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THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "The best way to forget your problems is to help somebody else solve theirs."

The Good Book says that having more than one wife is wrong, but there seems to be scores of other reasons that it's not a good idea.

In addition to being against the law in the U.S., a polygamist will likely have multiple mothers-in-law, scores of shifty brothers-in-law, not to mention the possibility of a special occasion to remember almost daily or weekly. Just think how many beginner piano recitals a good father would have to endure.

We've followed with interest the trial and conviction of Tom Green, the Utah man who is headed to prison for having five wives.

The man is the first Utah resident convicted of bigamy in almost 50 years. He reportedly has lived happily and peaceably with his five spouses and their 29 children.

The 52-year-old Green apparently made his big mistake by going public — appearing on TV shows and talk shows about his polygamist lifestyle. The DA claims he was sort of forced into a corner and had to prosecute, a no-win situation.

While Green obviously violates the law, we see little value of locking the guy up. At least he was honest about it. He could have just lived with the five gals — which seemingly would be okay in the U.S.

In fact something appears fuzzy about the picture. In the same weekend edition that told of Green's conviction as a polygamist and possible prison sentence, the newspaper carried a contrasting story.

The headline screamed: "Living together without marriage on the rise."

The wire story said that living together out of wedlock surged in popularity over the past 10 years. Nationwide, there were 72 percent more unmarried-partner households than a decade earlier, based on 2000 census figures.

Two wrongs don't make a right, but if one wrong deserves jail time, perhaps a second wrong does also.

Send your hate mail addressed to ole fuddy-duddy.

Just before the legislative session was over in Texas, former UT football coach Darrell Royal and lobbyist George Christian were honored with resolutions on the floor of the senate.

Christian, the former LBJ press secretary, was once hired by Snyder when it was seeking more prison beds.

We found Christian to be one nice, humble and quick-witted fellow. After the two Senate resolutions were read, Christian quipped:

"It was a couple of fine eulogies."

List of hopefuls is growing for Lt. Governor

AUSTIN (AP) — With Acting Lt. Gov. Bill Ratliff out of the 2002 race for lieutenant governor, the field of Republican candidates is getting a little bit bigger.

Texas Supreme Court Justice Greg Abbott and Sen. David Sibley of Waco are expected to announce today that they are running for the office.

And, Texas Land Commissioner David Dewhurst will announce next week that he will seek the post.

"With Sibley, Dewhurst and Greg Abbott, the race is wide open," said political consultant and lobbyist Bill Miller. "Two of them are statewide officeholders. They are each different type of individuals. It will be a very interesting."

On the Democratic side, former Texas comptroller John Sharp will announce his bid Thursday to become the state's second highest ranking official.

Ratliff, a Republican senator from Mount Pleasant, dropped out of the race Tuesday, saying he is not comfortable with the politics involved in running what could be a $10 million campaign.

"That requires a level of politics that I am just not comfortable with," Ratliff said. "I don't think you can be as independent, as fiercely independent, as I have been in 12 years and be successful. Maybe that is the best way to say it."

Ratliff announced his candidacy May 26, two days before the legislative session ended. He has been acting lieutenant governor since last December, following a vote among senators to fill the vacancy left when George W. Bush became president and Rick Perry became governor.

The lieutenant governor, arguably the most powerful political post in Texas, presides over the 31-member Senate and controls the flow of legislation.

Sibley has been vying for the post for a while. He campaigned among senators for the post of acting lieutenant governor, but was beat in the final round by Ratliff.

"This is something I have thought about long before today," Sibley said. "We pursued it for over a year."

He was deterred when Ratliff announced he was going to run.

"Bill Ratliff is one of my best friends, and you don't run against your best friend," said Sibley, who was not among the nine Republican senators standing by Ratliff when Ratliff announced his candidacy.

Sibley said he began fundraising Tuesday morning.

"I think Texas is at the crossroads and what happens in the next few years will decide where this state will be in 20," Sibley said.

Abbott was appointed to the Supreme Court in 1995 by then-Gov. Bush. Following the appointment, Abbott has been elected to the court in 1996 and 1998.

Georgia fire takes six lives early today

MOULTRIE, Ga. (AP) — A house fire killed six people, including four boys, early today.

State fire investigators are trying to determine the cause of the early morning blaze in Moultrie, about 35 miles southeast of Albany in south Georgia.

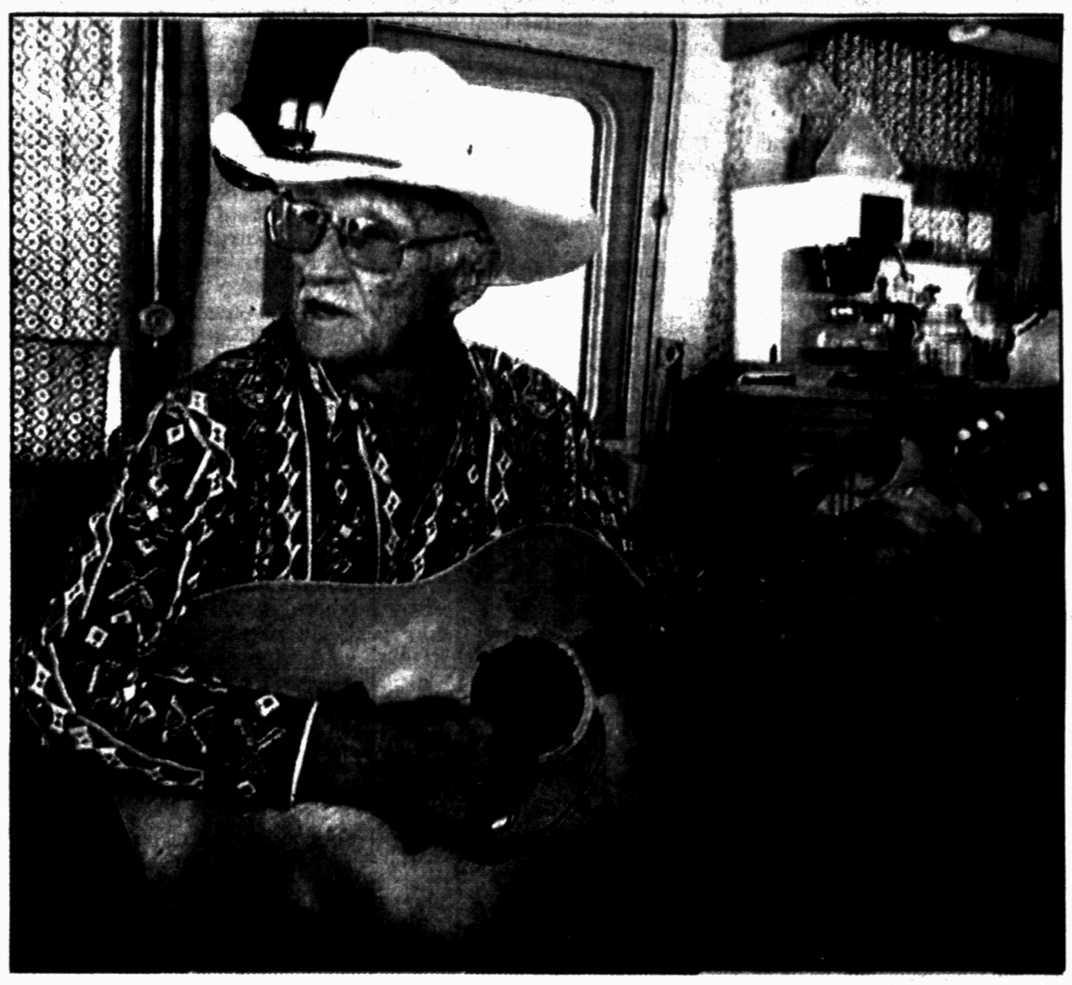
Arson is not likely, and the one-story cinderblock house did not appear to have electricity, they said.

Killed in the blaze were boys ages 4, 5, 13 and 17, as well as a 66-year-old man and 41-year-old woman, he said. The victims were believed to be related.

An 18-year-old man survived by climbing out of a window and was hospitalized, fire officials said.



SWING TICKETS — T.L. and Jean White of Moran (right) purchase tickets from chamber manager Donna Fowler this morning for the West Texas Western Swing Music Festival. The music festival continues through Saturday with entertainment beginning daily through Friday at 12:15 p.m. and on Saturday at 10:30 a.m. (Photo by Blake Robertson, STEPS Intern)



PLAYIN' A TUNE — Levi Taylor of Ingram practices one of the songs his band, *The Texas Travelers*, will perform at the West Texas Western Swing Festival underway today though Saturday at the Scurry County Coliseum. (SDN Staff Photo)

Guitar picker is 81...

Young at heart

By Brian Brisendine
Staff Writer

When the West Texas Western Swing Festival comes to Snyder each year, it brings with it numerous interesting characters.

Levi Taylor is just such a personality.

Levi is the oldest member of the event's opening act, *The Texas Travelers*. *The Travelers* are a western swing band that formed in 1990 in the parking lot of an event very similar to the one that opened at noon today at Scurry County Coliseum.

"We started out with six guys and we've got up to 10," Levi said. "We had all met on the road listening to jams just like this one. We were standing around listening to good country music and just decided to make a band of our own. We've been at it for 11 years now and we've loved every minute of it."

Levi and his wife, Evelyn, have been traveling to western swing events since 1984. So far, the couple has logged almost 200,000 miles in their motor home, following these musical showcases wherever they go.

"This is a great way to live your life," Levi said. "Just listening to a bunch of good music and enjoying the company of all the great people we've met along the way."

Levi said he and Evelyn, or Mama as he calls her, have made some of their best friends on the road. Many of the guests in Snyder for the Western Swing do as the Taylors do and follow the festivals from one town to the next.

The Travelers met in the parking lot at one of these shows in the Panhandle town Turkey during the annual Bob Wills Days.

"We were all friends and we would congregate around our motor homes before and after the shows. Then we just decided to make a band of our own," Levi said. "In our first year, we left in April, played somewhere every weekend, and got home in November. We had a blast. Everybody loved each other. We're a great bunch of friends and we're all still together."

When the group formed, all of the band members were musicians, except one.

Levi couldn't play a lick. He didn't even own a guitar.

"When we decided to do this, they asked me if I had a guitar I could play," Levi recalled. "I said no, but I'll get one."

And that's just what he did. Levi's brother owned a music store in Ingram, so he called him up and told him he needed a guitar, but that he didn't want to spend much money.

His brother told him to come on down, he had a deal for him.

"Apparently, this young woman there in town needed some quick money to buy a ticket to go somewhere," Levi said. "So she hocked her guitar to me for $250. She said she wasn't selling it and that she wanted it back when she returned from wherever it was she was going.

"We made a deal that she could buy it back for the same price I paid for it," he continued. "As soon as she calls me, she'll get her guitar back. But I haven't heard from her yet. That's been 11 years ago."

Interestingly, that guitar, which Levi still plays every day, originally belonged to singer Kitty Wells.

"Actually, if the truth be told, that was my second guitar," Levi said. "I bought my first guitar in 1935 from Montgomery Ward for $3.49. I never did learn to play it then. I should have."

These days, Levi plays the guitar as if he'd been at it his whole life. He plucks the strings and the melodies flow. He adds to the harmonies with a coarse voice and sings about 81 years worth of living that makes everybody listening want a lot more.

The amazing thing is, Levi has never had a lesson.

"I never took a one," he said. "I just watched these other guys play, paid attention to what they were doing, then fiddled around with my guitar until I got it down.

"We've got some great musicians in this band. I'm just the bull shooter."

One of the things Levi is proudest of is his long marriage to Evelyn.

"Mama and I have had 61 years together and they've all been beautiful," he said. "There's two secrets to a successful marriage. First, you have to learn to fight and then make up. Second, when you find a good one like I did, you have to hang on to her, because everybody else will want her too."

Another of Levi's favorite past times is writing songs. The first tune he ever wrote was for Evelyn in honor of their 50th wedding anniversary.

"I love to write music," he said. "I like to write my songs going down the highway. It's a good time to do it."

The Travelers have had a busy schedule for as long as they've been together. They all caravan down the highway in motor homes and perform "pretty regularly," according to Levi.

"We used to play every weekend," he said. "We'd go to a show like this and play Thursday, Friday and Saturday. But now we're getting older and starting to slow down a bit."

Levi said he's just going to keep on writing songs and playing music and most importantly, "enjoying the friends God gave me."

