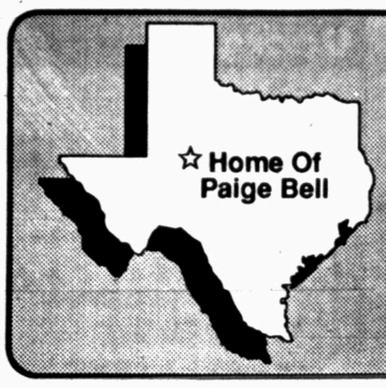
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Ask Us

Q—When is the Scurry County Rodeo?

A—The rodeo is July 14-16.

Local

Homes

A Parade Homes meeting will be held 1:30, Thursday, at the DCOS headquarters.

All-Sports

Snyder High School All-Sports Booster Club will meet at 8 this evening in Towle Park.

B&G Club

Scurry County Boys & Girls Club board will meet at 7 a.m. Wednesday at the club building.

Family Life

The Family Life segment airing on Channel 2 at 7 this evening is "Keeping Your Child Drug Free."

Lions Club

Snyder Lions Club will not meet Tuesday. The club will have Ladies Night and install new officers on Thursday at 7 p.m. at Martha Ann Woman's Club.

WTC club

WTC Booster Club will have an ice cream supper at the home of Willard Gladson, 2705 35th St., this evening at 7:30. Coach Brenda Nichols will give a report on the 1994-95 Lady Dusters. Club plans for coming year will be discussed. Everyone is invited.

Water woes

Ira, Dunn and Hermleigh residents are asked to curtail their water useage this evening.

A pump has been damaged which impacts Ira and Dunn residents. Likewise, a booster pump at Hermleigh water works has also out and being repaired.

Customers are asked not to water their yards or wash their cars during this time.

Kid's choir

Scurry County youngsters in kindergarten through sixth grade are invited to participate in a county-wide children's choir during the Fourth of July Prayer Breakfast here.

Youngsters interested in participating are encouraged to attend choir practice from 9 until 10:30 a.m. Tuesday and Thursday at Calvary Baptist Church. For more information, contact Barbara Vincent at 573-0487.

Weather

Snyder Temperatures: High Saturday, 107 degrees; low, 73 degrees; high Sunday, 110 degrees; low, 73 degrees; reading at 7 a.m. Monday, 76 degrees; no precipitation; total precipitation for 1994 to date, 5.32 inches.

Snyder Area Forecast: Tonight, clear. Low in the upper 70s. South wind 10-20 mph. Tuesday, mostly sunny. High around 103. South wind 10-20 mph and gusty.

Almanac: Sunset today, 8:51. Sunrise Tuesday, 6:42. Of 177 days in 1994, the sun has shone 170 days in Snyder.

Judge grants appeals bond

A 53-year-old Scurry County man, convicted last week for the second time for possession of child pornography, will remain free on a $25,000 bond.

District Judge Gene Dulaney, who Thursday had sentenced Cecil Don Vineyard to 10 years in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice along with a $10,000 fine, this morning formally sentenced Vineyard and granted the defendant's motion for an appeals bond.

The sentence handed down by Judge Dulaney was ordered to be served consecutively, meaning that the sentence will begin when Vineyard completes a 10-year term handed down in 132nd District Court last January. That conviction is also being appealed.

District Attorney Ernie Armstrong this morning argued that bail should be denied since the accumulated sentences are more than 15 years. Armstrong cited a change in legislative wording dealing with the sentencing law.

Defense Attorney Lance Hall of Sweetwater argued that a court of appeals ruling cited by Armstrong, which the district attorney said was changed by a subsequent legislature, is still valid and that each sentence should stand on its own.

Vineyard was arrested on April 20, 1993 outside the Snyder Post Office. The arrest ended a two-year investigation by postal authorities and local law enforcement officials involving obscene material.

Investigators then obtained a search warrant for Vineyard's home, south of Snyder. During the search, investigators seized a number of allegedly pornographic video tapes and photographs. Court testmony revealed that Vineyard was advertising the availability of the material, from Snyder, throughout the United States.

A Scurry County grand jury indicted Vineyard on two counts in May of 1993. In January, 1994, another grand jury returned two more indictments against Vineyard. A week-long trial resulted in Vineyard's first conviction the same month.

In May, 1994, another grand jury returned five counts against Vineyard, with five charges still pending.



GONE FISHIN' — Carl Dean Wright of Snyder casts his fishing line this morning in quest of bass at the pond in Towle Park. "There's a lot of fish in here," said Wright, a regular fisherman at the pond, adding that "they taste pretty good." (SDN Staff Photo by John McMillan)

WTC trustees...

Budget, contract on board agenda

Western Texas College board of trustees will consider the 1994-95 budget and a contract with Johnson Controls in a meeting set for 7 this evening in the college board room.

Also on the agenda is a report on summer enrollment.

Prior to the regular meeting, the board will meet in executive session to discuss personnel.

Trustees are considering tentative approval of a $6.9 million budget for 1994-95. Final approval is set for August, when the board is also expected to set the tax rate.

The proposed budget relies on setting the tax rate at the effective rate, 28.7 cents per $100 valuation. This represents an increase over the current tax rate of 25.13 cents. The increase is due to a $100 million decline in values.

On June 13, the board agreed to enter into contract with Johnson Controls for an energy-efficient management plan. The plan is expected to save the college $80,000 annually in utility bills. Johnson Controls, of Lubbock, guarantees the savings under the contract.

The plan calls for computerized energy managment, replacement of one chiller unit and retrofitting of another. One phase of the plan deals with efficiency in lighting throughout the campus.

One part of the plan included replacement of outdated appliances in the kitchen area of the cafeteria. However, trustees deleted that $44,000 from the $656,000 package, bringing the cost of the plan to $612,000. Trustees are studying other means of replacing the equipment.

Tonight, trustees are expected to sign the revised contract.

Morrow resignation is accepted

Scurry County Commissioners Court, meeting briefly this morning, formally accepted the resignation of County Agent Mike Morrow.

Morrow, county extension agent for the past 3½ years, announced last week that he had accepted a similar post with Lamar County in Paris.

In other business, the court authorized the county judge, treasurer and auditor to execute a signature card with the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas.

The court also approved two line-item transfers. One was $400 for the county maintenance department, moving the funds from part-time salary to grounds' supplies. The court also approved shifting $50 from supplies to bonds for the county judge.

The court agreed informally to begin work on the 1995 budget Aug. 11.

County Judge Bob Doolittle presided at the meeting which was attended by Commissioners Ralph Trevey, Roy Idom, C.D. Gray Jr. and Jerry Gannaway.

Hotter than a pepper; weekend heat hits 110

The climatic equivalent to jalapeno peppers arrived in Snyder last weekend.

The local weather was so hot, in fact, that it set a record for the year to date, a Snyder weather observer said.

The Sunday afternoon high of 110 degrees Farenheit appears to have been the highest temperature recorded at the Snyder water plant so far this year, said Raymond Valadez, an operator at the city's water plant.

Prior to Sunday, the highest temperatures for the year in Snyder had been 107 degrees on both Saturday afternoon, June 25, and Tuesday afternoon, June 7, Valadez said.

The high temperature last Friday afternoon was also in the 100s; Valadez noted.

The average high temperature thus far during the month of June has been in the 90s, Valadez said. No rainfall has been recorded thus far in June, the city official said.

Statewide, Wink had the state's highest temperature reading on Sunday — 115 degrees, the Associated Press reported. The 112 readings at El Paso and Midland tied all-time high records for those cities and the 111-degree reading at Lubbock was an all-time high reading, according to the AP.

No relief is in sight for the heat that has gripped Texas since last week, the AP reported.

Forecasts called for continued clear to partly cloudy skies and hot weather tonight and Tuesday. Long-range forecasts call for more of the same through the rest of the week.

A heat advisory was in effect through Tuesday for western and central portions of North Texas.

County health officials said people should stay indoors unless they have to be out in the heat. They caution people exposed to the heat should wear light colored clothing, drink plenty of water and avoid exercise.

$6.7 million budget studied in city council work session

Snyder City Council is considering a budget for 1994-95 that includes no rate hikes on water, sewer or sanitation and keeps taxes at the effective rate.

Meeting in a day-long workshop Saturday at City Hall, the council discussed a budget of $6,749,160.

Key items being considered were the landfill and a proposed solids contact clarifier for the water treatment plant.

The overall budget includes a $1,175,400 capital improvement budget for the landfill. This includes $525,000 in estimated construction costs for a 2.9-acre cell and $450,000 in heavy equipment.

The council also discussed a one million gallon solids contact clarifier at an estimated $1 million, that would double the capacity of the water treatment plant. Participating in the cost of the project would be water districts in Rotan, Union, Fluvanna, Ira and Dunn.

Council members have set a special meeting for July 7 to discuss the possibility of an engineering study of the water treatment plant with Freese and Nichols, Inc. The 6:30 p.m. meeting is to be followed by a second budget workshop.

The $6.7 million budget contains no increases in water, sewer or sanitation rates. The council has said it intends to keep the tax rate at the effective rate — 39.72 cents per $100 valuation. Because a loss in taxable property values, that effective rate is just over a quarter of a cent increase over the current city tax rate of 39.45 cents.

City council members present Saturday were I.E. Martin, Vernest Tippens, Dayton Robertson, Kenny Gambrell and Ron Shaw. Jerry Webb was absent. Also present were Mayor Paul Zeck, City Manager John Gayle, all department heads and first-line supervisors.

Court gives cable operators greater free-speech rights

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court today gave cable television operators greater free-speech rights than broadcasters, telling lower courts to restudy a federal law that requires cable systems to carry local broadcast stations.

Four justices voted to strike down the law, but five justices said the federal appeals court in the District of Columbia should have a chance to review the law under the new First Amendment standards announced today.

Since 1986, the high court has recognized that cable television systems have some free-speech rights. But until today, it had declined to say how far such rights extended.

Today's fragmented decision, which yield four separate opinions, gave cable systems more constitutional protection against government regulation than that enjoyed by over-the-air broadcasters — TV and radio stations and networks.

"In light of ... fundamental technological differences between broadcast and cable transmission," courts should use a higher standard in determining whether government regulation violates cable operators' free speech rights, Justice Anthony M. Kennedy wrote in the court's main opinion.

The Constitution's free-speech guarantee must be considered, and adhered to, when government attempts to tell cable companies what stations they must carry, Kennedy said.

Congress enacted the "must carry" provision of the 1992 Cable Television Consumer Protection and Competition Act.

Center looks for volunteers

Scurry Youth Center board is looking for volunteers interested in helping with three upcoming fund-raisers.

The group has planned to sell raffle tickets for a compact disc player. A second fund-raiser is a car bash booth for July 4. The third event is a teen dance from 8 until midnight July 8 at the National Guard Armory.

Anyone interested in helping with one or more of the projects is encouraged to attend the board's next meeting, Thursday at 7 p.m. in the Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse office.

Fighting still rages in northeast Bosnia

SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina (AP) — U.N. peacekeepers came under fire several times around the Muslim enclave of Gorazde and fighting continued to rage in northeast Bosnia, U.N. officials said today.

The heaviest artillery exchanges in the northeast were around Gradacac, Gracanica, Ribnica and Serb-held Doboj, said U.N. spokesman Cmdr. David Chaperon. The towns are to the west and southwest of the government-held town of Tuzla.

Bosnian Serb artillery barrages of 10-15 rounds per minute rained down on the Mount Ozren area Sunday afternoon, he said.

After long being on the defensive as the better-armed Serbs took control of 70 percent of Bosnia, the government army has made some modest gains.

In interviews published over the weekend, Gen. Rasim Delic, commander of the Muslim-led government army, called for a major new Muslim-Croat effort to defeat the Serb foes.

"The only way is the military defeat of the Serb aggressor," the Croatian daily Vecernji List quoted him as saying.

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Not all Davidians headed to Colorado

WACO (AP) — Surviving Branch Davidians dispute reports that they plan to rebuild in Colorado, and some say a home established by one sect member won't be the same without leader David Koresh.

Fire destroyed the group's Mount Carmel compound near Waco on April 19, 1993, following a standoff with federal authorities.

Sheila Martin, one of several Davidians still living in Waco, said few Davidians are likely to join what sect member Wally Kennett announced would be a new haven for as many as 30 Koresh followers. Even if a few of Koresh's followers relocate to the Baldwin, Colo., cabin, it would be nothing like Mount Carmel, she said.

"I don't think anyone expects it to be the same without David," Ms. Martin told the Waco Tribune-Herald in Sunday's editions. "He was the glue that kept us all together."

Most would just visit, she said.

"I don't think anyone intended to go there and live like we did at Mount Carmel," she said.

Kennett and another man have rented the remote cabin, where authorities say only three people live. His landlord ordered the sect members to move out by July 4. They're looking for a new home, but want to stay in Colorado, Kennett said.

Kennett apparently has adopted some of Koresh's tenets, keeping semiautomatic weapons in his home and buying 3,000 rounds of ammunition.

The weapons are being bought and sold as a business, as Koresh did in Waco, he said.

"We're doing the same thing that was done at Mount Carmel," said Kennett, who added that the local sheriff's office was invited to inspect the weapons.

Four federal agents and six Davidians were killed in a Feb. 28, 1993, raid on Mount Carmel. After a 51-day standoff, Koresh and 78 others died in the fire, some from gunshots.

Earlier this month, eight Davidians received federal prison sentences ranging from five years to 40 years for charges stemming from the initial raid.

Clive Doyle, one of three sect members acquitted of all charges, said Davidians have no plans to build a "second Mount Carmel" in Colorado.

"Wally probably means well, but he doesn't have any backing from us or authorization to speak on our behalf," Doyle said.

Actress liked to dig holes in backyard

RADNOR, Pa. (AP) — As a child, Gillian Anderson would go into her back yard and dig things up. She's still at it — digging up weird occurrences on "The X-Files."

"When I was a kid, I wanted to be an archaeologist or a marine biologist. I loved investigating," Anderson says in the July 2 issue of TV Guide.

In "The X-Files," she portrays FBI agent Dana Scully, who accompanies agent Fox Mulder on his quixotic quest to uncover mysterious things.

Anderson and co-star David Duchovny recently visited FBI headquarters in Quantico, Va., where they found that many agents are fans of the Fox show.



Conflict in other world hot spots has deflected attention from the former Soviet republic of Georgia, where fighting in the province of Abkhazia displaced many of the region's citizens. Although Abkhazian separatists control the province and have declared independence, Georgia has not given up its claim to the area.

School districts get tough with all student offenders

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Several school districts plan to expel student offenders from their classrooms, regardless of academic or disciplinary histories.

Proponents of the "zero tolerance" initiative say it has reduced the number of incidents involving disruptive behavior. Drugs, weapons and verbal or physical abuse also have decreased, they say.

"All I've got to go by is what the teachers are telling me about how much better it is on the campuses," said Steve Blackmon, director of pupil services for Judson Independent School District. "The discipline problems are fewer and less severe."

The Judson, San Antonio and Southside districts have implemented zero tolerance policies.

In the Southside district, 15 people were expelled this year, more than triple the number removed from the district's campuses during the previous four years.

The Judson district supplemented its zero tolerance code with a police department. Officers issue citations for disorderly conduct. Municipal judges handling the cases often give stiff sentences, including fines and community service, Blackmon said.

"There are certain violations that are nonnegotiable, whether you're an honor student or straight-D student," said Shelly Potter, president of the San Antonio Federation of Teachers.

But critics say the policies leave little room for leniency.

"There will be some cases that don't quite fit," said J.B. Richeson, president of the San Antonio Teachers Council and a 25-year teaching veteran. "If you have no judgment built into your system, you're going to have injustice."

Dear Abby

by Abigail Van Buren

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DEAR ABBY: In a recent column, a reader complained about the amount of money he was expected to give to the church. Perhaps this piece will provide an answer to that question. I regret I don't know who the author is, but I hope you feel that it's worth sharing.

BOB WHITMORE, EUGENE, ORE.

DEAR BOB WHITMORE: I do. And many thanks for sending it.

IS THE CHURCH COSTING TOO MUCH?

Last Sunday, another golfer sank the last putt on the 18th green and received a check for $50,000 for four rounds of golf, plus an automobile for himself and one for his wife. This week, the papers reported that a certain popular singer will receive $100,000 per week for her current singing engagement. Americans spend annually more on dog food than on church contributions. It is not unusual for an individual to pay more for his country club membership than he gives to the church. Is the church costing too much?

Let me share an experience with you. On June 2, 1940, a little girl was born to us. She cost us money from the moment she was born. As she grew from babyhood to girlhood, she cost even more — her dresses and shoes were more expensive, and we had to have the doctor through all those childhood diseases.

She was even more expensive during her school and teen years. She needed long dresses to go to parties. When she went to college we discovered, along with other parents, that not all college expenses are listed in the catalog. Then after graduation, she fell in love and married. She was married in a church wedding and that, too, cost a lot of money.

Then, five months after her marriage, she suddenly sickened and within a week she was dead. She hasn't cost us a penny since the day we walked away from her grave.

As long as the church is alive, she will cost money. And the more alive a church is, the more money she will cost. Only a dead church, like a dead child, is no longer expensive.

Think it over. Is the church costing too much?

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DEAR ABBY:

"My boyfriend (I'll call him George)..."

"My neighbor (I'll call him George)..."

