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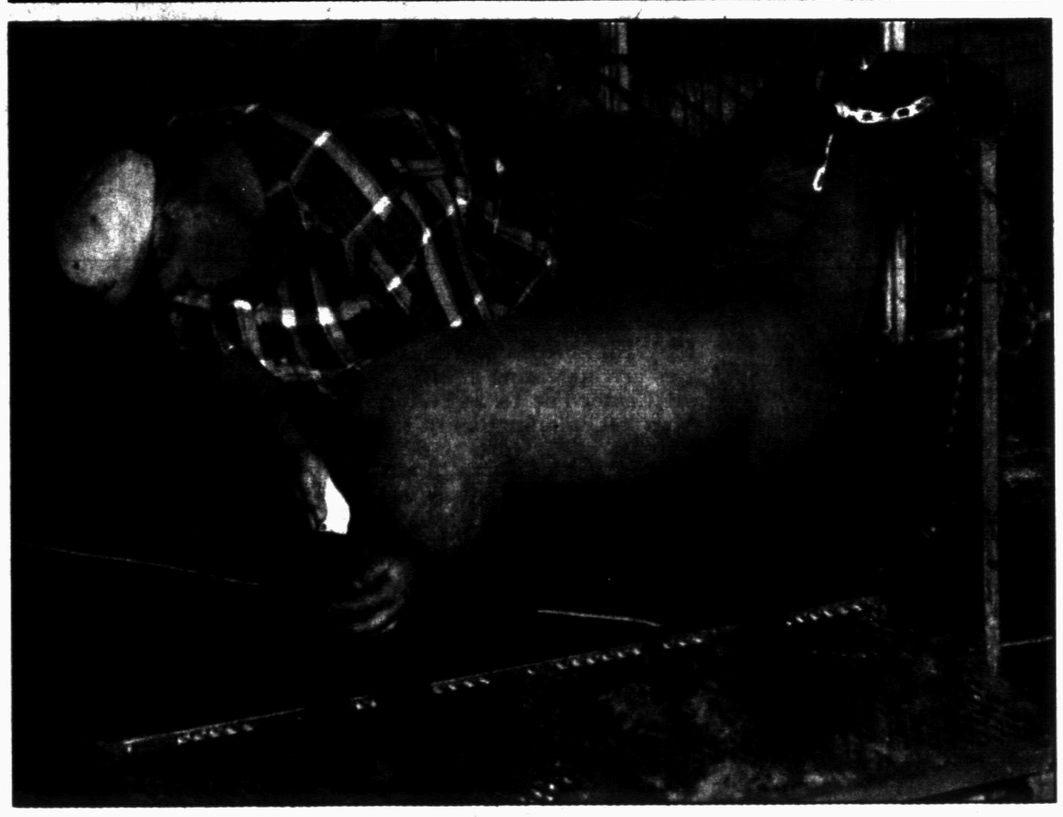
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Home of Rhonda Lelek



GETTING READY — Exhibitors from across the state are expected at Scurry County Coliseum this weekend for the Best of Texas Livestock Show, sponsored by the Scurry County Livestock Association. Travis Davis was busy preparing a lamb for the show. Lambs and goats were to show Saturday and steers on Sunday. (SDN Staff Photo)

Golf carts, residences vandalized overnight

Vandals wrecked havoc Saturday morning at a golf course north of Snyder and in a west Snyder's residential area.

At Scurry County Golf Course, vandals apparently stole a car and damaged six golf carts.

The car, a Buick LeSabre, was reported stolen at 4:35 a.m. Saturday by Larry Castillo, who lives at the course.

Sheriff Darren Jackson advised the vehicle was quickly located in the middle of the road on the backside of the course.

The auto was not damaged and was returned to Castillo.

Chief Deputy Delwyn Davis said six cart sheds also were broken into and the golf carts were "used like bumper cars on the course."

One of the carts was driven into the lake on the course and another into a fence.

The other four carts, all heavily damaged, were returned to their proper storage units.

Davis said no suspects have been identified and he had not yet figured a damage estimate, but said "it could be pretty high before we're done."

It was unclear if anything was stolen from the cart sheds.

The carts taken belonged to course pro Rick Mammolite, John Greene, Mickey Nunley, Norma Thompson, Wayne Glass and Johnny Powell.

An offense report for unauthorized use of a motor vehicle and several for burglary of a building were submitted.

At 3:36 a.m. Saturday, a woman called 9-1-1 to report that someone had just thrown a brick through the front window of the Dean Floyd residence.

Only three minutes later Burnell Hargrove at 2507 31st Street reported a rock was thrown through the window of her home.

An officer responded and advised reports for Class B criminal mischief would be submitted.

Wind farm announcement expected on construction timeline this week

The Brazos Wind Ranch to be located primarily in northwest Scurry County seems to be on track and there are unconfirmed reports that the company plans to purchase the former Methodist Church in Fluvanna for office space.

The project, a joint venture between Austin-based Cielo Wind Power and Orion Energy of Oakland, Calif., is scheduled to break ground by the end of the month.

Cielo representatives declined to comment about the status of the project, but said an announcement would be made late this week.

Total cost of the project should be around $160 million.

County Judge Rod Waller remains optimistic about the project and said it will be positive for landowners and county taxpayers.

The company has agreed to pay $800,000 over 10 years to the county and another $400,000 to Western Texas College in exchange for tax abatement.

Snyder schools will receive full taxes.

Plans call for 160 turbines with around 90 to be placed in Scurry County and the others in Borden County to the west.

The company plans to hire as many as 200 workers for construction and will employ 12 full-time maintenance personnel at the Fluvanna office.

Stockholders hope to revive county's Rodeo Association

Stockholders of the Scurry County Rodeo Association plan a meeting later this month to reorganize and hopefully put together future rodeos.

Danny Ray Williams, a member of the rodeo board, said the stockholders would meet July 24 at the rodeo grounds to discuss the organization's future.

Williams said stockholders would like to assemble a new board and possibly host a rodeo as early as this fall or at least by next year.

"It all depends on the outcome of the meeting," he said. "They'll have to consider a lot of things like finances and who's going to help with it, but we would like to continue with rodeos. The stockholders will just have to see where we're at and make a decision."

The annual rodeo this year was cancelled for the first time in 67 years.

Clayton Riley, immediate past-president of the association, said in June that he and the rest of the board resigned earlier this year.

The Snyder Chamber of Commerce granted $2,000 in hotel/motel tax funds to the rodeo association in March.

The chamber sent a letter June 6 requesting the money be returned since it was discovered the 68th annual rodeo, scheduled for June 28, would not be held.

Darren Jackson, immediate past-president of the chamber, said repayment was received this week.

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "There's only one sure thing about a 30-day diet – you lose 30 days."

We know a guy who has lost at least 2,000 pounds over a lifetime, so he's somewhere ahead of the average.

But most of us have shed unwanted pounds only to see them come back a lot faster than they left.

The doc says dieting is not the answer, but rather a change in lifestyles. That's a cleaned up phrase for "watch what and how much you eat." Or as Doc McSpadden used to advise, "If it tastes good, spit it out."

But in today's super-sized society, it's difficult to eat the right portion. One coffee-drinking friend, Ernie Sears, is supposed to eat only half a banana.

Seems like you'd be better off to just forget the fruit.

We went on a fruit diet once, but the acid got the best of us and we figured the grease was better. Now the grease has rebelled. We're sure it has nothing to do with the number of birthdays.

If you really wanted to get the right-size portions, then a guy would have to eat regularly at a fine-dining establishment where waiters walk around grim-faced with a napkin over their extended arm.

We were once with a group in Dallas and ended up in a restaurant atop a tall hotel. The entrees were so pricey that even the establishment was ashamed to print 'em on the menu.

With a harp being strummed softly in the background, the wait staff arrived with the orders all concealed by sterling silver covers and everybody knew there was trouble brewing.

When the lids were raised in unison to something in French that meant either "enjoy" or "clean your plate" we wished we had a camera to capture the expression of dining partner David Gist.

Gist is a native West Texan and could be the poster child for loving a good chicken-fried steak floating in cream gravy. Growing up in Sundown, we're sure his mom was among the legions of mothers who admonished their children to "eat everything on your plate or no dessert."

But at the fancy restaurant, Dave had no trouble putting away everything on his plate, especially the vegetables — one miniature carrot, a single snow pea, and one raw green bean.

Everybody dieted that night.

CEO says hospital had no choice...

Long-term care change causes anguish

By Roy McQueen
SDN Publisher

For more than 15 years, a Snyder man has made his home in the long-term care wing of Cogdell Memorial Hospital — commonly referred to as the fourth floor.

But by the end of the month, the family of 33-year-old Stacey Browning will have to relocate their invalid son. The father, Billy Ray Browning says he is hurt, disappointed and confused.

Hospital officials say they are sympathetic, but that the five patients who will be displaced because of a change from long-term care to assisted living are merely the victims of increased government regulation.

At the Cogdell Hospital board meeting June 26, the board of managers approved a license change recommended by the administration, downsizing the hospital from a 99 to a 50-bed facility.

Cogdell has operated the fourth floor as a long-term care facility with 25 beds since 1989, and Browning was one of the first patients.

However, CEO George Parsley said the fourth floor was technically a custodial care wing and had never been licensed as a long-term care unit.

"It was not a decision made lightly, no question about it," Parsley said, but the administrator added that he had been told by the Texas Department of Health that the agency would shut down any unlicensed custodial-care unit. "We've had program development people working on this for many months."

When patient census declined in the 1980s, Cogdell Hospital approved the long-term care facility for private-pay clients.

Browning estimates that he has paid the hospital close to $1 million for Stacey's care since he was injured in an accident north of Snyder on Feb. 8, 1985. Stacey was a high school freshman when a high-pressure line blew up and hit him in the head.

Browning said he has tried to talk to hospital administrators. "We're happy where we are. I wanted to move him to the third floor, but that's acute care and an acute care patient can't stay over 10 days I've been told."

Browning said he was informed two weeks ago that his son would have to be moved, and Stacey will be relocated to Snyder Oaks Care Center on July 26. "They were real receptive to whatever needs to be done.

"I haven't been given a good explanation by the hospital for questions about why," Browning said. "I hate for our money to go out of town."

Browning thinks the decision is merely a way to cut down on staffing. "But it won't save on electric bills and things like that."

County Judge Rod Waller, who was present at the June 26 meeting, said Thursday afternoon he was unaware that any patients would be displaced when the change from long-term to assisted living is initiated. "This is the first I've heard of it."

Parsley said he knew that four current patients would not be candidates for assisted living and that had been discussed over several months.

Board chairman Carl Williams, who excused himself from the discussion at last month's meeting because he has a family member in long-term care, said the board had been told that four or five people might have to be relocated if the change were made.

"It had a lot to do with the license requirement for a 49-bed hospital. The Medicare reimbursements are higher," Williams said.

"We had some pretty big losses out there and have asked the commissioners for more funding, but we haven't heard anything back from them."

Parsley said that reduced staffing is merely one advantage of assisted living over long-term care.

"Regulation is not nearly so strict. Nursing homes have remained under the gun for quality of care and regulations have ballooned. They are very regulated and difficult to run.

"Assisted living is less strict and easier to operate and to staff. Long-term care workers are subject to personal lawsuits."

Parsley said that a candidate for assisted living must pass five of seven "acts-of-daily living requirements. The CEO said any patient who fails five or more of the requirements wouldn't be able to save themselves in case of a fire or other needed evacuation.

Parsley said he has tried to help displaced patients and their families find alternate care, but that the hospital administration is required to look at a "larger range of issues and think about the good of the hospital."

Browning said he believes the community, and perhaps the board, was not fully aware of what the change to assisted living would entail.

Parsley said he appreciates Browning's point of view. "We're trying to help him out, trying to do all we can."

Board member Charles Church said the hospital had only two choices — become licensed for long-term care or convert to assisted living. "The state told George we couldn't stay the same."

ASK US

Q—Have there been any cases of West Nile Virus or other unusual mosquito-related illnesses treated at Cogdell in the last few weeks?
A—No.

MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR



Julie Berryhill...

...grew up in Snyder and moved back to her hometown in 1996. She is a nurse at Covenant Hospital in Big Spring and she has two children. Hollie, 14, will be a freshman at Snyder High this year and Zane, 12, is entering junior high. The trio lives with and cares for Julie's dad, Charlie Thomas. Her hobbies include reading true stories.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

The trouble with most of us is that we would rather be ruined by praise than saved by criticism.
—Dr. Norman Vincent Peale

Free Checking at Snyder National Bank
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WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

Masonic installation

An installation of Masonic officers will be held at 7 p.m. Saturday at the lodge hall. All Masons, families and friends are invited and refreshments will be served.

Country and gospel music

For country and gospel music come to the Senior Citizens Center at 6 p.m. Saturday.

Sunday lunch

Martha Ann Woman's Club will serve lunch beginning at 11:30 a.m. Sunday at the clubhouse, south of the hospital. Tickets cost $8.50 for adults and $4.50 for children. Call 573-3427 for tickets.

Girl Scout swim party

Scurry County Girls Scouts will have a swim party for all registered girls from 4 to 6 p.m. Sunday at the WTC pool. For more information, call Judi Martin at 573-7556.

United Way

A Scurry County United Way board meeting will be held at noon Monday at the United Way office at 2311 Ave. T.

Bible study tapes

Bible videos air each week on Channel 2. To be shown at 7 p.m. Monday is "Three Messages from Balaam," followed by "Put Away Lying."

S.M.A.R.T. School

S.M.A.R.T School at Ira ISD with Carol Scott and Kim Allen will be held from 8-11:45 a.m. Monday through Thursday. Transportation is available. Call 573-2628 to reserve your spot.

White elephant auction

Lions Club members will have a "white elephant" sale at the noon meeting Tuesday at the Martha Ann Woman's Club. Members will be charged $10 for not bringing an item.

Emmaus meeting

Mesquite Country Emmaus Community meeting will be held at 7 p.m. Tuesday at Colonial Hill Baptist Church. Babe chicks meet at 6 p.m.

Clothing workshop

A clothing workshop – just for girls ages 9-18 – will be held Thursday at the Scurry County extension office. Bring rubber flip-flops for decorating and $3 for other supplies. RSVP by Wednesday by calling 573-5423.

FBC services televised

First Baptist Church services are televised on channel 2 at 3 p.m. each Thursday.

Financial workshop

Snyder Oaks Care Center will sponsor a workshop on preparing financially for nursing home placement to protect assets and qualify for assistance. It will be held at 7 p.m. July 22. For more information call Ray or Joni at 573-9377.

First Methodist VBS

First United Methodist Church will hold Vacation Bible School from 6 to 8 p.m. July 28-Aug. 1. For ages kindergarten through 5th grade, theme is "God People Celebrate." Register at 2700 College Ave. or call 574-1547.

Star Boot Camp

Star Boot Camp junior military academy will be held from 8 to 11 a.m. July 18-Aug. 1. The camp is for ages 6 to 11. To register call 574-6090 or 573-3703.

Senior swimnastics

Swimnastics for senior citizens is held from 10 to 11 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays at the WTC pool.

SHS football program ads

Advertisements are now being sold for the 2003 football program. Anyone interested in purchasing an ad can call Christy Smith at 573-6301.

Sonshine registration

Sonshine School at 37th St. Church of Christ is currently registering students for the fall semester. For more information, call director Wendy Barnett at 574-1960.

Cancer treatment transportation

Transportation for cancer patients to Lubbock, Abilene or Midland is available free of charge. Call Sammie Jarrell at 573-5993 or Blakey Fargason at 574-8041. If not home, leave message on answering machine.

Prosecutors support moving trial

MANASSAS, Va. (AP) — In a reversal of course, prosecutors now say they support moving the murder trial of sniper suspect John Allen Muhammad out of the Washington suburbs, a change defense attorneys have argued for all along.

Circuit Judge Leroy F. Millette Jr. has not ruled on the defense motion to move the case, but said he would soon. He could still keep the case in Manassas.

Prosecutor Paul Ebert said Friday he still believes an impartial jury can be seated in Manassas. But he said it would be inconsistent to leave the trial there, given that the judge in the case of fellow suspect Lee Boyd Malvo changed the venue in that case last week.

Jane Marum Roush, the judge in Malvo's case, last week moved the trial from Fairfax County to the city of Chesapeake in southeastern Virginia, about 200 miles away. Roush ruled that the wave of fear that gripped the Washington area during last year's sniper spree would make it impossible to find an impartial jury in Fairfax.

Millette also rejected a motion to dismiss one of the capital murder counts against Muhammad that is based on the state's new antiterrorism law, which defines terrorism in part as an attempt to intimidate the civilian population.

Defense lawyers also have apparently dropped their request for a trial by judge instead of jury. The defense team had initially requested a bench trial.

Two more added to AIDS quarantine at Dyess AF Base

ABILENE (AP) — Two more people at Dyess Air Force Base in Abilene came under suspicion Friday for possible exposure to SARS, raising to 11 the number of base personnel and relatives who are quarantined.

Six airmen and three of their relatives earlier were ordered to remain in their homes until they no longer show signs of illness.

But officials said initial test results from eight of the 11 were negative for Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome. Two tested positive for streptococcus pneumonia, a common infectious bacteria often found in patients with pneumonia, officials said.

Health officials said the risk of infection to the Abilene community is minimal.

Some of those now under quarantine reported mild to moderate respiratory problems earlier this week after returning home from a trip to Ontario, and they had passed through the Toronto airport, said Capt. David May of Dyess Air Force Base.

So far, six deaths from SARS have been reported in Toronto, Canada's largest city. Most of about 130 probable or suspected cases in Canada have occurred in Toronto, where the illness was brought by air travelers from Asia. Its initial symptoms are fever, dry cough and shortness of breath.

Federal officials lifted a SARS-related travel alert for Toronto on Tuesday.

Last week, the World Health Organization said SARS had been contained. More than 800 people worldwide have died of SARS since the outbreak began in Asia late last year.

Members of the SARS containment team in Toronto expressed frustration Friday at the developments in Texas.

"The chances of this being SARS are almost beyond calculation," said Dr. James Young, Ontario's commissioner of public security.

Young suggested public health officials should be cautious about raising the SARS alarm before conducting tests. There are economic consequences for Toronto each time the world's media report that new cases of the disease have been spread from the city, he said.

Matt Sones, a spokesman for the U.S. Centers for Disease Control, said officials do not plan to reinstate a travel alert for Toronto.



PLAYERS FROM SNYDER — Two Snyder High School graduates are appearing in *Lone Star Rising*, a musical sponsored by the Center For Texas Culture in Borger. Bobby Sands is third from left standing; and Crissida Tyler is seated. (Contributed Photo)

Two SHS graduates in summer musical

Two SHS grads perform in summer musical

Snyder natives, Crissida Tyler and Bobby Sands, are performing in *Lone Star Rising*, a musical comedy produced by the Center for Texas Culture at Borger, an organization devoted to promoting Texas Culture and Tourism.

Registered with the Institute for Outdoor Drama, the production is a musical celebration of the Lone Star state, featuring the influences of Spanish, Native American, and cowboy cultures.

Lone Star Rising appeals to all ages and is hosted by the Lake Meredith National Recreation Area, located approximately 33 miles north of Amarillo. Premiering on June 11 and concluding on August 17, the show runs nightly at 8:15 p.m. Wednesday through Sunday evenings, and groups are encouraged to attend. Ticket information can be obtained by calling (806) 274-9050.

Tyler, 20, is a second year member of the *Lone Star Rising* company. She is the recipient of the Outstanding Achievement Award in the sophomore division at the National Association of Teachers of Singing competition held in the fall of 2002 in Houston. In August, she will be moving to New York City to study at the Mannes Music Conservatory. Tyler is the daughter of Steve and Kathy Tyler of Snyder and has studied voice under the direction of Marci Dennis, Ronda Haire, Kecia Ashford, and Dr. Cloyce Beard-Stradley.

Sands, a 2003 SHS graduate, has joined the *Lone Star Rising* cast for the first time. He has studied voice under Marci Dennis and Ronda Haire and his theatrical credits include: *Hello Dolly, The Music Man, The Sound of Music,* and *South Pacific.* Sands is the son of Dale and Mary Sands of Snyder.

Award-winning Neil Hess directs *Lone Star Rising,* a much-anticipated western musical. Hess orchestrated the company of over 40 professional dancers, singers, actors, and technicians in the production.

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Local News

McGuire inducted

STEPHENVILLE — Brandon Thomas McGuire, a Tarleton State University student from Snyder, was inducted into the Phi Eta Sigma national freshman honor society.

University officials recommend students for membership in the scholastic honor society at the end of their freshman year.

McGuire was one of 117 new members added to Tarleton Phi Eta Sigma chapter for the 2002-2003 school year.

Students inducted into the society must have been enrolled full-time at the university and have earned at least 3.5 grade point ratio as a freshman.

Lowery receives SRU scholarship

Sul Ross State University students have been awarded with scholarships for the spring and summer semesters of the 2002-2003 academic year.

Total awards in scholarships that have been established by business organizations and individuals exceed $10,000.

The University Scholarship Committee, based on nominations forwarded by representatives of academic disciplines and departments, select Sul Ross scholarship recipients. Individual organizations designate specific awards by their own criteria.

One recipient is from Snyder. Thomas Marshall Lowery received the Grace M. Davis Memorial Scholarship.

Trey Shirley on ACU Honor Roll

Trey Shirley has been named to the Dean's Honor Roll for Academic Excellence for the spring semester at Abilene Christian University.

Students must maintain an overall grade point average of 3.75 and be enrolled in a minimum of 12 semester hours to be eligible for the Dean's Honor Roll.

Trey is a senior at ACU and will graduate in December with a bachelors of arts degree in computer graphic art. He will begin graduate studies in Divinity next spring.

He is a 2000 graduate of Ira High School and the son of John and Tammy Shirley of Snyder.

Roemisch, Presscott make HSU Honor List

ABILENE — Hardin-Simmons University announced that Jennifer Roemisch of Hermleigh and Cherjalynn Prescott of Snyder were named to the HSU Honor Lists for the spring 2003 semester.

Roemisch and Prescott made the Honorable Mention Roll, which honors students who completed from 6 to 11 semester hours with a 3.6 grade point average or better.

Shelton Blake Bell receives BS degree

COLLEGE STATION — Diplomas were awarded to approximately 5,000 graduates at Texas A&M University during spring commencement ceremonies.

Among those from Snyder were Shelton Blake Bell, bachelor of science agronomy, distinguished.

Means earns degree

WACO — Baylor University conferred degrees on more than 1,700 graduates during spring commencement exercises in May.

Nickolas Nolan Means, son of Victor and Sheila Means of Snyder, earned a bachelor of business administration degree.

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Shooting victim's kids try to collect funds

FORT WORTH (AP) — Thirteen years after reaching an out-of-court settlement with the man they say killed their father, the children of Stan Farr say former millionaire oilman Cullen Davis has avoided payment by using legal loopholes.

Jon and Heather Farr said Davis still owes them $250,000 from an agreement they reached in 1990 and 1993 as part of an effort for Davis to put the 1976 slayings at his Fort Worth mansion behind him.

But Davis' attorney said the Farrs waited 12 years to collect on the debt, and under Texas law, it's now too late for them to claim the money.

"It is dormant — you can't revive it. I feel confident the law is in our favor," Ronald Payne told the Fort Worth Star-Telegram.

One of the Farrs' attorneys, Tim Hootman, said his clients didn't know that a time limit existed.

"The irony of this debacle is that Cullen Davis slips through the cracks because of all the legal stumbles," Hootman said. "That's what appears to have happened in the criminal case, and now this one."

Cullen Davis was acquitted of murder in the death of his stepdaughter, Andrea Wilborn, who was one of four people attacked in shootings at his mansion in August 1976. Priscilla Davis, his second wife, was injured and her boyfriend, Stan Farr, was killed. Davis was later acquitted of murder-for-hire charges in a separate case.

At the time, Davis was worth an estimated $400 million and believed to be the richest man to stand trial on murder charges.

But his legal troubles forced him into bankruptcy in 1987. After going bust in the oil business, Cullen Davis briefly sold hand cream. That company went out of business and he now sells medical discounts from his Colleyville home.

State District Judge Bonnie Sudderth has been asked to review the agreement. During a hearing this week, the judge told attorneys to file briefs by Friday and said she would take the matter under advisement.

The Farrs, who grew up in the Kansas City area, reasserted their claim to the $250,000 in a lawsuit filed in September. Each child was supposed to have been paid $125,000 each.

The children's aunt, Ivanne Farr, said financial struggles aren't the cause of the children's claims.

"That's not their primary thing at all," she said. "I just think it's pathetic it's taken this long for them to have any kind of reconciliation of the situation."

Davis originally agreed to pay the Farrs in a settlement he reached with their mother, Karen, in federal court in February 1990. At the time, Jon Farr was 17 and Heather was 16.

In 1993, the Farrs amended the settlement in an attempt to recover some, if not all, of the money, Ivanne Farr said.

Under the terms of the deal, Davis would have been allowed to pay all or part of his debt to Jon Farr if he helped Jon Farr find prospective customers for a company he owned that sold light fixtures, documents show. Heather Farr still sought cash under the new agreement.

Two local law firms were allowed to monitor and collect the money in return for about a third of the total. Davis was to pay the money by 1997.

But the money was never paid.

The Farrs have filed a separate legal malpractice lawsuit against their previous attorneys accusing them of allowing Davis to miss various deadlines and not taking the necessary steps to collect the debt, said attorney Lance Kassab.

Hootman argues that state law extends the statute of limitations on such claims when minors are involved. The lawsuit also asserts that the second agreement stopped the clock for almost five years. By extending those deadlines, the Farrs would be allowed to collect on the original deal until 2003 and the subsequent agreement until 2007 or 2008.

Jon Farr lives in Kansas, and his sister lives in Missouri. Neither could be reached for comment.

Davis also could not be reached for comment. His son, Trey, told the Star-Telegram he was unaware the lawsuit even existed.

Trey Davis said the Farrs won't have much luck getting the debt from his father.

"His money's run out," he said.

FAA spent 8 hours searching for Texas legislature's airplane

WASHINGTON (AP) — Federal Aviation Administration employees knew of a Texas political dispute when they helped find a state legislator's plane last month, federal investigators said Friday.

The investigators also said that an FAA employee advised a staffer of House Majority Leader Tom DeLay, R-Texas, where to locate the plane without asking why the information was being requested.

"This report makes clear that the FAA was used to search for a private plane to pursue a partisan political end," said Sen. Joe Lieberman, D-Conn., who requested the investigation. "This strikes me as a clear abuse of the federal government's resources — and an invasion of privacy — and one that shouldn't happen again."

In May, a group of Democratic legislators left Texas for Ardmore, Okla., and stayed in a hotel for four days to block a vote on a congressional redistricting bill pushed by DeLay. Republicans tried to round up the Democrats with the help of law enforcement.

The investigation was conducted by the Transportation Department's inspector general, Kenneth Mead, who released the report Friday evening.

Mead concluded that at least 13 FAA employees helped look for the plane belonging to state Rep. Pete Laney over eight hours May 12.

The first employee contacted by the Texas Department of Public Safety was told by the caller that "over 50 Texas legislators were in hiding and that the governor of Texas had issued a warrant for their apprehension," the report said.

Two Fort Worth air traffic controllers also knew why the search was on and made mention of it in conversations with the Texas public safety officers and another air traffic controller in Texas.

Investigators found that a senior FAA employee, David Balloff, advised an unnamed DeLay staffer that the plane belonging to Laney was due to land in Ardmore about seven minutes from the time of their conversation.

The information proved key in helping Texas Republicans track down the Democrats. Balloff did not ask the staffer why she wanted to know the plane's location. In a follow-up phone call, Balloff told the staffer the plane's location the previous day, May 11.

