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SCHOOL COUNTDOWN — Tyler Davis, 4, can delete one more thing from his back to school to-do list. He got his vaccinations from Shawna Coggins, LVN, at the Scurry County Health Center. Tyler is the son of Angela and Tim Davis and will attend Northeast preschool. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Starting Friday...

Sales tax holiday for back-to-school items will be held three days

The second annual sales tax holiday kicks off Friday, offering a chance for Texas families to stretch their back-to-school clothing dollars.

The holiday runs through Sunday and this year has been expanded to include layaway items.

No state or local taxes will be charged on most clothing and footwear priced under $100. In addition, eligible clothing and shoes placed in layaway during the sales tax holiday may be taken out at a later date tax-free.

"As a mama and a grandmama, I know this will be beneficial," Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander said. "This will allow hard-working Texas families with limited budgets to pay for their purchase a little bit at a time and still receive the tax break."

The Texas Legislature created the tax holiday to coincide with back-to-school shopping so that families will be able to purchase shoes and clothes for their children tax-free. Additionally, apparel items for adults will also be free from the state's 6.25 percent sales tax.

Highlights of the holiday include:

—Most clothing and footwear priced under $100 is exempt from sales tax. Consumers may purchase as many tax-exempt items as they wish.

—Clothing and footwear used primarily for athletics or protective wear, such as gold cleats or football pads, are not tax exempt. However, athletic clothes that are commonly used as street wear, such as tennis shoes, baseball caps and jogging suits are eligible for the tax exemption.

—Not included in the sales tax holiday are accessories, such as jewelry and watches, and items that are carried rather than worn, including handbags, briefcases, wallets and backpacks.

"This is a good way for families to start their children back to school with some help in the pocketbook, and I hope that parents take full advantage of this break," State Rep. David Counts (D-Knox City) said.

Last August, during the state's first sales tax holiday, taxpayers saved an estimated $32.6 million on clothing and back to school items. That number is expected to increase this year, as more families become more aware of the event.

The sales tax holiday is part of a larger package of sales tax cuts passed by the Texas Legislature totaling more than $1 billion. In addition to the sales tax holiday, over-the-counter medications and many medical devices are now exempt from the state sales tax.

GOP opens convention

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Brimming with confidence and boasting of harmony, Republicans raised the curtain Monday on a political pageant to send George W. Bush into battle to break the Democrats' eight-year lease on the White House.

"Today begins day one of the Bush-Cheney era," declared Jim Nicholson, chairman of the Republican National Committee. He promised that the four-day meeting would be "a different kind of convention for a different kind of Republican."

"We are more united, more enthused, more excited about our prospects this fall than I can ever remember," Nicholson said.

Thousands of people swarmed into the convention hall for the midmorning opening session. But at least half the seats were empty as many delegates waited for Monday night's festivities.

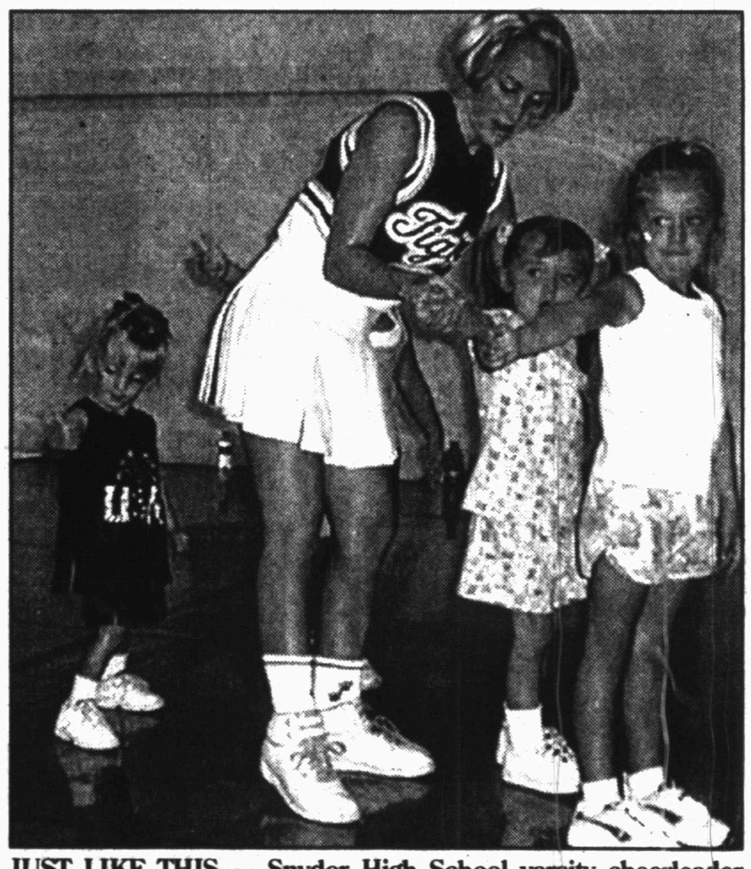
The convention floor was ablaze with colors. Hawaiian delegates wore leis. Many women sported hats and scarves with stars and stripes.

Far from the convention hall, there were scattered protests and attempts to cause disruptions as delegates tried to make their way in. Seven people protesting a military-sponsored school in Georgia were arrested outside City Hall.

The highlights of the first day were to come Monday night with appeals to women, minorities and moderates by the Texas governor's wife, Laura, and retired Gen. Colin Powell, one of the GOP's biggest stars.

"I think I have an opportunity to say things about George that other people don't know about him or can't tell about him," Mrs. Bush said on NBC's Today show.

Her husband also will make an appearance before the Republican National Convention's delegates Monday night through a satellite link.



JUST LIKE THIS — Snyder High School varsity cheerleader Bailey Stoker shows Kelby Greene (second from right) the right moves during the 12th annual mini-cheer camp this morning. The camp is hosted by SHS varsity cheerleaders and Stars*R*Us. Pictured right is Kelby Herrley while Sarah McWilliams is shown at left. (SDN Staff Photo)

Summit fallout spreading to Hillary's Senate race

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton's blunt comments about possibly moving the U.S. Embassy in Israel to Jerusalem and his painting of Yasser Arafat as inflexible negotiator are reverberating in the Middle East — and in New York, where Hillary Rodham Clinton is running for the Senate.

Administration officials say Clinton's tilt toward Israel following the Camp David talks was aimed at shoring up embattled Prime Minister Ehud Barak and was unrelated to the first lady's campaign.

But she has seized on the issue, staking out a pro-Israeli stance that goes beyond her husband's. Until now, it has been an issue that has put her on the defensive.

Hillary Clinton said Saturday that the embassy should be moved from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem before year's end. The president said he would consider that option.

The first lady also has outflanked her husband by demanding that all U.S. aid to the Palestinians be cut off if they unilaterally declare an independent state. Arafat and others have said the Palestinians are ready to make such a declaration on Sept. 13, the deadline for a final peace accord with the Israelis, if no deal is reached by then.

President Clinton said that would be a "big mistake" for Arafat, but he has stopped short of advocating an aid cutoff, saying only that the "entire relationship" with the Palestinians would be reviewed.

"The president has said all along he would support those who take risks for peace," National Security Council spokesman P.J. Crowley said Sunday when asked about Clinton's decision to distance himself from Arafat.

White House spokeswoman Nanda Chitre said Sunday that the president's recently tougher language toward Arafat has nothing to do with Mrs. Clinton's Senate race.

Clinton became the first president even to speculate publicly about moving the embassy to Jerusalem. The administration's position for many years has been that the embassy should remain in Tel Aviv pending a negotiated settlement between Israel and the Palestinians on Jerusalem's status.

That is precisely what the two sides tried to achieve at Camp David. When the effort fell short, Clinton was quick to blame Arafat and to praise Barak who, he said, was "the more creative and more courageous" of the two.

Given New York's heavily Jewish population, Middle East developments are followed more closely by voters in the city than elsewhere in the country. Not long after the talks at Camp David collapsed last Tuesday, Hillary Clinton was staking out a staunchly pro-Israeli position.

"It must be clear that any unilateral declaration of Palestinian statehood would be entirely unacceptable and should be met with a cutoff of United States assistance," she said.

Some New York supporters of Israel have been wary of the first lady. In 1998, she said that a Palestinian state was "very important" to Middle East peace. More recently, a new book alleges that she used an anti-Semitic slur in 1974, which she denies.

Her Republican opponent, Rep. Rick Lazio, long has supported relocating the embassy to Jerusalem and has portrayed her as a Johnny-come-lately to that position. He says she previously opposed the move.

Three dead...

Bryan man guns down five Sunday

BRYAN (AP) — Police are looking for a male suspect who allegedly shot five men early Sunday morning, killing three of them.

During a pool game early Sunday morning, the gunman "put his pool stick down and started shooting," police Sgt. Ernie Montoya told the Bryan-College Station Eagle.

Police said no provocation preceded the shooting before 4 a.m. at a home. Three victims died at the scene. The two others survived and were taken to St. Joseph Regional Health Center in Bryan.

Several people were inside the house at the time of the shooting, including children who were sleeping. But they were not injured.

Montoya said authorities are looking for a 41-year-old Hispanic male. His name was not released.

The men, all from Bryan, were playing pool at the home when the suspect began firing a semiautomatic handgun.

Killed in the shooting were: Victor Salinas, 36; his brother, Francisco Salinas, 51; and Cornelio Alvarado Cisneros, 41. All were pronounced dead at the scene.

Law officers said the Salinas brothers were shot in the back of the head and Cisneros was shot in the chest.

"It just doesn't make sense," a man who identified himself as a brother of the Salinases said. "They were all good friends."

The dead brothers left behind eight children, all younger than 14.

Injured were Brigido Galvan Avila, 43, who was listed in serious condition at St. Joseph hospital; and Daniel Montoya, 43, who was in stable condition.

ASK US

Q—Has the Scurry County Museum selected the design for its 2000 Christmas ornament?

A—Yes, and the ornaments are now available. The forest green ornament features the museum in a gold design.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Saturday, 91 degrees; low, 69; high Sunday, 91; low, 69; 7 a.m. Monday, 70; no precipitation; total for 2000, 15.01 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, partly cloudy with a slight chance of storms, low, upper 60s, SE wind 5-15 mph; Tuesday, partly cloudy, high around 95.

Cris Medrano
Partly Cloudy

Sunset:
8:30 p.m.
Sunrise:
7:02 a.m.
Of 212 days in 2000, the sun has shone 209 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

It takes time to be a success, but time is all it takes.

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Concorde passengers call unscheduled stop 'prudent'

NEW YORK (AP) — British Airways Concorde passengers said Monday that thoughts of last week's Air France crash raced through their minds when their luxury supersonic jet lost speed and began reeking of fuel during a London-to-New York trip.

"It smelled like bad perfume," passenger Jim O'Shaughnessy said. "It was kind of a sickly smell, and the concern was that it was actually fuel leaking. People were nervous."

The plane, whose 57 passengers included entertainers Tony Bennett and George Benson, was diverted to Canada for an emergency landing about 5 p.m. EDT Sunday. No one was injured.

The aborted flight came less than a week after an Air France Concorde crashed just outside Paris, killing 114 people.

O'Shaughnessy, an Internet financial services company owner from Greenwich, Conn., said the British Airways Concorde was about two hours into its trans-Atlantic crossing when passengers noticed a rapid decline in speed.

"The captain came on and said due to an odd odor in the back he was electing to put safety first and make an emergency landing in Newfoundland," O'Shaughnessy said. "We thought that he was acting prudently, he was doing the right thing."

The jet, Flight 003, landed cleanly in Gander, Newfoundland, Canadian transportation officials said. It was grounded for safety checks.