"My boss (I'll call him George)..."

How many letters do you get that begin that way? Frankly, I'm sick of this Georgism. Whenever someone wants to complain about someone to you, they call him George. If I were George, I'd be feeling pretty bad right now. It seems like everyone who knows George thinks he must be a two-timing, couch-potato, back-stabbing, cheating loser. I mean, can't anyone think of a different alias for the bad guy in their stories?

Abby, please tell your readers that if they want to disguise some man's identity, there are alternatives to the name "George."

NOT GEORGE IN TACOMA

DEAR NOT GEORGE: By George, it's Jake with me. I, too, am getting pretty tired of every Tom, Dick and Harry becoming "George" in order to preserve his anonymity.

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DEAR READERS: Your chuckle for today: "I don't want to achieve immortality by being inducted into Baseball's Hall of Fame. I want to achieve immortality by not dying."

LEO DUROCHER AT 81

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What teens need to know about sex, drugs, AIDS, and getting along with peers and parents is in "What Every Teen Should Know." To order, send a business-sized, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for $3.95 ($4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby, Teen Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, Ill. 61054-0447. (Postage is included.)

DEAR ABBY: This is my first letter to you, but your reply to "Secondhand Smoker" really had smoke coming out of my ears!

In his letter, "Secondhand Smoker" stated that he had quit chain-smoking two years before he met his wife. Obviously, she must have been smoking at the time. If her smoking was so offensive to him, why did he marry her? If he didn't tell her before their wedding that he didn't want smoking in their home, he has no right to change the rules now. After all, he accepted her for better or worse, knowing that she was a smoker.

The only real option he has now is to live with it, or leave. And if he chooses to leave, then she should sue him for everything he has for breach of contract! Sign me ...

SMOKERS HAVE RIGHTS, TOO, VIRGINIA CITY, NEV.

DEAR SMOKERS, ETC.: Meet Leland Moody, who backs you up all the way:

DEAR ABBY: Like you, I have no affection for secondhand smoke. Also, like you, I have no affection for hysterical or deliberate falsehoods, such as the EPA's report that secondhand tobacco smoke is a Class A carcinogen.

In a recent column, Robert Scheer (L.A. Times) describes in chilling detail how the EPA concocted its conclusion.

I'm sure you do not want to be a party to this deception, especially since so many people seek your advice on such matters. The truth is, secondhand smoke may be a public nuisance, but it is hardly a deadly killer.

Quoting Scheer, "One can make the case for smoke-free public spaces on the basis of civility alone, without piling on the false guilt about killing people with secondhand smoke."

My point is that each individual must deal with this annoyance on his own terms, but not on the basis that secondhand smoke is a lethal threat. To do otherwise is to be at least ignorant of the facts, if not deliberately dishonest.

LELAND MOODY, A NON-SMOKER IN NIPOMO, CALIF.

DEAR ABBY: About that man who complained because his wife was a chain-smoker, my question: Did he know while dating his wife 16 years ago that she was a smoker? If so, why did he marry her if smoke bothered him?

He reminds me of the man who built his house beside the railroad tracks, then complained because the train went by and blew its whistle; or the man who built his house next to the city dump, then groused about the stink.

M.P. IN VIRGINIA

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DEAR ABBY: My sister is getting married in August. As maid of honor, I'm hosting a shower for her.

I had planned on asking each person who will be invited to bring a dish of her choice (or even something specific) and making the shower "potluck." But my mother doesn't like the idea. She says it would be in poor taste.

What do you think?

CINDY IN WEST ALLIS, WIS.

DEAR CINDY: Local customs may vary, but I'll cast my vote with your mother. If your budget is tight, give the shower in the mid-afternoon — and serve tea, sandwiches, an assortment of cookies and cake. Perhaps your mother would assist you in some of the preparations. A shower requires guests to bring a gift for the bride (or couple), but to ask guests to provide refreshments is too much!

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Astrograph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Tuesday, June 28, 1994

You're the type of person who enjoys being able to operate independently of others, yet in the year ahead your biggest successes might be the result of joint efforts, not solo ones.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Your faith might be put to the test today, but as long as you hold fast to that which you truly believe, things should work out as you envision. Cancer, treat yourself to a birthday gift. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead by mailing $1.25 to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 4465, New York, N.Y. 10163. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Someone who is indebted to you might not clear up this old obligation on his or her own volition. It will be up to you to broach the matter. Do so today.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Beware of inclinations today to postpone making difficult decisions. Your chart shows you might kid yourself into believing conditions will improve if you just wait a bit longer.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Substantial achievements can be made today, provided you're willing to pay the price. If there is something you really want, it looks as though you might have to earn it the hard way.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Your luck, energy and drive have their limitations today, so don't push them to the edge of the envelope. The results could be counterproductive if you do.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) A feather-light touch could be required in handling delicate domestic developments today. Heavy-handed methods will only serve to create more problems.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) When conversing with your peers today, think before you speak. There is a possibility you might unwittingly make some caustic remarks which won't be readily forgiven.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Look out for your own interests today, but don't do so in ways that would hurt others in order to get what you want. That is a formula for losses, not gains.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Even though you might have considerable reserves upon which to draw today, you may still be unable to accomplish your aims. Keep in mind there is always tomorrow.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Usually your optimism is easily aroused. However, testy situations today might cause you to think negatively instead. Don't let gloom overshadow the light.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Old objects or friends must not be allow to suffer neglect because of your enthusiasm for new things. Each should be given adequate attention today.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) This is one of those days when your progress might not be as rapid as you'd like. Keep in mind that, as long as you're moving forward, each and every step counts.

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Pick 3

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

2-9-4

(two, nine, four)

Lotto Texas

by The Associated Press

No tickets correctly matched all six numbers drawn Saturday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials said. The jackpot was worth an estimated $3 million.

The numbers drawn Saturday night from a field of 50 were: 6, 13, 23, 24, 25 and 45.

There were 101 tickets sold with five of the six numbers, with each ticket worth $1,575. There were 6,019 tickets with four of six numbers, with each winning $95. And there were 114,279 tickets sold with three of six numbers, with each worth an automatic $3.

Lottery officials estimate the jackpot for Wednesday night's game will be $10 million.

April 23, 1564, is generally regarded as the birth date of the English poet and dramatist William Shakespeare. He died on the same date 52 years later.

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Oil Patch News

Scurry County

HAT Oil and Gas will drill the No. 2 Race Horse in the Diamond M field, two miles southwest of Snyder. Planned for a depth of 7,200 feet, drill site is in Section 190, Block 97, H&TC survey.

HAT Oil and Gas will drill the No. 1 Royal in the Diamond M field, two miles west of Snyder. Contracted for a depth of 7,200 feet, drill site is in Section 38, Kirkland and Fields survey.

Mitchell County

Parker and Presley Development Co. has completed the No. 225 Mary Foster in the Iatan field, nine miles southwest of Westbrook. The re-entry project was finaled to produce 17 barrels of oil and 334 barrels of water. Perforations were from 2,441-892 feet, and location is in Section 17, Block 29, T&P survey.

Blue Ridge Oil and Gas will drill the No. 1 Emma Hopper in the Van Gogh field, 16 miles northwest of Colorado City. Planned for a depth of 8,999 feet, drill site is in Section 3, Block 25, H&TC survey.

Fisher County

HGN Operating Co. will drill the No. 1 Martin, a 5,800-foot wildcat located 11 miles northeast of Rotan. Location is in Section 114, Block 1, H&TC survey.

Union Pacific Resources will drill the No. 3 Harvey, a 5,900-foot wildcat located 10 miles southeast of Sylvester. Drill site is in Section 5, Block 19, T&P survey.

Nolan County

Plains Petroleum Operating Co. will drill the No. 9 E. G. Whitaker in the White Flat field, 10 miles east of Sweetwater. The re-entry project is planned for a depth of 2,882 feet, and location is in Section 35, Block 20 T&P survey.

Union Pacific Resources has completed the No. 1 Sorrells, 17 miles south of Sweetwater. The well was finaled to produce 165 barrels of 47.9 gravity oil and two barrels of water. Gas-oil ratio was 139-1 with perforations from 6,756-881 feet. Location is in Section 161, Block 1-A, H&TC survey.

Clear Fork Inc. has completed the No. 259 C.E. Boyd, a re-entry project located five miles northwest of Nolan. The venture was finaled to produce 90 barrels of 40 gravity oil and no water. Gas-oil ratio was 300-1 with perforations from 4,085-094 feet. Location is in Section 59, Block X, T&P survey.

O&G Energy Inc. will drill the No. 27-A Group 4000 unit, a 4,200-foot wildcat located seven miles northeast of Blackwell. Location is in Section 106, Block 1-A, H&TC survey.

Howard County

Baytech Inc. will drill the No. 1 Miller, a 10,600-foot wildcat located two miles northeast of Fairview. Location is in Section 41, Block 32, T&P survey.

Lakewood Operating will drill the No. 1 Scissortail in the Double 3 field, 14 miles northeast of Coahoma. Planned for a depth of 7,600 feet, location is in Section 6, Block 25, H&TC survey.

Cobra Oil and Gas Corp. has completed the No. 1-9 Davidson in the Canyon field, six miles noth of Big Spring. The venture was completed to produce 50 barrels of 42 gravity oil. Perforations were from 8,910-916 feet, and location is in Section 3, Block 3, T&P survey.

Oryx Energy Co. has completed the No. 2-D Settles in the Howard-Glasscock field, one mile south of Forsan. The well was completed to produce 12 barrels of 29.2 gravity oil and 39 barrels of water. Perforations were from 2,397-680 feet, and location is in Section 135, Block 29, W&NW survey.

Sam Houston was elected president of the Republic of Texas in 1836.

Dr. Gott by Peter Gott, M.D.

Migraine: the biochemical theory

Migraine headache, a common and age-old disorder, has provided a daunting challenge to physicians through the centuries.

Until recently, migraines were believed to be caused by a periodic imbalance of blood circulation to the brain, leading to the familiar and classical signs: an aura (sparkling lights, followed by temporary and partial visual loss, with eventual restoration of sight) that precedes severe, pounding localized headaches, often associated with photophobia (aversion to bright light). However, this circulatory theory has not been supported by medical testing.

Recent studies have shown that the aura is actually caused by a wave of electrical activity (hyperactive neurons) that spreads across the cerebral cortex (the outer surface of the brain). This wave is followed by a period of "electrical silence," before the neurons return to normal. In association with this electrical "depression," the brain cells produce certain chemicals, such as serotonin, that cause the visual disturbances.

This abnormal electrical wave appears to have a genetic tendency and may be aggravated by diet, fatigue and stress.

Following the aura-phase (when the neurons have returned to normal), the pain begins. The extreme discomfort of migraine is probably due to chemical interactions (between nerve cells) that reverberate and feed on one another until the chemicals are depleted. Then the headache stops and the patient returns to normal, to await the eventual buildup of serotonin, which can initiate the cycle all over again.

Thus, migraine is a disease of biochemical imbalances, not circulatory disturbances. This theory has led to the development of new therapy for migraine, which I'll describe in a moment.

Many victims of migraine are helped by using drug-free strategies for control of symptoms. These include:

- dietary changes (avoidance of monosodium glutamate, nitrates, and alcohol),
- attempts to spread out consumption of caffeine-containing beverages,
- lifestyle alterations (regular eating, sleeping and exercise patterns),
- behavioral therapies (biofeedback, stress counseling, self-help and others).

Prescription drug therapy for migraine has traditionally meant using beta blockers (Inderal and others) and calcium-channel blockers (such as verapamil) to prevent attacks, as well as anti-depressants (amitriptyline and others), ergotamines (Cafergot and similar medicines), tranquilizers (such as chlorpromazine), steroids, and narcotics to treat symptoms once they have appeared.

In the past year, a custom-made drug for migraine has been developed. Called sumatriptan (Imitrex), this prescription medicine affects serotonin receptors in the brain. It is self-administered as an injection and, when taken early in an attack, will abort or minimize migraine in about 80 percent of cases. It is expensive (about $27 a dose) and has a short duration of action (several hours); this means that further injections may be necessary if the migraine recurs. Side effects are minor (irritation at the site of injection).

Although other forms of sumatriptan are available, they have not yet been approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration. (Approval is expected within a year.) Also waiting in the wings is an ergotamine nasal spray. This also interferes with serotonin metabolism; its release to the general public is imminent.

In summary, the aura and pain of migraine, which may be prevented by non-drug means or by therapy with some prescription medications, are probably caused by biochemical abnormalities in brain biochemistry. New drugs that stabilize these chemical reactions are available; more convenient, cheaper dosage forms will soon be released for public use.

DEAR DR. GOTT: What causes wax buildup in the ears, so much so that it affects hearing? Could a sinus condition be the cause of the problem?

DEAR READER: Everybody manufactures wax in the ear canals. This is Nature's way of protecting the delicate ear drums against injury. But, like many of our protective devices, this may cause problems if the wax becomes stuck (impacted) in the canal, causing loss of hearing. Some people seem to be particularly prone to this annoying but harmless condition, which has nothing whatsoever to do with the sinuses or inner ears.

Rather, a twisted canal (that we are born with) or excessive proliferation of hairs in the canal (that we may develop as we age) inhibit the natural expulsion of wax particles. Normally, pieces of wax work their way out of the ear and are washed away. However, in many cases, the wax builds up over the years and will ultimately block the canal, necessitating removal.

This condition can be vastly worsened by using cotton-tipped applicators in the ears. Not only will the applicators push the wax in further and compact it, these seemingly soft sticks can also rupture the ear drum when inserted too deeply into the canal.

In most instances, ear wax can be easily removed by a health professional after it has been lubricated by using oil (the night before) or a wax-softener such as Debrox. Murine now markets a do-it-yourself wax removal kit, containing a softener and a bulb syringe.

Also, the regular use of hydrogen peroxide (half a capful in each ear every week or so) may prevent wax impaction. As the peroxide fizzes and foams, it dislodges particles of wax that are carried out by the bubbles.

DEAR DR. GOTT: Do you have any information on a product known as pure bee pollen? According to the explanation on the package, it seems as if it can cure anything.

DEAR READER: Bee pollen is, as you've discovered, touted to cure a variety of ills. It ain't so.

This substance is basically a health food. To date, there is no sound scientific evidence supporting the claim that it cures anything. Quite the reverse.

In the September 1981 Annals of Allergy, doctors reported the case of a man who suffered anaphylactic shock 30 minutes after ingesting a teaspoonful of the stuff. Other patients have developed asthma and other serious allergic reactions to bee pollen. Don't use it.

To give you more information, I am sending you a free copy of my Health Report "Fads II: Herbs and Other Supplements." Other readers who would like a copy should send $2 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to P.O. Box 2433, New York, NY 10163. Be sure to mention the title.

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DATE BOOK

June 27, 1994

Today is the 178th day of 1994 and the seventh day of summer.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1950, President Harry S. Truman ordered U.S. forces into battle in aid of South Korea.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Charles Stewart Parnell (1846-1891), Irish nationalist leader; Helen Keller (1880-1968), educator-writer; Bob "Captain Kangaroo" Keeshan (1927-), TV personality, is 67; Ross Perot (1930-), businessman-politician, is 64; Anna Moffo (1934-), opera singer, is 60; Norma Kamali (1945-), fashion designer, is 49; Julia Duffy (1951-), actress, is 43; Chuck Person (1964-), basketball player, is 30.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1975, golfers Lee Trevino, Jerry Heard and Bobby Nichols were struck by lightning during the second round of the Western Open in Oak Brook, Ill.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "I long to accomplish a great and noble task, but it is my chief duty to accomplish small tasks as if they were great and noble." — Helen Keller

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1957, Hurricane Audrey made landfall at the Texas-Louisiana border, with wind gusts of up to 105 mph. It was the deadliest June hurricane in U.S. history; 390 people died.

SOURCE: THE WEATHER CHANNEL, 1994 Weather Guide Calendar, Accord Publishing, Ltd.

TODAY'S MOON: Between full moon (June 23) and last quarter (June 30).

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Texas Utilities Electric Company (TU Electric), in accordance with the Public Utility Regulatory Act (PURA), publishes NOTICE of its Statement of Intent to implement the following four proposed tariffs throughout its service territories:

1) Rider ED - Economic Development Service;
2) Rate GC - General Service Competitive Pricing;
3) Rate WPC - Wholesale Power Competitive Pricing; and
4) Rider ET - Environmental Technology Service.

The only customers that will be affected by the proposed tariffs will be those customers eligible for service under TU Electric's General Service Rates GS, GP, and HV or its Wholesale Power Rate WP that voluntarily request one of the new services and that qualify for the service under the terms of the proposed tariff. This is not a "major change" in rates within the meaning of the PURA since the charges under the proposed tariffs are less than the charges that would otherwise be applicable under TU Electric's pertinent existing tariffs. The proposed effective date of the proposed tariffs is July 11, 1994, or as soon thereafter as permitted by law.

A complete copy of the proposed tariffs and TU Electric's application is on file with the Commission and at each of TU Electric's business offices.

Persons who wish to intervene in or comment upon these proceedings should notify the Commission as soon as possible, as an intervention deadline will be imposed. A request to intervene or for further information should be mailed to the Public Utility Commission of Texas, 7800 Shoal Creek Boulevard, Austin, Texas 78757. Further information may also be obtained by calling the Public Utility Commission's Public Information Office at (512) 458-0256, or (512) 458-0221 for text telephone. The deadline for intervention in the proceeding is 45 days after the date the application was filed with the Commission. The application was filed with the Commission on June 6, 1994.

