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THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "Jumping at conclusions usually scares the best ones away."

Former Texas Ranger pitcher Nolan Ryan, in a TV commercial, quotes baseball legend Dizzy Dean who liked to say, "It ain't bragging if you can do it."

We Texans, however, do like to boast and most of the time we can stand behind our remarks.

In fact, if you can't find anything to say that is bigger and better about the Lone Star State, you may not be a real Texan.

Texans can even take a perceived negative and turn it into a positive. The recent rains brought not only flooding to large parts of the state, but a proliferation of mosquitoes.

A Texan and his spouse were sitting on the back porch the other evening and heard a lot of mosquitoes buzzing around.

The Texan said he knew they were in trouble when they overheard one buzzing pest say to the other, "Should we eat 'em here, or take 'em with us?"

The second mosquito replied, "Let's eat 'em here. If we take 'em with us, the big 'uns will take 'em away from us."

And Texas boasting is not new and it's a well-practiced art.

Sam Houston, when he was governor, said:

"Texas can make it without the United States, but the United States can't make it without Texas."

Sam Houston was right. Without Texas, Al Gore would be living in the White House.

And this gem came from a civic club magazine. I know a few Texans who have probably worked along these lines, moving friends in a stock trailer.

In this story Jimmy Joe, Bubba and Billy Bob were moving furniture. While two of them were struggling with a particularly heavy oak wardrobe, it was noticed that Billy Bob was no where in sight.

"Where's Billy Bob?"

"Oh, he's helping," replied Bubba. "He's inside holding the clothes hangers in place."

And while on Texas tales:

A Texan went to a big city up north. While looking at all the sights, he noticed a man at the top of a tall building. The man looked liked he was ready to jump.

The Texan started thinking of ways to save the man.

"Remember your wife," yelled the Texan.

"She ran off with my best friend."

"Remember your children," he implored.

"They ran away, too."

"Remember the Alamo," yelled the Texan.

"What's the Alamo?"

"Jump, Yankee, jump!"

Cogdell board okays budget

By Wade Warren
SDN Managing Editor

Chief Financial Officer Joe Wright led the Cogdell Memorial Hospital board of managers through the highlights of the 2003 budget this morning and in short order, the document was unanimously approved.

The budget includes a $1.2 million projected increase in patient revenue.

Total operating revenue for 2003 is budgeted at $33,462,172, as compared to this year's $32,263,081.

"It's a break-even budget," said Wright.

Net operating revenue is pegged at $19,191,200 — up from $16,007,044 this year.

Salaries and wages this year are budgeted at $5,879,817, while the 2003 budget calls for $6,228,564 in that column.

Wright told board members that the patient load at the hospital has increased triggering the rise in salaries, and gave credit to local physicians for referring patients to the local hospital as opposed to hospitals in Lubbock or Abilene.

"Our local physicians referring patients here has resulted in our growth," said Wright. "They've done a good job for us this year."

The June financial statements back up Wright's statements as the average daily census was 14, as opposed to 10 a year ago, and the yearly average is 16 patients daily versus a projected 12.

The new budget also calls for a three-percent increase in wages for some employees.

Wright was quick to point out that the proposed salary increase was not across-the-board, and it will be based on merit.

"Not everyone will receive a three-percent raise," said Wright.

In the budget document, hospital CEO George Parsley said the increase is needed in order for the hospital to be competitive in the marketplace for all categories of staff.

Wright said county officials have indicated to him that they would fund the hospital $395,000 from ad valorem taxes — the same as this year.

A line item for advertising was approved separately.

Board chairman Carl Williams told the board that he wanted to handle advertising separately as to avoid an appearance of a conflict of interest with KSNY radio owner and board member, Dink Foree. The $25,000 line item was unanimously approved with Foree abstaining.

In other business this morning, Parsley told the board he wanted to send out a request for proposal for employee health insurance coverage.

"It's a big expenditure for us, $1.2 million, so we continue to look to keep the cost as low as possible," said Parsley.

The CEO said they should have proposals back by the September board meeting.

"We may stay with our current carrier," said Parsley. "We just feel it is prudent to look."

Parsley also reported on a recent visit to the community by a general surgeon who might possibly relocate his practice here.

"The physician is currently exchanging e-mails with Dr. John Gregg about the possible relocation," said Parsley.

Dr. Gregg is a Sweetwater physician who has been practicing at the hospital.

Dr. Charles Church, local veterinarian, was sworn in as a new member of the board and all other members were present to include Foree, Bill Voss, Terry Williams and E. D. Walton. Chairman Carl Williams presided.

EARLY BYRD — Sally Byrd watered her pear tree early this morning as she worked to get her yard work done before it got too hot and before the sun could have a chance to burn off the moisture. (SDN Staff Photo by Bobby Allen)

Lara receives 12 years on sexual assault charge

By Bobby Allen
SDN Staff Writer

Gonzalo Lara was sentenced to 12 years in prison and assessed a $3,000 fine Wednesday during the penalty phase of his trial for the sexual assault of a 16-year-old girl last December.

The seven-man, five-woman jury elected to send Lara, 32, to the penitentiary despite pleas from him and his family for leniency. The offense carries a maximum penalty of 20 years.

District Attorney Dana Cooley did not ask for a specific sentence from the jury.

"I completely support the jury's verdict," said Cooley. "I felt like this community needed to be protected."

Lara must serve no less than six years of his sentence before he is considered for parole. Cooley said although she did not ask for any particular sentence, she felt Lara represented a continuing risk to the community. She said she believed Lara would committ the same offense again.

Lara was convicted Tuesday on one count of sexual assault relating to an ongoing sexual relationship with a victim who was 15 at the time it started.

Defense attorney Pete Green asked the jury for probation for his client, saying he was a hard-worker who was mentally challenged. Two of Lara's sisters took the stand to ask the jury for probation.

Scurry County Sheriff Darren Jackson and Snyder Police Chief Steve Warren testified Wednesday that Lara had a bad reputation in the community.

Cooley introduced a 1991 drunk driving conviction and three arrests for driving while his license was suspended as the result of the DWI conviction as evidence that Lara did not abide by the terms of his probation. She also added that Sgt. Keith Ward had told Lara twice to cease contact with the girl.

"We see how this defendant responds to second chances," she said.

Lara is currently being held in the Scurry County Jail awaiting transfer to Abilene. All prisoners from this area who enter the Texas Department of Corrections are first sent to Abilene for processing before being assigned to a permanent unit.

SHS grad writes for *USA TODAY*

Erin Kirk, a 1999 graduate of Snyder High School, wrote this front page article for today's issue of *USA Today*.

Kirk is working as a summer intern for *USA Today* in Washington D.C. She will be a senior at Texas Tech University this fall, where she is majoring in journalism.

Kirk is the daughter of Pete and Donna Greene of Snyder and Dr. Jim Kirk of Lubbock.

Dog's tale of survival opens door in cancer research

Drug cocktail dries up tumors' blood supply

By Erin Kirk
USA TODAY

Cover story

Navy's cancer was back. Marion Haber knew that her golden retriever pup was going to die if she didn't act fast.

"Without surgery and treatment, Navy would have had three months to live," says Haber, a fourth-year student at the Tufts University School of Veterinary Medicine in Boston. But traditional treatments, such as amputation, chemotherapy and radiation, would have meant Navy, then only 18 months old, wouldn't be able to swim at a nearby lake or go for long walks.

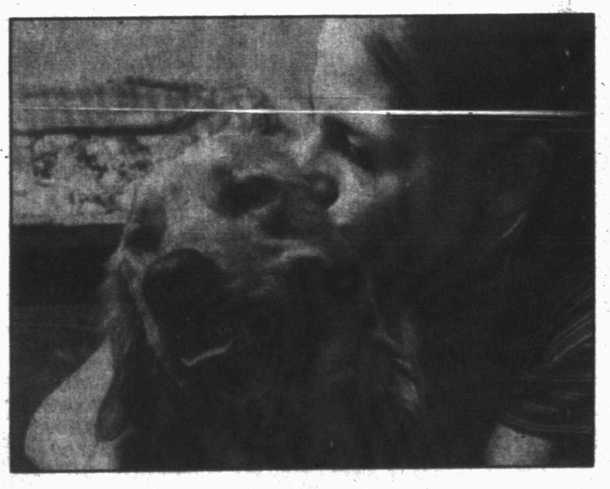
So Haber opted for an experimental treatment that eliminated Navy's cancer within 10 weeks without any of the side effects associated with traditional therapies.

Today, 16 months later, all traces of her cancer are gone.

Now, the same kind of treatment, named the "Navy Protocol" in honor of Haber's dog, is being tested elsewhere in veterinary medicine. And researchers are excited enough by Navy's success that they will begin testing the treatment in human cancer patients later this year. They caution, however, that it might be several years before they know whether the treatment, one of many avenues of cancer research, will work in humans. Even in veterinary medicine, Navy is their only total success.

The treatment is a cocktail of so-called anti-angiogenic drugs, which have been widely researched for more than a decade and work by starving tumors of their blood supply. Researchers say the three-drug combination, which Haber mixed into Navy's regular dog food, targets the cancer from many angles.

The complete text of the story can be found in the July 25 edition of USA TODAY.



By Sean Dougherty for USA TODAY

Success: Marion Haber chose experimental cancer treatment for dog Navy. The cancer disappeared after treatment and has not recurred.

Coe concert tickets are on sale now

Tickets for the Aug. 8 David Allan Coe concert at Scurry County Coliseum went on sale today at three local locations.

David Allan Coe

Tickets can be purchased at the coliseum, Movie Gallery and Suntrax.

Prices are $10 for general admission and $15 for general seating on the floor.

Coe will be the sole performer at the show. He burst on the country scene in 1968 with the release of his first album, "Penitentiary Blues." He is famous for such songs as "You Never Even Called Me by My Name," "Sad Country Song" and "Would You Be My Lady," as well as his wild stage antics.

The show is scheduled to get underway at 8 o'clock in the evening. Parking is available at the colisuem free of charge.

ASK US

Q—Why is the south entrance to the street at Golden Terrace blocked off?

A—It is a private driveway and has been blocked off, with permission from the city and the police department, to stop through traffic for safety.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Wednesday, 98 degrees; low, 73; 7 a.m. Thursday, 73; no precipitation; total for 2002, 13.71 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, clear; low lower 70s; S winds 5-10 mph. Friday, sunny, high near 100; S winds 10-15 mph. Friday night, low lower 70s.

Donnie Medrano
Sunny

Sunset: 8:44 p.m.
Sunrise: 6:56 a.m.
Of 205 days in 2002, the sun has shone 198 days in the

TODAY'S THOUGHT

When we do the best we can, we never know what miracles await.
—Helen Keller

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FBI: Midlevel al-Qaida planning attacks

WASHINGTON (AP) — The FBI's new cadre of intelligence analysts has developed a portrait of al-Qaida in which midlevel members are planning attacks as the terrorist group's more notorious leaders hide from the U.S. military, U.S. officials say.

A decentralized network of al-Qaida operatives may prove to be an even greater threat to the United States because they are more difficult to locate and may change methods, officials said.

"What we are seeing is the midlevel operatives are in the position to carry out attacks against Americans," a senior law enforcement official said. "We are coming up with a list of these people and together with the CIA are making them a high priority."

Another senior U.S. official added, "The analysis indicates that the senior members are more concerned with not being killed or captured and the gravity for planning activity has gone down" the chain of command.

Both officials spoke to The Associated Press only on condition of anonymity.

The new group of analysts, several of whom have worked for the CIA, are interpreting raw intelligence in a way new to the FBI, by proactively focusing on disrupting terrorists' plans even before agents meet the legal standards for arrests and prosecutions.

"You need to keep your analysts separate so that they can continue to mine information and continue to give you the global picture," said Pat Damuro, the FBI's assistant director for counterterrorism, who is overseeing the analysis effort.