Balloff told investigators he "felt used" when he learned the next day "why they were calling." A biography on the Transportation Department's Web site says Balloff was a three-time elected member of the Tennessee State Republican Executive Committee.

A separate inquiry by the inspector general's office in the Department of Homeland Security found that a division of that department spent about 40 minutes searching for the plane. It concluded that the assistance had "no reducible effect" on the center's mission. It also concluded that the employees who assisted in the search believed the plane was missing.

The Justice Department also is investigating its employees' involvement in the search for the lawmakers.

Democrats have been pressing several federal agencies to release more records and documents of conversations related to the search and to investigate whether federal resources were misused.

They have accused DeLay and other Republicans of a cover-up for not demanding that the agencies turn over the information.

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Timothy Ray Escobedo, the son of Johnny and Patsy Escobedo of Snyder, recently received an associate in applied science information and technician degree at Western Texas College.

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Drug traffickers find haven in rural area

PENDLETON, Ore. (AP) — A convoy of patrol cars and a black, armored van creep through this cowboy town, stopping in front of a trailer off a gravel road. Officers with guns and bulletproof vests pour forth and barrel inside, shouting "Police, police! Get down!"

Drug raids have become a way of life in Oregon's rural Umatilla County, known more for its ranches and farms than as a playground for drug traffickers.

Nonetheless, a convergence of economic and geographic factors have turned the county into a haven for drug criminals.

Umatilla County is uniquely positioned for its size — three major highways intersect within its rural boundaries, giving traffickers easy access to Canada and Mexico. At the same time, severe budget cuts have left only a handful of state troopers to patrol hundreds of miles of back roads.

What's more, the county's agricultural base provides an ample supply of fertilizer, a key ingredient for methamphetamines, and a growing migrant population is used by Mexican drug traffickers as cover for their activities.

"If we don't get a better handle on the drug problem, it's going to be the absolute ruin of our society," said Sheriff John Trumbo. "It really bothers me that the quality of life out here is being jeopardized by drugs."

Methamphetamine use has risen dramatically in rural America since the early 1990s, largely because it's cheap and easy to make with ingredients found in over-the-counter drugs and recipes available on the Internet. Places like Umatilla County have been hit particularly hard.

With 77,000 people, the county is barely bigger than some of Portland's bedroom communities. Yet in 2002, it ranked No. 1 in the state for marijuana seizures — 65 percent of marijuana seized statewide was from Umatilla — and in the first five months of 2003 ranked No. 2 in meth labs seized.

Officials worry that a decreased police presence because of budget cuts will further encourage traffickers and increase drug-related crimes like homicides and robberies. State and federal officials are anxious for the year's end, when they can compare data from 2001 with complete statistics from 2002-03.

About 85 percent of criminal cases in Umatilla County have a connection to drugs. The same percentage of foster children are in the system because of drug-related problems, officials say.

"It's bad in this county, it's so rampant here," said Cherril Beecroft, a 33-year-old former meth addict whose two friends were murdered over drugs. "You walk into a grocery store and see people who look like they've been up for days. You can just see it in people, in their eyes."

Narcotics agents say 98 percent of the drugs in Umatilla County come from superlabs in Mexico and southern California, and most of them arrive on Highway 395, a rural, two-lane road that originally connected Mexico and Canada.

Once in the county, the drugs are distributed to local dealers or to traffickers who move them north to Washington's Yakama Valley and British Columbia or to the East Coast.

Detectives routinely field calls about local traffickers arrested as far away as Florida, Wyoming and New Mexico, said Sgt. Greg Sherman, with the Oregon State Police.

Umatilla County's rural nature fuels its drug problem. Meth lab operators siphon hundreds of gallons from pressurized tanks attached to tractors or from idling rail cars.

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Financial Focus

Now Your 403(b) is Better Than Ever

Do you work at a school, non-profit hospital, religious organization or other non-profit group? If so, you may be participating in a 403(b) retirement plan. You've always gotten a lot of key benefits from your 403(b) - and now it offers even more.

Before we talk about some of the new laws that have made 403(b) plans more attractive, let's quickly review the chief attributes of this type of account.

* **Tax-deferred earnings** — Your 403(b) earnings grow on a tax-deferred basis, so your money will accumulate faster than it would if it were placed in an investment on which you paid taxes every year.

* **Pre-tax contributions** — Because you contribute pre-tax dollars to your 403(b), you'll lower your adjusted gross income.

* **Automatic payroll deductions** — With all the expenses of daily living, it's hard for many of us to save for retirement. But your employer deducts money for your 403(b) from your paycheck, so you never miss a chance to help build up your savings.

* **Tax-free tranfers** — Participants in a 403(b) may transfer to another 403(b) at any time, tax-free, without a triggering event, such as one's employment termination, retirement or death, that can initiate a distribution from a qualified plan.

As you can see, your 403(b) offers a variety of key benefits. And now, thanks to some new laws, 403(b) plans are even more "user-friendly."

Among these changes, perhaps the most noticeable is the higher contribution limits. In 2003, you can put up to $12,000 in your 403(b). The $12,000 ceiling will increase by $1,000 per year until 2006. Furthermore, if you're 50 or over, you can exceed the contribution limit by $2,000 in 2003; this "catch-up" amount will also increase by $1,000 per year until 2006.

Depending on where you work, you may even be able to save much more. Many state and local governments offer 457(b) plans — another tax-advantaged retirement account - to government employees, including some who are also eligible for 403(b) plans. In the past, if you participated in a 403(b), you could not make the maximum contribution to a 457(b). But now, thanks to the new tax laws, you may be able to contribute the maximum to both plans — which would mean a huge boost to your retirement savings.

The new laws also permit greater "portability" of your 403(b). Now, when you leave your job, you can "roll over" the funds in your 403(b) into an IRA, or into any type of qualified retirement plan, such as a 401(k). (However, some employer-sponsored retirement plans may not accept these rollovers.) You can also move money the other way, by directing 401(k) or IRA distributions into your 403(b).

The advantages of 403(b) portability are clear. If you change jobs, you'll be able to immediately place a large amount of money in your new employer's plan, allowing you to maximize the potential tax-deferred earnings growth. Plus, by consolidating your savings into one plan, you can cut down on paperwork — and possibly the expenses associated with maintaining individual plans.

There's never been a better time to contribute to your 403(b) plan. It's always been a great way to build resources for retirement — and now, with higher contribution limits and increased portability, it's more valuable than ever.

Senior Center News

Volunteers are instrumental in the many services and activities provided by the Senior Center and other organizations throughout our community. Volunteer sites have forms for recording donated time or forms are available at the Senior Center office.

Volunteers are asked to please record their time daily or weekly, but at least monthly.

Volunteers will provide music at the Community Sing beginning at 6 p.m. Saturday night in the Senior Center dining room at 2603 Avenue M. Everyone is welcome.

We encourage citizens to volunteer for the meals-on-wheels program at the center.

The project requires 15 volunteers and approximately two hours of service each. We deliver meals Monday-Friday. Volunteers may donate time as their personal schedule allows. We have five routes of different lengths and time requirement.

We deliver as many as 150 meals some days. If you or a family member has ever received these meals, you know what a wonderful service it is to our citizens. The meal trays are filled at 10:45-11 a.m., delivered to the homes, and the last van returns by 12:15 p.m. Call Glenda at 573-4035 for more information.

Volunteers are also needed to help serve the congregate meals in the center dining room. Seven volunteers are needed for the lunch hour: five to serve food, one for preparing drinks, and one to serve the handicap.

Volunteers who enjoy quilting are invited to join us in the quilting room. Our quilting program continues throughout the year. Our goal for the May Day fundraiser is thirty large quilts. The quilters generally volunteer during the morning, but the room is available Monday-Friday 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

MONDAY

Dominoes, pool, and quilting are activities that are available Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m. – 5 p.m. Join us for party bridge beginning at 9:30 a.m. and continuing throughout the morning.

TUESDAY

Enjoy the senior citizens swimnastics at Western Texas College on Tuesdays and Thursdays 10-11 a.m. The class and parking are free, a volunteer leads the class, and a lifeguard is on duty. It is a great way to cool off and get good exercise. Join us for eighty-eight at 10 at the Center. The Aubrey Wilson band will entertain in the dining room at 11. Everyone is welcome to visit he Golden K Kiwanis for lunch and their weekly meeting at noon every Tuesday. Join us at 1:15 p.m. for an "Eighty Tournament." Bring a partner and have some fun.

WEDNESDAY

Newcomers are welcome in ladies pool beginning at 9 a.m. Join us and learn a new game or improve skills. A volunteer will be available to help newcomers. After lunch, join us in the bridge room for pinochle beginning at 1 p.m.

THURSDAY

The fabric painting class begins at 9 a.m. and continues until 11:30. A volunteer instructs this class. Don't miss swimnastics at WTC from 10-11 a.m.

FRIDAY

Volunteers will take blood pressure readings from 9:30-11 a.m. The bridge tournament begins at 9:30 a.m. and continues throughout the morning. Eighty-eight play begins at 10 a.m. Barbara Tune will play the keyboard from 11:15-11:45 a.m. and again during the noon meal. Beth Dannheim will present a nutrition program at 11:45 a.m.

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Pam Burrus Golden, a 1977 graduate of Snyder High School, is a licensed social worker and is director of a parent center in Midland. She has worked over the past 20 years with many families who have children aged from birth to three years of age, sharing information on early brain development and child development.



Pam Burrus 1977



Pam Golden 2003

She also holds training seminars on early brain development and prevention of the shaken baby syndrome to child care providers across the Permian Basin.

The daughter of Marshall and Shirley Burrus of Snyder, Pam was active in the SHS choir, FCA, played tennis and worked for Snyder National Bank through the DE program. She is a graduate of Southwest Texas State University.

She married SHS graduate Randy Golden. They have two children, Megan, 19, and Ryan, 17.

(Readers are invited to submit information and pictures for this feature. Bring by Snyder Daily News or mail to Box 949 in Snyder, 79550.)

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Current picture?

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Today's chuckle

Former Tyson's employee steals steaks

NORFOLK, Neb. (AP) — Maybe they were on that all-protein fad diet?



A former employee at the Tyson Foods meatpacking plant in Norfolk and an accomplice are accused of making off with more than $30,000 worth of steaks.

The thefts of more than 7,000 pounds of meat took place between January and March, State Patrol spokeswoman Terri Teuber said Thursday.

The investigation began several weeks ago and two men ages 41 and 45 were arrested at a mobile home in Stanton on Tuesday on suspicion of felony theft, she said.

One of the men was a former employee at the plant, Teuber said. The other man was not believed to have worked there, she said.

Tyson Foods spokesman Ed Nicholson declined to comment, saying he did not have all details of the case.

Affidavit alleges priest supplied alcohol

PITTSBURGH (AP) — A priest supplied alcohol at a cookout attended by a University of Pittsburgh football player who had been drinking when he fell to his death last month, according to a search warrant affidavit.

Witnesses told police that Billy Gaines and four other Pitt players — all of whom were underage — were at a June 17 cookout at which liquor was supplied by the Rev. Henry Krawczyk, the affadavit said.

Gaines fell from a church catwalk at about 2:30 a.m. June 18.

Krawczyk, 50, resigned July 3 as pastor of St. Maximilian Kolbe parish in Homestead, a suburb just east of Pittsburgh.

Krawczyk has not been charged in Gaines' death. He could not be located and his attorney, David Cercone, didn't immediately return a telephone call.

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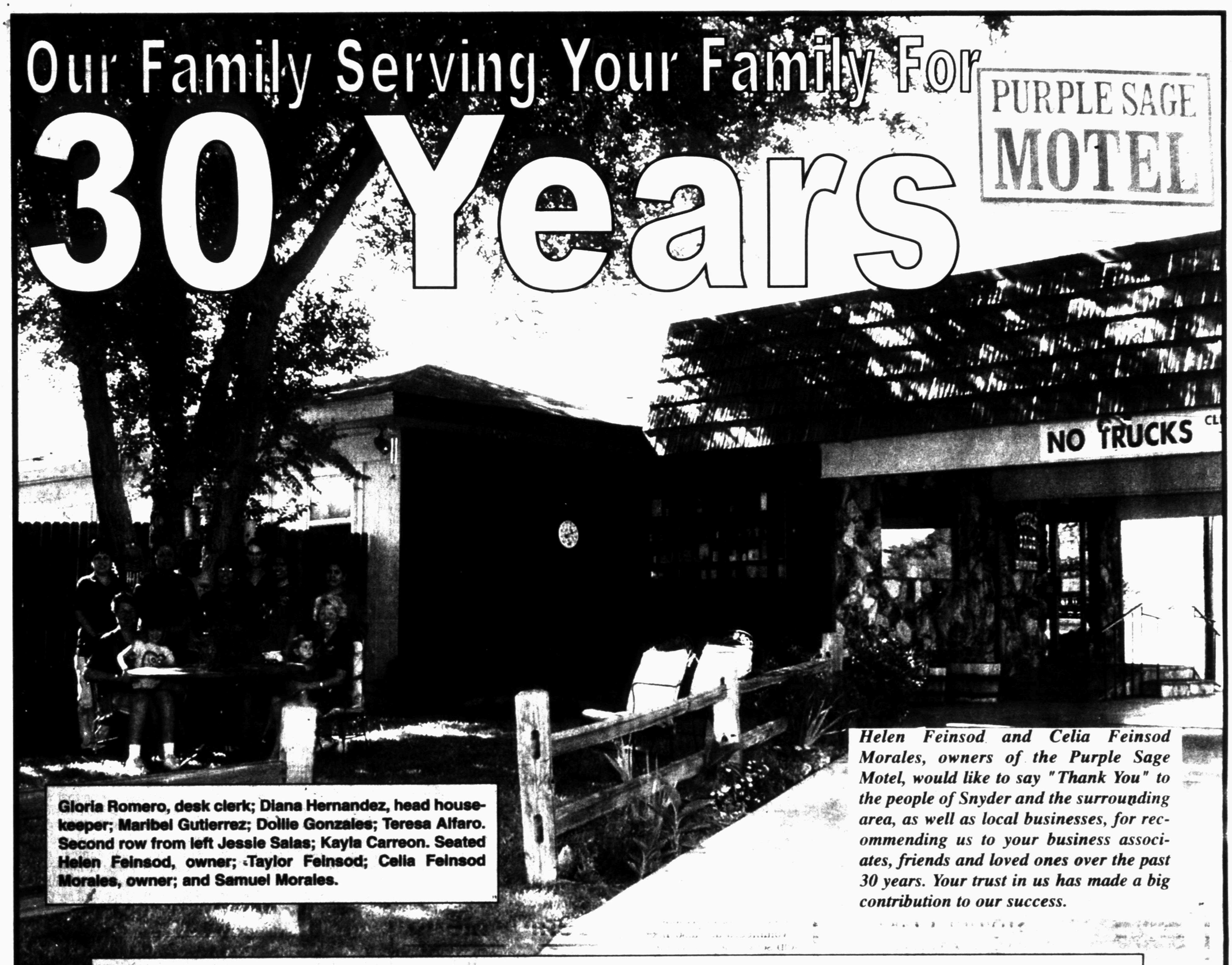
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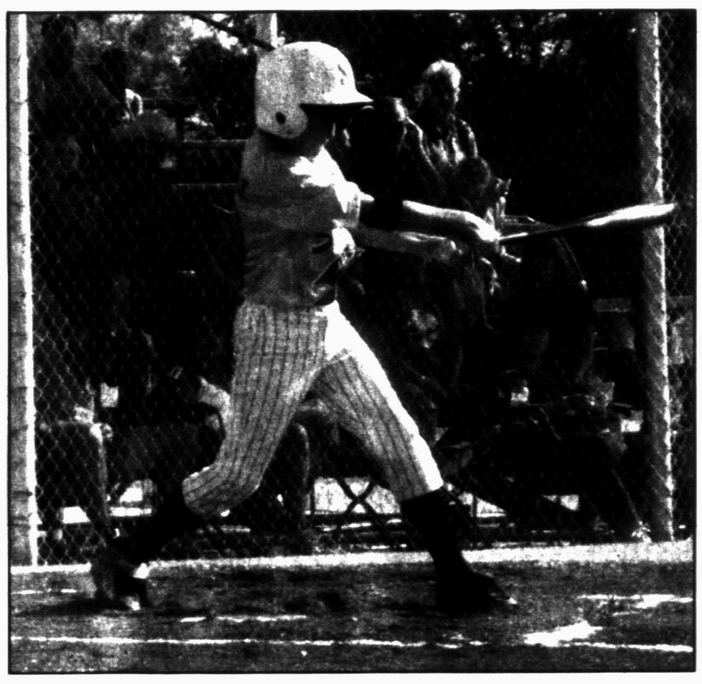
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SPORTS



HEAD DOWN — Dakota Carroll takes a hack at a pitch during the Snyder Little League tournament. The nine- and 10-year-old team captured the district and was scheduled to play at 8 Saturday night in the opening round of the sectional tournament in Odessa against Borger. (SDN Staff Photo)

Royals crush Rangers, 13-3

ARLINGTON (AP) — With Carlos Beltran back on track, the Kansas City Royals don't miss the injured Mike Sweeney and Joe Randa quite as much.

Beltran and Raul Ibanez each homered and had three RBIs, and the Royals used an eight-run eighth inning to rout the Texas Rangers 13-3 on Friday night.

"All nine guys did their job," Beltran said. "We don't rely on one or two guys. All of us are trying to do the little things to help us win."

Sweeney, who has 50 RBIs, is on the disabled list with a back injury, and Randa has missed eight games because of a strained side.

Beltran, who entered the game in a 2-for-27 slump, keyed the eight-run inning when he homered off reliever Aaron Fultz. It was Beltran's 12th homer of the season.

Ibanez's 12th home run capped a four-run third off Texas starter R.A. Dickey.

Ken Harvey and Angel Berroa each had three hits for the Royals, 5½ games ahead of second-place Minnesota in the AL Central.

"We don't have Mike Sweeney or Joe Randa and our guys still find ways to win," Kansas City manager Tony Pena said. "When we get all our guys back, we're going to have a dangerous lineup."

Kris Wilson, Nate Field and Mike MacDougal pitched five scoreless innings in relief of starter Runelvys Hernandez.

Wilson (4-0) pitched three hitless innings to pick up the win.

Hernandez was activated from the 15-day disabled list Friday and made his first start since May 14. He was placed on the DL May 27 with inflammation in his right elbow.

The right-hander yielded three runs and four hits in four innings. He threw 66 pitches.

"I am so happy with the way (Hernandez threw the ball)," Pena said. "He is still behind and his slider isn't sharp. But I was just happy to have him out there."

Earlier in the day, the Rangers traded AL saves leader Ugueth Urbina to Florida for three minor leaguers. Florida gave up first baseman Adrian Gonzalez, the top pick in the 2000 amateur draft, along with outfielder Will Smith and left-hander Ryan Snare.

Dickey (4-4), making his first major league start, allowed four runs and six hits in five innings. He made 23 appearances out of the bullpen this season.

"I need to have better command of my fastball," Dickey said. "I feel like I was one or two pitches away from throwing five scoreless innings."

The Royals jumped out to a 4-0 lead in the third, scoring all of their runs with two outs.

Beltran had an RBI single and Relaford scored on a balk by Dickey. Ibanez capped the inning with a two-run homer.

The Royals broke open a 4-3 game in the eighth as they sent 14 batters to the plate.

Beltran homered, Berroa hit a two-run double, and Carlos Febles, Michael Tucker, Relaford and Ibanez also had RBIs.

Hernandez gave up just one hit over the first three innings before he ran into trouble in the fourth.

Juan Gonzalez, who has 12 RBIs in the past seven games, had an RBI single that scored Alex Rodriguez, and Rafael Palmeiro scored on a throwing error by Ibanez.

Gonzalez scored two batters later on Laynce Nix's RBI grounder, the first of his big league career.

The Rangers had five hits, but only one came after the fourth as Kansas City pitchers retired 17 straight before allowing a hit with two outs in the ninth.

Dunleavy named new Clips coach

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Undaunted by the prospect of losing key free agents and the team's legacy of defeat, Mike Dunleavy agreed to become the new coach of the Los Angeles Clippers.

Dunleavy signed a four-year deal Friday, bringing him back to the city where he coached the Lakers to the 1991 NBA Finals. Financial terms of the deal were not disclosed.

"I've had one other stint in LA and it turned out very well for me," he said after being introduced at Staples Center. "I figure two times will be the charm."

Dunleavy had worked as a broadcaster after being fired by Portland two years ago.

He takes over a team with a 27-55 record last season that was the worst in the Pacific Division and 13th among 14 Western Conference teams. Injuries played a part, with 289 man-games missed because of illness or injury.

"I like a challenge. Usually it's really worked out well for me," he said.

Dunleavy met with Clippers owner Donald Sterling in Los Angeles.

"I feel confident that he's committed to winning," Dunleavy said.

Little League teams kick off sectionals

The Snyder Little League All-Star teams remaining in the hunt for a state tourney berth were scheduled to kick off three sectional tournaments Saturday.

The eight- and nine-year-old squad was slated for an 8 p.m. start Saturday in Odessa against Borger.

The club will play at the Little League field in the 3100 block of E. University.

The 13-year-olds started at 3 p.m. Saturday in the Dumas sectionals, taking on host Dumas.

The 14- and 15-year-olds were slated for 8 Saturday night in the Seminole sectional tournament, playing the winner of the Dumas-Gaines County matchup.

Astros top Bucs for fifth straight victory

HOUSTON (AP) — Winless in two previous tries this season, Wade Miller pitched six solid innings to help the Houston Astros beat Pittsburgh 4-2 Friday night. Jeff Bagwell homered and Geoff Blum extended his hitting streak to 13 games as the Astros won their fifth in a row.

"I was anxious to get out there tonight," Miller said. "Basically, what I was thinking about was getting back to good mechanics and good pitching. I wanted to go after them."

Miller (6-9) also beat Jeff D'Amico for the first time this season. Miller was 0-2 against the Pittsburgh starter this season, including an 8-3 loss Sunday in which he allowed seven runs.

Adam Everett, Craig Biggio and Morgan Ensberg also drove in runs for the NL Central-leading Astros.

Pirates first baseman Randall Simon served the second game of a three-game suspension for hitting one of the Milwaukee Brewers' sausage mascots with his bat Wednesday night. Simon also was fined $2,000 by major league baseball.

Miller allowed one run on four hits and a walk.

Armstrong set for mountain run

LYON, France (AP) — For Lance Armstrong, the fun is just beginning in the Tour de France.

While other cyclists dread the mountain stages, which began Saturday with the first of three alpine climbs, the four-time champion was getting down to serious business.

For Armstrong, 39th Friday in the sixth stage won by Italian sprint maestro Alessandro Petacchi, the previous week has been an awkward case of keeping out of trouble.

There were blips along the way.

Armstrong, by his own admission, ran a moderate prologue stage last Saturday — finishing seventh — and was lucky not to be seriously hurt in a huge pileup the following day.

However, cancer survivor Armstrong has emerged from the hectic sprint stages — where riders joust for space on frighteningly narrow roads — in second place overall and on track for a record-tying fifth-straight victory.

Spain's Miguel Indurain, the only rider in the race's 100-year history to win five straight times, might start tuning in more regularly now, as Armstrong strides ever closer to joining him.

The 31-year-old Texan took to the hills Saturday in good spirits, surrounded by his fiercely loyal and smoothly functioning U.S. Postal teammates, and only a breath away from slipping the coveted yellow jersey onto his sleek frame.

Armstrong, who won his first Tour in 1999, was a second behind fellow Postal rider Victor Hugo Pena, with the roles feasibly reversed in Saturday's seventh stage: a 143.14-mile grind from Lyon to the ski resort of Morzine-Avoriaz.

"We're going into the Alps," Pena said. "I'm going to do my job as a teammate to make sure Lance wins his fifth Tour de France."

Prior to racing Friday, Armstrong described Saturday's climb — which features ascents of 5,343 feet and 3,897 feet — as "a medium mountain day, not a monumental day."

Although conceding that "just moving on a mountain is very hard," he, unlike other riders among the 195 remaining after another abandonment Friday, is far from being perturbed.

"Up until now, it's been a psychological game to see where everyone is situated. Starting from tomorrow the real Tour de France begins," Postal's sporting director Johan Bruyneel said, adding that Armstrong is feeling "very confident."

On Friday, Petacchi won the 142.83-mile trek from Nevers, past Burgundy, and on to Lyon in

Watson tops leaderboard at Senior Championship

DEARBORN, Mich. (AP) — Tom Watson shot an 8-under 64 in blustery conditions Friday to take a two-shot lead at 10 under 134 in the third of five majors on the Champions Tour.

Watson raced to early leads in the past month in the U.S. Open and U.S. Senior Open before fading in the final rounds.

Because of his knack for playing well in harsh weather, though, several of his rivals say he'll be tough to catch.

The forecast for Saturday calls for wind between 10 mph and 20 mph — not quite Friday's force, when gusts topped 35 mph, but stiff nonetheless.

"I think it would be hard to find anyone who is a better bad-weather player than Tom has been in his career," said Andy North, who stands alone in second place and will play with Watson on Saturday. North was 8 under after a 69.

Tom Purtzer, at 3 under after a 74, was a bit more to the point about Watson's bad-weather play: "I think Tom prays for days like this."

First-round leader Gil Morgan (73) was three strokes back along with Bob Murphy (68), Terry Mauney (68) and Mike McCullough (71).

Watson finished eighth in the Senior Players Championship in 2001 and 18th in 2000. He didn't play last year.

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Sports Briefs

Volleyball camp

SHS volleyball coach Laura Moses will host a volleyball camp July 21-22 for incoming 4th-6th-graders at the high school gym. The camp will run from 9 to 11 a.m. both days. Cost is $20 and includes a t-shirt. Contact coach Moses at 436-9067 for more details.

Hermleigh athletic physicals

All incoming sixth, ninth and 11th grade Hermleigh athletes are reminded to get a physical. Forms can be picked up at the high school and all paperwork must be completed prior to the physical.

Snyder athletic physicals

Physicals are required for students wishing to participate in SISD athletics. Those needing physicals include all incoming seventh, ninth and third-year high school students; all new students to SISD who plan to participate in athletics; any student who answered yes to questions 1, 4, 5, 6, or 7 on their medical history form; and any student who has not participates in athletics in the past.

The district will pay for physicals up until Aug. 1. With the following doctors: Raykov, Burleson, Cooper, Thompson and Wolboldt. Incoming seventh and ninth graders pick up physical forms at the doctor's office.

Rookie phenom Willis added to All-Star roster

MONTREAL (AP) — Florida rookie Dontrelle Willis, left off the National League's All-Star roster when the team was announced earlier this week, was selected as an injury replacement for Los Angeles' Kevin Brown.

Chicago's Dusty Baker, who will manage the NL team this year, originally left Willis off the squad in favor of his own Kerry Wood. Wood is 9-6 with a 3.19 ERA, while Willis is 8-1 with a 1.98 ERA.

