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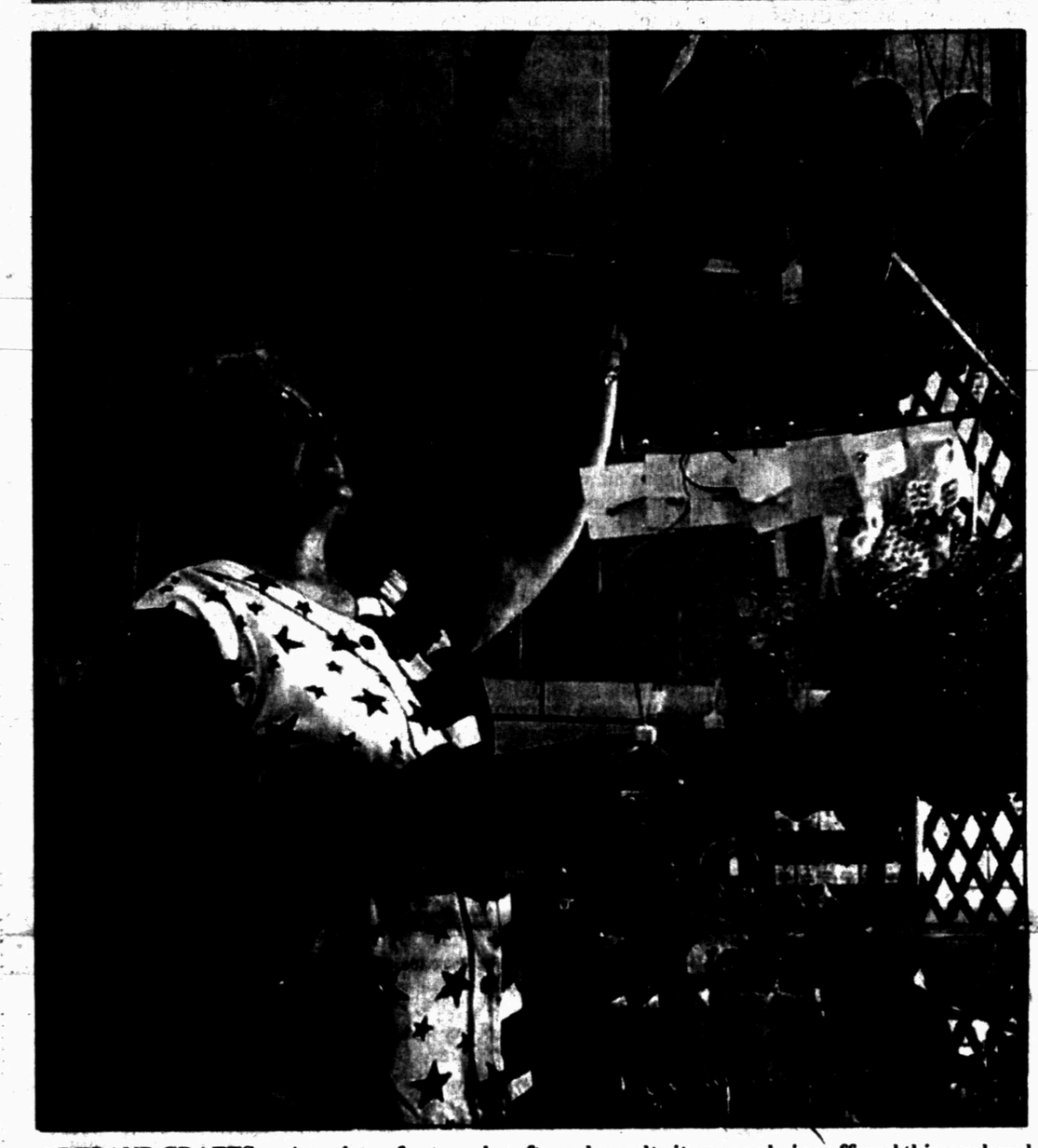

ARTS AND CRAFTS — A variety of arts and crafts and novelty items are being offered this weekend at the National Guard Armory as part of the July Fourth activities in Towle Park. Doris DeFreese is shown putting magnets out for display as she sets up her booth. (SDN Staff Photo by Joyce May)

July Fourth activities climax with fireworks

The time for food, fun and fireworks has arrived as the annual Towle Park Fourth of July celebration kicks off Saturday morning.

July 4th fun begins at 8 a.m. with the Prayer Breakfast to be held at Towle Park pavilion.

Price is $3 per person or $5 per couple. The program begins at 8:20 and there is no cost to those who do not wish to eat.

A flag-raising ceremony will be conducted at 9 a.m. in front of the National Guard Armory by the VFW Post 8231.

Commercial and food booths also open at 9.

Flavorful fare will be offered — including fajitas, barbecued chicken, smoked turkey legs, brisket, sausage on a stick, corn on the cob, hamburgers, beef jerky, tacos.

Items for sale in the Armory include jewelry, clothing, wooden items, photo albums, miniatures, knicknacks and the wildly-popular Beanie Babies.

The parade gets underway at 10 a.m. and retired Snyder High School baseball coach Albert Lewis is the Grand Marshal.

Prizes will be awarded for the most patriotic, most original and best all-around floats.

The parade line-up begins at 9 o'clock in the Moffett Field parking lot.

Persons entering bicycles in the parade need to begin lining-up at 9, as judging for both events begins at 9:30.

First through third place prizes will be awarded in four age categories: 5 and under, 6-8, 9-11 and 12 and older.

Anyone planning to ride a horse in the parade is reminded the animals must have had a recent Coggins test. No roller blades are allowed and go-carts must be driven or accompanied by an adult.

The Scurry County Museum, located on the Western Texas College Campus, opens at 10 a.m. with several special exhibits.

Volleyball, horseshoe and washer pitching tournaments are just a few of the planned activities.

Cottonwood Flats will be a center of entertainment with events scheduled throughout the day.

The National Anthem will be sung at 10:50 a.m. and various programs will follow, including the Joy Ministry Clowns, West Texas Tae Kwon Do and Snyder Springers. Reid Johnson will perform a magic show.

Various bands and singers will perform during the day. A schedule will be posted on the stage.

For celebration-goers wanting to beat the heat, Towle Park Pool will open from 1:30 to 5. Also, iced drinks, homemade ice cream and snowcones will be offered at various booths.

The Dodson House located on the Scurry County Coliseum grounds will open at 2 p.m.

The Halbrooks will take the stage at 8:30 p.m. Saturday in the Cottonwood Flats, performing "Branson-type" music and dancing.

Highlighting today's festivities will be the annual fireworks display, beginning at dark.

The chamber will sell glow-in-the-dark novelty items afterwards.

The Lions Club-sponsored carnival also continues.

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "God Bless America."

The source of the following is unknown, but it seems appropriate as Scurry County citizens join the nation in observance of Independence Day.

I watched the flag pass by one day.
It fluttered in the breeze
A young Marine saluted it, and then
He stood at ease.

I looked at him in uniform
So young, so tall, so proud
With hair cut square and eyes alert
He'd stand out in any crowd.

I thought, how many men like him
Had fallen through the years?
How many died on foreign soil?
How many mothers' tears?
How many Pilots' planes shot down?
How many foxholes were soldiers' graves?
No, Freedom is not free.

I heard the sound of taps one night,
When everything was still.
I listened to the bugler play
And felt a sudden chill.

I wondered just how many times
That taps had meant 'Amen"
When a flag had draped a coffin
of a brother or a friend.

I thought of all the children,
Of the mothers and the wives,
Of fathers, sons and husbands
With interrupted lives.

I thought about a graveyard
at the bottom of the sea
Of unmarked graves in Arlington
No, Freedom is not free!

$800,000 in improvements planned at Winston Field

By Wade Warren
Managing Editor

Planned improvements at Winston Field by the Texas Department of Transportation's aviation division will go a lot farther than just paving and striping in the efforts to attract industrial prospects to Snyder and Scurry County.

"The state will make over $800,000 in improvements to our airport beginning late this summer," said airport manager Rodger Sullenger. "But the long-term effects could be worth much more than that."

Sullenger is a firm believer that the airport's first impression upon an industrial prospect is very important.

"I keep saying that it is the first thing a prospect sees when he flies in here, and the last thing he sees as he leaves."

"My theory is that he might not notice right off how clean and efficient the airport is, but I bet he would notice if it was all grown up in weeds and if it was a sloppy operation," Sullenger said.

"They know the airports in Abilene, Lubbock or Midland can take care of them. Well, so can we," said Sullenger.

The improvements, which will only cost the county some $80,000 — or ten-percent of the total costs — includes overlaying the runways and the taxi-ways, plus the area around the hangars.

"The runways will be re-striped, and the crop dusting pad will be enlarged," said Sullenger.

Strobe lights will also be added to the end of runways where they are not presently located, added Sullenger.

Sullenger said approach lights will be placed on the south end of the runways to aid pilots in maintaining their glide paths.

Those particular lights are already in place on the runway's north end.

Sullenger said he expects the project to take two to three months to complete.

"This is just another step in the county and state to improve aircraft operations at the airport, said Sullenger, who has managed the facility for the past three years.

Sullenger did say that traffic at the airport has decreased somewhat this year.

"Normally, we have 10 to 12 airplanes land to refuel, but this summer, it has dropped down to seven or eight," Sullenger added.

Wednesday afternoon, the airport had one of the most unusual aircrafts buy fuel.

"A sky-crane helicopter which had been fighting fires in Mexico, stopped to re-fuel enroute to Colorado to fight fires there," said Sullenger.

"We filled it with 957 gallons of jet fuel, and the pilot said it used 500 gallons per hour," said Sullenger.

The aircraft is owned by Erickson Air-Crane, out of Central Point, Ore., Sullenger said.

"It can hold 3,000 gallons of water to fight fires with, and it is capable of filling its tank in 40 seconds by hovering over a lake," said Sullenger.

Currently, there are 22 airplanes hangared at the facility, and there is room for about 10 more.

The facility is again without a full-time mechanic, or fixed base

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School bond backers meet Wednesday

Residents within the Snyder Independent School District who are interested in supporting the bond election for improving the district's facilities are invited to meet at 7 a.m. Wednesday at Rudy's.

Early voting on the $20.4 million bond issue will begin July 22, and end on Aug. 4.

The election is set for Aug. 8.

Trustees called the election on May 8 after numerous public meetings were held throughout the district to get public input on needed improvements.

If approved, over $6 million will be used to renovate Snyder High School, and over $4 million is designated for improvements at the junior high school.

Every campus, except Central Elementary, would receive almost $2 million in renovation or new construction.

If the bond issue passes, 50-year-old Central Elementary will be closed.

Commissioners expected to approve audit Monday

Scurry County Commissioners Court will meet in special session Monday to consider two items of business.

Under old business, commissioners will consider approval of the 1997 audit which was presented to them at the June 15 meeting by Condley and Company.

In one item of new business, the court will consider the penalty for burning ban violations.

Due to dry conditions within the county, the court voted unanimously on June 1 to adopt the ban.

Commissioners will also consider line item transfers, budget amendments and the approval of bills.

ASK US

Q—How many nine-year-olds made the Snyder 9 and 10 year-old all-star baseball team?
A—None.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Area Forecast: Saturday: partly cloudy. Highs, upper 90s. S winds 10-20 mph. Sunday: Partly cloudy; slight chance of storms. Lows, mid 70s. Highs, upper 90s.

Jeremy Rodriguez
Partly Cloudy

Sunset: 8:52 p.m.
Sunrise: 6:44 a.m.
Of 184 days in 1998, the sun has shone 182 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

There are two lasting bequests we can give our children: One is roots. The other is wings.

Hodding Carter, Jr.

JULY 5 1998

Florida Democrats struggle to turn GOP tide

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (AP) — These are hard times for Florida Democrats.

They already have lost control of the state's legislature, cabinet and congressional delegation. Their grip on the governor's office is slipping. Now this: A bungled power grab is threatening the party's near-monopoly on black voters.

"It's a mess," former Democratic Party Chairman Charlie Whitehead says.

Battling to break a cycle of complacency and infighting, Florida Democrats are a case study in how their party has struggled — particularly in the South — with the sudden flush of Republican successes in former one-party states.

If they fail to bounce back, Democrats stand no chance of winning the critical governor's race here. They also could weaken the party's presidential prospects in 2000, a fact that has sucked Vice President Al Gore directly into the Willie Logan controversy.

Logan, a black lawmaker from Opa-locka, Fla., was dumped abruptly as the House's Democratic leader and replaced by white lawmaker Anne Mackenzie. Opponents said he was not raising enough money for the party and was too liberal; Logan backers think race was a factor.

The January ouster flamed embers of discontent among blacks who feel that Democrats take them for granted.

"I don't think they even realized what this would mean to us," said U.S. Rep. Alcee Hastings, D-Fla. "Now they're too proud, too arrogant, too plantation-minded, too picnic-politics minded to say, 'Look, We're sorry.' That's all they had to say."

Declaring himself a political "free agent," Logan is raising money with Republicans and threatening to campaign against Democrats in the fall.

Polls suggest that Republican gubernatorial candidate Jeb Bush is getting double-digit support among blacks, an unusually high figure. In a special legislative election last month, a Republican in a Democratic-leaning district performed better than her opponent in mostly black precincts.

Hoping to drive a wedge into the heart of the opposition, Republicans are stepping up their courtship of black voters. School vouchers and crime, traditionally GOP issues, play well in black communities.

Democrats, meanwhile, are busy pointing fingers.

"I blame House Democrats," said Attorney General Bob Butterworth, one of several down-ballot Democrats who could be hurt by the racial rift.

Much of the criticism has been aimed at Gov. Lawton Chiles and Sen. Bob Graham, who moved slowly to resolve the rift. Likely Democratic gubernatorial candidate Buddy MacKay, the state's lieutenant governor, has tried with limited success to ease ill feelings.

Indeed, the Logan fiasco is viewed as a symptom of a larger problem for the Florida Democratic Party: It is adrift.

Throughout the 1990s, the immense popularity of Chiles and Graham disguised the fact that the GOP was creeping into power — as Cubans immigration, snowbelt retirees and young baby boomers moving to the state for job opportunities bulged voter registration lists with new Republicans.

The Democratic Party got lazy, its stable of political talent dwindled, as Chiles and Graham built their political empires with little attention to the party itself. Accustomed to being the only game in town, Democrats fight each other as much as they fight Republicans.

"A lot of it has to do with Florida having been a vast transitional state and trending Republican while Democrats thought they could hold on to it," said Susan MacManus, a political science professor at the University of Southern Florida in Tampa. "They didn't bring in new blood. Now they're holding on to dear life."

Similar dilemmas face Democrats across the South, including President Clinton's home state of Arkansas. Clinton and Sens. Dale Bumpers and David Pryor held off Republican advances for years with their personal appeal; when Clinton left for Washington and Pryor left the Senate, Republicans replaced them and Democrats divided.

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Defector: Pakistan has nuke weapons trained on India

NEW YORK (AP) — If Iftikhar Chaudhary Khan is telling the truth, Pakistan has nuclear weapons aimed at targets in India and has considered a first strike against its neighbor.

Khan said Wednesday he knows this because he is a Pakistani nuclear scientist familiar with his country's policy — and he is willing to tell all to U.S. officials in return for political asylum.

Pakistani officials called Khan's story "a complete con job," saying instead he worked for a private, Karachi-based company until last year when he apparently quit.

And now the State Department isn't so sure either.

"We do note significant discrepancies in his story as reported in the press," said department spokesman James Rubin, declining to elaborate and saying he had no information to support Khan's claims.

"No such scientist of any such name has ever worked in any of the Pakistan Atomic Energy Commission's sensitive nuclear installations," the commission said in a statement Friday.

The commission has no such position as "assistant research officer," the post Khan reportedly claimed to have held, Pakistani nuclear officials said, nor does it employ a person named Dr. Altaf Hussain, the man Khan says was his boss.

Azad Gulzar Sheikh, a director of Forte Trading Co. in Karachi, said he employed Khan as an assistant accountant from 1993 to 1997 and that his resume listed him as a business graduate, not a scientist. The company makes ceramic tiles and bathroom fixtures.

Khan, 29, said he was prepared to describe Pakistan's nuclear program to U.S. officials in detail, including assistance that it has received from China and Iran.

U.S. officials, speaking on condition of anonymity, said it was too early to assess the significance of Khan's defection or verify his claim to be a former assistant to a Dr. Hussain.

Khan told The Associated Press in an interview at his lawyer's office in New York that he became alarmed after attending a top-secret meeting in April on Pakistan's nuclear strategy. He said he heard officials and scientists discuss using nuclear weapons first because of fears that India was preparing an attack with Israel's help.

Khan said he wrote a protest letter and was fired in late April. He received threats, he said, and left Pakistan in May, before nuclear tests conducted that month by both India and Pakistan.

Pakistan's government at first said Khan was a low-level civil engineer who would not have had access to information about nuclear strategy. Salman A. Abbasy, spokesman for Pakistan's U.N. mission, later disputed whether the man was indeed Khan.

Abbasy said there was an Iftikhar Khan in a low-level position at the Pakistan Atomic Energy Commission in the early 1980s, but he left soon after.

"We expected the Pakistani government to say that he was either not credible or that he did not have the information that he claims to have," said Khan's attorney, Michael Wildes. "He has the documentation to corroborate his claim."

Khan arrived in the United States on May 22. He said he believes four other colleagues who also signed the protest letter left Pakistan at about that time for Britain.

Khan said Friday his wife was released by Pakistani officials after having been held against her will since April 29. During a brief phone call, Mrs. Khan assured him that she was physically healthy, but was concerned for the family's welfare, Wildes said.

Khan showed reporters a Pakistani passport with a stamp that Wildes said signified high-security clearance, and a photocopy of what he said was Khan's ID card from the Pakistan Atomic Energy Commission. Khan said the weapons program was hidden in a nuclear power plant.

Khan said he would turn over further documents to the U.S. government if granted asylum.

But Abbasy said the insignia on the ID card was not the commission's. The identification lists the commission as part of the Ministry of Science and Technology, he said, but the two are actually separate agencies.

India set off five underground nuclear explosions in early May and Pakistan responded with six tests, heightening tensions between the south Asian neighbors who have fought three wars in the last 50 years.

Since the tests, India has proposed a "no-first-use" agreement with Pakistan, which has said repeatedly it won't be the first to use nuclear weapons.

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GM may axe slow-moving car lines sooner

DETROIT (AP) — General Motors Corp. appears ready to jettison some of its weaker car lines, a move that is being welcomed by industry analysts but is sure to worsen tensions with workers.

Most auto industry watchers agree that GM needs to trim its model roster further to bring its per-vehicle profitability more in line with that of Ford Motor Co., Chrysler Corp. and foreign automakers.

"It's not a radical strategy," analyst Scott Merlis of Merlis Automotive International Inc. said Thursday. GM already has pared its lineup from 109 models four years ago to 80 Friday.

Even so, GM's talk of dropping more models and perhaps closing some aging plants can only add to the No. 1 automaker's tensions with the United Auto Workers, whose strikes at two Flint parts plants have all but halted GM's North American production.

Negotiations at the plants ended Thursday without a settlement and resumed Friday. Vice President Norm McComb of UAW Local 659 said talks at one of the plants — the Flint Metal Center — had accomplished nothing.

On Wednesday, marketing chief Ronald L. Zarrella told reporters that GM faced a sharp drop in market share if the strike continued through July, and that GM was looking at the strikes' financial effects "on every aspect of the business." He acknowledged that "there's still some overlap" in GM's lineup — cars that compete with each other.

"We may well take this situation as an opportunity to move up some future plans in terms of eliminating overlap in our portfolio," he said. "We have more cars than we need and not enough trucks. One of the outcomes of this may be getting out of those cars faster."

While Zarrella's comments were aimed at UAW leaders as much as Wall Street, analysts said GM appears serious about killing off slow-selling lines.

"I don't think this is bluster," analyst Joseph Phillippi of Lehman Brothers said. "There's been plenty of talk inside the organization about how many entrants they need to serve all those market segments.

"When you stack them up against Ford or against Honda or against Toyota and look at the number of offerings they have relative to their overall volume, it's clear they don't need all those models."

Two models most likely to go first are the Pontiac Firebird and Chevrolet Camaro made at the St. Therese plant in Quebec. The two so-called "pony cars" date back to 1967, when GM was forced to respond to the staggering popularity of Ford's Mustang.

There has been speculation that GM may keep either the Camaro or Firebird rather than give up the entire segment to Ford.

Camaro-Firebird sales have declined sharply since the 1980s. The Camaro has always sold better than the Firebird, but its sales also have fallen the most. Last year, GM sold 55,973 Camaros, down 52 percent from 1994.

The St. Therese plant has no new product scheduled after the 2001 model year. Because of slow sales, production there was cut 20 percent this summer to just one shift.

Zarrella declined to specify which car lines were under consideration for elimination, except to say that low-volume, low-profit models were the targets.

Other likely candidates among the slow-sellers are the Oldsmobile Aurora and Buick Riviera sedans and the Cadillac Eldorado coupe, analysts say.

Nearly 172,000 GM workers have been idled because of the strikes. Before GM's two-week summer vacation shutdown began Monday, 26 of the company's 29 major, wholly-owned assembly plants in North America had been idled by the strikes. The only plant still operating during the shutdown is GM's Ramos Arizpe small-car plant in Mexico.

GM is looking at ways to resume production at up to 10 assembly plants in August, if it can get enough parts from independent suppliers, USA Friday reported Thursday, quoting unidentified GM officials.

The plants GM most needs to reopen are those that are scheduled to produce its redesigned 1999 full-size pickup: Fort Wayne, Ind.; Pontiac, Mich.; and Oshawa, Ontario.

The pickup is GM's best-selling vehicle, and one of its most profitable. An on-time launch is considered critical to avoid losing thousands of customers to Ford and Dodge.

Fetal surgery corrects spina bifida

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Little Noah, smaller than the palm of his doctor's hand, was headed for a life in which he could never walk or control his urine and bowel movements.

After only 20 weeks in his mother's womb, doctors could see that Noah Kipfmiller's backbone had never closed. His spinal cord was partially deformed and nerve bundles were protruding from his back.

The only hope was to let doctors operate on the fetus while it remained in the womb.

That was nearly four months ago. Now, 2-month-old Noah's little legs are kicking in the air and his parents took him home Friday to Bay City, Mich.

The surgery, doctors say, could be a major step for the estimated 1,500 babies born in this country each year with spina bifida.

While seven other babies in the United States with spina bifida have undergone the open-womb operation, Noah's surgery was done at 23 weeks — more than a month earlier in the pregnancy, meaning a lesser chance of spinal damage. Two of the seven other babies have died.

Also, doctors said, women who find out their fetus has spina bifida and want an abortion typically must decide by 24 weeks, the end of the second trimester. This gives parents a chance to see if the surgery can work.

"This has not been scientifically proven to be beneficial, but I've seen things come and go, and heard a lot of promises, and it's obvious to me this is the real thing," said Dr. Joseph Bruner, director of fetal diagnosis and therapy at Vanderbilt University Medical Center in Nashville, Tenn. Bruner conducted most of the seven previous surgeries.

"Patients may now have the opportunity of having this surgery done earlier in hope of a better outcome and more options," he said.

Noah's legs work well and doctors say his only obvious problem is below the knee on his right leg. He may walk with a limp or need a brace, said his father, Kevin. Until he is potty-trained, doctors won't know how well his bladder or bowel control works.

Mellissa Kipfmiller is watching her son wiggle his toes right along with the rest of the babies in the hospital nursery.

"It feels good to know my baby can help others," she said. "I couldn't help but compare him to the other babies. And he didn't seem to be moving any slower than the other ones. ... For some reason, I knew all along this was going to work out."

One risk that comes with the surgery is premature birth. Noah was born two months premature, weighing 2 pounds, 7 ounces. But he developed well, and now weighs 4 pounds and appears healthy, said Dr. N. Scott Adzick, who conducted Noah's surgery at The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia.

Open fetal surgery is still relatively rare and reserved for simple anatomic defects that are life-threatening. Although spina bifida is not life-threatening and many children live normal lives, this case warranted the treatment, Adzick said.

Civil order to prevent crime sought

AUSTIN (AP) — Travis County's district attorney is seeking a civil court order to prevent crime in an East Austin neighborhood.

Taking a page from law enforcement books in California, District Attorney Ronnie Earle on Thursday announced a motion seeking a civil court order to prevent eight people he called known gang members from "standing, sitting, walking, driving, gathering or appearing anywhere in public view" together in a roughly seven-block area north of Austin's Mueller Airport.

Most of the named people don't live in the area in which they would be prevented from gathering, Earle said.

The district attorney said the eight people are known to police and neighborhood residents as drug dealers who have intimidated residents, threatened witnesses and taken over the area.

If granted, the court order would allow Austin police to arrest the named people if they are caught together in the area, even if they aren't committing a crime or suspected of a particular crime, Earle said.

He believes it is the first time such an order has been sought in Texas.

"Our driving concern ... was the fear felt by the neighborhood," Earle said at a news conference just outside a gas station within the area where drug deals and other criminal activity are common.