The new analysts are not focused on specific cases, but rather "looking over the horizon" for emerging threats and trends, Damuro said.

Though it has existed only two months, the new analysis unit already has made its mark. It was responsible for three recent warnings sent by the FBI about possible terrorist plans, law enforcement officials said.

One warning went to scuba diving schools, advising owners to be wary of suspicious people buying large amounts of equipment and asking for instruction that might be useful in a terror attack.

In June, the analysts provided FBI officials with guidance that led to warnings to Jewish schools and synagogues about a possible attack scenario. Seaports also were warned that al-Qaida members might attempt to hide in incoming cargo.

Combining foreign and domestic intelligence with information from al-Qaida members in custody at the U.S. naval base at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, the new analysts are helping FBI field offices and foreign police identify midlevel al-Qaida operatives and apprehend them before they can carry out attacks.

Officials this week stopped an American man in Denver whom they are holding as a material witness, meaning they think he may have important information. Officials believe he may have taken computer equipment to a terrorist training camp in Afghanistan.

The analyst team has been aided by a handful of senior CIA managers and 25 seasoned CIA analysts who have moved to the FBI to assist the early effort. The FBI already has about 100 recruits of its own in training.

When it is all done, the FBI hopes to have a team of 200 analysts looking for trends and patterns in terrorism, officials said.

"What we have here is a total reorganization of the counterterrorism program, tripling in size the counterterrorism division and increasing operational ability in the field," Damuro said. "This will help us to put the puzzle pieces together and give us other areas we need to target."

Those who watch the agency said the shift toward intelligence assessment could essentially create a new FBI.

Rev. Al Sharpton sues HBO for airing tape

NEW YORK (AP) — HBO called a $1 billion lawsuit filed by the Rev. Al Sharpton "silly" and dismissed his claim that the network defamed him by airing a 1983 FBI surveillance tape of him discussing a drug deal.

Sharpton said HBO showed a selectively damning portion of videotape in which he and a federal agent posing as a drug dealer discussed a cocaine shipment.

HBO spokesman Ray Stallone said the lawsuit filed Wednesday was "so silly that it is unworthy of comment." He said the network had given Sharpton an opportunity to respond on air and to provide a second tape that Sharpton claims removes any suspicion about his actions.

Sharpton was not charged with any crime as a result of the tape, which aired Tuesday night on "Real Sports With Bryant Gumbel."

The state court lawsuit names HBO, HBO Real Sports, AOL Time Warner, reporter Bernard Goldberg and reputed former organized crime hood Michael Franzese as defendants.

Sharpton said Franzese and the FBI agent, who was posing as a Latin American businessman, had approached him to discuss promoting boxing matches and musical events.

"In the middle of conversation he started talking about how he could cut me in on a cocaine deal," Sharpton said. "I didn't know if he was armed. I was scared so I just nodded my head to everything he said and then he left."

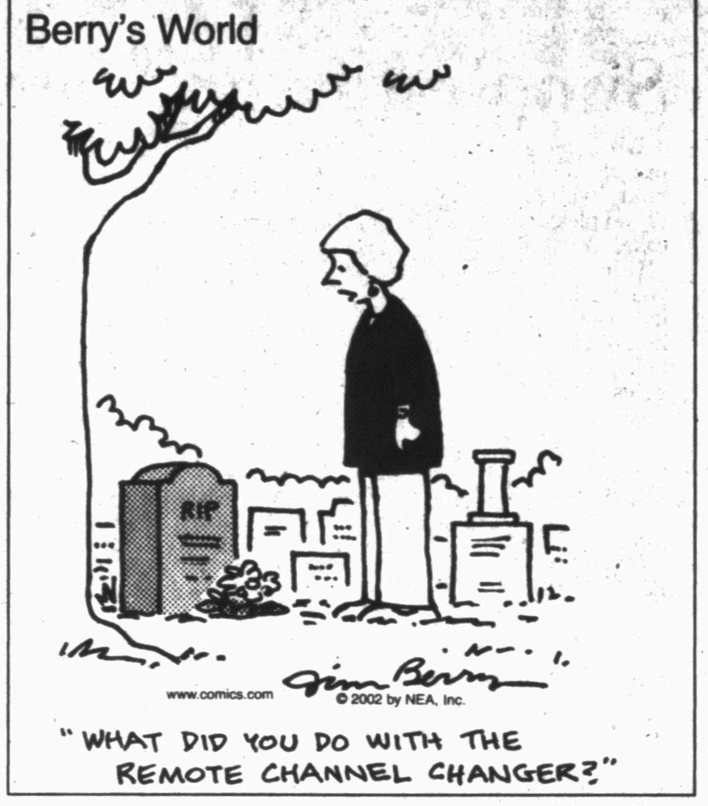
Sharpton said he had asked HBO to show the second tape, in which he and a record company executive allegedly tell the undercover agent, "Don't ever talk to us about a drug deal."

Michael Hardy, one of Sharpton's lawyers, said the decision to air "an incomplete and edited tape unfairly puts Rev. Sharpton in a false light, thereby actually defaming him with malice and a gross irresponsibility."

Sharpton suggested the videotape was aired in an attempt to derail his possible 2004 presidential run.

"I will not bend, buckle or bow to a smear campaign," Sharpton said Wednesday in a sidewalk news conference in front of the courthouse.

FBI spokesman Joe Valiquette said Tuesday that he had not heard the tapes and that to his knowledge the FBI had not released them.



Date Book

Thursday, July 25, 2002

Today is the 206th day of 2002 and the 35th day of summer.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1854, New Yorker Walter Hunt received a patent for a stain-resistant paper collar he invented.

On this day in 1934, Franklin D. Roosevelt became the first president to visit Hawaii while in office.

On this day in 1999, less than three years after being diagnosed with testicular cancer, American cyclist Lance Armstrong won the Tour de France.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Thomas Eakins (1844-1916), artist; Maxfield Parrish (1870-1966), artist; Walter Brennan (1894-1974), actor; Jack Gilford (1907-1990), actor; Estelle Getty (1924-), actress, is 78; Walter Payton (1954-1999), football great; Steve Podborski (1957-), skier, is 45; Thurston Moore (1958-), musician, is 44.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1969, Pancho Gonzalez defeated Charlie Pasarell in what was the longest match to date in Wimbledon history.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "I don't like a long study of casts, even of the sculptors of the best Greek period. At best, they are only imitations, and an imitation of imitations cannot have so much life as an imitation of nature itself." — Thomas Eakins

TODAY'S MOON: Between full moon (July 24) and last quarter (Aug. 1).

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LOTTO TEXAS™ TEXAS LOTTERY

RESULTS

Lotto Texas

AUSTIN (AP) — One ticket correctly matched all six numbers drawn Wednesday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials said.

The ticket was worth an estimated $6 million.

The numbers drawn Wednesday night from a field of 54 were: 47-6-25-50-2-54.

Saturday night's drawing will be worth an estimated $4 million.

Pick 3

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

3-1-1

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TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND PARTIES:

Chevron Pipe Line Company has applied to the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission (TNRCC) for issuance of a Voluntary Emission Reduction Permit, Air Quality Permit No. 49036 which would authorize changes to and continued operation of the North Snyder Station located at 7000 Highway 208 North, Snyder, Scurry County, Texas. Additional information concerning this application is contained in the public notice section of this newspaper.

WEAPONS SAFETY PROGRAM — Sgt. Brian Peterson of the Snyder Police Dept. presented the program on gun safety and laws to the Snyder Lions Club Tuesday. He is available for programs at civic clubs and other organizations upon request. Juanita Glass is shown at right. The Lions Club meets at noon each Tuesday at Martha Ann Woman's Club. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Consider commitment when adopting a cat

Adopting a pet means making a long-term commitment — one that should be considered carefully.

Safe Steps Home, a program created by The American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals and the makers of Fresh Step Scoopable cat litter, provide some essential things to consider before adopting a cat:

* Are you ready for a lifetime commitment? Adopting a cat or kitten means making a life-long commitment. This can be up to 20 years for a cat. "Take time choosing the right cat for your family-whether playful, quiet or rowdy," suggests singer/songwriter Jann Arden, an ardent supporter of Safe Steps Home and happy owner of three rescue cats. "Consider whether or not you'll have the time to devote to something that devotes all its time to you."

* What pet is right for your home? Problems such as allergies and apartment restrictions should be considered before you adopt a pet. Do not expect to keep your cat outdoors. Cats who live outside face dangers from infectious diseases, other animals and people and may prey on wildlife.

* Can you afford the costs associated with owning a cat? These costs include basic and emergency veterinary care, toys, supplies and food. Spaying and neutering is also essential for an animal's long-term health and happiness, as is providing the pet with proper identification. (Many shelters provide low or no cost spaying/neutering upon adoption.)

* Who will care for the pet? If you are getting a pet for your child, it is unrealistic to expect the child to do all the work. No matter how mature your child is, you will need to provide constant supervision and act as a backup when your child is unable to handle the responsibility. One adult should be designated as the cat's primary caretaker and see to its needs. Additionally, you should consider who would take care of your pet should moving issues arise. Allow extra time to find a new home for the pet if necessary.

* Learn more about cat behavior. Behavioral problems are one of the most common reasons for owners to abandon cats. Many times what owners don't realize is that certain behaviors are natural for cats. Some signal the need for a trip to the vet, and others can easily be managed through training/behavior modifications.

Each year millions of cats and kittens are brought to shelters with the hope of finding permanent homes. Millions more live on the street. Cats who live outside face dangers from other animals and people and may prey on wildlife. With every purchase of Fresh Step Scoopable cat litter, the makers of Fresh Step Scoopable will make a donation (up to $250,000 annually) to the Safe Steps Home program. Financial grants are awarded to innovative cat rescue programs that help care for and manage stray populations as well as encourage cat adoption.

Arden considers her cats a source of "constant comfort." She suggests that people who are considering acquiring a cat "have an open heart. Think about the cat and the quality of life you could provide for it." In a tribute to the plight of homeless cats, Arden has rerecorded her song "Saved."

Simple-to-make lemon cake

When life gives you lemons, pair them with pears and celebrate with a simple-to-make, crowd-pleasing fruit-flavored cake.

Using just a few pantry staples, you can transform a basic batter into a delicious dessert. With a hint of citrus, a touch of golden honey and a stunning fan of pear slices on top, Pear-Berry Lemon Cake is great for brunches, buffets and birthday parties. You don't have to wait for seasonal fruit for a cake like this, because you can find the fresh flavor of pears right in your pantry.

Canned Bartlett pears from the Pacific Northwest are packed at their peak of ripeness, so you get that fresh pear flavor in every bite. Pears, unlike other canned fruits, retain their flavor, shape, texture and color, which make them excellent for cooking and baking.

In recipes like this, which would call for peeling and poaching fresh pears, canned pears let you skip those steps, a convenient choice for today's busy cooks.

A variety of toppings, such as warmed raspberry jam, thawed frozen blueberries or canned sweet cherries, can be drizzled on top to make it even more luscious. Make Pear-Berry Lemon Cake ahead of time so you can relax and enjoy all that life has to offer.

For a free copy of Fast & Flavorful-What a Pear! send a self-addressed, stamped business-size envelope to Pacific Northwest Canned Pear Service, Dept. MAT2002, 105 South 18th Street, Suite 205, Yakima, WA 98901. For additional recipes and tips, visit www.pnw-cannedpears.com.

