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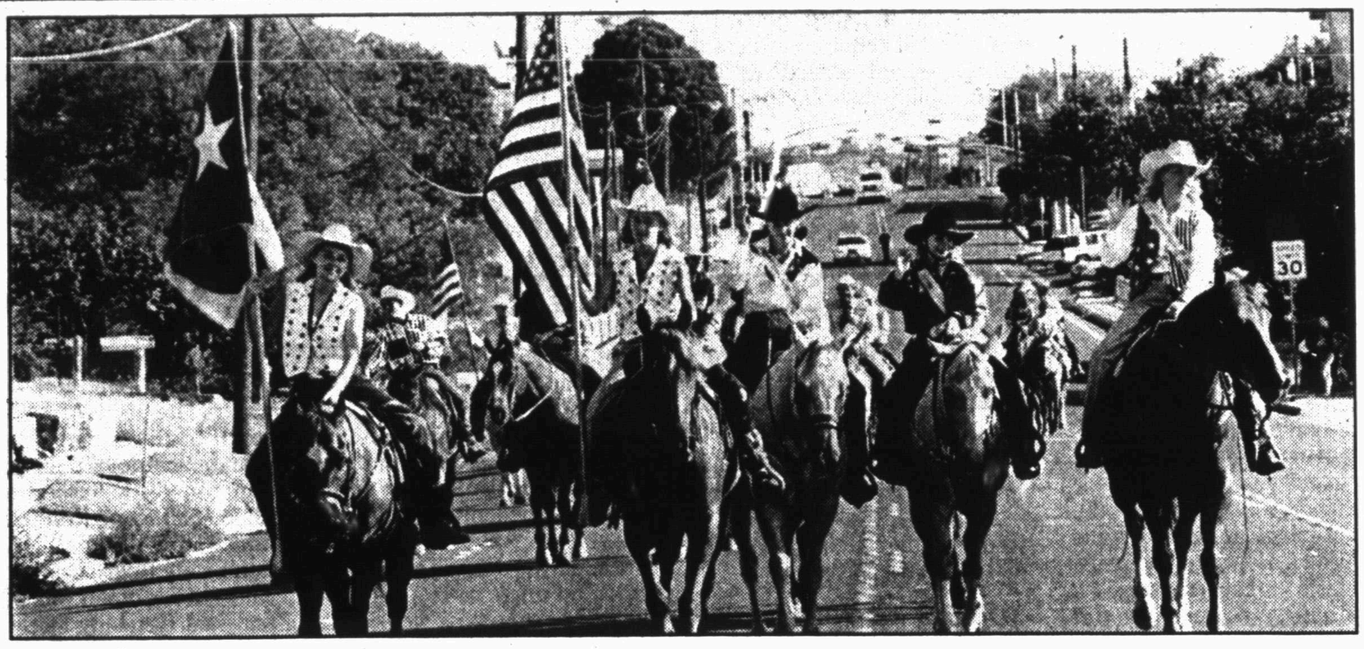

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65th Scurry County Rodeo parade and queen crowning



SCURRY COUNTY RODEO — Randi K. Herrington was named Miss Scurry County Rodeo queen Saturday night as the 65th edition of the rodeo wrapped up. Kasey Nachlinger, 1999 queen, pins the sash on Herrington while queen contestant Brandi Shafer (left) and Little Miss Scurry County contestant Ciara Latta look on. (SDN Staff Photo)



LITTLE MISS — Cassie Mhoon was named Little Miss Scurry County Rodeo queen. 1999 Miss Scurry County Rodeo Queen Kasey Nachlinger pins her sash on during the ceremonies Saturday night. (SDN Staff Photo)

# Speeding stop results in DPS trooper filing assault charge

A routine traffic stop on U.S. Highway 84 Sunday morning took a strange turn when a Department of Public Safety trooper noticed blood-covered car seats and a passenger holding a bloody towel over his right shoulder.

Trooper James Arnwine said he stopped the vehicle for speeding around 10:30 a.m. Sunday at Inadale.

"I made contact with the driver and noticed there was blood on both seats and on the passenger."

The passenger, a 34-year-old man, had been stabbed in the right shoulder and was holding a towel on the wound, Arnwine said.

"I asked the driver what had happened to him, and she said she stabbed him in Lubbock the night before."

The woman, 21-year-old Windi Seymoure of 2224 Eisenhower Drive in Arlington, told the trooper she had stabbed the man with a knife.

Arnwine said the cuts were minor. "They were pretty superficial cuts."

At this point, Arnwine said he decided to search the vehicle for weapons, but none were found.

A pat down of the passenger, however, turned up what appeared to be a small bag of marijuana and the 34-year-old man was placed under arrest on a misdemeanor possession charge.

DPS trooper Todd Snyder of Sweetwater responded to the scene to assist and Seymoure was initially arrested for the stabbing.

"We placed the driver under arrest for assaulting the passenger and called Lubbock County," Arnwine explained. "As we were putting her in the car, she assaulted Trooper Snyder."

The trooper was kneed in the groin area as Seymoure was resisting arrest.

She now faces charges of felony assault on a peace officer as well as speeding and failure to display a driver's license.

Arnwine said that Lubbock County had investigated but neither of the occupants wanted to press charges, therefore Seymoure was not charged with stabbing her passenger.

# City to review bids for health insurance

Snyder's city council will meet in a called session at 6:30 this evening to consider bids for employee's health insurance.

The item was on the agenda for the council's regular meeting last week, but only one firm bid had been received. This prompted this evening's meeting in hopes of having additional bids submitted.

The council will also continue its work on the city's 2000-01 budget.

The council is faced with capital expenditure requests totaling almost $280,000 including $191,000 from the fire department and $75,690 from the police department.

The majority of the fire department's request comes in the form of a new pumper truck at $147,000, while the police department is requesting three new vehicles.

While a pay increase for employees was not originally proposed by the city administration, a request by councilman James Ashley to incorporate a 2.7 percent pay hike into the budget also will be explored tonight.

The meeting will be in council chambers at city hall.

# Summit talks 'hard,' Clinton says

THURMONT, Md. (AP) — In a break with the secrecy surrounding the Camp David summit, President Clinton says these peace talks are "the hardest thing I've ever seen" and that while he hopes for a deal, he does not know if one can be reached.

"God, it's hard," Clinton said in an interview published in Monday's New York Daily News. "It's like nothing I've ever dealt with ... There's been some progress, but I can't say I know we'll succeed."

U.S. officials had imposed a strict news blackout on the substance of the talks, which began Tuesday at the presidential retreat in the mountains of western Maryland. The president's remarks were the first official assessment of the direction of the negotiations.

Heading into what could prove to be a decisive phase of the talks, Clinton met with Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat and his own negotiators on Sunday. There was no formal dinner, a departure from what had become a summit custom of communal evening meals.

Entering the summit's seventh day today, it was still uncertain whether the negotiators could clinch some form of agreement in time for Clinton's scheduled departure Wednesday for a summit of industrialized powers in Japan.

"I hope so," Clinton told the Daily News when asked whether he would leave as planned. "I'm going to do my best to finish here."

In the interview, he spoke in emotional terms of the difficulties faced by Arafat and Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak, both of whom face heavy domestic pressure to steer clear of concessions.

"What's really troubling is that they know if they make a peace agreement, half of their constituencies will have to be angry at them for a while," the president said. "They're trying. It's so hard. My heart goes out to them."

"If the American side decided to extend the period of the talks, then I don't think that we will reject it," said Hassan Abdel Rahman, the Washington envoy of Arafat's Palestine Liberation Organization. "We are here to reach an agreement, and things are now in the hands of our hosts, the Americans."

White House officials have said all along that Clinton's scheduled departure should not be considered a deadline, but they also have hoped for an agreement by then. They have refused to discuss what would happen if no real progress has been made at that point.

The principal points of dispute are well-defined: the boundaries of a future Palestinian state, security arrangements between Israel and the Palestinians, the fate of several million Palestinian refugees and — perhaps the central question — the status of Jerusalem, the ancient city claimed by both sides as their capital.

U.S. spokesmen have acknowledged the difficulty of the negotiations. It is "the intractability and difficulty of the issues that provides the impetus for the atmosphere to be tense at times," White House spokesman Joe Lockhart told reporters Sunday.

Barak, meanwhile, got a graphic reminder of the battle he will face pushing through any peace deal he makes at this summit. At least 100,000 protesters massed in a Tel Aviv square to demand that he refuse to make broad concessions to the Palestinians.

# Ira trustees meet tonight

Ira ISD trustees will meet this evening at 7:30 and the agenda includes several items necessary for the start of school in August.

But first the board must appoint a replacement for trustee Dirk Dunn who has submitted his resignation to the board in order for his wife to be considered for employment with the district.

In other personnel action, the board is expected to hire a Spanish teacher and two elementary teachers.

Back-to-school items include adopting the student handbook and the student code of conduct, plus the discipline management plan for the district.

The early release policy will also be considered, as will student insurance and workers comp insurance.

# Commissioners meet briefly

Scurry County Commissioners met briefly this morning, approving two line-item transfers and two budget amendments.

A transfer in the amount of $1,000 was granted for the county clerk's office, moving the funds from the part-time line into records.

Approved for the juvenile probation department was the transfer of $2,500 from the appointed officials line into equipment and $700 from appointed officials into maintenance and repairs.

The court agreed to add $1,645 to the 2000 budget to cover legal services regarding the tobacco settlement funds.

County Judge Ricky Fritz said the expenditure was unforeseen when the budget was being prepared, therefore qualifying it for the amendment.

A budget amendment was approved adding $7,569 to cover the cost of a new paper burster for the tax office.

Rona Sikes, tax collector, said the old machine, which was purchased in 1980, has failed.

"This machine is absolutely essential to produce a tax roll and statements," Sikes said.

## ASK US

**Q—What happens to the unclaimed property held by the state that is never claimed?**

**A—Some of it will be sold Saturday on an Internet auction on theauctionchannel.com. For additional information, and to view a catalog, go to www.window.state.tx.us.**

## FORECAST - ALMANAC

**Snyder Temps:** High Saturday, 101 degrees; low, 72; high Sunday, 104 degrees; low, 75, 7 a.m. Monday, 78; no precipitation; total for 2000, 14.77 inches.

**Area Forecast:** Tonight, clear, low, mid 70s; S wind 5-15 mph; Tuesday, mostly sunny, continued hot, high near 100, S wind 10-20 mph.



Jonathan Wallace
Hot

Sunset:
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Of 198 days in 2000, the sun has shone 195 days in Snyder.

## TODAY'S THOUGHT

**Add value to every day. Sharpen your skills, your understanding.**

# Serial killings shake Chicago neighborhood

CHICAGO (AP) — When some activists on the far South Side looked around their neighborhood last fall, they saw a recipe for death.

A serial killer was preying upon women in a nearby neighborhood and the conditions in Greater Roseland were frighteningly similar: drugs, prostitution, abandoned buildings, weed-choked lots.

"We looked at Roseland and said to ourselves, 'We are sitting here on a powder keg,'" said Michael Evans, an associate director with the church-based Developing Communities Project.

Their morbid prediction came true. The first body was pulled from one of Greater Roseland's abandoned buildings in mid-May and five more have been found in the two months since.

"Now, the most horrendous things that could have happened have taken place," Evans said.

The slayings mirror those around the Englewood neighborhood in the 1990s: The victims were all black women found in abandoned buildings, and most were involved with prostitution or drugs, or both.

Police believe the Englewood killings may have been committed by three separate people, all since arrested. The possibility of a serial killer in Greater Roseland has not been ruled out.

While residents absorb that prospect, they have tried to prod the city into doing something about conditions they believe generate crime in their neighborhood.

"Look there," Evans said during a tour of the neighborhood last week. "Abandoned house, vacant lot, someone lives there, vacant lot, vacant lot, someone lives there, abandoned house."

The abandoned buildings are "invitations to all kinds of dangerous stuff for neighborhoods," according to George Kelling, a professor at Rutgers University's School of Criminal Justice.

Kelling was one of the original proponents of the so-called "broken windows" theory of neighborhood crime — the notion that cleaning up disorder and signs of crime, such as graffiti and broken windows, actually helps prevent serious crime.

"Residents intuitively know that (abandoned buildings) are the kinds of settings that invite predators," he said. "Now public officials have finally gotten the message that residents' complaints are more than about tidiness but are at the root of some serious problems."

Greater Roseland, about 12 miles south of the city's gleaming skyscrapers, is a neighborhood of stark contrasts. Families raise their children in well-kept homes across the street from suspected drug houses. New housing is just down the road from where prostitutes walk the streets.

The neighborhood has the highest foreclosure rate in the city, attributable to a number of factors including predatory lending practices; the death of older homeowners; and absentee landlords and owners.

Chicago Building Commissioner Mary Richardson-Lowry estimates that 90 percent of the owners of the abandoned buildings live outside the area.