Major League Baseball

National League

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	60	31	.659	—
Philadelphia	51	39	.567	8½
Montreal	48	44	.522	12½
Florida	48	45	.516	13
New York	39	52	.429	21

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	49	43	.533	—
St. Louis	47	45	.511	2
Chicago	46	46	.500	3
Cincinnati	41	50	.451	7½
Pittsburgh	40	49	.449	7½
Milwaukee	37	54	.407	11½

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
San Francisco	56	36	.609	—
Arizona	51	41	.554	5
Los Angeles	48	43	.527	7½
Colorado	49	46	.516	8½
San Diego	35	59	.372	22

Friday's Games

Atlanta 9, Chicago Cubs 5
Florida 5, Montreal 4
Philadelphia 10, N.Y. Mets 3
St. Louis 4, San Diego 2
Houston 4, Pittsburgh 2
Cincinnati 6, Milwaukee 1
Colorado 7, Los Angeles 6
San Francisco 10, Arizona 7

Saturday's Games

Atlanta (Ramirez 8-2) at Chicago Cubs (Clement 6-7), 12:15 p.m.
Philadelphia (Duckworth 3-3) at N.Y. Mets (Seo 5-5), 12:20 p.m.
San Francisco (J.Williams 4-1) at Arizona (Schilling 4-3), 3:05 p.m.
Florida (Redman 7-3) at Montreal (L.Hernandez 8-6), 6:05 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Wells 2-4) at Houston (Oswalt 5-4), 6:05 p.m.
Cincinnati (Haynes 1-9) at Milwaukee (W.Franklin 5-5), 6:05 p.m.
Los Angeles (Ashby 2-5) at Colorado (Jennings 8-6), 7:05 p.m.
San Diego (Ol.Perez 3-3) at St. Louis (Stephenson 4-9), 7:10 p.m.

Sunday's Games

Florida (Willis 8-1) at Montreal (Vargas 6-4), 12:05 p.m.
Philadelphia (Myers 9-6) at N.Y. Mets (Glavine 6-9), 12:10 p.m.
Cincinnati (Graves 4-9) at Milwaukee (Kinney 6-7), 1:05 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Fogg 5-3) at Houston (Redding 5-8), 1:05 p.m.
San Diego (Eaton 4-7) at St. Louis (Haren 0-2), 1:10 p.m.
Los Angeles (W.Alvarez 0-1) at Colorado (Neagle 2-2), 2:05 p.m.
San Francisco (Brower 5-1) at Arizona (Webb 6-2), 3:35 p.m.
Atlanta (Reynolds 6-4) at Chicago Cubs (Zambrano 6-7), 7:05 p.m.

American League

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	56	35	.615	—
Boston	54	37	.593	2
Toronto	48	45	.516	9
Baltimore	41	48	.461	14
Tampa Bay	31	59	.344	24½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Kansas City	49	41	.544	—
Minnesota	44	47	.484	5½
Chicago	43	48	.473	6½
Cleveland	40	51	.440	9½
Detroit	24	66	.267	25

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Seattle	57	34	.626	—
Oakland	52	39	.571	5
Anaheim	47	43	.522	9½
Texas	38	53	.418	19

Friday's Games

Boston 5, Detroit 3
Cleveland 12, Chicago White Sox 5
N.Y. Yankees 8, Toronto 5
Kansas City 13, Texas 3
Anaheim 5, Minnesota 0
Oakland 2, Baltimore 0
Seattle 4, Tampa Bay 3

Saturday's Games

Chicago White Sox (Buehrle 7-10) at Cleveland (Stanford 0-0), 12:05 p.m., 1st game
Chicago White Sox (Porzio 0-0) at Cleveland (Westbrook 3-4), 6:05 p.m., 2nd game
Minnesota (Radke 5-8) at Anaheim (Washburn 7-9), 3:05 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Mussina 10-5) at Toronto (Halladay 12-2), 3:05 p.m.
Baltimore (Hentgen 1-5) at Oakland (Halama 2-4), 3:05 p.m.
Boston (P.Martinez 6-2) at Detroit (Roney 1-3), 6:05 p.m.
Kansas City (Lima 4-0) at Texas (Valdes 7-5), 7:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Zambrano 5-4) at Seattle (Meche 10-4), 9:05 p.m.

Sunday's Games

N.Y. Yankees (Weaver 4-7) at Toronto (Escobar 5-5), 12:05 p.m.
Boston (Wakefield 6-3) at Detroit (Ledezma 2-2), 12:05 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Garland 6-7) at Cleveland (Traber 4-5), 12:05 p.m.
Minnesota (Lohse 6-7) at Anaheim (Lackey 6-8), 3:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Bell 1-2) at Seattle (Pineiro 10-5), 3:05 p.m.
Baltimore (Johnson 7-4) at Oakland (Zito 8-6), 3:05 p.m.
Kansas City (May 3-4) at Texas (Mounce 1-2), 7:05 p.m.

SPORTS

Sideline Views



by Bobby Allen

You can't keep a good man down.

Coach Albert Lewis recently underwent another major surgery, and is back home getting ready to start rehab Monday after having his second leg amputated as a result of complications from diabetes.

"I already had one (prosthetic leg)," he said, after spending the week getting fitted for new artificial limbs on which he must learn to walk. "It will be easier to learn to walk because it's below the knee. I'm really optimistic. I'll be more mobile — but no racing."

Talking with Coach is always an education and a great time. He has encyclopedic knowledge of baseball, a clear memory of the all-time greats that many of us only get to see on film, and his enthusiasm and quick humor are infectious.

We called Coach Lewis to get his opinion on a debate ongoing in baseball — who is the greatest living hitter — and got it, along with his take on a host of other issues and a healthy dose of good cheer.



Coach shares his feelings with the man in blue.

He said the best hitter he ever saw was Ted Williams, whom Lewis saw at a coaching clinic when the Splinter was coaching the Rangers.

"You can't get away from Ted," he said. "At just natural hitting, he was better than anybody. What a lot of people don't know is that he had the best eyes of anyone (Williams had 20/10 vision)."

He added that great players seldom make great coaches, citing Williams as an example.

"Great players who coach expect you to do the same things they did," he said. "Then there are some real good players who know their role, but are not familiar with the whole scope."

Lewis made no bones about which player he felt was at the top of those still playing.

"Bonds is best in the game," he said without hesitation. "He doesn't waste swings, and he's patient. You don't fool him. He's more mature, more selective in the last four years than when he first came up."

He said several guys stand out as far as the best still living.

"The one I was impressed with was Hank Aaron. You're supposed to keep your head still, and he kept his still and always kept his bat still. He had great hand-eye coordination — you could fool him with an offspeed pitch and he would hit it out of the park. He would lunge at pitches, but he had strong wrists," he said.

He said he never liked Stan Musial's stance and felt that Mickey Mantle was the complete package before injuries and a reckless lifestyle caught up with him.

"I really liked Say Hey (Willie Mays)," he added. "He hit inside, outside, hit with power. He was a super athlete. And that's the thing — you can use all the philosophies, but you have to be born with the ability to hit a baseball."

Among young players, Coach said he likes Albert Pujols, but thinks Alex Rodriguez is the best young player in the game, despite his recent struggles.

"Alex is lunging too much, he's opening up way too soon," he said. "But he's still one of the better ones. If you are starting a team, you need Alex."

He said the current offensive climate in baseball has led to new roles for positions that were once considered defensive.

"It's all about offense. Used to be a second baseman could hit .240 and have a job, but now those guys and shortstops are expected to produce runs."

Given his long history with the game, it would be easy to assume that Coach is a purist. At Lewis' induction ceremony into the Texas Baseball Coaches Hall of Honor, Tug McGraw gave a speech bashing the designated hitter.

Coach chuckles when he recalls praising the DH as soon as he reached the podium.

"I disagreed with him. It was the first thing I said when I got up there," he laughed. "I like the DH. I pay $10 for a ticket and $30 to park, I get sick with the bases loaded and down to number nine and he can't foul the ball off. Also, a lot of guys would be out of business (if the rule changed). But I don't think (MLB) will ever go to a standard rule."

He said he liked having the designated hitter as a coach, too.

"High school is a little bit different, because usually your best pitcher is your best athlete," he said. "I never played a kid in my life that couldn't make a contribution, and I've used as many as four kids in the DH spot in seven innings. I liked that you could slip somebody in and not change the batting order."

He said the DH makes managing easier in the American League, since National League managers must make more moves.

Coach also likes fan voting for the Midsummer Classic.

"I think in an all-star game, everyone should play, though I get the feeling this year everybody won't play and the starters will go a little longer," he said. "I like getting the fans involved. Even as important as the game is (the winning league gets home-field advantage in the World Series), it's still about showcasing talent."

And while second-guessing managers is what baseball fans do, commentators who dissect and often criticize managerial moves get Coach a little steamed.

"These announcers make me sick," he said. "Get up there and report what you see. I'm really opposed to second-guessing. A manager never makes a move that he doesn't think will work. Who knows this guy better than the coach? You work with a guy, you're with him all the time, you know what he can and can't do. Every move I made I thought was to work."

He is also opposed at baseball's use of a computerized imaging (QuesTec) to verify umpire's ball and strike calls.

"I told my kids there are three strike zones: the official book strike zone — which is never called, what zone you can power the ball and the umpire's zone. And neither of the first two amount to a hill of beans. Kids would come back to the dugout and say, 'Coach, I thought…' and I would say 'No, no, no, no. Don't think,'" he joked. "But that umpire better call the same thing in the seventh inning as he did in the first and second."

Coach also talked about what the Mavs need to do to reach the finals, the favorites for the World Series and why Mark Cuban is a great owner. I didn't get it all down though. Sometimes , you just have to cap the pen and listen to the man speak.

Coach doesn't believe in an unhittable pitch. With all the curves, splitters and sinkers life has thrown at him lately, he just keeps smashing them right back.

"Anybody swings, he will hit the ball. The only unhittable pitch is the one you don't swing at," he said. "Winners find a way, and losers find an excuse."

Stakes are raised for this year's Midsummer Classic

CHICAGO (AP) — Scott Rolen cringes. To him, the notion that players will now try harder in the All-Star game because "this time it counts" — as TV keeps bleating — is crazy.

"I think it's insulting to think guys don't go out and give everything they have when they step on an All-Star field," the NL's starting third baseman said.

"You don't need added motivation," the St. Louis slugger said. "There's no lack of effort, at all."

But the fact is, there is something significant at stake this time. The league that wins the All-Star game gets home-field advantage in the World Series — and it is a big edge, with the home team having won the last eight Game 7s.

That said, Tuesday night's event at U.S. Cellular Field in Chicago could take on a different look.

As in, it may not come down to a bullpen battle between relative newcomer Lance Carter and ineffective Mike Williams. Barry Bonds might not hoist Ichiro Suzuki after getting robbed of a home run. There could be an intentional walk or a sacrifice bunt, and pitchers might go longer — no AL starter has gone three innings since Bret Saberhagen in 1987.

"I think you'll see the managers put a little more emphasis on winning the ballgame as opposed to trying to get everybody into the ballgame. And that's really the way it should be," said Tampa Bay's Lou Piniella, who guided the NL in 1991.

No telling whether those playful snapshots will disappear.

Randy Johnson produced a couple with a pair of over-the-top pitches, causing John Kruk to pat his heart in 1993 and Larry Walker to turn around and bat right-handed in 1997. Chances are Tommy Lasorda won't show up in the third-base coaching box and take a tumble, either, as he did in 2001.

Yet unlike All-Star games in other sports, baseball doesn't lend itself to holding back. There may be no blitzing in the Pro Bowl, little defense in the NBA and hardly any checking in the NHL showcases, but no pitcher is going to throw 65 mph fastballs and no hitter is going to try to make outs.

Linking the All-Star game to the World Series — a two-year experiment that drew the ire of many fans — was prompted by Fox after its telecast last July drew an all-time low rating.

There also was an outcry after the game ended in a 7-7 tie after 11 innings at Miller Park when both teams ran out of pitchers. The result was so disastrous that commissioner Bud Selig was booed in his own Milwaukee backyard — the outcome also forced rosters to expand from 30 to 32, giving each team 12 pitchers.

Fox will treat it a more like a real game, too. No interviews with players until they're taken out and no back-and-forth banter between managers Dusty Baker and Mike Scioscia, the way Joe Torre and Bob Brenly did last time.

The All-Star switch is certainly not going to affect the Detroit Tigers, who by far have the worst record in the majors. Yet their lone representative, outfielder Dmitri Young, is well aware of what the game means.

"I just know that if the American League loses and our champions don't get the home-field advantage against a National League wild-card team with 88 wins, they are going to be pretty upset," he said.

"I'm not going to be thinking about it — I'm just looking forward to playing in the game. I think it is just a reaction to last year's fiasco," he said.

Baker, who managed San Francisco last October when it lost Game 7 at Anaheim, figures players will be as serious as ever. They had a role this time, getting an All-Star vote for the first time since 1969.

Sammy Sosa surely didn't hold back last year when he tried to hustle from first-to-third on a single to left field and was thrown out by Manny Ramirez. And Torii Hunter went all out to snatch away a home run from Bonds, who wrapped his arms around the Minnesota center fielder and lifted him high.

"These guys wouldn't be All-Stars if they didn't play hard," said Baker, now with the Chicago Cubs. "If a guy has that much pride and inner drive to succeed to where he is, that will certainly translate to the All-Star game."

"These guys will have the same attitude in an Old-Timers game. Most of these guys, all they know how to do is to play hard and try to win," he said.

OK, but how hard? Does the home-field angle alter anything?

"I guess you have to decide it some way. Flip a coin, go run around the bases or something," Cincinnati second baseman Aaron Boone said.

"I don't think it's going to be a motivating factor for anyone," he said. "I mean, you're not going to take somebody out or try and kill somebody just to win home-field advantage."

Or, as Reds teammate Ken Griffey Jr. said: "Hopefully, nobody gets hurt. We don't want another Pete Rose situation where somebody's career is ended."

Ah, the Pete Rose situation.

Since Babe Ruth homered at old Comiskey Park in the first All-Star game in 1933, there have been lots of magic moments in the midsummer classic.

Carl Hubbell struck out five straight future Hall of Famers in 1934. Ted Williams jumped for joy after hitting a three-run homer with two outs in the bottom of the ninth to win in 1941. Reggie Jackson homered off the light tower at Tiger Stadium in 1971. Pedro Martinez fanned four MVPs and home-run champion Mark McGwire at Fenway Park in 1999.

Still, nothing ever defined a time when the All-Star game really meant something as when Rose struck a blow for NL pride, crashing into Cleveland's Ray Fosse to score the winning run in the bottom of 12th inning in 1970. Fosse separated his shoulder on

Bird takes reins for Pacers

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Larry Bird returned to the NBA and the Indiana Pacers on Friday, taking a front-office job with the team he coached to the league finals three years ago.

The Hall of Famer will be president of basketball operations, taking over day-to-day decision-making from Donnie Walsh, who led the franchise since 1986 and will stay on as its chief executive.

As a player, Bird won three NBA titles in the 1980s with the Boston Celtics.

He's been out of basketball since 2000, when he walked away from the Pacers at the end of a three-year coaching contract. His last Pacers team lost to the Los Angeles Lakers in that season's NBA Finals.

Back then, the Pacers offered Bird a top front-office job, with the option of becoming team president after Walsh retired.

Bird decided to take a break instead.

Walsh now will oversee the Pacers' business operations and players' contracts, while Bird will be responsible for picking players and coaches and for scouting.

"I'm really happy to have him back where he belongs, here in Indiana," Walsh said.

Bird went 147-67 in the regular season with the Pacers, the best three-year record in team history. The Pacers also won two Central Division championships, one Eastern Conference title and their first trip to the NBA Finals.

He returns to a team that bears little resemblance to the veteran-laden roster that reached the 2000 championship series.

Bird's successor as coach, Isiah Thomas, hasn't had as much success, with three straight first-round exits from the playoffs.

Bird said he was looking forward to working with Thomas. The team is close to an agreement with its top free agent, Jermaine O'Neal.

A three-time MVP with the Celtics, Bird is one of the biggest stars in Indiana basketball history. He was a high school standout in his hometown of French Lick and then led Indiana State to the 1979 NCAA title game.

Kidd stays in Jersey

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP) — Jason Kidd agreed to a six-year, $99 million deal to stay with the New Jersey Nets on Friday, rejecting an offer from the NBA champion San Antonio Spurs.

Since arriving via trade two years ago, the All-Star point guard transformed the Nets from an also-ran into a two-time conference champion.

"After great thought and consultation with the important people in my life, I have decided that I want to remain a New Jersey Net," Kidd said.

His decision came the same day that word emerged that center Alonzo Mourning would join the Nets as a free agent. Mavericks owner Mark Cuban said in an e-mail that Mourning wouldn't sign with Dallas and instead had chosen New Jersey.

A Nets spokesman would not confirm the deal, and a call to Mourning's agent, Jeffrey Wechsler, was not immediately returned.

Mourning can't officially sign with the Nets until Wednesday, nor can Kidd.

Kidd and his family visited San Antonio this week, and his agent said Kidd would make a decision by the start of next week.

Spurs general manager R.C. Buford confirmed Kidd pulled out of talks with his team.

Rangers trade Urbina for AA prospects

ARLINGTON (AP) — The Texas Rangers traded AL saves leader Ugueth Urbina to the Florida Marlins for three minor leaguers Friday.

Florida gave up first baseman Adrian Gonzalez, the No. 1 overall pick in the 2000 amateur draft, outfielder Will Smith and left-handed pitcher Ryan Snare, the only one of the three on the Marlins' 40-man roster. All three are playing in Double-A.

Urbina bolsters the Marlins' bullpen as they try to make a surprising push for the NL wild card.

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then publicly opened and read.

Bidding documents, including proposal/agreement form and specifications, may be obtained from:
Scott Mitchell
Texas Department of Transportation
4250 N. Clack
P.O. Box 150
Abilene, Texas 79604
(915) 676-6911
(915) 676-6958 - Fax

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL
By order of the Community Supervision & Corrections Department, Scurry County, Snyder, Texas. Sealed proposals will be received for: Canyon Reef TAIP Substance Abuse Treatment Services. The level of services include Intensive Residential (II) and Residential (III). RFP packets may be obtained from Arline M. Day, TAIP Coordinator, at 2511 College Ave., Snyder, TX 79549. Deadline for RFP's to be received is 5:00 P.M. July 25, 2003.

Lost & Found

FOUND
Large black & white male dog.
1 blue eye, 1 brown eye.
573-6862 573-4332

LOST
Female gray-striped/calico tabby cat. Recent surgery.
Any info., please call 573-2911.

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The link between buyer and seller
573-5486

Lost & Found

Lost or Stolen
All white Chihuahua mix.
Female, "Blanca".
Vicinity 600 blk 34th.
Reward! 573-1326

Vehicles

1988 Buick Park Ave.
110,200 miles, loaded.
$1,300 firm & no financing.
Contact Rodney Mayo,
238 Wheat, Hermleigh, 863-2712.

1988 Olds Cutlass
4-cyl., 4 dr., extra low mileage
$1,250 573-8147

1993 Ford Festiva
Uses oil. $500 OBO
See at 1550 N. College.

1994 Honda Accord
4-dr. As is, where is. Clean. Cash only! $3,750 See at 23rd & Ave. Q. 573-7230, 573-4825

1995 Ford F150 ext. cab
$4,000 OBO Call 573-0006, leave message & phone number.

1997 Silverado X-cab
lite 3/4, loaded. $8,750
Drum 573-4425

1999 Dodge 1500 4x4 Sport
40,000 miles.
573-4160 or 207-3069

Reduced! 2002 Camaro
11,000 miles. 573-0498

Motorcycles

1996 Honda Shadow 600
Deluxe $2,000 in extras.
See at Dennis Quick Auto or call 573-4385 $4,000 OBO

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•Brush control
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Free Estimates
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Metal buildings, Roofs
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For estimates call
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Front-end loader, Walk-behind tiller, Tractor tiller, Small acreage plowed. 915-573-8264

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Painting, Yard Work, Hauling, Repair Work, Cut Trees, etc.
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Student Work

Need your lawn mowed?
Call 574-1058 & ask for Alex.

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Complete Yard Service
Low prices. Small yards $15-20
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Experienced.
Call Lee, 573-8648.

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Employment

Field Mechanic/Operator Needed
Experience with gas engine compressors and gas measurement for small gasoline plant at Post, Texas. Salary up to $3,000/mo. including overtime. Send resume to Cedar Hill Plant, Rt. 3, Box 4, Post, Texas 79356 or fax to 806-495-3689.

Immediate Opening
Car wash attendants. Call 325-207-3910 or 325-868-0331 after Tuesday, July 15.

Any time is the right time to use the classified ads. Call today!

Employment

Financial Services Company has a Full-Time opening to assist hospital patients in applying for medical benefits. Hourly plus benefits. Resume to: kathy_myers@mcrmail.org or fax to 512-804-1877, include job post #STX0603.

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or email:
jbhcmh@cogdellhospital.com

Mitchell County Hospital District Job Postings:

1. **Correctional LVNs needed at Wallace/Ware Prison Medical Units in Colorado City. Contact Ms. Anderson, R.N., Administrator at (915) 728-2162 ext. 4265.**
2. **LVNs and R.N. at Mitchell County Hospital. Contact Sandra Sullivan, Human Resources at (915) 728-3431 ext. 290.**
3. **Personnel needed in Dietary at Mitchell County Hospital. Contact Sandra Sullivan, Human Resources at (915)728-3431, ext 290.**

RIP GRIFFIN TRAVEL CENTER
Housekeeping Staff Needed
Must be available all shifts (24/7)
Competitive Wages, Medical, Dental, Vision, Life Insurance, Paid Vacation & 401k
Must be cheerful, friendly, honest, and work well with public. Good math and computer skills a plus.
Apply in person after 10a.m. Mon. – Fri.

JOB VACANCY
WESTERN TEXAS COLLEGE
SNYDER, TEXAS 79549

POSITION: TRIO (Upward Bound) Grant Director SALARY: Contingent upon qualifications. **DUTIES:** Responsible for overall implementation of the Upward Bound project including planning, administration, budgeting, and supervision of staff. Counseling responsibilities include coordinating and/or conducting all participant assessments to determine extent of academic and career advisory needs. **QUALIFICATIONS:** Master's degree in Education Counseling, Social Sciences, Public Administration or related field preferred. Experience working in higher education preferred. Experience administering federal grants and federal budgets preferred. Strong computer skills with some knowledge of educational software preferred. Knowledge of career workshops, educational assessment tests, and issues affecting academic potential of low-income and first-generation higher-education students preferred. Scurry County residency is preferred upon employment. **APPLICATION DEADLINE:** Position is open till filled. Review of applications will begin on August 4, 2003. **SEND APPLICATION/RESUME TO:** Human Resources, Western Texas College, 6200 College Avenue, Snyder, TX 79549-9502. Applications may be picked up in the WTC Payroll/HR office or printed from our website at www.wtc.edu **DATE OF EMPLOYMENT:** September 01, 2003.

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JOB VACANCY
WESTERN TEXAS COLLEGE
SNYDER, TX 79549

POSITION: Golf Course and Landscape Technology Instructor (12 month position)
DEPARTMENT: Golf and Landscape Technology Program
SALARY: College Scale
DUTIES: Instruct courses and labs in Horticulture, Herbaceous Plants, Irrigation, Landscape Design and Construction, and Woody Plant Materials. Coordinate courses and lab projects with WTC Golf Course and Sports Complex, participate in GLT student organizations, recruit, and participate in college and community functions. Nine-month teaching responsibilities with summer months devoted to golf course and sports complex operations.
EMPLOYMENT: Full-time, 12-month contract
QUALIFICATIONS: Bachelor's or Master's Degree preferred with background in horticulture, landscape architecture, park administration or similar discipline. Texas irrigator's and pesticide applicator's license. Three to five years experience in the field. Scurry County residency preferred upon employment.
APPLICATION DEADLINE: POSITION OPEN TIL FILLED. Review of applications will begin on July 17, 2003 and continue until position is filled. Applications are available in the Administration building on campus or on the WTC website: www.wtc.edu **SEND APPLICATION/RESUME TO:** Human Resources, Western Texas College, 6200 College Avenue, Snyder, TX 79549-9502. **DATE OF EMPLOYMENT:** August 18, 2003.

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MANAGER position available at **DQ of Snyder on College Ave.** Looking for friendly, customer service leader. Above average base pay for above average person with bonus incentive. Smoke and drug free work environment. Drug test required. Call District Manager, Joe Tillman, 940-745-0953.

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looking for manager & assistant manager for a new office in Snyder. Pick up application or send resume to 401 E. Broadway
Sweetwater 79556
Attn: Johnny Castereno

NEEDED
experienced maintenance person for apartment complex. Good pay. 3901 Ave. O 573-1488

Now taking applications for Business Office Manager. Previous medical/bookkeeping experience required. Pick up applications, Snyder Healthcare, 5311 Big Spring Hwy.

Pizza Hut
needs delivery drivers. Must be 18yrs. and have own vehicle. Apply in person.

Rolling Plains Rural Health Clinic has an opening for an LVN to work 10-7p.m. with every other Friday off. Benefits include PTO, 401k, health insurance. Interested parties may fax resume to (325) 235-5925 or contact TWC in Sweetwater.

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Complimentary Facial
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Estate Auction
Estate of Dr. Carl and June Marcum
2410 Allendale, Big Spring, TX
Saturday, July 19, 2003 10:00 AM
Directions: From I-20 Exit 181A South on FM 700, Left on Birdwell Lane (First Light), left on Allendale to Auction site. Watch for signs.
Preview 8a.m. til Sale Time

Furniture: Dining Table w/6 Chairs, Nice China Hutch, Hallway Credenza, Dining Table w/4 Chairs, Couch & Loveseat, Beveled Glass top Coffee Table, End Tables, Pair of Wingback Chairs, Lazy Boy Recliner, Mirrors, King Bed w/2 Nightstands, Thomasville Full size Bedroom Set, Pine Desk, TV's, Nice Kenmore Refrigerator w/icemaker, Kenmore Washer & Dryer, Plant Stand, Small Safe, Nice Lamps.
Glassware & Collectibles: Pink Depression Glass (Cherry Blossom Pattern- Pitcher, Creamer, Sugar Bowl w/Lid, Serving Bowl, Oval Platter, Round Platter w/Open Handles, 4 Small Footed Glasses, 3 Dinner Plates, 8 Footed Sherbet Dishes, Covered Butter Dish), Fritz & Floyd Set of 8 "Fleur et Nuages" Dishes, Italian Soup Tureen, Pressed Glass, Collector's Plates, Corningware, Pyrex, Indian Pottery, Lots of Silver & Brass, Brass Woodbox, Two Nice Dresser Sets, Deft Blue Windmill Music box, Figurines, Norman Rockwell Bell & Cups.
Jewelry & Coins: Ladies Rolex Watch, Ladies Seiko Watch, Bulova Pocket Watch, Large Old Pocket Watch, Two 1884 Uncirculated Silver Dollars, Mercury Head Dimes, Silver Dollars.
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Cookstove, Lots of tools, Golf clubs, Paperback books, Linens, Embroidery items, & more!

GARAGE SALE
Sunday Only Noon – 6p.m.
Corner of N. Ave. L & Lear
(Clairemont Hwy., turn right by Bethel Butane)
Stove, Vacuum, VCR, Cardioglide, Full-size comforters, Tons of Barbies & accessories, Toys, Household items, Nice name brand clothes for boy's, girl's Jr's & women's (all- 50¢ each), Sponge shoes. Way too much to list!! Bring small change.

