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CRMWD, city council to discuss water woes

Drought may necessitate pumping water to Thomas

Officials with the Colorado River Municipal Water District will meet with Snyder City Council tonight to discuss options and costs associated with pumping water into Lake J.B. Thomas in the event the prolonged drought continues and the lake does not catch any appreciable runoff.

In a letter to the city dated June 6, John Grant, general manager of the CRMWD, suggested the city incorporate a seven- to nine-cents per thousand gallon increase in its operating budget to pay for electrical costs associated with pumping water from Ivie Reservoir and Lake Spence into Snyder's water supply.

Grant stated the water district has exceeded its budget for electrical power and water royalty rights by more than $203,000 during the first seven months of its 1996 fiscal year.

City Manager John Gayle said Monday that he did not expect city residents to pay more for the proposed increase in charges from the CRMWD, other than the planned eight-percent annual increase incorporated last year which will also fund the new water treatment plant.

Currently, the three lakes owned by the CRMWD and its member cities — Thomas, Ivie and Spence — are at 42 percent of their total storage capacity of 1,247,000 acre feet. Lake Thomas is less than five percent of capacity.

The council will have a number of other items to consider during the 5:30 meeting, including the consideration of re-appointing Tommie Mills as Municipal Court judge, the awarding of bids for city employee health insurance and a shredder.

Council members will consider declaring the District 3 council seat vacant since Kenny Gambrell has moved from the city and has not formally submitted his resignation. Gambrell was elected for a second term this year and later took a position with an Abilene automobile dealership.

The council will consider landfill contracts with three private sanitation firms and consider an appointment to the board of directors of the West Central Texas Council of Governments.

Two items of old business will also be considered: a request for the abandonment of excess right-of-way on the southeast corner of 30th Street and Avenue Z and a resolution authorizing the city to participate with other Texas cities in a coalition concerning franchised utility issues.

The council is scheduled to go into executive session to consider the acquisition of real estate.

A budget workshop will follow.



DRYING UP FAST - While the water level in Deep Creek has certainly not been high in the past few months, the level has dropped dramatically in the past two days. The area of the creek that is visible from 30th Street and College Avenue has only a topping of water today. (SDN Staff Photo by Joyce May)

Fatal accident leads to indictment

The driver of a vehicle involved in a fatal accident along U.S. Highway 84 three months ago has been indicted for manslaughter.

The indictment was one of 11 handed down Monday by a Scurry County grand jury. Two were sealed.

Authorities allege that 25-year-old Eric Brian Emfinger was intoxicated when the 1992 GMC pickup he was driving went out of control on U.S. Highway 84 eight miles west of Snyder at about 1:30 on the morning of April 26. A passenger, 22-year-old Michael Andersen, was ejected from the vehicle. He died about an hour later at Cogdell Memorial Hospital. A third passenger, 22-year-old Brian Covert, was treated for minor injuries and released.

All three were Arlington residents, stationed at Ft. Hood.

Bond for Emfinger, who was badly injured in the accident, has been set at $15,000.

Thirty-four-year-old Christine Holiday Bailey of 2825 A&M in San Angelo was indicted for possession of a controlled substance. She is charged with a May 21 offense of possession of more than four ounces of cocaine. She has been released on $20,000 bond.

Lenny William Baldwin, 18, of 1007 Insale St. in Midland was indicted for credit card abuse. Baldwin is charged with purchasing items on a Diamond Shamrock card on June 10 without the owner's consent. Bond was set at $5,000.

Beverly Joy Taylor, 35, of 1004 33rd St. was indicted on two counts of delivery of a controlled substance — cocaine in an amount less than one gram. The indictments charge that the incidents occurred on Oct. 18 and July 17 of 1995. Bond was set at $5,000 on each count.

Ruben Garza, 22, of 905 27th St. was indicted for a June 4 offense of burglary of a building. Garza is charged with burglarizing the Fina station on College Avenue. Bond was set at $5,000.

The grand jury also indicted three men for driving while intoxicated with bonds set at $5,000 for each. They are:

—Edwin Leon Youngblood, 54, of Rt. 20 in Lubbock on a June 22 offense;

—Lewis Martinez, 38, of the Fieldcrest Apartments on a June 28 offense;

—and Ruben Garcia Vera, 28, of 1811 19th St. on a July 3 offense.

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "It's impossible to hurt your eyesight by looking on the bright side of things."

Think More Rain!

Late last month, we were approached by a fellow newsman from southeast Texas who questioned us about the Legends of Western Swing Musical Festival that was coming to Snyder.

The inquiring publisher, also attending a press meeting in Galveston, seemed to know a lot about the event. We told him that the chamber of commerce in Snyder was responsible for the event, and since it was the first time, nobody was certain what to expect.

We were told that Snyder should enjoy it, because he had it on good authority that the event would be moved to Waco next year.

Donna Fowler and her staff, as well as volunteers, must have done a terrific job. On the event's second day, it was announced that the music festival would return to the Scurry County Coliseum in 1997.

The extra folks in town during the event turned out great for local merchants. Also, it was an impressive line-up of RVs parked on the coliseum grounds.

If you see chamber folks with their tongues hanging out, they have a right to be exhausted. Coming on the heels of the music festival was another top-flight Fourth of July Celebration.

For those responsible — take a well-deserved bow!

Think More Rain!

Visitors can pick up a lot of West Texas humor by just listening to coffee groups.

It was probably somebody like Harold Denson who asked waitress Barbara Walton if Rudy's served crabs.

Barbara quickly replied, "Sure, we serve anyone. Have a seat."

Think More Rain!

About the time the music festival was going on here, we saw the results of a national poll.

It had to do with singing in the shower. It said adult men sing in the shower for a variety of reasons. It said 30 percent slept well the night before, 10 percent can't whistle, and 55 percent are just glad they were able to get out of bed.

The other five percent are just trying to see if they can sound better than Jack Denman.

Verbal okay made on grant

Local officials have received verbal approval that the City of Snyder will be awarded a Texas Capital Fund grant of $489,000.

Doug Hutchinson, DCOS executive director, confirmed that verbal approval has been received. He said he does not know how long it will be before the city will receive written confirmation.

Funds for the grant will be used to construct utilities along Lorber Street in the industrial park, as well as an overhead water storage tank.

HISD board to award bids

Awarding of bids for remodeling of the high school building is perhaps the key topic for Hermleigh ISD trustees, who meet at 8 tonight.

Bids to be awarded include those for the cafeteria, and make up approximately half of the overall HISD project. The remodeling is expected to begin later this summer, with renovation of the elementary building to follow in the summer of 1997.

Also on the agenda are a Texas Association of School Board trustee endorsement, a policy update, payment of bills and resignations from coach David Rogers and special education instructor Lisa Sorrells.

Terrorist bombing...

Perry says U.S. underestimated threat

WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. military commanders underestimated the terrorist threat in Saudi Arabia and were slow to improve security measures before the fatal June 25 bombing in Dhahran, Defense Secretary William Perry said today.

He told a Senate Armed Services Committee hearing into the bombing that claimed 19 U.S. airmen that officials were misled by intelligence reports and a smaller-scale attack on U.S. troops in a national guard facility in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, last November.

"Why, in the face of serious concern about force protection and extensive measures to improve force protection did the Khobar Towers tragedy occur?" said Perry, referring to the Dhahran apartment complex where thousands of U.S. service members live.

"First of all, the security measures we introduced after the bombing of the Saudi National Guard facility were focused on a threat less powerful than actually occurred," he said. "Secondly ... our local commanders, for a variety of reasons, had not completed some of the measures that were prescribed and which they agreed needed to be done."

Perry described the voluminous intelligence on terrorism in the Persian Gulf as "spotty and inconclusive," leaving military commanders with a difficult task in knowing what to plan for.

Two top military commanders accompanying Perry painted a grim picture of the terrorism threat in the Persian Gulf. They said it would not go away and that terrorists would always look for the weak point in the security protecting U.S. forces. All three defended the "vital" U.S. mission in the oil-rich Persian Gulf.

"We must face one hard fact: we will have more terrorist incidents," said Gen. John Shalikashvili, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. "No one, not even the Israelis who have more experience than any other people in dealing with terrorism, has figured out a way to decisively defeat it."

Gen. Binford Peay III, the four-star Army general who heads the United States Central Command, the Tampa, Fla.,-based headquarters responsible for Saudi Arabia, defended his own actions and those of his subordinates in the months leading up to the June attack.

State asks judge to block Republic of Texas action

AUSTIN (AP) — The state asked a judge today to block the Republic of Texas from filing bogus liens.

Assistant Attorney General Peter Haskel sought the temporary injunction from State District Judge Joseph Hart.

No formal court presentation was immediately made on behalf of the anti-government Republic of Texas, although several people named in the lawsuit were present.

Richard McLaren, chief ambassador and legal consul of the group, said none of the people at the hearing represent the Republic of Texas.

McLaren and other group officials planned a news conference today to explain why they were not at the court hearing.

The group claims the United State's annexation of Texas in 1845 was illegal. They say state leaders, including Attorney General Dan Morales, have no authority over the Republic of Texas.

"The Republic of Texas is foreign to the state of Texas' jurisdiction, and therefore does not answer to Morales or the state of Texas," the group said in a written statement.

Liens can cause financial and legal difficulties when property owners attempt to sell those properties or list them as assets.

The temporary injunction also would allow Morales' office to begin removing liens filed already, said his spokesman, Ward Tisdale.

If granted, the injunction would extend a temporary restraining order Morales obtained earlier in his lawsuit against the Republic of Texas and 25 of its members. The lawsuit alleges illegal restraint of trade, intimidation, retaliation and falsifying government records.

McLaren said the group itself has filed only the lein against state properties, and will not file any more. He added, however, that citizens of the Republic of Texas have filed other leins.

ASK US

Q—Do you have to be a senior citizen to be a Senior Center volunteer?

A—No. Any age is welcome. Presently, the Senior Center is in need of volunteer drivers and hoppers for its home-delivered meals program. If you'd be interested in helping, call Norma Laywell at 573-4035.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Monday, 103 degrees; low, 75; 7 a.m. reading Tuesday, 76; no precipitation; total for 1996, 5.04 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, cloudy, good chance of storms. Low near 70. Rain chance 50%. Wednesday, partly cloudy, chance of storms. High near 90. Rain chance 30%



Rain Possible!