"(The motion) says since you have in the past engaged in criminal activity — since the purpose of your relationship with these other members of your gang is to deal drugs — if we catch you together, you will have violated this injunction. You can't get together in this neighborhood," he said.

Earle answered questions about the alleged gang members' constitutional rights by saying most constitutional rights, like the right to assemble, are limited.

He added that if the suspected gang simply moves to another area, another injunction would be sought.

Assistant Police Chief Bruce Mills said the injunction would simply help fight crime.

"The traditional means of law enforcement don't always work," Mills said. "I don't see this as a failure (of traditional law enforcement). I see this as augmenting the traditional system already in place."

Mills said police know the named people gather in the area for one reason.

"They are here to commit a criminal act," he said. "We've already proven these actors have committed crimes. You've got to look at the balance. We're talking about a neighborhood. We're talking about public safety."

Earle said the effort is only a temporary solution to allow the neighborhood to better organize itself to keep out drugs and criminals.

"It's difficult to do that in the kind of armed-camp atmosphere that has existed out here because of these drug dealers," he said.

Gary Bledsoe, head of the Texas NAACP, said there is a place for such court orders as long as there is solid proof that they are needed.

"We need to be careful in how we provide safety and not tread on the Constitution," he said.

A call to the American Civil Liberties Union in Texas was not immediately returned to The Associated Press Thursday.

The people named in the court motion are Johnny Jefferson, Derick LeBlanc, Ollie Nickols, Percy Prejean, Derrick Cathey, Shang Yahoshua, Lamer Hill and Connie Milner. Ms. Milner is a white female. The others are black men.

No telephone numbers are listed for the people named and court files that might have listed attorneys for the named people were not immediately available.

Coppola wins suit

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Francis Ford Coppola won a $20 million judgment from a jury that decided Warner Bros. stole his screenplay idea for a live-action version of "Pinocchio."

The studio acted with fraud and malice in claiming it owned the screenplay, jurors found Thursday in awarding the compensatory damages.

Scurry County Service Men & Women

Editor's Note: Citizens are invited to write their servicemen and servicewomen stationed stateside and overseas. Anyone having additions, changes or corrections to the list should submit them in writing to Snyder Daily News, P.O. Box 949, Snyder TX, 79550 or bring them by the office at 3600 College Ave. Sorry, no addresses will be accepted over the telephone.

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Dry spell brings back memories of the past

OLNEY — It's a morbid little game that Olney residents are playing this summer: Watching as a merciless sun literally sucks several feet of water from their lakes each day and wondering if a "miracle" rain might save them.

For some, the 100-degree temperatures and burned-brown fields are enough to blow the dust off 20 years worth of memories, jolting them back to another scorching summer when water was the most important thing in Olney.

"It's almost noticeable, the way the water's going down," said Olney Mayor Phil Jeske II. "If you go down there and look every day, you can actually see where the water level's dropped. It's getting urgent, but you know, it's not near what it was like 20 years ago. That was urgent, because once that water was gone, there was nothing left."

Like this month, July 1978 burned hot and dry over North Texas, and Olney was no exception. The water in its lakes dropped daily, and, by late June, town leaders had estimated that Olney's water supply would be gone in five months.

Unfortunately, engineers hired to study the problem estimated that it would take them a full year to build a water-supply pipeline. The project's $1 million cost, meanwhile, would just about equal the city's entire yearly budget.

And that left new City Manager Jack Northrup and other residents with seven months of a problem that was almost certain to prove fatal for their small town.

"We couldn't wait the year," said Northrup, who celebrated his 20th anniversary as city manager Wednesday. "If we didn't get any rain, the water would be gone a long time before then. And you can't live without water."

So, then-Mayor Al Myers enlisted the help of a former military engineer, the late D.R. Criswell, and together with just about every able-bodied citizen of Olney, they embarked on an "impossible" plan to save their city.

The plan itself was simple, but the work it called for was anything but: Criswell and Myers decided to lay a 13-mile stretch of pipe from Lake Kickapoo, Wichita Falls' water supply, to Olney's reservoirs.

The job called for more than 65,000 feet of pipe and enough trucks and hands to carry it from Oklahoma and South Texas — a task that just couldn't be done in the limited amount of time before the lakes ran dry, critics said.

"Nobody thought we could do it. Nobody expected us to be successful - except us, and even some of us were doubtful," Northrup said. "There had never been anything like it done around here before."

But when those critics were factoring up their doomsaying predictions, they forgot an important part of the equation: The human drive for survival, whether it's the survival of the individual - or the life of the community.

"You couldn't have had a better plan if you'd hired 100 experts and consultants," Northrup said. "The togetherness and hard work the people of Olney showed that day was better than any company we could have hired or any plan we could have put together. Everybody came out to help. The whole town shut down. Lawyers were swinging hammers, bankers were driving trucks. Everybody got into it."

Lewis Farmer was one of those bankers who traded in his pinstriped suit for greasy work clothes. Then the vice president of lending at Olney Savings, Farmer jumped into the back-breaking task alongside shopkeepers, teachers, ranchers - people from all stations in life who, for two days, all held the same job and sucked down the same gritty dirt.

"Everybody we talked to, from the governor on down, told us we couldn't do it with volunteer labor, and even if we could, it would take us three months," Farmer said, "We did it in one and a half days. We got done so early on the second day (Saturday, July 22), the workers had to wait around out there for their lunch to be brought to them.

"Everybody in town did something. The older folks went along passing out cold drinks and water, and the kids were out there doing whatever they could. If you ever wanted to see a real effort from the whole community, and I mean everybody in the community, that was it."

Jeske was a high-school freshman whose coach loaded up a bunch of his players and volunteered them for work.

"At the time, it was kind of fun, because I was a kid, and I could drink all the Cokes I wanted and eat all the sandwiches I wanted," Jeske recalled. "I imagine it wasn't all that fun for the adults who knew we'd be in a real mess if it didn't work."

But one of those adults remembered the work as more "exciting" than frantic. "You never knew who you were going to see out there. Everybody was the same that day, the lawyers and the bankers and the regular working men," said Jean Clifton, who delivered drinks and "cooling-down rags" to the men who were laboring in 116-degree heat - the hottest temperature in the entire nation on that particular day.

And when they were done, Olney's determined pipeline crew had captured the interest of nearly the entire nation: People magazine lauded their efforts, as did newspapers from across the United States.

"It felt real good, doing what we did when everybody said we couldn't," Northrup said. "That gave Olney a lot of confidence. It let us know we could do whatever we set our mind to."

A few "lucky" rains fell later that year, filling the lakes and allowing the crew to dismantle the pipeline in October 1980. With the help of a government grant, the town built a "real" pipeline that, at a cost of more than $1 million, might be the most expensive piece of equipment Olney has never used.

But the cobwebbed stretch of pipe is no boondoggle, no target for citizen complaints. In fact, that so-far useless pipeline is starting to look more and more like a good deal every day.

With lake levels dropping under the pounding of yet another killing summer sun, Olney might finally get to use the line later this summer, Jeske said. Until then, residents must pull together once again and save water, much like they did 20 years ago when the city was so starved for moisture that town leaders charged an unheard-of $9 per thousand gallons used.

"It's funny, that was 20 years ago, and it's still one of the best symbols you'll ever see for small-town togetherness and hard work," Jeske said. "I worry that people take water for granted since we have the pipeline, because they think it's always going to be there. Olney's back to the point where we can't take water for granted because we don't have enough of it right now. Now it's just a question of recognizing the problem and taking it head on, just like they did 20 years ago."

Date Book

July 4, 1998

Today is INDEPENDENCE DAY; it is the 185th day of 1998 and the 14th day of summer.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1817, Governor DeWitt Clinton of New York broke ground for the Erie Canal.

On this day in 1946, President Harry Truman declared the Philippines to be independent. The islands had been a territory of the United States for nearly 50 years.

On this day in 1970, Casey Kasem's "American Top 40" radio show premiered.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Nathaniel Hawthorne (1804-1864), writer; Stephen Foster (1826-1864), composer; Calvin Coolidge (1872-1933), U.S. president; Louis Armstrong (1900-1971), musician; Ann Landers (1918-), advice columnist, is 80; Abigail Van Buren (1918-), advice columnist, is 80; Neil Simon (1927-), playwright, is 71; Al Davis (1929-), football executive, is 69; George Steinbrenner (1930-), baseball executive, is 68.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1983, Dave Righetti of the New York Yankees pitched a no-hitter against the Boston Red Sox, helping to win the game, 4-0.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "I have sworn upon the altar of God, eternal hostility against every form of tyranny over the mind of man." — Thomas Jefferson

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1964, lightning knocked down several men as they were playing golf on a course in Arapahoe County, near Denver, Colo.

SOURCE: 1998 Weather Guide Calendar, Accord Publishing, Ltd.

TODAY'S MOON: Between first quarter (July 1) and full moon (July 9).

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July 5, 1998

Today is the 186th day of 1998 and the 15th day of summer.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1865, William Booth founded the Salvation Army in London, England.

On this day in 1946, French designer Louis Reard presented the bikini for the first time at a fashion show in Paris.

On this day in 1947, baseball player Larry Doby signed a contract with the Cleveland Indians, becoming the first African-American to play in the American League.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: P.T. Barnum (1810-1891), showman; Jean Cocteau (1889-1963), writer-filmmaker; Henry Cabot Lodge Jr. (1902-1985), U.S. politician; Georges Pompidou (1911-1974), French statesman; Katherine Helmond (1934-), actress, is 64; Robbie Robertson (1944-), musician-composer, is 54; James Lofton (1956-), football player, is 42.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1975, Arthur Ashe defeated Jimmy Connors, thus winning the Wimbledon singles title.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Mirrors should reflect a little before throwing back images." — Jean Cocteau

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1982, 23 head of cattle were killed near Lexington, Ala., when lightning struck the tree under which they were standing.

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TODAY'S MOON: Between first quarter (July 1) and full moon (July 9).

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Navy airman dies during training to become SEAL

CORONADO, Calif. (AP) — A Navy airman who was working to become one of the Navy's elite SEAL team members died after apparently passing out in a swimming pool during a training exercise.

Gordon Racine Jr., 25, died Thursday evening after spending a little more than a day on life support at Sharp Coronado Hospital.

After lunch Wednesday, Racine and other trainees jumped into the pool with boots and clothes on for a survival swim, part of the grueling training would-be SEALs must undergo.

They were practicing taking off their shirts and pants to use them as flotation devices at a training center just across San Diego Bay, officials said.

Racine had vomited "and inhaled some of those particles and some water into his lungs, and then he apparently passed out," Lt. Dee Dee Van Wormer said.

Racine was pulled from the pool and given CPR before being taken to the hospital, but his airway was believed to have been blocked, Van Wormer said.

The Navy is investigating the accident and ordered a local "safety stand down" Thursday, Van Wormer said.

"We stopped all training Friday to kind of reflect what our procedures are, to give everyone a chance to get over this," Van Wormer said.

She said Racine had performed the same task before, as all trainees do in Navy boot camp.

Racine, who was from Houston, had been a Navy airman for almost three years. His parents, girlfriend and other relatives were at his bedside when he died.

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Sunday, July 5, 1998

In the year ahead, your inner and outer circles of friends can be expanded. New opportunities could come through people you'll meet. Several of these new relationships will be highly productive.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Matters of the heart will bring you joy today. You should be able to strengthen ties with one you love. Cancer, treat yourself to a birthday gift. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead by mailing $2 and SASE to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Appointments with people you have strong emotional ties to should mesh compatibly today. Collective advantages will be shared.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) You're not likely to experience drawbacks in gaining support from others today. Financial matters of personal significance are where you'll sense your greatest strength.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) A beneficial opportunity may be presented to you where your career is concerned today, but you'll have to look hard to find it.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Lady Luck could be your biggest boost today. If you have something worthwhile to disclose, this is the day to do it,

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) If you feel the need to discuss a confidential matter today, limit the conversation to members of your immediate family. Someone in your household could have the answers you require.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Think in expansive terms today, especially if you're considering the future. Think big, and you'll reach your goals.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) You're in a lucky cycle where status and material interests are concerned. Continue to keep the pedal to the metal; good things could happen in other areas as well.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Without putting on airs today, you'll have a commanding presence. Your persona will encourage others to participate in things that interest you.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Do not ignore your intuition today, especially when it comes to commercial matters. Your radar is working well, and could be instrumental in tuning you into something advantageous.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Interactions you have with friends today should work well for all concerned. However, a person who was lucky for you previously could outshine the field.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Significant achievements are probable both today and tomorrow where divergent interests are concerned. Don't waste time on small potatoes — elevate your sights.

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Your Birthday

Monday, July 6, 1998

Generally speaking, commercial and social conditions all look good for the year ahead. However, you must be consistently on guard against extravagance.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Try not to get too involved with an associate or co-worker today if you suspect s/he may be jealous of your achievements. You might be right. Major changes are ahead for Cancer in the coming year. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions by mailing $2 and SASE to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) In order to accomplish your objectives today, you cannot be fearful or timid. Be bold and determined without being reckless or impulsive.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) If your goals aren't clearly defined today, you may achieve only part of what you hope to attain. Be sure your plans have endings as well as beginnings.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Today you could hurt someone more by reneging on a pledge than you would have if you hadn't made it in the first place. Keep this in mind when making promises in the future.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Be sure you have your head together when negotiating your finances today. If you can't follow the plays, it could diminish your chances for gains.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Don't put your mate in an embarrassing position today by forcing him/her to back up a position s/he doesn't believe in.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You'll be disappointed today if you expect things to fall into place without expending appropriate effort. Lady Luck won't be handing out free passes.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Usually, you try to be forthright in conversations with friends. Today, however, you may try to camouflage comments regarding facts you don't want to expose.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Your chances for achieving significant objectives look good today, provided you don't let self-doubt weaken you.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) You might make unwise moves today if you place more credence in the ideas of others than you do your own.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Be extremely careful at this time regarding investments with unfamiliar firms. Don't take anything for granted — it could work against you.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) It could be an unproductive policy to expect too much from others today. Even those anxious to help you may put limits on their assistance.

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People with garden hoses can't save homes

SCOTTSMORE, Fla. (AP) — Hours after beating back flames with a garden hose in a predawn fight to save his home, John Lucier was back flailing at the wildfires he thought he'd defeated. This time, he had to give up.

"It was a wall of fire. I said, Let's go. I don't want to watch my house burn," Lucier said late Thursday from a convenience store at the enforced evacuation distance of a mile from his home.

It was a bitterly disappointing finish for Lucier and eight friends, who scrambled from house to neighbor's house well before dawn Thursday, hurling shovels of dirt and buckets of water onto smoldering wood, shouting and sweating and struggling to stave off destruction.

"Don't be a hero with a garden hose," a sheriff's deputy had warned.

But as Lucier watched the flames eat closer and closer through the morning darkness, he knew he could not "walk away and let that ... house burn."

Their crazy defiance worked — for one skirmish. But by late morning, Lucier was back defending his home. This time the hoses and shovels were pitifully inadequate and he was forced to turn tail.

Many others had the same sour misfortune. Dozens of homes burned to the ground along a corridor parallel to Interstate 95 as the fires that have scorched northeastern Florida since Memorial Day worsened dramatically Wednesday and Thursday.

In two counties, Volusia and Brevard, police evacuated 35,000 people as the flames crept close to heavily populated areas for the first time. Residents were ordered to leave their homes and stay away.

But Lucier, a 35-year-old construction worker who once served as a volunteer firefighter, was unable to sit with other evacuated neighbors at the local Citgo gas station, watch the night sky glowing orange and wonder about the fate of his home.

He had lost a house on the same spot to an electrical fire seven years earlier.

So Lucier and his cousin, his cousin's girlfriend and six buddies climbed into three pickup trucks and fast-talked their way past four police roadblocks. They'd known some of the officers since they were boys playing together in the woods ringing this rural town.

"We have to check on our dogs," they told them, flashing driver's licenses and promising not to stay long.

They four-wheeled over dirt roads dried to soft dust so thick it might have been beach sand. When one officer turned them away, they snaked down the back roads. The wind, they knew, was shifting, pushing the flames toward them.

Sure enough, when they turned the corner in the darkness to Lucier's home, they saw fire shooting 30 feet high in the pines and palmetto trees surrounding his double-wide trailer.

Screwing together several green garden hoses, he and his friends stumbled through the underbrush, their way lit by hand-held flashlights and flaming pines.

Yeltsin seeks tax payments from firm

MOSCOW (AP) — President Boris Yeltsin said Friday that Russia's largest company must help break the "vicious cycle" of non-payments and hand over hundreds of millions of dollars in back taxes it owes the federal government.

Yeltsin's comments came a day after the government touched off controversy by threatening to seize assets from the huge gas monopoly Gazprom if it didn't pay its overdue taxes.

During a meeting Friday, Yeltsin gave Gazprom head Rem Vyakhirev one day to present a detailed payment schedule, presidential spokesman Sergei Yastrzhembsky said.

Tax officials also came down hard on Gazprom, warning Friday that sanctions would be imposed on the monopoly if it does not settle its debts to the government by August 1, the ITAR-Tass news agency reported.

The government's inability to collect taxes is one of its most nagging problems, and the decision to target Gazprom has set the stage for a showdown between the government and what is perhaps Russia's most powerful company.

In his meeting Friday with the Russian president, Vyakhirev complained that Gazprom often gets paid months late, if at all, by its customers, which include many government entities, according to Yastrzhembsky. As a result, it has difficulty paying its taxes on time.

All companies "must pay fully, irrespective of what is paid to them," Yeltsin told Vyakhirev, according to the ITAR-Tass news agency. "Otherwise, we get a vicious cycle."

The Russian president and Vyakhirev had "a rather hard conversation, but as a result they have reached the decisions ... necessary for the development of Gazprom and the Russian economy as a whole," Yastrzhembsky said.

"The president suggested that a complete solution to the situation be worked out in one day," he added.

The government said Gazprom owes $750 million in taxes each month, plus an unspecified sum in outstanding tax debts. But the government appears to be willing to write off at least some of the existing mutual debts.

Vyakhirev, who was on a business trip to Vienna, rushed back to Moscow Friday to meet with Yeltsin. Afterward, he still seemed less than pleased, calling the controversy "a provocation."

"I believe that someone has done wrong in this case," Vyakhirev said.

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New vaccine may actually cause AIDS

GENEVA (AP) — A genetically weakened virus that many hoped would be a safe and effective vaccine against AIDS instead appears to mutate into a strain that actually causes the disease.

The strategy is intended to ward off HIV infection by setting up a low-grade infection with a harmless version of the virus. However, those who tested the strategy on monkeys reported Thursday that, within a few years, the virus mutates into a killer.

The approach — what scientists call a live attenuated virus — was thought by many to be the best hope for creating a vaccine to stop the worldwide epidemic of AIDS.

Researchers earlier reported that the weakened virus can cause AIDS in infant monkeys. However, the data presented Thursday at the 12th World AIDS Conference is the first to show that it also can make adult animals sick.

Some doctors have advocated trying a live attenuated AIDS vaccine on people, saying that, in areas where the risk of catching HIV is extremely high, an effective vaccine would make sense even if it does carry a slight risk.

San Francisco-based Vaxgen Inc. recently gained Food and Drug Administration approval to begin human testing of a possible AIDS vaccine that doesn't contain a live strain of the virus.

Creating an AIDS vaccine is a top priority of researchers, but it also is an extraordinarily difficult one. The AIDS virus attacks the very parts of the immune system that are ordinarily called into action by effective vaccines.

The live attenuated vaccine for AIDS was proposed by scientists at the New England Regional Primate Center in Southboro, Mass. To test it on monkeys, they made a version using HIV's close cousin, the simian immune deficiency virus, SIV.

In 1995, Dr. Ruth Ruprecht of Dana Farber Cancer Institute in Boston discovered that the weakened virus triggered the simian version of AIDS when given to baby monkeys.

"What we saw in infants is a fast-forward version of what could happen in adults with an attenuated vaccine," Ruprecht said at the AIDS conference.

Volkswagen buys Rolls-Royce

LONDON (AP) — Volkswagen AG closed its purchase of Rolls-Royce Motor Cars Ltd. Friday — but after paying three-quarters of a billion dollars the German carmaker still might have problems using the luxurious brand name.

Rolls-Royce PLC, a London-based jet engine maker, said it still controls the Rolls-Royce name and logo under a deal struck when the two Rolls-Royce companies were separated in the 1970s.

"Volkswagen are aware of our rights to the name and trademark," Rolls-Royce PLC spokesman Martin Brodie said.

The German auto giant may have purchased the Rolls-Royce factory in Crewe, England, but it still has no deal to use its famous brand name, according to Rolls-Royce PLC.

Volkswagen chairman Ferdinand Piech said he was "delighted" with the closing. The deal had outraged some Rolls-Royce shareholders who didn't want Britain's most famous luxury automaker sold to a German company.

Volkswagen spokesman Kurt Rippholz declined to discuss the name and trademark issue earlier in the week. Volkswagen officials were unavailable for immediate comment Friday, according to a receptionist at Volkswagen headquarters in Wolfsburg, Germany.

"We attach the greatest importance to the preservation and protection of the Rolls-Royce name and trademarks as key assets of our business, and we'll take whatever action is necessary and appropriate" to ensure that Rolls-Royce PLC shareholders don't lose out, Brodie said.

Volkswagen, Europe's biggest carmaker, paid $780 million to close the deal after beating out an offer from rival BMW after months of bidding this spring.

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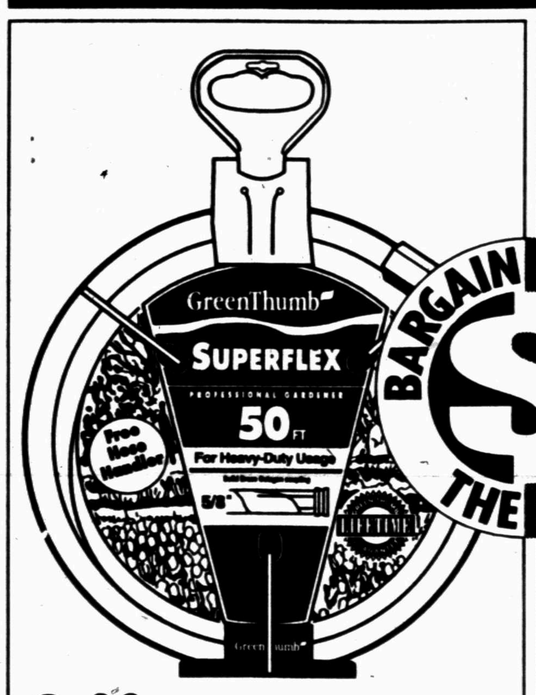

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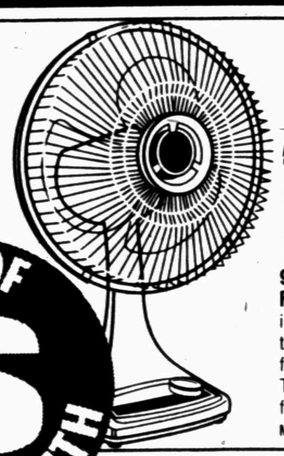

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Grid magazine picks Andrews tops in 5-4A

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Shaud Williams

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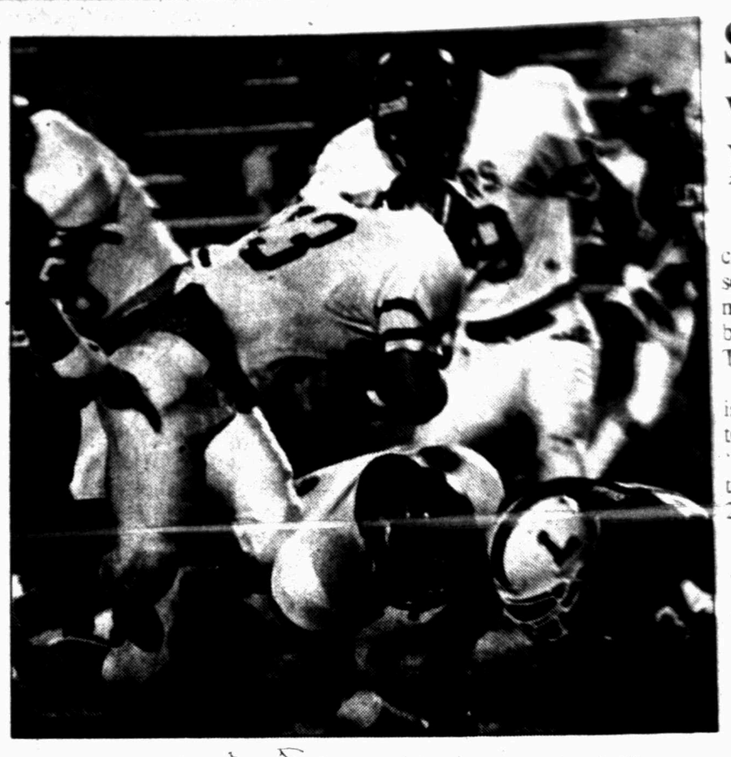

SHOULDERING THE LOAD — Snyder running back Cheyenne Robinson fights for yardage last season at Levelland. After racking up 1,115 yards his junior year, Robinson looks to be the focal point of the Tiger offense as a senior. (SDN Staff Photo)

San Antonio won't get NFL team

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — The city's residents want it and Minnesotans dread the prospect, but the new Vikings owner says the football team won't be moved to Texas.

