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THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "The rain that makes the optimist's lawn green is the rain that makes the pessimist's weeds grow."

We like to catch Roy Baze, the retired Exxon senior vice president, in an error — and it doesn't happen very often.

The petroleum engineer is fond of everything being in order, so it bugs him to visit our office and observe our cluttered desk.

We came across an item that reminded us of engineers in general and General Baze in particular.

To an optimist, the glass is half full.

To the pessimist, the glass is half empty.

To an engineer, the glass is twice as big as it needs to be.

And we liked the story about a minister, a doctor and an engineer who were waiting behind a particularly slow foursome of golfers.

The engineer fumed, "What's with these guys? We must have been waiting for 15 minutes."

The doc chimed in, "I don't know, but I've never seen such ineptitude."

The minister said, "Here comes the course marshal, let's have a word with him."

The course marshal explained that the foursome was a group of blind firefighters, injured in saving the clubhouse last year. As their reward, the club lets them play free anytime.

The group was silent for a moment.

The minister said, "That's so sad. I think I will say a special prayer for them tonight."

The doc agreed, "Good idea. And I'm going to contact my ophthalmologist buddy and see if there's anything he can do for them."

The engineer asked, "Why can't these guys play at night?"

Normal people believe that if it ain't broke, don't fix it.

Engineers believe that if it ain't broke, there's more refinement needed.

There are differences between engineers.

Mechanical engineers build weapons. Civil engineers build targets.

And there's the old story about the surgeon, engineer and lawyer politician who were debating which of their professions was the oldest.

"Eve was made from Adam's rib," said the doctor, "and that, of course, was a surgical procedure.'

"Yes," countered the engineer, "but before that, order was created out of chaos — and that most certainly was an engineering task."

"Ah-ha," exclaimed the politician triumphantly. "And just who do you think created the chaos?"

Cogdell administration not looking to veto wage increases to make up deficit

By Wade Warren
SDN Managing Editor

Cogdell Memorial Hospital's administration has proposed a wage increase for employees for the coming year that averages out to a three-percent increase per employee.

If approved, the increases will total 4.9 percent over this year – from $6,581,920 to $6,903,221. But in the overall picture of keeping employees at the hospital, the proposed salary increases are part of a much larger picture.

The hospital's proposed 2004 budget is currently $543,626 in the red and one idea tossed around during Thursday morning's budget session was eliminating the salary increases.

That suggestion did not set well with Chief Executive Officer George Parsley.

"We're over $500,000 short and if we have to go back and make adjustments, the last place to look is in the salaries and wages of our employees," Parsley said. "If we have to eliminate the increase, it will be a difficult pill to swallow by our staff."

The CEO said the hospital is way behind the curve now on wages and salaries. "We can't balance the budget on the backs of our employees."

Parsley and director of nurses Cheryl Chance both said the hospital is paying below market value for nurses and in some other areas, as well. "We have to be market-competitive," said the CEO.

Parsley said if the hospital doesn't pay for quality people, then the quality of service at the hospital would suffer.

"We have to pay our staff quality wages," Parsley said.

Presently, the hospital is experiencing a shortage of nurses — a situation that Chance calls "scary."

The local hospital is short



eight RNs and eight LVNs.

Chance said the beginning salary at Cogdell Hospital for registered nurses is $14.27, with LVN pay starting at $9.01 per hour.

She said other facilities are paying from $5 to $10 more per hour for the same job titles.

Chance said that while money is the number one reason why nurses won't move to Snyder and others leave the hospital, there are factors the hospital has no control over also contributing to the nursing shortage.



STAYING BUSY — These three Cogdell Memorial Hospital nurses were carrying out their duties Friday afternoon. Currently, the hospital is short both RNs and LVNs. Shown from left are Wendy Profitt, Rachel Smith and Toni Garcia. (SDN Staff Photos)

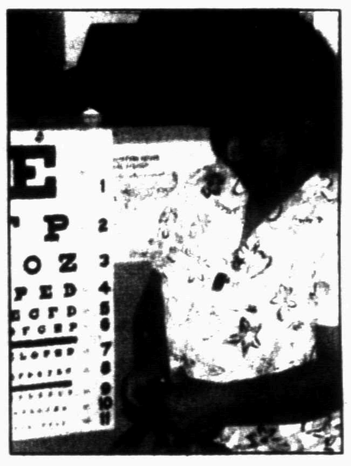
"A spouse may be transferred, or the nurse may leave to get training in a field we don't provide," Chance said.

Parsley and Chance said the hospital had tried a number of ways to attract nurses, but it almost always boils down to money as the reason they choose to go elsewhere.

"We just can't compete money-wise," Parsley said, noting some hospitals give as much as $10,000 as a signing bonus. "We just can't compete with those numbers."

Cogdell Memorial is a county-owned hospital and is not allowed the leeway on bonuses that privately-owned hospitals can.

"We have reimbursed tuition and paid moving expenses and some other expenses to get nurses to work for us," noted



Parsley.

"We have a good place to work and living in Snyder is good, but it is hard to get this message out to the masses," the CEO added.

Chance said a few years ago, people moving into the community might have had a husband or wife in the healthcare industry, but that trend has stopped in recent years.

"That's an economic development issue," Parsley said. "Without new jobs and people moving in, that option is no longer with us."

"Snyder is a great place to raise a family and work," Parsley said. "But we have to get them here first."

Presently, Scurry County provides $395,000 in ad valorem tax money to the hospital.

The hospital board Thursday discussed seeking the entire budget shortfall of $543,626 from the county, but chairman Carl Williams said a figure of $150,000 is more realistic.

Cogdell is one of only a handful of county-owned hospitals in Texas and by far, receives the smallest tax assistance in this area.

For instance, Dawson County funds its hospital in Lamesa $600,000 yearly, and Lamb County supports its Littlefield hospital with a $1.2 million tax subsidy.

Yoakum County contributes $638,250 to its hospital in Denver City, and an additional $701,750 to its health clinic for a total of $1,340,000.

Scurry County commissioners' will meet Monday to begin budget talks, and early indications indicate there will not be additional funds available to the hospital.

"We will discuss it as we go over the preliminary budget figures," said County Judge Rod Waller. "I don't know if there are any more funds available."

Mid-summer blood drive starts Tuesday

The mid-summer blood drive for Snyder is this week with the community-wide drive set for Tuesday.

The drive will be from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. in the First Baptist Church Family Life Center located at 1618 26th St.

Blood donations can be made Wednesday at Cogdell Memorial Hospital from 10:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m., and on Saturday, July 26, from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. in the donor van at Wal-Mart.

Rhonda Teal, community relations representative with United Blood Services, said blood donations typically drop off in the summer and that is even more the reason to donate blood this week.

"People are much busier now than they are other times of the year," said Teal. "So we are having special activities for this drive including a pint of Blue Bell ice cream for every pint of blood donated."

Eligible blood donors are urged to give blood at least three times per year and a mini-physical is given to all donors.

Cogdell Memorial Hospital Auxiliary and the blood service sponsor the drive.

Chase results in arrest

A complaint about harassment shortly before 1 a.m. Saturday led to a high-speed chase and the arrest of a former Snyder man.

A deputy went to Trailertopia at 12:49 a.m. Saturday in response to the harassment complaint. Deputy Kevin Roemisch was told Terry Hildreth, 33, of 1106 Ave. H in Brownwood had left the scene and was intoxicated.

A short time later, Officer Jason McMillan reported he had located the vehicle and was in pursuit at a high rate of speed.

Joining McMillan in the pursuit were Roemisch and police officers Kenny Burns and Lee Ortiz.

Snyder DPS trooper Rick Campos and DPS trooper Shane Bearden of Roby detained the vehicle at the intersection of Hwy. 180 and CR 4151.

Hildreth was arrested for felony evading arrest.

County court to begin budget work Monday

Scurry County commissioners' court will start crunching numbers Monday in its first budget session, and like most governing bodies, the court is looking for areas to cut.

The court's regular monthly session begins at 10 a.m. with the budget session scheduled after lunch.

County Judge Rod Waller said budget requests are being reviewed and an estimated total budget will be figured Monday. But Waller said he doesn't see how the county can afford the extra money the administration at Cogdell Memorial Hospital is requesting.

The CMH board of managers, at its budget session last week, indicated it would request $150,000 in additional county funds.

"I just don't see where we'll find that kind of money," Waller said. "I think they are going to have to do what we are doing right now and look for places to make cuts."

The judge said the court would continue to fund the hospital at its current level.

The court also is waiting for certified taxable values, due Friday from Chief Appraiser Larry Crooks.

An uncertainty in the budget process this year is the shared-services pact with the City of Snyder, which has yet to be resolved.

Waller said he hopes the court will meet with the city council July 28 to discuss the agreement.

"We want to find out what they're asking for and figure out how we're going to handle it," Waller said. "Both entities have budgets they need to finalize."

In other business, the court will renew its agreement with the West Texas Centers for MHMR for office space in the Diamond M building.

The resignations of Bill Barbee and Jo Anne Crill from the Child Welfare Board both are on the agenda.

A public hearing is scheduled on the drought contingency plan for the Hermleigh Water Works and then the plan — a requirement of the state — will be adopted.

Presiding and alternating judges for election precincts also will be appointed.

Several reports will be presented and the court will recess for lunch at the extension office and hear that department's activity report.

The meeting will be held in the county courtroom on the third floor of the courthouse.

Tax holiday forthcoming

The annual sales tax holiday for back-to-school items will be Aug. 1-3.

While it is centered on saving consumers money on back-to-school items such as shoes, dresses, coats and pants, other savings can be realized.

Baby clothes, boots, diapers and suits can be bought tax-free as well during the three days.

Woman goes on trial for possession

A 34-year-old Snyder woman goes on trial Monday in 132nd District Court for possession of a chemical used to make a controlled substance.

Maretta Lorene Erwin of 9565 FM 1609 is charged with the Jan. 8 offense of possession of anhydrous ammonia, a chemical used to make methamphetamine.

Some 140 jurors have been called for jury selection which begins at 8:30 a.m. Monday in District Judge Ernie Armstrong's court.

Assistant District Attorney Ben Smith will prosecute the case and defense counsel is Ben Clayton of Ballinger.

ASK US

Q—Do city employees have to pay for their water?
A—Yes, they are billed the same as everyone else.

MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR



Linda Briseno...

... is a registered nurse and is a labor-delivery nurse at Cogdell Hospital and Odessa Medical Center. She and her husband, Jimmy, reside in Ira. She has three daughters, Annette Martin of Ira, Yvette Ramos of Snyder and Franki, a student at Ira; two stepsons, Tommy and Michael Briseno of Snyder; and two grandsons, Tanner and Colby. She enjoys reading, arts and crafts and building birdhouses.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

The difference between the right word and the almost right word is the difference between lightning and the lightning bug.
—Mark Twain

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events

WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

Church of God garage sale

The Church of God, 1411 College Ave., will have a garage and hot tamale and burrito sale until 5 p.m, Saturday.

United Way

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

AARP meeting

AARP members will meet at noon Monday at the Scurry County Senior Center. There will be a guest speaker.

VFW Auxiliary

The VFW Auxiliary will meet at 7 p.m. Monday at the post home. All members are urged to attend.

Bible study tapes

Bible videos air each week on Channel 2. To be shown at 7 p.m. Monday is "When Traditions Become Sinful," followed by "Called to a Holy Calling."

Financial workshop

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

FBC services televised

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

Parking lot dance

SHS freshman cheerleaders will host a community dance from 9 p.m. until noon Friday across from the Sonic Drive-In. Admission is $3 and with admission bracelet, Sonic drinks will be half price. Cheerleaders will carhop from 7 to 10 p.m. to help raise funds for uniforms.

First Methodist VBS

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

Star Boot Camp

Star Boot Camp junior military academy will be held from 8 to 11 a.m. July 28 through Aug. 1. The camp is for ages 6 to 11. To register call 574-6090 or 573-3703.

GED registration, test dates

Mandatory pre-registration for GED test will be held from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. Wednesday, July 30, at the GED testing center, Building 7B, at WTC. The math segment of the test will begin at 8 a.m. on Thursday, July 31. For more information call Molly Kattes at 573-2919 or Emily Hataway at 573-8511, ext. 297 or 574-2112. It is recommended that candidates receive some preparation before attempting the test.

'59 HHS class reunion

The Hermleigh High School class of 1959 reunion will begin at 9:30 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 2, with a brunch at Martha Ann Woman's Club. Meet at MAWC for class picture at 5 p.m. and the evening meal will follow at 6 p.m. RSVP by July 28 to Carllee Burleson at 573-0921, or Harold Robbins at 573-8083.

First Christian Bible Camp

First Christian Church, 37th and Austin, has set its Morning Bible Camp from 9-11:30 a.m. beginning Monday, Aug. 4 through Thursday. Children from kindergarten through sixth grade are eligible. Call 573-6877 to register.

Senior swimnastics

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

SHS football program ads

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

Sonshine registration

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

Cancer treatment transportation

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

Online bidders are not shook up over purported Elvis tooth

MIAMI (AP) — Return to sender: one Elvis Presley tooth.

After 10 days on the eBay auction block, no one posted the minimum $100,000 bid for a purported Elvis tooth, lock of hair and gold record.

So the South Florida owners say they plan to sell the collection in pieces, with the items likely to be offered again on eBay sometime this weekend.

That came as a relief to die-hard fan Joni Mabe. She already owns an Elvis wart, and "maybe an Elvis toenail."

"I'd love to have the tooth," said the Georgia artist, who calls herself "Joni Mabe the Elvis Babe."

"Then the wart would have a friend and we could put the King back together in pieces," she said.

Mabe, who also calls herself the "Queen of the King," recounted how she came across the toenail: "In '83 I toured Graceland and I was just feeling the carpet and walls to get the vibe of where he had walked.

"I got down on my hands and knees in the jungle room and found the toenail clipping," said the sculptor, whose pieces often feature Elvis memorabilia.

Bidding for the tooth — purportedly pulled by a dentist — started July 5 and ended Friday night at 11:05 p.m. EDT.

Bids shot up to $2 million, but eBay reset the auction July 8, believing the bids were fraudulent, said Anthony DeFontes, curator and spokesman for the collection. He said he has since been screening potential buyers.

"I approved 12, so I'm hoping we'll get bids," DeFontes said. Two bids were placed Friday morning, but they were both retracted later in the day, DeFontes said.

The owners of a Fort Lauderdale hair salon pulled the tooth from their collection of celebrity memorabilia after displaying it for about a decade.

"It had just become too expensive to maintain security for the items," DeFontes said.

Yellow Strawberry Salon owner Flo Briggs and her husband, Jesse, started their celebrity collection with a lock of John Lennon's hair, DeFontes said.

They have also displayed locks of hair from Marilyn Monroe and George Washington, a suit that belonged to Jack Ruby, who killed John F. Kennedy's assassin Lee Harvey Oswald, and a favorite barber chair of Chicago mobster Al Capone.

"It just started off with locks of hair," DeFontes said. "The reason (they) did it was to draw people into the salon."

DeFontes said the tooth and hair come with letters of authentication. The tooth, pulled after it broke, allegedly once belonged to one of Elvis' former girlfriends, Linda Thompson.

The lock of Elvis' hair, acquired from late-night talk show host Joe Franklin, was saved from a haircut after the King joining the military, DeFontes said. The gold record is hit single "Love Me Tender."

Neither Bobby Davis, a spokesman for Graceland, nor publicists for Priscilla and Lisa Marie Presley commented on the auction.

The most bizarre bid, DeFontes said, was from an anonymous European company that was interested in extracting DNA from it.

"They were talking about the possibility of cloning," he said Wednesday. "The owner of the tooth is not interested in that. There's only one Elvis."

On the Net:

eBay auction site: http://cgi.ebay.com/ws/eBayISAPI.dll?ViewItem&item3536098063&catego ry433

Official Web site of Elvis Presley Enterprises, Inc.: www.elvis.com

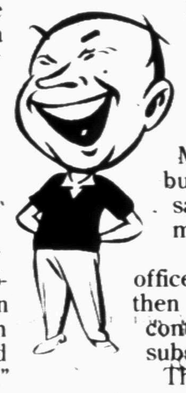
Today's chuckle

Man tries to sell marijuana to off-duty cops

DAVENPORT, Iowa (AP) — A man picked the wrong customers when he tried to sell marijuana to three off-duty police officers.

One was even wearing a T-shirt promoting police memorial week.

The officers had just returned from a boating trip Monday night when the 35-year-old man approached Sgt. John Hutcheson and asked him if he "smoked," police said.



Hutcheson told the man to go talk with Officer Jim Meyrer and Detective Mike Martin, who were standing nearby, police said.

The man then asked Meyrer and Martin if they wanted to buy marijuana. Meyrer said yes and asked the man if he had a pound.

The suspect told the officers he had two ounces, then showed a plastic bag containing a green, leafy substance, police said.

The man was arrested on two counts of drug possession.

Aviation pioneers gather for reunion

DAYTON, Ohio (AP) — Former astronaut John Glenn said he and other American aviation pioneers honored in a celebration marking the centennial of powered flight don't think of themselves as heroes, simply as people doing their jobs.

"These are all people who did their duty, were proud of it, and they're being honored for it," said Glenn, the first American to orbit the Earth, who later became a U.S. senator and the oldest astronaut.

Glenn was among those honoring 21 people enshrined in the National Aviation Hall of Fame who gathered Friday night at the Air Force Museum to renew acquaintances and swap stories at a reception and dinner.

One of the inductees is Robin Olds, a World War II ace and Vietnam War combat pilot.

"In all of my 30 years in the military and in all of my life, one of the greatest things is being here amongst people whom I have admired, people who've given me inspiration," he said.

Several of those honored shared tales of their aviation experiences.

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New blood test may predict heart disease

WASHINGTON (AP) — Doctors are getting a new blood test to help predict which people with low cholesterol are at risk for heart disease.

The Food and Drug Administration approved the PLAC test Friday. It works by measuring an enzyme active in the inflammatory process, one known as Lp-PLA2.

In a federally financed study, researchers tracked more than 1,300 middle-aged people for nine years to see who was most at risk of developing heart disease.

Of most interest were people considered at very low risk of heart disease because they had normal levels of the so-called bad cholesterol, or LDL cholesterol — levels below 130.

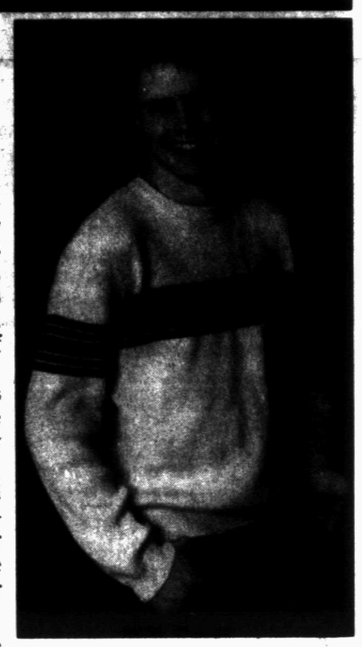
When those low-cholesterol patients had high levels of Lp-PLA2, however, they were twice as likely to develop heart disease, said lead researcher Dr. Christie Ballantyne of Baylor College of Medicine.

Add another measure of risk — a separate inflammatory protein called C-reactive protein — to a high Lp-PLA2 level, and the risk of heart disease tripled, he said.

Between one-third and half of heart attacks occur in people who do not have high cholesterol, so scientists have long hunted ways to find which of those people were at risk in time to help them.

The PLAC test promises to be one tool to do that, Ballantyne said.

The laboratory test is made by diaDexus Inc. of San Francisco. The company wouldn't reveal a price but said it would be competitive with testing for C-reative protein, which is roughly $16.



Will Davis

Will Davis receives TILF scholarship

Will Davis recently received a $500 UIL Speech and Debate Judges Preference Scholarship from the Texas Interscholastic League Foundation.

Davis graduated from Snyder High School in May and will use the scholarship at Texas A&M University this fall.

Students are eligible to apply for the TILF Scholarship when they compete at the state level in various UIL events.

Davis qualified this past year by competing at the state level in both Lincoln-Douglas debate and persuasive speaking. According to the Foundation Committee, Davis was one of the 262 students out of 773 applicants who received a new scholarship.

Davis is the son of Wayne and Janet Davis of Snyder. Grandparents include Elnora Curtis of Snyder and the late J.D. Curtis; and Stanley and Darlene Davis of Perrin.

Scholarship recipients will be honored by the UIL and Texas A&M with a dinner the last Monday in March.

Ron Hester, SHS debate coach, said, "Will was very deserving of this scholarship because he worked his tail off and dominated the regional and district competition."

Lynda McCormack also coached Davis in speaking events.

Lila King graduates

DALLAS — Lila B. King received her bachelor's degree in dental hygiene from Baylor College of Denistry's Caruth School of Dental Hygiene during its commencement ceremony in May.

She was named to the Dean's Honor List as well.

A 1998 graduate of Snyder High School, King also attended Abilene Christian University in Abilene and Angelo State University. She is the daughter of Courtney and Elaine King of San Angelo.

Kayla Phillips is on McMurry dean's list

ABILENE — Kayla Phillips, a sophomore communications major from Snyder, has been to the dean's list for the spring semester at McMurry University.

Student named to the dean's list must maintain at least a 3.5 grade point average while taxing 12 or more credit hours.

Three from Snyder on distinguished list

STEPHENVILLE — Three students from Snyder have been named to the distinguished student honor roll for the spring semester at Tarleton State University.

Those making the list with a grade point average of 3.5 or better are Terri Elizabeth Collins, Brandon Thomas McGuire and Rebecca G. West.

Lilli Valdez gets Baylor scholarship

WACO — Baylor University has selected more than 1,500 recent high school graduates as recipients of Merit Scholarships for the 2003-2004 academic year.

Lilli Jeanne Valdez, a 2003 Snyder High School graduate, is the recipient of a Presidents Baylor Scholarship, which provides $28,000 for eight semesters.

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Friday's Lottery Numbers

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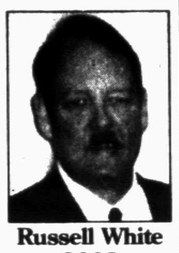
Whatever happened to...

Russell Allen White, 1980 Snyder High School graduate, has been pastor at Victory Baptist Church in Stephenville for six years.

He spent three years in the Roloff Ministries in Corpus Christi after graduating and traveled with the Masters Miracle Men singing group. Russell was assistant superintendent for the Boys Home in Waycross, Ga., before becoming assistant and youth pastor of the Fundamental Baptist Church in Decatur, Texas.



Russell White
1980



Russell White
2003

He later became pastor of Bible Baptist Church in Breckenridge for two years before moving to Stephenville.

He received his bachelor of ministry degree from Andersonville Baptist Seminary in Camilla, Ga., where he graduated summa cum laude and is now working on his master's degree from the seminary.

The son of Larry and Marie White of Snyder, he played football and was in the band and choir while at SHS. He married Lora Thompson and they have two children, Elizabeth, 17, and Logan, 16.

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

Snyder, Ira, Hermleigh and Fluvanna grads...

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

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Year graduated _____

Parent's name _____

Some general high school activities for which they might be remembered _____

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Dewhurst believes map will be approved

AUSTIN (AP) — Despite opposition from Senate Democrats to passing a congressional redistricting bill, Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst said Friday he believes lawmakers will come together to approve a map, although it may not be until August.

"Quite frankly, we are either going to come up with a fair plan now or we are going to come up with a fair plan later," said Dewhurst, who presides over the Senate. "I'm committed to having a fair plan whether we are talking about July, August or September."

The current special session ends July 29. If a redistricting bill has not been approved by then, Dewhurst has said Gov. Rick Perry will call lawmakers back for another special session.

If he does that, Dewhurst said he will abandon a long-standing Senate tradition so that only a majority of senators would need to vote to let a redistricting bill be debated on the floor. Traditionally, two-thirds, or 21 of the chamber's 31 senators must agree to allow a bill come up for debate.

Dewhurst said he hopes that if there is another session that Democratic senators "sit and work with us."

The chairwoman of the Senate Democratic Caucus, said she does not believe a compromise can be reached on the issue. Dewhurst met with the Democrats Friday.

Sen. Leticia Van de Putte of San Antonio said 12 senators are firm in their opposition to redrawing the districts and are considering their options if a second special session is called.

CIVIL RIGHTS

Rep. Joe Deshotel, D-Beaumont, on Friday asked Gov. Rick Perry to open up the call of the special session to include a measure that would give victims of discrimination the ability to sue for damages in state courts.

Deshotel's request comes after a Beaumont judge ruled last month that the Texas Constitution provides no penalties for those who discriminate based on race, religion, sex or age.

"This is about racial justice and economic justice for those denied basic rights under the law," Deshotel said. "It's about changing business practices in Texas that ultimately harm all Texans."

The Beaumont ruling involved a lawsuit brought by 18 black people against Dillard's department store. They claimed they were falsely arrested, searched, harassed and mistreated while shopping at Dillard's.

QUOTE OF THE DAY:

"At the end of the day, we started this session with 31 senators and 31 friends. We are going to end this session with 31 senators, 31 friends. We have a tradition of working together," Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst, speaking about the divisive issue of redistricting.

Co-defendant hopes Morales plea is helpful

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Attorneys for a lawyer indicted with former Texas Attorney General Dan Morales now say their client should be cleared now that Morales has pleaded guilty to federal charges that likely will send him to prison for four years.

Lawyers for attorney Marc Murr said Friday that Morales continues to believe that Murr did nothing wrong and would testify to that effect, if needed.

"We're just the tail on the dog and always have been," Murr's attorney, Mike Ramsey of Houston, said in the San Antonio Express-News.

Chip Lewis of Houston, also representing Murr, said prosecutors who visited with Ramsey and Murr on Friday agreed to meet again soon in hopes "we can reach an amicable resolution for the government and Mr. Murr."

The U.S. attorney's office declined to comment.

Morales pleaded guilty Thursday to mail fraud and to filing a false income tax return. Under an agreement with prosecutors, other charges against him will be dismissed.

The charges resulted from a four-year investigation surrounding legal fees paid in the state's $17.3 billion settlement with the tobacco industry in 1998.

U.S. District Judge Sam Sparks must formally accept the sentencing agreement. U.S. Attorney Johnny Sutton said he expects that will happen at sentencing in October.

Sparks on Thursday agreed to release Morales on bond pending sentencing. Morales had been held since late June in the Caldwell County Jail in Lockhart.

Morales, 47, had pleaded innocent in April to charges that he and Murr tried to obtain hundreds of millions of dollars in legal fees for Murr resulting from the state's multi-billion-dollar settlement with big tobacco companies.

Morales pleaded guilty to filing a false income tax return for 1998 that understated his income. He also pleaded guilty to mail fraud in connection with documents he shipped to San Francisco related to arbitration over legal fees in the tobacco case.

By pleading guilty to that charge, Morales admitted to backdating government contracts and forging government records, prosecutors said.

A 12-count indictment against Morales and Murr issued in March also had alleged that in 1998 Morales contracted to buy a $775,000 house in Travis County and used $400,000 in campaign funds for the purchase and home improvements. He was accused of making false statements to get a $600,000 mortgage.

Morales did not enter a plea on that charge, which will be dismissed. Had he been convicted on that count, Morales could have faced up to 30 years in prison.