Lacresha Schulze

Sunset: 8:51 p.m.
Sunrise: 6:47 a.m.
Of 190 days in 1996, the sun has shone 186 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

Whoever curses his father or his mother, His lamp will be put out in deep darkness.

Proverbs 20:20

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Lindale bans books, including classics

LINDALE (AP) — The school board in a small East Texas town has banned 32 books on an advanced placement English reading list because a trustee said the books "conflicted with the values of the community.

The Lindale Independent School District board voted Monday unanimously to ban the books, including many classics such as "The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn," "To Kill a Mockingbird," "The Scarlet Letter" and "Moby Dick."

The board also directed school administrators to assemble a "suitable" reading list to replace the banned books. A recently formed book committee will then approve the new list.

The committee, which consists of parents and teachers, was created in June after concerns were raised about the appropriateness of the books which had already been approved by a teacher in charge of the English department.

Some of the books offended many school board members and parents because they contained profanity and described explicit sex acts, according to board president John Offutt, a Baptist minister.

Offutt, who said the book banning is "no one's personal agenda" and said they want the reading list to be based in the moral values of the community.

"The House of Spirits" by Isabel Allende is "pornography" that explicitly described necrophilia, a parent said.

"I believe that some of these books would contribute or do contribute to the demoralization of today's youth," said Cheryl Van Haselen.

Many of the banned books were especially not suited for 15 to 16 year-old boys, said trustee Gary Camp.

"We're turning our young men into ticking time bombs," he said.

Offutt, pastor of Prairie Creek Baptist Church, said the board's action was an attempt to make students adhere to Christian beliefs and was not a result of any personal agenda.

The book banning was not greeted with enthusiasm by all parents. Some said it denied students freedom of choice and would ultimately impair their education.

One citizen claimed a book committee member based her opinions on "what Jesus would or wouldn't read" and considered that opinion very presumptuous.

Offutt said the board is prepared to take any criticism its action might prompt because trustees believed they were protecting traditional family values.

Lindale has a population of about 2,000 and is located about 20 miles north of Tyler in East Texas.

Experts say...

Texas wheat harvest bad, but could have been worse

VERNON (AP) — There's a silver lining to the dark but rainless cloud that has hovered over this year's Texas wheat production: As bad as the 1996 harvest was, it wasn't as awful as first thought.

"Basically, the Rolling Plains and southern (East Texas) blacklands got more than they expected this year," said Bill Nelson, executive vice president of the Texas Wheat Producers Board in Amarillo. "Where they expected 10 bushels per acre, they got 15; where they expected 20, they got 25."

The optimism doesn't do much for High Plains producers whose crops were virtually "nonexistent," Nelson said. A third year of drought in the region wreaked havoc upon dryland and irrigated crops alike.

"Even irrigated wheat needs supplemental rainfall, and they didn't even get that," Nelson said. Irrigated fields that normally produce 80 to 100 bushels yielded about half that, he said.

The devastation in the plains of northwest Texas will result in an estimated harvest of 62 million bushels, about half of normal and the third straight subpar crop.

Texas harvested 118 million bushels in 1993. Weather and other factors limited production to 74 million bushels in 1994 and 75 million bushels last year.

The northern Rolling Plains fared better than forecasts had indicated.

"When you go by what we were looking at going in, it certainly turned out much better than we thought it would," Wilbarger County Extension Agent Korky Wise said.

The wheat losses don't stop at the obvious lack of grain and seed production, said Dr. David Worrall, wheat breeder with the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station.

"Economists trying to put the effect of the drought into dollars and cents need to also look at the lost cash from grazing," he said, referring to the battered cattle industry that was forced to buy grain at the highest prices in recent memory this season.

For farmers who reaped a semblance of a crop this year, the reward of high prices wasn't necessarily the boon it appears.

AP correction...

SANTA MONICA, Calif. (AP) — In a July 3 story about the death of Margaux Hemingway, The Associated Press incorrectly attributed a quote to her.

It was her sister, Mariel Hemingway, who once said: "I've seen what it has done to my family and I know that genetically I walk a fine Hemingway line that can send me straight into the toilet."

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Texas Tech University...

Scurry County students are graduates, make honors lists

LUBBOCK — More than 1,900 students at Texas Tech received degrees during the 1996 spring commencement exercises.

More than 3,300 Tech students qualified for academic honors lists at the end of the spring semester.

Students graduating from Tech include three from Scurry County:

—Jennifer Leigh Purcell of Snyder, bachelor of fine arts in theatre arts.

—David Michael Holmes of Ira, bachelor of science in range management.

—Mande Nicole Reeves of Hermleigh, doctor of jurisprudence in multidisciplinary science.

Scurry County students named to honors lists include six on the President's List and 12 on the Dean's List.

Those named to the President's List include:

—Kory Spence Clark of Ira, senior, agricultural economics.

—Brian Hollis Fields of Snyder, senior, computer science.

—Thomas Archibald Kerr of Snyder, senior, cell and molecular biology.

—Gregory Mark McAden of Snyder, freshman, pre-occupational therapy.

—Alanna Lorraine Stirling of Snyder, senior, accounting.

—Eric Lane West of Snyder, senior, civil engineering.

Those on the Dean's List include:

—Michelle Lyn Derouen of Hermleigh, senior, merchandising.

—David Michael Holmes of Ira, senior, range management.

—Kara Beth Griffith of Snyder, freshman, arts and sciences undeclared.

—Holly Renee Jones of Snyder, sophomore, multidisciplinary studies.

—Tiffany Chere Jones of Snyder, freshman, pre-pharmacy.

—Kelli Nicole Lacik of Snyder, sophomore, early childhood.

—Susan M'Lys Lloyd of Snyder, senior, agricultural communications.

—Mark Alan Love of Snyder, freshman, business undeclared.

—Brooke Leslie Lowrance, freshman, arts and sciences undeclared.

—Chris Alan Stansell of Snyder, junior, pre-nursing.

—Ellen Marie Strayhorn of Snyder, sophomore, environmental engineering.

—Lesa Ward of Snyder, senior, dietetics.

Students on the President's List earned a 4.0 (A) grade point average while enrolled in 12 or more semester hours of classwork. Students who earned 12 or more hours with a grade point average of 3.5-3.9 qualified for the Dean's List.

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

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Construction Cacophony Is No Music to Neighbor's Ears

DEAR ABBY: Could you tell me why construction workers feel it is their privilege to have their radios and boom boxes blaring while they work on residential property? What would happen if we all felt we had this privilege? For instance, imagine what it would be like if gardeners, tellers in the bank or checkers in the markets all played their radios at high volume while they worked.

I live next door to a house that has been undergoing remodeling for four months. (The owners moved out and won't return until the work is completed, and who knows when that will be?) One day I was subjected to the noise of three radios — from three different construction crews.

Time and time again I have appealed to the workers, the contractor and the owners to alleviate the stress of having to listen to this unnecessary noise pollution six and sometimes seven days a week — often starting before 7 a.m. Nothing has changed.

I have no objection to the noise made by various tools they use, nor to the shouting, banging and dust attendant with the work. It contributes to the betterment of my neighbors' property and to the employment of people. But being forced to endure blaring radios is something else.

I have asked the workers why they can't use headsets, but have received no satisfactory answer.

BOB PROUDLOCK,
LOS ANGELES

DEAR BOB: Headsets could pose a danger to the workers. They would be unable to hear a cry for help or a warning of impending danger. Also, orders from the boss would be blocked.

Since your appeals have fallen on deaf ears, perhaps you should report the noise pollution to the police. Many cities have laws on disturbing the peace.

* * *

DEAR ABBY: In reference to "Sonia in Spring Lakes," who wrote complaining about "Jake," her 50-plus-year-old boyfriend who got too chummy with the hostess of a party that he took Sonia to:

You compared Jake to a bumblebee in the garden of life: entertaining to watch at a distance, but guaranteed to deliver a nasty sting if you got too close.

You advised Sonia to tell Jake to buzz off, which reminded me of the following poem:

"This is the story of the little bee
"Whose sex is very hard to see.
"You cannot tell the he from she
"But she can tell, and so can he.
"The busy bee is never still
"And has no time to take the Pill.
"And that is why, in times like these,
"There are so many sons of bees."

SIDNEY ROSEN,
BRANDON, VT.

DEAR SIDNEY: At the risk of appearing "waspish," that poem appeared in my column in 1988, submitted by Jim Harvel, an Arizona beekeeper. But thanks for the reminder. You're a honey!

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DEAR ABBY: Here's one more letter about grandmas catching bridal bouquets. I caught the bouquet at my grandson's wedding and didn't shove anyone to get it. I am 86 and not so spry. We all had a good laugh. Another grandson caught the garter.

The ladies at church have my wedding all planned. There's only one hitch — they haven't found a groom yet.

HAPPY GRANDMA

* * *

Good advice for everyone — teens to seniors — is in "The Anger in All of Us and How to Deal With It." To order, send a business-sized, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for $3.95 ($4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby, Anger Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, Ill. 61054-0447. (Postage is included.)

Military closes hearing in Heidi seaman slaying case

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A U.S. Air Force officer has ordered a hearing involving a murder charge filed in the Heidi Seeman slaying case closed to the public.

The action was taken Monday in the Article 32 proceeding involving the charge against Major Robert Eric Duncan. Major Dixie Morrow, the investigating officer in the military proceeding that is similar to a civilian grand jury ordered that the hearing be closed.

Defense lawyers sought to have the proceedings open to the public and the news media.

"We're terribly disappointed," defense attorney Gerald Goldstein said after the first day of what is expected to be day-and-night sessions through Wednesday.

"We hope to open it to the public to see the lack of evidence," Goldstein said.

Base officials said government lawyers asked that the proceedings be closed. Morrow and government lawyers are prohibited from talking to reporters.

Article 32 investigations are ordinarily open to the public, according to the Uniform Code of Military Justice. But either Morrow or the convening authority, Col. Klaus Bartels, commander of the 70th Air Base Group at Brooks, have the authority to exclude spectators. Morrow decided to close the hearing.

The charge against Duncan was filed by Heidi's father, Senior Master Sgt. Curt Seeman. The 11-year-old was abducted Aug. 4, 1990, on her way home after spending the night at a friend's house. Her body was discovered Aug. 25 on a ranch in Hays County.