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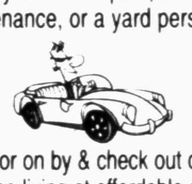
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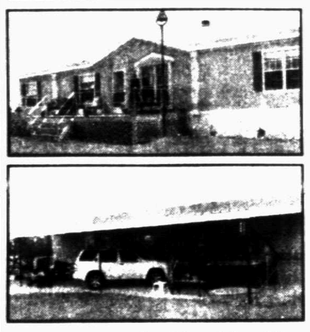
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1998 28x64 doublewide Fleetwood, 4 bedrooms, 2 full baths, dining area, kitchen island, laundry room & corner fireplace. 64 ft. awning & 24 ft. deck, hot tub. A 14x16 insulated steel building with small bath, shower & kitchen (plumbed). Sitting on 5 acres of leased land.
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Beautiful 4-2, brick, formal dining & living, newly remodeled. Approx. 2000 sq.ft. 825 Chestnut St., Colorado City. $65,000 325-728-8488, nights

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This is the home for you...
4 bedrooms, 2 baths downstairs,
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A beautiful pool & pool house.
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60 Acres w/Gorgeous Home 1986 sq. ft.
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Great Location 4000 Jacksboro 3-2-2 $87.5T
New Listing 3310 Ave. V 3-2-2 .$69.5T
New! 3612 Ave. V 3-2 .....$57.5T
New! 3789 Ave. V 3-2-1cp, office .$62.5T
3403 Irving CONTRACT PENDING $59.5T
Mobile Home 3-3, 2000 Palm Harbor ...$49T
1809 KSNY Dr. - Extra lots - 3-1, CH/RA $47.5T
4010 Austin 3-1½-2cp, den w/FP + living/den. Coveniant Location $55T
Edge of Town - 1601 Hilltop Lane. Brick 3-1-2cp plus storm cellar $52.5T
New! 3103 Hill Ave. 3-2-1 .....$46T
Motivated CONTRACT PENDING $44.9T
Near Schools 2315 42nd 4-2 .....$43.5T
4104 Eastridge 2-1-1 + office $37.5T
Investors - 2609 Ave. U Brick Duplex $35T
Edge of Town - 1015 Mobile Rd. 3-1-2 ..$31.5T
New! 3005 CONTRACT PENDING .$15T
Small Cabin C-City Lake 1-1 .....$14T
New! 3110 & 311 SOLD , both 1-1, plus vacant lot at 3202 Ave. V $12T

★ ★ COUNTRY LIVING ★ ★

McBeth Pecan Farm 3 bedroom house with 15+ acres .....Reduced!
Gary Brewer Rd 3-2-1, Lg. beauty shop, 1 acre $79.5T
On Market Again - 2-Story Home 3-2-3 det. gar., 2.5 acres .....Red. $49.5T
4306 CR 230 4-2-2cp + 20 acres .....Call
160 acres w/brick 3 SOLD East of town.
5322 CR 254 Large 4-3-2 living areas, 4 acres, dairy barn, roping arena ...$98.5T

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Over 30,000 + sq.ft. - Great Condition - Approx. 11 acres -- Priced below tax appraisal
Great Location - Apx. 4 acres - 10,000 sq.ft. + or -, 600 37th St. .....Reduced $100's
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College Ave. & Ave. R $15T
1100 25th St. $25T
East 37th - Bldg. with 1½ acres $35T
Nice comm. bldg. on 37th St., corner lot, paved parking $47T
Westerner Golfland .....Call for details

★ ★ LAND ★ ★

40 Acres - 1611 & Gary Brewer $30T
13 lots South of Northeast Elementary $15T
W. Hwy 180 - 81.39 Acres $32.4T
190 Acres SW of Hermleigh $475 per acre
Several lots in Round Top Acres area Call
11 acres 602 N. Ave. Q $28T
Several lots with Mobile Home hook-ups -- shop & water well $15T
Lot at 25th & Y $12.5T
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Woman soldier is killed

FORT CARSON, Colo. (AP) — An Army sergeant based at Fort Carson has died from a gunshot wound in Iraq, military officials said Friday. She is just the second U.S. servicewoman to die in the war.

Sgt. Melissa Valles, 26, of Eagle Pass, Texas, died Wednesday from non-combat injuries in Balad, according to the Defense Department. The accident was under investigation and details of the incident were not released.

Valles was with the headquarters detachment of 64th Forward Support Battalion, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, Fort Carson officials said.

She is Fort Carson's 12th fatality in Iraq and the post's first female soldier to die there.

"We know it is a gunshot wound to the abdomen. We just don't know the circumstances," said Lt. Col. Tom Budzyna, post spokesman.

The first woman to die in the Iraq war was Pfc. Lori Piestewa, 22, of Tuba City, Ariz., who was killed March 23. She was with Pfc. Jessica Lynch when their Humvee crashed into another vehicle.

Woman is charged in child's death

FAYETTEVILLE, N.C. (AP) — A mother whose three children were left in a hot car was charged Friday with felony child abuse and involuntary manslaughter in one child's death. The other two children are in critical condition.

Police said Natasha Edwards-Pratt called 911 about 1 p.m. Wednesday to say that her daughter was not breathing. Emergency workers found the three children in the living room, unconscious and in respiratory distress, police said.

"They were in the car, and at some point she moved them into the house," Lt. Katherine Bryant said.

Police said they don't know how long the children were left in the car and are investigating which of two vehicles at the home they may have been inside. Wednesday's temperatures reached 95 degrees.

Man who said he helped kill five people takes own life

ST. CLOUD, Minn. (AP) — A man who admitted his role in the killings of five people, including a family of three during a random robbery, apparently hanged himself in prison because he couldn't live with what he had done, authorities and relatives said Friday.

Jonathan Carpenter, 21, pleaded guilty last month to three killings in Long Prairie and confessed to two in Minneapolis.

Officials at the state prison in St. Cloud told the Sherburne County sheriff that Carpenter hanged himself in his cell Thursday night and efforts to revive him failed, Sheriff Bruce Anderson said.

Guards conducting regular rounds around 10:30 p.m. and 10:55 p.m. saw Carpenter writing something. Around 11:20 p.m. they found him hanging from bed linens tied to the bars of his cell, Anderson said.

"A suicide note was found in the cell and all indications from the ongoing investigation into Carpenter's death point to suicide," Anderson said.

His mother, Sandra Carpenter, said he had been depressed and couldn't live with what he did.

Breann Raeker, the mother of Carpenter's two young children, said she saw him a few hours before his death. She said Carpenter was having nightmares about the killings. He was alone in his cell for 23 hours a day and had too much time to think, she said.

"Hopefully God can forgive him," Raeker said.

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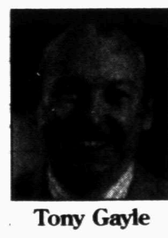
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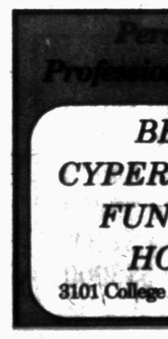
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Bush still has confidence in CIA director

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush said Saturday he had confidence in CIA Director George Tenet despite his agency's failure to warn Bush against making allegations about Iraq's nuclear weapons program later found false.

"Yes I do, absolutely," Bush said. "I've got confidence in George Tenet. I've got got confidence in the men and women who work at the CIA and I look forward to working with them as we win this war on terror."

The president spoke in Abuja, Nigeria, at the end of a five-country trip through Africa.

Bush asserted in his State of the Union address in January that Iraq had sought nuclear materials from Africa. Nearly six months later, the White House acknowledged the charge was false, and the tempest that followed has shadowed Bush on his five-country trip through Africa.

Bush considers the matter closed, said White House spokesman Ari Fleischer. "The president has moved on, and I think, frankly, much of the country has moved on, as well," he said.

In a carefully scripted mea culpa, the White House on Friday blamed the CIA for its January misstep and Tenet finished the job hours later with a dramatic statement accepting responsibility. Bush had said that the CIA had reviewed his address and did not raise any alarms.

The statement on Iraq seeking nuclear material "did not rise to the level of certainty which should be required for presidential speeches, and CIA should have ensured that it was removed," Tenet said.

"It was a mistake," he added.

The one-two punch was designed to quell a growing political storm, fueled in part by members of Congress and Democratic presidential hopefuls, that challenged the credibility of the administration's arguments that Iraq was trying to reconstitute its nuclear weapons program before the U.S. invasion in March.

Administration officials said that despite the miscue they did not expect Tenet to resign.

Two arrested, theft reported

Arrests

An 18-year-old man was arrested in the 2200 block of 28th Street at 1:50 a.m. Saturday for consumption of alcohol by a minor and on warrants for consumption, failure to appear and bail jumping.

At 3:12 a.m. Saturday, a 20-year-old man was taken into custody on outstanding county warrants for motion to revoke probation on an original charge of assault, family violence.

Theft

Kyle Cox reported at 1 p.m. Friday that his tiller was stolen from 3011 Ave. T. An offense report for Class B theft was filed.

Disturbance

At 12:20 a.m. Saturday, a woman called 9-1-1 operators to report several subjects with guns and knives going to her residence and creating a disturbance. Four officers responded and contacted several subjects, none of whom had any weapons.

Assault

A woman reported at 10:30 a.m. Friday that her boyfriend assaulted her while at a residence in Hermleigh. Deputies contacted the caller and advised an offense report for Class C assault would be submitted.

Appeal lawyer appointed for Routier case

DALLAS (AP) — Convicted killer Darlie Routier has been appointed a Houston lawyer known for his work on death-penalty cases after one of her appellate attorneys died in May.

On Friday, state District Judge Robert Francis appointed Richard Burr, who represented Oklahoma City bomber Timothy McVeigh and is defending seven Texas death row inmates, to represent Routier. Burr replaces Steven Losch, who died after months of poor health.

Francis said Burr was appointed to the case because he's among a small number of qualified attorneys who have agreed to be appointed to such cases.

Five Houston police officers arrested for organized crime acts

HOUSTON (AP) — Five Houston police officers were arrested Friday on charges of taking money from bar owners in exchange for protection and forewarning of upcoming enforcement actions by the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission, the city's police chief announced.

Chief Clarence Bradford said the officers, who have each worked for the department for more than a decade, were arrested after an internal affairs investigation revealed they were working in groups each Friday and Saturday night and taking between $25 and $50 each night from a number of bar owners.

"When you have veteran officers who are involved in this type of activity, you have someone who clearly knows what is expected of them," Bradford said.

Bradford said all five officers knew their actions were illegal and had been removed from the police force.

Each was charged with engaging in organized criminal activity and remained jailed Friday night. Bradford said three of the five arrested were patrol officers: Rolando Cruz, 35, a 10-year veteran; Salve R. Ramirez, 45, a 19-year veteran; and David A. Gamboa, 44, an 18-year veteran.

Also charged was an officer with the robbery division, Freddie T. Gonzales, 41, an 18-year veteran, and Javier Gomez, 40, a 19-year veteran who worked in the community services division.

If convicted, the officers can face up to life in prison and a $10,000 fine.

Gomez also was charged with theft of a firearm by a public servant for taking a gun from undercover officer, who was posing as a bar owner during the internal investigation. If convicted of that charge, Gomez could face up to 10 years in prison and a $10,000 fine.

Harris County District Attorney Chuck Rosenthal said representatives from his office assisted in the investigation, which began more than six months ago, and are now asking other bar owners to come forward if they know of unreported activity by the officers.

"These people are now off the street and people can come forward," Rosenthal said. "This is simply an antidotal situation. There is no reason to believe this is epidemic. ... I know that those other officers are as disappointed as the command staff ... that this kind of thing would actually happen."

Houston Police Union president Hans Marticiuc did not immediately return a phone message left by The Associated Press Friday.

Bradford said illegal underage drinking, prostitution and narcotics activity was taking place in some of the clubs and bars.

Obituaries

Warren Whatley

1959-2003

ODESSA — Warren Dean Whatley died Monday, July 7, at his residence in Odessa.

Memorial service for Mr. Whatley, 44, was held Friday in the North Side Baptist Church with the Rev. Clydel Chapman officiating. Odessa Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Born Feb. 4, 1959 in Brownwood, he was a welder in the oil field and was a member of the North Side Baptist Church. He married Sheila Hunt on Feb. 23, 1979 in Odessa.

Survivors include his wife, Sheila Whatley of Odessa; a son, Warren Bo Dean Whatley of Odessa; his parents, Carl Dean and Nettie May Whatley of Odessa; and a grandchild, Laney Sue Whatley of Odessa.

Tony Gayle

1918-2003

ARLINGTON — Tony Reinhardt Gayle, the father of John Gayle of Snyder, died Thursday, July 10, at his home in Arlington after a lengthy illness.

Graveside service for Mr. Gayle, 84, is set for 2 p.m. Sunday in Hillcrest Memorial Park. Arrangements are under the direction of Sparkman-Hillcrest Funeral Home.



Tony Gayle

Born in New Richmond, Ohio, he attended Ohio Military Institute and graduated from Herald of Westport High School in Kansas City, Mo., in 1936.

Mr. Gayle served four years in the U.S. Navy before becoming a manufacturer's representative in sporting goods and fishing tackle.

He helped found and became president of the Southwest Tackle Market Association and the Southwest Athletic Traders Association and held office in the Sporting Goods Representative Association. He retired in 1973 after 32 years as a salesman. He also invested in real estate and thoroughbred horses.

A 50-year Mason, Mr. Gayle was a member of the Scottish Rite and a Shriner.

He married Betty Ann Stasny on Dec. 19, 1959 in Norfolk, Va., and the family lived in Dallas before moving to Arlington in 1973.

Survivors include his wife, Betty Gayle of Arlington; a son John Gayle of Snyder; two grandchildren, Paige Martin and husband, Erik, and Chris Gayle, all of Washington State.

The family suggests memorials to the Parkinson's Disease Foundation or to a charity of choice.

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Cleburne Warren

1920-2003

ODESSA — Cleburne Warren, the father of Wade Warren of Snyder, died Friday, July 11, in Medical Center Hospital.

Funeral service for Mr. Warren, 83, is set for 4 p.m. Monday in the Chapel Hill Baptist Church with the Rev. Jimmy Law officiating. Interment will follow in Sunset Memorial Gardens under the direction of Frank W. Wilson Funeral Directors.

Born Feb. 17, 1920 in Sanger, he had lived in Big Lake and Irving before moving to Odessa in 1959. Mr. Warren was retired from Humble Oil and Refining Co. and was a member of the Chapel Hill Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife of 55 years, Bonnie Warren; two other sons, Gary Warren of Odessa and Johnny Warren of Cedar Park; eight grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Travis Shelton

1921-2003

LUBBOCK — Travis Shelton, the father of Christy Thompson of Snyder, died Friday, July 11. He was 82.



Travis Shelton

Funeral service for Mr. Shelton, a former Lubbock County district attorney, is set for 10 a.m. Monday in the Westminister Presbyterian Church. Arrangements are under the direction of Rix Funeral Directors.

Born Jan. 30, 1921 in Lynn County, he moved with his family to Tahoka in 1938. Mr. Shelton attended Texas Tech for three years before joining the Coast Guard in 1942 where he became a navigator aboard a seagoing tug sent to the Pacific during World War II.

He married Mary Lou Metcalf on April 14, 1946, the same day he was discharged from the military.

He earned his law degree from the University of Texas in 1949 and took a job as assistant county attorney in Lubbock. He was elected district attorney in 1950 and served three two-year terms. The judicial district was composed of Lubbock, Hockley, Cochran and Crosby counties.

Mr. Shelton was president of the State Bar of Texas in 1977-78 and served on the bar committee seven years to revise the penal code that was adopted in 1974.

Mr. Shelton was a charter member of the State Bar Foundation which honored him with the Outstanding 50-year Lawyer Award in 2002.

He was named executive of the year by the Lubbock Sales Executive Association in 1976. Mr. Shelton was a charter member of the Texas Criminal Defense Lawyer's Association and past-president of the Lubbock Lions Club and Lubbock Bar Association.

A member of the Westminister Presbyterian Church, he taught Sunday school for 47 years. Mr. Shelton was a delegate to the Democratic National Convention in 1968 and was a member of the Covenant Foundation Chairman's Roundtable.

Survivors include his wife, Mary Lou Shelton of Lubbock; another daughter, Shelly Livingston of Washington, D.C.; a son, Steve Shelton of Wichita Falls; a twin sister, Avis Buchanan of Tahoka; a brother, Marshall Shelton of Tulia; a son-in-law, Dr. Paul Thompson of Snyder; and four grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to the Texas Lions Camp, Box 2900247 in Kerrville, 78029.

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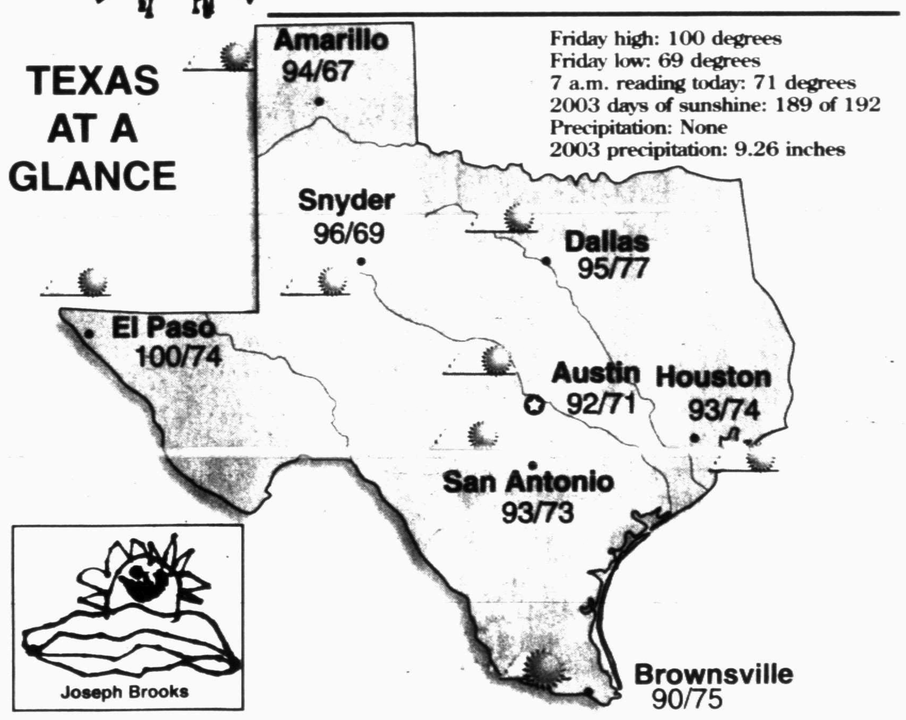
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Del Rio	97	75	pt sunny	Lufkin	94	71	pt sunny	Wichita Falls	98	73	pt sunny

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Boston	82	65	pt sunny	Los Angeles	82	65	mst sunny	San Francisco	75	55	windy
Chicago	80	64	mst sunny	Miami	87	78	pt sunny	Seattle	69	55	rain
Dallas	95	77	pt sunny	Minneapolis	83	69	mst sunny	St. Louis	86	68	mst sunny
Denver	93	62	mst sunny	New York	81	66	pt sunny	Washington, DC	84	70	pt sunny

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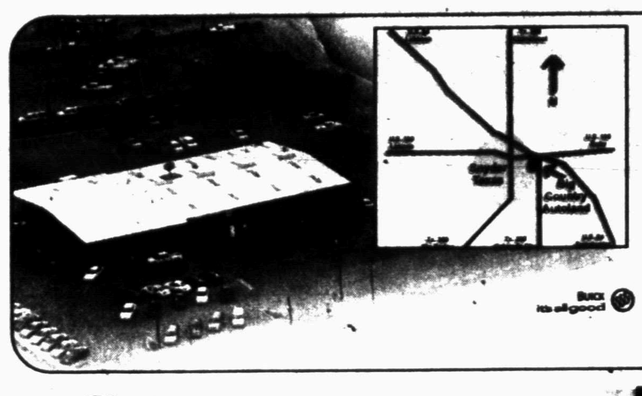
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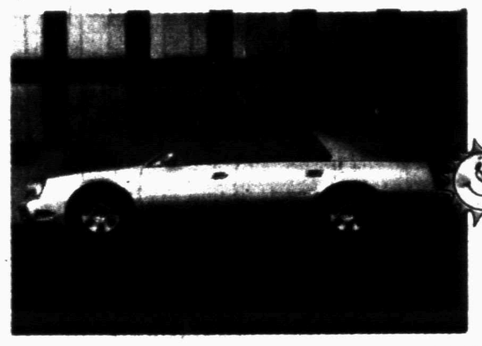
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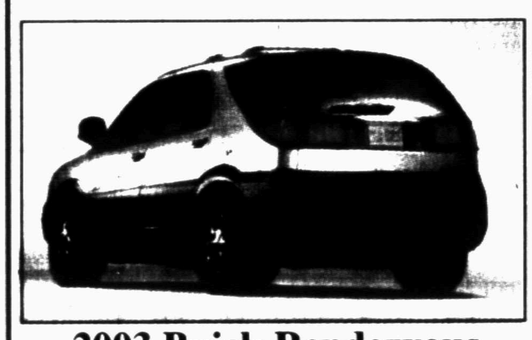
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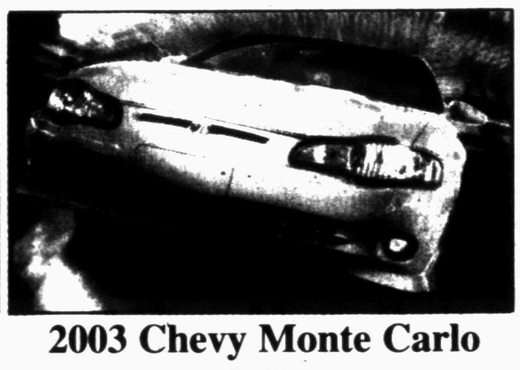
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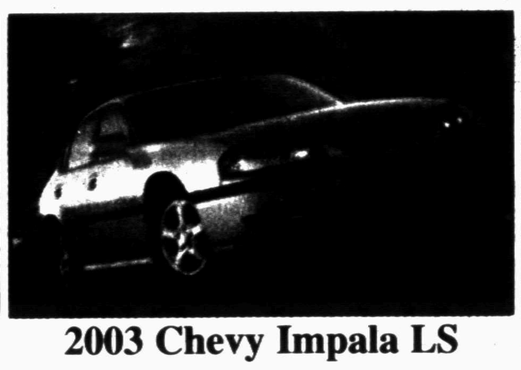
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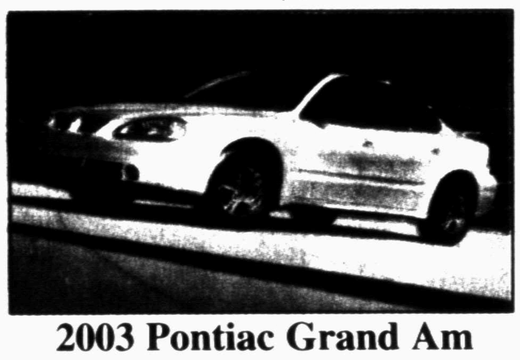
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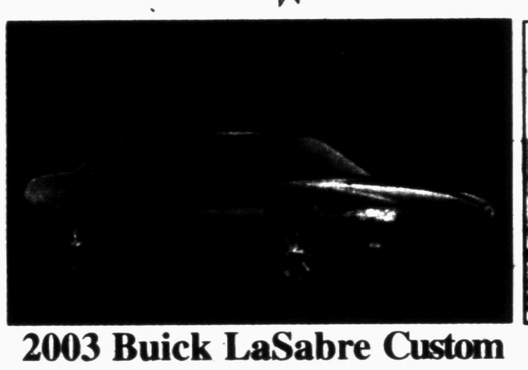
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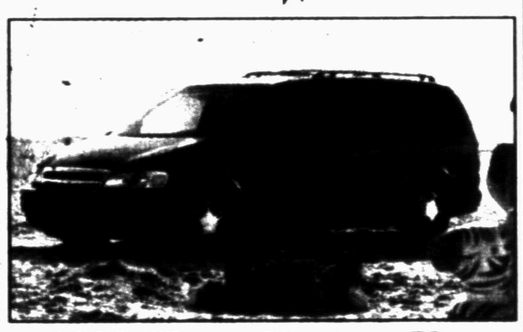
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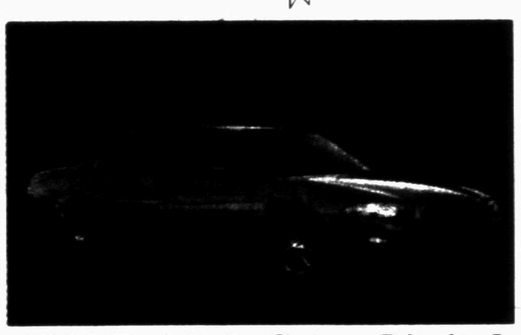
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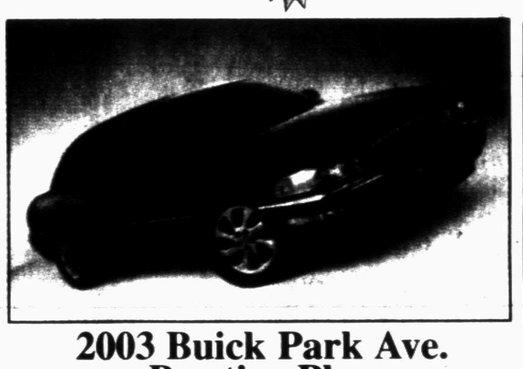
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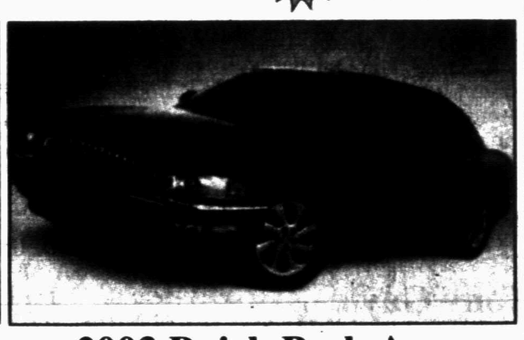
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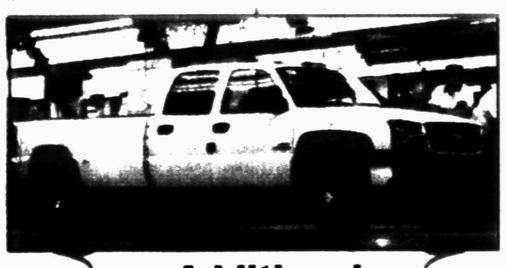
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C4500 Kodiak	Rebate $3000
Avalanche	Rebate $4000
Tracker	Rebate $4000
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Christy Garcia attends Bluebonnet Girls State

Christy Garcia, who will be a senior at Hermleigh High School this fall, attended the American Legion Bluebonnet Girls State June 11-17 at Texas Lutheran University in Seguin.

Girls State literature calls the annual summer program a mythical 51st state organized and administered for citizenship training purposes. Also Girls State is "a laboratory of government" and the program is nonpartisan.

In June, Girls State placed 488 girls into either the National or Federal Party. Some were assigned to the House while others were picked for the Senate.

Christy was a member of the National Party and she served in the Texas House. She lived in City "B" (named for the Beatles), which had the largest population — 52 girls. Cities were patterned after real cities and residents had to follow rules and pay taxes. Each city also has officials like a police chief and others.

Christy said she and the residents of her city learned how to recall someone from office when they replaced their health inspector. Cities also had businesses such as an aquarium, a tanning salon, a hair station, and a hula hut, where girls could learn to dance. Charges for services were minimal like two or three cents each.

Christy, the daughter of Ricky and Lucy Garcia of Hermleigh, described the first day as being "so crazy" that she wanted "to turn around and go right back home."

But a week later she was wishing the session wasn't ending so soon. She noted that the Girls State manual and counselors (previous members of Girls State) helped her to learn how the program works. She said she would like to return next summer as a counselor.

Christy enjoyed all of it, the camaraderie among the 488 girls at the session, the guest speakers, including Carole Keeton Strayhorn, Texas comptroller of public accountant, participating in all aspects of the mock government session, touring the state Capitol and debating bills on the actual House floor.

Christy was elected the tax assessor and collector and she served as the mail lady. She created and collected taxes for City B such as deciding shoes were subject to a transportation tax.

She also picked up and delivered the mail for B residents. The girls in each city had to work out problems. For instance a crime overflow from City A meant that City B had a jellyfish problem. They solved the problem by building a dam that cost $4. The city raised money through taxes and fees for services; but each girl could pay no more than 30 cents each.

At City B, outgoing mail was also subject to a mail tax. Also girls who lived on the upper floors had to pay a poll tax whenever they walked down to the lower floors.