PEAR-BERRY LEMON CAKE

1 can (15 ounces) pear slices in juice or syrup
1/3 cup honey
1 egg
2 tablespoons fresh lemon juice
1 teaspoon freshly grated lemon peel
1 teaspoon vanilla
2 cups buttermilk baking mix (e.g. Bisquick)
¼ cup butter or margarine, melted

Topping ideas:
Seedless raspberry jam, warmed
Frozen blueberries, thawed
Canned sweet cherries, drained

Drain pears, reserving ½ cup liquid in large bowl. Add honey, egg, lemon juice, lemon peel and vanilla to liquid in bowl. Beat until well blended. Stir in baking mix, mixing until just combined. Stir in butter or margarine; mix until combined. Pour batter into greased and floured 9-inch or 8-inch square baking pan. Arrange pear slices evenly over batter in pan. Bake at 350 degrees for 30 to 35 minutes or until toothpick inserted in center comes out clean. Cool on wire rack. Top with jam, berries or cherries. (Makes 8 servings)

Nutrition per serving (1/8 of recipe): 251 calories, total fat 11 g; saturated fat 5 g; cholesterol 42 mg; sodium 414 mg; total carbohydrates 38 g; dietary fiber 2 g; protein 3 g.

Community Calendar

THURSDAY

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

Deep Creek Cloggers lesson; at the coliseum annex; 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

New Horizons AA, closed meeting; for information call 573-8268, 573-4048 or 573-1141; 8 p.m.

FRIDAY

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

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

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

Cornelius-Dodson House; open by appointment, call 573-0538 or 573-0770.

Scurry County AA closed meeting; Park Club at Winston Park; for information call 574-1292 or 573-9458; 8 p.m.

Al-Anon open meeting; Park Club; 573-3733, 573-2101 or 5731141; 8 p.m.

SATURDAY

NA-Just For Today open meeting; Park Club; for information call 573-1438; 7 p.m.

SUNDAY

Scurry County AA open meeting; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 574-1292 or 573-9458; 10 a.m.

Bridges announces plans to marry

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Actress Angelica Bridges plans to marry hockey player Sheldon Souray next month, her publicist said.

The couple set an Aug. 10 date and planned a poolside ceremony at the Bellagio hotel in Las Vegas, Bridges' publicist Warren Cowan said Tuesday. About 40 guests are expected to attend.

Bridges, 29, was a Playboy cover model and has appeared on "Baywatch" and the comedy show "Son of the Beach."

Happy 13th Birthday
to Emily Snider
Love,
Gran & Redman

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

North 07-25-02
♠ A K 4
♥ J 10 8 5
♦ K 10 7 5
♣ 4 3

West
♠ J 8 5 3
♥ K 4 3
♦ 2
♣ K J 9 7 2

East
♠ 10 9 7 6
♥ A 2
♦ 9 8 6 3
♣ 10 8 6

South
♠ Q 2
♥ Q 9 7 6
♦ A Q J 4
♣ A Q 5

Dealer: South
Vulnerable: East-West

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

Opening lead: ♦ 2

Thursday, July 25, 2002

Pulling teeth to leave safety

By Phillip Alder

First, how should South plan the play in four hearts after West leads the diamond two?

North's use of Stayman to locate the 4-4 heart fit is normal, but if he had just raised to three no-trump, West would surely have led a club and given South nine top tricks: three spades, four diamonds and two clubs.

In "Gulliver's Travels," Jonathan Swift wrote about a scientist at the grand academy of Lagado: "He had been eight years upon a project for extracting sunbeams out of cucumbers, which were to be put into vials hermetically sealed, and let out to warm the air in raw, inclement summers."

In this deal, South did an excellent job of extracting West's safe exit cards.

After declarer takes the diamond lead, suppose he immediately plays a trump. East wins with the ace and gives his partner a diamond ruff. West cashes the heart king before exiting with a spade. South would have to take the club finesse for his contract; however, it would lose and he would go one down.

Instead, South preceded trumps by cashing his three spade tricks. Then, after East rushed in with the heart ace and delivered the diamond ruff, West cashed the heart king, but what could he do next?

If West had led a spade, declarer would have discarded a club from the dummy and ruffed in hand. And when West tried a club, it was into South's ace-queen.

This type of play is called the Dentist's Coup. You extract an opponent's safe exit cards before conceding the ruff. Then, whatever he returns is the replacement filling for the trick you just lost.

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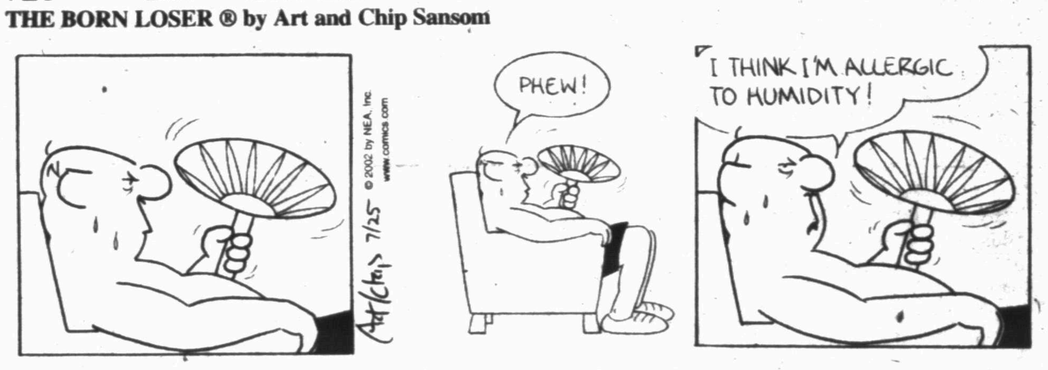

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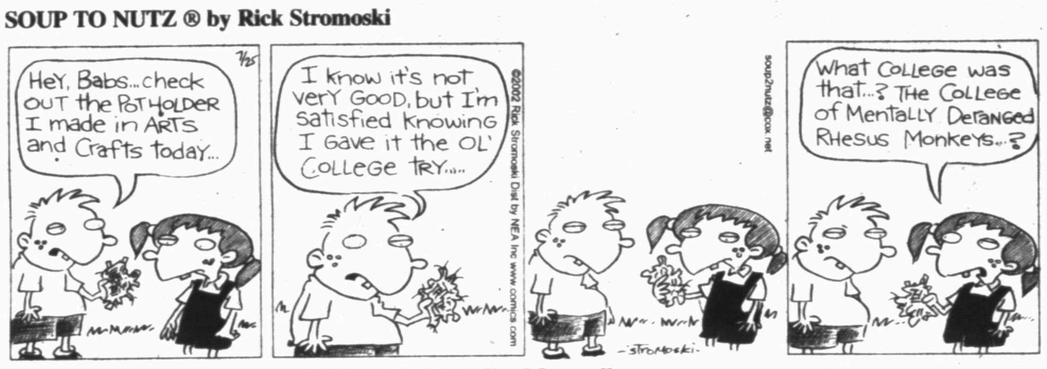

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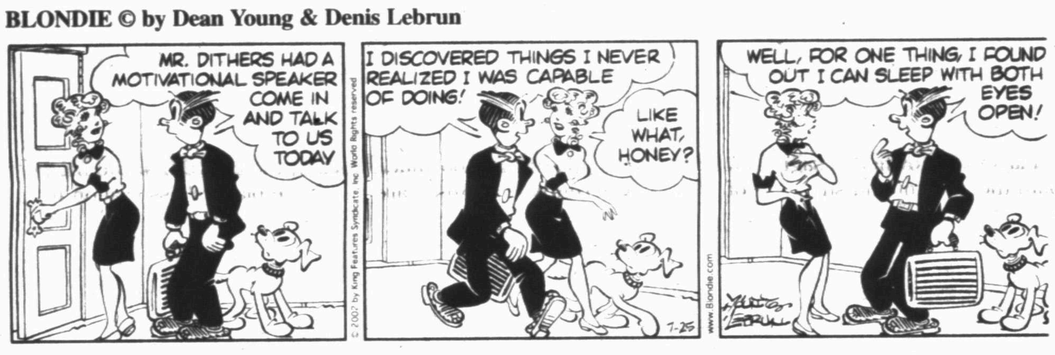

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1 Payroll deduction
5 Shudder
10 Stop surfing (2 wds.)
12 Racket
13 Quickly
14 Not as strong
15 Uncool one
16 Oahu welcome
18 Realize
19 Type of number
23 Sultry West
26 Barbarian
27 Spends off
30 Not awake
32 Shipping box
34 Camel stop
35 Sci-fi weapon
36 Pizarro's conquest
37 Thai neighbor
38 Pollution control org.
39 Edmonton gridders
42 Purpose
45 Streetwise
46 Hardwoods
50 Worry-free place
53 Pink-eyed one
55 Typewriter key
56 Glove leathers
57 Invisible swimmer
58 Increased

DOWN

1 Fairway shout
2 "Munsters" pet bat
3 Owned apartment
4 Rear, to Popeye
5 "— Sera, Sera"
6 Actress — Thurman
7 Puffins' kin
8 "Fish Magic" artist
9 To be, to Balzac
10 Hosp. staffer
11 Go out of business (2 wds.)
12 Bed size
17 One, to Fritz
20 Lab monkey
21 Sneeze sound
22 Turkish currency
23 "Little Red Book" author
24 PDQ
25 "Who — was there?"
28 Assuage
29 Part of a process
31 Ireland
33 Paleozoic, e.g.
35 Where gauchos roam
37 Weeks per annum?
40 Mongol ruler
41 Drab, as colors
42 Distinctive air
43 Object
44 Speck of dust
47 Nurse's helper
48 Was acquainted with
49 Distress call
51 Dartboard site
52 Retiree's kitty
54 Tote

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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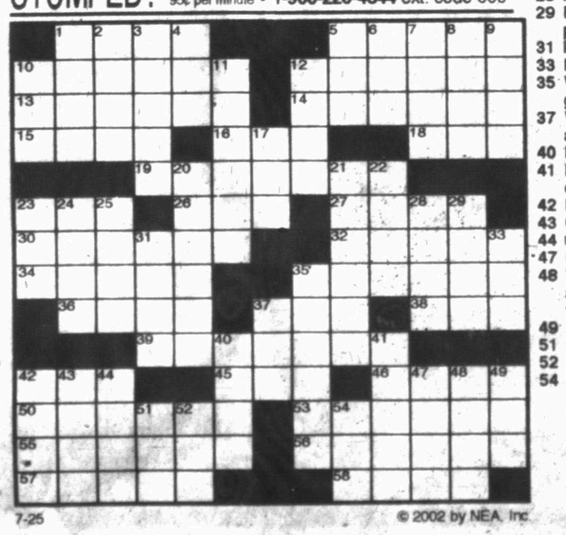

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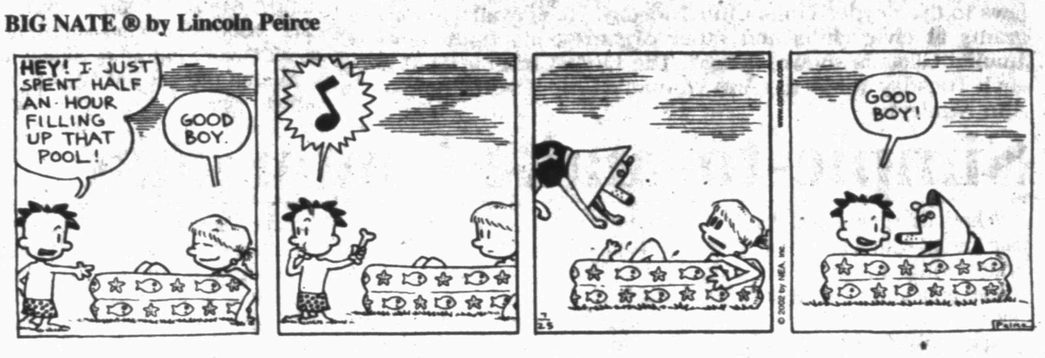

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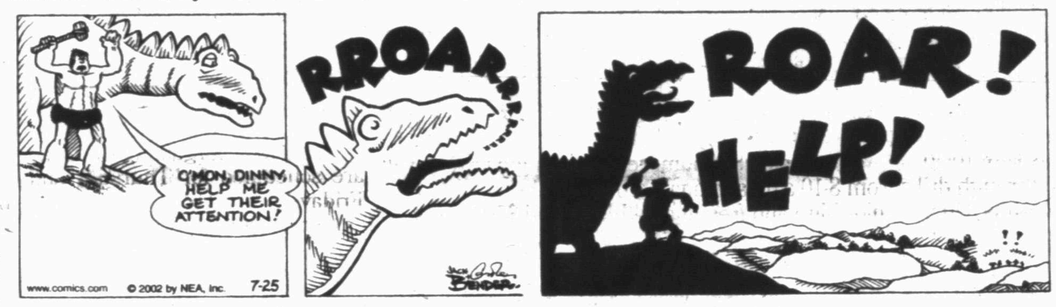

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SPORTS

Rogers, Rangers slip past Mariners

SEATTLE (AP) — With their lead in the AL West now down to one game, the Seattle Mariners might want to rethink their decision about adding Kenny Rogers' salary to their payroll.