He won't make any further plans though.

"When you get to be 81 years old, you stop making plans. It's kind of pointless," Levi said. "Whatever the Lord gives you, you just take it and go."

ASK US

Q—Is the kids boot camp program part of Kids College?

A—No, they are two separate programs operated by different people at different locations.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Tuesday, 94 degrees; low, 69; 7 a.m. Wednesday, 69; no precipitation; total for 2001, 8.77 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, partly cloudy, low mid 60s, W wind 10-20 mph. Thursday, partly cloudy, slight rain chance, high around 90, E wind 10-29 mph.



Danny Clowson
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Sunset:
8:46 p.m.
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Of 156 days in 2001, the sun has shone 144 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

Life is a blend of laughter and tears, a combination of rain and sunshine.
—Norman Vincent Peale

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Radio station in Colorado fined for playing rap tune

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. (AP) — A Colorado Springs radio station is facing a $7,000 fine for repeatedly airing an edited but still racy version of rap singer Eminem's "The Real Slim Shady."

KKMG-FM officials said Tuesday the station has not paid the fine and is considering what to do. They have 30 days to respond to the Federal Communications Commission complaint.

KKMG operations manager Bobby Irwin said the edited version was not indecent but the station quit broadcasting it after getting the FCC's notice June 1.

A Madison, Wis., radio station paid a $7,000 fine earlier this year after it played the unedited version of the song.

The FCC said last week the edited version aired by the Colorado Springs' station "contains unmistakable offensive sexual references."

The ruling is worrisome to some radio station workers because the Eminem track was broadcast nationwide during the spring and summer of 2000.

"Virtually every pop, Top-40 station played that song," said Cat Collins, program director for Denver's KQKS-FM.

A KKMG listener filed the indecency complaint in July 2000.

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Texas Two Step

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Texas Two Step numbers drawn Tuesday by the Texas Lottery:

32-4-28-34

Bonus number 20

Estimated jackpot: $200,000

Cash Five

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

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Pick 3

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

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Writers Guild OKs contract by 9-1 vote

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Hollywood writers voted 9-1 in favor of a new contract that sets aside $41 million for pay raises to the 11,000-member Writers Guild of America over the next three years.

Some 4,128 guild members, or 92 percent of those casting ballots, voted in favor of the contract, the WGA announced Tuesday. "No" votes were cast by 343 members, or 8 percent.

"This new contract is the product of one of the most difficult negotiations we have had in many years because of the complexity of the issues facing our industry," said Nick Counter, president of the Alliance of Motion Picture and Television Producers, which represented management.

"We commend the WGA leadership and bargaining committee for their tireless efforts toward working on solutions," he said.

The announcement, coming the same day two actors unions resumed their contract negotiations, eased fears somewhat of a summer actors strike. But not entirely.

"If you're saying something absolutely identical will work for actors, it won't," Screen Actors Guild negotiator Brian Walton said when talks between the actors and producers began May 16. "But if you mean the WGA agreement loosely points in a positive direction, I think that's right."

Under the new agreement, Fox will eventually be characterized as a full-fledged network and pay full fees to writers, rather than a discounted rate reserved for new companies.

Writers will also see an increase in foreign TV residuals of about $1.3 million over the pact's three years. Residuals for made-for-cable programs, like HBO's "The Sopranos" and "Sex in the City," will increase from under $300,000 a year to almost $4 million a year.

The previous writers contract expired May 2, and negotiators recommended the new agreement on May 4 after a series of late-night bargaining sessions.

Before the deal was reached, there was widespread fear of a writers strike that would cripple TV and movie production and cost the Los Angeles economy billions of dollars.

"One of the most important gains from this bargaining was the realization that it is possible to have a real negotiation, with a real expiration date, with real bargaining and not have a strike," said Mona Mangan, executive director of the eastern chapter of the writers guild.

Negotiations for a new contract began Jan. 22 and lasted nearly six weeks before breaking off March 1. They resumed April 17 and continued until the agreement was reached.

The contract for the two actor unions, the Screen Actors Guild and the American Federation of Television and Radio Artists, expires June 30. Talks resumed Tuesday after a nearly two-week break.

Leaders of the two unions say their priority is improving conditions for character actors and supporting players who earn less than $70,000 annually.

Randi Herrington on SPC honor list

LEVELLAND — Randi Herrington of Hermleigh has been named to the President's Honor List for the spring 2001 semester at South Plains College.

Students named to the President's Honor List must maintain a 4.0 or straight A grade point average.

Aguilar graduates

WACO — Baylor University awarded 1,511 academic degrees to students at the 2001 spring graduation.

Jorge Aguilar of Snyder received a bachelor of science degree.

Stage Deli names sandwich for Al Roker

NEW YORK (AP) — Al Roker just received the New York food lover's equivalent of a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame.

On Monday, the Stage Deli unveiled The Al Roker sandwich, which includes turkey, Swiss cheese, bean sprouts and avocado. The NBC "Today" show weatherman takes his place on the deli's menu alongside Bill Cosby, Julia Roberts and Tom Hanks.

"The sandwich is good," Roker told The Associated Press, "although I would rather have alfalfa sprouts. We're negotiating."

The sandwich honors his upcoming Food Network special "Al Roker's Around the World in NYC," which debuts June 17. In a one-hour tour of ethnic restaurants, Roker aims to weave together the connection between people and the food they eat.

"Food is a big part of life. It's family gatherings, going to restaurants and hanging out in the backyard barbecuing."

"I don't have any one specialty. I like simple food, grilled food, roasted food and not a lot of sauces. And not froufrou food. I like just a good solid meal."

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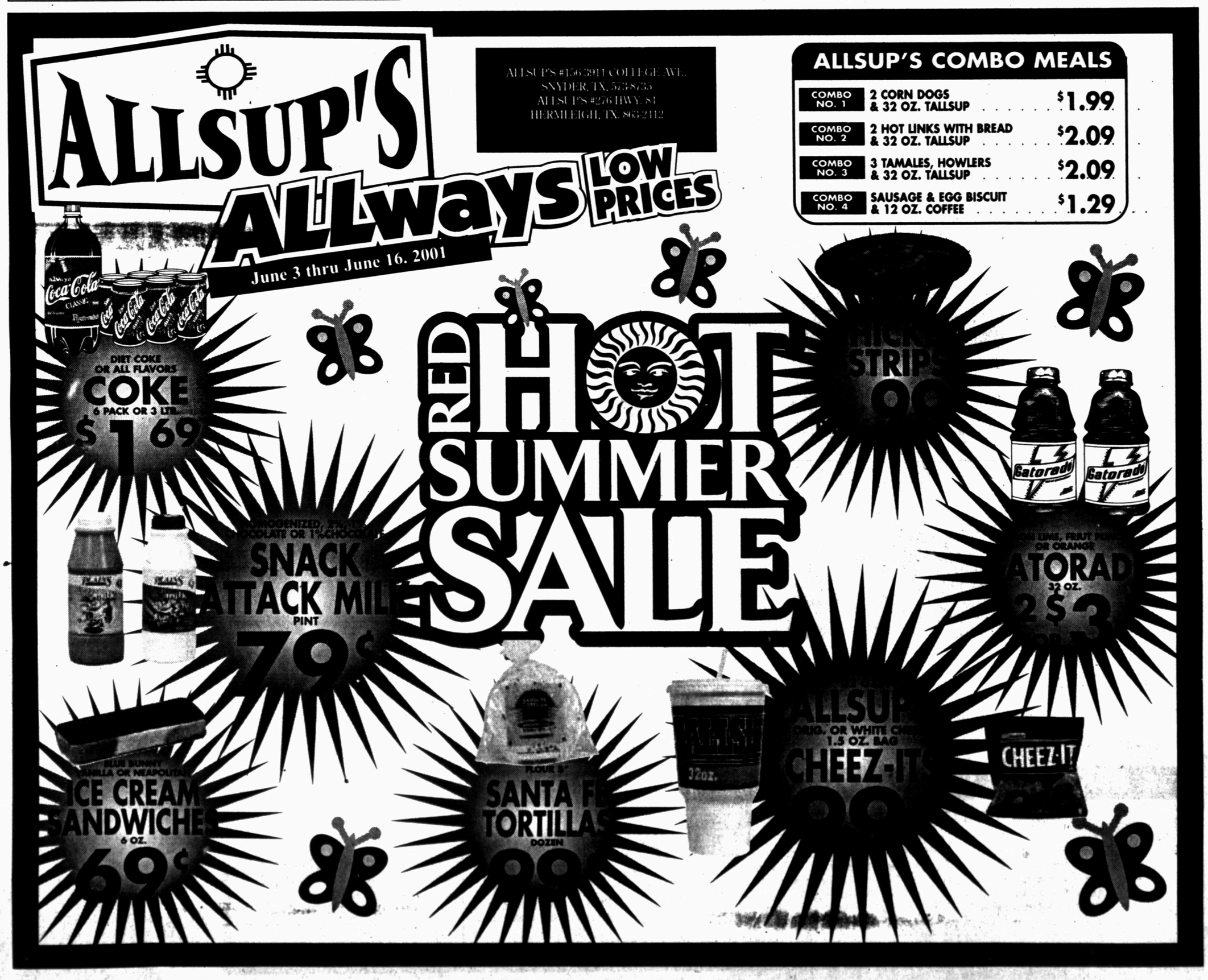
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Nine state laws make rebates subject to tax

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) — When taxpayers in Iowa and eight other states get their federal rebate checks this summer, they may have to turn around and give some of the money back to the government.

Nine state laws make the rebates subject to state income tax. The laws — designed to give taxpayers a break — let people deduct federal tax payments from their state tax liability. So when those payments go down, the liability goes up.

"I'm outraged by it, but I'm not surprised," said Oklahoma City taxpayer David Dank. "The whole state system is totally out of whack."

Oklahoma is one of the other states in question, as are Alabama, Louisiana, Missouri, Montana, North Dakota, Oregon and Utah, according to the Federation of Tax Administrators.

Just how the states would get the money remains unclear.

Iowa legislative leaders plan to discuss the issue this month during a special legislative session called previously to vote on a redistricting proposal.

Proponents of making the rebate tax-exempt in Iowa say they are simply trying to get more money back to consumers, the sort of economic stimulus envisioned by the tax rebates.

"By allowing people to keep this money, they'll likely spend it, giving Iowa businesses a $400 million shot in the arm," House Speaker Brent Siegrist said.

Iowa Gov. Tom Vilsack said he wants more study before deciding what to do.

Under the $1.35 billion tax cut package President Bush is getting ready to sign, single taxpayers will get a rebate on this year's taxes of up to $300, while couples will get a rebate of up to $600.

The money would help the coffers in the nine states, but that wasn't much consolation to some taxpayers.

"I've given it to them once. I don't think they should give it back to me and then tax me on it," said Kaye Lozier, a secretary from West Des Moines.

Rowena Alexander, who works at a Home Depot home improvement store in Kansas City, was expecting a full $300 rebate.

"It's supposed to be a gift, I would think," she said. "And now they're going to put a tax on it? But I'm not surprised. I figured there had to be a catch somewhere."

The Iowa Department of Management estimates the rebate at $291 for the average taxpayer in Iowa. Exempting the rebate from state taxes would save that taxpayer just $14.57.

"It's not that big a deal," said Joni Klaasen, a secretary in Des Moines.

But multiply $14.57 by the number of taxpayers in Iowa — officials estimate the state's taxpayers will get $404.9 million in rebates — and the state could get a windfall of more than $20.2 million.

Paula Ross of the Oklahoma Tax Commission said the state income tax liability on an average federal rebate will be only about 2 percent or 3 percent.

To Judy Denwalt of Oklahoma City, "it would be minimal compared to the $300."

"I think along the lines of what it means for my children," Denwalt said. "I think it's going to help a lot."

Outside of Iowa, the issue hasn't gotten much attention.

"Maybe politicians are keeping quiet about it because they realize it is a revenue enhancement," said Jim Lopach, a political science professor at the University of Montana. "States were looking at surpluses, but now they're looking at restricted revenues."

Bob Adams, a spokesman for the conservative-leaning American Legislative Council, said he thinks people in some of the other states haven't caught on to what's happening.

"I don't think it's gotten up on the radar screen yet," Adams said.

Ed Renwick of the Loyola Institute of Politics in New Orleans said the effect on taxpayers would be so tiny it made no sense to fight about it.

"They're going to have a big political fight over $12? That's unbelievable," he said.