The city in April passed a measure that requires owners to register vacant structures and obtain liability insurance, or face fines.

Owners are encouraged to rehabilitate but the city will pursue demolition in court if deemed necessary, Richardson-Lowry said. Still, the city is relatively powerless if an owner boards up a building and is in no other way delinquent, she said.

"The difficulty is that many of the owners board it and don't go back to those buildings for some time," she said. "That in and of itself is not unusual."

Evans shook his head in disbelief during a visit to the two-story home where the body of a 32-year-old woman was found May 17. The first-floor windows were boarded up, but a basement entrance was wide open.

"What we've seen here is a situation that in all respects could have been avoided or at least minimized," he said.

Police believe drugs were used in the killings in both neighborhoods to lure women into the abandoned buildings. They are warning women with high-risk life styles to be cautious, and have assigned an officer whose sole duty is to check on vacant structures.

Geoffrey Griffin, 29, has been charged with murder in the May 12 death of Angela Jones, 29. Police are awaiting the results of DNA tests to determine if he is linked to the others.

On the Net:
Chicago's department of buildings: http://www.ci.chi.il.us/Buildings/index.html

# Kennedy crash anniversary very quiet

BOSTON (AP) — It was one year ago that a late night plane crash off the coast of Martha's Vineyard killed one of America's favorite sons, and left an entire nation to grieve.

But the first anniversary of the deaths of John F. Kennedy Jr., his wife Carolyn Bessette Kennedy, and her sister Lauren Bessette, passed quietly as relatives and friends mourned in private.

"We don't need to be reminded or have a memorial," said Anne McGhee, a Harvard University professor who has a home on Martha's Vineyard. "We just know."

A small driftwood memorial was erected Sunday on the Vineyard's Philbin Beach, closest to the area where the plane went down July 16, 1999.

Aside from the wooden cross, bearing the names "John, Carolyn and Lauren," little else was done to mark the anniversary.

No Kennedy fanatics camped out in front of the political family's compound in Barnstable's Hyannis Port section. No flowers were left on the stoop of the New York apartment where Kennedy lived.

"It's been very, very quiet," said Barnstable Police Officer James Ellis. "We've had patrols out all week and we haven't had a problem yet."

Ann Freeman, mother of Carolyn, 33, and Lauren, 34, released a statement from her home in Greenwich, Conn., last week saying the family would not mark the anniversary publicly.

Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, D-Mass., an uncle to Kennedy, 38, planned to spend the weekend at the family compound.

John Kennedy's single-engine Piper Saratoga fell into the waters late at night, seven miles south of the Kennedy home on Martha's Vineyard as he was flying from New Jersey to attend his cousin Rory Kennedy's wedding. The National Transportation Safety Board determined the cause of the crash was pilot error and said Kennedy likely became disoriented in the night sky.

## Date Book

**Monday, July 17, 2000**
Today is the 199th day of 2000 and the 28th day of summer.

**TODAY'S HISTORY:** On this day in 1877, the Great Railroad Strike began. About 100 people died and thousands of rail cars were destroyed in violence associated with the strike.

On this day in 1945, President Truman, Premier Joseph Stalin and Prime Minister Winston Churchill met at Potsdam, a German city. It was the last Allied summit meeting of World War II.

On this day in 1955, Arco, Idaho, became the first town in the United States to be illuminated entirely by atomic energy.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS:** John Jacob Astor (1763-1848), businessman; Erle Stanley Gardner (1889-1970), mystery writer; James Cagney (1899-1986), actor; Art Linkletter (1912-), broadcast personality, is 88; Phyllis Diller (1917-), comedian, is 83; Donald Sutherland (1934-), actor, is 66; Diahann Carroll (1935-), actress, is 65; David Hasselhoff (1952-), actor, is 48.

**TODAY'S SPORTS:** On this day in 1914, Red Murray of the New York Giants was struck by lightning while running to reach a base. He was not seriously hurt.

**TODAY'S QUOTE:** "I'm not confused. I'm just well-mixed." — Robert Frost

**TODAY'S MOON:** Day after full moon (July 16).

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## Astro-graph

**By Bernice Bede Osol**



**Your Birthday**

**Tuesday, July 18, 2000**
Ample opportunities in the year ahead concerning your work or career will be afforded you. However, there could be one in particular that will shine in comparison to all others.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)** Voice your ideas and thinking to your associates today without any hesitation, especially when dealing with problems that appear to be unsolvable to others. You could come up with solutions. 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)** Don't reject those little flashes of inspiration in guiding your decision making today. The little twists and turns they take might be exactly what your logic overlooks.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** Use your ingenuity and resourcefulness as extensively as possible, because chances are they will be your two best assets today for fulfilling your ambitious expectations.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)** What develops in your social life today could transpire so quickly it might catch you off guard. However, it'll turn out to be a wonderful change for the better.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)** You're well-suited today to tending to those many little domestic incidentals that need to be taken care of. A diverse list will keep you from getting bored.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)** Situations that hamper your mobility could be intolerable for you today. You need lots of movement, variety, activity and change in order to function at your best.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** Unlike yesterday, you're exceptionally sharp and alert when it comes to financial negotiations. This new infusion of perception will make up for any loses you could have incurred lately.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19)** Your personality is likely to be a bit avant-garde today and ready to respond to the latest vogue, which is just what it needs to shake off the stodginess you've been experiencing.

**PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)** Do not ignore your natural gift for intuitive sharpness with which your sign is so blessed. Hunches or intuitive feeling could help fulfill your desires today.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)** Something exciting and stimulating that you hadn't planned could be in the cards for you today, so keep yourself as flexible as possible, and don't turn down any invitations.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)** It'll be with involvements that permit you to be imaginative and inventive that you'll be at your best today. Try to steer clear of conventional endeavors if possible.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)** A departure from thinking along unorthodox lines could actually help broaden your outlook and lead to some unusual discoveries. Be prepared to widen your horizons a bit.

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## Oil Patch News

**Scurry County**

Lakewood Operating will drill the No. 1 Eiland in the Diamond M field, 10 miles southwest of Snyder. Contracted for a depth of 7,000 feet, drill site is in Section 158, Block 97, H&TC survey.

**Borden County**

Apache Corporation will drill the No. 7-A T.J. Good in the Jo-Mill field, six miles north of Vealmoor. Planned for a depth of 8,095 feet, location is in Section 37, Block 33, T4N, T&P survey.

**Mitchell County**

Merit Energy Co. will drill the No. 19-D McCabe in the Jameson north field, four miles north of Silver. The re-completion project is planned for a depth of 7,240 feet, and drill site is in Section 3, Block 1-A, H&TC survey.

First Permian will drill the No. 849 Westbrook southeast field unit, 12 miles west of Colorado City. Planned for a depth of 3,200 feet, location is in Section 33, Block 28, T1N, T&P survey.

First Permian will drill the No. 847 Westbrook southeast field unit, 12 miles west of Colorado City. Also planned for a depth of 3,200 feet, location is in Section 33, Block 28, T1N, T&P survey.

First Permian will drill the No. 851-W Westbrook southeast field unit, 12 miles west of Colorado City. Also set for a depth of 3,200 feet, location is in Section 33, Block 28, T1N, T&P survey.

First Permian will drill the No. 845-W Westbrook southeast field unit, 12 miles west of Colorado City. Contracted for 3,200 feet, location is in Section 33, Block 28, T1N, T&P survey.

First Permian will drill the No. 851-W Westbrook southeast field unit, 12 miles west of Colorado City. Also scheduled for 3,200 feet, location is in Section 33, Block 28, T1N, T&P survey.

First Permian will drill the No. 845-W Westbrook southeast field unit, 12 miles west of Colorado City. Also planned for 3,200 feet, location is in Section 33, Block 28, T1N, T&P survey.

First Permian will drill the No. 2308-W Westbrook southeast field unit, 11 miles west of Colorado City. Contracted for 3,200 feet, location is in Section 33, Block 28, T1N, T&P survey.

First Permian will drill the No. 3703-W Westbrook southeast field unit, 11 miles west of Colorado City. Planned for a dpeth of 3,200 feet, location is in Section 34, Block 28, T1N, T&P survey.

First Permian will drill the No. 2307 Westbrook southeast field unit, 11 miles west of Colorado City. Planned depth is 3,200 feet, and location is in Section 34, Block 28, T1N, T&P survey.

**Howard County**

Saga Petroleum will drill the No. 61 M.M. Edwards in the Snyder field, five miles southeast of Coahoma. Scheduled depth is 3,200 feet, and location is in Section 32, Block 30, T1S, T&P survey.

**Nolan County**

Clear Fork Inc. will drill the No. 4044-T C.E. Boyd in the EVB field, four miles northwest of Nolan. Planned for a depth of 6,000 feet, drill site is in Section 44, Block X, T&P survey.

Sinclair Oil Corporation will drill the No. 2 Brooks, a 6,300-foot wildcat located 18 miles southeast of Sweetwater. Drill site is in Section 163, Block 1-A, H&TC survey.

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# Iraqi oil smuggling on rise, and profitable, officials say

WASHINGTON (AP) — Iraq is using an obscure Iranian island in the Persian Gulf as a transfer point in an operation that has substantially increased revenues from oil smuggling in recent months, U.S. officials say.

The officials, speaking on condition of anonymity, say the Iraqis have earned between $25 million and $40 million a month, perhaps twice the amount the illicit transactions yielded two years ago.

Meanwhile, Iran's Revolutionary Guards, with minimal sacrifice, are netting an estimated $20 million a month for their role in allowing the vessels to pass through Iranian waters.

"The Iranians don't have to do anything but ensure safe passage," one official said.

The recent increases in the price of oil make the contraband activity all the more profitable.

An average of about seven small oil-laden vessels a day depart Iraq and rendezvous with larger vessels off tiny Qais Island, a tourist center just off the Iranian mainland in the Persian Gulf, the officials said.

Once the transfer of cargo takes place, these vessels can head for almost any destination in need of oil.

The activity is illegal under U.N. resolutions. Sanctions imposed on Iraq in 1990 after its invasion of Kuwait remain in place.

Iraqi commercial activity is largely banned except for an "oil-for-food" program that is designed to meet the humanitarian needs of the Iraqi people. Oil exports under the program are expected to reach $18 billion this year.

A U.N. interdiction force has operated in the Persian Gulf for some time to enforce the embargo. But often, there is little that it can do because it can operate only in the relatively small area of the Persian Gulf in international waters. Vessels carrying Iraqi oil can elude the force simply by staying within Iran's 12-mile territorial limit.

The Iran-Iraq collusion adds up to a mutually beneficial enterprise for two countries which fought a bloody war during the 1980's and remain extremely wary of one another.

Iraq allows a deadly Iranian opposition group use of Iraqi territory for training and other activities directed against the Islamic government in Tehran. Indeed, a base constructed by Iraq for these rebels can accommodate up to 5,000 militants.

There is no reason Iraq cannot use its windfall from smuggled oil to rebuild its weapons arsenal, perhaps for use some day against Iran, the officials say. But Iran nonetheless has been a willing partner in the forbidden activity.

At times, the cooperation between the two neighbors breaks down for reasons which are not entirely clear. For example, no smuggling operations were detected for a lengthy period this past spring, according to the officials.

At the time, Iran's Islamic Revolution Guard Corps detained a tanker for allegedly smuggling Iraqi oil. An Iranian Foreign Ministry spokesman said, "Iran's policy is to counter oil smuggling and to observe United Nations sanctions against Iraq."

Despite obstacles, the U.N. force has been stepping up enforcement of the embargo.

In all of 1999, oil from 17 ships was confiscated but that figure was exceeded during the first few months of this year, according to officials. They said the increase reflected the sharp rise in smuggling activities this year. The confiscated oil is sold partly to offset the costs of maintaining the anti-smuggling problem.

# 'Perfect Storm' may boost efforts to help swordfish

WASHINGTON (AP) — The hit movie "The Perfect Storm" recounts the final voyage of the fishing boat Andrea Gail, sunk in a ferocious storm after venturing far from shore.

Conservationists hope the film also focuses attention on what sent the vessel 1,500 miles off the New England coast: the depleted swordfish population.

"The timing of the film was fortuitous," said Vikki Spruill, executive director of SeaWeb, a conservation group running a public education campaign around the movie. "We're trying to use the film to draw attention to this larger problem."

Rep. Jim Saxton, R-N.J., chairman of the House Resources subcommittee on fisheries conservation, wildlife and oceans, said swordfishing is a victim of its own popularity.

"On the one hand we have this tremendous appetite for seafood, which creates a high price," Saxton said. "At the same time, we've developed technologies that allow us to find the fish in a scientific way."

Worry over swordfish depletion is being addressed on several levels.

