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THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "If Martha Stewart is really concerned about her image, she should try combing her hair."

Just wondering...

If the commissioners' court approves a motion — without discussion or comment — we can't keep from wondering how those with a vote know what they're voting on.

Unless, of course, there was prior private (secret) discussion.

And there was another secret session yesterday to discuss land next to the airport.

If discussion and exchange of views on public business were more public, perhaps there would be a less chance of misunderstanding.

Just an update on the post office parking lot situation.

According to a letter received from Michael S. Flores, district manager for customer service in Fort Worth, "the building specifications and all applicable federal standards and guidelines have been met.

"The current parking area provides enormous improvement over the previous spaces."

The congested parking area may meet guidelines, but it's still dangerous.

And by the way, somebody finally mowed the weeds at the old post office...mowing still needed at the former Southwestern Bell service center on Ave. R...on the sidewalks on 37th Street...and lots of other places, too.

We're still trying to figure out deregulation of electricity.

Two legislative sessions ago, Texas Electric lobbied against it as a bad, bad thing.

The next session, when deregulation was finally adopted, TXU thought it was a great idea.

Now that we got it — what is it and where are they?

We used to have offices and people in Snyder — real people that you can talk with and get answers. Now it's hard to even find a telephone number.

And if you get a telephone number, the caller must wade through a list of options and still talk to a recording. Ain't progress wonderful!

We're still opposed, from an economic standpoint, to the complete renovation of College Avenue. We think it would permanently shut down more than one business in a community that needs all the commerce that it can muster.

But it wouldn't hurt to fix a few potholes up and down the busy College Avenue state highway.

We're disappointed that the assisted-living project got mired down in turf battles. It's a needed facility in Snyder. It could happen if "leaders" are not concerned with "who gets the credit."

And from the Dairy Queen afternoon coffee group.

"Get on with the project. Time is running out for some of us."

Budget session goes on and on

By Bobby Allen
SDN Staff Writer

Tiring city council members asked for and received a recess at midnight Monday following a marathon budget workshop held after the regular council meeting.

Mayor Francine Noah called a recess until 5:30 p.m. today after city secretary Jeanne Johnson finished the overall budget presentation.

Johnson spent more than three hours on the first of six sections in the proposed budget workbook. She explained the charts and graphics in the workbook the council will use to determine the budget for fiscal year 2002-2003. She also provided background on which funds under which different city services and expenses are located.

Johnson said without the council adopting a proposed seven percent hike in water and sewer rates, the department is expected to be over $300,000 in the red at the end of fiscal year 2003. "These pictures are bleak, but they are as true as true can be," she said in reference to the projected deficits in the department.

She said rates have remained static for nine years. "We aren't charging enough for the service we are providing,"

Under the staff proposal, a residential utility bill would increase by $2.99 per month for water, sewer and sanitation.

Johnson said the acceptance of the bid for employee health insurance from Blue Cross/Blue Shield also would impact the numbers in the budget.

Johnson said contracts are decreasing at the landfill. She said working capital in the enterprise fund has declined $200,000 over the last four years.

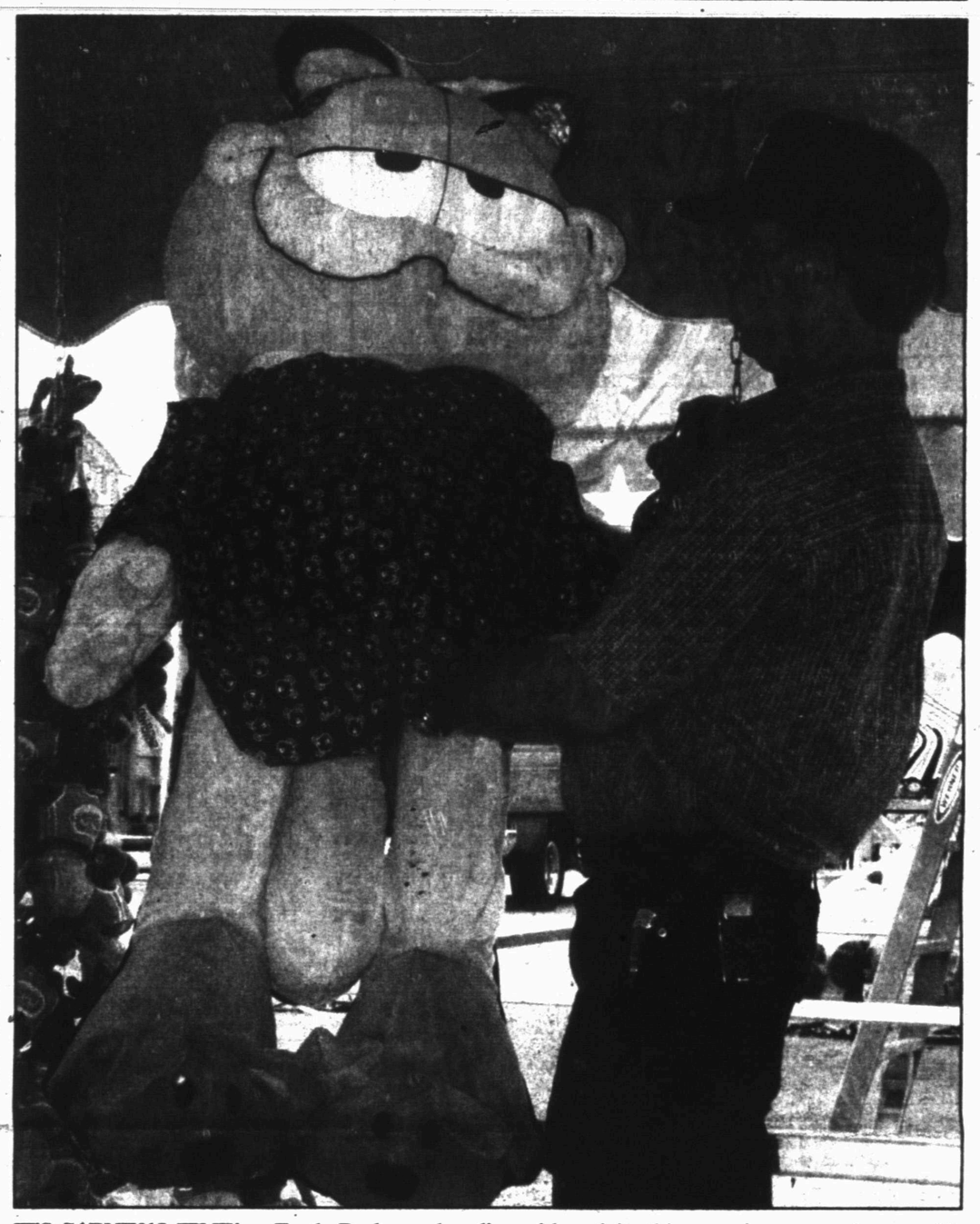
"We don't have any revenue increases," she said. "Inflation is 2.8 (percent) this year and if you add inflation, we have no funds." She said the increases are being proposed "just to cover deficits."

State sales tax refunds are the largest revenue source for the city and comprises 85 percent of the general fund revenue.

Personnel takes up 62 percent of general fund expenses, which include salary, insurance and retirement contributions.

The city is proposing a 2.7 percent pay increase for all employees, tied to the cost of living. The proposed 10 percent budget increase for health insurance is no longer necessary after the council voted to accept the bid from Blue Cross/Blue Shield.

The proposed budget is $9.6 million, an increase of $300,000 over the current year. Revenue for the proposed budget is based on the effective tax rate. Last year's municipal tax rate was 42.46 cents per $100 valuation.



IT'S CARNIVAL TIME! — Towle Park was bustling with activity this morning as employees with Pride of Texas Shows worked to set up the traveling carnival's many rides and games. General Manager Johnnie Cayer helped to hang a giant stuffed animal, one of many prizes to be offered. (SDN Staff Photo)

By grand jury...

Aggravated assault indictments returned

Seven indictments were returned by the Scurry County grand jury Monday, including two for aggravated assault against one individual.

Terry Blaine Hildreth, 32, of 123 20th Place was indicted on two counts of aggravated assault, a second degree felony.

Hildreth is charged with threatening and then attacking Joanie Wemken with a knife on June 8. He is also charged with threatening Raechele Wemken with a knife on the same date.

Hildreth is out of jail on bonds totaling $20,000.

Israel Tavarez Jr., 23, of 312 20th Street was indicted for the June 23 offense of assault, family violence.

Tavarez was previously convicted of assault against a family member in 1998 in Scurry County. Tavarez is out of jail on a $5,000 bond.

Indicted for evading arrest was Marco Antonio Rios, 21, of 3007 23rd Street. He is charged with fleeing from Snyder police officer Jason McMillan on June 8. Rios is out of jail on a $5,000 bond.

Three persons were indicted for felony driving while intoxicated.

Emma Salazar Salgado, 49, of 1318 Josephine St. in Sweetwater was indicted for DWI on June 2.

Salgado has previous DWI convictions in Nolan County in 1990, and in Hale County in 1999. Salgado is out of jail on a $5,000 bond.

David Gonzales Mendez, 33, of 1915 Coleman Ave. was indicted for the June 8 offense of DWI.

Mendez, who is out of jail on a $5,000 bond, has prior DWI convictions in Tom Green County in 1999 and Pecos County last April.

Also indicted for DWI was Jimmy Fuentez, 36, of 1402 7th Street. Fuentez, who is out of jail on a $5,000 bond, has previous convictions for DWI in Scurry County in 1988 and in Mitchell County in 1998.

City okays bids on several items

The Snyder city council voted unanimously on six bids for services and equipment at its regular meeting Monday night.

City Secretary Jeanne Johnson presented bids from three companiesfor employee health insurance, but recommended Blue Cross, the current carrier, which was approved.

Eli Torres, head of the city's landfill, presented one bid for a track-type tractor. Initially, the city had received a bid from Yellowhouse Machinery and a bid from Warren Cat, but Yellowhouse withdrew its bid when the company discovered the repurchase agreement on the city's present dozer had expired.

Councilman Terry Martin suggested allowing Yellowhouse Machinery to re-enter the bidding after he said he spoke with a representative of the company.

"I'm concerned that we can't get a competing bid on that piece of equipment," he said.

"If you re-bid, the second round will be higher," Johnson said.

Warren Cat's bid of $143,000 was then accepted.

The council voted 5-0 to accept several low bids, including $36,800 from Laredo Paving, Inc. for aggregate for the street department which was $2,200 lower than the next lowest bid.

A $26,100 bid from Alon for asphalt and a $38,443 bid from SRECO for a sewer cleaning machine also was accepted.

Bobby Kenner, street department head, noted one of the cleaning machines is more than 20 years old and "about worn out."

Council also approved a $7,697 proposal from Diebold for a pneumatic drive-in tube system to be used at the city's drive-up window.

Council members also approved the quarterly investment report, and a water distribution report.

Vick Chambers said the Deep Creek project had hit rock on Ave. N and that Ave. L had been bored already. He also said 740 feet of pipe had been put in on Ave. V and it had been tested and approved.

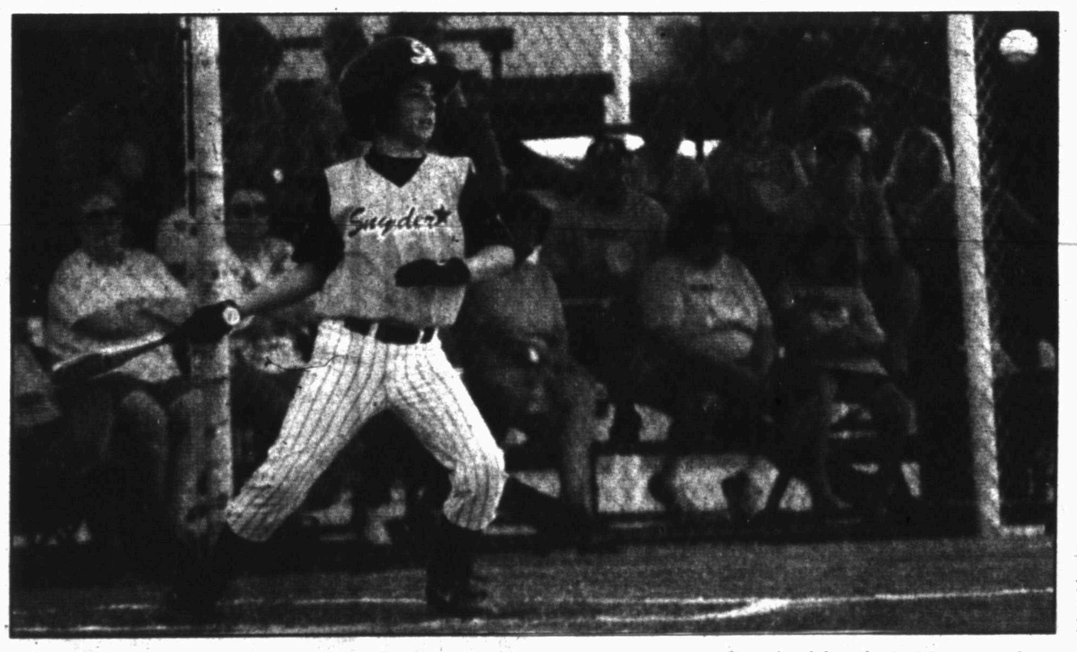
Councilman Ron Shaw said the hearing of the monthly cash disbursement award is unnecessary. He said the council did not require a monthly perusal of checks during his previous stint. "We give the staff the budget to work with and we should have faith they will spend wisely," he said. "This seems like micromanaging to me."

