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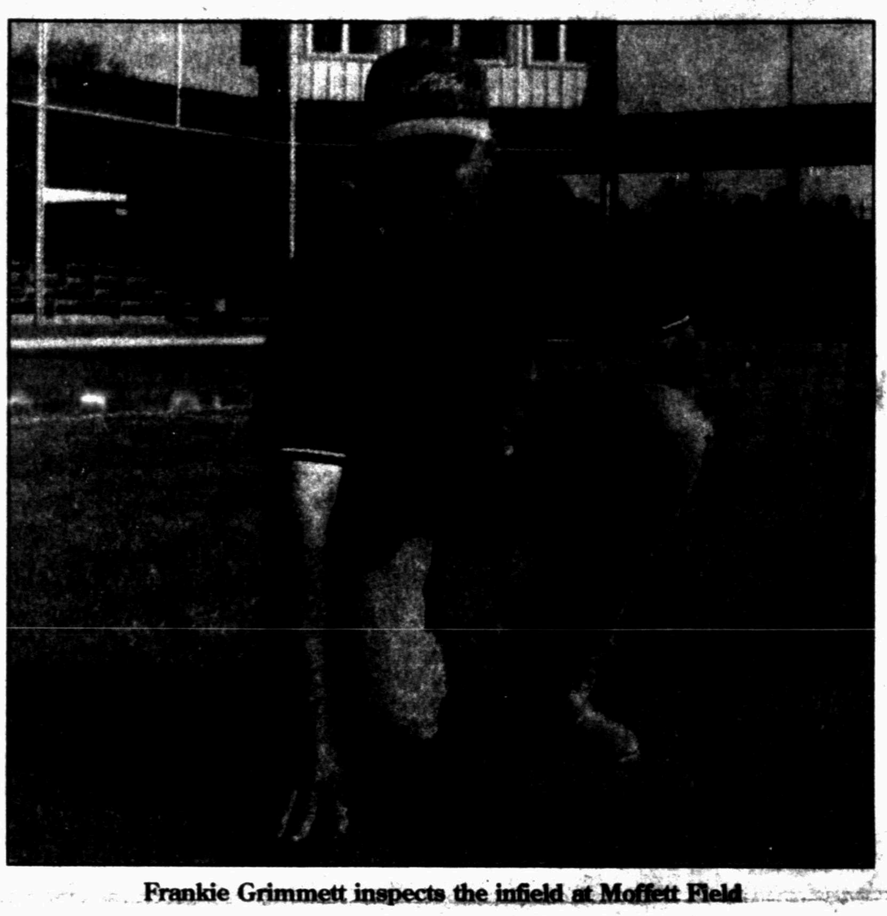
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County pledges to maintain quality of field as Snyder citizen steps down from volunteer care-taker role

A DREAM FIELD...



Frankie Grimmett inspects the infield at Moffett Field

By Brian Brisendine
Staff Writer

Moffett Field, which has been cared for primarily by one local private citizen and volunteers for several years, might soon get a county-funded caretaker.

The facility originally was constructed for the teenage league, but Snyder High School now plays its games there. It's also a favorite for area playoff games.

Frankie Grimmett of Grimmett Brothers Construction has been supervising the baseball diamond's maintenance since 1994.

"This has been a long and slow process," Grimmett said. "But compared to what it used to look like, this field has come a long way. It's very gratifying when you see this park looking its best during baseball season."

Grimmett said the main reason he started working on the field was that his son was coming through the baseball program. He added that the field's condition at the time was "a shame for any kids to have to play on."

The first thing the volunteers did was to improve the infield, then they constructed the centerfield wall and finally improved the outfield. Improvements have been gradual, but steady, including new lights for night play and paving for the parking lot.

Grimmett said community support has been there the whole time.

"We got a lot of help from local people and businesses," he said. "This isn't the fanciest field out there, but it's pretty nice considering where we started and how far we've come."

"I really don't know what my plans are right now," he said. "In the short-term, I'll probably keep helping. But, in the long-term, I'm going to want to step out eventually."

Now, county officials are formulating plans concerning the future of the well-manicured, county-owned field.

"This isn't the fanciest field out there, but it's pretty nice considering where we started."
—Frankie Grimmett

Scurry County Judge Ricky Fritz said any plans for Moffett Field and other county parks are just in the preliminary stages, but called maintaining the present quality of Moffett Field a priority.

"We're looking at ways to improve our entire park system," said Fritz. "There has been talk about hiring a parks and recreation director and I feel that it would be in our best interest as a county to have such a position."

"Scurry County has several parks and buildings that we're responsible for which are used for recreation. I would estimate that we spend roughly $500,000 a year on those facilities."

The county's recreation facilities include Winston Park, North Park, Scurry County Coliseum, Boys and Girls Club, the Senior Citizens Center, six community centers and Towle Park which encompasses the swimming pool, pond and several ball parks.

Fritz said the county hopes to obtain a Texas Parks and Wildlife grant to fund maintenance and improvements at the parks. In order to get such a grant, the county would have to implement a parks and recreation plan, Fritz said.

"What I envision to get the grant is that we formulate this plan and say 'These are our assets and how they affect the groups in our community. And this is what we want to do to improve them. And that's how we'll go about it."

"We would also like to start a tree replacement plan in our parks. A lot of the trees in the parks around Snyder are beginning to reach the end of their life span, so we need to plant new trees so they'll be up at the same time the others are dying out."

Few of the parks are currently irrigated, according to Fritz. Another facet of the plan would be to use affluent water to irrigate like the WTC golf course does.

Another possible addition to the county's park system is a walking path around the pond in Towle Park.

Fritz said the parks and recreation plan should be able to be implemented in January.

"What we're really trying to do is upgrade and maintain our parks without hitting the taxpayers hard," the judge said.

On Lake Alan Henry...

Despite restrictions, development to proceed

By Wade Warren
SDN Managing Editor

A residential development on Lake Alan Henry near Justiceburg will continue despite an ongoing dispute between the City of Lubbock and property around the lake.

LaWayne Fagan and Jody Ashley of the firm of Ashley-Fagan Inc., announced plans last year to develop some 168 home sites on some 1,500 acres, including 64 waterfront lots that would be less than 30 minutes from Snyder.

But due to a memorandum of agreement signed in 1986 between Billy Huddleston of Snyder, Jim Boren and John Boren of Post and the City of Lubbock, some plans for the subdivision will apparently have to be changed.

Dallas attorney John Cox said the intent of the memorandum, limiting the distance of building from the shoreline, is breached without the consent of Huddleston and the Borens. That caused their objection to the development by Ashley-Fagan on the south side of the lake, and by Clyde Kitten of Slaton on the north side.

"That is what they are objecting to," said Cox. "Not the development of the lake."

The agreement was filed in Kent and Garza Counties on March 31, 1989, and imposed limitations on certain lake developments.

This includes having houses set back at least 300 feet from the shoreline and no boat docks.

"These limitations affect my clients, as well," said Cox.

Fagan said Friday afternoon that his development would continue.

"Even with the 300-feet setback, persons buying water front lots will still have a view of the water despite their distance from the shore line. You have to remember these lots are high on the bluffs and you can see a lot of water from them."

"We've have water wells drilled and we feel we have plenty of water."

"And as far as I know, we will still eventually get our 20 acre-feet of water from the city of Lubbock per our agreement," Fagan noted.

Fagan added that the water would be used from the lake only if absolutely necessary, such as in an emergency situation.

He also added that legal channels might have to be eventually be used in order to get lake water promised him by Lubbock.

Despite the disagreements, Fagan, Huddleston and the Borens appear to have a common goal — but they have not agreed on the avenue to reach the goal of only quality developments on the lake.

Ten years stacked on drug sentence

Delivery of cocaine netted a 41-year-old Snyder man a 40-year prison sentence, and his failure to appear for trial on an earlier drug charge resulted in an extra 10 years.

Alvin Leonard "Smokey" Ollison of 1007 29th Street, pleaded guilty in 132nd District Court to a Feb. 16 charge of delivery of a controlled substance.

On the bail jumping and failure to appear indictment, the 10-year sentence will not begin until the 40-year sentence is completed, ordered District Judge Ernie Armstrong.

Ollison was one of 26 suspects rounded up last December as result of an undercover drug sting by the area drug task force.

Ollison was scheduled to go on trial April 17, but failed to appear and was charged with bail jumping.

On May 11, Ollison was arrested in Auro, Colo., and returned to the Scurry County Jail.

Last December, following the drug sweep, Ollison was charged with four counts of delivery of a controlled substance and one count of delivery of a methamphetamine.

Also pleading guilty in 132nd District Court was Olga Jasso Rodriguez, 24, of 317 30th.

Rodriguez was charged with an Aug. 17 offense of delivery of marijuana. The guilty plea resulted in a 10-year sentence in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice and a $1,000 fine.

Trial to start Monday for delivering drugs

A 23-year-old Snyder woman who failed to show for her drug trial in April is again scheduled to be in 132nd District Court Monday.

Some 140 prospective jurors have been summoned for 8:30 a.m. Monday in the case against Danisha Venita Ollison of 1007 29th Street.

Ollison is charged with delivery of a controlled substance in a drug-free zone. Ollison was indicted following an undercover drug operation that resulted in a roundup of suspects just before Christmas.

At the time of the drug delivery offense, Ollison was living in Apt. 3B1 at 4400 Ave. U, which is within 1,000 feet of Stanfield Elementary.

Ollison failed to appear for trial in 132nd District Court on April 17, and the Scurry County grand jury meeting in May handed down additional indictments for bond jumping and failure to appear.

District Judge Ernie Armstrong will preside. The state's case will be presented by District Attorney Dana Cooley. Defense attorney is Justin Low of Odessa.

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "Kids are natural mimics who act like their parents despite every effort to teach them good manners."

We watched what must have been a birthday party for a youngster a few days ago.

At the counter the mother confessed, "The real reward of hosting a children's party is to remind yourself that there are kids worse than your own."

We knew what she was talking about. We observed one little guy who was perpetual motion. We figured the little guy must have been gifted. Surely no one would have paid for him.

Adults are always telling kids to "Just say no."

It seems that adults are getting pretty good at a negative response — at least when they are being asked for a donation.

According to the Infernal Revenue Service only 12 percent of individual tax returns filed this year included a check mark in the "yes" box asking if the taxpayer wants $3 to go the presidential-election campaign fund.

The best response came in the late 1970s when 29 percent of the tax returns had the "yes" box marked for a donation.

According to other information we've seen, don't spend that tax rebate check yet.

First, you have to be a taxpayer in order to get a check as result of the tax cut bill signed by President Bush.

And if you didn't pay much in taxes, your rebate check could be much lower than the $300 or $600 talked about in the news media.

But if you do get a check later this summer, be glad you're living in Texas, a state without a personal income tax. There are several states claiming that citizens will owe a state tax on the refund from the federal government.

If you happen to be one of those who thinks the American economy could be better, here's some reasons why it's not. The author is unknown.

"John Q. Public starts the day early, having set his clock (made in Japan) for 6 a.m. While his coffeepot (made in China) is perking, he shaves with his electric razor (made in Hong Kong).

He put on a dress shirt (made in Sri Lanka), designer jeans (made in Singapore) and tennis shoes (made in Korea).

After cooking breakfast in his electric skillet (made in India), he sat down with his calculator (made in Mexico) to see how much he could spend that day.

After setting his watch (made in Taiwan) to the radio (made in India), he got in his car (made in Germany) and continued his search for a good-paying American job.

At the end of another discouraging day, he decided to relax. He put on his sandals (made in Brazil), poured himself a glass of water (bottled in France) and turned on his TV (made in Indonesia) and then wondered why he couldn't find a good-paying job.

ASK US

Q—How much more is the Snyder ISD budgeting for utility costs this upcoming school year than last year?

A—The proposed budget indicates utility costs will increase by $92,000.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Friday, 90 degrees; low, 67; 7 a.m. Saturday, 67; .25 of an inch precipitation; total for 2001, 9.26 inches.

Area Forecast: Saturday night, partly cloudy, 30% rain chance, low upper 60s. Sunday, mostly sunny, high upper 90s. Sunday night, mostly clear, low near 70.



Michael Redman
Sunny

Sunset:
8:52 p.m.
Sunrise:
7:42 a.m.

Of 173 days in 2001, the sun has shone 161 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

The first responsibility of a leader is to define reality. The last is to say thank you. In between the leader is a servant.

—Max Dupree

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RECEIVE DEGREES — Six employees of Scurry County Community Services received associate degrees in early childhood at Western Texas College's May 4 graduation. From left are Janell Davis, Snyder Day Care childcare coordinator; Kim Fritz, executive assistant; Jeanita McIlroy, Head Start coordinator; Karri Brunson, Head Start instructor; Suzanne Pollard, Early Head Start coordinator; and Amy Hall, Head Start instructor. Twenty-four staff members are currently enrolled in the child development degree program. Scurry Community services, located at 2800 2nd Street, includes Snyder Child Day Care, Head Start and Early Head Start education programs for children through 12 years of age and prenatal women. (Contributed Photo)

Judge grants political asylum

LOS ANGELES (AP) — An immigration judge has approved political asylum for a French citizen who claimed he was targeted by authorities there for trying to expose judicial corruption and a child sex ring.

Political asylum is typically reserved for people who can show prior persecution or a well-founded fear of persecution if they return to their native country. It is rarely won by Western Europeans.

The Immigration and Naturalization Service, which opposed asylum for Karim Christian Kamal, has not decided whether to appeal, spokeswoman Sharon Gavin said.

A spokeswoman from the French Consulate office in Los Angeles did not immediately return calls.

"I would like to thank the American justice system on behalf of all the children who have suffered on this planet," Kamal, 39, said after Friday's ruling. He said he can now focus on fighting for custody of his 12-year-old daughter, who remains with her mother in France.

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Texas Two Step

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Texas Two Step numbers drawn Friday by the Texas Lottery:
21-20-31-8
Bonus number 4
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Pick 3

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Friday by the Texas Lottery, in order:
4-6-1

Cash Five

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Friday by the Texas Lottery:
17-11-36-21-27





LOTS OF SMOKE – Snyder firemen extinguished a burning storage shed in the back yard of 3707 Dalton Drive Friday afternoon. The fire was reported at 4:33 p.m. and caused damage to the storage shed, a fence and power lines belonging to TXU Electric. The downed power lines interrupted service in the area for a short time. (SDN Staff Photo)

Two men sought in toddler's shooting death are arrested

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) — After a weeklong manhunt, authorities near the Canadian border arrested two men accused of killing an Albuquerque toddler in what police believe was an attack intended for rival drug dealers living nearby.



Jennifer Early

Jesus Barthelemy, 27, and Libore Manuel Espinoza, 28, were stopped on an interstate in northern Washington on Friday, said Roy Hoffman of the U.S. Customs Service in Blaine, Wash. The driver of the vehicle also was arrested.

Barthelemy and Espinoza, both Cuban refugees, were arrested on murder warrants for the death of 2-year-old Joslin Cisneros. The little girl was killed and her mother and sister were wounded Monday night as they watched television in their living room. Police have said they believe the bullets were intended for rival drug dealers.

"Thank God they caught them," Joslin's father, Hector Cisneros, said Friday.

Espinoza and Barthelemy were being held on $1 million bail at Whatcom County Jail pending extradition to New Mexico. County officials expected a hearing for them Monday.

The child's mother, Margaret Bustos, and her 13-year-old sister Jazmine, have been released from University of New Mexico Hospital.

Hector Cisneros said he hasn't been able to return to the home where the shooting occurred. He said the horror of seeing his little girl's body convulse after she was struck by gunfire is an image he can't block from his mind.

"I was frozen," he said earlier this week. "I kept yelling at my family to get down."

"We had a beautiful life before this," Hector Cisneros said.

Jennifer Early earns degree

Jennifer Lynn Early, a 1994 graduate of Snyder High School, was awarded her doctor of medicine degree June 2 at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical School.

Dr. Early will begin her internal medicine residency at the University of Washington Affiliated Hospitals in Seattle, Wash.

During the commencement ceremony, Dr. Early was awarded the Hemphill-Gojer Award for outstanding medical student in internal medicine.

Dr. David Foster, chairman of the internal medicine department at Southwestern said, "She was selected for the award based upon her academic excellence as well as her outstanding clinical performance and humanistic qualities.

"She functioned at a near-intern level even as a third-year medical student. She is a true medical detective and diligently pursues all the clues in a patient's medical history to determine the underlying pathology."

She is the daughter of Dr. Jerry and Meloney Early of Snyder and the granddaughter of Joy Early and the late Don Early of Bangs and Mr. and Mrs. D.L. Marshall of Bovina.

Dodson on dean's list

Kristi Dodson of Snyder has been named to Sul Ross State University's dean's honor list for the spring 2001 semester.

Criteria for selection includes enrolling as an undergraduate student at Sul Ross for at least 12 semester hours and achieving a grade point average of at least 3.30 during the semester.

Dodson, a 1996 graduate of Snyder High School, ended the semester with a GPA of 3.813. She is the daughter of Doug and Bonnie Dodson of Snyder.

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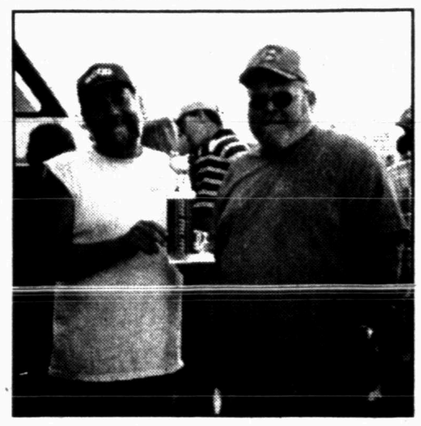
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These judges had a hard time choosing the top three chili recipes from 34 entrants.



Jimmy Don "Goober" Lloyd, pictured left in the above photos, presented the top three awards to (top) Kerry Clay of Dunn, first place and $500; (middle) Gary Shook of Lamesa, second place and $250; and (bottom) Gwyn Brackeen of Lamesa, who won third place and $125.

Dunn man wins cookoff

Snyder's first chili cook off drew 34 entries. Kerry Clay of Dunn won first place and $500, seventh place and the people's choice award.

Gary Shook of Lamesa garnered second place and $250. Third place and $125 went to Gwyn Brackeen of Lamesa.

Dennis Brackeen of Lamesa received fourth place. Fifth place was presented to LeeRoy Childress of Midland. Other winners included Fred Williams of Odessa, sixth place; Ken Hill of Odessa, eighth; Kim Minor of Snyder, ninth place; and Mark Thompson of Snyder, 10th place.

Judges included Miles Hare, Rick Chatman, Pee-Wee Graves, L.J. Mueller, Jennifer Voss, Ray Herring, Kenny Riley, Ford Spikes, Don Bradshaw, Randy Williams, Terry Franks, Tucker Collier, Edwin Jackson, Dink Foree, Bill Murphy, George and Shirley Scifres, Pete Green.

The Scurry County Rodeo Association sponsored the event in conjunction with the 66th Annual Rodeo. Jimmy Don "Goober" Lloyd coordinated the chili cook off with assistance from Stacey Browning, LeeRoy Childress, and Sidney Johnson.

The cookoff was held last Saturday.

The 34 contestants put their chili in cups so the judges and others could sample their product.

Contributed Photos



RESCUE TRAILER DONATED — Tammy Shirley, Director of Allied Health at WTC, and Terry Stephens, Workforce Coordinator, are pictured with the rescue trailer recently donated by ExxonMobile. (Contributed Photo)

ExxonMobil donates rescue trailer to WTC

The Salt Creek division of ExxonMobil recently donated a rescue trailer along with numerous pieces of medical equipment to Western Texas College for use in its EMS and Rescue Training program.

WTC is currently in the process of extending the program and was in need of Search and Rescue Equipment.

Tammy Shirley, Director of Allied Health for the college, said, "This donation will help our students to receive more practical experience as Emergency and Rescue personnel in Scurry and the surrounding counties."

Perry's veto sparks ill will among doctors

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Gov. Rick Perry could face a hurdle at the polls next year in the form of angry doctors.

Physicians statewide are upset over Perry's veto of a measure intended to speed the payment of physician claims by insurance companies. The issue raises the possibility of opposition to Perry reminiscent of the 1986 gubernatorial election when teachers upset about teacher competency tests stymied Gov. Mark White in his re-election bid.

"There's a lot of doctors screaming for Gov. Perry's scalp," said Kim Ross, chief lobbyist for the Texas Medical Association, whose membership includes 37,000 physicians. "It's about as intense as you can imagine."

Perry vetoed House Bill 1826, described as closing loopholes in existing law that providers use to avoid or delay payment to hospitals and doctors.

Perry rejected the proposal nearly two weeks after telling the Texas Hospital Association he understood physician concerns about the slow payment of insurance claims.

Upon learning of the veto, Dallas obstetrician Bob Gunby declined Perry's request to serve on the six-member board that oversees the Texas Department of Health.

"Physicians all over Texas are having a hard time meeting their monthly expenses," Gunby told the San Antonio Express-News in Saturday's editions. He cited four years of delayed payments or non-payments by insurance companies and health maintenance organizations billed by doctors.

U.S. should ban genetic discrimination, Bush says

CRAWFORD (AP) — Acting to curb the harmful side effects of a scientific breakthrough, President Bush asked Congress for legislation banning genetic discrimination in employment and health insurance.

"Genetic discrimination is unfair to workers and their families," Bush said Saturday in his weekly radio address. His comments were recorded at his ranch where he and first lady Laura Bush are spending a three-day weekend.

Congressional Democrats already are at work on their own version of a genetic testing ban.

"My administration is working now to shape the legislation that will make genetic discrimination illegal," Bush said. "I look forward to working with members of Congress to pass a law that is fair, reasonable and consistent with existing discrimination statutes."

Asked to explain Bush's definition of "reasonable," White House officials emphasized that the president believes any ban should comply with the terms of existing anti-discrimination laws and should not provide for unlimited damages.

The president said that the successful mapping of the human genome announced in February poses "enormous possibilities for doing good."

"But those advances should never come at the cost of basic fairness and equality under law," Bush said.

By better understanding the genetic codes of each human being, scientists may one day be able to cure and prevent many diseases, Bush said. "As with any other power, this knowledge of the codes of life has the potential to be abused.

"Employers could be tempted to deny a job based on a person's genetic profile. Insurance companies might use that information to deny an application for coverage or charge excessive premiums."

Such discrimination also is unjustified, he said, because it involves "little more than medical speculation."

"A genetic predisposition toward cancer or heart disease does not mean the condition will develop," he said.

As governor of Texas in 1997, Bush signed state legislation prohibiting genetic discrimination in employment and group health plans.

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I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the businesses and individuals who supported me during the Scurry County Rodeo Queen's Contest by purchasing tickets from me. I would also like to thank Karen Nachlinger for all of the work she put into the contest. Having the chance to be Scurry County Rodeo Queen is something I will never forget and it is thanks to all of the people in Snyder, that this dream came true. A special thank you goes out to Frank Beaver for all his help. I would also like to thank my parents for hauling me and my horse back and forth and for all of their support. I would like to say congratulations to Amanda. I would also like to say good job to Allison and Shea it was alot of fun. I would like to tell Randi she did a good job this last year, and I hope I do as well.

Thanks again,
Brandy Shafer

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RECEIVES DONATION — Hermleigh Junior High cheerleaders recently received a donation from American Legion Post #181. From left are the American Legion's William Pettyjohn, cheerleader Courtney Ethridge, 8th grade; Mrs. Beth McDaniel, sponsor; and cheerleader Megan Kariainen, 7th grade. Cheerleaders not pictured are Alana Culp, 8th grade; Alicia Culp, 7th grade; and alternate Brittany Kelley, 7th grade. (Contributed Photo)

Minnesota officials look at previous budget shutdowns

ST. PAUL, Minn. (AP) — As Minnesota edges toward a budget deadline and a possible government shutdown next week, Gov. Jesse Ventura's administration is examining other states that came eye-to-eye with stoppages.

Minnesota is studying what happened in Florida, Connecticut and other states in the early 1990s as it tries to avoid what some believe could be an unparalleled shutdown of state government in the last decade.

"If it moves in that direction clearly it will probably put Minnesota in unique company," said Arturo Perez, a senior policy analyst who tracks state budgets for the National Conference of State Legislatures.

Leaders on Friday agreed in principle to a compromise offer from Ventura that seeks to end the bitter budget battle over tax cuts and school funding. But lawmakers still have to get it passed by next Saturday in a Legislature where nothing is ever a sure bet.

If the budget isn't passed, everything from campground access to restaurant inspections to driver's license renewals would be interrupted and thousands of state workers would stay home.

What makes Minnesota unique is that it is flush with cash — with a projected surplus of more than $2 billion over the next three years. Other tardy legislatures this year have had to patch budget holes.

Under Ventura's compromise, the Republican-controlled House would get significant property tax relief and reform, while the Democrat-run Senate would get what some consider a more stable funding source for education and additional money for property-poor schools.

The governor would get $250 million for the bottom line as a hedge against a slumping economy, in addition to the structural property tax changes he wanted.

"Failure to take advantage of this opportunity will risk a government shutdown — and that would be a tragedy," Ventura said. "The time to act is now."

Florida faced such urgency in 1992. The state entered its 1993 fiscal year without a budget, but Gov. Lawton Chiles used powers normally reserved for natural disasters to keep government running. He signed a new $31 billion budget 17 hours into the new fiscal year.

Florida got as close as it did because lawmakers and the governor battled for months over program cuts and new taxes of more than a billion dollars, recalled Jim Krog, chief of staff to Chiles.

In the case of a shutdown, officials drew up a list of essential services, like troopers and prisons. Chiles threatened to cut off visible and popular services, starting with the lottery.

The rival parties took the test of wills to the precipice but each gave ground rather than face the shutdown fallout in an election year.

"I don't think anybody, as a political ploy or as a realistic scenario, wanted to confront a shutdown," Krog said. "Everybody agreed that a shutdown was the worst result you could get."

It's the result Connecticut got in 1991.

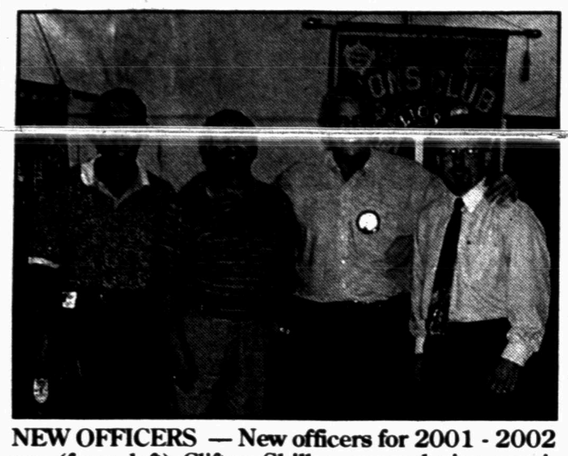
Independent Gov. Lowell Weicker tried to pressure the Legislature into adopting an income tax to plug a deficit. He cut off non-essential services, including a shutdown of state parks and beaches over the Independence Day weekend.

Before accepting a temporary budget six days later, he idled 20,000 of the state's 48,000 state workers. It took four stopgap budgets that stretched until mid-August before the logjam broke. In the end, Weicker won his income tax.

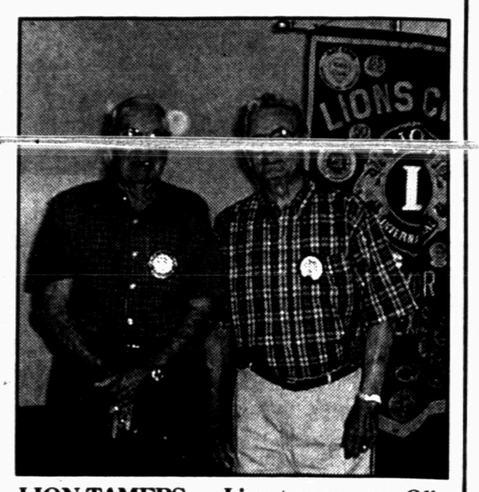
The federal government endured two famous partial shutdowns in 1995 and 1996, the result of a bitter fight between President Clinton and a new GOP majority in Congress.

Roy Meyers, a Maryland professor who studied the shutdowns, said the stubborn, partisan insistence by both sides in that fight left a bad impression.