"I don't see that as even an issue," auto baron Red McCombs told The Associated Press Friday. "The team is a Minnesota institution. It has a very firm lease until 2012. I don't see that as an issue."

McCombs and team officials on Thursday announced a more than $200 million deal for McCombs to become the new owner. NFL officials are expected to approve the deal later this month. Approval is expected to be contingent on the team remaining in Minnesota.

Some San Antonio residents, including Raphael Torres, said McCombs could easily buy out the team's lease or find some other way to bring the Vikings to the San Antonio Alamodome.

McCombs said breaking the lease isn't even on the table.

"You can't break a lease just because you have some money," he said. "Sports franchises are very emotional — very emotional — entities that the fans in every market realistically fell like belongs to the fans. I've been very straightforward in saying I don't see that as an issue in any way."

McCombs, former owner of the NBA's San Antonio Spurs and Denver Nuggets, said he understands how fellow San Antonio residents feel about getting a professional team.

He said he remains committed to finding a team for San Antonio, but added that it won't be the Minnesota Vikings.

The city's mostly blue-collar residents and the relatively small number of large corporations in San Antonio would not keep a team from being successful in the Alamodome, said McCombs.

"I think any NFL team in the Austin-San Antonio-South Texas area located here using the Alamodome would be enormously successful," he said.

Snyder set to host big tennis festival

For tennis fans, Snyder will be the place to be later this month.

Snyder will be the site the Black/Gold Tennis Tournament July 24-26 at the junior high tennis complex.

The event will be hosted by Luis Valdez, a Texas Tennis Association Regional Representative from Midland, and Ken McAllister. McAllister was the SHS tennis coach from 1964-1970 and is now the TTA president.

But the tourney won't be the only attraction.

On July 23, a tennis carnival will officialy open the event. Carnival patrons will have chances to win tennis merchandise and apparel through skills games.

The tournament itself will be divided into age groups, with singles and doubles in each division. The divisions will be 12-under, 14-under, 16-under, 18-under and mens/womens.

Entry fees are $8 for one event, $15 for two events and $20 for three. Deadline for registration is July 17.

At the completion of the tourney, the Competitive Edge Tennis Camp will begin and run through July 31. The camp will run from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. each day and cost is $125.

Anyone interested in registering for the tournament or camp should contact SHS tennis coach Chad Redwine.

'Stars begin tourney action this weekend

Area baseball fields have been relatively quiet for the past week, but that all changes Saturday.

Snyder's 10-year-old All-Stars kick off the tournament action at 1 p.m Saturday against Clyde in Sweetwater. The winner will face Breckenridge at 8 p.m. Tuesday, while the loser won't play again until an elimination game next Saturday at 5 p.m.

Snyder's three other all-star squads jump into action beginning Monday, with two of them hosting tournaments.

Snyder Senior All-Stars, comprised of 14- and 15-year-olds, will host an 11-team bracket at Moffett Field. Snyder opens play at 6 p.m. Monday against Coleman.

Also participating in the senior event will be Eula, Colorado City, Clyde, Wylie, Cross Plains, Merkel and three Abilene squads — Southwest, Senior and North.

The field of teams won't be quite as large at Logan Field, where Snyder Major All-Stars will compete. With more towns added into the district this season, the 11-and 12-year-old tournament will be played out at four different sites, with six teams per site. The four winners will then meet to decide the overall district champion.

Snyder opens play at 6 p.m. Monday against Sweetwater, while Tri-County takes on Colorado City in the other first-round contest. Rotan and Hamlin drew byes and will face the winner Monday's games on Tuesday.

The three other major division site are Wylie, Merkel and Albany.

Snyder Junior All-Stars, made up of 13-year-olds, will hit the diamond in a 10-team event at Abilene's Redbud Park.

Snyder faces Sweetwater at 6 p.m. Monday to begin play.

Snyder, Sweetwater and the three Abilene entries combine with Wylie, Coleman, Merkel, Clyde and Colorado City to comprise the bracket.

10-YEAR-OLD ALL-STARS — Snyder's 10-year-old All-Stars face Clyde in the tourney opener Saturday at 1 p.m. in Sweetwater. Members of the team are, front row from left, coach Randy Hogan, Nicholas Martinez, Domingo Luera, Tyler Hogan, Cale Lancaster, Wesley Price, Caleb Gutierrez and coach Ray Conner. On the back row are Garrett Pinson, Jay Weaver, Eric Martinez, Dustyn Williams, Barrett Bowlin and Cade Simpson. Not pictured is coach Les Rinehart. (SDN Staff Photo)

Sports Briefs

SCC scramble and MGA

A members' scramble is held each Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. at Snyder Country Club. At 5:30 p.m. each Thursday, the Men's Golf Association has a 9-hole event. The Thursday format varies.

Volleyball camp

The four-day Snyder Volleyball Camp for incoming 5th-9th grade girls will be held beginning July 13 at the SHS gym.

Cost is $40 per student, which includes a camp T-shirt. Registration deadline is Thursday.

For more information, contact SHS head coach Patty Grimmett at 573-9416.

Fast pitch clinic

A softball pitching clinic is held each Wednesday at Cates Field at 5:30.

Ages 8 & up are eligible to register. For more information, call Herman Martinez at 573-0390.

Athletic physicals

All incoming 7th and 9th graders, and all students new to SISD who plan to participate in athletics must take a physical. Students who did not participate last year, or who answered yes to questions 1, 4, 5, 6 or 7 on their medical history form, will also need a physical.

All appointments should be made prior to Aug. 3. The school will pay for exams through Aug. 3 only.

Participating doctors are Drs. Burleson, Cooper, Thompson, Nussey and Pierce. Anyone not needing a physical must return all completed forms to the athletic office.

Jr. golf clinic

The five-day WTC Junior Golf Clinic for ages 8-16 will be held beginning July 13. Registration is limited to first the 45 entries.

Instruction on swing mechanics, putting, short game and vidoe analysis will be led by WTC pro Rick Kahlich and SHS coaches Matt Glenn and Primo Gonzales.

Cost is $75. To register, call the WTC pro shop at 573-9291.

WGA playday Tuesday

Women's Golf Association will host a playday starting at 9 a.m. Tuesday at Snyder Country Club. Format is all irons-back nine. A luncheon and business meeting will follow play. Couples play is held at 5:30 p.m. each Friday.

SCC Memorial Partnership

The annual Golfers' Memorial Partnership will be held July 18-19 at Snyder Country Club. Entry for each two-man team is $150. Saturday's format is a scramble and Sunday is low ball. Shotgun starts each day are 8:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.

July 4th Sports

Horseshoe pitching: Registration is at 8 a.m., with the tournament to follow at 9 at the tennis courts.

Washer pitching: Registration is at 8 a.m. below Pavilion Hill, with the tourney slated for noon.

Volleyball: Tournament begins at 9 a.m. at SHS practice field.

Tae Kwon Do: Exhibition is at 11:30 at Cottonwood Flats.

Tumbling: Snyder Springers exhibition will be at noon at Cottonwood Flats.

Home run derby: Snyder Speed Home Run Derby will begin at 10 a.m. at Cates Field.

Transactions

BASEBALL
National League

CINCINNATI REDS—Traded OF-INF Lenny Harris to the New York Mets for RHP John Hudek.

ST. LOUIS CARDINALS—Signed OF J.D. Drew.

HOCKEY
National Hockey League

CHICAGO BLACKHAWKS—Agreed to terms with C Doug Gilmour and C Mark Janssens.

DALLAS STARS—Agreed to terms with RW Brett Hull.

EDMONTON OILERS—Signed D Tom Poti.

TORONTO MAPLE LEAFS—Re-signed LW Todd Warriner.

COLLEGE

VANDERBILT—Named Page Dunlap women's golf coach.

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Mid-summer classic could host all-time biggest hitters

DENVER (AP) — The All-Star game has always been a blast.

Reggie Jackson's rocket off the light tower. Bo Jackson's bomb to dead center field. Ted Williams' moonshot on an eephus pitch.

From the first home run — Babe Ruth's drive in 1933 at Comiskey Park — up through the most recent one — Sandy Alomar's winning drive last season at Jacobs Field — home runs have always highlighted the summer exhibition.

And all of baseball is talking about only one topic as Tuesday night's game at Coors Field approaches.

How about it, Mark McGwire? Will this be the season you or Ken Griffey Jr. or Sammy Sosa rewrite Roger Maris' mark of 61 home runs?

"I've said it time and time again. Everybody has been pointing at me, but there's a handful of guys capable of breaking this record, not just me," McGwire said.

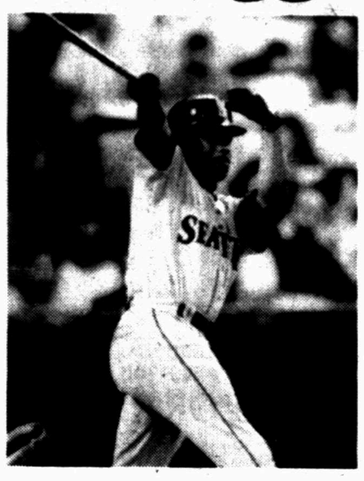
"Sosa, Griffey, (Andres) Galarraga, if he hadn't gotten hurt. It should be exciting, but believe me, there's no competition," he said.

There's no clear explanation, either, on why so many hitters are challenging the mark.

Expansion is an easy answer. It doesn't appear to be the right one, however, for explaining why McGwire had 37 homers, Griffey 35 and Sosa 33 going into the weekend.

Last year, there were an average of 1.99 home runs per major league game. This year, with the addition of the Tampa Bay Devil Rays and Arizona Diamondbacks, the rate is only 2.04. Not exactly a whopping increase, not like the nearly 25 percent surge that occurred in 1993 when Colorado and Florida joined.

Smaller strike zones and stronger players are more likely reasons. Either way, it's looking more and more like the record Maris has held for 31 years might finally fall.



Ken Griffey Jr.

"I would love to see it happen," AL manager Mike Hargrove of Cleveland said. "I think if they stay healthy there is a very, very good chance it will happen."

Whether Juan Gonzalez, Larry Walker, Greg Vaughn or anyone else will be able to take advantage of Denver's mile-high air, where balls tend to travel about 10 percent farther, on Tuesday night remains to be seen.

As it is, the longest drive hit in a regular-season game at Coors belongs to Mike Piazza at 496 feet.

"I've been shocked out there before," NL manager Jim Leyland of Florida said.

This game could turn out like the 1971 showcase, an electric night at Tiger Stadium in which six future Hall of Famers hit home runs. Reggie launched the longest ball, with Hank Aaron, Johnny Bench, Frank Robinson, Harmon Killebrew and Roberto Clemente also connecting.

It could match the glamour of the 1956 classic at Griffith Stadium in Washington when all-time greats Mickey Mantle, Ted Williams, Willie Mays and Stan Musial each homered.

Then again, it could be a repeat of the 1987 affair in Oakland. With baseball buzzing about lively balls, sluggers such as Mike Schmidt, Andre Dawson and Dave Winfield — plus a rookie named McGwire — did not hit a single home run in a game that was scoreless until the 13th inning.

There have been at least two home runs in each of the last seven All-Star games. The deepest drives, though, usually come a day earlier in the home run derby.

Fans tuning in to watch the power show Monday — it will be televised live from 8-10 p.m. EDT — may be disappointed.

McGwire and Sosa will compete, but Griffey is adamant that he will not take part, and others might follow Junior's lead. Not quite like Michael Jordan missing the slam-dunk contest, but close.

"It's fun. I don't understand why they wouldn't want to," McGwire said. "It's the best part of the All-Star game."

Because with the likes of Greg Maddux, Roger Clemens and Curt Schilling on the mound, there's no guarantee that anyone will connect the next day. At least the hitters won't have to face Cubs rookie Kerry Wood, the strikeout phenom left off the NL team by Leyland.

McGwire has managed only four singles in 16 career at-bats in All-Star play. Joe DiMaggio (.225), Aaron (.194) and Pete Rose (.212) all had trouble getting hits, while Maris (two singles in 19 at-bats) never homered. Musial holds the All-Star record with six home runs.

The NL leads the series 40-27-1. Its three-game winning streak was stopped last year at Cleveland when home runs by Alomar and Edgar Martinez overcame a homer by Javy Lopez and gave the AL a 3-1 victory.

No telling what will happen this time when the All-Stars visit Coors, the park where the most home runs in the majors were hit in both 1996 and 1997.

"I've seen some high-scoring games," Leyland said. "I don't really know what to expect."

MAJOR ALL-STARS — Snyder's Major All-Stars begin tournament play Monday at 6 p.m. against Sweetwater at Logan Field. Members of the squad are, front row from left, Mikey Martinez, Bradley Price, Tanner Reed, Boicy Martinez and coach Rick Martin. On the second row are Cody Wall, Isaac Ramon, Marcus Villarreal, Matthew Vasquez and coach Jeff Reed. On the back row are coach Gary Martin, Teddy Vasquez, Jake Barnes, Blake Grimmett, Justin Boyd and Jess Wall. (SDN Staff Photo)

Sampras to face Ivanisevic for fifth Wimbledon chmapionship

WIMBLEDON, England (AP) — Pete Sampras outplayed Tim Henman in four sets Friday to move within one victory of his fifth Wimbledon title in six years.

Sampras, who lost his first set of the tournament, relied on his superior serve and experience to prevail 6-3, 4-6, 7-5, 6-3. He ended Henman's bid to become the first British men's finalist in 62 years.

Sampras will play two-time runnerup Goran Ivanisevic in Sunday's final.

Ivanisevic squandered two match points in the fourth set, then outlasted Richard Krajicek 15-13 in a marathon fifth set.

It will be a repeat of the 1994 final, which Sampras won in straight sets.

Sampras had to come up with some of his best tennis against the 12th-seeded Henman, his occasional practice and doubles partner.

"There was a lot of emotion out there, especially playing Tim here in England," Sampras said. "This is what it's all about. You raise your level of intensity and raise your emotions."

By winning Sunday, Sampras would join Bjorn Borg as the only players in the Open era to win Wimbledon five times. A victory would also give him a total of 11 Grand Slam titles, one behind all-time leader Roy Emerson.

Returning to the final ended a slump for Sampras, who had failed to get past the quarters of a a Grand Slam tournament since last year's Wimbledon.

Henman, the first British men's semifinalist in 25 years, had been aiming to become the first home-grown finalist since Henry Austin in 1938 and first champion since Fred Perry in 1936.

"One day, he's going to win this thing," Sampras said. "I can tell you that. He's very, very strong. He does everything very well. He doesn't have any holes in his game. He's going to learn from this match."

Henman offered no excuses.

"At 5-6 in the third set, he was the one that came up with the goods," he said. "It's relentless the way he plays."

Sampras broke Henman twice to take the first set. But Henman displayed the full range of his grass-court talents in the second set, breaking Sampras twice. It was the first set Sampras had lost in six matches.

Henman stayed even with Sampras in the third set until the American broke in the 12th game. After Henman saved two set points, Sampras converted on the third, ripping a backhand return which forced a volley error. He skipped to the back of the court and pumped his right fist.

"When I won the third set, I knew I had him," Sampras said.

Sampras broke for 3-1 in the fourth set, attacking Henman's second serve, punching a forehand volley winner and celebrating with more fist pumping.

Sampras served out the match in the ninth game, closing with his 16th ace.

Throughout the match, Sampras came up with big serves when he needed them. He hit the fastest serve of the tournament so far, a delivery timed at 136 mph.

Ivanisevic put on an animated display after winning 6-3, 6-4, 5-7, 6-7 (7-5), 15-13 in a match that lasted 3 hours, 22 minutes, with the final set alone going 1:19.

He fell to his knees, tapped the grass with his hand and held his clenched fists in the air when Krajicek — the 1996 champion — netted a backhand volley to end the match in the 28th game of the final set. He then flung his racket across the court high into the stands.

The Croatian ripped off his bandana, tossed two towels into the stands, clapped to the crowd and held up his left index finger in a No. 1 salute as he walked off the Centre Court.

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MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

National League
Saturday's Games

St. Louis (Bottenfield 2-5) at Cincinnati (Parris 1-0), 1:15 p.m.
Los Angeles (Mlicki 3-4) at San Francisco (Gardner 7-3), 4:05 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Schmidt 8-4) at Chicago Cubs (Gonzalez 7-5), 4:05 p.m.
Arizona (Anderson 5-7) at Houston (Hampton 8-3), 7:05 p.m.
Florida (Dempster 1-3) at Montreal (Boskie 1-1), 7:05 p.m.
Milwaukee (Woodard 5-5) at Philadelphia (Portugal 3-2); 7:05 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Bohanon 2-3) at Atlanta (Millwood 9-4), 7:10 p.m.
Colorado (Jones 2-2) at San Diego (Langston 2-1), 9:05 p.m.

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American League
Saturday's Games

Baltimore (Drabek 5-8) at N.Y. Yankees (Hernandez 2-1), 1:15 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Snyder 0-0) at Boston (Cho 0-0), 1:15 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Springer 2-10) at Toronto (Carpenter 4-3), 4:05 p.m.
Detroit (Thompson 6-8) at Minnesota (Serafini 3-0), 6:05 p.m.
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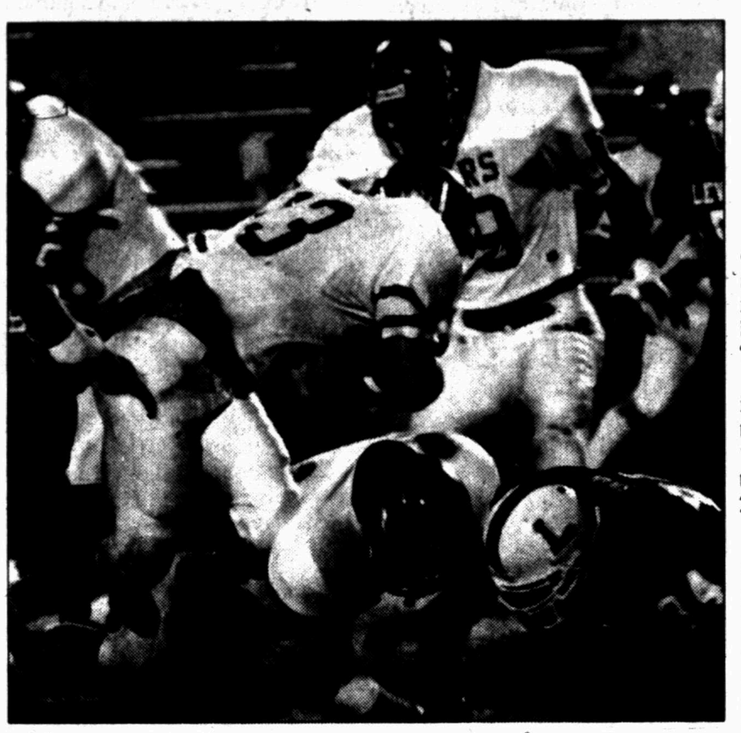
SHOULDERING THE LOAD — Snyder running back Cheyenne Robinson fights for yardage last season at Levelland. After racking up 1,115 yards his junior year, Robinson looks to be the focal point of the Tiger offense as a senior. (SDN Staff Photo)

San Antonio won't get NFL team

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — The city's residents want it and Minnesotans dread the prospect, but the new Vikings owner says the football team won't be moved to Texas.

"I don't see that as even an issue," auto baron Red McCombs told The Associated Press Friday. "The team is a Minnesota institution. It has a very firm lease until 2012. I don't see that as an issue."

McCombs and team officials on Thursday announced a more than $200 million deal for McCombs to become the new owner. NFL officials are expected to approve the deal later this month. Approval is expected to be contingent on the team remaining in Minnesota.

Some San Antonio residents, including Raphael Torres, said McCombs could easily buy out the team's lease or find some other way to bring the Vikings to the San Antonio Alamodome.

McCombs said breaking the lease isn't even on the table.

"You can't break a lease just because you have some money," he said. "Sports franchises are very emotional — very emotional — entities that the fans in every market realistically fell like belongs to the fans. I've been very straightforward in saying I don't see that as an issue in any way."

McCombs, former owner of the NBA's San Antonio Spurs and Denver Nuggets, said he understands how fellow San Antonio residents feel about getting a professional team.

He said he remains committed to finding a team for San Antonio, but added that it won't be the Minnesota Vikings.

The city's mostly blue-collar residents and the relatively small number of large corporations in San Antonio would not keep a team from being successful in the Alamodome, said McCombs.

"I think any NFL team in the Austin-San Antonio-South Texas area located here using the Alamodome would be enormously successful," he said.

Snyder set to host big tennis festival

For tennis fans, Snyder will be the place to be later this month.

Snyder will be the site the Black/Gold Tennis Tournament July 24-26 at the junior high tennis complex.

The event will be hosted by Luis Valdez, a Texas Tennis Association Regional Representative from Midland, and Ken McAllister. McAllister was the SHS tennis coach from 1964-1970 and is now the TTA president.

But the tourney won't be the only attraction.

On July 23, a tennis carnival will officialy open the event. Carnival patrons will have chances to win tennis merchandise and apparel through skills games.

The tournament itself will be divided into age groups, with singles and doubles in each division. The divisions will be 12-under, 14-under, 16-under, 18-under and mens/womens.

Entry fees are $8 for one event, $15 for two events and $20 for three. Deadline for registration is July 17.

At the completion of the tourney, the Competitive Edge Tennis Camp will begin and run through July 31. The camp will run from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. each day and cost is $125.

Anyone interested in registering for the tournament or camp should contact SHS tennis coach Chad Redwine.

'Stars begin tourney action this weekend

Area baseball fields have been relatively quiet for the past week, but that all changes Saturday.

Snyder's 10-year-old All-Stars kick off the tournament action at 1 p.m Saturday against Clyde in Sweetwater. The winner will face Breckenridge at 8 p.m. Tuesday, while the loser won't play again until an elimination game next Saturday at 5 p.m.

Snyder's three other all-star squads jump into action beginning Monday, with two of them hosting tournaments.

Snyder Senior All-Stars, comprised of 14- and 15-year-olds, will host an 11-team bracket at Moffett Field. Snyder opens play at 6 p.m. Monday against Coleman.

Also participating in the senior event will be Eula, Colorado City, Clyde, Wylie, Cross Plains, Merkel and three Abilene squads — Southwest, Senior and North.

The field of teams won't be quite as large at Logan Field, where Snyder Major All-Stars will compete. With more towns added into the district this season, the 11-and 12-year-old tournament will be played out at four different sites, with six teams per site. The four winners will then meet to decide the overall district champion.

Snyder opens play at 6 p.m. Monday against Sweetwater, while Tri-County takes on Colorado City in the other first-round contest. Rotan and Hamlin drew byes and will face the winner Monday's games on Tuesday.

The three other major division site are Wylie, Merkel and Albany.

Snyder Junior All-Stars, made up of 13-year-olds, will hit the diamond in a 10-team event at Abilene's Redbud Park.

Snyder faces Sweetwater at 6 p.m. Monday to begin play.

Snyder, Sweetwater and the three Abilene entries combine with Wylie, Coleman, Merkel, Clyde and Colorado City to comprise the bracket.

10-YEAR-OLD ALL-STARS — Snyder's 10-year-old All-Stars face Clyde in the tourney opener Saturday at 1 p.m. in Sweetwater. Members of the team are, front row from left, coach Randy Hogan, Nicholas Martinez, Domingo Luera, Tyler Hogan, Cale Lancaster, Wesley Price, Caleb Gutierrez and coach Ray Conner. On the back row are Garrett Pinson, Jay Weaver, Eric Martinez, Dustyn Williams, Barrett Bowlin and Cade Simpson. Not pictured is coach Les Rinehart. (SDN Staff Photo)

Sports Briefs

SCC scramble and MGA

A members' scramble is held each Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. at Snyder Country Club. At 5:30 p.m. each Thursday, the Men's Golf Association has a 9-hole event. The Thursday format varies.

Volleyball camp

The four-day Snyder Volleyball Camp for incoming 5th-9th grade girls will be held beginning July 13 at the SHS gym.

Cost is $40 per student, which includes a camp T-shirt. Registration deadline is Thursday.

For more information, contact SHS head coach Patty Grimmett at 573-9416.

Fast pitch clinic

A softball pitching clinic is held each Wednesday at Cates Field at 5:30.

Ages 8 & up are eligible to register. For more information, call Herman Martinez at 573-0390.

Athletic physicals

All incoming 7th and 9th graders, and all students new to SISD who plan to participate in athletics must take a physical. Students who did not participate last year, or who answered yes to questions 1, 4, 5, 6 or 7 on their medical history form, will also need a physical.

All appointments should be made prior to Aug. 3. The school will pay for exams through Aug. 3 only.

Participating doctors are Drs. Burleson, Cooper, Thompson, Nussey and Pierce. Anyone not needing a physical must return all completed forms to the athletic office.

