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RODEO ROYALTY — The 63rd annual Scurry County Rodeo Queen Shelley York, second from left, crowned Darcee Purcell, the 1998-99 Scurry County Rodeo Queen at the final performance Saturday night. The Junior Miss title went to Kassey Burney, right, and Emma Nunley was named Little Miss. (SDN Staff Photo)

Darcee Purcell crowned queen...

Final performance ends richest rodeo in Scurry County history

The 63rd annual Scurry County Rodeo will go down in the record books.

Saturday's final performance and the crowning of the queen closed out the richest rodeo in Scurry County history.

The record number of contestants, more than 300 riders competed over the three-day span, was due to a number of things, according to Scurry County Rodeo Association secretary Terry Franks.

"The success of this year's rodeo is due in large part to the help of the community and our sponsors. The contestants like to come to a rodeo where everything is run smoothly.

"We also had good stock this year from T-N-T Rodeo Company in Anson. The good stock, along with the added prize money from sponsors, really helps out a lot."

In event competition, the biggest surprise came in bull riding.

After Mackey Elliot and Scott Mayfield had held the top spot for two consecutive nights with a score of 72, Abilene's Shane Simmons posted an 83 to steal first place.

Two events saw competitors lead from beginning to end.

In saddle bronc riding, Rance Bray of Dumas watched as his 73 from Thursday night held up to give him the top spot.

Post's Dena Kirkpatrick, who recorded a time of 17.275 in Thursday's barrel racing action, was never bested and took home first place in the event.

Talina Bird, another Post rider and also a member of the Western Texas College rodeo team, won the breakaway roping event with a time of 2.8 seconds.

Tommy Smith was tops in calf roping with a time of 8.8 seconds, while Rick Branch and Mickey Gomez tied down the title in team roping with a 5.3

Canadian's Cole Tindal, who led the bareback competition following Friday's performance, ended up with a share of first place after Lubbock's Cody Cox matched his score of 74.

The close competition in each event and the large number of entries, could be a sign of things to come, according to Franks.

"I think the rodeo will keep growing like this year, if people stay involved and interested in making it grow. I believe it will get even bigger and better in the year's to come."

Another highlight of Saturday's activities was the crowning of the Scurry County Rodeo Queen.

Outgoing crown bearer Shelley York was on hand to pass the title to the 1998-99 recipient Darcee Purcell.

Purcell, the daughter of Larry and Theresa Purcell, will be a senior at Snyder High School and is active in the High Plains Junior Rodeo Association.

Also crowned were the little miss (age 8-under) and junior miss (age 9-12) queens.

Five-year-old Emma Nunley, daughter of Rollen and Carla Nunley, was crowned Little Miss Queen. Kassey Burney, daughter of Dusty and Katrina Burney, won the title of Junior Miss Queen.

Two killed in head-on collision

A two-vehicle accident killed two Snyder residents around 9:40 p.m. Sunday some 10 miles north of Snyder on Highway 208.

Pronounced dead at the scene by Justice of the Peace Charlie Reynolds were Lisa Sandoval, 24, of 1244 N. Ave. P, and Gerard Sisneros, 25, of 1226 N. Ave. P.

Sandoval was driving a 1992 Ford pickup that was southbound on Highway 208. Her vehicle collided head-on with a 1999 Ford pickup that was north bound.

The collision occurred in the north-bound lane after the Sandoval vehicle veered into that lane, according to Department of Public Safety reports.

Sandoval was wearing a seat belt, while Sisneros, a passenger in the vehicle, was not.

The occupants of the 1999 Ford, both Lubbock residents, remain in Cogdell Hospital this morning where they are listed in good condition. Both the driver, Jonathan Irish, and the passenger Rhea Irish, were wearing seat belts, according to the DPS.

DPS trooper Rick Campos investigated the accident.

Former resident hospitalized after heat-related incident

An 83-year-old former Snyder woman remains in an Austin hospital following her hospitilization on July 8 for heat exhaustion after being left on a Georgetown assisted-living center bus for almost six hours as the outside temperature reached 97-degrees.

Helen Faulkenberry was unconscious when she was discovered by employees of the Park Place Assisted Living Center after she had fallen asleep on the bus during an outing.

The assisted living center has received a reprimand from the Texas Department of Human Services after investigators reported the center had failed to search for Faulkenberry despite realizing she was absent from the facility.

Williamson County District Attorney Ken Anderson has said the Georgetown police are investigating the incident.

Park Place officials have said that staff members weren't alarmed at the woman's absence because residents frequently leave the center with family members.

Officials said state-required sign-out sheets procedures were in place, but inconsistently applied.

The Austin American-Statesman reported that when staffers noticed Faulkenberry missing at 4 p.m., the temperature was 97 degrees.

The bus was parked at the facility at 4:15 p.m., and staffers didn't start looking for the woman until around 9:45 p.m.

State investigators said the temperature was around 88 degrees when Park Place staff members found the resident lying on the back seat of the bus at 10 p.m.

According to the state investigators, the Park Place deficiencies included a failure to keep track of the number of passengers on the bus, a break-down in communication between staff members at shift changes, lack of training and policy directing staff members what to do when a resident is missing, and insufficient staff on duty.

Investigators reprimanded the center, saying it was negligent and failed to protect the health and safety of the residents.

A DHS spokesman said a reprimand was the most severe action the state agency could take short of closing the facility down.

State investigators have recommended the agency's legal department ask the attorney general to pursue penalties against the center.

The assisted living facility is home to 29 residents.

Commissioners hear jail facility proposal

The Scurry County Commissioners Court heard a presentation on a proposed Rolling Plains Regional County Jail during its regular business meeting this morning.

The court took no action on the item, but told presenter Monty Montgomery, executive director of the Devolpment Corporation of Haskell, that the court "would be in touch."

The proposal to the court was for Scurry County to be a core facility for the 194-bed jail facility.

This would mean Scurry County would send any inmate overflow to the Haskell facility.

County Judge Ricky Fritz said the court would probably not be interested in being a core facility.

"Our jail facility is adequate. We even lease some of our space ocassionally. But, we might consider it for overflow if the need ever arises."

In other business, Charlie Bell presented an insurance and savings plan available to county employees. He also requested that the court change the insurance reporting calendar year, which currently runs from Jan. 1 through Dec. 31, to Oct. 1 through Sept. 1

The board unanimously approved the change which will now allow the calendar year to coincide with the Cafeteria Plan reporting deadline.

Bell also presented the second quarter treasurer's report and commissioners unanimously accepted it.

Bell said the cash balance on hand was $6,137,971.11 and earnings were $92,375.51.

The court also accepted the resignation of County Health Officer Robert B. Pierce, M.D.

Pierce recently announced his intentions to close his medical practice effective July 31.

Election judges for the November general elections were also approved.

Commissioners also approved paying the bills and one line-item transfer for the Scurry County Library.

The court agreed to transfer $1,111 from maintainence agreements and $103 from equipment into office supplies for the library.

Fritz presided at the meeting and commissioners in attendance were Howard Limmer, Roy Idom, Ralph Trevey and Jerry Gannaway.

Lubbock firm awarded bid for Snyder prison warehouse

It's official. A construction company based in Wolfforth has been awarded the bid to construct a $4.6 million addition to the Texas Department of Criminal Justice's warehouse in Snyder.

Monterey Construction Co. has received notification from TDCJ, and is expected to be given the "notice to proceed" this week.

A company spokesman this morning said mobilization would take about two weeks, and construction work would begin about Aug. 1.

The project is a 60,000-square foot expansion to the existing 70,000-square foot warehouse located on U.S. 84.

The addition will include 20,000-square feet of cold storage to house bulk inventories of frozen foods, meats and other perishable goods.

The Snyder distribution center will be the first regional distribution system for the prison system, and will serve 22 units in West Texas. The Snyder warehouse is projected to save TDCJ $1 million annually in transportation costs.

When completed, the warehouse will have 52 employees, 18 in the warehouse and 34 in transportation.

The warehouse was first announced in 1996 by State Rep. David Counts.

Heat wave continues

DALLAS (AP) — Temperatures climbed toward stifling levels again today across most of the country, with no immediate relief in sight for the heat wave blamed for at least 113 deaths.

The temperature in Dallas hit 91 by late morning and was expected to top 100 degrees for a 15th straight day. The punishing heat has already claimed 79 lives in Texas, including 43 illegal immigrants who had crossed the border from Mexico.

"It looks like this trend should continue another week, maybe two, from what we can see," said Roland Nunez, a meteorologist for the National Weather Service.

The searing heat has also contributed to at least 22 deaths in Louisiana, nine in Oklahoma — where temperatures also climbed into the 90s before noon — and one each in California, Arizona and Missouri.

And authorities in Oklahoma, Louisiana and Texas were investigating additional deaths to determine if they were heat-related.

"There are probably many more out there that we haven't heard of yet," said Dr. Louise McFarland, Louisiana's state epidemiologist.

The humid Northeast was expected to be the next hard-hit region, with temperatures expected to rise into the 90s today. Temperatures in the 100s were predicted again for much of the West, where several records were broken Sunday. Pueblo and Grand Junction, Colo., both reported record highs of 104.

2nd drive-by trial to begin here Tuesday

The second of three people charged in a December drive-by shooting goes on trial Tuesday in 132nd District Court.

Marcus Lee Rocha, 17, of 605 30th Street is charged with aggravated assault with a deadly weapon in the Dec. 18, 1997 shooting in the 600 Block of 26th Street.

Rocha, along with Fedencio Ramon, 21, and Solatina Maria Flores, 19, were indicted by a Scurry County grand jury in January for firing a handgun at John Christopher Hernandez. Hernandez was not injured.

In June, a 132nd District Court jury found Ramon guilty and the court sentenced him to 10 years and a day in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. Charges against Flores are pending.

District Judge Ernie Armstrong will preside and the state's case will be presented by District Attorney Dana Cooley. The defendant's attorney is Pete Greene of Snyder.

A panel of 150 prospective jurors have been summoned to report at 9 a.m. Tuesday.

ASK US

Q—Can readers bring in pictures to be used in the "Faces From the Past"?

A—Yes. Just make sure they are properly identified and a return address is attached to the picture.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Saturday, 99 degrees; low, 72; high Sunday, 101; low, 73; 7 a.m. Monday, 76; no precipitation; total for 1998, 5.75 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, mostly clear. Low 70-75. S wind 5-15 mph. Tuesday, partly cloudy, hot. High near 101. S wind 10-20 mph.

Josh Keller
Partly cloudy

Sunset: 8:47 p.m.
Sunrise: 6:53 a.m.
Of 200 days in 1998, the sun has shone 198 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

Our life is what our thoughts make it.

Marcus Aurelius Antonious

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Firefighters give wildfire names before putting them out

By PATRICK BARTA
The Wall Street Journal's Texas Journal

You could call it this summer's burning question: What to name all the wildfires raging across Texas?

With drought conditions common in practically every corner of the state and wildfires breaking out like, well, wildfire, the heat is on for firefighters to come up with snappy names to distinguish the blazes from the conflagrations.

And they're finding it isn't always easy. Firefighters in Presidio County, for example, have had a rough go with one grassfire in the Davis Mountains. At first, they labeled the blaze "Chinati," after a nearby mountain peak. But when some firemen and state officials started confusing the name with "Chianti" — as in the wine — they had to make a change. Now, officials are complaining about the replacement — "Cibolo," which is also the name of a local creek.

"Cibolo ... huh?" says Jo Schweikhard Moss, a public-information officer for the Division of Emergency Management of the Texas Department of Public Safety, which is helping oversee drought relief efforts. "That one's getting butchered, too."

Of course, it's not the end of the world if people confuse fire titles. But firefighters say that readily identified names, which are similar to those used for hurricanes, are essential, since they enable fire-truck drivers and helicopter crews to find specific blazes — especially when several are at work in a single county.

They're also important for state officials, who must keep detailed records of the fires, especially when applying for disaster relief.

And state officials insist that having good names is as important now as ever, as fires rage across the state. The state is on a pace to exceed the damage recorded by the 1996 fires, when 527,000 acres burned before summer rains ended the fires in June of that year.

Names are given only to fires that are big enough to require heavy firefighting equipment, like choppers, or that last for more than a day. They're selected by dispatchers or other local fire officials on the scene, and usually pegged to local landmarks.

Among the more mundane examples this year: the "Alcoa" fire in Milam County, named after a nearby Alcoa aluminum plant; "Tucker," named after a small East Texas town of the same name; and "Railroad," so named because sparks from a rail car started the flames. Other names this year include "Judge Fern," "Salmon" and "Coolidge" (for reasons that couldn't be determined).

"If someone had a lot of goats there, it might be the 'Goat Farm' fire — whatever makes you remember it," says Ronnie Rae, a staff technician for the Texas Forest Service's Henderson Zone dispatch center in Henderson.

But it isn't always so obvious, like when there's more than one fire in the same place. That was the case in Tyler County earlier this month, when firefighters found themselves face-to-face with two fires in the small town of Doucette. After dousing the first fire, they turned their attentions to the second, which didn't yet have a name.

"It was getting late in the day" and firefighters didn't feel like coming up with a new name, says Mahlon Hammetter, a fire-prevention specialist with the Texas Forest Service, so they called it "Do Too." "We could have named it 'Do Also.'"