One day after turning down a trade to Cincinnati, Rogers pitched eight effective innings as the Texas Rangers beat the Mariners 4-3 Wednesday night.

Rogers, 37, said he still hasn't closed the door on the possibility of going to another team.

"You never know what's going to happen," he said. "When you pitch well, they want to look at you and add to their chances to go somewhere."

The Rangers were set to send Rogers to the Reds this week for three minor leaguers, but the left-hander cited family concerns and invoked his no-trade clause.

Seattle had shown interest in acquiring Rogers before Texas worked out the deal with Cincinnati. The Rangers were unwilling to pick up any part of Rogers' salary in a deal with the Mariners, who have said they don't want to go over their $90 million payroll.

Rogers sounded intrigued about the possibility of pitching for the Mariners.

"It occurred to me tonight, yesterday and the last couple of days," Rogers said. "They're a playoff-caliber team. Last year they showed how good they can be. You go out and pitch well against them and it opens eyes."

Rogers (11-5) won for the second time at Safeco Field in his fourth start against the Mariners this season. He beat them 9-0 with a five-hitter on April 19.

In his four starts against Seattle this season, Rogers is 2-0 with an 1.50 ERA.

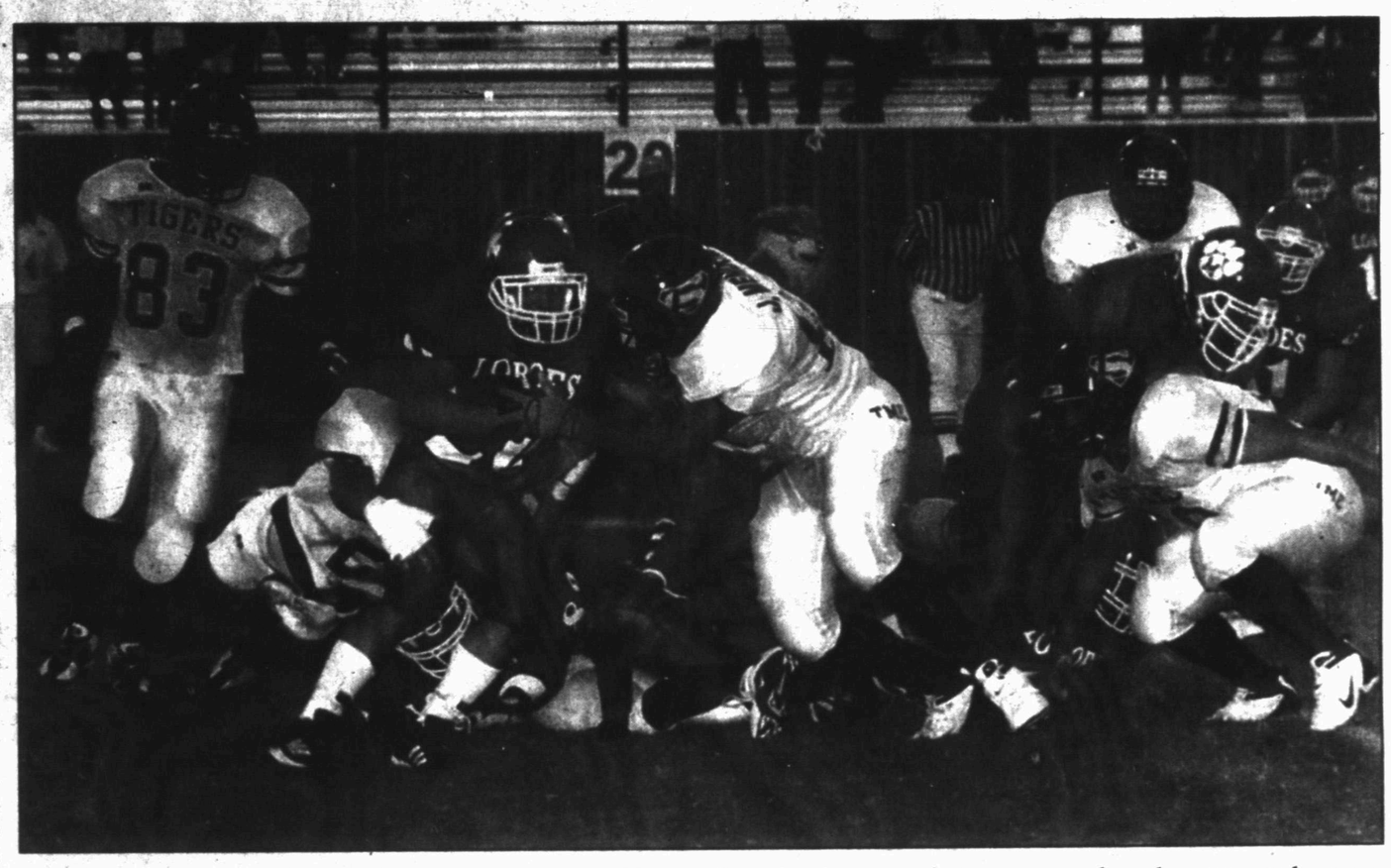
Rogers gave up three runs, two of them earned, on seven hits and one walk before Danny Kolb pitched the ninth for his first major league save.

"He knows how to pitch, period," Mariners manager Lou Piniella said. "He's been around for a long time. That's one of the reasons a lot of clubs have been watching Kenny to see if he can add to their starting mix."

Frank Catalanotto, who was hitting .179 in his previous 15 games, accounted for three of the Rangers' runs. He homered on the second pitch of the game and had a two-run single in the fifth inning.

The Rangers made it 2-0 in the third against Freddy Garcia (11-7) on a walk to Kevin Mench, Ruben Rivera's sacrifice and two wild pitches by Garcia while pitching to Catalanotto.

Texas made it 4-0 in the fifth on a single by Herbert Perry, a double by Mench and Catalanotto's single into center.



TAKE DOWN — Snyder's Josh Mendoza wraps up a Monahans ball carrier during last year's season opener. Preparations for the upcoming season are less than two weeks away. State-wide football workouts begin Aug. 5. (SDN Staff Photo)

Revenue sharing dominates labor talks

NEW YORK (AP) — Revenue sharing was the chief topic as baseball players and owners resumed labor talks Wednesday, and the sides agreed they were about $70 million apart annually.

Revenue sharing is one of the two key issues in the talks, along with management's desire for a luxury tax on high payroll clubs that would slow salary growth.

"It was positive. There were some ideas that were thrown out," union lawyer Michael Weiner said. "We'll continue discussions."

Additional bargaining sessions are scheduled for Thursday and Friday.

Players are fearful that owners will unilaterally change work rules after the postseason or lock them out, so they are considering striking in August or September. It would be baseball's ninth work stoppage since 1972.

Deferred compensation and the rights of injured players also were discussed at Wednesday's two-hour session, the first meeting since last Friday. Three players attended the meeting — Montreal's Brian Schneider and Dan Smith, and the New York Mets' Al Leiter — along with Baltimore owner Peter Angelos and Chicago Cubs chief executive officer Andy MacPhail.

Union head Donald Fehr was in Houston to meet with the Milwaukee Brewers.

"I think he is cautiously optimistic," Brewers infielder Mark Loretta said. "People compare this with the 1994 talks, but he feels this is a different setting. The rhetoric isn't nearly as strong. Of course, things can change very quickly."

Management's top negotiator, chief operating officer Bob DuPuy, also was traveling.

"From my view, it was a productive discussion on all three topics," management negotiator Rob Manfred said.

Players and owners disagree on both the amount and structure of revenue sharing. Owners want to increase the percentage of shared local revenue from 20 percent to 50 percent, and they want a "straight-pool" system, which would favor clubs with payrolls closer to the average of the 30 teams. The current "split-pool" system is more favorable to teams with the highest and lowest revenue.

Last year, about $167 million was transferred in revenue sharing. Management's current proposal, if it had been in place, would have transferred about $298 million last year while the union's plan would have moved approximately $228 million.

Thus far, the sides have spent little time discussing management's desire for a 50 percent luxury tax on the portions of payrolls above $98 million. The union is against a tax, although the previous agreement — which expired Nov. 7 — contained one for the 1997, 1998 and 1999 seasons.

Management said it was ineffective, but players say it kept the payrolls of the highest-spending teams — such as the New York Yankees — closer to those of the other clubs.

Deferred compensation has become an issue because the commissioner's office thinks clubs have gotten into too much debt. Currently, teams are required to fund deferred payments they owe within 3-4 years of the season in which the player earns the money.

Management's proposal would require teams to fund deferred compensation by the end of the season in which it is earned. The union is worried that would decrease the attractiveness of deferred compensation for clubs.

Teams also want to be able to require injured players to undergo rehabilitation at spring training sites. That proposal stems from Carlos Beltran's failure to follow the Kansas City Royals' order for him to go to Haines City, Fla., during the 2000 season.

Kansas City originally suspended Beltran and stopped paying his salary, then gave him the money after the players' association filed a grievance and a default notice on his behalf. While there were hearings, the grievance was never submitted to an arbitrator for determination.

TCU player charged in death of infant girl

FORT WORTH (AP) — A TCU running back has been jailed in the death earlier this month of his girlfriend's 16-month-old daughter.

Frank Montgomery, 22, was charged with injury to a child, but the charge could be upgraded after officials receive the final results of the autopsy, said Jay Lapham, chief of the Crimes Against Children unit of the Tarrant County district attorney's office.

Montgomery was arrested about noon Wednesday at police headquarters in Benbrook, a southwest Fort Worth suburb, where he had come to talk with detectives about the July 3 death of Savannah Koiner, Benbrook police spokeswoman Jennifer Gabbert said.

TCU football coach Gary Patterson said Montgomery, who would have been a fifth-year senior tailback this fall, was considered a player in "good standing."

TCU officials were notified on Friday that Montgomery was a suspect in a child's death, according to a school news release. Montgomery was suspended indefinitely from TCU on Tuesday.

Montgomery had summoned emergency personnel on the evening of July 2 to the Benbrook residence of his girlfriend, Roxane Koiner, with whom he was living. Montgomery said he was watching the child while his girlfriend was at class.

According to an arrest warrant affidavit, Montgomery called 911 at 6:50 p.m. and said the child was choking and not breathing. Emergency crews said that when they arrived, Montgomery was just inside the front door trying to give the infant cardiopulmonary resuscitation.

The child was taken to Cook Children's Medical Center, where doctors noted a large reddish mark on the back of her head and a burn on her back, the affidavit stated. A head scan revealed that the girl had sustained a "significant force or blow to the head," the affidavit said.

She was pronounced dead the next day. The Tarrant County medical examiner's office ruled her death a homicide caused by blunt force trauma.

Sports Briefs

Volleyball camp

Snyder Volleyball Camp for junior high and high school players begins Wednesday and runs through Aug. 2. Lean Ann Roberts, head coach at Veribest High School, will serve as director.

Junior high players will workout from 2-4 p.m., while freshmen practice from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Sophomores, juniors and seniors will go through drills from 8-10 a.m. and again from 5-7 p.m.

Cost is $20 for junior high and freshman athletes and $30 for upperclassmen. To register, call Coach Roberts at (915) 486-2660 or SHS coach Laura Moses at 573-8531.