Mayor Francine Noah said the previous council felt it was needed.

"It's not necessary to me," said Mayor Pro Tem Vernest Tippens.

Martin said the council has a

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BAILING OUT — Snyder's Jake Crenwelge gets out of the way of an inside pitch Monday during Little League all-star action at Logan Field. Snyder's 9 and 10-year-old squad knocked off Colorado City, 5-4, and is in action again at 6 this evening against Sweetwater. (SDN Staff Photo)

ASK US

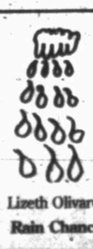
Q—Who is the owner of the Lorber building at the industrial park?

A—Right now, Lorber.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Monday, 87 degrees; low, 68; 7 a.m. Tuesday, 71; no precipitation; total for 2002, 11.51 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, partly cloudy; 20% rain chance; low 65-70; SE winds 10-15 mph. Wednesday, partly cloudy, 40% rain chance; high around 85; E winds 10-20 mph.



Lizeth Olivarez
Rain Chance

Sunset:
8:52 p.m.
Sunrise:
6:44 a.m.

Of 182 days in 2002, the sun has shone 175 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

Don't hide from the past. It won't catch you if you don't repeat it.

—Pearl Bailey

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Judge: Fed death penalty law unconstitutional

NEW YORK (AP) — A judge has declared that the federal death penalty is equivalent to the "state-sponsored murder" of innocents — fueling the growing debate about the use of capital punishment.

U.S. District Judge Jed Rakoff found the federal death penalty unconstitutional, ruling too many innocent people have been executed before they could be exonerated.

Rakoff decided the current law "denies due process and, indeed, is tantamount to foreseeable, state-sponsored murder of innocent human beings."

Rakoff is the first federal judge to declare the 1994 Death Penalty Act unconstitutional, said Lee Ginsberg, lawyer for the defendant whose case led to the decision.

The ruling will not affect individual states' death penalty statutes. Thirty-eight states allow capital punishment, although some have not executed anyone for many years. The governors of Illinois and Maryland have placed moratoriums on executions in their states.

Ginsberg said the Rakoff decision was further proof the federal judiciary, including the Supreme Court, has begun to seriously question the wisdom of the death penalty.

"I think there is a subtle shift taking place over the past few years," said Ginsberg. "Some of the more conservative judges are beginning to have serious doubts."

The government was expected to appeal Monday's ruling.

Rakoff said in his 28-page ruling that the 1994 law violated the due process rights of defendants. Prosecutors argued the Supreme Court already has concluded that the Constitution's due process safeguards do not guarantee perfect or infallible outcomes.

The judge found that the best available evidence indicates that, "on the one hand, innocent people are sentenced to death with materially greater frequency than was previously supposed and that, on the other hand, convincing proof of their innocence often does not emerge until long after their convictions."

He said he based his findings on studies of state death penalty cases, because the number of federal death sentences — 31 — was too small to draw any conclusions. The judge did not cite specific cases.

Only two people, Oklahoma City bomber Timothy McVeigh and drug killer Juan Garza, have been executed under the federal law. Of the remaining 29, five were reversed. The government said none of the 31 defendants was later found to be innocent.

Prosecutors had argued that federal death row inmates had greater legal protections than state court defendants, but the judge found the opposite was true because the rules of evidence in federal court are more favorable to law enforcement.

"There is no good reason to believe the federal system will be any more successful at avoiding mistaken impositions of the death penalty than the error-prone state systems already exposed," Rakoff wrote.

Justice Department spokeswoman Barbara Comstock criticized the ruling.

"The determination of how to punish criminal activity within the limits of the Constitution is a matter entrusted to the democratically elected legislature, not to the federal judiciary," she said.

One death penalty advocacy group quickly attacked the decision.

"The premises he used were false, therefore his conclusions were false," said Dudley Sharp of Justice For All. "It is astounding that he would make judgments based on those studies ... which have so many errors and inaccuracies in them."

Lawyer Gerald Shargel hailed Rakoff's ruling as "enormously bold but obviously correct."

events

Cash Five

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Monday by the Texas Lottery:

11-16-18-22-39

Pick 3

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

5-8-3

East Texas man held in connection with threat

TYLER (AP) — An East Texas man who led law officers to a makeshift device hidden near a hospital faces charges in connection with a threat to blow up the facility.

The 29-year-old man remained in Smith County Jail today in lieu of $140,000 bond in connection with making a terrorist threat and a bomb hoax related to East Texas Medical Center.

"He had gone to ETMC, threatening to explode a bomb," Chris Moore, Tyler police public information officer, told the Tyler Morning Telegraph. "His plan was apparently not to explode at this time, but at a later date."

Hospital officials on Monday called police, who found the man still at the medical facility. He led authorities to a nearby lot where investigators found what the suspect claimed was an incendiary device hidden inside a manhole cover.

But Tyler fire investigators and U.S. Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms agents said the object could not have exploded.

Woody McFarland, Tyler Fire Department investigator, said the device was constructed to look like a bomb. Some items could have been flammable if ignited, officials said.

Scurry County Rainfall Since 1911

A Public Service of Big Country Electric Cooperative

Year	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	April	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Total
1912	*	1.90	.77	.72	1.68	2.54	1.30	.76	.80	2.80	*	1.12	14.39
1913	.25	.58	1.57	2.48	1.52	2.44	2.58	.24	2.44	3.45	3.79	3.05	24.39
1914	.22	.04	1.04	4.06	2.59	4.78	3.03	5.54	1.22	3.58	1.59	1.27	28.96
1915	.22	.83	1.00	8.03	2.25	2.70	.50	4.48	5.40	3.77	**	.82	30.09
1916	.15	*	.34	3.58	1.67	.65	1.40	.49	1.52	2.00	.76	.05	12.61
1917	.34	*	.34	.88	.99	.83	1.04	2.18	1.53	**	.02	*	08.15
1918	.32	.57	.21	.45	2.46	1.14	**	.34	1.20	3.73	.62	1.28	12.32
1919	.99	.21	3.43	3.45	2.19	3.72	1.82	2.93	3.20	5.63	1.13	**	28.70
1920	1.08	.25	**	**	4.66	4.01	.50	11.27	2.37	1.55	.22	*	25.91
1921	.13	.96	1.05	.30	.87	7.05	.70	.40	3.15	.70	*	.03	15.34
1922	.58	.02	1.20	7.43	5.19	4.48	.05	1.75	**	.93	1.65	**	23.28
1923	.40	2.25	2.05	4.28	.75	2.40	.93	2.10	2.00	6.88	3.15	1.30	28.55
1924	**	.05	1.15	4.34	4.27	.45	.57	1.55	1.40	2.00	**	*	15.78
1925	.40	**	**	2.75	4.26	.25	1.13	2.47	5.00	3.55	**	**	19.81
1926	.75	*	1.98	4.20	3.10	1.47	1.91	4.35	2.59	3.60	1.10	3.30	28.35
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1929	.60	*	1.99	1.05	3.97	.50	2.76	.61	2.51	1.61	.52	.10	18.22
1930	1.02	*	.27	4.05	5.00	2.52	.10	1.67	.25	4.95	1.85	1.25	22.95
1931	1.40	1.15	.57	1.62	1.30	1.10	1.74	.18	.13	5.35	1.80	1.80	18.14
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1936	.64	1.12	.44	1.03	2.40	.33	.92	**	9.01	1.79	.77	.67	18.06
1937	.17	.25	1.36	.06	4.25	1.55	1.45	2.38	1.76	.44	.68	1.03	15.40
1938	1.55	3.51	1.73	1.00	3.35	2.76	3.51	.12	.94	1.22	.84	.06	20.59
1939	2.42	.20	1.00	.29	6.38	7.46	.65	2.28	*	1.66	1.09	.71	24.14
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1947	.30	*	.92	.36	6.64	2.13	.80	1.06	1.77	.37	1.81	1.60	17.76
1948	.21	1.98	.06	.29	4.38	1.67	7.30	*	*	2.55	*	*	18.44
1949	2.30	.47	.23	3.22	3.69	3.70	1.04	1.94	2.32	1.82	*	.55	21.28
1950	.40	.66	*	2.55	7.37	2.00	3.03	.98	4.20	**	*	**	21.19
1951	.14	.67	.30	1.06	1.42	1.57	.80	1.42	2.36	.48	**	.04	10.26
1952	.12	.18	.80	2.19	1.60	*	3.18	1.85	2.42	*	1.89	.90	15.13
1953	.15	.48	1.17	1.75	.66	.08	1.73	3.30	.98	3.70	.10	.15	14.25
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1956	.19	.11	*	2.97	2.50	.45	1.88	.24	*	1.77	.28	1.01	11.40
1957	.53	2.80	.16	3.61	7.13	2.29	2.93	.82	1.38	1.52	2.83	.04	26.04
1958	1.01	1.11	.94	3.72	2.73	2.32	.55	2.06	1.44	2.41	.55	*	18.84
1959	**	.21	1.03	.97	2.46	6.95	5.05	.37	.57	2.23	.20	1.22	21.22
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1962	.01	*	.60	1.16	.22	5.16	2.23	1.36	6.47	2.30	.69	.81	21.01
1963	**	.23	.43	1.16	3.05	2.46	.17	.47	1.63	1.15	2.21	1.13	14.09
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1971	*	.49	*	.56	3.77	2.02	1.78	16.7	4.0	3.62	.27	.45	33.66
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1974	.19	.35	.50	2.32	.62	2.37	.10	6.41	8.24	5.80	.63	1.08	28.61
1975	.33	2.04	.15	.31	3.33	1.14	6.24	2.43	5.38	.58	2.36	1.01	25.30
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1978	.46	1.28	.11	.15	7.37	2.70	1.01	1.79	5.68	1.84	.86	*	23.25
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1981	.56	.70	.59	6.60	1.51	3.08	1.53	.81	.58	3.27	.70	.16	20.09
1982	.68	.35	.81	2.25	8.04	6.59	2.71	1.19	.52	.28	1.48	1.72	26.02
1983	2.91	.43	.47	1.17	3.11	1.37	.42	1.22	.20	4.33	1.06	.10	16.79
1984	.52	.01	.30	*	.81	1.75	1.76	2.0	2.70	4.15	1.78	2.40	18.19
1985	.10	1.06	2.71	4.55	5.28	2.30	3.16	.18	2.96	4.79	.36	*	27.45
1986	.19	.35	.29	1.19	3.73	3.98	3.58	3.89	3.88	6.53	.71	1.88	30.20
1987	.18	2.82	.15	.71	7.76	3.17	1.35	*	1.96	.06	.05	.92	19.13
1988	.25	.55	.77	1.06	1.61	1.20	3.81	4.51	1.02	5.52	.22	.72	21.24
1989	.76	1.72	.19	.53	.48	2.95	.11	2.71	1.21	.82	.03	.16	11.67
1990	1.14	1.90	3.11	4.20	.19	.21	5.69	4.16	5.30	1.60	1.57	1.42	30.49
1991	1.64	*	*	.19	3.66	5.83	4.10	1.90	5.16	2.21	.93	4.27	29.91
1992	1.81	4.48	.56	1.61	6.04	3.87	2.43	2.07	.95	*	2.10	1.79	27.71
1993	.96	.80	1.25	1.83	1.25	3.32	1.58	1.27	1.55	1.83	.46	.19	16.29
1994	.53	.47	.11	.81	3.40	*	.54	.23	2.76	2.16	.41	.79	12.21
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Look Who's 70!!