The passengers were transferred several hours later to a Boeing 737 to complete their trip. The chartered jet landed without incident at John F. Kennedy International Airport about 4:20 a.m. Monday.

Despite the emergency landing and two other incidents over the weekend, British Airways planned to continue operating regular Concorde service out of London and New York on Monday.

"We wouldn't be flying unless we thought it was safe," said company spokeswoman Jemma Moore, who called the unscheduled landing a precautionary measure.

Passengers said they remained confident in the plane and would continue to fly Concordes. "It's still the safest airplane around," British Airways passenger Simon Bound said.

Earlier Sunday, another Concorde was unable to take off from Heathrow because of a refueling problem, the airline said. After more than an hour, passengers boarded another Concorde, which arrived safely in New York.

On Saturday evening, fire trucks and ambulances were put on standby at Heathrow after a Concorde flight from New York experienced a mixture of fuel and air in the engine. A loud bang was heard inside the jet, "something like an engine backfiring," a British Airways spokeswoman said.

No injuries were reported in those incidents.

Air France grounded its fleet of five remaining Concordes after the July 25 crash. British Airways briefly halted flights of its seven Concordes but resumed them the next day.

French investigators have been looking into the theory that a burst tire on the plane's undercarriage could have damaged the plane near the engines, causing a fire. Flames spewing from the back of the plane likely were caused by a major fuel leak, experts said Sunday.

Air France Flight 4590 crashed into a small hotel in the town of Gonesse, near Charles de Gaulle airport, just minutes after takeoff. All 109 people on board were killed, as were five people on the ground.

Date Book

Monday, July 31, 2000

Today is the 213th day of 2000 and the 42nd day of summer.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1498, Christopher Columbus discovered Trinidad.

On this day in 1970, Chet Huntley retired after announcing the news on NBC for 15 years.

On this day in 1991, Mikhail Gorbachev and George Bush signed a strategic arms reduction treaty in Moscow.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Milton Friedman (1912-), economist, is 88; Whitney Young (1921-1971), U.S. civil-rights leader; Curt Gowdy (1919-), sportscaster, is 81; William J. Bennett (1943-), U.S. government official, is 57; Geraldine Chaplin (1944-), actress, is 56; Evonne Goolagong Cawley (1951-), tennis great, is 49.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1978, Pete Rose tied Wee Willie Keeler's National League record when he hit safely in his 44th consecutive game.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "The power to do good is also the power to harm." — Milton Friedman

TODAY'S MOON: Day after new moon (July 30).

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New statue unveiled

GOLDEN, Colo. (AP) — A new, 14-foot-high bronze statue of "Buffalo" Bill Cody reveals a kinder, gentler version of the Wild West legend.

The statue, unveiled this weekend at Buffalo Bill Days, has Cody carrying his young daughter on his shoulders instead of riding a horse or shooting a buffalo.

"It's beautiful," said Golden resident Amy Rosenbaum. "A lot of people thought Buffalo Bill was a wild character. This tames him down a bit."

Cody is buried on Lookout Mountain overlooking Golden.

LIVE AUCTION — The fourth annual Taste of Scurry County will be held at the First Baptist Church's Family Life Center on Thursday, Aug. 17, beginning at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are $12.50 for adults and $5 for children 5-12. Children younger than 5 eat free. Tickets are available at the museum, from board members and at Bullard's Computer Solution. The deadline is Aug. 15. One of the auction items will be free golf lessons from Wade Hatter, manager of Western Texas College's Golf Pro Shop. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

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Herbert Clark Hoover, the 31st president of the United States, was born in West Branch, Iowa in 1874.

Laura Bush will open convention on Monday night

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Slow to embrace the political spotlight, Laura Bush will move to center stage Monday to symbolically open the Republican National Convention for her husband, Texas Gov. George W. Bush.

The prime-time address will bring the reserved former librarian front and center before an audience of millions, and serve as the bookend to Bush's closing speech Thursday, when he accepts his party's presidential nomination.

Her remarks will focus on literacy, an issue central to her private life as a teacher and which she has championed from the governor's mansion.

Mrs. Bush's pivotal role in launching the four-day convention reflects her own journey, even as she accompanied Bush down a winding political path.

When they married in 1977, Bush promised that she would never have to make a political speech. Then, in no time flat, Bush mounted a losing bid for Congress and his wife was called on to address the crowds.

He often jokes that it's the only political promise he ever broke.

Campaigning in Sunday in Ohio, Bush proudly noted his wife's presence.

"Guess who's kicking off the convention tomorrow?" he teased.

Bush's two gubernatorial campaigns and his presidential bid each drew a cautious response from his wife, who feared exposing herself and their twin daughters — now age 18 and college-bound around Labor Day — to the public.

"I was the last person on board," she told The Associated Press earlier this year about her husband's White House bid.

But she has increasingly stepped out on her own, giving interviews and stumping on her own for her husband.

As first lady of Texas, her causes have mirrored her interests. She has coordinated an annual book festival to help Texas authors and raise money for libraries. She has said she will continue those pursuits if her husband wins.

Later this week, Mrs. Bush will be feted at a luncheon by the Federation of American Women where, in a twist, the Texas governor will be one of the featured speakers on behalf of his wife.

Mrs. Bush is not the only relative taking up the mantle here until Bush arrives here at the convention on Wednesday.

A brother, Florida Gov. Jeb Bush, will be "very actively engaged as a surrogate speaker," said convention Chairman Andrew Card.

And Jeb's son, George P. Bush, plans to be visible this week.

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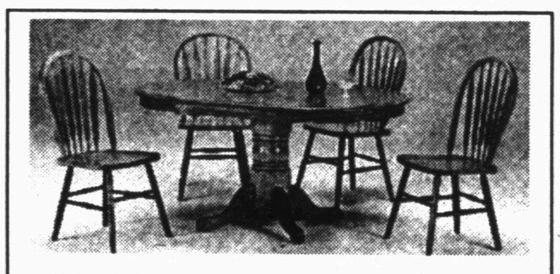

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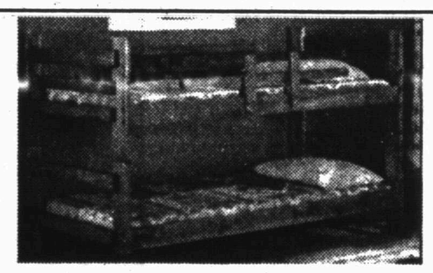

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With lake dropping, boats must be moved

By The Associated Press

With Lake Travis levels at a 15-year low from the state's long-running drought, marina operators left high and dry are moving boats and Central Texas residents are wondering how low the levels can go.

It's a scene that has been repeated at Texas' Highland Lakes during the drought in which 195 counties have been declared disaster areas. Scattered rains that fell in the state over the weekend were not expected to dampen the drought's long-term effects.

A final section of the Anderson Mill marina on Lake Travis will be towed in a few days to deeper water a mile closer to the main basin, manager Henry Hasselfield told the Austin American-Statesman on Sunday.

He said moving the 200-foot section, along with 32 boats, will take six hours. The idea is to move boats where they are safe from grounding, even when the lake keeps dropping.

"It takes three hours of hooking up cable and lights," Hasselfield said. "It's definitely an all-day thing. We're not enjoying this at all."

Marinas at Lake Travis haven't had to evacuate for 16 years.

But already, Hurst Harbor marina has moved its docks half a mile across the lake and the Austin Yacht Club has moved four of its six docks closer to the main basin. Operators of Emerald Point marina are considering a a similar journey.

"We're all having to deal with it," said Doug Powell, manager of Marshall Ford marina.

So far, he said, the marina still has enough water to stay in its cove opposite Mansfield Dam.

Boats crowding into the serpentine lake's main channel from elsewhere in the waterway add to the congestion. There, boats cruise at high speed, dodging rocks and stumps that lie just below the surface now.

Lake patrol officers continue to discover boats whose operators have run them 20 to 30 feet onshore during the night.

Managing the lake as a reservoir to fulfill contracts for municipal and agricultural-irrigation water in Austin and Southeast Texas, the Lower Colorado River Authority had expected water from Lake Buchanan to hold Lake Travis at 645 feet until Sept. 4, even without significant watershed rains.

But authority officials are now projecting a further 2-foot drop by Sept. 1 to 643 feet. Now at 645 feet above mean sea level, the lake is 23 feet below its average for this time of year — levels not seen since 1984.

"July has been so dry that everybody's water demands are greater than we expected, and we had to release more," Wes Birdwell, the authority's hydrology manager, said. "Hopefully, we'll get some rain in August."

Scattered parts of the state received weekend rain. Sunday's storms in San Antonio provided the first significant amounts since June for residents who have been under water use restrictions. Amid the rainfall, about 70 major and minor traffic mishaps occurred.

"They just started flooding in on us there for a while," dispatch supervisor Andy Flores told the San Antonio Express-News.

The Edwards Aquifer that provides the region's water rebounded slightly Sunday, rising to 642.3 feet above sea level, up 1.9 feet from Saturday.

Thunderstorms in the Waco area dropped more than three-quarters of an inch of rain Saturday after 30 straight days without precipitation. But the National Weather Service said the moisture did not change the drought.

"The drought is really a long-term condition," NWS meteorologist Steve Fano told the Waco Tribune-Herald. "It will take more than a couple of really good rains to end this drought. We need a lot more rain."

The Texas Forest Service has changed the fire risk designation of McLennan County and several nearby counties from moderate to high. Some surrounding counties had already been declared a high risk, including Bell, Falls, Coryell, Bosque, Hamilton and Limestone.

Knotts attends reunion

MORGANTOWN, W.Va. (AP) — Even if Morgantown High School's class of 1942 wasn't dwindling in size, actor Don Knotts would probably still stand out.

Knotts, best known as Barney Fife, the bumbling deputy to Sheriff Andy Taylor in "The Andy Griffith Show," joined 80 former classmates at a reunion Saturday.

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

Private matters become public in wireless world

DEAR ABBY: I read your column every day and appreciate the forum you provide for people to reach a large audience in an objective and effective way. I witnessed something the other day that could cause financial harm, and I feel your readers should be warned to be more careful.

My family had lunch in a busy fast-food restaurant. Seated at a table next to us was a gentleman conducting business over his cell phone. Since the restaurant was busy and loud, he raised his voice to be heard on the phone. Abby, he gave his credit card number, the expiration date, the name on the credit card and which credit card he was using! Anyone could have written that information down and used it for his or her own purposes.

Please warn your readers to be careful about giving out private information where it can be overheard. — **CONCERNED IN ANAHEIM**

DEAR CONCERNED: Consider them warned. A lapse of judgment like that can wreak havoc on one's financial history. Readers, beware — you never know who might be listening.

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DEAR ABBY: I have been involved with a man since last November. I have opened up every aspect of my life and my home to him. Because of his work, he travels quite a bit, and while he is gone, he doesn't stay in contact. As long as he is "working" out of town, he won't call. When he returns, he calls to let me know. Sometimes days — or even weeks — have gone by without any word from him.

I'm at the end of my rope. I have tried explaining to him on several occasions how this makes me feel; nothing has helped. My friends tell me to lose him, but I really love the guy. Short of exploding on him the next time he calls, what should I do? — **SLEEPLESS IN OKLAHOMA**

DEAR SLEEPLESS: Exploding won't help. Distancing yourself might. He knows how you feel about his disappearing act. By not calling, he is giving you an unmistakable message: out of sight, out of mind. Although you have "opened up every aspect of your life and home" to him, he has not reciprocated.

Your friends may be on to something. Lose this loser. He will never make you happy.