Then there's the problem of what to do when there's no obvious local landmark. In one case earlier this month, firefighters in Tyler County arrived on the scene of a 10-acre fire to find that there just weren't any places of note around. So they named the fire "Jelly Roll," after one of the firefighters who was known to have a sweet tooth.

Firefighters have shown similar flashes of creativity in the past, as when one group of North Texas firefighters labeled a 1996 blaze "The French Connection," because it threatened a ranch owned by a man with the last name "French." Indeed, while they are used sparingly, oddball fire names have become fairly common in recent years, especially in Western and Southern states. Many Texas firefighters say they picked up a penchant for unusual names while helping fight range fires out West, where titles like "Chicken," "Peanut," and "Friendly Fire" have been used in recent years.

Of course, some firefighters think coming up with light names is like playing with fire; this isn't something they should be joking about, they say. And others don't much like the

Scurry Co. Museum to display works by Lillian C. Price

Opening today at Scurry County Museum are the paintings and stories by Lillian Cogburn Price. These works are pure nostalgia because they depict her reminiscenes of childhood on a farm in the peanut and watermelon land of Central Texas, near DeLeon.

Mrs. Price is primarily a painter. She has studied art and painting for 60 years and has won many honors and awards for her impressionist landscapes.

There are more than 60 oil paintings in this series, done over a 10-year period from 1974-1984. The time period covered in the pictures is from 1906-1912.

The naive-impressionist style of her figures is a departure from the artist's usual work, but all who have seen them are delighted and declare they capture the spirit of the early 20th century with honesty and charm.

Mrs. Price related the development of the works when she turned them over to Baylor University's Strecker Museum in the mid-1980s. Here is her explanation.

"For years, I have been telling my daughter and three grandchildren stories of what life was like when I was a child growing up on a farm in Comanche County.

"Several years ago I began to paint pictures showing some of these good times, since the younger generation was in its teens and not too interested in 'family stuff.'

"I just thought I'd better put it down: the fun we had; the joy in creating our own amusements; the daily life in that earlier time; the world as seen through the eyes of childhood; the security we found in loving parents, friends and kinfolks.

"The pictures began to almost paint themselves. They came one after the other until there were more than 60, each reminding me of another and another. During these years, I began to write stories about what I wanted to paint next.

"This helped fix in my mind exactly what the picture would 'say.' My friends and family continued to make suggestions for more pictures and more stories.

"I hope you find as much pleasure in these memories as we have had in remembering and recording them — for the younger generation will never know what life was like then unless we tell them about."

The Scurry County Museum is located on the Western Texas College Campus, 6200 College Ave. Summer hours are from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Thursday and other times by appointment.

Berry's World

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"It seems you have not done the things you were supposed to do. Therefore, I am going to sue you for MALPATIENT."

Brazoria Co. Sheriff violated arrangement with private jail

ANGLETON (AP) — The Brazoria County sheriff's decision to accept violent Missouri inmates into the local jail violated a contract with a private prison company, an assistant district attorney claims.

The county's contract with Capital Correctional Resources Inc. to house Missouri inmates at the Brazoria County Detention Center specifically barred the housing of more violent or "high-risk" prisoners unless permission was first granted by county commissioners.

Those inmates were transferred from a CCRI facility in Crystal City, where they were involved in a riot, to Brazoria County's jail in September 1996. Some were part of the group seen brutalized by newly-hired CCRI employees and sheriff's deputies on a Sept. 18, 1996 videotape uncovered by The Facts, the daily newspaper of Brazoria County.

The videotape shows inmates crawling on the floor as they are kicked, shocked with a stun gun and bitten by an attack dog at the hands of sheriffs deputies and newly hired CCRI employees.

Ron Barclay, of the Brazoria County district attorney's civil division, brought up the issue during a July 10 hearing on a federal civil rights lawsuit against the private prison company and the county.

He claims Sheriff Joe King, in a deposition, acknowledged accepting the "high risk" inmates without first seeking county approval.

"The sheriff, as testimony has shown in violation of our contract, agreed to let in high classification inmates," Barclay said.

King said he did not feel obliged to ask the Brazoria County Commissioners Court for permission to temporarily hold the high-risk inmates.

King and others in the sheriff's office have said the 1996 shakedown, videotaped by officers to use later as a training tool, became necessary when the inmates became unruly and threatened to burn down the jail. He has also said the shakedown was prompted by suspicions that the inmates were smoking marijuana in their cells.

"It was supposed to be a temporary deal, but of course, we had the trouble as soon as they got here," King told The Facts in Sunday editions.

King pointed out that his deputies are experienced at detaining the county's own high-risk inmates.

Looking back though, CCRIs guards many of whom were not yet licensed peace officers may not have been prepared for the more violent inmates, King said.

"There weren't any red flags that went up," King said. "I didn't anticipate the trouble."

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

Server's Last Service Should Be to Give Customer Change

DEAR ABBY: My wife and I go out for lunch quite often. Our check is typically about $15, to which I customarily add a 15 percent tip.

My problem is the food servers who ask if I want my change back. This puts me in an awkward situation because it appears that the server is expecting a $5 tip, which in my opinion is too much for a $15 check.

Abby, this happens all the time, and it's getting me steamed. I think it's totally improper for a food server to ask for a tip, and to specify the amount.

How would you handle a situation like this?

STEAMED IN BOSTON

DEAR STEAMED: I would tell the server that, yes, I wanted my change. Then I'd leave a 15 or 20 percent tip, depending on the service I'd received. Although in the past, servers have written to tell me that the question is asked to save a trip back to the table, I consider it to be presumptuous. Servers should courteously return change to the customer as a matter of course.

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DEAR ABBY: This letter is in response to "Lost in North Carolina," who has herpes.

I am fortunate to be in a relationship with a fine woman who knows how much she is worth and brings joy and a great attitude into my life and the lives of her children. Yes, she has herpes. She had it long before I met her, and I knew she had it before I asked her to go out with me. She had so many of the important qualities I was looking for in a woman that it was not an issue.

With proper care and proper precaution, "Lost in North Carolina" can have a normal life and a great sex life to go with it. My darling and I have been together two years, and I have not contracted herpes. I expect to live a long life with her and not have a problem. And if I get herpes, it will not be the end of the world. There is life after herpes.

To "Lost," I would say, "Start believing in yourself and don't look for reasons to fail. If you think no one will want you, it will become a self-fulfilling prophecy. The fact that you have herpes will not stop someone from loving you. What will is a defeatist attitude." Sign me ...

HOLDING THE HAND OF SOMEONE WHO'S BEEN THERE

DEAR HOLDING: I subscribe to your philosophy for successful living — and it applies to more challenges than herpes. Thank you for a helpful letter. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: I write to offer hope to the lady who confided to you that she feels that now she has genital herpes, no one will ever want her.

When I caught genital herpes two years ago, I felt the same way. Back then I took your advice and contacted the Herpes Foundation. These caring people got me set up with my local support chapter and I began attending their monthly meetings. Through these meetings I met my soul mate, who is also afflicted.

We plan to be married in the future. Out of something bad came something wonderful! I hope this helps the woman who wrote to you by letting her know that all is not lost.

LIVING (WELL) IN MESA, ARIZ.

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DEAR ABBY: I have a problem that may not seem like a big deal to most people, but it really bothers me.

I meet people, and the next time I see them, they do not remember having met me. While I can't always remember the name of a new acquaintance, I can at least remember having met that person.

Abby, it's a blow to my ego when someone has no recollection of having met me. I admit that I am on the shy and quiet side; perhaps that is why I'm not remembered.

Is there anything I can do to make a lasting impression?

MR. FORGETTABLE

DEAR MR.: A good way to be remembered is to pay a new acquaintance a compliment. You need not go overboard, but everyone appreciates being complimented.

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Date Book

July 20, 1998

Today is the 30th day of 1998 and the 201st day of summer.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1881, Sioux leader Sitting Bull surrendered to federal troops.

On this day in 1944, President Franklin D. Roosevelt was nominated for a fourth term of office at the Democratic national convention in Chicago.

On this day in 1969, Neil Armstrong and Edwin Aldrin became the first men to walk on the moon.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Petrarch (1304-1374), poet-scholar; Anne Hutchinson (1591-1643), American religious leader; Theda Bara (1890-1955), actress; Edmund Hillary (1919-), mountain climber, is 79; Natalie Wood (1938-1981), actress; Diana Rigg (1938-), actress, is 60; Tony Oliva (1940-), baseball great, is 58; Carlos Santana (1947-), musician, is 51.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1970, Bill Singer of the Dodgers threw a no-hitter as Los Angeles defeated Philadelphia, 5-0.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "A good death does honor to a whole life." — Petrarch

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1992, it was reported by the Xinmin Evening News that a 9-year-old girl playing on her front porch was picked up by a tornado near Shanghai, China. She was found, unhurt, hanging in the branches of a tree two miles from her home.

SOURCE: 1997 Weather Guide Calendar; Accord Publishing, Ltd.

TODAY'S MOON: Between last quarter (July 16) and new moon (July 23).

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Wouldn't it be wonderful if we could somehow have our second thoughts first?

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Oil Patch News

Mitchell County

Gruy Petroleum Management has completed the No. 29-G Morrison in the Westbrook field, five miles northwest of Westbrook. The well was finaled to produce 15 barrels of oil and 157 barrels of water. Perforations were from 2,956-3,208 feet, and location is in Section 31, Block 18, T1N, T&P survey.

Gruy Petroleum has completed the No. 30-G Morrison in the Westbrook field, five miles northwest of the townsite. The venture was completed to produce five barrels of oil and 20 barrels of water. Perforations were from 2,942-3,176 feet, and location is in Section 31, Block 28, T1N, T&P survey.

Garza County

Patterson Petroleum has completed the No. 10 John in the Happy field, 10 miles south of Post. The well was finaled to produce 94 barrels of oil and no water. Perforatations were from 4,944-954 feet, and location is in Section 30, Block 2, T&NO survey.

Kent County

Merit Energy will drill the No. 1 McArthur in the Michell Kay field, 17 miles west of Girard. Planned for a depth of 6,500 feet, drill site is in Section 142, Block 1, H&GN survey.

Merit Energy Company will drill the No. 4-B McArthur in the Maben field, 17 miles west of Girard. Planned depth is 6,500 feet, and location is in Section 105, Block 1, H&GN survey.

Howard County

Oryx Energy has completed the No. 49 KLOH in the Howard-Glasscock field, five miles southwest of Forsan. The well was finaled to produce 80 barrels of oil and 900 barrels of water. Perforations were from 2,126-424 feet, and location is in Section 13, Block 33, T2S, T&P survey.

Santa Fe Energy Resources will drill the No. 1-25 Texaco, an 8,000-foot wildcat located seven miles south of Coahoma. Location is in Section 25, Block 3, T&P survey.

Santa Fe Energy will drill the No. 1-37 Texaco in the Hutto south field, seven miles south of Coahoma. Planned for a depth of 8,000 feet, location is in Section 37, Block 31, T1S, T&P survey.

Fisher County

Amerind Oil Co. will plug and abandon the No. 1 Texaco, six miles northwest of Rotan. Drilled to a depth of 7,030 feet, drill site was in Section 12, Block V, T&P survey.

Nolan County

Amerac Energy Co. will plug and abandon the No. 1 Seago, a 6,560-foot wildcat located two miles southeast of Roscoe. Location was in Section 50, Block 23, T&P survey.

Patterson Petroleum Inc. will plug and abandon the No. 5 B.K. Harris, six miles north of Maryneal. Drilled to a depth of 5,320, location was in Section 75, Block X, T&P survey.

You know you're really up there in years when you can remember making phone calls for a nickel.

Clinton hopeful 2nd hand smoke ruling will be restored

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Clinton administration is optimistic it can overcome a federal judge's decision to strike down a landmark 1993 government finding that secondhand tobacco smoke increases the risk of cancer.

The government report has been used widely by state and local authorities to restrict smoking in public places, including offices, restaurants and commercial airliners.

The Environmental Protection Agency on Sunday stood by its report that declared secondhand tobacco smoke a Class A carcinogen and the cause of more than 3,000 lung-cancer deaths a year.

The agency was informed over the weekend of a ruling late Friday by U.S. District Judge William Osteen in North Carolina that struck down the report as flawed.

Osteen, acting in a lawsuit filed by the tobacco companies, said the EPA "did not demonstrate a statistically significant association" between secondhand smoke and lung cancer and did not adequately bring the industry into the deliberations.

Although lawyers were still reviewing the ruling, EPA officials said an appeal was virtually certain.

The agency plans to argue that industry was consulted adequately and that Osteen has no jurisdiction over the report because the EPA has never issued a formal regulation on secondhand tobacco smoke.

"The decision is disturbing," EPA Administrator Carol Browner said Sunday. "We believe the health threats to children and adults from breathing secondhand smoke are very real."

The tobacco industry hailed the ruling as vindication that smoking should not be banned because of concern about secondhand smoke.

"We feel vindicated by the federal court's decision that the EPA wrongly classified secondhand smoke as a cause of cancer in nonsmokers," said Charles A. Blixt, general counsel of R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Co. "This decision should prevent the EPA from becoming a participant in the anti-smoking industry's crusade to ban smoking."

Although the EPA has issued no rules controlling smoking, lawyers involved in tobacco litigation said the report's findings have been central to the debate over smoking restrictions in public places.

