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Snyder City Council...

Budget work begins

By Wade Warren
Managing Editor

Snyder's city council got their first look as a group Tuesday night of the city's proposed 1999-2000 budget as they met in a four-hour session which detailed capital expenditures in every department of the city.

The presentation of the budget drew little comment from council members as every item costing $1,000 or more was itemized in the presentation by the various department heads.

The council is expected to discuss in detail the proposed budget in additional budget sessions set for July 6 and July 15.

The proposed budget reflects a slight increase overall from last year — $8,714,225 as compared to $8,374,930. The figures reflect an increase of four percent overall.

The city's current tax rate is $.3935 per $100 valuation and proposals presented Monday vary only slightly from that figure.

The present effective rate — the rate necessary to raise the amount of money raised the previous year — is $.3908. Another figure discussed was the effective rate plus 3.25 percent which would increase the rate slightly to $.4035 per $100 valuation.

This rate would increase the yearly tax payment on a $50,000 home by $6.35.

City Secretary Jeanne Johnson emphasized during her presentation that the figures she presented were informational only, and not recommendations from the city staff.

Johnson said the exact effective rate would not be known until final valuation figures are released from the appraisal office in late July.

While the city's administration is not recommending a tax rate, it is recommending no increase in salary for city employees for the coming year, and no increase in the number of employees.

The administration is also recommending water, sewer and sanitation service rates remain at their current level.

Currently, the minimum rate for water is $9.13 for 2,000 gallons of water, with a charge of $2.54 for each additional 1,000 gallons.

The minimum rate for sewer services is $2.21 per 1,000 gallons.

Citizens are currently charged $14.50 per month for sanitation services to the landfill, and the minimum commercial rate is $28.05.

Council members traditionally do not comment to any extent during the first presentation of the coming year's budget, but that is not expected to be the case in the upcoming budget talks.

Two items that are expected to be introduced are the expansion of the city's waste water treatment plant to handle future needs at the industrial park, and the construction of a softball field complex.

Besides the budget hearing, the council also conducted two other items of business.

The final hearing on the city's Texas Capital Fund contract did not draw any public comments.

The $1.5 million grant was used to construct water and sewer lines at the industrial park, and to construct an elevated water storage at the industrial park, also.

The council also approved changes in the delinquent payment policy in the utility department.

Carolyn House, head of the city's utility department, said changes in the policy adopted last year resulted in problems with customers.

"It also cost us more in postage in sending out more delinquent notices, and it certainly caused frustration among our citizens," said House.

The system implemented last year resulted in an account being delinquent after about 28 days, while the new policy will make an account delinquent after about 40 days, said House.

This action follows Mayor Dayton Robertson's pledge to make city hall more "user-friendly."

Robertson presided during the lengthy meeting, with council members James Ashley, Vernest Tippens, Jerry Webb and I.E. Martin present.

Terry Martin and James Jenkins were absent.

THE SDN COLUMN
By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "The problem with ignorance is that it picks up confidence as it goes along."

Every generation likes to tell its grandkids about hard times.

We can just imagine the horror on the kid's face when we tell them about the time we had to walk 18 holes on the golf course, since the cart was busted. And it was durn near 100 degrees.

And the next generation of grandmas can relate equally difficult story — like the time she spent what seem liked most of the day fixing a home-cooked meal from scratch.

It appears Texans like a night on the town — in any restaurant. So much for home cooking.

When it comes to eating out, Texans are tops in the nation — at least in terms of frequency.

Although the cost of eating out is up almost eight percent, nearly five percent more dine out when compared to last year. According to a survey, the price at expensive restaurants only jumped 4.9 percent in the past year while "best-value" restaurants increased menu prices by 46 percent.

The average Texan eats about 4.5 meals out each week, compared to 3.5 percent on the national average.

Price could have something to do with the difference. Experts contribute it to a good economy and economical prices. At "best value" restaurants in Texas, the typical diner can get a chicken fry or other Lone Star staple for well under 10 bucks.

In a sampling of cities across the nation, the tab would be a dollar or two more.

If you go to one of those places where the waiter wears a towel on his arm, the average price in Texas is $20. It's more, as much as $30 in other parts of the country.

According the to survey, reasonable prices and service are equally important to the diner. Customer pet peeves — ranked in order — are bad service, bad food, excessive noise, second-hand smoke and waiting for an open table.

And another tale of woe for the grandkids.

"It was terrible. I added the tip to the tab and handed the waiter my credit card. Simply horrible. I tried a second and it, too, was maxed out. Granny had to don an apron and wash dishes."

CMS board sets meeting

Cogdell Memorial Hospital board of managers will have several items to consider when it meets Thursday morning at 8 o'clock.

Two of the items relate to Cogdell Hospital's next Joint Commission on Accreditation of Hospitals review — approval of the hospital's scope of services, and approval of guidelines on setting hospital policies.

The board will also hear the annual audit report from Condley & Co., and consider the monthly financial reports along with the certification of accounts payable.

Dr. James Burleson will present the monthly medical staff report, and Chief Executive Officer Jeff Reecer will update the board on the hospital's energy-saving lighting project.

Reecer will also present monthly informational items.

The board will also meet in executive session for the yearly performance appraisal of Reecer.

The meeting will be in the hospital's board room.

STUCK — Snyder police officer David Holley directs traffic in the 300 block of Coliseum Drive shortly before 8 o'clock this morning as a vehicle transport truck hit high center as it attempted to make a turn. The unit, owned by Jack Cooper Trucking of Oklahoma, blocked three lanes of traffic before being freed from its predicament by a wrecker. (SDN Staff Photo)

Downtown businesses hit...

Vandals strike in town

Apparently, someone had way too much time on their hands.

Last night or early this morning a vandal or vandals went on a mischievous spree throughout Snyder breaking windshields, damaging property and pouring motor oil and transmission fluid on vehicles.

Police have no suspects.

The first report was received at 6:12 a.m. from Don Grant at Snyder Concrete. He reported broken concrete statues as well as damage to vehicles. An offense report for Class A criminal mischief was filed, which means the damage was between $500 and $1,500.

At 6:14 a.m., a representative with Snyder Janitorial Supplies reported criminal mischief to three of the company's vehicles. The vehicles had been shoe polished and had oil and transmission fluid poured on them.

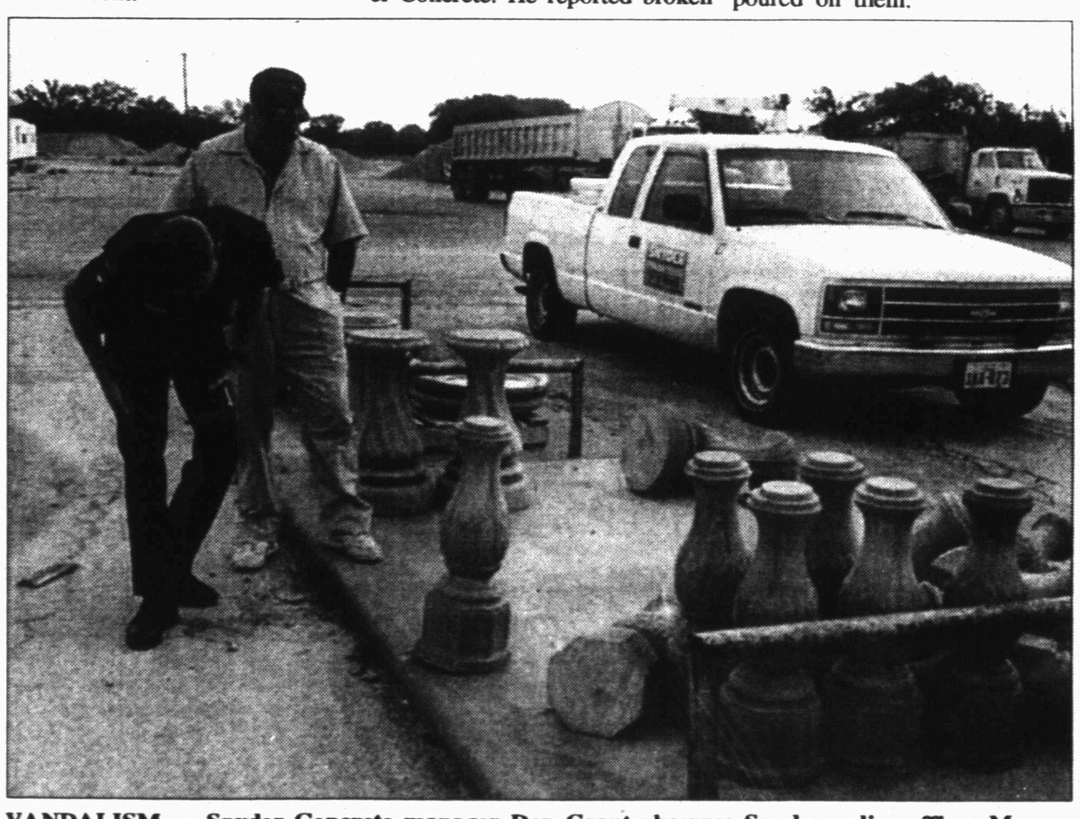
Mickey Nunley reported vandalism to three trucks at National Fuel and Lubricants, 2208 Avenue R, at 7:25 a.m. The vandal(s) had broken out windshields and headlights.

Reports were made at 7:47 a.m. and 8:18 a.m., of someone pouring motor oil and transmission fluid on the Ezell-Key Feed and Seed building, 1615 26th, and The Hair Station, 2005 26th.

Anastacio Alvarez of 1611 24th reported broken windows at 8:21 a.m.

At 8:37 a.m., representatives with Landes Home Furnishings reported motor oil poured on vehicles parked at the business.

Joe Martinez also notified officers this morning of motor oil having been poured on his vehicles at 2204 25th Street.



VANDALISM — Snyder Concrete manager Don Grant observes Snyder police officer Marcus Byram investigate vandalism at the business this morning. Several other Snyder businesses also suffered vandalism Tuesday night or early Wednesday morning. (SDN Staff Photo)

DCOS plans Thursday meet

Development Corporation of Snyder board members will be looking to finalize two industry-related projects when they meet Thursday at 4 p.m.

The board is expected to finalize an agreement with TXU-Lone Star Gas for the construction of a gas line to the Snyder industrial park.

The board will also consider finalizing the incentive agreement with Snyder Brick and Tile Co. for the re-opening of the old Snyder Brick Plant.

At the DCOS' last meeting, an incentive agreement was discused based on a set number of employees.

However, the number of employees expected to work at the brick plant has taken a slight drop due to the company proposing to sub-contract part of the mining work to Grimmett Bros.

"We'll be looking to change some number related to job creation credit," said DCOS executive director John DeLille.

The meeting will be in the DCOS' office in the American State Bank building.

ASK US

Q—How many dumpsters are in use in Snyder?
A—1,871.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Tuesday, 86 degrees; low, 70; 7 a.m. Wednesday, 71; .01 of an inch precipitation; total for 1999, 13.59 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight; mostly cloudy; 20% chance of storms. Lows, mid 60s. Thursday, partly cloudy, warmer. Less than 20% chance of storms. Highs 90-95.

Tonja Breedlove
Partly cloudy

Sunset: 8:52 p.m.
Sunrise: 6:40 a.m.
Of 173 days in 1999, the sun has shone 166 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

"Distance tests a horse's strength, time reveals a man's character."

Chinese Proverb

JUN 23 1999

Groups launch education campaign on v-chips

WASHINGTON (AP) — Federal officials, advocacy groups and industry leaders are joining together to teach families and educators how to use v-chips, as manufacturers near their first deadline to install the technology in new television sets.

Two private groups were launching a national education campaign today to promote the use of v-chips and explain the electronically coded TV ratings system that goes with it. While most television and cable networks use letter notations or age-based ratings to flag violence or sexual situations, viewers don't always understand what the symbols signify, said Kathryn Montgomery, president of the Center for Media Education.

"The biggest problem is that the ratings icons are visible on the show, but there is not enough education on what they mean," Montgomery said. Her group, along with the Kaiser Family Foundation, has created a guide that explains the TV ratings system and how to use the v-chip. The guide also provides a form to offer feedback to the TV Parental Guidelines Monitoring Board.

V-chips are intended to give viewers, primarily parents, the option of blocking shows they find objectionable. A 1996 telecommunications law requires that all new TV sets 13 inches and larger must be equipped with the v-chip by Jan. 1, 2000.

Last year, the FCC imposed a July 1 deadline on manufacturers to install the technology in at least half their new sets. According to FCC Commissioner Gloria Tristani, nearly all of them have met the deadline.