Softball tournament

The USSSA Men's Class E State Softball Tournament is set for Aug. 9-11 at Winston Field. Cost is $175 per team and deadline to enter is Aug. 8.

To enter, call Chris Maxfield at 573-6862 (day) or 573-4332 (evening).

Junior, adult-child tourneys

The SCGC Junior Club Championship is set for 9 a.m. Friday at the country club. Cost is $10.

The course hosts an adult-child tournament at 9 a.m. Saturday. Entry fee is $20 per team and includes hamburgers after the round.

Blowout partnership tournament

The 14th annual Blowout Partnership is set for Aug. 17-18 at the country club. Entry fee is $300 per team and deadline to register is Aug. 10.

Format is scramble the first day and lowball for the final round. Teams will be pre-flighted by certified combined handicaps. Each flight will receive cash prizes.

Junior golf tournament

The Western Texas College Junior Golf Championship is scheduled for Aug. 9. Entry fee is $10 for players 11-under and $15 for ages 12-up. For more information, call the pro shop at 573-9291.

Cargile golf tournament

The Kiwanis Cargile Scholarship Foundation benefit Golf Tournament is set for Aug. 10 at Western Texas College. Format is four-person scramble and cost is $30 per player.

Cash prizes will go to the top four teams. Contests for closest-to-the-hole, longest drive and hole-in-one will be held. To register, call the pro shop at 573-9291.

SISD athletic physicals

Physicals are required for students wishing to participate in SISD athletics. Those needing physicals are all incoming seventh and ninth grade athletes, students new to SISD athletics, athletes in their third year of high school, and all students who answered "yes" to questions 1, 4, 5, 6 or 7 on their medical history form.

The school district pays for physicals through Aug. 2 with the following doctors: Raykov, Burleson, Cooper, Thompson, Wolboldt and NP Beth Ashley. Incoming seventh and ninth graders can pick up physical forms in the doctors' offices.

Friday swingers

The SCGA Women's Golf Association holds a weekly swingers event at 5:30 each Friday. It is open to all members and prospective members. Cost is $10 per couple and the format is scramble.

Cash prizes go to the top three finishers as well as closest to the hole. For more information, call Barbara Leatherwood at 725-7875.

WGA weekly play day

The SCGA Women's Golf Association holds a weekly play day each Tuesday at 9 a.m. Format is blind partners.

SCGA weekly events

The Scurry County Golf Association holds a weekly scramble Tuesdays at 5:30. The Men's Golf Association holds an all-day MGA event each Thursday.

Major League Baseball

National League
By The Associated Press
All Times EDT

East Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	66	36	.647	—
New York	52	49	.515	13½
Montreal	50	51	.495	15½
Florida	49	52	.485	16½
Philadelphia	46	54	.460	19
Central Division	**W**	**L**	**Pct**	**GB**
St. Louis	55	43	.561	—
Cincinnati	53	48	.525	3½
Houston	49	51	.490	7
Pittsburgh	47	54	.465	9½
Chicago	43	56	.434	12½
Milwaukee	35	67	.343	22
West Division	**W**	**L**	**Pct**	**GB**
Arizona	60	41	.594	—
San Francisco	57	44	.564	3
Los Angeles	57	45	.559	3½
Colorado	48	54	.471	12½
San Diego	43	58	.426	17

Wednesday's Games
Cincinnati 10, Pittsburgh 5
Atlanta 10, Florida 0
Philadelphia 4, Chicago Cubs 2
San Diego 8, Los Angeles 0
San Francisco 6, St. Louis 4
Montreal 2, N.Y. Mets 1
Milwaukee 12, Houston 8
Arizona 7, Colorado 1

Thursday's Games
Philadelphia (Duckworth 5-8) at Chicago Cubs (C.Zambrano 2-2), 2:20 p.m.
St. Louis (T.Smith 3-1) at San Francisco (Jensen 10-6), 3:35 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Benson 3-4) at Houston (Saarloos 1-2), 4:05 p.m.
San Diego (Ol.Perez 3-2) at Arizona (Patterson 0-0), 6:05 p.m.
Florida (Penny 4-4) at Montreal (Yoshii 2-3), 7:05 p.m.

Friday's Games
Florida (Beckett 3-4) at Montreal (Armas Jr. 8-10), 7:05 p.m.
Cincinnati (Dessens 7-5) at N.Y. Mets (Astacio 10-3), 7:10 p.m.
Philadelphia (Wolf 5-7) at Atlanta (Millwood 9-5), 7:35 p.m.
Colorado (Stark 6-1) at Milwaukee (Cabrera 4-7), 8:05 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Fogg 10-7) at Houston (Mlicki 3-6), 8:05 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (Lieber 6-7) at St. Louis (Finley 1-0), 8:10 p.m.
San Diego (Peavy 2-3) at Arizona (Johnson 13-4), 10:05 p.m.
Los Angeles (Nomo 9-6) at San Francisco (Ortiz 7-6), 10:35 p.m.

American League
All Times EDT

East Division	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	63	37	.630	—
Boston	58	41	.586	4½
Baltimore	47	51	.480	15
Toronto	44	55	.444	18½
Tampa Bay	32	67	.323	30½
Central Division	**W**	**L**	**Pct**	**GB**
Minnesota	61	42	.592	—
Chicago	47	56	.456	14
Cleveland	44	56	.440	15½
Kansas City	43	57	.430	16½
Detroit	37	62	.374	22
West Division	**W**	**L**	**Pct**	**GB**
Seattle	61	40	.604	—
Anaheim	59	40	.596	1
Oakland	59	42	.584	2
Texas	42	58	.420	18½

Wednesday's Games
Minnesota 8, Chicago White Sox 1
Toronto 5, Baltimore 2
Tampa Bay 9, Boston 5
Detroit 3, Kansas City 0
N.Y. Yankees 14, Cleveland 7
Texas 4, Seattle 3
Anaheim 5, Oakland 1

Thursday's Games
Kansas City (Asencio 2-2) at Detroit (Maroth 2-3), 2:05 p.m.
Oakland (Lidle 3-8) at Anaheim (Ortiz 9-7), 4:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay (De Los Santos 0-1) at Boston (P.Martinez 12-2), 7:05 p.m.
Texas (Myette 0-1) at Seattle (Halama 4-3), 10:05 p.m.

Friday's Games
Baltimore (Lopez 10-3) at Boston (Arrojo 4-2), 7:05 p.m.
Detroit (Powell 0-0) at Cleveland (Nagy 0-1), 7:05 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Mussina 12-4) at Tampa Bay (Sosa 1-2), 7:15 p.m.
Toronto (Parris 3-2) at Minnesota (Mays 1-2), 8:05 p.m.
Oakland (Mulder 11-5) at Texas (Bell 3-3), 8:05 p.m.
Kansas City (Sedlacek 1-0) at Chicago White Sox (Wright 6-8), 8:05 p.m.
Anaheim (Lackey 1-1) at Seattle (Baldwin 6-6), 10:05 p.m.

WNBA Glance

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EASTERN CONFERENCE	W	L	Pct	GB
Washington	15	7	.682	—
Charlotte	14	9	.609	1½
New York	14	10	.583	2
Miami	11	12	.478	4½
Orlando	10	12	.455	5
Indiana	9	13	.409	6
Cleveland	8	15	.348	7½
Detroit	4	18	.182	11
WESTERN CONFERENCE	**W**	**L**	**Pct**	**GB**
Los Angeles	19	4	.826	—
Houston	18	6	.750	1½
Utah	16	8	.667	3½
Portland	14	10	.583	5½
Seattle	10	13	.435	9
Phoenix	8	14	.364	10½
Minnesota	7	15	.318	11½
Sacramento	5	16	.238	13

Wednesday's Games
Charlotte 73, Cleveland 66, OT
Los Angeles 73, Portland 69
Minnesota 70, Utah 62

Thursday's Games
Cleveland at Charlotte, Noon
Seattle at Orlando, 7:30 p.m.
Washington at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
Miami at Houston, 8:30 p.m.
Portland at Sacramento, 10 p.m.

Friday's Games
Minnesota at Indiana, 7 p.m.
Phoenix at Utah, 9 p.m.

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Tips lead Lubbock police to arrest in 3-year-old slaying

LUBBOCK (AP) — A tip led police to a suspect in a 3-year-old murder case, Lubbock police say.

Justice of the Peace Bob Blackburn arraigned Kenneth D. Warwick, 41, Wednesday on a murder charge and set his bond at $250,000. Warwick is accused of fatally stabbing Paul Tolonen, 31, whose decomposing body was discovered June 4, 1999, in a secluded area of Mackenzie State Park, about a mile northeast of downtown Lubbock.

He apparently had been killed a week earlier.

The case grew cold, but two weeks ago, a narcotics investigator received a tip that revived the case and led to Warwick's arrest on Tuesday, a police spokesman said.

An informant directed detectives to Warwick's former girlfriend, who said she was afraid to come forward sooner, but agreed to tell what she knew.

The woman, whom police did not identify, said she saw Warwick, Tolonen and her brother together on the night that Tolonen was killed. She said Warwick returned home that night covered in blood and told her he killed Tolonen because Tolonen "ripped him off" on a drug deal.

The woman's brother, who police said is currently incarcerated in the Formby prison at Plainview, also talked to police. He said Warwick gave Tolonen $30 for crack cocaine, but Tolonen never returned with the drugs. The inmate told detectives he and Warwick later found Tolonen, who was high on crack.

"This angered Warwick that not only did Tolonen steal his money, but he used it to get high," detective Dewayne Proctor wrote.

Warwick ordered Tolonen into his truck and drove to Mackenzie Park. The inmate told investigators he believed Warwick planned to fight or assault Tolonen "to teach him a lesson."

The brother of Warwick's former girlfriend told detectives that as he watched from the truck, Warwick pulled a long sheath knife from under his shirt and cut Tolonen. Tolonen suffered numerous injuries, including a slit throat.

Warwick dragged Tolonen over a hill and out of sight, police were told. When Warwick returned minutes later, he was covered in blood, investigators were told.

Astronomers say asteroid unlikely to collide with Earth

PASADENA, Calif. (AP) — The latest possibility that an asteroid could slam into Earth has proven harder to dismiss than most.

A mile-wide asteroid could strike the Earth on Feb. 1, 2019, and while astronomers say the chances of such a global catastrophe are slim, they'll be watching the space rock closely for the next year or so.

The asteroid has attracted more attention for a longer period than usual. But National Aeronautics and Space Administration astronomers say the rock's stay on its Earth Impact Risk Summary page is likely to be temporary.

"One way or another, this thing is coming off the risk page," said Donald Yeomans, manager of NASA's near-Earth object program office at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory. He said the odds of the asteroid striking the Earth are about one in 250,000, and will likely be adjusted even lower.

The asteroid was dubbed 2002 NT7 upon its discovery two weeks ago. Scientists who have observed the rock over 100 times since then say it is larger than others, and calculate six other potential impact dates after 2019.

They will refine their estimates over the next year while tracking the asteroid's 837-day orbit around the sun.

"At that point, if it's still a threat, I'd start to get a little concerned, but not before then," said Gareth Williams, associate director of the Minor Planet Center in Cambridge, Mass.

If 2002 NT7 crossed paths with the Earth, it would enter the atmosphere at nearly 64,000 mph and strike with the explosive energy of 1.2 million megatons of TNT, according to JPL estimates.

The odds of that happening, however, are low. The 2019 date ranks a one on the zero-to-10 Torino scale, meaning the chances of a collision are about the same as a random object of the same size hitting the Earth in the next few decades.

Last month, an asteroid the size of a soccer field missed the Earth by 75,000 miles — less than one-third of the distance to the moon — in one of the closest known approaches by an object of its size.