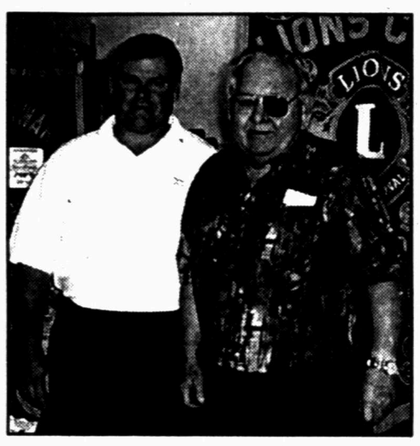
Lions installs Officers...



NEW OFFICERS — New officers for 2001 - 2002 are (from left) Clifton Shiller, second vice president; Bob Moore, first vice president; and David Holt, president. Mike Hartman is the outgoing president.



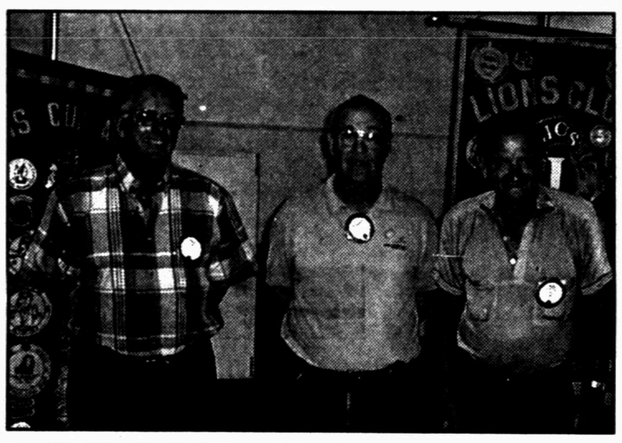
LION TAMERS — Lion tamers are Olin Bunch, left, and Horrace Bostick.



OTHER OFFICERS — Jene Steakley, left, secretary; and Mac McCown, treasurer.



TAIL TWISTERS — Tail twisters for 2001-2002 are (from left) Leslie Cooley, Max von Roeder, Peggy Vernon. Vernon is also the third vice-president.



NEW DIRECTORS — New directors include (from left) Terry Martin, Tommy Cotton and David Hines. Other directors not shown include Sharon Chandler, JoAnn Nunley, George Scifres, Dixie Haggard and Robert Lehrer.

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Bush urges Supreme Court to take up voucher program

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Bush administration urged the Supreme Court to take up school vouchers Friday, arguing that an Ohio school choice program does not violate the Constitution's ban on government promotion of religion.

In a friend of the court brief, Solicitor General Theodore Olson, the government's top lawyer, asked the Supreme Court to hear three appeals that offer an opportunity for a broad ruling on the constitutionality of private school vouchers.

By filing an uninvited brief to the nation's top court, the Bush administration is signaling its intention to press the case for programs that allow tax dollars to be used to pay student tuition at religious schools.

School vouchers were a centerpiece of President Bush's education platform during his campaign. Congress rejected vouchers when it recently passed a sweeping education reform package — not enough Republicans backed the idea, and most Democrats oppose vouchers, arguing that they take money away from struggling public schools.

Now the Justice Department has taken up the fight, filing its first brief staking out an ideological position on a case not already under way before the Supreme Court.

The three cases in question all deal with the constitutionality of the Ohio Pilot Project Scholarship Program. The program provides tuition aid to parents of students in failing public schools in Cleveland.

Parents are permitted to use the aid to enroll their children in a private school, including religious schools.

The 6th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals struck down the program on grounds that it violates the First Amendment's ban on government promotion, or establishment of religion.

The Justice Department argued that the Ohio program follows the model the Supreme Court has set out in previous cases for the acceptable blending of public money and religion.

The program is constitutional, the government argued, because it distributes educational aid neutrally among students without regard to religion. The choice of whether to send children to religious or nonreligious schools is left up to parents.

"All private schools ... are eligible to participate in the program, without regard to whether they are sectarian or not," the brief said. "Religious schools may benefit under the program only as a result of the independent and private choice of parents to enroll their children in a participating religious school."

Supporters of the Ohio program argue that vouchers give low-income parents an alternative to local public schools.

Opponents, including the Ohio Federation of Teachers, Americans United for Separation of Church and State and the American Civil Liberties Union, say it is an illegal use of public money.

Teachers' unions, who have opposed vouchers, said Bush should not have gotten involved with the case.

"The fact is that two states, California and Michigan, overwhelmingly rejected vouchers this year," said Bob Chase, president of the National Education Association.

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Financial Focus

When Should You Sell Your Stocks?

It's hard to say goodbye to your child when she's heading off to college. It's hard to say goodbye to the old neighborhood. And, for some people, it's hard to say goodbye to their stocks. But that reluctance can be costly. That's why it's important to know when it's a good idea to sell stocks — and when it isn't.

Of course, there's always been one basic rule about buying and selling stocks —*buy low and sell high.* That is good advice, except for one thing: It's almost impossible to follow. There are a lot of investment experts out there, but no one can accurately predict when the stock market will reach its high or low points. Consequently, you can't really use the "buy low, sell high" rule to govern your transactions.

Does that mean that price is totally irrelevant in the decision to sell a stock? No. Price can be a factor, although it shouldn't be the only factor. At what point does price enter into the equation? The's no one magical formula, but keep this in mind: If your stock has fallen 50 percent, its price will have to go up by 100 percent just to get back to where you started.

In other words, at some point, a depressed stock may no longer be worth keeping — particularly if you could use the money to invest in a more promising opportunity. Looking beyond price, what other reasons might you have for selling a stock? You can start by looking at why you purchased the stock in the first place. Did the company have a solid history of growth in sales and earnings? Was it part of an expanding industry? Did it have certain attributes — cutting-edge technologies, a superior business model, etc. — that gave it a competitive edge? Did it have a seasoned, forward-thinking management team?

Now, ask yourself if any of these factors have changed. If so, then you may want to consider selling the stock — because if a stock isn't something you'd buy today it may not be something you want to own, either.

But if the original factors that caused you to buy the stock are still there, why would you want to sell it? You probably wouldn't — unless your needs have changed since your original purchase. For example, if you bought a growth stock many years ago, but now, for whatever reason, you feel the need to rebalance your portfolio toward more income-oriented investments, you may want to sell your stock.

As you can see, you may not always receive a clear-cut signal on when you should sell a stock. So take the time you need to make a reasonable decision — weigh all the factors carefully before issuing the "sell" order.

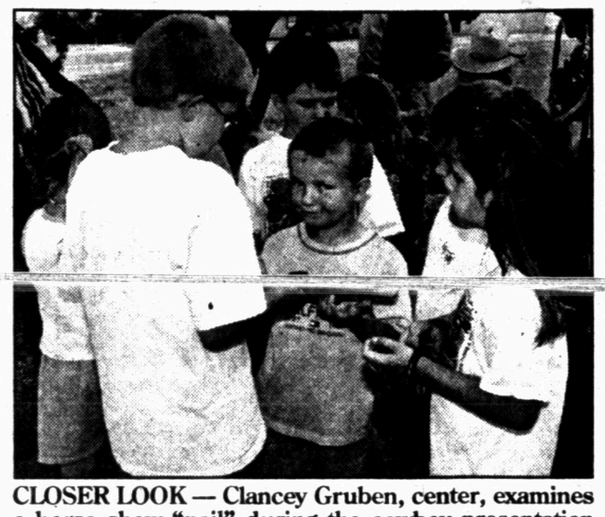
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CLOSER LOOK — Clancey Gruben, center, examines a horse show "nail" during the cowboy presentation as his classmates look on. Starting left and proceeding clockwise, are Leah Jackson, Tyler Plagens, Samuel Ashley, Abigail Jackson and Daniel Schlezinger.



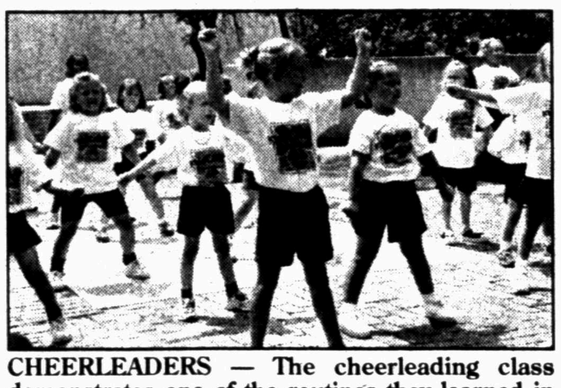
PROPER CARE — Cowboy Clay Belcher shows students in the wild, wild west and reptiles and amazing animals classes how to care for horses' hooves. Will Inman teaches the "wild" class and Cara Belcher is the "reptiles" instructor.



MAGIC TRICKS — Kailey Glenn, left, and Xalee Northcutt demonstrate one of the tricks they learned during Reid Johnson's magic class.



SIGNING — Students in Martha Arellano's sign language class signed the song *One Voice* Thursday afternoon. From left are Eleanor Ashley, Brittany Scott and Kayla Liccardi



CHEERLEADERS — The cheerleading class demonstrates one of the routines they learned in Bailey Stoker's class.

REPTILES — Jeff Bullock, (bottom photo) director of Abilene Zoo, brought several critters Thursday to the reptiles and amazing animals class. He is showing a snake to (from left) Samuel Ashley, Taylor Autry and Clancey Gruben.



ALL AMERICAN GIRLS — The All American Girls class enjoyed a tea party Thursday afternoon. Sally Miller, standing, is the teacher. The girls include, starting left forefront and going around the table, Kiersten Price, Jessica Martin, Samantha Bass, Audrey Miller, Erica McCright, Micah Henson.



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Texan arrested outside abortion clinic

WICHITA, Kan. (AP) — A Texan's arrest outside an abortion clinic Friday may foretell more turmoil as a national group prepares for the return of the Summer of Mercy in Kansas next month.

Rev. Flip Benham, director of Operation Rescue National, and a group of about 40 people were praying and preaching outside the women's clinic run by George Tiller, one of the few physicians in the country who performs late-term abortions. The clinic was bombed in 1985 and Tiller was shot by an abortion protester in 1993.

Rusty Thomas, 45, of Waco, Texas, was arrested as he prayed and read his Bible on the clinic's property. Thomas remained in Sedgwick County jail late Friday on a charge of trespass, said Capt. Darrell Haynes.

Benham said his group would not be deterred this summer by the U.S. Supreme Court or federal law and local ordinances protecting access to clinics. Operation Rescue National is inviting people to Wichita next month for the Summer of Mercy Renewal.

In 1991, protests ended with 2,700 arrests after at least 45 days of protests. At one anti-abortion rally, police estimated the crowd at 30,000 people.

"We are here to tell the Supreme Court that you are not supreme. There is another higher court," Benham said.

As Benham spoke to a reporter Friday, his 11-year-old daughter, Abigail, asked if she and a group of other children could go on the clinic property and get arrested too.

"Not right now — there will come a time," Benham told her.

He told the children he did not have their parents' permission for it.

"You have displayed more courage here than most of the pastors in Wichita," Benham told the children.

Pastors from several Wichita churches opposed to abortion have said they would not join the national activists if they plan to practice civil disobedience as part of the protests.

Benham said he does not want to be arrested but has found himself in jail more often than not since his conversion to Christianity.

"Maybe jail is not such a bad place to be when we live in a nation that has defied God's law," he said.

The 1991 Summer of Mercy cost Wichita about $500,000 to pay for everything from plastic handcuffs and transportation to overtime pay for police officers, said Wichita Capt. Paul Dotson.

"I don't think we would be very prudent if we didn't look to our history for context and meaning — and appreciation for what has happened in the past," Dotson said.

Dotson said he hopes demonstrators on both sides of the abortion issue will be deterred by a 1992 city ordinance defining human blockades, and providing for a $2,000 cash bond before a person is released. Unlike 1991, police will not release anyone on their own recognizance.

Since April, Wichita police have been working with different federal agencies — including the FBI, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, the U.S. Marshals Office, the U.S. Attorney's Office — to prepare for the return of the Summer of Mercy.

Dotson said those agencies have advised him that strong federal laws have mostly stopped the human blockades. In 1994, Congress passed the 1994 Freedom of Access to Clinic Entrances Act which bans the use of force, threats or blockades to interfere with access to reproductive health care.

But abortion rights supporters said that blockades are on the rise again.

"They believe the political climate has changed," said Ann Glazier, director of clinic security for Planned Parenthood Federation of America.

Glazier and other national abortion rights supporters have been come to Wichita as well to prepare their own clinic demonstrations during the Summer of Mercy — and to call on law enforcement to enforce federal law guaranteeing access to clinics.

Ricki Lake gives birth at home

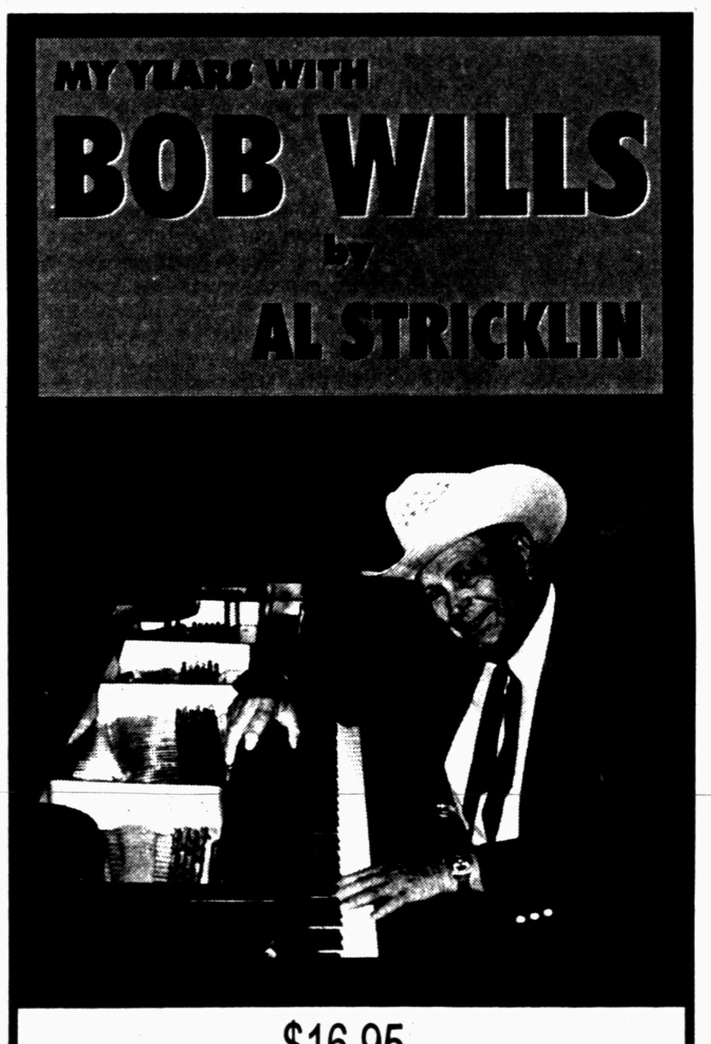
NEW YORK (AP) — Talk-show host Ricki Lake and her husband, Rob Sussman, have a new addition to the family.

Lake gave birth Monday to Owen Tyler Sussman, who weighed 8 pounds, 7 ounces.

They also are the parents of 4-year-old Milo.

The water birth took place in the family's bathtub with the help of a nurse-midwife, Lake's publicist said Wednesday.

"I wanted to 'give birth' as opposed to 'being delivered,' and the best way for me to do that was at home with the guidance of a professional midwife," the 32-year-old Lake said in a statement.



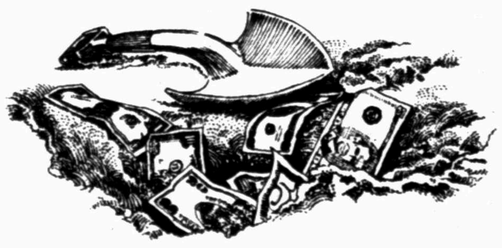
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SOFTBALL CHAMPS — Can't Touch This captured this year's 10-14 age division title of Snyder Softball League. Members of the team are, front from left, Alayna Alexander, Angie Massey, Megan Kariainen, Jada Billano, Tana Sullenger and Bethany Burleson. On the second row are Kendra Birks, Krista Chaidez, Kayla Guerrero, Casey Crain, Amy Foreman, Courtney Tyrrell and Terann Ragland. On the back row are coaches Bud Birks, Mark Crain and Shawn Ragland. (Contributed Photo)

Astros struggle again in extra-inning affair

HOUSTON (AP) — The Houston Astros dropped their second straight extra-inning game Friday and manager Larry Dierker said the reality of his team's situation is beginning to set in.

The Astros, who lost 7-5 to the Cincinnati Reds in 10 innings after losing 8-7 to the Reds in 11 innings on Thursday, don't appear to be all the way back from last year's disastrous 72-90 season.

"Right now, we're a pretty average team," Dierker said after the Astros slipped to 36-35. "We'll win a couple of games and think we're getting better. But then we'll lose a few in a row.

"The biggest story of this game is that we scored four runs in the first inning and then just shut the offense down."

Houston didn't score again until Daryle Ward led off the bottom of the ninth with his sixth home run of the year to tie the game at 5. After going 5-for-6 in the first inning, the Astros' first six hitters went 3-for-18 the rest of the way.

"I think maybe we're just not as good a hitting team as everybody thinks we are," Dierker said. "We're dangerous and we hit some home runs. But we don't have any base stealers and we don't have contact hitters and we don't have left-handed hitters.

"We've got a lot of stars. But it takes more than six or seven stars making a lot of money. It takes a team stealing bases and moving runners over and playing for a run here and there. We don't have that. I don't necessarily want to play small ball, but I would like to have some speed and some contact hitters who could move runners around sometimes."

The Astros can't argue about their mediocrity after going 5-5 the last 10 games. This team has not won more than five in a row but has had one losing streak of eight games.

"I think we can be better than average," Ward said. "The balls are just not bouncing our way right now. If we get a few balls to fall our way, we could be in first or second place."

Billy Wagner (2-3) gave up two runs in the ninth and had no excuses.

"I felt fine," Wagner said. "He (Sean Casey) hit my pitch. What can you say? That's good hitting.

"Our problem is hard to pinpoint. We have youth and not very much speed. When we were division champions, we had a lot of speed and could cover a lot of ground."

The Astros have lost 13 of the 25 one-run games they have played.

"What's hard are all those one-run losses," Craig Biggio said. "But we've got a long way to go yet. We have a lot of games inside our division and we've got a lot of guys with pride who want to win. We're just banged up right now."

The Reds got clutch hitting from Casey, Barry Larkin and Aaron Boone in the 10th to win it. Manager Bob Boone was particularly impressed with the job starter Elmer Dessens did after the Astros jumped on him for four runs in the first.

Dessens retired 14 of the next 15 batters, including 10 in a row.

"How good did he pitch after that start?" Boone said. "I don't think he warmed up enough. It's hard to describe what happened to his pitches after he got warmed up."

Mark Wohlers (3-1) pitched the final two innings, allowing only one hit and striking out two, for the win.

"This is a tough hitter's park," Wohlers said of Enron Field. "Me and (pitching coach Don) Gullett have been working on a two-seamer and figured this is a good place to break it out. You want to get them to hit on top of the ball and pound it on the ground. Movement here is more important than velocity."

Woods ends slump, returns to form with 66 on Friday

HARRISON, N.Y. (AP) — Tiger Woods quickly transformed himself from a frustrated golfer in danger of missing a cut to a man the world knows better: the top player around.

"We had 20 minutes. I ate something real quick and changed clothes and off we went," Woods said. He had scant time Friday at the rain-delayed Buick Classic between the end of his first round — a 4-over 75 — and the start of his second.

The difference was remarkable. His bogey-free 66 in Friday afternoon's round not only prevented Woods from missing his first cut in 71 tournaments, but it put him in contention at 1 under.

Sergio Garcia and Scott Hoch were each at 6 under when play was called at because of darkness. Garcia completed 10 holes and Hoch nine.

Stewart Cink, Robert Allenby, Vijay Singh and J.P. Hayes all finished their second rounds and were at 5-under 137. Gabriel Hjertstedt was also at 5 under after 10 holes.

Seventy-five players have to finish their second rounds Saturday before the start of the third round at the Westchester Country Club.

Though it seemed like a magical transformation between the Woods of Friday morning and the one of Friday afternoon, Woods said there was no great mystery to it. Players were allowed to lift and clean their ball in the second round because of Thursday's heavy rain.

"We were able to play lift, clean and cheat," Woods said. "If you have ball in hand, any time you can do that, you feel like being pretty aggressive."

Woods signaled his intentions right from the start in the second round, slamming a driver 12 feet from the hole on the par-4, 314-yard 10th hole, his first on Friday afternoon.

Woods tapped in there for a birdie, holed out a 35-foot bunker shot on No. 16 and got up and down on the par-5 18th for a third birdie. Other birdies followed at Nos. 7 and 9.

Gone were images of Woods' morning round, when he was just another golfer grinding to make par, spraying tee shots and irons, and sometimes shrieking in exasperation.

"I wasn't very happy, I tell you that," Woods said. "I wasn't swinging well."

He even made a triple bogey on the par-4 fourth hole by driving badly, missing the green with his approach shot after a punch-out and 3-putting.

"Hit a terrible 8-iron up there and proceeded to make things worse," he said.

He hadn't made a triple bogey since the first round of the Bay Hill Invitational in March.

Woods' abrupt turnaround overshadowed an inspired day by Cink, considering what happened to him last weekend at the U.S. Open. Playing the last hole tied with Retief Goosen for the lead at the Open, Cink missed an 18-inch putt for bogey that could have gotten him into a playoff with Goosen and Mark Brooks. But Cink didn't know it at the time.

Braves trade controversial Rocker

NEW YORK (AP) — John Rocker slipped away so quickly into the New York night, a lot of his Atlanta teammates never even got a chance to say goodbye.

"By the time I heard about the trade and came into the clubhouse to find him, he was gone," third baseman Chipper Jones said.

Rocker's stormy stay with Atlanta abruptly ended Friday night when the reliever was traded to the Cleveland Indians in a four-player deal.

The Braves received relievers Steve Karsay and Steve Reed and cash for Rocker and minor league third baseman Troy Cameron.

While Rocker's blazing fastball made an impression on opposing hitters, it was his off-field behavior that made a bigger impact on baseball.

Rocker started a national furor after the 1999 season when he denigrated New Yorkers, immigrants, homosexuals and others in an interview with Sports Illustrated.

Baseball commissioner Bud Selig suspended him for all 45 days of spring training last year and the first 28 days of the regular season and fined him $20,000, but the players association filed a grievance and arbitrator Shyam Das cut the suspension to 14 days and the fine to $500.

The Braves eventually accepted him after he apologized for his remarks, even though many players believed he tarnished the reputation of the team. Outfielder Brian Jordan called the 26-year-old lefty "a cancer."

"I think this puts some finality to it," Jones said. "John said some things that made some people mad. But for the most part, he was a pretty good teammate and a pretty good closer."

Rocker was informed of the deal after Atlanta's game against the New York Mets started.

"He kind of looked like he was in shock when they told him," Braves pitcher John Burkett said after a 10-1 win.

By the time the game ended, there was no trace Rocker had ever been in the clubhouse. The number plate over his locker was gone, and his stall was completely empty.

Rocker is expected to join the Indians in Kansas City on Saturday.

Shea Stadium provided a curious backdrop for Rocker's final day with the Braves, considering his comments about New Yorkers.

"Maybe it's just a coincidence," Atlanta pitcher Greg Maddux said.

Rocker, in fact, will be back in New York on Monday night when the Indians play at Yankee Stadium.

Braves general manager John Schuerholz said Rocker's behavior was not a factor in the trade.

"That had nothing to do with it. That hasn't been an issue this year. It's been pretty tranquil in our clubhouse," he said.

"We feel like Karsay can step into the role of a closer he held last year. We think Steve Reed gives us great depth. We just feel like we're deeper and stronger."

Said Indians general manager John Hart: "We have a chance to bring in a dominant, late-inning, left-handed reliever.

"I had a good conversation with John. I think he's looking forward to a fresh start. We did talk to a number of our core players over the last several days, our veterans of all nationalities. To a man, every one said, absolutely, get this guy, he can help us win."

Cleveland outfielder Ellis Burks was ready to look ahead.

"I think that's old news," Burks said. "That's in the past. People need to learn to let things go. There's been plenty of people to say things that they don't really mean or that they regret at that particular time. I think that's one of those deals."

Fifteen-team field set for Ladies' Invitational

The name might have changed, but the competition should be just as tight at Tuesday's Ladies' Invitational at Snyder Country Club.

Formerly known as the Ladies' Pumpjack, the Ladies' Invitational is set to host 15 teams in a four-person scramble format. Play gets underway with a 9 a.m. shotgun start.

The 18-hole event will award cash prizes to the top four teams in each of two divisions. Teams will be split into divisions after nine holes.

Other prizes will also be awarded for closest to the pin on three different holes, and for accuracy drive. Door prizes will include four gift certificates good for next year's tournament entry fee.

Festivities start with an 8 a.m. breakfast, with a luncheon and awards ceremony to follow play.

Teams for the Ladies' Invitational at Snyder County Club

Anita Talbott, Suzy Reed, Joan Hood and Peggy Hardin

Esther Guelker, Doris Downing, Linda Duke and Rachel Swann

Barbara Moffett, Sissy Horan, Roma Martin and Janie Baccus

Juanita Hester, Susie Miller, Lisa Beck and Temi Matthies

Kathy Stephens, Gwen Sealy, Norma Thompson and Colleen Duke

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Leslie Scott, Nicole Swann, Daysha Weaver and Liz Remy

Lenita Fryar, Joann Hilger, Dee Jenkins and Wanda Forbis

Sports Briefs

Western Texas MGA

The Men's Golf Association of Western Texas College holds a weekly event at 6 p.m. each Tuesday.

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.

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.

Athletic physicals

Seventh and ninth grade SISD athletes, and anyone who has never participated in Snyder athletics must take a physical. SISD will pay for the physicals through Aug. 3.

An appointment should be made with one of the following doctors: Raykov, Burleson, Cooper, Thompson, Nussey, Wobolt, or P.A. Beth Ashley.

All SISD athletes must return completed athletic forms to the athletic director's office or Steve Kreuger.

Reds waive Sanders

HOUSTON (AP) — Cincinnati placed Deion Sanders on unconditional release waivers, temporarily ending an attempt to revive his baseball career. The two-sport star, who is still on the roster of the NFL's Washington Redskins, was hitting .173 in 32 games for the Reds.

MLB umpire terminated

NEW YORK (AP) — Al Clark, a major league umpire since 1977, was terminated by the commissioner's office this week for improperly using plane tickets in violation of his union's contract, baseball officials said.

NBA changes signing date

NEW YORK (AP) — Chris Webber, Dikembe Mutombo and all other NBA free agents can sign with any team July 18 — two weeks earlier than expected. The NBA said that the league and the union agreed to shorten the moratorium period during which teams are prohibited from signing free agents. That period previously ran from July 1 until July 31.

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SPORTS

Oakland native fuels Rangers

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — Doug Davis felt right at home pitching against the Oakland Athletics.

Davis, who grew up in nearby Walnut Creek, a 20-minute drive from the Coliseum, scattered seven hits over seven innings to help lead the Texas Rangers to a 2-1 victory on Friday night. He also won at Oakland on April 13.

"My family was here, and I was glad they got to see this," said Davis, who is 2-0 with a 1.32 ERA against the A's this year. "My adrenaline is pumping here a little more. I can hear some cheers and that's something else that helps me."

Frank Catalanotto and Ivan Rodriguez each had two hits and drove in a run as the Rangers won their fourth straight in Oakland. Texas has won six of eight from the A's this season — its best record against any team.

Davis (3-5), who stopped a career-high four-game losing streak, struck out a season-high six and walked one in winning for the first time since April 18 at Seattle, a span of 10 starts.

"Everybody keeps saying we don't have good pitching, but this goes to show we've got it," Catalanotto said. "The young guys are ready to step up."

Jeff Zimmerman pitched a perfect ninth for his eighth save in 10 opportunities.

"We all thought the way Davis dominated Triple-A, he would be a good major league pitcher," Texas manager Jerry Narron said. "The way he pitched tonight was a huge step for him."

A's starter Tim Hudson (7-5) lost his second straight start following a five-game winning streak. Hudson gave up two runs on four hits, tied his career high with 11 strikeouts and didn't walk a batter.

