
2. "Dr. Atkins New Diet Revolution" by Robert C. Atkins (Avon)
3. "The Shelters of Stone" by Jean M. Auel (Bantam)
4. "The Beach House" by James Patterson, Peter de Jonge (Warner)
5. "Angels and Demons" by Dan Brown (Pocket)
6. "Nerd in Shining Armor" by Vicki Lewis Thompson (Dell)
7. "Eleventh Hour" by Catherine Coulter (Jove)
8. "Killjoy" by Julie Garwood (Ballantine)
9. "Stone Kiss" by Faye Kellerman (Warner)
10. "An Accidental Woman" by Barbara Delinsky (Pocket)

TRADE PAPERBACKS

1. "East of Eden" by John Steinbeck (Penguin)
2. "Seabiscuit: An American Legend" by Laura Hillenbrand (Ballantine)
3. "The Secret Life of Bees" by Sue Monk Kidd (Penguin USA)
4. "Nights in Rodanthe" by Nicholas Sparks (Warner)
5. "In Her Shoes" by Jennifer Weiner (Washington Square Press)
6. "Three Junes" by Julia Glass (Anchor)
7. "The No. 1 Ladies Detective Agency" by Alexander McCall (Smith Anchor)
8. "Life of Pi" by Yann Martel (Harcourt/Harvest)
9. "Dr. Atkins' New Carbohydrate Gram Counter" by Robert C. Atkins, M.D. (M. Evans)
10. "The Virgin Blue" by Tracy Chevalier (Plume)

Library News & Views

By Janie Romine, librarian

The Summer Reading Club, at the Scurry County Library, had a final program on July 16 where the children received their reading certificates and prizes donated by local merchants.

Scurry County Attorney Mike Hartman assisted in handing out the certificates and prizes. Wal-Mart manager R. J. Youngclaus drew the names of two children for the two bikes donated by Wal-Mart.

There were 287 children registered for the program and 169 children read enough to earn a reading certificate. A total of 2,360 hours were read during the program. We would like to thank all of the people who assisted with the summer program, and also the parents for bringing their children to the library.

BOOK FEATURE

Donna Dewberry's Quick & Easy Murals, by Donna Dewberry

You can have a garden that blooms all year. You can easily create charming murals, borders and wall treatments. With Donna's one-stroke methods, you can brighten any room in your house or apartment. With these easy-to-follow photos and step-by-step instructions, you can create beautiful borders of roses, hydrangeas, trailing ivy, tranquil landscapes or lively birdbath scenes, and make your walls come alive.

NEW NON-FICTION

The Laws of Money, the Lessons of Life: Keep What You Have..., by Suze Orman.

Getting Ready for College, by Polly Berent.

Dog Owner's Manual, by Bruce Fogle.

A Heart, a Cross & a Flag: America Today, by Peggy Noonan.

NEW FICTION

Blue Horizon, by Wilbur Smith.

The Runaway Quilt: An Elm Creek Quilts Novel, by Jennifer Chiaverini.

Pursuit of Alice Thrift, by Elinor Lipman.

Mistress of Dragons, by Margaret Weiss.

Death Row, by William Bernhardt.

LIBRARY HOURS

10 a.m. to 6 p.m.: Mon., Wed. & Fri.
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DRESSED UP LIKE A DOG — Crescent dogs make kids ask for more.

Make a fun lunch with easy crescent dogs

If you're looking for a fun and easy way to dress up your hot dog, bake Crescent Dogs and watch your kids ask for more.

With kid-pleasing ingredients and refrigerated crescent roll dough that you probably already have on hand, the tasty recipe is simple to make any afternoon. The kids can even help you in the kitchen for some added family fun.

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Heat oven to 375F. Slit hot dogs to within ½ inch of ends. Insert 3 strips of cheese into each slit.

Separate dough into 8 triangles. Wrap dough triangle around each hot dog. Place on ungreased cookie sheet, cheese side up.

Bake at 375F. for 12 to 15 minutes or until golden brown.

Makes 8 sandwiches.

Coffe break blocks traffic

KINGSTON, N.Y. (AP) — The mayor of this Hudson Valley city is piping mad that a train employee won't face stiffer punishment for parking a train and blocking traffic to get coffee.

Federal Railroad Administration spokesman Warren Flatau said his agency looked into the matter but "did not find anything actionable under the regulations that we enforce."

CSX Corp. won't be fined for tying up traffic last month when one of its freights made the unscheduled stop here, 52 miles south of Albany.

Had the June 9 stop caused an injury or collision then a fine probably would have been recommended, Flatau said.

Mayor James Sottile called the matter absurd.

Gift registries are no longer just for weddings and babies

Gift registries are no longer just for weddings and baby arrivals. Now college students looking to outfit their dorm rooms can set up a registry — with such items as bedding, bath towels, butterfly chairs, bed rests and bubble crates, — to help make their home away from home more comfortable, stylish and personal.

Linens 'n Things, which created the gift registry for college students, offers these suggestions for furnishing and decorating the small, often shared space that's used for sleeping, studying and socializing:

Slumber: As the largest piece of dorm furniture, the bed is the room's focal point, incorporating function and fashion. Since it's used for sleeping and seating, choose bedding to reflect your personality and your sense of style, but make sure it's durable and washable. Today's popular bedding styles reflect casual, ready-to-wear apparel trends including Hawaiian surf/skate, utilitarian and preppy. Most dorm beds are five inches longer than standard twin size, so consider purchasing two sets of extra-long sheets. For comfort, add a mattress pad and two standard pillows.

Study: Equip your room with the basics so that the library isn't the only place conducive to reading and writing. Floor and table lamps ease the harsh effects of dorm room fluorescents. Desk sets keep writing utensils and materials organized and a bed rest and lap desk are great for studying while stretched out on your bed.

Sort and store: Take advantage of items that can serve a dual purpose. For example, storage bins and bubble crates are great for holding books, clothing or decorative items and they make terrific bedside tables. Add underbed storage space with 6" bed risers or double your closet space with a double-hung rod.

Socialize: Dorm life is dominated by impromptu get-togethers. Butterfly chairs, soft beanbag cubes (as seats, tables or footrests) and small stacking stools serve as invitations to come in and sit down.

Snacking: Supplement your school's meal plan with your favorite snacks, made conveniently in your own room. Consider a dorm-size refrigerator, combination toaster oven/microwave and dual mug coffeemaker.

To create your own dorm room wish list or to view a friend's, visit any Linens 'n Things store (call 866-568-7378 for the store nearest you) or visit the Web site at www.LNT.com.

How to lighten baby accessory overload

If you're a new parent, you're likely experiencing "baby accessory overload." In other words, you may be overwhelmed by the sheer volume of products, services and advice available — not to mention the fact that you could use another room just to store the multiple strollers (e.g., jogging, umbrella, heavy-duty) friends talked you into buying.

These tips will not only help to lighten the load, they might help you put off building that home extension:

• When buying a stroller, look for a unit that's multi-functional and can double as an infant carrier, car seat or more. Strollers are a must for new parents, but with one of these, you're getting convenience without adding clutter.

• One key piece of furniture is a rocking chair. It not only provides a comfortable place to relax while nursing or bottle-feeding your baby, but the smooth rocking motion will soothe any cranky child. An added plus: Good rocking chairs never go out of style and can make a beautiful heirloom that can be passed from generation to generation.

• Don't load up on shampoos, lotions and fancy skincare products for baby, and totally keep away from products with fragrances and dyes since they can irritate your baby's sensitive skin. Choose products that are dermatologist or pediatrician recommended and those that can serve multiple purposes. Doctor Shannon Martinello — a Connecticut pediatrician and mom — recommends fragrance-free Aquaphor as a great all-in-one remedy for many of baby's common skin needs, including dry, chapped patches of skin and even diaper rash. It's also great for mom's over-washed, rough hands and any minor burn sustained during 3 a.m. feedings.

• Ask your doctor for recommendations of resource books and Web sites that offer information about the health and development of your child. Many of these resources, such as AmericanBaby.com and iVillage.com, also offer support for new parents via message boards where parents can communicate to one another and where experts provide advice almost immediately-even at 4 a.m.

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Hermleigh School Supplies

Kindergarten

Scissors
Box of 24 crayons
School box, regular size
Plastic mat for rest time
Two glue sticks
Bottle of Elmer's Glue
Four #2 pencils
Construction paper
Eraser
Wide tip washable markers
Backpack or school bag
Large box tissues
Optional:
Package napkins
Roll paper towels
Small pencil sharpener

First Grade

Pencils
Liquid glue
2 glue sticks
Crayons
Scissors
Large eraser
Washable markers
Construction Paper
2 large boxes of Kleenex

Second Grade

1 pkg. of wide-ruled notebook paper
1 pkg. of construction paper
5 pencils
2 big erasers
1 box of crayons
1 box of markers
Scissors
1 bottle of glue (no gel)
2 glue sticks
2 folders
2 spirals-70 sheet wide-ruled
2 boxes of Kleenex
School box

Third grade

Notebook paper
4 spirals
4 folders with brads and pockets
4 pencils #2
Erasers
School box or bag
Ruler-both metric and standard
Glue
Scissors
Crayons (24 count is plenty)
Markers
Colored pencils
2 boxes of Kleenex
2 pkgs. Index cards
Some items will need to be replaced such as pencils throughout the school year.

Fourth Grade

Notebook
Notebook paper
5-one subject spirals
6 folders (with pockets and brads)
Pencils
Eraser
2 red pens
2 blue or black pens
School box
Ruler
Glue
Scissors
Crayons
Colored Pencils
1 large box of Kleenex
Some items will need to be replaced as they are used up throughout the school year

Fifth grade

Crayons
Colored pencils (map colors)
Markers
Red Pen
Pencils
Glue
Scissors
Notebook paper
3x5 index cards (lined)
Spirals
2 pkg. of dividers
1 1½-2 inch floppy folder/binder
Folders with brads (7)
Kleenex
Supply box

Date Book

Saturday, July 26, 2003

Today is the 207th day of 2003 and the 36th day of summer.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1887, "Unua Libro," the first textbook written about Esperanto, was published.

On this day in 1912, Lt. John Rodgers transmitted the first radio message from a flying aircraft to a U.S. Navy vessel, the USS Stringham.

On this day in 1948, President Harry Truman ordered the desegregation of the armed forces of the United States.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Aldous Huxley (1894-1963), writer; Jason Robards (1922-2000), actor; Stanley Kubrick (1928-1999), director; Mick Jagger (1943-), singer, is 60; Kevin Spacey (1959-), actor, is 54.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1955, Ted Allen threw a record 72 horseshoe ringers.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "That men do not learn very much from the lessons of history is the most important of all the lessons of history." — Aldous Huxley

TODAY'S MOON: Between last quarter (July 21) and new moon (July 29).

Sunday, July 27, 2003

Today is the 208th day of 2003 and the 37th day of summer.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1940, Billboard magazine began publishing its best seller charts for music.

