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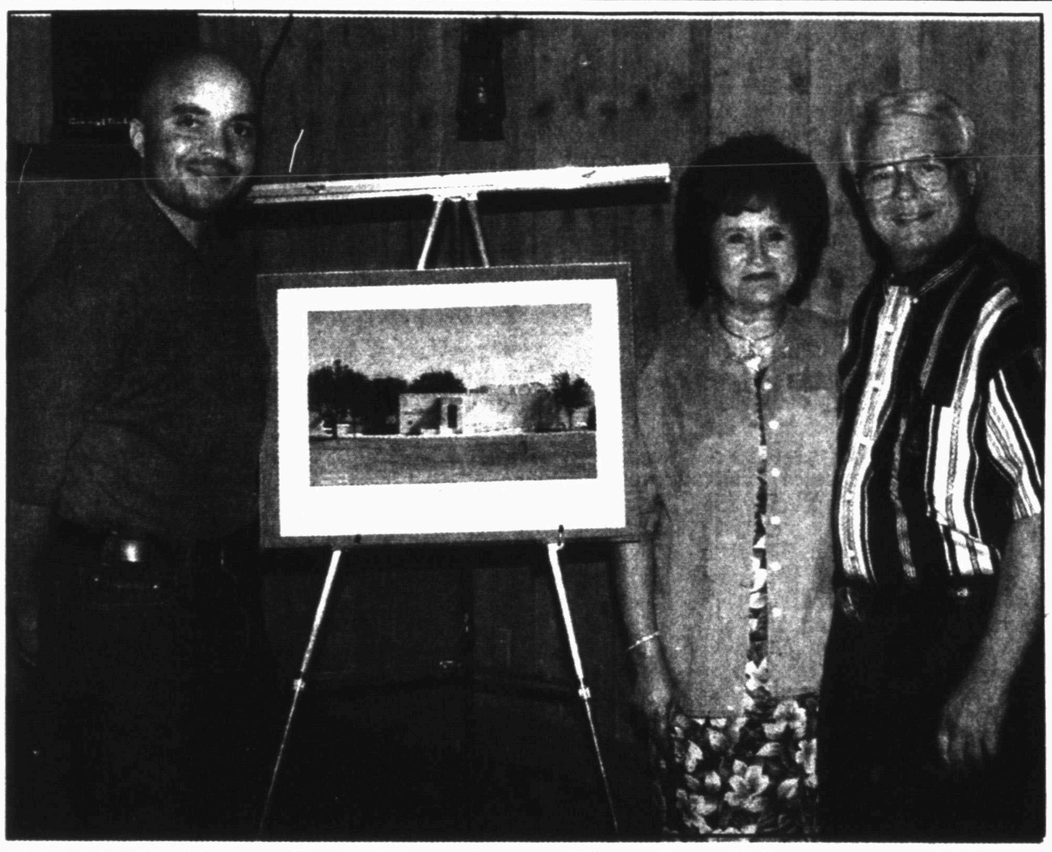
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Home of Rebecca Boyd



COUNTS HONORED — The Workforce Center at Western Texas College was named in honor of State Rep. David Counts. The honor was revealed Tuesday night at WTC's annual awards banquet. Rep. Counts, right, is pictured with his wife, Mary, and WTC President Dr. Greg Williams. (SDN Staff Photo)

WTC names building to honor Rep. Counts

For his years of support to Western Texas College and the Snyder area, State Rep. David Counts was honored Tuesday night with the naming of a campus building in his honor.

The first ever at WTC, board president Lee Presswood announced that trustees had unanimously voted to change the name of the Workforce Center to the David Counts Workforce Center.

Counts, a seven-term representative for District 70, was visibly taken off guard by the surprise announcement during the school's annual awards banquet held at the Wagon Wheel Ranch and attended by some 230 persons, including members of David Counts' family and legislative staff.

Trustees and school administrators had looked for a way to pay a lasting tribute to the Knox City Democrat following his efforts in the last legislative session that saved WTC $779,340 in state funding over the next two years.

Counts was able to secure a "hold-harmless" clause in the appropriations bill concerning contact-hour funding. Following the riot at the Smith prison unit in Lamesa, the unit was locked down, resulting in an immediate 12 percent loss in college enrollment.

Counts had earlier acknowledged Rep. Rob Junell of San Angelo, chairman of the House Appropriations Committee, for his help in securing the rider to the appropriations bill.

In making the presentation, Presswood said the loss of those funds would have had a devastating impact on the institution's ability to maintain programs.

"As always, David Counts came through for us."

Counts already had a history to the building named in his honor. The legislator had helped in obtaining state grants to begin the skills development program, obtain job training funds and setup distant learning labs."

Counts was emotional in his response. "I thought something might have been up when I saw my family and staff start showing up, but nothing like this...What do you say? Thank you."

Counts, recalling his long association with the Snyder community, noted that the uncertainty of redistricting could well leave Scurry County out of his district.

"I will assure you I will continue working for the people of Scurry County, no matter what. Mary and I will always treasure your support and friendship."

Six original faculty members were presented service awards. These include Dr. Ed Barkowsky, English professor; Dr. Jim Palmer, dean of academic instruction; Bill Halbert, business professor and division chairman; Janet Halbert, English professor; Jerry Corkran, reading professor and division chair; and Sam Walker, welding instructor.

Ruth Richburg, assistant director of distant learning, was honored for 25 years of service.

Recognized for 15 years of service were Deborah Baremore, college recruiter; Winnie Fowler, food service; and Donna Robinson, vocational division secretary.

Pam Fenton, Senior Center staffer; and Simon Sauceda, assistant golf grounds superintendent, were given 10-year honors.

Five-year service pins were presented to Joyce Boyd, secretary in the physical education department; Gina Goolsby, financial aid secretary; Mary Price, student special needs coordinator; Arthur Sanchez, building maintenance; and Roxanne Stoker, financial for continuing education.

Board members Drew Bullard and Jackie Greene also were presented five-year pins.

Also introduced were new faculty members, retirees, board members and former board members.

Trial continuing in tire suit against Firestone

McALLEN (AP) — A tire company's employee who described herself as South Texas' "Face of Firestone" was denied a request to personally address a doctor and his relatives in court on a $1 billion lawsuit the family filed against the manufacturer.

Plaintiffs' objection to Bridgestone/Firestone Inc.'s request — an apparent effort to show concern by the international tire maker — was readily sustained, allowing plaintiffs' attorney Tad Turner to instead ask Gabrielle Dobb about the first two days of testimony from Firestone engineers and executives.

"Knowing what you now know and what you heard — just heard about what (the company) knew ... wouldn't you have liked to have known so that you could have told the Rodriguezes and the people of South Texas how bad their tires were?"

Dobb is an assistant district manager for Firestone distribution throughout South Texas. She was asked by Firestone to help represent it in the first lawsuit against the company to reach trial.

The lawsuit enters its third day in court today, with attorneys representing the family of Dr. Joel Rodriguez expected to continue showing excerpts of videotaped depositions, mostly of Firestone's own executives and design engineers admitting they had been investigating the root cause of a rash of tire tread separations.

Plaintiffs' attorneys were also expected to continue presenting emotional testimony from family members, four of whom were injured in a March 2000 rollover on a Mexican toll road.

So far, company representatives have been grilled on dynamics of tire tread separation and on their response to a flood of claims filed by customers whose ATX and Wilderness AT tires failed. Firestone attorneys, preparing to present their case next week, say they'll convince the jury the tires did not cause the wreck that left Rodriguez's wife, 39-year-old Marisa, mentally retarded and wheelchair-bound for life.

One witness, a Ford Motor Co. engineer who worked on the Explorer's design, said he felt betrayed to learn from news reports that Bridgestone/Firestone had a database of tire failures — information he said the company had told Ford didn't exist.

"I felt that they were withholding information from us," Allan Rauner said. "I felt a trust was broken."

Bruce Jones, a neuropsychologist who has examined Marisa, said a "life plan" he suggested for Marisa would easily run to $4 million in medical and caregivers' bills.

Marisa must be fed through tubes because of an impaired swallowing reflex, speaks with garbled, out of control pitch, and limited vocabulary and has an IQ of 79 — all since the accident.

"In my professional opinion, Marisa will probably never be able to eat a full meal without having to do compensatory things," speech pathologist Dianira Gonzales said, explaining the risk of foods and fluids entering the woman's lungs.

DCOS sets Thursday meet

The Development Corporation of Snyder will meet at 4 p.m. Thursday for its regular board meeting.

Besides reviewing the monthly financial reports, the board will also meet in executive session to discuss real estate.

Executive Director John DeLille will also give his monthly report.

The meeting will be held in the DCOS boardroom at American State Bank.



LUNCHTIME — West Elementary kindergartener Kegan Scifres had a hard time with his milk carton today, the first day of school for Snyder students. Kegan is the son of George and Shirley Scifres. Ira started Tuesday, and Hermleigh starts Monday. (SDN Staff Photo)

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "It's hard to win. Overcome one temptation, and a new one will quickly present itself."

Good news!

We have it from an official weather expert. John Robinson, well-known weather forecaster for Channel 11 in Lubbock, says it's gonna rain.

There's just one hitch. John just isn't certain which day.

Just about everybody is giving advice on how to wisely spend those IRS rebate checks.

We know a fellow who got his $300 check last month. The following day, after he had cashed the check, he got a letter from the IRS telling him how much the check would be.

Don't know the cost of mailing out all those letters, but it must have been plenty.

We haven't got either. Perhaps they are gonna add the cost of the letter to our check. And yep, we're afraid it's already obligated.

And since folks are giving advice on how to spend the so-called summer windfall, we also have a suggestion.

If you don't want to buy an ad bragging on your brother-in-law, then make an investment. Consider a want ad to turn those unneeded items — like exercise bikes stored away — into cash.

Thanks to Brother Greenspan at the Federal Reserve, a good classified ad may bring a better return than a savings account.

And while we're on the topics of things that don't make much sense, we have to wonder about the decision in New York where the government made a resident tear down his fence.

The homeowner decided to fence his property to keep out deadly rattlesnakes.

But in New York, timber rattlesnakes are an endangered species. The government said the fence would have the effect of "disturbing, harrying and worrying" the snakes.

The state insisted the fence would block the snakes from their usual places to hunt, bask in the sun and reproduce and would likely cause them "psychological stress."

Good grief! What about snake-inflicted human stress?

And while on the subject of rattlesnakes, Snyder's Charlie Blakey sent this item related to brother-in-laws.

It's a quote attributed to Artemus Ward:

"I have given two cousins to war, and I stand ready to sacrifice my wife's brother."

ASK US

Q—Is the current level of Lake Thomas the lowest level it has ever been?

A—No. On May 28, 1971, the lake was only 2.37 percent full.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Tuesday, 93 degrees; low, 69; 7 a.m. Wednesday, 70; no precipitation; total for 2001, 9.60 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, mostly cloudy, 30% rain chance, low near 70, NE wind 10-20 mph. Thursday, partly cloudy, cooler, 20% rain chance, high upper 80s, NE wind 10-20 mph.



Audriana Rascon
Cooler

Sunset: 8:27 p.m.
Sunrise: 7:11 a.m.

Of 226 days in 2001, the sun has shone 214 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

If you don't have a vision for your life, then you probably haven't focused in on anything.

—Dr. David Burns

AUG 15 2001

Texas case gives look into high court's decisions

WASHINGTON (AP) — Just three of the nine Supreme Court justices voted to go forward with the execution of Napoleon Beazley. But in a case that lifted the veil from votes normally hidden, that will probably be enough to seal the Texan's fate.

The unusual case underscores continuing conflicts among the justices over their role as judges of last resort for some 70 or 80 condemned people a year.

Beazley's case fractured the court 3-3-3 — three votes for a reprieve, three to go forward with the execution and three abstentions by justices with connections to the victim's family. Under Supreme Court rules, a tie vote means the request for a reprieve is denied.

Beazley is to die tonight for shooting a man to death during a botched carjacking in 1994. Beazley also fired at the victim's wife, who played dead while her husband lay beside her on their driveway.

Unless the Texas governor steps in — or the Supreme Court does, on broader grounds than its Monday rejection — the execution will go ahead in the case, which has drawn international attention because Beazley was just 17 when the shooting occurred.

Beazley, now 25, spent Tuesday talking with his parents and friends by telephone from inside a cage in the visiting area of Texas' death row. His would be the 19th U.S. execution since 1976 for a murder committed by a killer younger than 18 — the 10th in Texas.

The Supreme Court's three-paragraph order on Monday showed how each justice voted. Emergency requests for reprieves are typically denied in brief orders that do not reveal the votes. When all justices are voting, it takes five to grant a reprieve, four to agree to hear a case.

Justices John Paul Stevens, the most vocal dissenter in past death penalty cases, and Justices Ruth Bader Ginsburg and Stephen Breyer went on record supporting the stay.

In a sharply worded speech earlier this year, Ginsburg criticized the quality of legal help offered to those facing the death penalty. Breyer has told French radio the use of DNA evidence to overturn some death sentences may eventually change American minds on whether the punishment is appropriate.

By process of subtraction, eliminating the justices who disqualified themselves, Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist and fellow death penalty supporters Anthony M. Kennedy and Sandra Day O'Connor must have voted to let the execution go ahead.

O'Connor raised eyebrows last month when she said she has reservations about the way the death penalty is applied in the United States, but she did not say she would vote any differently on upcoming cases.

The court has accepted two death row appeals for the coming term, although one may be dropped.

On Monday, the court acted on Beazley's request for a stay of his execution. In a somewhat unusual move, the court did not simultaneously announce its decision on whether to hear Beazley's wider appeal.

It is still possible for the court to accept the case, although lawyers said that was unlikely. The court is not obliged to act before the scheduled execution.

Also unusual in this case was the personal connection to court members.

Beazley's victim was the father of a prominent federal judge who once served as a law clerk to Justice Antonin Scalia and helped prepare Justices David H. Souter and Clarence Thomas for their Senate confirmation hearings. Presumably because of those connections, Scalia, Souter and Thomas disqualified themselves.