Other challenges remain, Tristani said. The commission is now working with the industry to make sure that the ratings are being transmitted so the v-chips will have something to read, she said. Also, parents need to be informed that the v-chip is available to them.

"Until we educate parents about the v-chip, they can't use it to make educated choices for their children," Tristani said in remarks prepared for delivery today.

As part of the education effort, the National Association of Broadcasters and National Cable Television Association plan to produce and distribute public service announcements that would direct parents to the informational materials.

Texas Tech announces grads, honor students

LUBBOCK — More than 1,400 students at Texas Tech University received degrees during the 1999 spring commencement exercises.

More than 3,700 students qualified for academic honors lists at the end of the spring semester.

Those from Snyder earning degrees include:

•**Johanna Paige Gayle:** Bachelor of arts in journalism.

•**Kelli Nicole Lacik:** Bachelor of science cum laude in early childhood.

•**Brandi Michelle Doyle:** Master of science in physical education.

•**Dale Elaine Neves:** Bachelor of science magna cum laude in multidisciplinary studies.

•**Thomas Gerard Wherry:** Bachelor of general studies.

Those from Snyder named to the President's List include:

•**Brady Keith Collier:** Sophomore, agriculture and applied economics.

•**Brooke Nicole Gober:** Junior, early childhood.

•**David Clark Kerr:** Senior, cell and molecular biology.

•**Kevin Andrew Kerr:** Freshman, mechanical engineering.

•**Melissa Carol Myers:** Senior, early childhood.

•**Amy Rae Patterson:** Junior, multidisciplinary studies.

•**Christa Marie Rosson:** Senior, early childhood.

•**Heather Ward:** Senior, restaurant, hotel, institute management.

Those from Snyder named to the Dean's List include:

•**Michael David Hensley:** Sophomore, communication studies.

•**Russell Ryon Riggan:** Sophomore, COBA.

•**Carol Vina Strayhorn:** Freshman, COBA.

Ira students on the Dean's List include:

•**Kristi Elizabeth Sorrells:** Senior, human development.

•**Sarah Marie Lilly:** Sophomore, design communication.

Hermleigh students on the Dean's List include:

•**Tracy Brooke Kubena:** Senior, biochemistry.

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

Actor again led off to jail for drug problems

MALIBU, Calif. (AP) — Actor Robert Downey Jr. was slapped in handcuffs and led off to jail for at least six weeks Tuesday after acknowledging that he is still doing drugs.

"I am going to recover, but I'm still finding that difficult," the 34-year-old Downey told Superior Court Judge Lawrence J. Mira.

The admission came after a series of arrests, failed rehabilitation efforts and second chances for the Oscar-nominated "Chaplin" star.

The judge could have sentenced Downey to prison for three years for violating probation by refusing to take a court-ordered drug test.

The judge ordered him jailed pending an Aug. 5 hearing to decide what will happen to Downey next. He will be housed in the jail's drug rehab unit. The judge also ordered a psychiatric examination.

"There's something I don't understand about you and your use of narcotics," Mira said.

Downey previously acknowledged he has battled drugs for 2½ decades.

After the 20-minute hearing, Downey thanked the judge and deputies led him away in handcuffs.

"Robert Downey Jr. came to court today with his drug counselor and admitted he has a continuing drug problem. He asked the court for help and guidance," his publicist Alan Nierob said in a statement.

SHS graduate's six months of deployment ends

Marine Lance Cpl. Melchor ParraAstodillo, a 1995 graduate of Snyder High School, recently completed a six-month deployment to the Western Pacific and Indian Oceans and Arabian Gulf, while assigned to the 13th Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU), embarked aboard the ships of the USS Boxer Amphibious Ready Group.

During the deployment, ParraAstodillo participated in the exercise Eager Mace, an exercise conducted to improve the interoperability between Kuwait and U.S. military forces. They also participated in Edged Mallet, a bilateral training exercise with the Kenya military.

He joined the Marine Corps in December 1995.

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Last Week's Photos: 1. Patricia Ann Christenson 2. Doris Hammit 3. Darvin Baze 4. James Stewart 5. Joe Rosas 6. Billy Rhodes 7. Gradine Roemisch 8. Fred Overman 9. Kent Holmes 10. Charles Doty

Community Calendar

WEDNESDAY

Just For Today NA, open meeting; Park Club; for information, call 573-0949 or 573-8018; 8 p.m.

THURSDAY

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

Al-Anon brown bag; Park Club in Winston Park; for information, call 573-4203, 573-8626, 573-2101 or 573-0695; noon to 1 p.m.

Horseshoe Pitching For Fun; houseshoe courts, located at the coliseum; everybody welcome, for further information, call 573-9762; 3 p.m.

Just For Today NA; Park Club; for information, call 573-0949 or 573-8018; 6 p.m.

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

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

New Horizons AA, closed meeting; for information, call 573-8626, 573-9458 or 574-1292; 8 p.m.

Nuestra Nueva Esperanza AA; Park Club; for information, call 573-8626, 573-9458 or 574-1292; 8 p.m.

FRIDAY

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

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

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

Cornelius-Dodson House; open by appointment, call 573-9742.

Just For Today NA; Snyder Park Club; for information, call 573-0949 or 573-8018; 6 p.m.

Scurry County AA, closed meeting; Park Club in Winston Park; for information, call 573-8626, 573-9458 or 574-1292; 8 p.m.

Al-Anon; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th and Ave. M; for information, call 573-4203, 573-8626, 573-2101 or 573-0695; 8 p.m.

SATURDAY

Just For Today NA, open meeting; Park Club; for information, call 573-0949 or 573-8018; 7 p.m.

SUNDAY

Scurry County AA, open meeting; Park Club in Winston Park; for information, call 573-8626, 573-9458 or 574-1292; 10 a.m.

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

Datebook

June 23, 1999

Today is the 174th day of 1999 and the third day of summer.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1682, William Penn and the Lenni-Lenape tribe signed a treaty of friendship near present-day Philadelphia.

On this day in 1868, Christopher Sholes, a journalist and politician in Wisconsin, received a patent for his typewriter.

On this day in 1987, Tiffany's "Shopping Mall Tour" began in the Bergen mall, in Paramus, N.J.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Edward VIII (1894-1972), English king-abdicator; Alfred Kinsey (1894-1956), sex researcher; Bob Fosse (1927-1987), director-choreographer; June Carter Cash (1929-), singer, is 70; Wilma Rudolph (1940-1994), track-and field great; James Levine (1943-), conductor, is 56; Ted Shackelford (1946-), actor, is 53; Clarence Thomas (1948-), Supreme Court justice, is 51.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1917, Babe Ruth and Ernie Shore pitched a nearly perfect game for the Boston Red Sox against the Washington Senators. Only one of the opposing players managed to get on base, and he was thrown out while attempting to steal second.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "The loss which is unknown is no loss at all." — Publilius Syrus

TODAY'S MOON: Between first quarter (June 20) and full moon (June 28).

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Paying for reconstruction an open issue

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Kosovo peace plan has quieted many of the loudest congressional critics of the NATO air campaign. But many questions remain, including the central ones of how much peacekeeping and reconstruction will cost and how they will be funded.

The Republican-led Congress has shown little enthusiasm for paying for any continuing operations in the Balkans, or anywhere else.

"It will probably cost more than most people think," President Clinton suggested on Tuesday while in Macedonia. But he added that the sum for Kosovo would be "phenomenally less expensive" than paying for a land invasion and hostile occupation.

The Clinton administration and Congress have already done some preliminary circling.

A majority of House Republicans has gone on record in favor of barring U.S. funds for Kosovo peacekeeping. And the Senate has voted to formally deny tax dollars for rebuilding Serbia so long as Slobodan Milosevic remains in power — even though that's administration policy precisely.

Congress is increasingly wary of other peacekeeping efforts as well.

On Tuesday, the Senate passed a bill that would reduce the U.S. share of United Nations peacekeeping operations from the current 31 percent to 25 percent. The United Nations isn't directly overseeing the Kosovo effort.

And it's not clear what figure Clinton had in mind when he said reconstruction and peacekeeping would probably cost more than most people think.

Defense Secretary William Cohen initially put a ballpark figure at $1.5 billion to $2 billion a year for peacekeeping alone. But other administration officials closer to the process suggested Cohen was basing his estimates on Bosnia — and Kosovo would probably cost more.

Steven Kosiak, with the private Center for Strategic and Budgetary Assessments, estimates the cost of peacekeeping alone — assuming 7,000 U.S. troops in Kosovo as planned — at up to $3.5 billion a year.

White House chief of staff John Podesta said Tuesday that the bulk of Western aid for reconstructing Kosovo would have to come from European countries — but that the administration would propose some U.S. commitment to the effort.

Podesta declined to provide a dollar figure and also said the administration would not set a public deadline for withdrawal of U.S. peacekeeping troops as it did in Bosnia a few years ago — only to have to reverse itself.

Bosnia peacekeeping so far has cost the United States over $9 billion. And counting.

Podesta said U.S. soldiers needed to be a part of the international peacekeeping force for the "foreseeable future."

Without waiting for the administration to connect the dots, the Senate Appropriations Committee voted last week to provide $535 million for the postwar reconstruction of the Balkans, including funds for Kosovo and neighboring Albania, Romania, Macedonia and Montenegro. No aid was earmarked for Serbia itself.

The Senate plan, based on initial reconstruction estimates from European countries, would have the United States fund 15 percent to 20 percent of all recovery expenses.

Other foreign aid programs would be slashed to help provide the money for the Balkans, including aid to countries of the former Soviet Union.

Judge orders 14-year-olds to be tried as adults in case

PORT HURON, Mich. (AP) — A judge has ordered two 14-year-old boys tried as adults on charges of plotting a massacre at their middle school, despite his own misgivings about whether they would have succeeded.

Judge David Nicholson ruled Tuesday that a conspiracy to commit first-degree murder had occurred, and that there was probable cause to believe that Jedaiah Zinzo and Justin Schnepp participated in the conspiracy.

Another judge ordered June 1 that two other Holland Woods Middle School students, 13-year-olds Daniel Fick and Jonathan McDonald, stand trial as juveniles on charges of conspiracy to commit first-degree murder.

Witnesses testified during preliminary hearings for the four suspects that the teens were plotting to stage a robbery to obtain firearms, then seize the school office, use the public address system to call an assembly in the gym and massacre students and teachers.

One witness testified that she heard the boys talking about a "Colorado repeat" — an apparent reference to the April 20 shooting deaths of 12 students and a teacher at Columbine High School in Littleton, Colo., by two students who then took their own lives.

Authorities say they foiled the plot after classmates reported it to school officials.

"I doubt (Zinzo and Schnepp) could've carried it off," Nicholson said. "But they could have tried. There may have been people killed if they did try to rob that gun store."

One mother wants Powers dolls pulled from shelves

ATLANTA (AP) — A suburban Atlanta mom has a message for the makers of a new Austin Powers doll: Oh, behave!

Tamatha Brannon wants retailers to stop selling the doll, which repeats some of the movie superspy's trademark lines including: "Do I make you horny, baby? Do I?"

Brannon was incensed when her 11-year-old son picked a doll up in a Toys R Us last week and pestered her about what "horny" meant.

"I can't believe this toy is approved for ages 10 and up," she said Tuesday. "It's perverted."

The underwear-clad dolls with gorilla-like chest hair don't speak unless they're removed from the packaging, but the quotation is written on the box.

McFarlane Toys, which manufactures the doll, also makes a fully clothed doll with "softer" quotes from the PG-13 rated, "Austin Powers: The Spy Who Shagged Me."

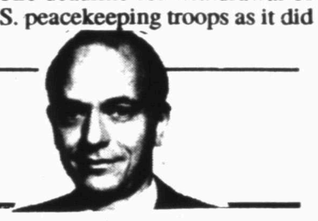
The company said the adult version of the doll is only available at record stores and novelty shops that cater to an older audience.

"Given that we ship millions of toys all over the world, it's certainly possible one case ended up to the left or to the right of where it should have been," president and CEO Todd McFarlane said from his Tempe, Ariz., office.

Officials at Toys R Us headquarters in Paramus, N.J., on Tuesday asked stores to pull any of the more risque dolls from the shelves.

Toys R Us spokeswoman Rebecca Caruso said the retailer had bought the "softer" version of the dolls.