Joshelyn Helm earns degree

ABILENE — Hardin-Simmons University announces that Hermleigh resident Joshelyn Helm was among Approximately 230 students who received degrees during the spring commencement exercises on May 11.

Helm received a bachelor of behavioral science degree from HSU's Irvin School of Education and graduated with honors of *magna cum laude.*

A student who has completed at least 65 credit hours of residence at HSU and has earned a cumulative grade point average of 3.70-3.84 is graduated *magna cum laude.*

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COMPLETES COT CLASS — Members of the Western Texas College Correctional Officers graduating class 02-6BWT included (from left) top photo, bottom row, Shane Brinkley, Pamela Christopher, Lon Davis, Charlie Flye III, James Gladden, Jimmy Godlove, Kevin Grand, Armando Guzman; middle row, Virginia Hafner, Kimberley Hall, Toby Hamm, Terry Harris, William Henson, Eva High, Cecil Holt, Darryl Hoover; top row, are Leanard Dodgen, instructor, and Theresa Ervin, secretary; Deeann Huggins, Margaret Huggins, Guadalupe Ibarra. In the bottom photo are, bottom row, BillieJoe Jenson, Quincy Johnson, Curtis Jones, Darren Karl, Sharon Kessee, Martin Koch, Kay Lacy, Shane Lassiter, Tommy Leek; middle row, Leticia LeValley, Gabriel Lindenmayer, Mario Lopez Jr., Argimiro Lugo, Larry Macon, Shahala Massingill, Daniel Medina, Lesa Melchor; top row, William Miller Jr., Cathy Moreno, Jeremy Moss, Mike O'Conner, Louis Page, Marilyn Perkins, Ronny Popham, Jonathan Ramirez, Michael Ramirez, Maxine Ray, Beatrice Rodriguez and Herbert Williams Jr. The class graduated recently at WTC. (Staff Photos by Jo Ann Nunley)

Fresh-baked bread smells great

One of the most enjoyable aromas to waft from the kitchen is that of fresh-baked bread. It's a scent that, for many people, tickles the nostrils and sets the mouth to salivating.

Fruit-filled breads are an increasingly popular variation on the classic loaf. Not only do such ingredients as dates, fits and bananas lend a sweet flavor to each recipe, but they also provide health benefits.

This easy-to-make loaf, which can be mixed by hand, bakes up moist and nutty. Mixing in Coca-Cola gives some added sweetness, plus a hint of caramel flavor. Try it for dessert or spread slices with cream cheese for delectable sandwiches.

DATE-NUT BREAD

Makes 1 loaf, about 2½ lbs.

1 package (8 oz.) pitted dates
1¼ cups Coca-Cola
1 cup firmly packed light brown sugar or granulated sugar
2 Tbsp. oil
2 cups all-purpose flour
1 tsp. baking powder
1 tsp. baking soda
1 egg
1 tsp. vanilla extract
½ cup chopped pecans or walnuts

Cut up dates. Heat Coca-Cola to boiling. Remove from heat and stir in dates, mixing very well. Stir in sugar and oil. Let cool while preparing other ingredients. Lightly spoon flour into cup to measure. Stir together flour, baking powder and baking soda.

Add to dates, mixing thoroughly. Stir in well-beaten egg, vanilla and nuts. Pour into greased and floured 9x5x3-inch loaf pan. Bake in oven at 350F, about 1 hour or until toothpick inserted in center comes out clean. Cool in pan, set on rack, 20 minutes. Remove loaf from pan, set it on rack, top side up. When cold, wrap, store overnight before slicing.

Saudi princess fined $1,000 for pushing maid

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — A Saudi princess accused of pushing her maid down a flight of stairs was fined $1,000 and put on probation in a no-contest plea accepted in court today.

Princess Buniah al-Saud is in Saudi Arabia and didn't appear at the five-minute hearing in which her attorneys didn't contest a misdemeanor battery charge filed in Florida Circuit Court.

In such a plea, a defendant doesn't admit or deny guilt but agrees to a punishment. The judge who accepted the plea also ordered her to pay $131 in court fees and surcharges and to write a letter of acknowledgment to the court. She was put on unsupervised probation.

The plea marked an about-face for the 41-year-old princess who in February had promised a judge she would come back to the United States for trial, if allowed to return to Saudi Arabia, because she wanted to clear her name. The princess is a niece of King Fahd of Saudi Arabia.

"It was a good way to resolve the case for all parties," said Mark Schnapp, one of her attorneys. "Would we have preferred to go to trial in the long run? Yes. But at the end of the day, she's in Saudi Arabia. This will terminate the case at this point."

Another attorney, Russell Crawford, said the princess had no immediate plans to return to the United States. Her attorneys said the plea wouldn't prevent her from returning.

"We are not contesting the charge and that's the end of it," Crawford said.

The princess had been living in Orlando while studying English at the University of Central Florida. She was originally accused in December of pushing the maid, Ismiyati Suryono, down 12 steps at their apartment, and was originally charged with attempted aggravated battery. She was later accused of also forcing Suryono to work without pay, and of stealing electronic equipment from her driver and selling it.

Al-Saud settled a civil lawsuit filed by Suryono and returned to Saudi Arabia in February with a judge's permission. Terms of the civil settlement were not released.

Suryono returned home to Indonesia for her mother's funeral and was denied a visa to return to Florida on the grounds that she might try to stay in the United States illegally.

Prosecutors said that would have kept her from testifying had the state taken the case to trial.

Community Calendar

TUESDAY

Gateway Family Services parenting discussion group, focuses on a variety of parenting issues and special challenges; no charge; call 73-1822 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

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

THURSDAY

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

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

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

FRIDAY

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

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

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

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

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

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Bridge

By Phillip Alder



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South
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♥ A Q
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♣ 6

Dealer: East
Vulnerable: Both

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Tuesday, July 2, 2002

To win at bridge, think the right thoughts

By Phillip Alder

Fran Lebowitz wrote, "If you are truly serious about preparing your child for the future, don't teach him to subtract — teach him to deduct."

However, if you wish to prepare your child to be a bridge expert, you must teach him subtraction and deduction. The subtraction segment is relatively easy: get him to do "13 minus x"ercises! The deduction class will take much longer. But if he passes with an A grade, he will make a superstar.

This deal is a good test for a potential graduate. How should declarer try to land five diamonds despite three losing spades in each hand? West leads the club queen.

First comes deduction, then subtraction.

What deduction do you make from West's lead? Right — he has no spades. What deduction do you make when East drops the club king under dummy's ace? Right — it is a singleton. But just to be on the safe side, at trick two, ruff a club. When East does discard, you know West began with seven clubs and no spades.

Now you draw trumps, learning that West had two. By subtraction, you calculate that West began with four hearts. The way home should be clear. Cash the heart ace and overtake the heart queen with dummy's king. If East drops the jack, claim all 13 tricks. However, when East plays low, continue with the heart 10 and discard a spade.

West wins with the heart jack and leads the club jack, but you discard a second spade, leaving West trapped. Whether he leads a heart or a club, you win the trick in the dummy and divest yourself of the last spade.

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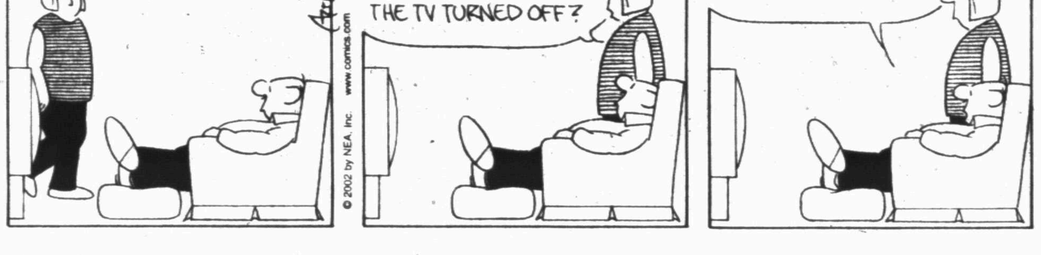
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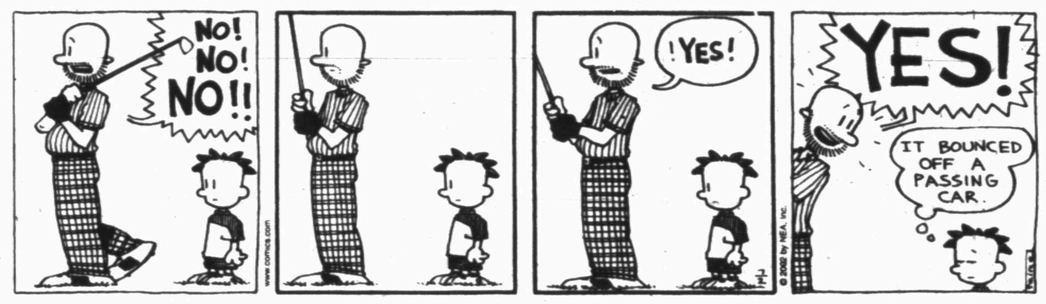
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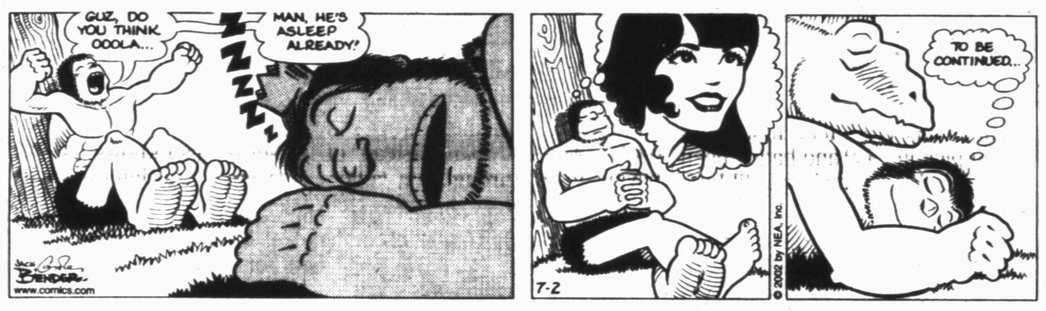
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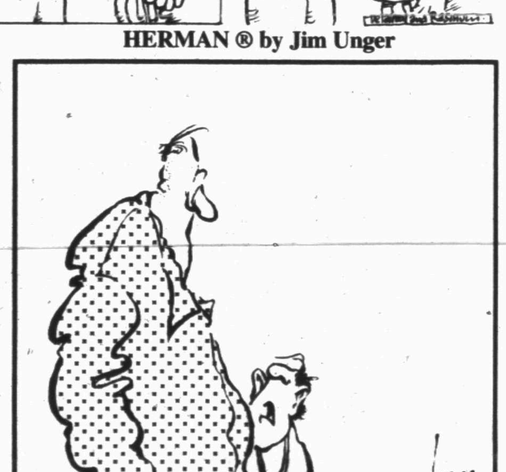
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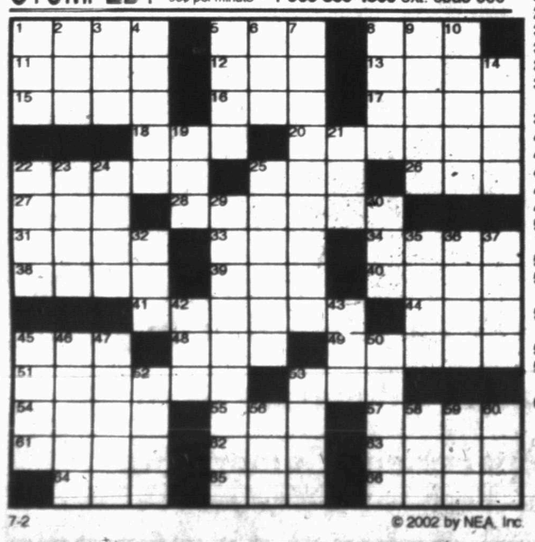
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SPORTS

Astros bow to Reds, 7-5

CINCINNATI (AP) — For Jimmy Haynes, it was a breakthrough instead of a throwback.

With everyone in old-style uniforms to commemorate the opening of Riverfront Stadium, the right-hander finally ended his career-long stretch of misery against the Houston Astros.