"He dominated tonight and got nothing for it," Oakland manager Art Howe said. "He can't pitch much better than that. They put three hits together with two outs and that's all they sniffed tonight. It was enough for them."

Frank Menechino had three hits for the A's, who suffered their major league-leading 15th one-run loss.

Davis has pitched effectively his last four outings. He's allowed just seven earned runs in his last 27 innings for a 2.33 ERA, and given up one home run in his last 47 innings.

"Since coming back from Triple-A (on May 31) he's been outstanding," Narron said. "I'm glad to see him continue to progress."

Oakland scored its only run when Johnny Damon led off with a single and came home on Menechino's triple down the right-field line. Davis did not allow another runner past second.

"We had opportunities, we just stunk with runners on base," Damon said. "We couldn't get the job done."

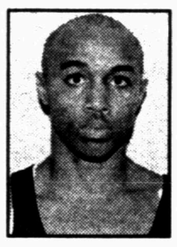
With two outs in the third, Michael Young singled and scored on Catalanotto's double into the gap in right-center. Rodriguez followed with an RBI single.

Texas got out of a jam in the eighth. Oakland had runners on second and third with one out, but Terrence Long hit a comebacker to Mike Venafro, who ran down Jason Giambi off third base for an out. Then Francisco Cordero, activated from the 15-day disabled list before the game, struck out Miguel Tejada.

Wofford selected for hoops event

After earning his share of basketball honors at Snyder High School, Jamaal Wofford continues to shine on the court.

Wofford poured in 15 points per game recently at the USA Junior Nationals all-state high school basketball tournament to earn a spot on the Texas state team at the Junior National Championship Sports Festival.



Wofford

The national event is July 9-15 at Atlanta, Ga., and will feature teams from across the country.

"I'm looking forward to it, because we're going to face players from New York and all over the country," Wofford said. "It's a lot of fun to play in these tournaments, and hopefully our Texas team will be pretty good."

Wofford, who handled the Tigers' point guard duties the past two years, hopes to play at the college level. The recent SHS grad believes this event should help get him some exposure.

"I think it could help me get recognized," said Wofford. "If not, then I'll walk on somewhere."

Jamaal is the son of Tony and Kathy Wofford.

New deal with ESPN should benefit Texas schools in WAC

TULSA, Okla. (AP) — A new television contract with ESPN has Western Athletic Conference schools hoping for more national exposure to boost recruiting, despite the absence of a Saturday national football telecast this fall.

The 10-team WAC and the cable sports giant announced a three-year deal Thursday with at least four football telecasts annually on ESPN and ESPN2. Also included are regional coverage and pay-per-view rights. Financial terms were not disclosed.

Nationally televised WAC football games are scheduled for a Sunday, Thursday and two Fridays. Basketball coverage will include the conference championship and other select games.

Officials from WAC schools are counting on bigger audiences than those that tuned into Fox the past two seasons.

"We're starting at the bottom again to prove that the WAC can turn TV sets on," conference commissioner Karl Benson said Friday,

Success could mean better schedules and more exposure, he added.

The far-flung league, which extends from Louisiana to Hawaii, competes for recruits against the Big 12, PAC-10 and other major conferences armed with far greater television exposure.

The ESPN contract could help the WAC at least begin to partially bridge the public relations gulf, officials said.

Poll voters seemed to hardly notice Fresno State's basketball team after it reached the 20-win mark last season before bowing in the second round of the NCAAs, said Steve Weakland, an assistant athletic director.

Fresno's football team, the likely preseason conference favorite, will be on two of ESPN's telecasts this fall — Sept. 2 against Oregon State and Oct. 26 at Hawaii in a Friday game that was rescheduled for TV.

Tulsa and WAC schools in Texas have declined to play on Friday nights, the traditional domain of high school football. A recent rules change from the NCAA eliminated restrictions on college games that start after 7 p.m. Fridays.

ESPN exposure could also include more WAC highlights on the cable network's popular sports news programs, Weakland said.

"When you're on ESPN and ESPN2, you're on across the world," he said. "You're on throughout country on cable with every household."

Fox regional sports coverage from San Francisco, which serves Fresno in California's central valley, sometimes preempted university games with bay area professional sports teams' last fall, he said. That effectively blacked out exposure in one of the university's key recruiting regions.

"With ESPN, that couldn't happen," Weakland said.

A Nov. 23 WAC matchup on ESPN2 has yet to be determined, but ESPN2 also will televise Texas Tech at Texas-El Paso on Sept. 13.

"Now we have a chance to tell kids we're recruiting that they have a chance to play and everybody in the country has a chance to watch them," UTEP football coach Gary Nord said.

Despite not getting a national ESPN football game this fall, the University of Tulsa expects to benefit.

"What high school athlete doesn't watch ESPN and what alumni of the university who's an athletic fan doesn't tune into ESPN sometimes?" asked Tulsa sports information director Don Tomkalski.

Tulsa games will still be seen on local cable, he said.

This year, Boise State and Louisiana Tech join the WAC. Members also include Southern Methodist, Rice, San Jose State and Nevada.

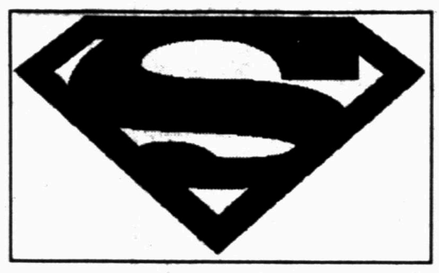
Exposure could help Boise State with recruiting in the Pacific Northwest, California, Colorado and Arizona, said Max Corbet, the university's sports information director.

Sports Whirl

By SDN Sports Editor Eric Drennan

Snyder High School's football and basketball programs will have a different look next year, both on the field and the sideline. Here are some changes you might not have heard about.

When the Tigers hit the gridiron this fall, they'll not only have a new head coach, but a new look as well.



Snyder will sport a new emblem on its helmets this year. Gone is the "S" with the Tigers' head. In its place will be what's known by most people as the Superman logo.

The Tigers' helmets will remain black, adorned with the new yellow emblem.

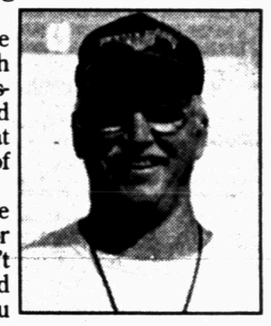
In addition to the emblem, the Tigers' weight room received a new paint job, as did the coaches' offices and most of the field house. Snyder completed its new film room in May, and the field at Tiger Stadium has been worked over to provide green grass and stable footing.

With the updates to the football facilities, in addition to the already beautiful Moffett Field, Snyder has pair of venues to be proud of.

If only the SHS basketball squads had a gym of equal standards. It's too bad the Scurry County Coliseum, a venue that's air conditioned, comfortable and most of all handicap accessible for basketball games, isn't put to use during the hoops season.

There have been a few coaching changes of late in the SHS athletic department.

Former SHS defensive coordinator Joe Granato is the new defensive backs coach at Class 5A Irving High, and varsity assistant basketball coach Ben Reed learned Friday that he's the new head coach at Class 2A Anna, located 10 miles north of McKinney.



Joe Granato

Both were outstanding coaches for the Tigers. Granato has a great mind for defensive schemes. After all, you don't get to coach in two Sugar Bowls as he did for the University of Oklahoma, if you don't know your stuff.

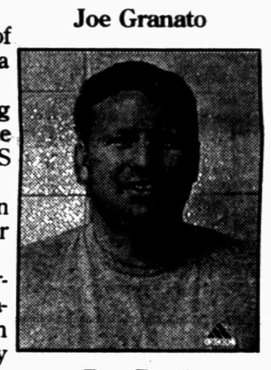
Everybody knew it was only a matter of time before a school nabbed Reed for a head coaching spot.

As he embarks on his head coaching debut, hopefully Reed will remember the two vital lessons he learned from SHS head coach Bud Birks.

—Clipboards break easily when dropped with excessive force, so order extras.

—And, it's easy for a head coach to forget his suitcase for out-of-town tournaments. It's a hassle to run to Wal-Mart in between games to buy a three-day supply of underwear.

Good luck to both coaches.



Ben Reed

Webb seeks career grand slam

WILMINGTON, Del. (AP) — The fortunes of Karrie Webb turned around quickly.

Not too long ago, the 26-year-old Australian was hearing whispers that she was in a slump after going four months without an LPGA Tour victory, while Annika Sorenstam stole the show.

Webb responded by winning her second straight U.S. Open, a performance so strong that she never shot worse than par on a tough Pine Needles course and won by 7 strokes, the largest margin in 21 years.

Friday at the LPGA Championship was another one of those turnaround days.

Webb hit her opening drive in front of a small pine tree, chipped out and had to 2-putt from 45 feet just to make bogey. A 3-putt from the fringe on No. 15 put her at 1 over for the round, and she was slowly losing ground to the leaders.

But just like that, the LPGA Championship became her tournament to lose. Suddenly, a slump gave way to talk of a career Grand Slam.

By taking only 10 putts on her back nine and making eight birdies over the last 12 holes, Webb set two scoring records with a 7-under 64 — her best score in a major championship — to take a 3-stroke lead into the weekend.

"All of the things that I worked on leading up to the Open all peaked at the right time," Webb said. "It's sort of just the continuation, I guess."

Her two-day total of 11-under 131 set a tournament record, breaking by 2 strokes the record last matched in 1998 by Se Ri Pak. Webb also set an LPGA Championship record with a 29 on the front nine — she started on No. 10 — in which her only 2-putt par came on No. 8.

Helen Alfredsson, winless on the LPGA Tour since 1998, had a 66 to finish the second round 3 strokes behind and get into the final pairing Saturday with Webb. Wendy Ward, the first-round lead, had a 69 and also was at 134.

Laura Davies remained in contention for her own piece of history — she is two points away from the Hall of Fame, which she can collect by winning a major. Playing with Webb the first two days, she had a 68 and was 4 strokes behind at 135.

Davies knows it won't be easy.

Webb is on a roll, and she has won six of her last seven tournaments when she had a lead after 36 holes.

"If she keeps playing like she's playing, I tell you, she's going to win. It's as simple as that," Davies said. "There's nothing I can do about it or anyone else, unless you go very, very low. It's great for us to all be chasing such high standards."

Sorenstam was tied for the lead at one point after birdies on two of her first three holes.

Major League Baseball

National League
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East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Philadelphia	41	30	.577	—
Atlanta	38	34	.528	3½
Florida	38	34	.528	3½
New York	33	41	.446	9½
Montreal	29	45	.392	13½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	43	28	.606	—
St. Louis	38	35	.521	6
Milwaukee	36	34	.514	6½
Houston	36	35	.507	7
Cincinnati	28	44	.389	15½
Pittsburgh	24	46	.343	18½

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Arizona	45	28	.616	—
San Francisco	40	33	.548	5
Los Angeles	38	34	.528	6½
Colorado	36	37	.493	9
San Diego	33	40	.452	12

Thursday's Games
Florida 3, Atlanta 2
Chicago Cubs 5, St. Louis 2
San Francisco 8, San Diego 3
Philadelphia 6, Pittsburgh 3
Montreal 10, N.Y. Mets 3
Cincinnati 8, Houston 7, 11 innings
Arizona 14, Colorado 5

Friday's Games
Milwaukee 2, Chicago Cubs 1
Florida 8, Philadelphia 1
Atlanta 10, N.Y. Mets 1
Montreal 11, Pittsburgh 5
San Francisco 10, St. Louis 5
Cincinnati 7, Houston 5, 10 innings
Arizona 5, Colorado 4, 10 innings
San Diego 9, Los Angeles 6

Saturday's Games
Atlanta (Glavine 6-5) at N.Y. Mets (Rusch 3-5), 1:15 p.m.
Arizona (Ellis 6-2) at Colorado (Astacio 5-8), 4:05 p.m.
Milwaukee (Wright 6-4) at Chicago Cubs (Tapani 8-3), 4:05 p.m.
Montreal (Yoshii 2-4) at Pittsburgh (Ritchie 2-8), 7:05 p.m.
Philadelphia (Telemaco 5-3) at Florida (Clement 3-5), 7:05 p.m.
Cincinnati (Reith 0-4) at Houston (Reynolds 7-5), 8:05 p.m.
San Francisco (Rueter 8-6) at St. Louis (Kile 8-6), 8:10 p.m.
San Diego (Lawrence 0-0) at Los Angeles (Prokopec 6-3), 10:10 p.m.

Sunday's Games
Atlanta (Marquis 1-1) at N.Y. Mets (Trachsel 1-8), 1:10 p.m.
Montreal (Mattes 0-0) at Pittsburgh (Beimel 3-2), 1:35 p.m.
Milwaukee (Sheets 8-4) at Chicago Cubs (Bere 4-3), 2:20 p.m.
Cincinnati (Acevedo 0-1) at Houston (Oswalt 5-1), 2:35 p.m.
Arizona (Johnson 9-4) at Colorado (Chacon 4-4), 3:05 p.m.
Philadelphia (Daal 7-1) at Florida (Smith 4-2), 4:05 p.m.
San Diego (Eaton 7-3) at Los Angeles (Dreifort 4-6), 4:10 p.m.
San Francisco (Ortiz 8-4) at St. Louis (Morris 9-4), 8:05 p.m.

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East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	43	28	.606	—
New York	40	31	.563	3
Baltimore	34	38	.472	9½
Toronto	34	38	.472	9½
Tampa Bay	21	51	.292	22½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	43	27	.614	—
Minnesota	42	29	.591	1½
Chicago	34	36	.486	9
Detroit	31	38	.449	11½
Kansas City	27	45	.375	17

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Seattle	54	18	.750	—
Anaheim	35	36	.493	18½
Oakland	34	38	.472	20
Texas	27	44	.380	26½

Thursday's Games
Seattle 12, Oakland 10
Cleveland 9, Minnesota 6, 6 innings, rain
Chicago White Sox 6, Baltimore 0
Boston 7, Tampa Bay 4
Texas 4, Anaheim 3
N.Y. Yankees at Detroit, ppd., rain

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

Saturday's Games
Chicago White Sox (Buehrle 6-3) at Baltimore (Ponson 4-4), 1:15 p.m.
Texas (Oliver 6-2) at Oakland (Zito 4-6), 4:05 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Clemens 9-1) at Tampa Bay (Kennedy 2-1), 4:15 p.m.
Toronto (Michalak 5-4) at Boston (Castillo 7-4), 5:05 p.m.
Minnesota (Radke 8-3) at Detroit (Weaver 6-7), 5:05 p.m.
Cleveland (Burba 8-3) at Kansas City (Durbin 4-6), 8:05 p.m.
Anaheim (Rapp 1-7) at Seattle (Moyer 8-2), 10:05 p.m.

Sunday's Games
Toronto (Parris 3-5) at Boston (Wakefield 5-1), 1:05 p.m.
Minnesota (Milton 8-6) at Detroit (Holt 6-5), 1:05 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Lilly 2-1) at Tampa Bay (Rekar 1-8), 1:15 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Baldwin 2-4) at Baltimore (Towers 4-1), 1:35 p.m.
Cleveland (Colon 5-6) at Kansas City (Suppan 3-6), 2:05 p.m.
Texas (Bell 0-0) at Oakland (Heredia 4-5), 4:05 p.m.
Anaheim (Schoeneweis 6-5) at Seattle (Abbott 6-2), 4:35 p.m.

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	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	7	3	.700	—
New York	7	3	.700	—
Miami	5	4	.556	1½
Detroit	3	5	.375	3
Indiana	3	6	.333	3½
Orlando	2	6	.250	4
Washington	2	6	.250	4
Charlotte	1	9	.100	6

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	6	1	.857	1
Los Angeles	9	2	.818	—
Portland	6	2	.750	1½
Seattle	6	5	.545	3
Sacramento	5	5	.500	3½
Minnesota	3	4	.429	4
Utah	3	4	.429	4
Phoenix	4	7	.364	5

Friday's Games
Cleveland 74, Los Angeles 70
Minnesota 63, Miami 57
Indiana 77, Detroit 56
Seattle 58, Phoenix 55
Portland 66, Charlotte 62, OT

Saturday's Games
Sacramento at Houston, 4 p.m.
Indiana at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
Washington at Orlando, 7:30 p.m.
Minnesota at Utah, 9 p.m.

Sunday's Games
Los Angeles at New York, 4 p.m.
Cleveland at Miami, 5 p.m.
Sacramento at Charlotte, 6 p.m.
Portland at Houston, 7 p.m.

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DATED this 7th day of June, 2001.

(s)Lance E. Mullins,
Independent Executor of the Estate of Clay Mullins, Deceased,
Cause No. 5680 in the County Court of
Scurry County, Texas

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COUNTY OF SCURRY §

To those indebted to, or holding claims against the Estate of ROSA L. BIGHAM, deceased, Probate Case Number 5,682:

The undersigned, having been duly appointed Independent Executrix of the Estate of ROSA L. BIGHAM, deceased, late of Scurry County, Texas, by RICKY FRITZ, Judge of the County Court of said County, on the 21st day of June, 2001, hereby notifies all persons indebted to said Estate to come forward and make settlement, and those having claims against said Estate to present them to: GLORIA CATO, P.O. Box 1296, Snyder, Texas 79550-1296, within the time prescribed by law.

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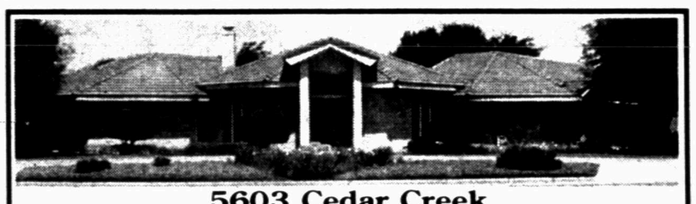
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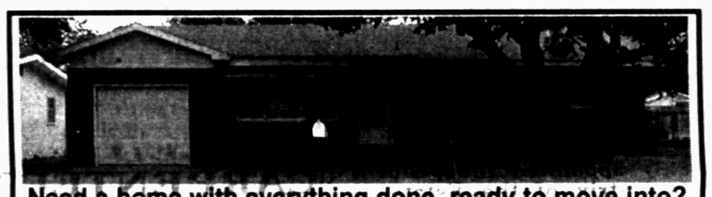
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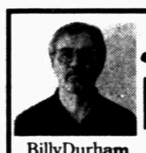


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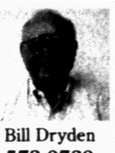


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TO CATHERINE ANN ALLEN, Defendant, Greeting:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED TO APPEAR by filing a written answer to Petitioner's Original Petition for Divorce at or before ten o'clock a.m. of the Monday next after the expiration of 20 days from the date of issuance of this citation, before the Honorable 132nd Judicial District Court of Scurry County, Texas at the Court House of said County in Snyder, Texas. Said Petitioner's Original Petition for Divorce was filed in said court on the 29th day of September, 2000, in this case, numbered 20863 on the docket of said court, and styled.

In the Matter of the Marriage of Bobby Lynn Allen and Catherine Ann Allen.

Petitioner's Attorney Name and Address:

FRANK W. CONARD II
307 Locust Street
Post Office Box 900
Sweetwater, Texas 79556

ISSUED AND GIVEN under my hand and seal of office on June 7, 2001, at 1806 25th Street, Snyder, Texas 79549, Scurry County, Texas.

TRINA RODGERS
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Comair pilots return to work

HEBRON, Ky. (AP) — Comair expects to resume service by the Fourth of July holiday now that the regional airline's pilots have ratified a new contract that ended a costly, three-month strike.

The walkout began March 26 and completely grounded Comair, costing its parent company, Delta Air Lines, as much as $2 million a day.

Pilots are returning to work Sunday, and the airline plans to resume limited service July 2.

"Our strike is over. We are going back to work. We look forward to returning to our cockpits," Capt. J.C. Lawson, spokesman for the Air Line Pilots Association, said Friday after the union ratified the contract 733-408.

Comair had been the nation's second-largest regional airline behind American Eagle, serving 95 cities in the United States, Canada, Mexico and the Bahamas.

Comair will resume operation in phases, starting with 10 planes reaching 26 cities, Comair President Randy Rademacher said. He expects to have 50 planes flying by the end of July, and to be back in most of its markets by December.

Comair and the pilots' union reached a tentative agreement June 14 after three days of talks with federal mediators. The five-year contract gives pilots a company-paid retirement plan and the best pay in the regional airline industry.

Rademacher declined to say how much the contract will cost the airline. Delta had put the cost of the strike at $1.5 million to $2 million a day in lost revenue and expenses.

Before the strike, Comair had more than 1,300 pilots and a fleet of 119 planes. About 1,200 pilots are scheduled to return to work Sunday and begin training, but Rademacher said it could take until the end of 2002 to rebuild Comair's fleet from its current 82 planes.

Michael Boyd of The Boyd Group, a Colorado-based industry consultant, predicted a full recovery.

"Comair has always been a well-run airline, arguably one of the best-managed in the country," Boyd said. "I don't think there's going to be any problem getting back on its feet."

Duty time was a pivotal issue in contract talks. Pilots had complained they were required to be on duty as much as 370 hours a month to log 84 to 92 hours in the air.

Bias claims investigated

HOUSTON (AP) — Allegations that the Harris County Sheriff's Department systematically discriminates against black and Hispanic employees has prompted an investigation by the U.S. Justice Department.

U.S. Rep. Sheila Jackson Lee said Friday that a 1994 racial bias complaint against the Sheriff's Department by the Afro-American Sheriff's Deputy League and the Mexican American Sheriff's Organization is now an open case. She asked the Justice Department to look into the complaint last year after the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission forwarded it for review.

"This is a sizable step in the right direction," said Jackson Lee, D-Houston. "The case will be pursued and investigated to its conclusion."

The investigation trails a string of racially charged incidents involving remarks allegedly made by four white supervisors to African-American deputies and inmates in the past 12 months.

Harris County Attorney Michael Stafford is aware of the federal investigation but declined to comment on it or the allegations.

The Justice Department was unavailable for comment.

Senior Center Menu

Monday
Lasagna, green beans, whole kernel corn, tossed salad, garlic toast, oatmeal cookie

Tuesday
Taco salad, refried beans, Spanish rice, sopapillas

Wednesday
Beef tips on rice, boiled okra, carrots, cucumber/onion salad, brownie

Thursday
Chicken patty w/cream gravy, pinto beans, steamed cabbage, tomato wedges, banana pudding

Friday
Fried fish, tater tots, creamed peas, coleslaw, peanut butter chewies

Senior Center News

Seniors, avoid the heat by making use of Senior Center transportation during the morning hours Monday through Friday.

The early route brings seniors to the center to activities, lunch and then returns them home. Seniors may also make arrangements for transportation to scheduled appointments. to schedule transportation, call 573-4035.

Tournament winners include Modine Johnston, Marie Armstrong and Mabel Covey in eighty-eight. First in bridge was Elizabeth Jenkins while Natalie Sallee was second and Verna Foree was third. Red Trevey and Berhard Bartels won the dominoes and Red Trevey was first in eight ball, followed by Ray Spivey.

A gift to the Senior Center Memorial Fund is a way to extend sympathy to a family member as it supports services to seniors in the community. Call the center for more information.

Monday
Bridge play begins at 9:30 a.m. Those interested in the nine ball tournament should be at the center before 10 a.m. to register. Daily exercise begins at 11 a.m.

Tuesday
Eighty-eight play starts at 10 a.m. and The Local Yokels will play in the dining room at 11 a.m. Swimnastics for seniors at WTC is from 11 a.m. until noon. The Golden K Kiwanis meets at noon in the conference room. The center opens at 6:30 p.m. for games. The Benny Benitez band plays for a dance beginning at 7 p.m. Cost for the dance is a suggested donation of $4 per person.

Wednesday
The Kitchen Band will entertain in the dining room at 11 a.m. Line dancers practice at 1 p.m. and cloggers at 2 p.m.

Thursday
The Sunshine Choir will entertain at 10 a.m. at Snyder Oaks Care Center. Swimnastics class is from 11 a.m. until noon at WTC.

Friday
The blood pressure clinic and bridge play both begin at 9:30 a.m. Seniors may play eighty-eight at 11 and join the sing-a-long at 11:30 a.m.

British teens who killed toddler to be released

LONDON (AP) — The mother of a 2-year-old kidnapped and killed by a pair of 10-year-olds in 1993 said she was "disgusted" by a decision to grant her son's murderers parole.

Jon Venables and Robert Thompson, both now 18, will be given new identities when they are released to secret locations, which a judge has barred the British media from disclosing.

"No public interest would be served by pursuing the perpetrators now that the parole board has decided that it is no longer necessary for the protection of the public that they be confined," Home Secretary David Blunkett said Friday in a written statement to Parliament.

Denise Fergus, mother of slain toddler James Bulger, said she was "disgusted with the government and the Parole Board."

"The murderers have walked away with a life of luxury, have been bought homes, given a bank account and 24-hour protection," she said.

James' father, Ralph, who last year threatened to find the teenagers and exact revenge, said in a statement that he felt "angry, frustrated and completely let down by the system."

Venables and Thompson lured James from a shopping center in Bootle, near Liverpool, as the boy waited outside a butcher's shop for his mother. A video camera captured images of the toddler being led away by the two older boys, scenes replayed countless times on British television.

The boys dragged the 2-year-old through town to a railway line, where they hit him with bricks and metal bars, poured paint in his eyes and finally placed him on the tracks, where a train cut him in half.

The decision to release Venables and Thompson came less than two months before they faced likely transfer to an adult prison — a move a judge warned would be harmful for their rehabilitation.

The pair have spent eight years in a secure children's unit after being convicted in November 1993 of abducting and murdering James.

A three-member parole board — consisting of a judge, psychiatrist and an independent member — considered the teenagers' cases separately this week. The panel questioned the young men, studied psychiatric reports, considered statements from criminologists and doctors and reviewed school records.

As a condition of their release, Venables and Thompson are not permitted to contact each other or any member of James' family. They are also not allowed to enter the Liverpool area in northern England without permission from probation officials.

For the rest of their lives, the pair "are liable to be recalled to custody at any time if there is any evidence that they present a risk to the public," Blunkett wrote.

The murder shocked the nation, and the release of the teen-agers has divided public opinion.

Venables and Thompson were initially sentenced to a minimum of eight years for the crime, described by the trial judge as an act of "unparalleled evil and barbarity."

The sentence was later increased to 15 years by former Home Secretary Michael Howard, but in October, a judge restored the original sentence, saying it would not be beneficial for the two to be in the "corrosive atmosphere of an adult prison."

Both teen-agers came from poor families. Since their confinement, they have gained academic qualifications and taken part in activities ranging from theater trips to whitewater rafting.

Police await autopsies in twins' deaths

ORANGE (AP) — Police are awaiting autopsy reports of 6-week-old twins who died Friday.

Orange police Capt. C.A. Stephenson said authorities received a call shortly before 8 a.m. that the twins were unresponsive. The children were taken to Hermann Memorial Baptist Hospital-Orange where they were later pronounced dead.

Stephenson said in a statement that the cause of death was undetermined pending the autopsies.

Police identified the twins as George H. Brown III and Georna' Brown. The children were born May 9.

"I was in shock when I heard the sirens and found out what happened," Curtis Janis, director of the nearby Orange Christian Services, told The Orange Leader.

Police declined further comment Friday night.

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THE SNYDER DAILY NEWS

Terrorist threat scrambles U.S. troops and ships in Middle East

WASHINGTON (AP) — In response to a terrorist threat, a Marine Corps contingent in Jordan cut short its training session and returned to its ships, while the U.S. 5th Fleet sent its ships out of port in Bahrain.

U.S. military forces throughout the Persian Gulf were put on a heightened state of alert Friday as a precaution, although the threat picked up by U.S. intelligence agencies was not specific about an intended target; according to U.S. officials who discussed the matter on condition they not be identified.

One official said the threat was against Americans but not necessarily the U.S. military. Another official said the intelligence warning suggested that a terrorist attack was imminent.

The State Department issued a "worldwide caution" urging U.S. citizens to maintain a high level of vigilance abroad. It said the U.S. government has learned that American citizens and interests abroad may be at risk of a terrorist attack from extremist groups.

The statement was issued a day after 13 Saudis and one Lebanese were indicted by a U.S. grand jury in the Khobar Towers bombing in Saudi Arabia in 1996. Nineteen U.S. Air Force members were killed in the attack. Monday is the fifth anniversary of the blast.