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Mother awaits trial date

WACO (AP) — Denice and Leonard Logan have waited years for justice in the death of their 10-year-old daughter whose disappearance prompted a massive search.

For reasons still unknown, Cheryl left school on the morning of Nov. 3, 1986, after telling her teacher that she wasn't feeling well and needed to go to the bathroom.

The fifth-grader never returned and her body was discovered in a field near her home.

Although Ricky Kevin Smith, 29, pleaded guilty in January 1992 to killing Cheryl in exchange for a life sentence, the 10th Court of Appeals in Waco reversed the conviction last year. It said Smith's confession should not have been allowed against him.

Last week, Smith was indicted on a murder charge in Cheryl's death.

Now, Mrs. Logan must watch prosecutors try again to prove that Smith sexually assaulted her daughter, then strangled and suffocated her.

"Hurt, pain and anger. That's how I feel," Mrs. Logan said. "You want to take care of it yourself sometimes. That thought does cross your mind."

Smith was arrested, along with Clinnie Childress, a few month's after Cheryl's body was found.

He was indicted on a capital murder charge in February 1987 by a grand jury that cleared Childress, who had an alibi. Smith remained jailed about nine months, until prosecutors dismissed the charge to reopen the investigation. Then in January 1992 he pleaded guilty.

In the eight years since Cheryl's death, Mrs. Logan has sought closure.

She visited Cheryl's grave every day for two years. Daily, she drives by the field where her daughter's body was found. She sees Cheryl's friends graduating from high school and preparing for college.

Community Calendar

MONDAY

Tumbleweed Toastmasters meeting; chamber of commerce board room; 6 p.m.

Rebekah Lodge 294; Lodge Hall; 7:30 p.m.

Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; for more information, call 863-2349, 573-8626, 573-1141; 8 p.m.

Overeaters Anonymous; board room of Cogdell Memorial Hospital; 7:30 p.m.; call 573-8322 for more information.

TUESDAY

Weight Watchers; Trinity United Methodist Church; 5:30 p.m.

TOPS TX56; 5:30 p.m. weigh-in and meeting from 5:30-6:30 p.m.; 2501 35th. For information, call Jean Yearwood at 573-9444.

Genealogical Society; Scurry County Library; interested persons invited; 7 p.m.

Dialogue (an ongoing support group sponsored by the American Cancer Society, designed to help patients, families and friends understand and live with cancer) will have its first meeting; in the board room of Cogdell Memorial Hospital; 7-8 p.m.

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

New Horizon Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for more information, call 573-1141, 573-2101; 8 p.m.

Al-Anon; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th and Ave. M; for more information, call 573-3956, 573-2101 573-1141 or 573-8626; 8 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

Narcotics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for more information, call 573-1141; 8 p.m.

THURSDAY

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

Scurry Lodge 706; AF and AM degree classes; 7 p.m.

Codependents Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; 37th & Ave. M; for more information, call 573-7358; 7 p.m.

New Horizons Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; for information, call 573-3308 or 573-2101.

Bilingual Group of Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club Addition in Winston Park; for more information, call 863-2349 or 573-8626; 8 p.m.

FRIDAY

Free blood pressure clinics; Senior Citizens Center, 9:45-11:45 a.m.; Cogdell Memorial Hospital emergency waiting room; 1-2 p.m.

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

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

Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for information, call 573-8626, 863-2349; (Last Friday of the month is the birthday, open, meeting); 8 p.m.

Al-Anon; Park Club in Winston Prk, 37th and Ave. M; for more infmation, call 573-3956, 573-2101; 8 p.m.

SATURDAY

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

SUNDAY

Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for more information call 573-1141, 863-2349, or 573-8626; 10 a.m.

Scurry County Museum; Western Texas College; open from 1-4 p.m.

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

Beginners Alcoholics Anonymous and Narcotics Anonymous; Park Club at Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; 7 p.m.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON SCURRY COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT BUDGET

The Scurry County Appraisal District will hold a public hearing on a proposed appraisal budget for the 1995 fiscal year.

The public hearing will be held on July 8, 1994 @ 8:00 a.m. at the offices of the Scurry County Appraisal District located at 2612 College Avenue, Snyder, Texas.

A summary of the appraisal district budget follows:

The total amount of the proposed budget is $473,719.00

Salaries, Retirement, Insurance, Travel	$300,009.00
Registration	4,700.00
Liability Insurance & Bonds	7,100.00
Bldg. Maint., Utilities, Janitor Service	18,560.00
Equip. & Computer-Purchase & Maint.	49,600.00
Programming	16,500.00
Appraisal Service	47,000.00
Appraisal Review Board & Board of Directors	5,000.00
Postage	7,000.00
Supplies, Furniture, Forms, Valuation Material, etc.	11,750.00
Microfilming	2,500.00
Audit Fees	2,000.00
Attorney Fees	2,000.00

The total amount of increase over the current year's budget will be $879.00.

The number of employees compensated under the proposed budget will be 11.

The number of employees compensated under the current budget is 11.

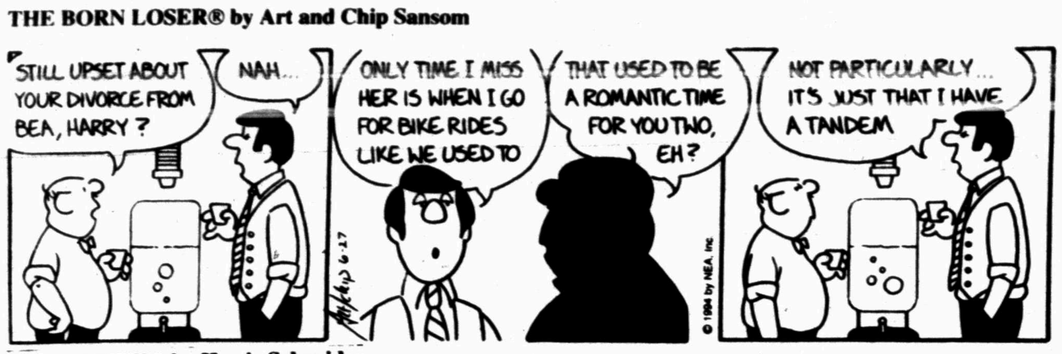
The appraisal district is supported solely by payments from the local taxing units served by the appraisal district.

If approved by the appraisal district board of directors at the public hearing, this proposed budget will take effect automatically unless disapproved by the governing bodies of the county, school districts, cities, and towns served by the appraisal district. A copy of the proposed budget is available for public inspection in the office of each of those governing bodies.

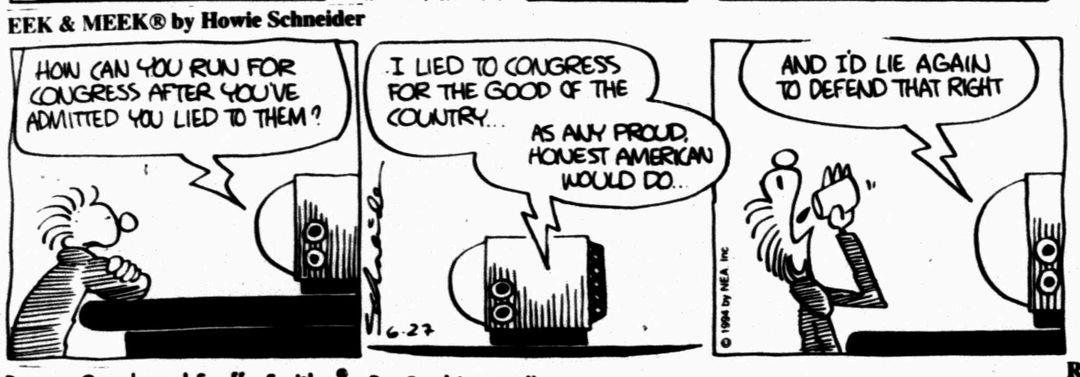
The proposed budget is also available for public inspection at the appraisal district office.

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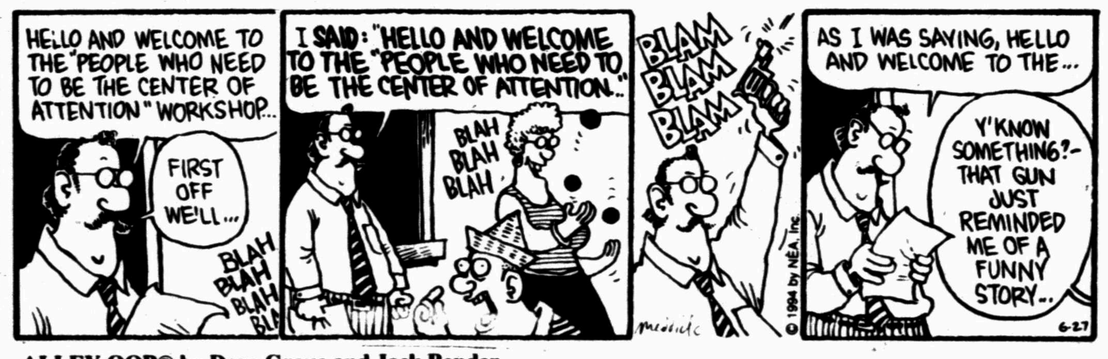
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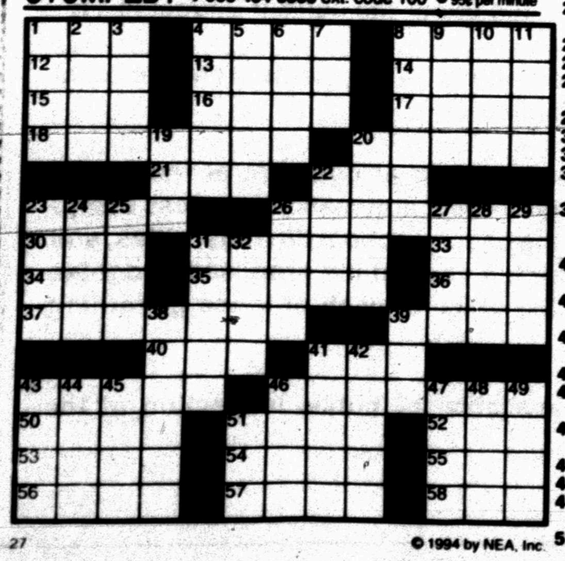
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West Texas linksters sign to play with WTC

It's true that Western Texas College golf coach Milton Ham went far and wide to recruit golfers for his 1994-95 team.

But it's also true that he filled several key spots on the squad with golfers from West Texas.

There are players from Canada and Australia, but there are also four standout linksters joining the Westerners from the immediate area.

Included in the group are San Angelo Central's Jason Ball, Matt Clements of Midland Lee, Memphis standout John Mark Ferkel, and Mark Smith of Lubbock Monterey.

"They are pretty good golfers," said Ham. "We'll be counting on them to contribute to this team and help get us back to nationals."

Ham, about to start his fourth campaign at WTC, took the Westerners to the national tournament three seasons past.

"With eight guys coming back from last year, and with 10 quality recruits like we have, we should be better than we've been in a long time. Maybe better than we've been since I've been here."

Ball, Clements and Smith all join the WTC squad after Class 5A high school careers.

"He's a good striker of the ball and he's got good hands," Ham said of the Central High School golfer. "Matt's a good player, too. He's very smart and he manages a course well.

"Mark is a very mature player. He's got a strong short game and good accuracy."

The other West Texas product in this year's class of recruits is Ferkel, who played at Class 2A Memphis in the Texas Panhandle.

"He has a very solid all-around game," the coach reported. "He's a good thinker and he keeps the ball in play."

In all, 10 freshmen and eight sophomores are expected to be with the Westerners when the fall season tees off in mid-September.

Frost notches one-stroke win

CROMWELL, Conn. (AP) — After being paired with Greg Norman in the first round of the Greater Hartford Open, David Frost said he felt he was being overlooked by the fans.

He was the center of attention Sunday when he edged Norman by a stroke to capture the tournament.

Still, Frost, who played behind the PGA Tour's top money winner in the final round, said he understood why the crowd was pulling for Norman.

"He's the number one player in the world. He's the kind of guy people love to come out and see. He draws the crowds, whether he's in the United Sttes, Australia or Japan," Frost said.

Frost, who shot a final-round 69 for a 72-hole record 12-under-par 268, is the 24th different winner in 25 tournaments this year, with Nick Price being the only two-time winner.

Frost's ninth career victory also frustrated Dave Stockton Jr.'s bid to make history with his father. Stockton Jr., who entered the final round tied for the lead at 11-under, shot a 72 and finished in a four-way tie for third at 271.

Dave Stockton won the Senior Players Championship at Dearborn, Mich., earlier Sunday by six strokes. The Stocktons were trying to become the first father-son combination to win PGA events on the same weekend, and the first to win the same tournament. The elder Stockton won the GHO in 1974.

Norman, who had dropped out of a tie with Frost when he double-bogeyed 12, blamed the conditions at the hole for part of his problems there. He needed two extra strokes after a shot from a fairway bunker that he said was not raked properly landed in a greenside trap.

"I played 71 pretty good holes overall, but as far as I'm concerned, whoever raked the bunker at 12 should be fined, suspended or whatever it is," Norman said. "My ball ended up in a rut and was half-submerged.

"With this standard of golf, with everyone in agronomy doing a wonderful job of preparing the golf course, grass-wise, to leave a bunker in that state is disgraceful as far as I'm concerned."

Corey Pavin, Steve Stricker and Dave Barr shared third with Stockton.

CROMWELL, Conn. (AP) — Final scores and earnings Sunday of the $1.2 million Greater Hartford Open, played on the 6,820-yard, par-70 Tournament Players Club at River Highlands:

David Frost, $216,000	65-68-66-69—268
Greg Norman, $129,600	69-65-66-69—269
Dave Barr, $57,600	68-70-68-65—271
Steve Stricker, $57,600	70-67-67-67—271
Corey Pavin, $57,600	65-73-66-67—271
Dave Stockton, $57,600	66-66-67-72—271
Kirk Triplett, $38,700	71-66-69-67—273
Wayne Levi, $38,700	68-66-71-68—273
Glen Day, $28,800	72-65-70-68—275
Ken Green, $28,800	69-70-68-68—275
Peter Jacobsen, $28,800	68-68-70-69—275
Mike Reid, $28,800	66-68-69-72—275
Clark Dennis, $28,800	65-72-66-72—275
John Cook, $28,800	71-67-64-73—275
Fred Couples, $19,200	71-68-71-66—276
Doug Tewell, $19,200	67-68-70-71—276
Mike Standly, $19,200	70-71-64-71—276
Kenny Perry, $19,200	67-68-69-72—276
Brad Faxon, $19,200	71-69-64-72—276
Larry Silveira, $15,000	67-73-71-66—277
Steve Lowery, $15,000	71-66-70-70—277
Rocky Walcher, $11,520	69-69-72-68—278
Tom Byrum, $11,520	69-68-69-72—278
Scott Hoch, $11,520	69-67-68-74—278
Ted Tryba, $11,520	68-66-69-75—278
John Daly, $11,520	68-68-67-75—278

PGA officials question Daly score at Hartford

CROMWELL, Conn. (AP) — John Daly is the subject of yet another controversy as PGA Tour officials attempt to determine whether he signed for the correct score after the final round of the Greater Hartford Open.

PGA Tour media official Mark Mitchell said a question arose as to whether Daly, who was paired with Clark Dennis on Sunday, should have been credited with a bogey on the par-3 fifth hole instead of the par he signed for.

The 1991 PGA champion, who signed for a 5-over-par 75 that gave him a 278 total and a $11,520 check for a 22nd-place tie, would be disqualified if officials determine he signed an incorrect scorecard.

"We can't get in touch with John right now," Mitchell said. "We want to talk to him first to figure out what happened."

Daly, who won the BellSouth Classic in Atlanta in May after spending time in an alcohol rehabilitation program and serving a 12-week suspension for failing to complete a round in a tournament in Hawaii, has had a number of scorecard-related problems.

He failed to sign cards after an 81 in the second round of the 1992 Australian Masters and a 77 in the final round of the 1993 Kemper Open, and signed an incorrect card after an 87 in the second round of the 1991 World Championship in Jamaica.

Sampras overpowers Vacek

WIMBLEDON, England (AP) — Top-seeded Pete Sampras, yet to lose a set in four matches, powered his way into the Wimbledon quarterfinals today with a 6-4, 6-1, 7-6 (7-5) victory over Daniel Vacek.

Lori McNeil, who upset Steffi Graf in the first round, also advanced, outlasting Florencia Labat of Argentina, 7-6 (7-4), 7-6 (7-4) to make the quarterfinals here for the first time since 1986.

The Sampras-Vacek match took only 87 minutes, the third time the defending champion was able to win in less than an hour-and-a-half as he continued to overwhelm his opponents.

Sampras hammered 18 aces against the 51st-ranked Czech, raising his four-match total to 89.

In other key fourth-round matches today, 1992 champion Andre Agassi played sixth-seeded Todd Martin in an all-American clash; and French Open champion Sergi Bruguera faced No. 10 seed Michael Chang in a battle of baseliners.