Jr. golf clinic

The five-day WTC Junior Golf Clinic for ages 8-16 will be held beginning July 13. Registration is limited to first the 45 entries.

Instruction on swing mechanics, putting, short game and vidoe analysis will be led by WTC pro Rick Kahlich and SHS coaches Matt Glenn and Primo Gonzales.

Cost is $75. To register, call the WTC pro shop at 573-9291.

WGA playday Tuesday

Women's Golf Association will host a playday starting at 9 a.m. Tuesday at Snyder Country Club. Format is all irons-back nine. A luncheon and business meeting will follow play. Couples play is held at 5:30 p.m. each Friday.

SCC Memorial Partnership

The annual Golfers' Memorial Partnership will be held July 18-19 at Snyder Country Club. Entry for each two-man team is $150. Saturday's format is a scramble and Sunday is low ball. Shotgun starts each day are 8:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.

July 4th Sports

Horseshoe pitching: Registration is at 8 a.m., with the tournament to follow at 9 at the tennis courts.

Washer pitching: Registration is at 8 a.m. below Pavilion Hill, with the tourney slated for noon.

Volleyball: Tournament begins at 9 a.m. at SHS practice field.

Tae Kwon Do: Exhibition is at 11:30 at Cottonwood Flats.

Tumbling: Snyder Springers exhibition will be at noon at Cottonwood Flats.

Home run derby: Snyder Speed Home Run Derby will begin at 10 a.m. at Cates Field.

Transactions

BASEBALL
National League
CINCINNATI REDS—Traded OF-INF Lenny Harris to the New York Mets for RHP John Hudek.
ST. LOUIS CARDINALS—Signed OF J.D. Drew.
HOCKEY
National Hockey League
CHICAGO BLACKHAWKS—Agreed to terms with C Doug Gilmour and C Mark Janssens.
DALLAS STARS—Agreed to terms with RW Brett Hull.
EDMONTON OILERS—Signed D Tom Poti.
TORONTO MAPLE LEAFS—Re-signed LW Todd Warriner.
COLLEGE
VANDERBILT—Named Page Dunlap women's golf coach.

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SPORTS

Mid-summer classic could host all-time biggest hitters

DENVER (AP) — The All-Star game has always been a blast.

Reggie Jackson's rocket off the light tower. Bo Jackson's bomb to dead center field. Ted Williams' moonshot on an eephus pitch.

From the first home run — Babe Ruth's drive in 1933 at Comiskey Park — up through the most recent one — Sandy Alomar's winning drive last season at Jacobs Field — home runs have always highlighted the summer exhibition.

And all of baseball is talking about only one topic as Tuesday night's game at Coors Field approaches.

How about it, Mark McGwire? Will this be the season you or Ken Griffey Jr. or Sammy Sosa rewrite Roger Maris' mark of 61 home runs?

"I've said it time and time again. Everybody has been pointing at me, but there's a handful of guys capable of breaking this record, not just me," McGwire said.

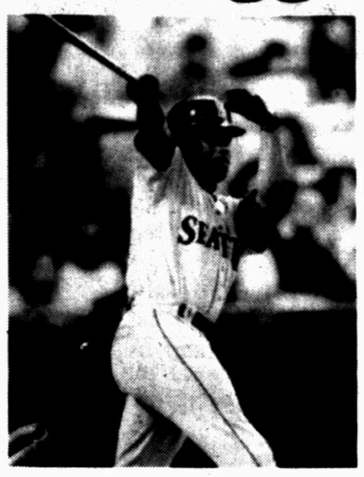
"Sosa, Griffey, (Andres) Galarraga, if he hadn't gotten hurt. It should be exciting, but believe me, there's no competition," he said.

There's no clear explanation, either, on why so many hitters are challenging the mark.

Expansion is an easy answer. It doesn't appear to be the right one, however, for explaining why McGwire had 37 homers, Griffey 35 and Sosa 33 going into the weekend.

Last year, there were an average of 1.99 home runs per major league game. This year, with the addition of the Tampa Bay Devil Rays and Arizona Diamondbacks, the rate is only 2.04. Not exactly a whopping increase, not like the nearly 25 percent surge that occurred in 1993 when Colorado and Florida joined.

Smaller strike zones and stronger players are more likely reasons. Either way, it's looking more and more like the record Maris has held for 31 years might finally fall.



Ken Griffey Jr.

"I would love to see it happen," AL manager Mike Hargrove of Cleveland said. "I think if they stay healthy there is a very, very good chance it will happen."

Whether Juan Gonzalez, Larry Walker, Greg Vaughn or anyone else will be able to take advantage of Denver's mile-high air, where balls tend to travel about 10 percent farther, on Tuesday night remains to be seen.

As it is, the longest drive hit in a regular-season game at Coors belongs to Mike Piazza at 496 feet.

"I've been shocked out there before," NL manager Jim Leyland of Florida said.

This game could turn out like the 1971 showcase, an electric night at Tiger Stadium in which six future Hall of Famers hit home runs. Reggie launched the longest ball, with Hank Aaron, Johnny Bench, Frank Robinson, Harmon Killebrew and Roberto Clemente also connecting.

It could match the glamour of the 1956 classic at Griffith Stadium in Washington when all-time greats Mickey Mantle, Ted Williams, Willie Mays and Stan Musial each homered.

Then again, it could be a repeat of the 1987 affair in Oakland. With baseball buzzing about lively balls, sluggers such as Mike Schmidt, Andre Dawson and Dave Winfield — plus a rookie named McGwire — did not hit a single home run in a game that was scoreless until the 13th inning.

There have been at least two home runs in each of the last seven All-Star games. The deepest drives, though, usually come a day earlier in the home run derby.

Fans tuning in to watch the power show Monday — it will be televised live from 8-10 p.m. EDT — may be disappointed.

McGwire and Sosa will compete, but Griffey is adamant that he will not take part, and others might follow Junior's lead. Not quite like Michael Jordan missing the slam-dunk contest, but close.

"It's fun. I don't understand why they wouldn't want to," McGwire said. "It's the best part of the All-Star game."

Because with the likes of Greg Maddux, Roger Clemens and Curt Schilling on the mound, there's no guarantee that anyone will connect the next day. At least the hitters won't have to face Cubs rookie Kerry Wood, the strikeout phenom left off the NL team by Leyland.

McGwire has managed only four singles in 16 career at-bats in All-Star play. Joe DiMaggio (.225), Aaron (.194) and Pete Rose (.212) all had trouble getting hits, while Maris (two singles in 19 at-bats) never homered. Musial holds the All-Star record with six home runs.

The NL leads the series 40-27-1. Its three-game winning streak was stopped last year at Cleveland when home runs by Alomar and Edgar Martinez overcame a homer by Javy Lopez and gave the AL a 3-1 victory.

No telling what will happen this time when the All-Stars visit Coors, the park where the most home runs in the majors were hit in both 1996 and 1997.

"I've seen some high-scoring games," Leyland said. "I don't really know what to expect."

MAJOR ALL-STARS — Snyder's Major All-Stars begin tournament play Monday at 6 p.m. against Sweetwater at Logan Field. Members of the squad are, front row from left, Mikey Martinez, Bradley Price, Tanner Reed, Boicy Martinez and coach Rick Martin. On the second row are Cody Wall, Isaac Ramon, Marcus Villarreal, Matthew Vasquez and coach Jeff Reed. On the back row are coach Gary Martin, Teddy Vasquez, Jake Barnes, Blake Grimmett, Justin Boyd and Jess Wall. (SDN Staff Photo)

Sampras to face Ivanisevic for fifth Wimbledon chmapionship

WIMBLEDON, England (AP) — Pete Sampras outplayed Tim Henman in four sets Friday to move within one victory of his fifth Wimbledon title in six years.

Sampras, who lost his first set of the tournament, relied on his superior serve and experience to prevail 6-3, 4-6, 7-5, 6-3. He ended Henman's bid to become the first British men's finalist in 62 years.

Sampras will play two-time runnerup Goran Ivanisevic in Sunday's final.

Ivanisevic squandered two match points in the fourth set, then outlasted Richard Krajicek 15-13 in a marathon fifth set.

It will be a repeat of the 1994 final, which Sampras won in straight sets.

Sampras had to come up with some of his best tennis against the 12th-seeded Henman, his occasional practice and doubles partner.

"There was a lot of emotion out there, especially playing Tim here in England," Sampras said. "This is what it's all about. You raise your level of intensity and raise your emotions."

By winning Sunday, Sampras would join Bjorn Borg as the only players in the Open era to win Wimbledon five times. A victory would also give him a total of 11 Grand Slam titles, one behind all-time leader Roy Emerson.

Returning to the final ended a slump for Sampras, who had failed to get past the quarters of a a Grand Slam tournament since last year's Wimbledon.

Henman, the first British men's semifinalist in 25 years, had been aiming to become the first home-grown finalist since Henry Austin in 1938 and first champion since Fred Perry in 1936.

"One day, he's going to win this thing," Sampras said. "I can tell you that. He's very, very strong. He does everything very well. He doesn't have any holes in his game. He's going to learn from this match."

Henman offered no excuses.

"At 5-6 in the third set, he was the one that came up with the goods," he said. "It's relentless the way he plays."

Sampras broke Henman twice to take the first set. But Henman displayed the full range of his grass-court talents in the second set, breaking Sampras twice. It was the first set Sampras had lost in six matches.

Henman stayed even with Sampras in the third set until the American broke in the 12th game. After Henman saved two set points, Sampras converted on the third, ripping a backhand return which forced a volley error. He skipped to the back of the court and pumped his right fist.

"When I won the third set, I knew I had him," Sampras said.

Sampras broke for 3-1 in the fourth set, attacking Henman's second serve, punching a forehand volley winner and celebrating with more fist pumping.

Sampras served out the match in the ninth game, closing with his 16th ace.

Throughout the match, Sampras came up with big serves when he needed them. He hit the fastest serve of the tournament so far, a delivery timed at 136 mph.

Ivanisevic put on an animated display after winning 6-3, 6-4, 5-7, 6-7 (7-5), 15-13 in a match that lasted 3 hours, 22 minutes, with the final set alone going 1:19.

He fell to his knees, tapped the grass with his hand and held his clenched fists in the air when Krajicek — the 1996 champion — netted a backhand volley to end the match in the 28th game of the final set. He then flung his racket across the court high into the stands.

The Croatian ripped off his bandana, tossed two towels into the stands, clapped to the crowd and held up his left index finger in a No. 1 salute as he walked off the Centre Court.

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SENIOR ALL-STARS — Snyder's Senior All-Stars open tourney action Monday at 6 p.m. against Coleman at Moffett Field. Members of the team are, front from left, coach Max Blackwell Sr., Brandon McGuire, Jessie Haines, Marcus Diaz, Chris McLeod, Ralph Ramon, Brooks Nunley, Tavarres Brandon, Jeremy Bowden and coach Isrreal Hinojos. On the back row are coach Frankie Grimmett, Ryan Braziel, Wade Pinson, Matthew Grimmett, coach Larry Braziel, Max Blackwell Jr., Josh Arizmendi, Tito Alaniz and coach Curt Rinehart. (SDN Staff Photo)

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

National League
Saturday's Games

St. Louis (Bottenfield 2-5) at Cincinnati (Parris 1-0), 1:15 p.m.
Los Angeles (Mlicki 3-4) at San Francisco (Gardner 7-3), 4:05 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Schmidt 8-4) at Chicago Cubs (Gonzalez 7-5), 4:05 p.m.
Arizona (Anderson 5-7) at Houston (Hampton 8-3), 7:05 p.m.
Florida (Dempster 1-3) at Montreal (Boskie 1-1), 7:05 p.m.
Milwaukee (Woodard 5-5) at Philadelphia (Portugal 3-2), 7:05 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Bohanon 2-3) at Atlanta (Millwood 9-4), 7:10 p.m.
Colorado (Jones 2-2) at San Diego (Langston 2-1), 9:05 p.m.

Sunday's Games

N.Y. Mets at Atlanta, 1:10 p.m.
St. Louis at Cincinnati, 1:15 p.m.
Florida at Montreal, 1:35 p.m.
Milwaukee at Philadelphia, 1:35 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Chicago Cubs, 2:20 p.m.
Arizona at Houston, 2:35 p.m.
Colorado at San Diego, 4:05 p.m.
Los Angeles at San Francisco, 4:05 p.m.

American League
Saturday's Games

Baltimore (Drabek 5-8) at N.Y. Yankees (Hernandez 2-1), 1:15 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Snyder 0-0) at Boston (Cho 0-0), 1:15 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Springer 2-10) at Toronto (Carpenter 4-3), 4:05 p.m.
Detroit (Thompson 6-8) at Minnesota (Serafini 3-0), 6:05 p.m.
Cleveland (Nagy 7-4) at Kansas City (Rapp 7-7), 8:05 p.m.
Seattle (Moyer 5-6) at Texas (Sele 11-5), 8:35 p.m.
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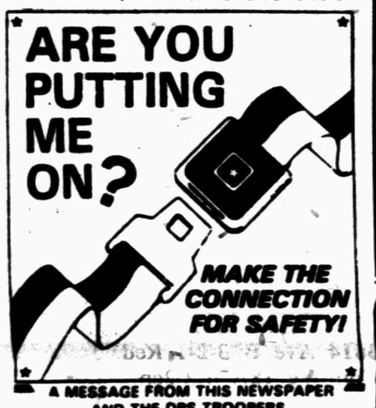

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010 LEGAL NOTICES

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS By Order of the Community Supervision and Correction Department, Scurry County, Snyder, Texas, sealed proposals will be received for: Canyon Reef TAIP: Substance Abuse Treatment Services to include, Intensive Residential, Residential Treatment, Outpatient Treatment including, individual and group. Proposals may be obtained at: Scurry County CSCS 1911 27th Street, Snyder, Texas 79549. Deadline to obtain a proposal packet is July 20, 1998.

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CONTACT: SAUNDRA J. COLLINS

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SNYDER POLICE DEPARTMENT
COMMUNITY NOTIFICATION
SEX OFFENDER REGISTRATION
June 24, 1998

NOTICE

The following person has registered with the Snyder Police Department as a convicted sex offender.

(1) 38 year old male, 31st. Street, Snyder, Texas 79549, convicted of "Indecency With A Child, By Exposure". Victim was a female child 13 years old.

NOTIFICATION

El siguiente persona se a registrado con el Departamento de Policia de Snyder, y fue convicto de una offensa sexual.

(1) Un hombre, 38 anos de edad, Calle 31, Snyder, Texas 79549, convicto de "Indecencia Con Un Menor Por Descubrir". La victima era nina, trese anos de edad.

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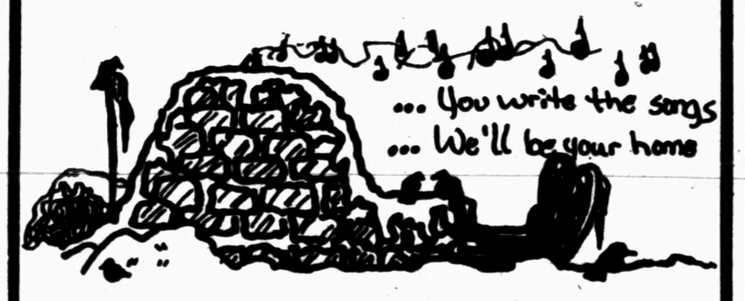

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Airport

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operator.

One person was operating a mechanic's business out of Abilene while still based at Dyess AFB, but that did not work out, Sullenger said.

"It's hard to operate a business when you're that far away, plus the Air Force had first choice of his time," said Sullenger.

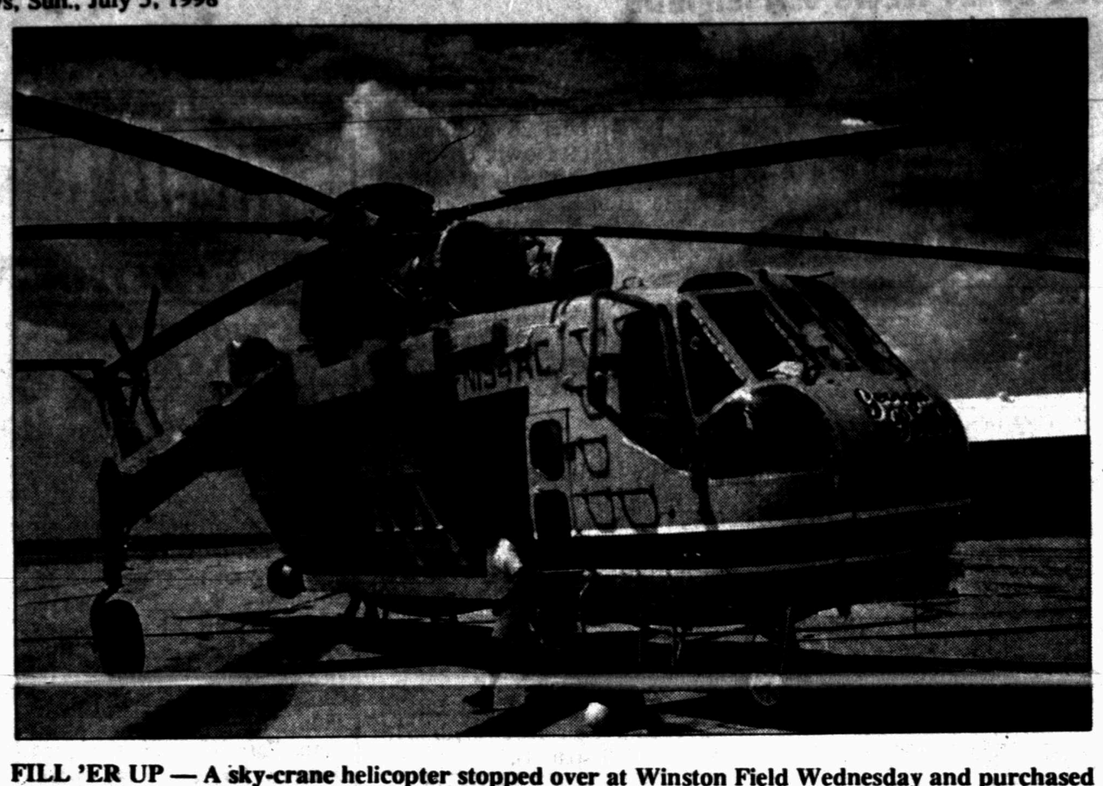
Whether the county pursues another person to serve as a fixed-base operators remains to be seen.

"You will almost have to have a following from other pilots, in addition to our own for support," emphasized Sullenger.

Even without a mechanic at the airport, Sullenger says Winston Field is exceptional for a county its size — and getting better.

"The state will soon provide us with an automated weather station where pilots and other interested parties can call and get up-to-the-minute weather information from here on wind direction and speed, along with the cloud ceiling.

"Right now, I give very concise weather information that I've gathered myself," laughed Sullenger. "I just tell the pilots that it is hot and dry."



FILL 'ER UP — A sky-crane helicopter stopped over at Winston Field Wednesday and purchased 975 gallons of jet fuel. The craft, used in fighting forest fires, was enroute from Mexico to Colorado. The jet-powered helicopter burns 500 gallons of jet fuel per hour. (Contributed Photo)

Rancher offers safe location for fireworks

DALLAS (AP) — With fireworks bans in place across much of the state because of drought conditions that have turned Texas into a tinderbox, one rancher is inviting folks to his land to light up the sky.

Gary Turley has turned 16 acres of his land about a half-hour south of Dallas into "You-Pop," a park where revelers may ignite all the firecrackers and sparklers they want for a $3 admission fee, $2 with a coupon.

Turley is also operating a fireworks concession, with devices ranging from 25 cents to $40, for those who don't bring their own explosives.

Turley insists the idea is more about fun than money.

"I'm gonna make some money, but I'm not gonna get rich," said Turley, who has nonetheless copyrighted the name You-Pop and the concept with hopes that it takes off. He said he's heard of another event like this.

The park opened last Saturday and will remain in business until the last firework fizzles on July Fourth.

"We have had several people coming out, and everyone said they are coming back on July Fourth," said Turley, who expects a crowd of 2,500 on Independence Day. "Everyone is loving it."

Well, almost everybody.

Johnson County Judge Roger Harmon said he's not too happy about Turley's plan and has banned aerial fireworks.

"Anyone who pops any (aerial) firecrackers in our county is subject to a Class C misdemeanor," which is punishable by a $500 fine, Harmon said.

But the ban applies only to missiles and rockets, said Turley's mother, Nan, who helps him run the ranch.

"We'll be sure to check and see that no one has any of those," Mrs. Turley said. All other fireworks will be allowed.

The Lillian Volunteer Fire Department has already doused one blaze at the ranch. Firefighter Tony Salmon said he, like Harmon, doesn't like Turley's idea.

"I think we might be spending a lot of time out here the next (several) days," Salmon said.

Turley has been in the holiday business for about a decade. He first raised Christmas trees, then added hay rides for children and eventually was talked into adding a pumpkin patch for Halloween. That addition prompted him to change the name of his land from Turley's Christmas Tree Farm to Holiday Ranch.

The fireworks idea came last summer after Turley heard a friend's son was in trouble for shooting some off in a place where it wasn't allowed.

"Then it just hit me," he said. "I had the perfect place to do this."

His timing was perfect as just last year the state Legislature made it legal for landowners outside city limits to allow people onto their property to shoot fireworks.

"If it's a safe area, that would be a good thing to do," U.S. Forest Service spokeswoman Gay Ippolito said.

GOP, Demos stump in Texas in battle for Hispanic votes

DALLAS (AP) — The growing importance of Hispanic voters was underscored by the procession of politicians who trooped to Texas this week.

Texas Gov. George W. Bush, accompanied by House Speaker Newt Gingrich, stressed education and family values to a national meeting of Hispanic activists.

"If we will reach out and work with each other we can create solutions that will amaze the world," Gingrich said in speaking to the League of United Latin American Voters, or LULAC, the nation's oldest and largest Hispanic political group.

The next day, leading Democrats came and warned the same delegates that the GOP-controlled Congress is their worst enemy.

The Republicans are "the most anti-immigrant, the most anti-Hispanic party that has ever existed in the history of this country," House Democratic Leader Richard Gephardt declared.

The promises and potshots underscored the high stakes for both parties in courting Hispanics.

The Hispanic population has grown rapidly, especially in a few large states, and the number of Hispanics registered to vote has increased by one-third in the '90s.

In 45 House districts, Hispanics are more than 20 percent of the voting-age population. Democrats are targeting 15 of those seats held by Republicans.

Rep. Martin Frost, R-Texas, chairman of his party's House campaign committee, thinks Hispanics are capable of keeping the GOP in control of the House or shifting power to the Democrats.

Hispanics have tended to register and vote as Democrats, sometimes by margins greater than 2-to-1. In 1984, President Reagan took nearly 40 percent of the Hispanic vote, but the GOP share has since plummeted into the low 20s.

Some observers attribute that trend to GOP proposals in California and elsewhere to deny welfare benefits to immigrants, end bilingual education and affirmative action, and declare English the nation's official language.

"Obviously the Republicans know the importance of the Hispanic vote," said Hector Flores, southwest vice president of LULAC. "But right now because of the political agenda and latest assaults of the Republicans, they need to earn our trust."

Gephardt hammered GOP proposals he believes will be unpopular with Hispanics, including an attempt to tighten naturalization rules, another to let election officials check the citizenship of registered voters, and an unsuccessful effort to invalidate the 1996 election of a Hispanic, Rep. Loretta Sanchez, D-Calif.

But like Gingrich, Gephardt was overshadowed by another member of his own party, Jesse Jackson, who gave a long, rousing speech about racial unity and the economic clout of minorities.

At a press conference, Bush said neither party should take Hispanic voters for granted.

Brush fires fail to flush out 2 men wanted for killing cop

MONTEZUMA CREEK, Utah (AP) — Fires set in heavy brush along the San Juan River failed to flush out two alleged cop-killers, and authorities said it was less and less likely they were hiding near this Navajo community.

Police have been seeking Jason McVean, 26, of Durango, Colo., and Alan "Monte" Pilon, 30, of Dove Creek, Colo. since May 29.

They were among three men wanted for the killing of Cortez, Colo., police officer Dale Claxton in a firefight in which two other lawmen were wounded. The men were driving a stolen water truck at the time.

The pair had reportedly been sighted in the area Sunday. Twice in the previous two days, lawmen found footprints, saw flashlights or heard voices in the area.

Navajo Nation Tribal Police Chief Leonard Butler said Friday that a listening post set along the river had no contact with the suspects and that, once again, it is possible they've slipped the dragnet.

"After last night, we're losing some confidence they are even in that area," said Butler following an early morning briefing. "But we're going to wait them out for the time being."

Butler said heavily armed Navajo SWAT teams will move into the area and attempt to clear a number of caves where the fugitives could hole up.

More than a dozen flares were fired Thursday afternoon and evening into the heavy tamarisk and brush that choke the riverbank. More than 85 heavily armed officers lined the bluffs above the river to cut off escape routes.

San Juan County Sheriff Mike Lacy said more fires might be set Friday. A search team may have come within 30 yards of the pair before dawn Wednesday, he said.