Haynes went 3-for-3, drove in a pair of runs and pitched six solid innings on a 92-degree night, leading the Cincinnati Reds to a 7-5 victory Monday that was full of breakthroughs.

Haynes (9-6) had never gotten three hits in a game. He had never done well against the Astros, either — 0-5 in five appearances with a 10.13 ERA.

When Lance Berkman singled home a run only 16 pitches into the game, Haynes started to think he was headed for loss No. 6.

"It was not looking too good," Haynes said. "Then we scored those runs and I started to relax."

The Reds took advantage of another puzzling start by Carlos Hernandez (5-4), pulled ahead and let Haynes take it from there.

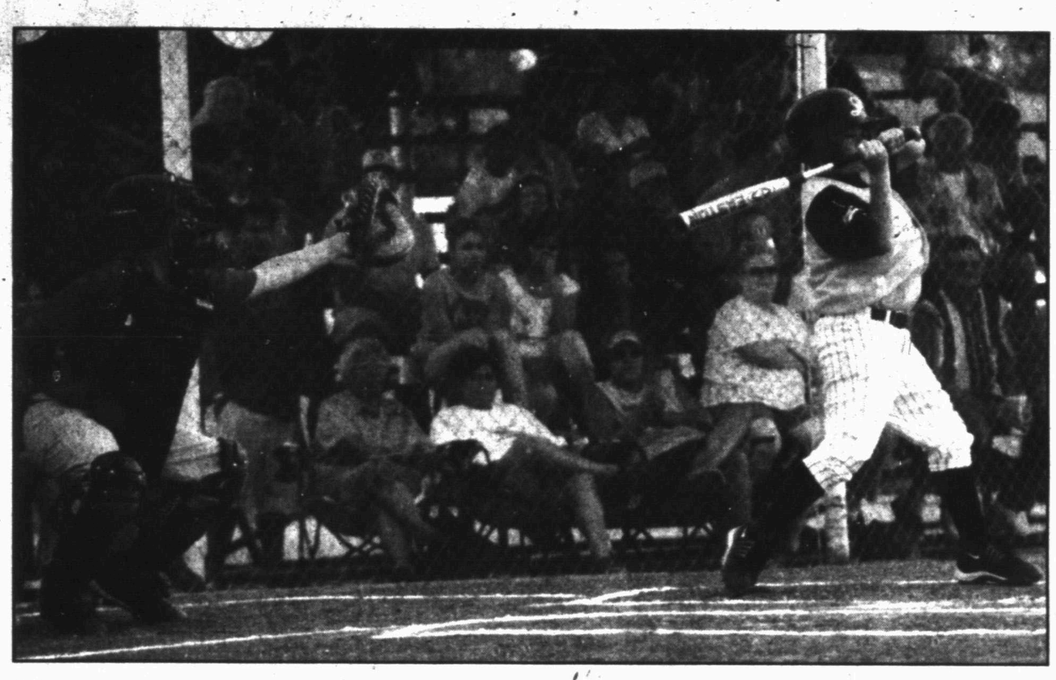
The .131 career hitter drove in a run with a squeeze bunt that fell for a hit in the second, doubled home a run in the third and singled to center in the fifth.

Haynes gave up two runs in six innings before turning a 7-2 lead over to the bullpen.

The Reds turned four double plays behind Haynes to prevent a big inning. Astros leadoff hitter Julio Lugo grounded into two of them, including one with the bases loaded in the fifth.

Houston had a chance in the seventh, when Alan Zinter hit a pinch two-run homer for his first major league hit. The 34-year-old Zinter was the Mets' first-round draft pick in 1989 and hadn't been promoted to the majors until June 16.

Zinter was 0-for-5 before hitting the first pitch in the seventh.



HOLD UP — Snyder's Clint Wall checks his swing on a high pitch Monday at Logan Field. The Snyder 9 and 10-year-old all-stars defeated Colorado City, 5-4, and are in action again at 6 this evening against Sweetwater. (SDN Staff Photo)

Snyder squads notch victories

In round-robin format, every win is important and Snyder chalked up a pair Monday night.

Snyder's 9 and 10-year-old all-stars edged Colorado City, 5-4, and the local 11 and 12-year-old squad rallied past Sweetwater, 3-1 in District 5 Little Tournament action.

The 9 and 10-year-olds are on the diamond again at 6 this evening against Sweetwater at Logan Field, while the 15 and 16-year-old team sees its first action of the tourney at 7 o'clock against Clyde at Moffett Field.

At Logan Field, Snyder pulled out the opener despite knocking only two hits. The locals took advantage of 15 walks by Colorado City pitcher Jacob Martinez.

Snyder posted three runs in the first inning without a hit before C-City closed the gap to 3-2 in the second.

After Snyder pulled ahead by two runs in the fourth, Colorado City knotted the tally at 4-4 in the top of the fifth. Snyder plated the winning run in the bottom of the fifth on a walk and two ground balls.

Shade Roemisch and Rey Juarez slapped singles for Snyder's only hits of the night. Juarez went the distance on the mound, surrendering five hits and three walks to go along with 12 strikeouts.

In 11 and 12-year-old action at Merkel, Snyder scored a trio of runs in the fifth for its 3-1 win over Sweetwater.

Lance Day limited Sweetwater to only two hits to notch the victory. Day issued three walks and fanned 11 Mustangs.

Brent Bollinger paced the locals at the plate with a triple and a single. Ryan Claxton busted a pair of singles and Benjamin Gutierrez blasted a double.

The Snyder squad is in action again at 8 p.m. Wednesday against Rotan.

Snyder 5, Colorado City 4

Colorado City	0	2	0	0	2	0	—	4	5	0
Snyder	3	0	0	1	1	x	—	5	2	3

Colorado City: Martinez and Smith. Majors (5). Snyder: Juarez and Hernandez. WP: Juarez. LP: Martinez. 2B - Colorado City, Reyna.

Snyder 3, Sweetwater 1

Snyder	0	0	0	0	3	0	—	3	5	1
Sweetwater	0	0	0	1	0	0	—	1	2	3

Snyder: Day and Claxton. Sweetwater: Holsey and Cochran. WP: Day. LP: Holsey. 3B - Snyder, Bollinger. 2B - Snyder, Gutierrez; Sweetwater, Rodriguez, Bugarin.

Mavericks announce change...

Younger Nelson gets new title

FRISCO (AP) — Donnie Nelson won't consider his life a failure if he never becomes an NBA coach. He's more interested in helping his father win his first championship as a coach, and in being part of the reason for it.

So after interviewing for the coaching vacancy in Denver, Nelson dropped out of consideration Monday and instead accepted an offer to become the president of basketball operations for the Dallas Mavericks.

Nelson already was an assistant coach and director of player personnel in Dallas. The new title has no new duties, but gives him the authority to take ideas directly to owner Mark Cuban instead of having to go through his father, coach-general manager Don Nelson.

"Are you my boss now?" said Don Nelson, who tried buttering up his son just in case by apologizing for ever having spanked Donnie.

Donnie, 39, has spent 18 season in the NBA, mostly working for his father. They've been together in Dallas throughout the team's turnaround from one of the worst to one of the best.

The younger Nelson long ago erased any notions of nepotism, making his mark primarily through scouting and recruiting foreign players. His work overseas can certainly be considered groundbreaking, especially in light of the international tilt to last week's draft.

Nelson also knows Xs and Os. He went 15-8 as interim coach the past two seasons.

GM Kiki Vandeweghe worked with Donnie Nelson in Dallas before becoming Denver's GM. He put Nelson on the short list of candidates in his first coaching search.

They met for six hours Friday. When Donnie Nelson returned, he was stunned to see his father quoted as saying he was willing to step down and give the Mavs coaching job to his son if that's what it took to keep him.

He went to dinner at his father's house to talk things out. Cuban got involved, too, e-mailing him proposals on stepping up his role in the organization.

"The whole thing was about keeping the braintrust together," Cuban said.

They finally nailed it Monday afternoon, then quickly called a news conference at Stonebriar Country Club, where much of the team was gathered for Michael Finley's charity golf tournament.

"It's pretty appropriate to be announcing this during a Make-a-Wish event because this truly is a dream come true for me," Donnie Nelson said. "I've been dreaming about this since I was shagging balls with the Celtics when my dad was playing. My ultimate dream was to win a ring with him and I think that in the next couple of years we'll be in position to do that."

The deal was done on a handshake and has no expiration date. There's also no secret plan to make Donnie Nelson the successor to his father, who has one season left on his coaching contract but several more as GM.

Donnie Nelson will be involved in naming the next coach, whenever that is, and will put his name on the candidates list "only if it makes sense for me to be on it."

"I'm a great utility guy, a troubleshooter," he said.

Nelson already has been doing plenty of GM-like work, but his new role gives him the authority to get more things done. Other GMs will return his calls quicker — "They don't always take a call from an assistant coach," he said

Little League Tournaments

DISTRICT 5
LITTLE LEAGUE TOURNAMENTS
(Round Robin)
9 & 10-YEAR-OLDS
at Snyder
Monday, July 1
Snyder 5, Colorado City 4
Clyde 13, Sweetwater 6
Tuesday, July 2
Snyder (1-0) vs. Sweetwater (0-1), 6 p.m.
Colorado City (0-1) vs. Merkel (0-0), 8 p.m.
Wednesday, July 3
Sweetwater vs. Merkel, 6 p.m.
Snyder vs. Clyde, 8 p.m.
Friday, July 5
Merkel vs. Clyde, 6 p.m.
Sweetwater vs. Colorado City, 8 p.m.
Saturday, July 6
Clyde vs. Colorado City, 6 p.m.
Merkel vs. Snyder, 8 p.m.
11 & 12-YEAR-OLDS
at Merkel
Friday, June 28
Merkel def. Rotan
Saturday, June 29
Sweetwater def. Rotan
Merkel def. Colorado City
Monday, July 1
Snyder 3, Sweetwater 1
Tuesday, July 2
Sweetwater (1-1) vs. Colorado City (0-1), 8 p.m.
Wednesday, July 3
Rotan (0-2) vs. Snyder (1-0), 8 p.m.
Friday, July 5
Colorado City vs. Snyder, 6 p.m.
Sweetwater vs. Merkel, 8 p.m.
Saturday, July 6
Snyder vs. Merkel, 6 p.m.
Colorado City vs. Rotan, 8 p.m.
13 & 14-YEAR-OLDS
at Sweetwater
Monday, July 8
Merkel vs. Sweetwater, 7 p.m.
Tuesday, July 9
Colorado City vs. Snyder, 7 p.m.
Thursday, July 11
Merkel vs. Colorado City, 7 p.m.
Friday, July 12
Sweetwater vs. Snyder, 7 p.m.
Saturday, July 13
Merkel vs. Snyder, 5 p.m.
Sweetwater vs. Colorado City, 8 p.m.
15 & 16-YEAR-OLDS
at Snyder
Monday, July 1
Sweetwater 3, Abilene Wylie 1
Tuesday, July 2
Clyde vs. Snyder, 7 p.m.
Wednesday, July 3
Abilene Wylie vs. Clyde, 7 p.m.
Friday, July 5
Sweetwater vs. Snyder, 7 p.m.
Saturday, July 6
Abilene Wylie vs. Snyder, 5 p.m.
Sweetwater vs. Clyde, 8 p.m.

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EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
Washington	11	4	.733	—
Charlotte	7	6	.538	3
Orlando	7	6	.538	3
New York	8	8	.500	3½
Cleveland	6	7	.462	4
Indiana	6	8	.429	4½
Miami	4	9	.308	6
Detroit	1	14	.067	10

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	12	2	.857	—
Houston	12	3	.800	½
Utah	9	4	.692	2½
Phoenix	7	6	.538	4½
Seattle	7	7	.500	5
Portland	7	8	.467	5½
Minnesota	6	8	.429	6
Sacramento	2	12	.143	10

Monday's Games
Charlotte 90, Phoenix 68
Minnesota 85, Detroit 80, OT
Tuesday's Games
Portland at Cleveland, 7 p.m.
Seattle at New York, 7:30 p.m.