Morales hired five big-name private attorneys to handle the state's tobacco case — John O'Quinn and John Eddie Williams of Houston; Walter Umphrey and Wayne Reaud of Beaumont; and Harold Nix of Daingerfield. They received $3.3 billion in fees.

The indictment against Morales and Murr alleged that the two men concealed documents and exaggerated Murr's role in an effort to obtain attorneys fees for Murr. The other lawyers had complained Murr did little work on the case.

Morales was elected attorney general in 1990 and was re-elected to a second term in 1994. He chose not to run for re-election in 1998. He ran last year for the Democratic nomination for Texas governor, but lost the primary to multimillionaire Tony Sanchez.



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Woman pleads not guilty in baby's death

RICHLAND CENTER, Wis. (AP) — A woman pleaded not guilty by reason of mental deficiency Friday to charges she let her newborn girl die and kept the remains hidden in a plastic storage tub.

Kristin Scott, 22, also pleaded not guilty for the same reason to concealing the death of another child prosecutors said she gave birth to two years ago and also hid in a storage tub. She is charged with one count of first-degree reckless homicide and hiding a corpse in the death of the most recent baby.

Scott, who is jailed on $50,000 bail, could face up to 75 years in prison if convicted on all counts.

Scott's attorney, Rose Oliveto, declined comment after the hearing.

Scott's parents called police June 8 after they discovered the remains of a baby girl in one of the plastic storage tubs their daughter left at their home in Byrd's Creek, about 60 miles northwest of Madison. Scott had moved to Texas six days earlier.

According to Scott's statements to police, she secretly gave birth to the baby at her parents' home in January. She said she was afraid of what people would say about her if they learned of the pregnancy, and that the baby had to die.

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Bush likely to get $7 million campaign donations in Texas

DALLAS (AP) — President Bush on Friday attended the first of two Texas fund-raisers this weekend that will raise $7 million — the largest take in any trip to one state this year.

The president left behind the partisan battles in Washington over his statement on Iraqi weapons programs that was based in part on faulty evidence.

There was no talk of the brewing controversy at a Dallas hotel where Bush was greeted by what Gov. Rick Perry called a "Texas-sized welcome."

His speech followed his fund-raiser script, urging the Senate to approve his judicial nominees and asking Congress to embrace his energy, education and faith-based initiatives. And he replayed the toppling of Saddam Hussein and the routing of the Taliban from Afghanistan.

"All the tests of the last two and a half years have come to the right nation," Bush said.

"This is the work that history has set before us," he said. "We welcome it. And we know that for our country, and for our cause, better days lie ahead."

The $2,000-a-person events in Dallas Friday night and another in Houston on Saturday are his eighth and ninth fund-raisers since announcing his re-election campaign on May 16. That will pad the $34.4 million his campaign has raised since May, more than the total raised in the second quarter by all nine of Bush's Democratic rivals.

Dan Ronayne, a spokesman for the Bush-Cheney '04 campaign, said about 900 people attended the Dallas fund-raiser, where donors sipped drinks and nibbled on appetizers; 700 would be at the event in Houston.

The Bush campaign says the fund-raising success is a sign of Bush's public support.

A CNN-Time poll released Friday showed that Bush's overall job approval had dropped 8 percentage points since May to 55 percent. A majority in this poll, 52 percent, said the president is doing a poor job of handling the economy, and just four in 10 said the U.S.-led military campaign in Iraq has been a success.

Outside the hotel where Bush spoke, about 75 protesters waved flags and carried signs reading "Peace is patriotic" and "Regime change starts at home." Inside the event, Steve Young, a Dallas businessman, said Bush's fund-raising success is linked to support for the war. "Texas is a fairly patriotic state," he said. "Since Sept. 11 and the Iraq war, it has grown even more patriotic."

Texas Democrats said Bush should be back in Washington fixing problems instead of roaming the state raising money.

"I think the president's time would be better spent attempting to improve the economy, restoring veterans' benefits and providing adequate funding for public education," said Molly Beth Malcolm, chairwoman of the Texas Democratic Party.

First lady Laura Bush, who attended the Dallas event, was also on the campaign fund-raising trail Friday.

She read to a group of children in a Head Start program for migrant families in Morrisville, N.C., on her way to a fund-raising luncheon in Raleigh. The event had been scheduled at the program's classroom in the Raleigh suburb of Clayton, but was moved to an airport to accommodate her schedule. The fund-raiser raised $550,000, Ronayne said.

Earlier Friday, the president — an exercise enthusiast — visited the Lakewest Family YMCA in Dallas, where he encouraged Americans, especially children, to exercise daily, eat nutritious foods and get preventive medical screenings.



ATTEND WORKSHOP — Snyder High School Student Council officers attended the Texas Association of Student Councils Workshop at Angelo State University last month. In back from left are Kalli Wesson, reporter; Sara Thornhill, vice president; Beth Clements, secretary. In front is Samantha Moyers, treasurer. Sarah Crawford, president, was unable to attend. (Contributed Photo)

Woman found slain in Philadelphia park said missing medical student

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Medical student Rebecca Park was juggling a hospital rotation with studies for upcoming board exams, but still took time for regular jogs through the city park near her apartment.

Park didn't feel unsafe in Fairmount Park, her brother said. But she never returned from a run there Sunday afternoon, and was found dead four days later.

Park, 30, of Olney, Md., was found buried beneath brush and leaves in a deeply wooded section at the park's edge. She was apparently strangled, police said.

"We're in the process of reviewing any type of assault (and) sexual assault in that area. Right now, we're not coming up with anything," Homicide Capt. Charles Bloom said Friday.

Park, a fourth-year student at the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine and an officer in the Army Reserve, was found clad only in a jogging bra, sneakers and socks, police said.

Police were interviewing friends, co-workers and fellow students, but had no immediate suspects.

"We don't know if this was an acquaintance or if this was a stranger," Bloom said.

Park told her boyfriend at about 4 p.m. Sunday that she was going running, and planned to see him that night. The boyfriend, a classmate, went to police on Tuesday to report her missing, police said.

Her body was found on Thursday after a news report about the missing student prompted several calls to police from people who said they had heard a disturbance in the woods at about that time, Bloom said.

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Financial Focus

Are Variable Annuities Right for You?

To save the money you'll need for that comfortable retirement you've been working toward, your best move is to contribute as much as you can afford to your 401(k) and IRA. But what happens if you hit the contribution limits on these two plans? What other investments are there for you? One possibility is a variable annuity. However, before you purchase one, review the positives and the negatives because they're both present.

Let's look at some of the key benefits of a variable annuity:

•**Variety of investment choices** — Your variable annuity is made up of several separate investment sub-accounts. Typically, these sub-accounts have different objectives - aggressive growth, growth-and-income, income, etc. You can divide your investment dollars among these sub-accounts to create a diversified portfolio.

•**Tax-deferred earnings** — You'll pay no taxes on your variable annuity's earnings and income until you start making withdrawals, typically when you're retired. Consequently, your money will grow faster than it would if placed in an investment on which you paid taxes each year.

•**Guaranteed death benefit** — As with many of these contracts, if you die before you've started taking withdrawals from your variable annuity, your beneficiary is guaranteed to receive a specified amount; at a minimum, this will be the amount of your purchase payments. Keep in mind, though, that guarantees on annuities are backed by the claims-paying ability of the issuing insurance company.

•**Flexible withdrawal options** - You generally have a number of ways in which you can take withdrawals from your annuity. You can set up a stream of income that you - or you and your spouse — can't outlive, or you can choose to take the money over a certain number of years.

As you can see, a variable annuity does offer some attractive features for anyone interested in saving money for retirement. But, as is always the case in the investment world, there are (at least) two sides to the variable annuity story. So, consider some of the potential drawbacks:

•**Investment risk** — The word "variable" means what it says: The value of your annuity can, and will, go up and down, based on the performance of your underlying investments. If these investments are of high quality, and you hold them for many years, you have a good chance of achieving exceptional growth - but there's no guarantee that your principal will increase, or even be preserved.

•**Surrender charges** — If you need to tap into your variable annuity within a few years of purchasing it (typically, six to eight years), you may well have to pay a surrender charge, which declines gradually over time. However, some annuity contracts allow you to withdraw a small percentage of your account value each year, free of surrender charges. And others, such as A-shares, incur no surrender charges.

•**Early withdrawal penalty** — If you withdraw money from your variable annuity before you're 59 1/2, you may have to pay a 10 percent federal tax penalty - and this penalty may be assessed in addition to any surrender charges.

•**Fees and expenses** — When you buy a variable annuity, you'll incur annual "mortality and expense risk charges," typically in the range of 1.25 percent of your account value. This charge compensates the insurer for risks it assumes in issuing your contract. You'll also have to pay administrative fees, and fees and expenses imposed by the individual investment sub-accounts. If you're strictly investing for the long term, and you can handle price fluctuations, then a variable annuity might be a great way to supplement your retirement savings — but don't make any hasty decisions. By doing your homework now, you can avoid a lot of "wrong answers" later.

Documents to Cheney's 2001 task force include Iraqi oil data

WASHINGTON (AP)— Vice President Dick Cheney's energy task force appeared to have some interest in early 2001 in Iraq's oil industry, including which foreign companies were pursuing business there, according to documents released Friday by a private watchdog group.

Judicial Watch, a conservative legal group, obtained a batch of task force-related Commerce Department papers that included a detailed map of Iraq's oil fields, terminals and pipelines as well as a list entitled "Foreign Suitors of Iraqi Oilfield Contracts."

The papers also included a detailed map of oil fields and pipelines in Saudi Arabia and in the United Arab Emirates and a list of oil and gas development projects in those two countries.

The papers were dated early March 2001, about two months before the Cheney energy task force completed and announced its report on the administration's energy needs and future energy agenda.

Judicial Watch obtained the papers as part of a lawsuit by it and the Sierra Club to open to the public information used by the task force in developing President Bush's energy plan.

Tom Fitton, the group's president, said he had no way to guess what interest the task force had in the information, but "it shows why it is important that we learn what was going on in the task force."

"Opponents of the war are going to point to the documents as evidence that oil was on the minds of the Bush administration in the run-up to the war in Iraq," said Fitton. "Supporters will say they were only evaluating oil reserves in the Mideast, and the likelihood of future oil production."

The task force report was released in May 2001. In it, a chapter titled "Strengthening Global Alliances" calls the Middle East "central to world oil security" and urges support for initiatives by the region's oil producers to open their energy sectors to foreign investment. The chapter does not mention Iraq, which has the world's second largest oil reserves after Saudi Arabia.

Trevor Francis, a Commerce Department spokesman, said the people at the department who worked with the Cheney task force were not available. He said he was not familiar with the papers and referred questions to Cheney's office.

A spokeswoman for the vice president did not immediately return a phone call seeking comment Friday.

A two-page document obtained with the map and released by Judicial Watch lists, as of March 2001, companies in 30 countries that had an interest in contracts to help then-President Saddam Hussein develop Iraq's oil wealth.

The involvement of Russia and France has been documented. Also on the list were companies from Canada, Australia, China, Germany, Indonesia, Ireland, India and Mexico. Even Vietnam had interest in a service contract and, according to the paper, was close to signing an agreement in October 1999.

So far nearly 40,000 pages of internal documents from various departments and agencies have been made public related to the Cheney task force's work under the Judicial Watch-Sierra Club lawsuit. The task force itself has refused to turn over any of its own papers.

Lawsuit says FBI helped mobster-informants who extorted money years ago

BOSTON (AP) — A man claims in a lawsuit that the federal government and several former FBI agents protected two mobster-informants who extorted $1 million from him by holding a gun to his head and playing Russian roulette 20 years ago.

David Lindholm, 52, a convicted marijuana dealer and former government witness, alleges FBI agents working out of the Boston office knew that James "Whitey" Bulger and Stephen "the Rifleman" Flemmi extorted money from him while under federal protection as FBI informants.

The lawsuit, filed Friday against the federal government and the former FBI agents, is the latest wrinkle in a case that has led to new Justice Department guidelines for handling informants.

The former agent who handled Bulger and Flemmi, John J. Connolly Jr., was sentenced to 10 years in prison last year for protecting his mob informants from prosecution. In 1995 he warned Bulger — who remains a fugitive — about an impending indictment.

Lindholm "is one of many who have now come forward and said they were extorted and adversely affected by this evil conspiracy," said his attorney, Dino M. Colucci.

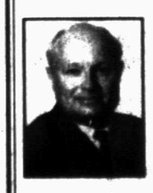
The federal suit names the government, Bulger, Flemmi, Connolly and several other former FBI agents. It claims Lindholm's civil rights were violated and seeks unspecified damages.

Calls seeking comment from the FBI and Connolly's attorney, Tracy Miner, were not immediately returned.

Bulger, the leader of the Winter Hill Gang, and Flemmi, his top lieutenant, allegedly committed murder, racketeering, extortion, loan sharking and other crimes with tacit permission of the FBI, for whom both were informants for decades. The two are now accused in 18 murders, including 11 committed while they were serving as FBI informants.

Flemmi is serving a 10-year prison sentence for extortion and money laundering, and is awaiting trial on racketeering charges connected to murder, extortion and drug running.

The lawsuit alleges Flemmi extorted money from Lindholm with the "aid, knowledge, assistance and protection of the FBI and its agents."

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Charities balking at government rules to keep aid from terrorists

WASHINGTON (AP) — The government is advising charities how to ensure that their money doesn't end up financing foreign terrorists, but many nonprofit groups say the guidelines are more of a headache than a help.

The charities say they already track their overseas aid and aren't equipped for the kinds of investigations the Treasury Department recommends, such as being sure a foreign grant recipient avoids banking with institutions "licensed in a jurisdiction that lacks adequate anti-money-laundering controls."

"In many situations where the need is greatest, for example, there is no banking system," said Peter Shiras, a senior vice president of Independent Sector. "Oftentimes you have to provide assistance in cash."

Some of the government's advice is "either impossible, impractical or so costly to comply with that it would have a very serious negative impact on humanitarian relief and social and economic development work overseas," said Shiras. His coalition represents more than 700 charities, including CARE, Big Brothers/Big Sisters International and corporate foundations.

United Way International spent $40,000 over three months to comply with the guidelines as nearly as it could. Vice President Ana Maria Moran-Loubriel found some of the suggestions vague or unrealistic but called the overhaul a worthwhile reminder that terrorists could lurk among grantees.

"There are very many people who are taking international grant-making lightly," she said.

Although compliance is voluntary, many nonprofit groups — careful to protect their reputations and tax-exempt statuses — are nervous about disregarding government guidelines they can't afford to meet.

At a time when the Internal Revenue Service is considering strengthened rules for tax-exempt groups that make foreign donations, some charities worry the voluntary measures are a first step toward burdensome new regulations.

The Treasury Department's general counsel, David Aufhauser, said there are no plans for absorbing the guidelines into IRS rules or other regulations.

Aufhauser said nonprofit groups aren't obliged to follow the "best practices for U.S.-based charities," issued in November, but they highlight the need for increased vigilance since the attacks on Sept. 11, 2001.

"With giving abroad comes a new responsibility and an added burden to make sure the money you hope is feeding people is not going to kill women and children," Aufhauser said.

Treasury has blocked the assets of three U.S.-based charities the government said were linked to the al-Qaida terror network or the anti-Israeli Hamas group.

Elderly California driver may have hit car before tragedy

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Investigators believe an elderly driver who crashed through a crowded farmers market, killing 10 people, may have been speeding away from the scene of a collision at the time.

Russell Weller, 86, might have hit a Mercedes after leaving a post office, then fled less than a block west toward the street market, said Tom Marshall, a spokesman for the California Highway Patrol. Details about the Mercedes crash were not immediately available.

"We're trying to do two things: determine first of all that he hit the Mercedes, and two, what his motivation was for leaving if he did hit it," Marshall said. "He could have been confused, he could have been scared and tried to get away, we just don't know at this point."

Like Weller's Buick sedan, the Mercedes has been impounded and is being examined, Marshall said.

Weller's attorney, Jim Bianco, released a statement Wednesday saying the farmers market crash was an accident. He and another attorney for Weller did not return calls for comment Friday.

Police have said Weller told them he didn't realize until too late that Arizona Avenue, crammed with pedestrians and produce Wednesday, was closed to traffic. They said Weller believes he might have hit the gas instead of the brake as he tried to stop.

Witnesses said Weller's car sped down the entire length of the open-air market, knocking down stalls, scattering produce and hitting as many as 50 people. Ten victims, ranging in age from 7 months to 78 years, were killed.

Senior Center News

We have had newcomers participating at the center who are amazed at our facility, meals, and services. There are many senior citizens in our community who have never visited the center. We are here to serve each of you. We are a non-profit organization with the goal of adding quality to the lives of all Scurry County senior citizens (60 years plus)

There is no fee for participating in activities. If you join us for lunch we suggest a donation of $2.50 per meal for seniors and guests under age sixty must pay $4.00.

Our volunteers (age 13 plus) will tell you that their lives are enriched through their volunteer work and they definitely add quality to the lives they touch. Many people are surprised at how active our seniors are. Physical and mental activity added to good nutrition results in a healthier lifestyle. Whether you need service or would like to help us serve others, join us at the center. We are located at 2603 Avenue M and can be reached by calling 573-4035.

July 31st will be the last day to swim until after registration and scheduling of lifeguards for the fall school term.

Reminders: The Travis gym or treadmills in the center are available for walking. The books and jigsaw puzzles in the domino room may be taken home and returned at your convenience. Transportation is available during the morning hours Monday-Friday.

MONDAY

Party bridge begins at 9:30 a.m. and continues throughout the morning. We have three tables in the bridge room and two in the domino room. Join us and stay for lunch at noon.

AARP will meet at noon in the conference room. Members interested in helping with the organization of the meetings and programs should call the center during the morning hours and speak to Marie.

TUESDAY

The May Day Crafts project will begin at 9:30 a.m. Eighty-eight play begins at 10 a.m in the eighty-eight room. The Aubrey Wilson Country Band will entertain in the dining room from 11 a.m. to noon.

The Golden K Kiwanis invite you to attend their meeting at noon in the conference room. The center will open at 6:30 p.m. for games and the dance beginning at 7. Cost for the dance is $4 per person. The Prowlers will provide the music.

WEDNESDAY

Ladies pool begins at 9 a.m. A volunteer is available to teach newcomers. We have had a request for Skip-Bo, so we will begin at 10 a.m. in the bridge room. We play pinochle after lunch at 1 p.m. — also in the bridge room.

THURSDAY

Senior citizens are reminded that the center is open from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. The domino room is always available for dominoes, pool, snooker, bridge, and library use. Unless there is a scheduled activity, the bridge and eighty-eight rooms are also available for impromptu games.

FRIDAY

Volunteers will check blood pressure readings from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. Bridge play begins at 9:30 a.m. and eighty-eight at 10 a.m.

Senior Menu

MONDAY
Steak & Cheese Hoagie
Cottage Fries
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TUESDAY
Pork Chop w/Gravy
Mashed Potatoes
Sliced Carrots
Tossed Salad
Cherry Cutie Pie

WEDNESDAY
Chicken Salad
Lettuce and Sliced Tomato
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Assorted Crackers
Bread Pudding

THURSDAY
Meatloaf
Scalloped Potatoes
Steamed Cabbage
Citrus Salad
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FRIDAY
Fried Fish
Broccoli Casserole
Whole Kernel Corn
Tossed Salad
Pineapple Pudding





On Nutrition by Ed Blonz, Ph.D.

Oxygen and water don't mix

DEAR DR. BLONZ: Do you have any information about "oxygenated water?" Could you send it to me and/or refer me to a source for the straight scoop. Thank you! — **M.A., San Diego, Calif.**

DEAR M.A.: Sorry to burst your bubble, but there is no evidence that oxygenated water delivers anything more than an expensive burp. We get our oxygen from breathing, not by swallowing. Consider also that oxygen is not all that soluble in water, which means that there is not much oxygen in a serving. Any oxygen forced into water under pressure tends to bubble away when the container is opened and the pressure is relieved. Next is the fact that this product is swallowed, not inhaled. The small amount of oxygen that ends up in your digestive system is not going to have a measurable effect on the level of oxygen being delivered to your muscles or brain via the bloodstream. Without scientific support for the claims being made for oxygenated water, and with scientific logic working against it, this does not look like a winner of a concept. That said, a hefty marketing effort will probably entice some people to buy.

DEAR DR. BLONZ: There is news about vitamin supplements again, now saying that they are not recommended and may actually cause problems. I know people don't eat well. They don't get all the nutrients they need so they decide to take a vitamin pill. I have been taking vitamins for decades and wonder why is there is such an issue with what would seem to be so logical an action. — **N.Q., Charlotte, N.C.**

DEAR N.Q.: Health is a cumulative matter. Eating a good mix of wholesome foods and taking care of the one-and-only body you have is a long-term investment, and a good portion of the payoff comes as you age. This fact is often not appreciated until it's too late, at which point life quickly becomes an uneasy game of catch-up in which there is an increased reliance on medical intervention and prescription medications.

You are correct in your estimation that people do not eat well. Surveys continually affirm this point. People are eating more, but many get less than 70 percent of the recommended daily allowance (RDA) of essential vitamins and minerals, which is cause for concern. Couple this with an endemic decrease in physical activity and you have a reasonable basis to explain the growing American waistline.

Do supplements have a role in this picture? There are a number of studies demonstrating that people who take supplements tend to be healthier and live longer than those who don't. This, however, is not "proof" that supplements can result in good health, as those who opt for vitamins and minerals might already be living a healthier lifestyle.

To my mind, there is no question that the crucial part of the formula is to eat well and take care of ourselves. This trumps any belief that dietary supplements can take up the slack for a poor diet and an unhealthful lifestyle. We need to be constantly reminded that there are healthy people throughout the world who have never opened a supplement bottle.

The factors that affect our health and longevity include genetics, diet, lifestyle and chance. We cannot really influence the first or the last, so we might as well do the best we can with diet and lifestyle.

I think of dietary supplements as a form of insurance. We rely on insurance to cover our cars, home, health and life, and so the idea of vitamin and mineral supplements as "nutrition insurance" is not that hard to swallow.

The real nutritional powerhouse is wholesome food, and it must always come first. But for those who harbor any doubts about the adequacy of their diet, taking a supplement for nutrition insurance is not a bad policy. Consider what you eat, and aim to meet your daily requirements of vitamins and minerals. The key is to not overdo it. More is not necessarily better, and, in some cases — including vitamins A and D and iron — it can be harmful.

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Bush selects 11 for top award, including Julia Childs, Heston

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush has selected 11 leaders in arts, sports, politics, science and business for the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the White House announced Friday.

Three of the recipients are receiving the nation's highest civilian honor posthumously. The others are invited to claim their medal at a White House ceremony with the president on July 23.

The Medal of Freedom, established by President Truman in 1945 to recognize civilians for their service during World War II, was reinstated by President Kennedy in 1963 to honor distinguished service.

Bush will award the medal to:

—Jacques Barzun, a former Columbia University professor and dean and author and scholar of modern European thought and culture. His books include "Race, A Study in Modern Superstition" and the more recent "From Dawn to Decadence: 500 Years of Western Cultural Life: 1500 to the Present."

—Julia Child, a master chef, an author of numerous cookbooks and a host of a number of television series.

—Roberto Clemente, a Hall of Fame baseball star from Puerto Rico who played for the Pittsburgh Pirates. Clemente, who had a lifetime batting average of .317, 240 home runs and 1,305 RBIs, died in 1972, delivering emergency relief to earthquake victims in Nicaragua.

—Van Cliburn, who at the age of 23 won the first Tchaikovsky International Piano Competition held in 1958 in Moscow. He has performed around the world.

—Vaclav Havel, former president of the new Czech Republic who led the nation until earlier this year. He had been imprisoned several times in the former Czechoslovakia for his plays about Communist rule.

—Charlton Heston, an Academy Award winning actor and political activist. His films include "The Greatest Show on Earth," "El Cid," "The Greatest Story Ever Told," "Ben Hur," "The Ten Commandments" and "Planet of the Apes."

—Edward Teller, a physicist who emigrated to America from his native Hungary to escape the rise of Nazi Germany. He worked on national defense projects such as the Manhattan Project and the Strategic Defense Initiative.

—Dave Thomas, who created the Wendy's restaurant chain. His restaurants, named after one of his daughters, became known for their square hamburger patties. The philanthropist who died last year was adopted as a child and was a lifelong advocate for adoption.

—Byron Raymond White, who served 31 years as a Supreme Court justice, was an All-American athlete and Rhodes Scholar who earned a Bronze Star in World War II.

Man accused of throwing kitten out of car window

DETROIT (AP) — A man allegedly threw a kitten out his car window while driving down Interstate 275, and he was charged with one felony count of animal cruelty.

"This was a wanton and willful disregard of life," Assistant Prosecutor Robert Donaldson told the Detroit Free Press.

Carlos Eduardo Valladares-Guillen, 24, of Wixom, told police he found the kitten in the alley of his apartment complex and wanted to give it a home. The feline was to be a pet for his 5-month old daughter.

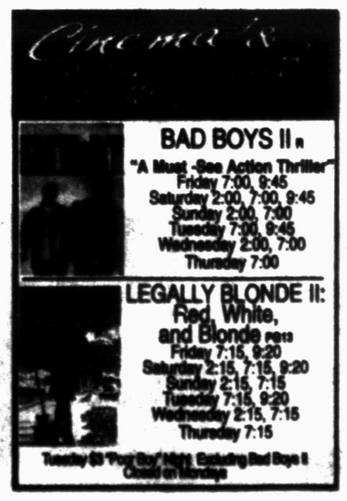
Authorities say that when Valladares-Guillen decided the kitten couldn't stay, he got in his car Thursday, drove down I-275 and threw the kitten out the window.

He pleaded not guilty to the animal cruelty charge and was freed on a $5,000 cash bond.

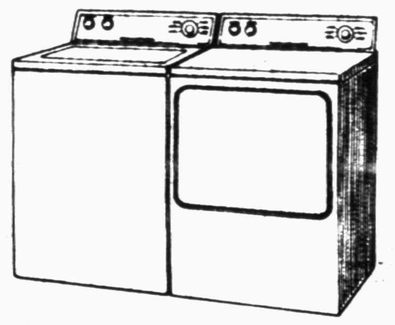
Livonia Detective Tim Larion said Valladares-Guillen admitted to killing the kitten after he was taken into custody.

"People have gone crazy over this case," said Sean Daigle, Valladares-Guillen's attorney. "He is a family man with a 5-month old baby who attends church and plays the guitar."

Valladares-Guillen faces up to four years in prison, a $5,000 fine and 500 hours of community service if convicted.



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by Bobby Allen

ESPN.com is running a series on the best and worst ballparks in the major leagues.

Born bleeding Cardinal red, we are partial to Busch Stadium. Character of a ballpark isn't measured by its architecture — it's gauged by the history and the memories.

St. Louis is scheduled for a new park in the next few years, and that will be the last of the cookie-cutter stadiums of the 1960s. But Busch has charm and charisma, something totally lacking at the BOB in Phoenix.

When we were in Las Cruces, we used to take trips over to Arizona's largest city to take in some ball games and visit old friends.

The place (officially titled Bank One Ballpark) is gorgeous, with a retractable roof, advertising panels that open up to let the breeze in, and a giant scoreboard in centerfield. We saw the best game of our lives there, when St. Louis' Jose Jiminez pitched a no-hitter in a 1-0 win over Randy Johnson, who struck out 14.