"What our people heard was giggling. They were playing in the river," Lacy told The Salt Lake Tribune. "They've been out there long enough that they think they are getting away with it."

The fugitives disappeared into the desolate Four Corners back country and reappeared June 4 near Bluff, about 12 miles west of Montezuma Creek, when a San Juan sheriff's deputy was shot and seriously wounded near the river. Police found the body of the third suspect nearby, an apparent suicide.

One of the West's largest manhunts ensued, with more than 500 officers involved. The two were not found.

Then, on Sunday, a 9-year-old girl reported seeing two men near the river at Montezuma Creek. She picked out the suspects from a series of photographs, and said the man she identified as Pilon had a limp — which he does.

Police said the men were "messing around" with a water truck and may have been trying to steal it.

Pastor indicted on fed charges

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — A majority of Baptists would be pleased to hear that the Rev. Henry Lyons has been charged with skimming millions from corporations to support a luxurious lifestyle, a prosecutor says.

Lyons, the leader of the National Baptist Convention USA, was accused Thursday of cheating corporations out of $5 million. He remained free on bond after a federal court appearance.

The federal charges of fraud, extortion and tax evasion could bring him up to 815 years in prison and $25 million in fines.

U.S. Attorney Charles R. Wilson said he believes a majority of Baptists would be "sickened and disgusted" by the allegations and "are cheering the return of this indictment."

The allegations come on top of state racketeering and grand theft charges brought by state prosecutors in February. Lyons has pleaded innocent to the state counts.

Lyons, head of one of the nation's largest black denominations, is accused of using his position to solicit contributions that he spent on country club memberships, trips, cars, jewelry and houses.

Lyons' lawyer, Grady Irvin, issued a statement blaming reporters for leaving "the public with a warped view of a historic black religious organization."

"These corporations desired nothing more than to peddle their wares to black Baptist consumers; and I'm sure that paying for an endorsement is nothing new to them," Irvin said.

First, the media reported Lyons "had stolen from dedicated black churchgoers, and now that story has changed to a claim by the media that the Rev. Lyons has ripped off multimillion-dollar corporations," Irvin said.

Indicted with Lyons were Bernice Edwards, 40, former director of public relations for the convention, and Brenda Harris, who was director of meetings and conventions for the Baptist group.

Edwards also faces state racketeering charges and, like Lyons, has pleaded innocent.

Wilson said Loewen Group International Inc. of Covington, Ky., a Canadian corporation that provides funeral services, was defrauded of $3.2 million.

Lyons and the two women allegedly used multiple bank accounts, mainly the Baptist Builder Fund in St. Petersburg. Lyons was the sole signatory for the fund and much of the money that came into his possession flowed into this account, the indictment said.

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.

Is there remedy for EBV infection?

DEAR DR. GOTT: My 41-year-old daughter has been diagnosed with chronic Epstein-Barr infection that causes fatigue and muscle pains. Is there no cure for this?

DEAR READER: The Epstein-Barr virus causes mononucleosis, an infection marked by fatigue, swollen glands, sore throat and other symptoms. In virtually 100 percent of cases, people get over their EBV infections without treatment. Many, however, continue indefinitely with a blood test that is positive for EBV, even though the infection is long gone.

Years ago, large numbers of middle-aged women with chronic fatigue were found to have blood tests that were positive for EBV. This association caused many doctors to embrace a diagnosis called "chronic EBV infection" or "chronic mononucleosis." This diagnosis became quite a fad — until a bright investigator checked a sample of healthy women and found that they, too, had positive EBV tests. The researchers appropriately concluded that the blood tests reflected an old infection which had occurred years before. The women were simply left with a marker in their bloodstreams. Some women experienced chronic fatigue and muscle pains, while the vast majority did not. "Chronic EBV infection" dropped from favor and is no longer diagnosed with any frequency.

I suspect that your daughter's symptoms are not related to her previous EBV infection. Other diagnoses — such as depression, fibromyalgia and connective tissue disease — should be considered.

If your daughter's doctor has exhausted the diagnostic possibilities, he should refer her to a rheumatologist or to a diagnostic clinic in a major teaching center. In my view, her condition has yet to be elucidated.

DEAR DR. GOTT: What can I do about hip pain? I've tried food supplements, vitamins, copper bracelets, magnet therapy and chiropractic.

DEAR READER: The answer seems almost too obvious: See your doctor.

Hip pain can have many causes, ranging from arthritis to tendon inflammation. The cause of your problem should become obvious, once the doctor examines and X-rays you.

Aside from arriving at a diagnosis, your physician (with the help of specialists as needed) has an additional advantage. He can prescribe medication and other therapy, which should be much more effective than the alternatives that you have tried unsuccessfully.

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DEAR DR. GOTT: In a recent column you advised readers to avoid drinking beverages out of pewter containers because of the possibility of lead poisoning. This was incorrect.

For almost 30 years the Food and Drug Administration has banned the sale of lead pewter manufactured in the United States. The most common American pewter alloy is 92 percent tin, 6 percent antimony and 2 percent copper.

Imported pewter, however, may contain lead because our government does not regulate imported pewter.

An informed answer would have advised the consumer to check for country of origin or to draw an edge of the pewter against a piece of white paper; any gray residue indicates lead content. In addition, lead-testing kits are inexpensive and readily available in hardware stores.

Your incorrect answer was a great disservice to those people who, like myself, manufacture pewter for a living.

DEAR READER: Your point is well taken and I apologize for my misleading conclusions. I wrongly assumed that the pewter in the original question was old and, therefore, contained lead. You appropriately called my attention to the fact that American-made modern pewter is lead-free and, therefore, safe to use. Thank you for writing and allowing me to print a correction.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I recently read of three new drugs used to treat migraine. What are they?

DEAR READER: Excedrin Migraine is a new formulation of an old product. Available without a prescription in tablet, caplet and geltab form, it has been approved for temporary relief of mild to moderate migraine pain.

Migranal is a prescription metered-dose spray for acute migraine headaches.

Zomig, a prescription pill for migraine, was also recently approved.

Other non-migraine drugs were also just approved by the Food and Drug Administration. These include Plavix (for reduction of stroke, heart attack and other vascular events), Propulsid Quicksolv (for nocturnal heartburn associated with reflux), Raxar (a new antibiotic), Arthrotec (an anti-inflammatory medicine that does not cause gastric irritation), Teveten (a new anti-hypertensive), Antizol (an injectable drug for treating antifreeze poisoning), Floxin Otic (drops for ear infections), Evista (to prevent osteoporosis in women), and Trovan (a broad-spectrum antibiotic).

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Al Fayed lashes out at Diana's brother over new museum opening

LONDON (AP) — Harrods owner Mohamed Al Fayed lashed out at Princess Diana's brother Friday, calling it "disgraceful" that a museum opened this week to honor the late princess made no reference to Fayed's son, Dodi.

Dodi Fayed, Diana's boyfriend at the time, was killed with the princess Aug. 31 in a Paris car crash.

The museum was opened Wednesday by Diana's brother, Earl Spencer, at Althorp, the family's ancestral home where the princess is buried on an ornamental island.

"I am sure the people who visit Diana's grave will be amazed there isn't a mention of Dodi's name and there are so many of Prince Charles, who brought her so much unhappiness," Al Fayed said. "Earl Spencer just wants to get back at me."

In a recent documentary aired by the BBC, Spencer dismissed claims his sister was set to marry Dodi Fayed, saying their relationship had not gone past the "heady stage." He also criticized Al Fayed for contending Diana uttered some last words in Paris, calling the claim "monstrous."

Al Fayed said he questioned why Spencer was "distancing himself from the relationship between his sister and my son."

"He himself admitted in his speech on the day of her funeral that she had finally found happiness in her private life," he said.

A spokeswoman for Spencer said he would have no comment on Al Fayed's remarks.

In Paris Friday, a French judge interviewed a second bodyguard working for the Al Fayed family the night of the fatal crash.

Kes Wingfield, who has since quit working for Al Fayed, met with Judge Marie-Christine Devidal at his own request. During the closed-door session, Wingfield was expected to discuss his criticisms of the security measures in place the night of the crash.

The sole survivor of the crash, fellow bodyguard Trevor Rees-Jones, also has quit working for Al Fayed. He has been interviewed several times by the judges and is expected to be interviewed again soon.

Authorities have blamed the drunken state of driver Henri Paul, who also worked for Al Fayed and was killed in the crash. In their first extensive comments since the crash, Paul's parents said they have received nothing but kindness from Al Fayed and Diana's family.

In an interview in the British tabloid Express on what would have been their son's 42nd birthday — Jean and Gisele Paul said they were greeted cordially by Diana's mother when they attended a recent six-hour legal session in Paris before the judge investigating the crash.

"We had a very warm meeting with Diana's mother, Mrs. Shand Kydd. She spoke to us in slow but perfect French and understood our grief," Mrs. Paul was quoted as saying. "She was speaking to us as one grieving parent to another. She understood our pain."

U.S. officials investigate satellite export deal

WASHINGTON (AP) — A federal investigation into satellite exports to China is focusing on whether Hughes Electronics Corp. withheld information about the work being done by a computer scientist whose father is a Chinese general.

The Customs Service investigation was described to The Associated Press on Thursday by a senior defense official who spoke on condition of anonymity. As a result of the Customs probe, the State Department is re-examining one of Hughes' China projects.

At issue in the investigation is the role played by Shen Jun, a satellite project manager and computer scientist with Hughes Space and Communications Co., a subsidiary of Hughes Electronics.

Hughes, a division of General Motors Corp., is a leading maker of commercial satellites. Shen is the son of Lt. Gen. Shen Rongjun, a former senior official in the Chinese government organization that oversees high-tech military development programs.

Because Shen, 30, is a foreigner — he was born in China and now is a Canadian citizen — Hughes had to get a special license for him to work on satellite projects, some of which involve sensitive technology with military applications. Hughes got that license from the State Department in 1996.

Based on a tip earlier this year to the Pentagon, Customs has begun an investigation into Shen's role on a major communications satellite project involving China, and whether Hughes was fully forthcoming about that role.

Hughes said it was cooperating with the government and that Shen continued to work for the company. Hughes maintained it violated no laws in connection with the China satellite issue.

Shen has not retained an attorney, a Hughes official said, and was not made available for comment.

The senior defense official, who spoke only on condition of anonymity, outlined three issues in the Customs investigation into Shen and Hughes, first disclosed last month by the AP:

—The younger Shen began working for Hughes in 1994, two years before Hughes got the State Department license that permitted him to work as a language interpreter in non-sensitive areas of the satellite program. Investigators want to know why Hughes waited two years to get the license and what Shen was doing in the interim.

—State Department spokesman James Rubin said State was unaware of the father-son relationship between Shen and the People's Liberation Army general at the time of the license application. Hughes officials said they knew of the relationship. Government investigators want to know why Hughes withheld that information.

Rubin said the main issue of concern to the State Department was whether Shen went beyond what the license allowed him to do in working on the satellite project.

—While the license allowed Shen to serve as an interpreter, the Pentagon received information indicating that Shen was, in fact, a project manager who trained companies that buy Hughes satellites on how to use the software that controls the space platforms. Investigators want to know whether Hughes deliberately withheld information about Shen's activities from the government.

The State Department last week received an outline from the Pentagon of these concerns and decided to suspend the Hughes license that lets Shen work on the satellite project, which is part of the Asia-Pacific Mobile Telecommunications network. Hughes is seeking a separate license from the Commerce Department, which now has jurisdiction over satellite exports, to launch a communications satellite on a Chinese rocket.

China is interested in such projects not only for the revenue they bring to its commercial rocket program but also for the possible military uses of commercial communications satellites, according to public statements by senior Chinese officials in recent months.

A U.S. official who spoke on condition of anonymity cited "bona fide intelligence" indicating the younger Shen's work on the satellite export may have gone beyond what U.S. government licenses allowed. In addition, the intelligence pointed to the possibility that Shen was planning to flee the country.

"We are continuing to review the matter," Rubin told reporters at the State Department. "We have asked the company for additional information. We will determine whether the work that was being done and performed was within the scope of the license."

Shen was a Chinese citizen until 1994 when he became a Canadian citizen. He is in the United States on a work visa but is applying for a permanent green card. In 1994, when Gen. Shen visited Hughes' California operations, the younger Shen asked Hughes if he could serve as an interpreter and was hired by Hughes later that year.

Ex-administrator sentenced for Medicare fraud

LUBBOCK (AP) — A woman convicted of filing half a million dollars worth of fraudulent Medicare claims to pay for a three-state gambling spree has been sentenced to 40 months in jail.

U.S. District Judge Sam Cummings on Thursday also ordered Shelley Jeanette Moore to pay a $10,000 fine and $492,304 in restitution to Medicare.

Ms. Moore, 35, president of the now-defunct Lubbock Care Associates, pleaded guilty in April to one count of mail fraud and one count of engaging in monetary transactions in criminally derived property.

After a two-year investigation, state and federal authorities found that Moore filed fraudulent Medicare claims of more than $500,000 to pay for gambling binges in Nevada, Louisiana and New Mexico.

Court documents show that between 1992 and 1996 the company falsified ledgers, checks and other records to make the company eligible for Medicare reimbursement.

Cave dwellers knew how to make shoes

WASHINGTON (AP) — There were no spiked heels, wing tips or cross trainers. But footwear crafted by American cave dwellers thousands of years ago was fashionable, tough and well-made.

"My guess is that these shoes were very stylish for the time," said Michael J. O'Brien, an anthropologist who analyzed 35 specimens of sandals, moccasins and slip-ons unearthed in a Missouri cave that was a popular campsite some 9,000 years ago.

The shoes were also very durable, he said. Of 35 samples recovered, 20 were complete or nearly complete. This enabled O'Brien and co-researchers from Louisiana State University to analyze and date the footgear for the first time, he said. A report on the study was published Friday in the journal Science.

The oldest specimen was a sandal made from a woven, fibrous material that dated from about 9,400 years before the present. The most recent, about 1,000 years old, was a classic deerskin moccasin, probably made for a child.

Even though the shoes spanned thousands of years, said O'Brien, the basic craftsmanship was about the same.

"They did not invent something flimsy that then got better over time," he said. "The earliest shoe is every bit as well-made and as complex as those from later on."

There were a variety of styles and differences in crafting details, suggesting, said O'Brien, that there may have been concessions to style or fashion.

"There was no ornamentation or color that we know about, but my guess is that these shoes were very stylish for the time," he said. "We know that people then were wearing jewelry." O'Brien said it was likely that such artistic interest carried over into the footgear.

"There were no spike heels," he said, "But there were slingbacks (an open sandal with a cupping heel and a loop that grasps the heel bone)." Sling backs are a common summer fashion shoe even now.

Only the moccasins were made of leather, and the researcher said it is likely that the cave dwellers did not use leather for shoes much earlier than that.

All of the other shoes were made with fibrous plants that could be woven into a tough fabric used for the top, bottom and sides of the footwear. O'Brien said the most common material was from a yucca-like plant called rattlesnake master. The leaves were dried and plaited into cording that was then woven.

There were comfort innovations. The moccasins were cushioned with grass that functioned "like a Dr. Scholl's foot pad," said O'Brien.

Footwear got hard use among the prehistoric Americans. The people, who have not been named, had to walk most places, since there were no horses. They had to hunt or gather all of their food and to haul water back to the cave, all jobs that took much walking.

"Many of the shoes wore down exactly the way that our shoes do — the ball of the foot and the heel," said O'Brien. "In some instances there were repairs where they wove fiber back into them. Other shoes were just tossed, but they wore the heck out of these things."

Foot size, he said, appears to be much like that of modern humans. There is no way to tell if wearers of the ancient shoes were male or female, but the average length was about 10½ inches. O'Brien said this is about an 8½ in modern American women's sizes.

"That suggests that these people fell within the size range of people today," he said.

The cave, which is in a bluff not far from the Missouri River, was a spectacular home, by the standards of the time.

"It was really perfect," said O'Brien. "A great place to live."

O'Brien said that people lived there for hundreds of generations leaving layer after layer of debris: bone and stone tools, animal bones, char from campfires and even some human remains. Late in the occupancy, there were shards of pottery.

"The cave is so dry and has been for the last 10,000 years that all this stuff is preserved," he said.

The shoes, and other artifacts, were unearthed some 40 years ago from cave deposits. Only recently, however, have researchers been able to precisely date each of the footwear specimens.

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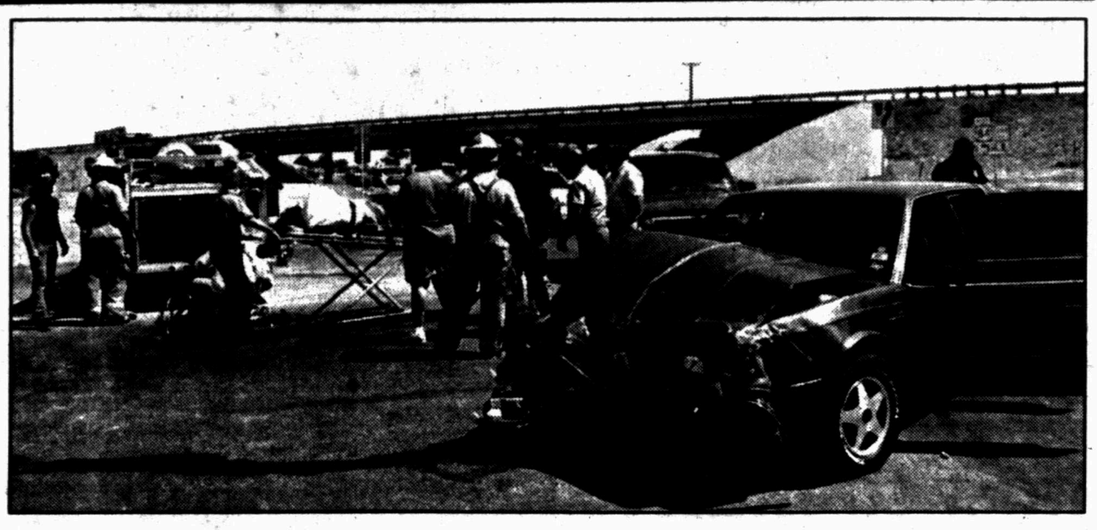
Wreck sends 4 to hospital

Three people, including two infants, were treated and released Friday afternoon and a fourth was listed in stable condition at Cogdell Memorial Hospital following a two-vehicle accident at 11:15 a.m. at the intersection of College Avenue and Business 84.

Involved were a 1979 GMC pickup driven by Jenson Gainer of FM 1606 in Ira and a 1988 Oldsmobile driven by Luis Garcia of 2504 Sweetbriar in San Angelo.

Snyder EMS transported 25-year-old Bolina Garcia of 602 N. Ave. T in Snyder to the hospital and she was listed in stable condition.

One-year-old Yanira Garcia and two-year-old Florbrisada Garcia, also of 602 N. Ave. T, and 55-year-old Samjuna Ceniceros of Juarez Durango, Mexico, were treated and released from Cogdell.



WRECK SCENE — The 1988 Oldsmobile, driven by Luis Garcia of San Angelo, was heavily damaged in a collision with a 1979 GMC pickup (not shown), driven by Jenson Gainer of Ira. The accident happened at College Avenue and Business 84. (SDN Staff Photo)

Child's death blamed on E. coli

AMARILLO (AP) — Four children who are related got sick from E. coli bacteria and one died after a weeklong stay in a hospital.

The Texas Department of Health was helping to try to find the source of the bacteria.

"We've had a cluster of four cases reported and confirmed in children; one of those children died," Anne Denison, communicable disease nurse with the Amarillo Department of Public Health, said Thursday.

Jonathan Ryan Roberts, 18 months, from Amarillo, died June 25 at Northwest Texas Hospital.

Health officials confirmed the child "died of complications as a result of the infection."

Food eaten at a family gathering June 14 at Lake Meredith tested negative for the bacteria.

Investigator Jim Northcutt from the Texas Department of Public Health in Canyon collected water samples at Lake Meredith on Wednesday.

Karen Brentlinger, mother of three of the children who contracted E. coli, drew a map for Northcutt indicating the place the family gathered, which was near the loading ramp at Harbor Bay.

The family also briefly visited the Cedar Canyon area, she said.

PD, EMS respond to report of man falling off house

Snyder police and EMS responded to a report of a man falling off the roof of his house at 12:38 p.m. Friday at 812 28th.

Snyder EMS transported 68-year-old R.E. Payne to Cogdell Memorial Hospital where he was listed in stable condition Friday afternoon.

In other activity Friday, an offense report for misuse of a debit card was filed at 8:08 a.m. at American State Bank.

At 9:15 a.m., an employee at Rip Griffin's Truck Stop requested an officer in reference to two subjects in a brown two-door Thunderbird leaving the store without paying for $13.97 worth of gas.

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8:00	Prayer Breakfast	Pavilion
8:00	Horseshoe pitching registration	Tennis Courts
8:00	Washer pitching registration	Below Pavilion Hill
9:00	All booths open	Armory & Park
9:00	Flag-raising ceremony	Armory
9:00	Horseshoe tournament begins	Tennis Courts
9:00	Volleyball tournament	SHS Practice field
9:00	Parade line-up begins	Moffett Field
9:00	Bicycle Decoration Contest	Moffett Field
9:30	Bicycle and Float judging	Moffett Field
10:00	Parade begins	Moffett Field
10:00	Museum opens	WTC Campus
10:45	National Anthem	Cottonwood Flats
10:50	Joy Ministry Clowns	Cottonwood Flats
11:30	Tae Kwon Do exhibition	Cottonwood Flats
12:00	Snyder Springers exhibition	Cottonwood Flats
12:00	Washer Pitching Tournament	Towle Park
1:00	Reid Johnson's Magic Show	Cottonwood Flats
1:30	Towle Park Pool opens	Park
1:30	Music begins	Cottonwood Flats
2:00	Dodson House opens	Coliseum Grounds
8:30	The Halbrook's "Branson-type" entertainment	Cottonwood Flats
9:00	Booths Close	
Dark	Fireworks Display	

Lions sponsored carnival Wednesday through Saturday

Births

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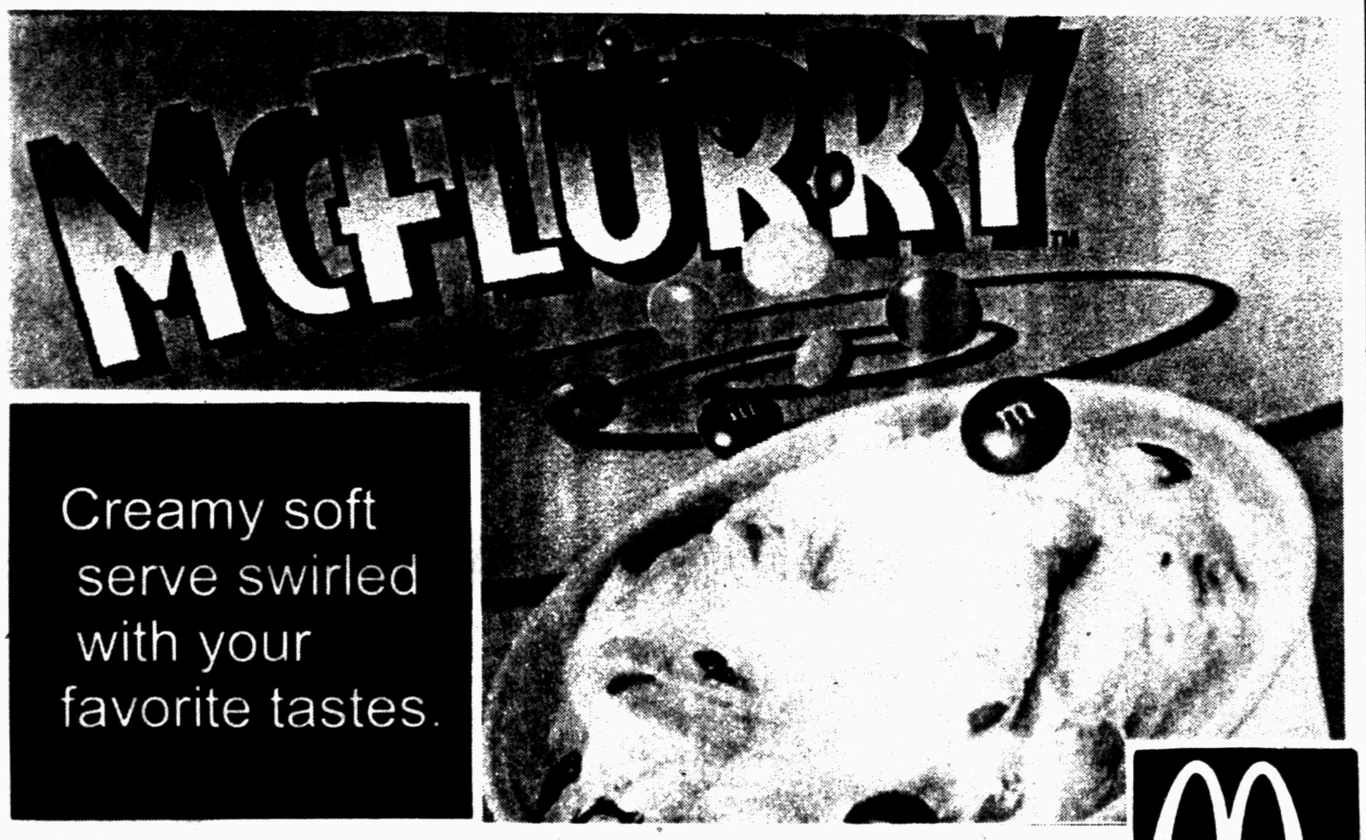

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WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

July 4th Prayer Breakfast

Dr. Craig Curry, pastor of Snyder's First United Methodist Church, and Jack Gorman Sr. will be speakers at Saturday's Prayer Breakfast at the Towle Park Pavilion. Cost for the breakfast which starts at 8 a.m. is $3 per person or $5 for a couple. The program begins at 8:20 and there is no charge to attend the program only.