On this day in 1953, with the signing of an armistice at Panmunjom, Korea, a cease-fire brought a halt to the Korean War.

On this day in 1974, the House Judiciary Committee voted 27-11 to recommend the impeachment of President Richard Nixon on charges of obstruction of justice.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Alexandre Dumas (1824-1895), French dramatist; Betty Thomas (1948-), director and actress, is 55; Peggy Fleming (1948-), figure skater, is 55; Elizabeth Hardwick (1916-), novelist and essayist, is 87.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1946, Rudy York of the Boston Red Sox hit two grand slams in one game.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Business? It's quite simple: it's other people's money." — Alexandre Dumas

TODAY'S MOON: Between last quarter (July 21) and new moon (July 29).

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Jessica Lynch to be focus of movie for TV

LOS ANGELES (AP) — NBC said it envisions its Jessica Lynch TV movie as an action-adventure with the Iraqi lawyer who contributed to her rescue as the hero.

The film, being made without Lynch's participation, will focus less on her and more on the experience of her Army unit and her rescuers, NBC Entertainment President Jeff Zucker said Thursday.

"It's really a story of mistakes that were made, and action and adventure," Zucker said. "Quite frankly, Jessica's part of the story is probably the smallest part of the story."

NBC has a deal with Mohammed Odeh al-Rehaief, who mapped out Lynch's location for U.S. Marines. Zucker called him "the brave Iraqi lawyer who saved her life."

The film also is relying on information in the public domain.

A 20-year-old Army supply clerk from Palestine, W.Va., Lynch was captured March 23 after her 507th Maintenance Company convoy was ambushed in the southern Iraqi city of Nasiriyah. She was rescued from a hospital in the city on April 1 after al-Rehaief alerted U.S. forces.

Lynch, who this week ended a long hospitalization in Washington, D.C., has yet to talk publicly about her experience. News reports have tried to fill in the blanks but questions remain, including about how the rescue was conducted.

The NBC movie is being revised to reflect the latest information, Zucker told the Television Critics Association.

"We're on the fifth version of that script. We threw the first one out," he said, adding that production is set to begin within days but changes are continuing to be made. The cast wasn't announced.

He acknowledged that, ultimately, the movie may not offer the definitive account of Lynch's experience.

Public Records

Marriage License

Michael David Brasher and Pamela Ruth French, both of Snyder.

Alex Lopez and Angela Kay Williams, both of Snyder.

Carlos Jorge Espinoza and Jennifer Sue Jones, both of Snyder.

Rudy Ubando and Aurora Yanez, both of Snyder.

Michael Leon Wakeley and Dawn Mechelle Whittenburg, both of Snyder.

Action in District Court

In the marriage of Toni Maurice Guzman and Alberto Guzman, divorce granted.

Wenona Evans vs. Wyeth, James Michael Jones, Conner Thomas Wade and Robert Billie Pierce, M.D., order of non-suit.

Patterson Petroleum and Patterson-UTI Drilling Company vs. Canadian Delta Inc., Westfort Energy, The Genesis Group and Baker Oil Tools Inc., order of dismissal without prejudice.

Wagon Wheel Guest Ranch Inc. and Billy Ray Browning vs. Gilbert Conservation Corp. and Jady Gilbert, order of dismissal with prejudice.

NES Permian Basin vs. B&F Well Servicing Co. Inc., order of dismissal with prejudice.

Deed Records

Diane and Spence Benbow to Darrel K. and Nelma R. Bills, Lots 8 and 9 in Block 2 of the Davis Subdivision of Block 71 of the Grayum and Nelson 2nd Addition.

Alice Faye Mathis Hurley to Van and Nan Hammack, 6.677 acres out of the northeast corner of Section 484, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Donald R. and Lori S. Pavlovsky to Brian L. and Lacey Rene Walker, Lot 15 in Block H of the Highland Park Addition.

Fluvanna Cemetery Association to Texas Wind Power Company, all the southwest one-quarter of Block 75, Original Town of Fluvanna.

Don A. Jones to Texas Wind Power Company, Lots 13-24 in Block 88 of the Original Town of Fluvanna.

Sam H. and Kathleen Stephens and G.W. Ferguson to Don M. Drum, Lots 3-6 in Block 54 of the A.C. Wilmeth's Addition.

Delbert Hataway to Charles Spencer Smith, the south one-half of Lot 3 in Block 1 of the D.R. Layman's Subdivision of Block 115 of the Town of Hermleigh.

Paul Anthony and Regina Lynn Jones to Wallace H. Jones Jr., Lot 1 of the H&H Replat of Lots 1-11, Block J, Towle Place Addition.

Kenny Wayne Miller to Sandra Kay McDorman, Lot 1 in Block 1 of the Scott and Browning Addition.

Anna Mae Sherrod to Andres and Maribel Gutierrez, part of the northwest one-quarter of Section 181, Block 3, H&GN survey.

Caralyn Sue Rogers Walls to Ruby Ann Freeman, Lot 16 in Block 19 of the Green Hills Addition.

Lois Feather to Billy D. Jones, Lot 13 in Block G of the Replat of the Towle Place Addition.

Barbara Yvonne McGee to Bryan Christopher and Mandi Leigh Scott, Lot 13 in Block 4 of the Park Place Addition.

Velma Bonnie Carroll Norred, individually and as executrix of the estate of Russell Glenn Carroll, to Gary D. and Judy M. Grant, Lot 17 in Block 11 of the replat of the south one-half of Block 7 and the replat of Blocks 6 and 11 of the Highland Addition.

E.E. and Evelyn Shifflett to Joe Ramey, Lot 11 in Block 4 of the Bootheland Addition.

Janie Sue Willard to Texas Wind Power Company, Lots 1-2 in Block 88 of the Town of Fluvanna.

Helen B. Wadleigh and Polly A. Echols, co-trustees of the James B. Wadleigh Estate Trust and The James L. and Helen B. Wadleigh Living Trust, to Ryan and Jessica Colvin, Lot 5 in Block 1 of the Eastridge Addition.

Jerry E. and Judy Hembree to Jerry A. Phillips, the east one-half of Lot 3 in Block 46 of the Original Town of Snyder.

Lewis Wayne Monroney to David P. and Jerry L. Speegle, Lot 5 in Block 3 of the Cedar Creek Addition, Section 1.

Douglas F. Dry to Elaine H. Dry, the northwest one-quarter of Section 337, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Neva Joyce Fuqua, Nelda Jean Summer and Cecile Gandy to Rodney Darrell and Stacey L. Mayo, the southwest one-quarter of Section 91, Block 3, H&TC survey.

Brenda K. Jones McNeil to Clara Schulze Coleman, Emma M. Schulze Wimmer, Minnie Darden and Annie Pieper, an undivided one-fifth interest in 198 acres in Section 238, Block 3, H&TC survey.

Judy Ann James, individually and dba John's Machine and Radiator, to Randy and Christy James, dba, John's Machine and Radiator, Lots 1-4 of the J.O. Hamilton subdivision of Block 2 of the Casstevens subdivision of Block 15 in the Cody Addition.

Citizenship may be revoked for Nazi

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) — Federal officials want to revoke the citizenship of a man who faces deportation for being a guard at a Nazi concentration camp during World War II.

John Hansl, 78, of Des Moines, said U.S. officials knew about his past when they granted him a visa in 1955.

But in a complaint filed Thursday, the U.S. Department of Justice claims Hansl hid his military history.

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an acne medication, has been prescribed millions of times, usually to teenagers, and may cause side effects including suicide, Inflammatory Bowel Disease (Crohn's, Ulcerative Colitis), Pseudotumor Cerebri, spine deterioration, vision damage, liver damage, pancreatitis, immune system injuries (Lupus), kidney damage, birth defects and cardiovascular damage. **Should you or a loved one have a serious or permanent condition, call us for professional insight.**

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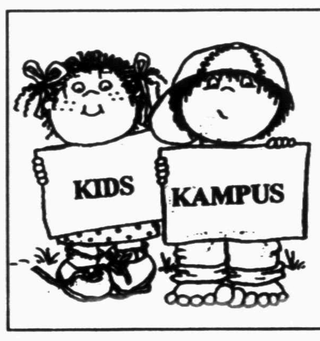
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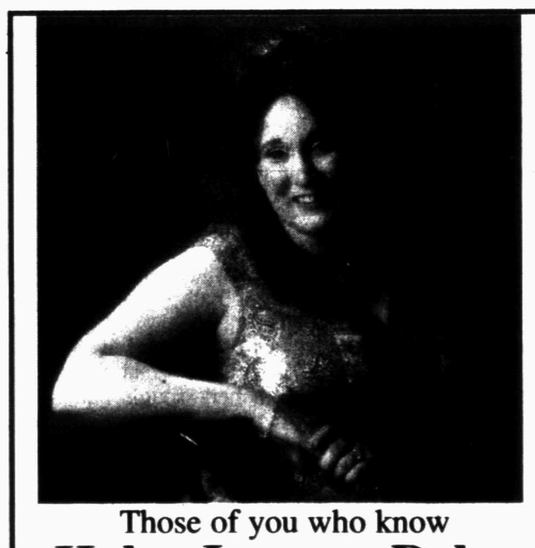


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2 glue sticks or Dab-n-stick school glue
School box (preferably plastic)
Scissors — Blunt Fiskars
Backpack or tote bag
Large box of Kleenex
Freezer Ziploc bags — quart or gallon size
Towel

First grade

1 box colored pencils
2 boxes of 16 crayons
1 package #2 pencils
Scissors (sharp point)
4 — Dab-n-Stick Glue
Washable colored markers
2-dry erase markers
1 spiral notebook
1 box Kleenex
Large plastic zipper pencil bag
1 box of Ziploc gallon freezer bags
1 box of watercolors
Backpack or tote bag

Second grade

Large box of crayons (24 count) and 2 boxes of 8 count each
20 #2 pencils
2 red grading pens
Large Elmer's Glue (No gel)
1 inch slicker binder
2 spiral notebooks (wide-ruled 70 pages)
Notebook paper, wide-ruled, 400 count
Large plastic zipper pencil bag
Scissors (sharp point) Fiskars
2 folders with pockets and brads 2 different colors
Backpack or tote bag
2 large boxes of Kleenex
Girls, bring 1 box of gallon size freezer bags
Boys, bring 1 box of sandwich size freezer bags
1 box makers
1 box watercolor paints
Glue sticks
Backpack or tote bag

Please label all school supplies

Central Elementary
Kindergarten

Blunt scissors (left-handed if needed), Fiskars, metal blade
2 #2 pencils
1 box Crayola brand crayons, 8 count primary colors
1 box Crayola brand regular crayons, 16 count but no neon washable
Four large glue sticks
1 2-oz. Bottle Elmer's Glue
Package paper plates (Girls small, boys large)
1 box Ziploc bags (Girls large, boys small)
Large box of Kleenex
Large towel, no mats
Two large beginner pencils
$5 for entire year for cooking and art supplies
Pocket folder