Major League Baseball

National League
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East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	52	30	.634	—
Montreal	42	39	.519	9½
Florida	42	40	.512	10
New York	40	41	.494	11½
Philadelphia	37	43	.463	14

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
St. Louis	43	36	.544	—
Cincinnati	44	37	.543	—
Houston	36	44	.450	7½
Pittsburgh	36	45	.444	8
Chicago	33	47	.413	10½
Milwaukee	30	52	.366	14½

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	51	31	.622	—
Arizona	48	33	.593	2½
San Francisco	46	35	.568	4½
Colorado	39	44	.470	12½
San Diego	34	49	.410	17½

Monday's Games
Florida 11, Chicago Cubs 1
Milwaukee 2, Pittsburgh 0
Philadelphia 6, N.Y. Mets 3
Cincinnati 7, Houston 5
Atlanta 7, Montreal 5
St. Louis 7, San Diego 3
San Francisco 8, Colorado 6
Los Angeles 4, Arizona 0
Tuesday's Games
N.Y. Mets (Astacio 7-3) at Philadelphia (Adams 4-5), 7:05 p.m.
Milwaukee (Quevedo 3-6) at Pittsburgh (J.Anderson 6-8), 7:05 p.m.
Houston (Miller 3-3) at Cincinnati (Hamilton 3-5), 7:10 p.m.
Montreal (Colon 0-0) at Atlanta (Moss 4-2), 7:35 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (Lieber 6-4) at Florida (Penny 3-3), 8:05 p.m.
San Diego (Jarvis 2-3) at St. Louis (B.Smith 0-5), 8:10 p.m.
San Francisco (Jensen 7-6) at Colorado (Neagle 4-5), 9:05 p.m.
Los Angeles (Daal 6-3) at Arizona (Helling 7-5), 10:05 p.m.

American League
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East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	50	31	.617	—
Boston	47	31	.603	1½
Baltimore	38	41	.481	11
Toronto	33	46	.418	16
Tampa Bay	28	51	.354	21

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Minnesota	47	36	.566	—
Chicago	40	42	.488	6½
Cleveland	37	43	.463	8½
Kansas City	31	48	.392	14
Detroit	27	52	.342	18

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Seattle	52	30	.634	—
Anaheim	47	33	.588	4
Oakland	46	36	.561	6
Texas	35	45	.438	16

Monday's Games
Boston 4, Toronto 0
Seattle 7, Kansas City 0
Minnesota 5, Oakland 4
Tuesday's Games
Toronto (Carpenter 1-1) at Boston (Wakefield 2-3), 1:05 p.m., 1st game
Toronto (Smith 0-2) at Boston (Kim 1-0), 7:05 p.m., 2nd game
Cleveland (Drese 7-6) at N.Y. Yankees (Clemens 8-3), 7:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Sturtze 1-8) at Texas (Rogers 8-4), 8:05 p.m.
Detroit (Bernero 2-3) at Chicago White Sox (Ritchie 4-10), 8:05 p.m.
Baltimore (Lopez 6-3) at Anaheim (Ortiz 8-5), 10:05 p.m.
Minnesota (Reed 6-4) at Oakland (Zito 10-3), 10:05 p.m.
Kansas City (Byrd 10-5) at Seattle (R.Soriano 0-3), 10:05 p.m.

Sports Briefs

Home run derby

Snyder Baseball Booster Club is hosting a July 4th home run derby at the SHS practice field. Hitting begins at 9 a.m. and cost is $1 for five pitches.

Hitters will be divided into four age groups, 9-under, 10-12, 13-15 and 16-over. Prizes will be awarded in each age group for the most home runs.

Golf tournaments

A July 4th scramble will be held at the country club with a shotgun start at 10 a.m. Cost is $20 for members and $40 for non-members.

Also, the Golfers' Memorial Partnership is set for July 13-14. Format is lowball the first day and scramble for the final round. Cost is $150 per team. For more information, call the pro shop at 573-7101.

Volleyball tournament

Our Lady of Guadalupe Church youth group hosts a July 4th volleyball tournament. For information and registration, call Luis Alaniz at 573-7321.

Tennis events

Snyder Tennis Camp, hosted by SHS coach Ted Phillips, will be held July 22-25. Incoming fourth through seventh graders are eligible and cost is $30. Registration forms can be picked up at the SHS principal's office.

Snyder Tennis Booster Club is hosting a tournament July 19-21. There will be singles and doubles competition in five age divisions, 12-under, 14-under, 16-under, 18-under and open. There will also be mixed doubles in the open division.

For more information on either event, contact Ted Phillips at 573-2525.

Friday swingers

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

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

Sunday couples tournament

A couples golf tournament will be held the first Sunday of the month at 1:30 at the country club golf course.

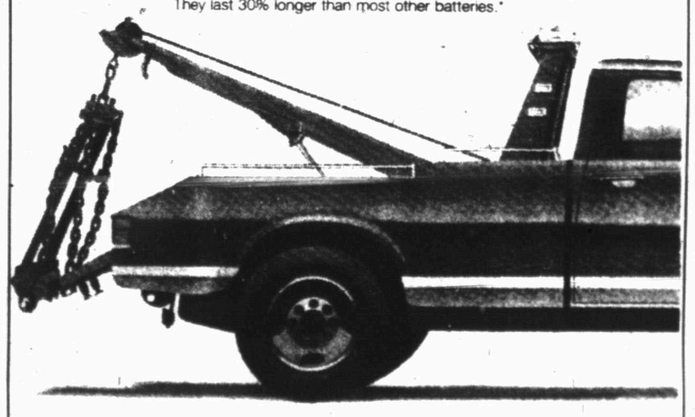
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WILLIAM R. HIBBS II
Attorney at Law
P.O. Box 181357
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States boost cigarette taxes; NYC pack costs more than $7

NEW YORK (AP) — Tony McHugh has an old habit with a new hefty price.

His 20 cigarettes-a-day fix now will cost $2,500 a year due to a $1.50 tax rise per pack in New York, one of many communities making smoking a high-priced addiction.

"Ay caramba," McHugh said as the cost sunk in.

New Yorkers already pay $5 for a cappuccino and have been known to fork over $12 for a martini. But there was plenty of grumbling from smokers Monday as they began paying more than $7 for a pack of cigarettes.

"Ten years ago I said I would never pay $5 for a pack of cigarettes, but if it's something that you want to do, you'll find a way to do it," Rochelle Frederick, 43, said as she lit up a Merit. The pack cost her $7.50.

The new city tax was a nasty blow to smokers, who were just getting used to a state tax increase of $1.50 per pack that took effect in May. New Yorkers now pay double the national average for cigarettes.

"I might have to actually start investigating other avenues to get my fix," said McHugh, 34, as he puffed a Camel and sipped coffee with a pack of smokers during a morning break. "It's going to hurt a lot but it won't cause me to quit."

The tax is expected to generate an additional $111 million this year for the city, which is trying to close a $5 billion budget gap. With a new fiscal year beginning Monday, the city also instituted new fees for cell phones and parking violations, and eliminated glass and plastic from its recycling program.

Other states have bumped their cigarette taxes this year, including: New Jersey (70 cents per pack), Vermont (49 cents) and Illinois (40 cents). A 69-cents-per-pack increase will begin July 15 in Pennsylvania, more than tripling the 31-cent tax.

New Jersey and New York state both levy $1.50 per pack, the highest cigarette tax in the nation. Washington state is third, at $1.425.

New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg and others say they hope the higher prices will encourage more smokers to quit. But critics said smokers will simply buy inexpensive cigarettes over the Internet.

Former first lady getting out again

AUSTIN (AP) — Former first lady Lady Bird Johnson has not fully regained her ability to speak following a stroke in May but is getting out and about, close friends say.

Saturday, she went to the circus with daughter Luci Baines Johnson and some of her great-grandchildren. "She had a wonderful time," said Shirley James, her executive assistant.

Friday, she and James went to the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center in southwest Austin and rode around the property in a golf cart.

"We went to see the bluebells," James told the Austin American-Statesman.

Markets

Midday Stocks

NEW YORK (AP)

	High	Low	Last	
AMR Corp		16.12	15.31	15.45—.48
AOL TimeWrn		13.14	12.47	12.62—.89
AT&T Corp s		9.96	9.82	9.84—.19
Albertsons		30.39	29.79	30.16 + .06
Alltel		45.81	44.21	44.42—1.41
AmEl Pw		39.36	38.21	38.40—1.19
AndarkPtr		49.24	48.00	48.17—.71
ATMOS Egy		22.76	22.58	22.61—.04
Aviall		14.03	13.35	13.35—.85
BP PLC		51.46	50.70	50.75—.09
BakerHughes		32.70	32.14	32.21—.30
Bank of Amer		69.90	68.60	69.15—.10
BellSouth		31.00	30.06	30.41—.19
BurlNoSFe		30.50	29.90	30.40—.08
Caterpillar		48.40	46.75	47.32—.68
ChevronTex		88.93	87.67	87.98—.62
Citigroup		38.50	37.12	38.05—.44
CocaCola		57.20	56.51	56.93 + .58
ColgatePal		51.30	50.71	50.97—.71
CmclMetals s		22.75	22.17	22.18—.82
Cooper Inds		38.80	38.20	38.35—.87
DaimlrChry		46.90	45.80	46.01—1.01
DeltaAirl		19.15	18.62	18.66—.20
Dillards Inc		26.63	25.75	25.92—.96
DowChem		34.44	33.80	33.90—.63
DuPont		44.69	43.80	44.05—.41
EastmanChem		46.97	46.40	46.40—.60
EstKodak		28.40	28.00	28.08—.13
EDS Corp		32.00	30.25	31.21 + .76
Entergy		42.30	41.85	41.92—.13
ExxonMobil		40.85	40.40	40.67 + .02
FootLocker		13.98	13.65	13.69—.31
GenDynam		104.65	103.50	103.88—.62
GenlElec		28.48	27.90	27.95—.50
GenMills		44.30	43.73	43.87—.18
GenMotors		51.27	50.08	50.32—.50
GaPacific		24.57	23.61	23.72—.56
Goodrich		26.55	25.84	26.02—.45
Goodyear		18.16	17.71	17.76—.40
GtAtlPac		18.05	17.40	17.66—.39
Halliburtn		15.22	14.68	14.81—.35
Hanson ADS		35.00	34.70	34.70—.45
HarteHanks s		20.15	19.74	19.75—.30
HomeDepot		35.97	34.90	34.93—.62
HoneywellIntl		34.35	33.36	34.25—.07
IBM		69.24	67.70	68.23 + .63
IntlPaper		43.20	42.31	42.40—.45
JohnsonJn		51.90	50.55	51.55 + 1.05
vjK mart		.95	.91	.92—.03
KinderMorg		38.73	38.45	38.53 + .23
Kroger Co		20.20	19.98	20.14 + .09
LockheedM		68.70	68.08	68.45—.10
Lowes Cos		44.60	43.60	43.71—.65
Lubys		6.35	6.26	6.26—.16
LucentTech		1.62	1.50	1.54—.09
MarathonOil		26.83	26.40	26.42—.23
MayDeptStr		32.40	31.30	31.60—.80
Medtronic		41.12	40.30	40.70—.67
Motorola		14.55	14.05	14.09—.21
NCR Corp		33.86	31.84	31.84—1.62
Navistar		31.65	30.57	30.63—.70
PNM Rescs		23.55	23.26	23.27—.08
Penney JC		20.80	19.45	19.47—1.39
PepBoys		16.16	15.75	15.79—.53
PepsiCo		49.13	48.54	48.98—.04
Pharmacia		36.55	35.60	35.71—.49
PhelpDodge		41.40	40.27	40.35—1.00
PhilipPet		59.20	58.44	58.51—.49
PilgrmPrd B		13.99	13.55	13.75—.01
Praxair		55.50	54.20	54.30—1.20
ProctGamb		89.45	88.37	88.99—1.04
RadioShack		29.27	27.95	28.24—1.04
ReliantEngy		16.17	15.59	15.70—.42
RoyalDut		55.66	54.75	54.97—.20
SBC Comm		30.39	29.26	29.65—.31
SaraLee		20.79	20.55	20.60 + .10
Scripps EW		77.09	76.54	76.75—.57
SearsRoeb		52.10	51.10	51.37—.87
SherwinW		29.61	28.90	29.15—.19
SouthernCo		27.18	26.78	26.97—.08
SwstAirl		15.63	15.11	15.12—.31
SprintFON		10.90	10.65	10.78 + .01
SprintPCS		4.73	4.31	4.35—.38
Sunoco Inc		35.35	34.70	34.71—.31
TXU Corp		51.20	49.88	49.88—1.29
TempleInland		57.45	56.21	56.22—.94
TexInd		30.75	30.15	30.45 + .30
TexasInst		23.10	22.20	22.35—1.10
Textron		45.39	44.62	44.94—.87
TrinityInds		20.55	20.33	20.39—.06
TylerTech		5.00	4.75	4.90—.06
UnionPacif		64.45	63.54	63.86—.75
USSteel		19.93	19.63	19.82 + .10
UnitedTech		66.32	65.04	65.40—.92
Unocal		36.75	36.27	36.36—.21
VerizonComm		38.24	37.50	37.85—.39
WalMart		54.93	53.76	54.24—.16
WellsFargo		49.68	49.24	49.45 + .12
WstnGasRs		36.40	36.08	36.08—.33
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Virginia residents hope new clues in slaying of 2 girls can provide answers

SPOTSYLVANIA, Va. (AP) — The memory of Sofia Silva is still fresh in Theresa Lambert's mind. She recalls her slain school friend as a "sweetheart."