Lawyers who follow death penalty cases said they could not recall an instance where an execution went ahead on the strength of so few votes, although there has been at least one other case where the vote was 4-4.

"There are so many problems with this case that I was hopeful that the Supreme Court would have taken the time, more time, to weigh the evidence a little bit," said Anne James, an American University professor and death penalty opponent who worked on the Beazley case.

Ronald Tabak, a New York lawyer who worked on the case for the American Bar Association, said, "I would think that if we're going to have the death penalty, a good case could be made that where there's this much confusion and division ... that even people who favor the death penalty should have real serious questions about carrying it forward."

The ABA has asked for clemency for Beazley because he was 17 when he committed the crime. The ABA has no position on the death penalty in general but opposes it for anyone under 18 and for the mentally retarded.

Texas allows the death penalty for killings committed at 17, and some states allow the punishment for killers who were 16. The United States is nearly alone in the world in that regard. More than 15 international organizations have protested Beazley's scheduled lethal injection.

Beazley does not deny his role in the murder but has sought a review of his case, including the question of whether the Constitution bars executing people who were under age 18 when they committed their crimes.

EPA's modernization rules for power plants are delayed

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Bush administration has put off announcing whether it will stop tightening pollution requirements for power plants that are being repaired or upgraded. Environmentalists worry that the delay is a signal that industry will win changes in the rules.

The Environmental Protection Agency postponed the decision until September, when it will propose legislation for reducing emissions of three major air pollutants.

"Our top priority is protecting public health and the environment, and we are in the final stages of developing a comprehensive strategy that will allow us to take the next step forward into a new generation of air pollution controls," EPA Administrator Christie Whitman said Tuesday.

At issue is the EPA's "new source review" program, which is supposed to minimize air pollution from new factories, power plants and refineries.

Power industry officials say EPA has applied the regulations to routine maintenance and replacement work, making plant maintenance schedules longer and more costly. Environmentalists want the program left intact.

The postponement "sends a clear signal that EPA is headed in the wrong direction," said Rebecca Stanfield, an attorney for the U.S. Public Interest Research Group. "They're looking to obscure the impact of what they're doing by putting into the context of a bigger legislative proposal."

In a statement, the EPA noted that the National Governors' Association last week called for reform of the program "to achieve improvements that enhance the environment and increase energy production capacity."

The EPA's evaluation of the program was ordered by a task force, headed by Vice President Dick Cheney, that predicted the need for 1,300 new power plants. The agency held four hearings around the country and received 130,000 written comments on the issue, and was to report to President Bush by Friday.

The Justice Department is separately reviewing enforcement actions that have been brought under the program to see if they were legal under the Clean Air Act.

The legislation that the EPA is expected to propose next month will set caps on emissions of nitrogen, sulfur and mercury while allowing the industry to find the most cost-effective means of compliance, the agency said.

The administration has refused to include carbon dioxide among those pollutants, despite its link to global warming.

"We are developing a comprehensive approach to improving our efforts to control air pollution, to achieve significant reductions in air pollution while simultaneously streamlining the regulatory process so it works better, achieving real reductions and full industry compliance at far less cost," Whitman said.

On the Net:
Environmental Protection Agency: http://www.epa.gov

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TEXAS LOTTERY

RESULTS

Texas Two Step

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Texas Two Step numbers drawn Tuesday by the Texas Lottery:
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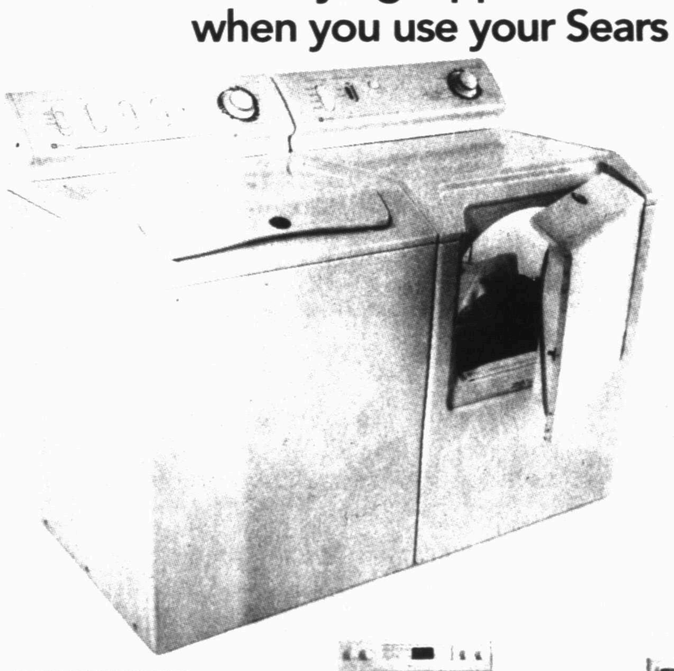
AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Tuesday by the Texas Lottery:
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AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Tuesday by the Texas Lottery, in order:
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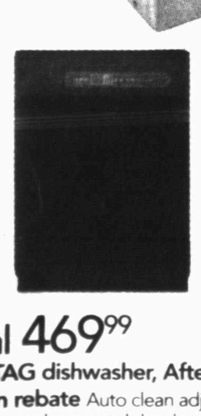
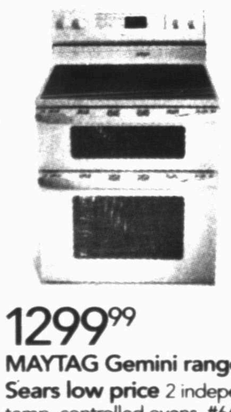
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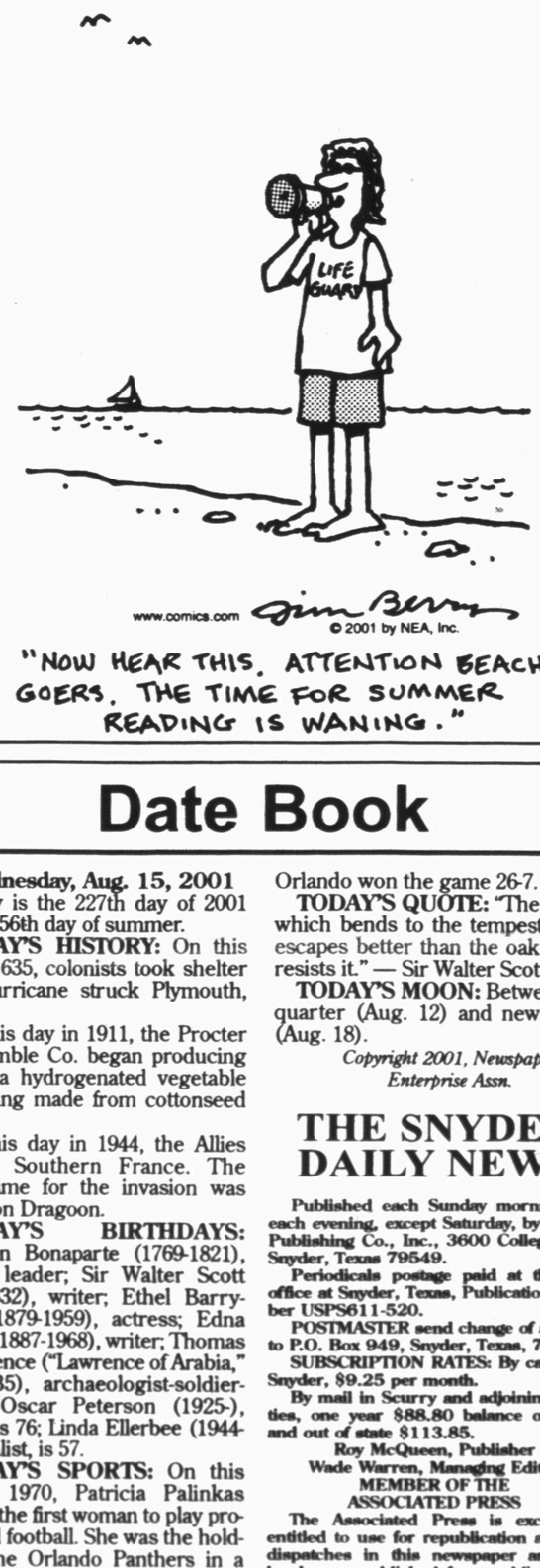
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Today is the 227th day of 2001 and the 56th day of summer.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1635, colonists took shelter as a hurricane struck Plymouth, Mass.

On this day in 1911, the Procter and Gamble Co. began producing Crisco, a hydrogenated vegetable shortening made from cottonseed oil.

On this day in 1944, the Allies invaded Southern France. The code name for the invasion was Operation Dragoon.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Napoleon Bonaparte (1769-1821), French leader; Sir Walter Scott (1771-1832), writer; Ethel Barrymore (1879-1959), actress; Edna Ferber (1887-1968), writer; Thomas E. Lawrence ("Lawrence of Arabia," 1888-1935), archaeologist-soldier-writer; Oscar Peterson (1925-), pianist, is 76; Linda Ellerbee (1944-), journalist, is 57.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1970, Patricia Palinkas became the first woman to play professional football. She was the holder for the Orlando Panthers in a game against the Bridgeport Jets. Orlando won the game 26-7.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "The willow which bends to the tempest, often escapes better than the oak which resists it." — Sir Walter Scott

TODAY'S MOON: Between last quarter (Aug. 12) and new moon (Aug. 18).

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Attorneys grill Vita Pro witness on dealings

HOUSTON (AP) — A convicted thief who helped federal agents build a racketeering case against former Louisiana Gov. Edwin Edwards and bribery against former Texas prisons chief James A. "Andy" Collins escaped various bribery and fraud charges himself in unwritten immunity deals, a lawyer said Tuesday.

"As long as you danced the dance, you got a deal," attorney Michael Ramsey sneered at Patrick Graham.

Graham is a key witness as Collins faces trial on charges he took kickbacks in a scheme to feed a meat substitute called VitaPro to Texas prisoners and market the soy-based nutrient elsewhere.

In his second day of testimony Tuesday, Graham finished telling federal jurors of his dealings with Collins. He repeated earlier accusations that Collins accepted payoffs for pushing through a five-year, multimillion-dollar contract with the state to distribute VitaPro in state prisons and sell it elsewhere before he retired in December 1995 as head of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

Collins, who was chief of the 140,000-inmate Texas prison system from 1994-1995, was indicted in 1999 for bribery, fraud, conspiracy and money laundering. On trial with him for the same charges is Yank Barry, owner of Montreal-based VitaPro Foods Inc., which makes the meat substitute. Prosecutors say Barry gave Collins $20,000 for pushing through the VitaPro contract with Texas.

Collins' attorney, Bill White, and Ramsey, Barry's attorney, say their clients did nothing wrong. They also contend Graham, the prosecution's top witness, became an informant to escape prosecution for his own shady business dealings.

He was a key informant on other federal corruption cases, including the case against Edwards, who was convicted in May 2000 of federal racketeering charges.

If convicted, Collins and Barry each could face up to five years in prison and a $250,000 fine on a conspiracy count; 10 years in prison and a $250,000 fine on each of two bribery counts; 20 years and a $500,000 fine on each of two money laundering charges; and five years and a $250,000 fine on a fraud charge.

Graham is serving a 10-year Texas prison sentence for taking $150,000 from a woman who had asked him to help break her boyfriend out of prison. He also has been convicted of tax evasion for failing to pay $700,000 in federal income taxes.

The tax charge was reduced to a misdemeanor from a felony and the government has not put a lien on Graham's house worth more than $375,000 to recoup at least part of that debt, Ramsey said Tuesday.

Graham also said Tuesday his attorney is trying to have his sentence reduced to probation. Graham has a state parole hearing soon.

Graham said in mid-1995, he asked Collins to run a private juvenile prison to be built in Louisiana and Collins agreed to do it after he retired from the Texas system. Then Graham, who had found financing difficult to obtain without a named facility operator, told bankers the Texas prisons chief would run the juvenile facility as a second career.

When Texas prisons officials learned Collins had signed on to the project while still running state prisons, they told him to resign.

Collins pushed for the VitaPro contract in November 1995, retired a month later and looked forward to a $1,000-a-day contract with VitaPro to market the product as well as his new job running the juvenile facility.

Prosecutor Gary Cobe said Collins knew Graham had been accused of bribing Louisiana officials in connection with getting the juvenile facility built and stuck with the project.

But neither job panned out. Barry decided against keeping Collins on as a high-paid consultant, and Graham's offer dried up when Graham was arrested in the prison escape fraud in January 1996.

White said Collins saw the VitaPro deal as a potential moneymaker for the state as well as a way to make Texas prisons self-sufficient. White said Collins accepted consulting fees from Barry before his retirement.

NASA tests concept plane

LOS ANGELES (AP) — NASA has tested a prototype of an airplane that may one day fly across the surface of Mars.

During the Aug. 9 test, National Aeronautics and Space Administration engineers used a helium balloon to haul the glider to 103,000 feet. At that altitude, the atmosphere is as thin as it is on Mars.

The plane was then dropped. After an initial 13,000-foot plunge, the plane swooped out of its steep dive into stable flight.

Flying for the most part on autopilot, the plane took two hours and 22 minutes to spiral down to a landing in the grass at Oregon's Tillamook Airport. It reached a top speed of Mach .82, or slightly less than the speed of sound.

"It turned out to be a better airplane than we dared hope for," said Andy Gonzales, the project's flight test director at NASA's Ames Research Center in Silicon Valley.

The flight, believed to be the highest ever for a glider, was designed to test the prototype's aerodynamic performance.

"Ours was really a Marslike airplane flying at Marslike conditions," said Larry Lemke, the project manager for advanced Mars mobility concepts at Ames.

The glider has a straight wing spanning 8 feet and a twin tail at the rear of its roughly 4-foot-long fuselage. Future tests of the airplane will use versions with folding wings and, eventually, its own propeller propulsion system. The propeller would have to be able to move the craft through the thin, carbon dioxide-rich atmosphere on Mars.