But the BOB has all the pep of a mausoleum.

The crowd sits on its hands, flash photography is prohibited, and ushers actually stand at the aisles to prevent people from returning to their seats before the end of the half inning. We have a picture of yours truly holding the no-returning to your seat sign if you find it as hard to believe as we did.

So if you are like me, and have a bladder the size of a dime, you may watch half the game from the breezeway above your seat.

For our money, we'll take Cohen Stadium in El Paso, home of the D-Backs AA team, the Diablos. Nickel hot dogs, quarter beers, three-legged racing and base running for the kids, and total access to the players.

Some helpful tips for ballpark safety:

— If you take your child to a big-league game, and you have tickets behind the dugout, please put yourself closest to the plate. And pay attention to the entire game. You look like the chump you are when your kid gets beaned in the head because you were talking on your cell phone and waving at the camera.

— If you and a buddy imbibe a little too heartily, make your way to a lower deck to avert an ugly, 50-foot fall. And shut up.

— If you want to heckle a Yankee, make sure you aren't in Yankee stadium.

— If you, or anyone in your party, decides to lean over the railing for a ball in play, don't be surprised when you are berated and flogged repeatedly by those around you. We didn't come to watch you muck things up.

— And finally, take public transportation. The last time we went to a game in Arizona, I paid $25 so I could park on the New Mexico state line and walk 346 miles to the stadium.

And we had a ticket on our windshield when we made our way back.

Nick Faldo just five strokes behind leader Davis Love

SANDWICH, England (AP) — Nick Faldo knew it was a morning to go low.

The three-time British Open champion shot a 4-under-par 67 Saturday in the third round at Royal St. George's, putting him just five strokes behind leader Davis Love III after the best round of the tournament so far.

"It was that classic early Saturday morning round," Faldo said. "You have a free run at it, so you just go play."

Love, the only player below par after 36 holes, was teeing off later in the day, when conditions figured to toughen. A blazing sun baked the already rock-hard course, and gusts off Sandwich Bay would make things even more treacherous.

None of that bothered Faldo, who extended his British Open record by shooting his 35th round in the 60s. Last year, the Englishman broke Jack Nicklaus' mark of 33, while Tiger Woods is lurking further back in the rearview mirror with 11.

"I wanted to get one more so I can keep Tiger at bay for a couple of more years," Faldo said.

He closed with birdies on two of the toughest holes on the course.

At No. 17, Faldo smoked a 3-iron that stopped 4 feet from the cup. At 18, he hit another solid drive, knocked a 7-iron to 8 feet and sank the putt while the home crowd roared.

"What a great finish," Faldo said. "That's not what I expected."

He wasn't the only player going low. Brian Davis, who needed a 12-footer on 18 the previous day just to make the cut, shot 68. In fact, four of the first five finishers broke par.

Over the first two days, only 13 scores were recorded in red.

"The first five holes, the greens were relatively soft — if you can call them soft — but once we got into the back nine, you could see them drying out and getting crusty," Davis said. "Obviously, the leaders have to deal with that this afternoon."

Just another British Open, where the humps and hollows of links golf tend to create all sorts of craziness.

U.S. Open champion Jim Furyk? He missed the cut.

S.K. Ho, Hennie Otto and Marco Ruiz? They headed to the weekend not far off the lead.

Love used a freak bounce and some clutch putts to build a two-shot lead Friday. Still, he spoke cautiously about heading into the weekend with more than two dozen players — Woods and defending champion Ernie Els among them — within five shots of the lead.

"This is one that gets you focused on the task at hand," Love said after his 72. "It's not going to be just a golf shot, or a putting contest. It's going to be a big mental test."

Love passed the first two stages and was at 1-under 141, giving him his first lead on the weekend at a major since he won the 1997 PGA Championship at Winged Foot.

No one was sure what to expect over the last two days, because nothing about Royal St. George's is ever as it seems.

Woods was closing in on the lead Friday as he stood over a routine 3-footer on the 12th hole.

Easy par, right?

Nope. The 3-footer caught the left edge of the cup and rolled 21/2 feet away. The next putt started left and stayed there. He finally tapped in for a three-putt double bogey.

"I hit a lot of good shots, made a ton of putts," said Woods, who staggered home with a 72 and four shots off the lead. "I just had the one hole where I hit more putts than I should have."

Even more bizarre is what happened to Love.

Coming off back-to-back bogeys, his lead down to a single shot, Love's drive flared to the right on the par-5 14th hole, toward a row of white posts with a creek called the Suez Canal on the other side.

The ball hopped hard to the right, nowhere to go but out of bounds, until it caromed off the 3-inch wide stake and back into play.

"We're all going to get crazy bounces," Love said. "But I think that was three good bounces all used up in one hole."

LPGA rivalry heats up

NEW ROCHELLE, N.Y. (AP) — When the Big Apple Classic ended last year, Hee-Won Han had to deal with a devastating playoff loss. Cindy Figg-Currier was dealing with a 3-week-old baby.

This year, the two shared the lead midway through the 72-hole event at Wykagyl Country Club.

Figg-Currier had a 6-under 65 Friday and Han matched her career best with a 66. They had 8-under 134 totals, two strokes ahead of Beth Daniel.

Neither had a bogey in the second round and both birdied the par-5 18th, the hole that could have been for Han last year.

She missed a 6-foot birdie putt on that hole that could have given her the win regulation. Then that was the one hole she and Gloria Park played in the playoff.

"When she lost last year she said you win or lose sometimes so she let it go," the native of South Korea said through her manager, Saint Kim.

"She has had some chances to win," Kim said. "At this time, she really wants to win the tournament. The time has come now, so it's time to win, she says."

Han, the 2001 LPGA rookie of the year, has four top-10 finishes this season but is still looking for her first win. Her final birdie Friday was a 30-foot putt on No. 18.

"It's a good position right now," she said. "I want to win."

Things are different for Figg-Currier this week, the first time this year she has been away from the children.

"Maybe that's it. There's no cooking, no laundry, no getting up in the middle of the night to give a bottle," she said. "I wish they were here, though."

If 8-year-old Kaitland and 1-year-old Mary had made the trip from Texas, they would have seen their mother tap-in on 18 after a 35-foot putt for eagle hung on the lip.

"That was really nice," Figg-Currier, whose only tour win was in 1997, said of the round, "but I feel like I left some out there."

Daniel, who won last week's Canadian Women's Open, had a second 68 and was at 6-under 136, one shot in front of Meg Mallon (67), first-round leader Mi-Hyun Kim (71), Joanne Mills (67) and Vicki Goetze-Ackerman (69).

Suzy Whaley, the 36-year-old teaching pro from Avon, Conn., who will play in the PGA Tour's Greater Hartford Open next week, had a 75 and was at 2-over 144, two shots better than the cut.

Improvement theme of Texans grid camp

HOUSTON (AP) — The Houston Texans recorded a long list of firsts in their inaugural season, and some of them were all-time NFL worsts. Like the 76 sacks quarterback David Carr survived.

This time around, the Texans are looking for improvement from their 4-12 start.

When training camp opens Friday at the team's practice facility, it's pretty easy to guess where the focus will be: Offense.

Houston ranked last in total, passing and scoring offense and they were 31st in rushing. There was even a miniscule 47 total yards in a 24-6 victory over Pittsburgh, the fewest ever by a winning team. The Texans had five games in which their only points came on field goals.

"I think we're better," general manager Charley Casserly said. "It's not going to be just one thing. If you're better at wide receiver, tight end, offensive line — which we are in all those positions — and you've added more running backs to compete, you're going to be better.

"The defense can't zero in on one phase of your game."

That was the case last season as defenses charged through a porous, injured, young offensive line that never settled into a cohesive unit and went right after Carr.

Hope that No. 1 expansion pick Tony Boselli would return from a shoulder injury and resume his Pro Bowl form at tackle ended Thursday when he gave up his comeback. Boselli's departure means second-year lineman Chester Pitts will remain at left tackle instead of moving to guard.

The Texans also lost tackle Ryan Young to free agency, but signed tackles Zach Wiegert and Greg Randall.

"One of the things that's going to help this team improve is the leadership of our veterans," coach Dom Capers said. "We have number of players that have been on good teams, that have been around that know what it takes.

"When you have the number of new players that we have you have to depend on those veterans."

Parcells adds optimism to Cowboys

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — The Dallas Cowboys are unsettled at quarterback and unproven at running back.

So? They have Bill Parcells calling the shots now, and that's enough reason for fans — and players — to believe the franchise is headed back in the right direction.

With a reputation as a tough guy and a winner preceding him, Parcells has infused grit and hope into an organization coming off three straight 5-11 seasons.

It all starts with the players. They've heard Parcells' no-nonsense, all-football rules and they are following them, both out of fear and respect — twin motivators that have been lacking since Jimmy Johnson left nine years ago.

But showing up for offseason conditioning is one thing. Training camp, which kicks off next Saturday in San Antonio, will be something entirely different.

"It's going to be tough, but it won't be as tough if you come back in great shape like he expects us to be," said Troy Hambrick, the front-runner to replace Emmitt Smith as the starting running back.

"The bottom line is, I want to win. 5-11? I've been down that road. If he can get that up, I'll be more than happy. He can be whatever he wants to be as long as he gets this team back to the dynasty we were in the early '90s."

Parcells' history shows he can.

At each of his three previous coaching stops he took over teams coming off losing records. Each team made the playoffs by his second season.

He eventually won two Super Bowls with the New York Giants and got the New England Patriots to the big game. He led the New York Jets to the AFC championship game in that magical second season, then left the sideline for the front office.

In being dazzled by the results, overzealous Cowboys fans — like the one who put up a billboard that read, "Dear Jerry, Thanks For Bill!" — shouldn't overlook the fact that the breakthrough comes in Year Two.

The debut season is all about figuring out which players he feels comfortable trusting for the long haul. Parcells' cumulative Year One record is 17-30-1, compared with 31-17 the following season.

From leading quarterback candidates Chad Hutchinson and Quincy Carter to running back Hambrick, everyone has a high standard to meet, on and off the field.

Parcells has set out all sort of new rules aimed at shaking the Cowboys out of the bad habits they slipped into under the looser-reigned, less-authoratative coaches that followed Johnson.

Eating in the locker room or meeting rooms is out. The training room is now too cold to be a fun place to hang out. Don't even think about having a cell phone turned on while you're at work.

He told owner Jerry Jones to can his annual tradition of flying in the top draft pick for a schmooze-fest. Instead, Parcells turned No. 5 overall pick Terence Newman into his personal waterboy. And, like all rookies, his helmet lacks the team's trademark blue star — because he hasn't earned it.

Another practice-field change is the pace. "Huckin' and buckin'" is Parcells' term for hustling between drills. He's also warned them not to tap their helmet during a game as a sign that they need a breather.

"Parcells has got everybody fired up and ready to go," said running back Michael Wiley, who also is hoping for more action now that Smith is gone. "Everybody goes out there and works hard on every play. We haven't been doing that on offense the last couple years.



BIG CATCH – Bob and Kathy Fowler of Snyder were in Shreveport, La. to visit with her brother, Larry Stokes, who took them fishing at Cross Lake. They caught 12 catfish, the largest being 15 pounds, nine ounces. (Contributed Photo)

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Bagwell's three-run homer lifts Astros over Reds by 5-3

CINCINNATI (AP) — Roy Oswalt and Jeff Bagwell had a lot of pleasant memories at the Cincinnati Reds' old ballpark.

Oswalt got his first major league win at Cinergy Field and never lost a game there. Bagwell hit 21 homers there, his best total at any road ballpark. Both were curious about how they'd do at the Reds' new place.

They feel right at home.

Oswalt pitched into the seventh inning, remaining unbeaten against the Reds, and Bagwell hit a three-run homer as the Houston Astros pulled away to a 5-3 victory Friday night at Great American Ball Park.

Oswalt (6-5) is 8-0 in 11 career appearances against the Reds, the team he beat for his first victory in 2001. He found the mound at the new ballpark a little flatter, but the outcome was familiar.

"I like Cincinnati," he said, with a smile.

So does Bagwell, who hit a three-run homer to right field in the third inning off Ryan Dempster (3-7) to put the Astros ahead to stay. Richard Hidalgo added a pair of solo homers off Dempster, part of a four-hit game.

"The ball carries well to right here," Bagwell said. "But the ball carried like heck at Cinergy. It was unbelievable. Cincinnati has always been a good hitting town, as far as how the ball carries."

All eight runs scored off homers — five solo shots and Bagwell's pivotal homer in the third, his 18th of the season.

Oswalt gave up six hits in 6 2-3 innings, including solo homers by Aaron Boone, Reggie Taylor and Ruben Mateo. Billy Wagner got the last three outs for his 27th save in 30 chances.

Oswalt's only concern was his velocity, which was below his norm. Oswalt is 2-1 since returning from a groin injury that landed him on the disabled list.

"My velocity is down right now," Oswalt said. "That kind of worries me. I'm just going through a little dead-arm period. It was my third start in two months. That may have something to do with it."

Dempster matched his career high by giving up three homers in a game.

"You could say that mine and Oswalt's games were pretty similar," Dempster said. "It's just that one of my home runs came with two guys on."

The Astros have opened a three-game lead in the NL Central — their biggest of the season — by dominating the Reds. Houston has won eight consecutive games against Cincinnati, including six this month.

"In our division over the last eight or nine years, one team always seems to play well against another," Bagwell said. "There were years that St. Louis beat us up and the Reds beat us up. That happens at times. You have to take advantage."

One night after they lost Ken Griffey Jr. to a season-ending ankle injury, the Reds fell 81/2 games out of first, their biggest deficit of the season.

Laker star charged with sexual assault

EAGLE, Colo. (AP) — The sexual assault charge brought against Kobe Bryant and his admission that "he made the mistake of adultery" threaten to spoil his reputation as one of the NBA's classiest role models and cast a cloud over the Los Angeles Lakers.

Bryant appeared at a Los Angeles news conference holding hands with wife Vanessa on Friday and said he was innocent of the criminal charge and insisted the act was consensual.

"I sit here in front of you guys, furious at myself, disgusted at myself for making the mistake of adultery," he said.

The 24-year-old player was charged Friday with a single count of felony sexual assault against a 19-year-old woman at an exclusive spa where he was staying when he came to Colorado for knee surgery. If convicted, he faces four years to life in prison or 20 years to life on probation, and a fine of up to $750,000.

Bryant's attorney, Pamela Mackey, said he will plead innocent.

Even if he is ultimately cleared, the criminal charge and admission of infidelity will almost certainly change the public perception of Bryant.

His squeaky-clean image made him one of the NBA's most recognizable and marketable stars. He recently signed a multimillion-dollar deal with Nike and has endorsement deals with Sprite, McDonald's and Spalding.

A poll last fall by Burns Sports & Celebrities Inc. rated him the third-best product endorser in sports, behind Tiger Woods and Michael Jordan.

Bryant could lose millions of dollars in endorsements.

"The image was of a perfect role model, a superstar athlete who didn't have a parking ticket, the all-American boy and now, well, that image is tarnished," said Bob Williams, chief executive of Burns Sports. "As of today and until the trial, his image is going to take a beating."

Nike spokesman Nigel Powell said Friday, "Kobe has stated that he is innocent of the charges today. You will understand that this is a legal matter and we cannot comment further at this time."

Armstrong runs out of energy and water

CAP'DECOUVERTE, France (AP) — Lance Armstrong wilted in the heat.

Parched and weak after a ride on a scorching day, the four-time Tour de France champion ran out of energy — and water — on a key stage leading to the Pyrenees.

The Texan finished second in an individual time trial Friday and lost precious time to one of his main rivals — stage winner Jan Ullrich of Germany, who moved into second place overall.

Not since Armstrong overcame cancer to return to the Tour in 1999 has his grip on cycling's most prestigious race looked so tenuous.

He barely kept the overall lead after a crucial time trial in which riders unleash every bit of force to beat the clock.

Armstrong did extend his overall lead from 21 seconds to 34, but he had been counting heavily on using this stage to distance himself from the field.

Instead, Ullrich is lurking.

Ullrich, the 1997 winner and twice runner-up to Armstrong, powered across the 29 miles of rolling vineyards in 58 minutes, 32 seconds to take the 12th stage. He was the only rider of 167 to finish in less than an hour.

Ullrich, of Team Bianchi, shaved more than 11/2 minutes from Armstrong's lead as the race enters the lung-wrenching Pyrenees.

"Now he's the big favorite," Armstrong said.

Armstrong looked stunned when he ascended the podium to accept the leader's yellow jersey. Afterward, he seemed spent — physically and emotionally.

"I had an incredible crisis. I felt like I was pedaling backward," a flush-faced Armstrong said. Temperatures in the shade reached 97 and were far worse in the sun.

Armstrong lamented running out of water before the final climb to the finish line, set on a rocky outcrop that was once a carbon mine but later turned into a theme park.

"It's the thirstiest I've ever been in a time trial."

Rangers apparently misjudged Gonzalez

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (AP) — Jeremi Gonzalez is doing his best to show the Texas Rangers that they misjudged him.

Let go by Texas after spending all of last season with Triple-A Oklahoma, Gonzalez allowed five hits in eight sharp innings as Tampa Bay beat the Rangers 2-0 on Friday night.

"They never gave me a chance to get a phone call," Gonzalez said. "They never called me up. I'm pleased I beat them."

Gonzalez (4-4) struck out six and walked one for his first victory since June 17. In two starts against the Rangers, he has given up four runs and seven hits in 13 innings.

"He was impressive," Rangers manager Buck Showalter said. "I thought he pitched inside as well as anybody has all year. I think that was the difference."

All-Star closer Lance Carter worked a two-hit ninth for his 16th save in 22 opportunities, finishing Tampa Bay's third shutout of the season.

The victory helped Devil Rays manager Lou Piniella reach another milestone. He tied Chuck Tanner for 24th place on the career list with 1,352 victories.

"Let's just hope I keep moving up the ladder," Piniella said.

Rocco Baldelli put the Devil Rays up 1-0 with a run-scoring single in the first inning. The rookie center fielder added an RBI infield single in the eighth.

Texas starter Ismael Valdes (7-7) gave up one run and six hits over seven innings. He was 1-4 with a 10.17 ERA in his previous five starts.

The start was delayed 19 minutes to determine if Devil Rays outfielder Carl Crawford was eligible to play. Crawford had appealed a three-game suspension for his role in a fight with the Pittsburgh Pirates on June 13.

He was allowed to remain in the lineup Friday after a series of discussions and phone calls made from the Tampa Bay dugout. Crawford started in left field and batted leadoff, but was removed from the game in the top of the fifth because of a bruised left heel. He was replaced by Terry Shumpert.

Soon after, the Devil Rays announced Crawford has dropped his appeal earlier in the day and will begin serving his suspension Saturday.

"They didn't tell me that it was supposed to start today," Crawford said. "So that's where the confusion came in. I guess they didn't tell Lou or (anybody) either."

The Devil Rays were on the field going through their final warmups when umpire Wally Bell went into the dugout.

Swoopes fuels Comets' win

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The Houston Comets are beginning to regain their championship form.

Sheryl Swoopes scored 21 points to lead four Comets in double figures, and Houston defeated the Los Angeles Sparks 79-74 Friday night.

The Sparks played their second consecutive game without injured center Lisa Leslie, the WNBA's MVP. She was hurt last week in the All-Star game.

Mwadi Mabika scored a season-high 28 points for Los Angeles (16-4), making eight of 17 shots and all 10 free throws before fouling out with 7.4 seconds left.

Michelle Snow had 15 points for the Comets (11-8), and Tina Thompson had 13 after missing back-to-back games because of a sprained left ankle. Dominique Canty chipped in 10 points in 23 minutes.

"We need to get some momentum and start believing in ourselves," Houston coach Van Chancellor said. "This is what championship basketball is all about."

Nikki Teasley added 16 points and nine assists, while DeLisha Milton scored 12 points for the Sparks.

Houston scored nine straight points in the fourth quarter to take the lead for good. Canty began the run by making two free throws with 5:55 left, putting the Comets ahead 64-63.

Local Sports Briefs

Volleyball camp

SHS volleyball coach Laura Moses will host a volleyball camp Monday and Tuesday for incoming 4th-6th-graders at the high school gym. The camp will run from 9 to 11 a.m. Cost is $20 and includes a t-shirt.

A 4-on-4 coed tournament is slated next Saturday. Entry is $20. A camp for 7th-12-graders is set July 28-30. Contact coach Moses at 436-9067 for more details.

Partnership golf tournament

The Snyder partnership golf tournament will be held at Scurry County golf course next Saturday and Sunday. Format is scramble-low ball. Call the pro shop at 573-7101 for more information.

Kiwanis Club golf tournament

The Snyder Kiwanis Club will sponsor a four-person scramble Aug. 9 at WTC to benefit the Cargile Scholarship Foundation. The tournament begins at 8:30 a.m. Cost is $30 per person, and cash prizes will be awarded.

The tournament includes a long drive and putting contests, closest to the hole par three and $100,000 shoot-out. Call the WTC pro shop at 573-9291 or Russell Fisk at 573-3438 to sign-up or to reserve a cart.

Hermleigh athletic physicals

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

Snyder athletic physicals

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

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

WGA playday

The Women's Golf Association at Scurry County golf course is held at 9 a.m. each Tuesday. Format this week is Nassau Tournament.

Men's softball tourney

A men's softball tournament to benefit Baile Folkloric De Guadalupe will be held Aug. 2-3 at Winston Field. For more information call Cal Luis at 573-7321.

Major League Baseball

American League
By The Associated Press
All Times EDT

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	59	36	.621	—
Boston	55	40	.579	4
Toronto	51	46	.526	9
Baltimore	43	50	.462	15
Tampa Bay	33	61	.351	25½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Kansas City	52	42	.553	—
Minnesota	46	49	.484	6½
Chicago	46	50	.479	7
Cleveland	41	55	.427	12
Detroit	26	68	.277	26

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Seattle	59	36	.621	—
Oakland	54	41	.568	5
Anaheim	49	45	.521	9½
Texas	39	56	.411	20

Thursday's Games

Toronto 5, Boston 2
Baltimore 2, Anaheim 1
N.Y. Yankees 5, Cleveland 4
Texas 12, Tampa Bay 6
Minnesota 6, Oakland 2
Kansas City 7, Seattle 1
Detroit 10, Chicago White Sox 9

Friday's Games

Toronto 4, Boston 1
Baltimore 6, Anaheim 5
N.Y. Yankees 10, Cleveland 4
Tampa Bay 2, Texas 0
Minnesota 3, Oakland 2
Seattle 6, Kansas City 3
Chicago White Sox 7, Detroit 5

Saturday's Games

Oakland (Mulder 12-6) at Minnesota (Radke 5-9), 4:05 p.m.
Cleveland (Sabathia 8-4) at N.Y. Yankees (Wells 11-3), 4:05 p.m.
Texas (Benoit 4-4) at Tampa Bay (Zambrano 6-4), 6:15 p.m.
Toronto (Lidle 10-8) at Boston (Mendoza 3-3), 7:05 p.m.
Anaheim (Appier 6-5) at Baltimore (Ponson 12-5), 7:05 p.m.
Seattle (Meche 10-5) at Kansas City (May 4-4), 7:05 p.m.
Detroit (Cornejo 4-7) at Chicago White Sox (Garland 6-7), 7:05 p.m.

Sunday's Games

Cleveland (Westbrook 4-4) at N.Y. Yankees (Mussina 10-6), 1:05 p.m.
Texas (Mounce 1-3) at Tampa Bay (Sosa 2-7), 1:15 p.m.
Anaheim (Lackey 7-8) at Baltimore (Johnson 7-4), 1:35 p.m.
Oakland (Lilly 5-7) at Minnesota (Rogers 7-5), 2:05 p.m.
Toronto (Wasdin 0-0) at Boston (P.Martinez 6-2), 2:05 p.m.
Seattle (Moyer 12-5) at Kansas City (R.Hernandez 4-3), 2:05 p.m.
Detroit (Ledezma 3-2) at Chicago White Sox (Loaiza 11-5), 2:05 p.m.

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East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	63	32	.663	—
Philadelphia	53	41	.564	9½
Florida	50	46	.521	13½
Montreal	50	46	.521	13½
New York	40	55	.421	23

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	52	44	.542	—
St. Louis	49	47	.510	3
Chicago	47	48	.495	4½
Cincinnati	43	52	.453	8½
Pittsburgh	42	51	.452	8½
Milwaukee	38	57	.400	13½

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
San Francisco	59	37	.615	—
Arizona	54	42	.563	5
Los Angeles	51	44	.537	7½
Colorado	50	49	.505	10½
San Diego	35	63	.357	25

Thursday's Games

Arizona 9, San Diego 1
Milwaukee 7, Pittsburgh 5
Philadelphia 5, Montreal 2, 11 innings
Houston 5, Cincinnati 4
Atlanta 3, N.Y. Mets 2
Los Angeles 6, St. Louis 3
San Francisco 8, Colorado 4

Friday's Games

Pittsburgh 7, Milwaukee 2
Montreal 3, Philadelphia 1
Houston 5, Cincinnati 3
Atlanta 11, N.Y. Mets 4
Florida 6, Chicago Cubs 0
Arizona 6, San Diego 0
Los Angeles 8, St. Louis 5
San Francisco 7, Colorado 0

Saturday's Games

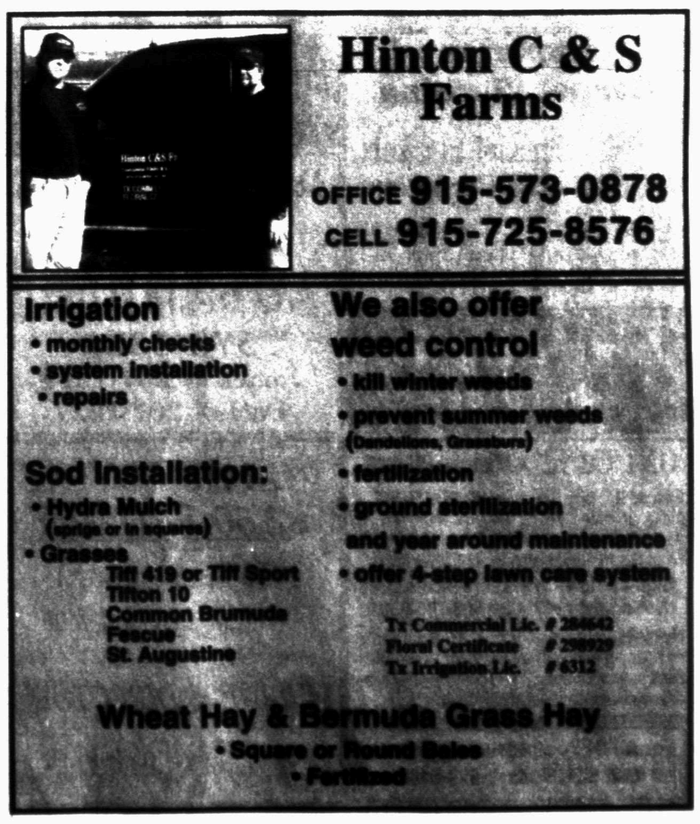
N.Y. Mets (Glavine 6-9) at Atlanta (Ru.Ortiz 12-4), 1:15 p.m.
Houston (Villone 1-0) at Cincinnati (Haynes 2-9), 1:20 p.m.
Colorado (Chacon 11-4) at San Francisco (Schmidt 9-4), 4:05 p.m.
St. Louis (Haren 0-2) at Los Angeles (K.Brown 10-4), 4:10 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (Wood 9-6) at Florida (Penny 8-6), 6:05 p.m.
Milwaukee (Sheets 7-7) at Pittsburgh (D'Amico 6-9), 7:05 p.m.
Montreal (L.Hernandez 9-6) at Philadelphia (Padilla 8-8), 7:05 p.m.
Arizona (Webb 7-2) at San Diego (Eaton 4-7), 10:05 p.m.