First grade

1 big box of crayons
1 package #2 pencils
Scissors (Fiskars)
2 large boxes Kleenex
2 big rectangular erasers
1 clipboard
1 plastic school box (large)
1 box Ziploc bags
2 bottles Elmer's Glue
Backpack

Third grade

No notebook and no mechanical pencils
3 packages notebook paper, wide-ruled
1 70-count spiral notebook, wide-ruled
2 packages (10-12 #2 pencils)
1 large pink eraser
1 Elmer's School Glue
1 box crayons, 24-count (no giant boxes)
1 pair Fiskars or Dura-Sharp pointed scissors
1 ruler, metric and inches
3 large boxes Kleenex
5 folders with pockets and prongs:
5 different solid colors
Highlighter
6 red pens
Zipper bag or school box

PLEASE LABEL ALL SCHOOL SUPPLIES WITH NAME

East Elementary
Kindergarten

4 large glue sticks
Crayons, 2 boxes of 16 or 24
2 #2 pencils (plain no decorative)
Supply box (cigar box size, no larger)
Large box of Kleenex
Scissors, Fiskars (Steel blade, pointed)
Crayola washable markers, 8 count (classic colors)
Colored pencils (12 colors)
3 folders with pockets
Backpack or book bag
Name on all supplies

First grade

Colored pencils (12 count)
Crayons, 1 box of 16
Elmer's Glue, 4 oz. white
Scissors/Fiskars (steel blade, pointed)
2 boxes of Kleenex
Supply or cigar box (no larger than cigar box)
6 #2 pencils (plain only)
1 package of pencil top erasers
2 folders with pockets
Backpack or book bag

Children need to bring a backpack or book bag each day

Fourth Grade

No mechanical pencils
No trapper keepers or notebooks
No ink pens
3 folders with pockets (bradded)
#2 wooden pencils
2 red grading pencils
Scissors/Fiskars (steel-blade pointed)
Notebook paper, wide-ruled
2 large boxes Kleenex
Map colors
Zipper pencil pouch
Highlighter
Wooden ruler, standard and metric or clear plastic
Crayons
Elmer's Glue, white
2 spiral notebooks, wide-ruled
Your individual teacher may add other necessary items

Please label all school supplies

Northeast Elementary
Kindergarten

1 box of regular crayons (eight count)
2 boxes crayons (24 count)
2 pencils, #2
3 glue sticks
Scissors (Fiskars for kid-metal blades)
Large box of Kleenex
Towel for resting (with name on it)
Eraser (Pink Pearl)
Long map colors
1 large bottle glue
Large plastic school box
Watercolor set
Backpack
Individual teachers may add to list

First grade

10 pencils (#2)
Scissors, sharp point (Fiskars)
1 box Crayola Crayons (24 count)
1 box Crayons (8 count)
2 liquid Elmer's School Glue (4 oz.)
2 Pink Pearl erasers
4 folders with pockets (no brad)
Plastic school box (no larger than cigar box)
2 large boxes Kleenex
Wooden ruler (standard and metric)
Backpack
Cover-up shirt for art

Fifth Grade

1 box crayons (24 count)
Map colors (long)
Notebook paper (wide-ruled)
1 glue stick
1 small bottle of glue
Wooden ruler (standard and metric)
2 red pens
6 #2 pencils
2 blue or black pens
Scissors (Fiskars metal with sharp point)
Zipper bag for pens and pencils
2 large boxes of Kleenex
$5 for recorder for music
Pocket folder
Clipboard 8½ x 11
No binders
Individual teachers may add to list

Fifth grade G/T only

In addition to regular supplies, add the following:
1 highlighter
6 folders with brads and pockets and assorted colors
2 black sharpie markers:
1 fine point, 1 ultra fine point
1 set of low-odor dry eraser markers-board tipped
Regular markers (broad tipped and fine line)
1- 9.75 X 7.5-inch composition notebook

Please label all school supplies

West Elementary
PPCD

2 boxes crayons (16 count)
2 large glue sticks
2 bottles Elmer's Glue
Scissors (blunt point)
2 pencils
2 large boxes of Kleenex
1 box baby wipes
Large towel or blanket for nap time
Backpack
1 roll paper towels
Toothbrush
Toothpaste
Ziploc storage bags (quart and gallon)
Paper plates
Washable markers
Snacks (Once or twice a month send/crackers, carrots, apples, bananas, etc.)

Mrs. Kidd's Kids

1 package wide-ruled notebook paper
1 package #2 pencils
Scissors
Large bottle Elmer's Glue
2 glue sticks
Toothbrush
Large tube toothpaste
Swimming supplies (Swim, suit, towel, bag, comb, brush)
Large box Kleenex
5 pocket folders

Pre-kindergarten

2 large white Elmer's Glue
2 glue sticks
1 spiral notebook (wide-ruled, 70 pages)
1 Box of Crayola crayons
1 box of Kleenex
1 box of gallon Ziploc baggies
1 box of quart size Ziploc baggies
1 Fiskars scissors
1 box of Crayola washable markers
1 pkg. of brown lunch bags
1 watercolor
1 pkg. of jumbo pencils
1 pkg. of different colors of tissue paper
1 large zippered backpack
1 folder with pockets
Boys: 1 pkg. of large white paper plates
Girls: 1 pkg. of small white paper plates
1 box wipes
Additional items may be required at the beginning of the school year.

Kindergarten

Plastic school box (5" x8")
2 boxes (16 count) Crayola crayons
Crayola Washable Watercolors
Fiskars blunt-nose scissors
2 4 oz. Bottles Emer's Glue
1 pkg. #2 pencils
Large pink eraser
2 sturdy picture pocket folders
1 large box of Kleenex
1 box (5 oz.) Dixie paper cups
1 box of Ziploc bags
Plastic mat or towel
1 pkg (monthly) cookies, crackers or cereal

First grade

2 boxes crayons (16 count only)
1 large bottle Elmer's School Glue
1 school box (approximately eight inches long)
1 box classic washable markers
2 pink erasers
1 box of Ziploc sandwich size bags
6 #2 pencils
4 sturdy pocket folders
1 large box of Kleenex
1 set of watercolors
1 pair of small pointed scissors
1 backpack

Sixth grade

2 boxes Kleenex
Paper, wide-ruled
Pens, black or blue ballpoint (no other color)
Pencils #2 (no mechanical pencils)
Red grading pen
Yellow highlighter
Map colors
4 folders with pockets and brads

Supplies for individual classes will be announced by teacher on first day of school

Please label all school supplies

Gunman claimed councilman offered him cash to drop out

NEW YORK (AP) — A day after Councilman James Davis was gunned down in the City Council, two starkly different portraits of the attacker emerged — one as a Davis protege, another as a fierce political rival with an ax to grind.

Hours before he killed Davis, Othniel Askew told the FBI that Davis offered him $45,000 to give up a primary election challenge — and threatened to hurt his family if he did not, law enforcement sources said Thursday.

Askew, in what investigators described as a rambling statement, also claimed Davis threatened to expose him as gay, the sources told The Associated Press on condition of anonymity.

A City Council spokeswoman called the allegations "preposterous," and investigators said they have not corroborated Askew's claims.

But the claims underscore the complex, volatile relationship between the two men before their paths crossed one final time — when Askew walked into City Hall by Davis' side Wednesday, then shot him dead in the council chamber. A police officer shot Askew seconds later.

Askew showed up at Davis' offices in Brooklyn on Wednesday — as he had several times in recent weeks — and asked if they could go to City Hall together. Davis agreed, and both men were waved past a metal detector.

Hours before the shooting, Askew called the FBI and said Davis, a 41-year-old, first-term councilman, "had used language that Askew had interpreted as that Davis was threatening to hurt his family somehow," one law enforcement official said.

Besides the $45,000 payment, Askew claimed Davis had offered him $15,000 a year and a no-show staff job, and offered to sell him a building in Brooklyn for $1, law enforcement sources said.

The FBI has said only that a man identifying himself as Askew called its New York office to allege that Davis was harassing him over the upcoming primary election. They said the man made no threats of violence against Davis.

Askew had filed papers to run against Davis in the Democratic primary this fall, but he did not have the requisite signatures to enter the race. City Councilman Kendall Stewart said Davis had apparently made a deal with Askew in which the aspiring politician agreed not to run.

Members of Davis' staff say the councilman considered himself a mentor to the 31-year-old Askew.


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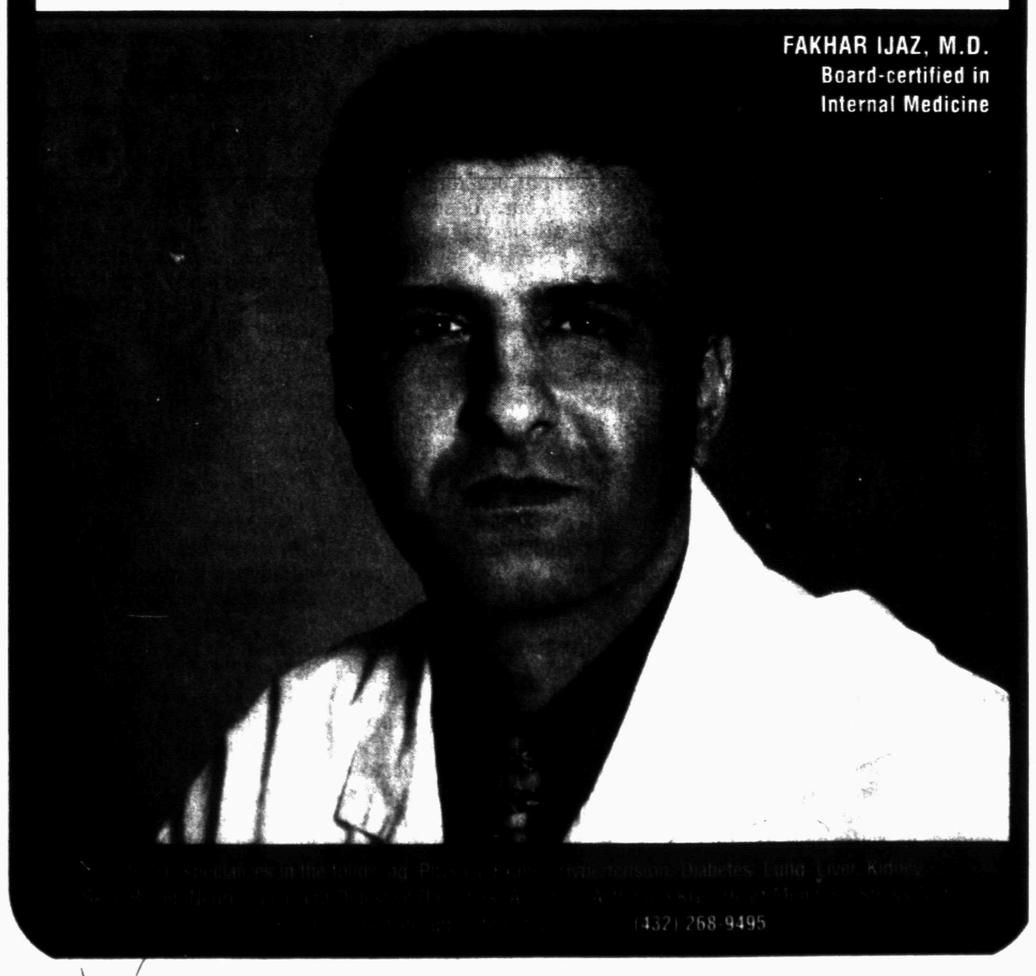
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Speaker for all seasons

by Don Newbury

When Johnny CARSON ruled TV late shows, his "Amazing Carnack" vignettes were classic.