In its announcement Friday, the State Department noted that it had said in an alert issued last month that American citizens may be the target of a terrorist threat from extremist groups with links to suspected terrorist Osama bin Laden and his Al-Qaida organization.

The statement noted that in the past, bin Laden and his allies have not distinguished between official and civilian targets.

"U.S. government facilities worldwide remain at a heightened state of alert," it said.

In response to the latest terrorist threat, several Navy minesweeping ships were ordered out of port in Bahrain, headquarters for the U.S. 5th Fleet that patrols the Persian Gulf area. The aircraft carrier Constellation and its battle group were already at sea, officials said.

Other security measures also were taken, but the officials would not disclose details.

The level of security — known as the "threatcon," for threat condition — for U.S. forces in the Middle East was raised a notch, the officials said.

A contingent of Marines operating as an Amphibious Ready Group cut short its training in Jordan, the officials said. The members of the 11th Marine Expeditionary Unit from Camp Pendleton, Calif., were being taken back aboard their three vessels, led by the USS Boxer.

Snyder officers file two offense reports

• ***Deadly conduct***

Officers were called to the 100 block of 35th Street shortly before 6 a.m. Saturday in reference to a subject reportedly pulling a knife on the residents of the house. Officers responding to the call filed two offense reports for deadly conduct and one report for criminal mischief. The case is under investigation.

• ***Felony DWI arrest***

Connie Lou Ostrander, 39, of 1623 Hickory St. in Colorado City was arrested for driving while intoxicated by deputies at 9:46 p.m. on Highway 208 near the Mitchell-Scurry County line.

• ***Criminal mischief***

Ronnie Fisk told deputies at 7:48 a.m. Friday that someone had shot his windshield with a BB gun. Officers filed a report for criminal mischief. At 8:03 a.m., Larry Martinez with B&F Well Service reported someone had shot out the windshield of a truck with a BB gun. Officers filed a report for a state jail felony.

• ***Criminal trespass***

Officers were called to the 800 block of 27th Street at 3:37 p.m. following a report of a fight. No assault had occurred, but about an hour later another report of a fight was called in. Officers issued a criminal trespass warning and advised other individuals not to return to the location.

• ***Misdemeanor arrests***

Deputies arrested a 26-year-old male at 5:18 p.m. at College Avenue and Houston Parkway on outstanding Ward County warrants for theft and failure to appear.

Three people were arrested at 3 a.m. Saturday on FM 1607 on alcohol-related charges. A 22-year-old male was arrested for DWI, and a 21-year-old male was taken into custody for public intoxication. Also arrested was an 18-year-old male for outstanding warrants for minor in possession of alcohol and tobacco.

• ***Accidents***

Officers investigated a two-vehicle accident at 12:35 at 35th and College Avenue, and another two-vehicle accident at 12:56 in the 3400 block of College Avenue. Details on these accidents will be in Monday's police report.

• ***Miscellaneous reports***

Officers reported a blown TXU transformer in the 3600 block of Hill Avenue at 6:42 p.m.

Joe Sanchez reported that he had hit a deer in the roadway on Highway 350 near Blockline Road around 11:40 p.m.

A resident reported a possible funnel cloud on South 208 at 5 a.m. Saturday. Deputies went to the area but did not locate any severe weather.

Two complaints for loud music were made early Saturday morning.

Unhappy parents arrest top official

LUCERNE VALLEY, Calif. (AP) — Two parents barged into a school superintendent's office, handcuffed him, announced he was under citizens' arrest and drove him away in their vehicle, authorities said Friday.

Sheriff's deputies pulled them over 10 miles away, freed the schools official and arrested the couple, who said they were taking the superintendent to the district attorney's office.

Carl Williams, 45, and wife Kathy Williams, 48, were charged with kidnapping, conspiracy and false imprisonment.

The couple — who have five children, ages 7 to 17, in school — had been complaining about district policies for a decade, said Jim Wheeler, superintendent of the school system in this community 120 miles northeast of Los Angeles.

Two months ago, the unemployed couple sent a 15-page letter accusing school officials of giving sexually explicit material to students, among other things, Detective Norm Neiman said. The letter set a Tuesday deadline to resolve the problems.

On Wednesday, investigators said, the couple barged into Wheeler's office. With his wife videotaping, Carl Williams handcuffed Wheeler, Neiman said.

"We have the video. You can see his fear and disbelief in what was going on," the detective said.

They forced him into their sport utility vehicle and drove down a highway past a sheriff's station, Neiman said.

Bail was set at $100,000 each. Kathy Williams was released on bail Thursday. They were not immediately appointed a lawyer.

"It was a freaky morning," said Wheeler, 61, who suffered only a wrist rash from the handcuffs.

Joyriding ends in fatal wreck

MERINO, Colo. (AP) — Two 12-year-old girls who took a relative's car on a 100 mph joyride were killed Friday when the vehicle rolled over three times, state troopers said.

Investigators said it was not clear which girl was driving when the car ran off U.S. 6 and rolled over, the Colorado State Patrol said. There was no one else in the car.

The car crashed about noon four miles east of Merino, which is 100 miles northeast of Denver.

The names of the girls were withheld until their families were notified.

Investigators said the car was owned by the grandparents of one of the girls and was taken without their knowledge.

Obituaries

Evelyn Burton

1921-2001

Funeral service for Evelyn Burton, longtime Snyder resident, is set for 2 p.m. Sunday in the Wright Colonial Funeral Home Chapel. The Rev. Tom Woodward, pastor of Trinity United Methodist Church, will officiate. Burial will follow in Hillside Memorial Gardens.

Mrs. Burton, 80, died Friday, June 22, in Cogdell Memorial Hospital.

Born June 18, 1921 in Fisher County, she married George Thomas "Tom" Burton on Jan. 1, 1944 in Dallas. Mr. Burton died a week ago, on June 16.

A homemaker, Mrs. Burton was a member of the First Christian Church and a former member of the Snyder Business Women's Club.

She also was preceded in death by a sister, Betty Chapman.

Survivors include a son and daughter-in-law, Tim and Mary Burton of Snyder; two daughters and sons-in-law, Karen and Tom Sears of Brownwood and Cindy and Donnie Beck of Colorado Springs; four sisters and three brother-in-laws, Ann and Clinton Edwards of Fort Worth, Inell and Bud Feagan of Sweetwater, Wilma and Matt Mattern of Mountain Home and Sue Shamsia of Lake Charles, La.; six grandchildren, Michael and Kimberley Burton of Snyder, Tommy and Scott Sears of Brownwood and Shayna Beck and Kay McCarthy, both of Colorado Springs; and three great-grandchildren.

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Randy Dollins

1950-2001

Randal Dean "Randy" Dollins, died Saturday, June 23, in Cogdell Memorial Hospital following a long battle with cancer.



Randy Dollins

Funeral service for Mr. Dollins, 51, is set for 2 p.m. Monday in the 37th Street Church of Christ with Dale Huff, minister, officiating. Burial will follow in Hillside Memorial Gardens.

Born March 17, 1950 in Shawnee, Okla., he married Belinda Jane Langford on Feb. 20, 1970 at the Union Baptist Church.

A graduate of Snyder High School, Mr. Dollins was a pumper and a member of the band Crossfire. He was a Baptist and attended the Church of Christ.

Survivors include his wife, Belinda Jane Dollins of Snyder; two sons and daughters-in-law, Kevin D. and Jennifer Kay Dollins of Hawkins and Kerry Lynn and Linda Sue Dollins of Fluvanna; his parents, Don and Marie Dollins of Snyder; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Sharon and Daryl Meador and Lisa and Louis Midwell of Snyder; his in-laws, Robert and Mary Langford of Snyder; his grandchildren, Haleigh Brooke Dollins, Caleb Wayne Wilson, Teah Denae Dollins, Skylar Logan Dollins and Abedale Mackenzie Dollins; aunts and uncles, Gene Terry of Shawnee, Herman Terry of Snyder, Bif and Betty Whiteley of Newcastle and Jeff and Willie Mae Hall of Missouri; nephews, Christopher Meador of Stillwater, Okla., and Louis Lee Midwell of Snyder; and two nieces, Amanda Midwell and Stephanie Ruiz, both of Snyder.

The family suggests memorials to the American Cancer Society.

Ruth Varner

1912-2001

SWEETWATER - A memorial service for Ruth Varner is set for 2 p.m. Sunday in the Faith Lutheran Church with the Rev. Dale Snyder officiating. Cremation was held under the direction of Cate-Spencer & Trent Funeral Home.

Mrs. Varner, 88, died, Monday, June 18, in Cogdell Memorial Hospital. She was the mother of Clara Denny of Snyder.

Born Nov. 13, 1912 in Indianapolis, Ind., Mrs. Varner was a former resident of Sweetwater.

She is survived by another daughter, Virginia Akin of Sweetwater; and one son, John F. Denny of Bangor, Wis.; two stepdaughters, Ethel Martin of Indianapolis, Ind., and Wilma Frymire of Irvington, Ky.

She was preceded in death by two stepchildren, Christine Westerfield and James E. Denny.

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Trinity United Methodist's youth group will be pumping gas until 2 p.m. Saturday at United. Funds will go to help pay for a mission trip.

Lucky 13 car wash

Lucky 13 is holding a car wash until 4 p.m. Saturday at Wal-Mart. Cost is $5 or a donation.

Car wash fundraiser

A car wash to raise funds for Josh Ortegon's trip to New York to participate in modeling and acting competition is underway until 4 p.m. Saturday at United. Cost is $5. Ortegon, a senior, is a SHS cheerleader.

Class of 1971 reunion

Snyder High School's class of 1971 is having its 30-year reunion Saturday at Snyder Country Club. Members of other classes may visit after 9 p.m. at a cost of $5 per person.

MAWC Sunday luncheon

Martha Ann Woman's Club will host a luncheon Sunday starting at 11:30 a.m. Tickets are $10 for adults and $4 per child and may be purchased by calling MAWC at 573-3427, Jan at 573-6443 or Jane at 573-5586. Proceeds are used to maintain the woman's club facilities.

Bible study tapes

Bible study videos air each week on Channel 2. To be shown at 7 p.m. Monday is "Learning to Forgive," followed by "Getting to Know God's Person and Problem."

American Legion officers

American Legion Post 181 will elect officers at 7:30 p.m. Monday. All members are urged to attend.

SHS football booster club

The SHS football booster club will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the film room of the field house. Upcoming fundraisers will be discussed and all parents are urged to attend.

Genealogical Society

The Scurry County Genealogical Society will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the Scurry County Library. Members will read narratives about their paternal great-grandfathers. Visitors are welcome. Yearly members are $12.50 per person or $15 per couple.

Steer validations

The 2001-2002 steer validations will be at 6 p.m. Tuesday. It will be held at the Ricky Miller residence on Round Top Road. Tags must be paid for at this time, and a parent should be present for the necessary signatures. Exhibitor's social security numbers will also be required. For all new feeders, a hair care and management demonstration will be held during the validation process.

Car wash

The SHS Student Council will sponsor a car wash from 11 a.m. until 4 p.m. next Saturday in the Wal-Mart Parking Lot.

Class of 1981 reunion

The SHS class of 1981 will hold its reunion Friday and next Saturday. Registration should be turned in as soon as possible and an accurate count is needed by Wednesday. Contact Beth Bowen at 573-2670.

Certified nurses aide course

Snyder Oaks Care Center will hold a certified nurses aide course of 75 hours beginning next Saturday. The class will meet 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. For more information, call 573-9377 or Maggie Barnes at 863-2426.

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.

Christian concert

Christian singers, Mercy Me, Jonathan Moore and Macy Hill, will be live in concert at 7 p.m. Sunday, July 1, at the Scurry County Coliseum. Tickets are $5 for general admission and $7 for floor seating. Tickets are available at The Rest Stop. For more information, contact Becky at 573-1517.

Class of 1966 reunion

The SHS class of 1966 will hold a reunion July 27-28. Anyone with classmates' addresses is asked to write to Janeen Patterson at Box 208, Snyder.

Class of 1976 reunion

The SHS class of 1976 will hold it's reunion July 28 at Jack Greene's pasture. For information, call Lorinda Hardin at 573-2700 or Sherry Thompson at 338-0026. The website is classmates.com.

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.

SHS 1986 reunion

The SHS class of 1986 will hold its reunion July 6-7. Classmates are still being contacted. Call Xalyn Harris Palacios at 574-3343 or 573-2148, or Mike McWilliams at 573-6543 for information on classmates.

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S. Texas eyed as Vieques replacement

CORPUS CHRISTI (AP) — A 100,000-acre plot of land in South Texas is among the sites being considered by the Navy as a replacement to their bombing location on Vieques island in Puerto Rico, the Navy said Friday.

"It would be among the possible alternatives," said Lt. Cmdr. Cate Mueller, a Navy spokeswoman. "The Navy is putting together a panel of people to look very hard at replacing Vieques."

She said the Navy still is in the preliminary stages of finding a site that could replace Vieques by 2003.

News of the South Texas location first was reported in Friday's Web edition of the Corpus Christi Caller-Times.

Environmentalists promised a challenge to any such site on Texas seashores.

Dick Messbarger, executive director of the Greater Kingsville Economic Development Council, said the Navy sought information from local officials on possible South Texas sites for a bombing range and amphibious landing training area near Kingsville three years ago.

"There are a number of questions that still need to be answered," Messbarger said.

South Texas is among several Gulf of Mexico and Atlantic Ocean locations being considered in the wake of President Bush's announcement last week that the Navy would withdraw from Vieques in two years.

Protesters said bombing on the island was harming the environment and people's health — allegations the Navy has denied.

It has used the Vieques island bombing range for six decades, and said Vieques is unique in combining the ability to train in land, air and sea maneuvers without interference from civilian air or sea traffic.

"No place is a one-for-one replacement of Vieques. What Vieques gives us we can't do anywhere else," Mueller said. "They've looked at everything that exists that is in the realm of possibility."

Mueller said a complete list of possible replacement sites was unavailable.

The Navy controls air space in the area and the three nearby naval training bases: Naval Station Ingleside; Naval Air Station Corpus Christi; and Naval Air Station Kingsville.

An area south of Kingsville is being touted for a possible spaceport due to its remote location.

Messbarger said advantages the area had over other possible sites included over 100 miles of undeveloped coastline and a lack of airplane traffic, so the training would not be disruptive.

South Texas officials greeted the news with enthusiasm.

"Training is very, very important. We cannot afford to send our young men and women into harm's way without having the proper training," Rep. Solomon Ortiz, D-Corpus Christi, told The Dallas Morning News.

Ortiz, a member of the House Armed Services Committee, said Kenedy County residents and officials need to be involved in the decision.

"Some people have said that the Navy dropped the ball by not having a consistent communication with the people in Puerto Rico," Ortiz said. "We want to be sure that the local people know exactly what will happen."

Gary Bushell, a consultant for the Corpus Christi Chamber of Commerce, said the facility could benefit wildlife in the area by preserving land from development, and Kingsville Mayor Phil Esquivel said it could boost economic development in the area.

The Lone Star Chapter of the Sierra Club said Friday it is concerned about the effect on area wildlife and visitor enjoyment of the seashore.

"The Padre Island National Seashore is a Texas treasure and one of the last pristine parts of the state," club spokesman Fred Richardson. "Our lawmakers and the Pentagon should understand that the Sierra Club and thousands of citizens across Texas will rally to stop any proposal to conduct war games next to the seashore."

But Senate Armed Services Committee member James Inhofe, R-Okla., told the Morning News South Texas would not be an adequate replacement.

Padre Island National Seashore would prevent ship-to-shore shelling and hinder amphibious landing in coordination with airstrikes, said Inhofe spokesman Gary Hoitsma. The area also has local barge traffic and airspace used by private planes that would lead to lower standard of training compared to Vieques, Hoitsma said.

In April Kingsville economic development officials briefed Gov. Rick Perry's staff about the possible training site, Perry spokesman Gene Acuna said.

"At that time we offered no position on the idea," Mr. Acuna said. "The staff, however, did express very real concerns about such a relocation, socio-economic and environmental. Impact to the people living in that area."

Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison, R-Texas, said she would see what residents thought before offering her support.

In West Texas, a proposal for a bomber training route to be used by the Air Force has been met with resistance.

In March, a group of West Texas farmers and ranchers filed a lawsuit to stop the Air Force from using a B-1 bomber training route, saying it would create a "battlefield environment" on the private property below.

According to the lawsuit filed by the Davis Mountains Trans-Pecos Heritage Association and others, the low-level flyovers, meant to simulate a combat environment in the cockpit, could drive out residents who are protecting cultural, economic and environmental resources. No live rounds would be used in the missions.

Mueller said Navy Secretary Gordon England will make a final decision on a Vieques replacement.

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Burt Reynolds once appeared as a bachelor on "The Dating Game," but he wasn't chosen.



"ROADEO" PERFORMERS — Jimmy Van Hale, center, and John Walker, left, represented Scurry County in the Texas Department of Transportation Abilene District "Roadeo." The events tested 37 section winners from throughout the 13-county district on driving skills and preventative maintenance knowledge. Hale, a maintenance technician and the newest member of the maintenance section, took first place in the Scurry County competition, while Walker, a crew chief, came in second at the county level. Their showing earned them the right to compete at district. Through their efforts and those of others in their section, Scurry County was named Most Improved Section in the district. With the contestants is Bill Hale, Abilene district engineer. (TxDOT photo)

Diners are making a comeback in America

PITTSBURGH (AP) — The arrival of the billion-burger-serving fast food chains seemed to clang the death knell for the American diner, but diner enthusiasts gathering in Pennsylvania this weekend are celebrating signs of a resurgence.

As the American Diner Museum holds its fifth-annual conference, the nation's oldest diner manufacturer is increasing its diner production, and two restaurant giants are remodeling franchises in the diner style.

When drive-ins and fast food captured the nation's attention in the 1950s and '60s, diners began suffering an image problem, said Brian Butko, co-author of "Diners of Pennsylvania."

"There was a greasy spoon image diners had," Butko said. "What was shiny, new and exotic started looking like yesterday's idea, and it's no coincidence you saw the rise of fast food and family-style restaurants like McDonald's and Denny's."

The number of diners dropped from 6,000 at its peak in the 1950s to about 2,500 today.

But the idea of diners is peaking the nation's interest again.

"We started seeing the first signs of a comeback 10 years ago," said John Lefkus, chief executive of Kullman Industries Inc., the oldest original diner producer in existence.

His New Jersey-based company is now shifting much of its production back to the diner business after a 40-year hiatus.

Kullman had turned its focus to schools, hospitals and telecommunications companies after all of the other original diner producers collapsed in New Jersey, historically the capital of the diner industry. Now, Lefkus said, 20 to 30 percent of Kullman's business is back in the food service industry.

The first commercial production of the diner began in Worcester, Mass., in 1881, with a longer structure being shipped out on flatbed railroad cars, hence the word diner, or dinner car, said Daniel Zilka, director of the American Diner Museum in Providence, R.I.

The largest boom occurred when soldiers returned from World War II with money to begin their own businesses and new materials, including the familiar brushed steel, glass block and Formica.

Diners are somewhat of a marker in the country's democratic history.

When the women's suffrage movement went into full swing, women chose diners, a place dominated by male patrons, to make their point, Zilka said. It was also one of the first places women entered the work force when World War II began.

In the 1960s, civil rights activists fought segregation from the stools at diner lunch counters.

But by the 1960s, diners were in decline. Drive-up restaurants and Ray Krok's revolutionary fast food chain, McDonald's, fed America's infatuation with the car.

In an unusual twist, both McDonald's and Denny's Restaurants are now revamping some franchises to look like diners.

McDonald's recently opened its first and only diner-style restaurant in Kokomo, Ind., said spokeswoman Lisa Howard.

"People have gone crazy over this place and there's sometimes a line for a table," she said. "Kids can still get a Happy Meal, mom can have a club sandwich and dad can get a turkey steak with mashed potatoes."

Denny's has remodeled 20 percent of its 1,822 restaurants in the diner style, and spokeswoman Debbie Atkins said new franchises are being built in diner style.

"A lot of franchises are trying to capitalize on what was once a very large part of Americana," said Zilka, of the Diner Museum. "I don't know if they can really pull it off, but the country seems to be saying this is something maybe they don't want to let go."

On the Net:
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Motorcyclists set for Biker Sunday

By Shirley A. Gorman
SDN News Editor

Biker Sunday 2000 drew 188 bikers to Snyder last June. Local members of the Christian Motorcyclists Association are hoping to do better than that this Sunday when the 2001 event will get underway at Colonial Hill Baptist Church. Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m. Terry Ohlman of Lubbock will preach at the 10:45 a.m. service. Dennis Hartly and Glenna Glover will provide the music.

There will be no charge for the day's events, hosted by the church. Food will be provided and a live band will provide the entertainment.

Following the service, the rest of Biker Sunday will consist of biker rodeo games operated by the Christian Motorcyclists Association, including biker tennis and the slow race.

In biker tennis, the driver must drive slow enough so that the passenger can balance eight tennis balls while trying to place each one on a street cone.

In the slow race, the last one across the finish line will win. But anyone who puts a foot down is disqualified.

Trophies will be awarded and a grand prize award will be presented following the games. Contingency prizes will be given away throughout the day.

John Rogotzke, local CMA member, said they have received great support from local merchants whose donations were used to purchase the prizes.

Even though Biker Sunday is a ministry "by bikers for bikers," Rogotzke, noted that everyone is welcome. No one has to own or ride a cycle to participate.

He said that events like the upcoming Biker Sunday are "good for bikers and for the community because they see we are just folks like everyone else, and bikers find acceptance also."

Snyder members of the CMA are affiliated with either the Lubbock or the newly formed Big Spring chapter. Local bikers include Rogotzke and his wife, Kathy; Paul, Johnna and Glenna Glover, Matt Cross, who joined the CMA after last year's Biker Sunday, and his wife, Becky.

Rogotzke joined the CMA at a Biker Sunday 11 years ago. Cross said he has been riding a motorcycle since he became old enough to do so. Paul and Glenna Glover have been CMA members for about six years. Johnna does not own a cycle but has ridden with either Paul or Glenna for five years. She joined CMA three years ago.

"Winning souls for the Lord" is what keeps CMA members on the road most weekends, traveling to various rallies throughout the nation. Within the past year, local members have been to rallies in Arkansas, Nebraska, South Dakota and Florida, just to name a few.

Hospitality tents are set up at each rally. CMA members "plant the seed," Rogotzke said, without knowing what the result will be.

He noted that bikes are a "tool" used to reach out to people through Christ in order to get them to turn their lives around. We 'establish a presence' at a rally, dressed in leather attire, just like other riders. We show through example that there are other alternatives."

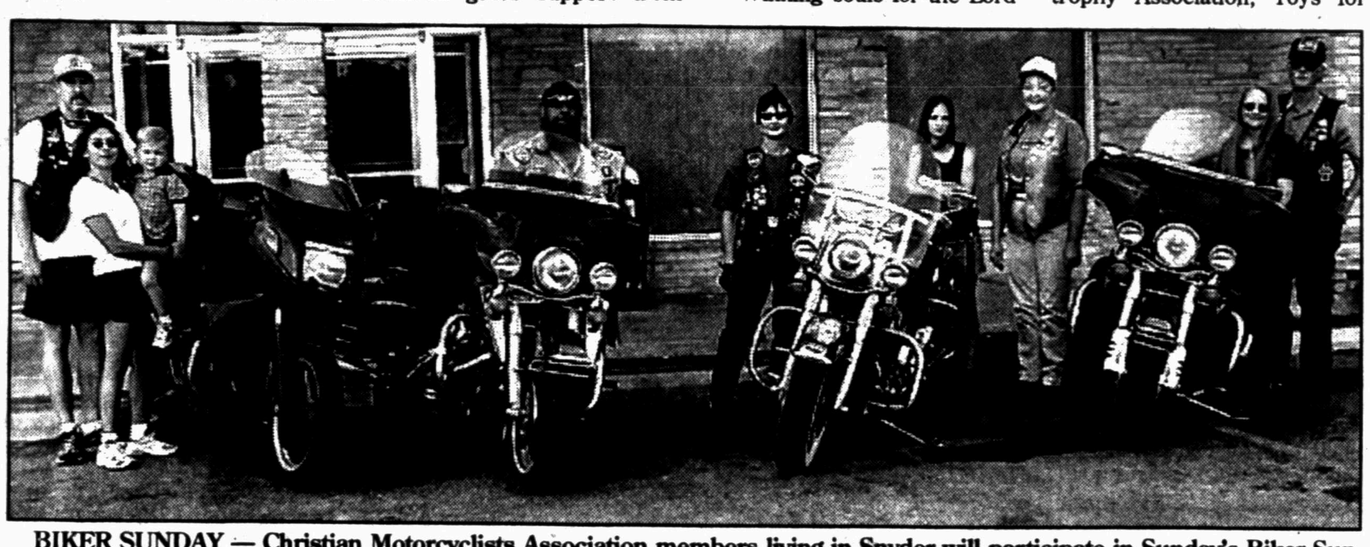
He added that some members of the organization have been religious all of their lives. Others have converted and some came from the gutter.

CMA members are trained in various ministries so they can help out as needed at each rally. While biker rodeo games are coordinated by the CMA, the rallies may benefit a variety of causes, including the Muscular Dystrophy Association, Toys for Tots, or Angel Tree.

CMA also sponsors the "run for the son" each year. Forty percent of the proceeds benefit the group's domestic ministries and 60 percent benefit their Third World Country programs. None of the revenue is spent on administrative costs because volunteers fill all of the positions.

CMA also provides motorcycles and dirt bikes for ministers in Third World countries who have to travel in jungles where no cars can go. CMA supports a Bible program, which helps provide Bibles in countries where they are illegal.

In addition to donating bikes, the Christian Motorcyclists Association also provides riding instructions and mechanical support. CMA is a ministry rather than a club and has over 80,000 members throughout the world, except Canada, which has formed its own ministry.



BIKER SUNDAY — Christian Motorcyclists Association members living in Snyder will participate in Sunday's Biker Sunday at Colonial Hill Baptist Church. From left are Matt, Becky and Samuel Cross; Paul Glover, Glenna Glover, Angie Glover, Johnna Glover, and Kathy and John Rogotzke. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

New online ads can't be missed by 'surfers'

NEW YORK (AP) — Out of nowhere they appear on your computer screen. Sometimes they're unstoppable.

"Pop-under" ads and other aggressive types of messages are the new wave in Internet advertising, and they have some people so annoyed that they are vowing never to buy from companies that use them.

"The first time, an ad may be cute to look at, but after the 10th time, it sure isn't," said Mike Pollock, a 36-year-old New Yorker who spends as many as eight hours a day online.

The last year has been a bumpy one for the dot-com industry. "As a result, people are willing to push the creative envelope a bit," said Patrick Keane, senior analyst at Jupiter Media Matrix, an online consulting firm.

X10 Wireless Technology Inc. did just that with a relentless ad campaign over the past few months for its tiny $80 wireless video camera.

When a user goes to one of the many sites where X10 advertises, its ad immediately opens underneath the browser. When the browser is closed, the ad appears and the user is forced to close it separately.

Virtually overnight, the "pop-under" campaign made X10 a recognized name.

According to the online research firm Nielsen/NetRatings, the company had 388,000 unique visitors to its Web site in January, before the pop-under campaign. Nielsen said the number in May was 3.5 million. Unique visitors are counted only once, not every time they visit a site.

Internet chat rooms buzz with angry Web users who want to know how to disengage the X10 ad. Numerous articles have been written on ways to make the ads go away. Even the company's Web site tells people how to turn off the ad for 30 days.

X10 did not return e-mail and phone requests from The Associated Press for comment.

"It is a tightrope they are walking on," said Peggy O'Neill, an analyst at Nielsen/NetRatings. "They have made a name for themselves in a short hurry, and that's impressive. But there is also a backlash out there of people who despise these ads and think less of the brand."

Pollack is fed up with X10 ads and tries to close them without giving them even a glance. "I think I am fairly certain that I would never buy anything from X10," he said.

Sara Lee to pay $4.4 million

LANSING, Mich. (AP) — Sara Lee Corp. pleaded guilty to a misdemeanor Friday and agreed to pay $4.4 million for selling tainted meat blamed for at least 15 deaths and six miscarriages around the country in 1998.

The agreement reached with federal prosecutors stresses that Sara Lee's Bil Mar Foods division did not knowingly distribute the bad meat.

Bil Mar recalled 35 million pounds of hot dogs and lunch meat after its plant in Borculo, about 20 miles west of Grand Rapids, was linked to an outbreak of the bacterial illness listeriosis in December 1998. Along with the deaths, 80 people fell seriously ill.