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DEAR ABBY: I could not agree more with your advice to "Had It in Houston" regarding the unruly neighbor child. The girl's neglectful parents would send her over "uninvited and unwanted" whenever they saw the family outdoors together.

I encountered a similar situation. This is how I handled it. I told the child, "Honey, your face is dirty — let me wash it," or, "Honey, we don't speak to one another like that, we say this ..." or, "Sweetheart, if you cannot obey the rules here, you will have to go home now. I'm sorry." Or, "It's time for you to go home now. We'll see you tomorrow."

Abby, "Houston" must realize that this is a child, not an adult guest. Different rules apply. Also, what goes in their ears comes out of their mouths — so use your firm, kind, gentle voice. — **EVERYBODY'S MOM, EL CAJON, CALIF.**

DEAR MOM: You're a generous and caring woman. Having read your letter, I can only conclude that "everybody" is lucky to have an adult like you in their lives.

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Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Tuesday, August 1, 2000

An influential associate could be instrumental in the year ahead in helping you advance your interests if you're willing to change the way you've always done things. Be flexible.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Keep your requests of friends today in proportion to what they can deliver, especially if what you're asking involves business affairs. Socialize with pals without contingencies. Trying to patch up a broken romance? The Astro-Graph Matchmaker can help you understand what to do to make the relationship work. Mail $2.75 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) A disappointing day could be in store for you when it comes to attaining a personal goal today. However, you'll quickly realize it was of little value compared to the love of your family.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) If a lack of imagination is your problem today, don't be too proud to ask for a brainstorming session with associates. They'll get your juices flowing again.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Don't think you have to accept the first deal offered to you today by familiar sources. Check around, and you'll find there are lots of better conditions to be found elsewhere.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) You don't have to carry the load today for cohorts who turn out to be dead weight. Break away from them and do your own thing where you can be effective and successful.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) There are indications that you could have a tendency to reward the undeserving today. Generosity is a noble virtue, but it must be seasoned with wisdom.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Guard against temptations to gamble on something in which a friend found considerable luck. Yours lies elsewhere, and that is in areas where things come naturally to you.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Disappointment is likely today if you're too eager to please everyone with whom you find yourself involved. Take care of what needs caring and let others take care of themselves.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Unwelcomed information that comes to your attention today can be used to transform a situation into something advantageous. Turn the tables on bad luck.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Be careful not to weaken your position today by giving away more than you have to in hopes of gaining a stronger foothold. To be effective, you must capitalize on your assets not give them away.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) If you should make some blunders today, don't toss in the towel prematurely. Instead, look for ways as to how you can help correct any mistakes you have made.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Count only on yourself today and you will come out a winner. Putting too much stock in promises made to you, especially by a business associate, could produce the opposite effects.

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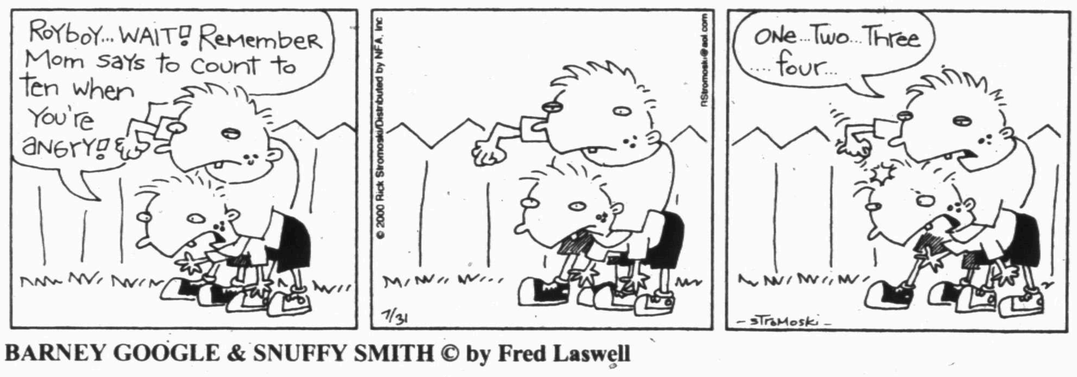

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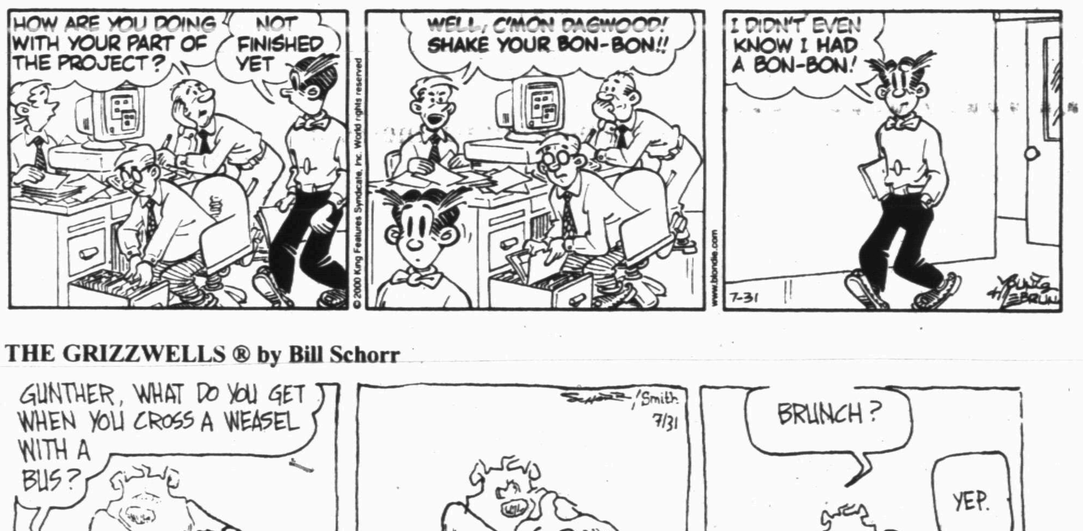

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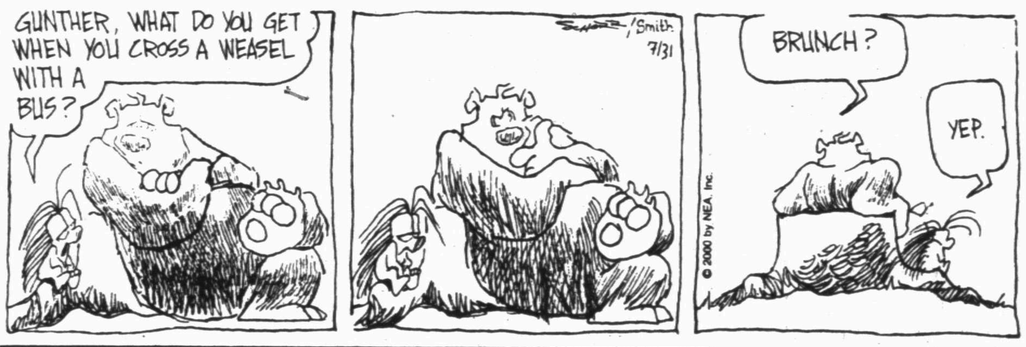

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1 Actor Charlton —
7 Accra's place
12 Each
13 Skater Eric —
14 Rock salt
15 Hazardous
16 Guided
17 — Moines
18 Harem room
21 Takes care of
23 Eccentric
26 Spatters with sticky dirt
28 Spanish painter
29 Regret
30 Seabird
31 Psychology type
33 — Tower of Pisa
36 Tamarisk salt tree
37 Superlative suffix
38 Manner
40 Leaves
41 Mao — -tung
42 Mountains of South America
44 Large rodent
45 Birthday number
46 Be a suitor
48 Cyclist's headgear
51 Refer (to)
55 Place where bees are kept
56 One who lifts
57 Dizzy
58 Scandinavian monetary units

DOWN

1 Shout of amusement
2 Clean-air org.
3 Part of RSVP
4 Lime tree
5 Group of eight
6 Had to have
7 Rock group that featured Peter Gabriel
8 Snake's sound
9 Oklahoma town
10 Ship-shaped clock
11 One (Scot.)
13 Football gathering
18 Egg dish
19 Coercion
20 Congenitally joined
22 Was a shrew
23 Public speaker
24 Actor Keir —
25 Hate
27 D.C. bigwig
32 License plate
34 Mental pictures
35 Four score and ten
39 New Jersey city
43 Kind of heat
45 "Diary of — — Housewife"
47 Miscellany
48 Vicious old woman
49 "Gram" start
50 Box top
52 Naval abbr.
53 Poor grade
54 Miscalculate

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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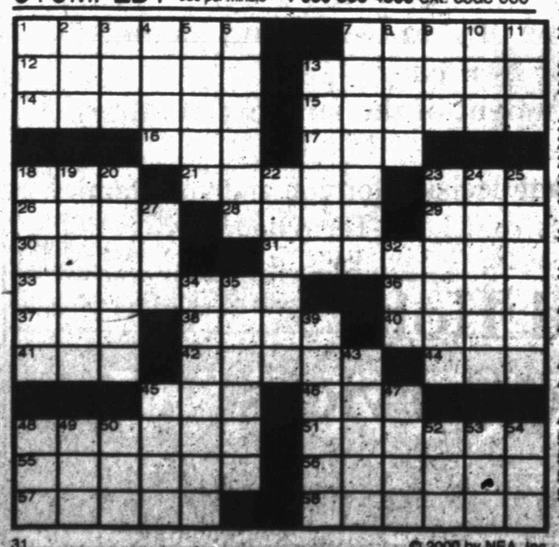

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SPORTS

In preseason opener...

Steelers blast Cowboys, 38-10

IRVING (AP) — In his first two professional quarters, Plaxico Burres sent quite a message to NFL cornerbacks.

The Pittsburgh Steelers' top draft pick caught two passes over smaller guys, one in the end zone. He ran over someone after another catch. A 5-yard reception became a 20-yarder when his defender was flagged for roughing.

Burress' immediate impact helped the Steelers beat the Dallas Cowboys 38-10 Sunday night in the preseason opener for both teams.

Cleveland beat Philadelphia 33-22 in Sunday's only other preseason NFL game.

The Cowboys trailed 14-10 when they turned things over to youngsters and backups. The second-tier players committed four second-quarter turnovers and the Steelers cashed them all in for 24 points. Neither team scored in the second half.

Burress played with the first and second teams. No matter who else was on the field, he stood out, making four catches for 60 yards and a touchdown, and drawing another 36 yards in penalties, leading to another touchdown.

"Everybody says that I make it look easy," Burress said. "But it is definitely not easy."

Burress came in on Pittsburgh's second series and quarterback Kordell Stewart couldn't wait to break in his new target. He threw to Burress on the first snap and three of the first six.

The first one was high, but Burress snagged it from above rookie cornerback Mario Edwards for 29 yards.

Then Burress turned a short pass into a 24-yard gain by running over Dallas' top draft pick, Dwayne Goodrich. Two plays later, Stewart threw to Burress in the end zone and Edwards was flagged for interference. Pittsburgh moved 21 yards to the 1, and Jerome Bettis scored for a 7-0 lead.

Burress' next catch came on the final drive of the first half. It was a short one from Kent Graham, but a 15-yard roughing penalty made it a big gain.

The drive ended with Burress using his body to snag a 2-yard touchdown lob over second-year corner Duane Hawthorne that gave Pittsburgh a 38-10 lead. Burress spiked the ball near Hawthorne and drew a 15-yard penalty for taunting.

"Coach pulled me aside and told me not to do it again," Burress said.

The blowout spoiled the debut of Cowboys coach Dave Campo. His consolation is that he still has five weeks to prepare for the debut that counts.