Snyder High Class of 1968

The Snyder High School class of 1968 will have a Hospitality Awning at Towle Park Saturday. Members of the class of 1968 and and all others exes are welcome to stop and visit. For information, call 573-2400.

Church of Nazarene film

Snyder's First Church of Nazarene will present the film, "I Just Saw Jesus," at 6 p.m. Sunday. The church, located on the Colorado City Highway, invites the public to attend.

Color TV drawing

Snyder Healthcare Center is taking donations for a drawing for a 19-inch color TV to be given away Saturday in Towle Park. For more information, call 573-6332.

Grand jury meets Monday

The Scurry County grand jury is expected to be presented 11 cases when it convenes at 9 a.m. Monday at the courthouse.

Avenue D Baptist VBS

Vacation Bible School at Ave. D. Baptist Church will be held from 9 a.m. until noon starting Monday and ending Friday for grades K through 6. Theme is "Star Quest: A Galactic Good News Adventure." For more information call 573-0971.

Ira cheerleaders

Ira cheerleaders will have a car wash at the Cross Roads service station from 8:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. Monday. Donations will be accepted.

Bible study tapes airing

Bible study video tapes air weekly on cable TV Channel 2. The next set of tapes, "What Happens After Death," followed by "Surviving Prosperity?" is set for Monday evening at 7.

Masons to meet

Scurry Masonic Lodge #706 will have a stated meeting Tuesday at 7:30 p.m.

Workforce Education classes

Western Texas College is offering two workforce education classes through its continuing education division: Introduction to the Internet and Microsoft PowerPoint 97, Basic, on Tuesdays and Thursdays, July 14, 16, 21, 23. The Internet course's LRC Computer Lab will be from 2-4 p.m. Microsoft's Workforce Computer Lab, LRC 101, will be from 4:30-6:30 p.m.

Terri Racher will be the instructor. Each course will cost $49. Pre-registration is required. To pre-register or for more information, call 573-8511, ext. 390.

National MS Society sets meeting

The National Multiple Sclerosis Society has set a fact-finding meeting at 7 p.m. next Saturday at East Elementary School. Persons in the Snyder area who have MS are encouraged to attend and share their ideas and suggestions as well as questions about the organization, it programs and operations. For more information, call 1-800-FIGHT MS.

New programs at FBC

First Baptist Church has two programs: King's Kids Preschool on Mondays and Wednesdays and Mother's Day Out on Fridays. Extended care is available. Register now for the 1998-99 school year. For more information, call 573-7401.

'Furry Tails! Funny Tales!'

Registration for summer reading and read-to-me programs for children is underway at Scurry County Library. There are two age groups — preschoolers and non-reading children and youngsters who have completed K through 6th grade. Registration will continue through July 24 during normal library hours.

Road to Recovery program

Volunteers are needed to take patients to Abilene or Lubbock one day a week for cancer treatment. Following approval by the American Cancer Society, drivers will be provided liability insurance and can be reimbursed for fuel expenses incurred for the trip. For more information, contact ACS Road to Recovery volunteer coordinator Martha Schiebel at 573-8626 and leave a message, or Sammie Jarrell at 573-5993.

Oil photographs needed

Old photographs of oil scenes or events in Scurry County are wanted by the Scurry County Museum in conjunction with an Oil Appreciation Day observance on Oct. 17. The photographs will be copied and returned.

Support group ministry

Support groups for divorce recovery, cancer/grief and caring for aging parents are avalable to adults and will meet at 6:30 p.m. the second Thursday of each month at First Baptist Church. L.I.F.E. (learning to improve the family experience) is for teenagers and parents. Child care will be provided.

Two Snyder High students learn by doing

Reid Johnson attends Boys State

(Editor's Note: Reid Johnson, who will be a senior at Snyder High School, attended Boys State in Austin from June 6-12. He wrote the following brief review of his experience.)

By Reid Johnson

My taxi driver, who reminded me of Grizzly Adams, dropped me off at Jester Center, a part of the University of Texas campus, shortly before registration began. More than 700 young men stood before me in line giving me the instant opinion of the week.

After registration, I attended a lawyers' bar seminar to learn more about our legislative system. Over 600 of the more than 1,000 attendees took an excerpt from the Texas official bar exam, and those with passing grades, were accepted as Boys State lawyers. I was one of 10 who had a perfect score, placing me as a top attorney at Boys State.

Upon arrival, we were dispersed into cities consisting of 45 other Boys Staters in which we developed the strongest relationships.

My city elected me as their precinct chairman, placing me on the voting delegacy for my county. Thus my county, consisting of three cities, appointed me to the district voting delegacy.

My district, consising of six cities, elected me as their representative as a voting delegate at the same level. I was a part of the two percent of Boys Staters who served as state voters.

On Monday night, Gov. George W. Bush spoke to us. After his speech, we dispersed to our political parties. I had been at this camp for three days and was beginning to understand what was going on.

Basically in this week-long camp, we set up our own government, electing a governor, lieutenant governor, attorney general etc.

To win an election, you must first win the candidacy of your political party, then face the opposition from the other party.

I was one of nine candidates who ran for Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, the fourth highest office at Boys State. I was included in the run-off, but lost by six votes. Both of our speeches received standing ovations. I was honored to make it all the way to a run-off.

Every morning we would wake up at 5:30 a.m. to participate in calisthenics. Thursday morning, we had to work out in down pouring rain.

Everywhere we went, we walked in two straight lines, and we walked so much that my legs surpassed the mileage on my mother's 1996 Bonneville.

Boys State was without a doubt one of the toughest yet most rewarding weeks of my life. I learned more about the governmental system, the parliamentary

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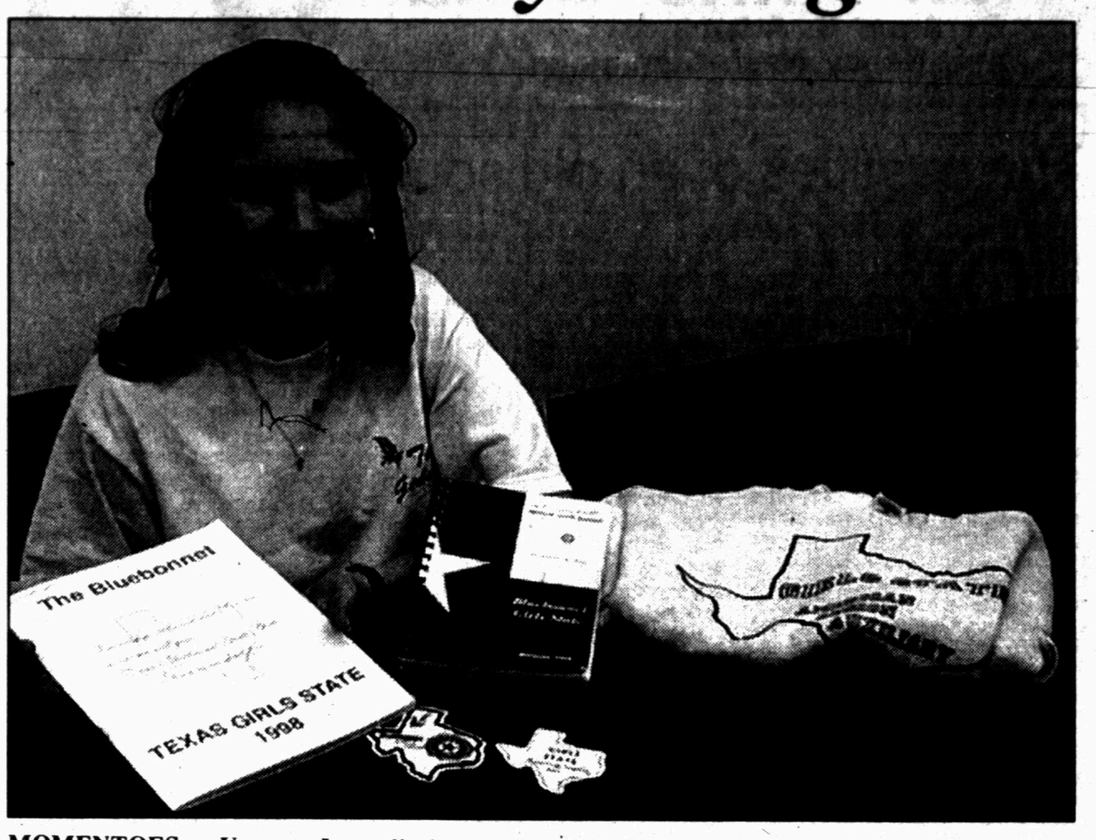
SHARES EXPERIENCE — Reid Johnson attended Boys State from June 6-12. (Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)



MOMENTOES — Vanessa Jones displays several Girls State items. She attended from June 9-19. Local sponsors were the American Legion Auxiliary and the Kiwanis Club. (Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

Vanessa Jones enjoys Girls State

By Shirley A. Gorman
News Editor

Vanessa Jones has a different perspective on the governmental process now that she has attended Bluebonnet Girls State.

She was one of about 600 girls who converged on the campus of Texas Lutheran University in Seguin from June 9-19.

During that 10-day period, Vanessa learned through the process of doing, how the governmental system works, how to run for office and to create a bill and move it through proper channels.

Assigned to City "G," she said she and the other girls in the city became very close — like best friends — which proved helpful as several girls received word of tragedies involving friends or families of friends.

Vanessa lived in Freedom County, was a member of the Nationalist Party and was a member of the House.

Elections were a big part of the Girls State experience, ranging from city to county and state offices.

Though normally not outspoken, Vanessa sought the position of health officer for City G, and even though she did not win, she had the opportunity to speak in front of some 50 girls.

She noted that she acquired "lots of respect" for the state candidates who had to address the entire Girls State population.

Toward the end of the session, City G selected Vanessa as its state fair representative. As such, she organized the booths the city operated during the state fair which included drawing tattoos and a watermelon seed spitting contest.

Other recreation included a talent night.

City G, like the other cities, learned about passing laws

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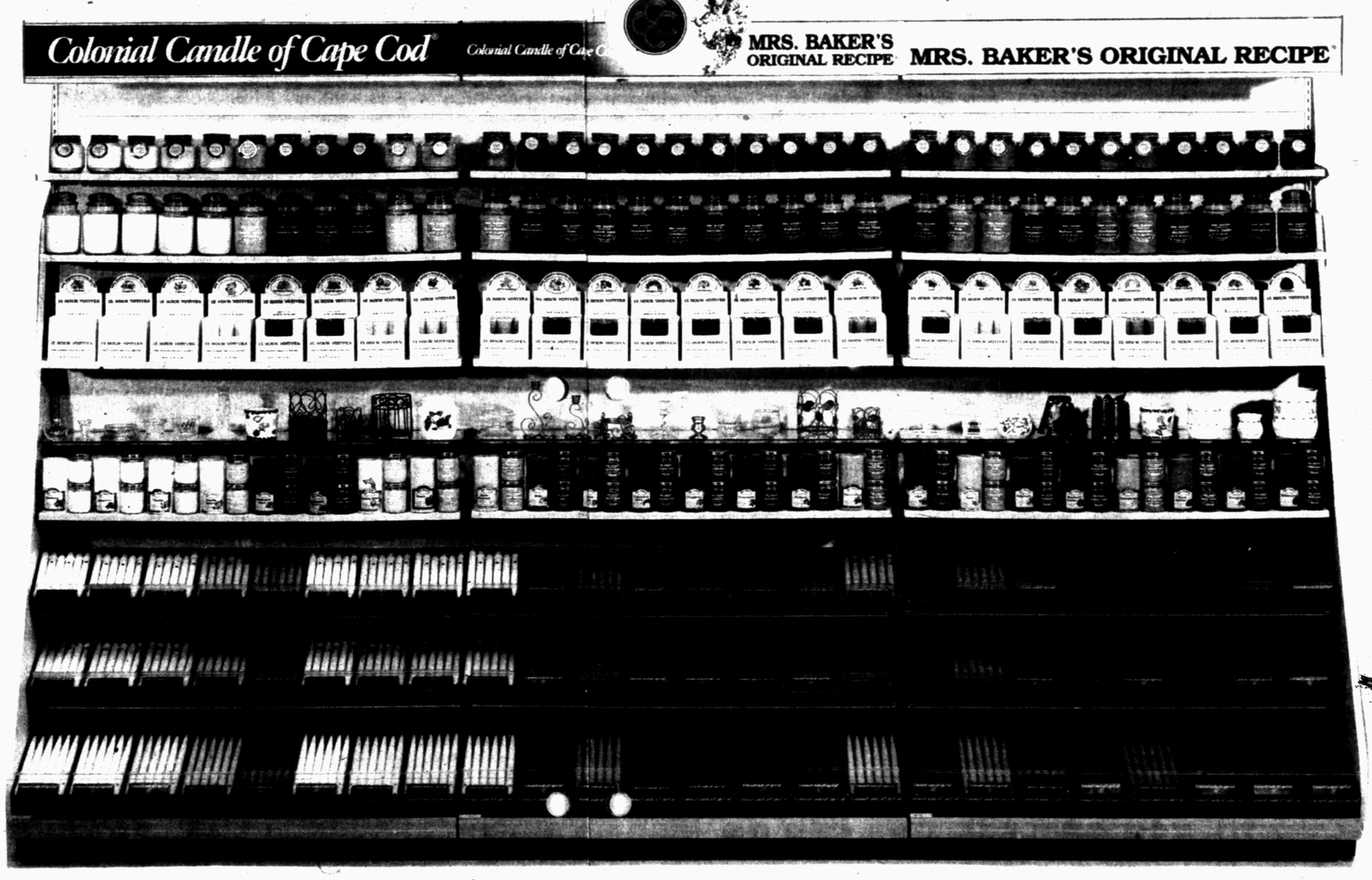

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Ask Anne & Nan

By Anne B. Adams
and Nancy Nash-Cummings

The qualities of an old soul

DEAR ANNE AND NAN: What about people who are, or others who may be "old souls"? I have heard that term twice this week and never before. I think it is a term of endearment or at least, perhaps, a compliment. — **SALLY HERNDON, Glen Elder, Kan.**

DEAR SALLY: We asked Linda Galvin, who uses the term "old soul," what it means. She writes, "The term 'old soul' denotes the essence of a human being who exemplifies positive qualities such as wisdom, moral integrity, compassion, humility, charity, contentment, etc. According to those who believe in reincarnation, negative traits (anger, envy, greed, egoism, etc.) have been transcended through countless births by the 'old soul,' with each incarnation resulting in greater purification. Being in the presence of such an evolved spiritual (in a nonreligious sense) person creates an elevating and joyous atmosphere because of the radiation of positive energy that is transmitted to others."

DEAR ANNE AND NAN: HELP! I recently purchased a navy/natural-colored canvas tote bag made of 20-ounce canvas. I love the bag but it is too stiff. Is there any way I can soften the canvas without causing the colors to bleed? — **DOROTHY P. THEVENET, Rayne, La.**

DEAR DOROTHY: The only way we know of softening fabric, such as stiff blue jeans, is to put about half a cup of fabric softener into a bucket and add water. Pop your tote bag into it and let it soak several hours. Since we don't know what colors you're concerned might bleed, check your bag after a couple of minutes.

BOTANIC GARDEN UPDATE: The Indiana Botanic Gardens, Inc. has moved. Their new address is 3401 East Ridge Road, Hobart, IN 46342.

FEEDBACK: HAMILTON BEACH APPLIANCE REPAIR — Kim Beach, Consumer Affairs Supervisor for the company, wrote to tell us the Hamilton Beach/Proctor-Silex Consumer Affairs Call Center can be reached by calling (800) 851-8900; or writing 234 Springs Road, Washington, NC 27889; or going online to www.hambeach.com. He also told us about an independently owned company that may be able to supply parts and beaters for older Hamilton Beach appliances. The company, CB Small Appliance, is at 432 S. 11th Street, Lincoln, NE 68508; call (402) 475-2546.

Mrs. Weiner of Roseburg, Ore., said she was able to get beaters for her older Hamilton Beach mixer from Pearsol Appliance Co., 3127 Main Street, Dallas, TX 75226-1584. Grace Wessels wrote to tell us that she found beaters for her Hamilton Beach mixer at the Authorized Appliance Service Center at 1020 Tuckaseegee Road, Charlotte, NC 28266-8549. We gave these folks a ring and they repair a slew of appliances and can get parts for many of the older ones. Among the brands they work on are Hamilton Beach/Proctor-Silex, Waring, Farberware, Braun and Norelco. Their toll-free number is (800) 532-6127.

DEAR ANNE AND NAN: We have an open carport and bats are roosting on a beam in the center of it; you can imagine the results on the car parked underneath. We tried spraying the beam with different sprays. We rubbed moth balls on the beam. We even put up a bathouse nearby, but they ignore it. — **BECKY AND NED SHAW, Bristol, Tenn.**

DEAR BECKY AND NED: The trick to discouraging the bats from roosting on the beam in your carport is to make the beam off-limits. Nan's husband is a carpenter and last year he was faced with the same problem at a client's boathouse. He stapled some window screen (available at hardware stores) across the beam, making it off-limits to the bats. This solved the problem.

DEAR ANNE AND NAN: My daughter, age 10, is very petite for her age. I am trying to purchase a little girl's sports bra in a size 28. I have checked with the local department stores and cannot find one smaller than size 30. — **CINDY SOILEAU, Maurica, La.**

DEAR CINDY: Zooks, we can't imagine why a little girl would even need a sports bra if she wears a size 28. It must be a fashion statement. Well, we poured over a slew of catalogs. The smallest size we could find was a size 30. You could buy a size 30 and take it in; two small seams would do the trick.

DEAR ANNE AND NAN: Please help me find citron for my holiday baking, which I would like to start in September. I know there is citron in the supermarket later in the year. It is not what I want. It is the half-melon, dull yellow-green, translucent and sticky-dry kind, not the kind in syrup. — **S. MARTHA MONTEVALLO, Huachuca City, Ariz.**

DEAR MARTHA: We don't know of any citron that comes in syrup; but we do know of a source of high-quality European citron, "The Baker's Catalog" put out by King Arthur Flour. The text in the catalog says this citron is less sweet and more finely flavored than most domestic candied fruit. A 6-ounce container (item 1078) is $3.50 plus shipping. To order call: (800) 827-6836.

Write to "Ask Anne & Nan" at P.O. Box 240, Hartland, VT 05048. Questions of general interest will appear in the column. Due to the volume of mail, personal replies cannot be provided.

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Scurry County Library News & Views

The library's Storytime for 4- and 5-year-olds will be Monday at 10 a.m. and will feature tales about sleepy animals. Activities such as stories, fingerplays and making a puppet will fill the session.

On Wednesday, Stephanie Knipe and Luann Grice from the Scurry County Health Unit will present the program. They will include a puppet show and music based on the book "Germs Make Me Sick."

Linda Jones, children's librarian, urges everyone participating in the summer reading program to turn in their reading time.

BOOK FEATURE

"Computers and Society," by Paul A. Winters.

This is one of the Current Controversies Series, which examines important social, political and economic debates. This book looks at how computers will transform society and how the technology will affect our right to privacy.

The problem of computer censorship is addressed with thoughtful articles that support both views. The effect of computers on education is discussed, as well.

NEW CHILDREN'S BOOKS

"How the Gator's Snout Grew Out," by Janie Spaht Gill.

"Harlem," by Walter Dean Myers.

"Bravo, Amelia Bedelia!" by Herman Parish.

"Busytown Boat Race," by Richard Scarry.

NEW ADULT NON-FICTION

"Taking Control of Arthritis," by Fred Katrowitz.

"Housebreak Any Dog," by Audrey Carr.

LIBRARY HOURS

10 a.m. to 6 p.m. — Mon., Wed., Fri. & Sat.

10 a.m. to 9 p.m. — Tues. & Thurs.

Smithsonian for Spam

AUSTIN, Minn. (AP) — Spam, that canned mystery, is on its way to one of America's most august institutions — the Smithsonian.

But the folks over there don't care too much for the meat.

The original 1937 package and the redesigned 1997 version of Spam were accepted Thursday into the Smithsonian's National Museum of American History.

The sealed cans don't actually contain the luncheon meat made by Austin-based Hormel Foods Corp. It's the packaging that has historical value, said museum spokeswoman Valeska Hilbig.

Reunion planners seek addresses

The committee planning a 15-year Snyder High School reunion is in need of addresses for classmates and anyone having information about these SHS exes class of 1983 is asked to contact Kirk Herrley at 915-573-3204.

Information is needed on Michael Beasley, Hermilo Castillo, Yolanda Ruiz, J.W. Love, Ronnie Purser, Sandra Martinez, Ron LaPointe, Stacy Day, Janie Coppedge, Raymond Garza, Tammy Norris, Richard Johnson, Hector Cabillo, John Hembree, Vickie Barlow Powell and Bobby McArthur.

Others include Angela Ammons, Martin Conner, Doyle Phipps, Sammy Lovett, Cindy Shaw, Jim Cuesta, Don Johnson, Tammy Pruitt, Cindy Hanzalik, Keith Wallace, Dawn Waller, Matthew Johnson, Jim League, Anna Robles, Penny Wolfe Fell and Ross Bawcum.

Acting career moves forward for Alejandro

Kevin Alejandro, a 1995 Snyder High School graduate, is working hard to fulfill his dreams and at the same time fulfilling his deceased father's dream of seeing his son's name in headlines.

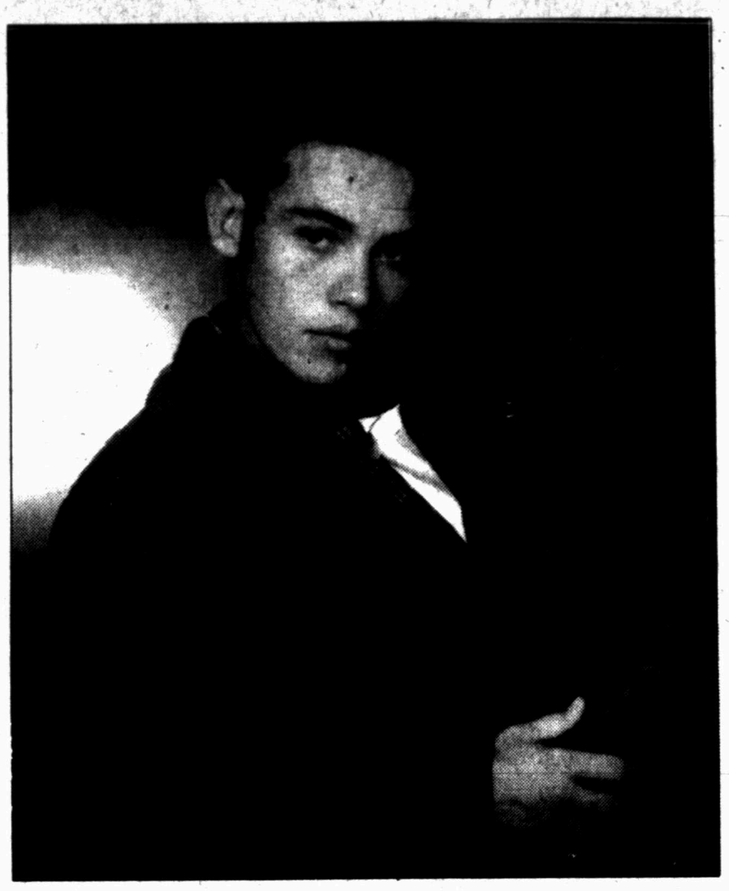
Kevin is the son of Dora Hernandez of Snyder and the late Tomas Hernandez.

At the present, Kevin is performing as Commander Harbison in "South Pacific" which is being filmed in Waco.

In Snyder High School, Alejandro was part of the cast of "A Midsummer Night's Dream" that competed for state honors his senior year. Last year, his junior year at the University of Texas in Austin, he was chosen over graduate students to play the leading character, Dimitri, in UT's end-of-year production, "The Brothers Karamozov."

Kevin became interested in acting early in his life and said he "gives credit to two of his high school teachers, Jerry Worsham and Eddie McAnally, for having the most influence on me." In the credit department he also included his family's support.

Following his part in "South Pacific," he will return to UT for his senior year and then attend Juliard School of Acting in New York.