Bridge By Phillip Alder



The no-win play that appeals

North 06-23-99
♠ A 6
♥ A Q 9 8
♦ 8 5 4
♣ J 7 6 3

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

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

South
♠ Q J 7 5 4 2
♥ K J 3
♦ J 9
♣ A K

Vulnerable: Both
Dealer: South

South	West	North	East
1 ♠	Pass	2 ♣	Pass
2 ♠	Pass	3 ♠	Pass
4 ♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♦ K

Back in 1975, this graffito was spotted in Balliol College, Oxford: "One hundred thousand lemmings can't be wrong."

Well, there are some plays at the bridge table that remind one of lemmings, and all 100,000 who make them are wrong!

You are in four spades. The defenders begin with three rounds of diamonds. After ruffing, how would you continue?

South's two-spade rebid promises at least a six-card suit. With only five spades, South ought to be able to show another suit, raise partner, or rebid in no-trump. (Never rebid in a five-card suit unless you have nothing else sensible to do.) So, North's raise on a doubleton is recommended.

South can afford one spade loser, but not two. There is a natural inclination to lead the queen (or jack) for a finesse. No problem if the five missing cards are dividing 3-2, but what happens when there is a 4-1 break with a singleton king? Then, taking the finesse condemns declarer to two trump losers, whether West covers or East scoops up the trick with the stiff monarch.

The right play is low to dummy's ace. When the king appears, declarer claims, conceding one spade trick. But if the king doesn't drop, South continues with dummy's remaining spade and hopes for a 3-2 split.

The key guideline is to lead an honor for a finesse only if you are happy — and will at worst break even — for the next opponent to cover with the higher missing honor. Here, when West covers the spade queen with his singleton king, it costs South a trick, making the play incorrect.

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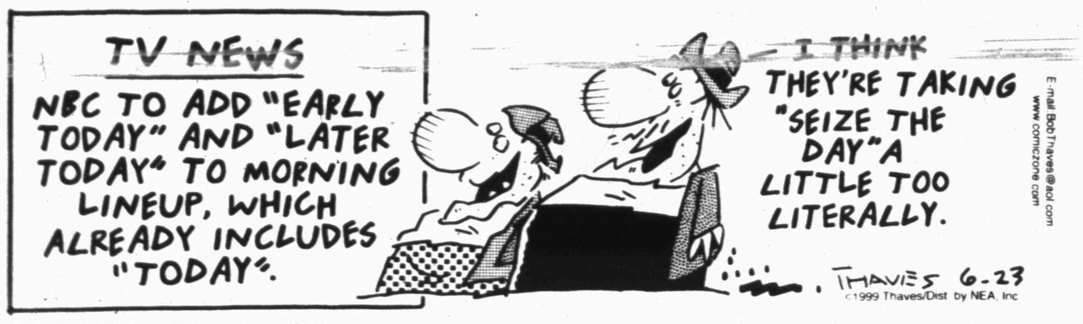

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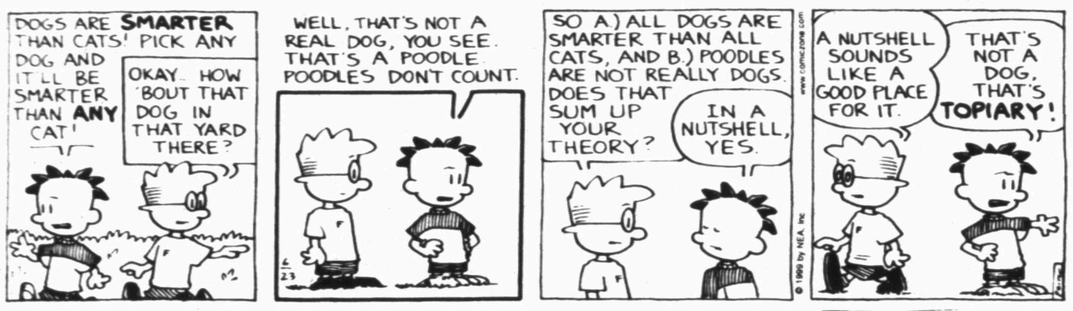

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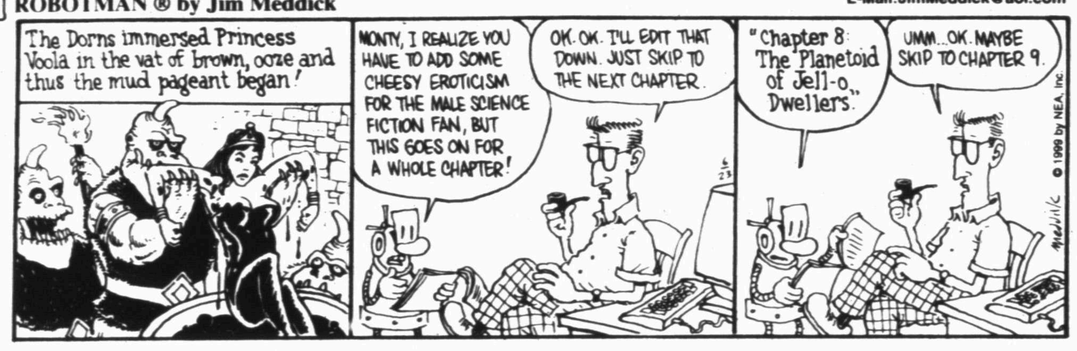

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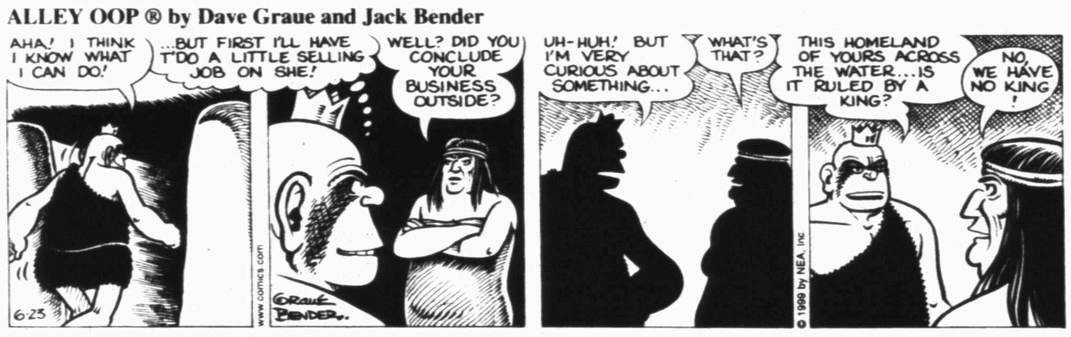

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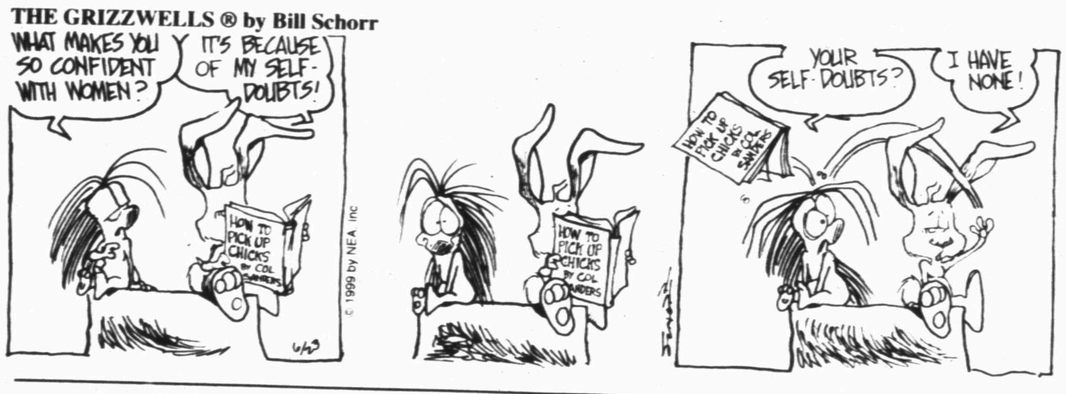

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ACROSS

1 European country
7 Monks
13 Poetic foot
14 Of medicine
15 Infers
16 Live
17 Nothing
18 Great respect
20 Offense
21 Fight with swords
23 "Certainly!"
24 Held in
25 Unescorted male
27 Aluminum — (building material)
29 Unclaimed mail dept.
31 Comedian DeLuise
32 Roman three
33 Sixth sense (abbr.)
34 Weak
37 Shade trees
40 Charged particles
41 Workers' assn.
43 Sups
45 Actor Silver
46 Gridders' org.
47 Crow's utterance
48 Army command (2 wds.)
51 Take a breath
54 Taunts
55 Expressed
56 Whirlpools
57 Concert cry

DOWN

1 Devil
2 Geometrical line
3 Lucky charm
4 Frasier's network (abbr.)
5 Hint
6 Literary composition
7 Hearth
8 "Norma —"
9 That thing's
10 Up and about
11 Going by horse
12 Aroma
19 Film director Craven
22 Females
24 Skin problem
26 Fluent
28 Give medicine to
30 Slickness
34 Paid, as a bill
35 Group of nine
36 Santa's helper
38 Monkey
39 Less fresh
40 Angry
42 Shade of green
44 Dane's neighbor
49 As far — — know
50 View
52 Opposite of oui
53 What drinkers say

Answer to Previous Puzzle

B	L	A	Z	E	D			P	R	I	E	S
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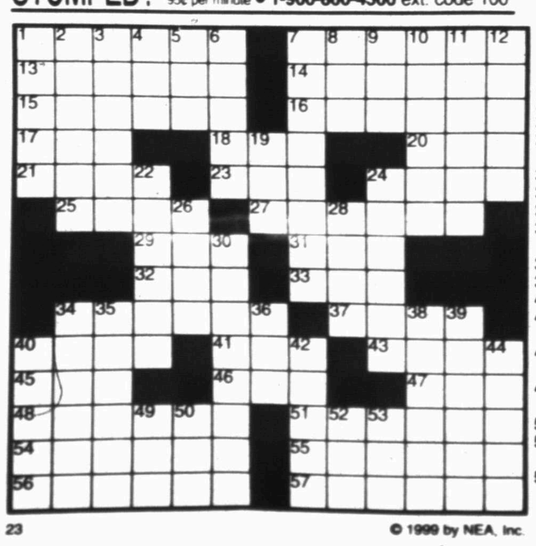

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Below are some three-letter words. You can make words of five or more letters from them by adding at least one letter to both the beginning and the end of each word. You may not use the letter S to end the word.

1. _____ AND _____
2. _____ RAW _____
3. _____ OAR _____
4. _____ OUR _____
5. _____ RAP _____
6. _____ LID _____
7. _____ ROT _____
8. _____ HAS _____
9. _____ RUN _____
10. _____ ADE _____
11. _____ HIM _____
12. _____ WAR _____

Possible answers: 1. pando, 2. crawl, 3. board, 4. court, 5. grape, 6. slide, 7. wrote, 8. chase, 9. grunt, 10. codel, 11. chump, 12. swarm.

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SPORTS

According to Texas Football...

Area teams to chase Sands for grid crown

After losing just two games over the past two seasons, the Borden County Coyotes have relinquished their stranglehold on the top spot in District 8, according to *Texas Football* magazine.

The Sands Mustangs, ranked No. 3 in the state's preseason poll, are picked by the annual publication to take the district title. The Coyotes are picked second, followed by the upstart Ira Bulldogs. Hermleigh, Grady and Westbrook round out the league.

Sands returns every starter on both sides of the ball from last year's 6-6 team. Once again the Mustangs will be led by the combination of 1,000-yard rusher Marcos DeLeon and 1,000-yard passer Coby Floyd.

Borden County, state champion two years ago and runner-up in '98, will have back just two offensive and two defensive starters. Among those back will be Ed Rodriguez, who rushed for 854 yards and registered a team high 127 tackles, and Kevin Pinkerton.

Despite being picked to finish second in the district, the Coyotes garnered the No. 8 spot in *Texas Football's* state poll.

After six years of struggle, the Ira Bulldogs began to break out last season. Under new head coach Toby Goodwin, the Bulldogs notched a 4-6 record, including their first district win since '91.

Inexperience will no longer be a factor for Ira, which returns five offensive and five defensive starters, led by end Logan Daves and running back Jerek Brown.

Also among those back will be Jose Juarez, Jenson Gainer, Nathan Smith, Terry Jamison and Bryce Wilkins.

Another squad which struggled in the past, but looks stronger for the upcoming season is Hermleigh.

After posting a 1-9 tally last year, the Cardinals will be ready for the '99 season with every offensive and defensive starter coming back.