Christy said the House passed 56 bills, setting a Girls State record.

She said they debated bills for about 90 minutes on the floor of the Texas House.

Christy really liked learning how bills are submitted; however time ran out before she could finish the one she was working on. One of the hardest things to do she noted was to decide what and how to change something.

Christy said she understands more about government now and she has learned that there are so many ways for an individual to participate in government.

On Sunday, Christy said several prayers were recited, representing a variety of faiths. And several Eucharistic services were also held.

The night before the closing ceremonies, Christy said all of the girls took their pillows and blankets into the lobby for a slumber party. Girls did fun things like City A's residents sharing their ice cream party with the girls in City B. Everyone signed each other's shirts and just had a blast.

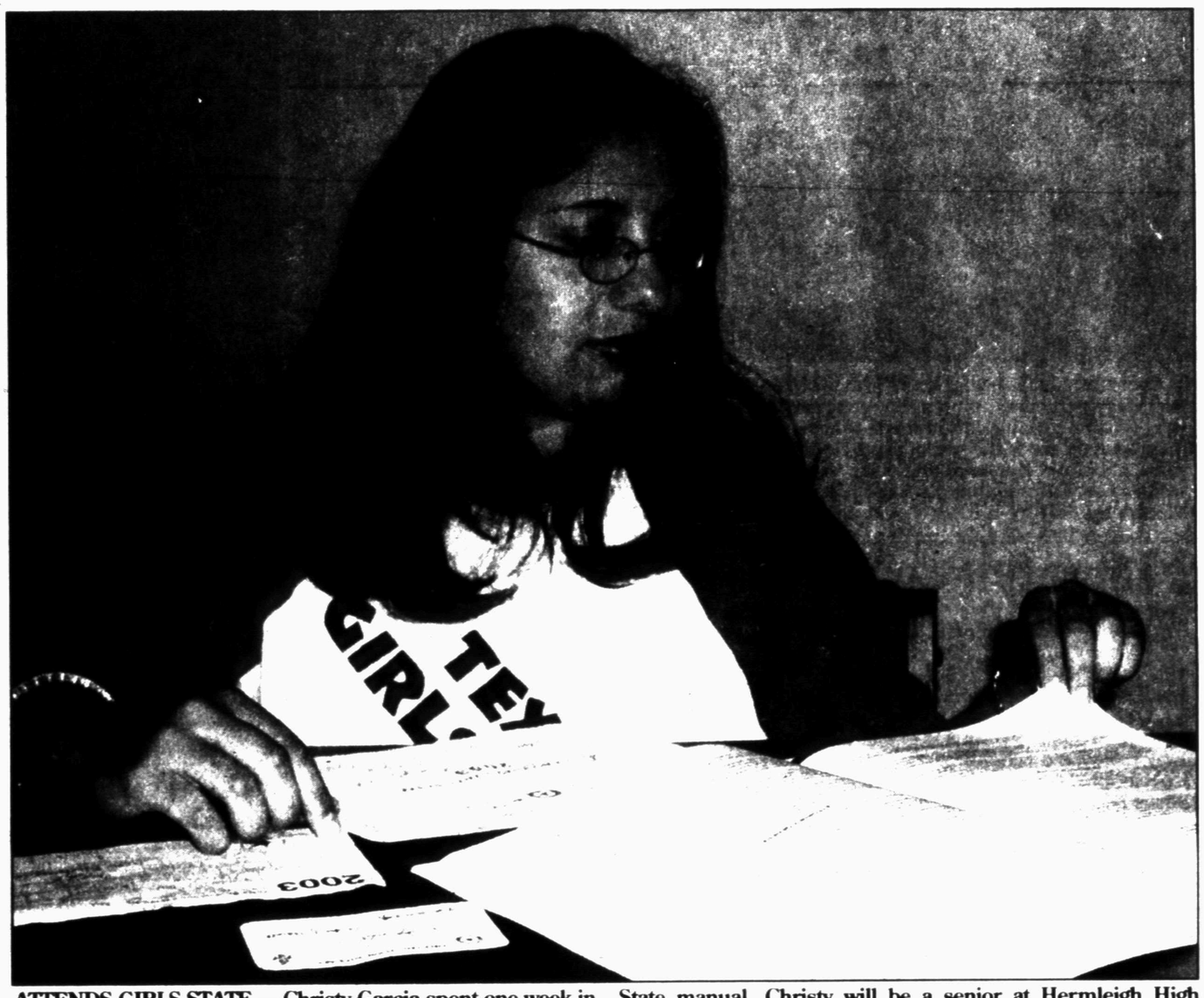
Even though there were more than 400 girls at the session, Christy said it was easy for them to get to know each other.

Throughout she said they were always singing songs, which usually included hand motions.

Their daily schedule was somewhat hectic. The girls rose around 6 a.m. and lights out were around midnight. They had three meals a day and could jog in the morning if they wanted to.

Each day was filled with numerous activities but they got "FOB" (fall on back time) for about 15-20 minutes after lunch daily. The girls could take a nap, write a letter home or work on a bill they wanted to submit.

See Christy, Page 6B



ATTENDS GIRLS STATE — Christy Garcia spent one week in June at Bluebonnet Girls State. She is looking at the Girls State manual. Christy will be a senior at Hermleigh High School this fall. (SDN Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

Scurry County Folks

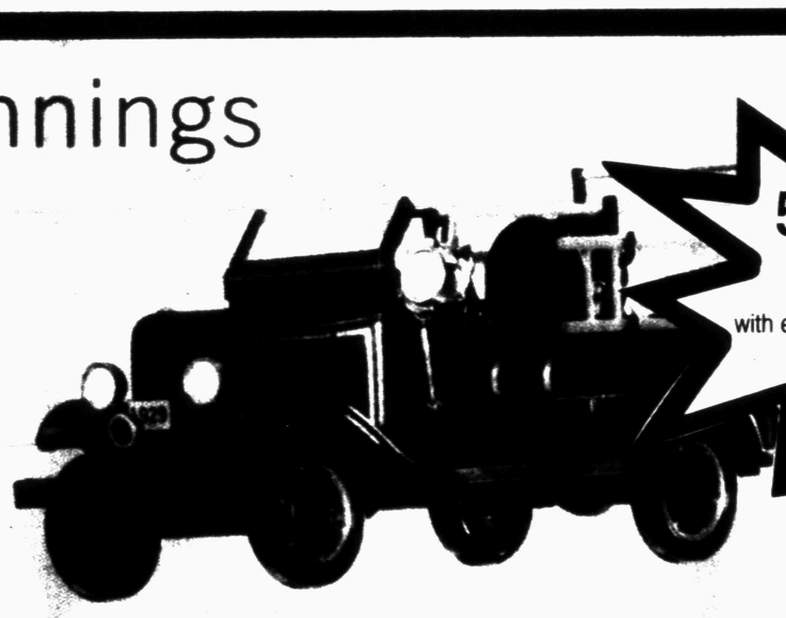
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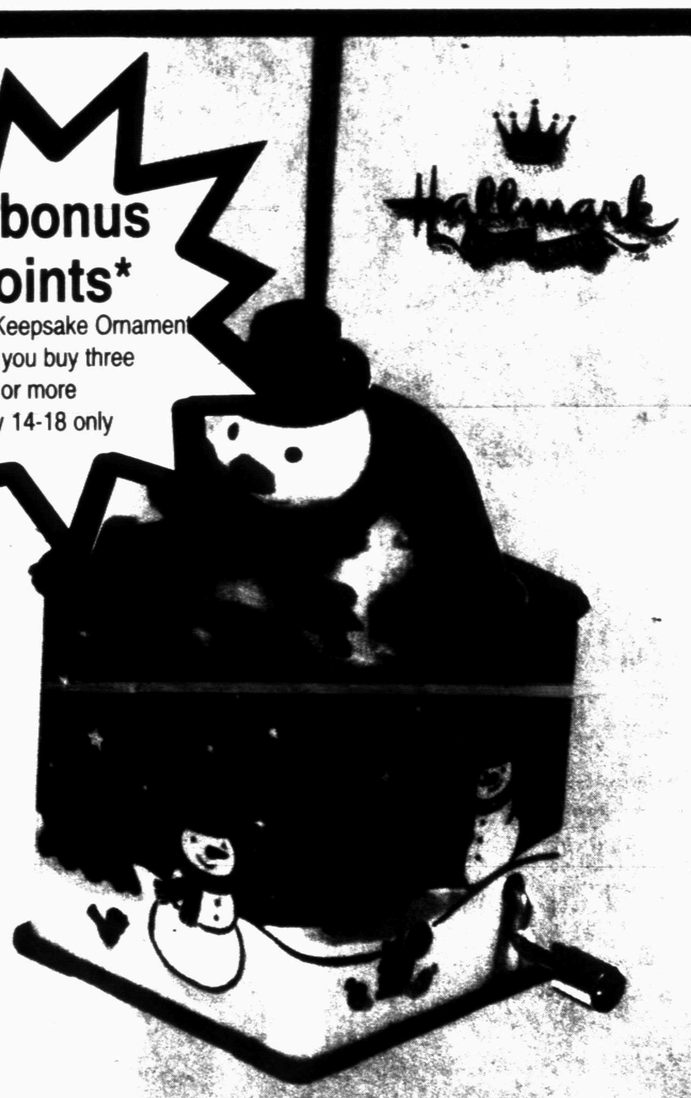
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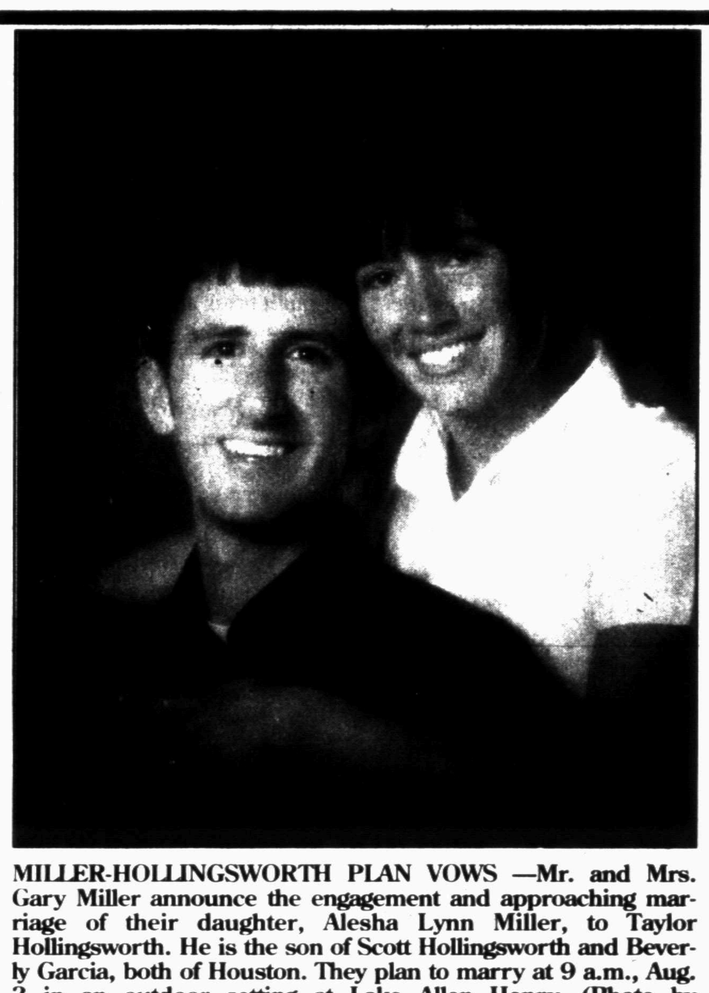
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Lions 'white elephant' auction is set Tuesday

Lions Club members will have a "white elephant" auction at Tuesday's meeting at the Martha Ann Woman's Club. There will be a $10 fee for members not bringing an item for the auction.

Proceeds will be used to help local agencies.



MILLER-HOLLINGSWORTH PLAN VOWS —Mr. and Mrs. Gary Miller announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Alesha Lynn Miller, to Taylor Hollingsworth. He is the son of Scott Hollingsworth and Beverly Garcia, both of Houston. They plan to marry at 9 a.m., Aug. 3 in an outdoor setting at Lake Allen Henry. (Photo by Wadleigh Studio)

Bridal Registry

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Library News & Views

By Janie Romine, librarian

The Scurry County Library would like to thank the Scurry County Swimming Pool, Hackfeld's Quality Clothing, The Pleasures Mine, WR Whistlestop, Movie Gallery and Lulu's Beauty Shop for their donations to the Summer Reading Program. Please express your thanks to these businesses when you visit their facilities.

An awards presentation will be held at 10 a.m. on July 16 for participants of the Summer Reading Program. Scurry County Judge Rod Waller will present the awards. The library staff will issue reading certificates and drawings for the prizes that were donated by local businesses. Other items will also be received by the children. All participants are urged to attend.

Also, the staff would like to remind everyone that Storytime will continue on Mondays at 10 a.m. for four and five year olds where they will have stories, fingerplay exercises, crafts and other activities.

BOOK FEATURE

Tabletop Gardens, by Rosemary McCreary

Now you can bring the beauty and allure of the garden indoors. You can learn to enhance your home with living tabletop arrangements. This dazzling array of creative ideas comes with easy step-by-step instructions and all the practical advice you will need.

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NEW NON-FICTION

Shady Retreats: 20 Plans for Colorful Shady Retreats..., by Barbara Ellis

Take Action!: A Guide to Active Citizenship, by Marc Kielberger

Lonely Planet Yosemite National Park, by Kurt Wolff

NEW FICTION

Promised to Me, by Robin Lee Hatcher

Shutter Island, by Dennis Lehane

Winterkill: A Novel, by C. J. Box

White Death: A Novel From the NUMA Files, by Clive Cussler

Die in Plain Sight, by Elizabeth Lowell

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10 a.m. to 6 p.m.: Mon., Wed., & Fri.

10 a.m. to 9 p.m.: Tue. & Thur.

10 a.m. to 5 p.m.: Sat.

Books may be placed in the outside book drop when the library is closed. We ask that you do *not* put videos or audiotapes in this drop, as this could cause them to become damaged.

May, Gibson pledge vows

WACO — Christina May and Brett Gibson were married in a double-ring ceremony at 5 p.m. on April 5 in the Truett Seminary Chapel in Waco.

The Rev. Bobby Erickson, college minister for First Baptist, Woodway in Waco, officiated.

Christina is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Joe May of Denver, Colo., and Brett is the son of Pam Gibson of Snyder and Dr. Neil Gibson of Stamford.

In the chapel decorated with pink roses and tulips, magnolia leaves and white ribbon, the bride was presented in marriage by her father as "I Will Go" was performed by Chris Womack, music minister of the church.

She wore a strapless, empire waist, floor-length white wedding dress with intricate flower designs in the beading. Her veil, made by a friend, was white gauze attached to a pearl-encrusted tiara. She carried a bouquet of varying shades of pink tulips.

Carly Bedell from Riverside, Calif., the bride's best friend from college, served as maid of honor. She wore a floor-length sage dress and carried a bouquet of pink roses. Bridesmaids were Anna Beth Triebel of Houston, Aubrea Alford of Broomfield, Colo., Jayme Horning of Waco, Michelle Miller of Tomball, Laura Burk of Livingston, Jen Wolfinger of Houston, Laurel Ballentine-Muchicko of Reno, Nev., Teresa Markusfeld of Pueblo, Colo., and Karen Thomas of San Antonio.

Flower girl was Emily Phillips, cousin of the bride of Cedar Park.

The groom wore a classic black tuxedo with a silver-patterned vest and necktie.

Ryan Gibson, brother of the groom from Snyder, and Jon Perdue, the groom's best college friend from Corpus Christi, served as best men.

Groomsmen were Josh Duncan of Dayville, Conn., Derek Polk of Redbud, Ill., Clint May, brother of the groom from Denver, Kevin Shieves of Arlington, Scott Bertrand of Houston, Kyle Walters of The Woodlands and Trey Gorman and Jon Hensley, both of Snyder.

Ushers included Bradley Underwood, cousin of the groom from Colleyville, and Brian Dean of Sasche.

Emily Underwood, cousin of the groom from Colleyville, registered guests.

Jon Perdue accompanied himself on the guitar as he sang "If You Could See What I See." Jon



Mr. and Mrs. Brett Gibson
(Contributed Photo)

and Trey Gorman, pianist, led in worship as the congregation joined them in singing "Solid Rock," "Before the Throne of God Alone," and "Beloved."

The reception was held in the Great Hall at Truett Seminary. An array of roses and tulips adorned the bride's table. The four-tiered white wedding cake was surrounded with pink flowers and pearls. Serving at the bride's table were Allison Williams from Flower Mound and Kristi Kalmbach from Austin.

The groom's table was decorated with purple and silver fabric and highlighted a fiddle of the groom's late grandfather, Leroy Gibson. The chocolate cake and coffee were served by Ashlyn Reynolds of Houston and Christie Williamson of Richardson.

The bride, a 2001 graduate of Baylor University with a degree in communications, also attended Truett Seminary. She will be the college minister of Cornerstone Church in Boulder, Colo.

The groom was the salutatorian of his 1999 Snyder High School graduating class and a 2002 graduate of Baylor University with a degree in English. He will be pursuing his master's degree at the University of Colorado in Boulder.

A rehearsal dinner was hosted by the groom's parents at the Junior League House in Waco.

Other courtesies in the couple's honor included a bridesmaid's luncheon on the day of the wedding hosted by the bridesmaids, a lunch in honor of the groom given by Max and Debbie Underwood, his aunt and uncle from Colleyville, Minette Drumwright from Fort Worth, and H.W. and Meme Perry from Austin, friends of the groom.

The couple's honeymoon trip was to a beach resort in Kona, Hawaii, and they have made their home in Boulder.

Nine Bekayev children lived in different orphanages

OVIEDO, Fla. (AP) — The nine Bekayev children, ages 3 to 14, have never lived under the same roof together, staying in separate orphanages in Russia since their father abandoned them and their mother died.

That is changing this summer, at least for a month, during a stay in central Florida.

Ann and Jim Wottring have raised four children and are nearing retirement. But they have nine empty beds at home and eight acres of land with a pool, trampoline and horses that they can offer the children.

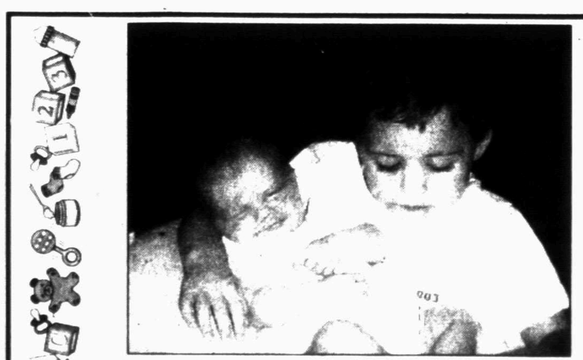
The children arrived in central Florida on Tuesday accompanied by a translator.

Wottring, a 60-year-old account executive for 3M Co., and his 59-year-old wife, Ann, a preschool teacher, got the opportunity to host the children through World Links, a Scranton, Pa. — based nonprofit adoption agency.

World Links brought 61 children to the United States during this trip. Some will find permanent homes in the United States.

Children who do find a home will still have to return to Russia in early August. Adoption paperwork would take a minimum of six months.

"If all I do is give them all a nice vacation in Florida, I've done my job," said Laureen Dempsey, a spokeswoman for World Links.



Avery Robert Crafton announces the birth of his cousin, Olivia Grace Alexander.

She was born June 26, 2003 at Abilene Regional Hospital at 4:32 pm and weighed 9 pounds 6 ounces and was 20 ¾ inches long. She resides in Breckenridge with her parents, Allison and Greg Alexander. Grandparents are Anne and Robert Adams of Snyder and Marlene and James Alexander of Miami. Avery's parents are Amber and Perry Crafton of Amarillo.

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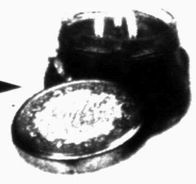
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Bevills, McJimsey wed in Abilene

ABILENE — Leticia Anne Bevills of Abilene and Kenny Dean McJimsey of Snyder were united in marriage in a double-ring ceremony performed by the Rev. Kyle Brown in the Fairmont United Methodist Church in Abilene at 2 p.m. on June 21.

The bride's parents are Duane and Carolyn Bevills of Abilene and the groom's parents are Earl and Margaret McJimsey of Breckenridge.

White candle arches and white gladiolas decorated the church. Vocalists were Darrin and Lori Green, the bride's cousin, and organist was Dawn Sickbert.

The bride's father gave her in marriage as she wore a white sweetheart wedding dress and veil. She carried a bouquet of white roses and magnolias.

Jessica Bevills, the bride's niece from Abilene, was flower girl and Spencer Williams, the bride's son from Abilene, was ring bearer.

Seating guests were the bride's sons from Abilene, Zach Williams and Tyler Williams.

Black tuxedos were worn by the male wedding party.

Jared Bevills, the bride's nephew from Abilene, registered guests.

The reception was held in the fellowship hall of the church. The three-layered white wedding cake, placed on three separate pedestals, was topped with white roses and magnolias.

Following their honeymoon cruise to Mexico, the couple have made their home in Snyder where the groom is a salesman for Mesquite Oil Tools. He is a graduate of Levelland High School. The bride is a graduate of Abilene High School and earned her bachelor's degree in education at Hardin-Simmons University and her master's degree at Abilene Christian University.



Mr. and Mrs. Kenny Dean McJimsey
(Contributed Photo)

Pets offer insight into health of elderly

Many older Americans are attached to their pets. That's why, according to Virginia Prevas of The Humane Society of the United States (HSUS), pets can reflect the health and welfare of the older pet owner.

"The condition of a pet can be an indication of how an older person is coping on their own," said Prevas. "If they're unable to provide proper care for a pet, that should be a warning sign of trouble in other areas."

Everyone can help prevent animal cruelty and elder abuse. The HSUS offers these suggestions.

- Pay attention to the physical condition of pets and ask about recent illnesses or injuries.
- Look for signs of malnutrition in animals including food bowls that are always empty.
- Find out whom to call if you suspect animal cruelty or elder abuse.

For a free brochure call toll free at 888-213-0956, or visit www.hsus.org.

Child's first sleepover an adventure

First sleepovers can be both exciting and scary for children and parents. Parents may feel uneasy about sending their child to a stranger's house, and — once the party lights go out-kids can become unsettled in unfamiliar surroundings.

Still, sleepovers can be a positive experience for kids, not to mention a memorable part of childhood, once the jitters disappear. These tips can help everyone be more comfortable the night of that first sleepover:

- Get to know your child's friends and their parents. Forming such relationships will create a sense of security. You might not be familiar with your child's entire social circle, so give the parents a call and introduce yourself. Let them know if your child has any health problems, allergies or quirky sleeping habits, and don't forget to leave all your phone numbers.
- Create a checklist for your child's overnight bag. You'll feel better knowing your child is prepared. Be sure to include personal items like favorite toys, clothes, toothbrushes and sleeping bags.
- Treat your child with a sleeping bag to call their own. Let your child choose one she likes, since it's an extension of her bedroom. A sleeping bag should not only provide comfort but also reflect the child's personality. Hedstrom offers a wide range of slumber items for just about every child's liking, from unique and fun-shaped sleeping bags to extra-large bags that come with coordinating totes for storage and easy carrying.
- Remind your child to be courteous and respectful of the host family and their belongings so he's welcomed back.
- Agree on a pickup time with your child and the host family.

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Bridge

By Phillip Alder



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

Dealer: South
Vulnerable: Both

South	West	North	East
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Opening lead: ♠ 5

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Saturday, July 12, 2003

Are we still ducking, or is it time to win?

By Phillip Alder

In "Look Back in Anger," John Osborne wrote, "The whole point of a sacrifice is that you give up something you never really wanted in the first place."

This week's deals have featured sacrificing the first trick in positions where it looked natural to win. Is today's another in the pattern, or is it finally time to take the opening salvo?

You are South, the declarer in three no-trump. West leads the spade five. How would you plan the play?

West led fourth-highest from his longest and strongest. Thinking that this was away from the king and seeing three spade tricks in his future, South did the "natural" thing and called for dummy's four. However, East won with the king. Then, realizing that returning his partner's suit was a waste of time, East found the killing shift to a low heart. Declarer drove out the diamond ace, but West led his remaining heart, and East took four tricks in the suit for two down.

South shouldn't have been greedy. If he had won the first trick with dummy's spade ace and played on diamonds, he would have established eight tricks: one spade, three diamonds and four clubs. And the ninth trick would have crystallized in one major suit or the other. South's trick-one duck sacrificed his contract.

Finally, note that if West guesses to lead the heart seven at trick one, East must play low! If East wins with the queen and plays two more rounds of the suit, declarer dislodges the diamond ace and has nine tricks: one spade, one heart, three diamonds and four clubs.

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Bridge Scores

Jane Hinton directed bridge at the Snyder Country Club.

Tuesday, July 8

1. Maribeth Vestal, Nona Morrison.
2. Jane Hinton, Billisue Stuard.
3. Dora Blakey, Barbara Yorgesen.

Births

Aaron and Evan Blackmon of Dallas announce the birth of their brother, Reid Gipson Blackmon, at 8:34 a.m. on June 19 in the Presbyterian Hospital of Dallas. Reid weighed eight pounds, seven ounces. Parents are Barry and Paula Blackmon.

Maternal grandparents are Wayland and Mary Ann Caldwell. Paternal grandparents are Mary Blackmon of Lubbock and the late Eston Blackmon.

Stand-ins appear

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — When Arizona Diamondbacks pitcher Randy Johnson didn't make it here for a minor-league rehab start, the team found five Randy Johnsons.

The five Randy Johnsons threw out the first pitch Thursday night at the Nashville-Tucson minor league baseball game.

It was part of a promotion that began when it looked like the Diamondbacks' flame-throwing lefty would make a rehab start here, but Johnson instead started his assignment in El Paso, Texas.



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Ming offers suggestions for herbs

Warm summer evenings draw people outside to their grills, PBS's The Victory Garden asked celebrity chef Ming Tsai to offer his best suggestions for culinary herbs that enhance the season's freshest foods, while stimulating all the senses. Following are some ideas with tips for delicious recipes.

Ming is also helping judge The Victory Garden's search for America's Most Beautiful Herb Garden.

If you're growing your own culinary, ornamental or medicinal herbs in the city or the suburbs, enter the contest — you could win an appearance on The Victory Garden along with great prizes.

The deadline is July 25 and to enter log on to pbs.org/victorygarden for more information.

Ming's culinary herb suggestions:

– Cilantro: prefers the shade; enjoy fresh for the best flavor.

– Garlic Chives: very easy to grow, in pots, in the ground, in sun or shade.

– Sorrel: a perennial herb that has a wonderful, zesty flavor.

– Dill: a culinary favorite; can be grown well both inside and out.

– Thyme: best to start growth indoors, and transplant after all frost has passed.

– Lemon Balm: grows freely in any soil; blooms from June to October.

– Lemon Bergamot: likes warm, sunny locations; harvest before plant flowers.

– Lemon Grass: a classic Asian herb, the cuttings can be easily stored in the freezer.

– Chervil: an annual that prefers a shady, cool location; can easily be grown in containers during the winter.

Recipe ideas:

1. Make a rub for fish or chicken with fresh lemon balm, loose tea (Jasmine, lychee, or darjeeling are good choices), kosher salt, etc. Coat poultry or fish with rub and then grill.