But her eyes grow wide when she remembers that a week before her friend disappeared, Lambert herself was in the home of the man police now suspect killed Silva six years ago.

Both girls were 16 at the time.

"Something could have happened to me. I was young, I was naive!" Lambert said. "I went into his house and he said, 'You can come back any time.'"

The man in question, Richard Marc Evonitz, was Lambert's neighbor in Spotsylvania County, president of her subdivision's homeowners association and now a suspect in the slayings of Silva in 1996 and sisters Kristin and Kati Lisk eight months later.

Evonitz killed himself Thursday after police tracked him to Sarasota, Fla. Authorities began pursuing him after he had been suspected in the June 24 abduction of a 15-year-old girl in Lexington, S.C. The girl managed to escape.

A search of his apartment in Columbia, S.C., unearthed newspaper articles about the May 1997 slayings of the Lisk sisters. Also found were handwritten notes that describe four unnamed girls and suggest Evonitz, 38, mapped his way near the Lisk home, said Spotsylvania County Sheriff Ronald Knight.

"Are three of the four the same three that were killed? There's no way of knowing right now," Knight said.

Authorities now hope that forensic tests of the evidence collected in Evonitz's apartment and car will link him to the Spotsylvania killings, finally closing a painful chapter for this bedroom community 70 miles south of Washington, D.C.

"All of us are on pins and needles waiting for the lab — that's all we can do right now," Knight said.

The killings, in 1996 and 1997, rattled parents and other residents of Spotsylvania County, a mix of rural countryside and new subdivisions, where many families juggle long commutes with their children's schedules.

Kristin Michelle Lisk, 15, and her sister, Kati Nicole Lisk, 12, disappeared May 1, 1997, after getting off separate school buses near their home. Kristin's book bag was found in the front yard, its contents strewn. Her sister's book bag was in the house.

Their bodies were found five days later floating near a bridge over the South Anna River, about 40 miles away.

Silva's disappearance eight months earlier was strikingly similar. The 16-year-old high school student was last seen doing her homework on her front porch before vanishing from her Spotsylvania home on Sept. 9, 1996.

Her blanket-wrapped body turned up five weeks later in a muddy King George County creek.

On Monday, which would have been Silva's 22nd birthday, the Silva home was adorned with purple ribbons, which Lambert said was Silva's favorite color. A note outside the home expressed the family's "need for privacy" and added they would not comment.

The Lisk family did not return a phone call Monday.

Knight said another note found in Evonitz's apartment had general directions to U.S. 29 in Culpeper County, not far from where the body of Alicia Showalter Reynolds, 25, of Baltimore, was found in 1996. State police investigators, however, have not named Evonitz as a suspect in the Reynolds slaying.

Police were cross-checking Evonitz's movements with slayings in Georgia, Texas and Florida. In recent years, he had reportedly worked as a traveling salesman.

Evonitz's father, Joseph, expressed frustration that his son was named a suspect before evidence was tested. "Why is my son being tried in the newspapers? There's no evidence right now that he was guilty of any of this," he told The Free Lance-Star of Fredericksburg.

Sitting in her kitchen leafing through her yearbook, Lambert recalled her June 1998 graduation, which also would have been Silva's.

"They called her name at graduation and gave her sister an honorary diploma," Lambert said. "I do not remember one person having a dry eye."

Health problems linked to handling irradiated mail

WASHINGTON (AP) — Congressional employees were still reporting health problems such as headaches and nausea months after the Postal Service began irradiating all mail following the anthrax scare, according to a report being released today.

The General Counsel of the congressional Office of Compliance also said it had found low levels of irritant chemical byproducts caused by irradiation in House and Senate mail rooms.

"While we do not believe these chemical irritants are life-threatening, we believe further study is essential to determine the effects of extended exposure to irradiated mail," said the report prepared by General Counsel Gary Green.

The report also recommended precautionary steps such as limiting the time employees spend handling mail.

Mail delivery to the Capitol and congressional office buildings was suspended shortly after an anthrax-tainted letter was found in the office of Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle, S.D., and traces turned up in some 15 other offices.

Since January, when deliveries were resumed, all mail bound for Congress and federal agencies is first irradiated at postal facilities outside of Washington.

But almost immediately, postal workers and mail handlers at federal and congressional offices began complaining about multiple symptoms, including headaches, nausea and rashes, that appeared linked to exposure to irradiated mail.

Two AW pilots arrested for being drunk

MIAMI (AP) — A Phoenix-bound jetliner was preparing for takeoff with 124 passengers aboard when officials called it back to the terminal and arrested both pilots for allegedly being drunk in the cockpit.

Airport security screeners said they noticed a whiff of alcohol on two America West pilots Monday when they got into a dispute over cups of coffee they wanted to bring through a checkpoint.

The screeners at Miami International Airport alerted officials who called police. But by the time officers arrived, the plane had already left the gate and was headed for takeoff.

The flight was called back to the terminal and the pilots were given a cursory sobriety test, said Miami-Dade police Detective Juan DelCastillo.

Breath tests revealed both pilots had blood-alcohol levels above .08, Florida's legal limit for operating machinery.

Pilot Thomas Cloyd, 44, and co-pilot Christopher Hughes, 40, were each charged Monday with a felony count of operating an aircraft under the influence and operating a motor vehicle under the influence.

Cloyd had a .091 blood-alcohol level, while Hughes registered .084, DelCastillo said. Federal Aviation Administration rules prohibit pilots from drinking alcohol eight hours before flying a plane. America West's policy is 12 hours.

The pilots have been suspended with pay pending an investigation by the airline, said Patty Nowack, an America West spokeswoman.

"We are indeed conducting an investigation," Nowack said. "If these pilots did have alcohol in their system, they will be terminated."

The Federal Aviation Administration is investigating the incident to determine whether to take action against the pilots, which could include having their licenses revoked or suspended, spokeswoman Laura Brown said.

It could not be determined Monday if the pilots have attorneys.

Cloyd has worked for America West since 1990. Hughes joined the airline in January 1999, Nowack said. Both pilots have good working records, she said.

It was the pilots' first flight of the day, she said.

Suit seeking more cleaning thrown out

NEW YORK (AP) — A federal judge has thrown out a lawsuit seeking more cleaning of Manhattan's largest mail processing plant, which was contaminated last year with anthrax.

The postal workers union and the federal government have spent months wrangling over how to handle anthrax contamination at the Morgan Processing and Distribution Center in Midtown.

Processing machines at Morgan tested positive for traces of the bacteria in October after pieces of anthrax-tainted mail passed through the facility.

Union leaders sued to close the entire building, but Judge John Keenan refused, saying necessary precautions had been taken.

After more traces of anthrax were found in a cleaned sorting machine last December, union officials went back to court but were again denied.

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



TV addict celebrates day his set went up in smoke

DEAR ABBY: Your response to "Seeking Peace and Quiet in New Jersey" isn't going to cut it. She complained that her husband, Jerome, spends too much time in front of the TV and not enough time with her. You said she should declare a "TV-free zone" at least once a week.

I recognize Jerome's symptoms. I am a "recovering TV-holic." Fortunately, my TV was destroyed in an apartment fire a few years ago. I decided to go "cold turkey" and not replace it. Abby, the results were miraculous. My previously mushy brain cells have regenerated because I now get my news and entertainment from the Internet — or from those old standbys: newspapers and radio.

I strongly recommend that Jerome and his wife consult a counselor for his addiction. — **BROTHER MIKE IN MASSACHUSETTS**

DEAR BROTHER MIKE: It's certainly worth considering. Perhaps it will clear the static in the lines of communication between the spouses. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: Jerome's wife should enjoy watching TV with him. My husband also watched TV for hours. I used to threaten to name the TV in our divorce. Eventually, however, I learned to speak in three-minute segments — and lovingly covered my husband when he fell asleep watching his favorite shows.

I competed with the TV set for 30 years, but if I could have my husband back, I'd never complain again. It's much too quiet since he died. — **MISSING MY REMOTE IN FLORIDA**

DEAR MISSING: Please accept my sympathy for the loss of your husband. Sometimes it's only after a loved one is gone that people can put their faults into perspective.

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DEAR ABBY: My husband watched TV every night for hours until we had a "mysterious" blackout. The truth is, unbeknownst to my husband, I periodically flip the main circuit breaker to the house, leaving us in the dark for the entire night. Once he calms down, it's fun having a romantic dinner by candlelight and relaxing by the glow of the fireplace. The kids enjoy it, too — and my husband hasn't caught on yet. — **WHATEVER IT TAKES IN INDIANA**

DEAR WHATEVER: Let's hope he doesn't — but be warned. In November 1965, a famous New York City blackout occurred. There was no power, and workers and residents found themselves in darkness with a lot of time on their hands. Nine months later — August 1966 — there was a record number of babies born. A word to the wise ...

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DEAR ABBY: My beloved sister passed away a year ago. We always got along beautifully. Now that she's gone, her husband has expressed an interest in me and would like us to be a couple.

I have always regarded him as a brother, and he has treated me accordingly. However, I must admit that he has a special place in my heart.

Would it be wrong of me to encourage him, Abby? We'd both appreciate your opinion. Please do not use my name. — **HER SISTER ON LONG ISLAND**

DEAR SISTER: I see nothing wrong with you having a future with your former brother-in-law. You have years of shared history in common, and that can be the basis of a very successful union.

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TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1788, the constitution of the United States took effect.

On this day in 1964, the Voting Rights Act of 1964, which prohibits various forms of discrimination on the basis of race, was signed into law by President Lyndon Johnson.

On this day in 1978, astronomer James Christy discovered Charon, the moon of Pluto.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Hermann Hesse (1877-1962), writer; Thurgood Marshall (1908-1993), Supreme Court justice; Dan Rowan (1922-1987), comedian; Imelda Marcos (1931-), Filipino politician, is 71; Richard Petty (1937-), auto racer, is 65; Jose Canseco (1964-), baseball player, is 38.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1988, Martina Navratilova's six-year reign as Wimbledon champion was brought to a close by Steffi Graf 5-7, 6-2, 6-1.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "In recognizing the humanity of our fellow beings, we pay ourselves the highest tribute." — Thurgood Marshall

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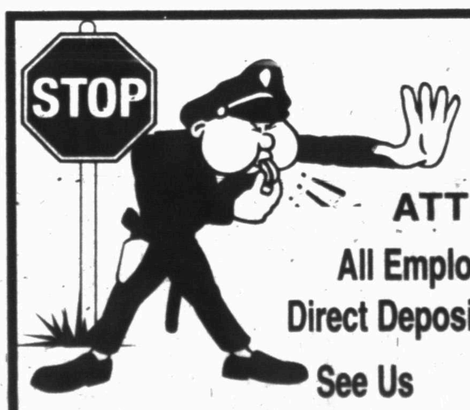
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WorldCom campaign donations refunded

WASHINGTON (AP) — Several members of Congress and party strategists are refunding WorldCom Inc. campaign contributions or giving them to charity, moving to head off a potential issue in this fall's battle over congressional control.

Rep. William Luther, a member of the House Energy and Commerce Committee, one of the panels investigating WorldCom, is donating at least $7,000 in WorldCom campaign money to a state displaced-worker fund.

"My point is there needs to be a high standard here," said Luther, D-Minn. "This is outrageous conduct. I wouldn't want my campaign benefiting from any of that kind of conduct."

Like Houston-based Enron, another corporation now mired in scandal, WorldCom and its workers have been prolific donors, contributing close to $1 million for the fall election. The giving continued through last month, when civil fraud charges were filed against the telecommunications company amid revelations it filed inaccurate financial reports.

WorldCom donated $100,000 just two weeks ago to the National Republican Senatorial Committee as a sponsor of a fund-raising dinner headlined by President Bush. The NRSC is giving the money back, committee spokesman Dan Allen said Monday.