In women's play, American Gigi Fernandez reached the quarterfinals for the first time in 10 Wimbledons with a 6-4, 6-1 victory over Yayuk Basuki of Indonesia. Only once before in 36 Grand Slams had Fernandez, 30, advanced past the fourth round, losing in the 1991 U.S. Open quarterfinals.

Also advancing was Larisa Neiland of Latvia. She beat Amanda Coetzer of South Africa, 1-6, 6-3, 6-4 and will play McNeil in the quarterfinals.

With Graf gone, the women's fourth-round matches have taken on special interest.

Romania nips United States

PASADENA, Calif. (AP) — They want to prove they can play with the big boys. Now they figure to get the chance.

Coach Bora Milutinovic isn't awed that his lightly regarded Americans likely will play one of the globe's elite teams — Germany or Brazil — in the second round of the World Cup.

"The way I look at it, they're going to play against us," Milutinovic said. "If they wind up being better, congratulations. It's a nice experience for us if we can play Germany or Brazil.

"Anything can happen, and if we play with enthusiasm we can make history, like we did against Colombia."

A 1-0 loss to Romania on Sunday knocked the United States down to third place in Group A. A win would have put the Americans in first place and set them up for a game at the Rose Bowl against a third-place team from another group.

Instead, the United States' second-round foe probably will be either World Cup favorite Brazil at Stanford Stadium on Monday, July 4 or defending champion Germany in Chicago on Saturday.

"Now we face the giants," U.S. defender Paul Caligiuri said.

Added goalkeeper Tony Meola: "We wanted to play a team like Brazil or Germany. But we wanted it to be in the semifinal."

Now, with a little bit of luck, we'll advance. So many things must happen, but I'm sure we'll be playing in Chicago or San Francisco."

The Americans would be without one of their best ball-controllers, midfielder John Harkes, who has received two yellow cards and would be suspended for the game.

Harkes received the first in the 90th minute of the U.S. opener against Switzerland for a hard tackle. He got another for delay of game with four minutes left in the first half Sunday.

The new FIFA rules erase single yellow cards after the first round, but two yellows still result in a one-game suspension. U.S. officials misunderstood the rule and didn't realize until after the game that Harkes would have to sit out the second-round match.

The United States tied Switzerland 1-1 and shocked Colombia 2-1 before meeting Romania, which scored early, then played defense the rest of the way.

Dan Petrescu scored for the Romanians in the 18th minute, after his teammates quickly worked the ball from the left side, where the American defense was clustered, to Florin Raducioiu in the middle. He then laid a perfect pass down the wing to Petrescu, who broke behind Caligiuri.



TONY MEOLA

The Americans will spend the next few days waiting and watching other teams play to find out when, where and against whom they'll play. They may not know until Thursday.

The United States is not completely assured a second-round berth, but it would take a most unlikely string of circumstances in other games for them not to make it.

"Today I feel we played our best game of the tournament," Milutinovic said. "Our aim was to get four points, and we achieved it.

Butler powers Dodgers past Houston's Drabek

HOUSTON (AP) — Brett Butler hit a tie-breaking home run with two outs in the seventh inning, lifting Los Angeles over host Houston 5-4 on Sunday.

Butler homered for the second straight day and has five this season, his most since hitting six for San Francisco in 1988. He also had two singles, making him 25-for-55 (.455) lifetime against Doug Drabek.

Drabek (10-4) was foiled in his bid to become the NL's first 11-game winner. Kevin Gross (7-4) got the victory, scattering five hits and fanning five in seven innings.

Drabek allowed seven hits and all five earned runs.

The Astros dropped two of three to the Dodgers heading into today's opener of a three-game National League Central series with the division-leading Reds.

Salmon HR tops Rangers

ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP) — Tim Salmon homered to lead off the eighth inning as the Angels handed visiting Texas its 10th loss in 12 games, 4-3.

Salmon hit a 1-2 pitch from John Dettmer (0-2) over the left-field fence for his 16th homer.

Mark Leiter (4-4) pitched one inning for the win after relieving starter Mark Langston, who struck out a season-high nine in seven innings.

Baseball glance

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American League

East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
New York	44	27	.620	—
Baltimore	41	31	.569	3½
Boston	37	35	.514	7½
Detroit	35	37	.486	9½
Toronto	31	41	.431	13½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Cleveland	42	28	.600	—
Chicago	41	31	.569	2
Minnesota	39	33	.542	4
Kansas City	38	35	.521	5½
Milwaukee	34	39	.466	9½

West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Texas	33	40	.452	—
California	33	43	.434	1½
Seattle	31	43	.419	2½
Oakland	29	45	.392	4½

Saturday's Games

New York 11, Cleveland 6, comp. of susp. game
New York at Cleveland, ppd., rain
Baltimore 4, Toronto 1
Oakland 2, Detroit 1
Kansas City 4, Minnesota 1
Chicago 2, Seattle 1
California 12, Texas 7
Boston 10, Milwaukee 8, 12 innings

Sunday's Games

New York 12, Cleveland 11
Milwaukee 5, Boston 4
Minnesota 11, Kansas City 4
California 4, Texas 3
Oakland 10, Detroit 5
Chicago 8, Seattle 7
Baltimore 7, Toronto 1

Monday's Games

New York (Key 11-1) at Boston (Sele 6-3), 7:05 p.m.
Baltimore (McDonald 10-5) at Cleveland (Nagy 6-3), 7:05 p.m.
Toronto (Leiter 3-4) at Milwaukee (Eldred 8-7), 8:05 p.m.
Kansas City (Gordon 7-4) at Minnesota (Tapani 8-4), 8:05 p.m.
California (Anderson 5-2) at Oakland (Van Poppel 3-6), 10:05 p.m.
Detroit (Belcher 5-8) at Seattle (Fleming 5-9), 10:05 p.m.
Only games scheduled

National League

East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Atlanta	46	26	.639	—
Montreal	44	29	.603	2½
Philadelphia	37	37	.500	10
Florida	35	39	.473	12
New York	33	41	.446	14

Central Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Cincinnati	43	30	.589	—
Houston	40	34	.541	3½
Pittsburgh	36	36	.500	6½
St. Louis	36	36	.500	6½
Chicago	30	41	.423	12

West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Los Angeles	38	36	.514	—
Colorado	34	40	.459	4
San Francisco	32	43	.427	6½
San Diego	29	45	.392	9

Saturday's Games

Chicago 3, St. Louis 1
Colorado 6, San Francisco 4
Philadelphia 7, Atlanta 1
San Diego 6, Cincinnati 0
Pittsburgh 3, New York 1
Montreal 7, Florida 3
Los Angeles 4, Houston 2

Sunday's Games

Florida 6, Montreal 1
Philadelphia 9, Atlanta 8
Pittsburgh 7, New York 3
St. Louis 3, Chicago 1
Los Angeles 5, Houston 4
San Francisco 8, Colorado 1
Cincinnati 12, San Diego 4

Monday's Games

Atlanta (Maddux 10-3) a Montreal (Hill 10-3), 7:35 p.m.
Florida (Miller 1-2) at Philadelphia (Boskie 3-4), 7:35 p.m.
St. Louis (Olivares 1-0) at New York (Smith 4-7), 7:40 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Cooke 3-5) at Chicago (Banks 7-6), 8:05 p.m.
Cincinnati (Hanson 4-5) at Houston (Kile 5-3), 8:05 p.m.
San Diego (Ashby 3-5) at Colorado (Nied 6-4), 8:05 p.m.
San Francisco (Black 0-0) at Los Angeles (Candiotti 5-2), 10:05 p.m.

World Cup Soccer

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FIRST ROUND

GROUP A

	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pts
x-Romania	2	1	0	5	5	6
x-Switzerland	1	1	1	5	4	4
United States	1	1	1	3	3	4
Colombia	1	2	0	4	5	3

x-advance to second round

Saturday, June 18
At Pontiac, Mich.
Switzerland 1, United States 1, tie
At Pasadena, Calif.
Romania 3, Colombia 1
Wednesday, June 22
At Pontiac, Mich.
Switzerland 4, Romania 1
At Pasadena, Calif.
United States 2, Colombia 1
Sunday, June 26
At Pasadena, Calif.
Romania 1, United States 0
At Stanford, Calif.
Colombia 2, Switzerland 0

GROUP B

	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pts
x-Brazil	2	0	0	5	0	6
Sweden	1	0	1	5	3	4
Cameroon	0	1	1	2	5	1
Russia	0	2	0	1	5	0

x-advanced to second round.

Sunday, June 19
At Pasadena, Calif.
Cameroon 2, Sweden 2, tie
Monday, June 20
At Stanford, Calif.
Brazil 2, Russia 0
Friday, June 24
At Stanford, Calif.
Brazil 3, Cameroon 0
At Pontiac, Mich.
Sweden 3, Russia 1
Tuesday, June 28
At Stanford, Calif.
Russia vs. Cameroon, 4:05 p.m.
At Pontiac, Mich.
Brazil vs. Sweden, 4:05 p.m.

GROUP C

	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pts
Germany	1	0	1	2	1	4
Spain	0	0	2	3	3	2
South Korea	0	0	2	2	2	2
Bolivia	0	1	1	0	1	1

Friday, June 17
At Chicago
Germany 1, Bolivia 0
At Dallas
Spain 2, South Korea 2, tie
Tuesday, June 21
At Chicago
Germany 1, Spain 1, tie
Thursday, June 23
At Foxboro, Mass.
South Korea 0, Bolivia, 0, tie
Monday, June 27
At Chicago
Bolivia vs. Spain, 4:05 p.m.
At Dallas
Germany vs. South Korea, 4:05 p.m.

GROUP D

	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pts
x-Argentina	2	0	0	6	1	6
Nigeria	1	1	0	4	2	3
Bulgaria	1	1	0	4	3	3
Greece	0	2	0	0	8	0

x-advanced to second round.

Tuesday, June 21
At Foxboro, Mass.
Argentina 4, Greece 0
At Dallas
Nigeria 3, Bulgaria 0
Saturday, June 25
At Foxboro, Mass.
Argentina 2, Nigeria 1
Sunday, June 26
At Chicago
Bulgaria 4, Greece 0
Thursday, June 30
At Foxboro, Mass.
Greece vs. Nigeria, 7:35 p.m.
At Dallas
Argentina vs. Bulgaria, 7:35 p.m.

GROUP E

	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pts
Ireland	1	1	0	2	2	3
Mexico	1	1	0	2	2	3
Italy	1	1	0	1	1	3
Norway	1	1	0	1	1	3

Saturday, June 18
At East Rutherford, N.J.
Ireland 1, Italy 0
Sunday, June 19
At Washington
Norway 1, Mexico 0
Thursday, June 23
At East Rutherford, N.J.
Italy 1, Norway 0
Friday, June 24
At Orlando, Fla.
Mexico 2, Ireland 1
Tuesday, June 28
At East Rutherford, N.J.
Ireland vs. Norway, 12:35 p.m.
At Washington
Italy vs. Mexico, 12:35 p.m.

GROUP F

	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pts
x-Belgium	2	0	0	2	0	6
Saudi Arabia	1	1	0	3	3	3
Netherlands	1	1	0	2	2	3
Morocco	0	2	0	1	3	0

x-advanced to second round.

Sunday, June 19
At Orlando, Fla.
Belgium 1, Morocco 0
Monday, June 20
At Washington
Netherlands 2, Saudi Arabia 1
Saturday, June 25
At Orlando, Fla.
Belgium 1, Netherlands 0
At East Rutherford, N.J.
Saudi Arabia 2, Morocco 1Wednesday, June 29
At Orlando, Fla.
Morocco vs. Netherlands, 12:35 p.m.
At Washington
Belgium vs. Saudi Arabia, 12:35 p.m.

Snyder teams nab softball crowns

ABILENE — Snyder captured two titles at the weekend Amateur Softball Association District 11 girls' tournament, winning the championship in the 10-and-Under Division, as well as the 12-and-Under crown.

Snyder's 10-and-Under All-Stars hammered Clyde, 16-1, in Saturday's championship game. The young softballers had already beaten Clyde 9-4, after posting early-round wins over Coleman, 22-1, Eula, 10-8, and Merkel, 13-10.

The 12-and-Under All-Stars from Snyder scored 105 points in their 5-game appearance here, ripping Anson 51-2 to open the tournament, then adding victories over Sweetwater, 15-1, the Anson Shockwaves, 15-2, and Clyde, 14-8.

In 16-and-Under competition, Snyder defeated Sweetwater, 14-3, to claim third place. Snyder downed Merkel 25-3 in first-round action. The Abilene A's claimed the division crown with an 11-9 edging of Snyder in the final.

Snyder's 14-and-Under All-Stars posted an 18-1 win over Panther Creek, then fell to Merkel 11-10.

Snyder golfers at Odessa tourney

ODESSA — Snyder's David Sharrock shot a 302 in Championship Flight and local golfer Larry Anderson finished with a 308 in President's Flight at the 66th Men's West Texas Golf Association tournament, which concluded Sunday at Odessa Country Club.

Sharrock, who finished 20 shots behind tourney champ Jason Brooks of Georgetown, fired rounds of 74, 73, 78 and 77 on the 6,829-yard, par-72 layout.

Anderson's 10th-place total came on rounds of 80, 74, 73 and 81. Odessa's Ron Folk claimed the President's Flight title, shooting a 72-hole 296.

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Counseling helps men who batter women to change

LOS ANGELES (AP) — He certainly never planned to hit her. Sometimes he couldn't even remember their fights. But there was no mistaking her swollen lips or her bruised face the morning after, telltale as a hangover.

"I would just blank out and go off on her. Sometimes I just wanted her to shut up," he says. "I was stronger, I was a man, and I knew I could win."

Ken James, a 28-year-old welder from the blighted streets of South Central, hasn't hit his common-law wife in six months.

Oh, he's felt like it. "I'm learning to express my emotions without getting physical," James says.

Good thing, because he comes from battering stock. His father beat his mother. His neighbors beat their wives.

But as the sad story of O.J. Simpson proves, even the richest and most famous of men are capable of violence. Without treatment, their cycle is almost never broken.

Simpson was sentenced in 1989 to two years' probation for beating Nicole Brown Simpson. On June 17, he was arrested for allegedly murdering her and a male friend in a savage knife attack.

Simpson never completed his 1989 court-ordered counseling, but James is making a real effort to change. Six months ago, he began mandatory therapy after spending 50 days in Los Angeles County Jail for spousal abuse.

Most batterers don't seek treatment voluntarily. Even when they're ordered to by law, it is very difficult to change their behavior, say therapists devoted to doing just that.

Men beat women for myriad reasons. Ultimately, it boils down to one issue: control.

"I never wanted to kill her," James says, speaking of the woman he has lived with for six years, a woman who has borne two children with him and is three months pregnant with their third. "I never had that thought in my mind. I just wanted to control her. I wanted her to do what I said."

Psychologist Sandra Baca runs the Center for the Prevention of Domestic Violence, which provides group counseling to about 300 men sent there as a condition of their probation for spousal abuse. James is one of her clients.

"We don't have one single man who has come of his own free will," she says, laughing. Baca has seen and heard it all and dispenses treatment with street-smart humor.

"The only way they're going to stop is if they go to jail," she says. "Otherwise it's too easy — you're always victorious at the end. And they're not stupid. If I win every argument in my house by hitting or threatening, why not keep doing it? Especially if you can get away with it."

In counseling, she encourages her clients, who pay on a sliding scale, to stop seeing their wives as extensions of themselves. "She has her own feelings, she has her own thoughts," Baca says.

"We make them keep journals of their home life. When did they decide to hit her? What was the trigger? What were they trying to achieve?"

But she starts with the assumption that many can't be helped at all.

According to studies, up to 50 percent of arrested batterers who receive treatment will nonetheless hit, slap, kick or choke their spouses within six months.

"Not all problems can be solved by psychotherapy," says Neil Jacobson, a Seattle family psychologist at the University of Washington. "Very rarely does (the battering) actually stop. The batterers bring home flowers and Hallmark cards, but the violence usually doesn't stop."

O.J. Simpson was no exception, as shown by police transcripts of 911 calls released last week. Nicole Brown Simpson, alternately sobbing and speaking in a weary, here-we-go-again tone, pleads for help. An enraged O.J is heard screaming in the background.

His ravings were the antithesis of the relaxed, smiling personality known to fans and friends.

"That's pretty common. I did that, I would play that facade," says a 37-year-old Florida man undergoing treatment in Fort Lauderdale. He spoke on condition of anonymity.

Hospital Notes

ADMISSIONS: Sadie Shifflett, 2105½ O'Neal; Howard Hogue, 7602 CR 254; Bonnie McAulay Snyder Oaks Care Center; Carolyn Bond, Snyder Healthcare Center; Justin Hester, 2803 Ave. X.

DISMISSALS: Angela Hinojos and baby; Sarah Martin, David Reed, Jo A. Salazar and baby; Bessie McCauley.

Census: 47 (Med.-8, Long-Term Care-36, CCU-1, OB-1, Nursery-1).

Births

Mark and Glynda Scott of Lubbock announce the birth of twin daughters born on June 24.

Grandparents are Jim and Frances Burkett of O'Donnell and Robert and Jane Scott of Snyder.

Seven arrested during weekend

Snyder area peace officers made seven arrests and investigated two burglaries over the weekend.