Since the report was issued five years ago, some states and numerous local communities have banned smoking in public places, including restaurants, offices and, in California, even bars. Some of those bans may be in jeopardy, lawyers said.

"No one wants to go back to smoking on airplanes, smoking in restaurants. No one wants to go back to polluting indoors," Health and Human Services Secretary Donna Shalala said on "Fox News Sunday." She said there is science supporting the classification of secondhand tobacco smoke as a carcinogen.

EPA spokeswoman Loretta Ucelli said agency attorneys "tell us the decision was based largely on procedural grounds."

"We're optimistic for an appeal," she said.

Osteen, a judge for the federal Middle District of North Carolina, ruled that the EPA violated proper procedure by not including industry in its deliberations, as required by the 1986 Radon Gas and Indoor Air Quality Research Act.

Community Calendar

MONDAY

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

AARP Chapter 2063; Senior Center; Jack Gorman will be guest speaker; noon.

Al-Anon and AA brown bag, open meetings, Snyder Park Club; noon.

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

Just for Today NA, closed meeting; Snyder Park Club; for information call 573-0949. 573-4238 or 573-8018; 6 p.m.

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

TUESDAY

Just for Today NA, closed meeting; for information call 573-0949, 573-4238 or 57;3-8018; 6 p.m.

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Hermleigh Order of the Eastern Star; Masonic Lodge; 8 p.m.

New Horizons AA; closed meeting; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-8626, 573-9458 or 863-2349; 8 p.m.

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

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WEDNESDAY

Martha Ann Woman's Club Game Day and Luncheon; cost $7.50 and serving will begin at 11:30. Games of choice will follow; reservations needed by 5 p.m. Tuesday.

AA brown bag, open meeting; Park Club; for information call 573-8626, 573-9458 or 863-2349; noon.

Just for Today NA; open meeting; Park Club; for information call 573-0949, 573-4238, 573-8018; 8 p.m.

THURSDAY

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

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

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FRIDAY

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

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

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

Cornelius-Dodson House; open by appointments; 573-9742 or 573-2763.

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SATURDAY

People Without Partners; Inadale Community Center; games of 42 and dominos; 6:30 p.m.

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SUNDAY

Scurry County AA open meeting; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-8626, 573-9458 or 863-2349; 10 a.m.

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

Just For Today closed meeting; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-0949, 573-4238, or 573-8018; 5 p.m.

Survival training helps disabled vet live

GLOUCESTER, Va. (AP) — A disabled Vietnam veteran put his old survival skills to use, eating bugs and wallowing in mud when he was stranded for two days without food or his heart medication.

"Disabled veterans may be handicapped, but we're not dead," said John Rotan, 50, who lost more than half of his left leg and suffered bone and muscle damage to his right leg in a mortar blast in Vietnam.

Rotan was driving his pickup in rural Gloucester County on July 9 when he crashed and ended up stuck floorboard-deep in a bog.

He worked to free his vehicle, all the while expecting a search party would find him. But by nightfall, no one had come. Pouring rain that night raised the water surrounding Rotan's truck to waist deep.

The next morning, he still wasn't sure how he was going to get out. His truck was buried and he couldn't ride his wheelchair out through the deep, soggy mud.

He also worried about missing the daily dose of medicine that slows the progress of his degenerative heart condition.

At Rotan's home, just 3 miles away, his wife was thinking the same thing.

"He likes to go down these little roads or down by the water and sit and relax," Chris Rotan said. "When he didn't come home Thursday, I called all his friends. I thought he might have gotten stuck, but I was 100 times more worried that he missed his medication. I spent Thursday night walking from the bedroom to the back door looking for his truck."

On Friday, July 10, Rotan put his old survival skills to good use. He smeared mud on his skin as insect repellent. He dragged himself around the forest floor, cutting down small trees with a machete and trying to shove them under his truck's tires for traction.

When he got hungry, he dug grubs from a nearby termite hill and picked wild blackberries from bushes. He supplemented that with vitamins and the case of beer he had purchased just before crashing.

By late Friday night, Rotan began hallucinating. When he awoke the next day, he climbed into his truck bed, supporting himself with his upper body and prosthetic right leg.

There, he popped loose his wheelchair's wheels and threw them 20 feet to firmer ground beyond the bog. He tossed the wheelchair's body out, too. When it didn't make it, landing instead in knee-deep water. Rotan plunged in after it.

He reassembled the wheelchair on higher ground that was unpaved and rutted. He began to roll the nearly half-mile to the nearest paved road. Several times, he said, he climbed out of the chair and pushed it through mud

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Last of deaf Mexicans in slave ring heading for new home in N.Y.

NEW YORK (AP) — After years of living in indentured slavery, 37 deaf Mexicans were taken to a city-owned shelter where they will receive job training, tutored lessons and health care.

They smiled, waved and flashed two-finger signs for "peace" and "love" as they moved from the motel where they lived for the past 11 months to their new home. Sunday's move was a year to the day after their plight was discovered.

"Brooklyn!" shouted the speech-capable son of one family as workers loaded cardboard cartons and plastic bags containing their possessions into a semi-trailer.

The group of 37 adults, along with six of their children, moved to a renovated three-story house in Brooklyn with nursing care, security, 24-hour sign-language interpreters and tutors.

Their new neighborhood is rundown with graffiti-smeared buildings, some with boarded-up windows. But the Mexicans will have full-time security.

"I would imagine the neighborhood is pretty sympathetic to what they've been through," resident John Koenig said. "They will be welcome here."

Their move also came a month after the last of 18 other Mexicans was sentenced for the scheme in which the deaf illegal immigrants were held prisoner and forced to peddle key chains and other trinkets on New York subways and streets.

Operating in New York and other cities since 1993, the setup was earning $1 million a year, authorities said. It ended when four captives fled a house before dawn on July 19, 1997, and notified police.

Police found 57 people living as virtual prisoners in two houses. Smaller operations were broken up in Chicago and Los Angeles.

The defendants, most of them also deaf, pleaded guilty to crimes ranging from criminal conspiracy to immigrant smuggling and enslavement.

Ringleader Adriana Paoletti Lemus, 30, was sentenced to 14 years, and her mother, Delia, 59, to five years, and ordered to pay $1 million and $500,000, respectively, to some 50 victims.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

	North 07-20-98 ♠ A K 4 2 ♥ 10 ♦ A 9 8 7 5 ♣ J 9 8	
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	South ♠ 8 3 ♥ A K Q J 9 8 ♦ 6 4 3 2 ♣ 7	

Vulnerable: Both
Dealer: South

South	West	North	East
3 ♥	Pass	4 ♥	All pass

Opening lead: ♣ A

Sometimes, though, if you have met the theme before, you can play the contract "on autopilot." Which is it today? You are in four hearts. West starts with two top clubs. How do you continue?

Usually, a three-bid is made with a seven-card suit. But that wonderful six-bagger is as good as most weaker seven-carders. North, with three winners and expecting partner to have seven tricks for a vulnerable preempt, raised.

Suppose you ruff the second club and draw trumps, leaving yourself with one. When you play two rounds of diamonds and the suit doesn't split 2-2, you are in big trouble. East returns a club, forcing out your final trump. And when East wins the next diamond trick, he has a club left. If the defenders haven't blocked the suit, West will cash two club tricks for two down.

Let's try an alternative tack. After ruffing at trick two, play the ace and another diamond. East returns a club. Ruff and play a third diamond. If East tries a fourth club, ruff with dummy's heart 10 and claim 10 tricks: two spades, six hearts, one diamond and one ruff in the dummy. Alternatively, if East switches, you draw trumps and enjoy the established diamond trick.

The key principle is this: If you have a two-suited hand and must establish the side suit, it is usually right to start on the side suit immediately.

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The universal truth, we assume

By Phillip Alder

It is a universal truth that if you don't think of the best bid or play, you won't make it. Of course, calling this a "universal" truth assumes — surely, reasonably — that other intelligent species elsewhere in the universe have thought processes.

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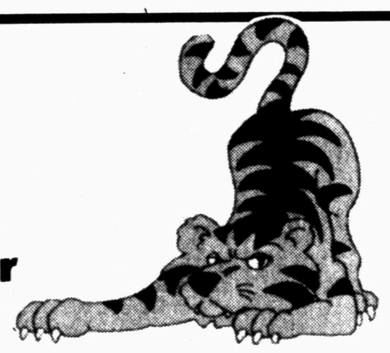

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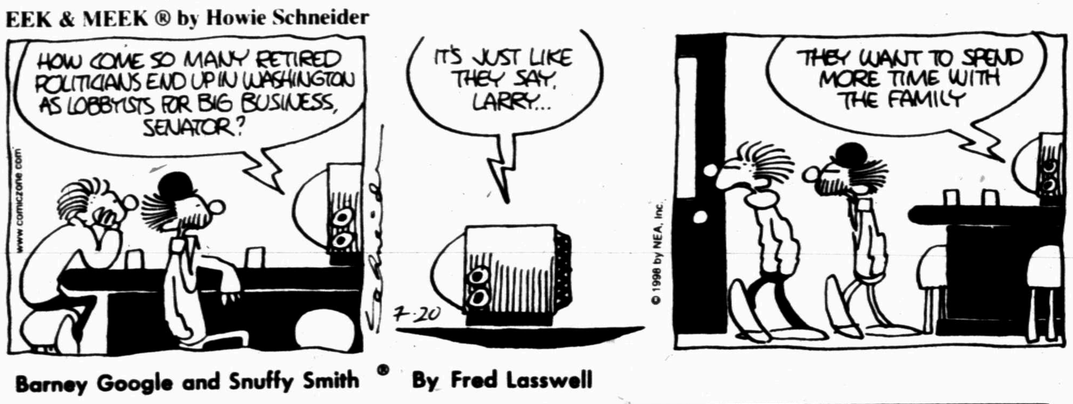

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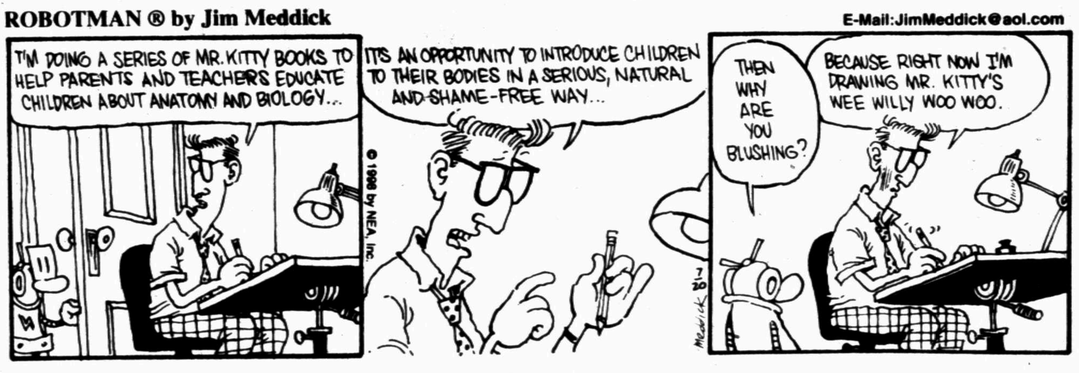

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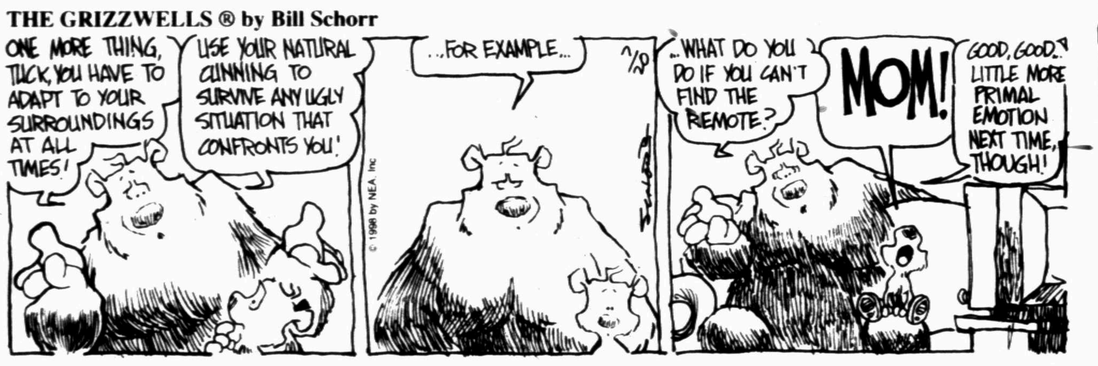

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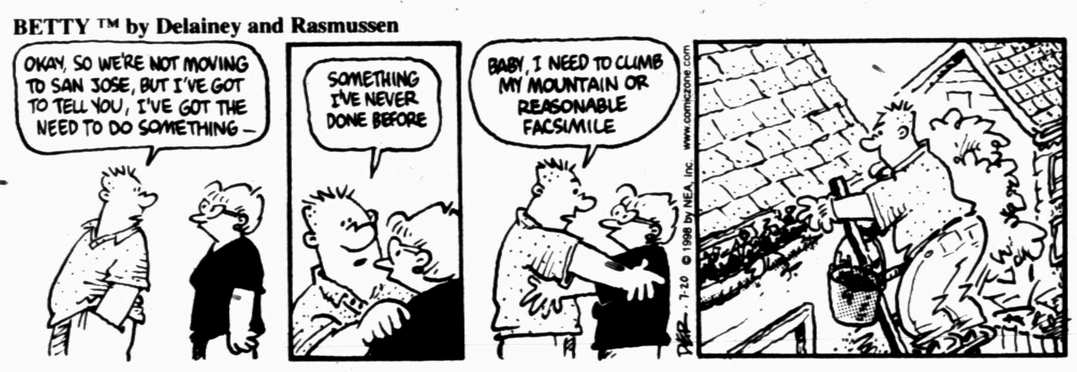