NASA may send an airplane or airplanes to Mars in 2007 to chart the planet's surface from its dusty skies. About six teams around the country are already at work on prototypes of such a flying robot, Lemke said.

The space agency earlier scrapped plans to fly a plane on Mars on Dec. 17, 2003, the 100th anniversary of Orville and Wilbur Wright's first powered flight at Kitty Hawk, N.C.

In a separate test that ended Tuesday, NASA demonstrated that propeller-driven flight in a near-Marslike atmosphere is possible.

During a flight over the Hawaiian island of Kauai, the Helios flying wing flew to an altitude of 96,500 feet, the highest ever for a propeller-driven and non-rocket aircraft.

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Officer's call for help is answered with laughter

DEAR ABBY: Here's my "Locked in the Loo" story: As a police officer patrolling the streets, I sometimes had to use public restrooms. On one occasion, I went to a friend's business to attend to the call of nature. To get to the restroom, I had to walk through the showroom, office area, warehouse and garage. When I tried to leave the restroom, the door wouldn't open.

I didn't have the luxury of having a window through which to escape. I yelled and banged on the door, but got no response. Having no other choice, I used my portable police radio to ask the dispatcher to call the business and inform them of my plight. There was no immediate response from the dispatcher. When he did respond, I heard loud laughter in the background.

I knew immediately when my friend at the store received the phone call because I could hear howls of laughter coming from the showroom.

This happened more than 20 years ago. I'm sure that when the citizens of that fine city read this in your column, they will have another good laugh since everyone who had a police monitor heard my plea. You may use my name. — **JAMES A. OEHMKE, RETIRED TOLEDO POLICE OFFICER**

DEAR JAMES: When I read your letter aloud, howls of laughter echoed throughout my office. Interesting, isn't it, how funny a predicament can be when it's happening to someone else.

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DEAR ABBY: My wife and I have been married 19 years. We have one daughter in college and three at home, ages 17, 15 and 11. We went to therapy because I was unhappy. The therapist said my wife was not allowing any of us space, including me. My wife was making all the decisions — which included having the kids believe in the tooth fairy and the Easter bunny.

My wife doesn't like one suggestion the therapist made. I believe it could work well. The therapist said we should have one weekend a month free. From Friday at 6 p.m. to midnight Sunday (54 hours), I take care of the kids and house, and my wife can do whatever she wants with the time and $120. I get the same on my weekend. The other two weekends are for the family, and the children choose alternating activities from my wife's list or mine.

On my weekend I go away fishing, camping, hiking or whatever. This is what my wife hates. Abby, I need the time alone, undisturbed, and have felt much better since I started doing it. I also enjoy having the kids alone without my wife constantly interrupting or contradicting me.

My wife will sometimes stay around the house on her "alone" weekend and try to interfere even though she's not even supposed to have dinner with us or be involved in any way when it's my weekend with the kids.

How can I get her to understand how much this means to me? How can I get her to get a life? She hates camping and fishing. Please answer soon because she's driving me and the kids crazy on my weekend with them. — **NEEDS TIME OUT IN SACRAMENTO**

DEAR NEEDS TIME OUT: Your wife already understands how much your separate time means to you — and she finds that threatening. What's sad is that the harder she clings and tries to control, the more uncomfortable she's making you and the further she's driving you away.

Some individual counseling to resolve her insecurity would be helpful. If she refuses, I see difficult times ahead.

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Dear Abby is written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanne Phillips.

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Suspect sought in fatal shooting

WEATHERFORD, Okla. (AP) — Weatherford police are looking for the person who shot a man as he checked on a noise in the back yard of his residence.

Carlos Casiano, of Vernon, Texas, suffered three gunshot wounds Saturday morning. Casiano, 37, was released from Southwestern Memorial Hospital on Sunday.

Casiano's wife, Rhonda, told police she heard a noise in the back yard and asked her husband to check on it. When Casiano went to investigate, he was shot several times with a small-caliber handgun. The suspect fled on foot.

Police arrested Rhonda Casiano, 37, on a complaint of conspiracy to commit murder. An arrest warrant was then issued for Marcus Dewayne Long, 30.

Police in Duncan spotted Long and followed him to a residence. Duncan officers, the Stephens County Sheriff's office and the Oklahoma Highway Patrol searched the area for Long for several hours, but he eluded capture, authorities said.

Long is described as a black male, about 5-foot-11 and 180 pounds, officers said. He has a dark complexion with a scar on his forehead and right arm.

Long has a shaved head and tattoo on his right shoulder. It is unknown if he is armed, but authorities consider him dangerous.

Man accused of making boy sleep in doghouse

HOUSTON (AP) — A grand jury has indicted a Vidor man accused of forcing his live-in girlfriend's son to sleep in a doghouse.

Curtis Lee Robin Sr. was free on bond today after he was charged with injury to a child.

Robin, 37, was accused of whipping the 11-year-old boy with a car antenna and forcing the boy to spend days at a time chopping a tree stump with an ax while he lived, ate and slept outside, said Orange County Attorney John Kimbrough.

"There were times he slept in a doghouse," said Kimbrough.

He said when police and Child Protective Services officers went to the house last week, they found the boy asleep on the ground.

Robin, 37, had been out of town at the time. He was arrested Monday and later released from Orange County Jail on $25,000 bond.

The indictment alleges that Robin intentionally and recklessly injured the boy.

Kimbrough said that the boy would be allowed to come inside for a short period every few days, but had spent most of the summer outside.

A neighbor who had reported seeing the boy outside in heavy rain called law officers.

Officials placed the boy in a foster home. Kimbrough said investigators are also considering charges against the boy's mother.

E. coli infections may have stricken 10 children at fair

CEDARBURG, Wis. (AP) — A suspected outbreak of E. coli that may be linked to a county fair has left at least four children hospitalized, including two described as seriously ill, authorities said.

Two children were hospitalized with confirmed cases of the potentially deadly O157:H7 strain of E. coli, and two other children were being tested at Children's Hospital of Wisconsin with suspected infections, hospital spokeswoman Sue Pierman said Tuesday.

County officials were also aware of six other suspected cases, all in children, said Glenda Madlom, director of the Ozaukee County Public Health Department.

"There appears to be a possible correlation to the Ozaukee County Fair held Aug. 1-5," Madlom said in a statement. She said she was first alerted to the cases Monday and confirmed them Tuesday.

All 10 of the people with suspected E. coli infections had been at the fair, said Ozaukee County public health nurse Kathleen E. Bleau.

The E. coli O157:H7 bacterium often causes diarrhea, stomach cramps, fatigue and nausea, and it can lead to fatal complications. It can spread through infected food or water, or when people touch infected animals.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder



North 08-15-01
♠ K J 10 8 5
♥ K 9 5
♦ A J 3
♣ 7 3

West
♠ A 3 2
♥ 8 2
♦ Q 8 6 5
♣ Q J 10 2

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

South
♠ Q 6
♥ A Q J 10 6 4
♦ 9 7 4
♣ K 6

Dealer: South
Vulnerable: North-South

South	West	North	East
1 ♥	Pass	1 ♠	Pass
2 ♥	Pass	4 ♥	All pass

Opening lead: ♣ Q

Wednesday, Aug. 15, 2001

A big book from an unusual pedagogue

By Phillip Alder

Frank Stewart specializes in writing big books that give good value for the money. His latest is "Becoming a Bridge Expert" (Master Point Press, 2001). That is an appropriate title. Stewart writes, "I embraced an elitist approach: any student with talent would get a chance to develop it." In other words, he is interested primarily in those who he feels could become good players. People playing for pleasure should go elsewhere.

Stewart teaches traditional (old-fashioned, some would say) bidding methods, and he includes several examples to support his stances. (This is not my style, but any agreement is better than none.) However, the work contains 300 large pages full of primarily sound advice in the form of 67 tips on bidding, declarer-play and defense.

In this deal from the book, you are sitting East, defending against four hearts. West, your partner, leads the club queen: three, ace, six. What now?

If South has both major-suit aces, he will probably win the rest of the tricks. The bidding marks him with at least six hearts, and the spades are dividing favorably. So, place partner with one major-suit ace. Since partner's lead marked South with the club king, that suit is barren land. Needing some luck in diamonds, you should switch to the diamond two. When partner — fine fellow or fellowess(!) — produces the diamond queen, and has the spade ace to regain the lead for a diamond lead through the dummy, you collect four tricks: one spade, two diamonds and one club.

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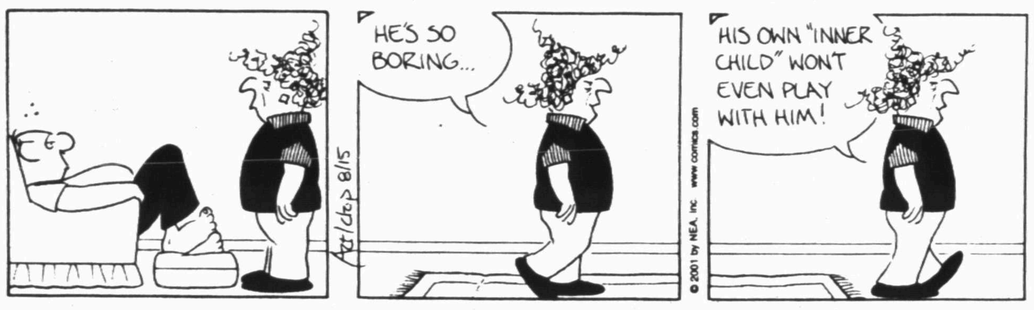
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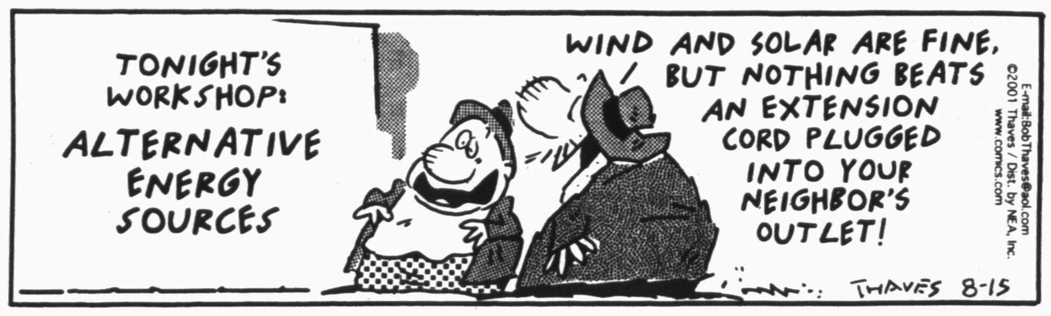
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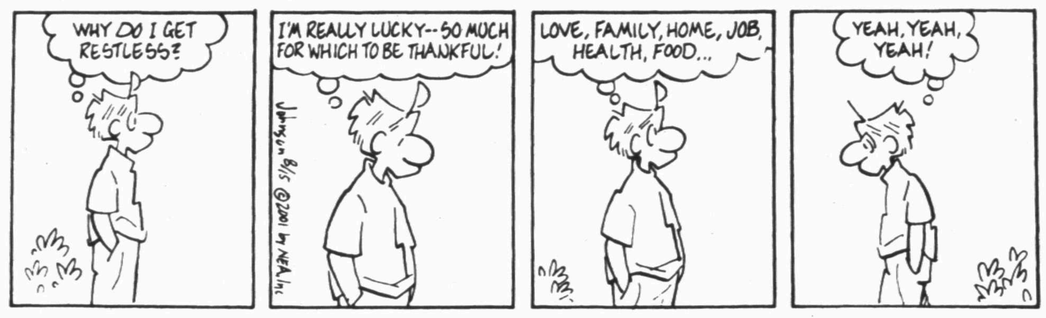
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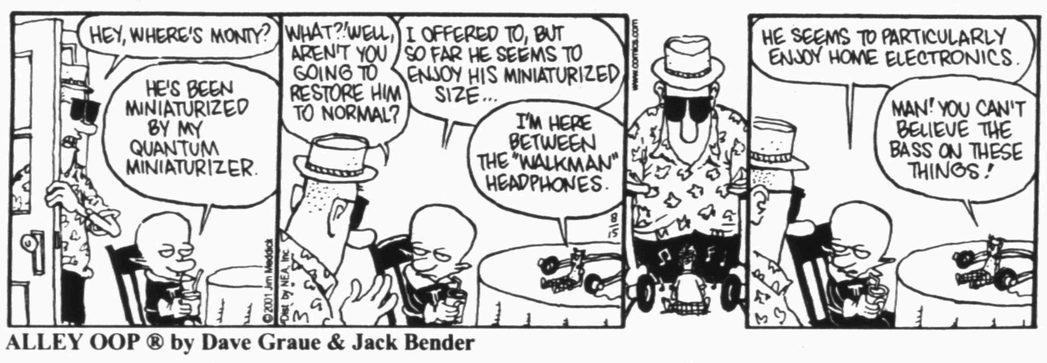
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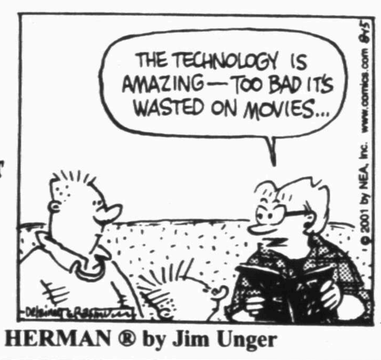


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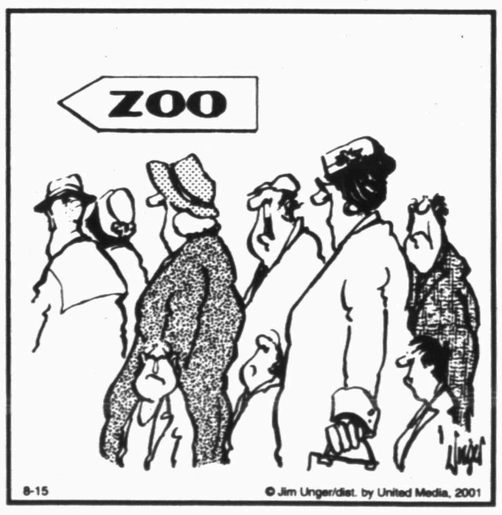