You may remember his making quick changes into the swami outfit, wearing a turban big enough to hive bees. Sidekick Ed McMahon would ask Johnny to provide answers — before questions were posed. Then, after Carnack spewed them forth, Ed reached into the "hermetically sealed mayonnaise jar" (the one from Funk and Wagnalls' front porch) to extract questions, and that's when the laughs started.

Picture it: Carson, his hand against his forehead as he gleaned from the epicenter of mystic wisdom, might say, "sis, boom, bah." Then McMahon would ask, "Describe the sound of an exploding goat?" Now you remember those vignettes, don't you? I told you I'm not that much older!

If Carson were on the TV scene today, he might provide an answer like, "Texas A&M and American Airlines." The question might be, "Name two entities whose board meetings always begin with discussions of budget cutbacks?"

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Oh My Goodness! The list includes the rest of our schools, most of our airlines and life in general, starting with our home budgets. If misery loves company, let us all rush in; payload has been struck.

It is noted that two recent painful recommendations for Texas A&M University cutbacks were dictated by budgetary woes. Within weeks, Aggie leaders were dealing with eliminating both their dairy herd and their journalism program. Wow! Is nothing sacred?

In the "what if?" department, if a cow ever jumps over the moon, will there be Aggies there to write about it? Pity. If the J-school stayed intact, the news of that historic jump might read: "Everything I learned about jumping I learned at A&M," Bossy said to members of the press corps. "When they eliminated the herd, we cows realized the importance of diversification. Failing my audition for a Chick-Fil-A ad, I was lucky that a bull friend named Ferdinand, (most of us called him "Ferdie") mentioned moon jumping. I thought if he can do it, so can I, and that's what I did....All that I am and ever hope to be, I owe to Texas A&M, Chick-Fil-A and Ferdie, but mostly to Texas A&M."

Sadly, if economic slides continue, there may be as many cows jumping over the moon as there are planes flying under it.

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From cows to Cowtown — Business will pick up in Fort Worth later this month when thousands of Texas high school coaches gather for their annual confab. Restaurants are doubling orders for napkins. They'll need tons for play-scribbing.

It is a joyous time, signaling that the 2003 football season is close by. This is the very year that many coaches last November were urging bosses and boosters to "wait until." Further, it is joyous because coaches of all sports gather undefeated, most of them predicting good seasons — if the kids give 110% effort. (There is a margin of error of 10 percentage points either way.)

Coaches know the classroom drills, that A's are excellent, B's good and C's acceptable. Not many figure they'll get promoted with a "C" for the season. Experienced ones know that most fans are with them all the way — win or tie.

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Some years ago, I was asked to write a Code of Conduct for the American Southwest Athletic Conference. It emphasized good sportsmanship for players, coaches and fans. Such is worth whatever acts of courage may be necessary to preserve it.* (I'll touch on some of these things when I address the coaches in a general session July 30 in Fort Worth.)

That reminds me of a story! I'm afraid it is the kind I shared a while back when Marine officer Brian Carter, a former student, called me from Okinawa. Upon hearing it, he said, "With all due respect, your jokes are not like old wine. They don't get better with age!

Still, share I will. A football coach screamed on the sidelines after a 15-yard penalty. "That decision stinks," the coach yelled as the official stepped off 15 yards. Hearing the words clearly, the referee marked off 15 more yards, yelling back, "How does it smell from here?"

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Did anyone notice that remarks at longtime Dallas Cowboy Tex Schramm's funeral were as frank and colorful as he was?

One eulogist mentioned that Schramm's idea of compromise was when everyone else came around to his way of thinking. All agreed, however, that he was passionate about life and the work ethic. If our schools' coaches can somehow ignite this passion in our kids, we can look past some won-lost records.

Finally, I must share this "lawyer line." New York editor Judith Regan said, "Being the best divorce lawyer in New York is like being the best devil in hell."

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Poor Rix's Almanac
by Rix Quinn

Poor Rix offers stupid answers to smart questions. Got a question? E-mail rixquinn@charter.net, or write him in care of this newspaper.

Hey, Poor Rix: Back in the 1950's when I was a kid, we had some wonderful school books about two kids named Dick and Jane. Whatever happened to them?

Not the kids...the reading books! — Middle-Aged, Middle-Class

Oh, yes! Poor Rix fondly remembers first grade, recess, flavored milk, and a girl name Lynne.

I still drink flavored milk, but my wife tells me a recess with Lynne is unacceptable.

The best part of school was the "Dick and Jane" stories that taught us to read.

If you grew up in the 1950's or 1960's, you probably remember Dick and Jane. I'm not sure they had a last name, which would make them quite trendy today. They lived in a little house somewhere in America...we just didn't know where.

They had a puppy called Spot, and a cat named Puff. (I once had a girlfriend named Puff, but that's another story.

One of the books' writers — Sterl Artley — died recently. A famous reading teacher, Sterl began his stories with basic words, gradually building vocabulary.

It's hard to find these readers today. I guess a few educators chose different teaching methods, for reasons unknown to me or my friends, many of whom read quite well.

Sadly, there will be no new Dick and Jane adventures for future generations. Oh my, oh my. Did someone say "Baby Boomers getting older?"

Goodbye, Dick, Goodbye, Jane. Goodbye, childhood.

Hello, Arthur Ritis.

Letter to the Editor

Why two local governments?

Dear Editor:

In response to the current issue of intergovernmental contracts and the lack of agreement between the two, may we make a suggestion?

In a small community, why do we need two branches of local government? Could the job of running this community and the surrounding communities of Scurry County be handled by the county alone?

We would propose that the city government be dissolved and the county take over complete operation of the City of Snyder and Scurry County. We have dual operating systems that could better serve the people if they were combined.

If there were one governing body we wouldn't have shared services, we would have one and it would function better.

What needs to happen to get this done?

Richard and Donna Dupree

Open Government Barometer

Number of Executive Sessions held by public entities in 2003.

Snyder ISD	8
Hermleigh ISD	7
Ira ISD	7
DCOS	4
City of Snyder	4
Cogdell Hospital	1
WTC	1
Scurry County	0



Can a 'bad' word be gooded up
by Jo Klock, Jr.

I pay occasional visits to the New York Times column of Maureen Dowd — this to avoid tilting so far to the Right that I risk a fracture of my usually hip point of view.

One of her recent efforts sent me scurrying to the dictionary, something that more frequently occurs while reading William F. Buckley or Snoop Doggy Dogg.

The word that stumped me was "casuistry," a term I hadn't encountered during my previous nearabout 77 years.

If your reaction is to brand me as only a marginally literate oaf, my hat would be off to you, if I owned one. It was, to my mind and eye, a genuine 75-cent word, calculated to stump an SUV-load of Harvard English majors and even, perhaps, the President of These United States (LOL).

It was, in fact, he who was accused by La Dowd of casuistry, in connection with an allegation by him that Sodamn Insane was planning to invade Uranus from Nigeria, or something like that, the exact details of which are irrelevant to this column.

Casuistry, assuming that you don't already know (and even if you do) is defined as "specious or excessively subtle reasoning intended to rationalize or mislead."

It will be welcomed into our house by the lady thereof, should I choose to substitute it for the indelicate term it might conceivably replace. Said term, if used here, would undoubtedly be excised by the editor hereof, but I'm sure you can work backward from "male bovine excrement."

I find it difficult to read or view anything of a current nature without branding at least some of it as pure, unadulterated casuistry, although I use the less genteel expletive alluded to above.

I have resolved to muster all my will power to form the habit of shouting "CASUISTRY!" at the boob tube or from behind the newspaper, in place of the vulgarity to which Beloved First-wife objects.

Honesty, though, combined with my inbred anticasuistric nature compels me to report that said BFW has been known, albeit only when sorely provoked, to...well, let's not go there.

I believe there is a great need for a socially acceptable euphemism to replace the familiar (dare I go this far?) "BS" expression, because the amount of casuistry in the world is increasing exponentially, affecting virtually every aspect of our lives.

I cite, as a prime example, the entire content of the Congressional Record, which is buried under a huge pile of casuistric matter, and is no more an accurate record of what transpires on The Hill than are the eyewitness accounts immediately following a traffic accident or drunken orgy.

Anyone who has ever endured the C-Spanned proceedings of Congress is familiar with the introductory ritual during which, usually to a nearly empty chamber, the speaker asks for and receives "unanimous consent to revise and extend my remarks."

Translated from Governmentese, this means that everything later entered into the Record can be — and probably will be — blatant casuistry. (You can see, can't you, that the euphemism lacks both the alliterative impact and passion of the original, but let's give it a chance.)

Sophistry means pretty much the same thing, but it, too, lacks punch and pizazz; and if either of those fancy words had a shred of public appeal, you'd be hearing them in every bar and Town Hall in the USA.

Casuistry also abounds in the "clarifications" issued by public figures after they have fallen victim to foot-in-mouth disease. Calling it "spin" or "parsing" is somewhat like dressing a harlot in virginal white garb or a ravenous wolf in kindly old Grandma's nightie.

Gotta wonder when these hypocritical clowns will wise up to the lesser cost of owning up to imperfection, rather than cavorting about in tutus and tap shoes. ("Okay, okay, so I screwed up big time. I'm sorry. Now can we get on with our lives?")

This alternative behavior would put a lot of pundits and rescue crews out of business, but it would strike a telling blow for integrity and remove an insult to our collective intelligence.

Other examples include the entire content of those oxymoronic "tabloid journals," TV discussion shows, most advertising copy, all political promises and 99-44/100 percent of the junk mail, both postal and computerized.

An interesting sidelight is the second definition of casuistry, which is: "the determination of right and wrong in questions of conduct or conscience by the application of general principles of ethics." (No, I am NOT making this up; check it out!)

Comes now the question: What IS casuistry, anyway? Does it, as another president put it, depend on what the meaning of "is" is, or is it just a whole lot of...of...sophistry, maybe? No, that just doesn't work. Sorry, Honey!