Pacing the Cards will be end Caleb Callaway and running backs David Digby and Andy Luna.

Also contributing to Hermleigh's campaign should be Alfonso Rangel, Jared Higgins, Joey Garza and J.R. Luna.

The Grady Wildacts posted a 6-4 record in '98 and return a total of seven starters, while Westbrook brings back two offensive and two defensive starters from its 5-5 squad.

Other regional schools picked by *Texas Football* to make the playoffs include Roscoe and Rotan in Class 1A, and Lamesa, Colorado City and Post in Class 3A.

Little League all-stars to be named tonight

Snyder Little League will announce its minor league and major league all-stars tonight at Logan Field. Players will be recognized during a ceremony following the 7:30 title game of the County Tournament.

The major league all-star tournament gets underway July 1 at Rotan, with the minor league event beginning July 5 at the Abilene Western Complex.

All-stars for the junior and senior league will be named next week. The junior and senior tournaments open July 5. The juniors will be playing in Sweetwater, while seniors will play their first round at Moffett Field, before moving to Abilene for the remainder of the tourney.

FIRST PLACE — The Astros won the 8-9 year-old division of Snyder Little League this year with a record of 14-2. Members of the team are, front row from left, Taylor Groat, Anthony Ramos, Keagan Herrley, Gage West, Ruben Molinar, John Ryan Hernandez and Jake Graves. On the middle row are Rudy Martinez, Corey Jaramillo, Danorris Smith, Anthony Shankles, Ryan Gonzales, Dillon Matthies and Clayton Long. On the back row are coaches Jeff West and Kirk Herrley. Not pictured is John Hernandez. (Contributed Photo)

Wetteland blows save...

Athletics rally past Rangers, 5-3

ARLINGTON (AP) — Miguel Tejada's two-run triple keyed a three-run ninth inning as the Oakland Athletics rallied against John Wetteland for a 5-3 victory over the Texas Rangers on Tuesday night.

Wetteland, who started the ninth with a major league-leading 23 saves, allowed consecutive pinch-hit singles to Tim Raines and Mike Macfarlane. Tony Phillips drove in the tying run with a single to right, scoring Raines. Then Tejada tripled to left center, driving in Macfarlane and Phillips to make it 5-3.

Wetteland (1-2) had his third blown save in 26 opportunities for the Rangers, who have lost four straight.

T.J. Mathews (6-2) got three outs in the eighth, allowing one hit, for the win.

Billy Taylor pitched the ninth for his 18th save.

The Rangers have scored four runs or less in all 10 games since an 8-7 loss to Colorado on June 12. It was the first loss by the Rangers' bullpen since April 27, they had gone 14-0.

Trailing 5-3 in the bottom of the ninth, the Rangers got a leadoff single by Ivan Rodriguez off Taylor and Rusty Greer followed with a walk.

Then Phillips made a diving back-hand catch to rob Juan Gonzalez of extra bases on his liner to left-center. Greer was called out for passing Rodriguez between second and third. Rafael Palmeiro flied out to left to end the game.

Rodriguez put the Rangers in front, 3-2, in the fourth with a two-run single.

The A's had a two-run first with the help of an RBI double by Jason Giambi that was misjudged by left fielder Rusty Greer. John Jaha drove in the inning's second run with a groundout.

The Rangers made it 2-1 in the third on Palmeiro's sacrifice fly.

Texas took a 3-2 lead in the fourth off former Ranger Kenny Rogers (4-3) when Roberto Kelly singled, Ruben Mateo sent him to third with a double, and both runs scored on Rodriguez's two-out single.

Rogers, who won his previous four decisions, allowed three runs and nine hits over seven innings. He walked three and struck out one.

McGwire, Cardinals nip Astros in 14th frame, 4-3

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Mark McGwire singled home the winning run in the 14th inning Tuesday night, giving the St. Louis Cardinals a 4-3 victory over the Houston Astros.

Joe McEwing and Placido Polanco hit two-out singles in the 14th off Jeff McCurry (0-1), bringing up McGwire, who had been 0-for-4 with a pair of walks.

McGwire, who had homered in each of his previous three games, then singled to left-center field. He had stranded the potential winning run at third base when he grounded out in the 10th.

Mike Mohler (1-0), the Cardinals' seventh pitcher, threw a perfect 14th.

St. Louis improved to 4-1 this season against the NL Central leaders. Houston, 4-5 under interim manager Matt Galante, is 41-28 overall but just 12-13 against NL Central opponents.

Jose Lima, tied for the NL lead with 11 wins, allowed three runs and seven hits in 7 2-3 innings. Cardinals starter Kent Mercker, winless since April 20, gave up three runs and six hits in six innings, striking out a season-high six.

Spurs look to rebound in Game 4

NEW YORK (AP) — Michael Jordan was in the same predicament. So were Magic Johnson and Larry Bird.

All three won the first two games of the NBA Finals at home, only to have their teams stumble on the road in Game 3. All three led their teams out of treacherous territory and went on to win the NBA title.

Your move, Tim Duncan. What's it going to be in Game 4?

The San Antonio Spurs, hearing questions about their fortitude and a tinge of doubt about their dominance, face a crucial Game 4 tonight against the New York Knicks. The Spurs still lead 2-1 after dropping Game 3 at Madison Square Garden on Monday night, but the next game will say quite a bit about what these Spurs are all about.

"It's not out of control, and it's not in control," said Duncan, coming off his worst game of the finals with 20 points and a scoreless fourth quarter in the 89-81 loss. "It's right there where it can swing either way."

When the Spurs break the huddle and walk to center court at the raucous Garden tonight, their championship quest will be somewhat in limbo. They need the kind of poised, efficient performance that helped them win 12 straight postseason games and go go undefeated for 41 days.

Another meltdown under all the pressure that Allan Houston, Latrell Sprewell and the "Mecca of Basketball" can offer will put them in a dangerous spot, indeed.

"I think we play the same way," Spurs guard Steve Kerr said. "This stuff is not easy. We were just kind of laughing when people were talking about sweeping. We knew that wasn't the case. These guys are tough. But we also believe that if we play hard and well, we'll win."

The old Spurs were said to be soft as Charmin, seemingly waiting for Mr. Whipple to intervene when more physical teams tried to rough them up. The new Spurs were supposed to be different.

"They've been tested, they've been through adversity, and their guys are going to fight just like we fight," New York's Charlie Ward said. "Pressure can be a factor if you are mentally weak, but I don't think those guys are."

NBA FINALS
All Times EDT
(Best-of-7)

Wednesday, June 16
San Antonio 89, New York 77
Friday, June 18
San Antonio 80, New York 67
Monday, June 21
New York 89, San Antonio 81, San Antonio leads series 2-1
Wednesday, June 23
San Antonio at New York, 9 p.m.
Friday, June 25
San Antonio at New York, 9 p.m.
Sunday, June 27
New York at San Antonio, 7:30 p.m., if necessary

Sports Briefs

Ladies' Pumpjack golf tourney

The Ladies' Pumpjack Partnership will be held Tuesday at Snyder Country Club. Breakfast will be served at 8 a.m. with play beginning at 9 o'clock.

Format will be two-person low ball gross and net, with all teams flighted by handicap. Cost is $85 per team. To register, call the SCC pro shop at 573-7101.

Basketball camp

The Sam Tipton Basketball Camp for incoming 7th-9th grade girls will begin Monday and run through July 1 at the SHS gym.

Instruction will run from 9 a.m. to noon. Cost per camper is $50, which includes a camp T-shirt. For more information, contact Coach Tipton at 573-6301 ext. 30 (work) or 573-4437 (home).

July 4th basketball tourney

The Powerade Fourth of July 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament will be held July 2-4 at Towle Park. Cost is $40 per team.

Teams will be divided by age and ability. Divisions will be Little Dribblers (3rd-6th graders), Young Guns (6th-8th graders), Top Guns (9th-12th graders), NBA (very competitive) and Old Timers (recreational).

Each division will have male and female brackets, with co-ed teams entered in the male bracket.

Other contests in conjunction with the tourney will be half-court shot, free throws, 3-point shooting, slam dunks, and speed dribbling (little dribblers only).

All entries must be received by 9 p.m. Monday. To register, contact Valery Jackson at 573-8511 ext. 286 or 573-1494.

July 4th volleyball tourney

A co-ed volleyball tournament will be held July 3, with prizes awarded to the top three teams.

Teams will be comprised of eight players, and cost is $60 per squad. For more information, contact Louis Alaniz at 573-4767.

July 4th softball tourney

The WTC Student Government will be hosting a co-ed slowpitch softball tournament July 2-3 at Towle Park. Entry fee is $100 per team, with a 10-player minimum.

Deadline for entry is next Wednesday. For more information, contact Kara at 573-5419 or Alisha at 573-8511 ext. 276.

Athletic physicals

All athletes needing to take a physical should do so prior to Aug. 3. SISD will pay for physicals through Aug. 3 only. An appointment must be made with one of the following doctors: Burleson, Cooper, Thompson, Nussey or Rakov.

Athletes requiring physicals include all incoming 7th and 9th graders, students new to SISD, students wishing to participate in athletics for the first time, and any student whose medical history form requires them to do so.

All athletes not needing a physical must return all completed forms to their coach, athletic director's office, or Steve Kreuger.

Incoming 7th and 9th graders can pick up physical forms in the doctors' office.

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

National League
All Times EDT

East Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Atlanta	42	28	.600	-
NewYork	39	31	.557	3
Philadelphia	36	32	.529	5
Montreal	27	39	.409	13
Florida	24	46	.343	18
Central Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Houston	41	28	.594	-
Cincinnati	36	31	.537	4
Chicago	34	33	.507	6
St.Louis	35	35	.500	6½
Pittsburgh	34	34	.500	6½
Milwaukee	32	38	.457	9½
West Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Arizona	41	30	.577	-
SanFrancisco	40	32	.556	1½
Colorado	33	33	.500	5½
LosAngeles	32	36	.471	7½
SanDiego	29	38	.433	10

Tuesday's Games
Milwaukee 5, San Francisco 1
Philadelphia 3, Pittsburgh 2
New York 8, Florida 2
Montreal 2, Atlanta 1
St. Louis 4, Houston 3, 14 innings
Chicago 13, Colorado 12
Cincinnati 8, Arizona 7
San Diego 4, Los Angeles 1

Wednesday Games
Milwaukee (Woodard 7-5) at San Francisco (Ortiz 8-4), 3:35 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Benson 5-5) at Philadelphia (Byrd 10-3), 7:35 p.m.
Florida (Meadows 5-7) at New York (Leiter 5-5), 7:40 p.m.
Montreal (Batista 6-3) at Atlanta (Millwood 7-4), 7:40 p.m.
Houston (Reynolds 8-6) at St. Louis (Acevedo 4-2), 8:10 p.m.
Chicago (Mulholland 3-2) at Colorado (Astacio 6-5), 9:05 p.m.
Cincinnati (Avery 4-6) at Arizona (An.Benes 4-7), 10:05 p.m.
San Diego (W.Williams 2-5) at Los Angeles (Valdes 5-6), 10:35 p.m.

Thursday's Games
Pittsburgh (Silva 2-4) at Philadelphia (Schilling 9-4), 1:05 p.m.
Montreal (Hermanson 3-7) at Atlanta (Smoltz 8-2), 1:10 p.m.
Florida (L.Hernandez 3-6) at New York (Hershiser 7-5), 1:40 p.m.
Chicago (Tapani 5-3) at Colorado (B.M.Jones 2-5), 3:05 p.m.
Cincinnati (Villone 1-2) at Houston (Hampton 9-2), 8:05 p.m.
St. Louis (Oliver 4-5) at Arizona (Daal 7-4), 10:05 p.m.
San Diego (Ashby 6-4) at Los Angeles (Dreifort 6-5), 10:10 p.m.