Chicago-based Sara Lee will pay the maximum fine of $200,000 and spend $3 million on food-safety research at Michigan State University. The company will also pay $1.2 million to settle a lawsuit over meat sold to the Pentagon.

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BRIDE HONORED – A bridal shower in honor of Michelle Levens, bride-elect of Jon Herring, was held Saturday, June 12, at the Fluvanna Baptist Church. The couple will be married Saturday at The Church of the Hills. Pictured from left are Vonna Levens, grandmother of the bride; Shauna Levens, mother of the bride; Michelle Levens, the honoree; Gwen Herring, mother of the groom; and Margaret Browning, grandmother of the bride. (Contributed photo)



BRIDAL SHOWER – Shana Parkerson, bride-elect of Shannon Robbins, was honored with a bridal shower on June 9 in the fellowship hall of Calvary Baptist Church. Pictured from left are Carolyn Robbins, mother of the prospective groom from Snyder; Shana Parkerson; and Joanne Sterling, Shana's grandmother from Ira. The wedding is set for Saturday at Calvary Baptist Church. (Contributed photo)

Scurry County Library News & Views

The staff of the Scurry County Library would like to remind the children to turn in their reading time for the Summer Reading Program. The last day we can take reading time is Friday, July 6. The awards presentation will be on Wednesday, July 11.

For the Storytime program Monday, we will be exploring the desert with stories and activities. There will also be a puppet show. On Wednesday, the annual watermelon seed spitting contest will be held and also chalk drawing on the sidewalk. There will be prizes for each division of the contest. Come and have fun at the library.

NEW EASY CHILDRENS' FICTION:

"Riding the Tiger," by Eve Hunting.

"Messey Bessey's Family Reunion," by Pat McKissack

"An Alligator and Moo and the Musk of Zorro," by Denys Cazet

"Emma's Yucky Brother," by Jean Little

Robots are Coming: And Other Problems," by Andy Rash

"Varoomaloom Zoom," by John Coy

NEW JUNIOR BOOKS:

"Heaven Eyes," by David Almond

"Dragon of Lonely Island," by Rebecca Ruppy

"Feathered Dinosaurs," by Christopher Sloan

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"Jeff Gordon: Rainbow Warrior, by Mark Stewart

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10 a.m.-5 p.m.: Saturday.

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Wedding plans announced

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Beck of Midland announce the upcoming marriage of their daughter, Kimber, to Cody Joiner.

Cody is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Mike Joiner of Ruidoso. The wedding is planned for June 30 at Ruidoso Downs Race Track in Ruidoso, N.M.

Class of 1991 needs addresses for 10-year reunion in July

The Snyder High School Class of 1991 is seeking addresses for class members for the 10-year reunion scheduled July 20-21.

Persons with addresses of any of the following should contact Robbie Braziel at 573-6632 or Melissa Lee at 574-8005:

Garron Bagwell, Christopher Bilbrey, James Bishop, Tracy Burks, Edward Costillo, John Choate, Jim Cline, Stacie Cline, Sharah Coffee, Krystal Collins and Curtis Cox.

Also Kimberlee Duncan, Anna Espinosa, Cynthia Fogle, Julie Franklin, Christopher Fuentez, Mallie Galloway, Thomas Galyean, Sandra Garcia, Shae Gowin, Bobby Green and John Greiger.

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Natalie McCravey, Wendy Miller, Lisa Minton, Domingo Moncevais, Tisha Morrell, Janet Nistch, Charles Norwood, Danny Thomason, Rolanda Tippens, Diane Tolbert, Alvin Torres, Drew Travis, Shane Wade, Melinda Waldrum and Terry White.

Blair Williams, Amy Willingham, Kimberly Wilson, Christopher Wright, John Wright, Ernest Ynguanzo, Mondo Ynguanzo, Timothy Youngblood and Bill Tratree.

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The first African-American U.S. senator was Hiram Rhoades Revels, R-Miss. He was elected to the Senate on Jan. 20, 1870.

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Merrells mark 50th anniversary

The Rev. James and Edna Merrell celebrate their 50th anniversary this month. To celebrate the occasion, their children and grandchildren are hosting a reception at 2:30 p.m. Sunday at Trinity United Methodist Church.

The Merrells have three children - Mary Merrell Sweeny and husband, Jim, of Dubuque, Iowa; Mark Merrell and wife, Judy, of Colorado City; and Kirk Merrell and wife, Ciana, of Amarillo. Their eldest son, Eddie Merrell passed away April 17, 2000.

The Merrells have five grandchildren - Mica and Megan of Colorado City, and Sarah, James and John of Amarillo.

James Merrell graduated from Midland High School and spent two years in the U.S. Navy during World War II. In 1953, he entered the pastoral ministry of the United Methodist Church. He graduated from McMurry University and attended the Illiff School of Theology.

He was ordained deacon in 1956 and elder in 1960 in the Methodist Church. He has been a pastor for 48 years, serving churches in the Northeast Texas Conference with the exception of three years in the Nebraska Conference. Churches include Grace (Abilene), Merkel, Throckmorton, Trinity in Snyder and Loraine.

Merrell is the current pastor of Ira United Methodist Church. He is on the ministerial board and helps the Loraine Senior Citizens Center.

Edna graduated from Stanton High School and McMurry University. She taught special education and is now retired. She has served with her husband in all the churches they pastored.

James and Edna Lomax met at the First United Church in Midland on June 10, 1951. They were married by the Rev. R. Luther Kirk. They lived in Midland until James entered the ministry.



Rev. James and Edna Merrell

Community Calendar

MONDAY

Al-Anon Brown Bag Open Meeting, Snyder Park Club in Winston Park; noon.

Weight Watchers meeting; Trinity United Methodist Church; for more information call Nathalie at 573-1868 during the evening; weigh-in is at 5 p.m.

Scurry County Museum's hours are Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Defensive Driving Course, Monday and Tuesday; Snyder Savings Bank; no reservations necessary, for more information call 573-2850; 6 to 9 p.m.

Manic Depression (Bipolar) support group; Family Life Community Church, 904 26th Street; 7 p.m.

American Legion and Auxiliary Post 181; 7:30 p.m.

Scurry County AA; closed meeting; Park Club; for more information, call 573-9458, 8 p.m.

Nuestra Nueva Esperanza AA; Park Club; 8 p.m.

TUESDAY

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

Overeaters Anonymous, Park Club in Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; for more information call 574-1254, 573-8322 or 573-3733; 6:30 p.m.

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

AA Beginner's Meeting-Open; Snyder Park Club, 1212 37th Street; 7 p.m.

New Horizons AA, closed meeting; Park Club; for information call 573-4048; 8 p.m.

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

TOPS TX56 (take off pounds sensibly); weigh-in and meeting 5 to 6 p.m.; 2501 35th. For more information call Phillis Leatherwood at 573-6105.

WEDNESDAY

Storytime at the Scurry County Library for 4- and 5-year-olds; 10 a.m.

Spiritual Solutions for Living Problems Book Study; Snyder Park Club; 6 p.m.

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

THURSDAY

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

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

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

Rock and Roll Quilting Club evening meeting; Hermleigh Community Center; for more information call 863-2426; 6:30 p.m.

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

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

New Horizons AA, closed meeting; for information call 573-4048; 8 p.m.

Nuestra Nueva Esperanza AA; Park Club; for information call 573-8626; 8 p.m.

FRIDAY

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

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

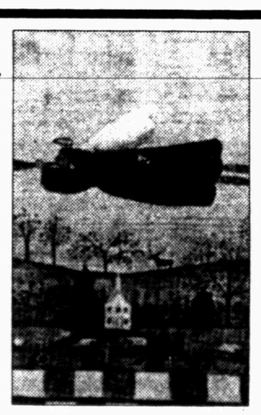
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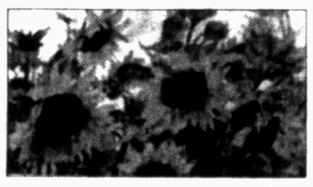
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BRIDAL COURTESY – Lori Lea Tate, bride-elect of Larry Comunale, was honored with a bridal shower June 16 in the Hermleigh First Baptist Church fellowship hall. From left are Melanie Tate, a niece; Jill Tate, a sister-in-law; Jennifer Tate, a niece; Lori Tate, the honoree; Dorothy Tate, mother of the future bride; and Glenda Glasscock, an aunt. The wedding is set for 2 p.m. June 30 in the Odom Chapel at the First United Methodist Church in Snyder. Hostesses were Rexann Clark, Belinda Foster, Cathy Reynolds, Pete Foster, Jane Ramey, Phillis Smith, Barbara Gray, Faye Culp, Bobbye Culp, Joy Fugua, Nelda Church, Jamie Roemisch, Debbie Sandefer, Kathryn Tate, Kathy McHaney, Carol Haynes and Charlene Dacus (Contributed Photo)

Book is released in time for 'Fourth'

ASHLAND, Ore. — In time for July 4th, artist Amy Schnapper announces the release of her edition of "America's First Ladies."

Called a "Present with Historic Presence," by USA Today and officially received by the White House in 1994, Schnapper's unique design showcases the names of all 44 First Ladies on T-shirts, posters and mugs. The 2001 edition includes the new mother of our country, Laura Welch Bush.

"First Ladies are to be commended, both for the support they provide their husbands and for the unique contributions they make as mothers and influential women in their own right," explained Schnapper. "They represent all women. Some, including Martha Washington, were single widowed mothers when they married future presidents."

An artist by nature and practice, Schnapper holds a Ph D in communication arts. Her personal connection to First Ladies began as a young girl. A Washington D.C. native, she remembers seeing Mamie Eisenhower holding a bouquet of flowers while standing at the rear of a railroad car during a whistlestop tour on the campaign trail with husband Ike. "The First Lady made a lasting impression," Schnapper remembered. "I intend for my design to do the same."

Births

Jason and Cindy Martini are the parents of a girl, Kelee Elise, born June 12, in Abilene Regional Hospital. She weighed 7 lbs., 10.9 ozs. She was welcomed home by sisters Loryn and Alyssa.

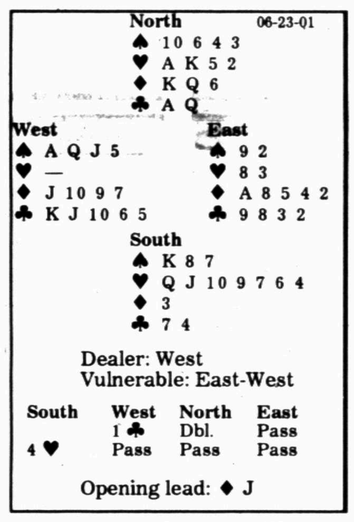
A girl, weighing 7 lbs., 6 ozs., was born at 6:53 p.m. June 21 in Cogdell Memorial Hospital. Parents are Hilary and Neil McBeth.

Lisa and Dennis Blum announce the birth of a 7 pound 6 ounce daughter, Julia Marie Blum. She was born at 8:06 a.m. June 19 at Rolling Plains Memorial Hospital in Sweetwater. She is welcomed home by a sister Olivia Celeste. Maternal grandparents are Mae and Inez Alonzo. Paternal grandparents are Linda and Dennis Blum all of Snyder.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder





Saturday, June 23, 2001

With a long, strong suit, bid game

By Phillip Alder

Yesterday, we looked at a double jump to three of a major in answer to partner's takeout double. I recommended that you treat it as describing a decent six-card suit and some 5-8 high-card points. That leads us into today's question: What does a triple jump to four of a major show?

This indicates a similar hand but with one extra playing-trick. That usually comes in the form of a longer or stronger suit. Note that these bids do not promise powerhouses. With a lot of high-card strength, start with a cue-bid; then show your suit on the second round, with a jump if it is that good.

As mentioned yesterday, these immediate jumps are two-way bets. You hope to make your contract, but if you cannot, perhaps you have shut the opponents out of their best spot.

Today's South hand is a textbook example of a jump to four hearts.

West leads the diamond jack, which marks East with the diamond ace. If declarer covers with dummy's queen, East wins with his ace and surely switches to the spade nine. West takes two spade tricks and gives East a spade ruff to defeat the contract.

It is much better for South to play low from the dummy at trick one. If East also plays low, the contract makes as West cannot effectively attack spades. South will ruff out East's diamond ace, take the club finesse, and win 10 tricks via seven hearts, one diamond and two clubs.

As declarer's play is unusual, East should notice a strong aroma of rodent wafting across the table. He should overtake with the diamond ace and place the spade nine onto the table: one down.

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Bridge Scores

Duplicate Bridge Club members play at Snyder Country Club.

Friday, June 15

Monte West directed.

A Group

1. Billisue Stuard, Monte West.
2. NonnieWard, Martha Fagin.
3. Christin Stuard, Nona Morrison.
4. Coleen Palmer, Bette Byrd.

B Group

1. Nonnie Ward, Martha Fagin.
2. Christin Stuard, Nona Morrison.
3. (Tie) ElWanda Nall, Tizzie Hall and Mary Beth Vestal, Dorothy Rosson.

Tuesday, June 19

Monte West, directing

1. Margaret Birdwell, Billisue Stuard
2. Lynda West, Monte West
3. Nonnie Ward, Martha Fagin
4. Nina Nesbit, Dora Blakey

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The state flower of Pennsylvania is the mountain laurel.



SHS CLASS OF 1951 — The Snyder High School Class of 1951 met recently for a class reunion. Those attending included, from left, front row: Anne Richardson von Roeder, Betty Yarbrough Prince, Peggy Lundy Martin, Tralyn Newby Ryan, Rheta Rhodes Autry, Joyce Graham McCormick, Margaret Varner Graham, Shirley Miller Newton. Second row, from left are Billy Huddleston, Islasu Blakey Minor, JoAnn Gee McCormick, Billy A. McCormick, Max Coffee, Billy Don Snider, David Harlin, Janet Saffel Hall, Patsy Woolever Sitton, Charlene Stewart Sappington, Janice Smith Treat, Patsy Pogue Williams. Back row from left are: Billy A. Smith, Franklin Wood, Weldon Swan, Jay Fish, Tommy Riley, Hubert Strom, Joe Sentell, Don Head, Lowell Bynum and Billy Roy Jones. (Contributed Photo)

SHS Class of 1951 met for 50th reunion

The Snyder High School class of 1951 held their 50-year reunion June 1-2.

Opening up the reunion was a Coke party held at the home of Patsy Williams. Memory books from all past reunions were on display compiled by Patsy Sitton.

Various items from their high school years were brought by those attending the reunion, including May Jean Leath Gonzales' dress that she had made for her sister in Mrs. Gibson's homemaking class.

Saturday morning, a brunch was held in the home of Billy and Janette Huddleston. Dalton Walton attended the brunch and extended an invitation for the group to be part of the crowd shot of *Grand Champion* being filmed at that time in Scurry County Coliseum.

The late Ethel Lynn York Tubb, mother of Barry Tubb, the director of the movie, was a member of this graduating class.

Saturday night, the group met at the Snyder Country Club.

Jay Fish, president of the class in 1951, was master of ceremonies.

Islasu Minor presented a long stem silk sunflower in memory of each classmate known to be deceased.

Honored were Gussy Anthony Wilson, Ed Frank Bayouth, Aurelia Bryant, Junior Corbell, Millie Ann Daniels Graven, Jimmy Early, Arthur Franklin, Joe Mark Garrison, S. R. Hambrick, Glenn Holmes and Doyle Lee.

Also honored were Kenneth Loso, Geraldine McDaniel Long, Bonita Lyons Floyd, Vivian Merritt Renfro, Clarence Minton. S. D. Parks, Janice Powledge Hawthorne, Ramona Ryan Doss, Benny Sims, Peggy Smedley, Janell Smith Woods, Joye McCormick Stivers, Dick Stokes, Martha Stoker Huddleston, Joyce Walls Woolever, Ray Weber and Ethel Lynn York Tubb.

Prior to the reunion, Millie and Joe Sentell hosted a luncheon for the decorating committee.

Members of the committee were Patsy Sitton, Patsy Williams, Charlene Sappington, Anne von Roeder, Betty Prince, Norma Dell Wallace, Islasu Minor and JoAnn McCormick.

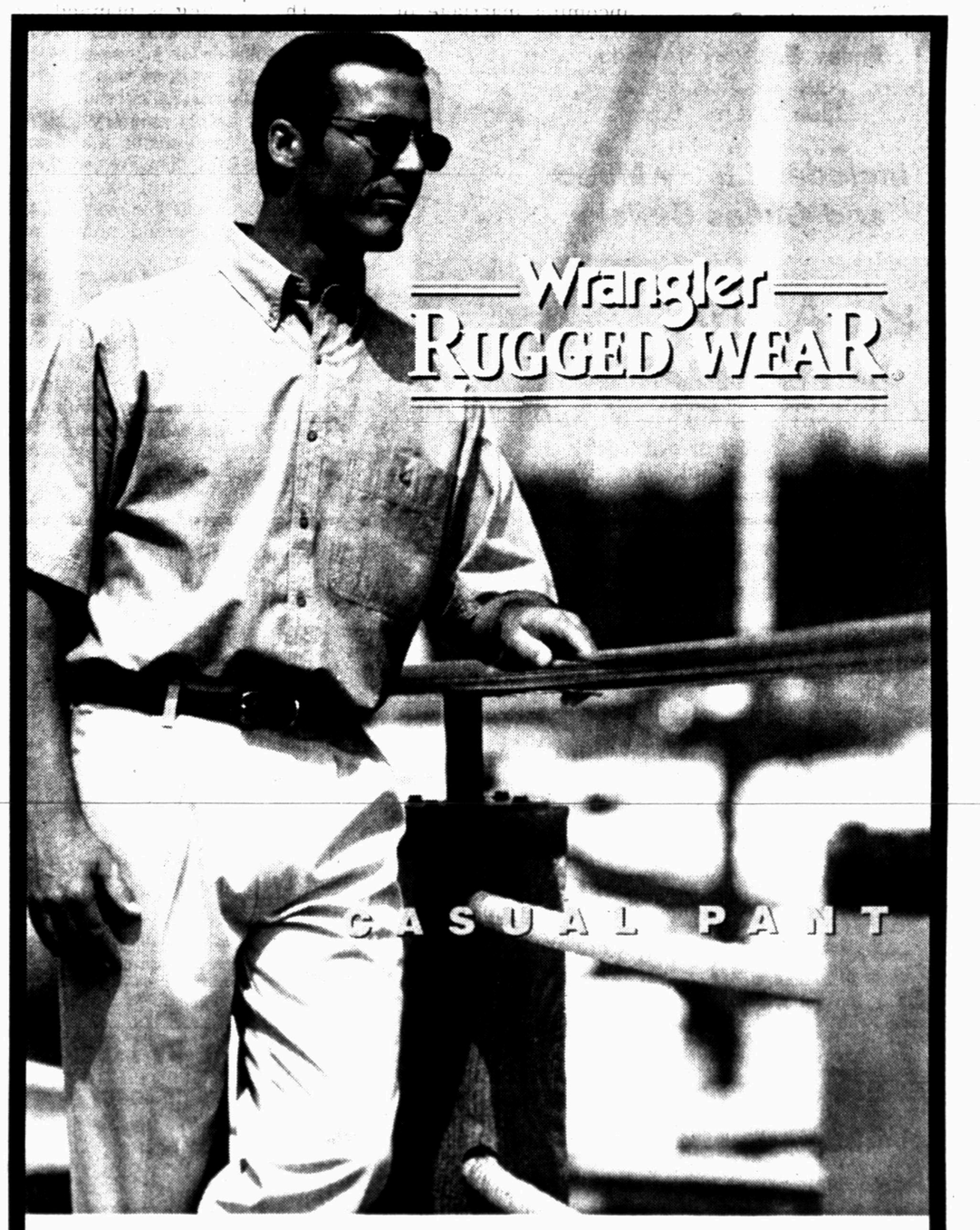
The class flower was the sunflower and brown and yellow were the colors that were carried out in the decorations.

Cindy Nix and the Bluff Creek Edition provided entertainment for the banquet.

The class memory book was compiled and printed by Barbara Lewis Waterbury.

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Wireless laptop connections are sluggish, pricey

NEW YORK (AP) — There's no denying that download speeds can be downright primitive when using a cell phone as a modem. Then again, even at the most sluggish speeds, a wireless laptop connection sure beats searching for a regular phone line to go online outside the home or office.

By now, just about every major mobile phone company offers some form of data service for portable and handheld computers, either by attaching a handset to the device with an adapter cable or by inserting a wireless card that acts as a mobile phone.

The drawbacks, in addition to droopy download speeds, are obvious.

As with most things cellular, wireless data is a pricey affair. Equipment costs range from $30 and up for the handset adapter to hundreds of dollars for the wireless card. Then there's usually a monthly surcharge of $7 and up on the cell phone bill.

Finally, usage is generally measured by time or downloads and deducted from the user's calling plan or a monthly data allowance — an insult to injury for such paltry connection speeds, not to mention the spotty network coverage and dropped calls that usually come with mobile phone service.

One alternative — pricey but enticing — is Metricom's Ricochet, whose data rates are far more pleasing for anyone who can limit their wanderings to major cities.

Ricochet provides unlimited wireless usage in 13 urban markets with transmission speeds two or three times faster than a wired dial-up line, enough to reach some striking realizations:

Wireless data connections can work just fine at home or work. So why even bother with a wired connection when it can't follow you out the door? And how dare they describe high-speed cable or DSL as an "always on" connection?

In fact, even at the most sluggish speeds with a cell phone data connection — think back to the days of 9600 baud rates — the freedom of a wireless connection can be addictive, giving rise to new urges to log on and new expectations for Web access that some might judge unfortunate if "always on" starts to mean "always in use."

But either way, the confines of the wired world become simply stifling. Suddenly, the possibilities are endless, or at least it seems they should be.

Why wait to get home to turn on the computer? Why not surf online for air fares or shmooze by instant messenger from a New York City bus? Why should the signal die just because a Manhattan-bound F train, traveling above ground in Brooklyn, ducks back below like a good subway should?

With a wireless connection, there always seems to be an opportunity and an excuse to flip open a laptop.

Unfortunately, it's not always that simple.

Invariably, the signal fades in all those places where it's hard to get cell phone service. Sometimes it takes minutes to download a Web page. All the while, the meter's always running.

Except for price, Ricochet addresses most of these shortcomings. The service, available through service providers such as GoAmerica, typically costs $75 to $80 per month.

But with a speed of 128 kbps, no timer to worry about and no cords to connect, there's an argument to be made for turning off a high-speed DSL or cable service and going all-Ricochet, a savings of $40 or $50 per month. While DSL and cable connections provide speeds four times faster, Ricochet's portability is adequate compensation.

Some mobile phone companies use software to speed the connections by compressing the data. Sprint PCS uses technology from a company named Blue Kite to quadruple its connection to 56 kbps. Another company named BroadCloud charges $20 per month for a similar boost with cell phone connections.

The main caveats with Ricochet is that its 128 kbps service is only deployed in 13 cities. And, unfortunately, the service hasn't drawn enough subscribers to ensure Ricochet's continued survival. Also, the service doesn't work with Apple computers, a shame since Macintosh users are just the type of "root for the underdog" crowd that would flock to Ricochet.

Still, wherever Ricochet's innovative network is deployed, the service seemed to be more dependable than most cell phone signals. Rather than beaming from cell phone towers to cover miles at a time, Ricochet transmits from small boxes placed atop traffic lights and lampposts, generally six to eight per square mile.

In New York City, for example, there are about 2,900 transmitters. However, even in situations where Ricochet also provides service in nearby markets such as Philadelphia, there's no signal to use while driving between cities.

United ramp staff considers taking strike vote

WASHINGTON (AP) — A union representing 30,000 United Airlines employees said Friday it will ask members to authorize a strike after what it called unsuccessful talks with the carrier this week.

"Despite limited progress in several areas, we no longer believe an agreement is possible," the union's lead negotiator, Randy Canale, said in a letter to members. He is president of International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers District 141.

The local represents 30,000 United ramp workers, customer service employees, reservations agents, food service workers and security guards.

Federal mediators ended three days of face-to-face talks Friday. The union plans meetings around the country, meaning the strike vote would not come before mid-July, IAM spokesman Frank Larkin said.

However, the ramp workers have not been released from talks by the National Mediation Board, and they cannot strike until that happens. In addition, once they are released from negotiations, there must be a 30-day cooling-off period before a strike could begin.

"This doesn't change anything," United spokesman Joe Hopkins said.

"We're disappointed that they have elected this course of action," he said. "We believe that the best way to get a deal done is to stay at the table. ... We remain ready and willing to do so."

The sticking points are a pay offer that would keep United workers well below the hourly rates of their counterparts at other carriers, as well as various issues of job security for cafeteria workers and reservations agents, Larkin said.

"It's hardly industry leading, as we understand the term," Larkin said. "They're (workers) going to go from concerned to furious about the way United has been spending money lately."

Hopkins would not comment on specifics of the negotiations.

Federal negotiators indicated they would reschedule talks after the strike vote is taken.

In a separate dispute, United and the union representing its 15,000 mechanics remained in federally mediated negotiations Friday.



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Q & A

The dark side of alcohol

The Snyder Daily News, in cooperation with Al-Anon support groups and the Snyder Area Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse, devotes this column to information and questions about substance abuse.

How can we protect our children?

The Dark Side of Alcohol

Perching alongside the highways and freeways of most any city they can be found. On television, in movies and in magazines they are there also — flashing sexy smiles, offering a world of excitement and fun from a whiskey glass or a long-neck bottle. They are the bikini-clad models on billboards, in commercials and in magazine advertisements sporting a gorgeous tan and smile, hugged up to a muscled young man as if to say "drink this beer and you will be just like me."

They are models and actors paid to send the message that you will somehow transform into one of these billboard beauties or studly young men and have the time of your life if you just drink the right beer or the right liquor.

What these people — and the companies they represent — don't tell you is that there is a dark side to the party world. Familiar to persons in the recovery programs of Alcoholics Anonymous and Narcotics Anonymous is the saying "jails, institutions and death." While not everyone who drinks is an alcoholic, quite often, what begins as "innocent" partying leads a person to the horrible depths of alcoholism. The person either ends up in trouble with the law, in a rehabilitation center, mental hospital or a morgue — or one by one all of the above. Consuming alcohol can lead to a number of problems — physically, mentally, financially and even spiritually.

Talk to recovering alcoholics and many of them will tell you that they did things during their drinking times that they would never do in a sober state. From promiscuous behavior to illegal activity, the altered state of mind that drinking alcohol brings on leads otherwise rational people to behave in a completely different manner. For some, this is the initial attraction to the bottle. A shy person can suddenly become "outgoing." A person who never seemed to fit in suddenly can — especially if he is paying for the alcohol. Unfortunately, these fair-weather friendships usually last as long as the alcohol does. The party has to end sometime, and it usually takes bottoming out or a tragedy for a person to see how far down he or she has come.

In the meantime, the person has probably racked up a number of problems ranging from driving while intoxicated or public intoxication offenses to hot checks to broken marriages and family relations. Those are mild problems compared to sexually assaulting someone while in a drunken stupor or killing someone in a drunk-driving accident. On the other side, you may be the one blacked out drunk, powerless to protect yourself and become a victim of sexual assault. Whether it is rape or consensual sex, there is also the risk of contracting a sexually transmitted disease — like AIDS — or having an unwanted pregnancy. There is no such thing as "innocent" partying. There is always a price to pay.

One of those prices may be with your health. Drinking is associated with such diseases as hepatitis, cirrhosis, heart disease and some cancers. A pregnant woman also risks the health of her unborn child if she makes the decision to consume alcohol during her pregnancy. As a person spirals deeper into alcoholism, they are also less likely to take proper care of themselves, leading to drastic weight loss or weight gain. While appearance is all-important at the beginning of the party days, when alcohol becomes the main obsession, looking good suddenly isn't a top priority.

There is not an area of your life that alcohol does not affect, especially if you drink over a long period of time. Mental and emotional baggage such as guilt, depression and anger are common. In addition to possibly coming from a chemical imbalance, these feelings also stem from regret over past and present behavior and/or traumatic events. Often, an overwhelming feeling of powerlessness to change the situation also persists. Recovering alcoholics sometimes refer to their old selves during this period as "emotionally and spiritually bankrupt." What may have started out as a party has turned into a nightmare.