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1 Tidal wave
6 Luxurious
10 Give a new title to
12 Suppose
14 Drunk
15 Like Oscar Madison
16 Naval off.
17 A Bobbsey twin
19 Existence
20 Opposed to
23 American bird
26 Agt.
27 Gun grp.
30 Extends a subscription
32 Revolt (2 wds.)
34 Juice fruit
35 Sleep noises
36 Female pig
37 French friend
39 Stood up
40 — one's thumbs (do nothing)
42 Peasant
45 Shoe part
46 Neighbor of Syr.
49 Spin
51 Type of control
54 Ill will
55 Chewy candy
56 Aide (abbr.)
57 Overact

DOWN

1 Irish-Gaelic
2 Vast period of time
3 Antelopes
4 Ethiopian title
5 Uncle
6 Writing tool
7 Group of eight
8 Slides on snow
9 Brick-carrying devices
11 Author Ferber
12 Racers
13 Brood of pheasants
18 Ventilate
20 Danish measure
21 Decorative trinket
22 This is — Tap
23 Cupid
24 Danish island
25 Act like a beaver
27 Roman tyrant
28 Regrets
29 Part of a church
31 Jews, e.g.
33 Tender
38 Wedding words
40 English streetcars
41 Actor Bruce —
42 Bikini top
43 Mrs. Charles Chaplin
44 Cornelia — Skinner
46 Corporate symbol
47 Coup d' —
48 — noire
50 Egyptian boy-king
52 Want-ad abbr.
53 Showy flower

Answer to Previous Puzzle

A	G	E	N	C	Y			M	E	D	I	A
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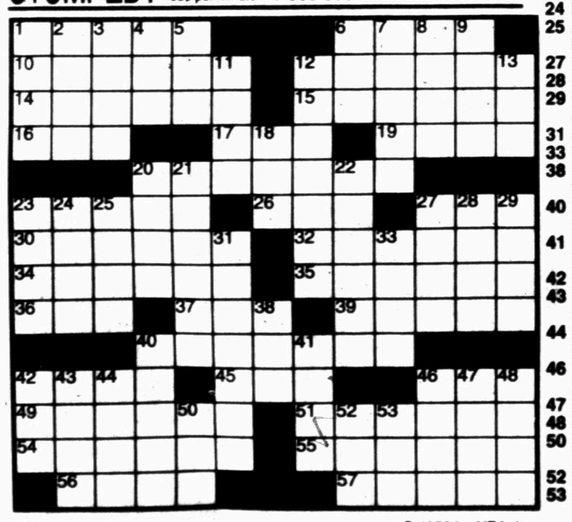

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SPORTS

Playoff decides British Open...

Mark O'Meara wins second major of '98

SOUTHPORT, England (AP) — Mark O'Meara won the British Open on Sunday in a playoff against Brian Watts just three months after winning the Masters.

O'Meara, who started the day two shots off the lead, won by two strokes in the four-hole playoff at Royal Birkdale.

He used a birdie on the first playoff hole, No. 15, and held on as Watts hit into the rough several times and then hit into a greenside bunker on No. 18.

O'Meara is the fourth consecutive American to win the Open, following Justin Leonard, Tom Lehman and John Daly.

Tiger Woods, who entered the day five shots behind leader Watts, made a late charge with birdies on three of the last four holes, including a 30-foot chip-in on No. 17 and a 30-foot putt on No. 18.

He shot a 66 for the final round and finished in third at 1-over 281, a shot behind O'Meara and Watts.

O'Meara and Watts' 280 for the four rounds was the first time even-par has been good enough to claim the British Open since Greg Norman in 1986.

Four players were tied for fourth at 2-over 282: Jim Furyk, Raymond Russell, Jesper Parnevik and 17-year-old English amateur Justin Rose, who finished the day with an incredible 45-yard chip-in.

O'Meara shot a 2-under 68 in regulation and sat watching on the fringe of the 18th green as Watts needed to par to force the playoff.

Watts, an Oklahoman who plays on the Japanese tour, was in deep trouble after hitting his second shot into a greenside bunker. But in one of the greatest shots ever in the Open, he chipped from about 60 yards to within 6 inches to save par and force the playoff.

O'Meara is the first player to win two of golf's majors in the same season since Nick Price in 1994.

FASTEST TIME — Daryl Drain (left) and L.J. Mueller (far right) present gift certificates to Jack Himes and Eddie Thornburg for fastest time at the stockholders' roping. The certificates were donated by Walls Factory Outlet.

Cowboy TE enjoying new offense

WICHITA FALLS (AP) — Tight end David LaFleur was the forgotten man in the Dallas Cowboys offense last year.

He is just hoping that in new coach Chan Gailey's wide open offense, there will be some plays designed for him.

"I'm very optimistic about this season," said LaFleur, a first round draft pick two years ago out of Louisiana State University. "Last year was a learning experience for me. Now, I'll be in an offense a lot like the one we had in college. I think they'll get the ball to me particularly if linebackers pick me up man-to-man."

Gailey, the former Pittsburgh offensive coordinator known for his inventiveness, said he is counting heavily on the 6-foot-6, 260-pound LaFleur to contribute this year.

"David's development is very important to us this season," Gailey said. "We look for him to make a big jump in production from last year and if he does, it will really help our offense."

LaFleur mostly blocked for the Cowboys last year and did that well. In one game, he had five pancake blocks.

But Dallas fans expected more because of the contributions of Jay Novacek in seasons past, when he was the most prolific pass-catching tight end in the NFL.

LaFleur showed his promise against Cincinnati in a late-season game when he caught his first NFL touchdown passes on tosses of 13 and 12 yards from Troy Aikman.

But for the season, LaFleur had only 18 catches for 122 yards and the two TD passes against the Bengals.

"I think I showed in that game what I'm capable of doing," LaFleur said. "It's a matter of working on the same page with Troy and having him get confidence in me."

Aikman says that will be no problem.

"I think David is going to work well in this new scheme," Aikman said. "He is tall and makes a great target. I think we'll be going to him much more this season."

The Cowboys recently signed Eric Bjornson to a two-year contract. He was the primary receiving threat at tight end until he fractured a fibula last year. But Bjornson will be playing more as a wide receiver and setting up in the backfield in four wide receiver sets this season.

"I'm comfortable with the way the offense is going," Bjornson said. "I just want to help in any way I can. It doesn't matter who starts."

Bjornson will still receive a lot of the passes, LaFleur believes.

"Eric can catch the ball and will be in there a lot, particularly on obvious passing downs," LaFleur said. "But I also think my name will be called in the huddle a little more. Eric and I work well together. We want the same thing, a winning season. The last part of last season wasn't a lot of fun."

Word-Weaver duo claims tourney title

Brian Word and Randy Weaver fired an 11-under par 61 on Saturday, then followed up with a 65 Sunday to win the Memorial Partnership Tournament at Snyder Country Club.

The Word-Weaver duo was two shots better than Larry Anderson and Billy Brock. Anderson and Brock carded a 63 in the opening round, before posting a 65 on the final day.

The tournament, which was a scramble on Saturday and low ball on Sunday, was split into six flights.

In the president's flight, Charles Powell and Tom Rees shot 64-69--133 to sneak by Ken Chandler and Donnie Kubala, who posted a 65-70--135.

The Charles Burnett-Brent Burnett team took top honors in the first flight with a 65-69--134. The runner-up spot went to Terry Haggerton and Steve Shackleford with a 67-71--138.

Second flight winners were Ricky Daniell and Rob Hall who fired a 64-72--136. Ricky Billingsley and Craig Billingsley took the second slot with a 67-74--141.

In third flight action, Cary Coffee and Nolan von Roeder won a scorecard playoff against the Jerry Owen-Wes Key duo and Malcom Rainwater-Jim Griswold team.

All three teams posted total scores of 144, with Owen and Key taking the runner-up spot.

John Greene and Vince Arena carded a 74-81--155 to win the fourth flight. Lane Beaty and Benton Cowen took second place after shooting 72-85--157.

Championship Flight

1. Brian Word-Randy Weaver, 61-65-126; 2. Larry Anderson-Billy Brock, 63-65-128; 3. Bill Hunter III-Jack Poe 63-66-129; 4. Alton Patterson-Page Patterson 64-66-130; 5. David Stobaugh-Bubba Stobaugh 61-70-131.

President's Flight

1. Charles Powell-Tom Rees, 64-69-133; 2. Ken Chandler-Donnie Kubala, 65-70-135; 3. Tommy Lay-Mike Strickland, 65-72-137; 4. Glenn Patterson-Donnie Newman, 69-68-137; 5. (tie) Abel Alvarez-Mike Alvarado, 66-72-138, Jim Blume-Joe LaRoux, 66-72-138; 7. (tie) Buddy Compton-Donnie Phillips, 66-73-139, Ernie Armstrong-Jeff Armstrong, 64-75-139, Randy May-Todd Henderson, 64-75-139; 10. Ricky Williams-R.T. Henderson, 65-76-141.

First Flight

1.Charles Burnett-Brent Burnett, 65-69-134; 2. Terry Haggerton-Steve Shackleford, 67-71-138; 3. Clay Allen-Bill Allen, 64-75-139; 4. Mickey Neff-Gerald Epperson, 67-72-139; 5. (tie) Clay Hill-Gary Sam Williams, 67-73-140, George Alderete-Robert Reyes, 66-74-140; 7. John Reed-Johnny Reed, 69-72-141; 8. Russell Merket-Walt Statts, 73-69-142; 9. Scott Harrell-Randy Martinez, 68-75-143; 10. Steve Mackey-Mitch Mackey, 67-79-146; 11. Harold Shannon-Don Cantrell, 70-77-147.

Second Flight

1. Ricky Daniell-Rob Hall, 64-72-136; 2. Ricky Billingsley-Craig Billingsley, 67-74-141; 3. Eric Springer-Jason Wegehoft, 65-76-141; 4. Jay Cumbie-Mike Barton, 66-77-143; 5. John Greene-Pete Greene, 66-80-146; 6. (tie) Shawn Ragland-Brandon Martin, 71-77-148, James Caldwell-Barry Blackmon, 72-76-148, Mike Ratliff-Doby Williams, 68-80-148.

Third Flight

1. Cary Coffee-Nolan von Roeder, 68-76-144; 2. Jerry Owen-Wes Key, 70-74-144; 3. Malcom Rainwater-Jim Griswold, 68-76-144; 4. (tie) Eicke Perry-Steve Olsen, 71-74-145, Bobby Lee-Ronnie Beard, 68-77-145; 6. Larry Bufkin-Ricky Hunter, 70-79-149; 7. Sam Davenport-Dickie Seagler, 70-80-150; 8.Jack Gorman-Dutch Stehley, 73-81-154; 9. Ray Hill-Billy Hill, 76-80-156; 10. Richard Trout-Rusty Wells, 80-79-144.

Fourth Flight

1. Big John Greene-Vince Arena, 74-81-155; 2. Lane Beaty-Benton Cowen, 72-85-157; 3. Richard Schulze-Don Bollinger, 76-82-158; 4. Don Sealy-Rex Robinson, 79-80-159; 5. Pinky Ferguson-Mike Taylor, 73-87-160; 6. Boyce Holder-Don Clemmer, 79-82-161; 7. (tie) Joel Hook-Mike McLeod, 78-87-165, Joe Williamson-Jodi Williamson 72-93-165.

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Washington	2	14	.125	10½

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	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	16	1	.941	-
Phoenix	11	4	.733	4
Los Angeles	5	10	.333	10
Utah	5	12	.294	11
Sacramento	4	12	.250	11½

Saturday's Games

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Cleveland 85, Charlotte 69

Monday's Game

Sacramento at Phoenix, 8:30 p.m.

Gonzalez powers Texas to sweep of Devil Rays

ARLINGTON (AP) — Juan Gonzalez is back in his RBI groove.

Gonzalez homered and drove in two runs, giving him a major league-leading 105 RBIs, as the Texas Rangers completed a three-game sweep of the Tampa Bay Devil Rays with a 7-4 victory Sunday night.

Gonzalez hit his 27th homer — and first since July 5 — in the second inning off Bryan Rekar (0-2). He added an RBI grounder in a five-run fifth.

Prior to this sweep, the Rangers had lost five straight. They won five in a row before that, and dropped six straight from June 27-July 3.

Will Clark hit a two-run homer and Rusty Greer added a two-run double in the fifth for Texas. Clark has also been on a recent streak, driving in eight runs in his last six games and 21 in his last 25 games.

Tampa Bay has lost 15 of its last 17 games.

John Burkett (6-10) survived a shaky outing to win for only the second time in his last eight starts. He allowed four runs and 10 hits in seven innings.

John Wetteland recovered from Saturday night's blown save to pitch the ninth for his 27th save.