ASIAN GAZPACHO

Serves 4

1 large cucumber, peeled, seeded, and roughly chopped
1 large, very ripe tomato, roughly chopped
½ small red onion, roughly chopped
1 serrano chile, stemmed
2 garlic cloves
½ tablespoon finely chopped fresh ginger
¼ cup rice wine vinegar
Juice of 1 lemon
¼ cup soy sauce
1/8 cup Worcestershire sauce
1 tablespoon sambal oelek
½ cup extra-virgin olive oil
Salt and freshly ground pepper
½ cup Thi or sweet basil leaves
¼ cup cilantro leaves
¼ cup mint leaves

In a food processor, combine the cucumber, tomatoes and onion and puree, working in batches if necessary. Add the chiles, garlic and ginger and puree. Add the vinegar, lemon juice, soy sauce. Worcestershire sauce, sambal oelek and olive oil and pulse to puree.

Season to taste with salt and pepper. Add the basil, cilantro and mint and pulse just to incorporate and chop the herbs finely. Correct the seasonings, transfer to a medium bowl, and store, refrigerated, at least 4 hours and preferably overnight to allow the flavors to blend.

Watch for Ming Tsai in his brand-new cooking series "Simply Ming," premiering this fall only on public television.

The Victory Garden airs on PBS Saturdays at 12:30 p.m. (check local listings).

Demolition crew tore down wrong house

PHOENIX (AP) — Jenny Lopez's home is a pile of rubble after a demolition crew mistakenly tore down the wrong house.

The house that was supposed to be demolished Wednesday was across the street from Lopez's, where she had lived for 30 years. Although the home was vacant, the family stored household items there and had hoped to sell it.

House numbers in the southwest Phoenix neighborhood are not well-marked and all the mailboxes sit on one side of the street, making identification difficult.

Foresight Investment Group of Phoenix hired contractors to tear down the house across the street from Lopez's. It was vacant, boarded up and fenced in.

"We were either going to sell the property or build a new house," said Joe Uruquart, one of the company's owners.

One of Lopez's old neighbors spotted the heavy construction equipment in her yard and alerted family members. But when they arrived, the house had already been torn down.

Demolition man David Gomez declined to comment about the incident but told a television station that he would probably lose his job.

In Palestine....

Sweetman, Poe repeat vows



Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Charles Poe
(Contributed Photo)

PALESTINE — Lora Elizabeth Sweetman of Palestine and Benjamin Charles Poe of Snyder were united in marriage on June 14 in Crockett Road Church of Christ.

Ministers Dan Manual of Palestine and Bob Martin, grandfather of the groom of Snyder, officiated the vows beneath an archway decorated with greenery and red roses.

Parents of the bride are Ted and Ginger Sweetman of Palestine. The groom's parents are Johnny and Jennifer Poe, also of Palestine. Grandparents of the bride are James and Evelyn Pirtle of Palestine, Cynthia Sweetman of Pensacola, Fla., and the late Fred Sweetman, and J.W. Rogers of Palestine. Grandparents of the groom are Bob and Rachel Martin of Snyder and Donald and Peggy Poe of Abilene.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a sleeveless white satin gown with a beaded bodice. The skirt and train were trimmed in lace and embroidered with white satin thread in a delicate ivy pattern.

Her waist-length veil was attached with combs decorated with tiny white roses and was bordered with white satin ribbon. The bride carried a bouquet of red silk roses.

Attending the bride was maid of honor Megan Sweetman, her sister of Palestine. Bridemaids were Audrey Sweetman, another sister from Palestine, and Daylene Standley, a friend of Palestine. Attendants wore floor floor-length royal blue gowns of satin and crepe with scooped backs accented with silk roses. They carried long stemmed red roses with greenery and white accent flowers.

Flower girls were cousins of the bride, Hannah Bechtel of Palestine and Ciara Kennedy of Chandler. Ring bearer was Austin Hynes, cousin of the groom of San Antonio.

Best man was Daniel Poe, brother of the groom of Palestine. Groomsmen were Logan Martin, cousin of the groom of Snyder, and Michael Johnson, friend of the groom of Palestine.

Ushers included Marcus Kennedy of Chandler, Lee Marshall and Robert Bechtel both of Palestine. Jennifer Shultz of Chandler and Roy Drewett of Palestine performed an a cappella duet for the lighting of the unity candle. All other wedding music was recorded a cappella.

A reception hosted by the bride and groom, their families and friends, was held at the Crockett Road Church of Christ activity building. Houseparty members were Lyndsey Marshall, Daynette Waldon, Leslie Johnson, Chi Chi Mozie, Crystal Jasper, Kay Adams and Margaret Tomasso.

Following a Caribbean cruise the couple will reside in Snyder.

The bride is a graduate of Westwood High School and Trinity Valley Community College and will attend the University of Texas of the Permian Basin.

The groom is a graduate of Westwood High School and Kilgore Fire Academy and is currently employed by the Snyder Fire Department and EMS.

Good food is important ingredient for party

There are several elements to a successful outdoor celebration, but one of the most important is good food. Instead, join the party by cutting down on the amount of food that needs to be prepared.

So, rather than heating up the kitchen or firing up the grill, you can take the pressure off by picking up a few buckets of freshly-prepared chicken, , as your main dish. It's a huge crowd-pleaser.

You can make planning even easier by including ready-to-eat side dishes such as coleslaw, BBQ baked beans or corn-on-the-cob. If you still want the personal touch, add some sliced veggies and dill dip as an appetizer and a homemade dessert.

OLD-FASHIONED BUTTERMILK PIE

Makes one 9-inch pie
8 ounces unsalted butter
2 cups sugar
6 eggs, lightly beaten
6 tablespoons all-purpose flour
2 cups buttermilk
2 teaspoons vanilla extract
½ teaspoon ground nutmeg
1 9-inch pie shell, unbaked

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Using mixer, cream butter and sugar until butter is softened and mixture is light. Add all ingredients and mix until combined. Pour mixture in unbaked pie shell and bake 45 to 50 minutes, until center is set. Allow pie to cool completely before serving. Serve with fresh berries.

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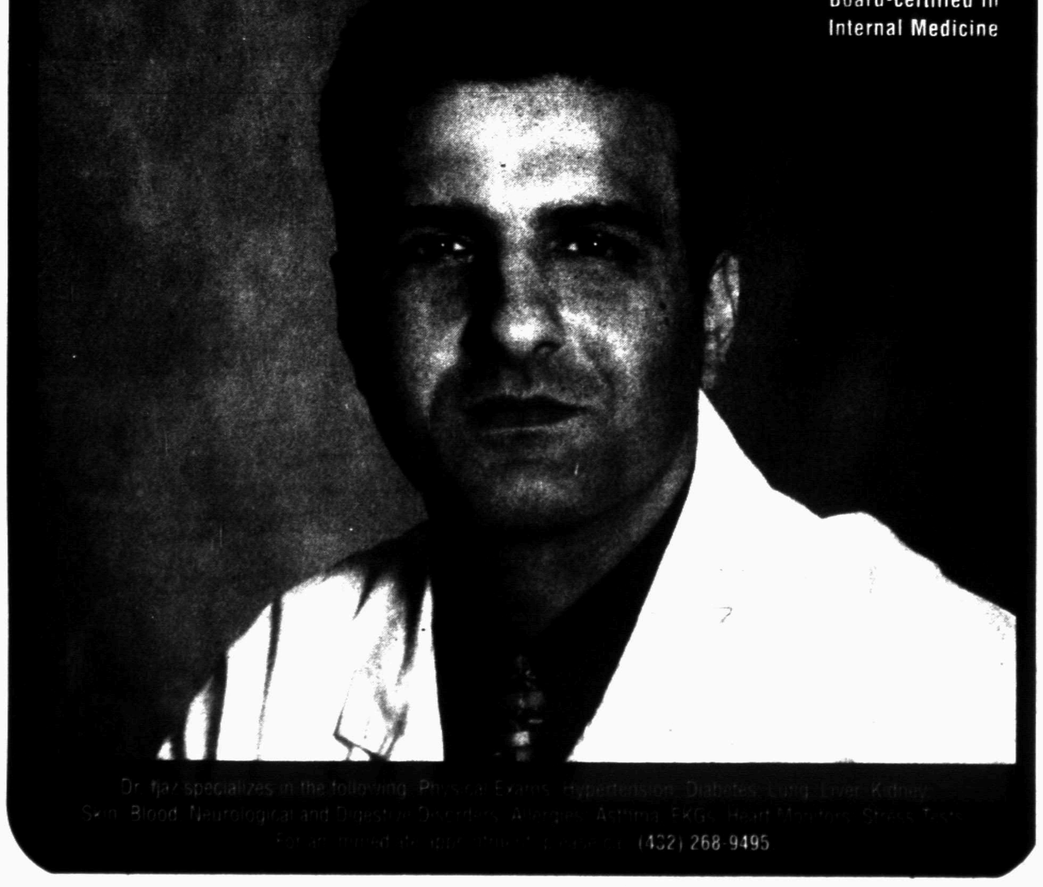
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Virginia mountain town moving to higher ground after flooding

GRUNDY, Va. (AP) — Like many of the crumbling buildings in this remote Appalachian coal town, the old brick fire station would have been better off on stilts.

The river that snakes through Grundy has swallowed it countless times, coating everything with a powdery muck that spills onto the floor whenever fireman David Yates playfully kicks a wall.

The Levisa Fork is still master here, slowly eating away everything in its flood plain. To survive, this town of 1,100 is doing the only sensible thing — it's begun to move.

Piece by piece, many of the water-stained buildings along Main Street will be knocked down during the next few years while the town rebuilds across the river.

The project is part of a mammoth $177 million revitalization plan to move the very mountain that once confined Grundy to the river's edge.

Already, crews have blasted away 300 feet of steep mountainside, cutting out 13 acres of flat land where Grundy leaders are planning a new town center, upscale apartments and space for restaurants and retail stores.

An elevated four-lane highway will act as a flood wall to protect what remains on the other side, including the historic Buchanan County courthouse and the Grundy Bible Church.

Yates, 34, Grundy's only paid firefighter, was the first to go. Last week he transferred to a brand new fire station overlooking the scraped-out lot where much of the town center will go. The old station was knocked down Monday.

Yates said he is all for bulldozing waterlogged parts of Grundy if it somehow breathes life into the community. Over the years, he has seen coal miners like his father get older and sicker; school buddies grow up and look for jobs that weren't there.

"I've got friends that have left here and gone," Yates said. "You just don't see them anymore."

Grundy is about as far-flung as it gets in Virginia. The pretty strip of brick and clapboard homes is wedged in a tight maze of mountain ridges about 350 miles from the state Capitol in Richmond.

Most residents either work in the coal business or have a family member who did. But the coal industry no longer provides, unemployment in surrounding Buchanan County is double the state average of 4 percent, and Grundy's population has shriveled.

Life is tough here. Even some of the town's brightest prospects have been tarnished by misfortune.

Five years after the town's new law school started classes, a disgruntled former student shot and killed the dean, a professor and another student. The student, Peter Odighizuwa, was declared incompetent to stand trial on murder charges last August.

Town officials say they're getting better, pointing out that the unemployment isn't as bad as the double-digit rates in the 1990s.

But the one constant problem that never seems to go away are the floods.

When it rains, the Levisa seems to have no boundaries — the steep mountains quickly funnel everything downward, washing over trees and rooftops above while the river banks swell from below.

Every year, the river jumps its banks at least once. In 1977, the flooding was so bad that much of the town center was submerged in 6 feet of water, causing more than $100 million in damage countywide and killing three people.

"We're not only a distressed area, we're depressed," said Town Manager Chuck Crabtree. "It's the same in a lot of small towns ... people have just lost faith in their community."

To Crabtree, Grundy must to change to survive. A few dozen buildings and landmarks are worth sacrificing if they'll make room for new companies and a more vibrant economy, he said.

"This town was going to die," Crabtree said. "How could we not take the opportunity that's in front of us?"

When construction is complete, Crabtree said Grundy will be three times its current size, with an additional 9 acres of flat land created by dumping the sandstone rubble from the mountain into nearby Wellmore Hollow. Bridges and a pedestrian walkway will connect each side, and buildings will be linked to high-speed Internet using a system of towers and a broadband wireless system.

Harold Trivett, 79, a former Grundy mayor who owned and managed a clothing store along Main Street starting in 1950, said he doesn't mind losing the old building.

July 10, 2003

Dear Snyder Community:

We, the members of the recently formed Joy School Board on behalf of the East Side Church of Christ, would like to take this opportunity to express our gratitude and appreciation to all of you.

To the Joy School Children, we are so blessed to have had the opportunity to get to know you and to share in your growth. It is our prayer that the seeds planted at Joy School will continue to develop and blossom within you. Your smiling faces and open hearts will be greatly missed. Just remember that God loves you and so do we.

To the Parents of Joy School Children, we appreciate your trust and devotion during the past 25 years. Without your continual support, this ministry would not have been possible. Your willingness to share your greatest assets, your children, with us has blessed our hearts time after time. We are praying for you and your children in this time of transition. We share your concern for the future of Christian Daycare in our community.

To the Teachers of Joy School, words cannot express our gratitude. For all the years of dedication, loyalty and commitment to our program, we share our deepest appreciation. You have loved, nurtured, cuddled and taught our children for over 25 years. You have been steadfast even with little pay, little appreciation, and very little recognition. Our children have learned the love of Jesus through your example, your stories, and your compassion. May God bless and keep you. Thank you.

As of July 3rd, the Elders of the East Side Church of Christ have decided that East Side no longer has the resources necessary to operate Joy School. It is with much sadness and regret that we must inform our community that Joy School will not reopen. Our love and prayers are with all of you.

East Side Church of Christ

Public Record

Marriage License

Larry Bryant Williams and Ramonda D. Walker, both of Snyder.

William Todd Brown and Laura Harrington King, both of Odessa.

Jimmy Alton Elam and Lynda Danette Rich, both of Snyder.

Action in District Court

Textron Financial Corp. vs. Cooper Appliance and Heating Inc. and Charles Cooper, default judgment for plaintiff.

E.D. Walton Construction Co. Inc. vs. Monterey Construction Co., United States Fidelity and Guaranty Insurance Company, Fidelity Insurance Underwriters Inc. Abilene Sheet Metal Inc. and Abilene Heating and Plumbing Inc., order granting non-suit.

In the marriage of Amy Rene Bowman and David Lowell Bowman, divorce granted.

In the marriage of Sarah Michelle Dulaney-Lewellen and David Shane Lewellen, divorce granted.

In the marriage of David Lee Gray and Gina Marie Gray, divorce granted.

In the marriage of Joe Dan Collier and Buffie Lynn Collier, divorce granted.

In the marriage of Martha Ann Holguin and Victor Hugo Holguin, divorce granted.

Deed Records

James E. Beaver to Joe Bilano, tract one being Lots 7-11 in Block 61 of the Original Town of Fluvanna; tract two being Lots 7-12 in Block 76 of the Original Town of Fluvanna.

Fagan Inc. to Larry P. and Beverly A. Greene, all of Section 9, Block 3, H&GN survey.

Keith Duane and Connie Jo Rushing to Joe Lee and Catherine Hammit, Lot 5 in Block 10 of The Highlands Addition.

Elwanda Stewart to Ronald and Lindabeth Autrey, 8.225 acres in the southeast one-quarter of Section 134, Block 3, H&GN survey.

Elwanda Stewart to John Y and June Stewart, Lot 9 and the west 25 feet of Lot 8 in Block 41 of the A.C. Wilmeth's Addition.

Elwanda Stewart to James C. and Gwen Stewart, 8.121 acres in the southeast one-quarter of Section 134, Block 3, H&GN survey.

Lee Roy and Ima Lucille Massingill to Frankie L. Vann, Lot 4 in Block 3 of the Park Place Addition.

Keith T. and Janice Collier to Bronc Lewis Collier, 5.0 acres in the northwest part of Section 60, Block 3, H&TC survey.

Florine Merritt, individually and as independent executrix of the estate of Cone T. Merritt, to David Austin Lyle, a 0.32-acre tract in the southeast one-quarter of Section 181, Block 3, H&GN survey.

Mary Ann Molinar to Pedro Vasquez, a tract out of Survey 153, Block 3, H&GN survey.

Jimmie C. Dyess to J.D. Dyess and Shirley Bullard, an undivided one-third interest in Lot 10, Block A of the Towle Place Addition.

Louise White to Jessie Carrisalez, Lot 8 in Block 1 of the Muir Addition.

Ann Papadakis to Peggy Taylor Whitehead Fenton, Lot 8 and the east 106.5 feet of Lots 14 and 15 in Block 6 of the Colonial Hill Addition.

Date Books

Saturday, July 12, 2003

Today is the 193rd day of 2003 and the 22nd day of summer.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1862, the U.S. Army Medal of Honor was created. More than 3,400 medals have been awarded since the decoration's creation.

On this day in 1979, the Republic of Kiribati obtained independence from the United Kingdom.

On this day in 1984, former vice president and presidential candidate Walter Mondale named Rep. Geraldine Ferraro, D-N.Y., as his running mate. Ferraro was the first woman nominated for vice president of the United States.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Henry David Thoreau (1817-1862), writer and naturalist; Pablo Neruda (1904-1973), poet; Bill Cosby (1937-), comedian-actor, is 66; Brian Grazer (1951-), producer, is 52.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1979, on Disco Demolition Night, more than 5,000 fans rioted between games of the White Sox's doubleheader against the Detroit Tigers. After a ritual burning of disco records in centerfield of Chicago's Comiskey Park, the fans stormed the field, destroyed it, and rendered the field unplayable.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Civilization had too many rules for me, so I did my best to rewrite them." — Bill Cosby

TODAY'S MOON: Between first quarter (July 6) and full moon (July 13).

'Newlyweds' to air on cable in August

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Following in the tradition of "The Osbournes," husband-and-wife pop singers Nick Lachey and Jessica Simpson are letting MTV cameras record their first year of marriage.

The series "Newlyweds" is scheduled to premiere at 10:30 p.m. EDT Aug. 19, the cable channel announced Thursday.

Among the unscripted moments, Simpson burps and Lachey insists he has to watch a college basketball game.

"A lot of people are going to be able to see we're just normal people, normal newlyweds living a new kind of life together," said Lachey, a member of the boy band 98 Degrees.

Lachey, 29, and Simpson, 23, married in October.

"One of the first things that really attracted me to her years ago was she's such a free spirit and sometimes I tend to be overly analytical and somewhat anal," he said.

But Simpson said those traits come in handy around the house.

"Nick is a complete neat freak, he's the woman of the relationship, and I am a total disaster," she said. "He's very good at ironing clothes and doing laundry and cleaning toilets, stuff that he won't let me hire a housekeeper to do."

Simpson's songs include "I Wanna Love You Forever." She also wrote the book "I Do: Achieving Your Dream Wedding," which came out last month. Lachey's band is taking a break from recording and touring, but he said 98 Degrees hasn't broken up.

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The state tree of Ohio is the buckeye.

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West Virginia is also known as the Mountain State.

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Fire engines are rarely used in La Paz, Bolivia, because the city is at an elevation of about 12,000 feet. At that altitude, it is difficult for fires to get started because there is less oxygen in the atmosphere.

Sunday, July 13, 2003

Today is the 194th day of 2003 and the 23rd day of summer.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1568, Alexander Nowell, the Dean of St. Paul's Cathedral in London, perfected a way to bottle beer.

On this day in 1977, close to 9 million New York City residents lost power in a city-wide blackout. The blackout lasted 25 hours, during which time more than 4,000 people were arrested, most for looting.

On this day in 1985, Live Aid concerts were staged simultaneously in Philadelphia and London. Mick Jagger, Madonna, Paul McCartney and Bob Dylan were among the performers.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Nathan Bedford Forrest (1821-1877), Confederate cavalry general; Edward Flanagan (1886-1948), Catholic priest; Harrison Ford (1942-), actor, is 61; Cameron Crowe (1957-), writer and director, is 46.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1934, Babe Ruth hit the 700th homerun of his career.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "In the future, everybody is going to be a director. Somebody's got to live a real life so we have something to make a movie about." — Cameron Crowe

TODAY'S MOON: Full moon (July 13).

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Shuttle investigators update progress on accident report

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Columbia Accident Investigation Board members are sifting through stacks of investigative material in a push to complete by late August a report on the causes of the shuttle disaster, the chairman said Friday.

"The board is involved almost exclusively with writing the report now," said retired Adm. Harold Gehman Jr. He said just about all of the investigative activities are now complete and the 13-member board is divided into groups that are writing chapters of the report.

The report, which also will recommend ways in which NASA can make shuttle flight safe again, is expected to reach more than 100 pages. It will focus on the root causes of the Feb. 1 accident that killed seven astronauts.

Participants at a news conference Friday said the report will include a detailed analysis of a test that one member called the "smoking gun" cause of the accident.

Air Force Gen. Duane Deal said the report also will examine NASA's quality assurance programs and analyze how the agency allowed "potentially deadly events to become acceptable."

He said there were at least seven incidents in earlier flights in which foam insulation smashed into the shuttle during launch, yet NASA continued to fly the craft without fixing the problem.

Deal said NASA needs to treat the shuttle as a test vehicle instead of an operational spacecraft.

"We need to treat each launch as if it is the first launch," said Deal. This means each abnormal event must be addressed and corrected, he added.

Board member John Logsdon of George Washington University said that there have been only 113 launches of the shuttle, while a test program for a military jet involved more than 1,600 flights.

Logsdon said the report will deal extensively with what he called the "NASA management culture."

One element, he said, was the unanswered question about how long NASA can continue flying the aging space shuttle fleet. This issue, said Logsdon, "pervaded the program" and is an issue that NASA has still not settled.

Air Force Lt. Col. Woody Woodyard, the board's chief spokesman, said board member Scott Hubbard of NASA has prepared a detailed engineering analysis of tests this week in which a chunk of foam insulation was fired at a mock up of the space shuttle wing.

The collision of the insulation smashed a 16-inch hole in the test wing's heat shield, prompting Hubbard to announce "we have found the smoking gun."

A working scenario for the accident, the board has said, was that a break in Columbia's heat shield allowed high temperature gases from re-entry to penetrate the hollow left wing and melt metal supports as the craft was returning to Earth at the end of a 16-day mission.

The spacecraft shattered and fell in pieces over East Texas and Louisiana. The shuttle fleet has been grounded while the board investigated.

Hubbard conducted the insulation collision experiments in San Antonio to test the theory that a 1.6-pound piece of fuel tank foam insulation seen smashing Columbia's left wing during liftoff could have punched a large enough hole in the heat shield to cause the break up.

Although the foam insulation collision was photographed during the launch, NASA engineers had dismissed the incident as no threat to the spacecraft or its crew. Several top space shuttle program officials have since left the program.

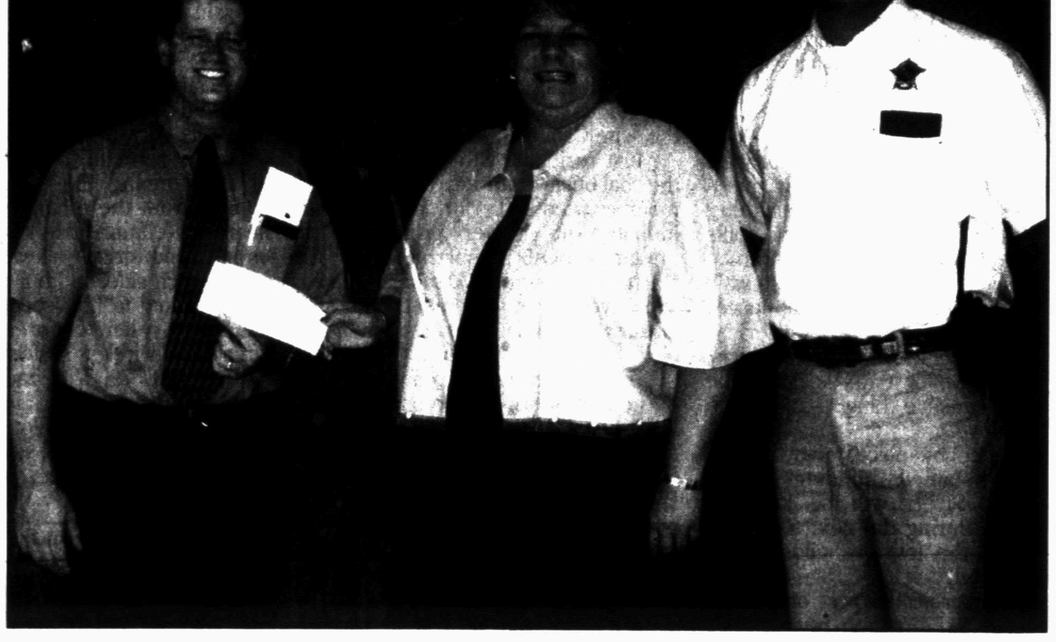
The board began its investigation within hours of the Feb. 1 accident. Gehman had hoped to complete the report before Congress began its August recess, but he notified lawmakers this week that it will not be ready until the last week in August.

Gehman has said that more than half of the report will deal with NASA management systems that may have contributed to the root cause of the accident.

NASA administrator Sean O'Keefe said the agency plans to follow each of the recommendations made by the board. Work is already underway to fix the foam insulation shedding and some other problems analyzed by the board.

Space officials have said the shuttle fleet may be ready to safely return to space by the first quarter of 2004.

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MATCHING FUNDS DONATION — R.J. Youngclaus, left, manager of Wal-Mart, presents a $1,000 matching funds check to Lynda Allen, representing Gateway Family Services and Darrin Jackson, a member of the Gateway board. The shelter for family violence raffled a Harley-Davidson Motorcycle. (SDN Staff Photo)

Christy Garcia attends Girls State

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Christy described her Girls State adventure as a "wonderful thrilling experience."

The Hermleigh senior did not know very much about Girls State but after hearing Hermleigh graduate Reecie Sauceda tell about her experiences last June, Christy decided to apply.

Christy's trip to Seguin was made possible through the local American Legion Auxiliary.

Girls State literature said Girls State was organized as a National Americanism activity in 1941 by the American Legion Auxiliary. Non-partisan and non-political, the Girls State Program provides citizenship training for girls of high school age.

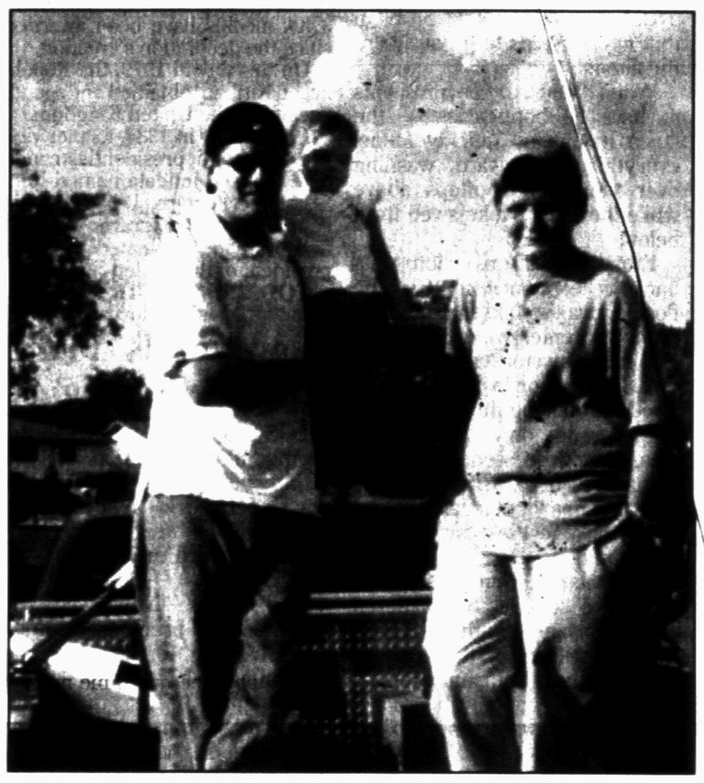
The 2003 session of the American Legion Auxiliary Texas Bluebonnet Girls State has grown from an experimental conference of 94 girls, held at Baylor University in 1941, to become the largest single extracurricular education program for high school girls in Texas.