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EDITORIAL COMMENT

Austin American-Statesman

Capping malpractice suits

Texans will vote Sept. 13 whether to impose on themselves and their children a $250,000 cap on how much money a jury can award for noneconomic damages — such as pain and suffering and disfigurement — for personal injuries negligently inflicted by a doctor. In cases where more than one hospital, nursing home or other medical institution is involved, the injured individual could collect up to $500,000 in noneconomic damages. But no claimant can collect more than $750,000 in noneconomic damages, regardless of how many doctors and institutions are involved.

The proposed constitutional amendment, Proposition 12 on the ballot, would not limit compensation for any actual, measurable damages, such as lost wages, medical bills, disability and so forth. But it is intended to eliminate the guesswork that can lead a jury to award millions of dollars in damages to an injured plaintiff, even if the actual loss was not so great.

On balance, we support the proposed constitutional amendment in hopes that it will work as advertised — reduce medical malpractice insurance premiums that have gotten so high that they have limited the willingness of some doctors to practice in certain areas of the state or certain types of high-risk medicine. We also support it in expectation that the State Board of Medical Examiners will make use of new legislation to crack down on bad doctors.

But our support is not unreserved, for this amendment has negatives that voters should keep in mind.

One is that the insurance industry is not promising any medical malpractice insurance rate cuts, even if the constitutional amendment passes. But based on the experience of other states, the Texas Medical Association has argued long and hard for the $250,000 cap. If the cap is approved but insurance premiums fail to drop, we think the medical association will owe Texans an explanation — one that doesn't blame victims of medical malpractice who seek compensation.

While the problems with medical malpractice insurance are real and serious, the constitutional amendment also would permit the Legislature to extend the cap on noneconomic damages to any other kind of personal injury lawsuit. Business interests, including manufacturers of defective products, polluters and others, will soon press the Legislature for caps.

Not surprisingly, trial lawyers who represent injured individuals are opposed to this proposed constitutional amendment. But they are joined by others who cannot be dismissed as ambulance chasers, such as former Texas Supreme Court Justices Deborah Hankinson and James Baker, both Republicans.

San Antonio Express-News

Dewhurst's big choice

Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst nurtured a healthy bipartisan atmosphere in the Texas Senate during the regular legislative session.

But his fellow Republican leaders want him to disregard that work by pushing congressional redistricting at all costs.

Gov. Rick Perry called a special legislative session to redraw congressional district lines after House Democrats blocked the effort in the regular session.

House Democrats opted not to stage a special session walkout, and the hot potato is now in the Senate's lap.

Under Senate rules, a two-thirds vote is needed to bring a bill to the floor, and the redistricting legislation is coming up short.

Dewhurst said he might drop the Senate rule if Perry calls a second special session. Perry already has demonstrated his strong desire for redistricting, so he is unlikely to spare Dewhurst the pain of dealing with another special session.

Dewhurst's dilemma is fraught with difficulty.

Circumventing the Senate's two-thirds tradition in this high-pressure showdown would spoil the good will that Dewhurst worked hard to build and would crush the last bastion of bipartisan civility in Texas government.

If Dewhurst opts to protect the traditions of the Texas Senate by maintaining its bipartisan approach, he will infuriate the diehard activists within his political party.

While Republican desire to have more congressional seats is understandable, what price is too much?

Are six or seven new seats to strengthen U.S. House Majority Leader Tom DeLay's clout worth destroying the Texas Senate's tradition of bipartisanship and hampering progress on issues that matter far more, such as public school finance?

Is the mission for DeLay worth splitting rural Texas into districts that even some rural Republican state senators find objectionable?

The existing congressional lines are not perfect. But the Republicans are making an extraordinary attempt to redraw the lines outside of traditional timing.

The damage to the workings of the Texas Legislature will have long-term impact.

Dewhurst can show that he places the issues facing Texans above partisanship by preserving the two-thirds rule and Senate tradition.

The Dallas Morning News

Medicare needs greater competition

When it comes to modernizing Medicare, Washington seems intent on giving seniors the gravy. But Capitol Hill seems less likely to provide the main course. And it's the meat and potatoes that Medicare needs to keep it from running headlong into bankruptcy in three decades.

Both the House and Senate have approved a first-ever drug benefit for seniors. That's good. But only the House has taken the harder step of making Medicare a more competitive system. The Senate needs to follow the House's lead.

Under the House bill, seniors would receive an annual menu. They would select from among various health plans, including staying with their private doctors. But, unlike the Senate bill, the health plans and "fee-for-service" physicians would compete more directly for Medicare patients.

That's because the House would change the formula the government uses now to reimburse health plans and doctors. The new formula would essentially mirror the one that the popular federal workers' health menu uses to pay insurers and providers. And it would give private health plans a chance to compete with the current Medicare system.

The competition issue undoubtedly will keep House and Senate conferees at odds with each other. But when all the talking is finished, legislators will best serve taxpayers by providing real competition for the Medicare dollar.

A competitive system could knock about 1 percent off Medicare's annual expenses. That's not much for one year, but compound interest has a marvelous way of accumulating savings. One percent in annual Medicare savings over the next 30 years could yield real money.

We urge Senate conferees like Democrat John Breaux of Louisiana to remember that point. Sen. Breaux knows Medicare issues as well as anyone in the Senate. He would do his nation a favor by remaining committed to making Medicare more competitive.

Hospitals help doctors with insurance

HARRISBURG, Pa. (AP) — When a group of specialists were dropped from their malpractice insurance last year and began job-hunting in other states, their cash-strapped community hospital started weighing its options.

"Our board took a look at the situation and the first question was, 'What will happen when these doctors leave?'" said Perry Pepper, chief executive officer at Chester County Hospital.

"And the answer was, 'Well, we won't be able to recruit any more obstetrician-gynecologists,'" Pepper said.

So the hospital offered to make a subsidiary of the obstetrician-gynecologists' group, and now pays to insure the eight doctors in it.

Hospitals across the nation are making the same tough choice, particularly those in states hard-hit by rising malpractice insurance costs: Help doctors pay their rising malpractice liability premiums, or risk losing them to states where conditions might be better.

The American Medical Association says 19 states are experiencing a malpractice insurance crisis, including Pennsylvania, Florida and Mississippi.

Amid other financial pressures facing hospitals, the method often requires creativity.

Four hospitals in Pennsylvania created a new self-insurance group this year and opened its policies to emergency medicine physicians, anesthesiologists and radiologists already on staff.

Memphis, Tenn.-based Baptist Memorial Health Care says it will spend about $650,000 to help physicians at three hospitals in Mississippi pay for new policies that are likely to be more expensive than the ones they lost when their insurers went under or left the state.

And Tallahassee Memorial Hospital in Florida, despite more than $20 million in anticipated losses that prompted nearly 200 layoffs this fiscal year, hired its lone perinatologist — who cares for high-risk pregnancies — after he lost his coverage. The hiring made Dr. Donald Willis one of about 20 doctors who are hospital employees out of more than 450 physicians on staff.

Ron Brafford, a senior vice president at Tallahassee Memorial, said the decision was carefully considered by hospital officials, who concluded that Willis was the only perinatologist for 60 miles around.

"Ultimately it's a decision that the hospital had to make," Brafford said.

The problem of access to malpractice liability insurance for physicians began in earnest in December 2001 when St. Paul Cos., the nation's second-leading malpractice liability insurer, announced it was pulling out of the business, said Curtis Rooney, a lobbyist and lawyer for the American Hospital Association.

Since then, malpractice insurance has become increasingly scarce, drawing hospitals into the fray, Rooney said.

While the hospitals say they are insuring doctors to maintain services for the public, they are also protecting valuable revenue streams.

Jolie not sure why marriage failed

NEW YORK (AP) — Angelina Jolie says she doesn't have a clue why her marriage to Billy Bob Thornton failed.

"I'd love to know," the "Tomb Raider" star tells People magazine in its Aug. 4 issue. She says their last interaction was on the day before her 27th birthday last June. "We got into a big fight. I haven't seen him since."

The couple divorced in May, and Jolie says she hasn't rejoined the dating scene. "I have been asked out for some dinners, but I haven't said yes."

She's also been publicly feuding with her father, actor Jon Voight, and has dropped Voight as her legal surname. But, Jolie tells the magazine: "I'm OK. Actually, I'm better than ever. I feel I'm finally living the life I should be living, and I haven't had that feeling before."

Jolie has a 2-year-old son, Maddox, whom she adopted from a Cambodian orphanage when he was 7 months old. (She calls him "Mad.") "My life is completely turned upside down, and yet it feels right," she said.

Among her son's talents?

"He can do his hair in a Mohawk if I put gel in his hand."

Jolie's new film, "Lara Croft Tomb Raider: The Cradle of Life," opened in theaters Friday.

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Aline Parks

(The theme of the 2003 White Buffalo Festival in October will be "50 Years Ago." The Festival committee is cooperating with the Scurry County Historical Commission in reviewing some of the events of 50 years ago, using information taken from The Snyder Daily News in 1953.)

Dedication ceremonies for the newly opened Towle Memorial Park were set for July 3 and 4. Opening activities began with a dedication program at the park's baseball diamond, with the Rev. Ronald Hubbard, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, as master of ceremonies. Welcome addresses were to be given by Edgar Taylor, county judge, and Harry Holbrook, Snyder Mayor. Taylor was also to introduce Mrs. Howard G. Towle who had donated 200 acres for the park in memory of her husband, Dr. Howard G. Towle, a former Snyder mayor. The dedication address was to be given by Forrest Sears, a former Snyder mayor, and a Pony League game would follow.

Miss Colleen Soles, 19, was named the winner of a beauty contest hosted by the Kiwanis Club. Sixteen other girls had entered the contest, held at the swimming pool, and attended by a crowd estimated at 3,000 persons. Other contestants who placed were Nancy Jordan, Peggy Ritter, Jane Houston and Mrs. J. D. Wilson.

On July 1, it was announced that water from Lake Thomas was expected to start arriving in Snyder that day. Due to the drought, the city had imposed an ordinance restricting water usage and that ordinance was expected to be abolished when the lake water arrived. The lake water did arrive after a leak in the water line from Lake Thomas had been repaired and the water rules were called off on July 7.

The first services in the new 37th Street Church of Christ were to be held on July 5. The building had been built at a cost of about $130,000 including the lot. Warder Novak was the first minister.

On July 10 it was announced that services marking the organization of the Green Hill Baptist Church from the Green Hill Mission would be held the following Sunday. The first building used by the Green Hill Mission was one formerly owned by the Union Baptist Church which had been moved from Union when a new building there was completed.

Mrs. Tennie E. Bynum was to turn the first shovel of dirt at the ground breaking ceremonies for the new $35,000 Church of the Nazarene at the corner of 30th Street and Avenue G.