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SCENE 2: MORE OF THE SAME
SCENE 3: DULL JUNK
SCENE 4: WASTE
SCENE 5: DUMB CAR CHASE
SCENE 6: HOKEY REUNION
SCENE 7: GRATUITOUS STUNT





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ACROSS

1 Person of prominence
6 Unit of electromotive force
10 "Platoon" director Stone
12 Quail groups
14 "Tomorrow, Pedro"
15 Wood sorrel
16 Finale
17 Close relative
19 Cheerful tune
20 Unfortunate
23 Biblical prophet
26 Anglo-Saxon letter
27 Roman 2,001
30 Beginning
32 Stay
34 Performed anew
35 Aviation hero Chuck —
36 Actress West
37 Flightless bird
39 Threefold
40 Of no value
42 Amazes
45 Sault — Marie
46 First day of the wk.
49 Sedative
51 Actress Ida
54 Pushes gently
55 Used the rink
56 Appear
57 — nous (confidentially)

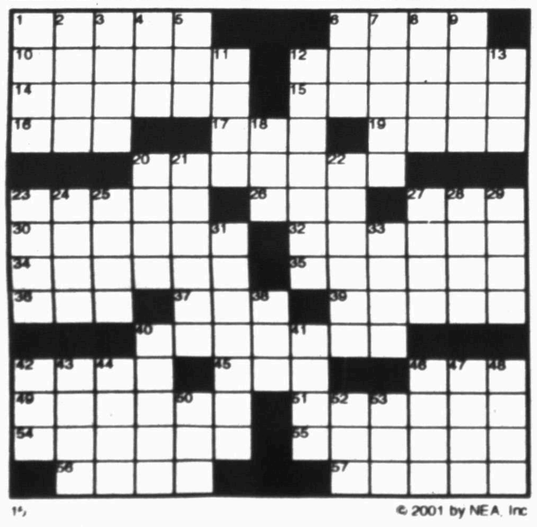
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1 Alaska city
2 Actor Arkin
3 Secure with rope
4 Eggs
5 Big —
6 Irritate
7 Ellipses
8 Leslie Caron role
9 Lime tree
11 Grate
12 Waterless
13 Fast plane
18 Spanish cheer
20 Author Victor —
21 Ammonia compounds
22 Pieces of paper
23 "Cheers" regular
24 Field
25 Conceal
27 "The Gift of the —"
28 Appearance
29 About (2 wds.)
31 Sources of ruin
33 Damages
38 Last mo.
40 Custom
41 Lampreys
42 Got a blue ribbon
43 Musical work
44 Broad
46 Baseball glove
47 Something remarkable
48 Swelling
50 Pro — (for the time being)
52 Luau strings
53 Skillet

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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SPORTS

Lady Tigers split opening matches

BRONTE — Considering it was the season-opener with an inexperienced squad, Snyder High School volleyball coach Patty Grimmett was pleased with her squad's performance.

Snyder took care of Sweetwater in straight games Tuesday, 15-4, 15-9, before falling to Bronte, 15-9, 12-15, 10-15, to start the season with a record of 1-1.

"We did some things really well for it to be this early in the season," said Grimmett. "For a lot of the girls, this was their first varsity experience."

The Lady Tigers were sharp against Sweetwater, committing only one service error and making short work of the Lady Mustangs.

After taking the opening game in the Bronte match, Snyder ran into some trouble.

"We started off good against Bronte, but then we started making hitting errors and defensive mistakes," Grimmett said. "That's what hurt us. When we made an error, we would make three or four more on top of it."

The Lady Longhorns tallied eight consecutive points in Game 2 before the Lady Tigers tried to rally. Snyder trimmed the deficit to 13-12, but could get no closer.

The third game was a similar scenario, with Bronte posting six straight points to take command.

"We gave up too many points in a row in both games," Grimmett stated. "Our girls did a good job of trying to come back, but when we started making mistakes, then our communication broke down."

Snyder is in action again Friday and Saturday at the Bev Ball Classic in Abilene. The Lady Tigers open the tournament at noon Friday against Fort Worth Christian.

Snyder def. Sweetwater 15-4, 15-9

Snyder service points: Shelly Fisk, 9; Amber Alexander, 6; Kate Wright, 5; Leticia Martinez and Laura Billingsley, 3; Kallie Billingsley and Aaryn Stewart, 2.

Bronte def. Snyder 9-15, 15-12, 15-10

Snyder service points: K. Billingsley, 10; Chaelyn Robinson, 8; Martinez and Fisk, 7; Alexander, 4; Wright, 1.

Cowboys make QB change

OXNARD, Calif. (AP) — Dallas Cowboys owner Jerry Jones recognizes he's taking a big risk by naming rookie Quincy Carter his starting quarterback.

But Jones is quick to point out that he also went against conventional wisdom when he replaced Tom Landry with college coach Jimmy Johnson, and when he traded Herschel Walker for draft picks, albeit a bundle of them.

"We've never gotten there laying up, then hitting into the green. We've gotten there by going for it. We're going for it here," Jones said.

Carter, drafted to be the long-term replacement to Troy Aikman, became the immediate successor Tuesday when the Cowboys released veteran Tony Banks.

Banks signed a $500,000, one-year deal in March, between the time Aikman was released and Carter was drafted. He was repeatedly told he'd be the starter — until the last few days, when Jones and coach Dave Campo began to waver.

The official reason given for the change was a new offensive approach that favors short yardage over the deep passes that are Banks' specialty. However, his work ethic appears to have been a factor, too.

Jones said he had explained "very carefully and very painstakingly" to Banks what was expected from the starting quarterback of the Cowboys, one of the most high-profile roles in pro sports. Banks apparently wasn't living up to it.

"The perception of leadership, the passion for the competitiveness for it, we were very clear from the word 'Go,'" Jones said. "We ultimately made the decision because we have that in Quincy Carter and (backup) Anthony Wright.

"They have that, they came here with that. That became a major plus. Add that to the potential, then add that to what Dave wants to do with the offense this year and that's how the decision came down."

Said Banks: "I guess I'm not Jerry's guy. You all saw practice and saw how I was playing. I didn't see this coming. I feel like my dad hit me with a baseball bat. It was the last thing I was expecting. All I know is the offensive coordinator and the quarterback coach had no idea what was going on. That should tell you something."

Carter remains a work in progress. In a game, he's thrown a pass that had the arc of a punt. In practice Monday, one of his throws wobbled so much it looked like a kickoff. He calls those "flutterballs."

"We're not even worried about it," said Carter, smiling.

Carter has looked better in games than in practices. He went 9-of-15 for 167 yards and two touchdowns in his preseason debut against Oakland and was 6-of-11 for 48 yards Saturday against Denver, leading Dallas into field-goal range twice.

"He shows a lot of skills from a leadership standpoint," running back Emmitt Smith said. "He still has to learn the system and work on some of the mechanics of the game. But he's working hard and he's worked hard all offseason."

Jones said Carter, who at 23 is older than the average rookie because he played two years of minor league baseball, has shown "maturity and sharpness."

Carter, Wright and third-stringer Clint Stoerner have a combined two NFL starts, all by Wright, and a total of five regular-season appearances. Jones said "the odds of us making another move are nil."

Cubs regain division lead over Astros

HOUSTON (AP) — Depending on the player, it was either a really big game or just one of many.

After spending one day out of first place, the Chicago Cubs rallied in the seventh inning on Sammy Sosa's 43rd home run for a 3-1 victory over Houston and regained a half game lead in the NL Central Division over the Astros.

"You can sit here and say it's just another game, but really it's not," closer Tom Gordon said. "This is the team that we are fighting so obviously it's big."

Chicago had lost three straight. Monday night's 9-5 defeat in the series opener had dropped the Cubs out of first place for the first time since May 29.

"This was huge for today," Cubs manager Don Baylor said. "Tomorrow, we'll be back to the same thing again. It's going to be this way all the way, Chicago, Houston and St. Louis. Everyone will be watching everyone else's scores."

The Cubs and Astros close out the current series Wednesday night, one of eight games remaining between the teams this season.

Sosa's homer was the 429th of his career and kept him in a tie for 28th on the career list.

Local Schedule

FRIDAY

Football: Watermelon Bowl, at Tiger Stadium, 5:30

Volleyball: Snyder varsity at Abilene Bev Ball tourney

Volleyball: Snyder freshmen and JV at Odessa tourney

SATURDAY

Volleyball: Snyder varsity at Abilene Bev Ball tourney

Volleyball: Snyder freshmen and JV at Odessa tourney

Sports Briefs

Flag football

Any teams interested in playing in the Texas Amateur Athletic Federation flag football league should contact Earl Ware at 573-0800.

SISD golf meeting

Parents of Snyder junior high and high school golfers will meet at 8 p.m. Thursday at the junior high auditorium. Plans will be made for the Sammy Baugh tournament to be held Sept. 8 at Western Texas College.

Western Texas MGA

The Men's Golf Association of Western Texas College holds a weekly event at 6 p.m. each Tuesday. Players need to register in the pro shop by 5:30.

Tuesday scramble and all-day MGA

The Men's Golf Association of Snyder Country Club holds its weekly scramble at 5:30 p.m. each Tuesday.

Also, an all-day MGA event is held each Thursday.

WGA play day

The Women's Golf Association of Snyder Country Club holds its weekly play day at 8:30 a.m. each Tuesday. Format is queen of the hill.

NFL ups offer to referees

NEW YORK (AP) — Having made little progress in labor talks with its officials, the NFL upped its offer to a 40 percent increase in salary for this season and doubled salaries by 2003.

The NFL and its officials, all of whom are part-timers who have regular jobs, have made little progress in discussions since the current contract expired last March.

After that meeting, league officials said they might start training replacement officials from college and NFL Europe to step in for the regulars.

NCAA survey finds substance use

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Almost 60 percent of college athletes use nutritional supplements that are unregulated and may contain banned substances such as ephedrine, an NCAA survey found.

The survey, released this week, showed the use of amphetamines, anabolic steroids and ephedrine, while still low, has increased slightly in the past four years.

But 58.4 percent of the athletes surveyed said they had used a nutritional supplement other than a multivitamin within the past year.

While this was the first time the survey looked at the use of supplements, the level of use trailed only alcohol and was more than double the use of marijuana.

Only 15 percent of those who took the supplements acquired them from an athletic trainer, nutritionist or doctor, the NCAA said.

At PGA Championship...

Woods, Duval ready for rivalry

DULUTH, Ga. (AP) — Two years behind schedule, the rivalry between Tiger Woods and David Duval has finally come to fruition.

Excuse these guys if they don't get all worked up with excitement.

"They want Tiger to have a rival," Duval said Tuesday, looking ahead to the PGA Championship which begins Thursday at Atlanta Athletic Club. "Whatever."

From Phil Mickelson to Sergio Garcia, Woods has stared down many would-be challengers during his short but brilliant career. In Duval's case, this is the second time around.

In 1999, Duval bumped Woods from No. 1 in the world with the best run of his career, including four victories before the Masters. Their budding rivalry even sparked the prime-time, made-for-TV "Showdown at Sherwood."

Woods, of course, reclaimed the top spot in the rankings and left Duval — and everyone else, for that matter — in the dust by winning five of six majors beginning with the 1999 PGA Championship.

So much for another Arnie vs. Jack.

Woods' streak of four straight majors — the "Tiger Slam" — ended in June when Retief Goosen won the U.S. Open. Unfortunately, Tiger vs. Goose doesn't have much of a ring to it.

Tiger vs. Duval certainly does, and the latter did his part a month ago by claiming his first major title at the British Open. The man in the wraparound sunglasses has again become the most compelling player this side of Woods.

"I think he's going to be a little more confident now in major championships because he knows what it takes to win a major championship," Woods said. "Anyone who wins a major understands, knows what it takes coming down the stretch, what it takes to prepare for a major, what kind of mental frame you need to have for the entire week, and what kind of game it takes.

"David accomplished all of the above."

Duval refuses to be tugged into the me-vs.-him mentality. He takes no special satisfaction in beating any particular player, especially a friend such as Woods.

"I just want to play great," Duval said. "I don't think in terms of a rivalry. I view him as somebody I have to beat. I don't view him as my sole competition."

The emotional Woods and icy Duval would seem to have little in common, but their relationship has grown over the years.

Major League Baseball

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East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Philadelphia	66	52	.559	—
Atlanta	64	54	.542	2
Florida	59	59	.500	7
New York	54	65	.454	12½
Montreal	50	69	.420	16½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	67	51	.568	—
Houston	67	52	.563	½
St. Louis	63	55	.534	4
Milwaukee	49	67	.422	17
Cincinnati	48	70	.407	19
Pittsburgh	45	73	.381	22

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Arizona	68	51	.571	—
San Francisco	67	52	.563	1
Los Angeles	65	54	.546	3
San Diego	58	60	.491	9½
Colorado	50	68	.424	17½

Tuesday's Games

Chicago Cubs 3, Houston 1
Philadelphia 10, Milwaukee 4
St. Louis 7, Cincinnati 1
Colorado 5, Atlanta 4, 10 innings
San Diego 6, N.Y. Mets 0
Arizona 4, Pittsburgh 3, 10 innings
Montreal 4, Los Angeles 1
San Francisco 13, Florida 7

Wednesday's Games

Chicago Cubs (Lieber 15-5) at Houston (Astacio 7-13), 7:05 p.m.
Philadelphia (Daal 10-4) at Milwaukee (Wright 8-7), 8:05 p.m.
Cincinnati (Reitsma 5-11) at St. Louis (W.Williams 9-8), 8:10 p.m.
Atlanta (Burkett 9-8) at Colorado (Hampton 12-8), 9:05 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Leiter 7-9) at San Diego (Jarvis 9-9), 10:05 p.m.
Pittsburgh (D.Williams 1-4) at Arizona (Schilling 17-5), 10:05 p.m.
Montreal (Pavano 0-0) at Los Angeles (Carrara 2-1), 10:10 p.m.
Florida (Penny 7-6) at San Francisco (Ortiz 13-6), 10:15 p.m.