Snyder police responded to a domestic disturbance in the 300 block of 26th Street at 4:36 p.m. Saturday where they arrested a 22-year-old man for assault/family violence.

Sheriff's deputies were notified of a verbal disagreement at Winston Park at 11:05 p.m. Saturday. Deputies arrested a 36-year-old man for disorderly conduct.

Lori Hernandez contacted police at 1:18 a.m. Sunday in reference to someone damaging her vehicle at the Latin American Center and taking an antenna. Reports for Class B theft and Class B criminal mischief were filed.

Snyder police stopped a vehicle at 35th Street and College Avenue at 1:19 a.m. Sunday and arrested a 22-year-old man for misdemeanor driving while intoxicated and a 22-year-old man for public intoxication.

At 2:09 a.m. Sunday, a man contacted police in reference to his son having been assaulted. A report for Class A assault was filed.

Police investigated a burglary at Faith Baptist Church, reported a 4:15 a.m. Sunday. Miscellaneous items were taken.

At 10:54 a.m. Sunday, police arrested a 41-year-old woman in the 300 block of Avenue C on a JP court warrant for violation of the compulsory attendance law.

At 6:38 p.m. Sunday, Stacey Botts contacted the sheriff's office in reference to someone placing a lock on a storage building at 1411 Texas Avenue. A report for burglary of a building was filed. Alvin Botts contacted the SO at 8:58 p.m. to report that someone had changed the lock on his shop at 1411 Texas Avenue. A burglary report was filed.

A woman contacted police at 8:37 p.m. to report that some neighborhood children had possibly scratched her vehicle. A report for Class B criminal mischief was filed.

At 8:42 p.m. police were advised of a disturbance at 30th Street and Avenue I. Two men, age 34 and 19, were arrested for public intoxication.

Officers responded to a 911 hangup call from the 4000 block of Eastridge at 11:34 p.m. Sunday. Contact was made with individuals who refused to file charges. A report for family violence was submitted by police.

Officers also investigated a minor accident at 7:30 a.m. Saturday in the 2400 block of 26th Street. Involved were a 1981 Ford pickup driven by Carl Chester of 2503 26th St. and a 1982 Plymouth driven by Jose Ramos of 2903 30th St.

Peace officers also responded to seven complaints of subjects setting off fireworks over the weekend.

Obituaries

Kelly Browning

1970-1994

Services were to be held at 3 p.m. today in East Side Church of Christ for Kelly Lance Browning, 23, of Richardson who died Friday at 9:15 p.m. in a one-vehicle accident in far north Grand Prairie. Tom Holcomb was to officiate. Burial was to follow in Hillside Memorial Gardens.

Born on Sept. 11, 1970, in Snyder, Mr. Browning lived in Richardson and worked for the National Health Lab.

He was the grandson of the late Broadway Browning.

Surviving are his parents, Paul Browning of Dallas and Mary Browning of Richardson; one brother, Chad Browning of Richardson; and his grandmother, Mrs. Etta LeFeuvre of Crystal River, Fla., and Mrs. J.H. Anderson of Snyder.

Otto Parrish

1914-1994

Services are pending at Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home for Otto Parrish, 79, who died early this morning in a Sweetwater nursing home.

Born on Oct. 13, 1914, in Albertville, Ala., he was married to Bernice M. Hicks on June 12, 1937, in Brownfield. She died July 4, 1981. He had owned and operated Parrish Plumbing from 1949 to 1974.

He was also preceded in death by a son, Bernie Parrish, in 1981.

Survivors include a son, Darrell Parrish of Tucson, Ark.; two daughters, Ann Gregory of Colorado City and Paula Fox of Snyder; two sisters, Ruth West of Pittsburg, Tex., and Jean Stafford of Fort Smith, Ark.; one brother, Melvin Parrish of Danville, Ark.; 12 grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren.

Ollie Williams

1902-1994

ODESSA — Graveside services were set for 3 p.m. today in the Roscoe Cemetery for Ollie M. Williams, 91, who died Friday in Medical Center Hospital.

A service was held earlier today at the Kingston Ave. Baptist Church with the Rev. Nick Gates officiating.

Born in Fannin, she married Berry Oliver Wilkins in 1918. He died in 1956.

Mrs. Williams moved to Odessa from Hamlin in 1983. She was a homemaker and a member of the Kingston Ave. Baptist Church.

Survivors include two sons, Wylie Wilkins and James Wilkins, both of Odessa; a daughter, Jessie Holtzclaw of Amarillo; a brother, Dick Thompson of San Marcos; a sister, Gertrude Hawley of Euless; 15 grandchildren; 24 great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren.

Vernon Cates

1920-1994

GORMAN — Services are set for 10 a.m. Tuesday in the Higginbotham Funeral Home Chapel for Vernon Cates, 73, who died Sunday in an Eastland hospital. Burial will follow in the Gorman-Oaklawn Cemetery.

He was the brother of Billie Dupuy of Snyder.

Born in Jayton, Mr. Cates lived in Moran and had formerly lived in Gorman. He was a rancher and a member of the Church of Christ. He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II and married Lois Sanders in 1939 in Gorman.

Survivors include his wife, Lois of Moran; a son, Marvin Cates Jr. of Gorman; three daughters, Betty Lou Bullard of Millsap, Cheryl Ann Lucky of Fort Worth and Aline Frances McCormack of Moran; three brothers, Dee Cates of Mineral Wells, Gerald Cates of Eastland and June Cates of Big Spring; another sister, Gwen Colans of Azle; 11 grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

Ruth Valentine

1916-1994

LUBBOCK — Services were conducted at 11 a.m. today in the Green Lawn Church of Christ for Ruth Valentine, 77, who died Friday in St. Mary of the Plains Hospital. Burial was to follow in Resthaven Memorial Park.

She was the mother of Tom Valentine of Snyder.

Born in Roswell, N.M., she married T.R. Valentine on Aug. 6, 1937 in Exeter, Calif. He died in 1979.

Mrs. Valentine moved to Lubbock from Madras, Ore. in 1957. She was a member of the Church of Christ.

Survivors include two other sons, Charles Valentine of Lubbock and Steve Valentine of Abilene; a daughter, Betty Montgomery of Wolfforth; a sister, Alta Carroll of Del Rio; a brother, Ray Scott of San Diego, Calif.; eight grandchidren; and seven great-grandchildren.



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Defense lawyer says...

O.J. Simpson will not plead insanity

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Nicole Brown Simpson lay curled in a fetal position, clad in a black dress with her feet bare, blood marking her legs, arms and face. Ronald Goldman slumped in the dirt, his back against a tree stump, blue jeans and sweater dark with blood. That is what a coroner's investigator saw on the morning of June 13.

DNA analysis of blood collected as evidence could clear O.J. Simpson, who will not plead insanity because he did not kill his ex-wife and her friend, defense lawyer F. Lee Bailey said.

"In California, you don't approach the question of insanity until you have a trial on guilt," Bailey told CNN on Sunday. "California really is ahead of the world with the best procedure around because it's inconsistent to talk insanity and guilt or innocence in the same proceeding."

Simpson pleaded innocent to charges of first-degree murder in the slaying of Ms. Simpson, 35, and Goldman, 25.

Reportedly, blood found at the scene is of the same type as Simpson's, and blood was found in Simpson's Bronco and in his driveway.

Prosecutors are pinning much of their case on the results of DNA tests from blood samples, Bailey said.

"If the DNA comes back and is not a match, then the police had better get busy opening the investigation they may have prematurely closed," Bailey said.

Meanwhile, a hearing was scheduled for today on a media request for the release of sealed documents from the 1989 case in which Simpson, 46, pleaded no contest to misdemeanor battery against his then-wife, Ms. Simpson.

New York's separate school district nixed by high court

WASHINGTON (AP) — New York violated the required separation of church and state when lawmakers created a special public school district for a community of Hasidic Jews, the Supreme Court ruled today.

The creation of the Kiryas Joel school district for disabled children crosses the line from a permissible accommodation of religion "to impermissible establishment," court said in a 6-3 ruling.

"We do not deny that the Constitution allows the state to accommodate religious needs by alleviating special burdens," Justice David H. Souter wrote for the court.

However, he wrote, "accommodation is not a principle without limits."

"It is clear that neutrality as among religions must be honored," he said, adding that the creation of the Kiryas Joel district "fails the test of neutrality" because it "singles out a particular religious sect for special treatment."

Today's decision affirmed a ruling by New York's highest court, which said the special school district unconstitutionally created a "symbolic union" between the government and the Satmar Hasidic sect.

The Constitution's First Amendment says: "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof."

Lawyers for the school district argued that state lawmakers, in establishing the district, were simply accommodating the Hasidic Jews' right to religious freedom.

The Supreme Court had allowed the Kiryas Joel district to keep operating until the justices issued their ruling. The district is in Orange County, about 40 miles north of New York City.

Today's decision appeared to leave largely intact the high court's 1971 landmark test for interpreting the separation of church and state, although Justice Sandra Day O'Connor wrote separately that "the slide away (from using the test) is well under way."

The test says government actions are unconstitutional if they have a religious purpose, primarily advance or promote religion or excessively entangle government and religion.

The court has used the 1971 test in deciding many church-state issues, such as what type of government aid can be given to parochial schools.

New York lawmakers created the Kiryas Joel district in 1989 after village residents withdrew their disabled children from other public schools, saying they were traumatized by having to attend class outside the village.

Virtually all of Kiryas Joel's 12,000 residents are members of the Satmar Hasidic sect, which maintains an insular community where people wear special clothing, follow a strict schedule of prayer and religious study and usually speak Yiddish.

Moynihan is moving away from seeking mandatory coverage

WASHINGTON (AP) — After finding few takers for a health reform plan with mandatory employer contributions, Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan was testing the waters with a new proposal today that replaces workplace mandates with incentives to buy insurance.

Moynihan's Senate Finance Committee could pass a bill by week's end, a key member, Sen. John Chafee, said today. "This is truly a crucial week," he added.

Moynihan was conferring with fellow Democrats today before presenting his ideas to the full committee in a closed-door session this afternoon. It was still being fine-tuned, but aides said the New York Democrat this time will eschew mandates on employers or individuals but dangle subsidies before businesses instead to entice them to pitch in.

A separate compromise advanced Friday by Sen. John Chafee, R-R.I., and a half-dozen Finance Committee moderates also avoided the Clinton path of mandatory contributions from all employers and aimed for 95 percent coverage by 2002.

Chafee said today that much of Moynihan's "package that is very, very similar to what we came up with."

Sen. John Breaux, D-La., a Finance Committee member and co-sponsor of the Chafee plan, said he believes he will find more similarities than differences.

"I think we're moving in the same direction," Breaux said as he made the rounds of morning talk shows. "We're not going to get a Democratic bill out or a Republican bill," he said. "If we try to get all or nothing, we might end up with nothing and that would be tragic."

The Moynihan plan sets a target of 95 percent coverage by 2000, with a national health commission then to recommend ways to close the rest of the gap, but with Congress under no obligation to follow its prescription, according to a Washington Post report based on a 139-page draft of the proposal.

Moynihan would offer subsidies to low-wage companies that pick up 80 percent of their workers' premiums and allow small businesses that pay at least 50 percent of the premiums to sign their staff up for the Federal Employee Health Benefits Program, the newspaper said.

The earlier Moynihan proposal cut out President Clinton's plan to create new long-term care benefits, pick up most of the premiums for early retirees and give the elderly prescription drug coverage under Medicare for the first time.

Teen-ager describes caning by Singapore government

NEW YORK (AP) — Michael Fay said his lashing for vandalism in Singapore ripped his flesh and left his buttocks blotched and striped.

"I felt a deep burning sensation throughout my body, real pain," he said in Newsweek's July 4 issue.

Fay, 19, returned to his father's home in Kettering, Ohio, last week after four strokes with a rattan cane and 83 days in prison for allegedly vandalizing some cars. He returned to his father's home in Kettering, Ohio, last week.

He was originally sentenced to six lashes but the strokes were reduced after President Clinton appealed to the government in Singapore. Fay maintains he was innocent but confessed to vandalism to avoid harsher punishment. Singapore police beat him and other suspects, he said.

"I saw another American boy being beaten," Fay said. "They ganged up, punching him, kicking his legs. They hit him with street signs from my room. I also saw a Malaysian boy come out of interrogation dabbing blood from his nose .... He said, 'I can't hear out of my ear.' Later a doctor confirmed the eardrum had been busted."

Fay said he was left with brown blotches about 2 inches in diameter where the flesh was torn on one buttock and scars that are four straight lines on the other.

"A doctor changed the dressings on the wounds every day. I tried not to think of the pain."

When it was over, he shook hands with the caner "to show that I'd kept my pride," he said. "He works for the government; that's his job."

Fay said the Singapore police yanked him by the hair, slapped him around and yelled obscenities during questioning. He said he was placed in a refrigerated room called "air-con" but wasn't given a cold shower beforehand or hit on the fingers with a metal stick while inside like other foreign teenagers arrested.

Time Magazine apologizes for darkened skin on photo

NEW YORK (AP) — Time magazine apologized to readers for featuring a darkened version of O.J. Simpson's mug shot on the cover, saying it did not intend to offend anyone or imply guilt.

Explaining how Matt Mahurin's photo-illustration was chosen, Time Managing Editor James R. Gaines said in a full-page letter in the July 4 issue, which was released today:

"I have looked at thousands of covers over the years and chosen hundreds. I have never been so wrong about how one would be received."

The magazine was widely chastised by media critics and members of the NAACP for the June 27 cover that significantly darkened Simpson's face.

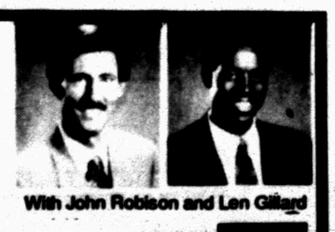
Gaines said that on the cover, the mug shot was "subtly smoothed and shaped into an icon of tragedy." He said the change "lifted a common police mug shot to the level of art with no sacrifice to the truth." But he acknowledged the criticism.

"First, it should be said (I wish it went without saying) that no racial implication was intended, by Time or by the artist," Gaines wrote.

"One could argue that it is racist to say that blacker is more sinister ... but that does not excuse insensitivity. To the extent that this caused offense to anyone, I deeply regret it.

"Nor did we intend any imputation of guilt. We were careful to avoid that in our story, but for at least some people, this cover picture was worth several thousands words."