This summer Christy is babysitting but she hopes to get a job after school.

Christy recently learned that she was named Miss Hermleigh High School.

When school starts in August she will have a rather busy year because she is a member of the drill team and the Beta Club and she participates in sports including basketball, track and cross-country.

She is considering attending Angelo State University after she graduates in May and may pursue a degree in business management and marketing.



MOTORCYCLE RAFFLED — Pictured are Zack Green holding his daughter Caitlin (Belinda Loveall's granddaughter) and Zane Green. Zane drew the winning ticket for the Harley Davidson Road King in a raffle held by Gateway Family Services. (Contributed Photo)

Gateway raffles HD motorcycle

Bobby Roemisch Jr. of Snyder won the Road King, 2003 Anniversary Edition Harley Davidson, raffled by Gateway Family Services, Inc. as well as other prizes donated by KSNY Radio.

Julian Moncada of Sweetwater won the consolation prizes also donated by KSNY. The drawings were held July Fourth at Towle Park.

Zane Green drew the winning ticket from the hopper. Zane, his brother Zack Green and Zack's daughter, Caitlin, were Gateway's special guests at the event.

Zane and Zack lost their mother, Belinda Loveall, to a family violence incident in 1990. Zack was seven years old and Zane was two months old at the time.

Gateway Family Services, Inc. sold 2,369 tickets at $20 each.

Gateway is a family violence and sexual assault crisis center and shelter serving Scurry, Nolan, Mitchell, Fisher and Kent counties. Gateway has offices in Snyder and Sweetwater.

Chairman set

NEW YORK (AP) — Danny Glover will return to the International Black Panther Film Festival as its honorary chairman.

The festival, now in its third year, is scheduled for July 31-Aug. 4 in Harlem. Among the films being shown is 2000's "Lumumba," a political thriller about Patrice Lumumba, the Congo's first elected prime minister who was slain in 1961.

Appelate court dismisses lawsuit by Kenyan victims

WASHINGTON (AP) — A federal appeals court on Friday rejected a lawsuit against the U.S. government brought by Kenyan victims of the 1998 bombing of the American embassy in Nairobi.

Three judges from the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia voted unanimously to uphold a lower court ruling that such a suit could not be brought under U.S. law.

The Kenyan bombing, and a near-simultaneous bombing of the U.S. embassy in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, killed 224 people and injured more than 5,000. The attacks were blamed on al-Qaida, the terrorist group behind the terror attacks that destroyed the World Trade Center and severely damaged the Pentagon on Sept. 11, 2001.

A class action lawsuit brought on behalf of more than 5,000 Kenyan citizens and businesses charged the United States with failing to adequately protect the embassy from a terrorist attack.

But the court said a suit could proceed only if plaintiffs could show that the government violated a specific regulation, law or policy. There are no such rules that embassy employees must follow in providing security; rather, they make constant adjustments based on information they receive, the appeals court said.

"Embassy security is vested in the discretion of State Department employees, from the secretary to the foreign service offices at various embassies," the court said.

In Kenya, the U.S. government has spent more than $42 million to help victims of the blast, including initial emergency assistance, medical programs and aid to small- and medium-sized businesses.

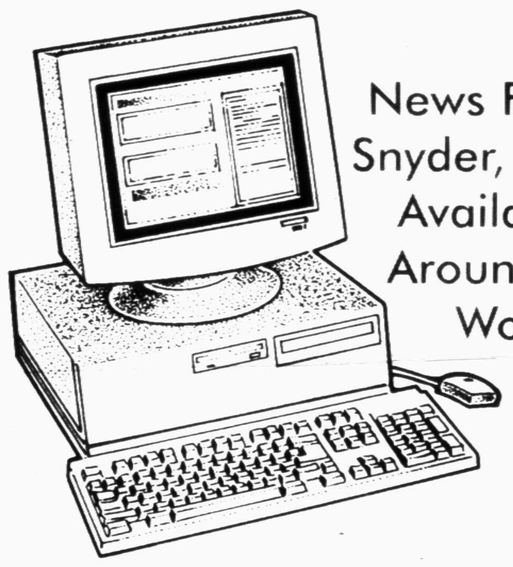
Daschle favors Cleland for seat on bank

WASHINGTON (AP) — Former Georgia Sen. Max Cleland is expected to be tapped as one of five directors for the Export-Import Bank, which provides loans, loan guarantees and insurance to American companies to help them compete against foreign businesses.

Senate Minority Leader Tom Daschle, D-S.D., submitted Cleland's name Friday for the four-year term, and President Bush is expected to officially appoint him. The board of directors includes three Republicans and two Democrats, and congressional Democratic leaders have wide latitude over the their party's seats.

"I'm very excited about it because it gives me another chance to serve my country in a very special way in a time the country's economy is falling through the floor," Cleland said. "I think the Export-Import Bank and its activities are needed now more than ever in a generation."

Once Cleland goes through the confirmation process, his appointment must be confirmed by the Senate, where he served from 1997 until his defeat last year by Republican Saxby Chambliss.



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Report: FAA needs to improve oversight of aircraft inspections

WASHINGTON (AP) — Government investigators found that contract mechanics working for airlines used incorrect parts, improperly calibrated tools and outdated manuals at 18 of 21 aircraft maintenance facilities they visited.

As a result, the Transportation Department's inspector general concluded the Federal Aviation Administration does not adequately oversee the growing number of outside contractors repairing commercial airplanes.

"The vulnerabilities all relate to a lack of effective FAA oversight that needs to be improved," said the inspector general's report issued Thursday.

The agency agrees. It has a plan to improve oversight, add more inspectors and do a better job of documenting and sharing information about repair station inspections, said FAA chief Marion Blakey.

"We need to reorganize," Blakey said.

However, she stressed the report does not say passengers are in any danger.

"There's no data to support a safety issue," she said.

David Stempler, president of the Air Travelers Association, said passenger safety should improve as a result.

The fact that the FAA is finally getting serious about oversight should improve safety for passengers, he said.

Air Midwest, operating as US Airways Express, used an outside contractor to maintain the commuter plane that crashed on takeoff at North Carolina's Charlotte-Douglas International Airport in January, killing all 21 aboard.

The ongoing investigation found a mechanic could have improperly set turnbuckles, which control tension on elevator control cables. If a cable is too slack, the pilot does not have full control of the elevator, a tail flap that moves up and down and causes the plane to climb or dive.

The inspector general began looking at maintenance outsourcing a year before the crash, but the Charlotte accident investigation findings intensified calls for the FAA to increase oversight.

FAA maintenance oversight also came under fire following the 1996 crash of a ValuJet plane into a Florida swamp that killed 110 people.

Investigators blamed explosive-tipped oxygen generators that SabreTech, a now-defunct jet repair company hired by ValuJet, improperly packaged as cargo. The generators contributed to a fire that brought down the plane. Federal investigators concluded that SabreTech, ValuJet and the FAA shared responsibility for the crash.

The FAA stepped up oversight of airlines' in-house maintenance following the ValuJet crash, but the inspector general found it "has not placed a similar focus on its oversight" of outside maintenance facilities, called repair stations.

For example, FAA inspectors finished 400 inspections of the in-house operations of one airline last year, but completed only seven on its repair stations even though the airline outsourced 41 percent of its maintenance.

The report recommended the FAA reevaluate its organizational structure to monitor outsourced maintenance facilities, since two groups of inspectors keep tabs on them.

The FAA acknowledged the need to change.

Many smaller airlines, corporate jets and the U.S. military have for years relied on repair stations. Now major airlines, struggling to survive, are looking to trim costs by outsourcing maintenance, the inspector general said.

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Wife's husband goes back a long way with her mom

DEAR ABBY: When I was a child, I developed a huge crush on "Mickey," a young man who worked for my mother. As I grew older, the crush grew to love. Twenty-six years later, I am still very much in love with him — and we were married two months ago.

Last night, Mickey told me something that's tearing my heart out: He and Mother had an affair 18 years ago. I am trying to act as though I'm OK, and promised Mickey I wouldn't tell Mom that he had confided in me. Now I honestly don't know if I can keep silent, knowing my husband had sex with my mother. I feel hurt, betrayed and sick about the news.

I still love Mickey and don't want to end our marriage. He says the affair shouldn't matter because it happened long ago, and I shouldn't dwell on it — but in my eyes it might as well have been yesterday.

How will I ever face my mother again and not let on that I know? — **DESPERATELY HURT IN FLORIDA**

DEAR DESPERATELY HURT: You were just a child when the romance happened. For your mother's sake, it would be a kindness not to let her know that you know you have more in common than the usual mother/daughter bond. Everybody has a skeleton in the closet. If you can't let this go, I recommend counseling.

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DEAR ABBY: I am a married 24-year-old with a daughter who just turned 2. My problem is that my mother dislikes my best friend, "Marci," for no reason that I can figure out. Any time I invite Marci to a party, Mom raises a stink.

Because of that, my friendship with Marci has cooled over the past year. We haven't seen much of each other, and I wanted to change that, so I invited her to my daughter's birthday party. I informed Mother ahead of time that Marci would be there — and warned her not to make a scene.

Mom got back at me by showing up at the party with a six-pack of beer. Abby, she raised me never to have booze at a child's party, and we exchanged words in front of everyone. I ended up cutting the party short because it became such a tense situation — with Marci on one side of the room and Mom and her six-pack on the other.

I have tried talking to my mother about why she dislikes Marci. She brushes it off with the accusation that I'm choosing my best friend over her.

My mother has a history of bad-news friends who ended up stealing from her or trashing her behind her back. How can I get it through her head that Marci isn't like that? — **STILL FUMING AT MOM IN SOUTHERN IDAHO**

DEAR STILL FUMING: Your mother may be competitive with Marci, or she may remind your mother of someone who hurt her in the past. If she hasn't come up with a reason for her aversion, it may be unconscious. That said, you're an adult and entitled to form your own friendships. You and your mother aren't joined at the hip. Enjoy both your mom and Marci on separate occasions.

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DEAR ABBY: My boss asked me to write to you. He has a box of birthday cards that he wants to use up. When he needs to send a greeting of any kind, he uses one of them. He crosses out "Birthday," and writes in the appropriate word: "Wedding," "Graduation," "New Home," etc. He feels there is nothing wrong with this. I say it is not in good taste. Who's right? — **WORKING FOR A CHEAP BOSS IN BOSTON**

DEAR WORKING: You are.

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DEAR ABBY: Several months ago, I discovered my wife was having an affair with one of our closest single friends from church. Their relationship had been going on for almost a year. This was her second affair in our 12-year marriage, and I'm about ready to cut my losses and file for divorce.

My wife has expressed great remorse for her mistake and claims that she will do "anything" to save our marriage. I am still very much in love with her — and I have the happiness of our young son to consider. My wife and I are in counseling, but my feelings of betrayal and anger are so great that I don't know if I can trust her — or any woman — ever again. I feel as though I've not only been betrayed by my wife, but also by my "friend," my church — even by God.

Is it possible for a spouse who has a history of extramarital affairs to change? And if change is possible, how do I begin to trust again when the person I loved and cared for most in the world is the one responsible for my pain and misery? I would be grateful for any insight you can offer, Abby. — **SHATTERED IN BLUEGRASS COUNTRY**

DEAR SHATTERED: Yes, it is possible for a spouse who has a history of extramarital affairs to change. But in order to do so, the person must be willing to confront the reasons for the cheating. Rebuilding trust, however, can take years, because even with the most forgiving spouse, the memory of the transgression is always lurking in the background.

Now I'll paraphrase a question I usually ask my female readers: Are you better off with or without her? Only you can answer that.

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DEAR ABBY: I have been seeing "Ted" for two years. He is the love of my life. Last week, out of the blue, he said he didn't want to see me anymore and ordered me out of his apartment. He raged at me as if I had done something terrible to him. I left immediately.

The day after Ted's blowup, I talked to him on the phone and his anger was gone. He explained that he needed his space, and I accepted it. The following day we talked again, and I could hear the anger was back in his voice. The day after that, he was as sweet as he's ever been. We tearfully discussed breaking up, but remaining friends.

I would like nothing more than for Ted to enjoy his "space" and discover that I really am the one for him. But I love him, and this is the hardest thing I have dealt with in our two years of ups and downs.

Until three months ago, Ted was a drug user. Now I wonder if he's using again. I am all too familiar with the signs. Because of Ted, I have learned more about drugs than I ever thought possible. But my love for him has endured.

When Ted got clean, we joined a church and I believed we were finally in a better place. Now I don't know what to think. Am I spinning my wheels here, Abby? What should I do? — **SCARED AND CONFUSED IN WEST VIRGINIA**

DEAR SCARED AND CONFUSED: I suspect your instincts are on target — he is using again. However, as much as you might wish to, you cannot "save" Ted. Only he can do that. Please don't tolerate his irrational mood swings. They will destroy your self-esteem. Let him go. Direct your interests and energies elsewhere. Get some counseling. It'll be the smartest, most self-protective move you have ever made — and a favor to yourself.

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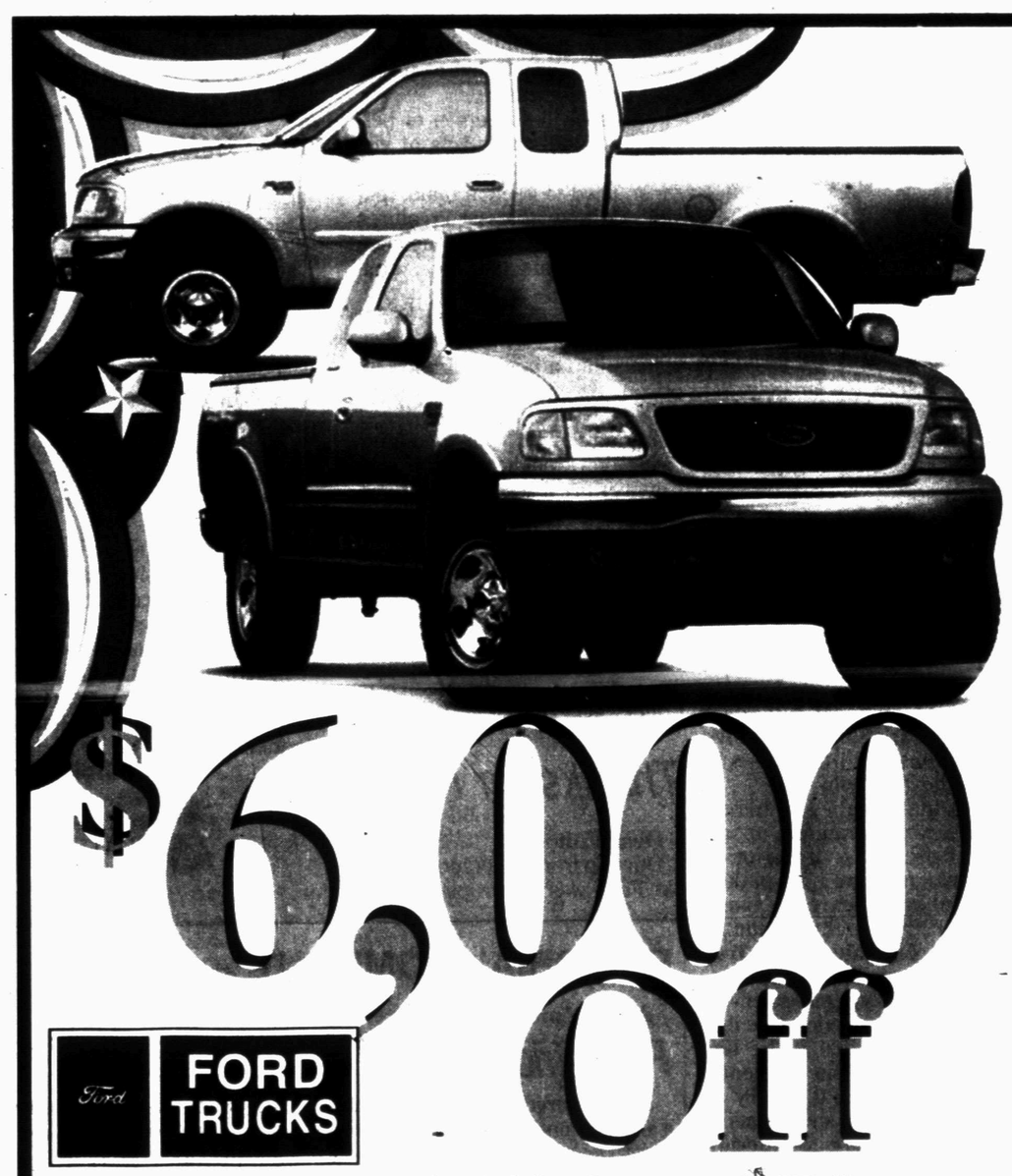
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Speaker for all seasons

by Don Newbury

It is with a sense of trepidation that the subject is broached at all. Maybe it's akin to moths being drawn to fatal flames or criminals returning to crime scenes.

This admitted, I introduce this week's topic — watermelons and recipes. They've gotten me into considerable trouble in the past, and here I go, diving headfirst into controversy's inviting pool.

As Sister Maria sang with the von Trapp Family Singers (remember "Sound of Music?"), let's start at the beginning, a very fine place to start?

I, a mere collegian, had just survived my freshman year. My summer aspiration was to earn minimum wage on the lowest rung of the journalistic ladder as the editorial "staff of one" for the *Brown County Gazettes's* June through August editions.

There were no illusions of earning national, state or even county-wide writing laurels. My prayer was that the inked-up back shop guy and I could get out a paper each Thursday. Usually, it was 8-12 pages, and every word in the news space came from my standard Underwood typewriter that nearly always needed a ribbon.

Also, the "x" and "q" keys were always sticking. My theory was that it was from lack of use, since most words didn't require these letters.

Whatever came in the front door, even if of dubious news value, became of immediate value if only minimal editing or re-writing were needed. After writing all the copy, proofing the ads and getting engravings made for pictures, my editorial assignment was finished for a few hours until the press rolled.

Then, I rolled up my sleeves, folded the papers by hand, activated the addressograph gizmo — becoming an ink-stained wretch in the process — added mailing labels and dropped the **Gazettes** at the post office.

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With school out, many of our usual news sources dried up, and for that first summer issue, a farmer brought in the biggest watermelon he'd ever grown. In fact, it was the biggest one he'd ever seen in the county.

Of course we would like a picture. The thought occurred that he just might leave the melon. He didn't. In the next issue, we ran Farmer Brown's picture with "the county's biggest watermelon."

It wasn't. The day after the paper came out, Brown's neighbor brought in a melon, still larger, and he expected a photo.

You get the drift. One time, I think we devoted an entire page to several farmers, all vowing to have grown the biggest melon.

One wise guy brought in the "smallest melon," claiming it was in a crease on the palm of his hand. "I don't see it," I said. He responded, "I told you it was small."

While we obviously erred in suggesting that ultimate melons had been grown, one cardinal rule was followed: We made every effort to identify the farmers and tried hard to spell their names right. Now, almost a half century later, I smile when reviewing some newspapers that feature two or three pages of snapshots — like the ones we used to fill extra pages in school annuals — without a single person identified. I figure they either don't have much else to say, or have no melon pictures to fill dead space.

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On the recipe front, I take great pride in this very column to announce to readers across Texas an important new recipe that may not revolutionize breakfast menus, but then again, it may.

Recipes made me sick in my early days of journalism. I had a hard time "getting them right." One long ago issue included a recipe calling for a "supful" of flour. One woman called in, saying she had heard of "sips," but not "sups." I told her there were four "sips" in a "sup," and never heard from her again. Maybe her husband came in from the field, wondering if we really meant "cupful," which, of course, we did.

Again, apologies for digression. My wonderful new recipe, born of necessity, may extend both marriages and life spans. Wives — typically the collectors, filers and the "half" of couples regularly using recipes — are ecstatic when hubbies offer to help out with these chores. My culinary offerings have been limited to the grill outdoors and tuna salad indoors — until now.

Our grandson Ben, who's into this counting thing at age two – so far, in English only — laughs when he count's Poppy's recipes, "two!" Now, he screams "three" when he invades my recipe file.

Dreams abound. This new recipe could land me on Emeril's Cooking Show. If Julia Childs calls, she'll just have to take a number. There could be interviews for food pages, product endorsements and heaven knows what other culinary presentations await.

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OK, YOU'VE WAITED long enough. Here it is (drum roll, please):

Follow instructions carefully: Get out pan and ingredients usually used in cinnamon toast. (Bread, butter, sugar and cinnamon; use conventional oven only, 'cause microwaves shoot goop all over the place.)

Put the sugar back; use marshmallow cream instead. (That's what I did, except I didn't have to put it back. We were out of sugar.) Butter the bread lightly; cover it with marshmallow cream generously. Then, apply cinnamon gingerly (or is it ginger cinnamonly?). Toast until you see the tiny beads of cinnamon rippling across the sea of bubbling marshmallow....

Magnifique! It is a melt-in-your mouth delight. Look out, Krispy Kreme. My new homemade delight — yet to have a catchy name — may challenge your supremacy.

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Clip and file. This marvelous new recipe will be re-printed in this column from time to time, but not just because one or two people want it.

It may appear no more than annually. Realizing that you may have favorite recipes — or may even be a champion watermelon farmer — I offer this advice: Share the recipes and "melon whopper stories" with your friends. Do not — I repeat, do not — send them to me. I don't expect to wade further into the recipe waters; they are fraught with unknown dangers. And, I no longer have authority to run pictures of the biggest watermelons ever.

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Poor Rix's Almanac

by Rix Quinn

Poor Rix offers stupid answers to smart questions. Got a question? E-mail rixquinn@charter.net, or write him in care of this newspaper.

Dear Poor Rix: The term "hat trick" in ice hockey means a single player has scored three goals in one game. What is the origin of this term? — Mike Otto, Paullina, IA.

Poor Rix thought a hat trick was when the class bully took my winter cap, and filled it with cement. I put it on sideways, and broke my nose with the ear flap.

Seriously, Mike, this question is so good I can't make up a decent lie to answer it. So I've resorted to mostly truth.

"Hat trick" is an English cricket term that means the bowler (sorta like a baseball pitcher) takes three wickets with three straight pitches. Don't ask me what a wicket is.

Anyway, the bowler who did this won a new hat, and achieved a "hat trick." The term was later applied to ice hockey,

Also, a jockey who wins three races in a row completes a "hat trick." A racehorse could do the same thing, but how many stallions — besides Poor Rix — look good in a hat?

Headgear appears often in our language. To come "hat in hand" means to beg. A politician begins a campaign by "throwing his hat into the ring."

An "old hat" refers to an experienced worker. "Pass the hat" means to take up a collection. To "high hat" somebody is to snub them.

"Tipping the hat" shows respect. It dates back to ancient times, when captured enemies stripped naked to show submissiveness and courtesy. As generations passed — and nudity became impractical — civilized humans merely removed their hats instead of their threads.

Good thing, too. Because it's real tough to look a naked person in the eye.

Why things never fall up

by Joe Klock, Sr.

At a point in history when humankind (as well as inhumanunkind) has penetrated the secrets of the atom, sashayed on the moon, Xeroxed live sheep and GOOGLE-ized our entire body of knowledge, we are still woefully behind the curve in our grasp of certain precepts of basic science.

Prominent among these is gravity, one of the first of many laws that have baffled me, in a lifetime during which, incidentally, I have seen law overtake and overpower order.

As a child, I wondered why, if we Americans were (as was then obvious to me) living on top of the earth, the Chinese people didn't fall off the bottom, and why the Chinese lakes and rivers didn't drop down into the sky. I also wondered what they called their good dishware, but that's a whole 'nother subject.

I learned, of course, that a force called gravity not only holds everything on earth in place, but keeps the moon from flying off into space and maintains orderly orbital paths for the planets in our solar system. Mind you, I don't know why this is so, and I don't much care, so long as my cornflakes stay in the bowl, 'our sewage goes down the tubes and the moon shines over Miami.

Although gravity had aalready been around for gazillions of years, it wasn't explained until a scant three centuries ago, when Sir Isaac Newton published his now familiar laws of motion and inertia. Newton extrapolated his theories from the simple phenomenon of a falling apple (which did not, by the way, hit him on the head as many believe).

Prior to that, some of the greatest minds in the world were comfortable in their belief that the sun made a circuit around us every 24 hours. God alone knew why and, according to popular science and the sitting pope, the devil possessed those who thought otherwise. The otherwisemen included math whiz Galileo Galilei, who died a condemned heretic for preaching the outrageous notion that a spinning earth orbited around the sun. (At the time, frankly, I'd have sided with the pope.)

Meanwhile, the effects of gravity had long been noted by drunks, corsetieres, and anyone over the age of 30 with access to a bathroom mirror.

Around the same Newtonian area, ketchup (then known as 'catchup') had already been imported from China into the Western world.

Another three centuries were to go by, though, before the ketchup industry recognized that their product was not only governed by the same scientific principle, but that it didn't flow freely through a scrawny bottleneck.

Less than a year ago, and amid much fanfare, the Heinz folks relieved the world of a major scourge - the ketchup container that would not give up its contents without a fight and/or without simultaneously bespattering one or more people at the dining table or lunch counter.

Who among us has not uttered (or barely withheld) nasty expletives while butt-bashing a fresh bottle of the red stuff, or scooping it out with a spoon handle, which then had to be either licked or wiped clean?

In a breathtaking burst of brilliance, der Heinzvolk concluded that if they just widened the neck of the bottle and stood it on its head, the product would flow as freely as lies from a diplomat's lips.

Actually, their oversight of this practical solution might be understandable in view of the fact that our forefathers, foremothers and fashion designers picked countless cockleburs from their clothing before coming up with Velcro, and screwed around with messy paste pots until the invention of those handy Post-It stickamabobs.

All of which seemingly pointless drivel is leading up to what may be the next giant leap for civilization - namely, a method of fully expelling expensive medications from the tubes in which they are sold.

Most important - and herein lies the really dramatic opportunity - are those prescription unguents delivered in pinkie-sized tubes which cost somewhere in the neighborhood of enriched plutonium and pasteurized flea milk.

Short of applying needlenose pliers or using a bench vise it is impossible to extrude the last ten percent of the contents, which adds insult to injury in terms of what the stuff costs.

I'm sitting here wondering why they don't just schloomp the precious and pricey potions into a small wide-mouth jar, like the ones used for cosmetic lotions. Seems to me that, since medication is never applied directly from tube to patient, this would make the healing goop more accessible to finger or q-tip, and usable to the last precious mini-blob.

Now, then, if you're thinking of rushing this brilliant idea to the United States Patent Office, be sure to remember that you heard it here first, and put me in for an appropriate royalty.

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Letter to the Editor

Greatest asset

Dear Editor:

Last week, I participated in a public perception survey conducted from Washington, D.C.

One question being asked was "What is your community's greatest asset?" Oil, cotton, cattle and the college immediately came to mind.

Then, I wrote down my answer. I turned to my co-worker and asked the question "What is Scurry County's greatest asset?" Her spoken answer was exactly what I had written down. We discussed our answer and supported it with numerous examples. Then the answer was emailed to D.C.

Indeed, people, our answer, are Scurry County's greatest assets.

The answer was tested on July 8. As I drove around town doing errands, I noticed six dead kittens that appeared to have been thrown in a consistent pattern from a vehicle. I recalled what a Roman politician and later St. Francis of Assisi wrote.

In paraphrased form, it reads a civilized society can be measured by the way its populace treats lesser animals. What I saw lowered the bar for maybe one, two or three individuals.

A similar situation of animal abuse took place last week on the Pennsylvania Turnpike. A mother dog and her puppies were thrown onto the road. Motorists stopped to help the animals, and the ASPCA was called to prosecute the miscreants.