"I'm not concerned," Campo said. "I'm not happy with the score, but it's not the No. 1 goal. There's going to be individual performances that were good."

Dallas showed little of the new offense it's breaking in, unless the new plan emphasizes linebacker-turned-fullback Robert Thomas. Thomas caught three of Troy Aikman's six completions for 21 yards.

Aikman's first possession ended when he lost a fumble on a blind-side sack after left tackle Flozell Adams missed a block.

His second drive was more typical of Dallas' offseason changes: a 25-yard pass to newly acquired Joey Galloway, a 23-yarder to Raghib Ismail, a 5-yard dump to Thomas, and a 1-yard touchdown run by Chris Warren, filling in for the injured Emmitt Smith.

"We moved the ball well and put it in the end zone," said Aikman, who was 6-for-7 for 83 yards. "With a limited number of snaps, you have to be happy with that."

Pittsburgh running back Destry Wright dislocated his right ankle and broke his right leg, probably ending his season. Dallas lost tight end Mike Lucky to a knee injury, safety Sean Key broke two bones in his right leg and cornerback Kareem Larrimore broke his right hand.

Browns 33, Eagles 22

Ty Detmer stole the spotlight in Courtney Brown's NFL debut, throwing two touchdown passes for Cleveland in the preseason opener for both teams.

Detmer completed 13 of 15 passes for 131 yards, and directed three TD drives, all against the Eagles' reserves.

He capped a 53-yard drive late in the first half by throwing a 2-yard TD pass to Mark Campbell that put Cleveland ahead 14-10 with 1:56 left.

On his last drive, Detmer went 4-for-5 and capped a 66-yard drive with a 13-yard TD pass to JaJuan Dawson, giving Cleveland a 27-16 lead with 5:17 left in the third quarter.

NFL Preseason Glance

Saturday's Games
Atlanta 20, Indianapolis 13
New York Jets 24, New Orleans 20
Sunday's Games
Cleveland 33, Philadelphia 22
Pittsburgh 38, Dallas 10
Monday's Game
New England vs. San Francisco at Canton, Ohio, 7 p.m.

Ex-Rangers lead Tigers to victory

ARLINGTON (AP) — Dean Palmer and Juan Gonzalez had a pretty good time against their former team.

Palmer and Gonzalez, both former Texas players traded away, had three hits each Sunday night as the Detroit Tigers held on to beat the Rangers 8-7 and earn a split in the four-game series.

Palmer has been gone from Texas since 1997, when he was traded to Kansas City before signing with the Tigers as a free agent after the 1998 season. Gonzalez was making his first appearance as a visitor at The Ballpark in Arlington. He was the centerpiece of a nine-player trade last November.

"You know it was a big series for him coming back here for the first time. I remember my situation when I got traded ... you want to do well," Palmer said. "He's probably happy and put it all behind him now."

Knowing how Gonzalez felt for sure after going 3-for-5 in the finale was uncertain since he refused to talk to a group of reporters immediately after the game like he had for most of the series. He was 8-for-16 in the four games.

Palmer drove in four runs Sunday for the Tigers, including a two-run homer and an RBI single in the first two innings as they built a 7-0 lead. Gonzalez scored three runs, the last on an RBI double by Palmer in the seventh that eventually proved to be the difference.

Glavine, Braves control Astros

ATLANTA (AP) — In Tom Glavine's first three full seasons in the major leagues, the Atlanta Braves lost an average of 100 games and finished last in the NL West each year.

One world championship, five NL pennants and eight division titles later, the Braves are a model organization, and Glavine is a 200-game winner.

"As good as I might have been, I don't know if I would've gotten here by playing on some of those teams," Glavine said after pitching eight-plus innings in a 6-3 victory over the Houston Astros on Sunday.

"Looking back, I can truly say I'm fortunate that I've been in an organization as good as this one is."

Glavine (13-5), who allowed three runs and seven hits, joined teammate Greg Maddux and Roger Clemens as the only active pitchers with 200 wins. He became the 96th pitcher in major league history to reach the plateau.

Only Hall of Famer Phil Niekro (226) has more victories with Atlanta. Glavine, who won his sixth straight start, was given a standing ovation as he came out to start the ninth, and again when he was taken out after facing three batters.

"I wanted to pitch it. I felt good," Glavine said. "But we missed a chance to turn a double play, and that was it for me. Fortunately, (Mike) Remlinger came in and shut the door."

Glavine was replaced after allowing an RBI single to Moises Alou that made it 6-2. With runners on first and second, manager Bobby Cox brought in Remlinger, who struck out Lance Berkman and gave up a run-scoring single to Tony Eusebio.

Remlinger finished for his ninth save in 11 opportunities.

Glavine improved to 7-0 against the Astros since the beginning of the 1996 season.

ABC's newest team is set for tonight's Hall of Fame debut

CANTON, Ohio (AP) — The San Francisco 49ers and New England Patriots are intent on better seasons. So is ABC's "Monday Night Football."

Like the coach of a team going nowhere, producer Don Ohlmeyer hired standup comic Dennis Miller to shake up the booth. Miller, play-by-play man Al Michaels and new analyst Dan Fouts make their debut Monday night in the Hall of Fame game between the 49ers and Patriots.

Miller, known for his long "rants" on his weekly HBO comedy show, doesn't plan on dominating the broadcast.

"I do know football reasonably well. I know well enough that I didn't play the game," Miller said. "So therefore I would defer on most things to people who had the guts to play it. I watch it as much as anybody and I can bring a little humor, hopefully. I just want to make it entertainment to some extent."

That in itself would be a change for MNF, whose Nielsen ratings have gone down each of the past five seasons.

Michaels said the MNF crew will need time to grow.

"Everybody will make a certain judgment after five or 10 minutes of the game and that's going to be unfair," Michaels said. "I think over the course of the season it will get better and better, it'll get smoother and smoother."

WNBA Glance

All Times EDT

EASTERN CONFERENCE	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	17	10	.630	—
Cleveland	14	12	.538	2½
Orlando	14	13	.519	3
Detroit	12	14	.462	4½
Washington	11	15	.423	5½
Miami	10	17	.370	7
Indiana	7	19	.269	9½
Charlotte	7	20	.259	10

WESTERN CONFERENCE	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Los Angeles	24	3	.889	—
x-Houston	22	5	.814	2
Sacramento	18	10	.643	6½
Phoenix	17	10	.630	7
Utah	15	12	.555	9
Minnesota	13	13	.500	10½
Portland	9	18	.333	15
Seattle	4	23	.148	20

x-clinched playoff spot

Saturday's Games
Los Angeles 84, Houston 74
Minnesota 87, Washington 85
Detroit 75, Charlotte 72
Utah 79, Indiana 71
New York 81, Cleveland 67
Sunday's Games
Sacramento 70, Phoenix 63
Miami 64, Seattle 51
Portland 76, Orlando 55
Monday's Games
Charlotte at New York, 7:30 p.m.
Cleveland at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
Los Angeles at Minnesota, 8 p.m.

Major League Baseball

National League
All Times EDT

East Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Atlanta	65	40	.619	—
New York	59	44	.573	5
Florida	51	53	.490	13½
Montreal	47	54	.465	16
Philadelphia	46	57	.447	18
Central Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
St. Louis	57	47	.548	—
Cincinnati	53	51	.510	4
Chicago	48	55	.466	8½
Pittsburgh	45	58	.437	11½
Milwaukee	44	61	.419	13½
Houston	38	66	.365	19
West Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Arizona	58	47	.552	—
San Francisco	56	46	.549	½
Los Angeles	55	49	.529	2½
Colorado	50	53	.485	7
San Diego	46	58	.442	11½

Saturday's Games
N.Y. Mets 4, St. Louis 3
Atlanta 13, Houston 5
Chicago Cubs 8, San Francisco 1
Florida 4, Arizona 2
Pittsburgh 10, San Diego 2
Cincinnati 4, Montreal 3, 11 innings
Philadelphia 3, Los Angeles 0
Colorado 10, Milwaukee 2
Sunday's Games
N.Y. Mets 4, St. Louis 2
Atlanta 6, Houston 3
Milwaukee 3, Colorado 2
Cincinnati 7, Montreal 4
Philadelphia 3, Los Angeles 2
Chicago Cubs 3, San Francisco 1
San Diego 9, Pittsburgh 8
Florida 4, Arizona 3
Monday's Games
St. Louis (Kile 12-6) at Montreal (Thurman 2-1), 7:05 p.m.
Houston (Lima 3-13) at Florida (Burnett 1-1), 7:05 p.m.
Los Angeles (Valdes 2-4) at Pittsburgh (Silva 7-4), 7:05 p.m.
Cincinnati (Williamson 3-7) at N.Y. Mets (Rusch 7-7), 7:10 p.m.
Colorado (Bohanon 5-7) at Chicago Cubs (Tapani 6-8), 8:05 p.m.
San Francisco (Gardner 7-4) at Milwaukee (Haynes 9-10), 8:05 p.m.
Philadelphia (Chen 5-0) at San Diego (Williams 5-3), 10:05 p.m.
Only games scheduled
Tuesday's Games
Colorado (Astacio 8-7) at Chicago Cubs (Downs 4-3), 2:20 p.m.
St. Louis (Ankiel 7-6) at Montreal (Moore 0-0), 7:05 p.m.
Houston (Erickson 10-4) at Florida (Smith 1-3), 7:05 p.m.
Los Angeles (Perez 4-5) at Pittsburgh (Anderson 3-5), 7:05 p.m.
Cincinnati (Parris 5-13) at N.Y. Mets (Hampton 10-7), 7:10 p.m.
San Francisco (Estes 10-3) at Milwaukee (Snyder 3-5), 8:05 p.m.
Atlanta (Millwood 6-8) at Arizona (Reynoso 7-7), 10:05 p.m.
Philadelphia (Person 5-3) at San Diego (Eaton 2-2), 10:05 p.m.

American League
All Times EDT

East Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
New York	56	44	.560	—
Boston	53	48	.525	3½
Toronto	55	51	.519	4
Baltimore	45	58	.437	12½
Tampa Bay	44	59	.427	13½
Central Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Chicago	64	41	.610	—
Cleveland	52	50	.510	10½
Detroit	48	55	.466	15
Kansas City	47	57	.452	16½
Minnesota	48	59	.449	17
West Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Seattle	61	43	.587	—
Oakland	57	47	.548	4
Anaheim	56	50	.528	6
Texas	50	53	.485	10½

Saturday's Games
Cleveland 14, Baltimore 3, 1st game
Baltimore 7, Cleveland 0, 2nd game
Anaheim 6, Chicago White Sox 5
Seattle 6, Toronto 5, 13 innings
Minnesota 6, N.Y. Yankees 2
Tampa Bay 2, Kansas City 1
Detroit 10, Texas 2
Oakland 12, Boston 1
Sunday's Games
N.Y. Yankees 7, Minnesota 4
Tampa Bay 7, Kansas City 6
Baltimore 10, Cleveland 7
Oakland 5, Boston 2
Seattle 10, Toronto 6
Detroit 8, Texas 7
Chicago White Sox 11, Anaheim 7, 10 innings
Monday's Games
Minnesota (Romero 0-0) at Baltimore (Ponson 5-7), 7:35 p.m.
Boston (R.Martinez 8-6) at Seattle (Abbott 6-4), 10:05 p.m.
Toronto (Wells 16-3) at Oakland (Hudson 11-3), 10:05 p.m.
Detroit (Weaver 6-9) at Anaheim (Schoeneweis 5-5), 10:05 p.m.
Tuesday's Games
Toronto (Loaiza 6-7) at Oakland (Zito 1-0), 3:35 p.m.
Kansas City (Reichert 4-6) at N.Y. Yankees (Gooden 5-3), 7:05 p.m.
Cleveland (Colon 9-8) at Tampa Bay (Rupe 3-4), 7:15 p.m.
Minnesota (Redman 9-4) at Baltimore (Mussina 6-10), 7:35 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Baldwin 12-7) at Texas (Glynn 2-1), 8:35 p.m.
Boston (Wakefield 6-5) at Seattle (Halama 9-5), 10:05 p.m.
Detroit (Sparks 0-2) at Anaheim (Cooper 4-5), 10:05 p.m.