Conservationists eagerly anticipate an Aug. 1 ruling by the National Marine Fisheries Service that may close nearly 200,000 square miles in the Atlantic Ocean and Gulf of Mexico to "pelagic longline" fishing, a highly successful but indiscriminate technique by which miles of hooked and baited fishing lines are suspended at a predetermined depth.

SeaWeb, through its "Perfect Storm" education campaign, supports the proposal because it would protect swordfish nursery areas. "The overarching problem is we're catching swordfish before they've had a chance to reproduce," Spruill said.

The fisheries service also plans to implement reduced quotas recommended late last year by the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas. The lower quotas will be enforced over the next three fishing seasons.

The Pew Charitable Trusts, which created SeaWeb, recently formed the Pew Oceans Commission, which will spend 18 months studying issues including overfishing.

And in Congress, competing bills by Saxton and Sen. John Breaux, D-La., would create a voluntary buyback program to encourage swordfish and tuna longliners to give up their permits in exchange for up to $450,000 in compensation from the federal government.

The Blue Water Fishermen's Association, which represents commercial fishermen, favors Breaux's bill because it would focus specifically on the several dozen vessels that will be directly affected by the closure of swordfish nursery areas. Some major environmental groups prefer Saxton's broader approach.

Commercial fishing advocates say they support most efforts to boost the swordfish population through quotas and other regulations, as long as they are applied fairly to all countries.

"Common sense says nobody wants to fish themselves out of business," said Linda Candler, vice president of communications for the National Fisheries Institute, which represents commercial fishermen and others in the seafood industry.

In his book "The Perfect Storm," Sebastian Junger detailed the pressures and challenges facing commercial fishermen since the introduction of longlining in the early 1960s.

By the late 1970s, Junger wrote, "the gold rush was on" as fisherman used satellite navigation and electronic fish finders, as well as new monofilament that made it possible to set lines 30 to 40 miles at a time.

On the Net:
SeaWeb:
http://www.seaweb.org/campaigns/swordfish/storm.1.html
National Fisheries Institute:
http://www.nfi.org

# Superfans get together for weekend Cher convention

CHICAGO (AP) — Move over Trekkies, a new fan-fest has landed.

More than 500 diva-worshippers came to Chicago for a two-day weekend convention in honor of Cher. Cher Convention 2000 drew Cher impersonators, wannabes and outright look-alikes from across the country to a downtown hotel Friday and Saturday.

The gathering at Chicago's Congress Plaza Hotel, which resembled conventions for fans of Star Trek, comic books and sports teams, was organized by three fans who found each other through Cher's Web site.

"I've been a fan for years and we all thought it would be good to get together with other fans," said Kim Werdman a real estate manager from Arlington, Texas, who served as convention president.

Cher wasn't present although organizers had expected her to attend. While the event featured kitschy karaoke performances, Sonny and Cher album covers and other memorabilia, it also had a serious side.

Proceeds from the sale of T-shirts, photographs and other keepsakes will be donated to the Children's Craniofacial Association, a Dallas-based support group, Werdman said.

Cher is the organization's honorary chairwoman. In the 1985 film "Mask," she played the mother of a boy who was born with craniofacial deformities, and the singer has since been a benefactor for people who suffer from the disorder.

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♠ Q 10 3
♥ 10 9 6 5
♦ J 8 6 5
♣ 10 5

South
♠ A 5
♥ K Q 4 2
♦ A 3
♣ K 7 6 4 2

Vulnerable: Both
Dealer: South

| South | West | North | East |
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| 1 ♣ | 1 ♠ | 2 ♦ | Pass |
| 2 ♥ | Pass | 3 ♦ | Pass |
| 3 NT | Pass | Pass | Pass |

Opening lead: ♠ 8

## Even heroes think twice

By Phillip Alder

Look at today's North-South hands. You are in three no-trump. West leads his fourth-highest spade, East contributing the queen. What are your total thoughts?

You may be tempted to assume you have six diamond tricks — to count your diamond chickens before they are hatched. (As a side matter, who used that expression first?) Yet you should have at least these five thoughts: First, that you have six top tricks: one spade, three diamonds and two clubs. Second, that you must win nine straight tricks; if you lose one before making the contract, the defenders will cash too many major-suit tricks. Third, that if the diamonds are running, you will have at least nine unbroken tricks in your egg basket. Fourth, that if the diamond suit is splitting badly, you must rely on the club suit; five club winners will also generate a total clutch of nine. Fifth, that the best chance for five club tricks is to finesse dummy's jack on the first round.

So, the right line, after winning trick one or two with the spade ace, is to play a diamond to dummy's queen, followed by a diamond to the ace. If they have divided 3-2, you have nine tricks from one spade, six diamonds and two clubs. Yet when the diamonds break badly, you are in hand, able to take a first-round club finesse. When West proves to have queen-third, you get home via one spade, three diamonds and five clubs.

In "The Milkmaid and Her Pail," Aesop wrote, "Do not count your chickens before they are hatched." He lived c. 620-560 B.C.

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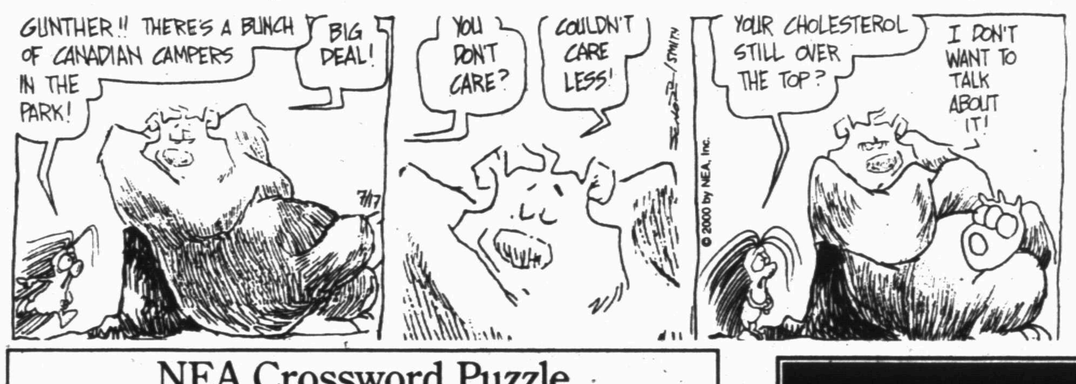

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**ACROSS**

1 Regular
7 Do an accounting job
12 Not a soul
13 Capital of Montana
14 Make paler
15 Basketball's Julius —
16 Possessed
17 Tibetan gazelle
18 Axlike tool
21 Slow-moving, Asiatic primate
23 Commercials
26 Periods of time
28 Actor Robert De —
29 Big —
30 Rajah's wife
31 Feeling of unease
33 As a result of (2 wds.)
36 Dog in "Garfield"
37 Stinging insect
38 Aide (abbr.)
40 Actress Deborah —
41 Miscalculate
42 Suspicious
44 — Moines
45 Map abbr.
46 Swiss river
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51 Large sea creatures
55 Stick (to)
56 "Thelma and —"
57 Loud
58 Weld (metal)

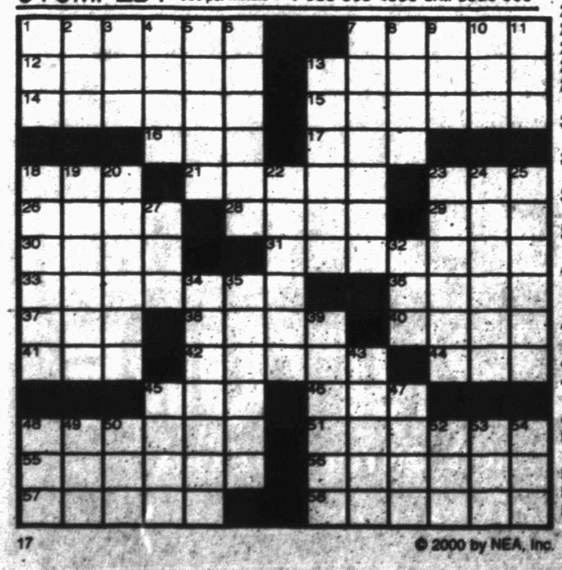
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2 Companion of aah
3 Baseball stat
4 Insect
5 "Let's Make — —"
6 Part of LBJ
7 Spray
8 Edible seaweed
9 "Agnus —"
10 Lodge
11 License plate
13 Flight to escape danger
18 Bacterium
19 Dresser unit
20 Sillier
22 Cracked
23 Tolerated
24 Fond wish
25 Shows scorn
27 Transgression
32 Astronauts' "all right"
34 Place for art exhibits
35 Sleeping-sickness fly
39 Fishes with a net
43 Internet search engine
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54 Sun. speech

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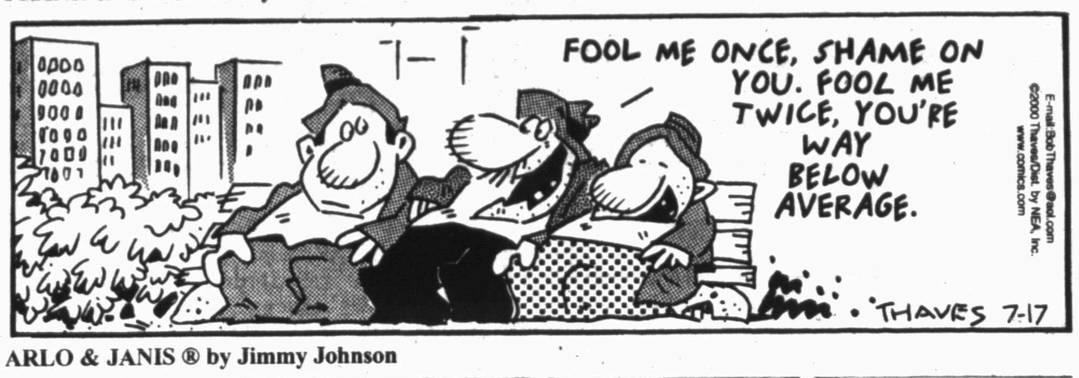
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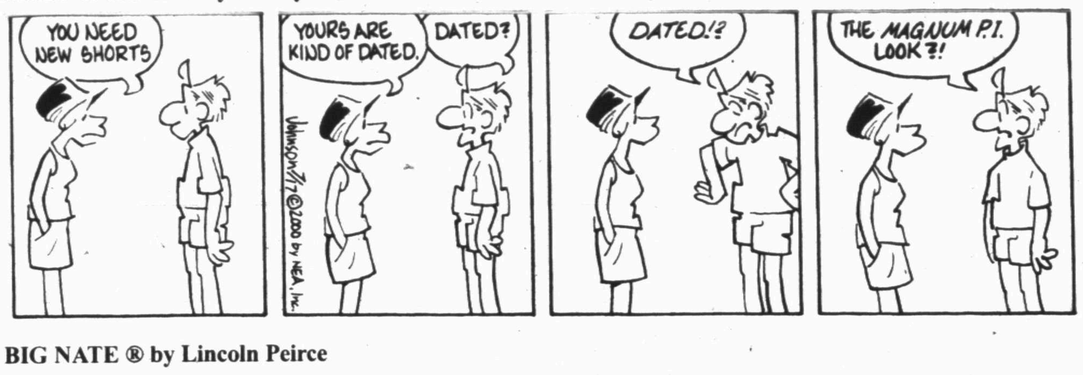


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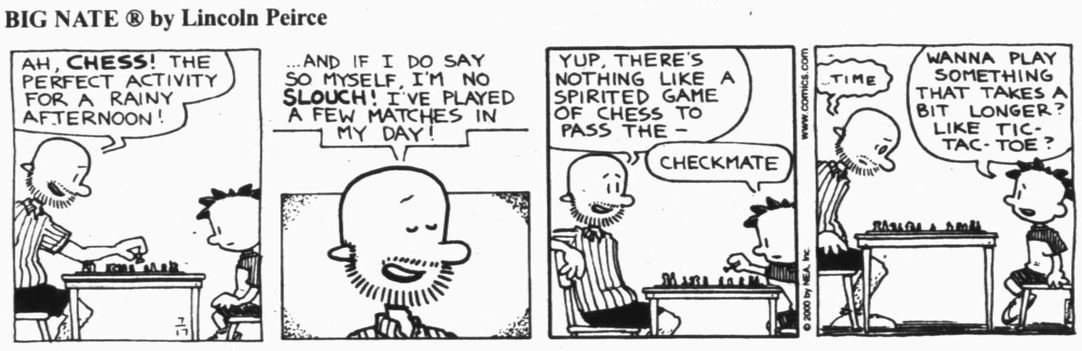
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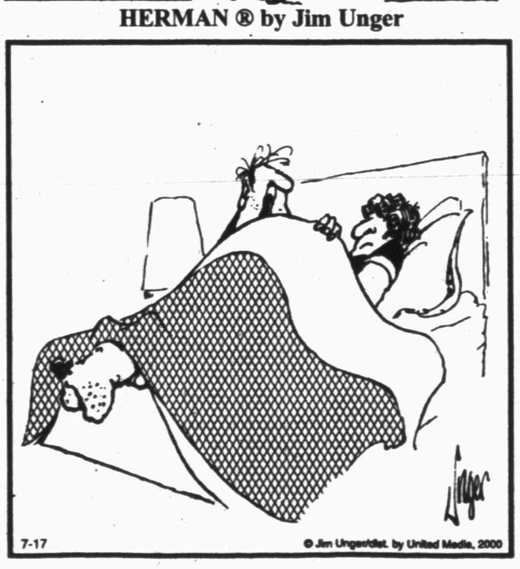

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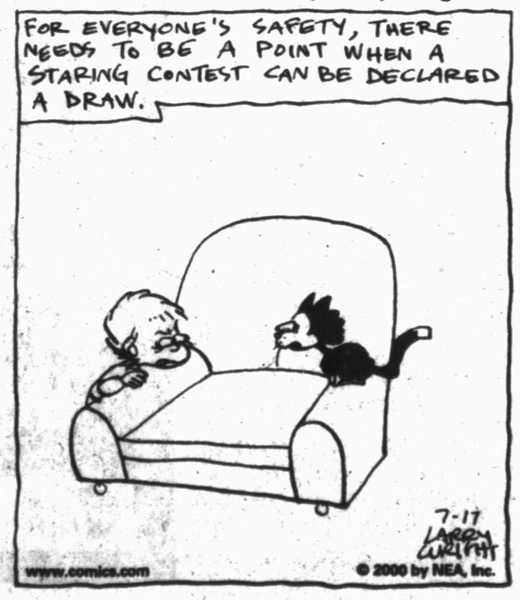
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# SPORTS

# Camp Campo opens today

WICHITA FALLS (AP) — As long as the Dallas Cowboys have Troy Aikman and Emmitt Smith, they'll never admit to be rebuilding.