Kevin Alejandro

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

North 07-07-98
♠ 8 6 4
♥ A J 2
♦ 7
♣ K Q 8 6 5 3

West
♠ Q 10 7 3 2
♥ 9 8 3
♦ K J 2
♣ J 9

East
♠ A J
♥ K Q 7 5 4
♦ 10 9 5
♣ 10 7 4

South
♠ K 9 5
♥ 10 6
♦ A Q 8 6 4 3
♣ A 2

Vulnerable: Neither
Dealer: South

South	West	North	East
1 ♦	Pass	2 ♣	Pass
2 ♦	Pass	??	

Opening lead: ♠ 3

The second disagreement

By Phillip Alder

Look at the North hand. Your partner opens one diamond, you respond two clubs, and partner rebids two diamonds. What would you do now, if anything?

In my opinion, North should rebid three clubs, showing a minimum two-over-one response with at least six clubs. The opener, with some club fit and prime cards, should either take a shot at three no-trump or bid three spades, asking North to go three no-trump with a heart stopper.

Yes, North might rebid two hearts, but as most pairs play that as game-forcing, it is an overbid. Yet it is light years better than the original question-setter's recommendation. He told his readers that North should *pass*. He claimed that because South had shown a minimum opening and there was a potential misfit, "it must be assumed that there is no game." There are two key points. First, I feel strongly that a two-over-one response guarantees a rebid. So, *North is not allowed to pass over two diamonds*. If you don't wish to rebid, respond one no-trump, not two something. Secondly, when you have a respectable long minor, think three no-trump. Here, that contract is still feasible.

Suppose South is in three no-trump. West will surely lead the spade three, establishing South's king as his ninth trick (given the 3-2 club split, which will happen 67.8 percent of the time). Lucky? No — but let West lead a heart. (Yes, I know I've given South the 10 — enough already!) East wins with the queen, then switches to a diamond. South can win with the ace, run the clubs, and play a spade toward his king for nine tricks.

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Community Calendar

MONDAY

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

Al-Anon and AA brown bag, open meetings, Snyder Park Club; noon.

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

Just for Today NA, closed meeting; Snyder Park Club; for information call 573-0949. 573-4238 or 573-8018; 6 p.m.

Scurry County AA; closed meeting; Park Club; for more information call 573-8626, 573-9458 or 863-2349; 8 p.m.

Nuestra Nueva Esperanza AA; Park Club; 8 p.m.

TUESDAY

Ladies Golf Association; country club; tee time 9 a.m.

Just for Today NA, closed meeting; for information call 573-0949, 573-4238 or 57;3-8018; 6 p.m.

Snyder Fire Dept. Auxiliary; central fire station; 7 p.m.

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

New Horizons AA; closed meeting; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-8626, 573-9458 or 863-2349; 8 p.m.

Al-Anon open meeting; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; for information call 573-4203, 573-8626, 573-2101 or 573-0695; 8 p.m.

TOPS TX56, (take off pounds sensibly); weigh-in and meeting 5 to 6 p.m.; 2501 35th. For information call Peggy Vernon at 573-3122.

WEDNESDAY

AA brown bag, open meeting; Park Club; for information call 573-8626, 573-9458 or 863-2349; noon.

Just for Today NA; open meeting; Park Club; for information call 573-0949, 573-4238, 573-8018; 8 p.m.

THURSDAY

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

Al-Anon brown bag, open meeting; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-4203, 573-8626, 573-2101 or 573-0695; noon to 1 p.m.;.

Horseshoe Pitching For Fun; Horseshoe Courts located at the coliseum; everybody welcome, for further information call 573-9762; 7 p.m.

Three support groups — Divorce Recovery, Cancer/Grief and Caring for aging Parents; First Baptist Church; for more information call First Baptist Church at 573-2631; anyone is welcome to attend and child care is provided.

Just for Today NA; Park Club; for information call 573-0949, 573-4238 or 573-8018; 6 p.m.

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

New Horizons 12 & 12, closed meeting; Park Club; 7 p.m.

New Horizons AA; closed meeting; for information call 573-8626, 573-9458 or 863-2349; 8 p.m.

Nuestra Nueva Esperanza AA; Park Club; for information call 573-8626, 573-9458 or 863-2349; 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 appointments; 573-9742 or 573-2763.

Just for Today NA; Snyder Park Club; for information call 573-0949, 573-4238 or 573-8018; 6 p.m.

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SATURDAY

Defensive Driving Course; Snyder Savings and Loan; no reservations necessary; for more information call 573-2850; 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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

Just for Today NA open meeting; Park Club; for information call 573-0949, 573-4238 or 573-8018; 7 p.m.

Rolling Plains Ratite Association; The Shack; 7 p.m.

SUNDAY

Scurry County AA open meeting; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-8626, 573-9458 or 863-2349; 10 a.m.

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

Just For Today closed meeting; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-0949, 573-4238, or 573-8018; 5 p.m.

The joys of fatherhood: Tell your child stories about your family history.

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July 4th celebrations at Towle recalled

By Tracy L. Banks
Former Resident

A trip to Towle Park Memorial Park in Snyder was a real treat for me as a child. It is a very special place for children and adults, too. Anytime is a great time to visit, but the Fourth of July is a breathtaking, spectacular event.

The entrance to the park is easily accessed by turning right on Towle Park Road off of College Ave., better known as the Big Spring Highway.

This is a one way paved street. To the left of the street is a grassy area. This grassy median separates the entrance and exit. As you follow down the winding narrow path, there are many beautiful sights to behold. A large Weeping Willow tree stands off to the left with its drooping branches flowing to the ground. There are many other beautiful trees.

On the right side of the crooked path is a cement block fence surrounded by a partially paved dirt road. Cars and trucks, full of passengers of all ages, drive around this fence in hopes of catching a glimpse of little furry critters called Prairie Dogs.

After returning to the main road, a turn to the right takes you beside the public swimming pool. Children with pink rosy cheeks, arms and legs are gathered in the water.

The water makes rippling sounds while children jump and play. At one end of the chain link fence, there is a miniature version of the pool called the Kiddie Pool. There are mothers and children of all ages, from infants to toddlers.

Some children bellow out cries followed by water mixed tears, while others stand in the water shivering and giggling.

As you continue to follow the road around, your next sight is an awesome green landscaped area with picnic tables and lots of play ground rides. Swings, merry-go-rounds, slides and monkey bars are just a few of the fun filled adventures waiting for each youngster.

Driving further into the park, the glimmering sun sparkles down on an oasis of water, better known to oldtimers as "Catfish Tank." Cottony white featured ducks swim gracefully across the pond. They gladly welcome any bread crumbs offered to them.

Cars are scattered up and down the sides of the road. A space for parking is not easily found. Finally, an empty parking space brings a hearty "West Texas" smile to your face. With the family scattering in all directions, the Armory full of arts and crafts seems like the perfect place to start. Reminiscing with old friends brings a warm feeling to the heart.

A walk through the carnival area brings great anticipation. The shrill screams of kids riding carnival rides shriek throughout the park. Although, these are mild compared to the blood curdling screams for those brave souls who dare to step on the roller coaster.

Carnival ride motors roar, as though, they are off in the far distance. The fragrance of the diesel motors along with the smoke brings about an unpleasant odor.

This unpleasantness quickly disappears with the aromatic fragrances that come from the concession stands. Popcorn, caramel apples and cotton candy are everyone's favorites.

The fluffy threadlike fibers of the rainbow colored cotton candy melts in your mouth in seconds. The rich thickness of the caramel apples is sometimes tough to chew, but well worth the effort. Popcorn is ordered, only if sharing with others and be sure to get extra salt and dazzling globs of butter.

The best is saved for last. As the sun slowly sets beyond the West Texas horizon, the crowds begin to settle down. Some folks are gathered with family members, others with friends. They are scattered all over the park in lawn chairs. Some are nestled on the ground on their blankets and quilts.

Every head is pointed upward watching and waiting. Suddenly, a whistling noise fills the air. Red, white and blue explosions of brillant lights make star burst effects throughout the sky.

One rocket after the other, one spectacular light display after the other, until finally, the last firework zizzles away. All that remains is a whitepuff of smoke and a reminder to all, that being an "American" is truly a blessing.

Dear Mr. McQueen:

I am a former resident of Snyder. I was born there in 1961. I attended the Snyder Public Schools and proudly graduated from Snyder High School in 1980. I moved to East Texas with my parents in 1981.

Leaving Snyder 17 years ago was very hard, but I still return often to my hometown to visit my family and friends. Snyder will always hold a special place in my heart. The Snyder Daily News is part of my heritage, also. I still read it at my grandparents' house when I go for a visit.

I am currently taking several writing courses. Writing has always been a life long dream of mine, I think of my Snyder English teachers, often. Mrs. Combest was always my favorite. I recently had to write an assignment on a place from my childhood past.

The story enclosed is what I wrote. I decided to send it to the Snyder Daily News to see if you might could use it as a July 4th article.

Sincerely,
Tracy L. Banks

Deal ruled llegal

NEW LONDON, Conn. (AP) — A deal between a prosecutor and a convicted serial killer that has the killer agreeing to be executed without a hearing is illegal, a judge ruled.

Superior Court Judge Thomas Miano said Wednesday he found it "unsettling" that prosecutors worked with Michael Ross on his wish to be executed without a fight. The deal violates state law, the state constitution and the U.S. Constitution, Miano said.

"Shortcuts on procedure where an individual's life hangs in the balance cannot be tolerated under our system of criminal justice," Miano wrote. "The defendant does not have the right to subvert the process."

Ross, a former insurance salesman, strangled at least six girls and young women in the early 1980s. He was convicted and sentenced to death, but the sentence was later thrown out. He says he is not suicidal but rather wants to spare the victims' families the additional pain of another penalty hearing.

Johnson attends Boys State

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procedure, how to run and win an election, and most importantly how to tough it out. I appreciate the American Legion and the Kiwanis Club for sending me on this life-changing experience.

(Editor's Note: The following was taken from an American Legion Boys State Brochure.)

Boys State developed from two concepts. First, to offer youth a better perspective of the practical operation of government.

Second, the individual is an integral part and commensurately responsible for the character and success of the government.

Boys State is an activity of educational value, born out of a need for youth training in practical citizenship. It is a leadership action program in which qualified male high school juniors develop a working knowledge of the structure of government. It teaches the young citizens that government is just what they make it.

The American Legion believes there is no better way to assure the survival of our republic than to train young people in the ideals and objectives of American government.

By teaching youth to understand and appreciate the basic principles involved in the successful management of a democratic society, we keep America strong and ensure freedom for future generations. These are the long standing objectives of American Legion Boys State.

We accomplish this through a unique summertime program complete with its governing bodies and elected public officials.

Rather than classroom lectures and textbook learning, we emphasize participation and personal experience in a model state.

Boys State was founded and its courses of instruction designed to supplement the information taught in high school civics classes.

Boys States teaches that our form of government is good and that its preservation depends on intelligent, informed and loyal citizens.

"The biggest issue when I first got here was liquor by the drink. We'd consider that child's play now."

Vanessa attends Girls State

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through approving a variety of humorous laws such as not leaving the dorm rooms without shoes or barking every time they passed a fire hydrant.

Taxes were also passed such as a penny each for hair brushes and tooth brushes and five cents to reside at the dorm.

One of the highlights of the Girls State experience occurred when the House went to the state capitol and convened in the House of Representatives room. They experienced the entire process of how bills are created, moved through the Legislature and then either approved or turned down-then, which, Vanessa learned, was no easy task.

Somewhat isolated during the session, Vanessa said they were kept informed of current events through a radio station which had been established at the session.

Girls State also operated its own bank in which those attending the session deposited their money.

Vanessa said they also heard a variety of speakers including Gov. George Bush, who officiated at the inauguration of the newly elected state officials; Garry Mauro, candidate for governor; Lori Swan, the assistant district attorney for Harris County; Cecile Richards, founder of the Texas Freedom Network, a grass roots organization which offers an alternative to religious or political extremes in the state; Carole Keaton Rylander, Texas Railroad Commissioner; Becky Farrar, a candidate for the Texas House; and Bea Ann Smith, a justice of the 3rd District Court of Appeals.

Vanessa had "no idea what to expect" when she was selected to attend Girls State, but "learned a lot." And, though, she missed her family, she was glad she attended because of all of the people she met there.

Vanessa is looking forward to her senior year at Snyder High School, and anticipates competing in UIL speech, spelling and vocabulary contests.

She wants to attend Texas Tech University after graduation but had not decided on her major yet. She is the daughter of Joe Dan and Linda Jones.

(Editor's Note: The following information was taken from the American Legion Auxiliary Bluebonnet Girls State brochure.)

The purpose of American Legion Auxiliary Bluebonnet Girls State is to educate young women in the duties, pivileges, rights and responsibilities of American citizenship.

Its purpose is to awaken within the youth of the nation a sincere conviction that a well-informed, intelligent, participating citizenry is most vitally needed to protect and preserve American institutions and American democracy.

It is a mythical 51st state, where, for a period, the citizens of Girls State organize their own city, county and state governments. They choose their own officials in accordance with regular election procedures.

They learn the duties of the various city, county and state offices. They introduce and debate their bills in a legislature.

Justice is administered by their own law enforcement agencies and courts. In Girls State, the young citizens "learn by doing."

The entire program is nonpartisan and free from propaganda. The political parties are purely mythical for the sole purpose of enabling the girls to set up their own city, county, and state governments, using the existing constitution and laws as guides.

They are divided into two political parties, the "National" and "Federal."

Q&A

How can people stay safe over July 4th?

(In response to a growing concern among parents, educators and other members of the community, Snyder Daily News, in cooperation with Al-Anon support groups and the Snyder Area Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse, is devoting this column to your questions and concerns about the increasing threat of substance abuse.)

The Snyder Area Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse (SACADA) would like to wish everyone a happy and safe Fourth of July.

July 4th is a time for celebrating, family reunions and various outdoor activities. With these activities, comes drinking and parties. Keep the holiday weekend safe by making responsible decisions about drinking and driving and operating any form of vehicle, aircraft or boat.

Unfortunately, drunk drivers each year cause over 20 percent of all traffic fatalities in the United States. The number of accidents nearly doubles on a holiday because of drinking and driving. Every injury and death caused by drunk driving is preventable.

You can prevent some of these accidents by protecting yourself and the others around you. One way is, of course, not to drink and drive or ride with anyone who has had too much to drink. SACADA prefers you not ride with anyone who has any anything to drink. Here are some other ways to protect yourself.

- Volunteer to be a designated driver.
- Always use a safety seat belt.
- Use four lane highways whenever possible when traveling.
- Avoid rural roads.
- Avoid travel after midnight (especially on Friday, Saturday or holidays)

Although SACADA prefers you not drink at all, we realize that drinking will occur, particularly on holidays. If you decide to drink this Fourth of July, know your limits. Don't be fooled. the contents of the typical bottle or can of beer, glass of wine, or liquor drink (mixed drink or straight liquor) each contains virtually identical amounts of pure alcohol. When it comes to alcohol, a drink is a drink, is a drink and are all the same to a breathalyzer.

If you are a host of a gathering this weekend, be a courteous and safe host. Serve lots of food, especially high protein food such as meat, cheese and peanuts that will help slow the absorption of alcohol in your body.

Protecting others is also very important during the holiday celebration. Listed are some ways to do this:

—Volunteer to be a designated driver.

—Never condone or approve of excessive alcohol consumption. Intoxicated behavior is potentially dangerous and never amusing.

—Don't let your friends drive drunk. Take their keys, have them stay the night or have them ride home with someone else — but never let them drive home drunk.

Once again SACADA prefers that you not drink at all on the Fourth of July. Remember that the legal drinking age is 21. The consequences for contributing to a minor are not worth the risk. Teenagers remember, spending the night in jail is not a fun way to spend the holidays. Of course, the best way to spend the holidays is sober and safe.

Please send your questions on drug or addiction to P.O. Box 695, Snyder, TX, 79550. All questions and personal inquiries may be submitted anonymously. Twenty-four hour confidential information is available by calling 573-1141 or 1-800-568-6722. Information on help groups and individual's phone numbers may be found in the SDN Community Calendar.

Check-cashing firm linked to money laundering plans

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The top three executives and several managers in a publicly traded check-cashing company were caught laundering millions of dollars in drug money, federal authorities said.

The Supermail International Inc. executives not only condoned illegal transfers but also gave undercover agents a lesson in laundering illicit funds, said Tim McNally, assistant director of the FBI's Los Angeles field office.

"This operation represents the disruption and dismantlement of a nationwide business utilized to launder money," McNally said. "They basically took a legitimate financial service and corrupted it."

U.S. Attorney Norma Manella added, "This case is particularly disturbing because Supermail is one of the largest players in the check-cashing industry."

McNally said the executives gave their employees permission to accept drug money and even accepted it themselves. They also allegedly advised undercover agents on different ways to launder money, including buying Supermail stock, which is traded over the counter.

FBI agents raided two Los Angeles offices of Supermail and the company's Sacramento headquarters Wednesday, seizing documents and other evidence.

Eleven people have been indicted in connection with the two-year investigation called "Operation Mule Train," said U.S. Attorney's spokesman Thom Mrozek.

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To Peggy S.

For Our
First Anniversary July 4th, 1998

What Would I Say to My Wife Peggy?

First I would take her to the place we were joined by God, at the time we were joined by God. I would look straight into the most gorgeous eyes I have ever seen and I would say:

Peggy, you are the most beautiful woman in this world. I am so proud that you are my wife. I take you into my arms, in hopes that our hearts will become closer. You are the best. You are the smartest of us two. I take your hand in mine, in hopes that our feelings will become one. Peggy, I am the luckiest man alive, for you are my wife.I love you with all of my heart. I place you above all others. God brought us together for a reason, and I believe that the reason is for us to grow together and become closer than ever before known to either of us. You will always come first in my life. I bow down in front of you and God to promise this to you - so that I may have God's blessing - no greater gift could he give me, than you, Peggy. Thank you for being a part of my life, you will never know just what you really mean to me, or how much I love you. Thank you for allowing us to grow together, and thank you for loving me. I thank the good Lord each day and each night for you. I am sorry for any trespasses of the past - they will never see light again. I hand you a single rose - for you are like that one rose, unique in every way, no other alike. You are a very special person. Thank you for sticking through thick and thin. All I ask is that we only improve. Thank you for being you. Thank you for showing me the way. Thank you for letting me love you on this and every day.

I love you,
Ron

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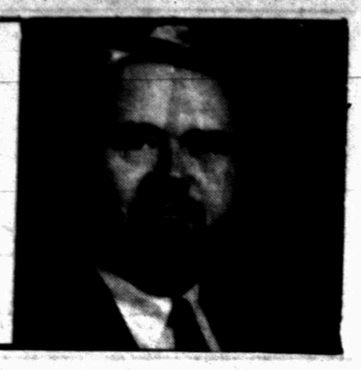

By Don Taylor

Success is a by-product

I don't know anyone personally who doesn't want to be successful. However, I do know a lot of folks who haven't achieved any great amount of success. It may be because they don't realize that success is a by-product.

My dictionary defines a by-product as: "Anything produced in the course of making another thing." Success fits this definition because it is only accomplished through work, effort and the desire to achieve.

If you study the lives of men and women, who are achieving an admirable measure of success, you'll often find some common factors. More often than not, these common factors are by-products of other actions.

For example, Stan Musial, the great baseball player, never dreamed of becoming a Hall of Famer when he broke into the major leagues. His only goal was to play for the St. Louis Cardinals. His motivation was to earn a good living doing something he loved. Musial went on to become the National League's "Most Valuable Player" three times. He led the league in hitting seven different years and finished his career batting .331.

Musial's approach to success was to work on one pitch at a time. Then one hit at a time and then one season at a time. His record-shattering career was the by-product of studious attention to mastering his craft, and intensely competitive spirit and showing up for work every day for 22 years.

The main ingredients

•**Success is a by-product of love**. I've never yet seen anyone achieve greatness without loving what they do. While there is still work involved, if you love what you're doing the workload gets lighter.

•**Success is a by-product of thought**. Not thinking of success, but rather solving this day's problems through careful consideration of facts. Thought opens the door of discovery and lets in the light of reason. Sound reason brings clear solutions to difficult problems.

•**Success is a by-product of focusing on the positive**. Only a pessimist succeeds being negative. By focusing on what you can do, rather than what you cannot, you move forward toward success. Your progress may not be visible to you each day, but you are on your way.

•**Success is a by-product of planning**. Creating a plan will not make you successful. I've seen the business plans of some real failures. However, a good plan is a foundation to build on. Executing the elements in your plan will guide you toward success.

•**Success is a by-product of starting**. Many potentially successful projects fail because no one got them started. All success comes from starting. An adage says that well begun is half done.

•**Success is the by-product of continuing**. Thomas Edison achieved great success by starting where others quit. Winston Churchill made a great speech with just six words. He said, "Never, never, never, never give up." Helen Keller said, "We can do anything we want to do if we stick to it long enough."

•**Success is a by-product of time well spent**. Productive use of your time is a critical success factor. All people are given the same amount of time every day. Some use it dreaming, some denying, some dodging and some doing. Become a doer. Concentrate on results. Use your time wisely.

•**Success is a by-product of doing**. Results are the outcome of actions. Actions are the by-product of doing. A lifetime of doing what we love in a positive way, while thinking of others, will create some wonderful products and cause success to surround you. Work toward other goals and success will overtake you as certainly as night follows day.

Don Taylor is the co-author of "Up Against the Wal-Marts." You may write to him in care of "Minding Your Own Business, P.O. Box 67, Amarill, TX 79105.

Three dead in Arkansas shooting

HELENA, Ark. (AP) — A police officer responding to a domestic disturbance call was shot and killed by a man who then fatally shot his girlfriend before turning the gun on himself, authorities said.

Capt. Richard Wyssbrod, who would have celebrated his 12th year with the Helena Police Department on Wednesday, was killed Tuesday night. Police files indicate Wyssbrod, 44, was the first officer to die in the line of duty in this small Mississippi River town.

Police believe Jimmy Lee Guy, 28, shot Wyssbrod, then shot Guy's girlfriend, Emeka N. Robinson and then himself.

Cogdell Memorial Hospital is Proud To Salute

SHARON FRY, Clerk
Medical Records Dept.

Employee Of The Month
June, 1998

Sharon Fry, clerk, Health Information Management Department (Medical Records), is Cogdell Memorial Hospital's Employee of the Month for June.

She has worked at Cogdell Hospital for 3-1/2 years. In her job, she processes all Emergency Department records, does a final check on all charts, types, copies records, and answers the telephone in her department.

She graduated from high school at Bellevue, Texas and attended Midwestern University, Wichita Falls, Texas.

Sharon has two children, a son, Shane, 21, is employed at Lorber Industries, and her daughter, Erin, 17, is a senior at Snyder High School.

She was selected for this honor following nominations by co-workers. Comments on nomination ballots for Sharon included: a true team player with all departments ... will take the time to assist anyone needing help ... always friendly and in a good mood ... completes assigned tasks in a timely manner ... dependable and knowledgeable about her job.

Cogdell Memorial Hospital

Public Records

New Vehicle Registrations

Michele L. Hendricks, 1999 Ford pickup from McCullough Ford.

Jim B. Bean, 1998 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Pedro SanJuan, 1998 Ford from Wilson Motors.

Edward W. and Dorothy J. Blakslee, 1999 Ford from Wilson Motors.

Ken Gard, 1999 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

Monty Clark, 1998 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Douglas A. Fiske, 1999 Chevrolet Suburban from Big Country Autoland.

Alan L. Miller, 1999 Chevrolet Tahoe from Big Country Autoland.

Bill and Eleanor Dryden, 1999 Chevrolet Tahoe from Big Country Autoland.

Rogert and Margaret R. Kalisiak, 1999 Chevrolet Suburban from Big Country Autoland.

D.L. Peterson Trust, 1998 Ford from Williamsburg Motors.

Lisa and Kevin Roemisch, 1998 Ford van from Wilson Motors.

Jerry Steven Reiner, 1997 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

Mark and Lena Garcia, 1998 Ford van from Wilson Motors.

Israel and Delia Franco, 1998 Ford from Wilson Motors.

Chevron Pipeline Co., two 1998 Chevrolet pickups from Big Country Autoland.

Don B. Estill, 1999 Chevrolet Suburban from Big Country Autoland.

Shirley J. Rhodes, 1998 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

C.R. and Rachel Perez, 1998 Oldsmobile from Big Country Autoland.

James Frank Kelley, 1997 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Roe's Furniture and Appliance, 1998 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

James w. and Novena F. Butler, 1998 GMC pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Bobby W. Jones, 1998 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Danny and Camille Monzingo, 1998 Ford Explorer from Wilson Motors.

Carolyn and Bob Harris, 1998 Ford from Wilson Motors.

Jeffrey P. and Dena A. Reecer, 1999 Chevrolet Suburban from Big Country Autoland.

James R. and Adam C. Webster, 1998 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Richard Montez, 1998 Pontiac from Big Country Autoland.

Tim Bob Smith, 1999 Pontiac from Big Country Autoland.

Chris Gaskins, 1999 Chevrolet Suburban from Big Country Autoland.