Some taxpayers just want the checks in the mail.

"I just want my rebate, and I don't care if it's taxed or not," said Des Moines lawyer Joseph Royce.

NYPD officer convicted of shooting teen

NEW YORK (AP) — A New York City police officer could face up to a year in prison after being convicted of criminal negligence in a 1999 shooting that wounded an unarmed teen-ager.

Mark Conway, 34, was found guilty by a judge in a non-jury trial Tuesday. Sentencing was set for July 3.

"Somewhere, somehow, there has to be a deterrent and this kind of verdict is going to be that deterrent," said Peter Neufeld, the lawyer for Dantae Johnson, who was shot by Conway during a struggle when Johnson was 16 years old.

Johnson was hit in the stomach and underwent 11 operations, Neufeld said. His family is suing the city for $35 million.

Defense attorney Stuart London said he plans to appeal. "I think we were strong on the law," London said.

According to the Bronx district attorney, Conway and his partners tried to question Johnson and a friend about a robbery, but the boys began running. Conway, a 13-year veteran, chased Johnson in his car, drawing his weapon and driving on the sidewalk. They struggled and the gun went off.

Conway testified the gun fired accidentally.

The May 26, 1999, shooting came three months after an unarmed African immigrant was fatally shot by four white New York officers. The officers were later acquitted of criminal charges.

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Sixth grade
Spring semester

Top Accelerated Reader points: Sydney Wright, William Greene, Malcom Deavers, Sarah Covington, William Greenwood.

Citizenship

Gabriel Aguilar, Casey Arnold, Tasha Ball, Monica Benavidez, Pamela Bradshaw, Rebekah Brown, Chastidy Collins, Alyssa Davis, Tyler Driggers, William Greenwood, Trevor Kubena, Kaylee Lacik, Staci Lee, Jordan Lester, Casey Long, Shannon Mangis, Kazual Moore, Erica Munoz, Henry Ramos, Tara Robertson, Erissa Sanchez, Ricky Sanchez, Matthew Schoolcraft, Mica Triggs, Jessica Yanez.

National physical fitness

Tasha Ball, Monica Benavidez, Brianna Bernal, Hollie Berryhill, Jada Bilano, April Boyd, Allie Brewster, Jaclyn Capps, Fernando Carrillo, Candace Chandler, Taylor Courtney, Alyssa Davis, Teresa Egan, Dwayne Farmer, Laura Flores, Ami Foreman, Desirae Guerra, James Hernandez, Joey Henandez, Ramsey Herrera, Trevor Kubena, Kaylee Lacik, Casey Long, Ralston Loveall.

Others are Ashley Luecke, Shannon Mangis, Keith Manlief, Aspen Mann, Natalie Martinez, Dillon Mathies, Tisha McGlouthin, Ryan Mitchell, Kazual Moore, Claire Morris, Erica Munoz, Roman Munoz, Melissa Newby, Adrian Padron, Louisa Pena, Nicole Presley, Ember Proffitt, Juan Ramirez, Amanda Rivera, Ashley Rodriguez, Cheyenne Roemisch, Erissa Sanchez, Roxana Scott, Adam Smith, Corbin Smith, Lucio Solis, Adriann Sosa, Roy Sosa, Tana Sullenger, LaCree Tippens, Sarah Traylor, Courtney Tyrell, Brian Villareal, Terrence Wells, Colton West, Bryce Westmoreland, Horatio Young, Sebastian Zamora.

Presidential Physical Fitness

Jamie Arnold, Sarah Covington, Katy Crenwelge, Krysta Dorsett, Tyler Driggers, Chelsea Drummond, Andrew Dupree, Whitley Filford, Omar Herrera, Candace Lee, Michael Martinez, Chase Medina, Brandon Morris, Mathew Pesina, Wesley Price, Terann Ragland.

Garth Brooks to perform in Philadelphia

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Garth Brooks will take a break from retirement to perform at an Independence Day celebration in Philadelphia.

Brooks will sing "a couple of songs appropriate for the occasion" and join other celebrities, including Mel Gibson and Morgan Freeman, in reading the Declaration of Independence, Brooks' spokeswoman Karen Byrd said Tuesday.

The 39-year-old singer announced his retirement last year, but said he wanted to complete a few projects first. That includes a new album that may be released this year.

The gala in front of the Philadelphia Museum of Art will include fireworks, a military band, a 75-voice choir and singer Jill Scott.

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Prescription for happy Father's Day: Get annual physical exam

DEAR ABBY: It has taken me years to be able to write this letter. With Father's Day approaching, I can't put it off any longer.

This is the 10th year I will avoid greeting card stores, full-page ads for Father's Day specials, and any other reference to Father's Day.

My beloved father was buried the day before Father's Day in 1991. His surgery to repair damage from a heart attack was unsuccessful. He had seen the doctor the week before, complaining of chest pains. After a short exam, he was given a prescription for an antacid and advised to return in two weeks if the problem persisted. He didn't survive two weeks.

We were stunned that this active, vital man could, without his knowledge, have a heart problem so severe that it proved to be fatal. After the funeral I did some research.

The most startling statistic I discovered is 225,000 people die unexpectedly each year from heart attacks. One cardiologist told me, "Sometimes the first symptom is that the patient is dead."

Abby, this figure accounts for one-fourth of all heart disease-related deaths in this country. Had my father been properly diagnosed, in all probability he could have received treatment to prevent his heart attack. As it turned out, his heart was so badly damaged, he was unable to withstand the surgery to try to save his life.

Abby, please urge your readers to insist that their loved ones see a doctor regularly for a complete physical examination — especially if there's a history of heart disease or other high-risk factors in their family.

If one father takes my advice and spares his children the pain of a fatherless Father's Day, my wonderful father's death will not have been without meaning. — **MISSING DAD IN SOUTH CAROLINA**

DEAR MISSING DAD: Please accept my sympathy for the loss of your father. While I can urge readers to schedule annual physicals, it is eloquent letters like yours that often give them the added "push" they need to safeguard their health. If they won't do it for themselves, sometimes they'll do it for the peace of mind of their families.

I'm sorry you're still suffering so much pain. Perhaps it will help you to take a moment on Father's Day to remember some of the special times you shared with him. I can't imagine a finer tribute.

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DEAR ABBY: This morning while I was waiting for some repair work to be done on my car, I read with interest the letters in your column about the symbolism of finding one or more pennies.

When the repairs were finished, I went out to my car, opened the car door, and guess what was sitting in the middle of my driver's seat? A bright, shiny 2001 penny! I wonder if my father (who has been deceased for 12 years) was sending me a message. — **DAVE BROWN, BIRMINGHAM, ALA.**

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Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Thursday, June 7, 2001

In the year ahead, you could be the luckiest when working on ventures or projects you consider labors of love. By doing so, adding to your resources will be easier than usual.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — A joint endeavor has a good chance of succeeding today because the parties involved will all make equal contributions. When an arrangement has parity, the ball game is easier to win. Know where to look for romance and you'll find it.

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CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Erratic or abrasive types should be avoided today for their unnerving ways. Your day can be more delightful if you select companions who are both considerate and gentle.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — You are an enjoyable person to be around today. Even when involved in competitive developments, you won't make winning overly important.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Your mental faculties are likely to be extremely impressive today, but your marketing skills will be even better. Combine the two, and turn your ideas into profit.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Being aware of maintaining a delicate balance in all your dealings with your loved ones is what makes them want to be involved in whatever it is you're into today.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Because of the nice manner in which you ask today, you will not have too much trouble in getting others to pull together to accomplish a difficult assignment that needs teamwork.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Much will be accomplished at work today, because people, in general, are feeling more cooperative than usual. With unity in the workplace, profits can soar.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — The remarkable tolerance and patience you'll exhibit with friends makes you a very popular person to be with today. They'll even let you lead them around by the nose.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Perceptions or hunches you get today could lead you to modify or adjust something that hasn't be running as smoothly as you'd like. Follow your instincts.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — You'll recognize that those who appear to have the least to share could, in reality, be the ones who have the most to give, because what you're looking for is not evaluated for its monetary worth.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Life could treat you kindly today in situations that pertain to your financial well being. These gains may come about through the development of an ambitious aim.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — It might be your input that helps to inspire others today, not merely by the spoken word, but by setting the example of how to treat others.

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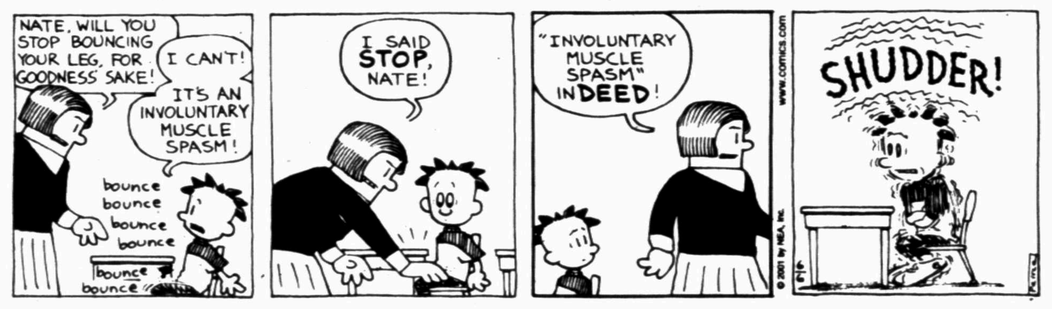
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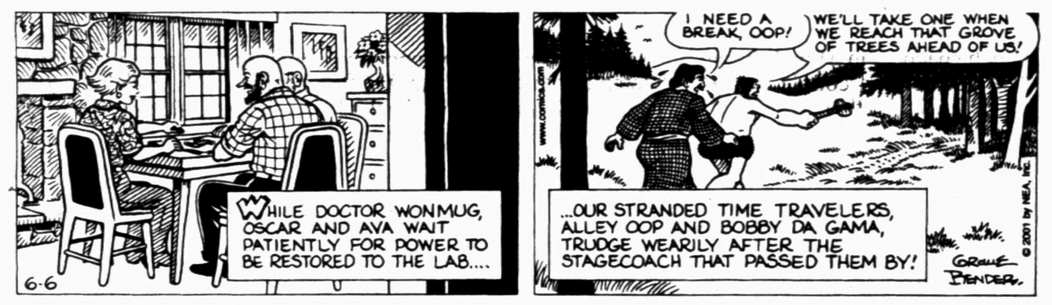
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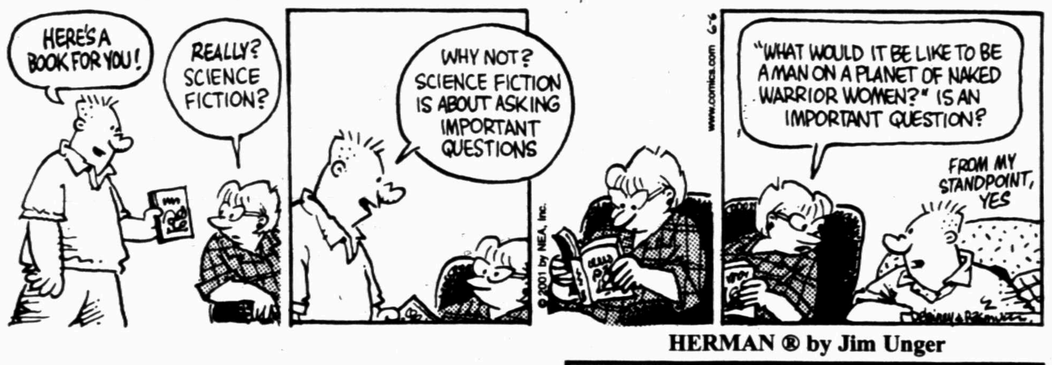
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15 Go to
16 Overly decorated
17 Off — wall
18 Large rodent
20 Espionage org.
21 Antitoxins
23 Everything
24 Actor Everett
25 Invitation inits.
27 Sterile
29 Swiss river
31 Ho — Minh City
32 Caustic substance
33 "Velvet" finish
34 Raises (prices)
37 Seaweed product
40 Ripped
41 "Eureka!"
43 Protection
45 Actress Gardner
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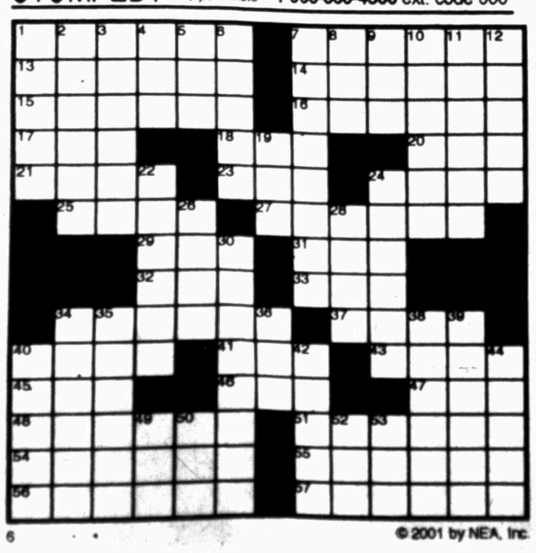
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SPORTS

Lakers expected to dominate championship

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The NBA Finals haven't even started, and already there's talk of a Los Angeles Lakers dynasty.