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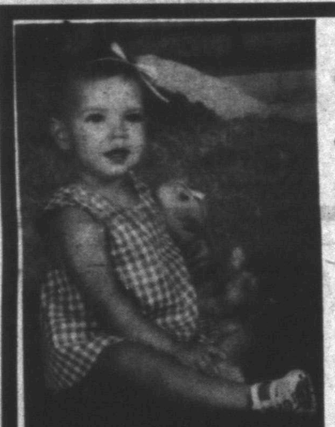
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Dear Michelle,
Just like a sunbeam
makes cloudy days
brighter, Each time
you smile it makes
our hearts lighter.
HAPPY SIXTEENTH BIRTHDAY!
Love You,
Great Grandmother,
Grandmother & Uncle Mack

Many years ago,
Mary Poppins came up with the theory that
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over the years, we realize today
that her theory had its drawbacks.



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BRIDAL SHOWER — Miss Deborah Bullock, bride-elect of Bill Vestal, was honored at a bridal shower on June 29 at the Martha Ann Woman's Club. They are planning their marriage ceremony for Aug. 24 in Hurst. Pictured from left are Jo Ator, grandmother of the groom; Rebecca Augustine from Lubbock, his sister; Sharrylon Vestal, his mother; the honoree; Pat Bullock, mother of the bride-elect from Hurst; and Suzanne Bullock, sister of the bride-elect, also from Hurst. (Contributed Photo)

Bridge

By Phillip Alder



North 07-09-96
♠ A K J 10 9 6 5
♥ ---
♦ K 10
♣ A 8 3 2

West
♠ 3 2
♥ A K Q 10 9 4
♦ Q 5
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East
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♦ 8 6 2
♣ K 5

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♣ J 10 9 4

Vulnerable: East-West
Dealer: South

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Opening lead: ♥ A

At the end of March, the sidewalks on Long Island looked like badly eroded beaches. Sand (and salt, which had since dissolved) that had been sprinkled over the snow-covered roads had been blown to the side. Little did we know that another six inches of snow was coming nine days later. It made us all long for hot, sunny seaside beaches.

One of the most popular European tournaments is held in Juan-les-Pins, which is east of Cannes on the Cote d'Azur. Play takes place only from 4 to 8. This leaves the morning and early afternoon free for absorbing the sun's rays, swimming, golf, tennis or shopping. And after the bridge you can sample at leisure the excellent local food and wine.

There is a lot of luck in pair events, no more so than in this deal from Juan.

I don't know the exact auction, except that South opened three diamonds (a bid that the Young Turks consider mandatory), and then showed club values later in the auction. This persuaded North to bid seven diamonds.

A black-suit lead would probably have defeated the contract — by several tricks. But West selected the "safe" heart ace.

This left South with no choice. He ruffed with dummy's diamond 10, then cashed the diamond king and spade ace before ruffing a low spade back to hand. When the diamond queen obligingly appeared under the ace, South drew East's last trump, played a club to dummy's ace and discarded his four remaining losers on dummy's spade winners. The cold bottom suffered by East-West cost them several French francs in reduced prize money.

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On the beach

By Phillip Alder

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Community Calendar

TUESDAY

Defensive Driving Course; Snyder Savings & Loan; no reservations necessary, call 573-2850 for information; 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Weight Watchers; Trinity Methodist Church (south wing); noon; for more information, call 1-800-359-3131.

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

Narcotics Anonymous; Winston Park Club; for more information call 573-2101, 573-0949, 573-3667 or 573-1579; 6 p.m.

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

Canyon Gun Club; 1910 25th; 7:30 p.m.

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

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

WEDNESDAY

Narcotics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-2101, 573-0949, 573-3667 or 573-1579; 8 p.m.

THURSDAY

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

Al-Anon meeting (smoke free), noon to 1 p.m., brown bag. Park Club in Winston Park. For information call 573-4203 or 573-5525.

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Scurry Charter Chapter ABWA; MAWC; 7 p.m.

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

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

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

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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.

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Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-8626, 573-9458 or 573-8929; 8 p.m., open meeting (last Friday of the month is the birthday meeting, pot luck at 7 p.m.).

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

SATURDAY

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

Narcotics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for more information call 573-2101, 573-0949, 573-3667 or 573-1579; 7 p.m.

SUNDAY

Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 863-2349; 10 a.m.

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

Narcotics Anonymous Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-2101, 573-0949, 573-3667 or 573-1579; 5 p.m.

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



MAY REUNION PLANNED — The 38th annual reunion of the George W. May family will be held at the Kiva Inn in Abilene on July 19-20, several descendants living in Snyder will be among approximately 60 family members who are expected to attend. Pictured are the late George and Allie Jane May. Each year Hallie Morgan, their only living child out of eight, is recognized at each reunion as the oldest descendant. She is 95. (Contributed Photo)

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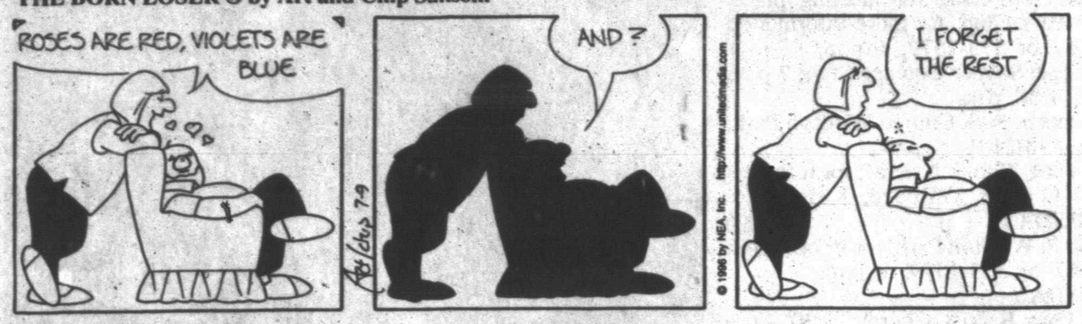
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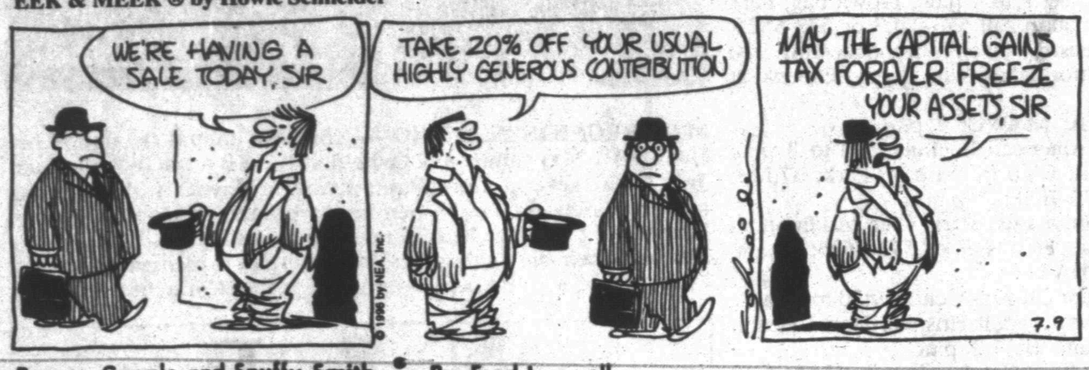
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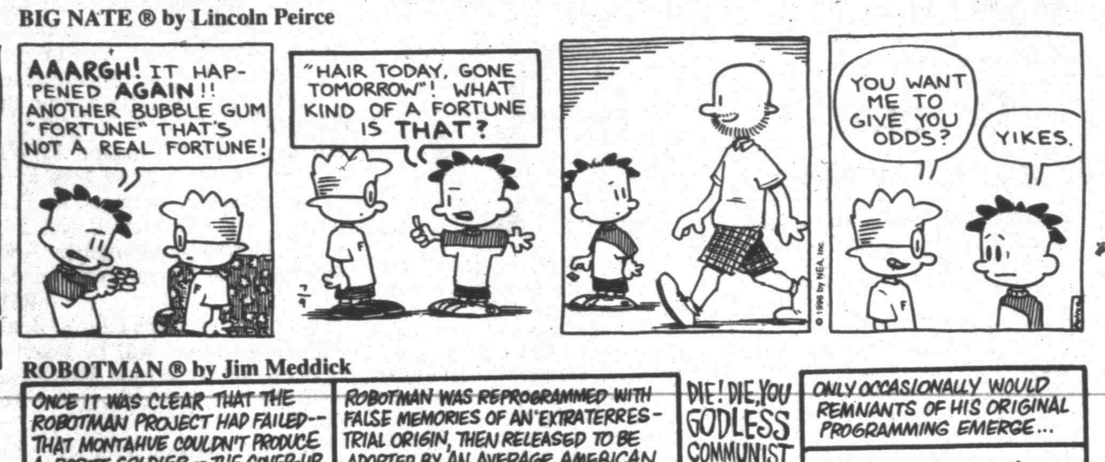
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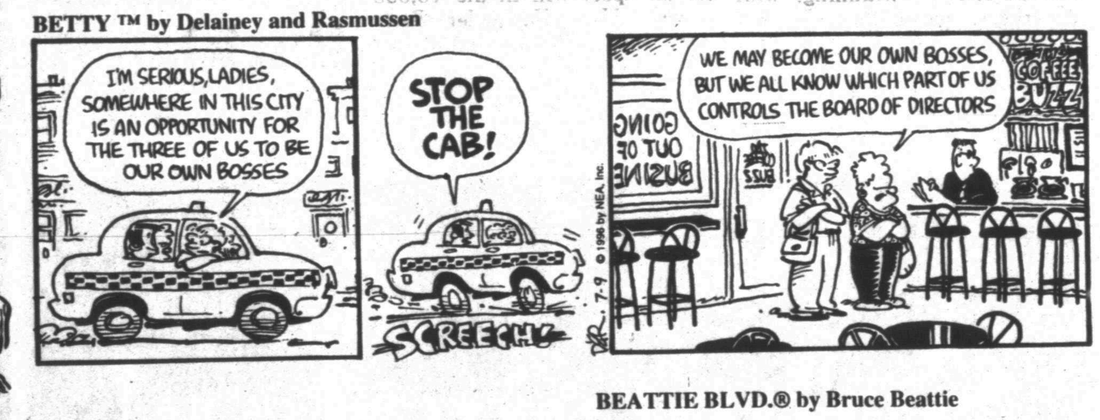
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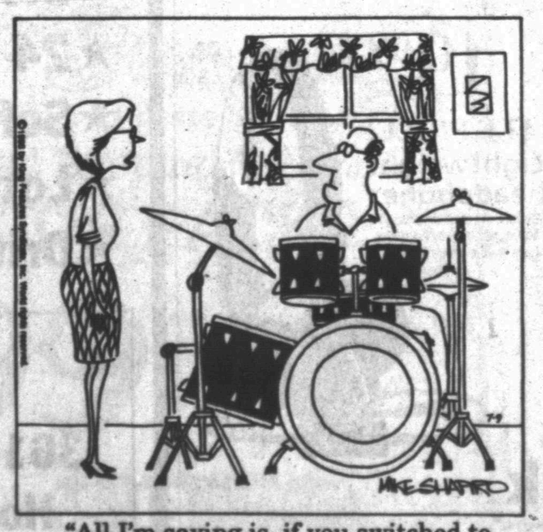
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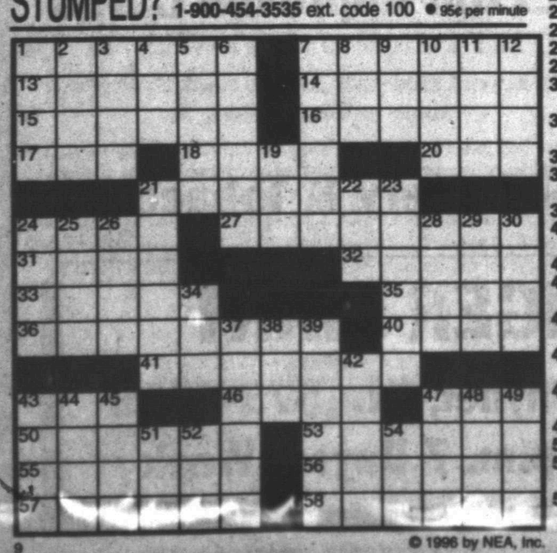
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SPORTS