Thursday's Games

Philadelphia (Figueroa 4-2) at Milwaukee (Quevedo 1-1), 2:05 p.m.
Florida (Burnett 8-8) at San Francisco (Estes 8-7), 3:35 p.m.
Montreal (Ohka 0-2) at Los Angeles (Gagne 4-5), 4:10 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Appier 6-10) at San Diego (Tollberg 6-3), 5:05 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Beimel 5-8) at Houston (Miller 12-6), 8:05 p.m.
Cincinnati (Acevedo 3-3) at St. Louis (Hermanson 10-9), 8:10 p.m.
Atlanta (Millwood 2-5) at Colorado (Chacon 6-6), 9:05 p.m.

American League
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East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	70	49	.588	—
Boston	65	52	.556	4
Toronto	56	63	.471	14
Baltimore	50	69	.420	20
Tampa Bay	42	78	.350	28½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	66	52	.559	—
Minnesota	64	55	.538	2½
Chicago	58	59	.496	7½
Detroit	48	69	.410	17½
Kansas City	48	71	.403	18½

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Seattle	86	33	.723	—
Oakland	68	51	.571	18
Anaheim	63	56	.529	23
Texas	52	67	.437	34

Tuesday's Games

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

Wednesday's Games

Oakland (Zito 8-7) at Toronto (Escobar 3-5), 7:05 p.m.
Anaheim (Valdes 8-6) at Detroit (Sparks 8-7), 7:05 p.m.
Seattle (Garcia 13-4) at Boston (F.Castillo 7-6), 7:05 p.m.
Minnesota (Mays 12-10) at Cleveland (Finley 4-5), 7:05 p.m.
Kansas City (K.Wilson 6-2) at Baltimore (Mercedes 6-13), 7:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay (P.Wilson 5-7) at N.Y. Yankees (Clemens 15-1), 7:05 p.m.
Texas (Helling 9-9) at Chicago White Sox (Lowe 6-3), 8:05 p.m.

Thursday's Games

Oakland (Lidle 7-5) at Toronto (Lyon 1-1), 12:35 p.m.
Kansas City (Byrd 5-4) at Baltimore (Ponson 5-8), 12:35 p.m.
Anaheim (Schoeneweis 9-8) at Detroit (Weaver 10-11), 1:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Rupe 4-9) at N.Y. Yankees (Hitchcock 1-2), 1:05 p.m.
Seattle (Sele 12-3) at Boston (Wakefield 7-7), 7:05 p.m.
Minnesota (Johnson 1-1) at Cleveland (Woodard 1-2), 7:05 p.m.
Texas (Davis 6-8) at Chicago White Sox (Garland 4-4), 8:05 p.m.

National Football League

Preseason At A Glance
All Times EDT

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East

	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
Indianapolis	1	0	0	1.000	28	21
New England	1	0	0	1.000	14	0
Miami	1	1	0	.500	27	31
Buffalo	0	1	0	.000	10	24
N.Y. Jets	0	1	0	.000	10	20

Central

	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
Cleveland	1	0	0	1.000	10	3
Jacksonville	1	0	0	1.000	18	16
Pittsburgh	1	0	0	1.000	17	16
Tennessee	1	0	0	1.000	27	24
Cincinnati	1	1	0	.500	40	40
Baltimore	0	0	0	.000	0	0

West

	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
Oakland	2	0	0	1.000	31	21
Denver	1	0	0	1.000	20	6
Kansas City	1	0	0	1.000	20	0
San Diego	1	0	0	1.000	25	24
Seattle	0	1	0	.000	21	28

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East

	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
Philadelphia	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Arizona	0	1	0	.000	7	10
N.Y. Giants	0	1	0	.000	0	14
Washington	0	1	0	.000	0	20
Dallas	0	2	0	.000	20	41

Central

	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
Minnesota	1	0	0	1.000	28	21
Chicago	1	1	0	.500	40	40
Detroit	0	1	0	.000	24	27
Green Bay	0	1	0	.000	3	10
Tampa Bay	0	1	0	.000	14	17

West

	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
St. Louis	2	0	0	1.000	41	20
Atlanta	1	1	0	.500	36	27
Carolina	0	1	0	.000	16	18
New Orleans	0	1	0	.000	21	28
San Francisco	0	1	0	.000	24	25

Thursday's Games

Pittsburgh at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Jacksonville at New York Giants, 8 p.m.

Friday's Games

Atlanta at Washington, 8 p.m.
Tennessee at St. Louis, 8 p.m.

Saturday's Games

San Diego at Miami, 7 p.m.
New England at Carolina, 7:30 p.m.
Philadelphia at Buffalo, 7:30 p.m.
Baltimore at New York Jets, 8 p.m.
Dallas at New Orleans, 8 p.m.
Detroit at Indianapolis, 8 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Cleveland, 8 p.m.
Chicago at Kansas City, 8:30 p.m.
Arizona at Seattle, 9:30 p.m.

Sunday's Game

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Penney's will pull TV ad

PLANO (AP) — J.C. Penney Co. says it will pull a television commercial that showed a mother encouraging her daughter to dress more provocatively.

The ad, timed for back-to-school sales, had been running nationwide for about a week, promoting a popular style of hip-hugging jeans often worn with a bare midriff.

The commercial showed a teenage girl trying on low-cut jeans only to be interrupted by her mother.

"You're not going to school dressed like that, are you?" the woman asked.

Then the mother tugged the jeans down lower on the girl's hips to show how they should be worn.

The commercial drew complaints to the retailer and on syndicated radio talk shows.

"After much consideration, J.C. Penney had decided to pull the commercial," Penney spokesman Tim Lyons said.

The move came just a week after the Plano-based department-store chain pulled a T-shirt from its shelves after getting complaints from shoppers. The shirt showed a rundown mobile home and the words "Home Skooled."

Parents of home-schooled children complained that the shirt ridiculed their families.

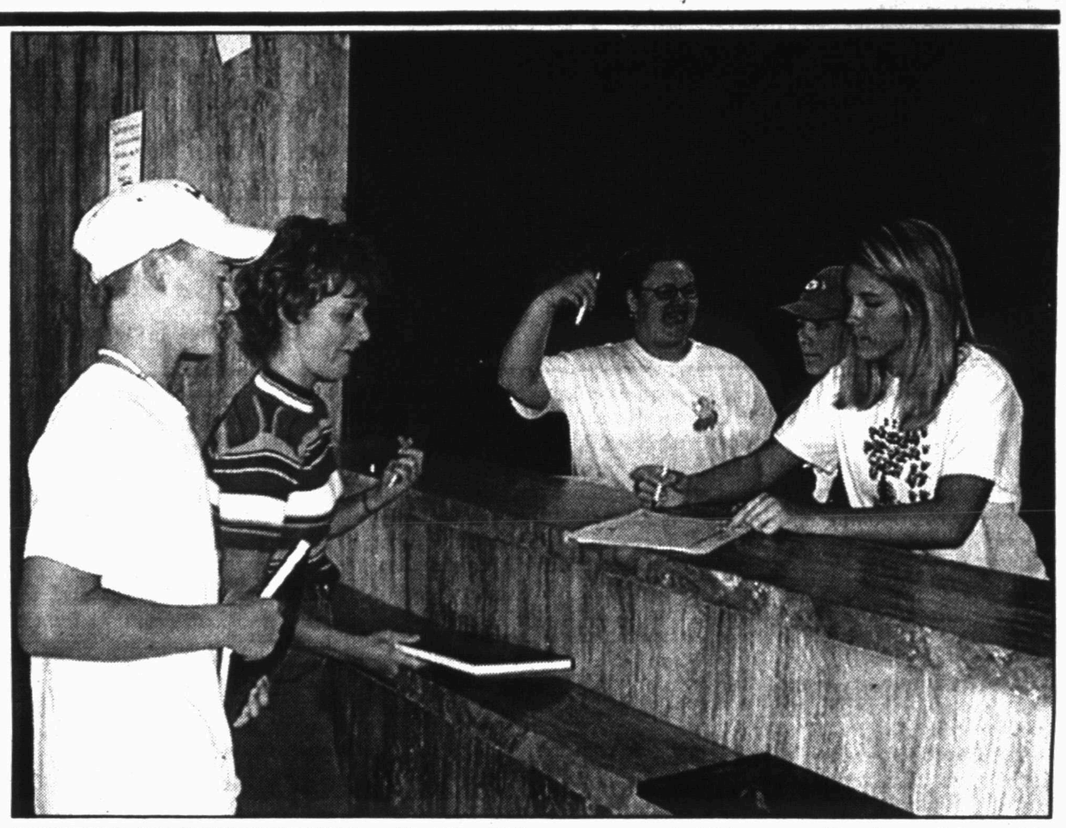
Cage immortalized

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Nicolas Cage plunged his hands and feet into wet cement outside the historic Chinese Theater in Hollywood.

The star of "Captain Corelli's Mandolin" said he was honored to be immortalized among the host of stars who have left their mark in the forecourt of the famed moviehouse.

"I used to come here when I was a kid," Cage told the crowd gathered for the ceremony Tuesday. "I'd look at all my heroes, like Humphrey Bogart.

Cage was joined by girlfriend Lisa Marie Presley.



TIGER'S LAIR DISTRIBUTION — Bradley Price accompanied his mom, Terri, to pick up his sister Tara's yearbook at Snyder High School's Worsham Auditorium foyer. Helping them are Krisi Early, Stefani Beck and Kasey Crill. Distribution will continue from 4 to 5 p.m. Thursday and Friday. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Beauty pageant to use some elements of reality-based TV

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. (AP) — You are the weakest beauty. Goodbye.

Organizers of this year's Miss America Pageant are hoping to spice up the contest by incorporating elements of quiz shows and reality TV, including an opportunity for contestants to help vote for the winner.

Although they may be borrowing themes from shows like "Survivor," pageant officials say the Miss America contest is already a veteran of reality-based programming.

"People are out there inventing things like 'Survivor' and portraying it as reality TV," Robert M. Renneisen Jr., president and chief executive officer of the Miss America Organization, said Tuesday. "But in fact the Miss America telecast has been providing viewers with high-stakes reality television since its broadcast debut in 1954."

Pageant officials hope the updates to the 81-year-old pageant will draw more viewers to a telecast that has seen its ratings slip in recent years.

Among the changes:

—Contestants who are not chosen as one of the Top 10 will be able to cast votes for the finalist they think should wear the crown, similar to the way contestants on the popular CBS show "Survivor" help determine that show's winner. The contestants' votes will be added to the judges' scores.

—The five finalists will be quizzed on current events, American history and U.S. government. A wrong "final answer" would not eliminate them, as it does on ABC's "Who Wants to Be a Millionaire," nor does it mean that they could be voted off as on NBC's quiz show "Weakest Link." For the beauty contestants, a wrong answer would count against their final scores.

Pageant competitions also will be renamed. The swimsuit competition will be known as the "Lifestyle and Fitness" competition. A video illustrating how contestants stay fit will be shown while they cross the stage in bathing suits.

"It might be ATV riding or bungee jumping," Renneisen said. "Something that gives a broader picture of what her life is all about."

The evening wear competition will be called the "Presence and Poise" phase, while the talent segment will be renamed "Artistic Expression." The interview segment will be called "Presentation and Community Achievement."

This year's telecast also will contain fewer song-and-dance routines, and the top 20 semifinalists will be featured in the first hour of the show to give the audience a better idea of what they are like.

Renneisen said the changes were made after The Chambers Group, a Los Angeles-based company, asked people across the country what they would like to see in the pageant.

"The project we commissioned showed that the American public wants to see more competition among the women and a more accurate gauge of the intelligence that contestants possess," he said. "They also want the telecast to portray the contestants in a more natural way."

Each year 12,000 women begin competing in pageants in all 50 states and Washington, D.C. The 51 winners compete in Atlantic City.

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Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.



Caffeine may be somewhat addictive

DEAR DR. GOTT: I believe that I am physiologically addicted to caffeine. I drink three cups of coffee in the morning, just to get started; then, follow up with two sodas during the day. When I try to eliminate caffeine from my diet, I become tired, depressed, and headachy. I also crave sweets. How do I kick this socially acceptable drug?

DEAR READER: Fortunately, for most people, caffeine is not nearly as addictive as many other drugs. This is not to imply that some caffeine-junkies are not (in the strictest sense) addicted. However, the physical need for the mild stimulant is far below the craving that drug-habituated patients have for other compounds, such as nicotine, alcohol, narcotics and tranquilizers.

In my experience, the primary "addiction" to caffeine is psychological: People come to need and expect the "lift" given by caffeine. Patients who are naturally depressed, for instance, may crave caffeine. When the stimulant is withdrawn, such people suffer symptoms of fatigue, lassitude, irritability and feeling unwell and "undercharged." These symptoms, like many others, should be addressed as a genuine health issue by medical professionals, because they are probably not due to caffeine withdrawal.

In addition, drinking caffeine beverages establishes a mind-set: If you expect to experience a feeling from a mild mind-altering drug such as caffeine, you will — even though the drug may not be the cause of the feeling.

This observation was brought home to me several years ago when I read a study in which doctors investigated the way caffeine causes wakefulness and insomnia. Two groups of college students were tested. The first group was given decaffeinated coffee at bedtime; they were told they were drinking regular coffee. Predictably, many of the students complained of insomnia.

The second group was given warm milk at bedtime. However, this milk had been amply laced with caffeine, a tasteless and odorless compound. You guessed the result: The students given the caffeine slept like babies. The investigators concluded that the subjects' expectations were a more valid predictor of sleeplessness than was the caffeine.

Many people drink too much caffeine. The easiest way to overcome this habit is to drink one less caffeine-containing beverage (soda, coffee or tea) per day, substituting a decaffeinated liquid. By cutting down by one drink a day, you will soon find yourself consuming only one or two caffeine servings daily; this is a reasonable amount for most adults.