Still, this is about as close at it gets.

When the Cowboys open training camp today, they'll be breaking in a new coach, two new coordinators, their old offense, a new go-to receiver and several potential replacements for Deion Sanders.

They'll also be adjusting to life without familiar faces Michael Irvin and Daryl Johnston.

So many changes at once could be a sign of panic or leave everyone feeling confused. Instead, this merry-go-round offseason is coming to a close with folks having enjoyed the ride and looking forward to what's next.

"I sense that this team is a little more enthusiastic," Aikman said during the final summer minicamp. "This group, so far, seems to be enjoying playing together. How much we keep enjoying it will depend on how much success we have."

Much of the renewed enthusiasm has come from the new coach, Dave Campo.

Campo is a career assistant in charge of a team for the first time. He needs no breaking-in period, though, because he's been on the Dallas staff since Jerry Jones bought the team in 1989.

While working his way up the defensive staffs of Jimmy Johnson, Barry Switzer and Chan Gailey, Campo always thought about what he'd do differently. Now that he can, he's wasted no time doing things his way.

Some of the minor changes evident in minicamps were a play clock to help rush the offense and referees monitoring the action. A training camp change is that all players, not just rookies and selected veterans, will report together today.

"Dave has seen the successful years and the not-so-successful years around here," Aikman said. "He has his own ideas and opinions of why things have been good and bad from the people who have been here and he's tying it all in."

Campo is stressing tempo, ball security and fewer penalties. He began emphasizing them during minicamps so players know what to expect when they check in today for their first Camp Campo.

At the first day of his second minicamp, Campo gathered the troops on the field just to tell them how excited he was.

"We've got good enough athletes to win and we've got good enough coaches to win," he said. "The bottom line is everything being good enough at the right time."

Another change Campo's made that is sure to be well-received is the training camp schedule: no more than two straight days of two-a-days.

Dallas plays five preseason games, beginning July 30 against Pittsburgh at Texas Stadium. An appearance in the American Bowl in Tokyo will take the Cowboys away from camp for nearly a week in early August.

That's plenty of time for the Cowboys to get used to Campo and his coordinators, two guys who share his philosophy of attacking with speed no matter whether you have the ball or are chasing it.

Replacing Campo as defensive coordinator is Mike Zimmer, who had been Campo's secondary coach and right-hand man. Personnel changes — most notably the absence of Sanders — will force some new wrinkles and he wants to instill a ferocious attitude.

"Our deal is we want to hit the quarterback," Zimmer said. "Sometimes when you pressure them, you don't touch them. So we want to hit them as much as possible — legally, of course."

Free-agent signee Ryan McNeil and a bevy of draft picks will try replacing Sanders at cornerback. Middle linebacker Randall Godfrey also is gone, but Joe Bowden and Barron Wortham — free agents from AFC champion Tennessee — will help second-year LB Dat Nguyen fill the void.

The Cowboys' biggest change will be on offense, with former quarterbacks coach Jack Reilly returning as coordinator.

Reilly was in Dallas in 1997, the miserable final season under Switzer that prompted Jones to dump the offense the Cowboys used to win three Super Bowls in favor of Gailey and his schemes.

By firing Gailey and tearing up his playbook, Jones admitted his attempt to spark an aging team two years ago was the wrong move. Now he hopes to make up for lost time by asking Reilly to mix the old system with one similar to what St. Louis used to win it all last season.

"I think fans will be excited with what we're doing because we're going to score points," Aikman said. "We've gone back to the old offensive system we had before Chan, but it's not like everything is like it was. We're still having to learn it and spend time on it."

The best thing to happen to the offense is the addition of Joey Galloway. He's being counted on to become the possession receiver Irvin was, plus a breakaway threat. If he can do that, defenses will focus less on Raghib Ismail, making him far more effective.

## Sports Briefs

### Kiwanis Club tournament

Snyder Kiwanis Club will host the Cargile Scholarship Foundation Benefit Golf Tournament Aug. 5 at Western Texas College.

Format will be a four-person scramble, and entry fee is $30 per person. Cash prizes will be awarded to the top four teams, along with prizes for closest-to-the-hole and longest drive. $10,000 will be awarded for a hole-in-one.

To register, call the WTC pro shop at 573-9291, or Russell Fisk at 573-3438 or 573-3267.

### Ranch hand competition

The second in a series of four ranch rodeos will be July 28-29 at the Rotan Sheriff Posse Arena. The top three teams from each rodeo will advance to the finals, to be held Oct. 6-7 in Snyder.

Events include team doctoring, team mugging, team penning, wild cow milking and calf branding. Other rodeo dates are Aug. 18-19 and Sept. 16-17.

For more information, call Terry Fowler at (915) 735-2989, Glen Overby at (915) 735-3669, or Larry Nachlinger at 573-2039.

### SCC Junior Club Championship

The Snyder Country Club Junior Club Championship will be July 28. Entry fee is $10. Players must be 18-years-old or younger, and must be a member of the club. To register, call the SCC pro shop at 573-7101.

### Adult-child tourney

An adult-child golf tournament will be held July 29 at Snyder Country Club. Cost is $20 per team, and includes a hamburger lunch. Players of all ages are welcome. To register, call the SCC pro shop at 573-7101.

### Athletic physicals

All athletes needing to take a physical must do so by Aug. 4. An appointment must be made with one of the following doctors: Burleson, Cooper, Thompson, Nussey or Rakov.

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

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

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

### WGA play day

The Women's Golf Association of Snyder Country Club will hold its weekly play day at 9 a.m. Tuesday. Format will be queen of the hill.

### Horseshoe pitching

Snyder Slingers Horseshoe Club has league play at 7 p.m. Thursdays at the courts adjacent to the coliseum.

For more information, call T.C. Nunn at 573-6710 or Terry Duncan at 573-5589.

### Lewis stops Botha

LONDON (AP) — Lennox Lewis stopped Francois Botha at 2:39 of the second round Saturday night to retain his WBC and IBF heavyweight titles.

### Armstrong stretches lead

COURCHEVEL, France (AP) — Defending champion Lance Armstrong stretched his lead at the Tour de France by 50 percent on a day when Italy's Marco Pantani captured the 15th stage. Armstrong finished 50 seconds behind in fourth place, but he extended his advantage over Jan Ullrich from 4 minutes, 55 seconds to 7:26.

### Floyd wins senior event

DEARBORN, Mich. (AP) — Ray Floyd birdied two of the last three holes to win his second Senior Players Championship title by one stroke when Dana Quigley bogeyed the last hole.

Floyd's last win came in this championship in 1996. He shot a 6-under-par 66 for a 15-under 273 total. Quigley (71) tied for second with Larry Nelson (67). Defending champion Hale Irwin (66) tied Mike McCullough (69) at 275.

### Carter must pay Puma $13.5

WESTFORD, Mass. (AP) — Toronto Raptors star Vince Carter must pay sports apparel manufacturer Puma more than $13.5 million in damages for breach of contract, a Boston arbitrator ruled. Carter signed an endorsement deal with Puma in 1998 shortly after being drafted by the Raptors, but announced late last year that he had terminated the deal.

# Jaramillo, Martinez fall at Taekwondo championships

Snyder's hopes for a taekwondo national title came to an end Friday.

Alex Jaramillo and Ronnie Martinez, who had qualified for the national event with victories at the state tournament, fell during Friday's action at the U.S. Junior Olympic Taekwondo Championship in San Antonio.

Jaramillo, a seven-year-old blue belt, dropped his first-round match to California's Nathan Johnson, 4-0.

Martinez, a 17-year-old black belt, advanced to the third round, before falling to Puerto Rico's Raymond Ortiz, 2-1.

Both local competitors were coached by Greg Gafford.

## Major League Baseball

**American League**

**East Division**

| | W | L | Pct. | GB |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| New York | 47 | 39 | .547 | — |
| Toronto | 50 | 43 | .538 | ½ |
| Boston | 46 | 42 | .523 | 2 |
| Baltimore | 39 | 51 | .433 | 10 |
| Tampa Bay | 36 | 53 | .404 | 12½ |

**Central Division**

| | W | L | Pct. | GB |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Chicago | 57 | 34 | .633 | — |
| Cleveland | 47 | 43 | .522 | 9½ |
| Detroit | 41 | 47 | .466 | 14½ |
| Kansas City | 40 | 49 | .449 | 16 |
| Minnesota | 40 | 54 | .426 | 18½ |

**West Division**

| | W | L | Pct. | GB |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Seattle | 53 | 37 | .589 | — |
| Oakland | 49 | 40 | .551 | 3½ |
| Anaheim | 49 | 43 | .533 | 5 |
| Texas | 44 | 45 | .494 | 8½ |

**National League**

**All Times EDT**

**East Division**

| | W | L | Pct. | GB |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Atlanta | 56 | 36 | .609 | — |
| New York | 49 | 41 | .544 | 6 |
| Florida | 46 | 45 | .505 | 9½ |
| Montreal | 43 | 45 | .489 | 11 |
| Philadelphia | 41 | 49 | .456 | 14 |

**Central Division**

| | W | L | Pct. | GB |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| St. Louis | 53 | 38 | .582 | — |
| Cincinnati | 46 | 45 | .505 | 7 |
| Milwaukee | 39 | 53 | .424 | 14½ |
| Pittsburgh | 38 | 52 | .422 | 14½ |
| Chicago | 38 | 52 | .422 | 14½ |
| Houston | 32 | 59 | .352 | 21 |

**West Division**

| | W | L | Pct. | GB |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Arizona | 52 | 40 | .565 | — |
| San Francisco | 49 | 40 | .551 | 1½ |
| Colorado | 45 | 43 | .511 | 5 |
| Los Angeles | 46 | 44 | .511 | 5 |
| San Diego | 41 | 50 | .451 | 10½ |

**Saturday's Games**

Detroit 11, Houston 6
Cleveland 6, Pittsburgh 4
Boston 6, N.Y. Mets 4
Cincinnati 7, Colorado 4
Philadelphia 7, Toronto 3
Anaheim 6, Los Angeles 2
Montreal 4, Tampa Bay 1
Atlanta 7, Baltimore 3
Texas 6, Arizona 5, 11 innings
Oakland 6, San Francisco 2
Florida at N.Y. Yankees, ppd., rain
Chicago Cubs 8, Minnesota 4
Kansas City 7, Milwaukee 4
Chicago White Sox 15, St. Louis 7
San Diego 4, Seattle 1

**Sunday's Games**

N.Y. Yankees 9, Philadelphia 8, 10 innings
Boston 5, Montreal 2
Detroit 6, Cincinnati 2
Houston 5, Cleveland 1
Toronto 7, N.Y. Mets 3
Atlanta 6, Tampa Bay 4
Chicago White Sox 11, Milwaukee 5
Baltimore 9, Florida 5
Minnesota 5, St. Louis 2
San Francisco 6, Texas 4
Seattle 6, Arizona 3
San Diego 6, Anaheim 5, 10 innings
Los Angeles 7, Pittsburgh 3
Chicago Cubs 10, Kansas City 7
Oakland at Colorado, ppd., rain

**Monday's Games**

Oakland (TBA) at Colorado (Beltran 0-0), 3:05 p.m., 1st game
Philadelphia (Coggin 1-0) at N.Y. Yankees (Cone 1-7), 7:05 p.m.
Montreal (Santana 0-1) at Boston (Fassero 6-3), 7:05 p.m.
Cincinnati (Luebbers 0-0) at Detroit (Mlicki 3-9), 7:05 p.m.
Houston (Miller 0-1) at Cleveland (Drew 0-0), 7:05 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Reed 4-2) at Toronto (Painter 1-0 or Dewitt 1-0), 7:05 p.m.
Atlanta (Mulholland 9-8) at Tampa Bay (Rupe 0-4), 7:15 p.m.
Florida (Cornelius 3-2) at Baltimore (Mercedes 3-4), 7:15 p.m.
St. Louis (Hentgen 8-6) at Minnesota (Lincoln 0-2), 8:05 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (Downs 3-3) at Kansas City (Durbin 2-3), 8:05 p.m.
Milwaukee (Bere 6-6) at Chicago White Sox (Garland 0-1), 8:05 p.m.
Oakland (Prieto 1-1) at Colorado (Jarvis 2-4), 9:05 p.m., 2nd game
Seattle (Halama 8-4) at Arizona (Guzman 1-0), 10:05 p.m.
Anaheim (Cooper 3-3) at San Diego (Clement 9-7), 10:05 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Arroyo 0-2) at Los Angeles (Dreifort 4-7), 10:10 p.m.
Texas (Glynn 1-0) at San Francisco (L.Hernandez 7-7), 10:15 p.m.