American League
All Times EDT

East Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
NewYork	40	28	.588	-
Boston	40	30	.571	1
Toronto	35	37	.486	7
Baltimore	32	37	.464	8½
TampaBay	29	41	.414	12
Central Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Cleveland	46	22	.676	-
Chicago	34	33	.507	11½
Detroit	30	41	.423	17½
KansasCity	28	40	.412	18
Minnesota	25	44	.362	21½
West Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Texas	39	31	.557	-
Oakland	36	34	.514	3
Seattle	35	35	.500	4
Anaheim	31	38	.449	7½

Tuesday's Games
New York 7, Tampa Bay 0
Toronto 4, Cleveland 3
Baltimore 5, Boston 3
Chicago 6, Minnesota 1
Kansas City 4, Detroit 2
Oakland 5, Texas 3
Anaheim 4, Seattle 2

Wednesday's Games
New York (Clemens 6-2) at Tampa Bay (Eiland 0-2), 7:05 p.m.
Cleveland (Nagy 8-4) at Toronto (Hentgen 5-6), 7:05 p.m.
Boston (Saberhagen 2-2) at Baltimore (Guzman 3-5), 7:35 p.m.
Minnesota (Lincoln 2-8) at Chicago (Sirotka 9-6), 8:05 p.m.
Detroit (Thompson 6-6) at Kansas City (Witasick 2-5), 8:05 p.m.
Oakland (Oquist 6-5) at Texas (Morgan 7-5), 8:35 p.m.
Anaheim (Hill 3-6) at Seattle (Halama 5-2), 10:35 p.m.

Thursday's Games
Minnesota (Radke 5-6) at Chicago (Navarro 5-5), 2:05 p.m.
Detroit (N.Cruz 1-0) at Kansas City (Appier 6-6), 2:05 p.m.
New York (Pettitte 4-5) at Tampa Bay (Rekar 4-2), 7:05 p.m.
Cleveland (Burba 7-2) at Toronto (Halladay 5-3), 7:05 p.m.
Boston (Cho 1-0) at Baltimore (Mussina 9-3), 7:35 p.m.
Oakland (Hudson 2-0) at Texas (Burkett 0-3), 8:35 p.m.
Anaheim (Finley 4-7) at Seattle (Fassero 3-7), 10:05 p.m.

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	W	L	Pct	GB
NewYork	4	1	.800	-
Detroit	4	2	.667	½
Orlando	4	3	.571	1
Charlotte	1	3	.250	2½
Washington	1	5	.167	3½
Cleveland	0	6	.000	4½
WESTERN CONFERENCE	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	5	0	1.000	-
Sacramento	4	2	.667	1½
LosAngeles	3	3	.500	2½
Minnesota	2	2	.500	2½
Utah	2	2	.500	2½
Phoenix	2	3	.400	3

Tuesday's Games
Orlando 71, Cleveland 62
Phoenix 79, Washington 76
Detroit 75, Charlotte 69
Houston 84, Los Angeles 76
Sacramento 79, Minnesota 62

Wednesday's Games
No games scheduled

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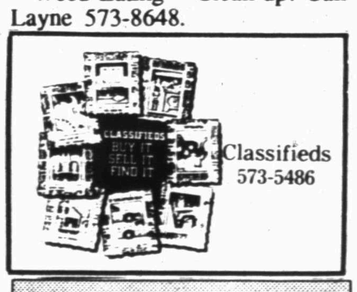

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By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: Is a doctor required to tell a patient what an X-ray shows? Last autumn, I had a slight misstep that caused pain in my pelvis. After an orthopedic specialist X-rayed the area of discomfort, he showed the films to me. I saw faint lines in each of the pelvic bones, which the doctor dismissed. Now I'm afraid that I'm walking around (with difficulty) with hair-line fractures. If I am, why don't they tell me?

DEAR READER: I think perhaps they have. Linear shadows are the rule in the X-ray studies of bones. Such faint lines are normal; they simply represent the structure of the bones. Your orthopedic consultant probably dismissed the lines as a normal configuration. In any case, even if you had hair-line fractures of your pelvis, there is nothing to be done. In four to six weeks they would heal anyway and you'd be none the worse for wear.

If you are genuinely interested in whether a fracture is present, you should have a bone scan — a specific test that will show tiny fractures, which are often nearly invisible on regular X-ray films. In your situation, a bone scan is not vital to your health and independence. I believe that the cost of the scan could be put to better use in the form of physical therapy to keep your joints limber and your muscles strong.

Although doctors are not required by law or ethical standards to discuss X-ray findings with patients, most physicians that I know are more than willing to do so. This seems to me to be an appropriate action that is consistent with good medical practice because it gives patients more information to help them make sound judgments about future therapy. I don't believe that your orthopedist's approach was in any way an attempt to mislead you.

DEAR DR. GOTT: My 60-year-old sister has had arthritis for many years. Recently, her doctor told her that she has hemochromatosis. What's the relation?

DEAR READER: Hemochromatosis, the most commonly inherited metabolic abnormality in the Western world, is a basic disorder related to how the body handles iron. In patients with the disease, excessive amounts of dietary iron are absorbed and deposited in the tissues, leading to the diagnostic triad of cirrhosis, diabetes and skin pigmentation. Recently, doctors discovered that more than 64 percent of such patients suffer from arthritis, which — far from being a late manifestation of the disease — may actually be one of its first signs. Specialists are now urging physicians to check iron levels (the serum ferritin test) in all patients with arthritis. Once diagnosed in this manner, treatment is straightforward and universally successful: the periodic removal of a pint of blood, to reduce the body's iron stores. Your sister's doctor has admirable diagnostic skills.

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

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More women are ready to rumble

INGLEWOOD, Calif. (AP) — More women are ready to rumble.

Hammerin' Heather Steele, Beckie the Farmer's Daughter and GI Joan helped introduce a new women's wrestling federation Tuesday, promising role models for little girls and a more dignified way to bodyslam villains.

WOW, for Women of Wrestling, will be based at the Great Western Forum, former home of the basketball's Los Angeles Lakers and hockey's Los Angeles Kings.

Hoping for lucrative pay-per-view and cable TV action — not to mention merchandising spin-offs such as action figures — WOW plans to offer bouts next year, beginning in Las Vegas and leading up to a championship.

Women have been ill-treated in wrestling, said David McLane, WOW founder and creator of the successful Gorgeous Ladies of Wrestling.

"They're a side show, they're almost treated as a peep show. They're nothing that I'd be proud to have a 9-year-old daughter watch. But WOW will be," he said Tuesday.

"So far, the only exposure that women have had on television on television is degrading, and it's embarrassing," said Selina Majors, WOW's main attraction with 13 years of wrestling experience.

WOW aims to show that "we're athletes, that we're not just thrown in there to make the men look good or to take our clothes off," she said.

Wrestling is hugely popular on TV but it has been taken to the mat lately. A $110 million federal lawsuit was filed this month against the World Wrestling Federation by former women's champion Sable.

The suit claims the business has become increasingly "obscene, titillating, vulgar and unsafe," and that Sable lost her championship after refusing to appear topless in a bout. The WWF called the suit "a smear job."

Victims divided on state trial for Nichols

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — When survivors of the federal building bombing meet each month, the subject eventually turns to co-conspirator Terry Nichols.

Many want another trial, even if some lawmakers do not.

"I forgave the people for their criminal acts within months of the bombing," survivor Paul Heath said Tuesday. "But, the government that represents me has a responsibility."

Last week, the Oklahoma Legislature refused to allocate money for a state trial for Nichols on 160 counts of murder for the April 19, 1995, bombing.

Lawmakers said the money would be better spent elsewhere. In May, they overwhelmingly approved the $1.2 million that had been set aside for the bombing trial for victims of tornadoes that killed 44 people.

Even before the tornadoes, some Oklahoma County lawmakers said the trial would be too costly, would open up old wounds and noted Nichols was already serving a life sentence on federal charges.

The action forced the Oklahoma Indigent Defense System to cancel its contract with the attorney it had hired to represent Nichols, whose return to the state is on hold until a federal judge decides on his request for a new federal trial.

The legislative decision reinforced the differences of opinion of some of the survivors and relatives of the 168 killed in the blast. Jim Denny, whose 7-year-old son Brandon and 6-year-old daughter Rebecca were injured, said the trial is a waste of time and money.

"It has nothing to do with the healing process. It's more out of revenge than justice," he said.

Not so for Heath.

"What if Nichols gets free on a federal appeal? What if he gets in his pickup in Florence, Colorado, and flies to the Philippines? We need to try him before the evidence gets cold," he said.

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DuPont	67 9-16	66	15-16	67
EastmanChem		54⅞	54⅝	54⅝
EstKodak	71⅞	71	1-16	71⅛
EDS Corp		55⅛	54⅝	54⅝
Entergy	32⅝	31	15-16	32
Exxon	78 5-16	77	9-16	78⅛
Flowers	20	11-16	20⅛	20⅛
FordMotor	54⅛	53¾	53	15-16
GTE Cp	70	11-16	69⅞	70⅛
GenDynam	67 1-16	66	11-16	66
GenElec	105⅞	103	13-16	104
GenMills		79⅝	79⅛	79
GenMotors		63	3-16	62⅛
GaPacGP s		53⅛	52	52⅛
GlobalMar		15	3-16	14⅝
Goodrich	41 5-16	40	15-16	41
Goodyear s		57⅛	56	56⅛
GtAtlPac	33	32	7-16	32
Halliburtn		43⅞	42⅞	43⅛
Hanson ADS	48⅛	47	11-16	47
HarteHanks		26	7-16	25⅝
HomeDepot	61⅛	60	7-16	60⅝
IBM s	123⅛	121⅛	122	
IntlPaper		54⅞	54	54⅛
JohnsonJn	90 3-16	89	9-16	89
K mart	16 9-16	15⅝	15	7-16
Kroger Co	55	15-16	55⅛	55⅛
Kroger Co wi			28	28
Litton		68⅞	68⅛	68⅛
LockheedM s	35 1-16	34⅝	34	13-16
Lowes Cos	55⅞	55	1-16	55
Lubys	16 13-16	16⅝	16⅛	
LucentTech s	63⅞	62	5-16	63⅛
MayDeptStr s	41⅞	41⅛	41⅛	
MediaOne	74 9-16	73⅞	74⅛	
Medtronic	75 9-16	74⅝	74⅝	
Mobil	99⅛	98	9-16	99
Monsanto	40⅛	39	11-16	39
MorganJP	134⅛	132	1-16	132
Motorola	93⅛	91⅞	92	
NCR Corp	47⅛	46⅛	46	13-16
Nextstar	51⅛	50	3-16	50⅛
Penney JC	50 1-16	49⅛	49⅛	
PennEnergy s	15 15-16	15	7-16	15
PepBoys	20⅛	19	15-16	20
PepsiCo	35 13-16	35⅛	35⅛	
PhelpDodge	59⅛	58	15-16	58
PhilipPet	50 9-16	49	3-16	50⅛
PilgrmPrd B		23⅛	22⅞	23⅛
Polaroid	24 13-16	23⅝	24⅛	
Praxair		50⅛	49⅛	49⅛
ProctGamb	86⅛	85	13-16	85
PubSNwMx	21		20⅞	20
ReliantEngy			28⅛	28
RoyalDut	60 3-16	59	9-16	59
SBC Comm	54 9-16		54	54
SaraLee s	24⅛	23	15-16	24
Scripps EW			45⅞	45⅞
SearsRoeb	47 15-16		46⅞	46⅞
SherwinW	28 7-16		28⅛	28
SmithklBchm	67⅞	66⅛	66	11-16
SouthernCo			27⅞	27⅝
SwstAirl s	32 7-16		31⅞	31
SprintFON s		53⅞	52⅞	53⅛
SprintPCS n		59⅛	57⅞	58
Sunoco Inc		30 7-16	30⅛	30⅛
TNP Ent			36	35⅞
Tandy s			44	13-16
TempleInland	72 13-16		71	15-16
Tenneco		25⅞	24⅞	24
Texaco			64⅛	63⅞
TexInd		33 15-16	33⅝	33⅞
TexasInst		137 7-16	134⅝	136⅛
TexUtil			42⅞	42
Textron			83⅛	82⅞
TriconGlbR		49⅞	49	5-16
TrinityInds			31⅛	31
TritonEngy			11⅛	11⅛
TylerTech			5	5-16
US West Inc			58⅛	57
USX-Marathn		32 11-16	32	32
USX-USS	26 3-16		25⅞	25
UniCarbde		50 9-16	50	50
UnionPacif		56⅛	56	3-16
UnitedTech s		65⅞	63⅛	64
Unocal			42⅞	42
Venator Grp			9⅝	9⅛
WalMart s		45 1-16	44⅛	44⅞
WellsFargo			42⅝	42⅛
WstnGasRs			15	14⅞
WinnDixie		36⅛	36	3-16
Xerox Cp s			57⅞	56⅛

Local Interest STOCKS

PTEN	9 15/16	+1/16
KMG	51 3/16	+1 1/4
WMT	44 5/16	-5/8
CPQ	23 7/16	-3/8
ENE	76 5/8	-3/8
SRV	19 1/4	0
GTE	70 3/8	-1/4
SBC	54	-3/16
TXN	137 3/16	+2 1/16
UNP	56 1/2	+3/16

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Organic: Do consumers get what they pay for?