If, after several days at the lower "dose", you persist with symptoms of fatigue, depression and headaches, see a doctor to discover what is really ailing you.

To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Headaches." Other readers who would like a copy should send $2 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to Newsletter, P.O. Box 167, Wickliffe, OH 44092-0167. Be sure to mention the title.

DEAR DR. GOTT: My 25-year-old daughter sleeps excessively. Her blood tests were fine. Where do we go from here?

DEAR READER: Sleepiness has many causes, ranging from depression and stress to physical ailments, such as narcolepsy, seizures and brain afflictions that lead to the desynchronization of sleep patterns. If your daughter has been examined by a physician, tested and found to be normal, I believe that the next logical step would be referral to a neurologist. Such a specialist is trained to diagnose unusual sleep disorders. Narcolepsy, for example, is a syndrome characterized by repeated attacks of sleep that appear at inappropriate times; the condition is readily treated with time-release stimulant drugs.

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Markets

Midday Stocks

NEW YORK (AP) -

	High	Low	Last	
AMR Corp		33.88	33.02	33.15—.58
AOL TimeWrn		39.33	38.05	38.48—1.17
AT&T Corp s		19.99	19.68	19.71—.16
Albertsons		35.15	34.52	34.78 + .03
Alltel		57.80	55.25	55.65—5.41
AmEl Pw		44.49	44.01	44.14—.51
AndarkPtr		57.80	56.75	57.61 + .97
ATMOS Egy		21.62	21.40	21.55—.01
Aviall		10.99	10.93	10.98 + .04
BP PLC		52.92	52.52	52.61 + .84
BakerHughes		34.56	33.88	34.15 + .39
Bank of Amer		63.29	62.50	63.00 + .44
BellSouth		40.16	39.50	39.50—.60
Beth Steel		2.15	2.12	2.13 + .05
BurlNoSFe		26.90	26.55	26.75 + .07
Caterpillar		54.70	53.88	54.61 + .75
Chevron		92.81	92.45	92.62 + 1.03
Citigroup s		49.00	48.38	48.46—.29
CocaCola		46.98	46.15	46.98 + .94
ColgatePal		54.80	54.28	54.44—.17
ComclMetals		31.00	30.90	30.94—.06
Cooperin		57.60	57.25	57.38—.37
DaimlrChry		48.28	47.56	47.72—.18
DeltaAirl		42.56	41.70	41.88—.62
Dillards Inc		17.75	17.54	17.60 + .08
DowChem		35.90	35.27	35.77 + .63
DuPont		42.24	41.60	41.79 + .05
EastmanChem		42.15	41.90	41.99—.25
EstKodak		44.13	43.62	43.76 + .01
EDS Corp		62.99	62.05	62.26—.44
Entergy		37.53	36.92	37.08—.42
ExxonMobil s		41.58	41.22	41.32 + .17
FstBksAm		30.65	30.55	30.65 + .13
GenDynam		83.23	82.50	83.00 + .26
GenElec		42.19	41.72	42.13 + .28
GenMills		44.12	43.83	43.95 + .08
GenMotors		63.85	63.25	63.28 + .27
GaPacGP		37.47	37.00	37.09—.11
GlobalMar		15.90	15.56	15.83 + .33
Goodrich		36.25	35.95	36.08—.12
Goodyear s		27.20	27.05	27.11 + .26
GtAtlPac		19.20	19.09	19.19 + .09
Halliburtn		31.60	30.54	31.24 + .70
Hanson ADS		38.90	38.50	38.52 + .26
HarteHanks		23.15	23.01	23.05—.02
HomeDepot		49.78	48.95	49.07—.23
HoneywellIntl		37.38	36.90	37.20 + .52
IBM		106.59	105.54	105.70—.50
IntlPaper		41.49	41.00	41.48 + .88
JohnsonJn s		57.60	56.89	57.15 + .16
K mart		12.80	12.59	12.62—.19
KinderMorg		54.55	53.30	53.30—.78
Kroger Co		27.00	26.41	26.51—.36
LockheedM		39.75	39.15	39.60—.02
Lowes Cos s		37.60	36.65	36.77—.41
Lubys		9.20	9.11	9.18 + .01
LucentTech		6.53	6.40	6.40—.02
MayDeptStr		33.64	32.95	33.06 + .11
Medtronic		44.15	43.10	43.97 + .87
Motorola		18.47	17.89	17.92—.49
NCR Corp		38.65	38.46	38.52 + .02
Navistar		36.78	35.65	36.75 + 1.61
Penney JC		26.50	25.86	26.00—.49
PepBoys		12.39	12.20	12.30 + .10
PepsiCo		45.98	44.50	45.12—.43
Pharmacia		45.40	44.85	45.09 + .19
PhelpDodge		38.00	37.57	37.68—.20
PhilipPet		58.60	58.08	58.31 + .41
PilgrmPrd B		15.10	15.00	15.02—.07
Polaroid		1.57	1.35	1.35—.20
Praxair		47.46	46.82	47.06 + .13
ProctGamb		72.58	72.14	72.35—.15
PubS NwMx		29.44	29.00	29.05—.45
RadioShack		25.15	24.71	24.95 + .22
ReliantEngy		31.05	30.64	30.65—.20
RoyalDut		57.05	56.45	56.45 + .25
SBC Comm		44.25	43.72	44.02 + .02
SaraLee		19.50	19.35	19.40 + .11
Scripps EW		69.87	69.66	69.66—.27
SearsRoeb		46.50	45.25	45.51 + .11
SherwinW		22.89	22.65	22.76—.02
SouthernCo s		23.23	22.81	22.89—.20
SwstAirl s		18.22	18.00	18.09—.11
SprintFON		23.60	23.00	23.00—.20
SprintPCS		24.95	24.70	24.75—.10
Sunoco Inc		35.80	35.65	35.66 + .10
TXU Corp		46.96	46.03	46.23—.69
TempleInland		61.46	60.65	60.97 + .12
Texaco		70.82	70.42	70.69 + .87
Textind		40.22	39.81	39.81 + .06
TexasInst		35.00	34.11	34.28—.58
Textron		56.49	55.83	56.29 + .26
TriconGlbR		43.56	43.06	43.06—.54
TrinityInds		27.01	26.87	26.93 + .08
TylerTech		3.30	3.25	3.27 + .07
USX-Marathn		30.64	30.28	30.57 + .38
USX-USS		20.58	20.27	20.27—.23
UnionPacif		54.85	54.35	54.41—.11
UnitedTech		73.00	72.05	72.32—.36
Unocal		36.42	35.70	36.41 + .61
Venator Grp		18.00	17.84	17.95 + .15
VerizonComm		54.03	53.70	53.77 + .09
WalMart		52.92	52.07	52.35—.01
WellsFargo		47.17	46.80	46.94 + .29
WstnGasRs		31.70	30.75	31.66 + .60
WinnDixie		24.21	23.87	24.02 + .16
Xerox Cp		8.65	8.48	8.52 + .01

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Diversified

By Greg Gruben, County Extension Agent

It's the Dirt

To the uninitiated, gardening seems to be all about plants. Certainly each of the seemingly infinite variety of trees, shrubs, flowers, vegetables and grasses is fascinating. Artfully combining them to create landscape and gardens is challenging and rewarding; however, to the initiated, gardening is really all about soil.

It is easy to take soil for granted. After all, soil is almost everywhere. It literally comes with the territory when you buy a home or property. Soil may be largely dense sticky clay, thin gritty sand, or powdery silt. (Only the truly fortunate discover loose woodsy loam in the yard.) Whichever type, this existing soil constitutes the planting medium for the garden on the property. To improve its ability to support and nourish plants, gardeners strive to improve its structure ingredient that makes this job a lot easier — humus (often referred to as just plain 'organic manure').

Humus creates soil. It is not a coincidence that the word "humus" is part of every gardener's vocabulary and that compost piles, one source of humus, is part of their gardens. Humus transmutes sterile dirt into fertile soil. Derived from organic matter of all kinds, humus is the life supply system of soil. The presence of humus between mineral particles and air spaces enables soil to nurture plants and drains well. Humus also creates an environment that supports living organisms that convert soil nutrients into some form plant roots can use, building soil fertility. In short, humus brings soil to life.

In nature humus is constantly introduced into soil as plant debris, dead animals and other organic matter that decompose on the ground. Through the alchemy of bacteria fungi, and other resident micro life activity, this organic material is reduced by degrees to its soft, spongy essence, called humus. It permeates the top few inches of the soil through rains and the good offices of earthworms and other macro-organisms, where it continually revitalizes the soil around plant roots. This natural cycle is repeated over the seasons out in the wild, sustaining the great forests and other natural areas. Where there is lots of vegetation to decay and enrich the soil, such as in woodland areas, the soil is rich in humus and very fertile. Where there is little or no vegetation to provide the organic debris, such as at the seashore or in the desert, the soil has little or no humus and is lean, infertile.

In developed areas, such as residential yards and gardens, where the natural vegetation has been removed or disturbed, this natural decay cycle is disrupted. Organic matter such as leaves, dried plant parts, prunings, animal remains, manure and other debris is routinely removed before it can recycle into the soil. Intensive planting of crops, turf grass and ornamental plants rapidly depletes soil of its existing humus content. Bare soil in garden beds is exposed to the harsh effect of sun, wind and hard rains, which further reduce its humus content and destroy its structure and fertility. To grow plants successfully, gardeners must emulate nature and constantly renew the soil by adding the depleted ingredient humus. Humus solves soil problems. There is, however, no such thing as perfect soil. Every soil has problems in structure, texture and/or chemistry that compromise its ability to nurture plants. The best way to confirm suspected soil problems is to submit a soil sample for laboratory analysis through the local cooperative Extension office. Their computer printouts profile the soil content and structure, pinpointing deficiencies. Fortunately, the addition of organic matter, or humus, can mitigate many of these problems. Here are six soil problems that can be addressed by adding humus.

• Compaction — Good soil is loose and crumbly because it has lots of air spaces. Plant roots are able to penetrate soil deeply for extended drought resistance and stability. Air is also essential to the micro life that lives on its organic content and processes its nutrients to create fertility. Typically soil in a home landscape is compacted, the air compressed from it by the weight of foot traffic, construction, mechanical yard care equipment, and harsh weather. To reduce compaction, regularly add humus in the form of a top-dressing to existing lawns. Spread mulch of some organic material on bare soil in beds and under trees and shrubs year round. Dig in compost, peat moss of the like into garden beds when planting to improve aeration.

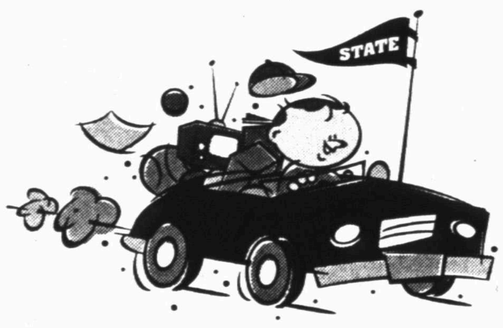
• Sandy soil — Sandy soil has large particles with large air spaces between them. Therefore, it drains so quickly that it dries out quickly. Also, water-soluble nutrients leach out rapidly before the plants can use them. Humus incorporated into sandy soil acts like a sponge, absorbing and holding moisture and any nutrients dissolved in it. Replenish the humus content of sandy soil at every opportunity.

• Clay soil — Clay soils are so thick because they have small particles with correspondingly small air spaces between them. They tend to stick together and cause water to fill up the air spaces. Since moisture does not drain from this soil very well, plant roots rot. Adding humus to clay soils discourages the small particles from sticking so tightly. They aggregate into large clumps creating larger spaces that drain more easily and hold air to improve soil texture.

• Fluctuating pH levels — The acidity or alkalinity of soils, expressed as pH, affects how accessible their nutrients are to plants. Reduced acidity (pH higher than 8.0) inhibits the uptake of iron, boron, copper and other elements necessary for plant health. Excessive acidity (pH lower than 6.0) discourages plant absorption of other nutrients. Alter pH levels by adding either sulfur to increase acidity or limestone to reduce acidity in amounts indicated by soil test results. Because humus buffers soil against changes in its pH, adding lots or organic matter to the soil will help maintain desirable pH levels.

• Pest insects, disease pathogens in the soil — Soil rich in humus is alive. It supports active microorganisms to process nutrients and harbors beneficial macro-organisms such as ants and ground spiders that prey on soil-dwelling pest larvae and eggs. Humus creates a soil environment that supports beneficial nematodes and also bacteria such as milky spores that homeowners introduce into lawns to combat white grubs. Many other resident microbes attack and control disease pathogens that lurk in the soil. Top-dressing and mulching lawns and gardens with organic material such as chopped leaves, compost or shredded bark products discourages soil pest problems.

• Infertile soil — Soil becomes sterile over time as its humus content is reduced by hot weather, removal of topsoil, or intense cultivation without replacement of organic matter. The number and activity of microorganisms in the soil are depleted. In their absence the production of nutrients in the soil is severely curtailed and it becomes sterile. While fertilizer provides nutrients to plants, it does not solve a soil fertility problem. Supporting resident micro life in the soil is the long-term solution. Top-dressing lawns and perennial beds with humus and incorporating it into cultivated soil every year provides a home for these organisms so they can assure soil fertility.



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Colorado City

The Colorado City Livestock Auction had a run of 680 head of cattle for the Saturday, Aug. 11, sale. Compared to last week: Feeder steers and heifers were mostly steady. Slaughter cows and bulls were steady. Bred cows and pairs were steady in a light test. Trading was active and demand good.