Sunday's Games

N.Y. Mets (Leiter 8-5) at Atlanta (Ramirez 8-3), 1:05 p.m.
Houston (W.Miller 6-9) at Cincinnati (Graves 4-9), 1:15 p.m.
Milwaukee (Ford 0-2) at Pittsburgh (Wells 3-4), 1:35 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (Zambrano 6-8) at Florida (Willis 9-1), 1:35 p.m.
Montreal (Vargas 6-5) at Philadelphia (Myers 9-6), 1:35 p.m.
Colorado (Neagle 2-3) at San Francisco (J.Williams 5-1), 4:05 p.m.
Arizona (Johnson 1-2) at San Diego (Jarvis 2-2), 5 p.m.
St. Louis (W.Williams 12-3) at Los Angeles (Od.Perez 6-7), 8:10 p.m.







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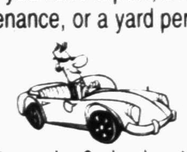
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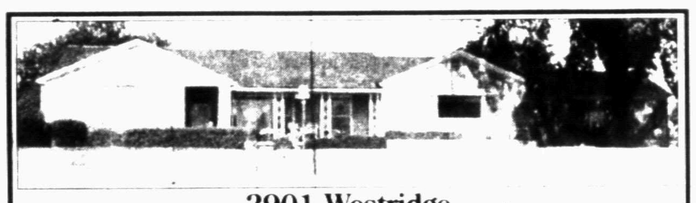
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Cute 2-1, CH/A 207 34th $20.5T
4003 Midland - Nearly new 4-2-2, open concept $90's
3308 Ave. A 3-1[Contract Pending]v carpet $45T
2800 36th - Great Area - 3-1-2 ....$40's
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2334 Sunset 2-1 [Contract Pending] ..$30's
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C-City 1416 Pine St $6,900
C-City 1640 Austin 3-1-cp $19T
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2-1-cp, pad for mobile home, on 2 acres, 912 CR 221 ....Call
1534 CR 265 20 acres, 3-1-1, barn, shop, corrals, other out buildings $80T
C-City 3-2, large barn, garage, pens 5.5 A's $40's
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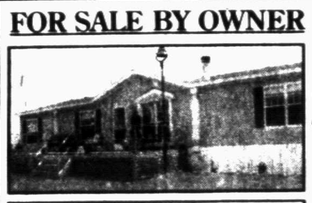
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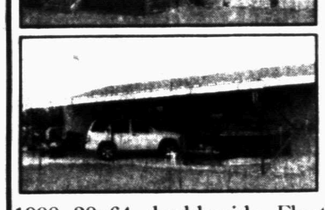
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BY OWNER
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BY OWNER
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609 29th St. 2-1-1 + office + den	$20T
Shop Bldg. + 3 Lots 407 College & 2-1 Merrill	
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80 acres 5 mi. SW of Hermleigh, 3-2-2 + office + shop & out building	Call
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3309 Irving CONTRACT PENDING	10T
Comfortable Family Living - 2609 36th St. 4-3, garage, corner lot CONTRACT PENDING	$99.5T
3201 Houston 3-2-2, large den	$95T
4519 Fredonia - Lovely 4-2, + office	$89.5T
Just move right in - 211 37th 3-2-2LA's-2	$87T
Great Location 4000 Jacksboro 3-2-2	$87.5T
New Listing 3310 Ave. V 3-2-2	$69.5T
New! 3612 CONTRACT PENDING	5T
New! 3789 Ave. V 3-2-1cp, office	$62.5T
3403 Irvin CONTRACT PENDING	$59.5T
Mobile Home 3-3, 2000 Palm Harbor	$49T
1809 KSNY Dr. - Extra lots - 3-1, CH/RA	$47.5T
4010 Austin 3-1½-2cp, den w/FP + living/den. Convenient Location	$55T
Edge of Town - 1601 Hilltop Lane - Brick 3-1-2cp plus storm cellar	$52.5T
New! 3103 Hill Ave. 3-2-1	$46T
Motivated CONTRACT PENDING	$44.9T
Near Schools 2315 42nd 4-2	$43.5T
4104 Eastridge 2-1-1 + office	$37.5T
Investors - 2609 Ave. U Brick Duplex	$35T
Edge of Town - 1015 Mobile Rd. 3-1-2	$31.5T
New! 3005 CONTRACT PENDING	$15T
Small Cabin C-City Lake 1-1	$14T
New! 3110 & 3112 SOLD, both 1-1, plus vacant lot at 3202 Ave. V	$12T

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

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Over 30,000 + sq.ft. - Great Condition - Aprox. 11 acres -- Priced below tax appraisal	
Great Location - Apx. 4 acres - 10,000 sq.ft. + or -, 600 37th St. Reduced	$100's
Need Several Offices? 2515 College Ave. Living Quarters in back	Call!
Car Lot - 709 Hwy 180	$40T
Houston & 37th - Apx. 28.6 acres	$75T
Downtown - 1818 26th	$35T
College Ave. & Ave. R	$15T
1100 25th St.	$25T
East 37th - Bldg. with 1½ acres	$35T
Nice comm. bldg. on 37th St., corner lot, paved parking	$47T
Westerner Golfland Call for details	

★ ★ LAND ★ ★

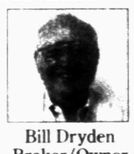
40 Acres - 1611 & Gary Brewer	$30T
13 lots South of Northeast Elementary	$15T
W. Hwy 180 - 81.39 Acres	$32.4T
190 Acres SW of Hermleigh	$475 per acre
Several lots in Round Top Acres area	Call
11 acres 602 N. Ave. Q	$28T
Several lots with Mobile Home hook-ups -- shop & water well	$15T
Lot at 25th & Y	$12.5T
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205 37th Brick 2-1¾-2 living areas	$39T
IRA - 3-2-2cp, ½ acre	$25T
Victorian 2812 Ave. U 2-1	$36T
513 34th 2-1, Clean, Nice!	$17T
New Listing 3008 41st SOLD	$25T
2609 36th 4-3-1, Nice & Large	$99.5T
3101 Ave. A CONTRACT PENDING	$101T
4519 Fredonia 3-2 w/FP Reduced	$89,500
New! Ira 3-2-2 CONTRACT PENDING	5T
Exclusive! 4-3-2, pool, 6.44 acres	$184T
Exclusive & Nice 2603 34th 3-2-2	$110T
3403 Irving 5-1¾, CH/A	$48.5T
SUPER NICE! 4021 Eastridge	Call
New! 2-1-1 & 2 lots 3700 Noble Dr.	$16T
2605 33rd Magnificent Custom Built Home	
4000 Jacksboro 3-2¾-2 huge kitchen	$87.5T
2603 ½ El Paso house, barn, w/7.6 A's	$69T
Immaculate Beaconridge Home 4 bedroom, 3 bath, 2 car garage plus office CONTRACT PENDING	$82.9T

COMMERCIAL LISTINGS

900 25th	Call
Comm. Bldg. 1802 College	$16T
Voss Lane for sale or lease	$65T
Reduced 3311 College Ave.	$42T
1701 25th St.	$90T
Comm. Lot 2101 College Ave.	REDUCED
2309 25th	Call
1801 22nd Reduced! Commercial office/yd	
1706 25th St.	CALL
2005 26th St.	$45T

COUNTRY LISTINGS

100A's, W. Hermleigh Brick home 3-1½-2 43 acres CONTRACT PENDING	$90T
Fluvanna - brick, ¾ A, 4-2-2-FP, shop	$58T
5 acres, Mobile Home 2-1-shop, 4 mi. west of Hermleigh	$19,500

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Corner Lot: 17th & Ave. T	$3,200
960 Acres Ira - 480 A's CRP & 480 A's shinnery, brick 4-3, shop. Excellent quail hunting	
160 A's, N. Hermleigh brick home, 3-2-2, Excellent Farm UNDER CONTRACT	Call
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152 Acres - East of Dunn - Farm on CR 4136	$475 Acre

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Low interest rates have cut earnings for Greenspan also

WASHINGTON (AP) — Americans who have watched interest on savings shrink with rock-bottom interest rates are in good company: Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan has taken a hit, too.

Greenspan's 2002 financial disclosure form showed that income from his no-frills investments — Treasury securities, money market accounts and savings and checking accounts — totaled between $55,000 and $139,000. That's down from the range of $106,000 to $309,000 Greenspan reported in investment income for 2001.

The financial disclosure reports, filed annually, list income and the total value of holdings only in broad ranges.

As Fed chairman, Greenspan has preferred to keep all of his holdings in money market accounts and Treasury securities, which are considered the world's safest investment, to avoid any appearance of conflict that might be raised by holding stocks in individual companies.

But those safer investments typically pay smaller interest rates than riskier investments, as many of the nation's elderly are finding.

At 77 Greenspan is himself a senior citizen, and his holdings haven't been immune to the low financial earnings older Americans have suffered — though the Fed chairman remains a wealthy man.

The value of Greenspan's investment holdings in 2002 totaled between $3 million and $6.3 million, nearly the same as in 2001.

Greenspan and his Federal Open Market Committee colleagues, the group that sets interest rate policy in the United States, have cut a key interest rate, the federal funds rate, 13 times, starting in January 2001, with the most recent reduction coming on June 25.

The rate is the interest that banks charge each other on overnight loans and is the Fed's main tool for influencing economic activity. The funds rate now stands at 1 percent, a 45-year low. Changes in the funds rate affects interest rates to consumers.

The Fed's credit-easing campaign is aimed at bolstering economic growth.

Lower interest rates are great for borrowers, but are a pain for savers, particularly the elderly and others living on fixed incomes.

Rep. Ron Paul, R-Texas, at a hearing Tuesday, asked Greenspan about the fairness of this.

Greenspan said the Fed's interest rate reductions have helped the economy recover from the 2001 recession and cushioned the blow of shocks to the economy, including the Sept. 11, 2001, terror attacks and fallout related to the wave of accounting scandals shook Wall Street and rattled Americans' faith in corporate leadership.

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Suspect in disappearance of children...

Drawn-out return of man could lead to court battles

CONCORD, N.H. (AP) — The decision by authorities to keep a man suspected in connection with the disappearance of his two children in custody and away from New Hampshire, where he faces charges, could complicate the prosecution's task in court, experts say.

Manuel Gehring left California with a police escort Tuesday, and by the weekend he still had not arrived in New Hampshire. The suspect's lawyer accused authorities of using the time to coerce the defendant into cooperating.

Lawyers say the lengthy trip is remarkable and that it will likely lead to legal battles if Gehring ever goes to trial.

The longer someone stays in custody, the more doubt is cast on whether anything he says was voluntary, said Charlie Putnam, a former state prosecutor who now is a member of Justiceworks, a University of New Hampshire think tank.

"Prosecutors, just as a matter of professional instinct, understand that everything they do will be scrutinized," he said, emphasizing that it's too early to jump to conclusions about what prosecutors could be doing with Gehring.

On Friday, the search for the bodies of the two children moved west into Illinois, along the route their father apparently took on a cross-country drive after they disappeared two weeks ago.

Chicago FBI spokesman Ross Rice said agents are helping New Hampshire authorities search various locations in northern Illinois, but declined to say where. New Hampshire Attorney General Peter Heed said Friday that out of respect for the relatives of the children he also could not specify the locations.

Searchers already have looked in Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana and Michigan for the bodies of 14-year-old Sarah and 11-year-old Philip Gehring.

The children were last seen with Gehring, 44, at a Fourth of July fireworks show in Concord. Gehring failed to return the children to his ex-wife Teresa Knight on July 6, as agreed.

Before Gehring left California, Charlie Gillan, his public defender, gave him a dozen preprinted business cards to hand to investigators if they tried to speak with him, saying he had a right to be silent and to have a lawyer.

Given the delay bringing him to New Hampshire, Gillan said "there are a whole lot of psyche games going on."

"They shouldn't be talking to him at all except to ask if needs to use the bathroom," he said.

New Hampshire Attorney General Peter Heed said Friday that Gillan's concerns were groundless.

"Since his departure from California, Mr. Gehring has requested contact with third parties, and we have honored all of his requests for access to third parties," Heed said in a statement.

G.I. Joe's original prototype fails to sell at California auction

SAN DIEGO (AP) — G.I. Joe has had his share of conquests, launching a revolution in the toy industry and entering the hearts of countless children.

But on Friday, he suffered an embarrassing defeat: At an auction, no one made a bid for the original prototype.

Even cutting the minimum bid from $600,000 to $250,000 failed to interest the approximately 30 people who attended the auction at the Comic-Con International convention.

"I'd be dishonest to say I'm not disappointed, but tomorrow is another day," said John Petty, director of auctions for Heritage Comics, which organized the event.

The 11½-inch figure, locked inside a glass case, was returned to owner Don Levine, who said he would entertain private offers for the next several days.

He and Petty entered the auction with hopes that G.I Joe would become the most expensive toy ever auctioned, had even the minimum bid been met.

Rare Barbie dolls can fetch as much as $10,000, and a "Yellow Kid" bowling set once sold for $26,000, Petty said.

For decades, the handmade figure and his detailed gear have been kept in a cardboard box in the Rhode Island home of Levine, a Korean War veteran and former Hasbro executive who was involved in his creation.

Now 75, Levine said it was simply time to sell the figure, and several other early G.I. Joe items, and share the proceeds with his children and grandchildren.

It was in 1963 that Levine and others set out to develop a toy that would do for boys what rival Mattel's Barbie had done for girls five years earlier. The innovation for G.I. Joe — a name inspired by a 1945 war movie — was that he was movable and could be posed to crouch in backyard foxholes and tote toy weapons.

The concept was radical at the time. Skeptics doubted whether boys would play with what was, in essence, a doll. That prompted Levine to coin the now ubiquitous term "action figure."

The result was a smashing success, with Hasbro selling an estimated 375 million G.I Joe action figures.

"G.I. Joe has saved the world a million times over, one backyard at a time," says Brian Savage, director of the Hasbro G.I. Joe Collectors' Club.

Petty agreed.

"This is more than a toy," he said. "There's not a boy alive that grew up in the 1960s and '70s that didn't have a G.I. Joe ... and that's what makes it so incredibly valuable: its unique place in American cultural history."

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Ford plans as many as 2,000 white-collar job cuts to trim expenses

DEARBORN, Mich. (AP) — Up to 2,000 white-collar jobs at Ford Motor Co. could be eliminated in plans by the automaker to cut 10 percent of costs related to its salaried automotive work force by the end of the year, a source at the company said.

The cost-cutting effort comes as the world's No. 2 automaker tries to keep its restructuring plan, launched a year and a half ago, on track. Ford said earlier this week it slashed expenses by $1.3 billion in the second quarter; its goal is to reduce costs by $2.5 billion by the end of 2003.

Ford officials declined to give a specific number of jobs targeted in the plan announced Friday, but a company source speaking on condition of anonymity said the number of jobs cut could reach 2,000.

Chief operating officer Nick Scheele alerted Ford workers worldwide to the new cost-cutting plan in an e-mail Friday morning.

"Despite this excellent work, we still face uncertain economies around the globe and a fiercely competitive marketplace," Scheele said in his e-mail. "As a result, it's imperative that we continue looking at all of our costs globally to achieve even higher levels of efficiency and cost competitiveness."

Scheele said some of the 10 percent savings will be achieved through attrition, hiring freezes, elimination of overtime and a reduction in agency and supplemental workers.

Norton wins contempt citation reversal; trust case is uncertain

WASHINGTON (AP) — A federal appeals court threw out a contempt ruling Friday against Interior Secretary Gale Norton, saying she cannot be held accountable for her predecessors' mismanagement of a multibillion-dollar trust fund for American Indians.

The three-judge panel of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia also ruled unanimously that Norton's conduct did not constitute fraud. In issuing contempt citations last September against Norton and the assistant secretary for Indian affairs, Neal A. McCaleb, U.S. District Judge Royce Lamberth ruled that by their actions they had defrauded his court.

"She simply cannot be held criminally to account for any delay that occurred prior to her assuming office," Chief Judge Douglas Ginsburg wrote for the panel.

Lamberth had reprimanded the pair harshly for what he said were attempts to hide their failures to comply with his 1999 order to account for royalties.

The panel also threw out McCaleb's contempt of court citation because they said it didn't specify an act or omission.

Interior Department spokesman Dan DuBray said Norton and McCaleb were pleased with the ruling.

The case against the officials grew out of a $137 billion class-action suit filed in 1996 on behalf of more than 300,000 Indian plaintiffs. The suit alleged the Interior Department failed to manage properly oil, gas, mining and timber royalties from land the government assigned to Indians more than a century ago. The department believes the figure is much lower.

The Interior Department has spent more than $600 million to comply with instructions from both Congress and Lamberth, but accounting problems persist. Norton has blamed most of the problems on previous administrations and said most of her energy is devoted to fixing the mismanagement of the Indian royalties.

Lamberth is considering a final ruling in a 44-day trail that ended this month over which plan he should accept for straightening out the mismanaged Indian trust fund accounts that go back more than a century.

"We're waiting to see the results of that trial. I don't know that the ruling has an impact on that," DuBray said.

"It is regrettable that the Interior Department seems to be more concerned about fighting for themselves than in fighting for native Americans," Senate Democratic leader Tom Daschle, of South Dakota. "They have a legal and moral obligation to restore integrity to trust fund management as soon as possible."

Keith Harper, an attorney for the Indian plaintiffs, called Friday's ruling disappointing but said the ruling doesn't reflect the merits of the case and should not be viewed as an attempt to rein in Lamberth or exonerate Norton and her agency.

"The central issue is still whether they're going to comply with their trust fund duties. They do not dispute they have a broken trust system, and Judge Lamberth has told them to go fix it," Harper said.

Norton was the third Cabinet member that Lamberth held in contempt in the case, after the Clinton administration's Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt and Treasury Secretary Robert Rubin in 1999.

The appeals court also said the district court erred in appointing a special court monitor to oversee portions of the case over the objections of the Interior Department.

The monitor, Joseph S. Kieffer III, harshly criticized the agency's management of Indian money. In April, after oral arguments in the case, the appeals court suspended the monitor.

Ginsburg wrote that Kieffer's appointment amounted to "a license to intrude into the internal affairs of the department."

Lamberth also has been a harsh critic of government lawyers, calling their conduct repugnant and a mockery of the Justice Department's mission. He has recommended formal disciplinary proceedings against some lawyers.

Peter Keisler, assistant attorney general for Justice's civil division, praised the ruling and said it "took note of the significant positive steps taken by Secretary Norton to address the issues presented in this case." The issues date to 1887, when Congress assigned Indians small parcels of land and directed the Interior Department to manage the royalties. For more than a century, an undetermined amount of money was lost or stolen or never collected.

Ask Hollywood by Holly Wood

Is 'Friends' worth its weight in gold

Q: I heard that "Friends" has signed on for another season. I am happy for several reasons, but the biggest one is because I make jewelry. Do you have an address where I can send a letter and samples of my jewelry to Lisa Kudrow, Courtney Cox Arquette and Jennifer Aniston? — **T.W., Portage, Mich.**

A: You can write to all three c/o Friends 4000 Warner Blvd., Burbank, CA 91522.

Q: There was a show that used to be on television when I was a kid. It was called "Apple's Way." I'm the only one who can remember it. Was it really on, or am I remembering a dream? This was during the '70s. Also, there was a cartoon special that came on once a year about a giant who lives in a castle. It is always cold and snowy inside his castle walls, even though the rest of the land is bright and sunny. One day, someone makes him see how cold and mean he is. He changes, and the castle turns green and sunny, too. Please tell me that this show was really on. I think I'm losing my mind. — **C.M., via e-mail**

A: You're not dreaming, and, if you are losing your mind, it doesn't show in your letter. "Apple's Way" aired from 1974 to 1975 and starred Ronny Cox, Frances Lee McCain and Vincent Van Patten. It was about a family that moves from Los Angeles to a small town in Iowa.

The cartoon special you're thinking of is "The Selfish Giant," based on a short story by Oscar Wilde. It's out of print, but you can still catch it on television every once in awhile, usually in December. If you're interested in reading the story, Derrydale published a beautifully illustrated version in 2001 that you can get through most book stores or at your local library.

Q: I have the miniseries "Winds of War" on VHS, and I know I saw the sequel, "War and Remembrance." Will "War and Remembrance" ever be available for purchase on VHS? It is one of my all-time favorites, and I watch "Winds of War" over and over. — **J.C., via e-mail**

A: It is available, but it's not cheap. "War and Remembrance," which first aired in 1988, is available at Movies Unlimited for $132.99. The movie, starring Robert Mitchum, Jane Seymour and Barry Bostwick, is also available on DVD for $110.49. Call Movies Unlimited at (800) 668-4344, or check out their Web site at www.moviesunlimited.com.

Q: Every year I say I am finally going to write with regards to a certain Christmas movie, and every year I don't, so here goes. I have been looking for a movie with Marlo Thomas. It's a remake of "It's a Wonderful Life." I believe it's called "It Happened One Christmas." I would very much like to purchase this movie and would appreciate any help you might be able to give me. — **E.G., Spiro, Okla.**

A: I'm glad you wrote, but I wish I had better news. "It Happened One Christmas" isn't available on video. Sorry.

TRIVIA: Marlo Thomas is the daughter of Danny Thomas.

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Police search weapons inspector's home

SOUTHMOOR, England (AP) — Weapons expert David Kelly apparently committed suicide by slashing his left wrist, police said Saturday in a case that has plunged the British government deeper into controversy over the intelligence used to justify war in Iraq.

Police said they found a knife and painkillers near Kelly's body, which was discovered Friday in woods not far from his home in the village of Southmoor, 20 miles southwest of Oxford.

"The cause of death was hemorrhaging from a wound to his left wrist," acting superintendent David Purnell of Thames Valley Police told reporters in Wantage, near Southmoor.

"Whilst our inquiries are continuing, there is no indication at this stage of any other party being involved," he said. The painkiller found at the scene was coproxamol, which often figures in overdose deaths in England.

Kelly, a Defense Ministry expert and former U.N. weapons inspector in Iraq, was suspected of being the source of news reports that the government hyped a dossier on Saddam Hussein's weapons of mass destruction.

His wife said he felt enormous pressure when he was called before a Parliamentary committee, where he denied being the source the government was trying to smoke out.

Blair, appearing at a news conference Saturday in Hakone, Japan, with Japanese Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi, stood rigid and stony-faced and said nothing when a journalist asked: "Have you got blood on your hands, prime minister? Are you going to resign over this?"

Earlier, Blair reminded reporters that he had ordered an inquiry into Kelly's death, saying, "I think we should make our judgments when we get the facts."

House melts down in partisan disorder

WASHINGTON (AP) — House members won't likely forget a day when Republicans summoned Capitol police to a committee room, minority Democrats complained of repression and one member called another a "fruitcake."

"I never thought, as a member of Congress, that I would be threatened with arrest in the library of the Ways and Means Committee," said Rep. John Lewis, D-Ga. "I thought that was a safe place to meet."

A senior Republican, Nancy Johnson of Connecticut, described Friday's events this way: "It wasn't a day in which the dialogue among us met the responsibility of governance."

That might have been the only neutral remark of the day.

The nastiness began when Republicans on the House Ways and Means Committee made overnight changes in bipartisan pension legislation. And at its core, the incident revolved around two veteran Californians with histories of rubbing their colleagues the wrong way — Republican Rep. Bill Thomas and Democratic Rep. Fortney "Pete" Stark.

No sooner had Thomas, the committee chairman, gaveled the panel to order in the morning than most Democrats walked out in protest, repairing to the library adjoining the committee room to plan their next step.

Shortly afterward, a Capitol police officer appeared at the door.

Democrats said Republicans summoned police to boot them from the room. "He's threatened to have us arrested," Rep. Charles Rangel, D-N.Y., said later of Thomas.

Republicans had a different version, that the police were called because events were threatening to spiral out of control back in the committee room.

There Stark had stayed behind, and was protesting Republicans efforts to push through their bill quickly.

Apparently believing he had heard a challenge from a Republican, he said, "You little wimp. Come on. Come over here and make me. I dare you."

Laughter began to ripple through the room as Stark added, "You little fruitcake. I said you are a fruitcake."

Stark's remarks were directed at Rep. Scott McInnis, a 50-year-old Colorado Republican who later said the 71-year-old Stark "threatened me with physical harm. It was entirely appropriate for the chairman of that committee to call the sergeant at arms and the Capitol Police so order in the committee could be maintained."

"I fully intended to defend myself," McInnis added later.

The proposed pension legislation would let Americans put more tax-deferred income into their personal retirement accounts and allow corporations to set aside less money for covering their pension obligations to retirees.

Alleged torturer's trial to begin

MADRID, Spain (AP) — On a quiet summer night in 1977, a gang of 16 hooded soldiers burst into Malou Cerutti's home in Argentina and beat her husband to a pulp as she and her children watched.

Cerutti and the kids — ages 8, 9 and 10 — were gagged with sheets, tied up and thrown to the ground. For eight hours, right before their eyes, husband and father Omar Masera was struck with rifle butts, then finally dragged off.

"He was covered in blood and wearing only underwear. From his groans, I knew he was alive," Cerutti said.

At the same time, in a house just 200 yards away, Cerutti's 73-year-old father, Victorio, a wealthy real estate developer and owner of vineyards outside the western city of Mendoza, was also tortured in front of his wife, then abducted.

Now, nearly three decades later, the fates of Cerutti's father and husband are still unknown — but in a step human rights groups have hailed as a landmark, one of their alleged tormentors is facing justice.

Miguel Cavallo, a former military officer Cerutti says was in on that hellish night in 1977, was extradited from Mexico to Spain on June 28 on a request from Spanish judge Baltasar Garzon.

The case marks the first time a country has extradited a suspect to a second country for trial over crimes allegedly committed in a third.

Spain's National Court ruled in 1998 that the country's courts have the jurisdiction to try genocide and other crimes against humanity no matter where they took place. It made that ruling in the case that brought Garzon worldwide attention: his order for the arrest of former Chilean dictator Gen. Augusto Pinochet in London.

Garzon sought Pinochet's extradition for trial in Spain for genocide. But Britain eventually freed the aging ex-despot on health grounds.

Garzon has charged the 52-year-old Cavallo with genocide and terrorism allegedly committed during the so-called "dirty war" that the Argentine military waged against perceived dissidents after seizing power in 1976.

Cavallo, who admits he was a member of Argentina's military during that era but denies engaging in torture, has been jailed in a high-security prison outside Madrid. No trial date has been set. Cavallo cannot be tried in Argentina because of an amnesty passed after democracy was restored in 1983.

Cerutti said the men who attacked her family wore hoods. She said Cavallo's came loose at time, giving her glimpses of his face. And the main image that's haunted her through the years was Cavallo's eyes, peering through a slit.