SANTA CRUZ, Calif. (AP) — Organic food has gone from the fringe to many people's fridge, yet the $5 billion industry is still based mostly on trust.

Consumers will pay more for food they believe to be free of pesticides and grown in an a way that protects the environment. But can they always trust it?

Not necessarily, according to interviews with more than a dozen people in the organic foods industry, from state officials to farmers, inspectors, processors, wholesale buyers and retailers.

When a label says "grown and processed in accordance with the California Organic Foods Act of 1990," it does not necessarily mean the food is truly organic, industry insiders said.

Unless the food also has been independently certified, they said, it's likely no one has checked to ensure the food meets minimum state standards.

"The savvy customer knows that if it isn't certified, it isn't organic," said Route 1 Farms owner Jonathan Steinberg, who grows $1 million of mixed vegetables a year on 120 rented acres in Santa Cruz County and has been certified organic since 1982.

To sell something as organic, growers have to register with the state and pay an annual fee — from $25 for under $10,000 in sales to $2,000 for $5 million or more. Sellers of processed foods pay just $100 for an entire line of products.

They also have to keep extensive paperwork showing the food is free from pesticides and synthetic chemicals.

But until recently, the California Department of Food and Agriculture hasn't done much more than look into complaints, which have been rare. And the Department of Health Services, which inspects processed food, has yet to set up an organic compliance program.

"When you register with the state there are basically no on-site inspections. They come out and say 'yup, you're organic,' end of story," said vegetable grower Dick Peixoto of Watsonville. "Most customers want that assurance that you're actually being monitored."

A federal organic law — more than a decade in the planning — will require certification as early as this fall.

Meanwhile, most major supermarkets have acted on their own. About 85 percent of the fruits and vegetables sold by California's 2500 registered organic growers, packers and shippers is now certified.

But most national retailers — including such natural food chains as Whole Foods Market — still don't require certification for processed food.

With the industry growing by 20 percent a year, the state agriculture department's budget has grown to $350,000 — enough for 500 inspections this year, and for the first time, random, unannounced soil and tissue samplings, program director Ray Green said.

For now, the industry remains small enough for organic violators to be easily discovered, and by all accounts, fraud rarely occurs. When it does, Green avoids fines or criminal charges, unless the fraud seems intentional.

Town & Country Topics

By Kathryn Roberts
County Extension Agent

How do I know if my child has asthma?

Because children often cannot express their symptoms verbally, physicians rely heavily on parental observation to diagnos asthma in children. Here are some signs and symptoms that parents may observe.

In infants and small children, you may not observe the usual signs. Instead asthma may appear as: rapid breathing, noisy breathing, retraction (a sucking in motion of the chest, ribs, or neck and belly movement with breath), chest congestion.

Possible signs of asthma in toddlers may include the following:

•Fussiness, irritability, or restlessness during sleep.
•Nightime coughing
•Coughing or wheezing when laughing or crying.
•Runny nose, sneezing or other cold-like symptoms.
•Listlessness — not interested in play.
•Decreased appetite.
•Complaints of sore throat, some neck, stomach or backache.
•Retracting (a sucking-in motion of the chest, ribs or neck, and belly movement with each breath).
•Labored breathing, or a longer time needed for breathing out than breathing in.
•Grunting noise, or nostril flaring with breathing.

About one quarter of asthmatic children seem to "outgrow" their disease in their teen years or as young adults.

Colorado City cattle auction

COLORADO CITY — The Colorado City Livestock Auction had a run of 709 head of cattle for the Saturday, June 19, sale. Feeder steers were mostly steady, heifers were steady to $1 higher. Slaughter cows were $2 higher and bulls were $2 higher. Bred cows were $30/hd. higher, pairs were $35/hd higher. Trading active and demand good.

Feeder Steers:
200-300- 105-116
300-400: 91-98
400-500: 83-90.50
700-800: 63-73.50
Feeder Heifers:
200-300: 935-1021
300-400: 83-89
400-500- 76.50-82
500-600: 73-76
600-700: 69-74
700-800: 62.50-67.50
800-900: 60-65.50
Young bred cows: 490 to 525
Medium age to older bred cows: 385-470.
Young pairs: 650 to 770.
Medium age to older cows and calves: 510-635
Slaughter cows: 40-44.50
Slaughter bulls: 48-50.50

One panel recommends new non-animal chemical testing

WASHINGTON (AP) — A new test designed to determine whether chemicals will burn the skin could be good news for many lab animals.

The test, known as Corrositex, uses a form of artificial skin. It won the backing of a federal advisory panel Tuesday.

"The panel recommended starting with this test and, if it's positive, you could classify a chemical as a corrosive without having to use an animal," said Dr. William Stokes of the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences.

If the test shows that the chemical is not corrosive, it would then be tested on animals to see if it is an irritant, he said. "But at least you would not have the severe corrosive lesion with the animal."

"We are, of course, pleased with any advances in this regard," said Dr. Andrew Rowan of the Humane Society of the United States.

Rowan said he was not sure anybody knows how many animals, often rabbits, are used in chemical testing.

Corrositex is designed to identify chemicals such as acids that can badly burn the skin. Corrosive chemicals may be restricted from certain uses and have to carry warning labels when they are shipped.

The recommendation by the experts convened by the National Institutes of Health branch now goes to regulatory agencies such as the Environmental Protection Agency that determine how chemicals must be tested before use.

The test could be used on many of the 2,000 or so new chemicals introduced each year for industrial processes and such consumer products as toilet bowl cleaners and drain openers.

While there has been widespread debate over animal testing of chemicals used in cosmetics, Rowan said the type of corrosive materials that Corrositex would test would not be used in cosmetics.

These are "generally chemicals that are fairly nasty and fairly obviously nasty. You want to determine levels of nastiness," Rowan said.

Some testing for irritants is done on human volunteers, but the animal testing is done first to see if the chemical burns the skin, Stokes explained.

"Corrosive lesions destroy the skin ... so it's not ethical to go to human volunteers until you're sure it's not corrosive," he said.

In Corrositex, a chemical being tested is placed on a type of artificial skin made of collagen, a strong protein found in the skin, tendons and bone. Beneath that layer is a liquid that changes color if it comes into contact with the chemical being tested. The corrosiveness of the chemical is determined by how quickly it penetrates the artificial skin.

A second type of test, now undergoing analysis, uses skin grown from human skin cells in culture, Stokes added.

Lubbock cattle auction

LUBBOCK — The market at Lubbock had a run of 521 head of cattle for the Thursday, June 17, sale. Cows were $1 better. Yearlings and calves were steady to $1 better. Trading and demand were good.

Slaughter cows: (high dressing - cutters - utility) 36 to 42.
Canners and low cutters: 32 to 36
Slaughter bulls: 46 to 53.25
Feeder steers choice:
300-400: 90-107
400-500: 80-95
500-600: 75-85
600-700: 74-84
700-800: 68-75
Feeder Heifers choice:
300-400: 85-95
400-500: 75-87.50
500-600: 70-77.50
600-700: 68-75
700-800: 65-73
Feeder bulls good and choice: 500-600, 73 to 83; 700-800, 65 to 68
Cow and calf pairs: Good 600 to 750: Grade 425 to 600.
Springers: 425 to 600.
Baby calves: 100 to 175.
Doodlers 150 to 230

Infamous river fire is recalled 30 years later

CLEVELAND (AP) — Once, not too long ago, the Cuyahoga River was a lifeless strip of liquid so polluted by black, heavy oil that flames ignited on its surface.

On Tuesday, the 30-year anniversary of the fire that inspired generations of Cleveland jokes, great blue herons could be seen gliding over the river while ducks paddled in it. Nearby, a beaver had made its dam.

"What a transformation," Vern Hartenburg, executive director of the Cleveland Metroparks, said as he gave visitors a preview of a 325-acre park opening in August just a mile south of where the river caught fire.

The Cuyahoga, which cuts a horseshoe path for 100 miles through northeast Ohio, runs through the center of Cleveland and empties into Lake Erie.

It's long been used for transporting materials to industries along the river, such as steel mills and cement factories.

The fire started when a spark, possibly from a train on a trestle overhead, ignited oil and debris floating on the water. Witnesses said the flames reached five stories into the air before they were controlled.

A 1968 report said the river was plagued by oil slicks, and animal life was nonexistent. The fire became a rallying point for the environmental movement.

The Clean Water Act of 1972, which restricted industrial dumping in the nation's waterways, helped the Cuyahoga become cleaner. In addition, more than $1.5 billion has been spent on wastewater treatment plants and the river has benefited from a general decline in the industries that polluted it.

When the river caught fire, Cleveland not only became the butt of jokes across the country but also a symbol of unchecked pollution and urban decay.

Today, it is "clean but not pristine," said Kay Carlson, program manager of the Cuyahoga River Remedial Action Plan.

Coca-Cola Co. apologizes in newspapers in Belgium

BRUSSELS, Belgium (AP) — Coke apologized to Belgium on Tuesday but would not admit its soft drinks made people sick.

Two weeks after children first became ill after drinking its products, the Coca-Cola Co. placed full-page ads in major Belgian newspapers to express regrets over the incident and acknowledge that the world's biggest soft-drink business has been slow to respond to consumer concerns about food safety.

Elsewhere, the French government announced its health checks on canned Coca-Cola products turned up negative, while a new investigation was launched in Portugal where granules of carbon were found at the bottom of Coke cans.

"To all the Belgian people, I want to say that I'm personally very sorry for any discomfort or inconvenience," M. Douglas Ivester, the chairman of Atlanta-based Coca-Cola, wrote in the ads.

"To those people who have suffered, especially the children, my colleagues and I want to express a very sincere apology."

The ads came amid criticism of Coca-Cola for being lax in responding to consumer concerns about the illnesses that led to bans in Belgium and beyond of such well-known brands as Coke, Diet Coke, Fanta and Sprite.

"I should have spoken with you earlier," Ivester admitted.

Coca-Cola's stock rebounded 1.7 percent Tuesday on the New York Stock Exchange after sinking 1.6 percent last week and falling an additional 3 percent Monday. Coke gained $1.06¼ Tuesday to close at $62.62½ a share.

Ivester's apology was more contrite than a statement issued last week as some 200 Belgians reported cases of nausea and stomach upsets and authorities pulled Coke's best selling products from stores. But he stopped short of explicitly recognizing tainted Coke was he cause of the illnesses.

"We strive to make sure that Coca-Cola always stands for good feelings and we regret that it instead resulted in feelings of illness," said the statement published in French and Dutch.

Coke's regrets came as the Belgian Health Ministry reviewed its ban in the light of new scientific tests. The French government announced its health checks on canned Coca-Cola products were negative, but added it was seeking the opinion of the French Agency for Food Safety before deciding whether to lift sales restrictions.

French Health Minister Bernard Kouchner said the decision to consult the agency came because of a case involving a woman who lost her unborn child in her seventh month of pregnancy after drinking a Coca-Cola product.

Kouchner told reporters in Paris that 800 cases were brought to the attention of experts and none could be linked to a problem with the Coca-Cola cans. "I confirm that all the results of the analyses are good," said Consumer Affairs Minister Marylise Lebranchu.

France was one of several countries, from Germany to the Ivory Coast, that restricted sales of Coke products in the light of the Belgian scare. Some 50 million cans of Coca-Cola products were withdrawn last Tuesday from the French market. Coke took out full-page newspaper adds in other nations on Monday to reassure consumers their drinks were safe.

The company producing Coca-Cola in Portugal on Tuesday recalled several thousand cans after consumers found residue in the bottom of cans and alerted health officials, who opened an investigation.

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Albanian refugees stream into Kosovo

PRISTINA, Yugoslavia (AP) — Brushing aside warnings about mines and other dangers, more than 200,000 ethnic Albanian refugees have streamed back into war-battered Kosovo in just the past eight days, U.N. aid officials said today.

The flow is likely to further complicate aid efforts and the struggle by NATO peacekeepers to keep a lid on the ethnic tensions between Kosovo Albanians and Serbs that are straining the U.N. peace plan for the province.

"After eight days, we have seen 207,000 returning. That is an average of 25,000 per day. This is a phenomenal rate — absolutely staggering," said Rupert Colville, a spokesman for the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees, in Prizren, Kosovo's second-largest city.

The foreign ministers of Italy, Britain, Germany and France were due in Kosovo today to assess the situation and meet with U.N. special representative Sergio Vieira de Mello and NATO's Kosovo commander, British Lt. Gen. Mike Jackson.