That's understandable considering what the Lakers have accomplished lately, although the Philadelphia 76ers swear they've come this far to win, not just provide Los Angeles with fodder for the finals.

Lakers coach Phil Jackson knows all about dynasties, having been involved the Chicago Bulls winning six championships in an eight-year span of the 1990s under his direction.

"Well, first of all, we have two great players, obviously players that are maybe not first-team all-NBA, but they are top players," Jackson said Tuesday, tongue obviously in cheek because Kobe Bryant was a second-team selection.

The 22-year-old Bryant and 29-year-old Shaquille O'Neal are not only two of the league's best players, they figure to continue to be for several more years.

And the supporting cast has been terrific in the playoffs, helping the Lakers become only the second team in NBA history to enter the finals without having lost a playoff game.

"They are on a 19-game winning streak," 76ers coach Larry Brown said with admiration. "Everybody expected the team who came out of the West would be exhausted and bruised."

It's the 76ers who have reason to be exhausted and bruised, having required the maximum seven games in their past two series to reach the finals, which begin tonight at Staples Center.

The Lakers, meanwhile, figure to be at least a little rusty as they haven't played since May 27, when they completed a sweep of San Antonio in the Western Conference finals.

That would appear to be their only concern.

"We've had 10 days to try and get better," is how Rick Fox put it.

"We're anxious to get this thing started," Horace Grant said. "Practicing against each other, you want to see a few new faces."

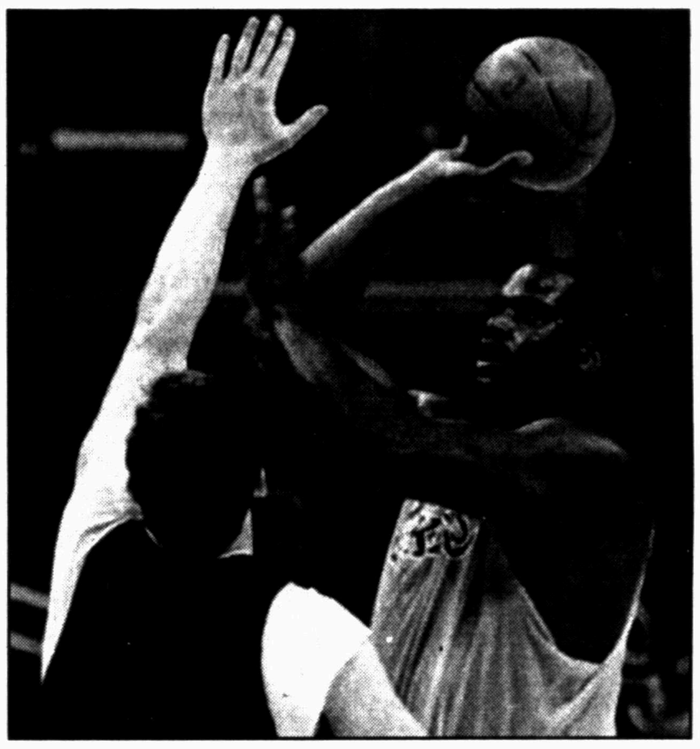
Robert Horry was a little more blunt, saying: "I think everybody's a little tired of looking at each other, playing against each other. We want some new blood."

O'Neal, who tweaked his left ankle in Game 3 of the conference finals, said repeatedly last week the layoff was a blessing. On Tuesday he pronounced himself fit and the Lakers ready.

"If we do what we've been doing, I don't see any problems," he said simply.

Brown has been known as one of the NBA's best coaches for years, but this will be his first appearance in the finals.

"It's taken me 18 years to get here," he said. "To see the growth of these guys, it's been fun. The nicest thing about this experience is I'm looking in the locker room, and I have 15 guys that really did exactly what I asked them to do every single night."



UP AND OVER — Los Angeles Lakers' center Shaquille O'Neal shoots over teammate Mark Madsen during practice at the Staples Center in preparation for tonight's NBA Finals Game 1 against the Philadelphia 76ers.

As for the 76ers' underdog status, Brown said: "You know, if I told my team we were big underdogs, I would be slighting my team, and I don't want those guys to even buy into that."

While the Lakers are prohibitive favorites, it's the 76ers who received the NBA's major individual awards this season. Brown was coach of the year; Allen Iverson was the MVP; Aaron McKie was sixth man of the year; and Dikembe Mutombo was defensive player of the year.

"In our eyes, the team that wins all the awards is the team to beat," Horry said with a straight face.

The 7-foot-2 Mutombo said he looks forward to his matchup with O'Neal, who said much the same thing.

"It's a personal challenge to me," Mutombo said. "I'm not going to make the call if I'm going to play him one-on-one or if we double-team him."

O'Neal said either way his fine with him.

"I'm sure they will come up a little scrappy," he said. "You know, we've faced all types of defenses at all times. If they double and triple, I'll just do what I've been doing, getting my teammates involved."

Derek Fisher figures to open the finals guarding the explosive Iverson, who scored 44 points in Philadelphia's 108-91 victory over Milwaukee in Game 7 of the Eastern Conference finals. Iverson is averaging 32.1 points in the playoffs.

"Obviously he's the focal point," Fisher said. "We've probably spent 80 percent of our time trying to figure out how to slow him down."

The 1989 Lakers were the only other team to enter the finals with a perfect playoff record. They were swept by Detroit after starters Magic Johnson and Byron Scott injured their left hamstrings.

A few Lakers have talked openly about securing a spot in the record books by completing an unprecedented sweep of the playoffs. O'Neal isn't one of them.

"It doesn't matter to me," he said. "Five times three, eight times two minus one — as long as we get to 15."

The Lakers won their last eight games of the regular season and have been victorious in their first 11 of the playoffs.

"All I know is there are two great teams playing each other," Mutombo said. "There were 29 teams starting the regular season, there are two left.

"I tell you right now, I'm feeling good, as good as I've felt in my life."

Mariners oust Rangers, again

SEATTLE (AP) — With the third best start in major league history, the Seattle Mariners keep topping themselves.

"It's just a special feeling," bench coach John McLaren said. "We get down a couple of runs and it doesn't bother us."

Following Bret Boone's heroics Monday night, Mike Cameron hit a two-run homer in the eighth inning Tuesday night to give the Mariners a 5-4 victory over the Texas Rangers.

By extending their club-record winning streak to 13 games, the Mariners improved their record to an improbable 45-12. Only the 1939 New York Yankees and the 1912 New York Giants (both 46-11) had better starts after 57 games.

"We waited a little bit longer in this game," said McLaren, who is filling in for manager Lou Piniella this week while Piniella is in Tampa, Fla., for the funeral of his father-in-law. "This reminds me of '95 down the stretch."

The Mariners came from behind to catch the Angels in 1995, win the AL West and get into the AL championship series.

The 2001 Mariners shouldn't have to come from behind this September to get into the ALCS. Tuesday night's victory clinched their 10th straight series win.

The Mariners came back to beat the Rangers 11-6 on Monday night as Boone hit a three-run homer in the seventh to overcome a 6-5 deficit.

In Tuesday night's thriller, the Mariners trailed 4-3 after seven innings. Cameron's ninth homer of the season gave Seattle its 21st come-from-behind win of the season.

"I kind of started laughing," said Aaron Sele, who avoided his first loss of the season. "Day in and day out, it's somebody different."

With Texas leading 4-3, Juan Moreno walked John Olerud to lead off the eighth, and J.D. Smart (1-1) came in to pitch to Bret Boone. After Boone hit into a fielder's choice on a play where Boone was barely safe at first, Cameron hit his ninth homer.

"I'll tell you what, it's pretty fun. Every night, something different happens. It's definitely a good feeling to help your team win a ball game," Cameron said.

Jose Paniagua (2-1) got the victory with an inning of scoreless relief. Kazuhiro Sasaki pitched a perfect ninth for his major league-leading 24th save in 27 opportunities.

Ivan Rodriguez's RBI single in the seventh gave Texas a 4-3.

Alex Rodriguez, playing his second series in Seattle since leaving as a free agent to go to Texas in December, went 0-for-5 and was booed loudly by the near-capacity Safeco Field crowd of 44,853.

The Rangers loaded the bases off Paniagua in the eighth, but Mike Young's deep fly ball was caught by Stan Javier with his back against the left-field fence.

Snyder Little League Baseball Results

White Sox 32, Athletics 2
White Sox: Bollinger, two doubles and three singles; Murdock and Franks, three singles; Davis, double and single; Schoolcraft, two singles; Sanchez, double; Shafer, Westmoreland and Mayfield, singles. **Athletics:** No hits.
WP: Bollinger; LP: Gonzales

White Sox 32, Yankees 1
White Sox: Franks, two doubles and two singles; Bollinger, two doubles and single; Davis, double and two singles; Sanchez, three singles; Murdock, two singles; Schoolcraft, double; Shafer, Westmoreland and Valentine, singles. **Yankees:** Mitchell, double.
WP: Murdock; LP: M. Barnes

Cardinals 5, White Sox 4
Cardinals: Perez, single. **White Sox**: Bollinger, three doubles.
WP: Smith (9 Ks); LP B. Bollinger (16 Ks)

Braves 6, White Sox 4
Braves: Arnold, double; Hernandez, two singles; Clements, single. **White Sox**: Murdock, double and single; Schoolcraft, triple and single; Bollinger, Davis and Westmoreland, singles.
WP: Arnold; LP: Murdock

White Sox 2, Indians 0
White Sox: Schoolcraft, double; Murdock, Valentine, Sanchez, Franks, singles. **Indians**: No hits.
WP: Bollinger (13 Ks); LP: Day (7 Ks)

White Sox 14, Athletics 3
White Sox: Murdock, two doubles; Sanchez, three singles; Franks and Westmoreland, two singles; Bollinger and Davis, singles. **Athletics**: Stetson, double; Roman, single.
WP: Schoolcraft (6 Ks); LP: D. Saenz

White Sox 11, Yankees 1
White Sox: Bollinger, homer, double and single; Franks double and single; Shafer, triple, Schoolcraft and Davis, doubles; Mathies, Westmoreland and Sanchez, singles. **Yankees**: Mann double; Chase and Caulley, singles.
WP: Schoolcraft; LP: Mann

White Sox 6, Cardinals 3
White Sox: Westmoreland, double; Bollinger, Schoolcraft and Shafer, singles. **Cardinals**: Conner, double; Driggers and Martinez, singles.
WP: Bollinger (13 Ks); LP: Smith (5 Ks)

White Sox 9, Braves 3
White Sox: Bollinger, three doubles; Murdock, three singles; Davis and Franks, doubles; Sanchez, Westmoreland, Mathies, Mayfield and Schoolcraft, singles. **Braves**: Claxton, double and single; Hernandez, double; Clements, single.
WP: Schoolcraft (9 Ks); LP: Arnold

White Sox 6, Indians 0
White Sox: Murdock, triple and single; Schoolcraft, two doubles; Bollinger, double, Mayfield, single. **Indians**: Munoz, two singles.
WP: Bollinger (14 Ks); LP: Day (9 Ks)

White Sox 13, Athletics 3
White Sox: Bollinger, homer, double, single; Murdock, double and three singles; Mathies, triple and single; Shafer, double and single; Schoolcraft and Sanchez, singles. **Athletics**: Loveall and Roman, singles.
WP: Schoolcraft; LP: Rocha

White Sox 14, Yankee 10
White Sox: Bollinger, double and two singles; Mathies, two doubles; Schoolcraft, double; Westmoreland, two singles; Murdock and Shafer, singles. **Yankees**: Sanchez, two doubles and two singles; Gilbert, double; Mann, single.
WP: Schoolcraft; LP: Mitchell

White Sox 11, Cardinals 3
White Sox: Murdock, double and single; Westmoreland, Schoolcraft and Franks, singles. **Cardinals**: No Hits.
WP: Bollinger; LP: Conner

White Sox 13, Braves 10
White Sox: Murdock, two doubles; Bollinger, double; Schoolcraft, single. **Braves**: Claxton, double and two singles, Hernandez, double and single; Hernandez, Clements and Dupree, singles.
WP: Schoolcraft; LP: Clements.