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AMR Corp	58	571/8	573/4	+3/4
AT&T Corp	537/8	531/4	533/4	
AirTouch n	243/8	233/4	243/8	+3/8
Albtsn s	281/4	273/4	281/8	+1/4
Alldignal s	353/4	351/4	351/2	-1/8
Alltel s	261/8	253/4	26	
AmStores s	243/4	245/8	243/4	
Ameritech	387/8	377/8	387/8	-1/8
Amoco	58	573/8	577/8	-1/4
AnadrkPtr	541/8	54	54	-1/8
Armcolnc	53/4	55/8	53/4	
AtlRichfld	1005/8	993/4	1001/2	+1
AtmosEgy s	183/4	183/4	183/4	
Aviall n	135/8	131/2	131/2	
BakerHughes	21	203/4	21	-1/8
BancTexas	11/4	11/4	11/4	
BellAtl	545/8	533/4	541/8	-3/8
BellSouth	603/8	593/4	601/4	+1/8
Beth Steel	191/4	183/4	191/8	+3/8
Borden	121/4	121/8	121/4	+1/8
Brit Pet	735/8	73	731/2	+1/2
Caterplr	103	1003/8	1027/8	+13/4
CenSoWst	203/4	201/8	205/8	+3/8
Chevron s	413/4	411/4	413/4	+1/8
Chrysler	471/4	461/2	471/8	+1/2
Coastal	277/8	271/2	275/8	-1/8
CocaCola	403/8	40	401/4	+1/8
ColgatePalm	525/8	517/8	523/8	
ComlMetl s	257/8	255/8	257/8	+1/8
Cooperln	355/8	35	355/8	+1/4
CyprusAmax	293/4	29	293/8	-1/4
DallSemicn	181/8	181/8	181/8	+1/2
DeltaAirl	45	443/4	443/4	-1/2
DigitalEq	20	195/8	197/8	
Dillard	297/8	29	295/8	-1/4
DowChem	651/8	641/4	647/8	
DresserInd	21	203/4	21	-3/8
DuPont	59	575/8	587/8	+3/8
EastmnCh n	471/4	463/4	47	+1/8
EstKodak	471/2	467/8	473/8	-3/8
ElPasNG	63/4	63/4	63/4	+1/8
Enserch	143/8	141/4	141/4	-1/4
Entergy	251/8	25	25	+1/8
Exxon	571/4	57	571/8	-1/8
FlowerInd	173/4	171/2	173/4	+1/4
FordMotor	581/4	571/4	581/8	+3/8
FordMotor wi	291/8	29	291/8	
GTE Cp	301/2	295/8	301/2	+1/2
GenDynam s	415/8	411/2	415/8	+1/8
GenElec s	461/4	453/4	46	-1/4
GenMills	543/4	543/8	545/8	
GenMotors	511/8	501/4	507/8	+1/4
GenMotors E	333/4	331/2	335/8	+1/8
GaPacif	601/8	593/4	60	-1/2
GlobalMar	45/8	43/8	45/8	+1/4
Goodrich	431/4	431/8	431/8	-1/4
Goodyear s	37	361/2	363/4	+1/8
GtAtlPac	231/8	221/2	225/8	-1/4
Haliburta	341/4	337/8	341/8	+1/8
Hanson ADS	181/2	181/4	183/8	+1/4
HoustInd	325/8	323/8	321/2	-1/8
IBM	591/8	581/8	591/8	-3/4
IntlPaper	681/2	671/8	683/8	+3/4
JohnsnJns	43	421/4	427/8	+1/4
K mart	157/8	153/4	153/4	-1/8
Kroger	231/2	23	23	-3/8
Litton	333/4	333/8	335/8	+1/4
Lowes s	331/2	32	321/8	—11/2
Lubys	231/4	231/8	231/4	-1/8
Maxus	43/4	45/8	45/8	-1/8
MayDeptStrs	39	381/2	381/2	-3/8
Medtronic	781/8	773/4	78	-1/8
Mobil	825/8	817/8	821/8	-5/8
Monsanto	767/8	761/8	761/2	
Motorola s	455/8	441/4	453/8	+1/2
Nationsbk	517/8	513/8	517/8	+5/8
Navistar s	135/8	131/2	131/2	-1/8
NoramEngy	6	57/8	6	
Nynex s	36	353/8	357/8	+1/8
OryxEngy	151/8	145/8	147/8	-1/8
PacTelesis	305/8	301/8	303/8	-1/4
PanhBCp	197/8	195/8	193/4	
Penney JC	497/8	491/8	493/4	+3/4
Pennzoil	501/4	497/8	501/4	+3/8
PepBoys	305/8	301/8	305/8	-1/4
PhelpDodge	56	551/8	551/4	—1
PhilipPet	317/8	313/8	315/8	
PilgrmPrd	7	67/8	67/8	-1/8
Polaroid	315/8	311/2	315/8	
Praxair	191/8	185/8	191/8	+3/8
ProctGamble	55	541/2	545/8	-3/8
PubS NwMx	113/4	111/2	115/8	+1/8
RoyalDutch	1071/8	1061/2	1063/4	+3/4
SFePacCp	203/4	201/8	205/8	-1/8
SaraLee	211/2	211/4	213/8	
SearsRoeb	463/4	457/8	463/8	+1/4
SherwinW	307/8	301/2	301/2	-3/8
SmthBchADS	303/4	301/2	301/2	+1/4
SmthBc eqt	28	271/2	277/8	+1/2
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TritonEngy	341/8	337/8	34	-1/4
Tyler	51/8	51/8	51/8	
US West	427/8	421/2	421/2	-1/4
USX Delhi	141/8	14	14	-1/8
USX-Marathn	167/8	163/4	163/4	-1/8
USX-USS	333/8	33	331/8	
UnCarbde	263/8	255/8	261/8	+1/8
UnPac	561/8	553/8	557/8	+3/8
UnitedTech	64	631/2	635/8	-1/4
Unocal	281/4	281/8	281/8	-5/8
WalMart	237/8	231/4	235/8	+1/8
WstnGasRs	271/8	27	271/8	-1/8
WestghEl	12	117/8	117/8	-1/8
WinnDixie	44	437/8	437/8	-1/8
Woolworth	157/8	151/2	155/8	-3/8
Xerox Cp	981/4	971/8	973/4	
ZenithE	83/4	85/8	83/4	



GRADUATION CEREMONY — Pack 61 held its graduation ceremony at West Elementary on May 24. During graduation exercises, Tonkawa Chief Broken Eagle (Ray Hernandez) and Webelo scouts gathered around the Webelos campfire to welcome advancing scouts. From left are, Jayme Boulware, Justin Stokes, Tyler Neves, Ryan McAnally, Nathan Hines, Ray Hernandez and Jarrod Tanner. (Contributed Photo)



PACK 61 GRADUATES — Pack 61's Advancing Scouts for 1993-1994 who recently graduated are from left, front row: (Wolves) Brent Tyler, Andrew Rollins, Thomas Hefner, Logan West and Kolter Bartels. Matthew Morris is not pictured. Second row: (Bears) Joshua Proctor, Jeremy Mey, Bryan Huddleston, Sterling Millhollon, Pete Bearden and Cody Broker. Third row: (Webelos) Ryan McAnally, Bobby Huddleston, Manuel Tarango Jr., Justin Stokes, Matthew Stokes, Ray Hernandez, Nathan Hines and Daniel Masias. Shown in back are, assistant den leader Chief Broken Eagle (Ray Hernandez), Cubmaster Paul Mey, den leaders, Bella Swigert, Farlene and David Stokes, Steve Tyler, assistant leader Rudy Hernandez and committee chairman Manuel Tarango. Assistant den leader Scott Morris is not pictured. (Contributed Photo)

Family blames voodoo for attack which blinded sister

DALLAS (AP) — Friends and family of a woman whose eyes were gouged out say only voodoo can explain the act.

"What happened that day in Dallas is totally beyond understanding," said the Rev. Norah Banks Jr. of Pilgrim's Rest Baptist Church in the women's hometown of Arcadia, La. "It is the work of Satan."

Doretha Crawford, 34, and Beverly Johnson, 35, have been charged with blinding their sister, Myra Obasi, 30, in a religious frenzy. The sisters are accused of beating Ms. Obasi with their fists, then gouging out her eyes with their fingers during a prayer session March 18 at a church-home in south Dallas.

Although Ms. Obasi has asked that her sisters not be prosecuted, Dallas Assistant District Attorney George West said no decision has been made about whether to proceed to trial.

The family points to a "voodoo man" named Benny, while a Dallas prosecutor says witnesses' "fear of voodoo" is interfering with his investigation.

"We are confident in our position that my clients will be vindicated when the full facts are disclosed to a jury," said Lela Washington, the women's lawyer.

The sisters could not be reached for comment by The Associated Press.

Their father Chester Crawford says his daughters' bizarre story began when he suggested that Ms. Johnson, suffering from headaches, visit a man named Benny, described by Arcadians as a "voodoo" or "hoodoo" man.

Benny told them the cause of the Crawfords' problems was a demonic attack. He even described the attackers, the Rev. Banks said.

Frightened, the Crawfords contacted the Arcadia police, who reported increasing patrols near the house but say they saw nothing unusual.

After the family awoke to reportedly find "BLOOD ROOM" traced into the morning dew on a car, the three sisters fled with their five children.

The solution was their father's, said Letricia Paul, the sisters' childhood friend.

"They believed and trusted their dad," Ms. Paul was quoted as saying in Sunday's editions of The Dallas Morning News.

"I should have gone to Jesus Christ instead," the patriarch said.

As Ms. Obasi neared Dallas, she began driving crazily, seemingly trying to steer in front of huge trucks, speeding along the edge of the road and threatening to drive off of bridges. Her sisters told friends they grappled with her and the steering wheel, pummeled her and prompted a visible demon to emerge.

By the time they calmed Ms. Obasi and the car had stopped, they were in Waxahachie and were spotted by police.

"There was some kind of demonic person that was the reason they had left Louisiana," Waxahachie police Chief Allwin Barrow said. "They felt he had put a curse on the car and that's why it quit."

Police said the women then hitchhiked into south Dallas.

The sisters wandered into a neighborhood, asking strangers to pray with them, according to residents in the neighborhood. After several hours, the sisters were directed to the church-home of Mattye Bradfield.

Ms. Paul said she was told Ms. Obasi began speaking in other voices.

Shortly thereafter, Ms. Obasi was blinded.

Bush says U.S. needs strong foothold for foreign affair issues

HOUSTON (AP) — It's the personal one-on-one approach that is needed in foreign affairs if the United States wants to keep its superpower status, former President George Bush says.

"We still have an obligation to lead the world," Bush said Sunday. "What is needed is patience ... policy, you need personal diplomacy."

Without this "strength in leadership," Bush insisted that America would lose its grip as the sole superpower.

"We are the superpower and we must stay involved in the rest of the world," Bush said.

Speaking before about 1,000 members of the Texas Restaurant Association, Bush gave nostalgic impressions of world leaders and illustrative nuances of life as president emeritus.

The laundry list of pro-democracy leaders the former president admired included luminaries such as former British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher ("She didn't flinch") and Pope John Paul ("an extraordinary human being") to Mexico President Carlos Salinas de Gortari ("a young and talented leader").

While reiterating a vow not to criticize his successor, Bush failed to refrain from a few quick jabs at the man chosen over him in 1992.

"I am not here to try to sell you on the Clinton health care plan," Bush said to roars of laughter. "That thing ought to be dead and buried and buried soon."

Although he took care to steer clear of President Clinton's current foreign policy struggles, Bush managed to sound off at some decisions, such as Clinton's appeal to Singapore in the caning of an American youth accused of vandalism in that country.

"I think we were wrong to try to tell Singapore how they should conduct their laws over there," Bush said. "When you go to another person's country, you ought to live by the laws of that country.

"And I would also add parenthetically, you don't deal with Asians by insulting them, by bringing them up to world ridicule, world disapproval," Bush said.

Teamwork is norm for men and women serving in Navy

ABOARD USS EISENHOWER (AP) — Gone are the days when sailors jogged bare-chested on the deck of the USS Eisenhower and the only women around were in photos from home. Now, the ship's store carries bras and pink razors alongside the Jockey shorts and after-shave.

In March, the nuclear-powered aircraft carrier became the Navy's first combat ship with permanent full-time female crew members when 100 women came aboard. Dozens more are on the way; and by October, when the ship sets sail for a six-month tour in the Mideast, it is expected to have about 500 women among its 6,000 crew members.

They're holding jobs from bomb handlers to combat jet pilots, learning the ropes on a ship that requires 24-hour-a-day cooperation.

And it's clear the message has gotten through: Adjust, or choose another line of work.

"A chief is a chief is a chief," says Chief Petty Officer Mary Brackett, who wears the kelly green turtleneck that identifies her as one of the dozens of crash-helmeted figures who scurry about tending to the huge jets that come screaming down on the carrier's 4.5-acre flight deck.

"My khakis tell them I'm a chief petty officer," Brackett said. "I've already proven myself, so they accepted me as a shipmate."

The ship was conducting training exercises off the coast of Puerto Rico when it played host to Defense Secretary William Perry over the weekend.

During several hours of briefings with crew members, Perry said, he'd "seen no evidence of any problem that can't be ironed out."

He said the ship has successfully built separate quarters for men and women, but a problem still exists with putting women on submarines, given their limited space.

"But there's no reason why it can't be done, and indeed it will be done, on board all the other surface ships of the Navy," Perry said.

Seven more combat ships are to take on female crew members this year. Women already serve on more than 60 noncombat ships.

Senior Chief Petty Officer Janet Michaud, a 21-year Navy veteran who readies jets for their surging catapult ride off the Eisenhower, said gender makes no difference on the deck of an aircraft carrier.

"Out there on the flight deck, you're wearing the same clothes as a man, you do the same work, and no one knows the difference," she said.

Machinist mate Anthony Hall said the integration has caused little disruption, except that some areas of the ship are now off limits to men. He said training courses preparing for the change have been numerous.

"Experiment" is not a word the ship's commander, Capt. Mark Gemill, cares to use to describe what is happening on the Eisenhower.

Gemill, who was the captain of a supply ship that made two deployments to the Persian Gulf during the war with Iraq with women as part of his crew, appears unconcerned about possibly of having to deal with such sensitive issues as sexual harassment or shipboard romances.

Federal fingerpointers can gain big rewards through obscure law

HOUSTON (AP) — An obscure law dating back to the Civil War could make federal whistleblowers extremely wealthy if only they knew about it, The Houston Post reports.

Known as qui tam, the rule falls under the federal False Claims Act, The Post reported Sunday.

It allows citizens to collect up to 25 percent of what the government recovers if the individual files a sealed lawsuit on behalf of the government.

"It's one of those areas of law that may explode if enough people find out about it," said Richard Kuniansky, a Houston attorney.

Consider the tipster who told the U.S. Attorney General that National Health Laboratories Inc. might be ripping off Medicare with unnecessary blood tests. When the laboratory settled with the government last year for $100 million, the tipster pocketed $15 million.

"A pretty good day at the office," said George J. Phillips, counselor to the U.S. assistant attorney general in Washington, D.C.

Phillips called the statute a "safety valve" for people like contract space employees of which there are many in Houston, home of the Johnson Space Center.

If they report fraud to their bosses and nothing happens, then report it to the NASA Inspector General and nothing happens, they can consider a qui tam lawsuit.

Here's how it works:

Qui tam is Latin for "who as much as" and is short for an expression meaning "who brings action for the King as well as himself." Revised from obscurity in 1986, it allows private companies or individuals to file suit in federal court against those who defraud the government.

The lawsuit is sealed and the U.S. Department of Justice has 60 days to review it. Then, if the government chooses, it can join the lawsuit. The more evidence and help the private party provides, the more the government may award as a bonus. Federal whistleblower protection rules apply.

If the government doesn't take up the qui tam suit, the private party can go it alone (though an attorney is legally required). Then the party can collect up to 30 percent of the settlement or damages.

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Obituaries

Kelly Browning

1970-1994

Services were to be held at 3 p.m. today in East Side Church of Christ for Kelly Lance Browning, 23, of Richardson who died Friday at 9:15 p.m. in a one-vehicle accident in far north Grand Prairie. Tom Holcomb was to officiate. Burial was to follow in Hillside Memorial Gardens.

Born on Sept. 11, 1970, in Snyder, Mr. Browning lived in Richardson and worked for the National Health Lab.

He was the grandson of the late Broadway Browning.

Surviving are his parents, Paul Browning of Dallas and Mary Browning of Richardson; one brother, Chad Browning of Richardson; and his grandmother, Mrs. Etta LeFeuvre of Crystal River, Fla., and Mrs. J.H. Anderson of Snyder.

Otto Parrish

1914-1994

Services are pending at Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home for Otto Parrish, 79, who died early this morning in a Sweetwater nursing home.

Born on Oct. 13, 1914, in Albertville, Ala., he was married to Bernice M. Hicks on June 12, 1937, in Brownfield. She died July 4, 1981. He had owned and operated Parrish Plumbing from 1949 to 1974.

He was also preceded in death by a son, Bernie Parrish, in 1981.

Survivors include a son, Darrell Parrish of Tucson, Ark.; two daughters, Ann Gregory of Colorado City and Paula Fox of Snyder; two sisters, Ruth West of Pittsburg, Tex., and Jean Stafford of Fort Smith, Ark.; one brother, Melvin Parrish of Danville, Ark.; 12 grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren.

Ollie Williams

1902-1994

ODESSA — Graveside services were set for 3 p.m. today in the Roscoe Cemetery for Ollie M. Williams, 91, who died Friday in Medical Center Hospital.

A service was held earlier today at the Kingston Ave. Baptist Church with the Rev. Nick Gates officiating.

Born in Fannin, she married Berry Oliver Wilkins in 1918. He died in 1956.

Mrs. Williams moved to Odessa from Hamlin in 1983. She was a homemaker and a member of the Kingston Ave. Baptist Church.

Survivors include two sons, Wylie Wilkins and James Wilkins, both of Odessa; a daughter, Jessie Holtzclaw of Amarillo; a brother, Dick Thompson of San Marcos; a sister, Gertrude Hawley of Euless; 15 grandchildren; 24 great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren.

Vernon Cates

1920-1994

GORMAN — Services are set for 10 a.m. Tuesday in the Higginbotham Funeral Home Chapel for Vernon Cates, 73, who died Sunday in an Eastland hospital. Burial will follow in the Gorman-Oaklawn Cemetery.

He was the brother of Billie Dupuy of Snyder.

Born in Jayton, Mr. Cates lived in Moran and had formerly lived in Gorman. He was a rancher and a member of the Church of Christ. He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II and married Lois Sanders in 1939 in Gorman.

Survivors include his wife, Lois of Moran; a son, Marvin Cates Jr. of Gorman; three daughters, Betty Lou Bullard of Millsap, Cheryl Ann Lucky of Fort Worth and Aline Frances McCormack of Moran; three brothers, Dee Cates of Mineral Wells, Gerald Cates of Eastland and June Cates of Big Spring; another sister, Gwen Colans of Azle; 11 grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

Ruth Valentine

1916-1994

LUBBOCK — Services were conducted at 11 a.m. today in the Green Lawn Church of Christ for Ruth Valentine, 77, who died Friday in St. Mary of the Plains Hospital. Burial was to follow in Resthaven Memorial Park.

She was the mother of Tom Valentine of Snyder.

Born in Roswell, N.M., she married T.R. Valentine on Aug. 6, 1937 in Exeter, Calif. He died in 1979.

Mrs. Valentine moved to Lubbock from Madras, Ore. in 1957. She was a member of the Church of Christ.

Survivors include two other sons, Charles Valentine of Lubbock and Steve Valentine of Abilene; a daughter, Betty Montgomery of Wolfforth; a sister, Alta Carroll of Del Rio; a brother, Ray Scott of San Diego, Calif.; eight grandchidren; and seven great-grandchildren.

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Defense lawyer says...

O.J. Simpson will not plead insanity

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Nicole Brown Simpson lay curled in a fetal position, clad in a black dress with her feet bare, blood marking her legs, arms and face. Ronald Goldman slumped in the dirt, his back against a tree stump, blue jeans and sweater dark with blood. That is what a coroner's investigator saw on the morning of June 13.