BLANKET WINNERS — Daryl Drain (left) and L.J. Mueller (far right) present blankets to Becky Hale, and her son Garrett, and Mark Mueller, holding Laramie Gilbert, for third place at the stockholders' roping. The blankets were dontated by Sweetwater Steel.

SDN Sports Briefs

Tennis tourney

The three-day Black Gold Tennis Tournament will be held at the SJHS tennis complex beginning Friday. There will be singles and doubles play in four different age groups, ranging from 12-under up to men's/women's.

Entry fee is $8 for one event, $15 for two and $20 for three. For more information contact Chad Redwine at 573-9064.

Tennis camp

The Competitive Edge Tennis Camp will be held July 27-31. Sessions will run from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. each day. Cost is $125.

For more information, call Chad Redwine at 573-9064.

Athletic physicals

All incoming 7th and 9th graders, and all students new to SISD who plan to participate in athletics must take a physical. Students who did not participate last year, or who answered yes to questions 1, 4, 5, 6 or 7 on their medical history form, will also need a physical.

All appointments should be made prior to Aug. 3. The school will pay for exams through Aug. 3 only.

Participating doctors are Drs. Burleson, Cooper, Thompson, Nussey and Pierce. Anyone not needing a physical must return all completed forms to the athletic office.

Junior Club Championship

The Junior Championship of Snyder Country Club will be Friday. Entry fee is $10. For more information, call the SCC pro shop at 573-7101.

Parent-Child tourney

The Snyder Country Club Parent-Child Tournament will tee off Saturday at 9 a.m.

Entry fee is $20 per team and includes hamburgers following play. Call the SCC pro shop at 573-7101 to register.

WGA play day

The Women's Golf Association of Snyder Country Club will hold its Tuesday play day at 9 a.m. Format will be queen of the hill. Couples play will also be held Friday, beginning at 5:30.

Hunting permits

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National League

East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Atlanta	65	33	.663	-
New York	48	45	.516	14½
Philadelphia	49	46	.516	14½
Montreal	39	58	.402	25½
Florida	37	60	.381	27½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Houston	58	39	.598	-
Chicago	53	44	.546	5
Milwaukee	48	48	.500	9½
St.Louis	45	52	.464	13
Cincinnati	45	53	.459	13½
Pittsburgh	45	53	.459	13½

West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
SanDiego	64	34	.653	-
SanFrancisco	53	45	.541	11
LosAngeles	49	49	.500	15
Colorado	41	57	.418	23
Arizona	35	62	.361	28½

Saturday's Games

N.Y. Mets 7, Philadelphia 0
Los Angeles 10, St. Louis 8
Houston 7, San Francisco 2
Florida 2, Chicago Cubs 1
Pittsburgh 5, Montreal 2
San Diego 2, Cincinnati 1
Milwaukee 7, Atlanta 1
Arizona 4, Colorado 2

Sunday's Games

Atlanta 11, Milwaukee 6
San Diego 7, Cincinnati 6
Pittsburgh 6, Montreal 1
Philadelphia 7, N.Y. Mets 6, 10 innings
Houston 4, San Francisco 3, 12 innings
Chicago Cubs 7, Florida 6, 12 innings
St. Louis 5, Los Angeles 4
Arizona 6, Colorado 4

Monday's Games

Philadelphia (Schilling 9-9) at Montreal (Perez 7-9), 7:05 p.m.
Milwaukee (Karl 7-4) at Florida (Hernandez 7-6), 7:05 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Cordova 7-8) at N.Y. Mets (Yoshii 4-5), 7:40 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (Tapani 10-6) at Atlanta (Neagle 10-7), 7:40 p.m.
Colorado (Brownson 0-0) at Houston (Reynolds 12-5), 8:05 p.m.
Cincinnati (Parris 1-0) at Los Angeles (Dreifort 5-8), 10:05 p.m.
St. Louis (Morris 0-0) at San Diego (Langston 3-2), 10:05 p.m.
Arizona (Daal 3-5) at San Francisco (Ortiz 0-0), 10:05 p.m.

American League

East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
New York	68	24	.739	-
Boston	56	40	.583	14
Toronto	50	50	.500	22
Baltimore	48	51	.485	23½
Tampa Bay	36	61	.371	34½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Cleveland	54	42	.563	-
Minnesota	44	53	.454	10½
Kansas City	43	54	.443	11½
Chicago	43	55	.439	12
Detroit	41	54	.432	12½

West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Texas	54	44	.551	-
Anaheim	53	44	.546	½
Oakland	46	51	.474	7½
Seattle	45	54	.455	9½

Saturday's Games

Cleveland 15, Chicago White Sox 9
Minnesota 4, Oakland 3
N.Y. Yankees 10, Toronto 3
Boston 9, Detroit 4
Texas 9, Tampa Bay 8, 10 innings
Seattle 8, Kansas City 5
Anaheim 8, Baltimore 3

Sunday's Games

Detroit 3, Boston 1
Toronto 9, N.Y. Yankees 3
Chicago White Sox 8, Cleveland 1
Oakland 5, Minnesota 2
Kansas City 4, Seattle 1
Texas 7, Tampa Bay 4
Baltimore 7, Anaheim 4

Monday's Games

Detroit (Greisinger 1-4 and Florie 5-3) at N.Y. Yankees (Wells 11-2 and Irabu 8-2), 2, 4:05 p.m.
Cleveland (Colon 9-5) at Chicago White Sox (Navarro 8-10), 8:05 p.m.

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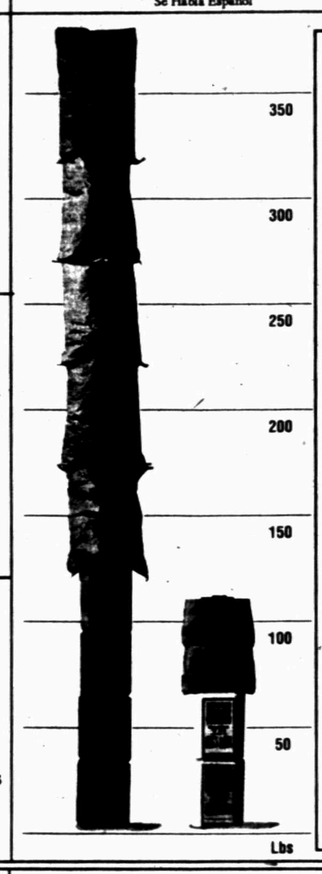

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Saturn workers approve first strike against GM

SPRING HILL, Tenn. (AP) — Workers at General Motors' only U.S. plant still turning out cars — the Saturn division, where the company boasts of harmonious labor-management relations — voted overwhelmingly to authorize a strike.

"We can't continue to live a lie that this partnership is alive and healthy and well when it's not," said Mike Bennett, bargaining chairman for the union local at Saturn Corp.

The strike-authorization vote Sunday was another blow to the strike-crippled automaker. Negotiations have slowed and the United Auto Workers union has called a labor summit for today in Flint, Mich. Talks between the union and the company resumed today at one strikebound Flint parts plant, the Delphi Flint East plant, while talks at the Flint Metal Center were in recess until Tuesday.

Saturn promotes itself as "a different kind of car company." It uses a team approach in the factory and has a reputation for strong management-employee relations.

Of the more than 5,000 Saturn workers who cast ballots, 96 percent voted for strike authorization. A strike technically could be called by the end of the week, though negotiations were scheduled to resume Tuesday.

The UAW often authorizes strikes to put pressure on management during negotiations. The union has obtained authorizations in recent months to call strikes at an assembly plant in Flint and three parts plants in Dayton, Ohio, and Indianapolis but has yet to order walkouts there.

Saturn President Don Hudler played down the vote, saying it does not indicate a strike is imminent. He said Saturn will maintain its operating schedule and continue turning out cars.

"We recognize we have critical issues to work through," Hudler said in a statement. "We will continue to talk through each one of them and resolve issues as we've always done in the past — in the spirit of partnership."

The vote came four months after dissident employees forced a referendum on their unique contract with GM. Workers voted overwhelmingly to keep the "risk-and-reward" contract rather than abandon it for the contract all other UAW workers have.

Under the "risk-and-reward" pay program, Saturn employees average about 12 percent less in salary than GM's other workers but can add to their base pay by hitting certain goals.

In earlier years, annual bonuses reached $10,000 and Saturn workers made about $4,000 more than their GM counterparts. Last year, because fewer cars were made as a result of shrinking demand, it was about $4,000 less.

12 arrested over weekend

Twelve subjects were arrested over the weekend, mostly on alcohol-related charges.

Department of Public Safety troopers transported a 63-year-old male at 10:41 a.m. Saturday to the sheriff's office on an outstanding warrant out of Medina County. The subject paid the fine and was released.

At 7:57 p.m. Saturday, officers arrested a 27-year-old male in the 1400 block of 24th Street for public intoxication.

Two subjects were taken into custody by officers at 1:39 a.m. Sunday in the 1400 block of 21st Street. Arrested were a 20-year-old male for public intoxication and a 29-year-old male for public intoxication and for city warrants for possession and delivery of drug paraphernalia and failure to appear.

Officers arrested a 27-year-old male at 2:31 a.m. Sunday in the 300 block of 26th Street for disorderly conduct (vulgar language).

At 2:39 a.m. Sunday in the 2400 block of Avenue E, officers took a 24-year-old male into custody for public intoxication.

An 18-year-old male was arrested at 4:01 a.m. in the 1200 block of 20th Street for public intoxication.

Four subjects were taken into custody for public intoxication at 4:35 a.m. Sunday at Town & Country. Arrested were a 25-year-old male, a 21-year-old male, a 34-year-old female and a 32-year-old female.

At 11:23 a.m. Sunday, DPS troopers arrested a 17-year-old male for misdemeanor possession of marijuana and reckless driving on U.S. Hwy 84.

In other activity, an offense report for burglary of a business was filed at 11:12 a.m. Saturday in reference to a front glass window being broken out of City Hall.

At 7:59 p.m. Saturday, Virginia Grimes reported a stolen bicycle. An offense report for Class B theft was filed.

Judy Haynes requested an officer at Judy's Dance Studio at 3:34 p.m. Sunday in reference to a possible burglary. An offense report for burglary of a building was filed.

An offense report for found property was filed at 7 p.m. Sunday in reference to a subject finding a drill.

A criminal trespass warning was issued to a subject in the 2900 block of U.S. Hwy 84 at 11:12 p.m. Sunday.

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puddles so it wouldn't get stuck.

Forty-five minutes later he hit pavement. Between him and home lay more than two miles of asphalt and several hills.

After wheeling for nearly a mile and a half, something finally went right: He ran into Victor Thurman, a local resident out working on his lawn.

In a slurred voice, Rotan asked Thurman to call his wife. Instead, Thurman drove him home.

"I was in shock to see John get out of the car," Mrs. Rotan said. "He was covered with mud from head to toe. He was shaky and sick. He was shaking so bad he could barely hold his glass when I gave him his medicine to take."

Rotan, who is recovering, said pure will got him home.

"It's amazing what a person can make his body do," he said. "You push yourself to the limit. Then you take one more step."

'Zorro' No. 1 at box office

LOS ANGELES (AP) — In a special effects-filled summer of flying space debris, a towering lizard and nasty little action toys, old-fashioned romance and swordplay won over audiences, with the "The Mask of Zorro" leading the box office in its first week.

It was hard to get a laugh in edgewise in the crowded summer field. The gross-out comedy "There's Something About Mary" opened at No. 4 behind "Zorro," "Lethal Weapon 4" and "Armageddon," estimates showed Sunday.

The season maintained a record-setting pace — with weekend ticket sales up 11 percent over the same period last year — on the strength of a wide range of films doing strong business, instead of one or two mega-hits.

Six films have already earned more than $100 million in North America, though none appears likely to break the $200 million mark. This weekend alone, four movies made more than $10 million with healthy per-screen averages of $5,000 and up.

Slicing and dicing its way through the pack was "The Mask of Zorro," the latest romance-adventure about the masked hero in Old California who has ridden through dozens of movies, serials and television series.

Starring Antonio Banderas, Anthony Hopkins and Catherine Zeta-Jones, "Zorro" made $22.7 million to lead the box office, getting a push from the best reviews since "The Truman Show."

"With the competition as hot as it is, the reviews do have a real solid impact," said Sony spokesman Ed Russell.

"Lethal Weapon 4," the latest installment of the Mel Gibson-Danny Glover franchise, picked up another $21.2 million for second place in its second week, putting it on a pace to easily break $100 million this summer.

Still soaring, despite horrible reviews, was "Armageddon," which grossed $16 million for third.

"Something About Mary," starring Ben Stiller, Matt Dillon and Cameron Diaz, opened in fourth place with $13 million. The film opened better than the Farrelly brothers' last effort, "Kingpin" in 1996, but didn't start as well as their biggest hit, "Dumb & Dumber" in 1994.

"Dr. Dolittle" (No. 5) and "Mulan" (No. 7) both passed the $100 million mark. "Dolittle" took in $8.8 million for a total of $104.6 million in its fourth week and "Mulan" had $4.7 million for a $101.1 million total in its fifth week.

They join "Armageddon," "The Truman Show," "Deep Impact" and "Godzilla" as $100 million-plus movies this summer.

"Small Soldiers" fought a losing battle, making $8.3 million for sixth place in its second week and a tepid $29.9 million total. Costing about $60 million and millions more to market, "Small Soldiers" was emerging as a disappointment for DreamWorks, which has yet to have a major hit.