The decision was based on developments with the company, Allen said: "I don't want to speculate on the politics of it."

Others are exploring the political possibilities, viewing WorldCom contributions and the broader backdrop of corporate ethics as budding campaign issues.

In WorldCom's home state of Mississippi, Democratic Rep. Ronnie Shows, in a contentious House race against Republican Rep. Chip Pickering, plans to give $6,000 in WorldCom donations to a worker relief fund. Shows is criticizing Pickering for refusing to do the same.

"Giving it back shows compassion," Shows campaign spokesman Troy Colbert said. "It shows that you're really on the side of the people who are the innocents in this, and that's the investors and that's the employees."

Although WorldCom is in Shows' current district, Pickering has been the biggest congressional recipient of campaign money from it and its employees, receiving at least $82,050 since 1989, an analysis by the Center for Responsive Politics found.

Pickering's campaign will keep the donations, campaign manager Henry Barbour said, adding that Shows will criticize Pickering whether he gives the money away or not.

"Why even look like he's done something wrong?" Barbour said. "We think these are legal contributions from a Mississippi company and Ronnie Shows is grasping for an issue because he doesn't have any to run on."

Shows and Pickering both serve on House committees investigating WorldCom — Shows on Financial Services and Pickering on Energy and Commerce.

In a close South Dakota Senate race, Democratic incumbent Tim Johnson and Republican Rep. John Thune are both giving their WorldCom contributions away.

Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle, D-S.D., and House Minority Leader Dick Gephardt, D-Mo., plan to do the same.

WorldCom spokeswoman Julie Moore declined to comment on the political donations or moves to unload them.

WorldCom and its workers have contributed to more than half the House members and about 80 percent of the Senate in the past 13 years, the Center for Responsive Politics review found.

In the 2000 cycle, they gave roughly $1.8 million — more than two-thirds to the GOP, which then held the majority in both the House and Senate.

WorldCom's overall giving pattern has since changed. It and its employees donated at least $916,000 so far this election, split almost evenly between Republicans and Democrats, whose party now controls the Senate.

Some lawmakers have no plans to return their contributions.

House Energy and Commerce Committee member Heather Wilson, R-N.M., has received $27,000 in the past four years. WorldCom has a call center in her district with about 1,000 workers, and Wilson appreciates their support, spokesman Enrique Knell said.

The $6,300 Rep. John Boehner, R-Ohio, received from the WorldCom PAC since 1989 has come and gone, spokesman Steve Forde said.

"It's not there to return," he said.

States frustrated that fed funds dry up for cleanup of toxic waste sites

GRANITE CITY, Ill. (AP) — Granite City is the kind of town where much of the nation's dirty work has been done, a gritty place of steel mills and industrial plants. It also is a place used to disappointment.

More came Monday when Granite City learned it has one of the 33 Superfund cleanup sites in 18 states and the Virgin Islands whose funding has been cut off by the Bush administration.

"It's probably pretty common that the smaller towns have to make the sacrifices," said Ron Selph, mayor of this city of 31,000 just across the Mississippi River from St. Louis.

"I think it's a shame these things don't get taken care of for so many years," he said of the cleanup where a railroad tie-treating facility operated until 1989. "But we just have to live with it."

In New Jersey, where a number of sites will see funding cut off, the response was angrier. One site, in Edison, was where the herbicide Agent Orange was produced.

"This is a dangerous — and potentially costly — policy change for the people of our state," said state Sen. Bob Smith, a Democrat whose district includes Edison.

What has Smith particularly upset is that the federal EPA is headed by one of New Jersey's own — former Gov. Christie Whitman. "When Mrs. Whitman went to Washington, people hoped New Jersey would have an advocate," he said.

EPA spokesman Joe Martyak said the list reflected "a snapshot in time" and "a lot of these sites could end up getting money" later this year. "It's not as bleak as they make it sound," he said.

For Granite City, the news comes at a bad time for the once-thriving industrial town. Just last month the town learned that its biggest taxpayer, Granite City Steel, will skip summer payments on more than $2.1 million in taxes to the city after its parent company filed bankruptcy.

The Bush administration's decision means the 20-acre Jennison-Wright Corp. site will remain polluted indefinitely. The site, which includes a few abandoned buildings surrounded by chain-link fence, is literally a stone's throw from nearby homes.

As with some of the other sites around the country, the property in Granite City has been partially cleaned. But there was only enough money in the 1990s to cap pits contaminated with a coal tar called creosote and other chemicals, said Fred Nika, who has headed the cleanup for the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency for eight years.

In one area, Nika said, crews drilled 100 feet to the bedrock. "We found tar all the way down." They also found groundwater contamination throughout the site. "It's still a pretty nasty place," he said.

In the back yard of her small home next to the site, Patricia Moussette wondered if the fine black dust that covers her patio furniture is coming from the site — and whether her 6-month-old son's congestion problems are somehow related to that dust.

Nika said about $2 million has been spent for the initial cleanup and another $10 million is needed to complete the job. "It will sit idle until the feds decide to fund it," he said.

Similar concerns were echoed around the country. "We do feel like we've got the imminent risk addressed," Pat Likins of the Indiana Department of Environmental Management said of the cleanup of Continental Steel Corp. in Kokomo. "But we have long-term health concerns and site security, and we feel it's important to get this remedy done."

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.



Cancer does have spontaneous cures

DEAR DR. GOTT: I don't understand why you pan Mexican clinics that treat cancer with alternatives to traditional therapy. Chemotherapy and radiation further weaken the immune system — just what a cancer patient does not need.

Speaking personally, 13 years ago I was diagnosed with untreatable small cell carcinoma of the lung that had spread to my heart and esophagus. I was given three months to live. In desperation, I went to the Bio-Medical Center in Tijuana, Mexico, for immune-booster shots. I am now cancer-free: living proof that this therapy is effective, and has been in over 80 percent of patients during the last 50 years. The program costs only $3,500 and appears to be superior to U.S. cancer treatments. Wake up and help cancer victims!

DEAR READER: Your personal experience is certainly stunning. However, if the Mexican injections are so effective, why haven't they been widely publicized in the world's medical literature? In our epoch of instant information, millions of patients could be helped if the Mexican findings were valid and could be disseminated. But that hasn't, to my knowledge, happened so far.

Also, as I'm sure you know, cancers can undergo spontaneous cure for reasons that no one understands.

I agree with you that methods to improve our immune responses to malignant cells makes far more sense than our current, primitive approach which is centered around killing both healthy and cancerous cells with poisons in hopes that somehow the malignant cells will die faster. This is why, as I have repeatedly speculated, the future cure for cancer will probably lie in a series of vaccines given early in childhood, much as standard immunizations are given today. In my world of optimism, I see my granddaughter's great grandchildren getting their cancer shots along with measles and mumps vaccines. But that day isn't here yet.

Today, we are clearly stuck with cancer therapy that is far from being universally effective, the one exception being therapy for certain forms of childhood leukemia. But this deficiency doesn't mean that medical science should descend to alchemy. We need studies that show which cancer treatments are promising and which are not. Given your enthusiastic endorsement of alternative therapy south-of-the-border, why have the Mexican doctors failed to publicize their astounding successes? Perhaps because such successes are no greater than these derived from traditional treatments.

The subject of cancer prevention and therapy is vitally interesting to most people for obvious reasons. Therefore, research scientists have an obligation to test any possible cure, no matter how outrageous, in hopes that it may provide the basis for a sound anti-cancer program that will benefit many generations of human beings.

A NOTE TO READERS: For an updated and revised Health Report on "Diabetes Mellitus," send a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope and $2 to Newsletter, P.O. Box 167, Wickliffe, OH 44092-0167. Be sure to mention the title. Also, be on the lookout for more updated Health Reports.

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Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Wednesday, July 3, 2002

The timing is ripe for you to make those types of lifestyle changes you've been hoping for. This is because sometime in the year ahead, you'll recognize what needs to be done and how to do it.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — You'll only have yourself to blame today should you underestimate your opponents and be denied success. You're not the only one with talent. Cancer, treat yourself to a birthday gift. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead by mailing $2 and an SASE to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 167, Wickliffe, OH 44092. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — You will repeat a mistake you often make if you let your emotions and feelings gain the upper hand. Only logic and sound reasoning will prevail.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Someone on whom you're counting for a special favor is not a god from Mount Olympus, but just an ordinary person like yourself. Excessive expectations invite disappointment today.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — If you team up with people who do not feel the same sense of urgency as you do regarding a common goal, this partnership arrangement may be a hindrance.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — A distorted sense of priorities may put you behind the eight ball today if you waste a lot of time on insignificant matters and ignore those things that are really important.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — It's nice to be a good guy or gal today, but don't be presumptuous about volunteering to help another with a task you're ill equipped to handle. You can't depend on that person to teach you how to do what needs doing.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Even if you feel a bit superior to someone with whom you have dealings, don't allow it to manifest in your behavior. You may come off to others as being haughty.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Others will feel very resentful of you if you pressure them into doing something for you. Depend upon yourself to handle your obligations and responsibilities.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Don't depend on Lady Luck to be there for you today where your financial or commercial interests are concerned. Move cautiously in these areas and don't take any gambles.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Unfortunately, your self-esteem and self-assurance may be a bit fragile today, causing you to be a late starter. You may lose your chance at an opportunity you took for granted.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Hearing some inside information and knowing what to do with it are two entirely different things. Unless you understand the latter, success may be denied you today.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Severe disappointment could set in today if you place all value and expectation upon things of a material nature. Happiness occurs by placing your faith in people and ideals.

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"Cost of Freedom" . . .Pastor Michael Pigg
Recognition of Veterans . . . . . .Cliff Shiller
"Taps" in memory of all who have given their life for Freedom . . . . . .Jason Williams
Closing Prayer . . . . . .Pastor Michael Pigg

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Becoming Better People Because God Loves Us

The Bible tells us that God loves us. It tells of God's deep love for people in many places in many ways. The climax of God's love is seen in Jesus. His birth, life, death and resurrection place God's love beyond doubt. There are many tragedies and heartaches in life that seem to say God does not care. Regardless of what happens, the New Testament tells us that we know God loves us, because of Jesus.

What difference does it make if we know God loves us? Certainly it can make us feel better about life. The reality of God's love brings hope into many hopeless situations. But God's goal for us is not just that we feel better about ourselves or about life. God's goal for each one of us is that we might become truly better and different people. The apostle Paul writes that Jesus Christ "gave himself for us to redeem us from all wickedness and to purify for himself a people that are his very own, eager to do what is good, " Titus 2: 14. Jesus did not give himself in death to just make us feel better. He gave himself in death so that we might ***be truly better*** in the way we live.

Because God loves us, he wants us to live differently. Our natural ways of doing things are hurtful to those around us and often destructive to ourselves. God wants us to live differently, not because he wants to restrict our fun in life. It is the opposite. God knows what is really good in life and wants us to have what is really life. If we will allow the gospel of Christ to work in our lives, our lives can really change!

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More than 70 killed in midair collision

UEBERLINGEN, Germany (AP) — Fifty-two Russian children headed for a beach vacation in Spain were among more than 70 people killed when their chartered Tupolev airliner slammed into a cargo plane over southern Germany, officials said today.

Swiss air traffic controllers said the pilot of the Russian Tu-154 did not descend to avoid the cargo jet until he was given a third order to decrease altitude. Swiss officials said the first warning was issued about two minutes before the crash.

Contradicting the initial Swiss account, the German government agency for air accident investigations said the Russian pilot received a first warning to correct altitude only about 50 seconds before the crash. It said the pilot reacted after a second warning, by then only about 25 seconds before the crash at 36,000 feet over Lake Constance.

Russia's state-run RTR television also reported a German police official said the Russian plane received its first warning from Swiss controllers just 50 seconds before it was to cross paths with the cargo plane.

The director of Bashkirian Airlines, Nikolai Odegov, said Swiss air traffic controllers were to blame for the accident, the Interfax news agency reported today evening.

Fireworks complaints investigated by police

• ***Fireworks complaints***

Snyder police began receiving complaints about fireworks being discharged within the city limits around 4:15 p.m. Monday.

The first complaint came from the 3000 block of 39th Street.

Complaints were also received from the area of the Park Village Apartments. The 2500 block of Avenue L, and the 2700 block of Avenue Y.