DNA analysis of blood collected as evidence could clear O.J. Simpson, who will not plead insanity because he did not kill his ex-wife and her friend, defense lawyer F. Lee Bailey said.

"In California, you don't approach the question of insanity until you have a trial on guilt," Bailey told CNN on Sunday. "California really is ahead of the world with the best procedure around because it's inconsistent to talk insanity and guilt or innocence in the same proceeding."

Simpson pleaded innocent to charges of first-degree murder in the slaying of Ms. Simpson, 35, and Goldman, 25.

Reportedly, blood found at the scene is of the same type as Simpson's, and blood was found in Simpson's Bronco and in his driveway.

Prosecutors are pinning much of their case on the results of DNA tests from blood samples, Bailey said.

"If the DNA comes back and is not a match, then the police had better get busy opening the investigation they may have prematurely closed," Bailey said.

Meanwhile, a hearing was scheduled for today on a media request for the release of sealed documents from the 1989 case in which Simpson, 46, pleaded no contest to misdemeanor battery against his then-wife, Ms. Simpson.

New York's separate school district nixed by high court

WASHINGTON (AP) — New York violated the required separation of church and state when lawmakers created a special public school district for a community of Hasidic Jews, the Supreme Court ruled today.

The creation of the Kiryas Joel school district for disabled children crosses the line from a permissible accommodation of religion "to impermissible establishment," court said in a 6-3 ruling.

"We do not deny that the Constitution allows the state to accommodate religious needs by alleviating special burdens," Justice David H. Souter wrote for the court.

However, he wrote, "accommodation is not a principle without limits."

"It is clear that neutrality as among religions must be honored," he said, adding that the creation of the Kiryas Joel district "fails the test of neutrality" because it "singles out a particular religious sect for special treatment."

Today's decision affirmed a ruling by New York's highest court, which said the special school district unconstitutionally created a "symbolic union" between the government and the Satmar Hasidic sect.

The Constitution's First Amendment says: "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof."

Lawyers for the school district argued that state lawmakers, in establishing the district, were simply accommodating the Hasidic Jews' right to religious freedom.

The Supreme Court had allowed the Kiryas Joel district to keep operating until the justices issued their ruling. The district is in Orange County, about 40 miles north of New York City.

Today's decision appeared to leave largely intact the high court's 1971 landmark test for interpreting the separation of church and state, although Justice Sandra Day O'Connor wrote separately that "the slide away (from using the test) is well under way."

The test says government actions are unconstitutional if they have a religious purpose, primarily advance or promote religion or excessively entangle government and religion.

The court has used the 1971 test in deciding many church-state issues, such as what type of government aid can be given to parochial schools.

New York lawmakers created the Kiryas Joel district in 1989 after village residents withdrew their disabled children from other public schools, saying they were traumatized by having to attend class outside the village.

Virtually all of Kiryas Joel's 12,000 residents are members of the Satmar Hasidic sect, which maintains an insular community where people wear special clothing, follow a strict schedule of prayer and religious study and usually speak Yiddish.

Moynihan is moving away from seeking mandatory coverage

WASHINGTON (AP) — After finding few takers for a health reform plan with mandatory employer contributions, Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan was testing the waters with a new proposal today that replaces workplace mandates with incentives to buy insurance.

Moynihan's Senate Finance Committee could pass a bill by week's end, a key member, Sen. John Chafee, said today. "This is truly a crucial week," he added.

Moynihan was conferring with fellow Democrats today before presenting his ideas to the full committee in a closed-door session this afternoon. It was still being fine-tuned, but aides said the New York Democrat this time will eschew mandates on employers or individuals but dangle subsidies before businesses instead to entice them to pitch in.

A separate compromise advanced Friday by Sen. John Chafee, R-R.I., and a half-dozen Finance Committee moderates also avoided the Clinton path of mandatory contributions from all employers and aimed for 95 percent coverage by 2002.

Chafee said today that much of Moynihan's "package that is very, very similar to what we came up with."

Sen. John Breaux, D-La., a Finance Committee member and co-sponsor of the Chafee plan, said he believes he will find more similarities than differences.

"I think we're moving in the same direction," Breaux said as he made the rounds of morning talk shows. "We're not going to get a Democratic bill out or a Republican bill," he said. "If we try to get all or nothing, we might end up with nothing and that would be tragic."

The Moynihan plan sets a target of 95 percent coverage by 2000, with a national health commission then to recommend ways to close the rest of the gap, but with Congress under no obligation to follow its prescription, according to a Washington Post report based on a 139-page draft of the proposal.

Moynihan would offer subsidies to low-wage companies that pick up 80 percent of their workers' premiums and allow small businesses that pay at least 50 percent of the premiums to sign their staff up for the Federal Employee Health Benefits Program, the newspaper said.

The earlier Moynihan proposal cut out President Clinton's plan to create new long-term care benefits, pick up most of the premiums for early retirees and give the elderly prescription drug coverage under Medicare for the first time.

Teen-ager describes caning by Singapore government

NEW YORK (AP) — Michael Fay said his lashing for vandalism in Singapore ripped his flesh and left his buttocks blotched and striped.

"I felt a deep burning sensation throughout my body, real pain," he said in Newsweek's July 4 issue.

Fay, 19, returned to his father's home in Kettering, Ohio, last week after four strokes with a rattan cane and 83 days in prison for allegedly vandalizing some cars. He returned to his father's home in Kettering, Ohio, last week.

He was originally sentenced to six lashes but the strokes were reduced after President Clinton appealed to the government in Singapore. Fay maintains he was innocent but confessed to vandalism to avoid harsher punishment. Singapore police beat him and other suspects, he said.

"I saw another American boy being beaten," Fay said. "They ganged up, punching him, kicking his legs. They hit him with street signs from my room. I also saw a Malaysian boy come out of interrogation dabbing blood from his nose .... He said, 'I can't hear out of my ear.' Later a doctor confirmed the eardrum had been busted."

Fay said he was left with brown blotches about 2 inches in diameter where the flesh was torn on one buttock and scars that are four straight lines on the other.

"A doctor changed the dressings on the wounds every day. I tried not to think of the pain."

When it was over, he shook hands with the caner "to show that I'd kept my pride," he said. "He works for the government; that's his job."

Fay said the Singapore police yanked him by the hair, slapped him around and yelled obscenities during questioning. He said he was placed in a refrigerated room called "air-con" but wasn't given a cold shower beforehand or hit on the fingers with a metal stick while inside like other foreign teenagers arrested.

Time Magazine apologizes for darkened skin on photo

NEW YORK (AP) — Time magazine apologized to readers for featuring a darkened version of O.J. Simpson's mug shot on the cover, saying it did not intend to offend anyone or imply guilt.

Explaining how Matt Mahurin's photo-illustration was chosen, Time Managing Editor James R. Gaines said in a full-page letter in the July 4 issue, which was released today:

"I have looked at thousands of covers over the years and chosen hundreds. I have never been so wrong about how one would be received."

The magazine was widely chastised by media critics and members of the NAACP for the June 27 cover that significantly darkened Simpson's face.

Gaines said that on the cover, the mug shot was "subtly smoothed and shaped into an icon of tragedy." He said the change "lifted a common police mug shot to the level of art with no sacrifice to the truth." But he acknowledged the criticism.

"First, it should be said (I wish it went without saying) that no racial implication was intended, by Time or by the artist," Gaines wrote.

"One could argue that it is racist to say that blacker is more sinister ... but that does not excuse insensitivity. To the extent that this caused offense to anyone, I deeply regret it.

"Nor did we intend any imputation of guilt. We were careful to avoid that in our story, but for at least some people, this cover picture was worth several thousands words."

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AT&T Corp	537/8	531/4	533/4	
AirTouch s	243/8	233/4	243/8	+3/8
Albtsn s	281/4	273/4	281/8	+1/4
Alldsignal s	353/4	351/4	351/2	-1/8
Alltel s	261/8	253/4	26	
AmStores s	243/4	245/8	243/4	
Ameritech	387/8	377/8	387/8	-1/8
Amoco	58	573/8	577/8	-1/4
AnadrkPtr	541/8	54	54	-1/8
Armcolnc	53/4	55/8	53/4	
AtlRichfld	1005/8	993/4	1001/2	+1
AtmosEgy s	183/4	183/4	183/4	
Aviall a	135/8	131/2	131/2	
BakerHughes	21	203/4	21	-1/8
BancTexas	11/4	11/4	11/4	
BellAtl	545/8	533/4	541/8	-3/8
BellSouth	603/8	593/4	601/4	+1/8
Beth Steel	191/4	183/4	191/8	+3/8
Bordes	121/4	121/8	121/4	+1/8
Brit Pet	735/8	73	731/2	+1/2
Caterplr	103	1003/8	1027/8	+13/4
CenSoWst	203/4	201/8	205/8	+3/8
Chevron s	413/4	411/4	413/4	+1/8
Chrysler	471/4	461/2	471/8	+1/2
Coastal	277/8	271/2	275/8	-1/8
CocaCola	403/8	40	401/4	+1/8
ColgatePalm	525/8	517/8	523/8	
ComlMetl s	257/8	255/8	257/8	+1/8
Cooperin	355/8	35	355/8	+1/4
CyprusAmax	293/4	29	293/8	-1/4
DallSemicn	181/8	181/8	181/8	+1/2
DeltaAirl	45	443/4	443/4	-1/2
DigitalEq	20	195/8	197/8	
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GTE Cp	301/2	295/8	301/2	+1/2
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GenElec s	461/4	453/4	46	-1/4
GenMills	543/4	543/8	545/8	
GenMotors	511/8	501/4	507/8	+1/4
GenMotors E	333/4	331/2	335/8	+1/8
GaPacif	601/8	593/4	60	-1/2
GlobalMar	45/8	43/8	45/8	+1/4
Goodrich	431/4	431/8	431/8	-1/4
Goodyear s	37	361/2	363/4	+1/8
GtAtlPac	231/8	221/2	225/8	-1/4
Haliburta	341/4	337/8	341/8	+1/8
Hanson ADS	181/2	181/4	183/8	+1/4
Houstind	325/8	323/8	321/2	-1/8
IBM	591/8	581/8	591/8	-3/4
IntlPaper	681/2	671/8	683/8	+3/4
JohnsnJns	43	421/4	427/8	+1/4
K mart	157/8	153/4	153/4	-1/8
Kroger	231/2	23	23	-3/8
Litton	333/4	333/8	335/8	+1/4
Lowes s	331/2	32	321/8	—11/2
Lubys	231/4	231/8	231/4	-1/8
Maxus	43/4	45/8	45/8	-1/8
MayDeptStrs	39	381/2	381/2	-3/8
Medtronic	781/8	773/4	78	-1/8
Mobil	825/8	817/8	821/8	-5/8
Monsanto	767/8	761/8	761/2	
Motorola s	455/8	441/4	453/8	+1/2
Nationsbk	517/8	513/8	517/8	+5/8
Navistar s	135/8	131/2	131/2	-1/8
NoramEngy	6	57/8	6	
Nynex s	36	353/8	357/8	+1/8
OryxEngy	151/8	145/8	147/8	-1/8
PacTelesis	305/8	301/8	303/8	-1/4
PashBCp	197/8	195/8	193/4	
Penney JC	497/8	491/8	493/4	+3/4
Pennzoil	501/4	497/8	501/4	+3/8
PepBoys	305/8	301/8	305/8	-1/4
PhelpDodge	56	551/8	551/4	—1
PhilipPet	317/8	313/8	315/8	
PilgrmPrd	7	67/8	67/8	-1/8
Polaroid	315/8	311/2	315/8	
Praxair	191/8	185/8	191/8	+3/8
ProctGamble	55	541/2	545/8	-3/8
PubS NwMx	113/4	111/2	115/8	+1/8
RoyalDutch	1071/8	1061/2	1063/4	+3/4
SFePacCp	203/4	201/8	205/8	-1/8
SaraLee	211/2	211/4	213/8	
SearsRoeb	463/4	457/8	463/8	+1/4
SherwinW	307/8	301/2	301/2	-3/8
SmthBchADS	303/4	301/2	301/2	+1/4
SmthBc eqt	28	271/2	277/8	+1/2
SouthCo s	187/8	183/4	183/4	
SwAirlines s	265/8	26	261/2	+1/2
SwBell	423/8	413/4	421/8	-1/8
Sprint	341/4	331/2	34	-1/4
SterlingChm	91/8	87/8	91/8	-1/8
SunCo	255/8	251/2	255/8	-1/4
TNP Ent	15	147/8	15	
Tandy	333/4	333/8	31/2	-1/4
Tempinl	477/8	473/8	473/4	-1/8
Tenneco	483/8	475/8	48	
Texaco	61	601/4	603/4	-1/2
Texasind	341/8	341/8	341/8	-1/4
Texasinst	763/4	75	761/2	+13/8
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Textron	521/4	52	52	+1/8
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Tyler	51/8	51/8	51/8	
US West	427/8	421/2	421/2	-1/4
USX Delhi	141/8	14	14	-1/8
USX-Marathn	167/8	163/4	163/4	-1/8
USX-USS	333/8	33	331/8	
UnCarbde	263/8	255/8	261/8	+1/8
UnPac	561/8	553/8	557/8	+3/8
UnitedTech	64	631/2	635/8	-1/4
Unocal	281/4	281/8	281/8	-5/8
WalMart	237/8	231/4	235/8	+1/8
WstnGasRs	271/8	27	271/8	-1/8
WestghEl	12	117/8	117/8	-1/8
WinnDixie	44	437/8	437/8	-1/8
Woolworth	157/8	151/2	155/8	-3/8
Xerox Cp	981/4	971/8	973/4	
ZenithE	83/4	85/8	83/4	



GRADUATION CEREMONY — Pack 61 held its graduation ceremony at West Elementary on May 24. During graduation exercises, Tonkawa Chief Broken Eagle (Ray Hernandez) and Webelo scouts gathered around the Webelos campfire to welcome advancing scouts. From left are, Jayme Boulware, Justin Stokes, Tyler Neves, Ryan McAnally, Nathan Hines, Ray Hernandez and Jarrod Tanner. (Contributed Photo)



PACK 61 GRADUATES — Pack 61's Advancing Scouts for 1993-1994 who recently graduated are from left, front row: (Wolves) Brent Tyler, Andrew Rollins, Thomas Hefner, Logan West and Kolter Bartels. Matthew Morris is not pictured. Second row: (Bears) Joshua Proctor, Jeremy Mey, Bryan Huddleston, Sterling Millhollon, Pete Bearden and Cody Broker. Third row: (Webelos) Ryan McAnally, Bobby Huddleston, Manuel Tarango Jr., Justin Stokes, Matthew Stokes, Ray Hernandez, Nathan Hines and Daniel Masias. Shown in back are, assistant den leader Chief Broken Eagle (Ray Hernandez), Cubmaster Paul Mey, den leaders, Bella Swigert, Farlene and David Stokes, Steve Tyler, assistant leader Rudy Hernandez and committee chairman Manuel Tarango. Assistant den leader Scott Morris is not pictured. (Contributed Photo)

Family blames voodoo for attack which blinded sister

DALLAS (AP) — Friends and family of a woman whose eyes were gouged out say only voodoo can explain the act.

"What happened that day in Dallas is totally beyond understanding," said the Rev. Norah Banks Jr. of Pilgrim's Rest Baptist Church in the women's hometown of Arcadia, La. "It is the work of Satan."

Doretha Crawford, 34, and Beverly Johnson, 35, have been charged with blinding their sister, Myra Obasi, 30, in a religious frenzy. The sisters are accused of beating Ms. Obasi with their fists, then gouging out her eyes with their fingers during a prayer session March 18 at a church-home in south Dallas.

Although Ms. Obasi has asked that her sisters not be prosecuted, Dallas Assistant District Attorney George West said no decision has been made about whether to proceed to trial.

The family points to a "voodoo man" named Benny, while a Dallas prosecutor says witnesses' "fear of voodoo" is interfering with his investigation.

"We are confident in our position that my clients will be vindicated when the full facts are disclosed to a jury," said Lela Washington, the women's lawyer.

The sisters could not be reached for comment by The Associated Press.

Their father Chester Crawford says his daughters' bizarre story began when he suggested that Ms. Johnson, suffering from headaches, visit a man named Benny, described by Arcadians as a "voodoo" or "hoodoo" man.

Benny told them the cause of the Crawfords' problems was a demonic attack. He even described the attackers, the Rev. Banks said.

Frightened, the Crawfords contacted the Arcadia police, who reported increasing patrols near the house but say they saw nothing unusual.

After the family awoke to reportedly find "BLOOD ROOM" traced into the morning dew on a car, the three sisters fled with their five children.

The solution was their father's, said Letricia Paul, the sisters' childhood friend.

"They believed and trusted their dad," Ms. Paul was quoted as saying in Sunday's editions of The Dallas Morning News.

"I should have gone to Jesus Christ instead," the patriarch said.

As Ms. Obasi neared Dallas, she began driving crazily, seemingly trying to steer in front of huge trucks, speeding along the edge of the road and threatening to drive off of bridges. Her sisters told friends they grappled with her and the steering wheel, pummeled her and prompted a visible demon to emerge.

By the time they calmed Ms. Obasi and the car had stopped, they were in Waxahachie and were spotted by police.