Dr. V. W. Carter came from Big Spring to deliver a Sunday afternoon sermon at the old high school auditorium during the organizational meeting of a new Methodist Church. He was assisted by the Rev. W. W. Adcock, pastor of the First Methodist Church.

A formal opening for the Scurry County Health Unit building at the corner of 26th Street and Avenue J was announced for July 27. The health unit was a phase of the building program approved in a $400,000 bond issue for the construction of the county hospital, with an equal amount of federal aid. There were mentions that work was underway on Cogdell Memorial Hospital but it would not be opened until January of 1954.

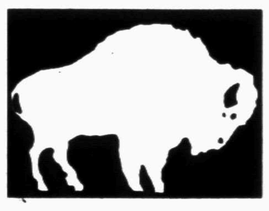
On July 15 it was announced that 230 entries had been received for the Scurry County Rodeo. The parade, starting at 6 p.m. had 13 floats entered along with numerous riding groups. Billy Boren, president of the Rodeo association, said he believed showers which fell during the day had cut the first night's crowd but an estimated 2,500 persons were in attendance.

July 27 a banner headline announced that fighting was over in Korea.. A story datelined Seoul began: Shooting stopped along the Korean battlefront at 10 p.m. tonight, bringing an abrupt halt to 37 months of death and destruction.

- Aline Parks

WHITE BUFFALO FESTIVAL

Plans are underway for the White Buffalo Festival. The festival is on October 10th and 11th at the Scurry County Coliseum. Booth spaces are $50 for a 10x10 and all food vendors will be placed outside of the coliseum. If you would like to reserve a booth for the festival, contact Jackie at the coliseum office at 325-573-9811.



TASTE OF SCURRY COUNTY



On August 28, 2003, the Scurry County Museum will hold the Seventh Annual Taste of Scurry County. Julie Sentell is the chairperson for the event to be held at 6:30 p.m. at the First Baptist Church Family Life Center. Local cooks will provide the salads, desserts, and breads to accompany the meats cooked by Jerry Baird and Kerry Clay. If you have a special dish you would like to prepare, please call the Museum at 573-6107.

A live auction under the direction of Charlie Bell is scheduled. Some of the items to be auctioned include: A Christmas Tea at Millie Sentell's Lake Alan Henry ranch home, a signed Linda Miller print, and two $25 gift certificates to Southwest Airlines. The entire event is targeted for under two hours. Tickets will soon be available at the Museum, from board members, and at Bullard's Computer Solutions. This year's cost per ticket is $12.50 for adults, $5.00 for children ages 5-12 and children under 5, free.

August 2003

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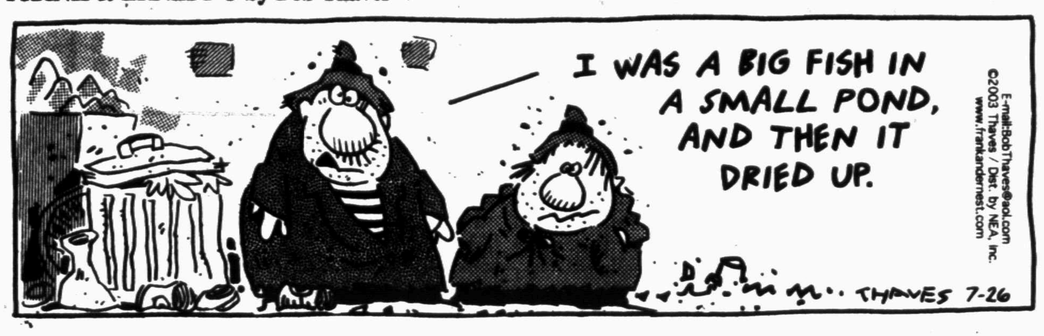
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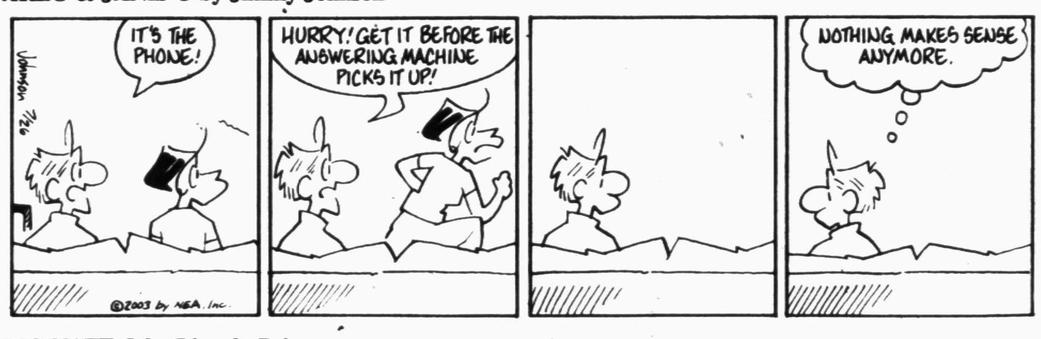
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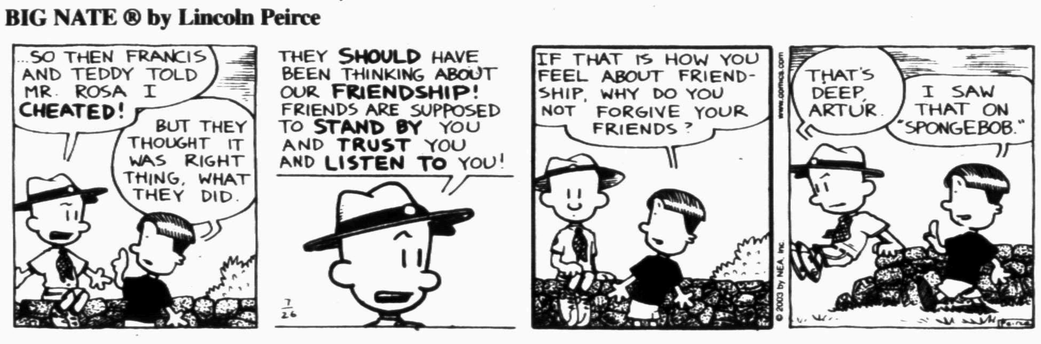
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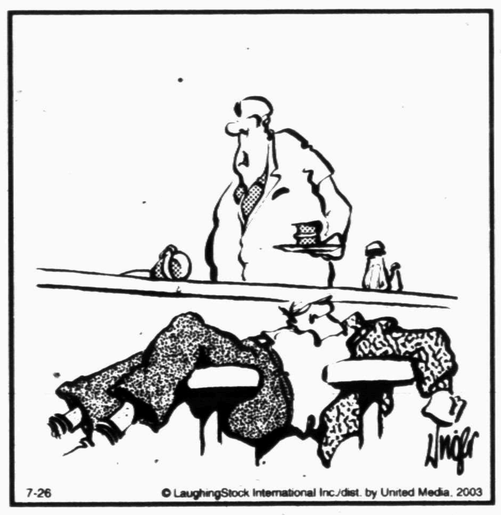
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11 Conceit
12 Sushi fish
13 Snack
14 Graceful tree
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16 Fittingly
17 Bread ingredient
19 Racing sled
20 JFK watchdog
21 Jolt
22 Silly —
25 Silk source
28 Compilation
29 Markdown
31 Meadow
33 Mae West role
34 Pleasures
36 Was in front
37 Pekoe portion (2 wds.)
40 Ski lifts (hyph.)
42 Irritate
43 Chore
44 Rind
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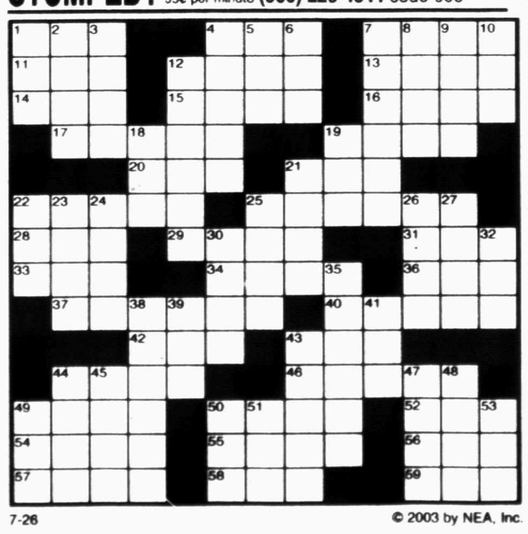
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22 Close friend
23 Squadron
24 Fable
25 Plug up
26 Earthenware pot
27 Not e'en once
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32 Magazine fillers
35 Fur wraps
38 Zoo building
39 Gentle bear
41 Consumer protection org.
43 Burnt out
44 Team
45 Be aware of
47 Big Dipper bear
48 American naturalist
49 Drowse
50 Stimpy's buddy
51 "— had it!"
53 Riviera summer

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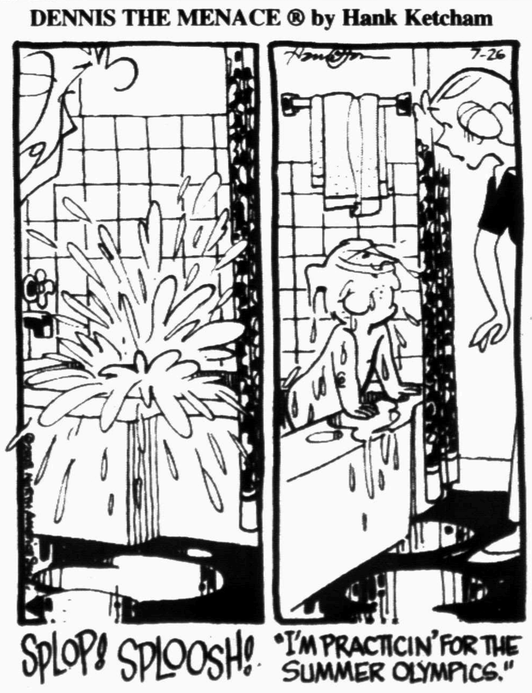
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Corporations can donate to presidential nominating events

WASHINGTON (AP) — Ruling that the new campaign finance law doesn't apply, election regulators say corporations and unions can continue writing big checks for presidential nominating conventions.

The Federal Election Commission decided Thursday to keep one of the oldest avenues for soft money open, finding that the law's strict limits on campaign donations don't affect fund raising by the local committees that help parties stage their conventions.

Democrats are meeting in Boston next July; Republicans are holding their convention in August 2004 in New York City.

A campaign finance watchdog said he and other proponents of the law would consider adding the FEC's convention rule to their lawsuit challenging other FEC regulations they argue open loopholes in the law.

"The decision is ludicrous," said Fred Wertheimer, founder of Democracy 21. "The Watergate scandals of 30 years ago involved, among other things, huge contributions going to pay for the conventions that resulted in government favors in return. The bottom line here is that the new campaign finance law prohibits this money from being raised by federal officeholders or accepted by the national parties to pay for expenses."