On the Net:
Impact risks:
http://neo.jpl.nasa.gov/risk/2002nt7.html

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF RECEIPT AND INTENT TO OBTAIN A VOLUNTARY EMISSION REDUCTION (VERP) AIR PERMIT

AIR QUALITY PERMIT NO. 49036

APPLICATION Chevron Pipe Line Company, P.O. Box 4879, Houston, Texas, 77210-4879 has applied to the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission (TNRCC) for issuance of a Voluntary Emission Reduction Permit, Air Quality Permit No.49036, which would authorize changes to the existing operation of the North Snyder Station in order to obtain emission reductions. The facility is located at 7000 Highway 208 North, Snyder, Scurry County, Texas. The following air contaminants will be evaluated for authorization: organic compounds. This permit will not authorize new construction or an increase in emissions.

This application was submitted to the TNRCC on August 31, 2001. The application is available for viewing and copying at the TNRCC central office, the TNRCC Abilene regional office, and the Scurry County Courthouse, 806 25th Street, Snyder, Scurry County, Texas. The facility's compliance file, if any exists, is available for public review in the Abilene regional office of the TNRCC.

The TNRCC executive director has determined the application is administratively complete and will conduct a technical review of the application.

PUBLIC COMMENT/PUBLIC MEETING You may submit public comments or request a public meeting or a notice and comment hearing to the Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below. The TNRCC will consider all public comments in developing a final decision on the application. **The deadline to submit public comments is 30 days after newspaper notice is published.** After the deadline for public comments, the executive director will prepare a response to all relevant and material or significant public comments.

The purpose of a public meeting is to provide the opportunity to submit comments or ask questions about the application. A public meeting about the application will be held if the executive director determines that there is a significant degree of public interest in the application or if requested by a local legislator. A public meeting is not a contested case hearing.

After the final deadline for public comments following any public meeting or notice and comment hearing, the executive director will consider the comments and prepare a response to all relevant and material or significant public comments. If any comments are received, the response to comments, along with the executive director's action on the application, will be mailed to everyone who submitted comments or is on the mailing list for this application.

OPPORTUNITY FOR A NOTICE AND COMMENT HEARING A person who may be affected by the emission of air pollutants from the site may request a notice and comment hearing. The TNRCC may grant a notice and comment hearing on this application if a written hearing request is filed within 30 days after publication of this newspaper notice. The purpose of a notice and comment hearing is to provide an opportunity to submit comments on the draft permit. If a notice and comment hearing is granted, all individuals who submitted written comments or a hearing request will receive written notice of the hearing. This notice will identify the date, time, and location for the hearing. Issues such as property values, noise, traffic safety, and zoning are outside of the Commission's jurisdiction to address in this proceeding.

MAILING LIST In addition to submitting public comments, you may ask to be placed on a mailing list to receive future public notices for this specific application mailed by the Office of the Chief Clerk by sending a written request to the TNRCC Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below.

INFORMATION Written public comments or requests for a public meeting or requests for a notice and comment hearing should be submitted to the Office of the Chief Clerk, MC-105, TNRCC, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087. For more information about this permit application or the permitting process, please call the Office of Public Assistance, Toll Free, at 1-800-687-4040. General information regarding the TNRCC can be found at www.tnrcc.state.tx.us.

Further information may also be obtained from Chevron Pipe Line Company at the address stated above or by calling Mr. Pat Shevlin at (281) 596-3561.

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.

Posture may be a cultural issue

DEAR DR. GOTT: I have a 17-year-old grandson who is hunch-backed and stooped, photograph enclosed. His pediatrician politely ignores his condition, but I believe that it is unattractive and may indicate cancer. Thanks for helping.

DEAR READER: The photograph that you sent me shows an adolescent boy, cooking at the stove. He appears sullen, slim and stoop-shouldered. His shirt and pants are too big for him. He seems to wish that he hadn't been photographed at all. In summary, he appears to be a normal male teenager.

What you and I, as grandparents, have to come to accept is that this adolescent generation resembles ours — but more so. Kids want to shock and amaze; they want to be different (to adults) but conform (to their associates). Your grandson has the typical teen slouch, stooped shoulders, poor chest-muscle development; I am sure that he drives his parents nuts because of oppositional behavior.

If you are truly concerned about your grandson's posture, check with his pediatrician. But, I doubt that cancer is the problem. Growing up is. Love him and look the other way. It's not you (or him) that I worry about. I hope his parents can get through this phase. I'm just glad that I made it 10 years ago, but, then, my youngest son disclaimed provocative behavior, for which I will be eternally grateful to him.

DEAR DR. GOTT: My husband never takes antibiotics that are prescribed for him. My son is a physician, examines him and prescribes antibiotics, which my husband fills but refuses to take. While I have arthritis, my two sisters and one brother have no health problems, but they don't live with someone who is chronically ill. So, it is people like you who are cheating me out of a life.

DEAR READER: You're going to have to help me with this line of reasoning, because it baffles me. Your husband won't take antibiotics, you have arthritis and I - a doctor you don't even know - am somehow to blame. I think this is stretching a point, to say the least.

I don't know what diseases your husband has, so I can't explain what effect his ill-health has on you. Everybody gets arthritis sooner or later. In any case, your spouse is, presumably, old enough to make his own decisions about therapy. That's his right.

Why not run this by your family physician? Rather than blaming someone for your arthritis, you would be better off taking treatment for this painful disorder.

To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Understanding Osteoarthritis." Other readers who would like a copy should send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to Newsletter at P.O. Box 267, Wickliffe, OH 44092-0167. Be sure to mention the title.

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Markets

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NEW YORK (AP) -

	High	Low	Last	
AMR Corp	10.70	10.03	10.56	+ .21
AOL TimeWrn	10.13	9.00	9.91	—1.49
AT&T Corp	9.30	8.75	8.96	—.10
Albertsons	28.89	27.94	28.45	+ .07
Alltel	38.61	37.30	38.20	+ .45
AmEl Pw	28.75	26.80	28.30	+ 1.99
AndarkPtr	40.61	39.30	40.05	+ .20
ATMOS Egy	19.90	19.03	19.66	+ .58
Aviall	11.60	11.10	11.45	+ .35
BP PLC	42.10	41.04	41.73	—1.02
BakerHughes	27.80	26.45	26.81	—.19
Bank of Amer	59.75	58.15	59.00	
BellSouth	23.76	22.11	23.01	+ .29
BurlNoSFe	27.24	26.70	26.94	
Caterpillar	43.50	42.00	42.94	—.26
ChevronTex	70.45	68.85	70.03	—.57
Citigroup	31.40	28.50	29.90	+ .31
CocaCola	47.46	46.15	47.34	+ .49
ColgatePal	50.35	49.66	50.00	+ .01
CmclMetals s	18.49	18.22	18.25	
Cooper Inds	29.90	29.25	29.67	—.03
DaimlrChry	42.20	40.50	41.20	—2.30
DeltaAirl	14.70	13.98	14.69	+ .34
Dillards Inc	23.95	22.88	23.51	—.49
DowChem	29.00	27.21	28.56	+ 1.11
DuPont	42.34	40.67	41.78	+ 1.50
EastmanChem	44.00	42.25	43.06	+ .61
EstKodak	29.39	27.70	28.01	—.38
EDS Corp	33.00	29.50	32.31	—.68
Entergy	37.51	35.47	36.05	+ .11
ExxonMobil	34.50	33.60	34.00	+ .07
FootLocker	11.38	11.15	11.25	
GenDynam	85.92	83.98	85.29	—.31
GenElec	27.20	25.95	26.40	—.13
GenMills	40.13	39.21	39.75	—.15
GenMotors	44.46	43.38	43.71	—1.04
GaPacific	22.20	21.35	22.07	+ .52
Goodrich	22.30	21.51	22.22	+ .56
Goodyear	16.97	16.19	16.61	—.35
GtAtlPac	16.04	15.45	16.04	+ .24
Halliburtn	12.98	11.80	12.70	+ 1.50
Hanson ADS	29.30	28.79	29.00	—1.39
HarteHanks s	17.85	17.00	17.83	+ .78
HomeDepot	30.91	29.50	29.55	—1.17
HoneywellIntl	31.45	29.99	30.44	—.31
IBM	70.00	68.11	68.95	—.59
IntlPaper	39.27	38.05	38.91	+ .26
JohnsonJn	49.10	46.85	48.01	+ .31
viK mart	.67	.63	.63	
KinderMorg	36.98	36.59	36.95	+ .75
Kroger Co	19.30	18.40	19.20	+ .52
LockheedM	59.00	57.76	58.26	+ .26
Lowes Cos	36.98	35.74	35.79	—1.71
Lubys	6.10	6.03	6.03	—.17
LucentTech	1.72	1.56	1.65	
MarathonOil	22.30	21.89	22.09	—.19
MayDeptStr	29.00	28.40	28.70	—.56
Medtronic	37.25	35.01	36.73	+ 1.50
Motorola	13.14	12.81	12.82	—.64
NCR Corp	28.87	27.00	27.13	—3.79
Navistar	26.40	25.50	25.79	—.77
PNM Rescs	19.65	18.62	19.01	+ .33
Penney JC	17.15	16.20	16.80	+ .09
PepBoys	12.30	11.75	12.10	+ .05
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Pharmacia	39.14	37.30	38.86	+ .91
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PhilipPet	47.70	46.80	47.11	—.67
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Praxair	52.25	49.50	51.94	+ 1.65
ProctGamb	83.00	81.07	82.59	+ .34
RadioShack	26.25	25.27	25.40	—.28
ReliantEngy	7.95	6.01	6.95	+ 1.55
RoyalDut	42.95	42.20	42.58	—.23
SBC Comm	26.05	24.35	25.69	+ .97
SaraLee	17.66	16.90	17.46	+ .08
Scripps EW	74.08	72.25	74.08	+ 1.85
SearsRoeb	46.60	44.80	45.91	—.41
SherwinW	27.60	26.65	27.40	+ .24
SouthernCo	27.00	25.80	26.36	+ .19
SwstAirl	12.06	11.60	11.80	—.01
SprintFON	10.31	9.05	9.70	+ .04
SprintPCS	4.18	3.85	4.00	—.10
Sunoco Inc	32.95	32.10	32.61	—.17
TXU Corp	40.69	37.45	39.11	+ 2.42
TempleInland	52.75	49.90	51.85	+ 2.21
TexInd	25.50	25.10	25.42	+ .43
TexasInst	23.40	22.30	22.31	—1.69
Textron	37.52	36.90	37.25	+ .30
TrinityInds	18.45	17.93	18.02	—.33
TylerTech	4.88	4.65	4.66	—.14
UnionPacif	56.37	55.06	56.31	+ .84
USSteel	15.75	15.22	15.65	+ .05
UnitedTech	64.51	63.70	63.86	—.64
Unocal	30.60	29.99	30.25	—.30
VerizonComm	28.100	27.49	27.91	+ .06
WalMart	48.07	46.75	46.99	—.95
WellsFargo	46.01	44.65	45.76	+ .32
WstnGasRs	28.95	28.22	28.30	—.47
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Xerox Cp	6.66	5.70	6.00	+ .65
YumBrands s	30.49	28.36	29.91	+ 1.03

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Thousands attend Runnion's funeral

GARDEN GROVE, Calif. (AP) — The 5-year-old girl many knew only through news reports of her abduction and slaying was honored as "America's little girl" during an emotional funeral attended by thousands.

More than 4,000 people filled the cavernous Crystal Cathedral on Wednesday to remember Samantha Runnion, who would have turned 6 on Friday. The capacity crowd spilled outside, where some 1,000 people listened on speakers.

"We didn't realize it at the time but Samantha was not just our little girl, she became America's little girl," Orange County Sheriff Mike Carona, who headed the massive search for Samantha's killer, told mourners.

The curly haired girl was abducted in front of her home in Stanton, Calif., on July 15 as she kicked and yelled to a playmate, "Help me." She was lured by a stranger who claimed he was searching for a lost puppy. Samantha's body was found the next day off a rural highway near Lake Elsinore, some 50 miles away. She had been sexually assaulted and asphyxiated.