Sports Briefs

SHS football workouts

Snyder High School football workouts will begin next Monday. All freshman, JV and varsity players must report to the field house at 6:30 a.m. to receive equipment. The first practice will get underway at 4 p.m.

Horseshoe pitching

Snyder Slingers Horseshoe Club has league play at 7 p.m. Thursdays at the courts adjacent to the coliseum. For more information, call T.C. Nunn at 573-6710 or Terry Duncan at 573-5589.

WGA playday

Snyder County Club Women's Golf Association will hold its weekly play day at 9 a.m. Tuesday. Format will be Most Pars, Net Pars on Front 9. A luncheon and business meeting will follow play. Also, the Friday mixed-foursomes event will begin at 5:30 p.m.

Athletic physicals

All athletes needing physical exam must do so by Friday. An appointment must be made with one of the following doctors: Burleson, Cooper, Thompson, Nussey or Rakov. Athletes requiring physicals include all incoming 7th and 9th graders, students new to SISD, students participating in athletics for the first time, and any student whose medical history form requires them to do so. All athletes not needing a physical must return all completed forms to their coach, the athletic director's office, or trainer Steve Krueger. Incoming 7th and 9th graders can pick up physical forms in the doctors' offices.

Kiwanis Club tournament

Snyder Kiwanis Club will host the Cargile Scholarship Foundation Benefit Golf Tournament Saturday at WTC. Entry fee for the four-person scramble is $30 per person. Cash prizes will be awarded to the top four teams, along with prizes for closest-to-the-hole and longest drive. $10,000 will be awarded for a hole-in-one. To register, call the WTC pro shop at 573-9291 or Russell Fisk at 573-3438 or 573-3267.

Golf team qualifying

Qualifying for the SHS boys and girls golf team will be held at 9 a.m. Aug. 10-11 at the WTC course, according to Coach Matt Glenn. The tryout is open to all SHS students.

Junior golf classic

Western Texas College will host the Junior Classic starting at 9 a.m. Friday, Aug. 11, at the WTC golf course. Entry fee for the 10 and under age division is $10. Entry fee for the 11-14 and the 15 and older division is $15. To sign up call 573-9291.

Men's blowout partnership

The 12th annual Blowout Partnership will be held Aug. 25-27 at Snyder Country Club. The field will be limited to 60 teams, pre-flighted by combined handicap. A practice round will be held Aug. 25. Saturday's format will be scramble, and Sunday's will be lowball. Entry fee is $310 per team. Deadline to register is Aug. 18. For more information, call the SCC pro shop at 573-7101.

White Sox make deal

ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP) — The AL Central-leading Chicago White Sox acquired catcher Charles Johnson and DH Harold Baines from Baltimore for catcher Brook Fordyce and three minor league pitchers Saturday night. Johnson is hitting .294 with 21 homers and 55 RBIs. Baines, 41, is hitting .266 with 10 homers and 30 RBIs in 72 games. He has already done two stints with the White Sox, from 1980-89 and 1996-97. The team retired his number in 1989.

Youngest LPGA player wins

HOWLAND, Ohio (AP) — Dorothy Delasin became the LPGA's youngest winner in 25 years when she birdied the last hole to force a playoff with Pat Hurst, and then beat her with a par on the second extra hole to win the Giant Eagle LPGA Classic.

The 19-year-old Delasin is the youngest winner on the tour since Amy Alcott took the Orange Blossom Classic at age 19 in 1975. Delasin closed with a 5-under-par 67 for an 11-under 205 total. Hurst finished with a 70.

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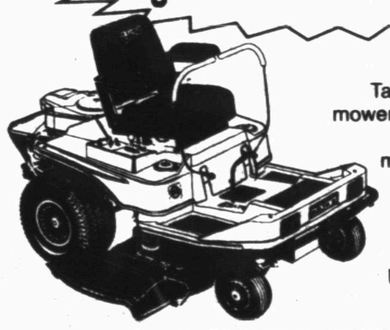

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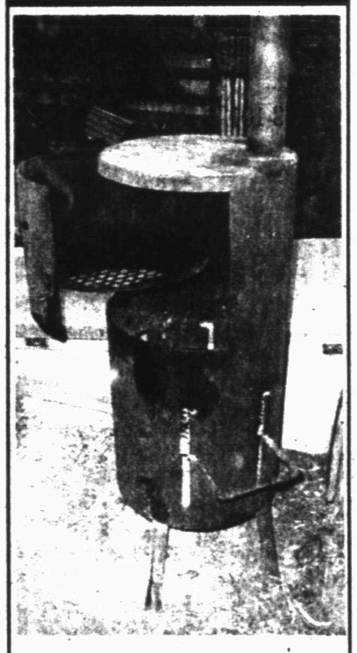

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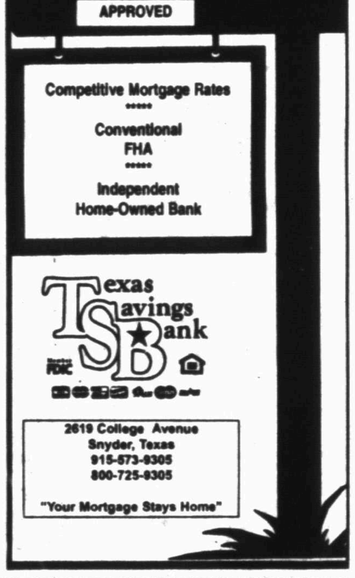

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Copies of the initially prepared regional water plan are available in the County Clerk's office of the counties listed above and the main public library of the county seat in each county, if one exists.

Public meetings will be held at the Texas A&M University Research and Extension Center, 7887 US Highway 87 North, San Angelo, Texas, on Tuesday, September 5, 2000, at 6p.m.; and at the UTPB Center for Energy and Economic Diversification, 1400 North FM 1788, Odessa, Texas, on Wednesday, September 6, 2000, at 6p.m. Written and oral comments will be accepted at these hearings on the information contained within the initially prepared regional water plans. Written comments will also be accepted through Monday, September 11, 2000. Written comments or requests for additional information are to be directed to the following:

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Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.

Lyme vaccine may cause problems

DEAR DR. GOTT: After I received my third dose of Lyme-disease vaccine, I developed pronounced pain and stiffness in my joints. I've never had arthritis before. Could the vaccine be to blame?

DEAR READER: According to an article in the New York Times (June 13, 2000), the Food and Drug Administration has received about 500 complaints from people who were given Lyme vaccine. Most of these complaints had to do with arthritis; several, however, concerned serious symptoms that caused permanent disability or life-threatening illness. Furthermore, according to the Times, three patients have filed suit against the vaccine manufacturer, Smith Kline Beecham, contending that they suffered incapacitating arthritis from the product. Apparently, about 30 percent of the normal population has a particular genetic protein, called HLA-DR4, with which the vaccine interacts, leading to a tendency for the Lyme shot to cause the body to attack its own normal tissues, a type of auto-immune disorder.

To date, investigations concerning this alleged interaction are in their infancy. Nonetheless, Smith Kline Beecham has further refined the vaccine's warning labels: the product is not recommended for children under 15, adults over 70, people who have been diagnosed with Lyme disease within the preceding three months and individuals with severe arthritis.

As a consequence, many doctors — who previously endorsed the vaccine enthusiastically — have adopted a wait-and-see approach. Other physicians, citing that no one knows the long-term consequences, are not recommending its use, except for adults in high-risk professions, such as foresters, surveyors and landscapers.

In answer to your quesion, yes, the vaccine could have caused your symptoms. However, this scenario has yet to play out, so I cannot make unequivocal recommendations to readers at large. I urge you (and other vaccine-recipients) to check with your own physician for further testing and advice if you appear to have developed symptoms from the product.

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

DEAR DR. GOTT: I had a hysterectomy but retained my ovaries. Do I need to worry about pregnancy?

DEAR READER: No, you don't. Pregnancy can only occur in the presence of a uterus, an organ that is removed during hysterectomy. Nonetheless, some women in your position fear tubal pregnancy, when the fertilized ovum attaches to the lining of the fallopian tube and grows. Again, this is impossible because the surgeon removed your cervix, thereby effectively preventing any sperm from reaching an ovum, even though your ovaries will continue to function. You are permanent y infertile as a result of the hysterectomy.

DEAR DR. GOTT: What is globus syndrome? Does it start with a viral infection? How is it treated?

DEAR READER: Globus hystericus is a lump-in-the-throat sensation that has no physical basis. The condition often arises in overly tense individuals, who become easily "choked up" during periods of stress and nervousness, suppression of sadness, or expressions of happiness. The sensation can frequently be relieved by crying, but must be differentiated from other, more serious physical disorders, such as tumors of the throat and neck-muscle spasm.

Treatment consists of supportive care (from professionals and family members) and counseling. It is not related to viral infections.

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Federal subsidies raise farm incomes

WASHINGTON (AP) — An outpouring of government subsidies will push net U.S. farm income to $46.1 billion this year, a 6 percent increase from last year, the Agriculture Department says.

Congress has approved three multibillion-dollar bailouts of the farm economy in as many years, and government farm payments are likely to reach $22.7 billion this year, $2.1 billion above 1999, according to a report by USDA's Economic Research Service.

Cash receipts also will be up this year from crops and livestock, but production expenses also are higher, largely because of increased fuel prices.

Grain prices collapsed in 1998 and have yet to recover because of a succession of bumper crops in the United States and around the world.

"With large supplies of most agricultural commodities and prospects of little or no near-term growth in demand, prices for major crops will likely remain low," the July 26 report said.

Total production expenses are forecast at $198.8 billion this year, up 3.5 percent over 1999 and the first significant rise since 1997.

Land values, meanwhile, are expected to rise 2 percent this year, reflecting the rise in farm income and higher real estate prices near urban areas.

Farm debt is down slightly from last year, the report said.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

North 07-31-00
♠ A
♥ 6 4 3
♦ K 10 5 4
♣ Q J 9 8 4

West
♠ Q J 10 8 7
♥ J 9 5
♦ 9 7 2
♣ A 5

East
♠ 9 5 4
♥ Q 10 8 7 2
♦ 8 6 3
♣ K 2

South
♠ K 6 3 2
♥ A K
♦ A Q J
♣ 10 7 6 3

Vulnerable: Both
Dealer: South

South	West	North	East
1 NT	Pass	3 NT	All pass

Opening lead: ♠ Q

Second hand low — or high?

By Phillip Alder

One defensive tip taught to beginners is Second Hand Low. And much more often than not, that will be the correct play. However, there are times when it is wrong. This week, let's look at positions where a defender should go Second Hand High, and try to draw up some guidelines to help you recognize these situations.

Against three no-trump, West leads the spade queen. How should the play proceed?

Although five clubs makes without difficulty, North should raise to three no-trump. However, if the spade ace were elsewhere, it would be fine to investigate a minor-suit game (or slam!).

Declarer has eight top tricks: two spades, two hearts and four diamonds. So, he has to collect a club trick. Yet the defenders are threatening to establish and run the spade suit first. Still, hoping for a misdefense, South calls immediately for either a low club or the club queen.