Sports Briefs

Volleyball camp

Snyder volleyball camp is scheduled for July 16-19 from 9 a.m. until noon each day. Incoming fifth through ninth grade girls are eligible, and cost is $40. Deadline to register is July 13.

For more information, call Coach Patty Grimmett at 573-9416 or 575-1785. If no answer, leave a message.

Ira basketball camp

The Ira Bulldog Basketball Camp will be held June 12-15 from 9 a.m. until noon. All incoming third through seventh grade boys and girls are eligible, and cost is $40. To register, call Coach Bubba Edwards at 573-2227.

Tuesday scramble and all-day MGA

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

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

WGA play day

The Women's Golf Association of Snyder Country Club holds its weekly play day at 9 a.m. each Tuesday. Format this week is odd and even.

Pitcher's two homers lead Rockies to 9-4 win over Astros

DENVER (AP) — A former pitcher with 139 major league wins, Houston Astros manager Larry Dierker has been credited with developing left-hander Mike Hampton.

Dierker can't take credit for Hampton's hitting, however.

Hampton became the first Colorado pitcher to homer twice in a game, leading the Rockies to a 9-4 win over Dierker's Astros on Tuesday night.

Hampton, who pitched for Houston from 1994 through 1999 before spending the 2000 season with the New York Mets, had his breakthrough in 1997, when he had seven straight wins over the second half of the season en route to a 15-10 record.

Tuesday night, Hampton was just average on the mound, going 7 2-3 innings and allowing nine hits and four runs.

But with the bat, he was superb.

"He could always hit," Dierker said.

Hampton's second homer, a two-run shot, highlighted a six-run sixth inning that gave the Rockies an 8-4 lead off Wade Miller.

Hampton (8-2) also had a 412-foot solo homer in the fifth. He has four homers this season. In 372 at-bats heading into this season, Hampton had no homers, although he sported a respectable .231 batting average.

He is the first pitcher to homer twice in a game since Los Angeles' Darren Dreifort did it last Aug. 8 against the Chicago Cubs.

Wagon Wheel Driving Range
is closed because of health problems of Bob O'Day, who is no longer associated with the driving range.

Henderson team wins API tourney

Jim Henderson Insurance won the championship flight of the American Petroleum Institute (API) scholarship golf tournament Saturday at Snyder Country Club.

Walton Construction's Wade Lancaster team finished second in the championship flight and Mackey Greene's foursome was third followed by Meter Check.

In the first flight, Pump Specialties was first followed by Snyder Insurance, Cudd and B&F Well Servicing.

Winner of the second flight was Richco followed by G&L Tool, BJ Services and Southern Electric.

Randy Miles and Kelly Copeland won the Chad Raines Memorial long drive contest and each were awarded a driver.

Mike Tyrrell's name was drawn in a raffle for a set of golf clubs.

Major League Baseball

National League
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East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Philadelphia	35	21	.625	—
Atlanta	30	26	.536	5
Florida	26	30	.464	9
New York	25	33	.431	11
Montreal	23	35	.397	13

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	34	21	.618	—
St. Louis	32	25	.561	3
Milwaukee	29	27	.518	5½
Houston	28	27	.509	6
Cincinnati	22	35	.386	13
Pittsburgh	18	37	.327	16

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Arizona	34	24	.586	—
Los Angeles	33	25	.569	1
Colorado	29	28	.509	4½
San Francisco	29	29	.500	5
San Diego	27	31	.466	7

Tuesday's Games
Atlanta 3, Montreal 1
N.Y. Mets 9, Philadelphia 0
Pittsburgh 5, Florida 2
Chicago Cubs 12, St. Louis 6
Colorado 9, Houston 4
Cincinnati 4, Milwaukee 3, 13 innings
Los Angeles 6, Arizona 5
San Francisco 7, San Diego 6

Wednesday's Games
St. Louis (Kile 7-4) at Chicago Cubs (Wood 4-4), 2:20 p.m.
Atlanta (Burkett 4-4) at Montreal (Irabu 0-0), 7:05 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Rusch 3-4) at Philadelphia (Telemaco 4-1), 7:05 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Ritchie 0-7) at Florida (Dempster 5-6), 7:05 p.m.
Cincinnati (Dessens 4-2) at Milwaukee (Haynes 5-6), 8:05 p.m.
Houston (Elarton 4-4) at Colorado (Bohanon 2-4), 9:05 p.m.
Los Angeles (Prokopec 6-1) at Arizona (Schilling 9-1), 10:05 p.m.
San Diego (Williams 5-4) at San Francisco (Rueter 5-6), 10:05 p.m.

Thursday's Games
Pittsburgh (Beimel 2-1) at Florida (Clement 2-5), 1:05 p.m.
St. Louis (Morris 7-3) at Chicago Cubs (Tapani 7-1), 2:20 p.m.
San Diego (Eaton 6-3) at San Francisco (Ortiz 7-3), 3:35 p.m.
Los Angeles (Dreifort 3-4) at Arizona (Bierbrodt 0-0), 4:35 p.m.
Atlanta (Perez 3-4) at Montreal (Armas Jr. 6-5), 7:05 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Gonzalez 1-2) at Philadelphia (Chen 2-3), 7:05 p.m.
Houston (Reynolds 5-4) at Colorado (Chacon 3-2), 9:05 p.m.

American League
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East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	33	23	.589	—
New York	31	25	.554	2
Baltimore	27	29	.482	6
Toronto	27	30	.474	6½
Tampa Bay	15	42	.263	18½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Minnesota	37	19	.661	—
Cleveland	36	19	.655	½
Chicago	24	30	.444	12
Detroit	22	32	.407	14
Kansas City	20	37	.351	17½

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Seattle	45	12	.789	—
Anaheim	28	28	.500	16½
Oakland	27	29	.482	17½
Texas	20	37	.351	25

Tuesday's Games
Toronto 13, Tampa Bay 1
Baltimore 10, N.Y. Yankees 3
Cleveland 5, Minnesota 0
Chicago White Sox 6, Kansas City 2
Anaheim 7, Oakland 3
Boston 4, Detroit 3, 18 innings
Seattle 5, Texas 4

Wednesday's Games
Detroit (Mlicki 3-6) at Boston (Castillo 5-3), 7:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Kennedy 0-0) at Toronto (Michalak 5-3), 7:05 p.m.
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Chicago White Sox (Buehrle 3-3) at Kansas City (Durbin 3-4), 2:05 p.m.
Detroit (Santos 1-1) at Boston (Wakefield 4-6), 7:05 p.m.
Baltimore (Ponson 3-3) at N.Y. Yankees (Clemens 6-1), 7:05 p.m.
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Napster, MusicNet deal faces challenges

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — The deal between Napster and MusicNet now pits three major record labels against two in the race to develop an Internet music system consumers will pay for.

Napster, the former music industry bad boy, said Tuesday it struck a distribution deal with three major record labels that are launching a music subscription service this summer.

MusicNet is a venture between record label owners AOL Time Warner Inc., Bertelsmann and EMI Group, as well as Seattle-based RealNetworks, whose software lets users to listen to music and watch video via streaming technology through the Internet.

Their rival in the battle to turn the Internet from an undisciplined playground for Web mavericks into a corporate profit center is Duet, a joint venture between Sony Corp. and French media conglomerate Vivendi Universal.

While MusicNet has cast its lot with Napster, Duet is working with MP3.com. The San Diego company, which was itself the subject of a massive lawsuit brought by the record labels last year, recently was acquired by Vivendi Universal.

Tuesday, MP3.com president and founder Michael Robertson gave the MusicNet deal with Napster little chance.

"You have Napster, with no technology, licensing from MusicNet, another company with no technology and no products," Robertson said. "It's a house of cards on top of another house of cards."

MusicNet's online subscription music service will let music fans listen to songs piped over the Internet for a yet-to-be-determined fee. Napster has also said it hopes to roll out a new version of its service this summer that would ensure royalty payments to artists and labels.

Napster chief executive Hank Barry promised the new Napster service would not deal in trafficking unprotected music files, and would instead rely on technology to protect and track the ownership of songs.

"We're not going to be moving raw MP3s around the new network," Barry said. MusicNet would require an additional fee from Napster users, on top of a separate subscription fee.

But a technical solution that satisfies the music industry's copyright protection concerns has so far proved elusive.

Warner Music Group issued a statement Tuesday indicating that there could still be serious hitches in the deal.

"As previously announced, our content will not be available to Napster as part of the MusicNet service until we are reasonably satisfied that Napster is operating in a legal, non-infringing manner..." Warner said in a statement.

EMI also said that Napster's current technology was not quite ready for prime time, despite the pending deal.

Mp3.com's Robertson said solving the technology problem is only one hurdle. To be successful, a service also has to reach deals with hundreds of individual music publishers, a process which is hindering MP3.com's goal of making music people already own legally available over the Internet.

"This is a bunch of hand waving at the moment," Robertson said. "There really is tremendous pressure on the industry as a whole to roll out one consumer-enticing product. This industry has been notorious about announcing initiatives that never see the light of day."

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White flies starting to resist pesticide

WESLACO (AP) — Mornings find Texas A&M University researcher Tong-Xian Liu and his assistants out among the melons and peppers of the lower Rio Grande Valley, searching for signs that tiny white silverleaf flies are resisting the latest crop of pesticides.

In Spain and California, Liu said Monday, there are signs they are evolving.

"Whatever you use, sooner or later they will become resistant," Liu said.

An entomologist who has focused on both the sweet potato and silverleaf fly since beginning his doctorate in 1988, Liu is one of thousands of researchers around the world hoping to beat what is considered agriculture's top pest.

The tiny whiteflies weaken crops by feeding on plant sap, producing waste that encourages fungus to grow, blocking photosynthesis. They also carry plant diseases.

Liu's current project is funded by the South Texas Melon Committee and is intended to make sure the flies aren't developing a resistance to Admire, a widely used insecticide.

Knowing if and when an insect is becoming resistant can help researchers tell growers to change insecticides, Liu said. In similar trials performed on cotton and melon aphids on cucumbers, the researchers found it took 12 generations for the flies to develop a resistance.

"We were then able to advise growers that they should alternate their treatments of Admire with other insecticides to avoid a buildup of resistance," he said.

The problem, Liu said, is that the three favored pesticides for melons have similar chemical makeups, so resistance to one will likely mean resistance to all.

Farmers have been noticing the whiteflies for the past century, but it wasn't until 1986 that they devastated the Florida poinsettia industry and began spreading throughout the Southern states. Researchers think pesticides used against other insects might have been killing off the whiteflies' predators.

By 1992 and 1993, the insects appeared as clouds over the cotton fields, at times covering leaves completely white. Between 1986 and 1992, they caused an estimated $1 billion in lost farm income.

Since then, an integrated method involving new chemicals, natural predators, and trap crops has brought the insects under control, but Liu said keeping them that way will take careful monitoring.

Once collected, the flies are treated in his labs with various concentrations of insecticide. The generation born to those that survive also are treated with the same concentration and the process is repeated until a pattern of resistance is determined, if one exists.

Since each generation has a life span of approximately three to four weeks, Liu said it takes time to test generation after generation.

"We are now on the third generation of whiteflies in this test, so we have a while to go before we can make any kind of determination," he said.

Movie studio invented critic, reviews

HARTFORD, Conn. (AP) — The state attorney general has begun an investigation following reports that a movie studio invented a Connecticut film critic to offer favorable reviews.

State Attorney General Richard Blumenthal said his office has received several complaints, ranging from false reviews to selective editing of reviews to produce favorable blurbs.

"We give this practice two thumbs down," Blumenthal said Tuesday. "It could be deceptive and misleading advertising."

The attorney general said his office would issue subpoenas if necessary to determine whether the complaints are valid.

The probe comes after a reporter for Newsweek challenged the authenticity of movie blurbs by film critic "David Manning" of The Ridgefield Press, who has been a consistent booster of Sony Pictures films.