"When I saw Cavallo's eyes in photos when he was detained in Mexico, I recognized him and I was shocked. He had the same icy, penetrating look of a perverse man," Cerutti said in an interview at her home in Madrid.

"Cavallo now needs to tell us what he did with our disappeared. When did he kill them, where, if they are buried in mass graves or if they were thrown out of planes," she said.

After long years of exile in Mexico and later in Spain, where she came eight years ago, Cerutti tries to heal her psychological scars by turning nightmares into art. She paints with her fingertips, and most of her works have been displayed in Argentina and Spain. In shades of blue and black, her paintings depict prisoners being tossed to their deaths from airplanes; self-portrait shows a person walking over graveyard crosses.

Snyder officers investigate theft at Grimmett Brothers

• ***Thefts***

Officers were called to Grimmett Bros. at 8:20 a.m. Friday in reference to a theft. A report for Class C theft was filed.

An officer was requested at Wal-Mart at 9:43 a.m. Friday as a cordless phone was reported stolen.

Scott Crenwelge, director of Scurry County Parks, requested an officer at the swimming pool at 2:17 p.m. Friday as a cell telephone was reported stolen.

• ***Criminal mischief***

Officers are investigating a report that an electrical box behind Hackfeld's had been tampered with.

Billy Duck reported Friday that a tire was slashed on his vehicle while it was parked in the 100 block of East 37th St.

• ***Juvenile complaints***

Officers were called to Towle Park Pool at 5:24 p.m. Friday as a mother said two juveniles had been acting improperly toward her daughter. Officers contacted the juveniles and advised them of the consequences if their actions continued.

A woman reported juveniles on the roof of East Elementary around 7 p.m. Friday. Officers contacted some juveniles at the scene but they denied being on the roof of the school building.

• ***Threats***

Officers were called to a residence in the 2200 block of 44th Street at 7:43 p.m. Friday concerning a person making threats towards another person. A close patrol of the residence was initiated.

• ***Arrest***

Officers arrested a 28-year-old female at 9:42 p.m. Friday for misdemeanor driving while intoxicated. The woman was arrested in the 2500 block of Avenue W.

• ***Prowler***

A woman in the 300 block of 20th Street reported a prowler in her yard a 1:45 a.m. Saturday.

• ***Gas drive offs***

Two gas drive offs were reported Friday from Town & Country East for $10 and from Town & Country North for $20.

• ***Loud music***

Four complaints were filed Friday and early Saturday morning for loud music.

• ***Found property***

A report for found property was filed after a three-wheeler was found in the alley in the 3200 block of Avenue C.

Chamber board to seek director at future session

The Snyder Chamber of Commerce board of directors will meet later this month to chart its course and discuss finding a successor for executive director Donna Fowler, who died last week after a brief illness.

Mike Thornton, chamber president, said an executive session of the board's officers is planned for 10 a.m. July 28 with the regular board meeting to follow at 11:30.

"We will begin discussions of where we need to go and what we need to do," Thornton said. "One thing we're not going to do is rush the process. We're going to take our time and do this the right way."

The chamber's only other employee is executive assistant Sandra Salinas.

Sheriff Darren Jackson said the search could involve the state association of chambers of commerce and added that it is vital to find "the right person, which is exactly what we lost in Donna."

Thornton concurred with Jackson's statement. "It's going to be extremely difficult to replace Donna Fowler," he said. "To find someone with her attitude and her love of Snyder will be tough. But hopefully we'll succeed in doing just that."

Obituaries

Paul Panter

1926-2003

CORSICANA — Paul Panter, formerly of Ennis Creek, died Friday, July 18, in a Corsicana nursing home.

Service for Mr. Panter, 77, is set for 4 p.m. Sunday at the Corley Funeral Home in Corsicana. Burial will follow in the Hamilton-Beeman Cemetery. The Rev. Dave Alexander will officiate.

Born on Jan. 7, 1926 in Roby, Mr. Panter was a veteran and a member of the Baptist church.

Survivors include his wife, Loreta Panter of Corsicana; one son, Ricky Panter of Caddo Mills; two stepsons, Jody Joffee of Red Oak and Mickey McCain of Corsicana; a stepdaughter, Shelia Brady of Corsicana; two sisters, Jean Jones of Snyder and Maxine Scrimshire of Tool; a brother, Johnny Panter of Farmers Branch; and four nieces, Connie Collier and Debbie Tubb of Snyder, Pam Collum of Midland and Kim Rice of Sundown; four grandchildren; five step-grandchildren and four great-stepgrandchildren.

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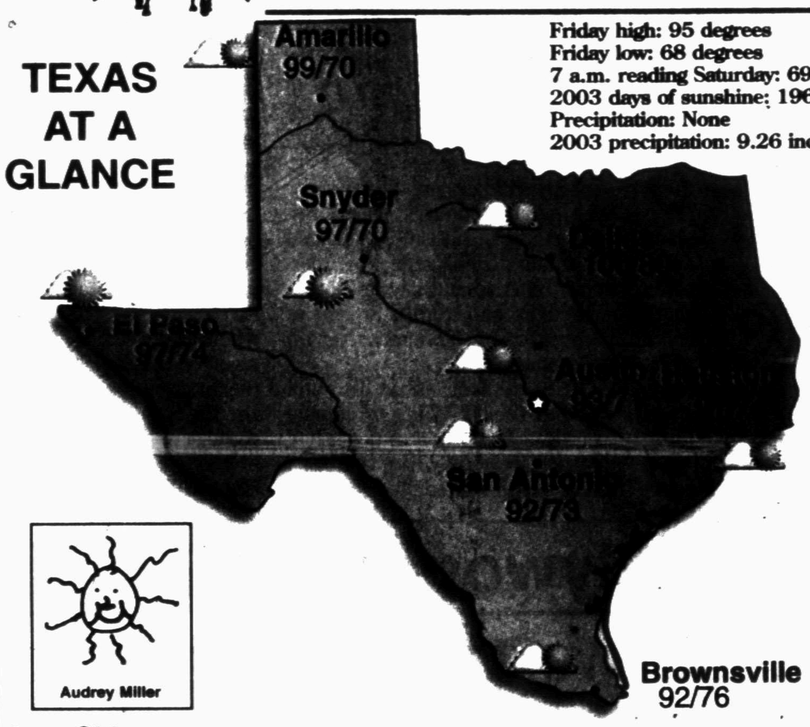
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Friday high: 95 degrees
Friday low: 68 degrees
7 a.m. reading Saturday: 69 degrees
2003 days of sunshine: 196 of 199
Precipitation: None
2003 precipitation: 9.26 inches

Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	99	74	mst sunny	El Paso	97	74	mst sunny	Midland	98	69	sunny
Amarillo	99	70	pt sunny	Fort Stockton	96	69	mst sunny	Raymondville	94	73	pt sunny
Austin	93	71	pt sunny	Gainesville	101	76	pt sunny	Rosenberg	92	73	pt sunny
Beaumont	90	73	pt sunny	Greenville	99	75	pt sunny	San Antonio	92	73	pt sunny
Brownsville	92	76	pt sunny	Houston	91	74	pt sunny	San Marcos	94	72	pt sunny
Brownwood	100	73	mst sunny	Kingsville	92	73	pt sunny	Sulphur Springs	99	74	pt sunny
Corpus Christi	90	76	pt sunny	Livingston	93	71	pt sunny	Sweetwater	99	71	mst sunny
Corsicana	98	75	pt sunny	Longview	96	73	pt sunny	Tyler	97	76	pt sunny
Dallas	100	80	pt sunny	Lubbock	98	71	mst sunny	Weatherford	100	75	mst sunny
Del Rio	95	75	pt sunny	Lufkin	94	73	pt sunny	Wichita Falls	103	77	pt sunny

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	89	69	pt sunny	Houston	91	74	pt sunny	Phoenix	109	89	mst sunny
Boston	80	65	mst sunny	Los Angeles	80	64	pt sunny	San Francisco	77	58	pt sunny
Chicago	85	69	cloudy	Miami	88	78	t-storm	Seattle	82	59	pt sunny
Dallas	100	80	pt sunny	Minneapolis	81	64	t-storm	St. Louis	92	76	pt sunny
Denver	86	61	t-storm	New York	83	68	mst sunny	Washington, DC	87	72	pt sunny

Moon Phases

Full	Last	New	First
Jul 13	Jul 21	Jul 29	Aug 5

UV Index

Sun 7/20	Mon 7/21	Tue 7/22
Extreme	Extreme	Extreme

The UV Index is measured on a 0-11 number scale, with a higher UV index showing the need for greater skin protection. 0 — 11

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John Sandford scores with 14th 'Prey' thriller

ST. PAUL, Minn. (AP) — Even after winning a Pulitzer Prize, reporter John Camp realized it wasn't enough to put his two kids through college.

So he quit his job at the St. Paul Pioneer Press, refashioned himself as mystery writer John Sandford and began writing a series of detective thrillers featuring a stylish cop named Lucas Davenport.

The 14th installment, "Naked Prey," debuted in May at the top of best-seller lists. It's the third time a Sandford hardcover book has hit No. 1 on The New York Times list, after "Easy Prey" in 2000 and "Chosen Prey" in 2001. And it's the first time he's debuted at No. 1. The paperback version of Sandford's last book, "Mortal Prey," also is on best-seller lists.

"You can teach yourself how to write thrillers the same way you can teach yourself how to write journalism," says Sandford, who compares himself to a carpenter when it comes to constructing his novels.

"It's simply a different kind of writing."

In "Naked Prey," Davenport finds himself yanked out of Minneapolis and plunged into a mystery in the flatlands of far northwestern Minnesota. The naked bodies of a black man and a white woman are found hanging from a tree, and it's up to Davenport — now the governor's political "fixer" — to quell talk of a lynching.

Like all of Sandford's books, "Naked Prey" opens with a bang as the killer ambushes his victims in a small town during a blizzard.

Sandford says it's critical to hook the reader with the first page. To do that, he skips context and relies instead on action.

"Things are already going. The guy's already in the car and he's following a woman and he's got a shotgun and something terrible is about to happen. How can you stop reading at that point?" he says.

Sandford also says he puts "sensual stuff" in the first few paragraphs — especially how things taste and smell — to draw in the reader.

"So if you say that, 'He walked into a place and it smelled like marijuana and pizza,' it gives you an immediate image ... that you're talking about something kind of cheap and drug-soaked," he says.

His detective character, Davenport, creates computer games and favors expensive suits. In "Naked Prey," he's also dealing with some changes in his life: He now works for the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension, and he has a new wife and baby.

Sandford calls Davenport a composite of cops and movie stars, such as Clint Eastwood.

"This is a construction, and it's not an inspiration. It's like carpentry. 'Davenport is tall, rich, good-looking, blue-eyed, drives a Porsche, chases women, likes to fight, carries a gun,'" Sandford says.

Those qualities impress both men and women, Sandford says. "There aren't any people like this, or very few of them. I've never met one," he says. Sandford himself is tall — 6 feet, 2 inches — with white hair and white eyebrows. He was dressed casually in jeans and a dark shirt.

If he were casting a movie, Sandford says he would choose Daniel Day-Lewis — a "tough, slender guy" — to play Davenport, who resembles NBA coach Pat Riley — slicked-back hair, sharp suits and a hawkish face.

But even though he's a movie buff, Sandford isn't interested in seeing his creation brought to the big screen and he says he really didn't like the 1999 ABC-TV version of "Mind Prey," which featured Eriq La Salle of "E.R." as Davenport.

"One of the problems with the movies is I don't care enough about them. And you actually have to kind of care to really get things done. You have to kind of schmooze a little bit and you have to talk to people," he says.

Instead, Sandford prefers the solitude of his downtown St. Paul office, where he can work from 10 p.m. until 2 in the morning, a habit carried over from his late nights working at morning newspapers.

His cluttered office even looks like a newsroom. On the shelves sit copies of his own books as well as books about cops and crime. Framed posters of his book jackets are in the hallway, and on the walls are huge maps of Minnesota, including one next to his computer terminal.

Giving readers a sense of place is critical, says Sandford, who set all his previous novels in Minneapolis, except for one in northern Wisconsin.

"I think people can figure out that I sort of know what I'm talking about. It's not just something I made up," he says.

"I've been in half the towns in Minnesota, probably," adds Sandford, a native of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, who worked for the Pioneer Press for 12 years. He transferred to the St. Paul newspaper in 1978 from The Miami Herald and in 1986 won a Pulitzer for a series on a southwestern Minnesota farm family.

But even with a pay raise after winning a Pulitzer, Sandford says he couldn't afford to put his son and daughter through college. He wrote two nonfiction books — one about Minnesota watercolorist John Stuart Ingle, the other a collaboration with surgeon Bruce Cunningham of the University of Minnesota about plastic surgery — before turning to thrillers.

He chose the pen name Sandford, his great-grandfather's name, and in 1989 published "Rules of Prey," about a serial killer with his own rules for selecting victims. The book sold well for a first novel and led to the "Prey" franchise, with a new book almost each year. (The book's titles are chosen by Putnam editor-in-chief Neil Nyren. "He only has to think of one word, like, you know, 'Naked,' " Sandford says.)

Putnam says there are 403,000 hardcover copies of "Naked Prey" in print, while 1.3 million paperback copies of "Mortal Prey" are in print, for a total of over 1.7 million.

"After a while you become a brand name and that always helps, because fans are looking for you and they sort of know what they're going to get," Sandford says.

By writing seven days a week, it takes Sandford seven to eight months to write a book. He says he'll finish his next "Prey" book — set on northeastern Minnesota's Iron Range and involving an old network of Russian spies — in early December. "The Hanged Man's Song," the next book in his other series about a computer genius and artist named Kidd, comes out Nov. 10.

Public Records

Marriage License

John Dustin Guedry and Melissa Ann Martinez, both of Fluvanna.

Scott Lynn Prince and Wendy Lyn Varela, both of Snyder.

Casey Lee Chaney and Suzannah Rachele Parkerson, both of Snyder.

Filed in District Court

Elvern Beasley vs. Price Construction, suit for injury.

Action in District Court

In the marriage of Lisa Diaz Garcia and Amos Ramon Garcia Sr., divorce granted.

Deed Records

Jack Lee West to Antonio and Lucila Hererra, Lot 13 in Block 2 of the Sunrise Addition.

Marshall Parham to Dollie Moncivais, Lot 1 in Block 10 of The Highlands Addition.

Kary L. Horton to Billy Ray and Pam Browning, Lots 4-6 in Block 6 of the Bootheland West Addition.

Billy Ray and Pam Browning to James A. Chaidez, Lots 4-6 in Block 6 of the Bootheland West Addition.

Thomas Edward and Cynthia McBroom to Richard Dupree, the west one-half of Lot 3 in Block 53 of the Original Town of Snyder.

First Baptist Church of Fluvanna to Ty M. Wills, an 0.52-acre tract in the northeast one-quarter of Section 484, Block 97, H&TC survey.

David Fisher, Trustee of the Billy Franklin Fisher Trust, to Vanessa Day, Shannon Grantham and Donna Ramirez, a tract out of Survey 153, Block 3, H&GN survey.

David W. and Jo Ann Cotton to Garrett M. and Kathie Rinne Gamble, Lots 7-10 in Block 4 of the Colonial Hill Addition.

Glenda Adams, Judy Geraldine Smith, Gaye Lynn Steadham, Paula Nunley, Lindsay Nunley, Brent Nunley and Shelley Nunley to G. J. and Joann Nunley, Lots 1 and 2 and the north 40 feet of Lot 3 in Block 14 of the Colonial Hill Addition.

Daniel T. and Harriet W. Massaro to Richard and Janet Magee, Lot 2 in Block C of the Replat of the Towle Place Addition.

Jim C. and Melissa Rosson to Robert and Lisa Ann Jackson, part of Lots 2 and 3 in Block 8 of the Bassridge West Addition.

Ronnie Clyde Lewis, Ralph E. Lewis and Randy Todd Lewis to The Jearld Smith Family Limited Partnership, all the west 100 feet of Lot 2 in Block 3 of the Grayum and Nelson Heights Addition.

Jose C. and Esther Pena to Pablo Juares Vasquez, Lots 25-28 in Block 31 of the Replat of the Belmont Park Heights Addition.

Thomas L. and Mary A. Burton to Pearlene Stewart Nolan, an 0.208-acre tract in the southeast one-quarter of Section 181, Block 3, H&GN survey.

John S. and Pamela Sallee Fenton to Dewey Grinslade, tract one being a 0.15-acre tract in the southeast one-quarter of Section 181, Block 3, H&GN survey; tract two being a 0.18-acre tract in the southeast one-quarter of Section 181, Block 3, H&GN survey.

John E. and Carol Sue Reed to Thomas L. and Mary A. Burton, the south 60 feet of Lot 16 and the north 15 feet of Lot 17 in Block 2 of the Scott and Browning Addition.

Larry and Susan R. Farr to Thomas L. Rees Jr., 60 acres in the northwest one-quarter of the northwest one-quarter and all of the north one-half of the southwest one-quarter of Section 144, Block 3, H&TC survey.

Vera Farr to Thomas L. Rees Jr., all the southwest one-quarter of Section 141, Block 3, H&TC survey.

Harold Hampton Yearwood to Robert and Lindsey Palacios, Lot 6 in Block B of the Replat of the Highland Park Addition.

Gunman calls supervisor in Verizon event

SAN ANGELO (AP) — A man who shot and killed his supervisor before killing himself had called the supervisor over to his work cubicle, San Angelo police said Thursday.

Rodney Monke shot Tony Smith several times July 9 in the Verizon building, where they both worked.

"There are rumors that there had been a long feud between them, but there's no evidence of that at this point," Police Chief Joe Gibson said in the San Angelo Standard-Times.

The two didn't argue loudly before the shooting occurred, Gibson said.

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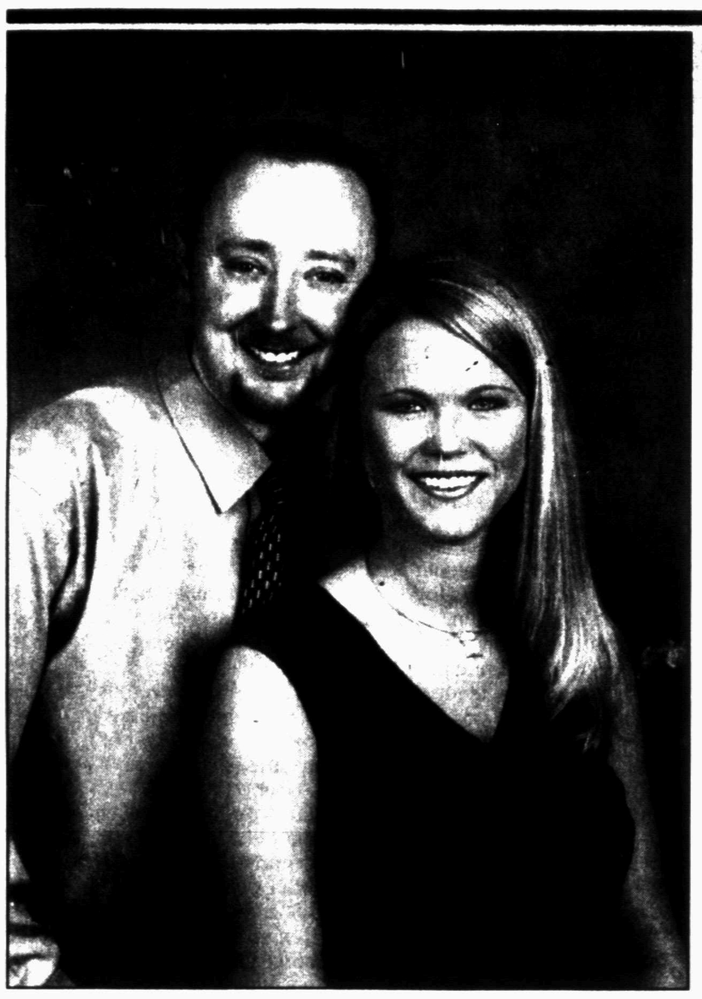
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AUGUST WEDDING PLANNED — Charlie and Janice Armacost of Idalou and Mark and Denise Estes of Memphis, Tenn., announce the approaching marriage of their children, April Armacost and Wacey Estes. The wedding will be held on Aug. 30 at the Patterson Ranch. (Contributed Photo)

Bridge

By Phillip Alder



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	South ♠ J 10 6 3 ♥ A Q J ♦ 7 5 4 2 ♣ A 9	

Dealer: North
Vulnerable: Both

South	West	North	East
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1 ♠	Pass	3 ♦	Pass
3 NT	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♣ K

Saturday, July 19, 2003

There are two chances, if you see the second

By Phillip Alder

Yesterday, I gave a deal in which declarer had a second string to his bell-rope. However, it wouldn't have done him any good if he hadn't spotted it, hidden behind the main lanyard. This deal is another, harder example. You (South) are in three no-trump. West leads the club king. You duck the first round and win the second. How would you proceed from there?

Maybe South shouldn't have been so speedy in plumping for three no-trump. Five diamonds makes without difficulty, and even with the trump finesse losing, declarer can ring up six diamonds if he guesses the lie of the cards. (The winning play would go: club to the ace, spade ace-king, diamond ace, heart to the jack, spade jack for a club discard.)

In three no-trump, you have seven top tricks: two spades, three hearts, one diamond and one club. The extra tricks look as though they will have to come from dummy's sparkling diamond suit. But unless the clubs are a very unlikely 7-2, they will crack your bell if the diamond finesse loses.

Is there another way to get to nine tricks?

Yes — if the spade queen is singleton or doubleton. Agreed, that is unlikely, but it is better than nothing. If the spade queen does not put in an early appearance, you can still take the diamond finesse. Here, though, the spade queen drops on the second round of the suit, and suddenly you have nine tricks: four spades, three hearts, one diamond and one club.

Alternative medicine can be excellent in bridge too.

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50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY — Mr. and Mrs. Bill J. Murray of Snyder celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Saturday with a dinner at the 50-Yard Line. Their children, Jackie Murray of Snyder, Vicki Higginbotham of Lubbock and Billy Murray of Charlotte, N.C., served as hosts. Murray and the former Bobbie Latham were married July 19, 1953 at Trinity Baptist Church in Levelland. Residents of Snyder since 1958, the couple have eight grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. (Contributed Photos)

Scurry County Library News & Views

By Janie Romine, librarian

The 2003 Summer Reading Program at the Scurry County Library came to a close this past Wednesday when certificates and prizes were handed out to readers.

The library thanks Wal-Mart, McD's 66, Taco John's, Subway of Snyder, Pizza Hut, Pizza Inn and KTXS for their donations to this reading program. As you visit these businesses, please take time to thank the manager for supporting your child's summer reading.

Why do the Texas libraries conduct summer reading programs? After all, it is a lot of work, starting in February and not ending until August.

Libraries have the programs to encourage children to continue reading so that when they return to school in August, they have not lost their previous reading level, and have many times have increased the reading level. Libraries work hard to continue teaching literacy outside the public school.

We have the summer reading program to encourage parents to read with their children, and to show them reading is important.

Reading is a function that affects every business in Scurry County, and affects every person in society. Statistics from the U.S. Department of Labor show that at least 50% of the unemployed are functionally illiterate.

Another statistic reports that 55% of all children living in poverty live in single-parent households headed by women, and 40% of these women have an eighth-grade education or less.

The prison system reports that 65% of prison inmates have low literacy skills. According to the 1990 census, 14% of Scurry County adult residents have an education less than ninth grade.

These statistics should concern us all. It should concern businesses seeking qualified employees, and it should concern taxpayers that many times must provide financial support for these citizens.

The U.S. Department of Education reports that the average kindergarten student has seen more than 5,000 hours of television, having spent more time in front of the TV than it takes to earn a bachelor's degree. Illiteracy affects us all. This is why we have a summer reading program.

Many literacy groups believe that until third grade, a child learns to read; after third grade, a child reads to learn. Do our children have the tools needed to read to learn? Help the library support reading and literacy by supporting the Scurry County Library.

Bridal Registry

Brandie Herrley and Jose Barrera
Laurie Kerley and Jerry Burton
Jessica Perkins and Danny White
Andrea Peraza and Ryan Landes
Shahala Marricle and Allen Hoelscher
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Bridge Scores

Monte West directed games at the Snyder Country Club.

Friday, July 11

1. Maribeth Vestal, Monte West.
2. Suzy Reed, Anita Talbott.
3. Nina Nesbit, Dora Blakey.
4. Dorothy Rosson, Nona Morrison.

Tuesday, July 15

1. Margaret Birdwell, Billisue Stuard.
2. Linda West, Monte West.
3. Barbara Yorgesen, Dora Blakey.
4. Maribeth Vestal, Dorothy Rosson.

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The comic spirit masquerades in all things we say and do. We are each a clown and do not need to put on a white face.

—James Hillamn

Ice cream taster has the coolest job

Who's got the coolest job in the world? Though his name may not be widely known, John Harrison's profession is one that readily inspires cries of "Wow, how do I get a job like that?"

Harrison is an ice cream taster, and over his 35-year career, he's dipped his spoon into more than 200 million gallons of America's favorite frozen treat — and has played a key role in the creation of such flavors as Cookies 'N Cream, Peanut Butter Cup and New York Blueberry Cheesecake.

It's not surprising that Harrison, the official taster for Dreyer's/Edy's Grand Ice Cream, is the envy of many: Americans consume an average of 23.2 quarts of ice cream each year.

He suggests this tip for fellow dippers: Ice cream is best enjoyed at 10F, which means it should be warmed up slightly from the fresh-from-the-freezer. According to Harrison, "Allowing ice cream to soften and warm up a little brings out the flavor."

Harrison offers this recipe, which features Butter Pecan, as one of his favorites.

PB&J ICE CREAM CAKE-WICHES

1 carton Dreyer's/Edy's Butter Pecan Ice Cream
1 frozen pound cake, thawed
Raspberry or other fruit-flavored jam

Line a loaf pan with plastic wrap. Soften ice cream and spread into pan, mounding in the middle so that it's the same shape and size as the pound cake. Freeze until solid. Slice pound cake into 1/2- to 3/4-inch thick slices. Unmold ice cream and slice into one-inch thick slices. Place slice of ice cream on a slice of pound cake. Spread jam on a second slice of pound cake and place on top of ice cream, jam side down. Repeat for each sandwich.

Wrap each sandwich in plastic wrap and freeze until solid, about 1 hour. When solid, cut diagonally into triangles. Secure with toothpicks and serve.

Controversy brewing over cafe name

SAN JOSE, Calif. (AP) — Controversy is brewing over a cafe that bills itself "the Hooters of coffee" — complete with scantily clad waitresses, a foosball machine and a macho motif.

Owner Tony Nunez believes city officials are unfairly targeting his coffee shop, Sugars, blaming it for parking hassles in the family oriented neighborhood and alleging that the mobster-themed cafe is a den of prostitution.

Since the cafe opened in February, city inspectors and police have ticketed Nunez, his business partners or his landlord for playing live music and sponsoring lingerie shows, and for failure to properly maintain the building's plumbing and patio.

Michael Hannon, deputy director of code enforcement for San Jose, says officials are merely trying to get Sugars up to compliance. He denies any harassment.