**Tuesday's Games**

Oakland (Mulder 5-5) at Colorado (Astacio 7-6), 3:05 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Ritchie 5-5) at Los Angeles (Judd 0-0), 4:10 p.m.
Anaheim (Hill 5-5) at San Diego (Tollberg 2-0), 5:05 p.m.
Philadelphia (Schilling 5-5) at N.Y. Yankees (Neagle 0-0), 7:05 p.m.
Montreal (Vazquez 7-4) at Boston (P.Martinez 9-3), 7:05 p.m.
Cincinnati (Dessens 2-0) at Detroit (Moehler 6-5), 7:05 p.m.
Houston (Reynolds 6-6) at Cleveland (Burba 8-4), 7:05 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (B.J. Jones 3-4) at Toronto (Carpenter 7-8), 7:05 p.m.
Atlanta (Maddux 11-3) at Tampa Bay (Rekar 3-4), 7:15 p.m.
Florida (Sanchez 5-7) at Baltimore (Mussina 6-8), 7:35 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (Valdes 1-3) at Kansas City (Stein 0-2), 8:05 p.m.
St. Louis (An.Benes 10-3) at Minnesota (Radke 6-10), 8:05 p.m.
Milwaukee (Wright 5-2) at Chicago White Sox (Sirotka 8-7), 8:05 p.m.
Seattle (Garcia 2-1) at Arizona (Anderson 8-3), 10:05 p.m.
Texas (Helling 10-7) at San Francisco (Ortiz 5-8), 10:15 p.m.

# *WTC competitors grab rodeo titles*



Hutto



Smith

After three nights of competition, a pair of Western Texas College team members finished atop the standings of the Scurry County Rodeo.

WTC sophomore Houston Hutto earned a share of first place in the calf roping, while Lady Westerner Tibba Smith won the breakaway roping event.

Hutto's time of 9.5 seconds put him in a first-place tie with Bruce Gibbs. Dustin Bell was third with a time of 10.0

Smith registered a time of 3.2 to edge out Anna Baden and Stephanie Miller who split second and third places with a 3.3

Travis Howell finished atop the bareback standings with a score of 76. Justin Henderson was second at 73, with Cody Cox placing third at 72.

In the bull riding, Greg Fuller grabbed the top spot with a 76. Lane McCaslin and Chris Knight tie for second place with a 74.

Cody Groves tallied a 74 to win the saddle bronc riding, with Brandon Brown finishing four points behind. Third place went to Mark Eakin with a 69.

Phyllis Newton crossed the line in 17.2 seconds to win the barrel racing. Cindy Smith was right on her heels with a 17.3, and JoAnn Middleton was third with a 17.4.

In the team roping competition, Craig Bane and Hollis Harris combined for a time of 5.0 to grab the top spot. Shannon Lee and Flynn Farris were second, with Russell Riggan and Josh Patton taking third.

# Torres team wins SCC tourney in sudden death

Joe Torres and Mike Torres put in some extra work Sunday to win the Golfers' Memorial Tournament at Snyder Country Club.

The Torres twosome held off Hobie Bolin and Jolly Shackleford on the fifth playoff hole, after both teams finished the 36-hole event with matching scores of 123.

Third place in the Championship Flight went to Billy Brock and Todd Henderson with a 125.

Rick Beard and Jeral Beard carded a 129 to claim the top spot in the President's Flight. Joe LaRoux and Johnny Powell posted a 131 for the runner-up spot.

Freddie Toombs and Wade Toombs fired a 129 to win the First Flight. Pete Greene and Glenn Patterson were second with a 135, while Jay Pollard and Bruce Sanderson were third with a 137.

In the Second Flight, Bobby Lee and Ronnie Beard turned in a 135 to take top honors. Reagan Key and Ricky Post held off Eicke Perry and Steve Olsen in a scorecard playoff for second place, after both teams finished at 140.

Lane Beaty and Benton Cowen teamed up to win the Third Flight with a 140. Buddy Powell and Kenny Miller took second with a 143, while Mackey Greene and Dutch Stehley were third with a 145.

Closest to the hole winners were Clay Hill, Freddie Toombs, Steve Mills, Buddy Powell, Reagan Key and Mackey Mandrell.

# Snyder bows to Abilene

ABILENE — In the championship round, Snyder came up one run short of extending its season.

Snyder's 15 and 16-year-old all-stars fell to Abilene Senior, 5-4, Saturday in the final round of their tournament in Abilene.

Snyder had earned a spot in Saturday's tilt by knocking off Abilene Wylie, 6-2.

In Saturday's contest, the two squads traded the lead for the first four frames, with Abilene going on top, 2-0, in the third.

Snyder answered with three runs in the fourth inning on singles by Tito Alaniz and Ralph Ramon, and a double from Riki Dorsett, for a 3-2 advantage.

Abilene regained the lead for good with three runs in the fifth.

Snyder closed the gap to 5-4 when Brooks Nunley led off the sixth with a solo home run.

Alaniz worked all seven innings on the mound for Snyder, surrendering nine hits and three walks, while posting 10 strikeouts.

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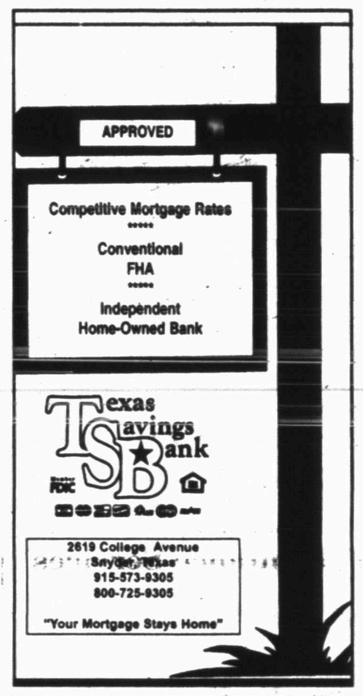
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# Dr. Gott

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**DEAR DR. GOTT:** Although we are vegetarians, my husband and I pay close attention to nutritional requirements. However, I have a 5-year-old son from a previous marriage, who lives with us for four weeks and then with his father for one week. During my son's week away, my ex-husband pumps him full of hot dogs, hamburger and white sugar. Perhaps out of spite, he also feeds the boy no vegetables or grains.

While I'm not concerned about my son eating meat (he can make that personal decision on his own when he's older), he does have problems with constipation after returning home. My "ex" refuses to listen to me. Maybe if you explain my son's digestive trauma, his father will be motivated at least to give him some fruits and vegetables.

**DEAR READER:** Vegetarianism is a question of preference, not of medical necessity. Clearly, Americans consume eat too much red meat and saturated fat. We would probably be a healthier nation if we ate more vegetables and grain. However, a strictly vegetarian diet is not necessary for good health.

Most people have adapted to their diets. Bowel problems, such as diarrhea and constipation, can appear when diets are suddenly changed without the body having been given the opportunity to adjust. Evidently, this is what is happening to your son when he is repeatedly changed from a high-fiber diet to low-fiber foods.

Because children are often misused as pawns in divorces (and sometimes long after), you probably won't have much success trying to convince your former husband of the pure health or moral benefits of vegetarianism. Nonetheless, I believe that he might respond to the observation that the child is physically uncomfortable when his digestive tract is denied the roughage to which it is accustomed. I think that any reasonable parent would want his or her youngster to eat a balanced diet, including vegetables, grains and fruits. Try a reasoned, non-judgmental approach based on the fact that your son is having difficulty assimilating divergent diets.

If your ex-husband truly refuses to listen to you, perhaps he would be willing to sit down with the boy's pediatrician and discuss the child's nutritional needs. You might also consider sending along a bag of fresh produce when your son goes to visit. To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Constipation and Diarrhea." Other readers who would like a copy should send $2 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to P.O. Box 2017, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to mention the title.

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# Hospital

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DISMISSALS: July 15—John Leftwich, Melody Martinez, Jasper McCartney, Lorraine Bruns, Harold Cavin; Milton Ham; July 16—Ysidro Estrada, Earnest Davis and Janie Dever.

CENSUS: 38 (Med./Surg.-15, Long-term Care-23).

# Assaults, burglaries, accidents investigated

• ***Assaulted with cleaning spray***

Seventeen-year-old John Logan was treated and released from Cogdell Memorial Hospital after being sprayed in the eyes with a cleaning solution late Sunday evening at Whataburger.

According to police reports, Logan, who is an employee of the restaurant, was assaulted by another male employee.

Officers were contacted by Logan's father, Michael Logan, at 11:46 p.m. Sunday.

• ***Other assaults***

Reports for assault/family violence were filed at 10:04 a.m Sunday and 10:18 p.m. Sunday.

• ***Burglaries***

Grahame Kerry notified officers at 8:05 a.m. Saturday that assorted tools and soft drinks were taken from a storage building behind the College Avenue Coin Laundry, 3906 College. Unknown subject or subjects forced entry into the locked building, according to police reports.

At 11:29 a.m. Saturday, Irma Sanchez reported that her purse had been taken from her 1997 Plymouth Breeze while it was parked at 1200 26th Street.

• ***Criminal mischief***

Deputies investigated a report of criminal mischief at 9:14 a.m. Saturday on CR 235 involving a broken windshield on a tractor. Shawn McCowen reported the incident. Sheriff Darren Jackson said it was possible that a car may have thrown a rock and hit the windshield.

• ***Five arrested***

A 36-year-old man was taken into custody at 12:22 a.m. Sunday at the American Motor Inn for failure to identify, public intoxication, possession of drug paraphernalia and two city warrants for failure to identify and failure to appear.

Deputies arrested a 23-year-old female at 2:16 a.m. Sunday for public intoxication and Class C assault/family violence.

Public intoxication sent a 36-year-old female to jail at 5:03 a.m. Sunday and a 17-year-old male to jail at 7:18 a.m. Sunday.

Department of Public Safety troopers arrested a 52-year-old woman at 8:54 p.m. Sunday for driving while intoxicated.

• ***Accidents investigated***

DPS troopers worked an accident at 5:25 p.m. Friday at U.S. Highway 84 and Avenue E involving a 1996 Freightliner towing a box trailer. The truck was southbound on 84 when the wind blew it off the road and it overturned.

The driver, Harold Cavin, 59, of Irving received minor injuries.

A one-vehicle accident occurred at 9 a.m. Saturday, six miles north of Union on County Road 253. Candace Stribling was southbound in a 1997 Pontiac Grand Am when the vehicle went off the road, overcorrected and slid into a tree. She was not injured.

DPS troopers worked a mishap at 12:45 p.m. Sunday at the intersection of North Avenue P and Lear Avenue involving a 1998 Peterbilt truck-tractor driven by Juan Garza, 43, of 505 North Avenue R. According to the report, the truck's trailer caught on several power lines, including electric, phone and cable, and drug them down.

At 3:43 p.m., officers were called to Town & Country on North College in reference to a vehicle hitting the gas pump. The vehicle was a 1969 Chevrolet Impala driven by Louise Yaw of 1406 North Avenue R.

Officers investigated a three-vehicle accident at 9:24 p.m. Sunday in the 1900 block of 37th Street.