Feeder steers:
300-400: 104-110
400-500: 98-103
500-600: 88-93.50
700-800: 80.50-84
Feeder heifers:
300-400: 100-104
400-500: 87.50-89
500-600: 84-87.50
600-700: 78.25-84.50
Replacement cows
Older cows: 590-670
Younger cows: 435-565
Pairs: 685-790
Aged: 585-665
Slaughter cows:
Breakers: 1000-1250 Lbs. 41-45
Boners: 1000-1200 Lbs. 42-47
Lean: 900-1200: 38-43
900-1000 Lbs.: 37-43
800-1000 Lbs.: 37-43
Under 750 Lbs.: 31.50
Slaughter Bulls
Yields grade 1-2 1300-2100 Lbs.: 51-57.50
Low Dressing: 1000-1300 Lbs. 44.50-50

Lubbock

The Lubbock Stockyards, Inc. had a run of 1,185 head of cattle for the Thursday, Aug. 9, sale. Cows were steady to $1 better. Calves and yearlings were steady. Trading and demand were good.

Slaughter cows
(High dressing — cutters — utilities: 44-50.50
Canner and low cutters: 37-44
Slaughter bulls: 52-60.50
Feeder steers — choice:
300-400: 105-125
400-500: 90-115
500-600: 85-100
600-700: 83-92
700-800: 77.50-85
Feeder heifers:
300-400: 100-110
400-500: 85-105
500-600: 85-92
600-700: 80-85
700-800: 75-82
Feeder Bulls — good and choice:
500-600: 83-93
700-800: 75-80.
Cow and calf pairs:
Good: 650-750
Grade: 500-650
Springers: 400-640
Baby calves: 100-190
Doodlers: 175-305

Veneman announces water project during summit on farming

LUBBOCK (AP) — U.S. Agriculture Secretary Ann Veneman, in West Texas to address the Texas Agricultural Policy Summit, came bearing gifts Tuesday.

She announced the distribution of emergency supplemental payments to farmers in West Texas and elsewhere, and tentatively approved a $20 million water project in Abilene.

The water project, which could receive final approval by the end of the month, would bring a new source of water to 14,000 residents in 13 rural communities near Abilene.

Funding from a $10 million grant and a $10 million loan would build a 51-mile pipeline from Lake O.H. Ivie to Abilene's water treatment facility.

The funds are available through the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Rural Utilities Service.

U.S. Rep. Charles Stenholm, D-Stamford, said legislators during the past session tapped Abilene as a regional water center.

"It's something that we've been working on for about a year and a half," Stenholm said. "I was very pleased. This was, I think, a key long-term move."

Abilene requested the funding on behalf of nearby communities, including Baird, Clyde, Merkel and Tye.

The project also will serve Blair, Eula, Hamby, Potosi, Steamboat Mountain, View-Caps Hawley, Stith-Union Ridge-Noodle and Callahan County water supply corporations.

Following her speech, Veneman went to the Lubbock office of the Farm Service Agency and began issuing checks from the $5.5 billion farm assistance legislation President Bush signed into law on Monday.

About 1.4 million producers nationwide will receive payments, which must be issued before the end of the fiscal year Sept. 30.

Earlier Tuesday, Veneman told about 500 summit attendees that the United States must be more aggressive in negotiating trade agreements so producers have more places to market their crops.

"Instead of gaining market share by negotiating agreements, the United states is losing ground and we will have to work hard in coming years to catch up," Veneman said. "The aggressiveness of other countries and passiveness we've been seeing here in the U.S. is hurting U.S. farmers."

Veneman also urged U.S. ranchers and farmers be vigilant in fighting pests and disease.

Maryland has more acres devoted to organic farming

COLUMBIA, Md. (AP) — When Mexican bean beetles launch an assault on Dave Shaw's bean plants, he reaches for parasitic wasps instead of insecticide.

As one of the growing number of certified organic farmers in Maryland, Shaw avoids pesticides, herbicides or commercial fertilizers. He relies on natural pest controls, and that's where the wasps come in.

The tiny wasps lay their eggs in the beetle's yellow larvae, then the eggs hatch and the baby wasps feast on the beetle.

Shaw's 6-acre farm is one of 70 farming operations certified as organic by the Maryland Department of Agriculture. The number of acres in certified farms more than doubled from 1,670 in 1997 to 3,449 last year, said state program director Valerie Frances.

With the state's 2 million acres of farmland decreasing by about 20,000 acres a year, Frances said organic farming is a bright spot because more consumers — including herself — want to buy food that has not been exposed to chemicals.

"Everything in my lunch is organic. Organic bread with organic jelly and organic peanut butter. Organic yogurt. Organic soy milk," she said, pulling out her lunch.

Before the state certifies a farm as organic, farmers must prove that no prohibited pesticides or herbicides have been used on fields for at least three years. And they have to agree to comply with 27 pages of rules.

It's up to Frances, with the help of a contract employee, to make sure certified farms follow organic practices. She examines records, inspects the labels farmers are required to keep on the products they buy and walks buffer zones that must be maintained between organic and regular fields.

GAS UTILITIES DOCKET NO.9180 PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to Gas Utilities Docket No. 8664, dated November 25, 1997, TXU Gas Distribution-Transmission was ordered by the Railroad Commission of Texas to file for a reconciliation proceeding to demonstrate that its gas costs were reasonable and necessary for the period of November 1, 1997, through October 31, 2000, and to show that it has complied with certain limitations on its gas purchasing practices. On July 16, 2001, TXU Gas Distribution-Transmission, an operating unit of TXU Gas Distribution, a division of TXU Gas Company ("Company") in order to comply with requirements set forth in Gas Utilities Docket No. 8664, filed the required reconciliation.

Persons with questions or who want more information about this filing may contact TXU Gas Distribution-Transmission, at (214) 812-2223. A copy of TXU Gas Distribution-Transmission's filing is available for inspection during normal business hours, at the Company's business office located at 1601 Bryan Street, 32nd Floor, Dallas, Texas 75201. Persons who wish to intervene in this proceeding should contact the Railroad Commission of Texas, Office of General Counsel, Docket Services, P.O. Box 12967, Austin, Texas 78711-2967. The deadline for intervention in this proceeding is September 14, 2001.

Mistaken identity cited in ex-officer's appeal

NEW YORK (AP) — When former patrolman Charles Schwarz was convicted in one the most shameful brutality cases in New York Police Department history, his fate appeared sealed.

But a campaign to free him led by his wife, Andra, has helped keep Schwarz's name in the news and fuel a bid to overturn the verdict in the bathroom assault of Abner Louima.

Today, a judge is expected to hear new testimony supporting defense claims that Schwarz, 36, wasn't in the police station bathroom when another officer sodomized Louima with a broken broomstick in 1997.

As with many appeals, the chances are slim that Schwarz, now serving a 15-year sentence, will soon walk out of prison a free man.

His appeal hinges on the statement of a now-retired officer, Patrick Walsh, who has called into question the testimony of a key prosecution witness. Officer Eric Turetzky testified at trial that Schwarz escorted Louima to the bathroom, but Walsh says Turetzky told him he wasn't sure of the identification.

Prosecutors dismiss the new testimony as worthless. They insist Schwarz held down Louima while former officer Justin Volpe, who pleaded guilty and is serving 30 years in prison, attacked the Haitian immigrant.

But during a hearing last month, an appellate court judge suggested that Walsh's statement, if true, would cast doubt on Turetzky's testimony. The court asked U.S. District Judge Eugene Nickerson to consider defense complaints that prosecutors suppressed evidence at Schwarz's trial.

At trial, Louima testified that he could identify his second assailant only as "the driver" who helped arrest him. Officials said Schwarz drove the patrol car, and two officers testified they saw Schwarz leading Louima toward the bathroom. But Volpe and two other officers testified Schwarz wasn't in the bathroom during the assault.

Schwarz's attorneys argue that prosecutors withheld dozens of statements by other officers that would have helped clear their client.

The appeal "gives a whole new side to the story," Andra Schwarz said. "It goes right to the heart of the government's case. ... We think he'll be granted a new trial."

Andra Schwarz, 41, has become her husband's full-time paralegal, publicist and fund-raiser. She argues that her husband was a scapegoat pursued by prosecutors determined to close a racially charged case.

Defense attorney Ronald Fischetti is working pro bono, but Andra Schwarz says other legal expenses, including paying private investigators, are mounting.

She said she and supporters are doing "whatever we can to get his story out."

A Web site offers mail-order "Free P.O. Chuck Schwarz" T-shirts in return for donations. In an unabashed mailer, Andra Schwarz recounts how she fell for her husband, an ex-Marine, and how she put off having a family because he feared he might die in the line of duty. "But now Chuck and I may never be able to have a baby," she writes.

Her efforts caught the attention of "60 Minutes," columnist Bob Herbert of The New York Times and politician Guy Molinari, who suggested her husband may be a victim of mistaken identity.

Molinari, the Republican president of Schwarz's home borough, Staten Island, said that after talking to officers who worked with Schwarz, he became convinced federal authorities got the wrong man.

The attack in the police station bathroom happened early Aug. 9, 1997, after Louima was arrested in a brawl outside a nightclub. The charges against him were later dropped, but that night Louima was handcuffed and taken to a police station. Volpe, mistakenly believing Louima had punched him, admitted he was enraged and attacked Louima in the station bathroom.

The city and its police union earlier this year settled with Louima for $8.7 million. Louima had sued, accusing police of protecting violent officers behind a "blue wall of silence and lies."

Bush plan gives states more control

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Bush administration is scaling back Clinton era patient protections for millions of poor Americans who get health insurance through Medicaid.

The Clinton rule, issued two days before President Bush was sworn in, gave millions of patients new rights in dealing with their HMOs. After Bush took office, states and health insurance companies lobbied hard for changes, arguing the Clinton version was too onerous.

The Clinton version was to have taken effect this spring, but it has been delayed twice already. The Bush administration is delaying it another year while it collects and considers public comment on its own version of the regulation, an official at the Department of Health and Human Services said Tuesday.

The revised proposals, being disclosed Thursday, will give states more control over details of patient protections, the official said. It was unclear whether HHS would set minimum protections for every new right or the department would give states complete flexibility in writing some of the protections into their Medicaid programs.

The protections are similar to those Congress has spent five years debating for Americans in private health plans. They include the right to take complaints to an independent appeals board, the right to reasonable emergency room care and the right of women to see gynecologists without referrals.

Under the Bush administration's regulation, states would have to guarantee rights in these general categories but would have considerable power over details, said the official, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

For instance, under the new rule, states could set time frames for their health plans to review patient complaints, the official said.

States, which administer the health care program for the poor, have moved patients aggressively into cost-saving HMOs, which now serve more than half of Medicaid beneficiaries.

At the direction of Congress, HHS issued the proposed rules for Medicaid in 1998. After reviewing more than 300 comments submitted on the proposed rules, HHS issued a final version Jan. 18.

"All Americans — whether they are in Medicare, Medicaid or private health plans — deserve the basic protections that a patients' bill of rights provides," then-HHS Secretary Donna Shalala said.

Normal procedures would have had the rules take effect in 90 days. On his first day in office, however, Bush put all pending regulations on hold.

The Medicaid rules dodge the most contentious issue in the congressional patients' rights debate: They do not allow lawsuits. But they offer a host of other new rights for patients in managed care.

Under the Clinton rules, insurance companies would have been required to:

—Establish a system for grievances and appeals, including expedited appeals for certain situations, and the right to independent review.

—Provide patients with comprehensive, easy-to-understand information about how their plans operate, including lists of doctors and hospitals, their phone numbers and addresses.

—Pay for emergency room care, even if it is provided at a hospital outside the network and is not preapproved, for patients who reasonably believe their health to be in jeopardy.

—Let women see gynecologists and other specialists in women's health for routine and preventive services without getting referrals.

—Have enough doctors and hospitals to serve the patients enrolled.

—Submit marketing materials to state governments for approval.

'The Seagull' may be headed to Broadway

NEW YORK (AP) — Will "The Seagull" fly to Broadway?

"There is definite interest and discussions are going on, but nothing is set at this point," Carol Fineman, a Public Theater spokesman, said Tuesday about the big-name, outdoor revival starring Meryl Streep and Kevin Kline.

The production of the Chekhov classic runs through Aug. 26 at the Delacorte Theater in Central Park.

The New York Post reported Tuesday the Mike Nichols-directed revival would move to Broadway's Lyceum Theater in November for an eight-week run and with a $100 top ticket price. Streep, who has not been on the New York stage for 20 years, apparently is interested. The length of her commitment to a possible Broadway production is among the questions being addressed.

Even if the play, which also features Christopher Walken, Philip Seymour Hoffman and John Goodman, does move, several cast members can't make the transfer to Broadway.

Debra Monk has already been cast in the musical "Thou Shalt Not" opening in October, and Marcia Gay Harden has a television series. Another question mark is Natalie Portman, who plays the pivotal role of Nina. Portman is a student at Harvard University, and it is uncertain if she would take a semester off to appear in the show.

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Thursday, Aug. 16, 2001

Something that you are presently involved with could produce several profitable spin-offs for you in the year ahead, so be alert for ways to generate additional benefits.

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VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Even if you're involved commercially with one of your friends today, make the relationship your primary concern instead of what you hope to gain.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — If you're prepared to take responsibility for creating your own achievements today, instead of expecting others to further your cause, you can realize an important success.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Your mind is much more idea-oriented today than usual, and that which you conceive could be far more practical as well. What you initiate at this time can have far-reaching effects.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — If you handle things properly with your involvement with others today, a financial opportunity might avail itself through the bonding with another.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Finding solutions to satisfy everybody concerned may come more easily for you today than normally. This is because you'll be able to balance your thoughts to satisfy the whole.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Tasks you undertake that would benefit your family will pay off mightily today. Think of them first and you won't have any trouble being motivated to do so.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — One of your greatest assets is your compassion you feel for others, and today, when dealing with friends, they'll sense this and be greatly drawn to you.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Take time out from your busy work schedule and make domestic matters your top priority today. Doing so now will enable you to deal with present problems more effectively.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Having a conversation today that you've wanted to have with a certain person will compatibly end a troubling matter once and for all. Don't put it off any longer.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Your financial house can be put in order today if you'll take the time to do so. A little in-depth analysis will reveal neglected opportunities that can help out your situation immensely.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Unless you have a dedicated purpose on which to direct your attention today, you could become easily bored. Don't be afraid to crowd your agenda a bit; it'll make things happen.