The children's movie "Madeline" also was having difficulty finding a mass audience, earning $4.3 million for eighth place.

Here are estimated gross earnings for the top movies at North American theaters for Friday through Sunday as compiled by Exhibitor Relations. Final figures were expected today:

1. "The Mask of Zorro," $22.7 million.
2. "Lethal Weapon 4," $21.2 million.
3. "Armageddon," $16 million.
4. "There's Something About Mary," $13 million.
5. "Dr. Dolittle," $8.8 million.
6. "Small Soldiers," $8.3 million.
7. "Mulan," $4.7 million.
8. "Madeline," $4.3 million.
9. "The Truman Show," $2.2 million.
10. "Six Days, Seven Nights," $2 million.
10. "The X-Files," $2 million.

Hospital

ADMISSIONS: July 17: Claudia Gutierrez, Ronald Wallace of Colorado City; July 18: Elidia Delacruz, Alfred Lieb, Geraldine Payne of Seagraves, Arlie Rogers; July 19: Lillian Glass of Hermleigh.

DISMISSALS: July 17: James Calvert of Dunn, Dewey Lester, Julia Jones; July 18: Lila Guinn, Helen Martin, Geraldine Payne, David Reed, Ronald Wallace; July 19: Francisco Castillo, Arlie Rodgers.

CENSUS: 39 (Med., Surg.-13, Long-term Care-24, OB-1, Nursery-1).

Births

Rodrigo and Elidia Delacruz of Snyder announce the birth of their daughter at 8:48 a.m. on July 18 in Cogdell Memorial Hospital. She weighed nine pounds, six ounces.

Markets

Midday Stocks

NEWYORK(AP)

High	Low	Last		
AMR Corp s	75¾	72	13-16	73¼— ¼
AT&T Corp	59¾	58	13-16	59⅜+ 5-16
AirTouch	62	3-16	60¼	62 3-16+2 5-16
Albertsons	51⅛	50	13-16	51¼— ¾
AlldSignal s	45	15-16	45	7-16 45 13-16+ 1-16
Alltel	43¾	43¼	43¼— ½	
AmOnline s	131⅛	120	5-16	131⅛+ 3⅛
AmStores	25	5-16	25	25 3-16— 5-16
Ameritech s	50¼	50	50	— 7-16
Amoco s	41	5-16	40⅞	41 3-16+ ½
AndarkPtr s	33⅛	32	7-16	32 7-16— ⅜
Armcolnc	6	7-16	6	5-16 6 5-16— 1-16
AtlRichfld	72	5-16	71⅞	72 1-16— ¼
ATMOS Egy	29	7-16	29	7-16 29 7-16— 3-16
Aviall	13⅝	13¼	13⅝+ 3-16	
BakerHughes	29⅝	28⅝	29	—11-16
BellAtl s	45⅝	45	3-16	45⅝+ 5-16
BellSouth	66¼	65¼	65⅞+ ⅜	
BethSteel	11	13-16	11⅛	11 9-16— 5-16
BritPet	85	5-16	85	1-16 85¼+ ⅜
BurlNoSFe	104½	103	9-16	104⅜+ ⅛
CBS Corp	34	15-16	34¼	34⅜— 7-16
Caterpillar	54	3-16	53	9-16 54 +13-16
CenSoWst	26¼	26¼	26¼+ 1-16	
Chevron	82	15-16	82⅛	82½— 5-16
Chrysler	56	11-16	55	13-16 55 13-16— 5-16
Coastal s	33⅛	32	13-16	33 1-16+ ⅛
CocaCola	86⅛	85⅞	85	13-16— 5-16
ColgatePalm	96⅜	95	15-16	96 5-16+ ⅜
ComclMetals	32	1-16	31⅞	31⅞— ¼
CooperIn	56¼	55	13-16	55 15-16— 5-16
CyprusAmax	13⅛	12	15-16	13⅛+ ¼
DallSemicn	34⅞	33	15-16	34 — 1
DeltaAirl	134½	131¼	131¼— ⅞	
Dillards Inc	39⅛	38	11-16	38⅜— ⅛
DowChem	96	1-16	95	11-16 95 15-16+ 5-16
DresserInd	41	3-16	40	9-16 40⅝—13-16
DuPont	68	11-16	67¼	68 9-16+ ½
EastmanChem	61	1-16	60⅝	60 9-16+ 5-16
EstKodak	86	85	3-16	85⅞— ⅜
EDS Corp	37	5-16	37	1-16 37 3-16+ ½
Entergy	27⅞	27	5-16	27⅜— ¼
Exxon	72⅛	71	9-16	71 9-16—13-16
FstBksAm	20¼	20⅛	20⅛— 1-16	
Flowers	20	7-16	20	20 1-16— 3-16
FordMotor s	58¼	57	13-16	58 — ⅞
GTE Cp	56	5-16	55⅛	56 1-16— ⅜
GenDynam s	46	7-16	46	46 5-16+ 1-16
GenElec	96⅜	95	9-16	96 —11-16
GenMills	66	3-16	65¾	66⅛— ½
GenMotors	69¼	67⅞	67⅞— 2¼	
GaPacGP s	57	15-16	56	11-16 57 13-16+11-16
GlobalMar	17	5-16	17	17 — ⅜
Goodrich	45⅜	44¾	44⅜— ⅜	
Goodyear s	62	15-16	62	13-16 62 15-16+ 3-16
GtAtlPac	34⅝	34	1-16	34 1-16+ 9-16
Halliburtn	41⅝	41	41⅝— ⅜	
Hanson ADS	30⅝	30	3-16	30 5-16+ 1-16
HarteHanks s	25	3-16	25	25 3-16— ⅛
HomeDepot	47⅞	47	47⅛+ ¼	
HoustonInds	29¾	29	5-16	29 7-16— 3-16
IBM	121	15-16	120⅝	121⅜+1 7-16
IntlPaper	45	13-16	45⅜	45 9-16+ 5-16
JohnsonJn	78¼	77	11-16	78 1-16+ ½
K mart	18⅜	17	5-16	18⅛+ ¼
Kroger Co	49⅝	48¼	49⅛+15-16	
Litton	61	60	9-16	60⅝— 1-16
LockhdMart	106⅞	105⅜	106⅛+1 1-16	
Lowes Cos s	42	41½	41	15-16+ ⅛
Lubys	17⅜	17	9-16	17⅜+ 1-16
LucentTech s	99⅝	96	13-16	99⅝+ 4⅜
MayDeptStrs	70	1-16	69⅝	69⅝— 3-16
MediaOne	48⅞	47	15-16	48 —1 5-16
Medtronic s	66	13-16	65	11-16 65 15-16— ¼
Mobil	74	15-16	74	9-16 74⅜— 5-16
Monsanto	59	3-16	58	1-16 58⅝+ 1-16
MorganJP	135	132¾	133	1-16+ 9-16
Motorola	54⅞	53	13-16	54 + 5-16
NCR Corp	34⅞	34	5-16	34⅝+ ½
NationsBk	86⅝	85⅜	86½+ 9-16	
Navistar	30⅛	30¼	30⅝+ 3-16	
Norwests	39⅛	38	13-16	39 — 1-16
OryxEngy	20	11-16	20	7-16 20½— 3-16
Penney JC	66	11-16	65⅞	66¼—13-16
Pennzoil	51⅛	50	11-16	50⅞+ 1-16
PepBoys	17⅞	17⅜	17⅞	
PepsiCo	39⅝	39	1-16	39⅝+ ⅜
PhelpDodge	61	60⅝	60	11-16+ ½
PhilipPet	47	1-16	46	11-16 47 + 7-16
PilgrmPrd B	21⅛	21⅛	21⅛+ 1-16	
Polaroid	36	3-16	35	11-16 35 11-16— ½
Praxair	46	11-16	46	3-16 46⅝+ 3-16
ProctGamb s	91⅛	90⅝	90	15-16+ 7-16
PubSNwMx	22⅝	22½	22	9-16— 1-16
RoyalDut	54¼	54	7-16	54⅝+ 1
SBC Comm s	41	40½	40⅝— ⅛	
SaraLee	56⅝	56½	56½— ⅜	
Scripps EW	52¼	51⅛	52	1-16+ ¼
SearsRoeb	58⅜	57⅝	58⅜+ 1-16	
SherwinW	34	33½	33	11-16— 1-16
SmthBc ADS s	63	15-16	63	5-16 63 5-16—1 5-1
SouthernCo	27⅛	26	15-16	27⅛
SwstAirl s	30⅝	30½	30	9-16+ ¼
Sprint	74⅛	73¼	74 + ⅜	
SunCo	38⅛	37	13-16	38 1-16— 1-16
TNP Ent	33	3-16	33	1-16 33 3-16+ ¼
Tandy s	55¼	54¼	54½— 1⅛	
TempleInland	55¼	55	9-16	55⅜+ ½
Tenneco	34⅝	34	34¼+ 5-16	
Texaco s	58	5-16	57	9-16 58 5-16+ ⅜
TexInd	49⅝	49	1-16	49 3-16— ⅜
TexasInst s	60½	58¼	59	5-16— 1⅞
TexUtil	41	11-16	41¼	41 5-16— 5-16
Textron	75⅛	74⅛	74⅜—11-16	
Travelers s	72	7-16	71⅝	71⅞+ 3-16
TriconGlbR n	35⅛	34⅞	34	15-16— 7-16
TrinityInds	42	13-16	42¼	42⅝— 9-16
TritonEngy	21¼	19	11-16	20 9-16— 1-16
Tyler	10¼	10	3-16	10⅛+ ⅛
US West Inc	52	5-16	51	13-16 52⅛+ 3-16
USX-Marathn	34	13-16	34	9-16 34 9-16— ⅜
USX-USS	31	1-16	30	7-16 30 15-16+ 7-16
UnCarbde	52	5-16	51	13-16 52 1-16
UnionPacif	43¾	43	43⅜— ⅛	
UnitedTech	94⅝	93	11-16	93 11-16—15-16
Unocal	35¼	35	35⅛— 3-16	
Venator Grp	17	1-16	17	17 1-16+ 1-16
WalMart	69	1-16	68⅛	68 13-16— 3-16
WstnGasRs	14	13⅞	13	15-16— 3-16
WinnDixie	46	45	7-16	45 11-16—11-16
Xerox Corp	113⅛	112¾	113	+13-16

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.

Is there help for stutterers?

DEAR DR. GOTT: Why do people stutter? What can I do to overcome this embarrassing affliction?

DEAR READER: Stuttering is defined as a disorder affecting the fluency of speech, in which the individual knows exactly what he or she wishes to say but is unable to do so because of involuntary repetition, prolongation or cessation of sound.

The disorder is found in all cultures and languages. It is four times more frequent in boys than in girls. Famous people with the problem include Winston Churchill, King George VI, John Updike, James Earl Jones and television correspondent John Stossel.

About 80 percent of children who stutter outgrow it by the age of 16. Even those with a severe degree have a favorable outcome if treatment is started early. Up to 5 percent of preschool youngsters stutter; up to 1 percent of the general population is affected.

The cause is unknown. However, the present theory is that stutterers suffer from subtle neurophysical malfunctions that disrupt the precise timing of speech. The condition may be genetic. Years of stuttering often produce severe emotional and psychological issues that, along with the lack of fluency, must be addressed.

Mild stuttering is usually self-limited, meaning that it resolves (without therapy) during childhood. For people with moderate/severe dysfluency, treatment is aimed at the abnormal speech patterns, the emotional problems and negative parental attitudes, according to Drs. Michael Lawrence and David Barclay III, who published a review article in American Family Physician (May 1, 1998).

Parental education is key. Parents are advised to avoid criticizing their children and to be gentle in their support, urging the youngsters to speak more slowly and to repeat indistinct words. It's vital to lessen the pressure to speak more fluently. The purpose is to reduce stress, increase the children's confidence and lessen the fear of stuttering.

Speech therapy is widely available and consists of several techniques to improve speech. These include methods to slow speech by speaking each syllable distinctly, "shadowing" (in which the stutterer follows the words spoken by the therapist), developing fluency-initiating gestures (such as slow, deep, loud and smooth), and using auditory feedback (in which the stutterer listens to his own voice as he speaks). The goal of therapy is to establish and maintain the feeling of rhythm and fluency control, rather than to obtain an arbitrary level of fluency.

According to Drs. Lawrence and Barclay, treatment is divided into four stages, called STAR:

— Structuring. The stutterer identifies the emotions, attitudes and behaviors that contribute to the problem.

— Targeting. This is an effort to identify and eliminate the distracting body and facial movements that occur during stuttering.

— Adjusting. During this phase, the therapist helps the patient develop feelings and attitudes that enhance fluency.

— Regulating. This is the final stage, when the other learned techniques are put into practice.

Computers are now being used in formal programs to aid stutterers. The use of anti-stuttering drugs, such as tranquilizers, are best avoided because of unacceptable side effects.

In summary, stuttering is a common affliction of unknown cause for which treatment, such as speech therapy, is usually extremely effective. You can obtain more information from the Stuttering Foundation of America (800-992-9392).

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DEAR DR. GOTT: Is kissing pets harmful?

I object to the multitude of distasteful TV commercials showing cats and dogs licking the faces of children and adults. What's happened to good judgment?