Whichever declarer chooses, East should put the club king onto the table. If South has the ace, the king is dead anyway. But if West has the ace, it will be his only entry. And from the spade-queen lead, East knows that South still holds the spade king; partner's suit isn't established yet.

After winning trick two, East returns a spade, setting up West's suit while he, West, still has that vital club ace as an entry.

When declarer, playing in no-trump, has only one stopper left in partner's long suit, you should try to win the next defensive trick. If successful, you return partner's suit, establishing it while he hopefully still has a timely entry.

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AndarkPtr	49 11-16	48 13-16	49 7-16	+ ⅝
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Aviall	5 1-16	4 15-16	5	+ 1-16
BP Amoco s	53 3-16	52 13-16	52⅞	— ¾
BakerHughes	35	34 5-16	34 5-16	+ 3-64
Bank of Amer	47 1-16	46 1-16	46⅞	+ ⅜
BellSouth	40	38¾	39 13-16	+ ⅝
Beth Steel	4 9-16	4⅜	4½	+ 116
BurlNoSFe	24⅞	24⅛	24¾	+ ⅜
Caterpillar	35	34¼	34 15-16	— ⅛
Chevron	81 13-16	80	81 1-16	+ 31-64
Citigroup	68¾	67⅜	68 1-16	— ¼
Coastal	60⅛	59¼	59 7-16	+ 77-256
CocaCola	62⅜	61¾	62 1-16	— ⅝
ColgatePal	57⅝	56	57 1-16	+ 1 1-16
ComclMetals	28¼	27¾	28 3-16	+ 7-16
CooperIn	32¾	31 5-16	32¾	+ 1½
DaimlrChry	52 15-16	52½	52¾	+ 5-16
DallSemicn s	39 7-16	38½	38⅝	— ⅞
DeltaAirl	52¾	51 5-16	52 9-16	+ 1⅜
Dillards Inc	14⅛	13 13-16	14⅛	+ 5-16
DowChem s	29 9-16	28⅝	29 5-16	+ ¾
DuPont	46 13-16	45 11-16	46½	+ ⅝
EastmanChem	47⅞	46 11-16	47⅞	+ 13-16
EstKodak	56 11-16	55⅜	56⅛	+ 15-16
EDS Corp	42⅝	42 1-16	42⅝	+ 5-16
Entergy	28¾	28	28⅜	—1 15-16
ExxonMobil	81⅛	80 1-16	80 5-16	+ 15-64
Flowers	21⅜	20 15-16	21 5-16	— ⅛
FordMotor	46¾	46	46⅝	+ ½
GenDynam	57¾	56 11-16	57 11-16	+ 15-16
GenElec s	52⅞	51½	52⅝	+ 1 11-16
GenMills s	34⅞	34 5-16	34 11-16	— ⅛
GenMotors	58¾	57 11-16	58 7-16	+ 1
GaPacGP	25⅛	24 9-16	25⅛	+ ⅝
GlobalMar	28 11-16	28⅛	28 7-16	+ 9-16
Goodrich	36 7-16	35	36⅜	+ 2 3-16
Goodyear s	20⅝	20 5-16	20 7-16	— 3-16
GtAtlPac	14¾	14 9-16	14¾	+ 5-16
Halliburtn	45 15-16	45 1-16	45⅛	—21-64
Hanson ADS	29¼	29 1-16	29¼	—1 1-16
HarteHanks	25¾	25 7-16	25 7-16	— ⅜
HomeDepot s	52 15-16	52¼	52⅜	— 5-16
HoneywellIntl	34	33 7-16	33 15-16	+ 7-16
IBM	112½	110 1-16	112¼	+ 7-16
IntlPaper	33½	32 15-16	33½	+ ½
JohnsonJn	93 15-16	93 1-16	93 3-16	— ½
K mart	7 7-16	7 3-16	7 5-16	+ 1-16
Kroger Co	21¼	20 15-16	21 1-16	
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MayDeptStr	23 13-16	23 5-16	23⅜	— 9-16
Medtronic s	53¼	52 3-16	53¼	+ 1¼
MorganJP	132⅛	128 13-16	131 15-16	+ 1½
Motorola s	33 11-16	33 1-16	33½	+ ½
NCR Corp	35⅞	35 1-16	35 9-16	+ ⅜
Navistar	35½	34 15-16	35½	+ 13-16
Penney JC	16 13-16	16⅜	16 7-16	— 1-16
PepBoys	5⅞	5⅝	5¾	
PepsiCo	44⅞	43¾	44 3-16	— 9-16
Pharmacia	55⅞	55¼	55 7-16	— ⅝
PhelpDodge	41 5-16	40¼	41	+ 1
PhilipPet	51 3-16	50	51 1-16	+ 1 3-16
PilgrmPrd B	6 15-16	6 15-16	6 15-16	— 1-16
Polaroid	17 7-16	17⅛	17 3-16	— 1-16
Praxair	40	38¾	39 9-16	+ ⅞
ProctGamb	59	58¼	58 9-16	— ⅝
PubS NwMx	18¼	17¾	18 1-16	+ 5-16
RadioShack	57 1-16	55 15-16	56⅜	+ ½
ReliantEngy	34	33¾	33 15-16	+ 5-16
RoyalDut	59⅛	58¾	59 1-16	+ 7-16
SBC Comm	42⅞	42 5-16	42 13-16	+ 5-16
SaraLee	19 1-16	18 13-16	18 15-16	+ ¼
Scripps EW	49 3-16	49	49 3-16	+ ¼
SearsRoeb	30 3-16	29⅞	30	— 7-16
SherwinW	21 3-16	20 15-16	21⅛	+ 3-16
SmithKlBchm	64⅜	63¼	64	—1 7-16
SouthernCo	25 3-16	24⅞	25 1-16	+ ¼
SwstAirl	22 15-16	22¼	22⅞	+ ½
SprintFON	35 9-16	34 9-16	35	+ 3-16
SprintPCS s	55	53⅝	54	— ¼
Sunoco Inc	24½	24 5-16	24⅜	+ ½
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TempleInland	44⅛	42⅞	44⅛	+ 1 3-16
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TexasInst s	60 3-16	58 5-16	59⅜	+ 2⅜
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VerizonComm	47⅜	46¾	47 1-16	+ 1-16
WalMart	58⅞	57 7-16	57 7-16	— 1¼
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Clean-air rules not likely cause of gas price surge

WASHINGTON (AP) — When gas prices soared in the Midwest last month, congressional Republicans seized on the chance to blame a Clinton administration program requiring the sale of more costly, cleaner-burning fuel.

But on Friday, a report to Congress from the Federal Trade Commission said the stricter clean-air rules for the nation's smoggiest cities "seem unlikely ... to provide a complete explanation for recent Midwestern gas price increases."

The statement came in an FTC status report on its investigation into whether oil companies colluded to gouge Midwestern motorists.

The FTC estimated it will take until after the November elections to finish work on what has become one of the season's hottest political issues.

"At this point, no conclusions, however tentative, have been reached," the report said.

Gas prices increased throughout the country this spring as high crude oil prices led to an unusually tight supply situation. But in Chicago, Milwaukee and Detroit, prices rose well above the $2 mark — as much as 65 cents a gallon above the national average.

Though Midwestern motorists now are seeing prices equal to or lower than the rest of the nation, the May-June spike touched off charges and countercharges between Republicans and Democrats eager to woo voters.

GOP leaders mostly blamed a new phase in the Environmental Protection Agency's reformulated gas program. They said complications in making the new blend, especially in Chicago and Milwaukee, where corn-based ethanol is added to make the gas burn cleaner, were exacerbated when the Clinton administration refused to give refiners flexibility in meeting the new standards.

Clinton and the Democrats defended the tighter rules, saying their extra cost — only a few pennies a gallon — could not account for the enormous price differential at the pump. They suggested that oil companies might be taking advantage of the regulatory changes to gouge the public.

The FTC launched its formal investigation of those allegations on June 21.

Its interim report said the new standards may have constricted supply because the old gas had to be drained from storage tanks, and a dispute over a patent for making the new blend caused confusion. In addition, St. Louis voluntarily entered the program, increasing demand for the new blend when supplies in the region already were tight.

But because prices for conventional gas blends rose more dramatically than for the reformulated fuel, the commission concluded it was unlikely the pollution-reduction program was what sent prices soaring.

A spokesman for House Speaker Dennis Hastert, R-Ill., who has been among the most outspoken in blaming the Clinton administration, said the report does not change his view.

"The speaker never believed that the reformulated gasoline program was the complete answer to the problem," said John Feehery, Hastert's press secretary. "But he did believe it was an avoidable part of the problem."

The EPA said the FTC report supported the agency's contention that cleaner gas was not responsible for the retail price spike.

More than a dozen FTC attorneys, economists and investigators working on the probe have determined there is likely no single cause. The complete assessment will take at least three or four more months, the report said.

To conclude there is sufficient evidence of collusion, the probe must find that companies made an agreement to manipulate inventories or restrict supply.

The American Petroleum Institute, which represents large oil companies, said the report confirms their explanation that a number of simultaneous events combined to create the price surge.

"The oil industry remains fully confident that it will be exonerated when the FTC issues its final report," said API spokesman Chris Kelley.

On the Net:
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http://www.ftc.gov/opa/2000/07/gasreportrelease.htm
Energy Information Administration: http://www.eia.doe.gov
AAA gasoline price charts:
http://aaa.com/news12/prmain.html

Barton finds convention tough after brother's death

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — It's been barely a week since Rep. Joe Barton's younger brother died of a rare form of cancer, leaving the Texas Republican struggling to find meaning at the big GOP event where his good friend George W. Bush will be nominated for president.

"To be honest, it seems a little anticlimactic or nonessential," said Barton. "My brother just passed away a week ago Saturday. Normally, I would not have come at all, but I had so many people that were coming because I was coming."

Barton's brother, Texas District Judge Jon Barton, seemed to have beaten a rare form of sinus cancer two years ago. But the cancer reappeared in his liver this year and within five months he was dead. He was 43.

"I miss him as a brother and just a really good guy. But it is going to be a loss to the country because he had the ability. He was a great district judge and could have run statewide for an appellate or Supreme Court position," Barton said.

Barton said he and his brother shared a love for politics. The two attended state conventions together. Barton has been attending national conventions since 1984, when the GOP gathered in Dallas.

That year, Barton had just been certified as a candidate and his brother was helping run his campaign. Barton said he was busy that convention, networking and lining up contributors.

In 1988, the party nominated the elder George Bush for president and Barton said his kids were at an age that they thought attending the convention was great fun.

Barton and his brother attended the 1992 national convention in Houston together, when Barton was platform committee chairman. In 1996, Barton was elected a delegate by his caucus.

"Jon was already sick by then and we were real worried about him," Barton said.

Barton's congressional work has included legislation related to cancer research, largely breast cancer. His sister is a breast cancer survivor. He said his brother's death has certainly brought his interest in the issue "into sharper focus."

He said he is considering finding ways to improve research on rare forms of cancer. "In my brother's case there wasn't much that could be brought to bear on his case," he said.