A 1981 Kawasaki LTD 750 motorcycle, a 1998 Oldsmobile Achieva and a 1995 Silverado pickup were involved. Victor Triggs, 40, of 3706 Avenue V was the driver of the Oldsmobile while Rocann Rogers, 27, of 4105 Eastridge was the driver of the pickup.

• ***Fires***

Snyder Fire Department responded to two fires on Sunday — a house fire and a grass fire.

The grass fire was reported at 12:20 p.m. one mile south of Snyder on U.S. Highway 84. The fire was small and is believed to have been started by a catalytic converter from a car that had stopped along the highway, fire officials said.

At 9:08 p.m., Michelle Wesley requested firefighters at her 218 34th Street residence in reference to her bedroom being on fire.

The fire was contained to the bedroom, but the rest of the home received moderate to heavy smoke damage throughout.

Firefighters were on the scene about 45 minutes. Twenty-five firemen and two trucks responded. Cause of the blaze is still being investigated.

# Markets

**Midday Stocks**

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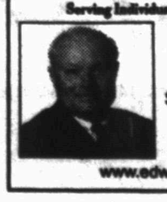
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| AMR Corp s | 32 15-16 | 32½ | 32 11-16 | + 9-16 |
| AT&T Corp | 33½ | 33 | 33 1-16 | — 1-16 |
| Albertsons | 31 15-16 | 31½ | 31 11-16 | — ½ |
| Alltel | 62½ | 61½ | 61 15-16 | — 1-16 |
| AmerOnline s | 62¾ | 61 7-16 | 62¾ | + 9-16 |
| AndarkPtr | 51⅞ | 49 11-16 | 49 13-16 | + 5-16 |
| ATMOS Egy | 19 13-16 | 19½ | 19 13-16 | + 1-16 |
| Aviall | 5½ | 5 7-16 | 5½ | + 1-16 |
| BP Amoco s | 52 9-16 | 51⅞ | 52 1-16 | — 1⅜ |
| BakerHughes | 32 1-16 | 31 7-16 | 31½ | — 1 |
| Bank of Amer | 48 9-16 | 46¾ | 46 13-16 | —11-16 |
| BellSouth | 40 15-16 | 40⅛ | 40 3-16 | — ¾ |
| Beth Steel | 3 9-16 | 3½ | 3 9-16 | |
| BurlNoSFe | 27 3-16 | 26⅞ | 26 15-16 | |
| Caterpillar | 35½ | 35 | 35 | — ½ |
| Chevron | 84½ | 82⅞ | 83 1-16 | —11-16 |
| Citigroup | 68 7-16 | 66 5-16 | 66 7-16 | —1 9-16 |
| Coastal | 61⅞ | 61 5-16 | 61⅜ | + ⅝ |
| CocaCola | 57⅝ | 56½ | 56 11-16 | — 1⅛ |
| ColgatePal | 53 11-16 | 52¾ | 52¾ | — 1½ |
| ComclMetals | 28¼ | 28⅛ | 28 3-16 | + 1-16 |
| CooperIn | 33⅞ | 33⅛ | 33⅛ | + ⅛ |
| DaimlrChry | 52 15-16 | 52⅝ | 52¾ | — ¼ |
| DallSemicn s | 47 5-16 | 46¼ | 47 5-16 | + ¾ |
| DeltaAirl | 55⅞ | 54⅜ | 55⅞ | + 7-16 |
| Dillards Inc | 15 | 14⅝ | 14⅞ | — ⅛ |
| DowChem s | 31 9-16 | 30¾ | 30 15-16 | —13-16 |
| DuPont | 45¾ | 44 7-16 | 44 9-16 | — ⅞ |
| EastmanChem | 48⅛ | 47 7-16 | 47 11-16 | —1 3-16 |
| EstKodak | 61 11-16 | 60 15-16 | 61 5-16 | + 3-16 |
| EDS Corp | 42 9-16 | 41 7-16 | 41¾ | — 1-16 |
| Entergy | 29½ | 29⅛ | 29 7-16 | + 5-16 |
| ExxonMobil | 79 15-16 | 77 15-16 | 77 15-16 | + ⅜ |
| Flowers | 19 1-16 | 18 1-16 | 18 5-16 | — ⅞ |
| FordMotor | 47½ | 46¾ | 46⅞ | — ⅝ |
| GenDynam | 53⅜ | 53 7-16 | 53½ | — ⅛ |
| GenElec s | 53½ | 51 9-16 | 53 3-16 | + 1 |
| GenMills s | 35 13-16 | 34⅝ | 34⅝ | —1 11-16 |
| GenMotors | 62¼ | 60⅞ | 61 | —13-16 |
| GaPacGP | 26⅞ | 25 13-16 | 26 | — 2⅛ |
| GlobalMar | 27⅛ | 27¼ | 27¼ | — ¾ |
| Goodrich | 34 9-16 | 34⅜ | 34⅜ | — ¼ |
| Goodyear s | 21⅝ | 21 5-16 | 21⅜ | + 1-16 |
| GtAtlPac | 16⅛ | 15 13-16 | 16 | |
| Halliburtn | 44¾ | 43 5-16 | 43¾ | — 1⅜ |
| Hanson ADS | 33¼ | 33 | 33 3-16 | + 7-16 |
| HarteHanks | 26 | 25 9-16 | 25 11-16 | — 5-16 |
| HomeDepot s | 57 | 55⅛ | 55¾ | —11-16 |
| Honeywellintl | 37⅛ | 36 9-16 | 36⅜ | + 2⅛ |
| IBM | 107½ | 104 3-16 | 106 13-16 | + 2⅜ |
| IntlPaper | 36 7-16 | 35 5-16 | 35½ | — 5-16 |
| JohnsonJn | 94 7-16 | 92½ | 93 15-16 | + 2⅛ |
| K mart | 7⅝ | 7 5-16 | 7⅜ | — 3-16 |
| Kroger Co | 21¾ | 21⅜ | 21⅝ | |
| Liton | 48¼ | 47½ | 47½ | + 3-16 |
| LockheedM | 26½ | 25 7-16 | 25 9-16 | —13-16 |
| Lowes Cos | 47 5-16 | 46 11-16 | 47 5-16 | — 9-16 |
| Lubys | 7⅞ | 7 11-16 | 7¾ | + 3-16 |
| LucentTech | 66½ | 64 | 66 5-16 | + 2 11-16 |
| MayDeptStr | 27⅞ | 27 5-16 | 27⅜ | — 1-16 |
| Medtronic s | 50 7-16 | 49⅝ | 50⅜ | + ⅛ |
| MorganJP | 131⅜ | 128¾ | 129 3-16 | + ½ |
| Motorola s | 39 | 38½ | 38¾ | + ⅝ |
| NCR Corp | 39 15-16 | 39 3-16 | 39⅞ | + ⅛ |
| Navistar | 32 11-16 | 32 | 32 | + ⅛ |
| Penney JC | 18 3-16 | 17¾ | 17 13-16 | — ⅝ |
| PepBoys | 6 1-16 | 6 | 6 1-16 | + 1-16 |
| PepsiCo | 42¾ | 41 5-16 | 42¾ | + 15-16 |
| Pharmacia | 56⅛ | 54 13-16 | 55 15-16 | + 3-16 |
| PhelpDodge | 39 5-16 | 38 3-16 | 38 3-16 | — 9-16 |
| PhilipPet | 52 | 50 15-16 | 51 | — ⅛ |
| PilgrmPrd B | 7 7-16 | 7 5-16 | 7 5-16 | — ¼ |
| Polaroid | 17 15-16 | 17⅜ | 17⅞ | + ⅜ |
| Praxair | 38¾ | 38⅛ | 38¼ | — ⅜ |
| ProctGamb | 56 15-16 | 56 1-16 | 56 15-16 | + 1 3-16 |
| PubS NwMx | 15⅞ | 15⅛ | 15 13-16 | + 5-16 |
| RadioShack | 57½ | 54¾ | 57 | + 2 1-16 |
| ReliantEngy | 32½ | 32⅛ | 32 5-16 | — ⅛ |
| RoyalDut | 60⅛ | 59⅛ | 59¼ | — 1 |
| SBC Comm | 44⅞ | 44 3-16 | 44 3-16 | — 2⅜ |
| SaraLee | 20 | 19¾ | 19 13-16 | — ⅜ |
| Scripps EW | 50 11-16 | 50 1-16 | 50 1-16 | — 9-16 |
| SearsRoeb | 35⅞ | 35⅜ | 35¾ | — ⅛ |
| SherwinW | 22⅞ | 22 3-16 | 22 3-16 | — ⅜ |
| SmithkiBchm | 62 15-16 | 61 7-16 | 62 13-16 | + ¼ |
| SouthernCo | 24¼ | 24 | 24⅛ | |
| SwstAirl | 21⅜ | 20 13-16 | 21 3-16 | + 7-16 |
| SprintFON | 49 9-16 | 48⅜ | 48 11-16 | —1 5-16 |
| SprintPCS s | 65⅞ | 64 7-16 | 64⅞ | + 23-64 |
| Sunoco Inc | 29½ | 29 | 29⅛ | + 1-16 |
| TXU Corp | 31 3-16 | 30 11-16 | 31⅛ | + 1-16 |
| TempleInland | 46¼ | 44¾ | 44 15-16 | — ½ |
| Texacc | 52⅛ | 51 3-16 | 51 5-16 | — 7-16 |
| Texind | 31⅛ | 30½ | 30½ | — ¼ |
| TexasInst s | 73 7-16 | 70¾ | 72⅜ | — ⅛ |
| Textron | 60 7-16 | 59 | 59 | —11-16 |
| TriconGlbR | 29 | 28⅜ | 28⅝ | — 9-16 |
| TrinityInds | 19⅜ | 19⅛ | 19¼ | + 3-16 |
| TritonEngy | 38¼ | 37 11-16 | 37 15-16 | — ⅜ |
| TylerTech | 2 13-16 | 2 11-16 | 2 11-16 | — 1-16 |
| USX-Marathn | 26 1-16 | 25¾ | 25¾ | |
| USX-USS | 19¼ | 18⅞ | 18 15-16 | — ⅜ |
| UnCarbde | 49 3-16 | 47¾ | 48 1-16 | — 1⅜ |
| UnionPacif | 44⅜ | 43½ | 44 1-16 | + 9-16 |
| UnitedTech | 60 15-16 | 60 9-16 | 60¾ | — ⅜ |
| Unocal | 32 1-16 | 31½ | 31½ | — 7-16 |
| Venator Grp | 14 | 13⅛ | 13 13-16 | + ½ |
| VerizonComm | 49 15-16 | 49 5-16 | 49 7-16 | — 1-16 |
| WalMart | 60 5-16 | 59⅝ | 59 11-16 | —1 1-16 |
| WellsFargo | 44 | 43 | 43 1-16 | — ⅝ |
| WstnGasRs | 21 11-16 | 21 7-16 | 21 11-16 | |
| WinnDixie | 14⅞ | 14½ | 14½ | — 3-16 |
| Xerox Cp | 20⅛ | 19⅞ | 19 15-16 | — 7-16 |

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# STOCKS

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|---|---|---|
| **Patterson** | 26 7/8 | -15/16 |
| **Dell** | 52 3/4 | -5/16 |
| **Wal Mart** | 59 7/8 | +3/8 |
| **Compac** | 27 3/4 | -1/8 |
| **Dol. Gen.** | 20 9/16 | -5/8 |
| **GTE** | 62 1/4 | +3/16 |
| **SBC Comm.** | 44 3/8 | -1 |
| **BJ Services** | 64 7/16 | -1 1/2 |
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# Gunmen who held hostages in jewelry store surrender

ROLLING HILLS ESTATES, Calif. (AP) — The two middle-aged men dressed in business suits claimed to be police detectives as they entered Morgan's Jewelers.

First they pulled out badges. Then they pulled out handguns.

Thus began a nearly 18-hour ordeal that ended peacefully Sunday. So peacefully that the six hostages reported being treated remarkably well considering the circumstances.

"The first hostage released came out and said, 'These are the nicest guys. I don't want to press charges, really, these are just the nicest guys,'" said Russ Varon, owner of the Morgan's and brother of one hostage.

When one hostage complained of a kink in her neck, Varon said one gunman said, "You know, I used to do some chiropractic work, let me give you a neck rub."

Robert James Miller, 47, of Los Angeles, and Matthew Lou Ross, 48, of Michigan, were booked for investigation of robbery. Each has "extensive criminal records" and was being held on $1 million bail each, according to Los Angeles County sheriff's Sgt. Norine Plett

Plett said the possibility that the suspects could face mandatory life sentences under "three strikes" laws may have led to the extended standoff.

The ordeal began about 5:20 p.m. Saturday when the gunmen robbed the store inside the Peninsula Center strip mall in Rolling Hills Estates, about 30 miles southwest of downtown Los Angeles.

The well-dressed men were allowed into the secure area of the store after claiming to be police detectives and displaying badges, sheriff's officials said.