FEC Chairwoman Ellen Weintraub said Congress did not mention the conventions in the law. She likened corporate contributions to the conventions to corporate sponsorships of sporting events such as the Super Bowl.

"Businesses contribute because they want the promotional benefit," Weintraub said, adding she didn't view the convention fund raising as partisan.

She noted that congressional sponsors of the law imposing strict limits on political donations chose not to weigh in with the FEC before it made the decision, and added that it would be unfair to change the rules with 2004 convention fund raising under way.

The FEC action not only permitted the continued flow of millions every four years from companies, wealthy business executives and unions to the two major-party conventions to pay for various convention costs, it also expanded the number of companies that could contribute.

The commission eliminated a rule under the old law that permitted companies and unions to contribute to the conventions only if they had a local connection to the host city.

In addition, the FEC permitted federal officeholders and candidates, who are banned from raising soft money for election activity, to solicit such donations for the conventions.

It also said the national parties, who get taxpayer money to cover their share of convention costs, can accept goods and services such as hotels and cars provided by corporations for the conventions.

Democratic National Committee lawyer Joe Sandler applauded the FEC action on local committees' convention fund raising. Had the commission banned soft money, "the national conventions would not have operated as they do," he said.

The host committees had requested the exemption from the soft-money ban and a lifting of the local-donor rule, saying they faced tough economic times and a hefty price tag for holding next year's events.

Cheryl Cronin, an attorney for the Boston Host Committee, had told the FEC that companies, unions and other national groups needed to give to their organization to help meet a goal of $49.5 million for the Democratic Convention.

The Boston committee has raised at least $20 million, according to the group's executive director, Julie Burns, but with Massachusetts facing a budget deficit, the group cannot expect any financial help from the state or local government. Among corporate donors, John Hancock Financial Services, for example, has donated more than $1 million, Burns said.

The New York group, led by Mayor Michael Bloomberg, is raising money to help the Republicans hold their presidential convention. The committee's goal is $64 million and it has received $60 million in pledges so far, said Ken Gross, an attorney representing the host committee.

Also Thursday, the commission adopted a regulation requiring presidential candidates with political action committees to use campaign money to repay the PACs for spending such as polling or establishing offices in early primary states when they were testing the waters on a possible presidential run.

END OF GAME NOTICE

These games will be closing on **August 30, 2003**. You have until **February 26, 2004**, to redeem any winning tickets for these games.

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*Overall odds are 1 in 4.94

$30,000 GRAND PRIZE!
$30,000 Grand Prize! (Game #288)
*Overall odds are 1 in 4.37

Easy 8's (Game #344)
*Overall odds are 1 in 4.73

Roses & Riches (Game #346)
*Overall odds are 1 in 4.69

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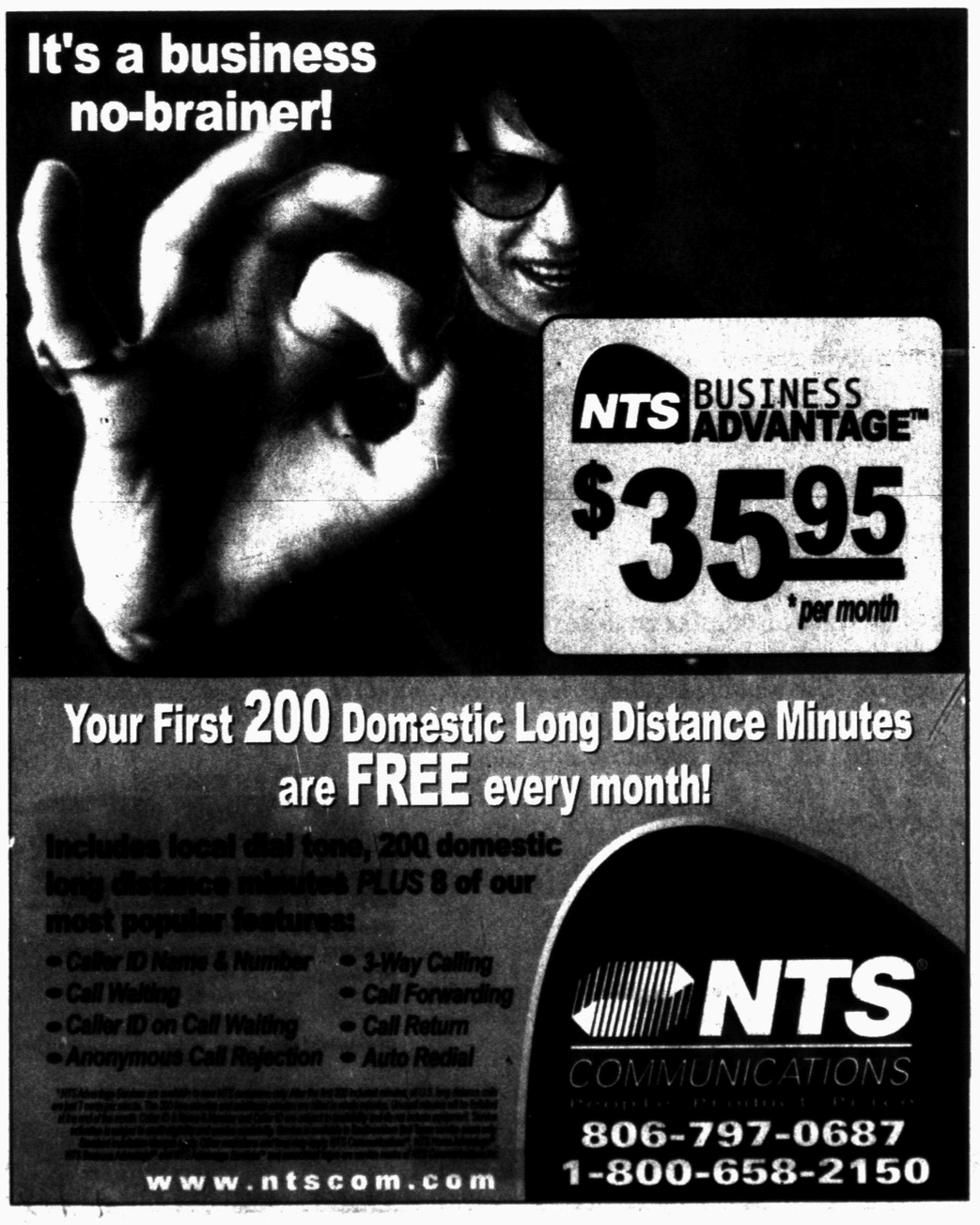
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Ira ISD School Supply Lists

Kindergarten
2 jumbo pencils
2 #2 pencils
2 pocket folders (no brads)
1 box of Crayola Primary Color Jumbo crayons (not the 'So Big" size)
1 gum eraser
1 large box of Kleenex
Safety cut scissors (Fiskars)
Glue (white bottle glue and 4 glue sticks)
2 tablets with ruled guidelines
Towel for nap and a small pillow (no plastic mats please)
2 primary color Crayola brand water color markers (not permanent) (1 thin and 1 regular)
School supply box
Backpack
Boys bring 1 box of quart-sized Zip-loc bags
Girls bring 1 box of gallon-sized Zip-loc bags
Box of wrapped candy for a prize box
1 pkg. of cookies

First grade
12 #2 pencils
1 box of 24 count crayons
1 box of Crayola Primary Colors Markers (regular, not thin)
Small school-supply box
2 boxes of Kleenex tissues
1 box gallon-sized Zip-loc bags (boys)
1 box quart-sized Zip-loc bags (girls)
4 glue sticks
1 bottle Elmer's School Glue
2 folders with pockets (no brads)
2 gum erasers
Scissors
1 subject spiral
Backpack
Ruler with inches and centimeters
1 bag of wrapped candy (no chocolate)

Second grade
12 #2 pencils
Washable school glue-not blue gel
Glue sticks
Crayons (not more than 48)
1 subject spiral
Map colors
Washable markers
Tissues
Rulers with inches and centimeters
Scissors
2 folders with pockets
2 pkg. 3x5 index cards (1 white, 1 colored)
2 gum erasers

Third grade
Crayons (at least 16)
1 bottle of Elmer's Glue — or a large glue stick
Scissors
Map colors
1 pkg. of #2 pencils
2 red grading pencils or pens
Ruler (12" with metric side)
Eraser
1 highlighter
Supply box of zippered supply bag
2 spiral notebooks (at least 100 pages, not college-ruled)
2 folders with pockets
1 slicky binder
Notebook paper (not college-ruled)
2 pkg. of 3x5 lined index cards
Large box of Kleenex
No trapper keepers or large notebooks
No markers

Fourth grade
2 pkg. of #2 pencils (not mechanical)
Red pen or pencil
Notebook paper (not college-ruled)
3 ring binder (big)
1 set (8) of subject dividers with tabs
Ruler — inch and centimeter (clear if possible)
Washable glue or glue sticks
Fiskars scissors
Highlighter (1 yellow and 1 other color)
Markers
Map colors
2 large boxes of Kleenex
2 large spiral notebooks (180 sheets, wide-ruled not perforated)
Large eraser
2 pkg. 3x5 lined index cards
Zipper pencil bag

Fifth grade
2 pkg. #2 pencils
Red pen or pencil
4 pkg. of notebook paper (not college-ruled and will need more throughout the year)
3 ring notebook (big) for all subjects except science
1 3-ring notebook (thin) for science
1 set of subject dividers (8)
Ruler — inch and centimeters (clear if possible)
Washable glue or glue stick
Fiskars Scissors
Highlighter (1 yellow and 1 other color)
Markers
2 large boxes of Kleenex
Large eraser
2 pkgs. 3x5 lined index cards
Zipper pencil bag
1 box Zip-loc bags (girls pint size) (boys gallon size) for science

McCartney joins PETA campaign against 'Kentucky'

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals has enlisted the help of Paul McCartney in its campaign against Kentucky Fried Chicken.

An open letter from McCartney to David Novak, chairman and chief executive officer of KFC's Louisville-based parent company, Yum! Brands Inc., was to appear in a full-page advertisement in Thursday's edition of The Courier-Journal.

McCartney, who is a vegetarian for ethical reasons, insists in the ad that Novak should improve the treatment of 750 million chickens raised annually in "factory farms" and killed in "frightening ways" for KFC restaurants, according to PETA.

Jonathan Blum, said in response: "Paul McCartney is a music legend and he's entitled to his opinion, but we think he's misinformed.

SNYDER INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT MEAL POLICY 2003-2004

Snyder Independent School District has announced its policy for providing free and reduced-price meals served under the National School Lunch/Breakfast Program.

Application forms will be available for Snyder elementary children when their parents register them for school on Wednesday, July 30. Snyder Jr. High School students will receive their application at registration July 28 through August 1. Snyder High School students will receive theirs at registration Tuesday, August 5.