Tigers picked third by Dave Campbell's Texas Football

One of the most recoginized authorities on Texas high school football has picked the Snyder Tigers to finish third in District 2-4A for the upcoming grid campaign.

Dave Campbell's 1996 Texas Football magazine has got the Tigers ending up behind Lubbock Estacado and former district foe and newcomer Plainview. Rounding out the district is Frenship, Levelland and Lamesa.

According to this year's publication, "Estacado is short on experience, as is just about everybody else on the South Plains. Plainview, down from Class 5A, should be in the thick of things with Snyder, Frenship and perhaps Levelland."

Snyder will be returning 24 letterman, five on offense and five defensive starters. Listed as the player to watch are defensive tackle Chris Post (6-4, 222), defensive back Matthew Fambro (6-3, 180), quarterback Russell Riggan (5-10, 170), wide receiver Jermiah Johnson (5-11, 165) and running back L.S. McClain (5-8, 182).

Other returning starters include nose guard David Wagner, offensive guard Joey Medley, defensive end Jay Don Griffin and linebacker Tywayne Rivers.

Top prospects are possible two-way starter Kyle Beck at fullback and linebacker, offensive tackle Daniel Pulattie and center Heath Porter.

Other notes listed in the magazine for Snyder include the Tigers ended a four-year playoff drought before losing to Stephenville (27-23) in bi-district. Coach David Baugh has made the playoffs three times in eight years.

Post is a returning all-district player who offers good size in the line. Riggan backed up Matt Parker last year, throwing for 200 yards while McClain rolled up 700 yard rushing as a junior, but most of his line is gone.

The situation is rosier on defense, where Wagner and Griffin join Post up front.

The major change in Class 4A this year will be the use of three teams in the playoffs. There will be two 4A champions, a Division I and Division II.

The largest school in the district will go to the Division I bracket, regardless whether they finished first or third in their district. The remaining two teams will make up the Division II bracket.

Coach Phil Danaher of Corpus Christi Calallen says there are flaws in the playoff system. "All you're doing is creating one more championship for a group of teams, but the true 4A champion will come from that lower group, the true 4A teams. I think a lot of people thought, 'Well, here's an extra chance for us to make the playoffs.' They weren't thinking playoffs, just third place."

"Well, they had to add teams to put in this system. And where did they get them? From Class 5A. Those 5A teams will be the third playoff team in a lot of districts. They didn't help any of the 4A people, they just added another championship for the teams that were in 5A last season. So now you've got that Division I and Division II thing in 5A, and they've made another championship for the small 5A teams that will be in 4A this season."

Dave Campbell's Texas Football is on sale in Snyder and state wide.



ALL THAT WAS NEEDED, ALMOST - Brad Roemisch crosses home plate during the bottom half of the first inning with Snyder's first score as the senior all-stars held the Abilene team scoreless through six and two-thirds innings Monday night. Abilene won the game by scoring six runs with two outs in its half of the final inning to win, 6-2. (SDN Staff Photo)

XXVI COUNTDOWN TO ATLANTA

XVIII Olympiad 1964 Tokyo

Twenty-six years after Japan's wartime government forced the Japanese Olympic Committee to resign as host of the 1940 Summer Games, Tokyo welcomed the world to the first Asian Olympics. The new Japan spared no expense—a staggering $3 billion was spent to rebuild the city—and was rewarded with a record-breaking fortnight.

Twelve world and six Olympic records fell in swimming, with Americans accounting for 13. Eighteen-year-old Don Schollander led the way, winning two individual and two relay gold medals to become the first swimmer to win four events in one Olympics. Sharon Stouder collected three golds and a silver for the U.S. women, but the most remarkable performance of all belonged to Australian Dawn Fraser, who won the 100-meter freestyle for the third straight Olympics.

In track and field, Al Oerter of the U.S. won the discus for the third straight time. His record toss was one of 25 world and Olympic marks broken. Another fell when Billy Mills of the U.S. electrified the Games by coming from behind for an upset win in the 10,000 meters. New Zealander Peter Snell, the defending 800-meter champion, won both the 800 and 1,500 (last done in 1920).

Sprinter Bob Hayes of the U.S. equaled the world record of 10 seconds flat in the 100 meter, but stunned the crowd with a sub-9 second, come-from-behind anchor leg to lead the U.S. to set a new world record in the 4 x 100 meters.

Abebe Bikila of Ethiopia became the first runner to win consecutive marathons. The remarkable Betty Cuthbert of Australia, who won three sprint gold medals in Melbourne, came back eight years later at age 26 to win the 400. Russian gymnast Larissa Latynina won six medals for the second Olympics in a row.

Even though the Americans won more gold medals (36) then the USSR (30), the Russians won the total medal count with 96. Team USA won 90.

The most nations to date, 93, took part in the Tokyo Games. American set nine Olympic records, 13 world and tied a world record.

Johnny Evers of Tinker-to-Evers-to-Chance fame weighed only 105 pounds when he joined the Cubs in 1902.

Brad Holcomb named assistant coach at ACU

Brad Holcomb, assistant baseball coach at Frenship High School for the last four years, has been hired as an assistant coach for Abilene Christian University.

A 1986 graduate of Snyder High School, Holcomb helped lead the Tigers to the state tournament his senior year. He played college ball for Lubbock Christian University.

Holcomb is the son of Tom and June Holcomb of Snyder.

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Juniors and 10-year-old stars in Abilene tonight

The Snyder Junior Little League all-stars will return to action tonight at 6 in Abilene to face Abilene Juniors at Redbud Park.

The Snyder-Abilene winner will advance to play the winner of Abilene North-Sweetwater at 8:30 p.m. Thursday while the loser will face Colorado City at 8:30 p.m. Wednesday.

In the 10-year-old bracket, Snyder will face Clyde at 8 tonight at the Lone Star Field in Abilene. The winner will play at 8 p.m. Thursday against the winner of Lone Star-Eastland, while the loser will challenge Colorado City at 6 p.m. Wednesday.

Barkley steals show at Dream Team interviews

PHOENIX (AP) — Charles Barkley is always ready to knock down a brew or an opponent.

Small wonder that he's been involved in another bar fight.

What fans of the Phoenix superstar aren't used to is his willingness to move on. Barkley played eight seasons in Philadelphia before demanding a trade. In half that time with the Suns, he's pushing for another.

"They've got great golf courses in Houston," he said Monday. "I played there many times. But I don't care about the golf as long as I've got Hakeem Olajuwon and Clyde Drexler. That's more important to me, because all you really want is a chance to win."

After practice with the Dream Team, which plays China on Wednesday night in the America West Arena, Barkley suggested that a three-way trade was all but locked up. The deal he foresees would send him to the Rockets, Houston's Sam Cassell and Robert Horry to Denver and Dikembe Mutombo of the Nuggets to the Suns.

John Stockton, Gary Payton, Shaquille O'Neal and Reggie Miller — four of Barkley's Olympic teammates — also are free agents.

If he's not traded to the Rockets, Barkley said, he's interested in the New York Knicks, Chicago and a few others.

He said the Phoenix front office blundered first by dismantling the team that reached the NBA Finals in 1993 (only Barkley and Kevin Johnson remain), then by firing coach Paul Westphal in mid-January.

"That day, I said, 'Are you shopping me around?' and they said, 'We're listening to offers, and unless somebody gives us a blockbuster deal, you're going to be here.' To me, that wasn't good enough," Barkley said.

Although Barkley enjoyed a fast-quipping relationship with Westphal replacement Cotton Fitzsimmons, he said Rudy Tomjanovich of the Rockets is a giant among coaches.

"I think he and Phil Jackson are the two best coaches in the league. Maybe you could throw in Pat Riley," Barkley said.

Snyder Seniors blow no-hit shutout, 6-2

ALBANY — For 6⅔ innings, it appeared the Snyder Senior Little League all-stars would be cruising into the next round of the District 5 tournament here, but Abilene Seniors had other ideas.

Snyder pitchers Johnny Pena and Cory Mandrell had combined for a no-hit shutout and needed only one more out for the victory, but Abilene came up with six runs on three hits to take a 6-2 win.

With the loss, Snyder drops to the loser's bracket to play the winner of Merkel-Clyde at 6 p.m. Wednesday. Snyder will be in a must-win situtation the remainder of the tournament. Abilene will face Abilene North at 8:30 p.m. Thursday.