The cafe, a former record store decorated with posters from gangster movies, has perked up neighbors — including many who want it closed.

"The desire of the neighborhood has always been for a Starbucks," said Ted Cunningham of the Roosevelt Park Neighborhood Association. "I feel they snuck in."

Engagement ring lost in snow is found

DILLON, Colo. (AP) — This time, it's staying on her finger.

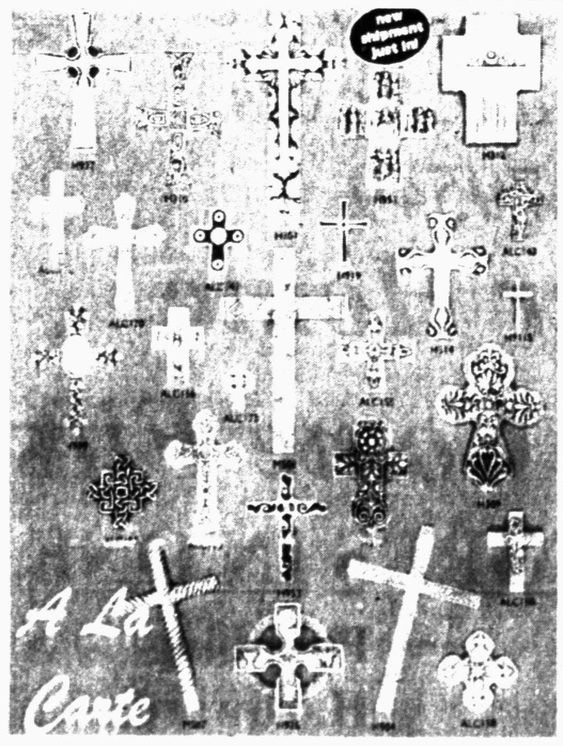
Derrick Monning and his fiancee, Debra Sweeney, dropped a $6,500 engagement ring in the snow Feb. 1, when he proposed at 12,200 feet on top of the Keystone ski area.

Despite frantic digging, help from ski patrollers using metal detectors and an avalanche dog, the ring couldn't be found.

Over the weekend, the couple, a few friends and resort employee Sy Meheen returned to look again — and Monning spotted the diamond.

"There it was, sitting perfectly in a crevice between two rocks, with the diamond pointing straight up," he said.

He proposed to Sweeney again and made sure the ring ended up on her finger.



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Snyder Oaks Care Center is sponsoring a Financial Workshop on July 22nd at 7 pm by Michael Melton & Assoc's. They will be providing information on how to protect assets and qualify for assistance.

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Kensey Lynn Hernderson

Kensey Henderson is crowned queen

BRIDGEPORT — Kensey Lynn Henderson, 4, was crowned queen of the Butterfield State Days Queen Pageant on July 12.

She is the daughter of Jennifer and Doug Wilkinson of Bridgeport, formerly of Snyder, and Coy Henderson, formerly of Ira.

She is the granddaughter of Gale Northcott of Ira, Steve and Sylvia Northcott of Andrews and Judy and Bill Wilkinson of Snyder and the great-granddaughter of Jim and Dorris Northcott of Snyder and Udell White of Ira.

Name change draws fines

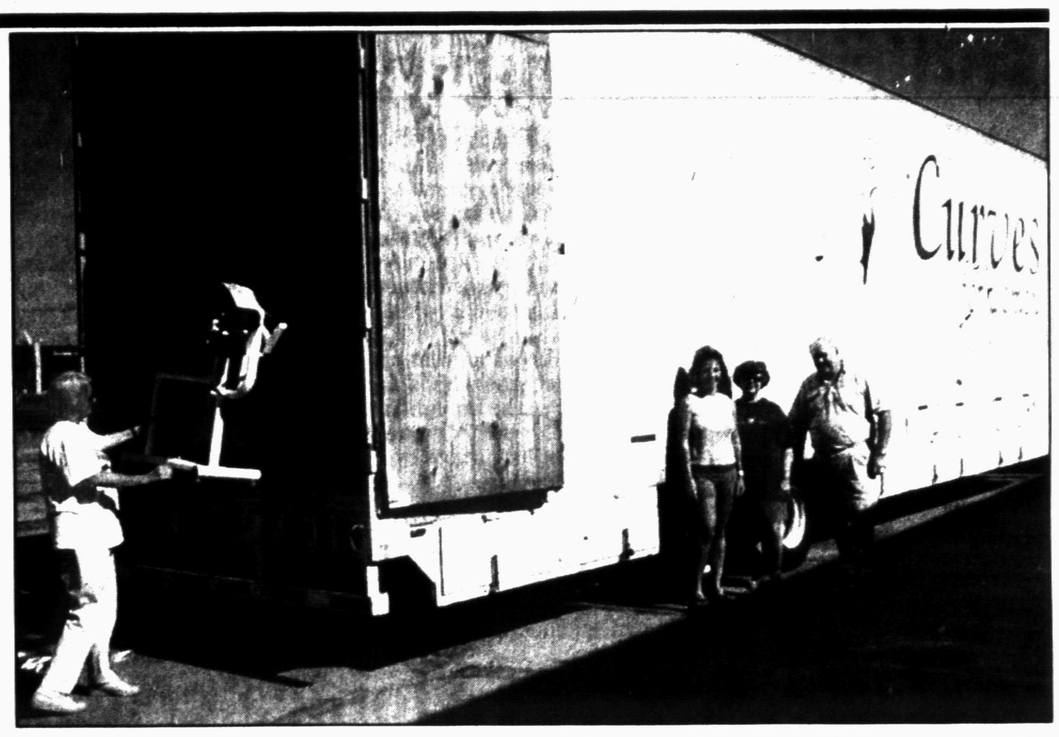
SANTA FE, N.M. (AP) — What's in a name? In one case, a dollar — every time you say it wrong.

What used to be the state Highway and Transportation Department became the state Transportation Department this month.

And to hammer that in, Transportation Secretary Rhonda Faught is fining employees and others $1 for using the "H" word to describe the agency.

She even fined Gov. Bill Richardson, several employees and others at a transportation meeting last week.

"I'm trying to make the point that we are fully committed to being a Department of Transportation," Faught said.



EQUIPMENT UNLOADED — Beverly and Hector Bennett delivered workout equipment for Curves to open Monday. Shown beside the truck are Staci Bollinger, manager, and Barbara and Jerry Owen, owners. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Weight-loss facility is opening Monday on College Avenue

Curves, a 30-minute fitness, weight loss facility is opening Monday at 4107 College Ave.

The business, owned by Jerry and Barbara Owen, offers a 30-minutes fitness, commonsense weight loss and the support needed to do both they said. The machines emphasize strength training for women.

Fitness and dieting can help one to say goodbye to unhealthy lifestyles said Owen. More than half of all Americans are considered overweight. Eating disorders and lack of exercise result in diabetes and many other illnesses. Fitness directors, manager Staci Bollinger, or assistant manager, Angie Key, will be guiding clientel from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. and again from 4 to 8 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Proper equipment helps protect youth playing sports

Using the proper equipment when playing youth sports can help protect young people.

There are practical steps parents can take to score with their children and make youth sports safer.

According to Dr. Alan Greene, the chief medical officer of A.D.A.M, the risk of physical injury is inherent in any sport, but children are at a greater risk because they're still developing their motor and cognitive skills.

Said Greene, "The most serious risks for children playing age-group football are head and internal injuries and heat stroke. However, there are steps that can be taken to reduce the risk of these types of injuries."

Dr. Greene recommends discussing three critical areas with a child's coach before the season begins. They are:

1. Are the children wearing the proper equipment?

2. Is the coach following a training schedule that allows for breaks — especially during extreme heat-and proper hydration?

3. Are the young athletes trained on the proper techniques and are they playing against kids that are similar in size and age?

Addressing issues such as these can help reduce injuries before a season starts. So can research and advances in the area of equipment.

For example, learning more about the "hows and whys" of concussions helped guide the design of a new helmet for youth football. Scientists from Biokinetics & Associates analyzed videotapes of football field head collisions to determine the details of motion and contact.

Based on this research, Riddell, Inc. created the Revolution Youth helmet. The helmet incorporates features such as increased side and facial protection, an increased distance between the helmet shell and the child's head and a shell shape that extends to the mandible area.

The new helmet is 15 percent lighter than the adult version and offers improved peripheral vision and ventilation when compared to traditional helmets. The helmet also features an innovative ear channel design, which allows players to easily take the helmet on and off.

Said Bill Sherman, president and CEO of Riddell, "While no helmet can fully prevent concussions, we are encouraged by the fact that more than 200 NFL players chose to wear the Revolution last year, as well as numerous college and high school players. We are hopeful the Revolution and Revolution Youth can make a difference."

To learn more, call 1-800-299-6191 or log on to www.riddell.com.

Zoo loses 10-year-old Komodo dragon

ST. LOUIS (AP) — One of the most popular animals at the St. Louis Zoo has died.

Koko, the zoo's 10-year-old Komodo dragon, died Monday night. The cause was unknown.

The female was seen having difficulty walking several days ago, a sign of potential neurological problems. She died shortly after undergoing an extensive medical exam.

Komodo dragons are the world's largest lizards, prehistoric-looking reptiles that can grow to 10 feet in length and weigh more than 200 pounds. Koko was normal size for a female — 7 feet 7 inches and 95 pounds.

Community Calendar

MONDAY

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

Rock and Roll Quilting Club; Hermleigh Community Center; everyone is invited for free quilting lessons, and special projects are to help someone in need; call 863-2426 for more information; 8 a.m. to noon.

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

Stargazers Family Community Education Club; 7 p.m.

NA-Just for Today; Park Club at Winston Park; 573-1438.

Manic Depression (Bipolar) support group; Family Life Community Church, 904 26th Street; 7 p.m.

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

TUESDAY

Gateway Family Services parenting discussion group, focuses on a variety of parenting issues and special challenges; no charge; call 573-1822 for more information; 10:30 a.m.

Weight Watchers meeting; Colonial Hill Baptist Church; for more information call Kathy at 573-1289 during the evening; weigh-in is at 5:30 p.m.

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

Beginners' AA open meeting; Snyder Park Club, 1212 37th Street; 573-8268, 574-1292 or 573-1141; 7 p.m.

Al-Anon open meeting; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th and Ave. M; for more information call 573-3733, 573-2101 or 573-1141; 8 p.m.

TOPS TX56 (take off pounds sensibly); weigh-in and meeting 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.; Trinity United Methodist Church. For more information call Phillis Leatherwood at 573-6105.

WEDNESDAY

Martha Ann Woman's Club Game Day and Luncheon; serving begins at 11:30 and games of choice are played throughout the afternoon; reservations should be made by calling 573-3427.

NA Just For Today, open meeting; Park Club; for information, call 573-1438; 8 p.m.

THURSDAY

LLL Club; fellowship hall of First Baptist Church; 9:30 a.m.

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

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

AA Big Book Study; closed meeting; contact numbers are 574-1292 or 573-1141; 7 p.m.

FRIDAY

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

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

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

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

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

Al-Anon open meeting; Park Club; 573-3733, 573-2101 or 573-1141; 8 p.m.

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Judiciary Committee delays Pryor vote

WASHINGTON (AP) — Senators delayed voting on Alabama Attorney General William Pryor's nomination to a federal appeals court Thursday amid questions about Pryor's fund-raising activities for a GOP attorneys general group.

The Senate Judiciary Committee first delayed a scheduled morning vote and then put off the vote until next week. Pryor wants a seat on the 11th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Atlanta, but Democrats have complained about his strong comments against abortion and gays.

Democrats wanted to postpone the vote until they can question Pryor about fund-raising activities for the Republican Attorneys General Association. The organization raises money for GOP attorneys general.

Committee Chairman Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, opposed any delay but said he was confident it will not hurt Pryor's chances in the Republican-led committee.

"We think Pryor a great person. In fact, we know he is and we expect him to be brought out of the committee and brought up on the floor," for a vote by all senators, Hatch said.

At his confirmation hearing and in writing later, Pryor told the committee that so far as he knows, he never raised money from tobacco companies or companies under investigation by his office.

Democrats say they have documents from the group showing Pryor may have been involved in telephone solicitations from such companies.

"The issue here, if I might say, is not, in my judgment, the fund-raising activities of Mr. Pryor," said Sen. Charles Schumer, D-N.Y. "It is rather, when asked about those activities, whether he answered accurately and fully and truthfully. He may well have, he may well have not, but we ought to find out."

Hatch and the Republicans said they are confident that all the answers Pryor gave are correct. "There's nothing here," Sen. Jeff Sessions, R-Ala., said angrily.

But some Democrats disagreed. "The nominee's answers did not correspond to what the documents are suggesting," said Sen. Russ Feingold, D-Wis.

Added Schumer: "You can't jump to the conclusion that Mr. Pryor did something wrong here, but you also can't jump to the conclusion that he did something right. The logical thing to do which is why it makes sense to delay is to wait until this bipartisan investigation is looked at."

The scheduled morning vote was put off under a rarely invoked rule banning committee work two hours after a Senate session begins. It was not immediately known who asked for the two-hour rule, which can be done anonymously, but Hatch blamed the Democrats.

Hatch said he wanted to hold a special late-night session but later decided to leave the vote until next Wednesday to accommodate the schedule of the ranking Democrat, Sen. Patrick Leahy of Vermont.

Hatch said the whole affair was another attempt by Democrats to delay a Bush nominee. Democrats are filibustering two, Miguel Estrada for the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia, and Priscilla Owen for the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals.

"This is pure politics, pure and simple," Hatch said.

Sen. John Cornyn, R-Texas, a former member of the Republican Attorneys General Association, called the Democrats' questions "hypocrisy."

"Elected officials can and do raise money for their political party all the time, there's nothing wrong with it. It's perfectly legal," Cornyn said. "Democrats do it too, there's a Democrat Attorneys General Association. I dare say members of this committee occasionally raise money for their political party."

The Senate also confirmed Allyson Duncan for the 4th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals on a 93-0 vote. The Raleigh, N.C., attorney and former state appeals court judge becomes the first black woman on the regional court that handles federal appeals from West Virginia, Virginia, Maryland, North Carolina and South Carolina.

President Bush made Roger Gregory the first black to sit permanently on that court in 2001.

Duncan, a Duke University law school graduate, has also served stints at a professor at the North Carolina Central University School of Law and on the North Carolina Utilities Commission.

Victims in Santa Monica crash reflect cross-section of town

SANTA MONICA, Calif. (AP) — As friends, relatives and even strangers wept for the dead, authorities said it would be several days before they could conclude whether an elderly man whose car barreled through a busy farmers market could be held criminally liable for the crash that killed 10 people and injured dozens more.

Police say Russell Weller, 86, told them he was leaving a post office Wednesday afternoon and didn't realize until too late that a street crammed with pedestrians and produce was closed for Santa Monica's popular twice-a-week farmers market. They said Weller believes he might have hit the gas instead of the brake as he tried to avoid the crowd.

"Unless there's intent later proven, I think what we're going to find is we have an 86-year-old driver that may not have been as competent as he needed to be to drive," Police Chief James T. Butts told "Good Morning America" on Thursday. "So we're pursuing this as if it were a criminal act. But we're going to let the facts speak for themselves and we'll sort this out at the end."

Weller's attorney, Jim Bianco, called the crash a tragic accident and said Weller's thoughts were with the victims.

Police Lt. Frank Fabrega told The Associated Press authorities had finished collecting evidence at the scene, but might need several more days to finish their investigation. They also visited Weller's house Thursday, where Butts said they found evidence he had recently struck his garage with his car at least twice.

Meanwhile, people who attended a birthday party that Weller was a guest at 10 years ago released a videotape that was made after he smashed his car into a retaining wall upon his arrival. Because no one was hurt, the tape was made in a lightheaded fashion and even included credits listing Weller as a "stunt driver."

The car in the video, the same one involved in Wednesday's crash, was to have its brakes and other equipment checked by the California Highway Patrol.

The longtime Santa Monica resident's aging Buick sedan, which witnesses said was traveling as fast as 70 mph, raced along the entire length of the open-air farmers market on Wednesday, knocking down stalls, scattering produce and hitting as many as 50 people. Ten victims, ranging in age from 7 months to 78 years, were killed. By Thursday night, 20 people were still hospitalized, five in critical condition.

The dead, reflecting Southern California's eclectic population, represented a cross-section of ethnic and socio-economic backgrounds.

They included a famous actor's daughter-in-law, the matriarch of a struggling Mexican immigrant family, husband-and-wife film producers who had recently relocated from New York, and a former welder from Shreveport, La.

Lynne Ann Weaver, who was actor Dennis Weaver's daughter-in-law, lived in Los Angeles' San Fernando Valley with her husband, Robby, and a teenage daughter. She worked at a non-profit organization called After-school All-Stars, which has an office near the market.

Gloria Olivera Gonzalez, a struggling immigrant from Mexico, cleaned an office to make extra money before going for vegetables to serve her children. She lived in the nearby Venice section of Los Angeles with her husband and their 9-year-old son and 2-year-old daughter.

Scurry Anti-drug Connection

The best things in life are drug free

The Snyder Daily News, in cooperation with the Scurry County Anti-Drug Connection and Al-Anon support groups, devote this column to current information on substance abuse, and how we as a community can work together to create a safe and drug-free environment for our children.

BEWARE MIXING SUN, WATER AND ALCOHOL

A weekend at the lake or beach is often associated with the consumption of large amounts of alcoholic beverages — a little something for the barbecue pit and a cooler of beer, and some people think they are ready to go. There are real dangers in mixing the sun, water and alcohol, however.

For one, alcohol plays a role in 50 percent of all boating accidents, and according to the National Safety Council, 80 percent of all boating fatalities. Alcohol can affect a person's ability to control a boat even more than driving a vehicle. The reason is because being on the water tends to magnify the effects of alcohol on a person. The sun bearing down on you combined with the wind and the wave action tends to make a person more unstable.

The National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism says that alcohol is involved in an estimated 38 percent of drowning deaths, and 40 to 50 percent of all diving injury victims consume alcohol.

Another reason to leave the alcohol alone when boating is the potential for a boating while intoxicated charge. A person with a blood alcohol level of .08 or higher can be arrested for BWI — a Class B misdemeanor punishable by jail time up to 180 days or a fine up to $2,000 or both.

Grabbing that cold beer to quench summer thirst is something people should reconsider. First of all, alcohol is a diuretic, which means it promotes the loss of fluids from the body. Add sun to the mix and the chance for dehydration dramatically increases. If you do choose to drink while you are outside in the sun, make sure to consume four times as much water as alcohol.

Research has also shown that alcohol acts as a kind of anesthetic to relive pain in some cases. For those individuals spending a lot of time in the sun, alcohol will decrease their sensitivity or awareness of the fact that they might be getting quite a severe sunburn.

Here are some simple guidelines to follow when planning and enjoying summer activities.

- If you drive, do not drink. If you drink, do not drive. There is no safe level of alcohol for drivers because everyone reacts differently to alcohol on different occasions. If you are going out with others, decide beforehand who will drive on the return trip. Do not ride with drivers who have been drinking.
- Never drink and pilot a boat of any kind. The same things that make drinking and driving dangerous — impaired judgment, information processing and coordination among others — can be as deadly on water as they are on land. Boating, windsurfing, jet skiing and water skiing — anything that involves speed and skill — can all be dangerous to anyone who has been drinking.
- Do not swim or dive if you have been drinking. Remember that alcohol will inhibit your swallowing and breathing reflexes, both of which are necessary for swimming, and make you feel warmer than you really are, putting you at risk of hypothermia in cold water. In addition, drinking affects your ability to judge distances and may lead you to swim too far out into a lake or ocean.
- If you are riding in a boat, remember that alcohol will impair your balance and increase your chances of falling overboard. This danger, compounded by alcohol's effects on your swimming abilities, is a common cause of drowning.
- If you are a heavy drinker, remember that during the summer alcohol can more rapidly dehydrate you, raise your blood pressure, increase your chances of developing hypoglycemia (a condition that causes weakness and interferes with the body's temperature regulation) and increase your chances of becoming a heat stroke victim.

For more information on how you and/or your business or organization can be involved in promoting a drug-free community, contact the Scurry County Anti-Drug Connection at the Snyder Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse, 574-1931 or 573-1411.

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Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



'True Friend' is hoping to play different role

DEAR ABBY: I met "Racquel" at work and we quickly became close friends. We go out, talk on the phone and share our feelings daily. I have fallen in love with her, and tell her often how much she means to me. I feel ready to take the next step and officially become girlfriend and boyfriend.

Racquel tells me she "isn't sure" where our friendship will lead, and that she is still getting over her ex. (Their relationship ended more than a year ago.)

Last week, she went to her ex's house and they had sex. She told me after it happened and said she knew right away she had made a mistake — and realized what a true friend I am.

Abby, we cried together. Should I forgive her and hang onto the hope she will now want to have a serious relationship with me? — **SO IN LOVE IT HURTS**

DEAR SO IN LOVE: Forgive her, but realize that when she confided what happened, she told you exactly how she feels about you. She considers you to be a "true FRIEND."

I hate to be the bearer of bad tidings, but it appears you are not going to have the romantic relationship with her that you would like.

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DEAR ABBY: Last Saturday afternoon, I attended a cousin's baby shower hosted by our "Aunt Flo." It was held at a local restaurant, and Flo provided the cake and decorations. The guests were expected to pay for their own meals and drinks.

The invitation revealed nothing about this arrangement. Those of us attending didn't find out until we called to RSVP. It seems unfair to burden guests with this cost, when they are also paying for a baby gift — not to mention travel expenses for those who came from out of town.

Not wanting to disappoint the mom-to-be, I attended — even though the afternoon ended up being a big strain on my budget. What do you think about this, Abby? — **INDIGNANT OR IGNORANT IN IOWA**

DEAR I OR I: Aunt Flo did not "host" the shower — she simply arranged it. When a no-host party invitation is issued, it should clearly state that guests will be expected to pay their own way.

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DEAR ABBY: During the last 20 years of my husband's career, he was involved with a woman at work. They went to lunch, shopping, and company parties. She was heavyset and wore garish makeup. I am tall, slender and don't need makeup. People who know me refer to me as a "no-nonsense" woman. I have my own business and have traveled the world promoting my artwork.

Once my husband took some of my custom-made jewelry to work to show his "gal pal." When he came home, he told me her comment was, "It looks like cheap costume jewelry."

After my husband retired and became ill, this woman came to our home and told me to my face that although she could, she would never take a man from his family. I said, "Go ahead — take him!"

He's been ill now several years, and she has finally quit sending him two to three cards a day. He misses her terribly. His girlfriend should not have dropped him, but she did. So after 42 years of marriage, he's just got me. — **STEADY AS A ROCK IN SAN FRANCISCO**

DEAR STEADY: I'd say your husband is the luckiest man on the face of the Earth. A lot of other wives would have said they deserved each other and walked out.

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DEAR ABBY: My boyfriend, "Sammy," and I have been living together for three years. We have an 8-month-old son. About two months ago, my sister "Angie" went to Sammy and asked to borrow money. She told me he winked at her and said they could "work something out" and she wouldn't have to pay him back.

Angie told Sammy she wouldn't have sex with him because of me and the baby. Sammy said, "No one would ever have to know." He made it sound like a business deal.

When I asked Sammy in front of my sister if he had been joking or serious, he just laughed. Now I'm wondering if he makes "deals" like this with other women.

Things haven't been the same between my sister and me since the incident — even though I know she did nothing wrong. Angie says she regrets telling me about Sammy's offer. She says he's a good man who made a mistake, and she urged me not to walk away from him.

Now no matter what Sammy says, I don't believe him. I don't trust him anymore. Please tell me if I've got it all wrong, Abby. — **UNSURE AND UNHAPPY IN THE BRONX**

DEAR UNSURE AND UNHAPPY: You haven't got it all wrong. You have the whole sordid story about what happened. It's time to move on. And if I were you, I'd consult a lawyer and work out a "business deal" of my own — namely, child support and custody rights for the baby.

P.S. One day you'll realize how much courage it took for your sister to speak up.

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DEAR ABBY: Our daughter, "Debbie," just turned 15. The problem is, an 18-year-old boy wants to hang out with her this summer and get to know her. Her father and I feel he is too old for her and have told her so. We think we are only asking for trouble if we allow it. Debbie is upset with us and is pushing the subject.

Are we doing the right thing? We trust her — but we don't trust him. — **CARRIE IN CONNECTICUT**

DEAR CARRIE: You are doing the right thing. Enforcing the rules is part of responsible parenting. Keep in mind that good parents are not always popular with their children.

Explain to Debbie that you are concerned about the balance of power in a relationship where there's such a disparity of age and experience. Tell her that in spite of her trustworthiness, it would be difficult to establish and enforce boundaries with someone that much older.

Perhaps it would be helpful for your daughter to participate in activities and sports with teens her own age. Goal-setting for college should also be a focus.

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DEAR ABBY: I have a crush on a guy at church, and I'm pretty sure he likes me, too. The problem is, my parents think I'm too young to be interested in boys. I'm almost 12.

I've given this a lot of thought. Abby, would you please give me some advice on how to break it to my mom and dad that I like boys? — **JENNIFER IN ALABAMA**

DEAR JENNIFER: Start out by saying, "Folks — I've got some good news and some bad news. Your little girl is growing up..."

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More documents declassified

WASHINGTON (AP) — Henry Kissinger and other top Nixon administration officials worried about how they would explain to a skeptical American public their plan to expand the Vietnam War to Cambodia and Laos, according to newly declassified documents.

A task force that answered to national security adviser Kissinger met several times before the United States and its South Vietnamese allies targeted North Vietnamese supply routes in Cambodia in 1970 and Laos a year later to discuss how to sell the policy to Congress and the American people.

The minutes of the Washington Special Actions Group are contained in some of the 180,000 pages of newly declassified Nixon administration National Security Council documents released Thursday by the National Archives. Another 140,000 pages remained classified despite the passage of more than 30 years.

Officials agreed at their meeting around the time of the April 1970 action that they would not publicly announce the invasion. Still, they anticipated inevitable questions, and decided to describe it as a continuing effort to end the communist sanctuaries.

"It's a support of the move against the sanctuaries and not an extension of it," said U. Alexis Johnson, undersecretary of state.

The strategy was less than successful: The invasion of Cambodia set off nationwide protests, including one at Kent State University in Ohio where National Guardsmen killed four students — a watershed in turning public opinion against the war.

In February 1971, the United States gave the green light to South Vietnam's plan to go into Laos to cut off the North Vietnamese supply route. Kissinger wondered how to explain that action.

"The basic theme should be that this is a South Vietnamese operation aimed at preventing the rebuilding of the sanctuary areas," he said.

In 1972, Kissinger's then-deputy, Alexander Haig, delivered an upbeat assessment of the South Vietnamese army, then shouldering more of the fighting under the Nixon administration's policy of withdrawing U.S. troops.

Haig said South Vietnam troops, backed by U.S. bombing, had withstood a North Vietnamese offensive against several outposts.

"There is no sense of panic in Saigon," Haig declared. "Everyone was picked up by the strikes on the North."

Johnson, the State Department official, agreed. He said South Vietnam was overcoming its "inferiority complex. They always thought the North Vietnamese were 10 feet tall. Now they've seen they can beat the other side."

Saigon fell to the communists three years later.

The task force discussed other topics as well.