The uncivilized person or persons who did these acts of violence, as well as those who know them, need to keep in mind, that violence toward lesser creatures escalates into greater violence toward parents, spouses, children and peers according to psychological studies. Ultimately, the violence will lead for these individuals into a new civilization — prison.

Let's hope these uncivilized individuals move into their new civilization quickly so that Scurry County's great asset can continue to be people.

Charlene Akers

P.S. Anyone reading this is probably civilized. The others can't read — learning, as well as life, is insignificant for them.Dear Editor:

Thanks for help

Dear Editor:

Our trip from Colorado to Marble Falls was interrupted about 15 miles south of Snyder when our Suburban got tired of pulling a 24-foot boat we were delivering to old friends, so she quit running.

I just cannot say enough about the wonderful way we were helped and treated in Snyder. Larry Thompson picked me up and drove me to the Dennis garage and a very friendly, courteous and helpful young man was dispatched to tow the car in and deliver whatever we needed for the night to a motel. Larry, meanwhile, drove back the 15 miles to tow our boat back to the motel.

In the morning, the garage guys went right to work and had the Suburban repaired before lunch. Rose Mary Rodriguez, running the front desk at the Best Western, casually handed me her car keys and said, "Use my car for whatever you need." When repairs were completed, two employees of the Coliseum helped us re-hitch the trailer to the boat.

Driving out of town past the Coliseum, one of the young men, who had helped us, was cutting grass at the Coliseum and gave us a big wave as we headed out of town. That seemed a fitting ending to a stay in a very friendly city. Snyder is a place we will always remember with the fondest of feelings. I can only say to all of those who helped us, we will pass it on.

Joe Donavan, DVM
Pagosa Springs, Colo.

Big mess

Dear Editor:

This is a quick letter to voice my opinion about this past July 4th holiday. I can not believe the disrespect shown for our country in our own town.

I drove by Winston park before the holiday was even over, and the mess from the food and fireworks was sad. I was always raised to leave a place, like a park or campsite, better than before I borrowed it, and I raise my children the same way.

Not only did it show peoples' lack of proper raising but a total disrespect for our country on her birthday. There were dumpsters provided and it looked as if no one used them at all. A holiday is not just some excuse to party, it has a meaning, and should not be forgotten!

David Bradshaw



EDITORIAL COMMENT

Austin American-Statesman

Redistricting

Whatever redistricting map survives the Legislature and the courts, it is a foregone conclusion that Texas will have more Republicans and fewer Democrats in its congressional delegation in the near future.

That's to be expected in a state dominated by Republicans, who control every statewide office and whose congressional candidates collected 60 percent of the vote last year.

But the redistricting map now in the Legislature also promises another consequence — turning off voters and lowering vote totals. Texans living in a district that votes Republican by margins as high as 70 percent have no incentive to pay attention to politics or to vote.

The election outcome is preordained: There will be no contest to speak of, no debate that matters and no reason to take the time to go to the polls.

Money will flow to the Republicans, and the Democrats in those already-lost districts will be marginalized. Policy differences won't matter and voters — Republican and Democrat alike — will already know the outcome.

So why bother? Many don't now and this redistricting effort assures that fewer will in the future. Republicans in or seeking congressional seats don't mind this eventuality. It guarantees GOP domination in the U.S. House of Representatives, gives ambitious Republicans more opportunities to get to Washington and protects Republican incumbents.

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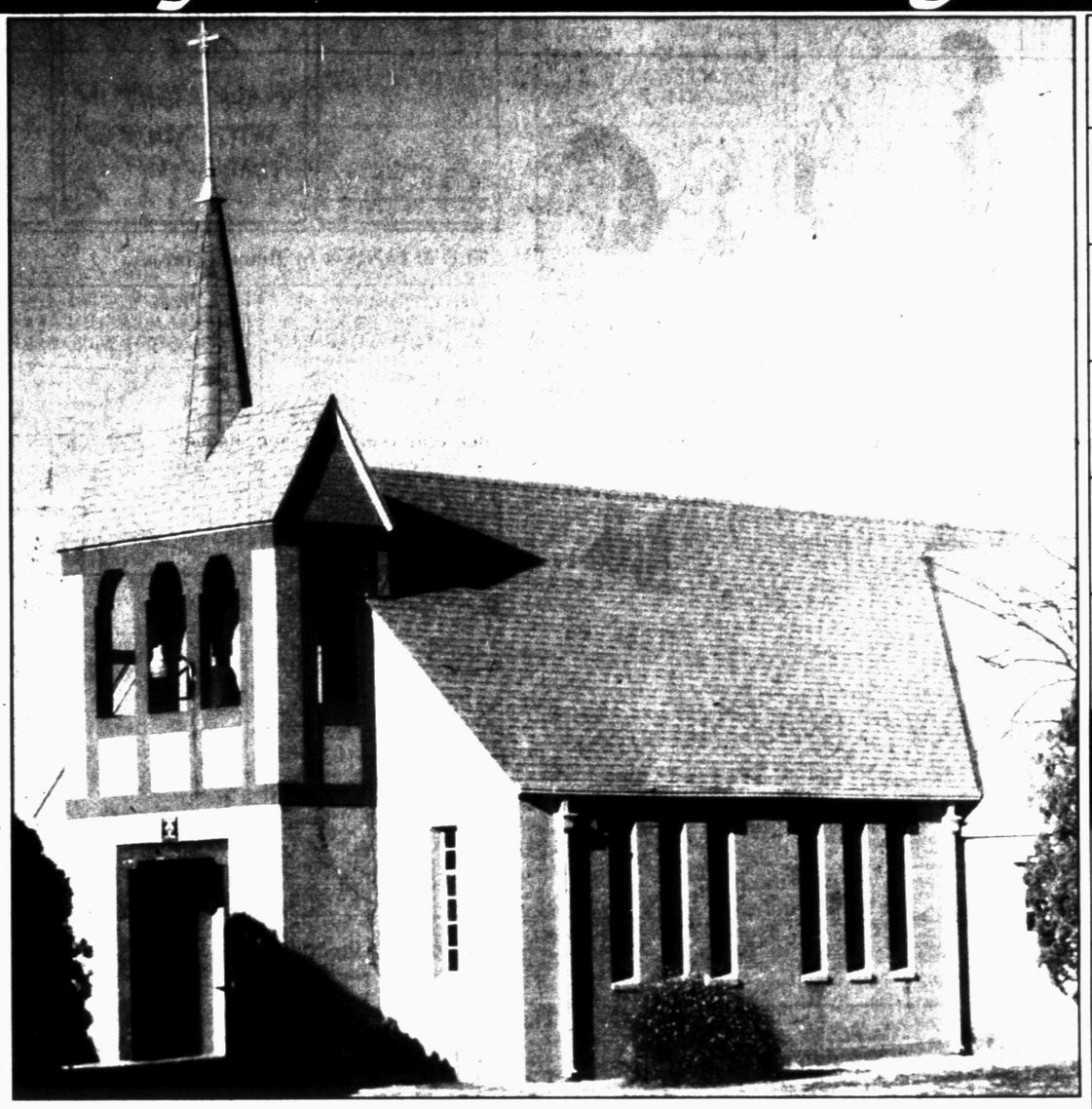
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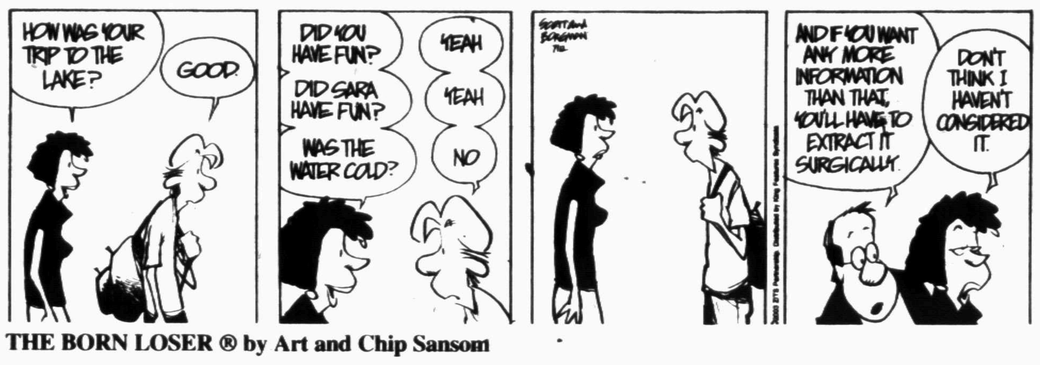
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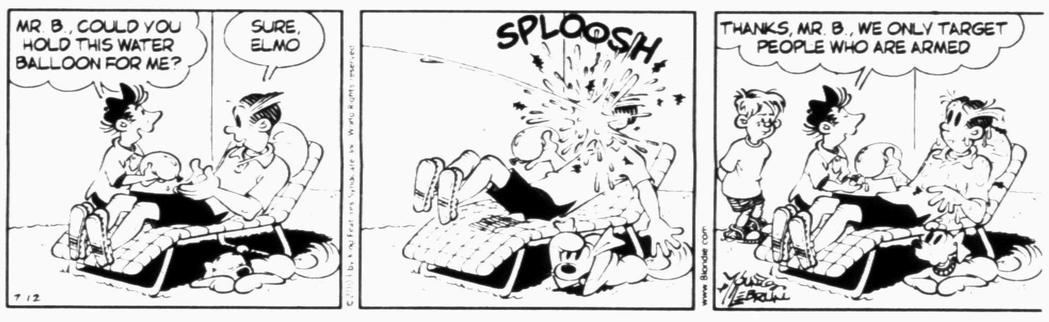
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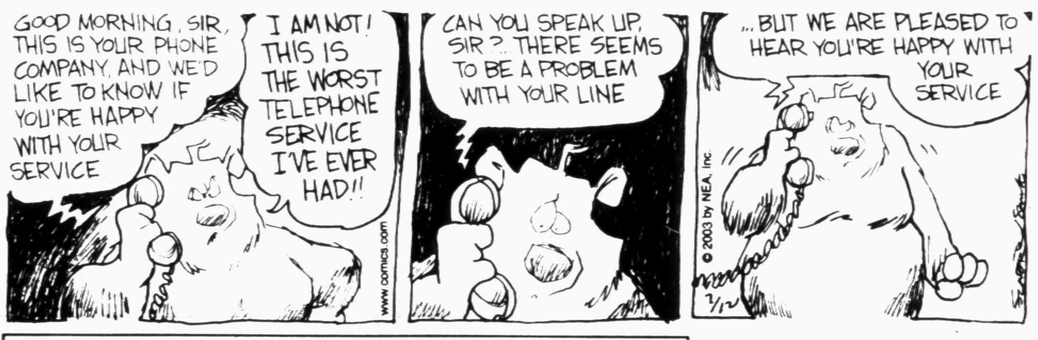
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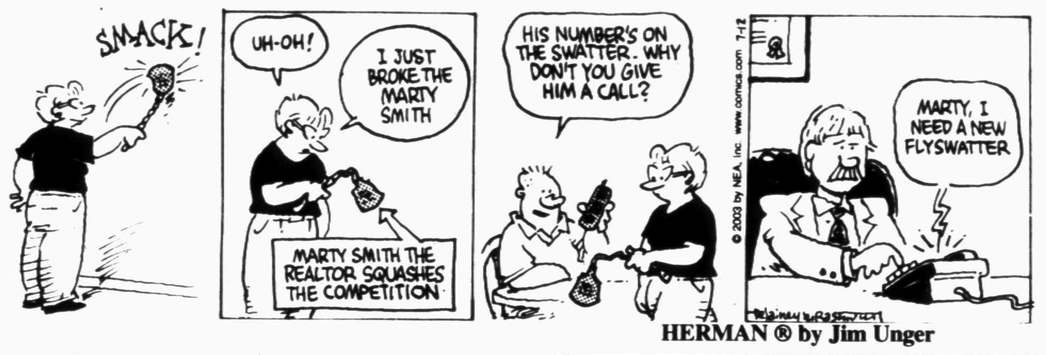
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1 Outback bird
4 Retiree's kitty
7 Cubby
11 Rev the engine
12 Dateless
13 Wheel rod
14 Cassius Clay
15 Repeat
16 Neaten up
17 Unfasten
19 Coast along
21 Use a crowbar
22 Pie baker
23 Strong suit
26 Hang open
28 Blvd.
29 Thump
31 Garden pest
35 All there
37 Henri's islands
39 Unlatch, to a bard
40 Profound
42 Outmoded
44 Not make the grade
46 Decimal base
47 Jazz melodies
49 Fuel rating
53 Calf-length
54 Twist
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59 El Dorado loot
60 If not
61 Calendar divs.
62 "Wolf Man" Chaney

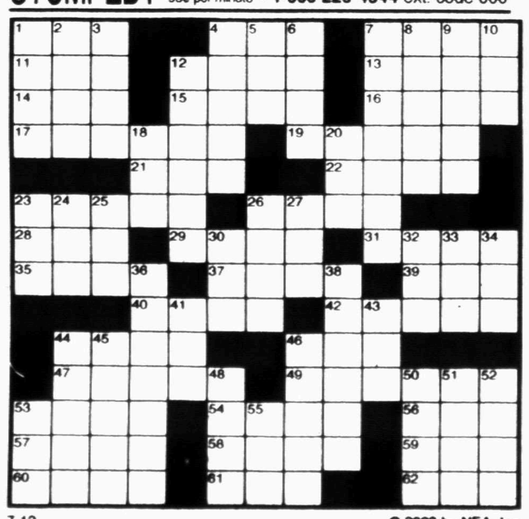
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1 "Good grief!"
2 Kind of slipper
3 Platoon
4 Restless
5 Cheer
6 Excited
7 Aborigines
8 Rust or patina
9 Bygone
10 Door opener
12 Mysterious
18 Talented
20 Chop off
23 Scale notes
24 Caviar
25 Stimpy's pal
26 Nervous swallow
27 Citrus cooler
30 Make tracks
32 — Angeles
33 Package shipper (abbr.)
34 Mild expletive
36 Structure
38 Dust particles
41 Pixie
43 Kitchen pest
44 Ruffle
45 Candy stripers
46 Fireplace tool
48 Distort
50 Wanted GI
51 Wolfe the sleuth
52 British school
53 Ginnie —
55 Tick off

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.



Pro-Banthine is not appropriate to reduce sweating

DEAR DR. GOTT: In response to a reader who sweats excessively, your advice was just put up with it. I say this is hogwash. Any knowledgeable dermatologist will prescribe Pro-Banthine for this annoying problem. After using the drug for 35 years, I am free of unwanted soaking perspiration. My side effects are minimal and well worth the tradeoff.

DEAR READER: While I am aware that some physicians prescribe Pro-Banthine to control excessive sweating, I am not in favor of the practice because of the risks. Although the drug does reduce sweating, it has several common and unpleasant side effects, such as dry mouth, blurred vision, urinary hesitancy and retention, palpitations, headache, nervousness, confusion, drowsiness, weakness, insomnia, constipation and erectile dysfunction, to name a few.

Moreover, the drug is not appropriate for elderly persons or in the presence of hypertension, heart failure, liver disease, kidney disorders or hiatal hernia.

These complications are real and, in my opinion, constitute serious potential problems for those who use the drug because they sweat profusely. As you point out, patients taking Pro-Banthine must accept side effects as a tradeoff. In my opinion, however, the possible risks of the medication outweigh its potential benefits for the average person. Sorry.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I wheeze in a pattern that comes and goes; it is quite obvious to others around me. Should I see a doctor?

DEAR READER: Without a doubt. Wheezing usually indicates the presence of asthma, a recurring lung disorder marked by cyclic constriction of the bronchial passages, associated with chest tightness and increased production of mucus. Also, a weak heart action can lead to wheezing (congestive heart failure) that needs aggressive management.

Many cases of asthma are brought on by environmental allergens or bronchitis (bronchial infection). Antibiotics are often required therapy. Inhaled bronchodilators, such as albuterol, usually relieve bronchial spasm and restore normal breathing. In many cases, inhaled steroids (Azmacort and others), when used following albuterol treatments, further reduce bronchial constriction. A typical pattern for the management of asthma would be two puffs of albuterol followed by two puffs of Azmacort four times a day.

There are many newer medications used to treat (or prevent) asthmatic wheezing. Your physician can discuss this issue with you. Most family practitioners are trained to diagnose and treat asthma, reserving consultation with pulmonary specialists for difficult or resistant cases.

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

DEAR DR. GOTT: I think you erred in a recent column. A date of birth is no longer allowed on a job application — something to do with age discrimination laws.

DEAR READER: You are correct, but I have been led to believe that some employers are still able to obtain this information.

DEAR DR. GOTT: Please define alcohol addiction. Our family has a history of alcoholism from grandparents to parents to my husband and now my children. My daughter doesn't believe alcoholism is inherited, since she claims she can go without a drink for two or three weeks at a time. Your comments?

DEAR READER: Alcoholism comes in many shapes and sizes, all of which add up to an inescapable conclusion: dependence on the drug. The cause of alcoholism is unknown, although recent studies have suggested a genetic disposition. Alcoholics run the gamut, ranging from terminal skid-row bums to successful and outstanding community leaders.

To a large degree, alcoholism is a disease of attitude and intent. Binge drinkers may only imbibe once in awhile — but when they do, they drink to get drunk. Other alcoholics drink heavily and consistently, even though they manage (for varying periods) to keep their jobs and hold their families together. It may sound trite, but alcohol is vital to the alcoholic. He or she thinks about it — a lot. The alcoholic's life is more or less tuned to alcohol: when to drink and how much, how to get it and control it. Abstainers and social drinkers don't think twice about such issues; they can take alcohol or leave it.

Alcoholics often believe they are "entitled" to drink and that they don't have a "problem." However, sooner or later, the alcohol catches up to them, in the form of lapses in judgment, absenteeism, driving under the influence — or, eventually, physical consequences, such as liver inflammation, cirrhosis, pancreatic disease and intestinal bleeding. Alcoholics are judged not so much by the amount they consume as how they drink. I know an alcoholic who drinks only once a year — but alcoholically — to blackout.

Therefore, I disagree with your daughter. If, after two or three weeks of abstinence, she begins to "need" a drink, if drinking is a vital issue, she may be an undiagnosed alcoholic. This concerns me more so in light of the strong history of alcoholism in your family. In fact, given the high incidence of alcoholism in your family, I'd be amazed if your daughter weren't an alcoholic.

The only treatment for this disorder is sobriety. This can be tough, but there is ample help available. Twelve-step support groups such as Alcoholics Anonymous can be invaluable. Because I sense from your comments that there may be unrest in your family from issues pertaining to alcohol, I'm wondering if you and your daughter might consider trying Al-Anon, a program for people whose loved ones or families have a drinking problem. In such a nurturing and supportive environment, your daughter may be able to learn ways to deal with her father's (and sibling's) alcohol abuse, as well as to begin to confront her possible dependency. Support groups for alcoholics (AA), their families (Al-Anon) and their children (Alateen) are listed in the yellow pages of your telephone directory.

Rather than assuming the role of "bad guy" because of your concern about the family's drinking pattern, get your daughter to a meeting where she'll meet other people like her, and learn to come to grips with a common, mysterious and dangerous disease.

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

DEAR DR. GOTT: I'm a high school junior doing a research paper on the use of anabolic steroids by athletes. Can you help me?

DEAR READER: Anabolic steroids are drugs that increase strength and muscle mass. However, they are dangerous because they may cause violent impulses, premature heart disease and other complications such as cancer.

All responsible authorities oppose the use of such steroids, especially in young people, because the risks far outweigh the advantages.

There are many articles in medical literature that address the effects — and, in some cases, the tragedy — of steroid use. Ask your local librarian to obtain a few review articles. This is an easy task and should supply the information you seek.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I am 74 and have instructed my family never to hook me up to anything. OK?

DEAR READER: Sure. But make certain you put it in writing, and dot all the legal i's and cross the t's.

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If readers would like to contact Dr. Gott, they may write him through your newspaper or send their mail directly to Dr. Gott c/o United Media, 200 Madison Ave., 4th fl., New York, NY 10016.

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McGill recalls some of John Belushi's funniest moments in 'Animal House'

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Bruce McGill recalls that some of John Belushi's funniest moments in the 1978 college fraternity comedy "Animal House" didn't amuse the late comic at all.

In one scene, Belushi smashes a guitar. But it didn't break on the first take.

"He went ballistic," said McGill, who played D-Day. "He was furious because he hated to look inept physically. He thought of himself as a physical guy."

Another scene of the fraternity members bringing a horse into the dean's office also didn't go as planned for Belushi, but director John Landis loved it.

"He actually slipped for real on the wet grass and was furious that he had slipped," said James Widdoes, who played Hoover. "Landis yelled, 'Keep going! Keep going!' and that's when he got up and did three little hops."

"My biggest laugh in the movie is when he slips. It killed me," McGill said. "John was a force of nature."

Producer Ivan Reitman and actors Tim Matheson (Otter), Stephen Furst (Flounder), Martha Smith (Babs) and Mark Metcalf (Neidermeyer) recently reunited to promote "Go Inside: Animal House," a behind-the-scenes look at the making of the movie. The TNN special airs in August.

The remaining cast members have stayed in touch during the last 25 years, and Matheson, McGill and Widdoes still get together to play golf.

"The experience was one of tremendous fun and fraternity," Matheson said. "It was really an exceptional experience."

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Federal authorities search 18 U.S. firms in probe of shipments

WASHINGTON (AP) — Federal authorities investigating illegal arms shipments to Iran are scrutinizing 18 American companies alleged to have done business with what U.S. officials say is a London-based front.

Agents with the Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement and the Defense Criminal Investigative Service conducted searches Wednesday, nearly a year after evidence implicating the U.S. companies was seized at the London offices of Multicore Ltd.

There were no immediate charges or arrests announced Thursday. But officials said the companies may have violated the Arms Export Control Act by supplying prohibited parts for Hawk missiles, F-14 Tomcat, F-4 Phantom and F-5 fighter aircraft, C-130 Hercules transport planes and military radar.

"The lives of American warfighters can be placed at direct risk through illegal transfer of military components," said Joseph Schmitz, Defense Department inspector general.

The searches come at a time of increased international pressure on Iran to halt a suspected nuclear weapons program and a U.S.-led campaign to prevent weapons technology from reaching Iran. President Bush labeled Iran part of the "axis of evil" that included Iraq and North Korea, and U.S. officials say Iran has been harboring operatives of the al-Qaida terror network.

Multicore has been under investigation since February 1999, when agents first suspected that a subsidiary of the company in Bakersfield, Calif., was involved in procuring F-14 parts for Iran. In December 2000, authorities seized thousands of aircraft and missile components at that facility.

Two officers at the California facility eventually pleaded guilty to arms exports violations: Saeed Homayouni, a naturalized Canadian citizen from Iran, and Malaysian citizen Yew Leng Fung.

That probe led to London, where British authorities in May 2002 searched Multicore offices and storage facilities and arrested Homayouni's brother Soroosh, whose prosecution continues in Great Britain. Soroosh Homayouni was convicted in 1988 in New York of attempting to export radar parts, sentenced to 21 months in prison and then deported.

The U.S. companies were identified after U.S. and British officials examined Multicore parts, shipping documents and invoices in August 2002. U.S. officials believe more than 50 U.S. firms shipped components to Multicore.

A man who answered the phone listed in London as Multicore's, giving his name only as Alex, denied the company was involved in weapons shipments to Iran.

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Sunday, July 13, 2003
Your biggest problem in the year ahead is being showered with more opportunities than you can handle. You will have to decide which are the most worthwhile and hope you are right.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Be careful whom you team up with today or you could be saddled with an individual who likes to give orders but won't take them. This person will end up being a hindrance, not a help.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Don't wait on others today to help you extricate yourself from a complicated situation. Be prepared to unravel it all on your own.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Whatever you do, you must not allow yourself to be drawn into the middle of a disagreement between two friends today. No matter what you say, it'll be wrong.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — There must not be any coasting today if you hope to achieve your objective. Unless you're properly motivated to accomplish your mission and stay on top of things, it won't be realized.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — It behooves you to be as frank and forthright as possible about your skills and abilities. Don't embellish anything.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — It would be wise not to make any financial commitment today. Those material blessings you're depending on getting might not come through.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Be sure that know-it-all truly knows what he or she is talking about before being swayed. Check things out for yourself.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Letting your guard down today will have a price tag attached to it. Avoid slacking off on sensible health habits like overindulging in eating, drinking or exercising.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — You think well of everybody, but this sets you up to be manipulated by unscrupulous individuals. Today you will be especially susceptible.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Boasting about something before it has a chance to prove itself could put you in an embarrassing position today when the fruits of your actions fall quite short of your expectations.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Although you are impressed by your stupendous ideas and stories, others may not be as enthralled with them. Be careful not to be a bore today.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — A financial arrangement you have with another from which you were expecting large returns may not work out as you had anticipated. In fact, the returns may be a trifle lopsided.

Monday, July 14, 2003
Your chart shows a potential for accumulation that could come in both small and large amounts in the year ahead. Be penny-wise and pound-conscious in your spending habits, however, so that you don't squander it away.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — A lack of attention to your immediate surroundings could lead to some unpleasant experiences today.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Usually you have little trouble making up your mind, but today you could be vacillating over the slightest issue and halt all progress on what you're working on.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — That perfectionist surveillance you always display may allow all kinds of mistakes to slip past you. Instead of covering things up, make an effort to correct them.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Steer clear of anyone who drones on and on about him or herself. You'll have little tolerance for these types today.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Don't transfer your frustration onto others by nitpicking their faults, or your own behavior will be put under the microscope.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — All communication must be scrutinized very carefully today. You could easily garble your message.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Although it is usually hard to sell you anything worthless, a spellbinder could do just that today. His or her smooth talking ways could have you seeing only the packaging and not what's inside.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — It'll be the little matters, not the major issues, that cause all the trouble between you and your mate today. Don't fuss over meaningless, petty points.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Someone may attempt to squeeze confidential information out of you. Don't feel obligated to tell him or her anything.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — If you talk about something too much, it'll never happen. So if you have an important item on the back burner, keep it to yourself until it's ready to be launched.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — In your haste, you could trip over the little things. Keep your focus on your target and your eyes on the path you need to be following.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Today the light on your thinking cap may be stuck on dim. Check your power sources and make certain they're in working over.

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High court asked to rule on medical marijuana

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Bush administration wants the Supreme Court's permission to strip prescription licenses from doctors who recommend marijuana to sick patients.

The administration, which has taken a hard stand against state medical marijuana laws, asked the high court to strike down an appeals court ruling that blocked the punishment, or investigation, of physicians who tell patients they may be helped by the drug.

The administration's appeal, filed this week, gives the Supreme Court a chance to revisit the subject of legalized marijuana. Two years ago, the court ruled that there is no exception in federal drug laws for people to use pot to ease pain from cancer, AIDS or other illnesses. That case also involved a ruling of the San Francisco-based 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals.

Solicitor General Theodore Olson said the latest 9th Circuit decision keeps the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration from protecting the public. He said the ruling licenses doctors to treat patients with illegal drugs and that physicians who urge patients to use pot are no different than those recommending heroin or LSD.

Medical marijuana laws are on the books in Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Maine, Nevada, Oregon and Washington.

At issue is a policy, put in place during the Clinton administration, that requires the revocation of federal prescription licenses of doctors who recommend marijuana.

The appeals court said that the policy interferes with free-speech rights of doctors and patients. Physicians should be able to speak candidly with patients without fear of government sanctions, the court said, but they can be punished if they actually help patients obtain the drug.

Graham Boyd, an American Civil Liberties Union attorney representing patients, doctors, and other groups, said a government victory at the high court would gut the medical marijuana laws and hurt doctor-patient relationships.

"This case is about doctors providing honest and accurate medical advice to patients and the government wanting to censor that advice and leave patients to the Internet, their friends and back alley information in order to make medical decisions," Boyd said Friday.