Tips led police to Alejandro Avila, 27, who has been charged with kidnapping, murder and sexual assault. Avila, who has denied abducting Samantha, could face the death penalty if convicted.

The girl's mother, Erin Runnion, shared a slide show of Samantha's artwork at the funeral service, accompanied by music from the animated Disney film "Peter Pan."

"It's not fair that we're looking at a tiny little casket," the Rev. Robert A. Schuller II told mourners. "It's not fair. It's wrong. What is good is what brought all of you here today ... Love, support, community."

At the end of the service, mourners applauded in a show of support for family members, who followed the coffin as it was carried out of the church.

House expels Ohio's Rep. Traficant

WASHINGTON (AP) — After nearly two decades of often outrageous, usually entertaining and never boring behavior, Ohio Rep. James Traficant exited the Capitol stage in defeat, taking his place in history as only the fifth House member to be expelled.

The anti-climatic 420-1 vote that ejected the nine-term congressman for taking bribes and kickbacks took just minutes Wednesday night. In that time, the maverick Democrat went from being a congressman with privileges and responsibilities to an ordinary citizen in his former district.

"I'm prepared to lose everything. I'm prepared to go to jail. You go ahead and expel me," he told his colleagues defiantly, maintaining his innocence and claiming that government prosecutors coerced witnesses to lie in order to convict him.

Traficant, 61, faces sentencing Tuesday for his federal jury conviction on 10 counts of bribery, racketeering and tax evasion. Prosecutors want him taken into custody at sentencing and for him to serve 7¼ years in prison. He is expected to appeal.

From the blue and gold carpeted House floor, where his colorful tirades against the FBI, Internal Revenue Service and what he viewed as government inanities became a daily fixture, Traficant used his final remarks to plead with colleagues to reconsider.

"My people elected me and I don't think you should take their representative away," he said. But he added, "Vote your conscience. Nothing personal. I hope I'm back."

Traficant is seeking re-election this fall as an independent. Meanwhile, Republican Ohio Gov. Bob Taft must now decide whether to hold a special election for Traficant's seat or let it remain unfilled until the 108th Congress is sworn in in January.

During Traficant's meandering, 45-minute statement Wednesday night, dozens of House members sat attentively in their seats, and the usually bustling chamber was quiet. Traficant argued that there was no physical evidence against him, accused the judge in his criminal trial of corruption and said government prosecutors had a vendetta against him.

Known for his flashy clothes, wild hair and arm-waving theatrical rants during his 18-year House career, Traficant even drew some subdued chuckles from lawmakers when he quipped about using a "weed whacker" to cut his hair and referred to his '70s-style bell-bottom trousers.

Rep. James Hansen, R-Utah, presiding over the rare House expulsion proceedings, admonished Traficant more than once for using profanity during his defense.

But House ethic watchdogs condemned Traficant, saying the evidence against him was overwhelming.

"He traded his official office and powers repeatedly for money, for labor, for equipment at his farm and other things," said Rep. Zoe Lofgren, D-Calif., a member of the House ethics committee.

Rep. Howard Berman of California, the panel's senior Democrat, said not expelling Traficant "in the face of the vast evidence spread out in the record is to say a member can behave as he has and retain membership in this institution. That cannot be our message."

Only Rep. Gary Condit, D-Calif., who was defeated in a primary for re-election after he was romantically linked with Chandra Levy, a government intern who was murdered, voted against Traficant's expulsion.

The last time the House expelled a member was in 1980, when Rep. Michael Myers, D-Pa., was kicked out for accepting bribes from FBI agents posing as Arab sheiks.

Utilities appeal PUC ruling

AUSTIN (AP) — Several utility companies on Wednesday appealed the Public Utility Commission's decision to get additional information before deciding on the utilities' requests to raise rates for some of their customers.

The utilities, including TXU, Reliant Energy Retail Services, WTU Retail Energy and CPL Retail Energy, filed their appeal with the Travis County District Court after the PUC this month remanded their requests to raise prices back to the State Office of Administrative Hearings.

In remanding the requests, the commissioners had said they wanted to get more information about natural gas prices. The PUC was expected to take up the case again sometime in September.

The incumbent utilities had proposed increases in their traditional service areas, citing rising gas prices.

Under electric deregulation, which began Jan. 1, traditional utilities were required to cut their rates for customers within their service territory and not raise them for three years or until they lost 40 percent of their customers.

However, the law allows utilities to pass along increases in the cost of fuel used to create power.

"In our request, we followed the rule that the PUC wrote for this price change," said TXU spokesman Chris Schein. "The commissioner's didn't follow the rule they wrote."

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

Mother's insistent demands could be sign of depression

DEAR ABBY: "Frustrated Son in Nashville" wrote about his complaining mother making unreasonable demands of him and the family.

"Frustrated Son" and his family have made an honest effort to make his mother feel loved and cared for. However, he may not realize that she could still be depressed and grieving for her husband.

Depression in the elderly can exhibit itself in many ways. As an R.N., I have seen similar behavior in seniors who were experiencing depression, grief and other emotional/mental health problems. The mother in that letter may need an assessment by a physician or behavioral health clinic that specializes in geriatric psychiatry.

Treatment should include a general physical and diagnostic evaluation to determine any physical or mental cause for her behavior and emotions, in addition to medication and/or psychotherapy (counseling). A good program should have all three components available if necessary. — **A FRIEND IN TEXAS**

DEAR FRIEND: You're right. Those are the correct steps to follow when someone exhibits a sudden change in personality or unusual behavior. **Read on:**

DEAR ABBY: My heart goes out to "Frustrated Son in Nashville," as he travels the journey of caregiver to his aging mother. It is a journey shared by more and more of us as older family members live longer.

Having been a caregiver for three aging family members, I have not forgotten the demands — or the frustration — those years presented.

"Frustrated's" mother may be growing too dependent on him and other family members. He must try to take time for himself and his own family. Reducing his mother's dependence will not be easy, as it appears to be an established pattern. However, if her son does not change this pattern now, it will only get worse.

Instead of the family calling her twice a day, perhaps SHE should make the call to them at a specific time each day — to let them know she's all right, or any other message. This seems minor, but it represents giving her back responsibility for her own affairs to the degree that she can manage them. She also has to learn that demanding, "Call me right back!" should be reserved for true emergencies.

If there is a caregiver support group in her son's city, he should consider attending it. Caregivers share common concerns and can gain insight from one another. — **ARIZONA CAREGIVER**

DEAR CAREGIVER: According to the National Family Caregivers Association, more than 60 percent of family caregivers say they have suffered depression. To paraphrase the Caregiver's Bill of Rights:

Caregivers have the right to take care of themselves and know it's not selfish to do so; to enlist the care of others in the caregiving, even over the objection of the sick family member; to maintain facets of their own lives that do not include the person being cared for; to have feelings of anger or sadness and express them occasionally; to refuse to be manipulated consciously or unconsciously; to be treated with consideration, affection, acceptance and be forgiven for shortcomings; to take pride in their own individuality and what they are accomplishing; and to be applauded for the courage it takes to meet the needs of the person being cared for.

The National Family Caregivers Association can be contacted by calling toll-free 1-800-896-3650 or on the Internet at www.nfcacares.org.

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Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Friday, July 26, 2002

You will be able to find a formula in the year ahead for taking opportunities and turning them into successful endeavors. Once you find it, you should be able to apply it to all situations that are important to you.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — It's good to try to be cooperative with others and make compromises when the situation calls for it. However, today, if you're dealing with someone who has poor judgment, stand your ground. Get a jump on life by understanding the influences that'll govern you in the year ahead. Send for our Astro-Graph predictions by mailing $2 to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 167, Wickliffe, OH 44092. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Negative imaginings will be your worst enemy today if you let them get the upper hand. Under their influence there is no way you can put forth your best efforts. Act first, worry later.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Be cognizant of the sensitivities of others today when out socializing. Guard your comments so that you don't inadvertently say something that could hurt a pal's feelings.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Usually you can be a fierce competitor, but today you might allow your feelings to preside over your logic, making you weak and ineffective. Keep your emotions out of the picture.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Unfortunately, you may hear only what you want to hear today and read unintended meanings into other's comments. Misunderstandings cause distress.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Spoken promises may not be worth too much today, so if making any major purchases, make certain you have the necessary receipt, warranty or insurance to cover any loses.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Keep your advice and counsel to yourself today. People's sensitivities are too overwhelming and will not take kindly to any unsolicited suggestions, even when offered in good faith.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — There is a possibility today that you could totally forget making a promise to help someone and let this person down. Check your memory bank and calendar before making plans.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — You're naturally an optimistic person, but don't push that over the line and adopt an unrealistic outlook about something that is completely unattainable. It'll be your downfall.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — It won't be your lack of knowledge, know-how or skills that hamper you from achieving a worthy goal today. It will more likely be the lack of faith you have in yourself or your ideas.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Your faculties for research and development may not be operating too effectively today. Instead of gathering the facts that you need, you may operate from an illiterate base and wonder why you failed.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Someone who has a history of being a user and taker may hit on you again today at a weak moment and get you to part with your hard-earned money. Be on guard.

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Wall Street finally gets a rally

NEW YORK (AP) — After weeks of selling, bruised investors finally have something to cheer about: a 488.95-point gain on the Dow Jones industrial average, its second-biggest point advance ever.

The market gave back some of the gains today. And more accounting questions — this time at AOL Time Warner — were a reminder that the issues that fed the protracted slump haven't been resolved.

"I'm excited, but with all the bad news that's happened lately, you can't help but remain a little cautious," said Brian Flynn, a 33-year-old investor whose portfolio includes AOL Time Warner shares. "To hear what's happening with AOL is disheartening, but not surprising."

AOL Time Warner said after the market closed Wednesday that the Securities and Exchange Commission was looking at its accounting.

Although no charges have been filed and the company denied any wrongdoing, analysts said that in the aftermath of debacles at Enron Corp., WorldCom Inc. and Adelphia to name a few, just the mere suggestion of impropriety might be enough to give investors second thoughts.

"Whenever you start having questions about earnings, about the quality of a company's books, you introduce uncertainty," said Marc Lipson, a finance professor at the Terry College of Business at the University of Georgia. "And that's how you get volatility."

today's session had already been expected to come under pressure as investors sold stocks to lock in profits from the big advance that gave the Dow a 6 percent lift, to 8,191.29.

Broader stock indicators also made solid progress. The Nasdaq composite index a 5 percent increase to 1,290.23, while the Standard & Poor's index rose nearly 6 percent to 843.43. Trading volume was heavy; the New York Stock Exchange had its busiest session ever.

Nine miners trapped in Pennsylvania

SOMERSET, Pa. (AP) — Nine coal miners were trapped in a flooded shaft early today after they apparently ruptured a nearby abandoned mine that was filled with water, officials said. Hours later, rescuers reported hearing tapping.

The tapping created "a glimmer of hope" that the miners, who were trapped at the Quecreek Mine late Wednesday, are safe, said Betsy Mallison, a spokeswoman for the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection.

"It is a race against time because the water is still filling (the mine)," she said. "We don't want to raise expectations at this time, but it's a good sign."

Rescue workers at the mine about 55 miles southeast of Pittsburgh heard the tapping around 3 a.m. after drilling a 6-inch-wide air hole. David Sbaffoni, with the state Bureau of Deep Mine Safety, said he has no doubt that at least some of the miners were alive after a second round of tapping was heard around 6 a.m.

"We tapped and we heard tapping back," Sbaffoni said. He said the miners apparently dashed into an air pocket about 200 feet from where the wall of the abandoned mine was breached.

Emergency crews planned to bring in a larger drilling rig to bore a 36-inch wide hole down to where the miners are believed to be. Then, a basket would be lowered to the miners. Officials said it could take as many as 48 hours to drill the larger hole.