Snyder got on the scoreboard in the bottom of the first inning after Brad Roemisch walked and was later forced in with a walk to Banks Alexander.

The first hits for Snyder came in the third on back-to-back singles by Mandrell and Clint Hook. Hook's hit knocked in Mandrell to give Snyder a 2-0 lead.

The final hit of for Snyder came in the bottom of the seventh when Pena reached first on a one-bagger, but he was left stranded at third.

Pena went four innings on the mound before taking himself off the mound with a sore arm. Pena allowed no runs or hits and struck out six. Mandrell came on in relief in the fifth and lasted 2⅔. Mandrell, who was credited with the loss, gave up five runs on three hits and fanned one batter. Wesley Wilson came in for the final one-third of the inning and struck out the only batter he faced.

Transactions

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National League

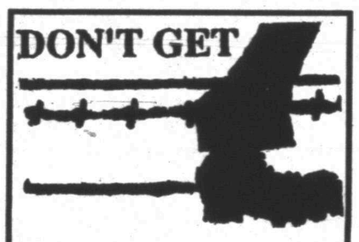
FLORIDA MARLINS—Named John Boles manager and Jeff Pentland hitting instructor.

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Same goes for a plastic tree near George Washington's Mount Vernon estate in Virginia, a flag pole in Pittsburgh and even the lights over the left field wall at Fenway Park, home of the Boston Red Sox.

Phone companies anxious to expand service without angering communities defensive about their history and architecture are concealing their antenna towers anywhere they can and paying rent for the rights.

"The industry is being forced, frankly due to strict zoning and community concerns, to be more innovative in the way they camouflage these towers," said Duncan Milloy, a spokesman for BellAtlantic NYNEX Mobile.

When Ipswich rejected a proposal for a tall antenna tower in the town, BellAtlantic offered to build a replica of the lightning-damaged, 1859 church steeple in exchange for the right to hide a transmitter inside.

"It's a win-win," said Mike Moscaritolo, BellAtlantic's regional director of network engineering. "They get to replace a steeple that they otherwise may never have been able to replace. The town wins. And we win."

There are about 22,000 cellular transmitters in the United States, though more than one may share the same tower. Another 100,000 are expected to be needed by the end of this decade to satisfy the demand for cellular service.

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AmStores	39	38¾	38¾	— ¼
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ComclMetals	31⅞	31⅛	31⅛	— ⅛
Cooperln		40¼	40	40
CyprusAmax	23⅛	23¼	23⅛	+ ⅛
DallSemicn	19⅛	18⅛	19	+ ⅛
DeltaAirl	77⅞	77⅛	77⅛	+ ⅛
DigitalEq	38⅜	38	38	+ ⅛
Dillard	35⅛	34⅛	34⅛	— ⅛
DowChem	78	77⅛	77⅛	+ ⅛
DresserInd	30⅛	29⅜	30⅛	+ ⅛
DuPont	78⅛	77⅞	78⅛	+ ⅛
EastmanChem		60½	60¼	60½
EstKodak	74⅛	73⅛	73⅛	— ⅛
EDS Corp	52⅛	52⅛	52⅝	+ ⅛
EljerInd		10¼	10¼	10¼
Enserch	22⅛	22	22⅛	+ ⅛
Entergy	26⅛	26⅛	26⅛	— ⅛
Exxon	88⅛	88⅛	88⅛	+ ⅛
FstBksAm s		9⅛	9⅛	9⅛
Flowers s	17⅛	17	17⅛	+ ⅛
FordMotor	31	30⅛	30⅛	— ⅛
GTE Cp	43⅛	43	43⅜	+ ⅛
GenDynam		63	62⅞	63
GenElec	84⅛	83⅜	83⅝	— ¼
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Kroger	39⅞	39⅝	39⅝	— ⅛
Litton	42⅜	42⅜	42½	+ ⅛
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LucentTech n	36⅛	36	36⅛	+ ⅛
MayDeptStrs		43	42⅞	42⅞
Medtronics	52⅜	51⅜	51⅝	— ⅛
Mobil	115⅝	114⅝	115½	+ ⅛
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Penney JC		51⅛	50⅝	51
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PepBoys	33⅜	33⅛	33⅛	+ ⅛
PepsiCo s	33⅜	33⅜	33⅜	— ⅛
PhelpDodge	61⅛	61	61	+ ⅛
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PilgrmPrd		8⅛	8⅛	8⅛
Polaroid	45	44¼	44⅜	— ⅛
Praxair	41⅛	40⅝	41	— ⅛
ProctGamble	89	87⅞	88⅛	+1⅛
PubSNwMx	20⅛	19⅝	20	+ ⅛
RoyalDutch	153⅛	152⅛	153⅛	+1⅛
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SaraLee	32⅛	31⅞	31⅞	+ ⅛
SearsRoeb	46⅜	45⅜	45⅜	— ⅛
SherwinW	46⅛	45⅜	46⅛	+ ⅛
SmthBchADS		55⅛	55⅛	55⅛
SouthernCo	23⅜	23⅛	23⅜	— ⅛
SwstAirlines	27⅜	27⅛	27⅜	+ ⅛
Sprint	40⅜	39⅝	39⅝	— ⅛
SterlingChm	11⅜	11⅛	11⅜	+ ⅛
SunCo		30	29⅞	30
TNP Ent	26⅛	26⅛	26⅛	— ⅛
Tandy	41⅛	40⅝	41⅛	+ ⅛
TempleInl	48⅜	47⅞	48⅜	+ ⅛
Tenneco	49⅛	49⅛	49	9-16+3-16
Texaco	86⅛	85⅞	86⅛	+ ⅛
TexasInd	67	66⅝	66⅝	— ⅛
TexasInst	49⅛	49⅛	49⅝	— ⅛
TexUtil	42	41⅛	42	+ ⅛
Textron	77⅛	77⅛	77⅛	+ ⅛
Travelers s	43⅛	43⅛	43⅜	+ ⅛
TrinityInds	33⅜	33⅛	33⅜	+ ⅛
TritonEngy		47⅛	47⅛	47⅛
Tyler		2⅛	2⅛	2⅛
US WestCm s	31⅛	31	31⅛	+ ⅛
USWstMda n	17⅛	17⅛	17⅜	— ⅛
USX Delhi	12⅛	12⅛	12⅜	— ⅛
USX-Marathn	21	20⅝	20⅞	+ ⅛
USX-USS	28⅛	28	28⅛	+ ⅛
UnCarbde	40⅛	39⅝	40	+ ⅛
UnPac	72⅜	71⅞	72⅜	+ ⅛
UnitedTech	112⅜	111⅛	112⅜	+ ⅛
Unocal	33 5-16	33	33 5-16	+3-16
WalMart	24⅛	24⅛	24⅛	+ ⅛
WstnGasRs	15⅜	15⅜	15⅜	— ⅛
WestghEl	18⅜	18⅛	18⅜	+ ⅛
WinnDixie s	34⅛	34	34⅛	+ ⅛
Woolworth	21⅜	21⅛	21⅜	+ ⅛
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Gulf War air combat weapons had problems

WASHINGTON (AP) — The images of laser-guided bombs falling down air vents into the center of their targets endures from the Persian Gulf War. Now a congressional report says Americans were misled by those grainy gun-camera videotapes.

The weapons weren't nearly as effective as the Defense Department and defense contractors claimed.

Written by the General Accounting Office, the report on air war weapons in Operation Desert Storm is to be released Thursday. A declassified summary was obtained Monday by The Associated Press.

"Many of DOD's and manufacturers' postwar claims about weapon systems ... were overstated, misleading, inconsistent with the best available data, or unverifiable," the GAO concluded. This was especially so with sophisticated weapons such as the F-117 stealth fighter, the Tomahawk cruise missile, and the laser-guided bombs made famous by the war.

Higher cost of a weapon system was no guarantee of enhanced performance, according to the GAO, the investigatory arm of Congress.

"It is inappropriate, given aircraft use, performance, and effectiveness demonstrated in Desert Storm, to characterize the higher cost aircraft as generally more capable than lower cost aircraft," the GAO concluded. "In some cases, the higher cost systems had the greater operating limitations; in some other cases, the lower cost aircraft had the same general limitations but performed at least as well."

The report, written at the request of two Democratic lawmakers, states that because of imperfect bomb-damage assessments, it is impossible to say whether the high cost of the precision-guided weapons yielded commensurate results. Based in part on interviews with more than 100 Gulf War pilots, the report also concludes that mid- to high-altitude bombing tactics employed to avoid shoot-downs resulted in inaccurate strikes, even with precision weapons.

And in a recommendation that differs sharply from current Pentagon policy, the GAO questions the increased reliance on precision-guided munitions, particularly in wars in which the United States dominates the skies, as it did in 1990 and 1991 in the Persian Gulf.

"A re-evaluation is warranted, based on Desert Storm experiences that demonstrated limitations in the effectiveness of guided munitions, survivability concerns for aircraft delivering these munitions, and circumstances where less complex, less constrained unguided munitions proved equally or more effective," the GAO said.

The Pentagon, in a reply to the GAO, agreed with some of the agency's conclusions about the limitations of sophisticated aircraft and precision munitions. But the Pentagon's written reply stated that new precision weapons programs now under development, including global-positioning guidance systems, will work well in all weather and will overcome many of the other weaknesses that arose during the Gulf War.

"The physical limitations of all sensors including lasers and FLIRS (forward-looking infrared system) were known prior to Desert Storm," the Pentagon wrote in its reply. "The DOD continues to seek new and improved technology to overcome these limitations."

The GAO report recounts concerns raised by pilots that infrared, electro-optical and laser systems were all "seriously degraded" by clouds, rain, fog, smoke and even high humidity.

"The pilots reported being unable to discern whether a presumed target was a tank or a truck and whether it had already been destroyed," the GAO reported.

The report was requested by Sen. David Pryor, D-Ark., and Rep. John Dingell, D-Mich.

Researchers try to restore Atlantic sturgeon to bay

BALTIMORE (AP) — Nearly 70 years after the Atlantic sturgeon population all but vanished from the Chesapeake Bay, state officials reintroduced 3,000 of them in a restoration program that could take decades.

The year-old sturgeon were released Monday into the Nanticoke River, which leads into the bay, and scientists will use sonic transmitters on six fish and plastic wire tags on all of them to track their progress.

For the project to be successful, the fish must survive until spawning age, 9 years for a male and 15 for a female.