• ***Stolen bicycle***

Robin Crooks reported her son's bicycle was located at Harvey's Bike Shop. The bicycle was reported stolen on June 29 and three juvenile males had tried to sell it at the bike shop.

• ***Criminal mischief***

Joyce Nelson of 109 Milburn reported that someone had damaged her vehicle. An offense report for Class B criminal mischief was submitted.

• ***Trespassing***

Mary Clay requested an officer in the 1600 block of 8th Street in reference to children trespassing on her property.

• ***Dog problems***

Officers were called to the Cogdell Memorial Hospital emergency room Monday afternoon as a child was being treated for a dog bite.

The dog was located in the 2600 block of Avenue A and taken to the animal shelter.

The animal control officer was called to Town and Country north just before midnight Monday as three dogs were jumping on customers and going into the store. Clerks reported the dogs had been in the area all day.

• ***Reckless drivers***

Deputies were notified around 8 p.m. that two people were riding on top of a vehicle on FM 2105 headed toward Ira.

City officers were notified of a reckless driver around 11 p.m. in the area of 18th Street and Avenue I.

• ***Possible disturbance***

Deputies were called to the area around the old cotton gin in Hermleigh at 3:45 a.m. today as several 911 calls reported a male and female having an argument.

The deputy reported he spoke to several subjects in the area who said they had not heard any disturbance.

Clarification...

In Monday's commissioner's court report, the headline on the report of the meeting didn't match up with the story.

The story said the commissioners' court voted to purchase 28.7 acres of land adjacent to the county-owned airport, while the headline stated the county purchased the land.

The story was correct, the headline was incorrect.

Obituaries

Mattie Morris

1919-2002

Mattie Alice Morris, 83, died this morning in Snyder Oaks Care Center after a lengthy illness.

Services for Mrs. Morris are pending at Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Born April 1, 1919 in Corsicana, she was married to Duard Morris who died in 1980.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Faye Cruseturner; and a great-grandson, Tyler Williams.

Survivors include three daughters, Burtha Deere and husband Leonard of Bridgeport, Ann Christenson and husband Wallace and Dorothy Snowden, all of Snyder; three sons, J.W. Lane, Robert Lane and Calvin Lane, all of Snyder; two sisters, Jo Ann Mayer of Snyder and May Simmons of Texhoma, Okla.; eight grandchildren, Christy Lee of Slaton, Jay Jones of Abilene, Michael Deere of Rifle, Colo., Carla Sanchez of Ira, Durad Jones, Lonzo Deere, Richard Deere and Sissy Williams, all of Snyder; and 19 great-grandchildren.

Martha Schiebel

1926-2002

Martha Zeck Schiebel, former long-time resident of Snyder, died Saturday, June 29, 2002, in Odessa's Hospice Home.



Mrs. Schiebel

A memorial service for Mrs. Schiebel will be held at 2:00 p.m., Saturday, July 6, 2002, at Trinity Methodist Church in Snyder with the Reverend Gary Hubbard officiating. Judy Hubbard will lead the music.

Cremation arrangements are under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Mrs. Schiebel was born July 25, 1926, in Raton, New Mexico, to Frank and Margaret Whistler. The family moved to West Texas when Martha was ten. She graduated from Iowa Park High School in 1943, took RN training at Texas Christian University, graduated Midwestern University in 1948, and earned her master's degree from Texas Tech in 1964.

Martha married Ted Zeck of Iowa Park in 1945, moving to Snyder in 1952. She taught English, and later health, in Snyder schools for 35 years, first at the junior high level and later at Snyder High School. Recently attending First United Methodist Church, she was a charter member of Trinity Methodist, where she served in numerous service and leadership roles. She also enjoyed her work with American Field Service, Atheneum Study Club, and the Wesleyan Service Guild.

In 1979 Martha married Bill Schiebel with whom she enjoyed traveling, entertaining, and volunteering. She volunteered for short-term medical mission trips to Guatemala and Russia. She worked with the Alzheimer's program, the American Cancer Society, the local Blood Bank, the Cogdell Hospital Auxiliary, and was given the honor of being named Snyder's Humanitarian of the Year.

Mrs. Schiebel is survived by her three children and their families: Mark (and Doris) Zeck and children Deborah and Jonathan; Paul (and Gail) Zeck and Paul and Pam Patterson's children Julie (and David) Smithey and Emily Zeck; and Margaret (and Bill) Edwards and children Elizabeth (and Wally) Badley, Jason (and Masha) Edwards, and Caroline Thiessen Edwards. Her sister, Joan Noonkester (and husband Clyde) of Brownwood survives her, as well.

Additionally, she is survived by her stepchildren and their families: Cynthia Schiebel, John (and Sandy) Schiebel and daughters Katherine Schiebel and Kera and Kammi Newby; Barbara (and Billy) Knight and children J. R. and Wendy.

Mark's family lives in Midland. Paul is in Point Blank, Pam is in Dallas, Julie is at the University of Michigan, and Emily is in New York City. Margaret's family all live near Seattle and include seven of Martha's great-grandchildren, Kathryn and Alan Badley, Claire and Emma Edwards, and Camille, Grant and David Thiessen.

Cynthia lives in Austin; John's family is in Naples, Florida; Barbara's family all lives in Amarillo and include two more great-grandchildren, Alexandra and Aaron Knight.

Memorials may be made to the TCU RN scholarship fund or to the Hospice House, 903 N. Sam Houston, Odessa, TX 79761.

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Rosa Rivera

1921-2002

DUMAS — Rosa Lira Rivera, the mother of two Snyder residents, died Saturday, June 29.

Mass for Mrs. Rivera, 81, was set for 4 p.m. today in the Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church with the Rev. Francisco Perez and Joe Schwertner, deacon, officiating. Burial will follow in the Dumas Cemetery under the direction of Morrison Funeral Directors.

Born March 12, 1921 in Spofford, she married Paulino Rivera on Nov. 10, 1943 in Uvalde. He died in 1989. She also was preceded in death by a sister, Felicita Gomez.

A homemaker, Mrs. Rivera was a former resident of Hereford and had lived in Dumas from 1965 to 1996. She was a member of the Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church.

Survivors include six sons, Raul Rivera of Snyder, Paul Rivera of Lamesa, Ernest Rivera of Hamlin, Rolando Rivera of Uvalde, Armando Rivera of Houston and Tony Rivera of Perryton; four daughters, Dora Rivera of Snyder, Pura Rivera of Dumas, Leticia Bernal of Perryton and Lupe Sotelo of Odessa; 37 grandchildren; and 63 great-grandchildren.

Bill Wells

1949-2002

LOVINGTON, N.M. — Bill "Billy" Wells, the brother of Rusty Wells of Snyder, died Sunday, June 30.

Funeral service for Mr. Wells, 53, is set for 2 p.m. Wednesday in the Lovington Church of Christ with Dale Rhodes officiating. Burial will follow in the Lovington Cemetery under the direction of Stevens Funeral Home.

Born Feb. 7, 1949 in Truth or Consequences, N.M., he married Fatima Galunan on Oct. 10, 1987 in the Philippines.

An employee of Lea County Electric for more than 30 years, he was a member of the Lovington Church of Christ.

Survivors also include his wife, Fatima Wells of Lovington; two daughters, Heather Case of Gurnee, Ill., and Kala Wells of Lovington; a son, Damon Wells of Brownwood; three grandchildren; and four step-grandchildren.

Ruby Dunnahoo

1900-2002

LORAINE — Ruby Dunnahoo, a native of Scurry County, died Monday, July 1, in a Colorado City nursing center.

Graveside service for Mrs. Dunnahoo, 101, was set for 11 a.m. today in the Loraine Cemetery with Randy Feaster officiating. Arrangements were under the direction of Kiker-Seale Funeral Home.

Born Sept. 6, 1900 in Scurry County to J.T. and Anne Haggerton Kidd, she married Majel Alphonzo Dunnahoo in 1920 in Big Spring. He died in 1991.

A resident of the Champion Community for 60 years, she was a homemaker and farmed and ranched with her husband. Mrs. Dunnahoo was a member of the Loraine Baptist Church.

Survivors include three sisters, Doris Darden and Louise Feaster, both of Colorado City, and Minnie Ray of Fort Worth.

William Seal

1934-2002

CEDAR PARK — William Carol Seal, the father of Gina Goolsby of Snyder, died Monday, July 1.

Funeral service for Mr. Goolsby, 67, is set for 3 p.m. Wednesday in the First Baptist Church in Lamesa. Burial will follow in Lamesa Memorial Park. Arrangements are under the direction of Beck Funeral Home.

Born July 29, 1935 in Tom Green County, he was retired from the Texas highway department after working 35 years in Lamesa and Brownfield.

Survivors include his wife, Margaret Seal of Cedar Park; two sons, Ronnie Seal of Etoile and Robert Seale of Lamesa; two other daughters, Peggy Mojica of Lamesa and Lori Vanover of Cedar Park; 11 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Family visitation will be held from 1-3 p.m. Wednesday at the First Baptist Church.

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ONGOINGS

Auction items needed

Items are needed for the Historic Scurry County silent auction to be held July 4 at the Cornelius-Dodson House. Call 573-3822 to have items picked up.

Museum exhibit

A special exhibit of Harley-Davidson, Indian motorcycles and Cushman motor scooters continues through Aug. 22 at the Scurry County Museum on the Western Texas College campus. The free exhibit is entitled Ready To Roll and all bikes are owned by residents of Scurry County. For July Fourth, the museum will be open from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Medical fund

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

Masonic meeting

A stated meeting of Scurry Masonic Lodge No. 706 will be held at 7:30 this evening.

Gateway Family Services

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

Snyder Lions Club

Snyder Lions Club will sponsor the prayer breakfast at 8 a.m. July 4th at the park pavilion.

Dermott School July 4th

The Dermott School located on the coliseum grounds will be open from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. July 4th for an art and book show and sale.

Hermleigh cheerleader booth

Hermleigh High cheerleaders will have a booth in Towle Park Thursday to sell patriotic leis, drinks and pop ice. They are also sponsoring the midnight showing Thursday of "Mr. Deeds," starring Adam Sandler at Cinema I & 2.

FBC services televised

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

Landfill closed Thursday

Snyder landfill will be closed Thursday in celebration of Independence Day. It will resume normal business hours Friday.

SHS class of 1987 reunion

The 1987 class of Snyder High School will have a 15-year reunion dinner Saturday at Snyder Country Club.

Healing service

A healing service will be held at Applin Ministries (Gentle Dove) at 7 p.m. Saturday. For information call 573-4882 or 573-8729.

Discovery School registration

Fall registration for Discovery School will be from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. Monday through July 12. The fall session begins Aug. 1. For more information, call 573-4770.

FBC support groups

Support groups dealing with divorce, death, cancer or caring for elderly parents meet at 6:30 p.m. the second Thursday of each month at the First Baptist Church educational building. A special group for students facing these problems is held at the same time.

Bids accepted by city council

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right to know where the money is going. "I would object to not being given this information."

Noah then said council members will receive the information, but it will not be addressed at council meetings.

Also presented was the monthly personnel report, which indicated a position for a part-time landfill employee had opened up.

The council reviewed the schedule for budget meetings and hearings and adjourned at 8:15 p.m. to begin working on the next year's budget.

Council members Shaw, Martin, Tippens, Stephanie Ducheneaux and James Ashley were present. Mayor Noah presided. Councilman John Reed was absent.

Investigation continues in case of three-year-old left in van

Snyder Police Sgt. Terry Lueke said the case involving a three-year-old girl left on a Snyder Child Day Care van for some eight hours Thursday remains under investigation, but will soon be referred to District Attorney Dana Cooley.

"We're getting ready to wrap it up and send it to the DA," Lueke said. "The decision on whether or not to file charges will be up to her."

The district attorney is out of her office until next week, according to her office staff.

The driver and assistant teacher who picked up Alisha Sanchez were placed on administrative suspension after the incident.

Lueke would not release the names of the two employees. He added that if charges are filed, they will most likely be for endangerment of a child.

Shirley Fritz, executive director of the day care center, said today the Texas Department of Protective and Regulatory Services has completed an investigation, but a report would not be returned for at least two weeks.

The girl was picked up in a Head Start van around 8 a.m. from her home and was not discovered in the van until her mother, Bobby Jo Sanchez, called the center and asked when they were bringing the daughter home.

Sanchez said after the incident that the van's doors were locked and the windows were rolled up. Authorities stated what averted a major tragedy was the fact the van was parked under a covering and the temperature Thursday only reached 92 degrees.