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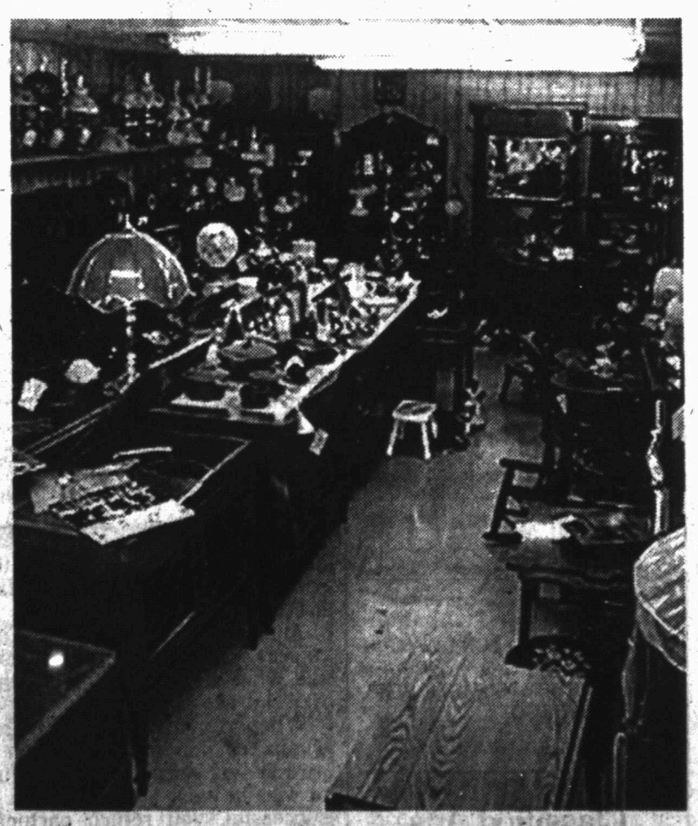

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Elderly drug costs may go up without Medicare

WASHINGTON (AP) — In the past eight years, Americans age 65 and older have watched their prescription drug costs double, with prices expected to more than double again in the next 10 years, a health care advocacy group said.

Without prescription drug coverage by Medicare, fewer seniors will be able to afford the dozens of prescriptions they must fill each year, said Families USA, which lobbies for universal health coverage.

A study commissioned by the group and released Monday said Americans 65 and older pay an average of $1,205 a year for prescriptions — up from $559 in 1992 — and will shell out $2,810 apiece by 2010.

Prescription drugs now account for about 10 percent of seniors' health costs — and will likely rise to 13.3 percent in 2010, the report said.

Older Americans account for only 13 percent of the nation's population but pay 42 cents of every dollar spent on prescription drugs, it said. They also pay more per pill because their purchases account for only 34 percent of total prescriptions.

"When they go to the pharmacy, they pay higher prices for their drugs than anyone, because there's no one bargaining on their behalf," said Ron Pollack, Families USA executive director.

The study said the average senior's cost per prescription has risen dramatically, from $28.50 in 1992 to $42.30 now, and is projected to jump to $72.94 in 2010.

What's worse, Pollack said, seniors also are buying more prescriptions than ever.

He said the elderly got by on about 20 prescriptions per year in 1992. Now they buy about 29 annually, and are expected to buy about 39 by 2010.

The study was based on data gathered by Medicare, the federal health plan for the aged and disabled. Projections for future costs were developed by the PRIME Institute, a consulting group at the University of Minnesota.

Families USA is urging lawmakers to expand Medicare to cover prescription drugs. It hopes the move will provide fuller drug coverage for low-income Americans while giving the government more bargaining power to force drug manufacturers to lower their prices.

President Clinton has urged Congress to strengthen and modernize Medicare with a voluntary prescription drug benefit to all 39 million Medicare beneficiaries regardless of income.

Republican congressional leaders say the drug coverage should be reserved for the most financially needy. Their plan calls for private health plans to offer drug benefits and government subsidies to pay drug costs for the neediest seniors.

The administration contends that would leave out 6 million Medicare beneficiaries with incomes above the poverty line.

Alan F. Holmer, president of the Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America, or PhRMA, said much of the increase in seniors' drug spending is driven by advanced drugs that are more effective.

Virginia man invents 'steady spoon'

RICHMOND, Va. (AP) — It was a big day for Samantha Crabtree. For the first time in her life, the 4-year-old spoon-fed herself.

Born with arthrogryposis, a rare occurrence where missing muscle mass and bone deformities limit range of motion, Samantha wasn't able to bring a spoon to her mouth without spilling.

Feeding herself was nearly impossible — she isn't able to bend her elbows against the pull of gravity.

But gravity became her greatest ally thanks to Alex Weinstein, 38, an inventor from Richmond who put a techno-twist on a very simple device: the spoon.

The spoon is attached to a push rod that runs through the tubing that doubles as the handle. The scoop locks into place when it plunges into food; then it unlocks, and a counterbalance takes over to keep the scoop level.

"Who knew a spoon could be so complicated?" the inventor said recently as he whirled around his creation, the SteadyS-poon. As he twisted and contorted, the spoon's use of gravity and basic physics principles kept the scoop level.

The spill-proof spoon is ideal for children and people with cerebral palsy, Parkinson's disease or other muscular dysfunctions that make keeping a steady hand difficult.

The 91/2-inch-long spoon weighs about 7 ounces and is too heavy for Samantha to maneuver, so her physical therapist, Carol Elliott, rigged it with a mounting system where the spoon sits on a pivot, rocking back and forth.

When Samantha first got her spoon in February, she couldn't help showing it off, said the girl's mother, Pam Crabtree.

Samantha "likes being able to do everything possible for herself," Crabtree said.

On Friday, Samantha showed off her ability with her new spoon, digging into a pudding cup at the Children's Hospital in Richmond.

After a bobbled first attempt and a dollop of vanilla pudding on her nose, Samantha said proudly, "I eat at home all by myself."

Often taken for granted, the ability to feed oneself is "the ultimate in independence," said Elliott, Samantha's occupational therapist since the girl was 5 weeks old.

That day of independence came to Samantha on Feb. 21 when she downed a bowl of pudding and took stabs at a bowl of water, which served as make-believe soup.

"She ate like a champ," Elliott said. "It was very exciting. We watched her feed herself for the first time."

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Scurry County

Rocker A Operating Co. will drill the No. 12-UT M.A. Fuller in the Corazon field, five miles northeast of Fluvanna. Planned for a depth of 2,700 feet, drill site is in Section 603, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Borden County

Manti Operating Co. has completed the No. 1-A Clayton in the Mesquite Creek field, five miles northwest of Gail. The well was completed to produce 25 barrels of oil and 22 barrels of water. Perforations were from 9,116-365 feet, and location is in Section 5, Block 31, T5N, T&P survey.

Mitchell County

Crownquest Operating will drill the No. 3 Biegel in the Iatan East Howard field, seven miles southwest of Westbrook. Planned for a depth of 3,500 feet, location is in Section 2, Block 29, T1S, T&P survey.

Crownquest Operating will drill the No. 2 Biegel in the Iatan East Howard field, seven miles southwest of Westbrook. Contracted for a depth of 3,500 feet, drill site is in Section 2, Block 29, T1S, T&P survey.

Crownquest Operating will drill the No. 465 Mary Foster in the Iatan East Howard field, 11 miles southwest of Westbrook. Scheduled for a depth of 3,500 feet, location is in Section 18, Block 29, T1S, T&P survey.

Crownquest Operating will drill the No. 40-W E.H. Brown in the Iatan East Howard field, seven miles southwest of Westbrook. Planned for 3,500 feet, drill site is in Section 11, Block 29, T1S, T&P survey.

Crownquest Operating will drill the No. 47-W E.H. Brown in the Iatan East Howard field, seven miles southwest of Westbrook. Also planned for 3,500 feet, location is in Section 11, Block 29, T1S, T&P survey.

Howard County

Santa Fe Snyder will drill the No. 5-22 Bond, an 8,300-foot wildcat located four miles southwest of Coahoma. Location is in Section 22, Block 31, T1S, T&P survey.

Santa Fe Snyder will drill the No. 1-41 Texaco in the Hutto south field, eight miles southeast of Coahoma. Planned for a depth of 8,300 feet, location is in Section 41, Block 30, T1S, T&P survey.

Anadarko Petroleum will drill the No. 2011 Susie B. Snyder in the Snyder field, four miles southeast of Coahoma. Planned depth is 3,900 feet, and location is in Section 20, Block 30, T1S, T&P survey.

Anadarko Petroleum will drill the No. 2012 Susie B. Snyder in the Snyder field, four miles southeast of Coahoma. Also set for a depth of 3,900 feet, drill site is in Section 20, Block 30, T1S, T&P survey.

Anadarko Petroleum will drill the No. 2020 Susie B. Snyder in the Snyder field, four miles southeast of Coahoma. Also contracted for 3,900 feet, drill site is in Section 20, Block 30, T1S, T&P survey.

Anadarko Petroleum will drill the No. 2009 Susie B. Snyder in the same field, four miles southeast of Coahoma. Planned for a depth of 3,900 feet, location is in Section 20, Block 30, T1S, T&P survey.

Anadarko Petroleum will drill the No. 2060 Susie B. Snyder in the Snyder field, four miles southeast of Coahoma. Planned depth is 3,900 feet, and location is in Section 20, Block 30, T1S, T&P survey.

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Anadarko Petroleum will drill the No. 2024-W Susie B. Snyder in the Snyder field, four miles southeast of Coahoma. Planned depth is 3,900 feet, and location is in Section 20, Blo9ck 30, T1S, T&P survey.

Santa Fe Snyder Corp. will drill the No. 1-45 Texaco in the Signal Peak field, nine miles southeast of Coahoma. Contracted for a depth of 8,300 feet, location is in Section 45, Block 30, T1S, T&P survey.

Nolan County

Clear Fork Inc. will drill the No. 4044-T C.E. Boyd in the EVB field, four miles northwest of Nolan. Planned for a depth of 4,800 feet, drill site is in Section 44, Block X, T&P survey.

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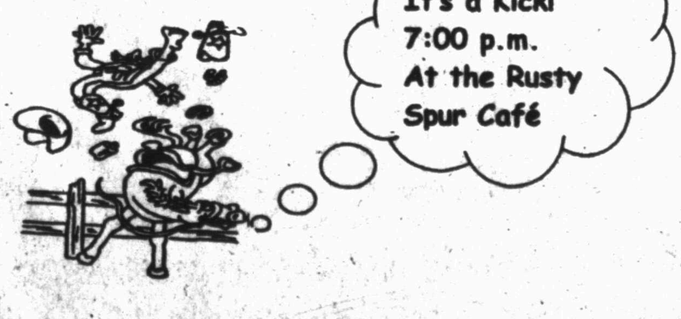

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House explodes in Illinois town

BOURBONNAIS, Ill. (AP) — A two-story house exploded early Monday, critically injuring the owner and damaging scores of other homes.

Greg Zuber was the only one in his house when the explosion happened about 1:45 a.m., destroying it and burning the house beside it, Assistant Fire Chief Rick Gray said.

A neighbor, Jeff Gindy, said he had smelled what might have been a natural gas odor earlier in the evening. Gray confirmed a gas leak was a possible cause. The state fire marshal's office was investigating.

Zuber, 45, was in critical condition at Loyola University Medical Center's burn unit in Maywood.

Authorities said that in addition to the neighbor's home that burned and will probably have to be razed, some 25 other homes suffered heavy damage and 50 were lightly to moderately damaged.

The explosion was so powerful it set off car alarms several miles away.

Gray said he heard it from his home 11/2 miles away. "It was boom," he said. "I thought somebody had run into my house." If the explosion had happened during the daytime with children out, "it probably would have been catastrophic," Gray said.

The fire was quickly brought under control after gas was shut off, he said. One firefighter was treated for heat exhaustion.

Time Warner eyes new Internet service

NEW YORK (AP) — Several days after facing scrutiny from regulators for its planned merger with America Online Inc., Time Warner Inc. has made its first deal to allow an independent Internet service provider access to its cable system.

Time Warner Cable announced Monday a preliminary agreement with Juno Online Services Inc. to offer high-speed Internet service to cable customers, the companies said.