Please send your questions on drugs or addiction to P.O. Box 695, Snyder, Texas 79550. All questions and personal inquires may be submitted anonymously. Twenty-four-hour confidential information is available by calling (915) 573-1141 or 1-800-658-6722. Information on help groups and individual's phone numbers may be found in the SDN Community Calendar.

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Date Book

Saturday, June 23, 2001

Today is the 174th day of 2001 and the third day of summer.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1775, an advertisement appeared in the Pennsylvania Mercury for a book titled "The Impenetrable Secret." The book, which was printed and sold by Story and Humphreys, was the first to be printed with type, paper and ink manufactured in Pennsylvania.

On this day in 1860, an act of Congress created the Secret Service.

On this day in 1960, members of the Army Signal Corps carried out the first solar-powered coast-to-coast two-way radio conversation.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Edward VIII (1894-1972), English king-abdicator; Alfred Kinsey (1894-1956), sex researcher; Bob Fosse (1927-1987), director-choreographer; June Carter Cash (1929-), singer, is 72; Wilma Rudolph (1940-1994), track-and-field great; James Levine (1943-), conductor, is 58; Ted Shackelford (1946-), actor, is 55; Clarence Thomas (1948-), Supreme Court justice, is 53.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1917, Boston Red Sox pitcher Ernie Shore retired 26 batters in a row.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "The art of conversation is the art of hearing as well as of being heard." — William Hazlitt

TODAY'S MOON: Between new moon (June 21) and first quarter (June 27).

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Sunday, June 24, 2001

Today is the 175th day of 2001 and the fourth day of summer.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1834, the U.S. Senate rejected President Andrew Jackson's nomination of Roger B. Taney for secretary of the treasury.

On this day in 1948, the Berlin Airlift began.

On this day in 1973, the Oak Ridge Boys' "I'll Be True to You" became the No. 1 country music song in the United States.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Henry Ward Beecher (1813-1887), clergyman; Jack Dempsey (1895-1983), boxer; Norman Cousins (1915-1990), editor-writer; John Ciardi (1916-1986), poet-critic; Billy Casper (1931-), golf great, is 70; Mick Fleetwood (1942-), musician, is 59; Michele Lee (1942-), singer-actress, is 59; Jeff Beck (1944-), musician, is 57.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1968, the Detroit Tigers defeated the Cleveland Indians 14-3. During the game, Jim Northrup of the Tigers hit two grand-slam home runs.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Love knows hidden paths." — German proverb

TODAY'S MOON: Between new moon (June 21) and first quarter (June 27).

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Ben Stein files break of contract lawsuit against Shockwave.com

LOS ANGELES (AP) — This time, Ben Stein wants to win the money.

The monotone-voiced host of cable TV's "Win Ben Stein's Money" sued the Internet company Shockwave.com on Tuesday for breach of contract.

The suit, filed in Los Angeles County Superior Court, claims Stein is owed $212,250 for helping to develop an Internet quiz show for Shockwave.com, now known as AtomShockwave Corp.

Stein claims that in return for the use of his name, voice and likeness, he would receive 75,000 shares of Shockwave stock valued at 50 cents a share and had an option to sell back the stock at nearly $3 per share.

But the company used "stalling tactics" to avoid making good on the buyback, the lawsuit claims.

A call seeking comment from the company's San Francisco headquarters was not answered.

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Painter overcomes visual disability

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Her shirt splotched with yellow, purple and blue paint, Lisa Fittipaldi dabs at a stretched canvas, filling in the conductor's sleeve, then his bowtie.

Visitors to her studio near downtown San Antonio see the white-haired conductor leading three cellists, their fingers and even the swirls on their instruments painted just so.

Then Fittipaldi, who is legally blind, describes what she sees.

"Snow," she says. Like static on a TV.

Despite losing much of her vision eight years ago because of an illness, the former accountant has become a well-regarded artist, painting brightly colored dancers, musicians, street scenes and animals in detail that would be astonishing for someone with perfect eyesight.

"You have to think about what you're observing," she says, "whether it's in your head, or out in life."

The 53-year-old Fittipaldi can see light and motion, but what she sees is spotty and distorted. The light causes migraine headaches, forcing her to wear sunglasses all the time.

"I don't understand how she does what she does," said Dr. Michael Nacol, an internist in Georgetown in Central Texas, where Fittipaldi lived before moving to San Antonio last year. "Her vision is terrible. She's obviously very gifted."

A collection of Fittipaldi's paintings are on display through July 15 at San Antonio's Witte Museum in honor of the 10th anniversary of the San Antonio Lighthouse's William Judson Center, which offers support groups, career guidance and computer training to vision-impaired people.

"To do that with as little vision as she has is very extraordinary," said Bob R. Plunkett, president of the San Antonio Lighthouse, where Fittipaldi sought help when her vision first faded. "It speaks to her spirit, her desire to create and her tenacity."

Fittipaldi has been legally blind since 1993 because of an unclassified type of vasculitis, a term for a group of diseases related to inflammation in blood vessels.

Depressed at first, she refused to get out of bed and dropped 20 pounds from her already petite 5-foot, 100-pound body.

A couple of years went by. Then one day, trying to prod her back into life, her husband came home with a child's watercolor set and tossed it at her. She had never expressed an interest in painting.

"I don't care what you do," Al Fittipaldi said, "but you've got to do something."

Upset at first, Fittipaldi poured her emotions onto paper, depicting four glass jars of different colors. The painting still hangs in the living room of the bed-and-breakfast the couple own in the historic King William district.

Over the years, Fittipaldi's husband has read dozens of art books to her. She has taught herself little tricks: how to differentiate watercolors by their texture, how to find her place by feeling for staples around the edges. When she works in oils, each color has an assigned spot on her palette.

The detail in her work is incredible: In a painting of a ballerina looking down at her pointed toes, rays of sunshine appear to be entering through a window. In another painting, a woman with blue eyes wears a flowing gown and a distinct expression. What is it? "Wistful," Fittipaldi says. "Forlorn."

"What I probably do is take my personal mental map and reduce it down to the canvas," she says. "I'm telling a story of what I think I see today or what I saw 10 years ago."

It was her talent, not her disability, that drew the attention of the Wentworth Gallery, a national retail chain based in Miami, said Christian O'Mahony, the company's director of publishing.

The chain, Fittipaldi's exclusive publisher, has sold at least 20 of her paintings for $3,000 to $6,000 each, O'Mahony said.

"I don't think it's her blindness that sells her artwork," he said. "It's her artwork that sells her artwork. I think people buy it because they like it. Her pieces are like a photograph in time. They tell stories to people."

For the celebrated Witte Museum, displaying Fittipaldi's work is a way to educate visitors about visual impairments and the Lighthouse's work, said Elisa Phelps, director of collections.

"It's very inspirational and a good lesson to all of us — that you needn't be hampered by what you perceive as your limitation," Phelps said. "There are lots of opportunities out there. You can persevere and do extraordinary things."

On the Net:
www.blindartist.com

Accused man denies he was a spy, or gave data to KGB

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — A Florida retiree adamantly denied charges he was a spy for the Soviets, testifying Friday that he never met with the KGB or handed over secret military documents.

"I don't want to insult this court by using some vile language when I think of such accusations," George Trofimoff said as he returned to the witness stand in his federal espionage trial.

Trofimoff, 74, is accused of copying thousands of pages of secret military documents and selling them to the Soviets over a 25-year period.

The retired Army Reserve colonel is the highest-ranking U.S. military officer to be arrested on spy charges. He faces life in prison if convicted.

Trofimoff denied prosecutors' claims that a Russian Orthodox priest he considered a brother recruited Trofimoff as a KGB agent. The priest, Igor Susemihl, never asked about Trofimoff's job as head of an Army Interrogation Center in Nuremberg, Germany, he said.

"If my brother, if he would have ever mentioned to me ... that he was in any way connected to the KGB, I would have told him, 'Igor, you have just lost your little brother,'" Trofimoff said.

He told jurors he would have promptly reported Susemihl to U.S. authorities had he known Susemihl was working for the KGB, as prosecutors allege.

Zeck receives acting degree

NEW YORK — Emily Zeck graduated magna cum laude from Marymount Manhattan College in New York City on May 29, receiving a bachelor of fine arts degree in acting.

Zeck received the gold medal for academic excellence for earning a grade point average of 3.7 or higher. She was also one of four students to receive the gold medal acting award for her accomplishments in MMC's acting program.

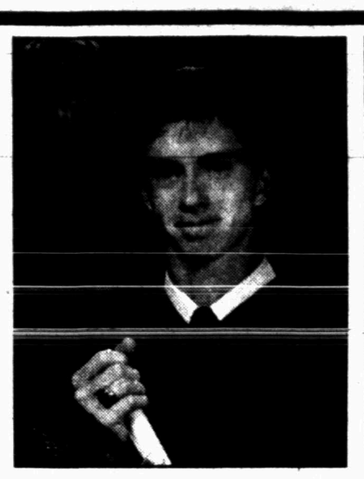
Her credits include lead roles in two Mainstage productions, Julia in *The Lucky Chance* and Gwendolyn in *The Importance of Being Earnest*, as well as numerous supporting roles.

Zeck, also served as assistant director on an Off-Broadway production at the Jean Cocteau Repertory in New York. Directing credits include *Little Murders* at MMC as well as *Tall Tales* at the Ritz Theatre.

Zeck studied at the British American Drama Academy in London the fall semester of her junior year. While there she appeared in the title role of Lorca's *Yerma*.

She will further her studies in New York and Europe this summer and then reside in New York City.

Zeck is the daughter of former residents Pamela Patterson of Dallas and Paul Zeck of Point Blank. Her grandparents are Bill and Martha Schiebel of Lubbock, also former Snyder residents, and Pat and Faye Patterson of Snyder.



Chris Meador

Meador receives master's degree

Chris Meador, a 1993 graduate of Snyder High School, was awarded his master of science degree in plant and soil science from Tarleton State University.

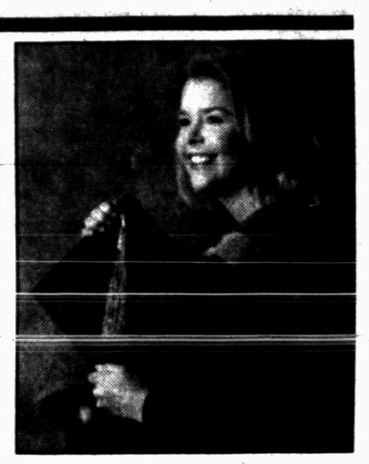
The son of Daryl and Sharon Meador of Snyder, he is now working on a PhD degree in plant pathology at Oklahoma State University in Stillwater.

He earned his associate degree in animal industry from Western Texas College in May 1995 and a bachelor's degree in animal science from Tarleton State University in December, 1998.

Man falls into well while lifting weights

LANCASTER, Pa. (AP) — A man lifting weights crashed through the floor of his house and fell seven to 10 feet into an old well.

Carlos Medina, 35, was pulled out by a trench-rescue squad Tuesday and was hospitalized in stable condition.



Andrea Smith

Smith earns her master's

Andrea Eleanor Smith, the daughter of Richard and Phyllis Smith of Hermleigh and the granddaughter of Eleanor Burns of Snyder, received her master of science in physician assistant studies from the Texas Tech University Science Center on May 18.

Smith, a 1991 graduate of Hermleigh High School, was one of 16 chosen to be a member of the first class in the physician assistant program for the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center. The program began in June 1999.

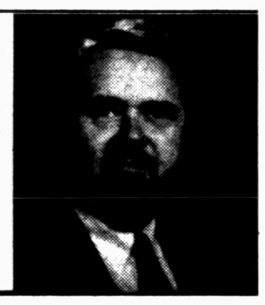
Burglar gets stuck

POMPANO BEACH, Fla. (AP) — A man trying to steal drugs from a pharmacy became stuck in the store's air conditioning vent for four hours before sheriff's deputies freed and arrested him, police said.

A newspaper delivery man heard cries for help from inside the pharmacy and called 911 around 3 a.m. Tuesday.

Minding Your Own Business

By Don Taylor



Pain at the Pump - A Lesson in Elasticity
(Last of two parts)

Last week in the first part of this column, we discussed the theory of price elasticity. We explained that if a product's price has little bearing on the quantity sold it is an "elastic" product or one with a lot of "stretch" in its price. Gasoline is a good example. The recent price increases are closing in on $2 per gallon, and they haven't slowed down the demand for gasoline noticeably.

On the other hand, if a small adjustment in price causes the quantity sold to go up or down drastically, we say this product or service is "inelastic." We see this occur frequently in products where there are ready substitutions.

For example, consider the meat case at your local grocery. If the price of beef takes a jump, consumers may opt for choice cuts of pork, chicken or seafood to replace beef in their menus. Usually, this causes a surplus in the channels of beef distribution, and forces the price back down to move the product.

In economics, we call this the law of "supply and demand." If a product or service is readily available, generally the price will be lower. If there is a short supply, and folks really want it, the price will rise.

So why have gasoline prices risen by 60 percent or more in recent months? Is it in short supply? No, gas can still be purchased almost anywhere. Then it must be greatly increased demand, right? No, again. The demand is fairly steady.

So why the big price increases? It's a business law called the "law of under valued."

Gasoline is worth more per gallon than we have been paying. Other folks around the world have been paying the U.S. equivalent of $2 to $3 per gallon for years. Now, it seems our time to pay up has come. That's why I fully expect to see $2 gas prices soon.

On the other hand, taxes aren't under valued in most people's minds. Therefore, any increase gets the public's attention and often causes referendum action.

Under pricing is common

Many businesses are providing their products and services at prices below their true value. The result is the same from industry to industry: sub-par earnings.

There are several ways to correct under pricing and improve profits. Here are four.

* **Raise your price.** Use caution here. You should never raise your price if you're too busy to monitor what happens when you do. Remember, your goal is to improve your bottom line. What you're testing is the elasticity of your price. If a price increase doesn't slow sales at all, you're still under priced.

* **Brand yours.** What sets you apart from your competitors? Your uniqueness can be turned into a "brand." In the past, all gasoline companies have tried to brand their "commodity" product. Some may have succeeded more than others, but today to most consumers a gallon of gas is a gallon of gas. If you're attempting to "brand" your business, you may need to be both unique and memorable.

* **Educate your customers.** The purpose of the customer education process is three fold. First, you must answer basic consumer needs for information. Second, the information supplied must reinforce the value you provide. Third, you must show the customer the benefits they will receive by doing business with you.

* **Think value.** Remember, only a few consumers buy on price alone. More than two-thirds of the buying public will consider "value" over price. Value is the relationship of price to quality and quantity. Focus on giving your customers more, then charge for it.

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Cogdell Memorial Hospital is Proud to Salute

Michel A. White, LVN
Medical IV
Employee of the Month
May 2001

Michel A. White traveled a long way to become part of Cogdell Memorial Hospital. She was born in Sydney, Australia and came to the U.S. when she was five years old. Her first home in the States was Amarillo, Texas. With her Dad in the Air Force and her husband in the Army, Michel has had the opportunity to live not only in Australia but also Japan ,Germany, and all over the United States.

Michel's husband, Bill, was raised in Snyder, and they now make their home in Hermleigh. Bill currently works as a Correctional Officer at the Price Daniel Unit. Their son, Steve, and his wife Cindy have one son, Robert (age 10), who is described by his grandmother as "a wonderful grandson and a dinosaur lover."

Michel loves to sew, cross stitch, knit, and crochet. She also enjoys country music, and her favorite TV show is "West Wing." When not crocheting an afghan, Michel is an avid reader.

Michel (pronounced Mi-shell) graduated in 1969 from Star Spencer High School in Oklahoma. While in Germany with her husband, she took some accounting courses in pursuit of an accounting degree. Michel graduated from the Western Texas College LVN program in August of 2000. She's been an employee of Cogdell Hospital since September of 2000.

Mrs. White is currently working as an LVN on Medical IV, but she has also worked on Med. III. Michel says, "The most rewarding aspect of my job is when I walk into my patients rooms and their faces light up when they see me. It makes me glad in my heart to know that I bring a little joy into their lives as they do mine."

When asked if anything is misunderstood about her job, Michel replied, "Even though I work on Med. IV at night we really do work up here. The night time is the worst time for some elderly people, and they want someone there so they will call for help a lot at night - just to see your face."

Despite any misunderstanding, Michel says that the time she has spent here at Cogdell has been some of the most rewarding times of her life. She says, "I consider my co-workers as friends - people I'm glad to see every day when I work, and my patients make every day rewarding and sometimes a real adventure."

To Michel's co-workers she is known as supportive, attentive, caring, out-going, punctual, friendly, hard-working, and conscientious of her duties.

After all her worldly travels, we're mighty glad that Michel chose to make Scurry County her home!

Terri Burleson, RN
ICU/CCU
Employee of the Month
June 2001

It was a normal day in the ICU when several staff members entered, one carrying a large gift basket with balloons attached. Terri Burleson, RN, looked up and jokingly said, "Are those for me?"

Well, it turns out they were for Terri! She was nominated and selected as Cogdell Hospital's Employee of the Month for June.

Terri first started working for CMH in 1992. She worked the night shift in ICU/CCU for one year before moving to the Big Bend area. She came back to us in October of 2000 and has been working fulltime in ICU/CCU and occasionally on Medical 3 and in ER.

Mrs. Burleson graduated in 1981 from Sam Houston High School in Arlington, Texas. She then attended Tarleton State University and graduated in 1992 with an ADN.

Terri and her husband Todd have been married 17 ½ years. Todd keeps busy over at Westbrook ISD, where he is superintendant. They have three sons: Sterling is 16 years old, Tate is 11, and Seth is three years old. Sterling and Tate attend school at Westbrook.

When not nursing, Terri enjoys listening to jazz and big band music. Her "all-time favorite" movie is Places In The Heart. She also enjoys walking and reading. The last book she read was The Prayer of Jabez by Bruce Wilkenson.

Terri says, "Nursing involves, not only consideration of a person's medical diagnosis, but the patient as a whole person." Her co-workers have noticed her living out these ideals. One of them remarked, "Terri is very caring towards her patients."

When asked what the most rewarding part of her job is, she replied, "Making a positive difference in a patient's life, and working with the other nurses."

We're proud to have Terri Burleson at Cogdell Memorial Hospital, and we're proud to salute her as our June Employee of the Month!

Cogdell Memorial Hospital

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Federal court ruling casts doubt on wireless auction

WASHINGTON (AP) — The government shouldn't have taken back wireless licenses from a company that won them in 1996 but later went bankrupt, a federal appeals court ruled Friday. The decision throws into flux the results of a recent $17 billion wireless auction.

The Federal Communications Commission had revoked the licenses from the company, NextWave Personal Communications, and re-auctioned them earlier this year. But the court's decision casts doubt on whether wireless firms — such as Verizon — that bid $17 billion on the contested licenses will get to keep them.

Specifically, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia ruled that the FCC violated bankruptcy laws when it took back the licenses that NextWave had won in a small-business auction in 1996.

The company, which bid $4.7 billion for the frequencies, missed its installment payments to the government and later filed for bankruptcy.

But the FCC said federal communications law automatically required that the licenses be returned to the government when a company cannot meet its payment deadlines. The commission has long argued that the valuable licenses for airwaves space should not be protected by bankruptcy laws.

It's an increasingly important issue since demand for licenses has burgeoned with the growth of wireless phone, paging and Internet services.

But the company, in a case that has bounced between bankruptcy and circuit courts, continued to assert that the licenses it won in 1996 should not have been revoked. Ted Olson, now the Bush administration's solicitor general, represented NextWave in the appeals court in March and cited a provision of the bankruptcy law that says the government can't cancel licenses for not paying "a dischargeable debt."

The appeals court agreed with NextWave that the FCC's action ran afoul of the Bankruptcy laws.

"The commission may not escape that provision's clear command simply because it acted for a regulatory purpose," wrote the three-judge panel of the court. The court reversed the FCC's decision and sent the matter back to the agency.

The opinion noted that the commission chose to establish a creditor-debtor relationship with the bidding companies. The FCC could have instead required the company to make a full upfront payment and then take out a loan from a third party.

NextWave, which is in the process of reorganizing, says it can repay its debts to the FCC. The bankruptcy court also approved financing this year to allow the company to build out its nationwide wireless network, according to Allen Salmasi, chairman of NextWave's board of directors.

The company said it hopes the court's ruling "marks the end of this litigation, and that it clears the way for us to resume our deployment efforts and begin delivering high quality wireless services to consumers," Salmasi said.

But complicating matters, the commission went ahead and re-auctioned the contested licenses to new bidders last year. The auction finished in January with wireless companies shelling out a record $17 billion for all licenses, including those that once belonged to NextWave.

It's unclear what steps the FCC will take next to address winners of that auction.

Verizon Wireless, which scooped up about a quarter of the licenses in the re-auction, said it hoped the FCC and NextWave could work out a deal to allow this year's auction results to stand.

"It's time for the government to come to a fair resolution, based on the recent auction, that will allow wireless carriers that have the resources, customers and know-how to bring this spectrum's benefits to the American people," said the company's president, Denny Strigl.

The wireless industry's top lobbyist, Tom Wheeler, said the decision puts a further crunch on wireless companies that need more airwaves space to offer new features.

On the Net:
FCC: http://www.fcc.gov
Court opinion:
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Judd starts new job

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Country music star Naomi Judd is starting a new career as a cable television host.

The WE: Women's Entertainment channel announced Tuesday that Judd, half of the duo The Judds, will be the host of its weekday afternoon programming beginning Aug. 20.

Judd will introduce two series about relationships: "House Calls" and "Spiritual Journeys." She'll also introduce a film and lead a discussion afterward.

Judd, 55, will film her bits at her home in Franklin, Tenn.

"Naomi is the perfect anchor for this new initiative," said Martin von Ruden, a WE executive. "As an entertainment legend she can pull in an audience, but she is 'the star next door' and her relationship advice is practical since it is based on her personal experience as a wife, mother and registered nurse."

Judd's partner in The Judds is daughter Wynonna, who also has a solo career. Her other daughter, Ashley Judd, is an actress.

Scurry County Service Men & Women

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On Nutrition By Ed Blonz, Ph.D.

Does grilling cause cancer?

DEAR DR. BLONZ: I love the taste of grilled food, but I am concerned about the potential dangers of barbecuing food over a charcoal grill. Do the same dangers exist if one uses a gas grill without charcoal? What about food cooked in an oven? - **J.G., Greenwich, Conn.**

DEAR J.G.: I share your passion for grilled foods, and now that warm weather is finally here, the grills of America will again fire into action. Every year I receive questions about grilling, and it is important that we are cognizant of the potential dangers from this type of cooking. Equally valuable, though, is some perspective on how these dangers relate to others we face every day.

When you use high heat to cook protein foods such as meat, pork, chicken or fish, mutagens form as the food is charred. A mutagen is a substance that can cause mutations, or changes, in a cell's genetic material. Mutations occur all the time, and most don't amount to much. Besides, our immune system is trained to spot mutations and hustle them away before they have a chance to mess things up. A very small percentage of mutations can lead to cancer and birth defects.

When fat drippings hit the heat source — be it coals or a gas grill's metallic surface — the potent carcinogen benzopyrene (ben-zoe-PIE-reen) can form. It can then rise in the smoke and get deposited on the food. A carcinogen is a substance that has been shown to cause cancer. Again, our immune system is on the scene, trained to spot and remove any dangerous changes. But as with the danger from mutagens, it is not a foolproof system. The greater your exposure, the greater your risk of cancer.

You ask about oven-cooked food. Oven roasting temperatures are typically well below those of an outdoor grill. After all, you want to cook the food, not ignite the drippings and start a fire that will torch the house.

Now that we are aware of the potential dangers, it helps to know about barbecuing's relative risk, as it helps us view one hazard in relation to others. Statistics show that one will increase his or her odds of death by one in a million through any of the following actions:

— traveling 300 miles by car
— rock climbing for 1.5 minutes
— riding a bicycle for 10 minutes
— canoeing for six minutes
— having one chest X-ray taken in a good hospital
— spending 20 minutes being a man aged 60 (I especially like this one!)
— eating 100 charcoal-broiled steaks

Bikers, drivers, canoers, rock climbers and especially males over 60 would feel that these risks are acceptable. Despite this, however, statistics say that they do, in fact, exist. Given this, the relative risk of eating grilled steaks seems less onerous.

The point here is not to dismiss risk in a cavalier manner. If you char your foods, cancerous substances will form. If you eat charbroiled foods, the substances will enter your body. There are, however, steps you can take to lessen your risk. For example, don't place the food directly over the charcoal. This step prevents the usual smoke-up when drippings fall on the hot coals.

Also, limit basting while grilling. Basting adds to the smoke that carries the carcinogens.

Plan ahead, extend cooking times, and keep temperatures more moderate by controlling airflow. The lower the heat, the less smoke and charring. If cooking chicken, leave the skin on for the grilling, and then remove it before you eat. This not only removes the charred part, but it takes much of the saturated fat with it.

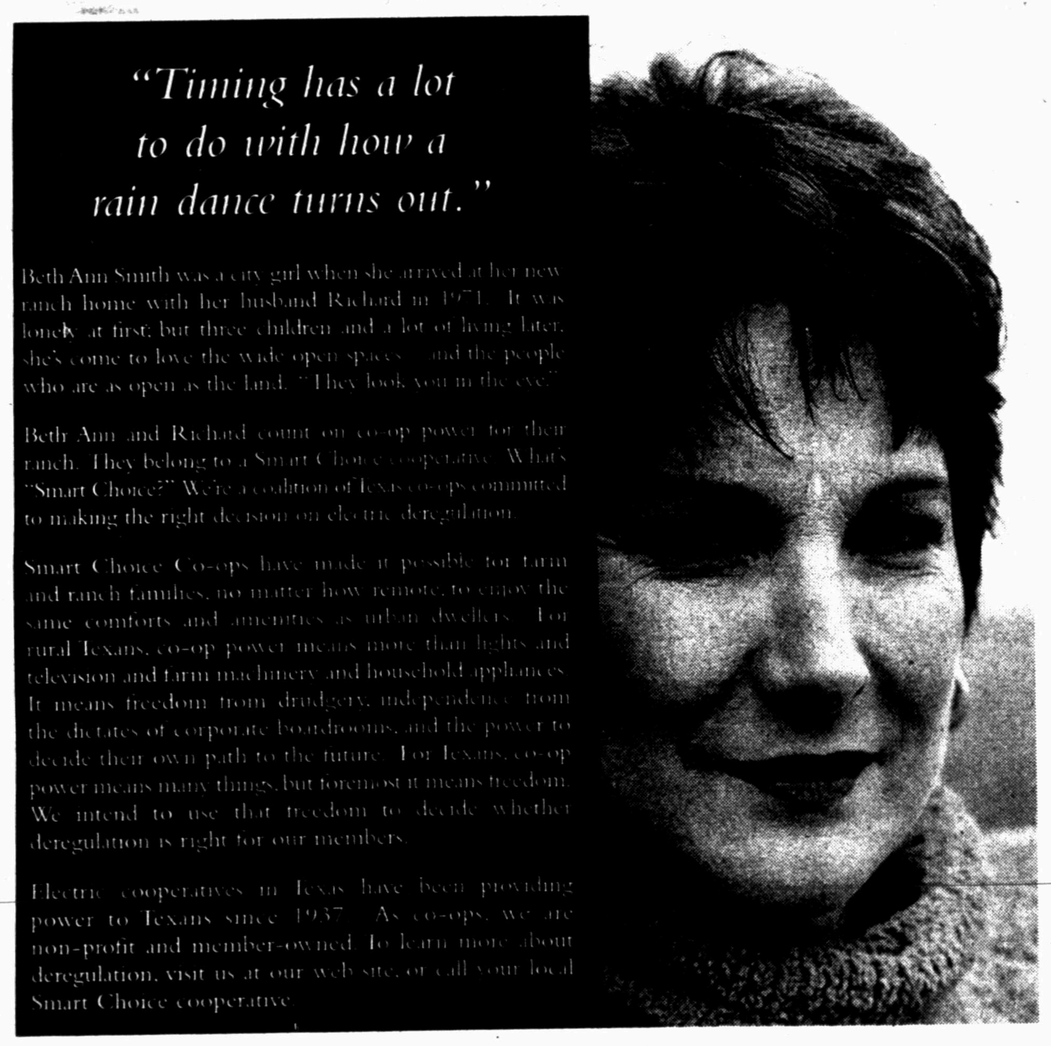
Consider pre-cooking your foods in a conventional or microwave oven, which will limit the time food spends on the grill without having a negative impact on the flavor.