"It was a case of incredibly bad judgment," said Sony spokeswoman Susan Tick. "We're taking all the steps necessary to determine who's been responsible and will act appropriately."

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.



Aspirin is used for strokes

DEAR DR. GOTT: A few years ago, I had a stroke, for which my doctor prescribed eight aspirin tablets a day. After my discharge from the hospital, he reduced the daily dosage to two aspirin, which I still take.

Now I've read that aspirin increases the risk of stroke and brain aneurysm. My original doctor has died; therefore, I'll trust your judgment about whether the aspirin is appropriate.

DEAR READER: Thank you for the compliment, but I urge you to find another local physician to monitor your health.

Ever since aspirin was discovered to slow blood coagulation and thereby reduce the risk of thrombotic (blood-clot) strokes, doctors have endorsed its use for certain stroke patients. However, the recommended dose has changed. Presently, one baby aspirin (the equivalent of one-quarter adult aspirin) is considered to be sufficient for most people.

Unfortunately, larger doses of aspirin have been statistically associated with a type of hemorrhagic stroke (bleeding into the brain). This should not be a problem, however, with the lower dosage I mentioned. Aspirin does not cause aneurysms, weakness in the walls of blood vessels that can sometimes bleed.

I believe that aspirin therapy is appropriate for you; you'll need less of the drug than was originally suggested. Ask your new doctor to verify this.

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

DEAR DR. GOTT: I was disappointed that you advised patients to avoid Enbrel, a breakthrough in the treatment of rheumatoid arthritis. I and other physicians have found that this new medication is truly spectacular in relieving pain and stiffness. It is, of course, very expensive: Each weekly injection costs hundreds of dollars. However, the beneficial effects are unmistakable.

DEAR DOCTOR: I do not believe that I ever discouraged the use of Enbrel, a biologic response modifier approved by the Food and Drug Administration three years ago. In fact, my personal experience in using the drug for arthritic patients has been extremely positive. I agree that it can produce truly remarkable benefits. If you and other readers misinterpreted my comments, I am sorry. Enbrel is clearly a valuable addition to the treatment of painful, inflammatory arthritis. Let me add, however, that its long-term effects are still unknown.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I have adult acne, called rosacea, for which my doctor prescribed MetroGel. I'm a little leery of this drug and wonder whether I have other options.

DEAR READER: Rosacea is sometimes mistakenly referred to as "adult acne." It resembles acne but is actually a different skin disorder, affecting people middle-aged and older. The cause is unknown.

Rosacea often responds to metronidazole cream or to broad spectrum antibiotics, such as tetracycline. Accutane is also useful, but must be used only under close medical supervision because the drug is associated with several dangerous side effects, such as liver inflammation and other harmful consequences.

The product you mention, MetroGel, is a form of metronidazole. It is often effective therapy for rosacea. Except for occasional allergic reactions to the drug, there are no contraindications to its use.

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Bridge

By Phillip Alder



	North 06-06-01	
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	♥ K 6	
	♦ A K 5	
	♣ A 10 7 6 5	
West		East
♠ A J 6 4		♠ 3
♥ J 10 9 4		♥ 8 7 3 2
♦ Q 10 2		♦ 9 6 4 3
♣ Q J		♣ K 8 3 2
	South	
	♠ K Q 10 5 2	
	♥ A Q 5	
	♦ J 8 7	
	♣ 9 4	

Dealer: South
Vulnerable: Both

South	West	North	East
1 ♠	Pass	2 ♣	Pass
2 NT	Pass	4 ♠	All pass

Opening lead: ♥ J

Wednesday, June 6, 2001

Greed can lead to poverty

By Phillip Alder

Mohandas K. Gandhi said, "There is enough for the needy but not for the greedy."

That applies to this deal. Try for an overtrick and you should fail. What would you have done if sitting South?

If North had rebid three spades, not four, would it have been forcing? I think it should be. This allows the opener to choose between three no-trump and four spades, and the responder doesn't have a nightmare rebid when he is thinking about a slam. When responder has 10-12 support points with three spades, he has to overbid. Discuss it with your partner.

If you have two trump losers, you have only nine tricks: three spades, three hearts, two diamonds and one club. The simplest line is to ruff a diamond in the dummy for your 10th trick. After winning trick one with dummy's heart king, cash the ace-king of diamonds, and play off the ace-queen of hearts, discarding dummy's last diamond. Then ruff the diamond jack in the dummy.

Finally, don't get greedy: Run the spade nine. Now the contract is safe. Yet if you put the spade queen on dummy's nine, you should fail. West will win with the ace and switch to the club queen. If you win with dummy's ace and run the spade eight to West's jack, he continues with the club jack. East overtakes with the king and plays another club (or the last diamond) to effect a trump promotion for West's spade six. Similarly, if you duck the club queen, East overtakes immediately and leads the 13th diamond. Whatever you do (if you ruff low, West discards the club jack), West must win two more trump tricks.

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Today is the 157th day of 2001 and the 79th day of spring.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1852, in Baltimore, Sen. William King, D-Ala., was nominated for the vice presidency at the Democratic National Convention.

On this day in 1877, Helen Magill became the first woman to receive a Doctor of Philosophy degree from an American university. She was awarded the degree by Boston University for her dissertation "The Greek Drama."

On this day in 1944, Allied forces mounted an amphibious assault on the coast of Normandy. The operation, code-named Neptune-Overlord, was the largest amphibious landing in history.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Nathan Hale (1755-1776), American patriot; Robert F. Scott (1868-1912), Antarctic explorer; Thomas Mann (1875-1955), writer; the Dalai Lama (1935-), religious leader, is 66; Marian Wright Edelman (1939-), civil-rights activist, is 62; Sandra Bernhard (1955-), actress, is 46; Bjorn Borg (1956-), tennis great, is 45.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1919, Man o' War won his first race at New York's Belmont Park by six lengths.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Old friends pass away, new friends appear. It is just like the days. An old day passes, a new day arrives. The important thing is to make it meaningful: a meaningful friend — or a meaningful day." — The Dalai Lama

TODAY'S MOON: Day after full moon (June 5).

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Markets

Midday Stocks

NEW YORK (AP) -

	High	Low	Last	
AMR Corp		38.15	37.85	38.04—.12
AOL TimeWm		53.20	52.50	52.64—.37
AT&T Corp		21.66	21.40	21.40—.20
Albertsons		29.40	27.73	29.05 + 1.32
Alltel		59.30	58.98	59.14—.06
AmEl Pw		49.16	47.80	48.23—.88
AndarkPtr		61.82	60.80	61.00—1.99
ATMOS Egy		23.30	23.05	23.30 + .25
Aviall		9.78	8.54	9.64—.46
BP PLC		53.57	52.90	53.27—1.22
BakerHughes		38.95	37.86	38.04—1.30
Bank of Amer		59.17	58.55	59.07—.88
BellSouth		41.50	41.00	41.23—.18
Beth Steel		4.20	3.81	3.95—.20
BurlNoSFe		31.60	31.20	31.42 + .14
Caterpillar		55.85	55.27	55.38—.51
Chevron		96.61	96.16	96.35—1.35
Citigroup s		52.16	51.66	51.75—.82
CocaCola		47.49	47.10	47.24—.38
ColgatePal		59.01	58.15	58.95 + .75
ComclMetals		25.90	25.75	25.90 + .30
CooperIn		40.24	39.70	39.86—.06
DaimlrChry		46.40	45.87	45.95—.65
DeltaAirl		46.00	45.36	45.66—.33
Dillards Inc		16.74	16.52	16.52—.37
DowChem		36.65	36.11	36.40 + .20
DuPont		47.44	46.62	46.85 + .15
EastmanChem		51.30	50.76	50.89—.28
EstKodak		49.95	48.61	49.84 + .78
EDS Corp		61.90	61.04	61.27—.63
Entergy		42.96	42.43	42.43—.47
ExxonMobil		90.75	89.35	89.37—2.18
FstBksAm		28.34	28.28	28.28—.26
GenDynam		80.00	78.80	78.85—1.27
GenElec		49.29	48.90	49.11—.07
GenMills		43.22	42.85	43.01 + .06
GenMotors		58.60	58.15	58.16—.78
GaPacGP		36.30	35.75	35.87—.03
GlobalMar		25.51	25.05	25.25—1.25
Goodrich		42.89	42.75	42.79 + .05
Goodyear s		29.33	29.03	29.08—.11
GtAtlPac		13.75	13.07	13.20—.13
Halliburtn		46.55	45.20	45.73—1.67
Hanson ADS		35.43	35.21	35.32—.68
HarteHanks		25.53	25.15	25.15—.25
HomeDepot		50.24	49.73	50.03—.32
Honeywellntl		49.17	48.65	49.08 + .24
IBM		119.00	117.10	118.26 + 1.29
IntlPaper		40.31	39.75	39.85—.02
JohnsonJn		103.50	101.85	103.32 + 1.13
JohnsonJn wi		51.22	51.22	51.22 + .07
K mart		10.97	10.82	10.88 + .03
KinderMorg		55.40	54.88	55.01 + .01
Kroger Co		24.75	24.42	24.55—.23
LockheedM		39.05	38.65	38.95 + .25
Lowes Cos		71.60	70.96	71.47 + .29
Lubys		8.65	8.55	8.55—.15
LucentTech		8.75	8.51	8.60 + .11
MayDeptStr		33.41	33.00	33.29—.01
Medtronic		44.70	44.08	44.30—.18
Motorola		15.18	14.74	15.05—.19
NCR Corp		49.00	48.40	48.99 + .62
Navistar		29.29	29.02	29.11 + .24
Penney JC		23.15	22.77	22.82 + .08
PepBoys		9.37	9.17	9.28—.16
PepsiCo		45.34	45.13	45.17—.28
Pharmacia		49.60	49.27	49.45—.15
PhelpDodge		46.10	45.80	45.80—.14
PhilipPet		83.75	82.16	82.55—1.97
PilgrmPrd B		12.19	12.17	12.17—.03
Polaroid		4.24	4.06	4.07—.17
Praxair		51.75	50.68	51.38 + .51
ProctGamb		66.30	65.18	66.09 + 2.01
PubS NwMx		36.81	35.32	35.80—1.20
RadioShack		28.90	27.75	28.30—.55
ReliantEngy		43.00	40.86	41.65—1.10
RoyalDut		60.93	60.41	60.51—1.74
SBC Comm		42.31	41.92	42.00—.40
SaraLee		19.26	18.98	19.20—.05
Scripps EW		67.14	67.02	67.10 + .08
SearsRoeb		40.40	40.16	40.26—.11
SherwinW		22.00	21.91	21.93—.06
SouthernCo s		23.88	23.30	23.40—.36
SwstAirl s		18.80	18.70	18.73—.02
SprintFON		20.80	20.53	20.60—.26
SprintPCS		22.70	22.27	22.39—.61
Sunoco Inc		40.66	39.43	39.76—1.35
TXU Corp		47.90	46.90	47.13—.53
TempleInland		55.15	54.00	54.94 + .44
Texaco		72.75	71.95	72.15—1.25
Textind		35.75	34.60	35.39 + .59
TexasInst		36.30	35.29	35.44—.55
Textron		59.98	59.42	59.90 + .01
TriconGlbR		46.01	45.06	45.06—.54
TrinityInds		23.32	23.05	23.25 + .11
TritonEngy		31.18	29.84	30.24—.92
USX-Marathn		32.75	31.95	32.09—.99
USX-USS		21.68	21.19	21.20—.54
UnionPacif		58.10	57.45	57.94 + .24
UnitedTech		85.65	83.50	83.95—.93
Unocal		38.75	38.00	38.05—1.21
Venator Grp		13.65	13.39	13.45—.10
VerizonComm		55.70	55.01	55.08—.42
WalMart		51.71	51.05	51.33 + .03
WellsFargo		48.39	47.67	47.88—.89
WstrnGasRs		40.38	38.30	38.72—1.89
WinnDixie		25.91	25.51	25.81—.20
Xerox Cp		10.24	10.00	10.09 + .10

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Scurry County Country

Ag will go nationwide with disputed inspection system

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Agriculture Department plans to go nationwide with a disputed inspection system for chicken processors that federal officials say has resulted in lower rates of disease and fecal contamination on the meat.

USDA's inspectors' union is challenging the experimental system in court, claiming the old system is safer, but department officials said Tuesday that the project has worked so well in 13 plants that it should be implemented in all facilities. There about 200 nationwide.