At a series of meetings in September 1973, after a military coup led by Gen. Augusto Pinochet ousted elected Marxist President Salvador Allende, U.S. officials worried about being seen as behind the regime change.

"We have to be careful to point out that we had nothing to do with the coup, which is true," said State Department official Kenneth Rush.

Privately, U.S. officials cheered the new military junta. "They are a conservative group, and I think we can talk turkey with them," said Adm. Thomas Moorer, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

But the officials worried about being too supportive of the new leaders. The U.S. government quickly established informal communications with the Chilean rulers, but formal recognition of the new regime was still weeks away.

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Autopsies indicated that someone laced the meat with the herbicide paraquat, veterinarians say. The poisonings began weeks after a round of local media reports dissecting the tensions surrounding the leash/no-leash issue in city parks.

Canine owners are on edge, certain that some lifelong dog-hater got sniffed one too many times by an unleashed pet, and decided to take revenge. They are packing fundraisers around the city to contribute toward a reward for information leading to an arrest. So far, the take is $13,000 and counting.

The dogs who have died were all roaming leafy Laurelhurst Park, recently identified in a study by graduate students at Portland State University as the park generating the highest number of complaints about off-leash dogs.

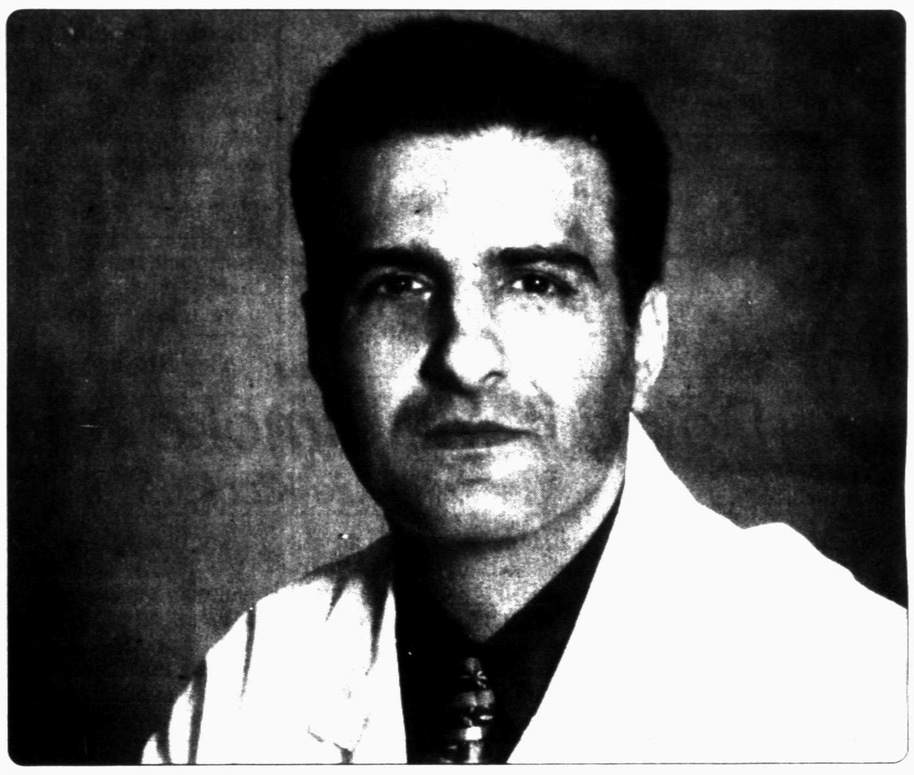
The popular park has been almost deserted since word first spread about the poisonings, and the few dog owners who do show up keep their tethers tight.

Megan Premo was walking there Thursday with Phoenix, an Australian Shepherd mix, restraining the dog every time he strained toward a clutch of nearby squirrels.

"It's a shame I can't let him off the leash."

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Speaker for all seasons

by Don Newbury

Hotdog nights, featured at baseball parks across America, may never be the same. New York's Coney Island, where contestants stuff their faces with as many as 50 hotdogs in the annual consumption contest, may be different, too. And, gee, professional sports teams may no longer wish to claim "official hotdogs." And all this because of one swing, or, as the batsman claimed, a "half-swing...."

There is no baseball statistical category for whichever it was, but it will live on in infamy. Maybe you saw re-plays of it on television or read sports commentaries about the batter who swatted a "hotdog" during a between-innings promotion in Milwaukee.

Pittsburgh Pirate Randall Simon, bat in hand, saw four women in hotdog costumes jogging past, and he hit away. Simon — whose nickname now is "Simple," even if it wasn't earlier — swung his bat, or semi-swung, into the aft-end of the trailing "hotdog."

The blow caused the 19-year-old girl to tumble into the second of the four hotdog look-alikes, and both went down. They were treated for scraped knees, but opted not to press charges....

Baseball commissioner Bud Selig issued the old "deeply regret" statement, wrote a three-game suspension pink slip and levied a $2,000 fine. The Milwaukee Brewers in general as well as the "hotdogs" in particular are awash in apologies from the Pittsburgh organization. The sheriff's department was not amused as Simon was cited for disorderly conduct and fined $432. He can contest the citation at a Sept. 3 hearing in Milwaukee – the same day his team is playing in Miami. If Pirate management excuses him to appear at the hearing, he may want to re-evaluate his value to the team.

Simon, a native of Curacao and a six-year major league veteran who speaks four languages, said he was "just trying to tap at the costume to help her finish the race. I thought they were trying to play with us, running right next to the players."

If we're expected to buy that, then the California heckler who bonked then Ranger outfielder Carl Everett in the noggin with a thrown cell phone was "just seeking attention."

Who knows? Maybe Simon loves hotdogs–or hates them–or has fantasized about entering the Coney Island contest. Maybe he was in a daze, his mind drifting back to pinata-swatting with a foam rubber bat in T-ball years. (Reckon his hotdog bat was corked?)....

Mandy Block, the 19-year-old "hittee," seemed to relish "taking the high road," demurring that "it wasn't a big blow," and she tumbled "because the costume was so clumsy." Of the two major players in this story, the only one "hot-dogging it" was the pro.

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Pets are wonderful. We have, however, "been there, done that." Whenever my wife mentions thoughts of getting a pet, I urge her to visit neighbors to pet dogs or cats, listen to chirping birds, watch fish swim or hamsters challenge flywheels.

Mine is a practical and studied position. One obvious reason is that I do not have enough room in my wallet for even one more card. Earlier generations didn't carry so many; I'm sorry my bulging wallet has become a card sanctuary; it is understandable why some former wallet-carriers now have purses, pouches and such.

Oh, come on, you have excess cards, too! Most Americans are way behind in getting rid of invalid cards, not to mention unused mystery keys.

I periodically thin out my wallet, but the must-keep cards are multiplying. In my wallet is information about blood types, heart surgery details, organ donations, social security, Medicare, emergency notifications, insurance, credit, ATM's, AARP memberships and library cards. The list grows long and there's hardly enough room left for pictures of our grandchildren.

I found a decade-old claim ticket recently. I had forgotten to pick up shoes taken in for repairs. Mustering the straightest face possible, I presented the ticket to the cobbler. He looked at it and shuffled to the back. "They'll be ready Tuesday," he yelled.

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Now back to pets. The Humane Society has compiled a comprehensive kit called "Providing for Your Pet's Future Without You." It includes forms and sample language to help design wills and other estate plans to assure that surviving pets will be cared for.

Topics include pet retirement home possibilities, as well as perpetual care arrangements, and both come at substantial cost.

The society urges pet owners to have at least two responsible parties who will serve as temporary emergency care givers when we are, ah, some place else. Such folks should know how many pets you have, names of each, veterinarians, medications and feeding instructions.

The Society also recommends the wallet card alert. It should include names, addresses and phone numbers of emergency care givers and other stuff.

Sorry, if it's that card or grandkids' pics, my choice is easy.

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But this kit could jump start our economy. Attorneys will face backlogs of requests to revise wills. Pet mortuaries will push for pre-need arrangements, since inevitably our pets will face last days, too. Coffins? Bodies to science? Cremation? Cryogenics?

Remember, the late Ted Williams' kids couldn't decide whether he should burn or freeze. Will mourners be desired? Engaging neighborhood pets to gather in black requires careful planning.

It is heartless to mention, I suppose, that the Pharaohs didn't give much thought to those who "survived," so to speak, even their pets. When they "checked out," wives, lesser officials and pets went with them – right then. I doubt that the Pharaohs even carried wallets.

I don't blame anyone who opts to be thoughtful concerning their pets, just as I don't find fault with young fathers who take to heart specific instructions for their kids' first swing sets.

"Lubricate moving parts every two weeks," the instructions read, and for a while, they try....

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Letters to the editor

No $10 fee

Dear Editor:

I was born and raised in Snyder and am very proud to call it my hometown. When I was growing up in Snyder there was a lot of fun things to do. One of these was spending the night in Towle Park on July 3.

This year my nephews were going to spend the night, but there is a charge of $10 per tent. The boys' father was very disappointed because of the fee. And refused to pay for it. It seems everything is about money, money this, money that.

Are they trying to keep people out of the park, or just people that don't have the $10? It seems as if everything revolves around money at a time when no one has any. You are hurting our young people when you take away something they like to do. Is the county broke? How many ten-dollar bills are they in the hole.

Thomas Hernandez

A visionary

Dear Editor:

"Why does someone have to die?" asks Leonard Woolf to his wife, Virginia, in the movie, The Hours. He is referring to a book Virginia is writing at the time. Virginia Woolf — played by Nicole Kidman in an Oscar-winning performance — says, "So that others will learn to value life more."

"Who has to die?" Leonard persists.

"The poet," she answers. "The visionary."

My sweet, dear friend, Donna Fowler, would probably snicker at the idea of herself as a poet, but she was a visionary, all right. If you didn't know her, you couldn't possibly imagine all she wanted to do for this little town, and how much she loved it. But then, that's just the way she was about life in general.

Donna and I got to know one another when she was a radio announcer for KSNY. When my first book, Darkroom, was published, and for many of the others, she had me on her morning program. We were supposed to talk about the book, but mostly what we did was girlfriend-gabbing, and from then on, we were sisters.

We didn't hang out all the time — it wasn't that kind of sisterhood.

Didn't have each other's families over for dinner. But every time we saw one another, we hugged and kissed and started right back up again.

I think that's what I'll miss the most—knowing that there is at least one person who, as soon as she sees me, will light up and throw her arms around my neck. Of course, I can't claim exclusivity on that. Donna loved all her friends with equal passion, and lord, did she have a lot of friends. During her funeral service at Colonial Hill Baptist Church, the pews were so packed I was afraid they'd have to pipe the service out to the parking lot to reach all the mourners.

No one was better at encouraging you to go for your dreams. When I was going through a hard time with my career, I never saw her that she didn't immediately go into cheerleader-mode. "You can do it!" she'd cry. "Don't quit." It didn't matter where we were — the grocery store, wherever — it was always the same.

I'll miss that.

She had dreams of her own, too. Once, she told me that she'd've loved to have done cartoon voice-over work. Can't you just picture it?

She'd have been terrific, just as she was at everything she attempted.

When she knew she was dying—so abuptly, so cruelly — I went to see her one last time, in the hospital. Just before I left, she whispered, "I just don't want to be forgotten." I've been haunted by those words. At first, I thought, What? How could anybody ever forget Donna Fowler? Her life-force was just too vivid, too vital, so wide-open and loving ... in fact, I still can't get it through my head that she's gone. I keep wanting to write about her in the present tense.

And then I got to thinking about my old friend Jerry Worsham, and how much it meant to him when the high school auditorium was named for him, in honor of his incredible achievements in the field of drama.

And I thought of a way we can honor Donna, so that she will never be forgotten, even when her friends have gone to join her.

I propose that we re-name the Scurry County Coliseum after Donna Fowler. We could call it the Donna Fowler Memorial Coliseum or the Donna Fowler Coliseum, or Donna Sue's House. (Okay, I'm kidding with that last one, but Donna was a great kidder.) Certainly no one ever worked more tirelessly to promote Snyder and Scurry County and to bring as much entertainment and industry here as possible. No person ever walked that concrete floor more times, promoting, publicising, and just sharing her love for this town, its people, and all who came to visit.

If you think my idea has merit, I encourage you to contact your county commissioner and let him or her know you would support such a measure, and any fund-raising that might be necessary to make it happen. I don't know the process and procedures — do we need petitions? — but if you do and are willing to get something going, give me a call. I'm in the book — don't hesitate to leave a message.

Although Virginia Woolf says someone must die so that others may value life more...Well, all I would tell her, if I could, is that Donna Fowler did not have to die so that I might value life more — it was her life that made me value life more. Her extraordinary life, her generous love, and her steadfast friendship.

I'll never forget you, girlfriend.

Deanie Francis Mills
Hermleigh



Poor Rix's Almanac

by Rix Quinn

Poor Rix offers stupid answers to smart questions. Got a question? E-mail rixquinn@charter.net, or write him in care of this newspaper.

Dear Poor Rix: Do fireflies have any daytime rituals, or do they sleep all day and light all night? I think they are related to mosquitoes, and have a deal with them. While I'm out trying to capture the elusive firefly, hungry mosquitoes take the advantage to drain a little blood from me. — Mike Koewler, Reading, OH

Mike, I agree that fireflies and mosquitoes must work together. I don't know what the firefly gets, but the mosquito wins a meal with mood lighting.

Fireflies — also called "lightning bugs" — are actually beetles. Their flickering glow comes from luciferin, a chemical their bodies produce. It reacts with oxygen and — presto! — critter glitter.

A few humans glow in the dark, too. We suspect they are visitors from another galaxy, fluorescent paint salesmen, or recent guests at Aunt Bessie's Radiation Ranch.

Researchers claim fireflies are attracted by sight. Females flash their torches to alert guys, who approach them with that stupid line "Hey, nice headlights."

Another theory says the glowing beetle body discourages night-feeding birds, much like an undercover policewoman's glowing badge discourages wild bachelors.

Experts say fireflies spend their days eating, and their evenings transmitting messages to each other, much like politicians before a convention.

In ancient times, travelers put a bunch of fireflies in a bottle, and used them as lanterns. But during the sweltering day, these tourists sometimes forgot the flies, and filled their bottles with drinking water.

And that's how we got the term "floodlight."

Open Government Barometer

Number of Executive Sessions held by public entities in 2003.

Hermleigh ISD	7
Snyder ISD	8
Ira ISD	7
DCOS	4
City of Snyder	4
Cogdell Hospital	1
Scurry County	0
WTC	1

NEWSPAPERS: LIGHTING FREEDOM'S WAY

Doing it with smoke and horrors

by Jo Klock, Sr.

Little Johnny Roventini was doing pretty well as a bellhop in the Hotel New Yorker, raking in a weekly salary of fifteen dollars, plus another sawbuck or so in tips.

These days, a Big Apple bagtoter can probably pocket that much in an hour, but it was not too shabby for a 23-year-old bachelor in 1933, and he had pretty much settled on it as a lifelong career.

Then fate intervened, in the persons of Alfred E. Lyon, Sales Vice President of a little-known tobacco company and its better-known advertising account executive.

In what proved to be a stroke of marketing genius, they transformed genial Johnny into a national icon, whose image catapulted an obscure brand of cylindrical gaspers to the number four position in national sales in five short years.

He was, as anyone of sufficient longevity will recall, the cute little (three-foot-eleven) guy in the red uniform who adjured his fellow humanoids to "Ca-a-ll f-o-o-r Phil-ip Mor-r-is" in a high, impeccable B-flat monotone, a sound bite that became as familiar to radio audiences as the "My fellow Americans" of FDR.

Roventini spent the ensuing decades in a world-girdling odyssey of personal appearances with all the greats of the entertainment world, at one time backed up by four look-alikes to fill the otherwise-unfillable demands for personal appearances.

An interesting sidelight is that, while many parents of that era (mine included) pointed to his diminutive stature as proof that smoking stunted one's growth, there is no evidence that Johnny was ever hooked on the demon weed. In researching old Philip Morris ads, I never saw one depicting him in the act, although he was almost always seen displaying the product.

Moreover, a surviving nephew with whom I spoke personally, says that, while he would "light up" on social occasions, he never inhaled. (Yeah, I get the connection - make up your own joke!)

Also, his principal double, one Albert Altieri, who was hired just two years after Roventini, never even puffed the stuff.

ASIDE: If a certain writer for the New York Times had engaged in research of such meticulous quality, it would have avoided a lot of embarrassment. So, how come this column doesn't appear in the Times?

That said (and I hope it was good for you, too), let's move on to what inspired this-here column, which was not the life story of the late Johnny Roventini.

My blood pressure, normally at a nearly catatonic level, is spiked periodically by the pathetic attempts of the Philip Morris people to gain a measure of respectability after a full century of complicity in mass murder, although most of it was spent in contrived ignorance of how lethal their product actually was.

Suffice to say, they knew the grisly facts long before admitting them, adding deception to homicide, and they started issuing warnings to their victims only after every legal and political dodge had failed.

Nowadays, bloodied and (belatedly) bowed, they have aligned themselves with (read "gobbled up") such respectable products as Oreo cookies, Kraft Cheese, Maxwell House coffee and Ritz crackers.

One might hypothesize that they are attempting a recreation of the "whitened sepulchers filled with dead men's bones" made infamous in the New Testament (cf. Matthew 23:27).

Their latest stratagem is a series of TV spots urging children not to smoke. That is to say, they are urging American children not to smoke. Their marketing efforts among the innocent rage on elsewhere in the world, presumably wherever they are not inhibited by punitive court orders to clean up their act.

While watching one of those hypocritical exhortations on the tube, I was recently reminded of the familiar and unchanging radio message of Johnny, which I heard so many times that I will remember it longer than I will my Marine Corps serial number and Bill Clinton's emotional "I did not" monologue.

The closing Philip Morris spiel of yore was "This is Johnny, returning now to store windows and counters all over the country. Look for me ... I'll be waiting for you .... come in and ca-a-ll f-o-o-r Phil-ip Mor-r-is."

If there is a smidgen of sincerity in their newfound concern for public health, the PM conglomerate (Marlboro, et al) will sacrifice their 48% share of the USA coffin-nail market on the altar of human compassion and find a less lethal line of work.

Granted, that's like asking Tony Soprano to give up the "f" word and his Mafiotic Code, but slaughter is slaughter and, as we noted in an earlier column, a ruse by any other name smells just as foul.

As it stands, though, Johnny Roventini's perfect B-flat importunity will resound from the grave to the ears of yet another generation of doomed children: "I'll be waiting for you!"

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WTC News
WESTERN TEXAS COLLEGE

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Sign space available at WTC Ballfield Complex

Play on fields scheduled to begin September 1

As you may know, WTC is in the process of constructing a baseball/softball complex on campus for our newly installed athletic programs.

The fields are scheduled to be completed this fall, and will be ready for college games, college and high school tournaments, playoff games, and college intramurals.

Since the ballfields are located near the main college entrance, your business name and support of the college will be seen by everyone who visits the WTC campus.

Once the outfield fences are completed, the college plans to place 4'x8' signs along the wall and offer the space to local and area businesses who would like to advertise their services while supporting the college programs.

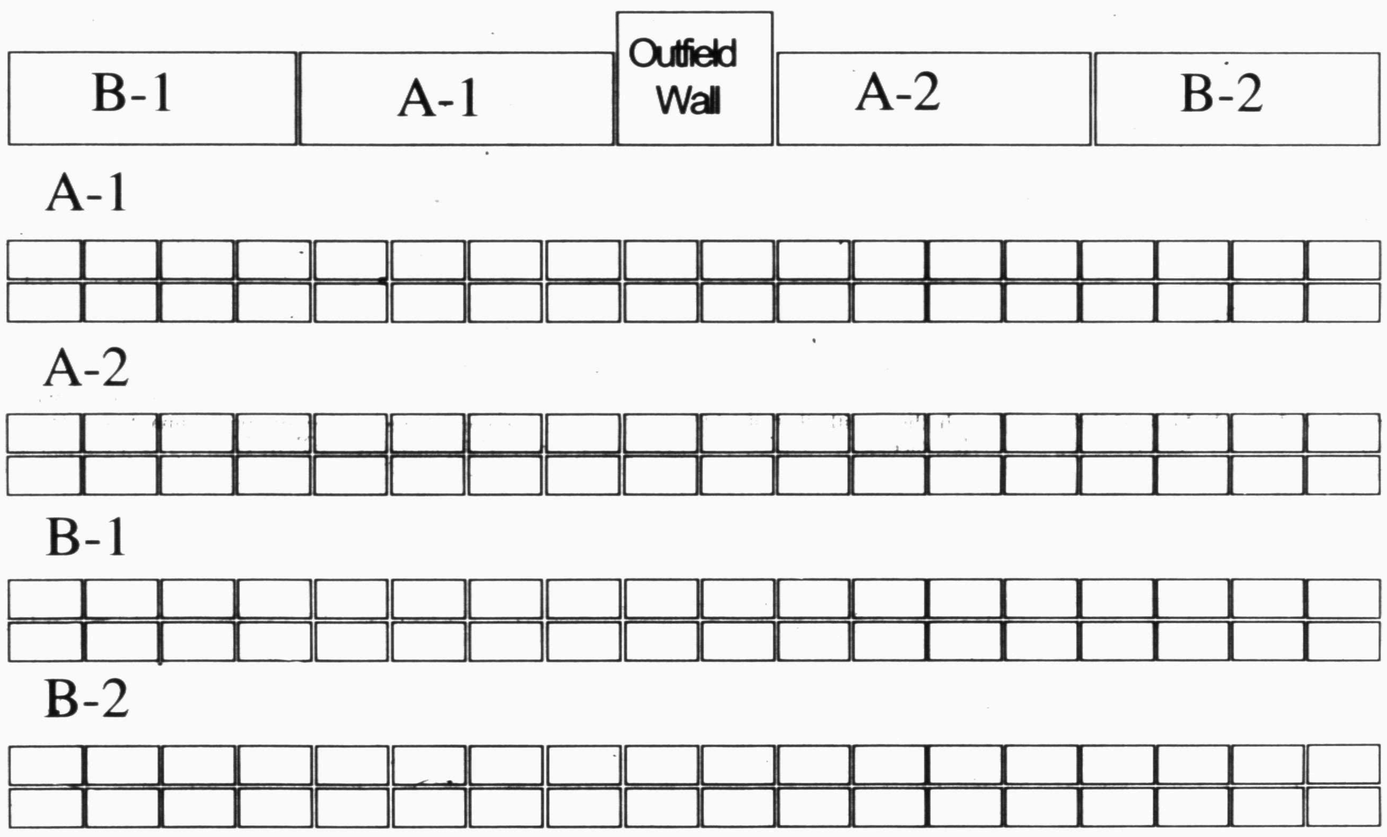
With over 100 people at each game, many from out of town, and more than 80 scheduled games on the fields each year, the signs offer a great way to promote your business. And since the ballfields are located near the main college entrance, your business name and support of the college will be seen by everyone who visits the WTC campus. The signs will be similar to those in place at Moffett and Cates fields and will be designed and constructed by Snyder Sign Company.

The initial cost will vary, depending on the size of the sign and where it is placed on the fence. Individuals and businesses may purchase a sign on either the baseball or softball field fence or one for each field.

We're looking forward to another record year at WTC, with a lot of excitement generated by having our teams playing here on our campus. I hope you'll choose to be a part of the great things that are happening at WTC.

For more information, or to reserve a spot on either field, call Sandra Hall at 573-8511 ext. 394.

Ballfield Diagram for Business Sign Placement



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Business Phone:_____Email Address: _____

2) Dimensions:
☐ Standard (4'x8') ☐ Large Vertical (8'x8') ☐ Large Horizontal (4'x16')
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☐ A-1 ☐ A-2 ☐ B-1 ☐ B-2
Field:
☐ Baseball ☐ Softball ☐ Both
Design
☐ Business Card/Logo ☐ Additional Text (ex: *Go Westerners!*)
Text: Font Color: Background Color:

Cost:

Section	Size	Initial Cost	Annual Lease (after first year)
A	Standard	$275	$150
A	Large	$550	$300
B	Standard	$225	$100
B	Large	$450	$200

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Mail to: WTC Signs
c/o Athletic Department
6200 College Avenue
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New and returning students . . .

Preregistration underway now for Fall '03 Semester

Preregistration for the fall semester at Western Texas College is now underway. New and returning students should schedule an appointment with the Counseling Office to select their fall classes and complete the preregistration process.

A complete class schedule is available online at www.wtc.edu or may be picked up in the counseling office.

Payment for preregistration can be made between August 4 and 19 by going directly to the WTC Business Office in the administration building.

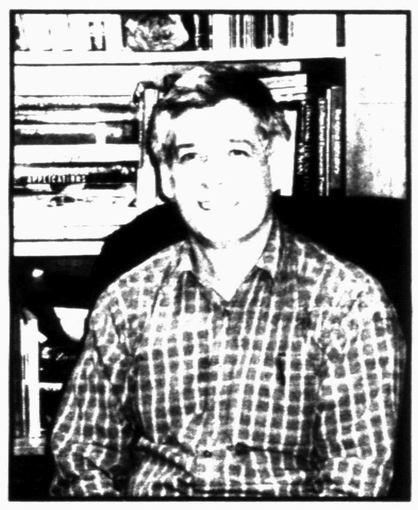
In addition, credit card payments may be made by phone by calling 573-8511, ext. 306. Before paying for classes, students with financial aid or scholarships should contact the Financial Aid Office located in the Student Center.

Getting to Know You

Britt Canada: Dean of Information Technology Services
Hired: August 20, 1984

What led you to WTC?

Tonya and I were living in Irving, I was teaching computer science/statistics/math at the Texas Woman's University Parkland Campus. We were tired of the messoplex. I was walking by the information bulletin board at TWU and it had a job posted for a computer science instructor at WTC. I had taught math as an adjunct for WTC in 1976-7 and so we were familiar with the area. I think that my application just barely made it under the deadline.



Where do you go from here?

When we first came to WTC, we planned to stay at least 5 years. Snyder has been a good place to raise our family. I think that the best way to answer this question is to do my best to live each moment to the fullest. The happiest people that I know are those who are at peace with God - that is my goal.

Most memorable moment?

I think that a person could really get into trouble answering this question. One of the most memorable stupid moments was when I got behind the wheel for the first time and drove over the neighbor's hedge. One of the most significant memorable moments was looking down the aisle at Tonya, on our wedding day. Three exciting memorable moments were to be present in the delivery room as each of my daughters were born - the miracle of birth. At WTC, getting Internet on the campus, the first DL classroom, wiring the campus - all of these were memorable.

What is the hardest decision you've ever made?

Do these questions get any easier? We all make tough decisions - almost every day. For me, it was a long time ago. For my first year of college, I went to Altus Junior College (now Western Oklahoma or something like that) and stayed with my grandmother. My grandmother thought that I would stay for 2 years but after the first year, I made the decision to go to WTSU. In retrospect, it was a good decision but it broke my grandmother's heart.

Favorite books or authors?

Patrick McManus has some great books with fascinating stories in them. Some of the titles are: Never Sniff a Gift Fish, The Grasshopper Trap and Real Ponies Don't Go Oink. I think that these stories appeal to me because I can really relate to some of the adventures. Some of the other authors that I enjoy are Max Lucado and Phillip Yancy.

Favorite movie?

John Wayne movies always catch my attention.