Finally, I always encourage people to keep sight of the big picture. If you are worrying about grilled food while sitting outside in the sun, unprotected by sun screen, or are smoking, eating a fatty diet, inactive or drinking alcohol in excess, your priorities are all wrong. These factors represent a much greater risk than the chicken on the grill.

Send questions to: "On Nutrition," Ed Blonz, c/o Newspaper Enterprise Association, 200 Madison Ave., New York, NY 10016. For e-mail, address inquiries to: ed@blonz.com. Due to the volume of mail, personal replies cannot be provided.

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Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Mother's confession of affair weighs on girl's conscience

DEAR ABBY: Recently when I dropped by my sister "Judith's" home for a visit, I found my 13-year-old niece, "Libby," curled in a fetal position on the sofa. Her face was red and wet from tears. After half an hour of coaxing, she confided what caused her to be distraught.

Libby had confronted Judith that morning with suspicions that her mother was having an affair. Not only did Judith confirm her daughter's suspicions, she informed Libby that the affair had been going on for several years and was nowhere near finished. Then my sister swore Libby to silence. Libby said Judith was not only not sorry, but she was proud of what she was doing.

I held Libby for the next two hours while she poured out her sorrows. Then she asked me what she should do. Abby, I didn't know what to say. I've always lived by the "mind your own business" dictate, but I'm not so sure about it now.

I don't doubt Libby's story. I know of two other affairs my sister has had. What upsets me is Judith's lack of good sense. Tell me, what kind of mother proudly confirms her affair and then forces her 13-year-old daughter to keep the secret from her father? — **MY HEAD IS SPINNING**

DEAR MY HEAD IS SPINNING: A very shortsighted, cruel and unrealistic one.

Stay close to your niece. She needs someone to talk to. Tell your sister you know about her affair. Suggest she and her husband go to marriage counseling — or else you will have to tell him for the sake of your niece's emotional health. Whatever the outcome, this is an unfortunate and traumatic event in your niece's life. She will need counseling.

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DEAR ABBY: This is for "No Name, No City, No Hope, No Life," who remained in an abusive marriage "for the sake of the children." She said she'd leave when the children were grown, but now her husband has health problems and she has responsibilities.

Abby, this woman is only middle-aged. I was 72 when I left a miserable 45-year marriage. My message to her:

You say you have "responsibilities." What responsibilities? To him? Get out! Don't look back! I love being free! Abby is right. It is never too late until you are dead. I love living alone. — **FREE AT LAST IN PENNSYLVANIA**

DEAR FREE AT LAST: Bless you for writing. Your letter may be just the push that others need to reclaim their lives and self-respect.

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DEAR ABBY: I am wildly in love with a wonderful man. We have been seeing each other for two years. There is only one problem: He has one long, bushy eyebrow that grows above both eyes. It's very unattractive. I have tried dropping hints about how quick and easy waxing and plucking can be. It does no good.

What can I do, short of attacking him with a tweezer while he's asleep? — **SPLITTING HAIRS, SAN FRANCISCO**

DEAR SPLITTING: Stop hinting and tell him that many hairy, masculine men have their eyebrows shaped. Also, consider presenting him a gift certificate for a day at a spa for a hair cut, manicure, massage and facial. If you do, he'll be so "mellowed out" he won't protest the wax job.

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

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DEAR ABBY: This is in response to "Marie in Grand Prairie, Texas," who was shocked at some of the attire and lack of respect shown at a funeral she attended. She sent a list of do's and don'ts regarding funeral etiquette.

My mother passed away recently. Shy and homebound, she knew very few people. My siblings and I expected less than 25 attendees at her funeral. We were stunned to see triple that number gathered for Mom's service. Some were family members, but most of them were our friends, many of whom had never met Mom. Some wore dresses and suits; others wore jeans.

I wouldn't have cared if they had come in their bathrobes. These wonderful people put their lives on hold to come and tell me they cared about me and were sorry about the loss of my mother.

Your response to Marie was right on target. It's not about what people wear; it's what's in their hearts that counts. — **MOM'S DAUGHTER, ROCKWALL, TEXAS**

DEAR DAUGHTER: Many people wrote to comment on Marie's letter. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: Bravo for your response to Marie regarding "proper and acceptable" funeral behavior. When we buried my Herb, I violated the "hug and acknowledgment" rule she listed. As relatives, friends and acquaintances (well over 200) filed by his American flag-draped coffin, I hugged each and every one — a spontaneous reaction.

There should be no hard-and-fast "rules." Herb would have deplored a regimented service. The entire group even joined in singing John Denver's "Take Me Home, Country Roads" during the service. More than a year later, I still receive compliments about his wonderful send-off. — **"HUGGING SUE," LEMOORE, CALIF.**

DEAR HUGGING SUE: Your husband's funeral was a "love-in" at the time you needed it most. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: Two years ago my best friend "Sara" (who was 13 at the time) suffered a major tragedy. Her father, a long-haired biker in his mid-30s, died.

When we arrived for the funeral, we were shocked to see most of the adults wearing blue jeans and cut-off shirts. Her father had been dressed in blue jeans, his favorite Harley shirt and a leather jacket. His friends left mementos (like a remote control) in his coffin and cheerfully chatted about the good times. There were few tears.

At first I thought it was improper. I have since changed my mind. I now know that's exactly how her dad would have wanted it. He wanted to go out with a bang — and he sure did! — **ALLIE IN ST. CHARLES, MO.**

DEAR ALLIE: More power to him. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: Hugs and acknowledgments can be given anytime, anyplace. After the viewing, prior to my husband's service, a mother held out her baby, who took my finger in her fist. I knew then that, yes, life does go on.

Every person in attendance took away a little bit of my pain. I couldn't begin to tell you what they were wearing. — **CENTRAL NEBRASKA READER**

DEAR READER: I understand. A woman named Patricia in Cincinnati related that she wore a bright green dress for her husband's funeral. A few days before his sudden death he had admired it on display and said it would look even better on her. She wore it knowing his spirit was with her, whispering, "You made the right choice!" And, indeed, she did if it brought her comfort.

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Worker's alleged misconduct studied

LUBBOCK (AP) — Investigators on Friday said they were looking into allegations of inappropriate conduct by a female staff member at a West Texas juvenile detention facility for boys.

The incident occurred Sunday or Monday at Bill Clayton Detention Center in Littlefield, prompting the suspension of the staffer pending the probe's outcome, authorities said.

Administrator Jean Tomlinson declined to disclose the woman's duties at the facility or whether she was suspended with or without pay. The age of the juvenile wasn't released.

"We do not tolerate that type of behavior," Tomlinson said.

Joy Anderson, chief of staff with the Texas Youth Commission, said facility officials would decide whether criminal charges are warranted based on the results of the investigation.

Last summer, a female guard at the facility was investigated for having sexual relations with a 14-year-old.

The 155-bed detention center opened about a year ago and currently houses 114 boys ranging in age from 12 to 15.

Youth Services Inc., a subsidiary of Sarasota, Fla.-based Correction Services Corp., took control of the facility in November.

In March, a Tarrant County judge awarded damages of $2.8 million in a sexual harassment lawsuit against Correction Services Corp.

Three former female inmates claimed they were harassed or sexual assaulted by employees at a boot camp in Mansfield managed by the company.

Public Records

Marriage License

Christopher Charles Taylor and Ittticha Kay Dorman, both of Snyder.

Tommy Carl Botts and Peggy Ann Segura, both of Snyder.

James Ronald Baker and Kristi Gay Jones, both of Colorado City.

Raymond Vera and Graciela Salinas, both of Snyder.

Edward Parfirio Guzman and Tamara Lynn Jones, both of Hermleigh.

Earnest Leroy Mills and Latecia Marie Anderson, both of Snyder.

Jason Wesley Coy and Veronica Sarabia, both of Snyder.

Filed in District Court

Lydick Hooks Roofing Co. of Abilene Inc. vs. Jackson and Cindy Brewster, suit on contract.

Action in District Court

In the marriage of Melanie Sue Lara and Joe Soto Lara, divorce granted.

In the marriage of Maria Ocho Guerrero and Jose Rodriguez Guerrero, divorce granted.

Deed Records

Jody Gilbert to Forrest W. and Laura C. King, tract one being 3.0 acres in the south one-half of Section 293, Block 97, H&TC survey; tract two being 1.0 acre in Section 293, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Jack Scott McDonald, individually and as Trustee of the Gayle and Arlene McDonald Living Trust, to Kevin King and Lois McQuahae, Lot 7 in Block 15 of the Replat of Blocks 13-16 of the Highland Addition.

Rosalio Gutierrez to Esperanza Renteria, Lot 4 in Block 1 of the Smith and Elliott Terrace Subdivision of Section 179, Block 3, H&GN survey.

Commercial State Bank of Andrews to Bill J. Dryden, Trustee, a 7.0-acre tract in the northeast one-quarter of Section 95, Block 3, H&GN survey.

Aline Whitby Parks, individually and as Trustee of the Gray Allen Parks Jr. Residuary Trust, to Raymond Denver and Teresa Klattenhoff Newton, Lot 6 in Block C of the Replat of the West Ridge Addition.

Buster Eugene Wright to Linda Carol Wright, Lot 5, except for a 12x120-foot strip along the southeast border, in Block 2 of the Von Roeder Heights Addition.

Damon C. and Tami D. Chappell to David G. and Betty Clarady, a 1.17-acre tract in the southwest one-quarter of Section 72, Block 3, H&GN survey.

Russell Jones Jr. to Sweetwater Readymix Concrete Company, the west 100 feet of Lots 2 and 3 in Block 9 of the Lundy Park Addition.

Washington Mutual Home Loans Inc. to the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, a 1.401-acre tract in the southwest one-quarter of Section 14, Block 3, H&GN survey.

Nathan Ygnacio and Novella Benitez to Brenda Frances Call and Kenneth Ray Benitez, Lot 9 in Block 2 of the Kittrell Heights Addition.

Charles Moody Moffett to Bobby G. and Jeanette Ivey, Lot 5 in Block 3 of the Highlands Addition.

Kay Price and Mavis Logan to Robert Calbillo, the north one-half of Lot 1 in Block 2 of the Cody Addition.

R.C. and Amy Patton to R.C. and Amy Patton, Co-Trustees of The Patton Family Trust, Lot 20 in Block G of the Towle Place Addition.

R.C. and Amy Patton to R.C. and Amy Patton, Co-Trustees of The Patton Family Trust, the east one-half of Lot 4 in Block 25 of the Blankenship Addition.

Russell Scott Sharp and Terri Sharp to Ray and Vickie Welch Lipps, tract one being the north 204.5 acres in the Section 163, Block 97, H&TC survey; tract two being the south 80 acres in the southeast one-quarter of Section 163, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Weldon C. and Kimberly A. McFatridge to Maria E. Alfaro, Lot 16 in Block 3 of the Kittrell Heights Addition.

W.M. and Elsie Hairston to Linda Ingle, the south one-half of the southwest one-quarter of Section 8, Block 3, H&GN survey.

W.M. and Elsie Hairston to Don Hairston, tract one being the south 22.38 acres in the northwest one-quarter of the southwest one-quarter of Section 8, Block 3, H&GN survey; tract two being the southeast one-quarter of the northwest one-quarter and the north 21.43 acres of the northeast one-quarter of the southwest one-quarter of Section 8, Block 3, H&GN survey.

Demos lose charity baseball game

BOWIE, Md. (AP) — Republicans savored their last win with Steve Largent on the mound, beating the Democrats 9-1 in the 40th annual congressional baseball game.

Largent struck out eight, allowed five hits and no walks. The NFL Hall of Famer is resigning his House seat Nov. 29 to run for governor of Oklahoma.

Largent said he didn't think much about Thursday night's game being his last. "It's not like my last game in the NFL," the former Seattle Seahawks wide receiver said with a grin.

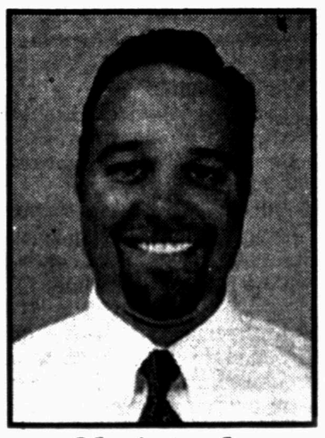
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Letters to the editor

Great festival

Dear Editor:

We wanted to tell you what a wonderful Western Swing Show that the Snyder Chamber of Commerce put on. It was one of the best shows ever. We are looking forward to next year.

We always enjoy coming to Snyder. See you next year, can't wait for the wonderful show.

Beth and Ray Willingham
Arlington

Thanks for volunteers

Dear fellow citizens of the busiest little city in the West:

I would like to thank everyone who had anything to do with helping the chamber and coliseum staff through this whirlwind of activity we've just come through.

I'm sure you don't realize how valuable a cheery volunteer is when you're drowning, but Snyder has an army of wonderful people who for the past month, have been calling and saying, "Can you use me," or "What can I do to help."

When I go to seminars and tourism planning meetings, volunteers seem to be the biggest problem small towns have, and I'm delighted to say - "Not in my hometown!"

Thank you each one for your time, talents and physical strength as we decorated, set up, took down, cooked, packed, loaded, unloaded and put on the actual event during Junior Leadership Camp, Western Swing, the reunion supper, the Sammy Baugh Golf Tournament, the "Fly In" Breakfast, the rodeo and the chamber banquet — just to mention last week's events.

As we go forward toward July 3, (at an alarming rate of speed) I would like to thank you in advance for helping with any of the hundreds of areas that it takes to put on a successful Fourth of July celebration. This year, with the addition of the hot air balloons and the spectacular "glow" flight on Tuesday evening, there will be even more to do this year.

We will begin setting up in the armory on Wednesday, June 27. Please make your plans to attend this year's celebration of the freedom of our nation. We are working very hard to make it the biggest and best ever. Camping will be open to the public in the east end of the park, the carnival will open on July 3, the parade will be at 10 a.m. on the Fourth, the balloons will do a lift-off early on the morning of the Fourth, the fireworks will go off about dark-thirty on the Fourth, the vendors will be throughout the park and the armory, music will be under the cottonwood flats and a safe and happy weekend will be enjoyed by everyone in Snyder — with your help!

I'd also like to thank Sheriff Darren Jackson and Police Chief Steve Warren and their staff for the safe events we've just held, for the extra security required for our valuable buffalo display and for their future help on the Fourth. We're so lucky to have caring people, and people who know how to work to improve their town's quality of life, and to help carry each other's burdens.

It truly does "take a village." Thanks also to our wonderful Goldcoaters and chamber members. What would our "village" do without you?

Thanks again, Snyder!

Sincerely,
Sandra, Tracie, Gaynel, Manny, Gary, Cory and me, Donna

Help was welcome

Dear Editor:

I received quite a shock last Tuesday night when I drove up to the Snyder Day Care Center. There was one overturned building and two others off their foundation, broken trees, torn up playgrounds, uprooted fences, downed power line and a storage building and all its contents laying in shreds in the mud.

We had toys and equipment spread over a six-block area, along with splintered boards full of nails, and no electricity.

What didn't surprise me was the fact that help was already there.

Sgt. Kevin Fritz and Officer Mike Ward had already secured the building. Steve and Jeanita McIlroy had already covered a broken window and swept up the glass. Kim Fritz arrived shortly afterward. They all stayed until midnight helping my husband and me meet the immediate needs.

Both Officer Ward and McIlroy offered the use of their trucks to haul equipment to shelters even though they both had damage at their own homes.

The police department continued to patrol the area after we left for the night. Laura Pulley and Candy Holdridge arrived at 6:45 Wednesday morning and began gathering debris.

The entire staff worked either outside in the heat and mud or inside taking care of their own class plus extra ones so we could have the help outside.

Don West, with Boren Insurance, came early to survey the damage so we could get it cleaned up. Cooper Appliance came immediately to start working on the damaged air-conditioners so we could at least be cool inside.

The city crew came before the end of the day to clear away the damage so the children could play outside safely. They were very helpful and courteous.

Larry Johnson and Thad Davis came on their day off and set the storage building upright.

As soon as the picture came out in the paper, we started receiving calls and offers of help. We have suffered more loss that we can afford and did a lot of hard work but the kindness of concerned citizens, those who helped with the cleanup and the teamwork of our center staff make up for the discouragement from the damage.

I think we are all fortunate to live and work in Snyder. Thanks again to every one of you.

Shirley Fritz
Scurry Community Services





North of Forty — By Red Green

Bed and breakfast blues

We have a couple of friends who have retired from their jobs and have turned their house into a bed and breakfast. So, naturally, my wife and I end up discussing the possibility of doing the same thing. That's a natural reaction.

Whenever someone you know does something that you haven't done, you start considering it. That's why when you're selling some product that's completely worthless, the first sale is so important.

Now, I don't know whether my wife is going to push this bed-and-breakfast thing, but I plan to fight it all the way. I don't like strangers in my house at any time, and staying overnight is really asking for trouble. I'm going to hear strange noises and snippets of conversations and only imagine what's going on in there.

And who came up with the concept of giving them breakfast? That's not the high point of my day, either physically or emotionally. I'll be awake all night listening to potential tribal rituals, and then I'm expected to greet these transients at the bottom of the stairs with a smile and an omelet. It's more than a coincidence that the emergence of bed and breakfasts is concurrent with the increase in domestic violence.

SILENCE, PLEASE

In my early 20s, I was in a rock band. We played different kinds of music, but all of it was really loud. The slogan "How do we do it?... Volume!" was a pretty good description of our approach. When you're loud, you don't get criticized. Or at least you don't hear it. But that was 30 years ago. Now I don't like anything loud. I need to be able to hear what my wife is saying. I've learned that it's better for everyone if I hear her the first time. Before I buy something else that we don't need. And before she commits me to a social function. Or an institution. I used to like loud things like rock music and dragsters and explosions. Now I like quiet things — like babies not crying and phones not ringing and salesmen not knocking. If I worked at the airport wearing those silencer earmuffs, I'd probably leave them on all the time. Except, of course, when my wife is talking.

LIFE LESSONS PART 1

As I look back over my life so far, I've learned a few life lessons. Some of them were expected. You could see them coming. Others came as a total surprise. So, to enlighten those who are coming after me, here are a few unexpected life lessons that you may encounter:

— Jokes that are funny to you may not be funny to members of the opposite sex or the clergy.

— A T-shirt saying "I'm With Stupid" should never be worn on a first date.

— Clearing your nasal passages should be done in private, rather than during a job interview.

— Women have no interest in how much you can drink.

— Teen-agers with purple hair are not seeking your approval.

—. Spring-loaded tools should never be carried in the pants pockets.

LAST CALL

The other day, I saw a guy walking through the park with his sweetheart. They were holding hands and strolling in a leisurely fashion like the people in those French movies do. And the whole time, he's talking to somebody on his cell phone. Nothing urgent. Just talking leisurely to an acquaintance while he meanders through the trees with his significant other. Now, I'm not a relationship expert, but when your partner would rather make small talk over the phone than talk to you, I think it's time to hang that one up. And make sure you reverse the charges.

Quote of the Day: "If you find yourself feeling happy, try not to think of anything." — **Red Green**

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EDITORIAL COMMENT

Houston Chronicle

Sparing steel bars and concrete

Texas has its share of lockups and boot camps to deal with juvenile criminals, but a new study indicates there may be other ways, and in some cases better ways, to rehabilitate nonviolent young offenders.

The Gulf Coast Trade Center, just north of Houston in New Waverly, and the Tarrant County Juvenile Services Department in Fort Worth, along with six other programs in the nation, have been designated as so-called guiding lights of reform in the rehabilitation of juvenile offenders by the American Youth Policy Forum, a Washington, D.C.,-based nonpartisan organization.

Instead of locking up young delinquents and forcing strict discipline down their throats, these programs take separate approaches at returning youngsters to the straight and narrow path.

Gulf Coast provides academic and vocational training, work experience and counseling in a residential campus-like facility. Tarrant County Juvenile Services allows young people to live at home while providing them with family counseling, mentoring and community work.

Interestingly, the national study found that both programs were less costly to taxpayers and more effective in helping prepare delinquent young people for crime-free, productive lives.

Effective alternative approaches to reducing juvenile crime such as these are preferable to building and operating more concrete and steel centers.

Obviously, such programs are not suitable for all young offenders. The state will always have a need for stern-disciplined detention centers and boot camps, which can be effective in rehabilitation, also.

But, in light of the American Youth Policy Forum study, Texas might best be served by placing more emphasis and resources into juvenile justice reform programs like the Gulf Coast Trades Center and the Tarrant County Juvenile Services Department.

Austin American-Statesman

Addiction's deep effects

Is addiction a disease or a bad habit? To answer that question, Dr. Garrett O'Connor plays a mournful harmonica tune, lays out his own eventful medical history, whips through overhead-projector pages at breakneck speed and cracks a few jokes.

He describes coming to this country from Ireland in 1960 and receiving a "resident alien" card. The card, he dryly observes, described both immigration status and personality diagnosis. For alcoholics like him and other addicts are society's true aliens, O'Connor says. He plays a bit of "Danny Boy," to capture a pervasive sense of loss and longing.

When he answers his opening question, O'Connor is emphatic. Yes, the psychiatrist says, addiction is a disease. It's a dangerous, ugly, bio-psycho-social disease with cultural and spiritual components. But because it is so rarely diagnosed by physicians, it remains "the nation's No. 1 covert operation."

The misdiagnosis of addiction is "extraordinary." O'Connor lays out a 17-year medical case history in which a successful young doctor was treated for all manner of serious illnesses, injuries, disorders, family problems and personality dysfunctions. The harrowing history was his own. In his case, as in nine cases in 10, doctors failed to diagnose the underlying disease.

Fifty percent of all hospital admissions are due to alcohol and drug use, O'Connor says. But only 5 percent of the time is addiction mentioned on the patient's chart. That's because addiction is "the great imitator," and because a diagnosis of addiction may cause insurance companies to reject the bills.

Addiction runs in families and in groups, O'Connor said. For instance, alcoholism is "culturally supported" in Ireland but not in Italy. Addiction accounts for 20 percent of all health costs and 30 percent of suicides. It's a factor in most accidents, fires and homicides.

O'Connor, who practices addiction psychiatry in Los Angeles, conceded during a speech here that the "disease concept" of addiction is not universally accepted.

Participants in the workshop at which O'Connor spoke were given results of a 1998 nationwide opinion survey by Peter D. Hart Research Associates, Inc. The research showed that "most people see alcoholism as having elements of both a disease and a moral weakness." Those surveyed attributed alcoholism to genetics, stress and anxiety. O'Connor says alcoholism is more likely to cause stress than be caused by it. He offers this equation: "Genetics + environment addiction."

Addiction is a disease in the same category as diabetes or heart disease, he says. The difference is that addicts "do terrible things."

Waco Tribune-Herald

Stem cell research

Either President Bush needs to stop asking his advisers' opinions or he needs to stop listening to political forces which aren't interested in what the world's finest minds know.

The inner-circle struggle that has accompanied the issue of man-caused global warming which scientists solicited by the president point out is very real is being duplicated on a biomedical issue: stem-cell research.

Bush's secretary of Health and Human Services Tommy Thompson has acknowledged stem cells' tremendous potential for fighting diseases that kill and cripple millions of people.

Thompson backs federal stem-cells research. But Bush has other people to listen to, principally those who believe such use of a discarded embryo is to destroy human life.

Stem cells in days-old embryos — embryos barely larger than the dot on this i — have yet to take the form of the specialties that they will serve, whether as livers or lungs or brains.

Scientists believe they can program stem cells to serve in any of those functions and possibly restore health to ailing kidneys, brains riddled with Parkinson's disease, pancreases or ruptured spinal cords.

It is important to point out that the embryos in question are discarded by parents who successfully managed in vitro fertilization and have fertilized eggs left over with no place to go. Either these embryos will be discarded or they will be frozen for eternity. Or they can help people live longer.

The question is whether the federal government should sponsor and set policies for stem-cell research. Currently private enterprise does it, a prospect that could prove troublesome. Federal involvement could make sure that embryos are not harvested simply for profit.

It is true that stem cells from adult tissue have been isolated and may have therapeutic significance, but the consensus of the medical community is that stem cells from embryos harbor the most promise.

Tens of thousands of those embryos are sitting in storage now. They can either help ease suffering or they can be monuments to policies caught in a political deep freeze.

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Sunday, June 24, 2001

There are strong indications of material growth in the year ahead. Nothing will be handed to you on a silver platter, it'll be your enterprise and business acumen that produces the bacon.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Only you know how to elevate accumulation to an art form, and today you'll be in your element. If there is anything to be gained, it won't escape your detection. Cancer, treat yourself to a birthday gift.

Send for your Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead by mailing $2 and SASE to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to state your Zodiac sign.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — One of your greatest gifts is your ability to initiate activity, especially endeavors that benefit the youths in your family. Today, you'll show off your Pied Piper qualities.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — What you'll be so good at today is making subtle presentations for getting something you want in such a manner the other person thinks the idea originated with him or her.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Because of the fair and equitable manner in which you treat friends and associates today, you'll easily win their admiration and cooperation for whatever you need.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — An ambitious achievement is possible today through a unique arrangement in which you could get involved. If you don't see the fruits of the endeavor now, you will soon.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — It'll be important to you today to touch bases with those who have lots to share. You may find yourself eager to get hold of several people with whom you enjoy conversing.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — If you're not alert enough today to pick up on a possible joint venture, you'll be quite upset with yourself later. Stay on your toes.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Anyone who comes to you today for advice or counsel is selecting the right person. You're especially astute when it comes to problem solving. So don't hesitate to share your views.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — You'll not be much in the mood to simply hang out today. You will need to be productive. A project that'll utilize both your mind and muscles will be the most satisfying.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — This is a great day to organize some type of fun social activity with friends, but take care not to include those who don't get along with one another. Keep everything light and breezy.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Family and home affairs will be foremost in your mind today. You don't need to leave the homestead in order to fulfill your desires. All you need are kinfolk around you.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Your enthusiasm is so contagious today that even those who are generally lethargic or slow on the uptake will find themselves on a high energy level when you're around.

Monday, June 25, 2001

An objective that was important to you last year that didn't come about should not be written off. You're going into a new cycle, and, with continued, persistent effort, it could happen.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Asking for trouble by worrying about things that may never happen could plague you again today. Your chances for success will be negated if you don't anticipate the outcome of events positively. Major changes are ahead for Cancer in the coming year.

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LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Unless you watch your back today, someone who never returns what he or she borrows could sneak up on you and, without warning, outmaneuver you into giving him or her a loan.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — The way to chalk up points today is to be as truly concerned about others as you are of yourself. If you choose to be too self-serving, the opposite will be true.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Refuse to be a victim of your own faulty memory today simply because it's more convenient. Remember the past and don't repeat an old mistake that created complications for you previously.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Should you have to associate today with a person who makes you feel uncomfortable, be on your best behavior. If you show signs of dislike, it could cast a shadow over the entire event.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — When negotiating today, take care not to push your points over the line. You could risk turning a good deal into a bummer by forcing others to rebel.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Sometimes the trappings of power or outward appearances can intimidate us. Today, should you be confronted with such a fear, remember they are but figments of your imagination.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Those with whom you're involved today are apt to do just the opposite in rebellion, should you attempt to manipulate or control them to serve your purposes. Be respectful of their needs.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Standing your ground can be admirable, but sheer stubbornness has no redeeming values. If you're unable to distinguish between the two today, a lot of wasted energy will be expended.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — In deference of pleasurable pursuits today, you could neglect responsibilities that require your attention. Try to do a few tasks, because tomorrow will mean a heavier workload.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — You're likely to nurse your extravagant whims today and totally ignore what it could mean to you later. Unfortunately, you will be an unhappy camper down the line when you find yourself broke.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — It'll be entirely up to your attitude today as to whether you find this a good or bad day. If you're too focused on your wants, you'll probably opt for the latter.

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Groups lobbying to shape steel investigation

WASHINGTON (AP) — Now that President Bush has asked for an investigation of steel imports, special interests are lobbying to try to influence what happens when it's done.

Stand Up for Steel, a coalition of unions and steel companies that successfully pressed for the investigation, wants stiff sanctions against foreign steel companies. Without them, the coalition warns of dire consequences for the beleaguered U.S. steel industry.