"This is a long-term preservation project," said Ben Florence, director of aquaculture and hatchery programs for the Maryland Fishery Service.

The fish put in the water ranged from an inch to 14 inches long. When fully grown, males average 5 feet and 90 pounds, and females average 6 feet and 160 pounds. The largest sturgeon on record was 14 feet and 800 pounds.

Once the fish have found a suitable habitat, males can live up to 30 years and females up to 70 years.

The fish are the offspring of adult sturgeon collected in the Hudson River and transported to the Northeast Fishery Center in Lamar, Pa., in June 1995.

Late Monday, researchers had already picked up some tips about sturgeon behavior from the six carrying transmitters, said Dave Secor, assistant professor at Chesapeake Biological Laboratory at the University of Maryland Center for Estuarine and Environmental Studies.

"They tend to disperse," Secor said. Researchers had thought they might move in schools.

In the late 1800s, the sturgeon became popular for its meat and caviar. Landings of the fish fell from a peak of 725,000 pounds in 1890 to 22,800 pounds in 1920, according to a 1995 report published in the Bay Journal.

Poorer water quality, increasing industrialization and overfishing further dwindled their populations until the fish had all but disappeared from Chesapeake Bay.

The fish have grown so scarce along the East Coast that the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries agency which manages fisheries, has recommended shutting down the fishery along the Atlantic Coast.

In March, officials in New York state called a halt to fishing Atlantic sturgeon because of the alarming decrease in their numbers.

Very obese man ready to leave hospital

NEW YORK (AP) — A man who weighed nearly 1,000 pounds when he was removed from his home by forklift two months ago has lost about 250 pounds on a strict diet and planned to leave the hospital today.

Michael Hebranko, 43, was possibly the heaviest person in the world when workers ripped out a bay window and several rows of bricks from his Brooklyn home May 17 so he could be removed by a stretcher used to move small whales.

Hebranko was then transferred to an ambulance by forklift and taken to a Manhattan hospital.

At the time he suffered from heart disease, respiratory ailments and a severe skin infection in his legs, and doctors told ambulance workers that if they waited only a few more days to move him, he would die.

Hebranko, married with a 19-year-old son, had spent 2 1/2 months confined to a love seat, unable to stand for more than 30 seconds at a time. Since no clothes will fit his 110-inch waist, he sat wrapped in sheets.

Hebranko, who once lost 700 pounds and became a spokesman for weight loss guru Richard Simmons' Deal-A-Meal diet program, has since lost about 250 pounds and recently started walking for the first time in more than a year.

"I hope to be walking around the block by the end of the summer," he said.

He said his goal now is to "learn to have a healthy relationship with food and enjoy my life and be a good family man and get out there and try to raise awareness."

The Guinness Book of Records lists T.J. Albert Jackson of Canton, Miss., who has weighed as much as 891 pounds, as the heaviest man alive.

In a telephone interview from St. Louis, Mo., Simmons said Hebranko would return home today through the front door, as he has vowed to do since he was hospitalized.

"He has to climb three steps to get there. For us that's nothing, but that's all he's thinking about right now," he said. "Those three steps are a very, very big deal for him."

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Wednesday, July 10, 1996

You can achieve your goals in the year ahead without taking unnecessary risks. Establish a game plan and stick to it. Don't try to pin the tail on the donkey while blindfolded.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) You could be extremely fortunate today in your special alliances, particularly with a person whose politics and values are in sync with yours. Cancer, treat yourself to a birthday gift. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead by mailing $2 and SASE to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Make sure to state your zodiac sign.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) You will have good luck if you maintain a positive attitude today. If you believe you can do something, success will be easy.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Others might have to compete for attention today, but you will not. You can stand out in any group without having to show off. Smile and be yourself.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Do not let material issues influence your decisions today. Intangible and aesthetic factors should also be taken into consideration.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) An acquaintance who has never impressed you has always held you in high regard. Today you might discover this fact for yourself.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Your business proposals will be right on target today. If you get a strong feeling about how something should be done, acknowledge it.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Your behavior will be scrutinized closely today and others will grade you by the example you set. Try to keep this in mind.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Chances for material success look good today, but you must remember to acknowledge and reward help given to you by associates.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) The social arrangements you make today should include friends with whom you always feel comfortable. Do things you like with pals you like.

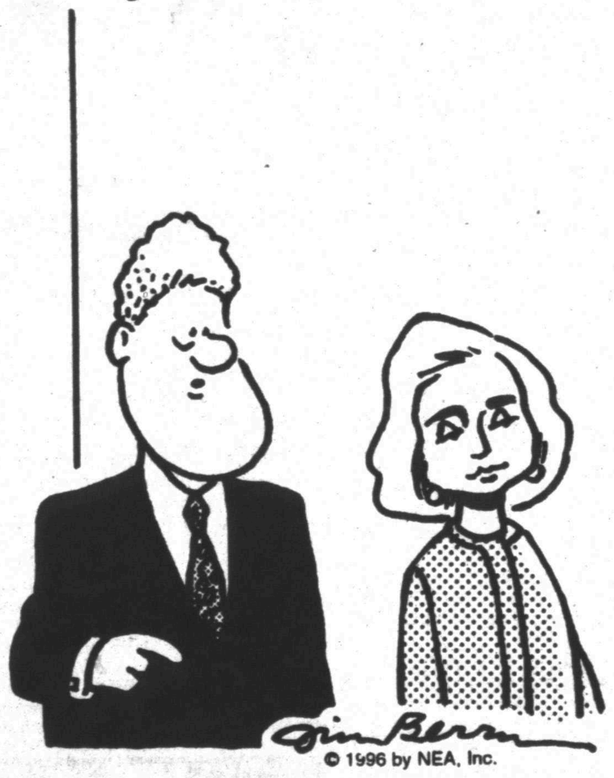
ARIES (March 21-April 19) You can increase your resources by taking the initiative. Visualize a specific amount as your target and go for the gusto!

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Friends with disagreeable dispositions won't be able to stay angry around you today. You will know what to do to charm even the most difficult people.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) A conscientious friend who is unaware of your present burdens will do everything he or she can to help you today if you let this person know what you need.

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Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.



Kidney problem needs diagnosis

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: My doctor has told me my kidney problems are mostly the result of slow degeneration functions. I've had many blood tests, a blood-flow test, ultrasound and 24-hour urine. Can you suggest treatment to reverse my kidney condition that seems to eventually point to failure of this organ? I'm 80.

DEAR READER: From your brief description, I do not know the cause of your kidney damage. Perhaps the diminishing function is a consequence of your age: The kidneys, like all the other body organs, become less efficient the older we get.

Nonetheless, you could also have a primary renal disorder (of which there are many), including infection and damage from diabetes or hypertension.

What does your doctor say? It seems to me that he owes you an explanation, if for no other reason than to assuage your anxiety. With modern medical therapy, many kidney diseases can be controlled or cured, but before taking treatment, you should be informed of what the problem is. This can be determined by X-ray tests, such as an IVP, or — on occasion — biopsy.

For example, if your kidneys are malfunctioning because of damage from diabetes, a common complication in the elderly, the use of drugs called "ACE inhibitors" will slow the progression and extend your life. Ask your doctor for an in-depth discussion — and let me know the outcome.

To give you more information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Kidney Disorders." Other readers who would like a copy should send $2 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to P.O. Box 2017, Murray Hill Station, New York, New York 10156. Be sure to mention the title.

DEAR DR. GOTT: Seven years ago I had an emergency C-section. For the past two years, I've had menstrual cramps six days following my period. My doctor can only say I might have adhesions from the surgery. What's your opinion?

DEAR READER: Based on the limited information you supply, I don't have an opinion. Ordinarily, Caesarian sections do not cause menstrual cramps. Therefore, I suspect that something other than adhesions (post-operative scarring) is to blame; for example, endometriosis is a strong possibility.

Perhaps your gynecologist should order a CT scan or ultrasound exam of the pelvis to pinpoint the cause of your symptom. In any case, your pain should not be ignored.

You also might consider a second opinion from another gynecologist. In problems such as this, two heads are usually better than one.

DEAR DR. GOTT: You recently published a letter regarding the dangers of eating steak tartar. What are your comments about jerky that is so available for purchase? While this is raw meat, does the drying process render it safe for consumption?

DEAR READER: Raw or uncooked beef, such as steak tartar, may harbor dangerous bacteria that are ordinarily killed by cooking. Such bacteria can cause severe intestinal infection, leading to fever, diarrhea, dehydration, and death. Authorities urge consumers to cook beef products thoroughly.

I am not aware of any similar problems with beef jerky. This snack food has not been reported to harbor bacteria because, I suspect, it is thoroughly dried and salted. Both procedures inhibit the growth of bacteria.

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Neighbors of Kanka family question premise of new law

TRENTON, N.J. (AP) — The parents of Megan Kanka, a 7-year-old girl whose murder gave rise to Megan's Law, had heard years earlier that a convicted child molester was living across the street, according to interviews with neighbors and a published report Monday.

That means Megan's Law is based on a flawed premise — that if only the Kankas had known a convicted sex offender lived on their street, they might have been able to save their daughter, the New Jersey Law Journal reported Monday.

"The ironic thing is Megan's Law doesn't really apply to this case because the whole neighborhood did know" that Joseph Cifelli was a convicted sex offender, Fred Ervin Jr. told The Associated Press Monday night.

Ervin grew up in the Hamilton Township house where the Kankas lived for 15 years before the murder.

But Megan's father, Richard Kanka, denounced the Law Journal report in an interview with the AP Monday night, and adamantly denied knowing anything more than rumors about his neighbor's criminal history.

"Nobody in this neighborhood knew," Kanka said. "Why don't they come and tell me to my face I knew there was a convicted sex offender and I let my daughter come out there?"

Neighbors told the Journal — and confirmed to the AP — that they worried about two people who moved in with Cifelli and his mother 6 years ago.

One, twice-convicted child molester Jesse Timmendequas, 35, is accused of sexually assaulting and killing Megan in July 1994 after luring her to the house by promising to show her a new puppy. The trial is set for September.

Kanka accused the Journal of trying to "undermine what me and Maureen have been doing all these years."

Thanks in part to the Kankas' lobbying efforts, Megan's Law now requires released sex offenders to register with police and allows for community notification of their whereabouts if authorities fear they will strike again.