Employees activated a silent alarm when it became clear the men were robbing the store. The gunmen stepped out of the store, then walked back in when they saw arriving sheriff's deputies.

Nearly 100 deputies surrounded the store as negotiators communicated via telephone with the gunmen. The robbers each carried multiple handguns, but authorities did not release details of the weapons.

The six hostages were all either owners or employees of the store, Sheriff's Cmdr. Bill McSweeney said.

Shopper Bob Dunbar said deputies initially told people in the mall to duck for cover inside shops and then told them to evacuate.

# Two injured in crash landing

DECATUR, Ark. (AP) — A small plane crash landed Saturday in a hay field near here, injuring the Texas pilot and his Oklahoma passenger.

The Benton County Sheriff's Office said the 1953 Beechcraft Bonanza crash landed west of the Crystal Lake landing strip around 1 p.m.

Pilot Larry Jones, 52, of Bonham, Texas, and passenger Bob Jones, 52, of Ada, Okla., suffered minor injuries. The plane was considerably damaged.

The Federal Aviation Administration was notified and planned to send an investigator to the scene, a news release from the sheriff's office said.

The flight originated in Bonham. Deputy Tom Brewster said he wasn't sure of the plane's destination.

# Medical marijuana backers say law needs tightening

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — In the four years since California's groundbreaking medicinal marijuana law, bugs have been detected, other states have been inspired and the federal government remains unhappy.

Advocates say more research could help solve problems that arose from the 1996 measure, such as how best to take the drug, how much to prescribe and how law enforcement officials should treat those with a doctor's recommendation.

Gina Pesulima, spokeswoman for Americans for Medical Rights, said California's law doesn't define the specific amounts of marijuana allowed or say if patients should be registered or required to carry an identification card. That, she said, has created confusion among law enforcement officials, medical personnel, patients and lawmakers.

"Proposition 215 was pretty loosely written," said Pesulima, whose group advises grass-roots organizations promoting medical marijuana laws. "We help other states draft tighter laws, which will make it easier for everyone involved."

California Sen. John Vasconcellos has sponsored a bill that would tighten state law by establishing a registry or identification card system and urging consistent enforcement.

The bill was put in the inactive file in the state Assembly, but Rand Martin, a consultant from Vasconcellos' office said he expects it to be approved this year.

In the meantime, San Francisco District Attorney Terence Hallinan last week announced a plan to issue city ID cards allowing sick people to use marijuana. The cards, which cost $25 and require a doctor's note, allow patients to avoid local prosecution if caught possessing the drug.

On Monday, U.S. District Judge Charles R. Breyer was expected to decide if an Oakland club is allowed to distribute medicinal marijuana. He hinted last week he may be forced to permit it because the U.S. Justice Department hasn't rebutted evidence that cannabis is the only effective treatment for a large group of seriously ill people.

Gov. Gray Davis has approved spending $3 million over three years to research the benefits and efficacy of marijuana, which is used by some to ease the pain of terminal or chronic illness.

Even officers who fight drug use support the research, said John Lovell, a lobbyist for the California Narcotic Officers Association.

"We've always supported all dispassionate research into the effects of any drugs. I don't think anyone has any investment in ignorance," Lovell said.

Since California voters approved The Compassionate Use Act of 1996, voters in Alaska, Washington, Oregon and Maine have approved similar laws. This month, Hawaii became the first state to use legislation to approve the possession and use of marijuana for medical purposes.

Voters in Nevada and Colorado also approved initiatives, but will vote again on their measures this fall. Colorado's was disqualified after the election, while Nevada's law requires approval in two successive elections.

Possession and cultivation of marijuana remains illegal.


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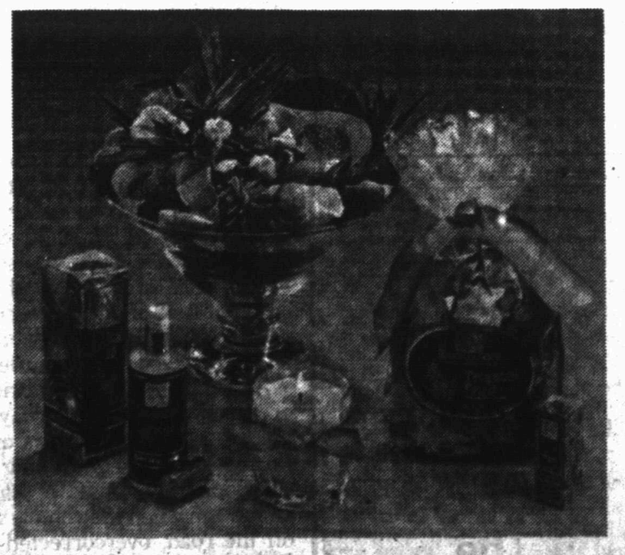
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# 5 people drown in lake mishap

SOMERVILLE (AP) — A Southeast Texas lake outing took a tragic turn when five members of a family drowned at Lake Somerville Sunday.

When three young cousins ran into difficulty staying above water, the father of two of the children dived in to try to save them, as did his brother-in-law, Burleson County Sheriff Gene Barber said. All five died.

Elasar Manzanares, 37, jumped in after his daughter, Lupita Manzanares, 11; son, Jorge Manzanares, 8; and nephew, Kevin Manzanares, 9, got in trouble. Jose Rangel, 22, the children's uncle, also jumped into the water to help.

Rangel went under about 100 yards from shore. He was taken to St. Joseph Regional Health Center in Bryan, where he died in the intensive care unit.

Manzanares' body was found on Sunday within 50 feet of his daughter's body. Dive teams from the Texas Department of Public Safety and neighboring Washington County found the bodies of Jorge Manzanares and Kevin Manzanares Monday morning.

"We would have liked to have found them (Sunday), but dark came on us," Barber said.

A third unidentified man tried to help, but had trouble swimming and returned to shore, Barber said.

"He said the little girl was waving her hands in the water and hollering for someone to come help," Barber said. "The little boys were already in the water."

The family came to Welch Park at about 4 p.m. and the children began wading in the lake, the sheriff said.

Somerville Lake is relatively shallow, but drops off unexpectedly into deeper water, officials said. Water depths range from one to 30 feet.

Barber said the reservoir has been the site of numerous drownings in recent years.

"There's somewhat of a drop-off," he said, "and it startles people when they step off and can't feel the bottom. This is the place people love to come to wade, but it's dangerous when they get out too far."

Two Navasota children drowned earlier this year.

# International human rights groups help death row inmate

HOUSTON (AP) — A federal death row inmate whose scheduled execution has been postponed had received repeated help from an international human rights commission urging a multinational review of the case, according to documents.

President Clinton earlier postponed the Aug. 5 execution of Juan Raul Garza — the first of a federal inmate since 1963 — until the Justice Department updates federal clemency guidelines.

Garza was convicted in August 1993 in Brownsville, Texas for killing three men between April 1990 and January 1991. A 10-count indictment named him as the boss of a drug ring that imported tons of marijuana into the United States between 1983 and 1993.

The Inter-American Commission on Human Rights intervened on behalf of Garza earlier this year after allegations arose that federal prosecutors breached an international agreement in securing the death penalty by using testimony about killings for which the defendant had never been charged, according to the Houston Chronicle.

# Obituaries

## Libby Grimmett

**1913-2000**

Libby Ruth Grimmett, longtime resident of Snyder, died Sunday, July 16, at her home following a brief illness.



Mrs. Grimmett

Funeral service for Mrs. Grimmett, 87, is set for 10 a.m. Tuesday in the Northside Baptist Church with the Rev. Dave Phillips officiating.

Burial will follow in Hillside Memorial Gardens under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Born May 27, 1913 in Rains County, she married Billy Earl Grimmett on Feb. 17, 1931 in Sweetwater. He died Dec. 12, 1994.

A homemaker, Mrs. Grimmett was a member of the Northside Baptist Church where she taught Sunday School for many years. She also was a member of the Order of Eastern Star.

Survivors include two daughters and a son-in-law, Earlene Gray of Snyder and Rita and Jack Lawrence of Sweetwater; four sons and daughters-in-law, Ray Max and Judy Grimmett, Jackie and D'Ann Grimmett and Frankie and Patty Grimmett, all of Snyder, and Norman and Shirley Grimmett of San Antonio; a sister, Koy Neal of Snyder; nine grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren; one great-great-granddaughter; and numerous nieces and nephews.

The family will receive friends from 7 to 8 this evening at Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

## Jesse Guerra

**1921-2000**

Jesse Guerra, foreman for the Diamond M Ranch for 48 years, died Sunday, July 16, at his home in Snyder.

Funeral service for Mr. Guerra, 78, is set for 10 a.m. Wednesday in the Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home Chapel and burial will follow in Hillside Memorial Garden.

Born on Nov. 21, 1921 in Goliad, he married Alicia Guerra on July 21, 1944 in Nixon. She died Feb. 5, 1995.

Survivors include a son, David Guerra of Snyder; and three daughters, Mary Alice Caldwell of Irving, Delia McDonald of Midland and Rita Brady of Bakersfield, Calif.

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## Randy Huddleston

**1963-2000**

Randy Huddleston of Amarillo, formerly of Snyder, died Sunday, July 16, in Amarillo's Northwest Texas Hospital following a brief illness.

Funeral service for Mr. Huddleston, 37, is set for 2 p.m. Wednesday in the Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home Chapel. The Rev. Cooper Thacker of Paris, Tex., will officiate. Burial will follow in Hillside Memorial Gardens.

Born Jan. 8, 1963 in Snyder, he was a 1981 graduate of Snyder High School and was an employee of the Radisson Hotel in Amarillo.

Survivors include his parents, Donald and Joyce Huddleston of Snyder; three brothers, Jerry Huddleston of Garland, Larry Huddleston of Groesbeck and Robert Huddleston of Grapevine; and a special friend, Allen Grice of Amarillo.

## Madia Wroten

**1932-2000**

Funeral service for Madia Wroten of Weatherford is set for 2 p.m. Tuesday in the Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home Chapel.

The Rev. Danny Williams, pastor of the Lighthouse Assembly of God, will officiate. Burial will follow in Hillside Memorial Gardens.

Mrs. Wroten, 68, died Sunday, July 16, in Holland Lake Nursing Center in Weatherford following a lengthy illness.

Born May 12, 1932 in Chillicothe, she married Donald Smith on July 6, 1952. She married Jim Wroten in 1964, and he died in 1975. She also was preceded in death by a son, Mike Smith, in 1999; and by a sister, Jo Graham, on May 9, 2000.

Mrs. Wroten was a homemaker and a member of the Church of Christ.

Survivors include a son, Burt Smith; three sisters, Geraldine Hollis of Snyder, Evelyn Bunker of Maitland, Fla., and Marion Johnston of Plainview; a brother, Bobby Franks of Snyder; and several nieces and nephews.

## Margery Riggs

**1927-2000**

MIDLAND – Margery Sherar Riggs, a former Snyder school teacher, died Thursday, July 13, in Midland.

Memorial service for Mrs. Riggs, 72, was set for 4 p.m. today in the Episcopal Church of the Holy Trinity with the Rev. Jeff Fouts officiating.

Service and burial will be held Wednesday at the Gulf Prairie Presbyterian Church and its cemetery at Jones Creek in Brazoria County.

Born Oct. 12, 1927 in Houston, she was a sixth grade teacher in Snyder and moved to Midland in 1954. She moved to London, England in 1972, returning to Midland in 1976.

Mrs. Riggs was a member of the Episcopal Church in Snyder, was a member of the Junior League of Midland, Museum of the Southwest and Midland Community Theatre. She also was active in the founding of the Trinity Day School.

Survivors include her husband, Jack Donald Riggs of Midland; three daughters, Katherine Grella of Midland, Susan Brown of Fort Worth and Bryan Huggins of Kerrville; and seven grandchildren.

## Billy Britton

**1938-2000**

SAN SABA – Billy Ray Britton of San Saba died Thursday, July 13, at his home in San Saba.

Funeral service for Mr. Britton, 62, was set for 11 a.m. today in the Assembly of God Church. The Rev. Melvin Williams was to officiate.

Born April 22, 1938 in Hillsboro, he was an auto mechanic in Pecos before moving to San Saba. He married Jackie Wallace on July 24, 1966 in Mexico.

Mr. Britton was preceded in death by his parents, Roger and Avie Leona Britton; a son, Billy Ray Britton Jr.; and a daughter, Shannon Marie Britton.

Survivors include two daughters, Shelly Beasley of San Saba and Michelle Britton; a son, Robert Travis Britton; the children's mother, Jackie S. Goldsberry of Snyder; a brother, Jack Britton of California; and two grandchildren.

## Johnny Judah

**1933-2000**

PORTALES, N.M. – Johnny Judah, the father of Jim Judah of Snyder, died Sunday, July 16 in Lubbock's Covenant Medical Center. He was 67.