"There was some kind of demonic person that was the reason they had left Louisiana," Waxahachie police Chief Allwin Barrow said. "They felt he had put a curse on the car and that's why it quit."

Police said the women then hitchhiked into south Dallas.

The sisters wandered into a neighborhood, asking strangers to pray with them, according to residents in the neighborhood. After several hours, the sisters were directed to the church-home of Mattye Bradfield.

Ms. Paul said she was told Ms. Obasi began speaking in other voices.

Shortly thereafter, Ms. Obasi was blinded.

Bush says U.S. needs strong foothold for foreign affair issues

HOUSTON (AP) — It's the personal one-on-one approach that is needed in foreign affairs if the United States wants to keep its superpower status, former President George Bush says.

"We still have an obligation to lead the world," Bush said Sunday. "What is needed is patience ... policy, you need personal diplomacy."

Without this "strength in leadership," Bush insisted that America would lose its grip as the sole superpower.

"We are the superpower and we must stay involved in the rest of the world," Bush said.

Speaking before about 1,000 members of the Texas Restaurant Association, Bush gave nostalgic impressions of world leaders and illustrative nuances of life as president emeritus.

The laundry list of pro-democracy leaders the former president admired included luminaries such as former British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher ("She didn't flinch") and Pope John Paul ("an extraordinary human being") to Mexico President Carlos Salinas de Gortari ("a young and talented leader").

While reiterating a vow not to criticize his successor, Bush failed to refrain from a few quick jabs at the man chosen over him in 1992.

"I am not here to try to sell you on the Clinton health care plan," Bush said to roars of laughter. "That thing ought to be dead and buried and buried soon."

Although he took care to steer clear of President Clinton's current foreign policy struggles, Bush managed to sound off at some decisions, such as Clinton's appeal to Singapore in the caning of an American youth accused of vandalism in that country.

"I think we were wrong to try to tell Singapore how they should conduct their laws over there," Bush said. "When you go to another person's country, you ought to live by the laws of that country.

"And I would also add parenthetically, you don't deal with Asians by insulting them, by bringing them up to world ridicule, world disapproval," Bush said.

Teamwork is norm for men and women serving in Navy

ABOARD USS EISENHOWER (AP) — Gone are the days when sailors jogged bare-chested on the deck of the USS Eisenhower and the only women around were in photos from home. Now, the ship's store carries bras and pink razors alongside the Jockey shorts and after-shave.

In March, the nuclear-powered aircraft carrier became the Navy's first combat ship with permanent full-time female crew members when 100 women came aboard. Dozens more are on the way; and by October, when the ship sets sail for a six-month tour in the Mideast, it is expected to have about 500 women among its 6,000 crew members.

They're holding jobs from bomb handlers to combat jet pilots, learning the ropes on a ship that requires 24-hour-a-day cooperation.

And it's clear the message has gotten through: Adjust, or choose another line of work.

"A chief is a chief is a chief," says Chief Petty Officer Mary Brackett, who wears the kelly green turtleneck that identifies her as one of the dozens of crash-helmeted figures who scurry about tending to the huge jets that come screaming down on the carrier's 4.5-acre flight deck.

"My khakis tell them I'm a chief petty officer," Brackett said. "I've already proven myself, so they accepted me as a shipmate."

The ship was conducting training exercises off the coast of Puerto Rico when it played host to Defense Secretary William Perry over the weekend.

During several hours of briefings with crew members, Perry said, he'd "seen no evidence of any problem that can't be ironed out."

He said the ship has successfully built separate quarters for men and women, but a problem still exists with putting women on submarines, given their limited space.

"But there's no reason why it can't be done, and indeed it will be done, on board all the other surface ships of the Navy," Perry said.

Seven more combat ships are to take on female crew members this year. Women already serve on more than 60 noncombat ships.

Senior Chief Petty Officer Janet Michaud, a 21-year Navy veteran who readies jets for their surging catapult ride off the Eisenhower, said gender makes no difference on the deck of an aircraft carrier.

"Out there on the flight deck, you're wearing the same clothes as a man, you do the same work, and no one knows the difference," she said.

Machinist mate Anthony Hall said the integration has caused little disruption, except that some areas of the ship are now off limits to men. He said training courses preparing for the change have been numerous.

"Experiment" is not a word the ship's commander, Capt. Mark Gemill, cares to use to describe what is happening on the Eisenhower.

Gemill, who was the captain of a supply ship that made two deployments to the Persian Gulf during the war with Iraq with women as part of his crew, appears unconcerned about possibly of having to deal with such sensitive issues as sexual harassment or shipboard romances.

Federal fingerpointers can gain big rewards through obscure law

HOUSTON (AP) — An obscure law dating back to the Civil War could make federal whistleblowers extremely wealthy if only they knew about it, The Houston Post reports.

Known as qui tam, the rule falls under the federal False Claims Act, The Post reported Sunday.

It allows citizens to collect up to 25 percent of what the government recovers if the individual files a sealed lawsuit on behalf of the government.

"It's one of those areas of law that may explode if enough people find out about it," said Richard Kuniansky, a Houston attorney.

Consider the tipster who told the U.S. Attorney General that National Health Laboratories Inc. might be ripping off Medicare with unnecessary blood tests. When the laboratory settled with the government last year for $100 million, the tipster pocketed $15 million.

"A pretty good day at the office," said George J. Phillips, counselor to the U.S. assistant attorney general in Washington, D.C.

Phillips called the statute a "safety valve" for people like contract space employees of which there are many in Houston, home of the Johnson Space Center.

If they report fraud to their bosses and nothing happens, then report it to the NASA Inspector General and nothing happens, they can consider a qui tam lawsuit.

Here's how it works:

Qui tam is Latin for "who as much as" and is short for an expression meaning "who brings action for the King as well as himself." Revised from obscurity in 1986, it allows private companies or individuals to file suit in federal court against those who defraud the government.

The lawsuit is sealed and the U.S. Department of Justice has 60 days to review it. Then, if the government chooses, it can join the lawsuit. The more evidence and help the private party provides, the more the government may award as a bonus. Federal whistleblower protection rules apply.

If the government doesn't take up the qui tam suit, the private party can go it alone (though an attorney is legally required). Then the party can collect up to 30 percent of the settlement or damages.

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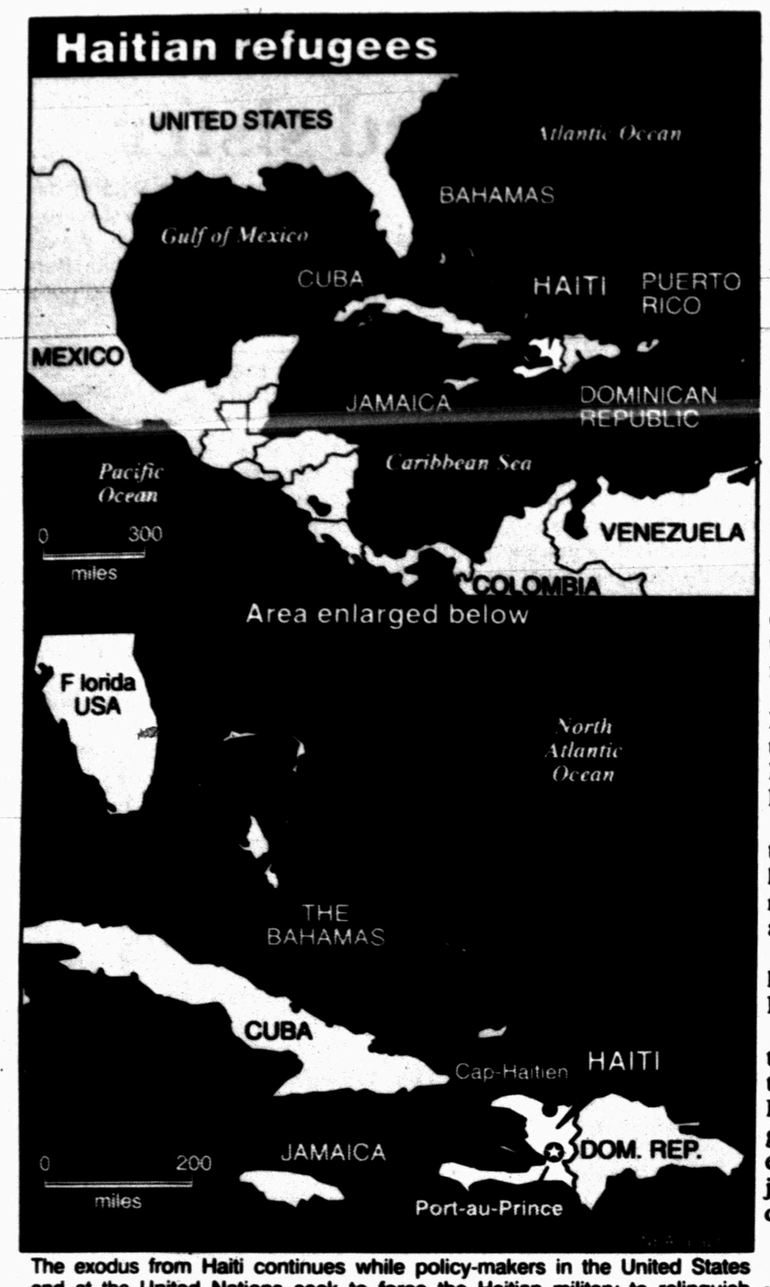
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The exodus from Haiti continues while policy-makers in the United States and at the United Nations seek to force the Haitian military to relinquish power. Under a new Clinton administration policy, refugees who are intercepted as they seek to make the 600-mile crossing to Florida will be given an asylum hearing at sea rather than being automatically repatriated to Haiti.

Judge Roy Bean's legend continues

LANGTRY (AP) — In barren lands west of Del Rio, amid cactus-covered hills and beyond the steep-sided Pecos River, you get the feeling you've ventured into the past.

Judge Roy Bean, the famous justice of the peace of the late 1800s, is alive and well — in spirit, at least — in the remote little town of Langtry on the Rio Grande.

Thousands of people each year stop in to see the Jersey Lilly, the old saloon where Bean meted out his unique brand of frontier justice dubbed the "Law West of the Pecos."

The Texas Department of Transportation has maintained Bean's saloon and billiard hall and operated a visitors center in Langtry since 1968 to help preserve the memory of the legendary judge.

Many tourists know of Judge Roy Bean but don't always have their facts straight, said Ginger Harrall, a travel counselor at the Langtry center.

"They have a big misconception because of the movies that he's a hanging judge," Ms. Harrall said. "He never hanged anybody."

The bearded Bean was best known for imposing fines, Ms. Harrall said.

Bean was appointed justice of the peace in 1882 to oversee an untamed territory near the Texas-Mexico border that was home to a growing number of railroad workers. Bean later was elected to the judge's post, serving until his death in 1903.

His saloon was his courtroom.

When a legal case came his way, the barkeep became judge, often disposing of cases rapidly with the help of a single law book.

Today, travelers can stroll around inside Bean's old barroom and pool hall, a mini-museum filled with historic photographs. The visitors center also houses Bean artifacts and displays about the town's past.

Bean's residence, which he called the "Opera House," remains standing, but isn't open to the public.

Bean gained a reputation even in his lifetime as a colorful character, but not just for the way he enforced the law.

In 1896, he defied U.S. and Mexican authorities' ban on prize fights and staged a boxing match on a sandbar in the middle of the Rio Grande between Bob Fitzsimmons of Australia and Peter Mahar of Ireland.

Fitzsimmons won with a knockout in less than two minutes.

Bean also was known for his devotion from afar for English actress Lillie Langtry. He named his bar for her, though a sign painter misspelled her name. Bean claimed he named the town for her, but railroad officials said they named it for a man named Langtry.

Miss Langtry eventually visited the town, but not until 1904 after the judge died.

These days Langtry is but a tourist stop on U.S. Highway 90, albeit one visited by an estimated 85,000 people a year.

"Big Bend is a big draw," said Ms. Harrall, referring to Big Bend National Park, about 150 miles further west.

Langtry's population is about two dozen and many of its old buildings are abandoned. But there are some businesses operating — like a barbecue and beer joint and a convenience store stocked with souvenirs boasting Bean's theme of "Law West of the Pecos."

MTBE gas additive fueling controversy hits oil industry

HOUSTON (AP) — A gasoline additive designed to clean up the nation's air has some people complaining it makes them sick, and the American Medical Association wants more study on the chemical's effects.

Some residents where the additive, methyl tertiary butyl ether, is in use say it causes nausea, headaches and dizziness. In response, the AMA has suggested that use of the additive-blended fuels be halted until further testing.

"We are asking the EPA to hold off on this until we have some more scientific studies that everyone agrees show that this stuff isn't harmful to people's health," says M. Roy Schwarz, the AMA's senior vice president for science and education.

But, MTBE makers, who have the Environmental Protection Agency and 15 years of testing on their side, say that's environmentalist hogwash.

Refiners have been adding MTBE, which is blended with gasoline to help clean up the nation's air, for the last 15 years to help boost the fuel's octane level. The highest levels are found in the more expensive premium gasoline grades.

Many industry officials believe the EPA finally has laid the issue to rest.

"I think it's been pretty well exhausted," says Bob Clark, Arco Chemical's business manager for oxygenated fuels. "We've studied it left and right, had a lot of independent groups look at this."

In 1987, researchers from Arco Chemical and Colorado began experimenting with the additive to help reduce the pollution that blanketed Denver and other U.S. cities.

The following year, Denver and several other municipalities began mandating MTBE and other "oxygenates" be added to the gasoline used in their areas. Oxygenates increase gasoline's oxygen content, which helps reduce emissions of carbon monoxide and other pollutants.

The results are impressive.

The number of days the carbon monoxide level in those cities exceeded federal limits dropped by 80 percent. Ozone or smog levels declined by 17 percent.

The success caught the eye of Congress, which as part of the Clean Air Act of 1990, required the use of oxygenates.

By November 1992, 39 communities were requiring that MTBE and other oxygenates be blended into their gasoline as part of a winter program to lower carbon monoxide.

Houston and 52 other communities, meanwhile, were gearing up to use oxygenates year-round in an effort to combat ozone problems.



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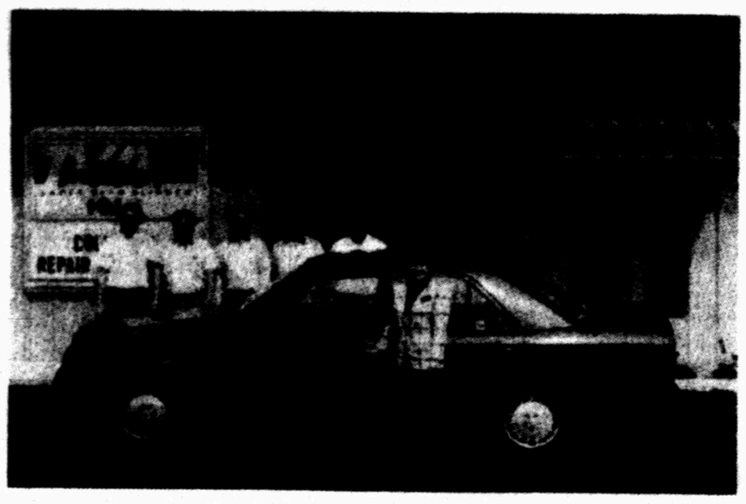
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Medical file requests overwhelm offices

HOUSTON (AP) — Thousands of Harris County women have asked their doctors for their medical files as they consider whether to pursue claims against breast implant makers.

Kimberly Brew, records manager for Dr. Joseph Agris, said their office and others have been swamped with requests for medical records by women trying to meet deadlines to participate in a $4.25 billion settlement of claims against implant manufacturers.

June 17 was the deadline by which most women must have notified the federal court in Birmingham, Ala., that they do not intend to take part in the settlement. The deadline for women who have not yet had information packets mailed to them has been extended to Friday. Information is available at 1-800-887-6828.

With the deadline looming, Brew said patients often complain if she cannot immediately fulfill their records requests.

"It takes time to fill out their paperwork, the affidavits for medical records and for billing," Brew said. "We have to send out pictures to have slides made and to locate them (in storage). We are not talking about five minutes here."

Lloyd McRae, director of investigations for the Texas Board of Medical Examiners, said some women have complained about trouble in getting their implant medical records.

But many of those have waited until the last minute to request the records, or they have not made their request in writing, McRae said.

Wants to be buried near Long statue

BATON ROUGE, La. (AP) — Gov. Edwin Edwards would like to become a permanent fixture at the state Capitol. Or at least underneath it.

Edwards, who announced this month that he won't seek a fifth term, said he wants to be buried near the statue of former Gov. Huey Long on the Capitol grounds. The statue marks Long's gravesite.

"Now, that's a rather macabre statement for me to make," the 66-year-old Edwards said Thursday, "but I've thought about it many times when I walk in that garden and I look at his statue and I think of the reverence the people of this state had for him."

Edwards, who has a penchant for gambling, probably realizes that he faces formidable odds. Long is the only person buried at the Capitol.

Show closes

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The sun set Sunday on "Sunset Boulevard." Glenn Close closed the West Coast production of the musical with a gracious goodbye that generated a 15-minute standing ovation.

Close brought out the entire cast and crew for the curtain call, taking the stage with dozens of ushers, makeup artists and carpenters.

The production, which starred Close as aging silent screen diva Norma Desmond, ran for 232 performances.

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