Aid workers, meanwhile, were stepping up efforts to provide food and shelter for refugees who, in many cases, were returning to little more than burned-out shells of houses.

UNHCR spokeswoman Paula Ghedini said in Pristina, Kosovo's capital, that supplying tents and plastic sheeting for temporary repairs was becoming a priority for aid convoys, especially those going to the western Kosovo towns of Pec and Djakovica.

The United Nations estimates that about 860,000 ethnic Albanians fled Kosovo or were expelled by Serb forces after NATO launched a 78-day bombing campaign March 24 to force Yugoslavia to accept a peace plan for the province.

Refugees began to trickle back from camps in neighboring Macedonia, Albania and Montenegro after NATO peacekeepers started deploying June 12 and Serb forces began pulling out under the peace deal. That quickly turned into a flood, and dozens of civilians have died or been injured by land mines or unexploded bombs.

"I don't want any child hurt. I don't want anyone else to lose an arm or a leg or a child because of a land mine," President Clinton said Tuesday as he visited a Macedonian refugee camp. "So be patient with us. ... You are going to be able to go back in safety and security."

British Foreign Minister Robin Cook, before departing London for Kosovo today, said it would be better if the refugees waited, but added that it would be "wrong to put any impediment, any hindrance in their way."

Tens of thousands of Serb civilians have fled the province for fear of reprisals from resurgent ethnic Albanian rebels, and tensions have run high.

Smoke from two burning houses in the divided city of Pec rose up into the mountains Tuesday. Ethnic Albanians watched one Serb house burn and said the Serbs had set the fire themselves. The residents couldn't be found.

After court ruling, disabled wonder what happens next

By The Associated Press

Say you're partly deaf but wear a hearing aid, can you demand a special telephone headset at work? If you take blood pressure pills, does your boss have to give you a special break to take them? The nation's high court says no.

Most people who can correct or compensate for their disabilities — epileptics, diabetics, even amputees — aren't protected from discrimination under the Americans with Disabilities Act, according to Supreme Court rulings Tuesday.

Employers, who already win most disability-related lawsuits, applauded the decisions as a welcome clarification of the 1990 law best known for requiring handicap access ramps in public buildings. But advocates for the disabled were appalled.

"It's a horrible catch-22 for people," said Kurt Decker, executive director of the National Association of Protection and Advocacy Systems, an umbrella group for legal agencies representing disabled people.

"If they do correct their disability, they're not covered by the ADA," said Decker. "If they don't, they probably can't work. ... This is a very bad message to employers."

The anti-bias law prohibits employers from discriminating against a "qualified individual with a disability" because of that disability.

A qualified person is defined as one who can perform a job when given reasonable accommodation, and a disability is defined as condition that substantially limits a major life activity. The law also protects people who are discriminated against because they are "regarded as" having a disability.

The court's narrow interpretation of disability involved three cases: two nearsighted pilots rejected by United Airlines; a mechanic with high blood pressure fired by United Parcel Service; and a trucker blind in one eye fired by Albertson's grocery stores.

The justices ruled that measures taken to correct an impairment can't be ignored in assessing a person's disability. If eyeglasses remedy a vision impairment, then the person shouldn't be considered disabled. In contrast, a person substantially limited in mobility despite using a wheelchair would be regarded as disabled.

Employers, who feared a flood of new lawsuits if the definition of disability was widened, were relieved by the rulings. The decisions excluded more than 100 million Americans with physical impairments from protection under the ADA.

"It didn't make a lot of sense from an employer's perspective to have to extend the benefits of this statute to people who are every bit as capable of performing a job in their corrected state," said Allen Fagin, a New York lawyer who represents employers.

But the decisions angered Vaughn Murphy, the Manhattan, Kan., truck mechanic with high blood pressure whose case was decided Tuesday.

Obituaries

Merle Turner

1924-1999

Funeral service for Merle Turner, a life-long resident of Scurry County, is set for 2 p.m. Thursday in the Fluvanna Church of Christ.

Don Campbell, minister, will officiate. Burial will follow in the Fluvanna Cemetery under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Mrs. Turner, 74, died Monday, June 21, in Covenant Hospital Lakeside in Lubbock following a brief illness.

Born Dec. 1, 1924 in Scurry County, she married Guy Turner on Feb. 7, 1949 in Snyder. She was a homemaker and a member of the Fluvanna Church of Christ. She had lived in Snyder for about six months, moving from Fluvanna.

Mrs. Turner was preceded in death by a daughter, Suzann Turner, in 1991.

Survivors include her husband, Guy Turner of Snyder; a son and daughter-in-law, Joe Earl and Tina Turner of Burkburnett; a sister, Ione Baughn of Snyder; two brothers, Earl "Hassie" Sneed of Snyder and John Sneed of Fluvanna; and two grandchildren, Matthew and Mollie Turner, both of Burkburnett.

Sharon Dougherty

1954-1999

SHAMROCK — Sharon Rae Dougherty, the sister of Sandra Butcher of Snyder, died Monday, June 21.

Funeral service for Mrs. Dougherty, 44, is set for 2 p.m. Thursday in the Calvary Christian Fellowship Church. The Rev. Joe Jernigan, pastor, will officiate. Burial will follow in the Shamrock Cemetery.

Born in Shamrock, she earned a degree from Amarillo College School of Nursing in 1989. A resident of Shamrock most of her life, she worked for the past five years as a registered nurse at Shamrock General Hospital. She was a member of Calvary Christian Fellowship.

She married R.B. Doughtery in 1973 in Wheeler. He survives.

Survivors also include two sons, Bryan Dougherty of Wheeler and Shane Dougherty of Shamrock; two stepsons, James Mitchell of Jackson, Miss., and Chuck Dougherty of Amarillo; her mother, Wanda Mayden of Shamrock; a brother, Roger Mayden of Claremore, Okla.; another sister, Sheila Stevens of Shamrock; and five grandchildren.

Elizabeth Waskom

1905-1999

HASKELL — Elizabeth Lary Waskom, a native of Snyder, died Monday, June 21, in a Haskell hospital.

Funeral service for Miss Waskom, 93, was set for 2 p.m. today in the Holden-McCauley Funeral Home with the Rev. Jim Turner officiating.

Burial was to follow at 4 p.m. today in the Snyder Cemetery. Her God-daughters, Kathleen Lawson and Nancy Fuller, were to officiate.

Born Nov. 8, 1905 in Snyder, she was the sole survivor of the John Waskom family.

She taught school in Jal, N.M., and then moved to Haskell where she worked as an office assistant for the Farmers Home Administration for more than 30 years. Miss Waskom was a member of the First United Methodist Church where she taught Sunday school for many years.

She was preceded in death by her parents, John Lary and Fannie Bickham Waskom; three brothers, Sanc Waskom, Benjamin Waskom and John Waskom; and one sister, Carrie Waskom.

Survivors include two God-daughters, Kathleen Lawson of Austin and Nancy Fuller of Bastrop; and a special friend, Ruby Smith of Haskell.

Pallbearers were Darold Roberson, Dee Larned, Tommy Matthews, Tim Larned and James M. Smith. Honorary pallbearers were Wallace Cox Jr. and Doyle High.

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Officers file offense reports

Blotter activity Tuesday included officers filing reports of criminal mischief, family violence and theft.

Don Drum contacted deputies at 11 a.m. to report someone breaking out windows of his building in the 1800 block of Texas. An offense report for criminal mischief was filed.

Officers filed an offense report for family violence at 12:51 p.m.

At 2:35 p.m., Kathy Gannaway requested to speak to an officer in reference to the theft of money from her purse while it was at Spot Free Carwash on College Avenue. An offense report for theft was submitted.

An officer was requested at Dupree Motors at 3:15 p.m. in reference to vandalism to a vehicle on the lot. An offense report for state jail criminal mischief was filed.

Mikey Lindsey requested an deputy at 1302 Lear at 7 p.m. to report a subject taking the rims off his bicycle. An offense report for theft was submitted.

Jimmy Pittman called at 10:11 p.m. and reported his son's bicycle was stolen from 958 Avenue M. He was to come to the sheriff's office today and file a report.

Department of Public Safety troopers worked a one-vehicle mishap at 7:25 a.m. Monday five miles north of Dermott on U.S. Hwy. 84. Involved was a 1991 Freightliner driven by Anthony Scott Turner of Gladewater. There were no injuries.

DPS troopers also handled a minor two-vehicle accident at 5:23 p.m. Tuesday on Hwy. 208. Involved were a 1988 Ford Tempo driven by Jennifer Pool, 25, of Ira and a 1995 Chevrolet pickup driven by Trent Martin, 30, of 4503 College Avenue.

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Memorial Monuments

Peppers will be installed as pastor

The Rev. Stanley E. Peppers Sr. of Snyder will be installed as pastor of the Little Zion Baptist Church in Rotan with services on Friday and Sunday.

The Friday service will be at 7:30 p.m. with the Rev. Homer Reddic of the Canaan Baptist Church of Loraine leading the services.

On Sunday, Rev. Wendell Davis of Lyons Chapel Baptist Church of Lubbock will lead the service at 3 p.m.

The Rotan church is located at 412 S. Lincoln Ave.

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ONGOINGS

First Baptist VBS

All who have completed kindergarten through 6th grade are invited to Vacation Bible School from 9 a.m. until noon this week through Friday at First Baptist Church. Theme is "Mount Extreme, The Ultimate Good News Challenge." Call 573-2631 for more information.

Ira First Baptist VBS

Vacation Bible School at Ira First Baptist Church is being held from 6 to 9 p.m. daily through Friday for kindergarten through the sixth grade. For more information call 573-8419.

Vacation Bible School

Primera Iglesia Bautista is holding Vacation Bible School from 5:30 to 8 p.m. through Friday for grades first through sixth.

Colonial Hill VBS

Vacation Bible School at Colonial Hill Baptist Church is being held from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. daily through Friday. Theme will be Mt. Extreme with a camping atmosphere. VBS is for children four years of age through the sixth grade. At an open house at 6:30 Friday followed by The Young Continentals at 7 p.m.

Seniors swimnastics

Swimnastics for senior citizens is held from 10 to 11 a.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays at Western Texas College.

Lions will attend July 3 prayer breakfast

Lions Club will not meet next Tuesday, instead they will attend the prayer breakfast at 7 a.m. at the Scurry County Park Pavillion on July 3.

Sealy reception

A retirement reception for Marge Sealy will be held from 2-4 p.m. Thursday in the Texas Department of Human Services at 3409 Snyder Shopping Center.

Taylor reception

A retirement reception to honor Lawton Taylor, director of maintenance and transportation for the Snyder ISD, will be held from 2:30 to 4 p.m. Thursday in the school administration board room.

Kids' safety fingerprinting

Snyder Police Department will be at Wal-Mart Pharmacy from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday to fingerprint children. The project is a partnership between Wal-Mart and the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children.

Scurry Masonic Lodge

Scurry Masonic Lodge #706 will have its installation of officers at 7 p.m. Saturday. All Master Masons and their families are invited.

Bible study tapes

Bible study video tapes air weekly on cable TV channel 2. The tapes to be shown at 7 p.m. Monday are "The Day Jerusaleum Was Distroyed," followed by "The Family Life Blood: Encouragement."

LVN registration at WTC

Students wishing to enroll in the September class for Licensed Vocational Nursing at Western Texas College need to contact the counseling office to arrange to take the pre-entrance exam. Tests will be given through July 27, and interviews will be scheduled through Aug. 9. For more information call 573-8511, ext. 313 or toll-free at 1-888-GO TO WTC (468-6982)

GED testing dates announced

The GED Testing Center on the WTC campus will administer exams at 8:30 a.m. Saturday. Any person who is not enrolled in high school, has not graduated from high school, is at least 16 years old, and meets other requirements may be tested for a high school equivalency diploma. The battery of five GED tests costs $60 and takes 7½ hours to complete. Examinees need not take all tests in one sitting. For pre-registration and more details call 573-2973 or 573-8511, ext. 246.

Adult education classes

Adult Education will be held from 8 a.m. until noon on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday in the library at Western Texas College. Classes include English as a second language, GED preparation and those wanting to improve basic skills. No night classes are available.

July 4th celebration

Anyone interested in providing entertainment for the July 4th celebration should contact the chamber of commerce at 573-3558. Also food, activity and arts and crafts booths are still available.