Under the program, the inspectors no longer do hands-on checks of chicken carcasses, leaving that to company employees. The inspectors instead concentrate on verifying that the plants' sanitation systems are working properly by testing samples and visually checking the carcasses.

In the test plants, the percentage of chicken carcasses found contaminated with fecal material has dropped from 1.5 percent to 0.1 percent, according to USDA data. The number of chickens with diseases that pose a human health hazard has dropped from 0.1 percent to 0.001 percent.

"If the testing data continue to show that, it's a great improvement," said Margaret Glavin, associate administrator of USDA's Food Safety and Inspection Service.

Chickens are cleaner under the new system because the inspectors are more likely to catch problems as the chickens are being processed, the department says.

She told a USDA advisory committee that the agency planned to propose rules by the end of the year to expand the system to all chicken plants. It could take another year for the rules to become final, she said.

The inspectors union sued to stop the project, which started in 1999, arguing that inspectors were required by law to manually inspect every chicken. The U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia later agreed that USDA had to keep inspectors on production lines. USDA now has inspectors checking the carcasses visually, but not by hand.

The lawsuit remains on appeal.

Felicia Nestor of the Government Accountability Project, an activist group that has been critical of the new inspection system, said USDA shouldn't expand it unless the department's results are confirmed by an independent testing firm, Research Triangle Institute, that is doing its own analysis.

"There's no way that anyone can consider it in good faith until we've seen some data," she said.

There also should be job protection for workers.

Hanover Shoe Farms mark 75 years of breeding horses

HANOVER, Pa. (AP) — Lindy Lane lacked inspiration inside the breeding shed at Hanover Shoe Farms, and Dr. Bridgette Jablonsky was starting to lose patience.

Jablonsky, a veterinarian and farm manager, watched from behind a window as Lindy, an 8-year-old stallion, remained indifferent to helping augment his genetic legacy.

A clientele of 13 mares throughout the eastern half of the United States was counting on Lindy's success to produce foals by artificial insemination.

Finally, Jablonsky yanked open the door and yelled to Lindy's handlers "all right, take him back," putting the horse at the end of the line behind several other studs that had more interest in their jobs.

"We're extremely busy this time of year, and to stand around and wait an hour and 15 minutes, we just don't have that kind of time," Jablonsky said.

Welcome to peak season at Hanover Shoe Farms, which despite its name does not produce shoe leather but actually is the world's largest breeder of standardbred horses used in harness racing.

The farm had its origin in a racing stable started outside this town 50 miles northwest of Baltimore at the turn of the century. But in 1926, Lawrence B. Sheppard, the junior partner in the Hanover Shoe Co., startled the racing world by buying 69 horses from the widow of a prominent breeder for $150,000.

"It proved to be a good deal," said Russell Williams, the farm's vice president. "The horses that he bought, some of those are the foundation of breeding stock of the farm even today."

Hanover quickly challenged the Kentucky-based racing establishment of its day and became a public-relations asset for the shoe manufacturer, once based in the town.

Diversified

By Greg Gruben, County Extension Agent

(Editor's Note: This is the first of two articles about grasshoppers)

Grasshopper calls have already started this year. As in previous years, most of the activity seems to be occurring in the counties located east of San Angelo. Lubber or jumbo grasshoppers are also significant members in Tom Green and Runnels Counties for the first time in 15 years. The following is a summary of information from the Extension publication L-5201 "Grasshoppers and Their Control" by Dr. Carl Patrick.

Although approximately 150 species of grasshoppers are known to exist in the state, the following five species probably cause 90 percent of the damage to crops and landscapes: differential grasshoppers, red-legged grasshoppers, migratory grasshoppers, two-striped grasshoppers and the Packard grasshopper. The lubber or "jumbo" grasshopper is a large, flightless grasshopper that can reach devastating numbers in some years.

The high number in the eastern part of the area are probably a result of high numbers in 1999 and 2000. Most outbreaks are usually preceded by several years of hot, dry summers and warm falls that encourage nymphal (immature) survival. Although rainfall has been better in the fall and winter of 2000, high numbers of grasshoppers probably survived to cause problems this spring. Grasshoppers also have a high reproduction capacity. The female grasshopper can lay an average of 200 eggs during a single season. Under favorable conditions the numbers rise to 400 and under poor conditions, the female can still lay 40 eggs.

Grasshopper eggs are laid ½- to 2-inches beneath the soil surface in pod-like structures. Each egg pod consists of 20-120 elongated eggs securely cemented together. The whole mass is somewhat egg-shaped and converted with soil. The egg pods are very resistant to moisture and cold and are affected very little by winter conditions if the soil is undisturbed. Grasshopper eggs hatch normally begins in late April to early May. The peak hatch occurs mid-June and the hatch is usually nearing completion by late June. Cool springs may delay the hatch, allowing it to continue into July. Peak populations occur during July and egg laying starts again in late July. Even though it appears as if grasshoppers have multiple generations because of the extended hatch, only one generation of grasshoppers is produced per year.

Grasshoppers have incomplete metamorphosis (egg, nymph and adult). Young grasshoppers, referred to as nymphs, resemble adults but are smaller and have wing pads instead of wings. Adult lubber grasshopper wings are underdeveloped and so cannot fly. However, they have greatly enlarged hind-legs (even compared to other grasshoppers and are strong jumpers.

Grasshoppers have many natural enemies that keep numbers low in most years. A fungus often causes locally high mortality. Grasshoppers infected with the fungus strike a characteristic pose at the top of a plant or other object. The grasshopper grasps the plant in a death embrace with the front and middle legs while the hind legs are extended. Another disease, caused by a protozoan, Nosema focustae, is normally present at low incidence in grasshopper populations. Nematodes, the type that attack insects not plants, commonly infest grasshoppers. Insects that feed on grasshoppers include: the larvae of blister beetles (attack the eggs), bee flies (attack the eggs), robber flies, ground beetles, flesh flies and tangle-veined flies. Birds and mammals consume grasshoppers also. All these organisms help control grasshoppers during average years and limit the number of outbreak years.

Next week: Grasshopper control

2 bodies recovered

WALLACE, Idaho (AP) — A rescue team has recovered the bodies of two miners killed in a rock burst deep inside a northern Idaho silver mine.

The men were found about 4,600 feet below the surface Tuesday, reported KREM-TV of Spokane, Wash. Their names were not immediately released.

The rescue effort began shortly after noon Tuesday at the Galena Mine, owned by the Coeur d'Alene Mining Corp.

"I ask we all say a prayer for the families of these men," said company vice president Mike Lee.

The mine would not operate during the Wednesday morning shift, Lee said. The company employs about 220 workers.

A rock burst occurs when extreme pressure fragments the underground walls, exploding rubble and collapsing drifts.

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Camels originated in North America and migrated to Asia and South America. South American members of the camel family include the llama and the alpaca.

Markets

Colorado City

The Colorado City Livestock Auction had a run of 719 head of cattle for the Saturday, June 2, sale. No comparison can be made due to the holiday. Trade was active and demand good.

Feeder steers:
200-300: 121-131
400-500: 99-104
500-600: 95-97
700-800: 82.25-85

Feeder heifers:
200-300: 111-114
500-600: 85-89
600-700: 83-87
700-800: 76.50-82
800-900: 71.50-74.50

Replacement cows:
Young bred cows: 650
Aged cows: 450-560
Pairs: 760-790
Aged pairs: 595-680

Slaughter cows:
Breakers: 1000-1250 Lbs. 41-45.50
Boners: 1000-1200 Lbs. 43-46.50
High Yielding: 38-43.50
Lean: 800-1000 Lbs. 38-42.50
Under 750 Lbs.: 35.50-36.50
Slaughter Bulls Yield Grade 1-2 1300-2100 Lbs.: 52.50-61.50
Low dressing 1000-1300 Lbs. 48.50-53.50

Lubbock

The Lubbock Stockyards, Inc. had a run of 6775 head of cattle for the Thursday, May 31, sale. Trading and demand were good.

Slaughter cows
(High dressing — cutters — utilities: 42-48.50
Canner and low cutters: 37-42
Slaughter bulls: 52-60
Feeder steers — choice:
300-400: 110-129
400-500: 90-110
500-600: 85-100
600-700: 85-97
700-800: 88.50-85

Feeder heifers:
300-400: 100-115
400-500: 90-105
500-600: 83-91
600-700: 80-85
700-800: 76-81

Feeder Bulls — good and choice:
500-600: 83-100
700-800: 72.50-80

Cow and calf pairs:
Good: 675-850
Grade: 550-650
Springers: 450-700
Baby calves: 50-175
Doodlers: 150-220

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Texas A&M president to step down

COLLEGE STATION (AP) — Texas A&M University President Ray M. Bowen, who steered the university through the tragedy of the 1999 Bonfire collapse, said he will step down next year.

Bowen, 65, was expected to formally announce his decision to leave the presidency during a inside morning news conference on campus.

He plans to serve through June 30, 2002, which would make his tenure just over eight years. He said he wants to remain at Texas A&M as a faculty member in mechanical engineering, pursuing a long-standing desire to return to teaching.

"I'm resigning from the presidency; I'm not resigning from the university," Bowen said. "It's a change of role."

He said it's the right time for the move.

"Part of the success of being a person in a high-profile job like this is to know how to get into the job, know how to conduct it and know how to get out of it," said Bowen.

Bowen, who holds two degrees from A&M, left his job as provost and vice president for academic affairs at Oklahoma State University to come to Texas A&M in 1994. He also worked for one year as interim president of Oklahoma State.

Bowen's tenure was marked by the Nov. 18, 1999, bonfire tragedy that killed 12 Aggies and injured another 27.

The 90-year-old annual bonfire tradition was put on hold until at least 2002 as administrators, students and community members rework it.

A five-member commission appointed by A&M blamed the collapse on flawed construction techniques and the lack of adequate supervision of students assembling the stack. The report did not blame anyone for the collapse.

The mother of one of the victims has sued the university over the death of her son.

Bowen said regents had not asked for his resignation.

"He did an outstanding job under the circumstances," said Dionel Avils, vice chairman of the Texas A&M University System's board of regents. "This is voluntary. We hate to see him go."

Some, however, weren't too surprised about Bowen's decision.

"It's a rarity you can keep a president for more than five years these days," Robert L. Walker, A&M's vice president for development, told the Bryan-College Station Eagle. "I had hoped we could convince Ray to stay on 'til he was 75, but that's not going to happen."

At the end of Bowen's eight-year term, only three Texas A&M presidents will have served longer: William Bennett Bizzell (1914-1925), Thomas Otto Walton (1925-1943) and James Earl Rudder (1959-1970).

Trading partner criticizes steel decision

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush is winning praise from the domestic steel industry but warnings from steel users that trade sanctions against foreign steel will mean higher prices for everything from automobiles to appliances.

Bush's decision to request an investigation by the U.S. International Trade Commission that could lead to punitive tariffs or quotas on foreign steel brought an immediate negative response from a major U.S. trading partner.

"This is bad news," said Pascal Lamy, the top trade negotiator for the 15-nation European Union. "The cost of restructuring in the U.S. steel industry should not be shifted onto the rest of the world."

The U.S. industry praised Bush's decision on Tuesday with stock prices for American steel companies soaring on the news.

United Steelworkers of America President Leo Gerard said Bush's decision was a result of the "unprecedented activism by steelworkers throughout this country who have written more than a half million letters to Washington urging action to cope with the steel crisis."

In an effort to keep up the pressure, union leaders were preparing for a Capitol Hill rally on Wednesday to demand quick government action. Commerce Secretary Donald Evans, a leading proponent inside the administration for taking aggressive action, was scheduled to be one of the leadoff speakers.

"The administration is pursing a comprehensive approach that includes getting input from all interested parties to find a solution to this problem," said Commerce spokesman Jim Dyke. "Secretary Evans has had meetings with a number of people on Capitol Hill, with industry leaders and the unions."

Since 1998, when steel imports surged in the wake of the Asian crisis, which sharply cut global demand for steel, eighteen U.S. steel firms have filed for bankruptcy protection and 20,000 steelworkers have been laid off, according to industry figures.

In making his announcement, Bush said at the White House, "It's in our nation's interest to make sure that if there are unfair trade practices in the steel industry, we address them in a very aggressive way."

Bush asked the ITC, an independent government agency, to open an investigation to determine if domestic producers are being seriously harmed, using a provision of U.S. trade law known as Section 201, which allows for protections against import surges.