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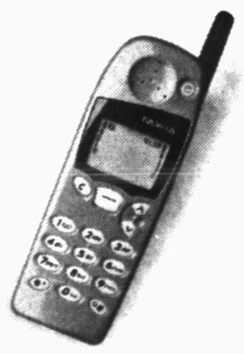
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Arrest stiffens American's resolve

VIENNA, Austria (AP) — An American woman detained after riots at the Group of Eight summit, said today that her three-week incarceration in an Italian prison strengthened her resolve to fight injustice and racism.

Susanna Thomas was among 20 people ordered released by a Genoa court Tuesday — 15 Austrians, three Americans, a Slovak and a Swede. The 21-year-old from New Jersey called for all "political prisoners" to be freed and vowed to continue her fight.

"My primary work right now is to work for the release and support of the Genoese political prisoners and all political prisoners all over the world," she told The Associated Press at Vienna's airport, where she arrived a day after her release from the Voghera prison outside Milan.

Thomas, a Quaker, said she was particularly concerned about the legal status of members of the Austrian political street theater company, Publix Theater, with whom she was arrested.

"I hope that all the people who have worked for my release will continue to keep international attention on the plight of political prisoners all over the world," she said.

Thomas, a student at Bryn Mawr College in Pennsylvania, stayed Tuesday night at the home of her lawyer, Gilberto Pagani, and left for Vienna today. She said she would visit friends for a few days before flying home to see her parents in Warren, N.J.

Pagani identified the other two Americans released Tuesday as Andre Patrick Stoffel, of Illinois, born in 1978, and Brian Sating, of Ohio, born in 1965. Their hometowns were not available.

Thomas was arrested July 22 with members of Publix Theater as the group left Genoa in a caravan of vehicles. Thomas had previously traveled with the group in Europe but was working in Genoa as a journalist and translator.

Police alleged the Publix Theater group had conspired with violent anarchists known as Black Bloc before and during the July 20-22 summit.

Police seized knives, black clothes, cell phones and flagpoles in their vehicles.

Firefighters kept busy by wildfires

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — Crews throughout the West continued to fight nearly 300 wildfires that scorched more than 100,000 acres since the week began.

The fires burned Tuesday in Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Montana, Wyoming, California, Nevada, Utah, Arizona, Texas and Oklahoma, uniting more than 10,000 firefighters in a struggle against smoke, flames and hot temperatures.

The fires destroyed dozens of homes and threatened many more, but crews were able to make progress against some of the more difficult ones.

In Monument, Ore., a wildfire raged within three miles of the 150-person town, prompting Gov. John Kitzhaber to declare a "state of conflagration," which means any agencies sending firefighters and gear to the fire will be reimbursed by the state.

Longtime residents were less scared.

"Nope, there are no plans to evacuate," said Carmen Woodell, the city clerk in this eastern Oregon spot. She saw lots of smoke outside her City Hall window, "but it's a long ways away."

The city clerk's faith seemed justified. By 10 p.m. the fire was 50 percent contained, and only 12 homes were threatened, not the entire town.

A wildfire also flared near Ukiah, just northeast of Monument. It had grown to about 5,500 acres by Tuesday night and was threatening three homes.

In Washington state, dozens of homes and cabins were threatened by fires burning across thousands acres of grass, sagebrush and timber from the Cascade Range east to the Idaho border.

The largest blaze, the Virginia Lake fire complex on the Colville Indian Reservation, destroyed nine homes and was threatening another 50, said Ellen Weston, a spokeswoman for the Northwest Coordination Center in Portland.

Another fire, this one near Leavenworth, Wash., a place that attracts tourists, threatened 50 homes.

Most fires were started by dry lightning strikes and spread quickly through parched land.

"The lightning has receded, so it gives us a day or two to make some progress," Weston said.

The trouble, Weston said, is that a cold front is predicted to come through after today, bringing the strong wind that makes fighting fires extra treacherous.

"We don't need the winds, but it looks like we're going to get them."

In other states, more than 200,000 acres have burned in Nevada since late last week, most of it grassland. A pall of smoke obscured the mountains north of Interstate 80 along a 50-mile stretch between Battle Mountain and Winnemucca.

In Northern California, more than 4,000 firefighters were battling four separate fires that destroyed several homes.

The 30 or so wildfires burning in Oregon have stretched firefighting agencies to the limit.

Head of missile defense has reservations about system

WASHINGTON (AP) — The head of the Pentagon's missile defense programs said today he is not fully confident in the "basic functionality" of the anti-missile system that successfully intercepted a mock warhead in space last month.

That is why the next test of the system, scheduled for October, will be a replay of the July 14 test, with no additional complexities such as putting more decoys aboard the target missile, Air Force Lt. Gen. Ronald Kadish, director of the Ballistic Missile Defense Organization, told a group of reporters.

The anti-missile system he referred to is called a ground-based interceptor. It is designed to destroy an intercontinental-range ballistic missile during the mid-course of flight, before its warheads re-enter the Earth's atmosphere. It is one of several missile defense approaches the Pentagon is researching and, of those designed to hit long-range missiles, it is the most technically advanced.

Kadish said he was pleased with the July test, in which the interceptor, using what is called "hit-to-kill" technology, destroyed the target missile 144 miles above the Pacific Ocean by steering itself into the missile's path and colliding at a combined speed of 4.6 miles per second.

"It is still not totally comfortable for me to say that we can make the hit-to-kill technology work consistently, even in that simple scenario," Kadish said, adding later, "We still need some more reliability in there."

The intercept was the second in four tries. The first success, in 1999, was followed by two failures, the second of which led to former President Clinton's decision last summer not to go ahead with deployment of the system.

The Pentagon at some point will make the intercept tests more challenging, and Kadish had said immediately after the successful July test that the next one might include more decoys, which release from a missile's reentry vehicle while traveling through space to try to fool the interceptor.

He said today that the additional complexities probably will not be included until 2002.

Kadish said he is not worried about the interceptor's ability to distinguish between a decoy and the real warhead.

"I am worried that we have the reliability we need in his system's basic functionality," he said.

He noted that the July test was the first to use an in-flight communications system aboard the interceptor, a technology which allows the interceptor to receive navigation data from ground-based radars.

NATO suggests partial deployment in Macedonia

BRUSSELS, Belgium (AP) — NATO leaders presented a proposal to their national governments for the partial deployment of a 3,500-member military mission to Macedonia, moving forward today with a plan the alliance hopes will pave the way for peace in the Balkan nation.

The alliance's ruling council set a 6 p.m. (noon EDT) deadline for any of NATO's 19-member governments to object to the plan. If they do not, the council will authorize deployment of the mission's headquarters, communications and other essential support elements.

Macedonia's government today formally approved the deployment of NATO troops, and President Boris Trajkovski asked parliament to amend the constitution to give the ethnic Albanian minority more rights in line with a peace accord signed Monday.

"The Macedonian government today made the decision to give permission to NATO to deploy," Foreign Minister Ilinka Mitreva said.

Macedonian lawmakers will ratify the amendments three days after NATO informs the government that the rebels have been disarmed, state television reported.

The 3,500-strong British-led force would collect and destroy arms and ammunition held by the rebels. The 30-day mission, dubbed Operation Essential Harvest, would include troops from the United States and 11 European nations.

The exact number of American troops has not been determined, officials at the Pentagon said. But they will be mostly support units and will be drawn largely from forces already in the area, in Kosovo and Bosnia.

NATO spokesman Yves Brodeur said a decision to deploy partially does not imply a similar later decision on deployment of the entire task force. That decision will only be made after NATO determines that there is a durable cease-fire.

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Water heater catches fire

Early morning fire

9-1-1 dispatchers were alerted to a house fire at 6:20 this morning. Cathy Kelly reported that her water heater had caught fire in her home at 33 Bear Grass Lane.

Ten firefighters responded to the call with two fire trucks. The blaze, which burned through a wall and damaged a bathroom, was quickly extinguished by the firefighters.

Kyle Cox, with the department, said the blaze caused moderate damage to the home and is still under investigation. No one was injured.

Arrest

Officers arrested a 22-year-old man at the Park Village Apartments Tuesday morning on a misdemeanor warrant for motion to revoke probation.

Theft

Tyson Kubena requested an officer at Whataburger restaurant in reference to the theft of a gumball machine. An offense report for Class B theft was submitted.

Criminal mischief

Tony Treat requested an officer at 1663 Huffman in reference to her rear windshield being busted. The responding officer filed a report for Class B criminal mischief.

Noise disturbance

Officers responded to a complaint of a noise disturbance at the Windridge Apartments swimming pool shortly after 3 this morning. The officers made contact with a male subject and advised him of the complaint.

Births

David and Beki Denison of Colorado City announce the birth of their son, Mark Allen Denison. Mark was born at 3:40 p.m. on Aug. 18 in Lubbock Covenant Hospital and weighed five pounds, 10 ounces.

Grandparents are Tom and Sharon Cole of Nara Visa, N.M., and Ellis and Zona Devoll of Quanah.

Hospital

ADMISSIONS: July 14-Janie Alaniz, Vickie Arrendale and Chrystalene Woolsey.

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SHS yearbooks arrive

The Snyder High School Tiger's Lair can be picked up from 4 to 5 p.m. Thursday and Friday in the high school foyer. Bring your receipt.

Weigh down workshop

Registration for a weigh down workshop will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday at the Word is Life Deliverance Church, 312 Coliseum Drive. For more information, call Linda Tippens at 574-8104 or Claudia Sanchez at 573-9615. Classes begin Aug. 30.

Mexico consulate visit

Representatives from the Consulate of Mexico office in Midland will visit Snyder from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. Thursday at the Scurry County Senior Center in order to issue passports and matriculas.

Home school planning meet

Any home schooled student who wishes to participate in field trips and activities this year are invited to a planning session at 9:30 a.m. Friday at the home of Kandi Herring. For directions or more information, call 574-2001 or 574-2002.

Snyder FFA and Jr. FFA

All current and prospective Snyder FFA or Jr. FFA members interested in showing lambs and goats must see Mr. Beard in the ag building before Friday. Call 574-6046 for more information.

Garage sale fundraiser

A garage sale to raise money for the local Christian Motorcyclist Association will be held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday at the Towle Park Pavilion. To donate items, call Paul Glover at 573-7311 or Becky Robinson at 573-1517.

Polar homecoming

The Polar homecoming will begin at noon Sunday in the Polar Tabernacle. Those attending are asked to bring a covered dish.

Emmaus ice cream supper

The Mesquite Country Emmaus Community will have an ice cream supper starting at 7 p.m. Tuesday in Towle Park Pavilion.

Taste of Scurry County

The fifth annual Taste of Scurry County, an annual fundraiser for Scurry County Museum, is scheduled for Thursday, Aug. 23, at the First Baptist Church's Family Life Center. Chefs Jerry Baird, Jim Rummage and Kerry Clay will prepare the meats and vegetables. Local cooks will add desserts, salads and breads. A live auction featuring a variety of items will follow. Tickets in the form of a donation are $12.50, available at the museum (573-6107) or Bullard Computer Solutions (573-4801.)

Girl Scout registration

A Girl Scout registration rally will be held from 2:30 to 6:30 p.m. Monday, Aug. 27, at the Girl Scout Hut, 2501 35th. For information call Jo Ann at 573-3926, Judi at 573-7556 or Carla at 574-8004.

Heart Association memorial address

Memorials and donations to the American Heart Association are now processed through American Heart Association, P.O. Box 15186 in Austin, 78761-5186, or by calling 1-800-AHA-USA1, according to Dee Chasteen, president of the Scurry County chapter.

Mesquite Country Writers Guild

Mesquite Country Writers Guild invites citizens to send in original poetry to be considered for publication in the newsletter, "Bards of a Feather." The limit is 20 lines and the theme is fall and the holidays. Deadline is Sept. 15 to mail entries to MCWG, Box 237 in Ira, 79527, or e-Mail to dade@bigcountry.net.

Soybean yields will be weak

COLLEGE STATION (AP) — Late planting and a severe lack of moisture have caused an extremely short soybean crop, Texas Cooperative Extension reports.

Dr. Travis Miller, extension agronomist in College Station, said harvest began around the first of August and will continue through October, but yields are not promising so far because rainfall stopped too early in the growing season.

"The early beans are gone, and no amount of rain would help now," Miller said. "However, rain could still help the crop in the High Plains."

Miller said the Gulf Coast has made a relatively good crop so far.

"A lot of the North Texas crop got planted late and then ran into dry weather," Miller said. "So, that crop looks pretty marginal."

Soybeans growth is scattered throughout most of the state starting in the Gulf Coast and ranging to the Red River and the northern High Plains. The crop is planted from the middle of March to early June.

"Most of the beans throughout the state are what we call early beans," Miller said, "This means they are planted from mid-March to mid-April. The High Plains producers plant in May and early June."

Dry conditions have been the main concern of farmers this season because disease and insect problems have been present, but extremely light.

Miller said Texas producers planted approximately 330,000 acres of soybeans this year.

"It's a relatively small crop compared to many of the other crops grown in Texas like cotton, corn, wheat and sorghum," Miller said. "It's important in the areas of the state it is grown, though."

Soybeans have become increasingly popular among consumers and are used in a variety of industries.

"Lots of soybeans are widely used in cooking oil and margarine products," Miller said. "They are also becoming popular in dietary supplements. Soy supplements are advertised to be good for the heart. They are also widely used in adhesives, paints and the colored inks used by newspapers."

Randy Upshaw, district extension director in Dallas, reported most soybean fields were planted late then were hit by the drought and are not doing well this year.

The following specific livestock, crop and weather conditions were reported by district extension directors:

SOUTH PLAINS: soil moisture is very short. Cotton is in fair condition. Peanuts are in good condition. Sorghum is in fair to good condition. Most replant sorghum is in boot to early heading stage. Sunflower harvest has started in some areas.

ROLLING PLAINS: soil moisture is very short. Cotton farmers plowing fields that have been declared a disaster. Karnal bunt is still of importance to wheat farmers.