DEAR READER: I'm always amused by people who, in fear of germs, ritualistically wash their hands several times a day and then return home to allow their pets to slobber all over them. Anyone who has watched a cat or a dog clean itself must know that animals' mouths are full of bacteria. Therefore, kissing a pet or allowing it to lick your face is probably not a good idea, because you don't know what the pet was licking just before.

I'm as much an animal-lover as anyone else. My family has had dogs for years. But I agree with you that we need to be prudent in our relations with domestic animals. Common sense is the byword in this case.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I have a friend with diabetes who drinks diet soda when her blood-sugar levels are high. She insists that this practice effectively lowers her blood sugar. Could this be right?

DEAR READER: Although it's hard to argue with apparent success, I do not believe that your friend's actions are wise.

First of all, the fact that your friend consumes sugar-free fluid — be it diet soda or just plain water — will result in a slight lowering of her blood-sugar levels, because she is burning the sugar in her system (without adding more) and she is diluting the sugar that is already present.

Second, diet soda is not altogether harmless. In many people, aspartame (a sugar substitute) can cause severe headaches and a variety of other symptoms. In addition, aspartame by itself does not lower blood sugar.

Your friend can test my beliefs by substituting three or four glasses of plain water in place of her diet soda. If her sugar falls, case closed. If, however, her sugar remains high, she should check with her doctor to discover the reason she may respond to diet soda.

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

DEAR DR. GOTT: My husband blows his nose so hard that the room shakes. I'm afraid he'll blow his brains out. When I warn him of this, he just disregards me.

DEAR READER: Forceful nose-blowing raises the blood pressure in the arteries and the veins of the head. In theory, such activity could lead to stroke or a ruptured blood vessel, not to mention ear problems and sinus difficulties. I agree with you that your husband ought to temper his enthusiasm. Violent nose-blowing produces no known health benefits; plus, it's an unattractive habit. I think he would be better off blowing his nose in a more genteel fashion.

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New British defense doctrine pleases U.S.

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Clinton administration is delighted with a little-noticed British plan to develop a defense force better able to deal with distant hot spots, and officials hope the idea catches on among other NATO allies.

For years, U.S. defense planners have complained that the allies have been too slow to adjust to post-Cold War realities. The shift announced by Defense Secretary George Robertson two weeks ago will bring Britain more into line with American thinking.

Recognizing that the end of the Cold War had diminished sharply the external threat to his country, Robertson wants to deploy four new transport planes and two new "wide ocean" aircraft carriers capable of operating much farther from Britain's shores than current models.

"The world has changed out of all recognition since the end of the Cold War," Robertson said. "We must now be prepared to go to the crisis, rather than have the crisis come to us."

Those words parallel almost precisely comments by Secretary of State Madeleine Albright in her warnings about the need for an end to Cold War thinking on security issues.

As part of the "radical" shift outlined by Robertson, Britain's nuclear arsenal will be cut in half.

It is no small irony for an American government to applaud steps by a British government led by the Labor Party, which historically has been suspicious of NATO in general and the United States in particular.

The decade has produced security threats of a far different nature than those envisioned during the Cold War confrontation with the Soviet bloc.

Bosnia was seen as one such threat and touched off a military response in 1995. Twice over the past 10 months, American and allied power have been projected into the Persian Gulf to cope with a perceived threat by Iraq.

A rapid deployment capability also is needed to address far-flung humanitarian crises.

All the while, the threat of a nuclear war incinerating the cities of NATO countries has abated.

Stephen Young, an analyst at the British-American Security Information Center, agreed that Britain needs to change its defense doctrine. But he said it is unwise for a country of its size and resources to be spending exorbitant amounts to buy aircraft carriers. He likened the British stance to "a boxer trying to punch above his weight."

U.S. officials privately cite Germany as a NATO country that has been too slow in adapting to the new realities.

For the most part, they say, German military units lack mobility and technological expertise. Inexperience is a constant problem because the conscripts who man these units generally leave after their 14-month military obligation has ended.

On the plus side, the officials note that Germany is slowly overcoming post-World War II political inhibitions against dispatching troops outside national borders.

American planners are worried that the formidable force assembled for the 1991 Persian Gulf War against Iraq could not be duplicated in case of a new crisis there.

The United States was able to draw on the 250,000 troops it had deployed for Cold War-related duty in Europe; the American troop presence there has diminished considerably since then.

GOP, Demo HMO reforms different

WASHINGTON (AP) — Republican and Democratic leaders are leaving the door open for compromise on legislation to protect patients from health care abuses. But they also point to differences in their approaches that may be insurmountable.

"I think it is important we get some results in this area," Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss., said on "Fox News Sunday." "I'd like for it to be something (President Clinton) would sign."

But the Democratic answer, he added, was "always more government and more lawsuits for their plaintiff lawyer buddies."

Both parties see health care legislation as a top priority in the waning days of this session of Congress.

But Republican proposals differ significantly from the plan supported by the White House and most Democrats. It is questionable whether the GOP-led Congress can come up with a compromise that would avoid a presidential veto.

"All of us want to get this done," Sen. Edward Kennedy of Massachusetts a key player on the Democratic side, said on ABC's "This Week." But, he added, "we're not prepared to see some kind of a fig leaf of a bill."

Proposals on both sides would provide basic protections for millions of Americans through such measures as guaranteeing coverage for emergency room care and banning HMO rules that bar doctors from telling patients about costly treatment options. They also would allow women to see an obstetrician-gynecologist without prior authorization.

But the Democratic plan offers new rights for patients to sue their health plans, which Republicans contend would drive up the cost of health insurance and provide a boon for trial lawyers.

Republican proposals cover only an estimated 48 million Americans in federally regulated health plans. The Democratic proposal includes all health care plans with three times as many people. The Republicans also hope to give everyone access to personal tax-free medical savings accounts, a concept strongly opposed by the White House.

"I think we can pass our bill which will fix abuses in HMOs, that will empower consumers with medical savings accounts so that they can get the government out of the examining room, get the gatekeeper out of the examining room," Sen. Phil Gramm, R-Texas, said on ABC. "But if the Democrats decide to filibuster it, if the president decides to veto it, then obviously they can stop it."

Senate Majority Whip Don Nickles, R-Okla., told CBS' "Face the Nation" that extending the right to sue was an "invitation to litigation" that would drive up the costs of insurance and result in millions losing their insurance.

The GOP proposal adequately protects consumers by guaranteeing quick internal review and external appeals in the event of disputed decisions on treatment, he said.

But Sen. Christopher Dodd, D-Conn., cited a congressional report finding that expanding the right to sue would result in only an extra $2 a month per employee. "If you've got rights, then there ought to be remedies," he said.

"We have said that these rights ought to be enforceable," Health and Human Services Secretary Donna Shalala said on Fox. "We certainly will look at alternatives, but the important point is they must be enforceable. That's the president's bottom line."

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Two sentenced

MIAMI (AP) — Two men were sentenced to death in the killing of a wealthy couple whose bodies were dismembered, put in 55-gallon drums and buckets and left at roadsides.

Miami-Dade Circuit Judge Alex Ferrer gave Adrian Noel Doorbal, 24, Daniel Lugo, 32, two death sentences each for the 1995 slayings of Frank Griga, 33, and Kirsztina Furton, 23, both originally from Hungary.

Nutrition

By Ed Blonz, PH.D.

Does Cat's Claw have benefits?

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DEAR DR. BLONZ: Would you please give me some information on Cat's Claw? According to the information I have, it is good for cancer, heart disease, arthritis, gastrointestinal upsets, ulcers, allergies, PMS, AIDS, herpes, CFS, lupus, diabetes, fibromyalgia, rheumatism, depression and more. Is this true? It seems like a wonder drug. I know people who take this drug. Is it healthful? — C.A., Loyal, Wis.

DEAR C.A.: That is quite an impressive list. It makes Cat's Claw, a vine that grows in the tropics, appear like a definite wonder drug. From my standpoint, however, I "wonder" about the nature of the evidence that backs up all those claims. Cat's Claw, also called una de gato, does indeed have a long folkloric use, and there are a number of alkaloid compounds in the herb that show some promise. There is very preliminary evidence, for example, that one compound might protect against damage to DNA (the cell's genetic material). Other reports talk about a potential for stimulating the immune system, adding that Cat's Claw may have some usefulness with AZT, a treatment for AIDS. The operative word here is "may": The reports are too preliminary to know whether these claims will pan out.

Another important issue is quality control. When you get a bottle that says "Cat's Claw" on the label, there is no way of knowing what's inside. There is little regulation regarding the standardization of potency with respect to herbal preparations. With Cat's Claw, for example, the amount of the compounds under study show great seasonal variation.

In my opinion, the bottom line on this herb is that it's a bit of a guessing game. In Cat's Claw's favor, though, I didn't find much to indicate a great potential for hazard. I only wish there were funding to find out more about it. There are untold wonders awaiting us as we discover the actions of the chemicals nature has put in plants. The flip side is that there can be dangers as well. It always helps, though, to remember that most of today's wonder drugs are based on compounds that exist in nature.

DEAR DR. BLONZ: In an earlier column, you extolled the virtues of peanuts. I wanted to point out that over 1 million people are deathly allergic to peanuts — even the dust of peanuts can produce a fatal anaphylactic reaction. For those of us who have such a serious allergy or who have children so afflicted, life is a daily struggle to find wholesome, peanut-free foods that will not endanger our lives. After going on about the benefits of peanuts, you owe it to your readers and to the public to include this warning in your column. It could literally save lives. — M.M., Los Angeles

DEAR M.M.: Thank you for your letter. Peanuts are indeed among the most allergenic (allergy-causing) of foods, and along with eggs, milk and soy, can be responsible for serious food allergies — especially in children. In general, between 2 percent and 8 percent of children display allergies to certain foods. In adults, this number drops to about 2 percent. It is estimated that about 1.3 percent of the general population is allergic to peanuts. Unfortunately, children often do not outgrow their allergies to peanuts as they do with other foods. Allergic reactions to peanuts can cause hives, throat swelling, vomiting and even, as you point out, anaphylactic shock, which severely hinders breathing and can lead to death.

Send questions to: "On Nutrition," Ed Blonz, c/o Newspaper Enterprise Association, 200 Madison Ave., New York, NY 10016. For e-mail, address inquiries to: ed@blonz.com. Due to the volume of mail, personal replies cannot be provided.

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Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Tuesday, July 21, 1998

In the year ahead, peculiar developments could create subtle-yet-profitable opportunities. Fortunately, you'll understand what's going on from the get-go.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Conditions might smooth over today in areas where you recently met with rejection. Secret ambitions have a good chance of being fulfilled. Trying to patch up a broken romance? The Astro-Graph Matchmaker can help you understand what to do to make the relationship work. Mail $2.75 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Discussing your intentions prematurely could arouse opposition today. Objectives can be achieved by not calling too much attention to yourself.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Strive to be honest with everyone you're involved with today. Frankness will win new converts and allies.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Material benefits may come your way today through unusual channels. An invisible friend plays a key role.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) After you've evaluated an important matter today, don't waste additional time deliberating. From this point onward, it's actions that count.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Your best asset today is your ability to rectify old errors and get your plans back on track. Lost time can be made up.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You and a business contact you also know socially can be of assistance to one another today. Get together and discover why!

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Schedule your time wisely today, and you'll be able to take care of all of your duties with ample breaks for pleasurable pursuits as well.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Make yourself available if someone you love is in need of assistance today. You have the ability to manage something this person can't.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Your reasoning powers are keen today, especially in developments involving finance. Keep your goals and aspirations in the forefront of your mind.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Influences with a direct affect on your material well-being are favorable today. Make the most of what diligence has to offer.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Things have a way of working out to your advantage today, so don't be uptight if it looks like the other guy is going to get all the goodies. Patience ushers in prosperity.

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Pentagon wants to redefine adultery consequences

WASHINGTON (AP) — A proposal by top Pentagon officials to soften the legal consequences of adultery by service members is running into some heated opposition within the military establishment.

A panel appointed by Defense Secretary William Cohen has proposed that adultery remain a crime under the Uniform Code of Military Justice, but not one that would be prosecuted in every case, senior defense officials said Sunday.

"As wrong as adultery is, it may not make sense to go to jail for it," said one Pentagon official familiar with the proposals, speaking on condition of anonymity.

The suggestions, outlined in recent weeks to representatives of the four services by Defense Department General Counsel Judith Miller, is aimed at clarifying regulations so commanders know what they are and are not required to do, the official said.

For example, rules would instruct commanders in the field to file charges only if an adulterous relationship has disrupted morale or functioning in a military unit. It would discourage commanders from pursuing cases that had occurred long ago or with no connection to a service member's military unit, said a second official, also speaking privately.

While the goal may appear to bring the military justice system more in line with contemporary civilian law, some would prefer to retain a system that is much stricter — and may have harsher punishments — than in the civilian world, the officials said.

"This is a very contentious issue," said the second official. "It's far, far, far from being dealt with in a black-and-white manner."

A spokesman for the Marine Corps, Col. Stuart Wagner, said his service believes issue goes to the core of trust and accountability, two absolutes required of Marines on the battlefield.

"We believe in the idea of accountability and standards, and the proposal would weaken the standards and the idea of accountability," Wagner said. "Semper fidelis (always faithful) is not a slogan."