"You can take your child by the hand, point that person out and say this man hurts children," Megan's mother, Maureen Kanka, said when she lobbied for the law. "Our children are very naive and predators know this."

But several residents said Monday that they already had been telling their children and grandchildren to avoid the Cifelli house and those who lived there.

Furthermore, at least four neighbors said they believe the Kankas were aware of Cifelli's past, The Journal reported, and two of them — James Rivera and Joan Kowalski — confirmed that in interviews with the AP.

Richard Kanka, who was not interviewed for the Journal story, denied knowing the facts about Cifelli's criminal history.

"There were rumors about him (Cifelli) floating around years ago, before Timmendequas moved here. But you can't go on rumors," he said.

A police report in court records states that the night Megan disappeared, a neighbor told police Cifelli had been convicted for child molestation.

Rivera, who lives around the block, said he talked with Maureen Kanka several weeks after the killing, and based on that conversation, he believes the Kankas knew about Cifelli as well.

Court rules against cop in privacy case

AUSTIN (AP) — Declaring that the constitutional right to privacy doesn't protect adultery, the Texas Supreme Court has ruled against a Sherman police officer denied a promotion because of an affair with another officer's wife.

The ruling reversed two lower court rulings that had gone against the city in the case of officer Otis Henry, who sued the city of Sherman in 1992 because he didn't receive a promotion despite receiving the highest test score.

"We conclude that the right to privacy under the United States Constitution does not include the right to maintain a sexual relationship with the spouse of someone else," said Monday's majority opinion, written by Justice Greg Abbott and joined by the six other male justices.

The majority also concluded that the Texas Constitution doesn't provide a right of privacy for the officer in the case.

"While the constitution's framers may have been willing to die for the light of free expression ... there is no indication they were willing to make any sacrifice for the right to commit adultery," the majority opinion said.

The majority said, however, that the decision "does not mean ... that the government is free to engage in intrusive investigation methods to determine the sexual practices of individuals."

Henry's attorneys argued that someone's personal life should have nothing to do with his professional career.

The two women on the court, Justices Rose Spector and Priscilla Owen, agreed that denial of the promotion was justified, but said the majority went too far in its privacy ruling.

"Today, the majority announces that the Texas constitutional right to privacy has somehow shriveled to the point that the most personal aspects of our lives are the government's business," Ms. Spector said in her concurring opinion.

"I cannot ... join in the majority's unnecessary and unjustified constriction of the fundamental constitutional right to privacy," Ms. Spector said.

In a separate concurring opinion, Ms. Owen said the majority opinion was broader than necessary. She said the court could have found denial of the promotion justified even assuming the officer had a constitutional right to privacy.

"The potential breadth of the court's opinion causes me some concern. The opinion may be read to decide issues not before us, issues that we have not carefully considered in light of our own decisions and decisions of the United States Supreme Court," Ms. Owen wrote.

According to the court opinion, Henry was denied a promotion from patrolman to sergeant in 1992 because he was having an affair with a police dispatcher, the wife of a fellow police officer.

The police chief at the time, Stephen "Chuck" Pilant, said he wouldn't promote anyone having an affair with a fellow officer's spouse because such conduct impairs trust among officers and hinders harmony.

Before denying the promotion, Pilant asked another officer to investigate the validity of rumors that there was an affair, court records indicate. The husband of the woman involved gave that officer a love letter that Henry purportedly sent her.

The Firemen's and Police Officers' Civil Service Commission of Sherman upheld the chief's decision.

Henry then sued the city in state district court, which found his constitutional right to privacy was violated. An appeals court agreed, but the Texas Supreme Court reversed that decision.

While the case was working its way through the court system, Henry was promoted to sergeant. What was at stake in the case before the Supreme Court was $5,000 to $6,000 in back pay and $30,000 for Henry's legal fees, awarded by the trial court.

Henry's attorney, Robert Richardson, said he thinks the decision allows "every public employer to put a morality squad together to see what employees are doing in their private lives."

"It's going to make government employment a little less palatable to people who love freedom," Richardson told the Sherman Democrat.

Officials looking to meeting to create new anti-drug plan

EL PASO (AP) — As a front-line officer in the war on drugs, police Sgt. Joe Barragan gets a firsthand view of the state of the narcotics trade on the Mexican border.

The past year was filled with troubling sights.

"We've seen there is a problem," said Barragan, a narcotics officer with the El Paso Police Department. "The availability of drugs is more so now than ever before. The price of dope has actually been going down and we think that is because of the abundance."

Authorities blame changes in smuggling patterns for El Paso's plight, which they say is only an indicator of a larger problem afflicting the entire 2,000-mile U.S.-Mexico border.

The Drug Enforcement Administration estimates 70 percent of the illegal drugs entering the country now come through Mexico, a preferred corridor for traffickers since crackdowns began a few years ago in the Caribbean and Florida.

El Paso, a focal point for smuggling activities, is thought to have the potential to become a hot spot, a Miami for the '90s, particularly since one of Mexico's largest drug cartels is based across the border in Ciudad Juarez.

The Amado Carrillo organization is said to move several tons of cocaine out of the area each month.

Fittingly, El Paso will also be the site Wednesday of a gathering intended to help reverse the downward trend.

The Southwest Border Counterdrug Conference will bring top-ranking Clinton administration officials together with more than 200 border-area law officers to seek more effective ways of stemming the flow of drugs.

The daylong meeting will be hosted by retired Gen. Barry McCaffrey, director of the Office of National Drug Control Policy, which molds the nation's drug strategies, and U.S. Attorney General Janet Reno.

Local, state and federal law enforcement officials from Texas, New Mexico, California and Arizona will make presentations on their respective problems and then break into groups to discuss solutions.

Mexican authorities will not attend, but McCaffrey is expected to brief a senior government official in Juarez on Thursday.

"Nobody thinks that Washington can roll into El Paso and wave a wand and fix all these problems," said Don Maple, a spokesman for McCaffrey's office. "It's going to be these participants who are going to suggest those areas that we need to concentrate on."

Maple said he did not know whether the meeting would actually result in any new policies, but indicated the potential is there.

Law enforcement officials said Monday they were glad for the opportunity to address high-ranking administrators outside of Washington, D.C.

Crops, worries grow as hot and dry weather continue

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) — Warm and dry weather continues to help Iowa crops rebound after a cool, wet spring.

"Iowa's weather the last couple of weeks has been very beneficial for growing crops and has helped in lifting producers' spirits," the weekly crop report from state and federal agriculture agencies said Monday.

"Reporters for the most part indicated that crop conditions have improved in their respective areas, thanks to the warm weather. However, a few comments indicated that crops are beginning to show signs of heat stress and could use some rain."

Rainfall last week averaged 0.42 inch statewide, less than half the average amount. There was no measurable rainfall in most of east-central and southeast Iowa, while 3.19 inches fell at Hancock in Pottawattamie County in western Iowa.

The corn crop is now rated 17 percent excellent, 54 percent good, 22 percent fair, 6 percent poor and 1 percent very poor.

Corn plants now average 34 inches tall, nearly matching the 37-inch average height a year ago. Eighty-four percent of corn acreage has been cultivated for the first time, ahead of the five-year average of 80 percent at this time of year.

"Iowa's topsoil is beginning to dry out in some areas, with a few reporters stating that the ground is becoming too hard to cultivate," the report said.

Blooms have developed on 5 percent of the soybean crop, about a week behind the normal rate of 18 percent at this time of year.

Date Book

July 9, 1996

Today is the 191st day of 1996 and the 20th day of summer.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1868, the 14th Amendment was ratified, guaranteeing citizenship rights to those born in the United States.

On this day in 1942, Anne Frank and her family went into hiding to escape the Nazis in Amsterdam.

On this day in 1956, Dick Clark debuted as the host of "Bandstand," which later became "American Bandstand."

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Elias Howe (1819-1867), sewing-machine inventor; John D. Rockefeller (1839-1937), financier; Nikola Tesla (1856-1943), electrical engineer; Franz Boas (1858-1942), anthropologist; David Hockney (1937-), artist, is 59; Brian Dennehy (1938-), actor, is 58; O.J. Simpson (1947-), football great, is 49; Jimmy Smits (1955-), actor, is 41; Tom Hanks (1956-), actor, is 40; Courtney Love (1965-), singer, is 31.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1994, Leroy Burrell broke Carl Lewis' record in the 100-meter dash.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "No one has ever proved that a human being, through his descent from a certain group of people, must of necessity have certain mental characteristics." — Franz Boas

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1987, a tornado partially destroyed a dog kennel; one of the animals was found unharmed in a tree a half-mile from the kennel.

SOURCE: 1996 Weather Guide Calendar; Accord Publis' ng, Ltd.

TODAY'S MOON: Between last quarter (July 7) and new moon (July 15).

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The African nation of Ghana is named after an earlier state that flourished along the Niger River between A.D. 800 and 1076. The modern nation covers 92,100 square miles — slightly smaller than the state of Oregon — with a population of about 10 million, principally members of the Adansi Akwamu and Ga tribes.

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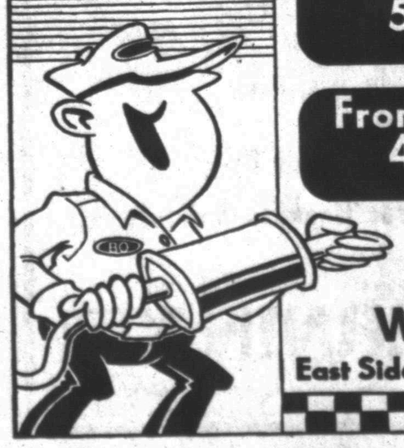
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Crack in recycled part may be culprit

Investigation continues into aborted Delta takeoff

PENSACOLA, Fla. (AP) — An inch-deep crack in a recycled part probably caused an engine on a Delta jet to blow apart as it accelerated for takeoff, spraying shards of metal that killed two passengers, federal investigators said.

Although no final determination has been made, the crack in an engine fan hub — evidence of metal fatigue — appears to be the reason the rapidly spinning part broke in two, said Michael Marx, senior metallurgist for the National Transportation Safety Board.

"A crack of that size probably is sufficient to cause the separation of the disc," Marx said Monday.

A Delta metallurgist did his own inspection and came to the same conclusion, said George Black, an NTSB member.