The information provided on the application is confidential and will be used for the purpose of determining eligibility; however, this information may be subject to release to other federal, state and local education, health, or means-tested programs.

Under the provisions of the free and reduced-price meal policy, Mary Burton will review applications and determine eligibility.

Parents or guardians dissatisfied with the ruling of the official may wish to discuss the decision with the reviewing official on an informal basis.

Snyder parents wishing to make a formal appeal for a hearing on the decision may make a request either orally or in writing to 2901 37th Street, Snyder, Texas 79549 or call 573-5401.

Again this year, Snyder ISD school staff will be available to assist in completing applications. They will begin Wednesday, July 30, elementary registration day, and assistance will be available through the beginning of school.

Applications should be returned to the Humble-Smith building, located south of West Elementary, starting Wednesday, July 30 from 8a.m. to 4p.m. and 5p.m. to 7p.m.

Applications may be turned in Monday through Friday 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Thursdays. This schedule will start Wednesday, July 30, and end Wednesday, August 20. Beginning Thursday, August 21, ALL applications and/or changes will be handled by each school campus where your child/children attend school. An income eligibility chart is shown below.

NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH AND CHILD NUTRITION PROGRAMS
2003-2004 INCOME ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES

FAMILY SIZE	ANNUALLY		MONTHLY		WEEKLY	
	FREE	REDUCED PRICE	FREE	REDUCED PRICE	FREE	REDUCED PRICE
1	$11,674	$16,613	$973	$1,385	$225	$320
2	15,756	22,422	1,313	1,869	303	432
3	19,838	28,231	1,654	2,353	382	543
4	23,920	34,040	1,994	2,837	460	655
5	28,002	39,849	2,334	3,321	539	767
6	32,084	45,658	2,674	3,805	617	879
7	36,166	51,467	3,014	4,289	696	990
8	40,248	57,276	3,354	4,773	774	1,102
9	44,330	63,085	3,695	5,258	853	1,214
10	48,412	68,894	4,036	5,743	932	1,326
11	52,494	74,703	4,377	6,228	1,011	1,438
12	56,576	80,512	4,718	6,713	1,090	1,550
For each additional family member add:	+ $4,082	+ $5,809	+ $341	+ $485	+ $79	+ $112

This school district and its Career and Technology Education Program does not discriminate on the basis of sex, disabilty, race color, age or national origin in its educational programs, activities, or employment as required by Title IX, Section 504 and Title VI.

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Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Couple regret accepting role as guardians of sister's kids

DEAR ABBY: My husband, "Dan," and I have been married for 10 years. We are childless by choice and happy with our decision. Recently, at a family gathering, Dan's sister put us on the spot by asking us to be the guardians of her two small children should anything happen to her and her husband.

Dan agreed without discussing it with me, and I was furious. The whole thing made me very uncomfortable. We talked it over, and Dan confided that he wasn't comfortable with it either. However, he thinks we shouldn't worry about something that probably won't happen.

Abby, if something DID happen to my sister-in-law and her husband, it certainly wouldn't be the right time to announce that Dan and I had changed our minds about caring for their kids. Dan and his sister come from a large family, so there's no shortage of more qualified candidates.

What should I do? Should I go along with my husband on this or put a stop to it now? — **RELUCTANT GUARDIAN ON THE EAST COAST**

DEAR RELUCTANT: You and your husband MUST tell his sister and her husband that after giving it careful thought, you are unable to make the kind of commitment for which they are asking. Explain that you are honored they asked you, and will make sure the children are provided for — but you cannot be the primary caregivers.

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DEAR ABBY: I am a 33-year-old mother of two little girls and a teenage stepson. This is my second marriage. It has lasted eight unhappy years, but I've stuck it out. My husband and I went to counseling and tried all the things you do when a relationship is failing; nothing has worked.

Recently, I started calling "Paul," my high school sweetheart, and things are blooming. We are both unhappy in our marriages. We have told each other we don't want to give up what we have — only because we're both secure and comfortable.

Paul and I haven't seen each other since we were 18. (We live on opposite coasts.) So far, all we've done is talk on the phone, but things are definitely heating up. What now, Abby? — **UNHAPPY EAST COAST WIFE**

DEAR UNHAPPY WIFE: Now it's time to realize that you are no longer 18 — and teenage romances are highly idealized. It is also time to tally up what you both have to lose, should this progress into an affair. Before you make an irrevocable mistake, and in fairness to both of your spouses, go to another counselor and try to get your marriage back on track. This may not be what you want to hear, but it's the best advice I can offer.

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DEAR ABBY: My husband's parents are wonderful people whom I've grown to love in the 12 years I've been married to their son. The problem is, every time we go out to dinner or stay overnight somewhere, they insist on paying for everything.

My in-laws have three grown children with good jobs. But every time the check arrives, it becomes a major fight.

Last weekend, my husband and I took his folks on an overnight trip for their anniversary. They knew ahead of time that it was our gift and we were going to pay. However, when we checked out, the desk clerk told us the rooms had "already been taken care of."

How should we handle this in the future, Abby? Should we give up and allow Mom and Pop to pay all the time? — **TIRED OF IT IN POMPANO BEACH, FLA.**

DEAR TIRED OF IT: Probably. Your in-laws regard you and your husband as "the kids." They can afford it, and they still see their role to be providers. I'm sure they mean no offense, but they probably don't realize how heavy the burden of gratitude can weigh after a while. Since you cannot change them, rather than cause a scene, accept graciously and let it go.

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DEAR ABBY: "Wants a Life in Virginia" implied that her husband's diabetes had led to irresponsible, irrational, and even violent behavior. While I sympathize with the wife and her family's problems with him, blaming diabetes for his behavior is both a mistake and medically inaccurate. It only adds to the discrimination and stigmatization faced by people with diabetes, as well as those at risk for it.

Unfortunately, it is still a common misconception that diabetes can bring about irrational and reckless behavior. I am president-elect of the Diabetes Association, and we hope you will let your readers know that people with diabetes should not be considered any more likely to be irresponsible, hostile or violent because of their disease. Perpetuating this myth does a great disservice to the entire diabetes community and the millions affected by this disease.

Today, diabetes affects at least 17 million Americans — almost one out of every 10 adults. It is the nation's fifth-deadliest disease, killing more than 210,000 individuals each year. The majority of people with diabetes work hard to manage their disease and lead active, healthy and productive lives. Every day they balance their food intake with activity and the treatments recommended by their health-care providers. Until a cure is found, they must shoulder the constant obligation of managing their disease. It is one that requires diligence, patience and remarkable will. — **EUGENE J. BARRETT, M.D., PhD.**

DEAR DR. BARRETT: Thank you for setting the record straight. Today you have not only educated my millions of readers, you have also taught me an important lesson. Although I did not say that the man's behavior was related to his illness, I'm sorry I didn't challenge the writer's incorrect assumption.

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DEAR ABBY: I had a similar problem as "Muddling Through in Minnesota, who was graduating from high school and wasn't sure whom to invite because her mother despises her stepmother.

My parents are also divorced, and so are my favorite aunt and uncle. None of them had spoken for more than 12 years. However, at age 33, I was finally graduating from college, and since it was "my" graduation, I decided to invite them all. I made clear to everyone who else I was inviting so they had the option of declining my invitation.

Guess what? Everyone came! And they brought their new "significant others" with them. Afterward, at the party in my home, they were laughing and talking like old times — catching up with each other's lives.

A few days later, they called and thanked me for ending the "old and worn out" animosities. — **HAPPY GRADUATE IN VIRGINIA**

DEAR HAPPY GRADUATE: You are obviously an important part of these relatives' lives. How wonderful that all of them could be present to celebrate your success. Congratulations on all fronts. I have always said, "When in doubt, invite everyone." Whether or not they choose to attend then becomes THEIR problem.

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Ex-Charter executives face fraud charges

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Four former executives of Charter Communications are facing federal fraud charges for what prosecutors say were illegal efforts to boost revenue, cash flow and subscriber numbers to meet the cable company's financial projections.

David Barford, 44, of Chesterfield, Mo., and Kent Kalkwarf, 45, of St. Louis, were charged with 14 counts of mail fraud, wire fraud and conspiracy to commit wire fraud for alleged schemes in 2000 and 2001. Barford was chief operating officer and Kalkwarf was chief financial officer.

David McCall, 48, of Laurens, S.C., was indicted on one count of conspiracy to commit wire fraud. James Smith, 55, of California, was indicted on eight counts of wire fraud and conspiracy.

Charges against McCall and Smith, both senior vice presidents, related to an alleged 2001 scheme to inflate Charter's subscriber numbers.

Lawyers for Barford and Kalkwarf disputed the charges and maintained their clients are innocent. McCall and Smith could not be reached for comment.

Robert Haar, who represents Kalkwarf, said, "We strongly disagree with the decision of the U.S. Attorney's office. We think these are issues of accounting judgment," he said.

"I think, unfortunately, what this indictment does is elevate issues of accounting judgment to crimes," Haar said.

The schemes were aimed at defrauding investors by making it appear that Charter had more subscribers and revenue than it actually did, U.S. Attorney Ray Gruender said.

Gruender said the scheme in August 2000 involved Kalkwarf and Barford giving money to Charter's suppliers of digital set-top boxes, asking them to charge the company $20 more per set-top box, then having them return the money. As a result, Charter falsely included more than $17 million as revenue and cash flow for 2000, Gruender said.

The scheme in 2001 came about when Charter was finding it difficult to meet its projected subscriber goals because of the weak economy and increased competition from satellite dish companies, Gruender said.

The four executives instructed employees to delay disconnecting service both to customers seeking to end their service and those failing to pay their bills until after the end of the financial quarter, Gruender said.

If convicted, each man could face up to five years in prison and fines of up to $250,000 on each count.

Carl Vogel, who took over as Charter's chief executive in 2001, said the indictment will not affect the company's operations.

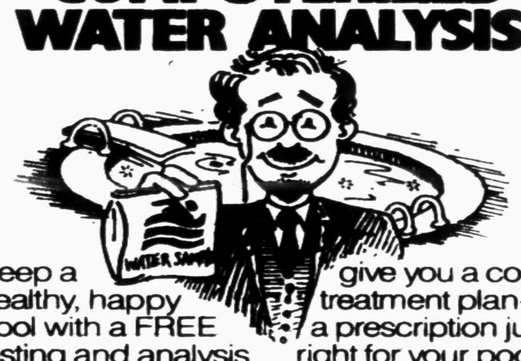
"Neither the company nor any of its current directors is a target of the inquiry," he said in a statement.

Charter said it would continue to cooperate in the government's inquiry and had reviewed its business practices. It has hired new management, instituted new financial procedures and come up with ways to ensure its employees comply with laws and regulations.

Charter is the nation's third-largest cable television company, with about 6.8 million customers in 40 states, and is controlled by Paul Allen, a co-founder of Microsoft Corp. He declined to comment.

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