Services for Mr. Judah, a resident of Causey, N.M., are set for 2 p.m. Wednesday in the Southside Church of Christ in Portales. Arrangements are under the direction of Wheeler Mortuary.

## J.C. Bradshaw

**1928-2000**

HOBBS, N.M. - J.C. Bradshaw, a former Snyder resident, died Saturday, July 15, in Hobbs.

Funeral service for Mr. Bradshaw, 71, is set for 2 p.m. Tuesday in the Northside Baptist Church with the Rev. Jake Armstrong officiating.

Burial will follow in Prairie Haven Cemetery under the direction of the Chapel of Hope Funeral Home.

Born Nov. 23, 1928 in New Boston, he worked for National Tank Company (NATCO) in Lubbock and Snyder before moving to Hobbs in 1960.

In Hobbs he was co-founder of Hobbs Tank & Treater Service, retiring in 1994.

Mr. Bradshaw was preceded in death by two sisters, Nadine Waters and Dessie Taylor.

Survivors include his wife, Freddie Franks Bradshaw of Hobbs; two daughters, Paula Shipp and Susan Cheaney, both of Midland; four brothers, W.D. Bradshaw of Lockesburg, Ark., E.H. Bradshaw of Eagletown, Okla., C.M. Bradshaw of Gladewater and Archie Bradshaw of Arlington; four sisters, Clara Shaw of Horatio, Ark., Bonnie McGhee of Pottsboro, Yvonne Lenhard of Orange and Lorene Adams of Paris; and four grandchildren.

## Ada Steakley

**1902-2000**

TEMPLE – Ada Cravens Steakley, the step grandmother of Jene Steakley of Snyder, died Thursday, July 13, in a Temple nursing home.

Graveside service for Mrs. Steakley, 98, was set for 10 a.m. today in the Sweetwater Cemetery with the Rev. Malcolm Brown officiating.

Born June 30, 1902 in Christian County, Ky., she was a graduate of Bethel College for Women. She worked as an accountant for Southwestern Bell Telephone Co. for more than 30 years.

She married Z.C. Steakley of Sweetwater in 1956, and they moved to Temple in 1958. She was a member of the Temple First Baptist Church and the City Federation of Women's Clubs.

Survivors include two stepsons, Dan Steakley of Temple and Dr. H. J. Steakley of Colorado City as well as several other step grandchildren and step great-grandchildren.

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AARP Chapter 2063 will meet at 5:30 p.m. today at the Senior Center for a covered dish dinner and games.

### Bible study tapes

Bible study tapes air each week on Channel 2. To be shown at 7 this evening is "How a Man Comes to Jesus," followed by "Holy and Reverend is His Name."

### White Elephant sale

The Lions Club will have a White Elephant Sale at noon Tuesday at Martha Ann Woman's Club. Each member is to bring a wrapped item or be fined. Proceeds are used for local projects.

### Discovery School pre-registration

Pre-registion for Discovery School, formerly Children's Day Out, at the First United Methodist Church is now licensed to provide care five days per week. The school is accepting children between the ages of six months through four years. Pre-registration is Tuesday from 10 a.m. until noon. For more information, call Barbara at 573-4770.

### Texans for lawsuit reform speaker

Jay Lawrence, an adviser to Texans for Lawsuit Reform, will speak to the Snyder Kiwanis Club at noon Wednesday.

### FBC worship service

The First Baptist Church Sunday morning worship service airs at 3 p.m. each Thursday on TV Channel 2.

### Kings Kids registration

Registration for Kings Kids and Mothers Day Out is underway for next school year at First Baptist Church. The program is for children one to four-years-old, and pre-K. Call 573-5683 or 573-7401 or come by 1701 27th St. for more information.

### Joy School pre-registration

Pre-registration for Joy School is now underway. Joy School will be accepting infants through pre-K five days a week. For more information, call 573-3554.

### Sonshine School registration

Pre-registration for Sonshine School at 37th Street Church of Christ is in progress. The classes begin Aug. 15 for ages two to five and will be held Tuesday through Thursday. For more information, call Lori Lord at 573-1700, or the church office at 573-0154.

### LVN class testing

Students wishing to enroll in the fall Licensed Vocational Nursing class at Western Texas College should contact the counseling office to arrange for the pre-entrance exam to be given through Tuesday, July 25. Interviews will be conducted through Aug. 7. For more information, call the counseling office at 573-8511, ext. 313.

### GED exams

GED examinations will be administered Thursday, July 27, in the testing center at WTC. Call Emily Hataway at 574-2112 or Molly Kattes at 573-2919 for more information.

### Bible Club

Northside Missionary Baptist Church will be having a Bible Club for grades 1-6 from 1-3 p.m. July 31-Aug. 4. The church is located at 1909 16th St. For more information, call 573-7105.

### Holiday poems sought

Mesquite Country Writers Guild is soliciting original, short holiday poems for its quarterly poetry newsletter, "Bards of A Feather." The deadline is Aug. 15. Submissions may be mailed to 9221 S. Hwy. 208 in Hermleigh, 79526, or e-mailed to dade@bigcountry.net.

### Computer courses

A variety of computer courses are being offered this summer by the Continuing Ed division of WTC. Call 573-8511, ext. 390, for a list of classes.

### Cancer treatment transportation

Transportation for cancer patients is available every day free of charge to Lubbock, Abilene or Midland. For more information call Martha Schiebel at 573-8626 or Sammie Jarrell at 573-5993. If not home, leave message on answering machine.

### Pick 3

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

1-3-8

### Lotto Texas

AUSTIN (AP) — No ticket correctly matched all six numbers drawn Saturday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials said.

The numbers drawn Saturday night from a field of 50 were: 3-16-30-35-44-46

Wednesday night's drawing will be worth an estimated $21 million.

# Bashar Assad sworn in as Syria's president Monday

DAMASCUS, Syria (AP) — Bashar Assad took over Syria's presidency from his late father Monday, quickly rejecting Western-style democracy and saying his father's strategy has "proved a great success until this very day."

Just as Hafez Assad had planned, his son became Syria's 16th head of state, beginning a seven-year term with a swearing-in ceremony and an inaugural address.

"We cannot apply the democracy of others on ourselves," Bashar Assad said in the address. "We have to have our democratic experience which is special to us, which stems from our history, culture, civilization and which is a response to the needs of our society and the requirements of our reality.

"The political strategy which (Hafez Assad) devised and supervised ... proved a great success until this very day," he said.

In the address, Bashar Assad promised to free the economy of antiquated laws and stifling bureaucracy, reform the administration and improve Syrians' quality of life.

He called on the United States "to play its full role as an honest broker and a co-sponsor" of Israeli-Syrian peace talks. But he also stressed that Syria remains faithful to his late father's approach to the negotiations.

# Dear Abby



**By Abigail Van Buren**

## *Toddler's accidental death ends another life as well*

**DEAR ABBY:** I have started this letter to you a hundred times, but have never been able to finish it. I hope you will print it.

When I was 16, my mother had a baby — my only sister. Mom was almost 40 and my brother was 12. After we adjusted to the shock, my sister became the joy of our life. Her smile could banish the gloomies, and she was a treasure to us all.

Sadly, less than two years later (only three weeks after my high school graduation), my best friend — who lived next door — accidentally backed her car over my sister, killing her instantly. My little sister had escaped from our back yard without our family's knowledge. It was the worst day of my life, and worse still for my friend. My parents did their best to comfort her, but her large family included her own baby sister who was nearly the same age as mine and was a constant reminder of the tragedy.

Abby, people drive through our neighborhood far too fast. I want to run after them and shout, "Don't you know you could never stop at this speed if a child ran in front of your car? Don't you know that if you kill a child, there will be two deaths? Your life will be over, too."

My family recovered from my sister's death, but my friend never did. The accident ruined her life. She had been at the top of her class, and everyone expected a bright future for her. Instead, she lived through failed counseling, broken marriages, and her career crashed — all because of a tragic accident that wasn't her fault. She just couldn't forgive herself.

At our 20th high-school reunion, a former classmate asked me, "Hey, whatever happened to that girl who killed that kid?" I responded, "That girl was our class secretary and my best friend, and that kid was my sister."

Please remind your readers that no car needs a heavy foot on the gas while navigating a residential area. And for good measure, before starting a car, walk the long way around to the driver's door so you can check behind the vehicle. Investing a few extra seconds for safety may save a precious child's life — and your own as well. — **LONELY SISTER IN CHESAPEAKE, VA.**

**P.S.** If you print this, I will clip it and anonymously mail it to a couple of neighbors — mothers who should know better than to race around our neighborhood.

**DEAR LONELY SISTER:** I'm printing your letter for all to see. Your message is one I hope every driver will take to heart.

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**DEAR ABBY:** My partner and I, who are in our 50s, have two terrific friends who are in their 30s. They are generous, considerate and polite, but have a habit that drives us crazy. Whenever they visit, we usually wind up in the kitchen where they sit their backsides on the counter to talk and visit. There are chairs and barstools in the area. Proper seating should not be a problem.

Are we being old-fashioned or is this impolite? If so, how do we correct the situation? — **HOMER IN SAN DIEGO**

**DEAR HOMER:** Your friends are used to a more casual kind of hospitality than you are used to extending. As long as their backsides are covered, I see nothing wrong with their sitting on the counter. However, since it offends you, request that your guests seat themselves where you prefer. (An alternative would be to spray the counter with bleach before they arrive ... only kidding!)

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

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# Mutant 'X-men' overpower box office

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The "X-men" have good box-office genes.

The comic-book adaptation about genetic mutants opened at No. 1, delivering a superhuman debut of $57.5 million, according to studio estimates Sunday.

It was the second-highest opening gross this year, just below the $57.8 million "Mission: Impossible 2" took in over its first weekend.

"X-Men" also had the best debut ever in July, the fourth-highest opening of all time and the best ever for a non-sequel or prequel. "The Lost World: Jurassic Park" and "Star Wars: Episode I — The Phantom Menace" are Nos. 1 and 2, followed by "Mission: Impossible 2."

"In the immortal words of Phil Rizzuto, 'Holy cow,'" said Tom Sherak, head of distribution for 20th Century Fox, which released "X-men."

"Scary Movie," last weekend's top film, slipped to second place but held strong with $26.1 million, pushing its take to $89 million in 10 days.

Playing in 3,025 cinemas, "X-men" averaged $19,008 a theater, compared to $8,280 in 3,152 locations for "Scary Movie."

The two movies, plus solid returns for holdover films, helped lift the overall box office for the second straight weekend after a slump in June. The top 12 movies grossed $148.8 million, up 39 percent over the same weekend last year.

"X-men" accounted for 38.6 percent of that overall gross and far exceeded predictions by industry analysts.

"Anything over $40 million would have been great," said Paul Dergarabedian, president of Exhibitor Relations, which tracks the box office. "We knew this would be the No. 1 movie, but it performed way beyond expectations."

With two robust weekends, Hollywood is back on track to match last year's record summer revenues of $3 billion. So far this year, summer grosses are about even or may be slightly ahead of last summer's, Dergarabedian said. Final studio figures for the weekend will be released Monday.

"X-men," based on the Marvel comic series that debuted in the 1960s, tells the story of a battle between good and evil among mutants who are scorned and mistrusted by the rest of humanity. The cast includes Patrick Stewart, Ian McKellen, Famke Janssen, Halle Berry and Anna Paquin.

"X-men" received generally favorable reviews. Its PG-13 rating opened up a huge teen audience, and the movie had strong appeal for older movie-goers who may have read the comic books as children.

The presence of Shakespeare-trained actors Stewart and McKellen also helped "X-men" draw adults, Sherak said.

"What did Alec Guinness do for 'Star Wars?'" Sherak said. "It's the same thing here. They gave 'X-men' the look of a real movie, not a comic-book movie. They added credibility."

In limited debuts, the ensemble drama "The Five Senses" averaged $14,000 a theater at two New York City movie houses. "Chuck & Buck," a dark comedy about a man's obsession with a boyhood buddy, averaged $10,000 a cinema in seven theaters.

Estimated ticket sales for Friday through Sunday at North American theaters, according to Exhibitor Relations Co. Inc. Final figures are to be released Monday.

1. "X-men," $57.5 million.
2. "Scary Movie," $26.1 million.
3. "The Perfect Storm," $17.5 million.
4. "The Patriot," $11 million.
5. "Disney's The Kid," $10.5 million.
6. "Chicken Run," $7.8 million.
7. "Me, Myself & Irene," $5.7 million.
8. "Big Momma's House," $2.8 million.
9. "Gone in 60 Seconds," $2.6 million.
10. "Shaft," $2.5 million.




**Despite moviegoers' complaints about film violence and rising ticket prices, box-office revenues in 1999 reached a record high $7.5 billion dollars, according to the Motion Picture Association of America.**


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