The group is pressing its point through meetings with Bush administration officials and members of Congress, and a flurry of memos and reports documenting the U.S. industry's decline.

Companies that use steel oppose stiff penalties on imports because they want continued access to lower-priced foreign steel. They say the cost of everything from appliances to cars will increase and manufacturing jobs will be lost if the investigation results in import quotas and fees.

Janet Kopenhaven, a spokeswoman for the Consuming Industries Trade Action Coalition, said representatives have met with Bush administration officials. In addition, companies that use steel, such as General Motors Corp., are lobbying the White House individually.

GM spokesman Greg Martin declined to discuss specifics but said company officials are "letting their views be known."

Andrew Card, President Bush's chief of staff, was the top lobbyist for General Motors before joining the administration.

The U.S. steel industry employs about 175,000 people. By contrast, companies that consume steel employ about 9 million people, according to the coalition of steel users. The group estimates that for every one job saved in the steel industry, 50 others would be lost if stiff sanctions are applied.

"We hope they know that more people would be hurt than would be helped by the sanctions," Kopenhaven said.

Much of the steel industry is concentrated in states crucial to winning the White House. In 2000, Bush lost Michigan, New York and Pennsylvania. He narrowly carried Ohio and West Virginia. In addition, a large portion of the roughly 300,000 retired steelworkers live in Florida.

The lobbying effort began two weeks ago after Bush asked the U.S. International Trade Commission to investigate if domestic steel producers are being seriously harmed by imports.

If the commission finds such injury, it could recommend to Bush what types of punitive tariffs or quotas should be imposed.

The administration could accept or reject the recommendations, or devise its own trade barriers to be put in place for three years. During that time, the U.S. industry would be required to develop plans to become more competitive.

"The decision calling for the investigation was a good one, but we are now trying to influence the details. Our coalition members are reiterating their points and our lawyers are working with their lawyers," said Edward Gillespie, a former aide to House Republican leaders, who is coordinating much of the lobbying.

Gillespie said his coalition has focused on the economic merits and not future elections.

"This is about fair trade. And the administration would have made the same decision whether steel were concentrated in a Republican state like Utah or a Democratic one like Vermont," he said.

On the Net:

American Iron and Steel Institute: http://www.steel.org

Consuming Industries Trade Action Coalition: http://www.citac-trade.org

United Steelworkers of America: http://www.uswa.org

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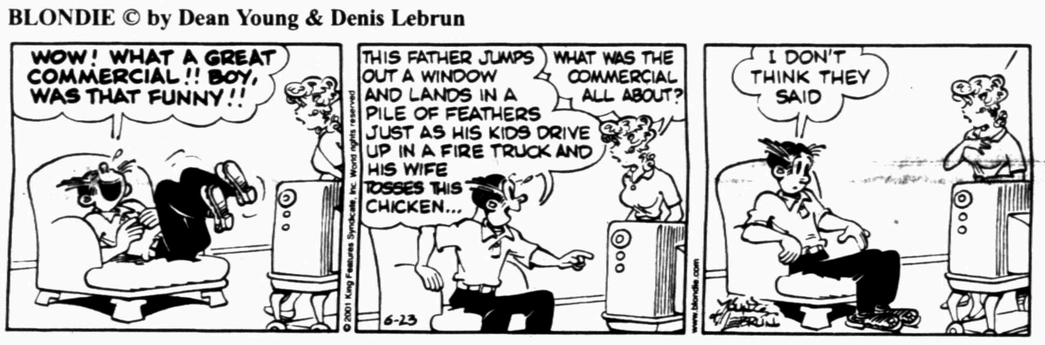
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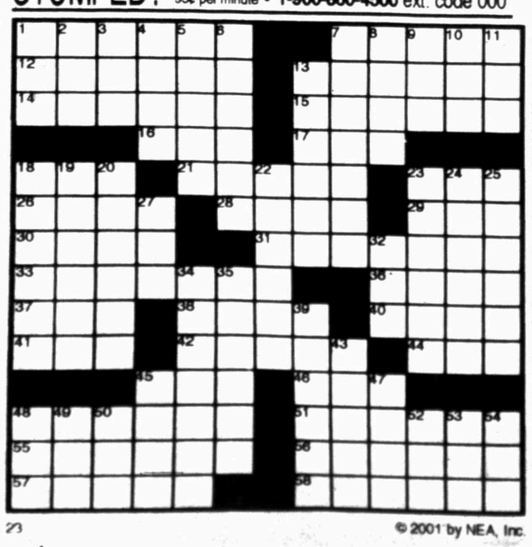
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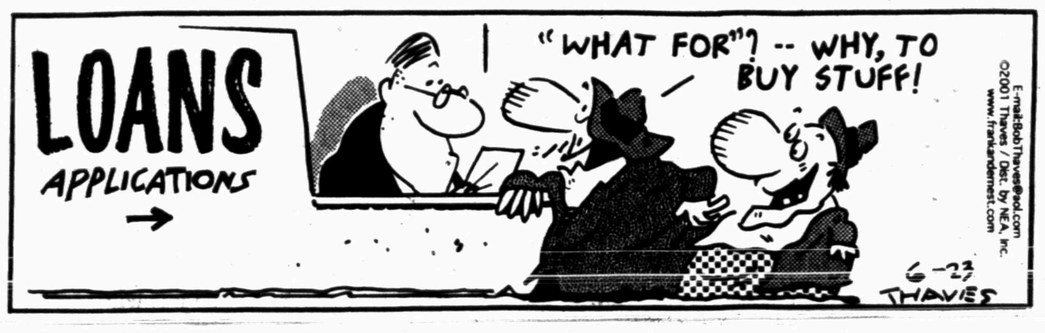
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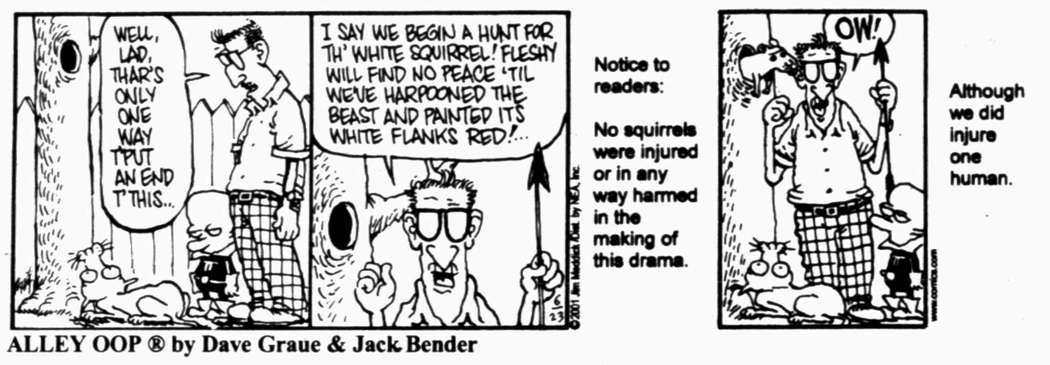
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Armed raid raises fears of drug violence

MATAMOROS, Mexico (AP) — The six state police officers handed over their guns and laid down on the floor of their headquarters, obediently following the orders of the masked assailants.

Another dozen heavily armed assailants stood outside the Tamaulipas State Police Ministry as the late afternoon sun beat down on busy Lauro Villar Boulevard, where people came and went from nearby stores and traffic whizzed by only blocks from the Texas border.

As the group hurried into the getaway trucks, a frustrated officer ran from the building and fired his gun. The group showered the building with bullets.

Then they disappeared.

The dozen AK-47-toting men dressed in black and wearing bulletproof vests had controlled the three-story police building within minutes and rescued a man who was being questioned in connection with a drug-related kidnapping.

"At first we thought it was a joke by the federal police," Officer Ulises Rodriguez said. "But upon seeing their assault weapons we obeyed their orders."

While authorities assured residents that Tuesday's assault was an isolated incident, it gave a sobering peek at the strength of organized crime in this border city, where such drug violence had become rare since the fall of reputed kingpin Juan Garcia Abrego.

The Gulf Cartel — whose name comes from Mexico's northern Gulf coast, where it is most active — was the strongest of the border-based Mexican cartels until 1996, when Garcia Abrego was sentenced in Houston to 11 life terms for drug smuggling.

The cartel was reportedly revived by drug lord Osiel Cardenas but has stayed out of the public's eye until recently.

Police believe cartel members may be behind Tuesday's raid that freed Juan Ramon Davila, 22. The soldier from Tijuana had told police he was hired to kidnap businessman Ricardo Garcia Garcia and his wife "to settle accounts," Officer Isidro Torres said.

Davila would not say who hired him to do the job, Torres said. Authorities arrested two assailants late Wednesday and continued searching for 20 others, including Davila and Garcia Garcia.

Mexico's state-run news agency, Notimex, quoted state police commander Jaime Yanez as saying that the two held in custody confessed to being members of the Gulf Cartel. Yanez did not return repeated calls from The Associated Press seeking comment.

In April, the administration of President Vicente Fox captured the cartel's lieutenant, Gilberto Garcia, and 19 of his subordinates, scoring its biggest success in apprehending purported high-ranking drug lords.

Some fear more violence is yet to come as the new administrations in the United States and Mexico heighten the drug war and traffickers fight for the openings left by the arrests.

Matamoros knows the wrath of drug traffickers well.

In 1984, gunmen ran down the hallways of a private hospital where a rival drug smuggler was being treated, shooting into the rooms and killing five people. In 1991, a drug ring organized inside a state prison rioted, burning down the jail and killing 18.

"This is not new to us. It's part of the enormous power of the drug traffickers, and I don't see any possibility of stopping them by the way we are doing things," local historian Andres Cuellar said. "The only results have been deaths, which number in the thousands each year, in exchange for nothing. What are we winning? The drugs keep going to the United States and people keep using them."

Cuellar believes the answer is to legalize certain drugs and launch public service campaigns about their health dangers.

But for Torres, who was on duty but not in the building when the group seized it, the only way is to match the drug traffickers' force. Hundreds of federal police arrived in Matamoros this week to back the state police. Dozens of soldiers were also sent to guard the building.

"If they want war, bring it on," said Torres, standing outside the police ministry surrounded by soldiers carrying assault rifles. "We're ready to face them."

Demo vote to keep bill alive

WASHINGTON (AP) — Beating back what they called a Republican ploy to sink their patients' bill of rights, Senate Democrats pledged Friday to keep the legislation alive and denounced a presidential veto threat.

In the first test of their bill, the new Democratic majority defeated a GOP effort to amend it to give the self-employed health-insurance tax breaks a year ahead of schedule.

Democrats claimed victory for their position when the Senate overwhelmingly agreed that HMOs should help seriously ill patients enrolled in clinical trials.

"This is the difference between a patients' bill of rights and a patients' bill of suggestions," said Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle, D-S.D. He said Friday he wants the Senate to wrap up its version of the bill in time for Senators to go on their July Fourth break, but added he would call extra sessions if lawmakers have not made progress on it.

Democrats dismissed the tax amendment, sponsored by Sen. Tim Hutchinson, R-Ark, as a tactic to kill the bill. The amendment conflicted with the constitutional requirement that tax measures originate in the House and could also trigger a provision requiring 60 votes for its passage, Democrats said.

The 52-45 majority on the vote was helped in the narrowly divided Senate by two Republicans — Sens. John McCain of Arizona and Lincoln Chafee of Rhode Island. "Let's really get serious about negotiations," McCain said afterward.

"This debate is about making sure patients get the protections they deserve," said Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, D-Mass.

Democrats want to guarantee patients can get emergency room visits, specialty doctors and clinical trials without time-consuming plan approvals.

Republican opponents charge the bill encourages injured patients to sue, rather than work out disputes through a professional appeals system.

President Bush on Thursday issued a formal veto threat, saying the bill of rights would encourage costly lawsuits and drive up the cost of health insurance.

The Bush administration has endorsed a rival Senate bill that limits cases to federal court.

Kennedy said Thursday Bush's stance puts him in opposition to groups representing patients, doctors and nurses who support the bill: "The president should stand with them and not with HMOs and insurance companies."

He said Friday that Democrats could support changing the bill further to protect employers from lawsuits when they provided a patients' health insurance, but were not part of a decision that caused the employee harm or death.

In the days ahead, Republicans are expected to oppose the Democrats on issues such as:

—Permitting patients to sue before they finish an appeal of an HMO decision on medical treatment;

—Granting patients unlimited damages in states that don't already limit jury awards

The GOP-led House is not expected to work on patients' rights until next month, said House Speaker Dennis Hastert, R-Ill. However, leaders released a draft Thursday that accepts a new right to sue HMOs in state court. It would apply only in cases in which the insurance companies refused to abide by the results of an outside appeal of a denial for service.

"The White House might have to look at what we are doing," Hastert told reporters Thursday. "That might be the best boat they have going out of the harbor here."

On the Net:
The bills can be found at:
http://thomas.loc.gov/

Judge dismisses separatists' claim

MIDLAND (AP) — A federal judge has rejected the claims of the so-called Republic of Texas separatist group that it is a sovereign nation and its members enjoy diplomatic immunity from prosecution.

Six members of the group are scheduled to go on trial Aug. 6 in Midland on various federal firearms charges stemming from a 1997 standoff at their compound near Fort Davis.

One person died in the 1997 shootout with officers during a seven-day standoff. Members contended the annexation of Texas as a state in 1845 was illegal and that their leaders constituted the legitimate government of an independent nation of Texas.

U.S. District Judge Royal Furgeson dismissed those claims on Monday.

Texas' annexation was legal and the separatist group's claims are entirely unsupported within the international community, Furgeson wrote in a two-page order.

"Despite their many letters to the United Nations and to other countries, the Republic of Texas has failed to receive any diplomatic recognition as a sovereign nation," Furgeson wrote.

The group's members have refused to acknowledge the court's jurisdiction in their case.

"The charges are erroneous. They can't stand. It's very simple," group leader Richard McLaren, 47, told a federal judge earlier this month. "I'm mandated by international law that I reply this way."

Also charged are Robert Scheidt, Robert "White Eagle" Otto, Karen Paulson, Richard Keyes and Greg Paulson.

If convicted of all charges, group members face a minimum of 70 years in federal prison.

Broken wrist forces delay in filming

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Academy Award-winner Benicio Del Toro broke his wrist while doing his own stuntwork in "The Hunted," forcing a delay in filming.

Del Toro, who won a best-supporting actor Oscar for "Traffic," broke his wrist as he dived for a knife during a fight scene with Tommy Lee Jones, a Paramount Pictures spokeswoman said Wednesday. The spokeswoman said the production process probably won't be impeded.

The accident occurred June 14 in Portland, Ore.

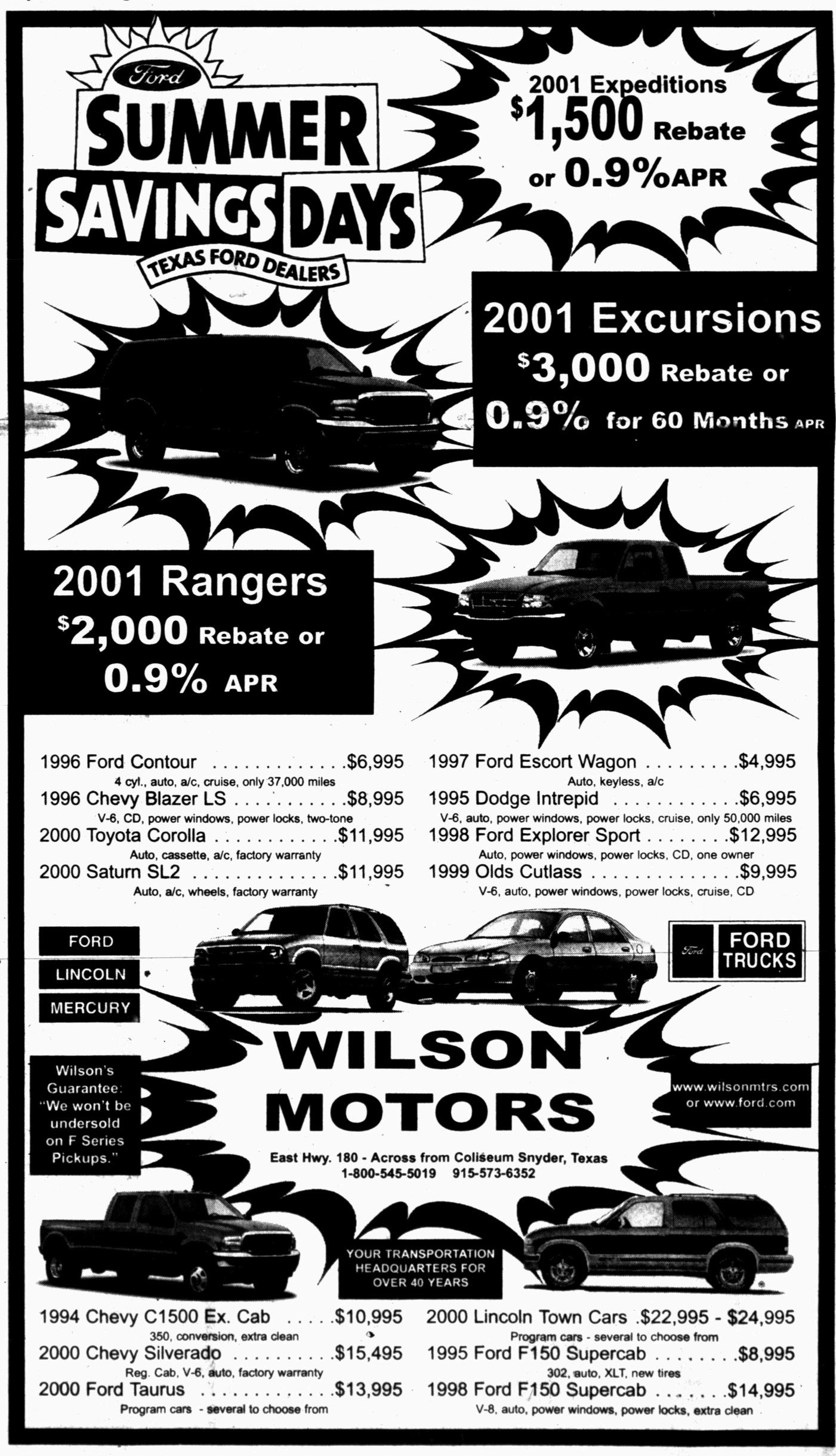
Del Toro, 34, only had five days left to work on the film, directed by William Friedkin.

A spokesman for Del Toro did not return telephone messages.

"It's just disappointing because it was the last few days of shooting," said a spokesman for Michael Black's office, which represents Jones. "Things like this happen. It was just an accident."

"The Hunted" is scheduled for release in spring 2002.

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Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.



Ritalin therapy may not be appropriate

DEAR DR. GOTT: What are the benefits and risks of Ritalin? It has been recommended for my grandson, but, in view of the recent negative publicity about the drug, his father refuses to allow its use.

DEAR READER: Ritalin (methylphenidate) is a nervous system stimulant that is commonly used to treat narcolepsy (a disease marked by sleep attacks) and attention deficit disorder (formerly known as hyperactivity) in children. The drug's mild stimulation improves sleepiness, distractibility, impulsivity, poor intellectual focus and short attention span.

The medicine should be administered only under close medical supervision. It is contraindicated for the treatment of many emotional disorders and can accentuate anxiety, tension, agitation and hypertension. Its safety in children under 6 has not been established.

Ritalin has several side effects, including insomnia, nervousness, loss of appetite, nausea, dizziness and heart palpitations.

On the positive side, the medicine can truly aid many youngsters (and adults) who exhibit the inappropriate behavior of ADD when used as an integral part of a total treatment program that includes psychological, educational and social therapy.

I cannot judge whether your grandson would benefit from this medicine. His father is correct in his assessment; namely, that the drug should be used only for specific disorders. Many authorities caution against indiscriminate use of Ritalin. Some parents, for example, insist that their children take stimulants merely to boost their grades from a D+ to a C. This is clearly a trivial indication and could lead to serious consequences, including abuse.

I believe that this issue could be resolved during a family meeting with your grandson's pediatrician. At that time, the doctor can review the psychological testing and his specific reasons for endorsing Ritalin for the youngster.

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

DEAR DR. GOTT: I'm concerned about the electricity in my body. When I remove my pantyhose, for instance, they do a cha-cha-cha when I attempt to hang them up. I have been treated for hypertension and wonder whether too much electricity could be the culprit.

DEAR READER: Static electricity is harmless. It is the build-up (and discharge) of electrical charges on objects within our environment. When you walk on a rug, for example, and then touch a metal object, you may experience an unpleasant spark: Static electricity generated from the friction between the rug and your shoes jumped to a grounded object.

In dry weather, clothing-fabric friction will cause garments to cling or to wrinkle. This can be overcome by a humidifier or anti-cling products used in the clothes dryer or sprayed on directly.

Static electricity is also what causes a balloon (that has been gently rubbed on a soft surface) to stick to the wall or the ceiling.

Such charges do not enter the body, cause hypertension or affect health. However, I must admit that after a long working day, I sometimes feel that I'm being held together by nothing more than static cling!

DEAR DR. GOTT: For the last 10 years, I have been unable to make a decent salad. The minute I touch the lettuce or tomatoes, they wilt or spoil. I enjoy eating salads. What could possibly be wrong with my body chemistry?

DEAR READER: I haven't a clue. I've never heard of such an unusual reaction. Perhaps your primary care physician can sort this out. Give him or her a call and, by all means, let me know what transpires.

Sunday, June 24, 2001

DEAR READERS: In a recent column, I addressed the issue of Glade Plug-Ins and the possible consequences of breathing in the microscopic oily vapor that acts as a vehicle for the air-scent. I concluded that there was a theoretical problem, but that the manufacturer had not responded to my request for clarification.

I am happy to report that I subsequently held a prolonged telephone conference with the Manager of Product Toxicology of the S. C. Johnson and Son Corp. She made the following points:

S. C. Johnson considers that their scented oil product is safe and useful. However, they recommend that anybody with "health issues or concerns" should consult with his or her physician before using Glade Plug-Ins.

The scented oil is not released in an "oily mist." Rather, the product "emits a very fine diffused vapor that is virtually undetectable to the average person. Our fragrance comes from natural essential oils that are quickly volatilized" at more than an inch away from the plug-in unit; "...product testing did not detect any significant (oil) particles" at that distance. The few particles that were measured were believed to be volatized fragrance oils that posed no danger.

"S. C. Johnson stands behinds its products...and is committed to providing the safest products at the best value for our consumers."

Comment: While I was very complimented by S. C. Johnson's willingness to respond to my readers' concerns and was grateful to have the opportunity to discuss some technical issues with an expert, I am left with lingering, unanswerable questions. Those of you who regularly read my column know that I am not a corporation-basher. My primary goal here is consumer safety. Thus, permit me to expound a bit.

If your girlfriend or wife applies perfume, molecules of scent-containing oil are released from the skin to achieve the desired effect. In the main, this effect is transient (a few hours) and does not extend more than a few feet away from the bearer. This situation is not a health concern.

In contrast, the oily reservoir for Glade Plug-Ins is driven by electrical energy (the device is, after all, plugged into an electrical outlet.) This energy causes the scent to be much more widely distributed. In fact, whole rooms — or, perhaps even an entire house — are blanketed with an oily "diffused vapor" (their phrase). Thus, the plug-ins cover more territory and — most importantly — this is a 24-hour, day-after-day process.

What I need to know (and what S. C. Johnson has yet to answer) is, How does that scent disseminate? If, as I suspect, it is carried in a microscopic oily suspension, then anyone inhaling it will also inhale the oil. This is potentially dangerous, as many medical studies have shown. Lipoid pneumonia and worsening of chronic pulmonary diseases could be the result of chronic inhalation of oil particles. The new Plug-Ins must be changed every month, which means that the reservoir of scented oil is completely discharged into room air within a 30-day period. I view this potential air pollution as a problem until scientific studies prove otherwise. Judging from my discussion with S. C. Johnson representatives, these tests have yet to be performed. I think that they should be.

While it's true that many of us court disaster by continuing to smoke and ignoring the obvious consequences of tobacco consumption, we have available incontrovertible evidence that this habit is dangerous and will lead to serious health problems. Are we not also entitled to know whether other products in our environment may cause risk? I think so. Therefore, I respectfully lob the ball deep to the backhand of the S. C. Johnson scientists and, at net, await their return.

DEAR DR. GOTT: After abusing laxatives for about 10 years, I noticed that my pulse was occasionally irregular. Should I be concerned?

DEAR READER: Yes, for two reasons.

Laxative abuse is a medical problem that should be addressed by your physician.

Second, such abuse may lead to deficiency of the vital body mineral potassium. Therefore, your doctor should check your blood-potassium level and prescribe potassium supplements, if needed. Don't delay; seek medical attention now.

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Rowland vetoes 'Sooty Six' proposal

HARTFORD, Conn. (AP) — Gov. John G. Rowland vetoed the bitterly contested "Sooty Six" bill Friday aimed at forcing the state's oldest and most-polluting power plants to reduce emissions.

The bill had been debated for four years as environmentalists and the electric power industry squared off.

"This is one of the more difficult decisions I've had to make as governor over the last seven years," Rowland, who had earlier said he would sign the measure, said at a news conference. "There's no one in Connecticut that does not want clean air."

The bill would have required plants in Bridgeport, Middletown, Milford, Montville, New Haven and Norwalk to meet strict emissions standards.

Rowland had announced last month that he would sign the bill, approved by the state Senate 31-5 and by the House of Representatives 86-56.

He said later he was having second thoughts after hearing from plant operators and managers of the New England regional power grid. That touched off more lobbying by both sides.

Supporters said the measure would reduce air pollution, especially for people living nearest to the plants. Opponents said it could cause California-style power outages.

Rowland said he finally concluded the bill was too flawed to sign.

"I don't know how many times over the last 20 years I've seen well-intentioned ideas become lousy law," he said.

Friday was Rowland's deadline to sign or veto the bill.

"I feel like he's been had," said Brooke Suter of the Connecticut Coalition for Clean Air. "He appears to have led himself to be misled about the content of this legislation."

ISO-New England President Gordon van Welie said it was time for the two sides to work for a compromise "that will accomplish the environmental goals without jeopardizing the state's energy future."

Hamlins are parents of new daughter

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Add one more to Harry Hamlin's household.

Hamlin's wife, Lisa Rinna, gave birth June 13 to a baby girl — Amelia Gray, who weighed 7 pounds, 3 ounces.

Their first daughter, Delilah Belle, is 3. The couple, who lives in Los Angeles, has been married for four years.

"They are doing very well. Tired, but very happy," said Rebecca Gilchrist, publicist for "House," a play that Hamlin is currently starring in Burbank.

Hamlin, 49, also has a 21-year-old son with actress Ursula Andress.

In 1987, Hamlin was chosen by People magazine as the "Sexiest Man Alive." He starred as Michael Kuzak on "L.A. Law" from 1986 to 1991.

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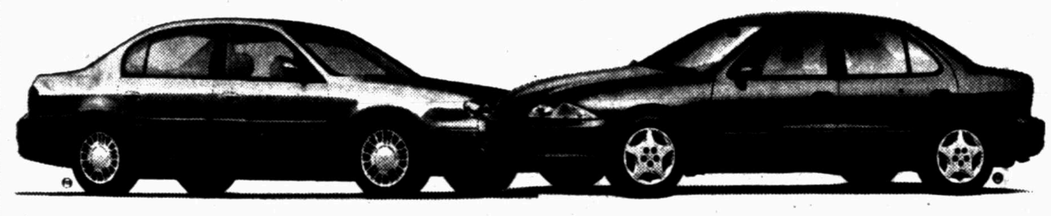


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BCA Discount	$1,220
Your Price	$14,995

2001 Chev. Blazer
LS #TC3144

MSRP	$27,392
Rebate	$3,500
BCA Discount	$3,897
Your Price	$21,995



2001 Chev. Malibu
#CP2488

MSRP	$18,935
Rebate	$2,000
BCA Discount	$1,700
Your Price	$15,235

2001 Chev. Cavalier
LS, 4 Door #CP2835

MSRP	$16,225
Rebate	$1,250
BCA Discount	$980
Your Price	$13,995



2001 Pontiac Firebird
5 Speed, #TC3234

MSRP	$19,300
Rebate	$2,000
BCA Discount	$904
Your Price	$16,396

2001 Buick Century
#B287

MSRP	$21,610
Rebate	$1,750
BCA Discount	$1,443
Your Price	$18,417

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