The hub, also known as a disc, had been used on another engine and then installed seven months ago during the repair of an oil leak on the engine involved in the accident, officials said.

"I don't know that I'd call it used, but it was a part of an engine that was sold to Delta Air Lines, I believe, in 1987," Black said. "But it is not uncommon, I am told, to switch major components on engines when there's maintenance work done."

Delta said today that the Pratt & Whitney JT8D-219 engine is built so parts can be swapped out continually from other engines.

"They take it apart and do inspections to see how it's wearing and then it's resembled as modular unit," said spokesman Todd Clay. "It's not like you pull a part out and you throw it away."

Delta officials said they would wait for NTSB to complete its investigation before making any changes in the company's operation.

The crack started in a half-inch hole for one of the many bolts used to attach the 3-inch-wide hub to the rest of the engine. The 100-pound titanium hub holds 34 blades to the center of the engine.

When the hub broke in two during takeoff Saturday from Pensacola Regional Airport, those blades tore apart the engine and part of the plane's fuselage, slamming into the heads of a vacationing mother and son, two of 142 passengers aboard.

Fate of minimum wage hike turning on GOP amendment

WASHINGTON (AP) — Senate Republican leaders scrambled for votes today to exempt newly hired workers and employees of small businesses from a proposed 90-cent-an-hour increase in the minimum wage.

Hours before the politically weighty vote, Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss., acknowledged that Republicans could lose on the exemptions, which Democrats strenuously oppose.

"I'm not going to have a fit if it doesn't go just the way I want it to," Lott said. "I don't view this as a litmus test."

President Clinton has labeled the exemptions, proposed in an amendment by Sen. Christopher Bond, R-Mo., as "poison pills" that would draw his veto. Were the amendment to pass, it would plunge the Senate and White House right back into the contentious election-year dispute that has snarled Congress for much of the year.

Senate Minority Leader Tom Daschle, D-S.D., said today he believed enough Republicans — at least three — would join the Senate's 47 Democrats in voting against the amendment.

"It's looking good," he told a reporter before addressing a rally of several hundred unionized workers on the Capitol's West Front steps. "I feel optimistic."

Democrats, meanwhile, sought to draw GOP presidential candidate Bob Dole into the fight, despite his depature from the Senate last month. Joe Lockhart, press secretary of Clinton's re-election campaign, called on Dole to take a stand on the Bond amendment.

"Silence on this issue can only be interpreted as support for efforts to deny American workers a long overdue raise ... (and) represents a complete abdication of the presumptive nominee's leadership," he said.

The bill, passed 281-144 by the House on May 23, would increase the minimum wage from $4.25 an hour to $4.75 initially and to $5.15 a year later. It's paired with a package of tax breaks, mostly for business.

According to Democrats, the amendment would deny a raise to more than 4 million of the 10 million workers earning less than the proposed new minimum.

Clinton is seeking peace assurances from Netanyahu

WASHINGTON (AP) — Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, taking the initiative, is handing over to President Clinton a list of Palestinian violations of peace accords to underscore his claim Yasser Arafat's Palestinian Authority has not met its security commitments.

Diplomatic sources said today the list would include alleged illegal activity in Jerusalem, which has felt the sting of terrorist attacks.

Netanyahu is likely to find in his talks here a mixture of U.S. patience and reminders Israel must keep its promises in negotiations with the Arabs.

The new Israeli leader in his meeting with Clinton was looking for understanding that Israel intends to be more selective in choosing among Arab peace partners and in yielding land to them.

Before the talks, Netanyahu laid a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknowns at Arlington National Cemetery and was honored with a 21-gun salute and playing of the Israeli anthem by the U.S. Army Band.

Before departing Israel on Monday, Netanyahu said, "We are not willing to accept the deterioration of security as an existing and natural situation."

That was a jab at acceptance by the past two Israeli governments of the longtime U.S. maxim that the Arabs will provide peace only in exchange for giving up land that Israel says it needs as a buffer against attack.

Clinton and Secretary of State Warren Christopher, who held a warmup meeting with Netanyahu June 25 in Jerusalem, are signaling their sensitivity to Netanyahu's concern, especially in light of recent terrorist attacks on Americans in Saudi Arabia. Twenty-four Americans were killed in bombings in Riyadh and Dhahran.

Netanyahu returned to the security theme over breakfast today with Christopher, emphasizing also that the Palestinians should be required to fulfill their commitments, too.

"The Israeli government is recently constituted, just getting its bearings," Clinton said at a news conference in France on June 29. "It's quite important that both sides in the Middle East, the Arab parties and the Israelis, give each other some room here. A little time needs to pass."

Girl remains hospitalized

Three-year-old Megan Jalamos remains in the pediatric intensive care unit in a coma at Lubbock's University Medical Center today following a report of her drinking a glass of rubbing alcohol Monday morning.

A 911 call summoned Snyder EMS to 1701 Avenue I at 8:38 a.m. Monday and she was taken to Cogdell Hospital where emergency treatment for the child started. She was later transferred to the Lubbock hospital by a Medivac helicopter from San Angelo.

During treatment of the three-year-old, evidence of bodily injuries to the child became apparent to medical personnel and law enforcement officials were notified. The case is currently under investigation by the Snyder police department.

Lt. Steve Warren said this morning that two subjects who were also residents of the home are being questioned in the incident.

Obituaries

Edna Harris

1913-1996

COLORADO CITY — Funeral service is set for 10 a.m. Wednesday in the Kiker-Seale Funeral Home Chapel for Edna Carroll Harris of Snyder.

The Rev. Larry McAden, pastor of Snyder's Calvary Baptist Church, will officiate. Burial will follow in the Colorado City Cemetery.

Mrs. Harris, 83, died Monday, July 8, at her home in Snyder.

Born Jan. 16, 1913 in Euless, she moved to Snyder in 1940. Mrs. Harris was a nurse at Cogdell Memorial Hospital when it was built, and she worked at Colorado City Valley Fair Lodge for about 20 years. She was an active member of the Senior Center, the Rebekah Lodge and Snyder's Calvary Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by her parents, three sisters and four brothers.

Surviving are her daughter and son-in-law, Jonnie and Charles Taylor of Snyder; two granddaughters, Lynda Robinson of Snyder and Judy Taylor of Denton; three great-granddaughters, Carroll Walker of Snyder; Pamela and Amber Bowlin, both of Denton; three great-great-granddaughters, Sommer, Elizabeth and Aaren Walker, all of Snyder; and several nieces and nephews.

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What's Up?

Hermleigh FBC revival

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Boys & Girls Club board

Scurry County Boys & Girls Club board will meet at 7:30 this evening at the club building, 1500 28th St. Visitors are welcome.

Appraisal review board

Scurry County Appraisal District review board has scheduled a meeting for 9 a.m. Wednesday to hear real estate protests. Also on the agenda is approval of mineral, industrial and real estate adjustments made to last year's roll.

Extended clinic set today

Scurry County Health Unit is having an extended immunization clinic today. Hours are from 2-7 p.m.

People For Progress

People For Progress workers will be at the Snyder Park Club Wednesday and Thursday from 9-12 and 1-4 p.m. for anyone interested in weatherization and utility assistance.

Tumbling, dance and more

Stars-R-S will hold a tumbling, trampoline, dance and twirling camp for kids ages 2-18 on July 22-25 from 9 a.m. until noon. Preregister by July 15 to recieve a T-shirt. A $25 deposit is required. For information, call 573-1602 or 573-8360.

Class of '71 reunion

The Snyder High School Class of 1971 reunion is scheduled Saturday. All teachers, other former students, parents and friends are invited to Snyder Country Club after 9 p.m. for a $6.50 charge. For information, call Lou McMillan at 573-5131.

Bake sale, car wash planned

Ira cheerleaders will hold a bake sale and car wash at Wal-Mart on Saturday, July 20, beginning at 9 a.m.

Cheerleading camp slated

Stars-R-Us gym and SHS varsity cheerleaders will host a cheerleader mini-camp July 29 from 9:30 a.m. to noon at the high school gym. Campers must be 4 years old or older. Fee is $40 and includes a T-shirt if a child is preregistered.

Preregistration will be held from 12-1 p.m. and 5-7 p.m. July 12 and 15-17 at the gym, 2502 Ave. V. Call 573-8360 or 573-1602 for more information.

Key to the Kingdom series

Video tapes of the Key to the Kingdom series are airing on TCA Cable TV Channel 2. The next tape, "Known by His Justice," will air at 7 p.m. Monday.

Ratite meeting planned

The Rolling Plains Ratite Association will meet at 7 p.m. Saturday at Rudy's. Visitors are welcome.

Democrats meet Thursday

There will be a meeting for Democrats at 8 a.m. Thursday in the county courtroom.

Pick 3

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

8-3-7

(eight, three, seven)

Break-ins dominated peace officers' reports

Vehicle break-ins and residential burglaries continue to plague Snyder residents.

John Hunter notified officers at 6:45 a.m. Monday that his van at 3766 Sunset had been ransacked during the night. Nothing was reported missing and no damage was visible, therefore no offense report was made.

Jack Talley notified officers at 8:33 a.m. Monday that someone had been taking miscellaneous items from vehicles at the Texas Department of Transportation. An offense report for Class C theft was submitted.

Shawn Ragland notified officers at 9:23 of the theft of a purse and miscellaneous items from a vehicle at 3749 Sunset.

The theft of an undetermined amount of cash from a residence owned by Stanley Peppers at 2801 Ave. T was reported at 10:56 a.m.

At 4:28 p.m., employees of Dupree Motor Co., reported items taken from several vehicles that were parked on their lot. An offense report for burglary of a motor vehicle was submitted.

Peace officers made two unrelated arrests — one Monday and another this morning.

Deputies arrested 19-year-old Jason Ash of 3120 Ave. T at 4:19 p.m. Monday at the adult probation office on an outstanding warrant for motion to revoke probation.

At 5:22 this morning, officers were called to the 3000 block of 38th Street in reference to a woman being assaulted. Officers arrested Sheldon Dean Howard, 26, of 915 N. Thorpe in Hobbs, N.M., for aggravated assault.

In other activity Monday, an officer was requested at Rose Barber Shop in reference to criminal mischief. An offense report for Class B criminal mischief was submitted.

Officers responded to a report of shoplifters at the Movie Stop at 2:11 p.m. Monday in reference to two subjects taking compact discs. An offense report for Class C theft was submitted.

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