New York-based Time Warner's promise to open its cable system to competing Internet service providers is being carefully monitored by regulators and the issue was highlighted on Thursday during Federal Communications Commissions hearings on the Time Warner-AOL merger.

The merger has been criticized by NBC, ABC, and consumer groups, who fear that the combination could result in an unfair concentration of power.

"This groundbreaking agreement underscores Time Warner Cable's commitment to offer its cable customers a choice of Internet service providers," Glenn Britt, president of Time Warner Cable, said in a statement. He said the company would try to sign agreements with other Internet service providers, or ISPs.

At Thursday's regulatory hearings, FCC Chairman William Kennard challenged AOL chairman Steve Case and Time Warner chief Gerald Levin to offer details about when the cable systems would begin carrying other Internet providers.

Levin said the company was working to open access by restructuring an agreement with Road Runner LLC, a joint venture between Time Warner and AT&T, and the only ISP currently available to Time Warner Cable subscribers. Levin said the company is conducting technical trials of how such a system would operate.

Raging Sierra Nevada blaze surpasses 60,000 acres mark

RIDGECREST, Calif. (AP) — A tiny mountain town went up in flames and eight homes were destroyed as a 63,270-acre wildfire continued its weeklong rampage through the Sierra Nevada.

The blaze that roared through Sequoia National Forest was only 15 percent contained late Sunday, and firefighters estimated it would take two weeks to surround, said Lee Bentley, a U.S. Forest Service spokesman.

More than 1,500 firefighters set backfires, sprayed foam and cut brush as they battled the spreading blaze that began July 22. Eight firefighters have been injured, and the fire has cost more than $3 million.

On Saturday, the fire took out houses and trailers in Pine Creek, part of a more broadly scattered community known as Kennedy Meadows, about 120 miles north of Los Angeles. It earlier burned eight outbuildings and lodges.

Some of the village's 43 permanent residents had heeded a mandatory evacuation issued days ago — but not all. The wife of a Pine Creek recluse, Ed Wilson, called the local Grumpy Bear's Restaurant to see if anyone knew of his whereabouts. She had last heard from him on Tuesday.

A U.S. Bureau of Land Management crew sent a fire truck to check up on Wilson. He was fine, and his home on the edge of the scorched area was untouched.

"We called his wife and she was very relieved," said Jan Gant, who owns the log cabin-style restaurant with her husband, Pat.

At a fire camp a few hundred yards away, several hundred firefighters sacked out in tents, catching a few hours of rest.

Autopsies scheduled for two bodies found in San Antonio

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Autopsies were scheduled Monday for two 14-year-old girls whose bodies were found one atop the other behind a public library over the weekend, officials said.

There were no obvious signs of trauma such as gunshot or stab wounds, police said.

"We don't know how they died," said Sandy Gutierrez, spokeswoman for the San Antonio Police Department. "Until we get a ruling from the medical examiner's office, we do not know how it will be handled."

The Bexar County medical examiner's office has identified the girls as Cassandra Lopez of San Antonio, and her cousin, Denise Marmolejo, who was visiting from Mount Verde, Fla., near Jacksonville.

Police found the girls about 8 a.m. Sunday after an unidentified man called authorities from a gas station pay phone saying he had discovered two bodies.

The man was gone when police arrived, and they continued to search for him Monday.

Patricia Lopez, Cassandra's mother, said the girls had been living with their grandmother, a few blocks from the gravel alley where their bodies were found. Marmolejo was to return to Florida in two weeks.

Lopez said on Saturday night, the girls defied their grandmother's order to stay home, insisting instead on an evening stroll.

"I just wish I had been there," a tearful Lopez told the San Antonio Express-News.

Stolen vehicle found in Dallas suburb, Duncanville, Saturday

• ***Stolen vehicle***

A vehicle reported stolen in the early morning hours Saturday was recovered in the Dallas suburb of Duncanville later that morning after it was wrecked.

Scurry County deputy sheriff Bobby Goodwin said Duncanville authorities told him that two people in the 1993 Mercury Grand Marquis abandoned the vehicle and fled from officers after the accident.

The vehicle is owned by Joe Leatherwood and was reported stolen at 5:50 a.m. Saturday. Duncanville authorities contacted Scurry County authorities at 11:28 a.m. Saturday.

• ***Burglary***

An employee with Weatherford Inc. called officers to the 3505 23rd Street business at 5:56 a.m. today to report the theft of oilfield equipment.

Police officials said this morning that the stolen property was valued at approximately $13,000.

The thief or thieves possibly cut a lock on a gate and went through an open door into the building.

• ***Bicycle theft***

Tyler Wilkinson came to the Law Enforcement Center at 3:13 p.m. to report his bicycle stolen.

• ***Window broken***

A 911 call came in at 2:59 a.m. reporting several subjects at 40th Street and Austin with baseball bats. A left rear passenger window of a 1985 Cadillac owned by Jammall Pruitt was reportedly broken with a bat.

• ***Assault***

A woman contacted officers at 4:06 a.m. Sunday to report that her husband had assaulted her. She told officers that he had slapped her and then left the residence walking. A report for assault/family violence was taken.

• ***Seven taken into custody***

At 2:30 p.m. Saturday, a 42-year-old man was taken into custody in the 800 block of College for Class A assault/family violence.

A 29-year-old woman was jailed on city warrants for public intoxication and failure to appear at 5:21 p.m. Saturday.

Bobby Lynn Allen of 600 19th Street was arrested at 11:47 p.m. Saturday in the 1800 block of 25th Street for felony driving while intoxicated.

At 1:18 a.m. Sunday, officers took 44-year-old Fernando Orosco of 1802 15th Street into custody on a felony DWI charge.

A 25-year-old woman was taken into custody at 5:28 p.m. Sunday in the 200 block of 30th Street on warrants for public intoxication and failure to appear.

An outstanding Midland Department of Public Safety warrant for no liability insurance sent a 27-year-old man to jail at 5:44 p.m. Sunday.

Officers arrested a 24-year-old female for public intoxication at 9:21 p.m. Sunday.

• ***Accident***

A two-vehicle accident occurred at 9 a.m. Saturday in the 900 block of 25th Street. Involved were a 1978 Buick Skylark driven by Goldie Chapman Walker, 73, of 1911 Martha Ann Blvd. and a 1997 Ford Aerostar van driven by Stanley Earl Peppers Sr., 47, of 2801 Avenue T.

Obituaries

Jane McCarty

1964-2000

Services for Jane McCarty, 36, of Snyder are pending at Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Miss McCarty died this morning in Cogdell Memorial Hospital after a sudden illness.

Born on June 22, 1964 in Colorado City, she attended Snyder schools, WTC and is a graduate of St. Joseph's School of Vocational Nursing. She had worked closely with hospice and had been a nurse at the Heart of West Texas Home Care in Colorado City for seven years. An LVN, Miss McCarty had also worked at Cogdell Memorial Hospital and Big Spring State Hospital.

Survivors include her parents, Leland and Jane McCarty of Snyder; and two brothers, Ricky Don McCarty of Slaton and Steven L. McCarty of Texas City.

Keith Burt

1928-2000

KNOX CITY – Keith L. Burt, the brother of two Snyder residents, died Sunday, July 30.

Funeral service for Mr. Burt, 72, is set for 10 a.m. Tuesday in the First Christian Church with the Rev. Steve Pepper officiating. Burial will follow in the Knox City Cemetery.

Born in Rochester, Mr. Burt was married to Libby McKay Burt who died in 1990. A retired oilfield worker, Mr. Burt was a member of the First Christian Church in Knox City.

Survivors include nine brothers, Donny Burt and Gary Burt, both of Snyder, Leonard Burt of Baytown, Paul Burt of Plano, Jimmy Burt and Kenneth Burt, both of Knox City, Danny Burt of Burkburnett, Charles Burt of Ralls and Harvey Burt of Edgewood; and one sister, Helen Parker of Monahans.

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Births

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events

WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

Bible study tapes

Bible study tapes air each week on Channel 2. To be shown at 7 this evening is "Genesis: How it All Started," followed by "Worship God With Reverence and Awe."

Bible Club

Northside Missionary Baptist Church will be having a Bible Club for grades 1-6 from 1-3 p.m. today though Friday. The church is located at 1909 16th St. For more information, call 573-7105.

Immunization schedule

There will be no immunizations given this week at the Scurry County Health Clinic.

Masonic meeting

Scurry Masonic Lodge 706 will have a stated meeting at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday. All Master Masons are invited.

Children's Crusade

Snyder First Church of the Nazarene, 2462 South Hwy 208, will hold a Children's Crusade from 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday through Friday. There will be games and refreshments. To ride the van, call 573-5601.

FBC worship service

The First Baptist Church Sunday morning worship service airs at 3 p.m. every Thursday on TV Channel 2.

Hamburger supper

U.S. Rep. Charles Stenholm and State Rep. David Counts will host a community hamburger supper at 6:30 p.m. Thursday in Room A of the Scurry County Coliseum.

Football booster club

The SHS football booster club will meet at 7 p.m. Thursday in the student center. All parents and team boosters are urged to attend.

Crystal River concert

Crystal River will be in concert at 6 p.m. Sunday at Avenue D Baptist Church, 324 30th St. Everyone is invited.

Social Security reps

Representatives of Social Security will be at the Senior Citizen Center on Tuesday, Aug. 8. Hours are from 10 a.m. until noon and from 1-2 p.m.

Medical Funds set up

Medical funds have been established at American State Bank and West Texas State Bank for Jamie Justiss to help defray medical expenses. He is the son of Matt and Barbara Arnett of Fluvanna and the grandson of Robert and Mary Langford of Snyder.

Discovery School registration

Registration is underway for Discovery School at First United Methodist Church. The school provides quality childcare in small groups for ages six month through pre-K, Monday through Friday. Parents choose the days. Register now from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. as classes start Aug. 14. Call 573-4770 for more information.

Kings Kids opens registration

Registration for Kings Kids at First Baptist Church will be Monday, next Monday and Aug. 10 from 8:30-9:30 a.m., and 5-6 p.m. Registrants enter through the east door. The program is for children one to four-years-old, and pre-K. Call 573-5683 or 573-7401 or come by 1701 27th St. for more information.

Joy School pre-registration

Pre-registration for Joy School is now underway. Joy School will be accepting infants through pre-K five days a week. For more information, call 573-3554.

WTC success seminar

Success Seminars at Western Texas College will be held Aug. 16-17 for all new student and their parents. Students planning to attend either session must inform the Admissions Office and mail payment by Aug. 11. Call 573-8511, Ext. 230, for registration information.

Sonshine School registration

Pre-registration for Sonshine School at 37th Street Church of Christ is in progress. The classes begin Aug. 15 for ages two to five and will be held Tuesdays and Thursdays. For more information, call Lora Lord at 573-1700, or the church office at 573-0154.

Holiday poems sought

Mesquite Country Writers Guild is soliciting original, short holiday poems for its quarterly poetry newsletter, "Bards of A Feather." The deadline is Aug. 15. Submissions may be mailed to 9221 S. Hwy. 208 in Hermleigh, 79526, or e-mailed to dade@bigcountry.net.

Northeast Elementary cookbooks

Copies of the Northeast Elementary millennium cookbook are still available for $7. Call Diane Arnold at 573-2159.

Computer courses

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

Pick 3

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

4-8-7

Lotto Texas

AUSTIN (AP) — No ticket correctly matched all six numbers drawn Saturday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials said.

The ticket was worth an estimated $4 million.

The numbers drawn Saturday night from a field of 50 were: 5-7-11-18-28-39.

Wednesday night's drawing will be worth an estimated $6 million.