Favorite spare time activity?

My first degree was in biology. I wanted to be a forest ranger or wildlife manager. Basically, I wanted someone to pay me to be outside. Things didn't turn out that way but my favorite activities still revolve around the outdoors: gardening, fishing in Colorado, camping, hiking, etc. However, recently one of my favorite activities is doing anything with my granddaughter (but I guess that is the next question).

Names of family members?

My wife is Tonya. My oldest daughter is Shannon and she is married to George Broyles. They live in San Antonio and have blessed us with a granddaughter named Emily. Emily is two and a half years old and thinks that I am great. Their second child is expected to arrive in September. Britney lives in Amarillo and is currently working at Chili's. Laura is a senior at Southwest Texas (I think they just changed their name to Texas State University) in San Marcos.

If you could spend an hour talking with any person, living or dead, who would it be?

I'd like to spend that hour with the person who has had the greatest influence on human history - that person would be Jesus Christ. Hopefully, I would have enough sense to sit at his feet and listen for the hour.

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31 Unit of resistance
34 Ruler of Venice
35 Faithful
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38 Rubber-stamp word
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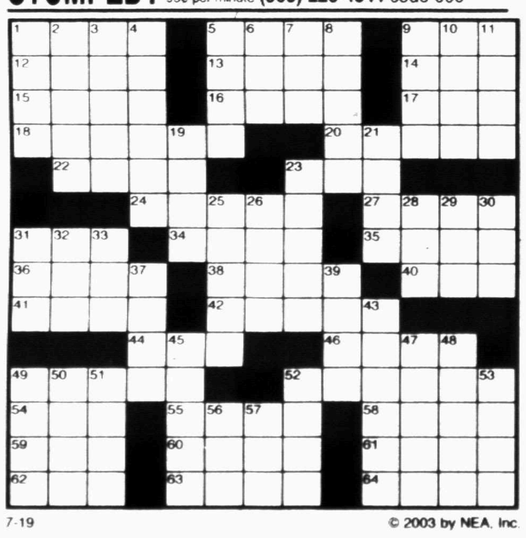
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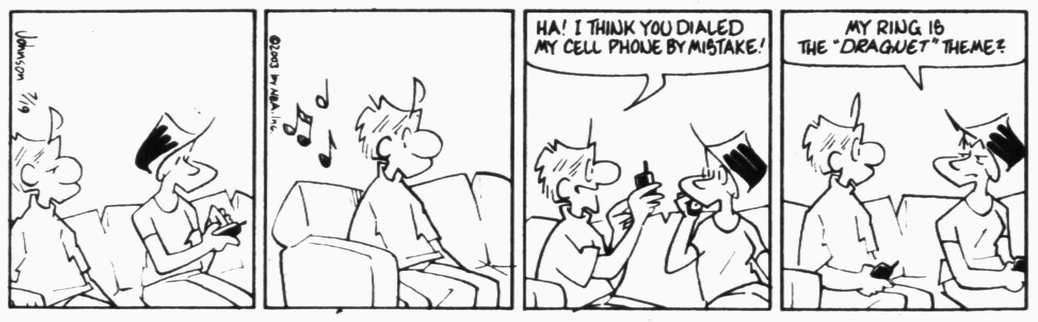


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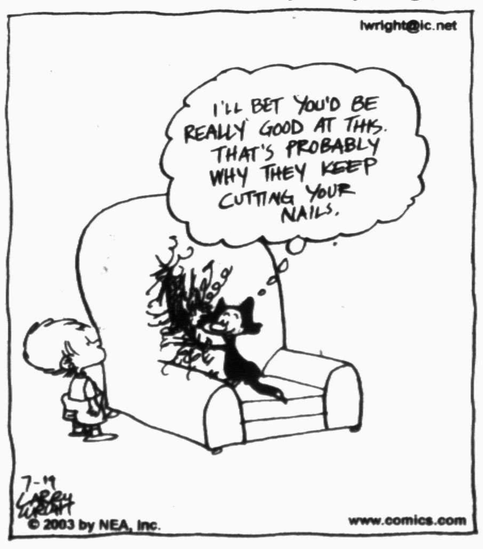


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Your Birthday

Sunday, July 20, 2003

In the months ahead, your plans will have a better than average chance of success. In fact, they might work out even better than you anticipate.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — This may be a day of rest, but there are still substantial financial and career opportunities hovering about today. Breaks come through social encounters.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Today, a calculated risk is called for. Make sure you know the difference between a wild gamble and a well thought out one.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — A condition you've been hoping would change for the better is about to today, but chances are it won't be because of anything you do. It'll happen on its own.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — This is a good day to put your head together with someone else's. The outcome could favor you considerably.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Continue to target meaningful objectives and believe in your abilities. You're in a favorable cycle where important issues can be accelerated.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — There should be no doubt in your mind that wherever you go today, you'll be well received. This is especially true when socializing with people who share a common interest with you.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — There could be not one but two rainbows in your life today, and each one will contain a pot of happiness at its base. Don't put any limitations on your contacts and activities.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Don't be a couch potato today. The more you get out, circulate and move about, the greater your chances will be for good fortune. Living life makes wonders materialize.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Ways to improve on your current situation can be found today. What you discover can double the rewards.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Your charisma is sparkling today. Those of the opposite gender will view you romantically, while those of your own sex will see you as a person to be admired.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Lucky you to have loved ones who will go out of their way to see that you get what you want. Life doesn't get any better.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — There will be two big pluses for you today. Not only will you get along well with everybody, but you'll also experience a close relationship with Lady Luck herself.

Monday, July 21, 2003

In the year ahead, you will be more of a joiner than you were in the past. Each new group you associate with will have a positive effect on both your personal and professional lives.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Take advantage of the opportunity to reinforce bonds with a knowledgeable acquaintance. This person will prove to be a very important contact.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — See yourself as a winner and positive energy will make it so. No matter how tough the competition, don't let go of your visions of victory.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Be honest about your abilities and know your limitations, and today you will be very prosperous.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — You need to look toward long-range projections and what you can do to make them work for you, especially if the returns have been a bit sparse at times for you.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — By checking with bernice4u.com on pet peeves, you'll be able to turn a difficult judgment call into something that everybody can live with.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Today is harvesting time for the fruits of your labors. If the pickings are a bit slim, let this serve as a lesson to you. Try harder next time.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — A social gathering could produce some unique business opportunities for everybody involved. Don't be reluctant to talk shop.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — A number of small but significant details can be completed. It might have been a long time coming, but a sense of gratification for a job well done can now be expected.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — The appropriate opening that you need to discuss something serious with a friend will present itself today. Don't let it slip past you.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — This is the day to shop for that high-priced item you need. Chances are you'll be able to find a good deal now.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — The demands you make on those under you will be far less than those you make on yourself. Because you'll set such a high example, they'll follow your lead.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — You'll automatically tune in to factors that could help you regarding your commercial dealings. Listen to that inner voice.

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States mull 'when is someone too old to drive'

WASHINGTON (AP) — It's not easy to know when to take the car keys away from grandpa.

But as the number of older drivers rises, states are taking a closer look at ways to make sure they're not dangerous to themselves or others.

Accidents like the one in Santa Monica, Calif., this week in which an 86-year-old driver killed 10 people and injured dozens more when he drove into a crowded farmers market, are cited by those who believe older drivers should have to prove their capability.

Others point to statistics showing that older drivers are safer than teens — at least until they reach 75 — and are less likely than other drivers to drive drunk.

"It's tricky. You can't just as a matter of course say, 'Once you reach 85, you can't drive anymore'," said Susan Ferguson, senior vice president of research at the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety, which is funded by auto insurers. "It would take driver's licenses away from people who are perfectly fine to drive."

In 2001, 16 percent of drivers were 65 and older; by 2030, one in four is expected to be in that age group.

At least 21 states have requirements for older drivers, varying from more frequent license renewals to vision tests. New Hampshire and Illinois require road tests for those 75 and older, while in Nevada drivers 70 and older who renew licenses by mail must include a medical report.

Missouri allows people to submit confidential tips that an older driver is no longer safe on the road. The state then can require the targeted person to pass a driving skills test or physical examination.

A bill in the California Legislature requiring road tests for people 75 and older was killed in 2000 after senior citizen groups protested. Among those who would have been affected was Russell Weller, the man police say was responsible for the Santa Monica crash.

Weller told police he may have hit the gas pedal instead of the brake when he plowed through the farmers market. Results found no traces of alcohol or psychoactive drugs such as antidepressants and hallucinogens in his blood.

AARP, the advocacy group for people 50 and older, favors better tests rather than age limits for drivers.

"We need to develop means to determine who can drive safely and who can't," said Cheryl Mattheis, AARP's director of state affairs. "People should be able to drive as long as they can drive safely and effectively."

Taking away a license can rob older people of their independence, forcing them to rely on others for trips to the grocery store or doctor's office. AARP and the auto club AAA have programs to help such drivers keep their skills.

"It's an issue of driving ability, not age," said Dr. Jeffrey Runge, head of the National Highway Transportation Safety Administration. Key to determining if someone is fit to drive, he said, are effective screening methods for physicians.

The American Medical Association is issuing guidelines this month outlining what doctors should look for in assessing driving skills.

Some states give special benefits to older drivers. For example, North Carolina doesn't make people 60 and older parallel park during the road test.

Statistics from the Insurance Institute show that older drivers generally are as safe as other age groups until they reach 75, when they tend to have more accidents.

Drivers 85 and older are about as likely to be involved in a fatal crash as those ages 16 to 19, but they're more likely to die than others in car accidents because their bodies are frailer, the institute's Ferguson said.

Wendy Stav, an assistant professor of occupational therapy at Cleveland State University, said older people are more apt to have health issues that affect driving. For example, people with heart disease or diabetes can have conditions that cause them to lose feeling in their feet.

Other conditions that can affect older drivers' performance are decreases in attention span, failing vision, inability to see well at night or in the rain, slowing of reaction time and decreased ability to do more than one thing at a time, Stav said.

She said the best way to identify impaired older drivers is to have them evaluated by doctors or through driving evaluation programs run by rehabilitation hospitals or state motor vehicle departments.

Victoria Gotti, widow of Dapper Don, exhibits paintings in gallery

NEW YORK (AP) — The late John Gotti ran a mob of men, but his widow is stepping into the limelight with a message of girl power.

Victoria Gotti exhibited 22 of her paintings Thursday night at a Chelsea art gallery in a show entitled "In Praise of Older Women."

The show features mostly acrylic paintings of tall, elegant women — often accompanied by tigers and lions and sometimes nude, with titles like "Mother's Love" and "Midnight Lady."

The lone portrait of John Gotti, who headed the Gambino crime family, shows the late "Dapper Don" in a sharp black suit in front of the Manhattan skyline.

More common is the subject of "Beauty & Power," depicting a woman in a lime green kimono, petting a white tiger with a tree blooming above. In "Rosie O," a woman rides a motorcycle on a beach of topless women; gallery owners said Gotti intended it as a tribute to Rosie O'Donnell.

Victoria Gotti, who does not have any professional art training, is rarely seen in public and — through a handler — professed to be too shy to talk to the press at her opening.

That's a far cry from her late husband, whose flashy style and high profile attracted the media — and the interest of law enforcement. When he died from cancer in June 2002 at the age of 61, he was serving a life sentence for murder and racketeering.

Victoria Gotti's daughter, who is a novelist and gossip columnist, said her mother has painted for years but waited until her family was raised to try to sell any of her work.

"She comes from the old school," said her daughter, also named Victoria Gotti. "I think with that antiquated belief that a woman belongs in the home, guilt accompanies any desire to morph into a professional person."

The paintings, some of which were sold before the show began, were priced from $5,000 to $6,500. Proceeds from the painting of John Gotti, which was to be auctioned, will be given to St. Jude's Hospital. Half the proceeds from a painting of a firefighter were to be donated to a firefighters foundation.

The exhibit is on display until Aug. 22 at Gale Martin Fine Art.

Date Book

Saturday, July 19, 2003

Today is the 200th day of 2003 and the 29th day of summer.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1799, the Rosetta Stone was found by a French soldier in Egypt. The black basalt slab was inscribed with writing that made it possible for modern man to read ancient hieroglyphics.

On this day in 1848, the First Woman's Rights Convention began in Seneca Falls, N.Y. The convention was organized by Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Lucretia Mott.

On this day in 1939, fiberglass sutures were used for the first time in an operation performed by Dr. Roy Scholz.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Edgar Degas (1834-1917), artist; Lizzie Borden (1860-1927), accused murderer; Charles Mayo (1865-1939), surgeon; George McGovern (1922-), U.S. politician, is 81; Anthony Edwards (1962-), actor, is 41.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1910, Cleveland's Cy Young became the first and only pitcher to ever win 500 games.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Politics is an act of faith; you have to show some kind of confidence in the intellectual and moral capacity of the public." — Edgar Degas

TODAY'S MOON: Between full moon (July 13) and last quarter (July 21).

Sunday, July 20, 2003

Today is the 201st day of 2003 and the 30th day of summer.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1881, under a promise of amnesty, Sioux leader Sitting Bull surrendered to the U.S. Army.

On this day in 1940, Billboard magazine published its first singles record chart.

On this day in 1969, Neil Armstrong became the first man to walk on the moon.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Francesco Petrarch (1304-1374), poet and scholar; Sir Edmund Hillary (1919-), mountain climber, is 83; Natalie Wood (1938-1981), actress; Carlos Santana (1947-), musician, is 56.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1976, Milwaukee Brewers hitter Hank Aaron hit his 755th and final homerun of his career.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "The only time a woman really succeeds in changing a man is when he is a baby." — Natalie Wood

TODAY'S MOON: Between full moon (July 13) and last quarter (July 21).

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Party chairman promises no Demo names on recall ballot

LOS ANGELES (AP) — No Democrat will run to replace Gov. Gray Davis in a recall, the chairman of the Democratic National Committee said, brushing aside suggestions that a member of Davis' party might jump into the race if it appeared the governor would lose.

"I want the folks here in California to know that we are not going to have another Democrat on the ballot," DNC chairman Terry McAuliffe said Thursday.

"So if you're a California voter and you want to vote to recall Gray Davis, you are not going to have an option but a bunch of right-wing conservatives on the ballot," McAuliffe said.

Some California lawmakers and party members in Washington have discussed uniting behind another Democrat if it appears Davis might lose a recall vote, as recent polls indicate.

Recall backers scoffed at the claim.

"Terry McAuliffe can rant and rave all he wants but the fact of the matter is you've got Democrats in California who I think are lining up to run," said Chris Wysocki, spokesman for Rescue California Recall Gray Davis, the main recall committee.

Rescue California has been funded by the only declared major-party candidate to replace Davis, Rep. Darrell Issa, R-Calif. Other Republicans who are considering candidacies include actor Arnold Schwarzenegger and former Los Angeles Mayor Richard Riordan.

Recall proponents are hoping the secretary of state will certify their effort as early as Wednesday, which is the next deadline for counties to report petition signature totals. Backers say they've turned in more than 1.6 million signatures. The signatures of 897,158 registered California voters are needed to trigger a recall, and election officials must validate the signatures.

If a recall makes the ballot, voters would be asked first whether to oust Davis and, secondly, to choose a replacement from a list of candidates. Strategists from both parties believe the unpopular governor's chances of survival would be greater if no Democrats are on that list.

Popularity of distance learning grows

By The Associated Press

The popularity of distance learning programs offered by the nation's colleges and technical schools more than doubled between the 1997-98 and 2000-01 academic years, a trend experts say foreshadows a blend of traditional classroom and offsite education.

In a study released Friday, the Department of Education revealed enrollment in college-level distance courses — classes taught either online or remotely through audio or video feeds — jumped from 1.3 million to 2.9 million between 1997-98 and 2000-01.

John Bailey, director of educational technology for the Education Department, prepared the report along with National Center for Education Statistics.

Distance learning won't replace traditional classrooms, he said, but there will come a time when "essentially every institution is going to offer some sort of distance learning or e-learning."

The survey was conducted in the spring of 2002, with questionnaires mailed to approximately 1,600 degree-granting schools across the country. About 94 percent responded, with the data weighted to take into account schools that didn't reply.

The study found that 90 percent of public, two-year schools and 89 percent of public four-year colleges and technical training schools already offer some form of distance learning.

Distance learning is available at 40 percent of the country's private four-year colleges and training schools.

Overall, the report found that the nation's colleges and universities provided Americans with access to 118,100 higher education distance education courses in 2000-01 compared to the 47,500 classes available in 1997-98.



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Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.



COPD responds to oxygen therapy

DEAR DR. GOTT: I'm a 62-year-old woman with COPD (chronic obstructive pulmonary disease), have little stamina, and get short-winded when I perform minimal exercise. I'm sure that smoking cigarettes for 40 years hasn't helped the situation. I live in a community at 6,000 feet and my doctor has suggested that I move to another area. Where in the United States is the air oxygen-rich? I really need to investigate this thoroughly because I hate to move away from my friends, daughter and grandson.

DEAR READER: Patients who suffer from chronic obstructive pulmonary disease are unable to get enough oxygen into their bloodstreams, leading to shortness of breath and diminished stamina. For this reason, such patients are helped by breathing supplemental oxygen, delivered through nasal prongs from a tank of oxygen or an oxygen concentrator.

Because supplemental oxygen is so readily available, most physicians simply prescribe it rather than insisting that their patients move to other parts of the country.

Remember that the higher the altitude, the thinner the air and the less oxygen. Thus, if a change in residence is the option you choose, you'll have to consider communities at or near sea level, such as the Midwest or along the coasts. Even so, you will probably have to consider supplemental oxygen. Nonetheless, the lower the altitude, the richer the oxygen supply in the air.

As part of your decision, you will want to consider other factors as well, the primary one being air pollution. Therefore, I'd recommend avoiding dense, urban, industrial areas, such as New York City or Los Angeles, where air pollution can be much more dangerous than high altitudes.

Frankly, I'd stay where you are and use supplemental oxygen, an option that would be far less drastic and expensive than leaving friends and family for a faraway residence. Let me know what you decide to do — and, by all means, get a boost from supplemental oxygen.

To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Living with Chronic Lung Disease." Other readers who would like a copy should send a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope and $2 to Newsletter, P.O. Box 167, Wickliffe, OH 44092. Be sure to mention the title.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I came down with chickenpox when I was 21. Now, four years later, whenever I get sick I get a weird rash up and down my spine, on my stomach and under my arms. Is this caused by the chickenpox or something else?

DEAR READER: Once chickenpox heals, it does not recur — except in the case of shingles, a serious viral infection of the nerves in the skin. Therefore, I believe you'll have to find another cause for your recurring rash. Although you may simply be experiencing the skin irritation that often accompanies mild viral infections, you may have a form of eczema that could be treated by over-the-counter hydrocortisone cream.

See a dermatologist for diagnosis.

DEAR DR. GOTT: Please publish an update on Alzheimer's disease. My mother has it and we are devastated.

DEAR READER: You are not alone. Devastation is the word most used by families of Alzheimer's patients. The disease is an incurable tragedy for its victims and loved ones.

Alzheimer's disease affects an estimated 4 million American adults. Approximately 6 percent of 65 year olds suffer from the disorder. The percentage rises to 10 percent of those aged 75 to 85, and to 20 percent of those over 85. It ranks fourth as a cause of death in people over 75. One-half of all nursing-home beds are occupied by patients with Alzheimer's disease, at a staggering cost of more than $25 billion a year.

Because the affliction begins so slowly — with forgetfulness and social withdrawal — and progresses so gradually, early diagnosis is virtually impossible. These people may merely seem to have the "benign forgetfulness of old age."

However, within years (sometimes months), Alzheimer's patients begin to make errors at work, have trouble making decisions, can't handle money or make calculations, and exhibit a hazy understanding of current events. These deficiencies lead to anxiety, depression and rage.

An examination at this stage will confirm that the memory loss affects all the decades of life, not simply recent events, as is the case with age-related forgetfulness. As the patient's condition deteriorates and memory worsens, language disturbances appear. This may begin as dysnomia (forgetting certain words and proper names) associated with a rambling speech pattern, punctuated by repetition of words and phrases.

Mathematical skills are also compromised. Not only is the ability to calculate affected, such patients may be unable to count. Numbers lose their meaning.

At this stage, paranoia may appear. Patients suspect that family members are out to get them or steal from them or attempt physical harm.

As the disease inexorably progresses, the power of meaningful speech declines and eventually disappears. Patients become indifferent to life, the feelings of others and to basic hygiene. Simple instructions, such as how many pills to take and when, become a monumental burden.

Visual and spatial orientation deteriorates; patients easily get lost and wander aimlessly about. They cannot tell left from right or use everyday utensils, such as cooking pots or pans. With time, they become unable to carry out even simple commands. Gait disorders, a "short-stepping" type of movement and poor balance appear. Emotional outbursts become a problem.

In the final stage, Alzheimer's patients require total nursing care and must be bathed, toileted, dressed and fed. They lose all cognitive ability, cannot recognize friends or family, and retreat into a strange new world that is devoid of the characteristics we term "human."

The cause of Alzheimer's disease is unknown, and the diagnosis can only be firmly established by brain biopsy, usually at autopsy. The disorder, however, is likely in elderly persons who exhibit progressive forgetfulness, intellectual decline, lethargy, lack of sociability, slow movements and loss of appetite.

Because curable conditions (such as vitamin deficiencies and hypothyroidism) may mimic Alzheimer's disease, and other causes of dementia (such as strokes and vascular brain disorders) may be present, patients need complete neurological examinations, blood tests and imaging studies (such as MRI scanning) to rule out treatable afflictions.

Drug therapy is far from ideal and, at the time of this writing, is used primarily to control emotional outbursts and behavioral problems — in essence, the consequences of the disease, not its cause.

Although there is much research underway concerning the cause of Alzheimer's disease and its treatment, years will probably elapse before scientists have appropriate therapy — much less a cure or a preventive strategy.

Because a family member with the disease represents such a catastrophe and a loss, support groups to help caregivers, caring friends and relatives may lead to better perspective and balance. For those interested in further information, I suggest contacting the Alzheimer's Association, 225 North Michigan Ave., Suite 1700, Chicago, IL 60601-7633. You can call them toll-free at (800) 272-3900 or visit their Web site at www.alz.org.

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Fire razes historic bowling alley in downtown St. Louis

ST. LOUIS (AP) — As flames consumed his landmark bowling alley where so many pins were sent tumbling over many decades, Jim Lampson looked on helplessly and couldn't keep his tears from falling.

The five-alarm blaze that swept through the second-story Arcade Lanes in University City, a St. Louis suburb, on Thursday night left in ruin the quaint, eight-alley place the widower said he has owned since the late 1950s.

At 78, Lampson wept as if losing a cherished friend.

"At my old age, everybody wonders why I work," Lampson said during the blaze that took a few dozen firefighters about three hours to control. "I only wanted to work to keep the history of Arcade bowling going."

Lampson and another man he was teaching to bowl managed to escape unharmed before the flames took over.

Fire Chief Bob Metcalf said officials hoped to inspect the rubble Friday to pinpoint the fire's cause, which Lampson — a retired electrician — suspects was an electrical problem in a storeroom.

The building had been a walk-up bowling alley since the 1940s. Lampson said all four of his daughters were married at the place where, by Lampson's account, more than 300 perfect games have been bowled on the lanes he was said to oil with a pump-style bug sprayer.

On Thursday night, Lampson could only watch as flames consumed his life's work — and the bevy collectibles he someday hoped to pass down to his grandchildren.

"I'm just glad he's out," said Liz Pursley, one of Lampson's daughters.

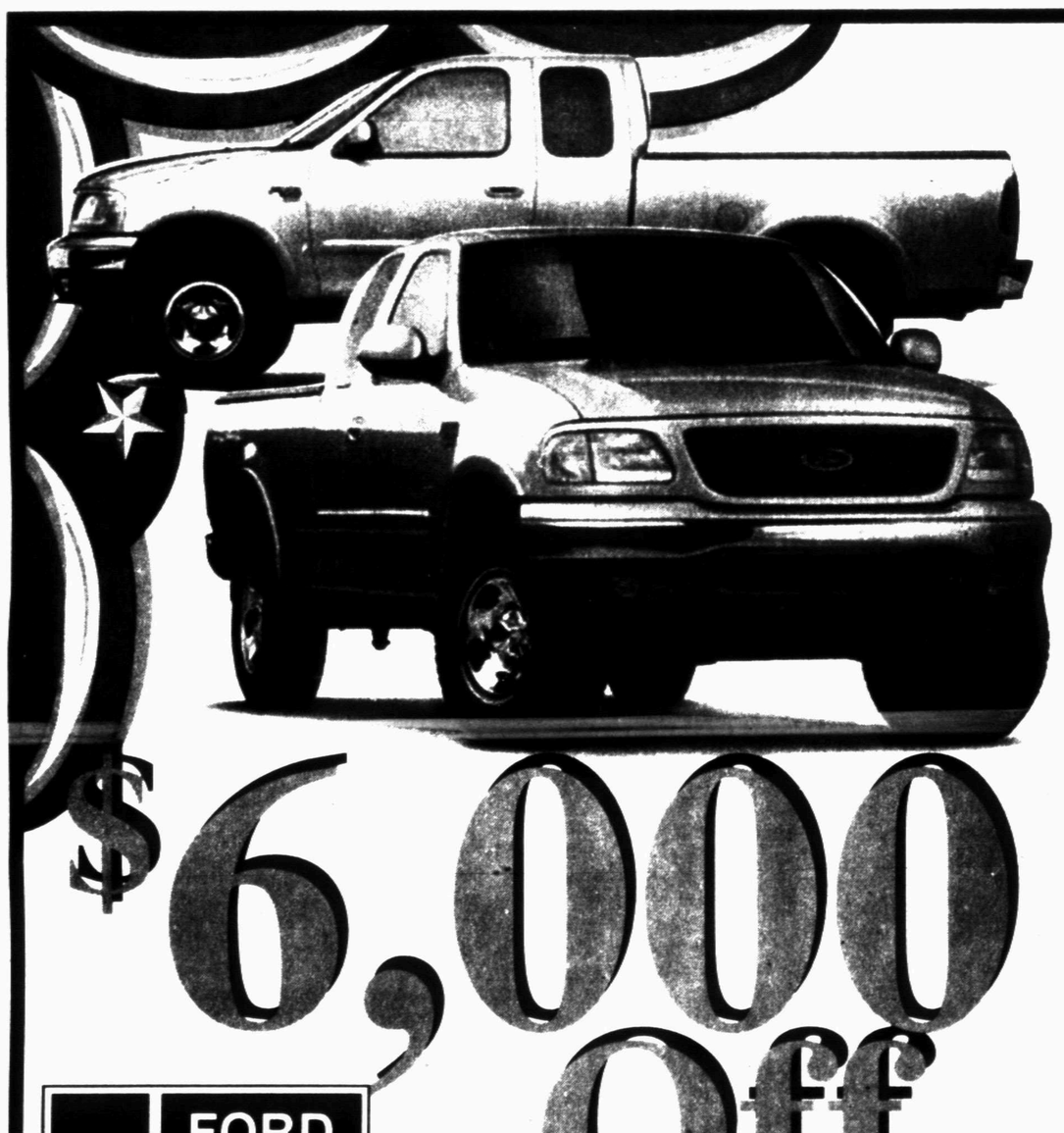
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