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Huge wave kills at least 700

VANIMO, Papua New Guinea (AP) — Australian military medics flew into this village today and worked non-stop treating survivors of a huge wave that killed at least 700, perhaps as many as 3,000, on this Pacific island nation.

The medics set up a tent hospital on a sports field and cared for victims sent by three overcrowded hospitals. Many survivors underwent amputations because bacteria-filled coral sand had infected wounds, causing gangrene, said Lt. Col. John Crozer, a surgeon.

The 23-foot-high wave struck an 18-mile stretch of Papua New Guinea's northwest coast on Friday, destroying at least three villages. Today, local authorities said the official death toll was at least 700, mostly children and the elderly. But other officials gave much higher death count. An estimated 6,000 people were left homeless.

John Tekwi, governor of West Sepik province, where the wave hit, was quoted by Australian Broadcasting Corp. as saying at least 3,000 people died.

"Where is everybody else?" Tekwi asked.

Missionaries and villagers were burying the dead where they lay on the beaches. Others patrolled the sea in motorboats, towing nets to reclaim floating bodies, while salt-water crocodiles reportedly fed on corpses.

"There were so many bodies together I had to move the boat slowly to pass through them," said fisherman Jerry Apuan. "I was afraid. It was the first time I had seen so many bodies."

The wave, also known as a tsunami, was created by a magnitude-7 undersea earthquake off the coast of Papua New Guinea, a nation on the island of New Guinea about 90 miles north of Australia.

Prime Minister Bill Skate appealed for more aid and doctors, saying that children were drinking unhealthy water, Australian Broadcasting Corp. television reported.

"People are lost, they are confused, they really don't know what has hit them," Skate was quoted as saying.

The assistant defense attache at the Australian High Commission in the capital, Port Moresby, Col. Richard Humby, said today that more than 1,000 villagers died and at least 2,000 were missing. The estimates were based on accounts gathered by Australian aid workers.

Obituaries

Lisa Marie Sandoval

Lisa Sandoval

1974-1998

Services for Lisa Marie Sandoval, 24, are pending at Wright Colonial Funeral Home.

Miss Sandoval died Sunday, July 19, in a two-vehicle mishap north of Snyder.

Born May 19, 1974 in Albuquerque, N.M., she was a longtime resident of Snyder and had worked as a manager of a restaurant.

Survivors include her parents, Roy and Dee Maldonado of Snyder, Benny Sandoval of Canonsito, N.M. and Loretta Billie of Farmington, N.M.; five sisters, Eva Lopez of Saginaw, Emma Fabela of Odessa; Glenda Pesina and Leslie Sisneros of Snyder and Samantha Billie of Farmington, N.M.; four brothers, Roy Maldonado of Hobbs, N.M., Isaac Maldonado of Snyder, Nathan Sandoval of Canonsito and Frederick Billie of Farmington; her grandmothers, Mary Sandoval of Canonsito, Guadalupe Dennett of Snyder; her grandfather, Key James of Gallup, N.M.; and several nieces and nephews.

Jewel Morgan

1908-1998

ABILENE — Jewell Foster Morgan, 90, a former resident of Snyder, died Friday, July 17, in an Abilene nursing center.

Graveside service was held this morning in Elmwood Memorial Park. Dr. Tim Griffin, minister of First Christian Church in Snyder, officiated. Elliott-Hamil Funeral Home in Abilene was in charge of arrangements.

Born in Anson, she attended Anson High School and Hardin-Simmons University. She married Austin Mortin in Abilene in 1929. He preceded her in death.

Mrs. Morgan had lived in Lubbock and Snyder before moving to Abilene. She was a cafeteria manager for the Abilene ISD for 20 years and she also worked in food service for McMurry University.

Survivors include a daughter, Billie Jean Boren of Snyder; four sons, James A. Morgan of Abilene, Bobby Joel Morgan of Arlington, Harry Dwayne Morgan of Austin and Larry Wayne Morgan of Normangee; a sister, Preble Lowe of Hamilton; 13 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

The family suggests memorials to the Southwest Park Baptist Church where she was a member.

Gerard Sisneros

Gerard Sisneros

1973-1998

Services are pending at Wright Colonial Funeral home for Gerard A. Sisneros.

Mr. Sisneros, 24, died Sunday, July 19, in a two-vehicle accident north of Snyder.

Born Oct. 26, 1973 in Amherst, he married Leslie Sandoval in Hobbs, N.M.

Mr. Sisneros had lived in Snyder for the past 15 years and was service superintendent for Halliburton.

Survivors include his wife, Leslie Sisneros of Snyder; a daughter, Shawnia Sisneros of Snyder; three brothers, Jeff Sisneros of Midland, Anthony Sisneros of Brownfield and Gary Sisneros of Hobbs, N.M.; his maternal grandparents, Erma and Arcenio Manzanares of Portales, N.M.; his paternal grandmother, Celestina Sisneros of Las Vegas, N.M.; and his maternal great-grandmother, Polly Gallegos of Portales; his in-laws, Roy and Dee Maldonado of Snyder; eight aunts; and four uncles.

Joe Reed

1931-1998

LAMESA — Nolan "Joe" Reed, the father of Teresa Seale of Snyder, died Saturday, July 18, in Lubbock's Methodist Hospital.

Funeral service for Mr. Reed, 66, was set for 2 p.m. today in the Second Baptist Church. The Rev. Clifton Igo, pastor of the Gail Baptist Church, was to officiate. Burial was to follow in Lamesa Memorial Park.

Born Sept. 9, 1931 in Oklahoma City, he married Zelma Steinke on April 19, 1953 in Lovington, N.M. Mr. Reed had been employed by Britt Trucking for more than 50 years, and he was a member of the Second Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Zelma Reed of Lamesa; two other daughters, Vickie Wilkerson and Sandra Stewart, both of Lamesa; a son, Nolan Reed of Lamesa; a sister, Juanita Edwards of Roswell, N.M.; two brothers, Ronnie Ratliff of Lamesa and Donnie Ratliff of Breckenridge; eight grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Lauran Helms

1983-1998

ROTAN — Lauran Haley Helms died Friday, July 17, in an Abilene hospital following a fall from a pickup.

Service for Miss Helms, 15, was set for 3 p.m. today in the Rotan First United Methodist Church. The Revs. Larry Holder and Werth Mayes were to officiate. Burial was to follow in the Cottonwood Cemetery under the direction of Weathersbee Funeral Home.

She was born on May 14, 1983 in Lubbock. Miss Helms was an honor student at Rotan High School where she was varsity cheerleader and class favorite. She participated in basketball, volleyball, and was a state qualifier in track as a freshman. Miss Helms was also a member of the Student Congress and the annual staff. She was also a member of the Rotan First United Methodist Church.

Survivors include her parents, Clay and Gwen Helms of Rotan; her paternal grandmother, Betty Helms McCright of Rotan; her maternal grandparents, Johnny and Melba Fitsgerald of Plains; one sister, Sunny Helms of Rotan; one brother, Hunter Helms of Rotan; and many aunts, uncles and cousins.

Edna Womack

1919-1998

BIG SPRING — Funeral service for Edna Womack, 79, was held this morning in the First Baptist Church. Dr. Kenneth Patrick, Chaplain of Baptist Memorial Center in San Angelo, officiated.

Burial was to follow in Trinity Memorial Park under the direction of Nally-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

Mrs. Womack died Friday, July 17, at her home in Big Spring.

Born July 9, 1919 in Hedley, Tex., she moved to Big Spring in 1942 and married Odell "Red" Womack on Sept. 14, 1946 in Big Spring. He died in 1997.

Former manager of the La Donna Beaty Shop, she was a homemaker and active in many civic affairs. She was named Woman of the Year by the Big Spring Chamber of Commerce in 1983.

A long-time member of the First Baptist Church, she was a master judge for the National Council of Garden Clubs, and she held Garden Club offices at the local, district and state level.

Survivors include a son, Brent Womack of Midland; a sister, Ruby Lewis of Archer City; and three grandsons.

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Storms cause damage

By The Associated Press

Violent thunderstorms damaged homes and businesses in the Ohio Valley during the night, flooding roads with more than 6 inches of rain and blacking out thousands of customers early today around Cincinnati.

Lightning and some downed power lines caused fires late Sunday around Lima, Ohio, and resident David Welch was rudely awakened when a tree fell on his house.

"I about had a heart attack," he said. "The whole house shook. I thought I was back in the service."

The storms knocked out electrical service early today to an estimated 100,000 customers in the Cincinnati area, according to Cinergy Corp., the parent company of Cincinnati Gas & Electric Co. Service had been restored to about half by this morning, spokeswoman Kathy Meinke said.

Children's Hospital in Cincinnati had to switch to its backup generator, and canceled about 70 elective operations scheduled for today to conserve power for emergencies, spokeswoman Margaret Devereux said.

"It's too risky using up all that juice ... If you needed it, you wouldn't have it," she said.

Trial in second week

NEW BRAUNFELS (AP) — Former Air Force Academy cadet David Graham's 9 mm Makarov pistol fired the bullets that killed 16-year-old Adrianne Jones, a firearms expert testified today in Graham's murder trial.

Richard Earnest of the Tarrant County Medical Examiner's Office, a prosecution witness, testified that the two bullets were fired at close range.

He said the shot into Miss Jones' forehead appeared to have been fired from a distance of 3 to 6 inches, and the shot into her left cheek from about 18 inches.

Defense attorney Dan Cogdell had no questions for Earnest after his testimony.

Prosecutors say Graham shot Miss Jones at the urging of his then-girlfriend Diane Zamora, who believed the two had had a one-time sexual fling.

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York Rite Mason open installation of officers of chapter and council will be held at 6:30 this evening. Refreshments will be served.

Bible study tapes airing

Bible study video tapes air weekly on cable TV Channel 2. The next tapes to be shown, "Bear One Another's Burdens," followed by "When the Future Really Begins" will be shown at 7 tonight.

VBS Star Quest

Vacation Bible School at Colonial Hill Baptist Church will be held through Friday for children ages kindergarten through 6th grade. Times are from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m.

VBS Space Mission

Vacation Bible School at 37th Street Church of Christ will be held at 7 o'clock tonight, Tuesday and Wednesday. There will be classes for all ages, including adults.

Through the Bible study

A Bible study with Les Feldick and hosted by Harlan and Darlene Amox will begin Tuesday from 7:30 until 9 p.m. Call 573-2699 for additional information.

Lions White Elephant sale

Snyder Lions Club members are reminded to bring an item for the White Elephant sale to be held at noon Tuesday at Martha Ann Woman's Club.

Parkinson's support group

An organizational meeting for a Parkinson's community support group will be held from 10:30 until noon Tuesday in the Cogdell Hospital board room. Information will be provided by the Neurology Research and Education Center in Lubbock. For more information, contact Tammy Tyler at 574-7277.

MAWC game day and lunch

Martha Ann Woman's Club game day and luncheon will be held Wednesday, beginning at 11:30 a.m. Cost is $7.50. Games of choice will follow lunch. Reservations are needed by 5 p.m. Tuesday.

Historical commission to meet

Scurry County Historical Commission will meet at noon Wednesday at the Scurry County Museum for a brown bag luncheon meeting. The commission will be discussing plans for the quilt show during the White Buffalo Festival on Oct. 3.

School supplies

Pre-ordered school supplies for Stanfield, Central and East can be picked up at registration Wednesday. Extra packets are also available for purchase.

Ritz Variety Show

The Ritz Variety Show will be held this weekend at the Ritz Theatre on the south side of the square. Friday and Saturday performances will be at 8 p.m. and the Sunday matinee will be at 2:30 p.m. Tickets are $7 and season ticket holders may make reservations hours of 2 and 5 p.m. at the Ritz box office. Reservations may also be made by calling 573-8880.

SHS class of '83 reunion

The Snyder High School class of 1983 will hold a reunion Saturday at Snyder Country Club. A dance will be held from 8:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. and cost is $15 a couple or $7 for individual. The public is invited. For more information call Kirk Herrley at 573-3204.

Children's Day Out

Registration for the fall semester of Children's Day Out at First United Methodist Church will be held Thursday, July 30. Classes are for ages 1-4, and are held on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Call 573-4770 for more information.

FBC kids programs

First Baptist Church has two programs: King's Kids Preschool on Mondays and Wednesdays and Mother's Day Out on Fridays. Extended care is available. Register now for the 1998-99 school year. For more information, call 573-7401.

Road to Recovery program

Volunteers are needed to take patients to Abilene or Lubbock one day a week for cancer treatment. Following approval by the American Cancer Society, drivers will be provided liability insurance and can be reimbursed for fuel expenses incurred for the trip. For more information, contact ACS Road to Recovery volunteer coordinator Martha Schiebel at 573-8626 and leave a message, or Sammie Jarrell at 573-5993.

Pick 3

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

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Lotto Texas

AUSTIN (AP) — Results of the Lotto Texas drawing Saturday night:
Winning numbers drawn: 1-5-12-26-30-32.
Estimated jackpot: $14 million.
Number matching six of six: 1
Winning ticket sold in: Wichita Falls, Texas.
Matching five of six: 152. Prize: $1,242.
Matching four of six: 8,185. Prize: $83.
Matching three of six: 139,147. Prize: $3.
Next Lotto Texas game: Wednesday night.
Estimated jackpot: $4 million.