If the ITC finds serious injury, it would make recommendations to Bush on what types of punitive tariffs or quotas should be imposed to restrict imports. The ITC will have four months to conduct its investigation and another two months to come up with proposed solutions.

The administration would have the freedom to accept the recommendations or come up with its own set of trade barriers, which it could put into place for up to three years.

Bush said he was also directing Commerce Secretary Donald Evans, Treasury Secretary Paul O'Neill and U.S. Trade Representative Robert Zoellick to begin negotiations with U.S. trading partners to find ways to eliminate global overproduction in the steel industry and to develop new trade rules to make sure the current glut of steel does not occur again.

Administration officials rejected suggestions that Bush, who championed free trade during the campaign, was seeking to establish some type of global steel cartel. They said this was an effort to correct overproduction problems that have persisted for 50 years.

The administration's move was also seen as an effort by Bush to gain votes in Congress for the legislation he will need to negotiate new free trade agreements and create a hemispherewide free trade zone.

Fight begins over oil drilling near sacred Indian drawings

WASHINGTON (AP) — A coalition of American Indian tribes and environmental groups said inside they will try to overturn a federal permit allowing oil drilling in a pristine Montana valley sacred to American Indians.

Prehistoric drawings adorn the sandstone faces of cliffs and slopes in Weatherman Draw, called Valley of the Chiefs by area tribes. The site is considered one of the most significant collections of Indian art on the Northern Plains.

Last month, the Bureau of Land Management gave Denver-based Anschutz Exploration Corp. permission for exploratory drilling in the valley, near multicolored drawings of shields, animals and human figures.

Anschutz is owned by Philip F. Anschutz, a majority stockholder in the telecommunications giant Qwest, owner of the National Hockey League's Los Angeles Kings and a prominent Republican donor.

A donation of $100,000 was made to the Republican National Committee in 1999 by the Anschutz Corp., a parent company to the oil exploration subsidiary. In 1999 and 2000, Anschutz and his wife, Nancy, wrote checks to the campaigns of Republicans including Sen. John McCain of Arizona, New York City Mayor Rudolph Giuliani and George W. Bush.

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Obituaries

Toby Sides

1961-2001

MERRITT ISLAND, Fla. — Toby Gene Sides of Merritt Island, Fla., brother of Scott Cunningham of Snyder, died Friday, June 1, from injuries sustained in an automobile accident.

Graveside service for Mr. Sides, 39, is set for 3 p.m. Friday in Frontneck, Fla. Brevard Memorial Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

Born on Oct. 26, 1961 in Colorado City, Mr. Sides worked for U-Haul. He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. W.B Perry of Colorado City.

Survivors include his mother and stepfather, Deana and Bill Sides of Wellington, Fla.; another brother, Tony Sides of Merritt Island; one sister, Tammy Reynolds of Merritt Island; a sister-in-law, Samantha Cunningham of Snyder; and two nephews.

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Thief takes hamburger meat

• ***Burglaries***

Early Tuesday, an intruder broke into The Store in Fluvanna and stole almost $11 worth of hamburger meat.

Deputy Bil West said nothing else was taken, and the culprit entered and exited the business through a window.

Dean Wemken, owner, reported the burglary at 7:56 a.m. Tuesday.

An alarm went off at 1:38 a.m. today at the Snyder One Stop alerting authorities to a break-in at the 2500 25th Street convenience store. According to the report, nothing was found missing.

Entry was gained through a small window.

An offense report was taken at Lake Thomas Tuesday evening in reference to a boat being burglarized. Investigating deputy TJ Wood was unavailable for additional information.

• ***Criminal mischief***

Police were called to Wilson Motors at 9:52 a.m. Tuesday in reference to a subject test driving a 1991 Jaguar and blowing the engine up in the vehicle. An offense report for felony criminal mischief was filed, and the damage was estimated at $6,000.

• ***Credit card abuse***

Juniper Moore contacted Snyder Police at 10:28 a.m. Tuesday to report that her ATM card, which was reported stolen Saturday in Lubbock, had been used at Snyder's Rip Griffin's Truck Stop. An offense report for credit card abuse was filed.

A 21-year-old Lubbock man has been identified as a suspect, and he is currently in the Lubbock County Jail on charges of unauthorized use of a motor vehicle. The ATM card was also used in Post, and charges for those offenses are pending further investigation.

• ***Diesel drive-off***

A clerk with Rip Griffin's Truck Stop notified officers at 6:50 p.m. Tuesday that a trucker had left the store without paying for $146.43 worth of diesel.

• ***Arrests***

An 18-year-old male was taken into custody at 11:56 a.m. Tuesday in the 100 block of East 37th Street on a Dallas County warrant for possession of marijuana.

Lubbock Department of Public Safety warrants for speeding and no liability insurance landed a 28-year-old man in jail at 1:35 p.m. Tuesday.

At 2:33 p.m. Tuesday, an 18-year-old man was arrested in the 1700 block of 30th Street for possession of drug paraphernalia.

• ***Accident***

Officers filed an accident report Tuesday in reference to a mishap that occurred at 11:45 a.m. in the 2000 block of 35th Street. Christopher Scott Vest, 18, of 4581 CR 254 was driving a 1995 Ford that struck a no parking sign owned by the City of Snyder.

Hospital

ADMISSIONS: June 5-Joe Gonzales and Lisa Gutierrez.

DISMISSALS: Margretta Bentley, Freddy Castillo, John Corey Jr., Floyd Fowler, John Hernandez, Elbert Hill, Joyce Hopper, Gilbert Ramos, Clovis Robinson and Antonio Zamarripa.

CENSUS: 40 (Med./Surg.-14, Long-term Care-24, OB-1 and Nursery-1)

Births

Lisa Gutierrez announces the birth of her daughter at 3:03 a.m. on June 5 in Cogdell Memorial Hospital. She weighed six pounds, three ounces.

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events

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ONGOINGS

Colonial Hill VBS

Colonial Hill Baptist Church is conducting Vacation Bible School from 8:30-11:45 a.m. daily through Friday for grades K-6.

Presbyterian VBS

Children ages 3-12 are invited to Vacation Bible School daily through Friday at the First Presbyterian Church, 2706 Ave. R. Hours are 9 a.m. until noon and theme is "The Ark." For information, call 573-6915.

CPR provider course

Western Texas College has set a CPR Provider Course for from 6 to 10 this evening at the Vocational Nursing Building, 7C. Cost is $45. Register early as space is limited. For more information call, 573-8511, ext. 390.

Late registration

Late registration for Western Texas College's Kids' College will continue through Wednesday. Classes will be held starting Monday though June 21. For more information call 573-8511, ext. 223.

Lucky 13 fundraiser

Lucky 13 members will carhop at the Sonic Drive-in from 11 a.m. until 4 p.m. Saturday to raise funds for the organization.

Boxing club car wash

Snyder boxing club will hold a car wash from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. Saturday at Wal-Mart. Donations will be taken for Anthony Vasquez to compete at the Junior Olympic Nationals.

Children's Saturday fun time

Children's Saturday fun time will be held at Avenue D Baptist Church at 10 a.m. on Saturdays throughout the summer. All children are invited. Puppets and snow cones will be part of the fun. For more information, call 573-0971 or 573-6878.

Cub Scout meeting

Cub Scout pack #61 will meet at 7 p.m. Saturday at the Baptist Student Center on the WTC campus. Call Jo Schooler at 573-7807 for more information.

GED testing

GED testing at WTC will be Tuesday. For more information, call Molly Kattes at 573-2919 or Emily Hataway at 574-2112.

Alzheimer's support group

The Alzheimer's support group will meet at 6 p.m. Tuesday at Snyder Oaks Care Center.

Winston Field fly-in breakfast

The first Winston Field fly-in breakfast will be held from 8-10:30 a.m. on Saturday, June 16. The public is invited to the event and can eat breakfast with the pilots for $3. There will be numerous airplanes on display, including antique aircraft.

Biker Sunday

The second annual Biker Sunday will be Sunday, June 24, at Colonial Hill Baptist Church. Services start at 10:45 a.m. and there will be bike rodeo games, door prizes, free food and a live band.

Senior water aerobics

Senior water aerobics at the WTC pool will be from 11 a.m. until noon on Tuesdays and Thursdays. For more information, call Bobbie Taylor at 573-7144 or the Senior Center at 573-4035.

WTC swimming pool

The WTC swimming pool is open for public use. Lap swimming: M-TH 6:30-8 a.m. Open swimming: M-TH 2-5 p.m. Cost is $3 per person or $50 for a semester pass. The pool is also available for parties on Fridays and Saturdays. For more information, contact Mike Harrison at 573-8511, ext. 279.

Free lunch program

The free lunch program at Central Elementary continues through July 27. Meals will be served on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from noon until 1 p.m. All children who qualify for free lunches at school may eat. An adult accompanying a child will also be served. For more information, call 573-6915.

Cancer treatment transportation

Transportation for cancer patients is available every day free of charge to Lubbock, Abilene or Midland. For more information, call Sammie Jarrell at 573-5993 or Blakely Fargason at 574-8041. If not home, leave message on answering machine.

House GOP plans effort to make tax cuts permanent

WASHINGTON (AP) — House Republican leaders said inside they will push legislation this year to make permanent the bulk of the $1.35 trillion tax cut awaiting President Bush's signature. Most of the bill is now set to expire at the end of 2010.

House Majority Leader Dick Armey, R-Texas, said removing the "sunset" date made necessary by Senate budget rules would be "an encouragement to the American people, to hear this is real and know that it's going to last."

The bill, which Bush is scheduled to sign into law Thursday at the White House, cuts income taxes across the board and provides millions of taxpayers with refund checks of between $300 and $600 in the coming months. The measure also eventually abolishes the estate tax, eases the marriage penalty paid by millions of two-income workers, gradually doubles the $500 child credit and contains breaks for retirement savings and education.

Rep. Bill Thomas, chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, said the sunset date for most of the provisions of Dec. 31, 2010, was required by Senate rules regarding how tax cuts fit under a 10-year budget. Without it, he said, the bill would have needed at least 60 votes in the 100-member Senate.

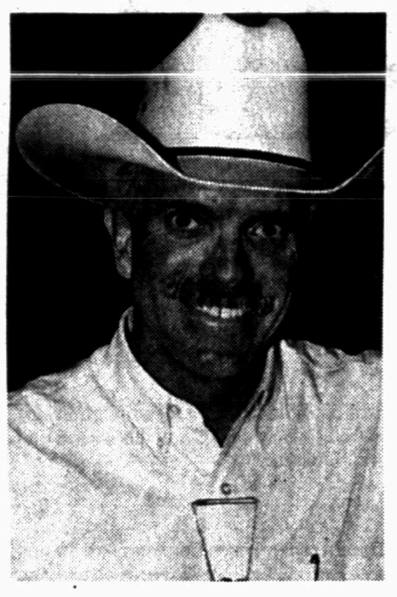
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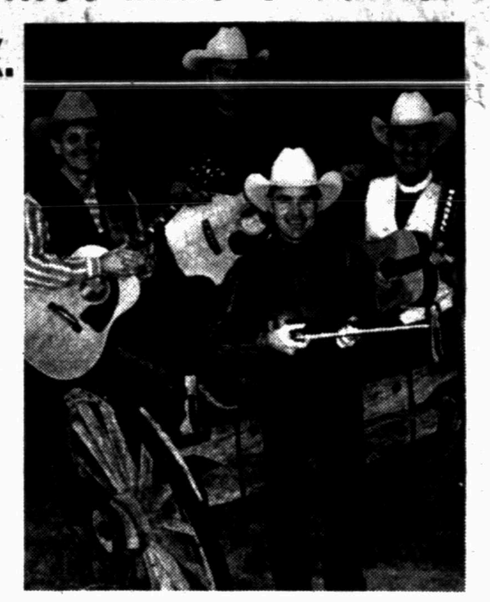
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3:00 - 4:30	Billy Mata
4:30 - 5:00	Cindy Nix
5:00 - 6:30	Supper Break
6:30 - 7:45	Ricky Boen & Texas Mud
8:00 - 9:15	Hot Club of Cow Town
9:30 - 11:30	Billy Mata

THURSDAY, JUNE 7, 2001

12:15 - 12:45	Texas Sand
1:00 - 2:45	Playboys 2
3:00 - 4:15	Don Walser
4:30 - 5:00	Cindy Nix
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