Class of '69 reunion

The SHS Class of 1969 will hold its 30th reunion July 9-10 at Snyder Country Club. All teachers, former classmates and those from other classes are invited. For more information, call 573-8877 or 573-6454.

Pick 3

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

3-5-4

(three, five, four)

Cash Five

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

4-5-20-31-38

(four, five, twenty, thirty-one, thirty-eight)

JUN 23 1999

Life along tracks turns nervous with killer loose

WOLF LAKE, Ill. (AP) — These days, Bill and Barbara Aldridge don't let the "Welcome" sign on their door greet visitors, they bring out the shotgun. Living 122 feet from a Union Pacific railroad track will do that to you, they say.

"We used to enjoy the trains," Barbara Aldridge said. "Not anymore."

With authorities from around the nation searching for suspected train-hopping serial killer Rafael Resendez-Ramirez — charged with two deaths in nearby Gorham — residents along railroad tracks in rural Illinois are taking precautions.

Some are keeping guns. Others have installed more lighting. And all are keeping up with the news.

Rumored sightings of Resendez-Ramirez popped up from Ohio to Wyoming on Tuesday as authorities continued their search for the elusive drifter charged with the June 15 Gorham deaths and wanted for questioning in at least six others in Texas and Kentucky since 1997, all along railroad tracks.

Fears that he was responsible for the weekend slayings of a Jo Daviess County couple who lived near tracks turned out to be false. Police there arrested a local man.

Police in Southern Illinois reported no new leads, but sought to reassure residents that Resendez-Ramirez has almost surely left the region.

That meant little to many in the communities through which Union Pacific trains run. Authorities say most of the crimes attributed to Resendez-Ramirez occurred on or near Union Pacific tracks.

"He can be anywhere right now. He can be out there in the weeds, and this is a good place to hide," said Michael Tucker, who lives a few hundred yards from the tracks in Rockwood, a rural Randolph County community hidden among the tall trees and bluffs of the Mississippi River lowlands.

Tucker said he is no longer letting his nephew and his housemate's children play outside and is locking the doors for even short visits next door. The family also has stopped hanging laundry outside for fear that it would tip off Resendez-Ramirez that a woman lives there, Tucker said.

Down the road in Wolf Lake, a Union County community about 8 miles south of Gorham, retired banker Dick Myers has installed new lighting and loaded his shotgun in response to the killings. He's not letting the scare change his routine, but he isn't letting his grandchildren play outside anymore.

"It just makes you think," he said.

The Aldridges, however, have turned their home into a virtual fortress against invasion. Since word began to spread last week that Resendez-Ramirez might have been responsible for the Gorham killings, Bill Aldridge has been staying awake nights to keep watch over the house.

Battery-powered alarms guard the basement windows. A motion-sensitive spotlight and an assortment of plastic cows, roosters, pigs and ducks start making noise when anyone walks near the side door. Each morning, Aldridge patrols the house armed with his shotgun, a .22-caliber revolver strapped to his waist and a Derringer tucked in his pocket.

He and his wife spend their evenings locked into a few rooms, watching TV with the sound turned down, listening for intruders.

Hernandez completes AF course

Air Force Airman 1st Class Richardo G. Hernandez has graduated from the aerospace maintenance apprentice (C-5) course at Dover Air Force Base, Del.

After completing the fundamentals course at Sheppard Air Force Base in Wichita Falls, Hernandez was transferred to Dover AFB to receive additional training in technical orders, general occupational safety hazards, airframe, electrical hydraulic fuel, landing gear, flight control systems, engines, auxiliary power units and utility systems, and ground handling principles relating to the C-5 heavy-cargo transport aircraft.

Hernandez is the son of Richard and Mary Hernandez of Snyder. He is a 1998 graduate of Snyder High School.

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

DEAR ABBY: The letter from "Eileen in Port Angeles" about CPR and the people who judge the caregivers hit home. As a volunteer firefighter and emergency medical technician for 18 years, I have answered many calls where a person has died from cardiac arrest. It's hard when a stranger dies in your hands, and even harder when it's someone you know.

The evolution of CPR and defibrillation has made it possible to "save" a percentage of these people, but it's a very small percentage. Most cardiac arrests result in the patient remaining dead. Therefore it's important that anyone rendering care remember that once the heart stops, the person is clinically dead. Nothing they do is going to make that worse. If all of the resuscitation efforts fail, the care provider has not "killed" the person, nor contributed to his death, and it is *never* the provider's fault that the person died.

If more people got involved and learned CPR and other basic first-aid skills, they would have a better understanding of life and death, and they wouldn't be so quick to criticize and look for blame that isn't there.

BOB GAJEWSKI,
WALES CENTER, N.Y.

DEAR BOB: I have a stack of mail from readers echoing your sentiments. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: As a 30-year veteran emergency medical services technician and current CPR instructor, I can empathize with the overwhelming feeling of guilt experienced by "Mary Helen," who performed CPR on her brother. In our society, we are conditioned to believe that anything less than "winning" is failure. But to encourage that guilt by saying someone failed or "lost" a cardiac-arrest victim is reprehensible.

Potential rescuers must have the motivation to learn CPR. Second, they must be willing to get involved and take control in an emergency. Third, they must be able to exert the physical strength and emotional stamina. These challenges must be met before the actual CPR process begins. Most individuals are not prepared to go this far. Thankfully, "Mary Helen" was. Heroes never plan to be heroic; they just unselfishly give of themselves.

"Mary Helen," please recognize that you exhibited the courage, executed the skills and performed heroically. Remember, the ultimate decision was never yours to make. That load is not yours to bear.

We are excited by the entry of new technology and improved CPR skills that will allow us to substantially increase resuscitation rates. I am referring to the introduction of the Automated External Defibrillator (AED) and newly enhanced courses offered by national training entities for the general public. In the near future this device will be readily available in stadiums, airports, shopping centers, businesses, churches and homes. The challenge is to train as many people as possible in the operation of this user-friendly medical marvel.

I encourage your readers to contact their nearest CPR training facility and inquire about the AED and the latest courses available in its application.

BILL CARTER,
CHATTANOOGA, TENN.

DEAR BILL: That's exciting news. About five years ago, I had my staff certified in a "heart-saver" course offered by the American Heart Association. Thank heavens we have never encountered an emergency, but it's better to be safe than sorry. Thank you for the reminder to call the association and ask, "What's new?"

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

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Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Thursday, June 24, 1999

Do everything possible in the year ahead to maintain cordial relationships within your social circles, because good things could happen to you through those you know on a fellowship basis.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) False bursts of enthusiasm created for the purposes of pretending to go along with the crowd may only cause disruptions in activities with friends today. Be sincere in your participation. Know where to look for romance and you'll find it. The Astro-Graph Matchmaker instantly reveals which signs are romantically perfect for you. Mail $2.75 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) If you hope to get anything done today, try to organize your hours. Poor scheduling will cause you much needless waste of time that could be devoted to meaningful endeavors.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) You'll be talked about later if you don't show a willingness to reciprocate in kind today with friends who treat you in a generous fashion. They'll think you're just a taker.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Extravagant, wasteful spending could plague you unless you exercise discipline in your buying habits. What could add to the insult is that you won't even feel gratified by the end of the day.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) The trick is to put your drive on what your mind is focused on today. All the good intentions in the world can't bring about what determination to see your ideas through to completion can do.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Unfortunately, you may not have your mind on what you're doing today and cause a number of complications that should have been avoided simply by paying attention to the details.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Strive to be fair and considerate today, but don't be foolish about it. Placating others is fine, but only if it isn't done to the detriment of your own best interests.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Be extremely selective as to your associations today. If you link up with those who have no direction nor care about the concerns of others, your reputation could get damaged.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Keep your chitchat light and breezy and don't talk shop when at a social gathering today, because those in attendance will get turned off by anyone promoting business deals.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) If you decide to play hooky today, there's a strong probability you'll get caught by the very ones who you don't want to know. Be prepared to pay the consequence.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Once you depart from the truth today, you could get tangled in your own web. Just tell things like they are, even if you believe a little white lie may sound better.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Persons who have no record of ever being in the winner's circle should not have influence over your investments today. You could find yourself caught up in a wild scheme.

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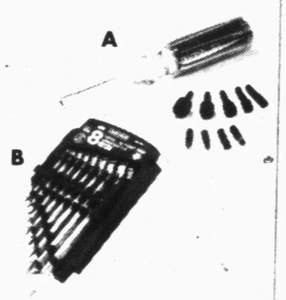

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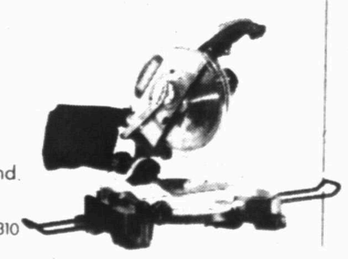

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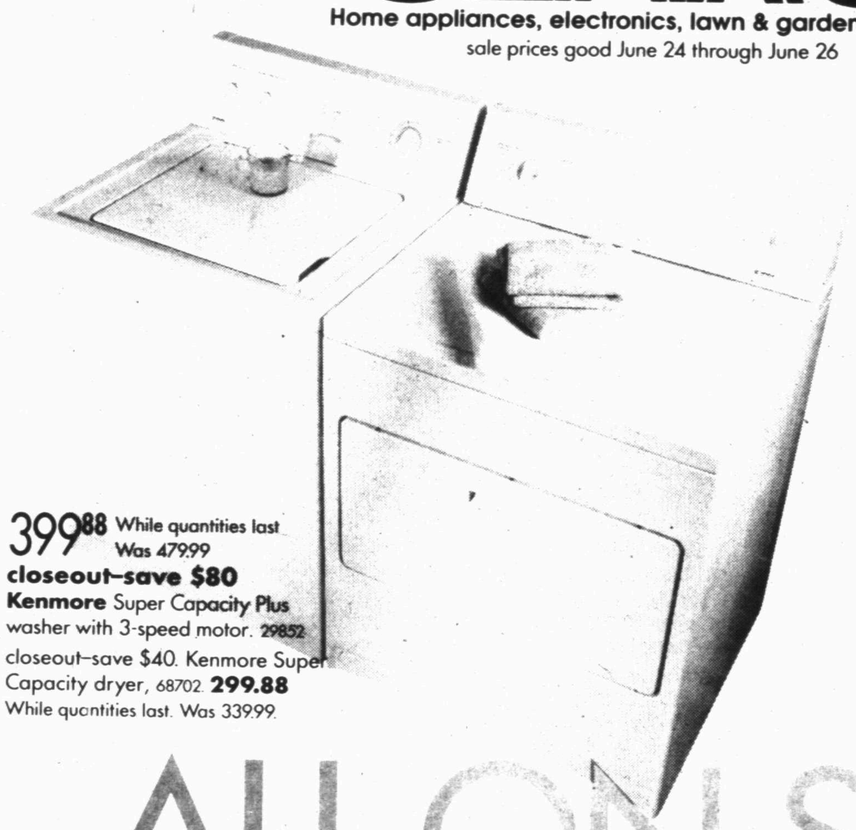

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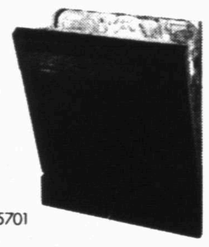

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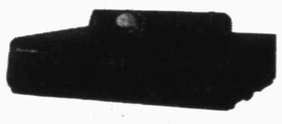

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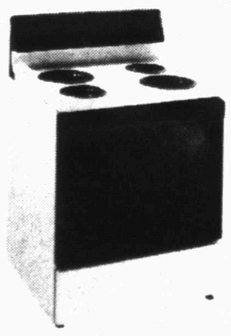

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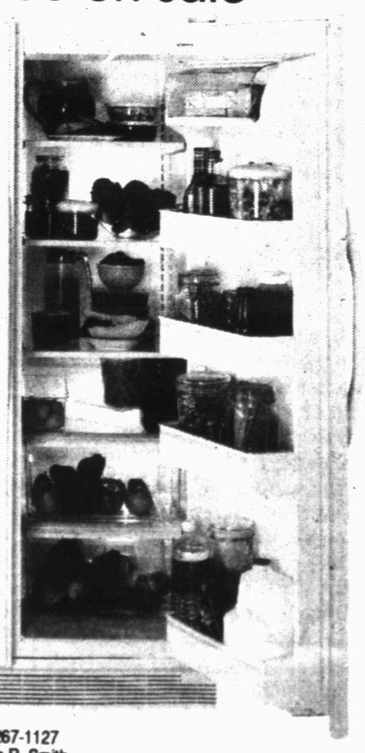

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