Workers would occasionally rap the metal drill in the hole with a metal mallet, then put an ear to the machinery to listen for a response.

"It's a very ticklish situation we're in" with water still filling the mine, David Hess, secretary of the state Department of Environmental Protection, said earlier. "It's very touch and go."

Another crew of miners — warned by the men who were trapped — had managed to wade to safety in water up to their necks after the accident shortly before 10 p.m. Wednesday sent water gushing into the mine, authorities said.

The two crews of miners were 300 feet underground and about a mile and a half from the entrance when they hit the adjacent, abandoned mine that was last active in the 1950s, Mallison said. That mine did not appear on maps, authorities said.

The first crew was able to radio the second and warn them about the water, officials said.

"Some of the guys were able to get out and were wading in water up to their necks," said Alan Baumgardner, a dispatcher with Somerset County emergency services.

About 80 relatives of the miners gathered inside a fire hall in Sipesville.

Police arrest two suspects in kidnapping of 7-year-old

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Two men sought in the kidnapping of a 7-year-old girl who escaped from her captors were arrested early today and more arrests were likely, police said.

James Burns, 29, and Edward Johnson, 23, were arrested around 5:30 a.m. in southwest Philadelphia, not far from where Erica Pratt was abducted Monday night while playing with her 5-year-old sister in front of their grandmother's rowhouse, police said.

Erica had escaped Tuesday after she gnawed her way through the duct tape that bound her, authorities had said.

The men had gone to a place where they thought they could get some money and were believed to be planning to leave the city today and head south, police said at a news conference.

Acting on a tip, officers spotted the car and the men bolted but were captured after a foot chase, police Lt. David Byrne said.

"We could have missed (them) by five minutes," Byrne said.

Burns and Johnson were treated for scrapes and a pulled muscle suffered during the foot chase and then taken to a jail, authorities said.

Police believe that others helped plan the kidnapping and there will likely be more arrests within a week, police Lt. Michael Chitwood said.

"The motive was definitely money," Chitwood said. He declined to give details except to note neighborhood rumors that the family had come into money recently.

Officers had said the men live near some members of Erica's family and were known to the family. They said the men's names were provided by two witnesses to the kidnapping.

Police said the "brave little girl" chewed through tape binding her hands, and broke out of the locked basement in an abandoned home where she had been held for almost 24 hours.

The girl was back at home Wednesday, appearing no worse the wear.

Police have said the girl's grandmother and primary caregiver, Barbara Pratt, received at least six calls from a man who threatened to kill the girl unless he received a $150,000 ransom.

The Pratts are far from wealthy, family and neighbors said. Their small blue-and-white brick rowhouse sits on a block peppered with abandoned buildings. Erica's mother, Serena Gillis, had her as a teen-ager and gave her up to be raised by her grandmother.

"There's not $150,000 in this whole neighborhood," said Mannwell Glenn, a family friend who has been acting as their spokesman.

Just about everyone on the street had heard stories the family might have come into money. Some said the girl's uncle had died, leaving behind a lucrative life insurance policy.

Obituaries

Virgil Allen

1918-2002

Virgil Vear Allen of Arlington died Monday, July 22, in the VA Medical Center in Dallas after a lengthy illness.

Graveside service for Mr. Allen, 83, is set for 10 a.m. Friday in the Snyder Cemetery under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

He was born Aug. 19, 1918 in Red River County. He married Elsie Allen in 1999 in Farmington, N.M. Mr. Allen was a truck mechanic and an Army veteran, serving in World War II.

He was preceded in death by four sisters.

Survivors include his wife, Elsie Allen of Arlington; a son, Bruce Allen of Forney; a daughter, Gale Goldring of San Angelo; a brother, Frank Allen of El Paso; and a grandchild, Lara Goldring of San Angelo.

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Raymond Esparza

1935-2002

BIG SPRING — Jesus "Raymond" Ruiz-Esparza, brother of Andrew Chavarria and uncle of Pogi Rodriguez and Joni Gonzales of Snyder, died Monday, July 22, in Midland Memorial Hospital following a lengthy illness.

Funeral service for Mr. Ruiz-Esparza, 67, of Big Spring is set for 4 p.m. Thursday at Sacred Heart Catholic Church. Burial will follow at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

Born on May 4, 1935 in Zacatecas, Mexico, he had lived in Big Spring since he was 14. Mr. Ruiz-Esparza had worked at Fiberglass Systems seven years, Whites Dairy for 12 years and most recently at Alberto's Restaurant.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Helen Ruiz, and one stepdaughter, Dora Flores.

Survivors include two daughters, Mona Talamantez and Anna Gomez, both of Big Spring; another son, Jody Flores of Big Spring; two stepdaughters, Marie Lopez of Big Spring and Henrietta Salinas of Lamesa; three stepsons, Billy Pineda, Benny Rodriguez and Robert Puente, all of Big Spring; one brother, Antonio Ruiz-Esparza of Zacatecas, Mexico; his companion, Connie Davila of Big Spring; 23 grandchildren; and two nephews and a niece.

Diageo to sell Burger King for $2.26 billion

LONDON (AP) — Diageo PLC announced today it has agreed to sell its fast-food business Burger King Corp. for $2.26 billion in cash to a consortium of U.S. venture capital firms led by Texas Pacific Group, based in Fort Worth.

The consortium's other members are Boston-based Bain Capital and the private equity arm of U.S. investment bank Goldman Sachs.

The long-awaited deal, reached after days of intense negotiations, is crucial to Diageo's strategy of focusing on its more lucrative business of making and selling alcoholic beverages. The company's best-known brands include Johnnie Walker scotch, Guinness beers and Bailey's Irish Cream liqueur.

London-based Diageo, the world's largest liquor company, has long said it planned to unload Burger King in a sale or spinoff.

Diageo confirmed in May that it was in talks with potential buyers of Miami-based Burger King, but refused to identify them.

The Texas Pacific Group-led consortium emerged as the sole contender to buy Burger King after two rounds of bidding.

Vehicle burglary reported

Vehicle burglary

Stephanie Buchanan reported a broken window on her vehicle in the 2300 block of Sunset at 7:30 Wednesday morning, and a report for burglary of a vehicle was filed.

Stolen bike

At 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Charmin Cooper reported her son's bicycle being stolen in the 1200 block of Avenue P.

Vandalism

At 7 o'clock Wednesday night, Tom Valentine reported windows shot out of a residence in the 2200 block of 26th Street.

Juveniles

Police responded to a call just before 2:30 p.m. Wednesday in reference to two male juveniles carrying BB guns at West Elementary.

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WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

Museum exhibit

A special exhibit of Harley-Davidson, Indian motorcycles and Cushman motor scooters continues through Aug. 22 at the Scurry County Museum on the Western Texas College campus. The free exhibit is entitled Ready To Roll and all bikes are owned by residents of Scurry County.

Medical fund

A medical fund has been established for James Weldon Buchanan at American State Bank to help with cancer treatment expenses. The account name is James Weldon Buchanan Medical Fund, #4802659.

His Joy Ministries

His Joy Ministries will hold a fourth Thursday worship serve at 7 p.m. today at 904 26th St. The ministry meets the second Saturday and the fourth Thursday of the month.

Discovery School garage sale

Discovery School will have a garage sale from 9 a.m. until noon and 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Friday at the youth center (old Lone Star Gas building) at 27th St. and Ave. R. If you have anything you would like to donate, bring it by the Discovery School office or call 573-4770.

Monthly cruise night

Snyder Wheels will have its monthly cruise night at the Sonic Drive In at 7 p.m. Saturday.

Car wash

A car wash to benefit the Boys and Girls Club will be held from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. Saturday in the Wal-Mart parking lot.

Ira senior class car wash

Ira's senior class will have a car wash from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday at Western Golf Land. There is no fee but donations will be accepted. All proceeds from car wash and putt putt golf will benefit the senior class. Special prizes will be given away between 7-11 p.m. including $250, David Allan Coe tickets and various prizes from local businesses.

Word Is Life Garage Sale

The Word Is Life Church's garage sale will begin at 7 a.m. Saturday at 602 30th St. Proceeds will be used for children who attend camp.

Church of God VSB

"Can Do Buckaroos of Can Do County" for ages 5-12 is theme for Vacation Bible School at the Snyder Church of God, 21st and Ave. O, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Monday through Wednesday of next week.

SHS volleyball boosters

Snyder High School volleyball boosters will meet at 7 p.m. Monday at the SHS gym. Laura Moses, new coach, will be present. All high school volleyball parents are urged to attend.

Genealogical society

The Scurry County Genealogical Society will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the Scurry County Library. Officers will be elected. Visitors are welcome.

Atheneum Study Club

Atheneum Study Club will meet at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday at Martha Ann Woman's Club to plan programs for the coming year.

Gateway Family Services

Gateway Family Services has a parenting discussion group from 10:30-11:30 a.m. every Tuesday, focusing on parenting issues and special challenges. The family violence support group also meets from 6:30-7:30 p.m. every Tuesday.

Cheerleader fundraiser

SHS freshmen cheerleaders will be selling Krispy Kreme donuts from 7 to 11 a.m. Monday, Aug. 5, at Wal-Mart.

Head Start registration

Head Start registration will be held Aug. 5-9 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Children must be at least three years old and family must meet income guidelines or child must have a diagnosed disability. Birth certificate, current immunization records, Social Security Card and proof of family income are required. For information, call 573-7403.

Eastside Bug Safari

Make a beeline to join us in studying David, a little guy who did big things with God's help! Classes for kindergarten through fifth graders will be held from 9 a.m. to noon Aug. 5-9.

Alzheimer's meeting

An Alzheimer's meeting to help families and caregivers will be held from 6-7 p.m. on Aug. 13 in the library at Colonial Hill Baptist Church. Call Kinney Robinson at 573-9377 for more information.

Fall poetry contest

Mesquite Country Writers Guild is accepting entries for its fall poetry contest. Theme is open and there is a 20-line limit. Deadline is Aug. 15 and entry fee is $2. First prize is $50, second is $30 and third is $20. Mail entries to Yvonne Nunn, 9221 S. State Hwy 208 in Hermleigh, 79526.

Sonshine School registration

Sonshine School for ages two through five, is underway and informational packets are available at 37th Street Church of Christ office weekdays from 8:30 a.m. until noon, and from 1-4:30 p.m. Registration fee is $30 and monthly tuition is $45. Open house and registration is 9 a.m. Aug. 15. Call 574-1960 for more information.

Cancer treatment transportation

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

Calling all poets

The Mesquite Country Writers Guild is inviting poets to send an original poem to be published in the fall newsletter, "Bards of a Feather." Theme is open with a 20-line limit. Mail entries to Yvonne Nunn, 9221 S. Hwy 208 in Hermleigh, 79526.

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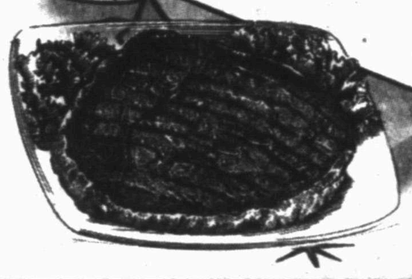

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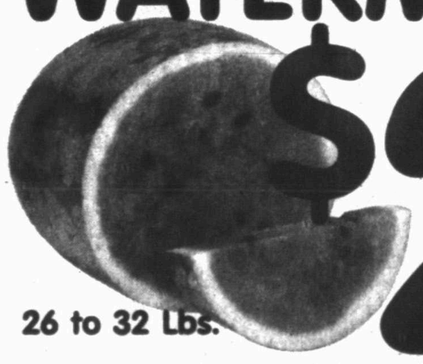

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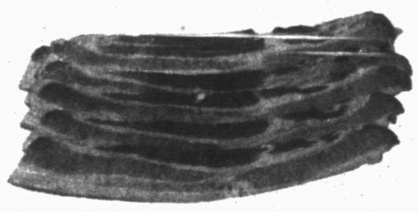

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