Teresa B. Gaskins, 1999 Chevrolet Suburban from Big Country Autoland.

Paul Turner, 1998 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Marcia Jo Odal, 1999 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

Jimmy W. Brooks, 1998 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

Jay D. McCollum, 1998 Chevrolet Tahoe from Big Country Autoland.

Peterson Drilling Co, 1999 Chevrolet Tahoe from Big Country Autoland.

Pete Perez, 1998 Ford Escort from Wilson Motors.

Kirk Blumenstock, 1998 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

Joe F. and Lile Rivera, 1999 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

Edgar A. Smith, 1999 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

Sparlin Construction and James R. Sparlin, 1999 Chevrolet Tahoe from Big Country Autoland.

Marriage License

Mickel Lynn Davis and Shirley Mae Broker, both of Snyder.

Stephen Kelly Franks and Micah Donette Brown, both of Snyder.

Jerry Lynn Leatherwood of Snyder and Miranda Joan Bowser of Keelser AFB, Miss.

Todd Stewart Berry of Paris and Jere Lynn Powell of Gatesville.

William Carroll Nix and Christy Renee Strong, both of Snyder.

Jeremiah Johnathan Nobles and Vonnie-Lynn Ruth Cozart, both of Snyder.

Filed in District Court

West Texas State Bank vs. Tonya Scott, suit for damages, forgery.

Juan Duran vs. Robert Michael and John C. Burton, suit for damages, motor vehicle.

Action in District Court

In the marriage of Richard Clark Reed and Carman Michelle Reed, divorce granted.

In the marriage of David James Botts and Janet Kay Botts, divorce granted.

In the marriage of Jason Lynn Weese and Tiffany Ann Weese, divorce granted.

In the marriage of Evelyn Modean Fletcher and Ornal Kelly Fletcher, divorce granted.

Jim Bob Carter vs. IDS Services Inc. and Exxon Corp., dba Exxon Company USA, order of dismissal concerning Exxon Corp., dba Exxon Company USA.

Deed Records

William W. and Mary Proctor to Paul J. and Diana C. Perez, the north 50 feet of Lot 4 in Block 45 of the Blankenship Addition.

Vivian Elizabeth Fikes to William F. Fikes, all of Lot 1 in Block 1 of the Grayum and Clark Subdivision of the Cody Heights Addition.

Coy Dale and Regina J. Rhodes to Michael B. Elkins, tract one being a 0.172-acre tract in Lot 18 of the Townsend Subdivision, Section 1, a part of Tract 37 of the Dallas Trust and Savings Bank Subdivision of the Grimes Ranch Lands in Section 14, Block 1, J.P. Smith survey; tract two being a 0.104-acre tract, part of Lot 36 of the Townsend Subdivision, Section 1 in Tract 37 of the Dallas Trust and Savings Bank Subdivision of the Grimes Ranch Lands in Section 14, Block 1, J.P. Smith survey.

Donald L. Lawler to Coy Dale and Regina J. Rhodes, tract one being a 0.172-acre tract in Lot 18 of the Townsend Subdivision, Section 1, a part of Tract 37 of the Dallas Trust and Savings Bank Subdivision of the Grimes Ranch Lands in Section 14, Block 1, J.P. Smith survey; tract two being a 0.104-acre tract part of Lot 36 of the Townsend Subdivision, Section 1 in Tract 37 of the Dallas Trust and Savings Bank Subdivision of the Grimes Ranch Lands in Section 14, Block 1, J.P. Smith survey.

Laura Mary Heath and Donald H. Coonrod to SACROC Unit, Pennzoil Exploration and Production Company, 120 acres in the north 155 and 156 acres of Section 39, Kirkland and Fields survey.

The Northwest Texas Episcopal Board of Trustees to James Todd and Julienne Alyssa Stewart, all of Lot 7 in Block 25 of the Winston Replat of the south one-half of Blocks 24-28 of the Colonial Hill Addition.

Evelyn Modean Barnett to O.K. Fletcher, all of Lot 8 in Block 2 of the Replat of the George W. Brown Original Homesite Tract of the Colonial Hill Addition.

O.K. Fletcher to Evelyn Modean Barnett, all of Lot 3 in Block 2 of the Western Hill Addition.

Chad David and Shawna Dyan Redwine to Randall Keith and Donna Marie Morris, all of Lot 7 in Block 1 of the Eastridge Addition.

David James Botts to Janet K. Botts, one acre out of the southwest one-quarter of Section 160, Block 3, H&TC survey.

Kerry L. and Sharon D. Fritz to Heath L. Watlington, Lot 7 and the north 30 feet of Lot 8 in Block B of the Highland Park Addition.

Marie Line, individually and as independent executrix of the estate of Sig E. Line, to Ira Pruitt, all of the east 89 feet of the south one-half of Lot 2 in Block 4 of the Original Town of Snyder.

Judy Smallwood, independent executrix of the estate of Joneil Smallwood, to Danna Smallwood Higgs, Timothy Smallwood and Samuel Smallwood, tract one being an undivided one-quarter interest in the east one-half of the southeast one-quarter of Section 134, Block 97, H&TC survey; tract two being an one-quarter undivided interest in the southwest one-quarter of Section 135, Block 97, H&TC survey; tract three being an undivided one-quarter interest in the east one-half of the southeast one-quarter of Section 137, Block 97, H&TC survey; tract four being an undivided one-quarter interest in the east one-half of the northeast one-quarter of Section 134, Block 97, H&TC survey; tract five being an undivided one-quarter interest in the south 82 acres of the southeast one-quarter of Section 139, Block 97, H&TC survey; tract six being an undivided one-quarter interest in 66 acres out of the southwest one-quarter of Section 134, Block 97, H&TC survey; tract seven being an undivided one-quarter interest in a 40-acre tract east of the highway out of the northwest one-half of the west one-half of the northeast one-quarter of Section 134, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Betwell Oil and Gas to Pennzoil Exploration and Production Company, tract one being a part of Section 40, Kirkland and Fields Survey and Section 16, Block 1, J.P. Smith survey; tract two being 70 acres in Sections 39 and 40, Kirkland and Fields survey; tract three being 10 acres out of the north 155 feet and 156 acres out of Section 39, Kirkland and Fields survey; tract four being 6.89 acres out of Section 40, Block 18, Kirkland and Fields survey.

Lance Edward Kirby to Tracy Dee Kirby, all of Lot 3 in Block 1 of the Highlands Addition.

Ronald Clinton and Patricia Wilcox to Tommy and Carla Campbell, a tract out of the northeast corner of Section 177, Block 3, H&GN survey.

Billy Don Snider to Jo Ann Snider, all of Lots 13 and 14 in Block 8 of the Park Place Addition.

Jimmy Joe and Delores Key to William D and Anita B. Wilson, tract one being a tract in Section 14, Block 1, J.P. Smith survey; tract two being a tract in Tract 42 of the Dallas Trust and Savings Bank Subdivision of the Grimes Ranch Lands in Section 14, J.P. Smith survey.

Gary J. and Ruth A. Leuck to Chad David and Shawna Dyan Redwin, Lots 1 and 2 in Block 5 of the Wall Addition.

Charles William Harrell, independent executor of the estates of Myrtle Harrell and Fay Harrell, to Mary Jo Harrell, all of Block 1 of the Warren Crest Addition.

Charles William Harrell, inde-

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Streisand, Brolin wed

MALIBU, Calif. (AP) — It was all roses and violin serenades for Barbra Streisand and James Brolin, who exchanged wedding vows at a secret ceremony inside her oceanside estate two years to the day after they began their romance.

Her son, Jason, gave the bride away. Brolin's son, Josh, was the groom's best man. And Marvin Hamlisch conducted a 16-piece orchestra featuring the sweet strains of 10 violins.

Before the nuptials in Ms. Streisand's formal living room Wednesday evening, guests mingled on the estate's lawn and rose gardens. Afterward, guests including Tom Hanks and wife Rita Wilson gathered around the pool, strewn with water lilies and candles, for a cocktail reception.

Publicist Dick Guttman briefed reporters, who had staked out the compound in hordes but were kept back by a leather barricade about 50 yards from the mansion's entrance.

Private security guards responded to the media crush by blasting heavy metal music around 5 p.m., repeatedly playing a song by the group White Zombie that blared from three big speakers.

Besides Hanks and Wilson, famous friends at the wedding ceremony included Donna Karan, John Travolta and wife Kelly Preston, Quincy Jones and directors Sidney Pollack and Irwin Kershner. President Clinton's brother, Roger, was there with his wife, Molly. Streisand has stayed at the White House, after all.

The couple planned to honeymoon at an undisclosed site.

Rumors of an impending wedding swirled for a year. The latest surfaced a week ago and gained momentum when a huge white tent went up at her secluded Point Dume estate.

Florists, caterers and party suppliers began deliveries Tuesday and publicists for Ms. Streisand and Brolin hesitantly confirmed the ceremony would be this week. As it turned out, Wednesday was the second anniversary of their first date July 1, 1996.

Brolin, who calls his bride "Beezer," proposed four or five times to Ms. Streisand, finding just the right ring in January 1997. She began wearing the ring, but no official engagement announcement came until publicists confirmed it months later.

Satellite TV trucks had to bivouac a half-mile from the house, where camera crews and reporters hovered near the driveway in anticipation of arrivals and a glimpse of someone famous.

Guttman had requested that news helicopters stay away so "sacred vows can be heard."

The couple signed a prenuptial agreement, the New York Post reported today. It quoted filmmaker Peter Jones as saying they "definitely" inked such a deal, which is designed to protect themselves financially in case of divorce.

Second illegal dies in desert

NOGALES, Ariz. (AP) — A Mexican woman trying to sneak across the border to rejoin her husband and baby son died of exposure in the 105-degree heat. She was the second illegal immigrant to die trying to cross the Arizona desert in a month.

Rosa Palomino Perez de Cardenas, 22, her brother-in-law and 16 other illegal immigrants were apparently abandoned by smugglers, her father-in-law, Jesus Cardenas, said.

"They don't have human blood, those people," he said Wednesday. "They let people die without caring. All they care about is getting a little money."

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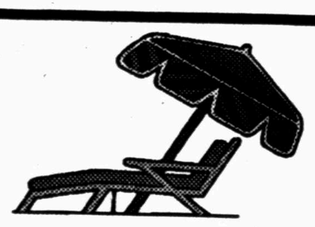

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TUESDAY
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WEDNESDAY
Country fried steak, whipped potatoes, cream gravy, green peas, tossed salad, chocolate pudding

THURSDAY
Hamburger, hamburger salad, potato chips, cantaloupe, ice cream sundae

FRIDAY
Fried fish, vegetable medley, macaroni & tomatoes, raw vegetable salad, lemon refrigerator dessert

Senior Center News

Weekley activities include Monday's 9:30 a.m. bridge and a nine ball tournament.

The Hoss Clayton band will play at 11 a.m. on Tuesday and the Golden Kiwanis Club will meet at noon. Games of 42/88 will begin at 10 a.m.

Line dancing is set for 1 p.m. on Wednesday.

Ice cream sundaes will be served at lunch on Thursday. Game night begins at 6 p.m.

Friday's activities include bridge and the blood pressure clinic which both begin at 9:30 a.m.

Daily activities include exercise at 11 a.m., dominoes, quilting, walking in the gym, pool and swimnastics Monday through Thursday at WTC from 9-10 a.m.

Anyone interested in quilting a top for the senior center is welcome to use the scrap materials that are donated to the senior center.

The center also has a supply of quilt patterns as well as some of the camouflage material donated by Walls. Seniors may help themselves.

The center also has handicraft kits that have been donated and would make good projects for seniors to make for the annual May Day celebration.

The center also has jigsaw puzzles, books and magazines that seniors may borrow.

All seniors are encouraged to have lunch at the center. Not only does part of the center's funding depend on attendance, but some new food items have been added to the menu.

Center staffers say they appreciate all of the volunteers who have been helping with the home-delivered meals program. They also encourage anyone who has any free time to help with the program as well.

Transportation is available to seniors who would like to eat lunch at the center. The van leaves at 9 a.m. to pick up seniors. After the meal, the van leaves at 1 p.m. to return seniors to their homes.

Seniors requiring transportation for errands such as the grocery store, bank or doctor are asked to please make arrangements through the Senior Center office. These trips must be arranged through the Senior Center office between the hours of 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. Monday through Friday.

U.S. Navy won't send napalm to Texas until meetings are conducted

FALLBROOK, Calif. (AP) — The Navy has agreed to hold off on shipping some 3.3 million gallons of napalm to Texas for at least a month to allow for public input, a newspaper reported Thursday.

The Navy agreed to delay shipment of the Vietnam-era napalm stored at the Fallbrook Naval Weapons Facility, about 55 miles north of San Diego, for "four to six weeks," a Texas congressman's office told the North (San Diego) County Times.

Rep. Ken Bentsen, D-Houston, said the Navy will attend a public meeting in Deer Park on Wednesday evening. Industry officials, along with representatives from the Texas Natural Resources Conservation Commission and Harris County Office of Emergency Management, also are expected.

"The public has the right to know about the details of the Navy's plan," said Bentsen, who teamed with other Texas lawmakers to request a postponement until Texans could learn more about the $28 million recycling program.

An announcement is expected next week on which of three Texas companies bidding on the napalm will receive the contract.

The Navy has been looking for someone to take the napalm since an Indiana company it selected backed out in April because of local and political opposition.

While the Navy has agreed to hold off on shipping the bulk of the napalm for several weeks, Navy officials have informed Bentsen that an initial shipment of 22,000 gallons must be moved out of California by July 16 because state temporary storage permits expire on that day.

Navy officials declined comment, except to say that no contract has been awarded.

The three Texas companies bidding on the napalm are: GNI Group Inc., near Deer Park; Chemical Waste Management, near Port Arthur; and Waste Control Specialists in West Texas' Andrews County.

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Seeks DNA tests

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina (AP) — A woman claiming to be Evita Peron's daughter wants to take a DNA test to prove the fabled first lady was her mother.

"I want to be recognized as my mother's daughter and they will do that with the results of the DNA tests, " Nilda Quartucci told a radio station Wednesday.

Quartucci, 57, said she was born in a Buenos Aires clinic to a young Evita Peron, and that she never saw Evita, who died of cancer in 1952. Quartucci said Evita disowned her "for reasons that do not reflect well on my father."

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CNN retracts story and issues apology

By The Associated Press

CNN Thursday retracted its story that the U.S. military used deadly nerve gas during a Vietnam-era mission in Laos to kill American defectors.

CNN said its internal investigation concluded that its joint report with Time magazine, disputed by "hundreds" of veterans and military officials, could not be supported.

"CNN alone bears responsibility for both the television reports and for the printed article in the June 15 issue of Time magazine," Tom Johnson, chairman of the CNN News Group, said in a statement read on CNN at midday Thursday.

"We apologize to our viewers and to our colleagues at Time for this mistake. CNN owes a special apology to the personnel involved in Operation Tailwind, both the U.S. Air Force pilots and the U.S. Marine Corps helicopter pilots who were involved in this action."

CNN had hired attorney Floyd Abrams late last week to conduct an independent investigation into the charges, and made its statement Thursday based on his report.

Johnson said reporters, producers and executives at CNN bear responsibility for the mistake, but his statement did not say what action would be taken against them.

The story proved a major embarrassment to CNN/USA President Richard Kaplan. Launching a series of newsmagazines called "NewsStand" was his top programming initiative, and he used the nerve gas story to attract attention to the series' premiere.

"We acknowledge serious faults in the use of sources who provided Newstand with the original reports and therefore retract the Tailwind story," Johnson said in his statement.

Almost immediately after it was aired, military experts began disputing the contention that the lethal nerve gas sarin was used on a Laotian village in 1970, as part of a secret mission to kill American defectors.

Defense Secretary William Cohen ordered an investigation into the charges, but said there was no evidence that the gas was ever used.

CNN military analyst Perry Smith, a retired major general who served in Vietnam, called the account "sleazy journalism" and resigned in protest. He said he was not consulted on the story before it was aired.

Retired Adm. Thomas Moorer, a former chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, quoted in the report confirming the use of the nerve gas, later said that he had heard rumors but saw no direct evidence that the deadly chemical was used.

One soldier who was in Laos in 1970 and used in the report, Robert Van Buskirk, later said that he had repressed all memory of the events since 1974 before CNN began questioning him about it. CNN made no mention of the recovered-memory episode.

1st Amendment defense barred

GREENBELT, Md. (AP) — A federal judge barred a journalist from invoking the First Amendment during his trial on charges of sending and receiving online child pornography.

Larry Matthews, a veteran reporter who now works for National Public Radio, has said he was researching the explosion of child porn on the Internet and the efforts of authorities to curb it.

He had planned to argue during his trial beginning Tuesday that he has a right to view such materials under the amendment, which guarantees freedom of speech and the press.

U.S. District Judge Alexander Williams Jr. knocked down Matthews' central defense on Monday, agreeing with prosecutors that intent is irrelevant under federal law. He said Matthews could have interviewed authorities and looked up child pornography prosecutions for his research.

Attorneys in the case refused comment. Defense lawyers Michael Statham and Leslie McAdoo-Brobson filed a motion Tuesday urging the judge to reconsider.

Nutrition By Ed Blonz, PH.D.

Can diet lower cholesterol?

By Ed Blonz, Ph.D.

DEAR DR. BLONZ: My doctor told me that my cholesterol was elevated, but that it was not high enough to require medication. He let it go at that, saying I should watch what I eat, cut down on dietary fat, and come back to be retested in six months. Could you give me some information on lowering my cholesterol in a natural way? My diet isn't really that great and I don't want to end up a statistic. — T.W., Santa Monica, Calif.

DEAR T.W.: With such a short note, it is difficult to know what you bring to the table in terms of your age, weight, lifestyle, health history and current state of health. All these are key factors in devising a plan that would be best for YOU. Your question, however, is one that's often asked. Permit me, then, to speak generically about what the average individual should consider doing.

The key to a successful plan would, of course, involve a healthful diet; but it takes more than just watching what you eat and cutting down on dietary fat. Success also relies on regular exercise and, many times, a program that gives you tips about an often-neglected component of good health: stress reduction.

For your diet, consider making a gradual move toward a more plant-based diet that focuses on vegetables (lots of greens), fruits, legumes, whole grains, fish, nuts and lowfat dairy products. Your fats should be predominantly monounsaturated, such as olive oil; and with the exception of fish, there should be a minimum of animal (meat) products. With these guidelines, you needn't be too concerned with cutting all the fat out of your diet. One important exception, though, would be to eliminate all sources of partially hydrogenated fat. Read the ingredient statement on your food labels to locate this dietary demon. As my readers have heard for years, I consider partially hydrogenated fat to be a more insidious influence on health than just about anything else we eat.

Try to make sure that your diet contains at least 25 to 30 grams of dietary fiber. To this end, start every day with a high-fiber cereal. I would also try to use garlic whenever possible, as this has been found to reduce an elevated blood-cholesterol level.

Exercise is an important adjunct to any cholesterol-lowering program. It not only improves overall heart health, but also helps change the types of cholesterol in your bloodstream — making more of the highly desirable HDL (high-density lipoprotein) and less of the not-so-desirable LDL (low-density lipoprotein). After checking with your physician, I would start an exercise program, starting slowly with daily walks and gradually increasing my level of exertion. I would aim for a minimum of 30 minutes of exercise, three times a week.

Stress reduction is an important part of the cholesterol picture. It is not as obvious as diet and exercise, so let me provide a little background. The classical stress reaction is designed to prepare the body for "fight or flight" action. Under stress, blood pressure begins to rise. Blood flow to the skin and the digestive system is reduced, and a greater supply is directed toward the large muscle groups. Muscle fuels — stored fats, amino acids and quick-energy carbohydrates — enter the bloodstream. In preparation for any potential injury, platelets, the blood components that help stop bleeding, increase in number. Hearing sharpens; pupils dilate to increase the field of vision; breathing deepens to provide more oxygen; perspiration increases to keep the body cool; and finally, muscles tense in preparation for action.

Danger exists for individuals under chronic stress who are at high risk for cardiovascular disease. The increased level of circulating fats from the stress response means there will be an increase in blood cholesterol as well — something that individuals with an already high blood-cholesterol level cannot afford. Blood clots are involved in heart attacks and strokes, so when you figure in the increased level of clot-producing platelets and the higher blood pressure, it's easy to see why stress is associated with a higher incidence of heart disease.

The method one chooses for stress reduction is personality-dependent. General guidelines would include having outlets for stress, such as your exercise program and other recreational activities. It also helps to have friends with whom you can share both the good times and the bad. And finally, some find relief in relaxation techniques such as meditation and yoga. I would opt for all three if stress was a major player in my life. Good luck, and be sure to check back in to let me know how things are proceeding.

Send questions to: "On Nutrition," Ed Blonz, c/o Newspaper Enterprise Association, 200 Madison Ave., New York, NY 10016. For e-mail, address inquiries to: ed@blonz.com. Due to the volume of mail, personal replies cannot be provided.

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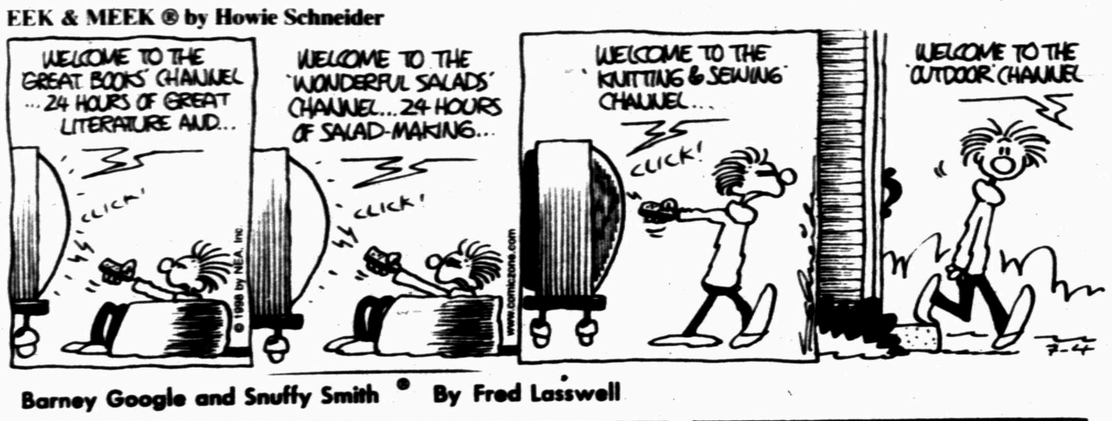

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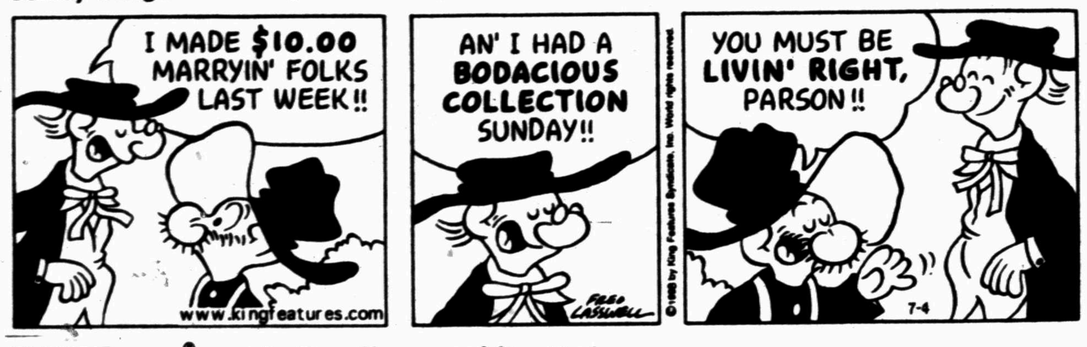

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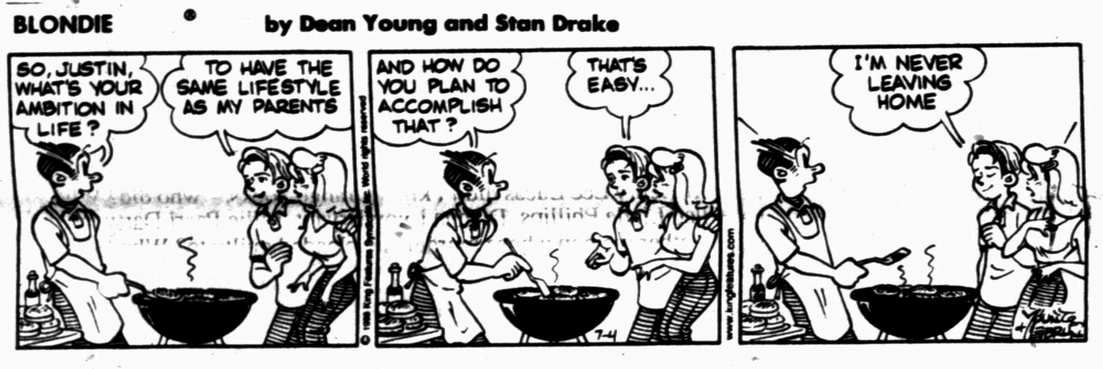

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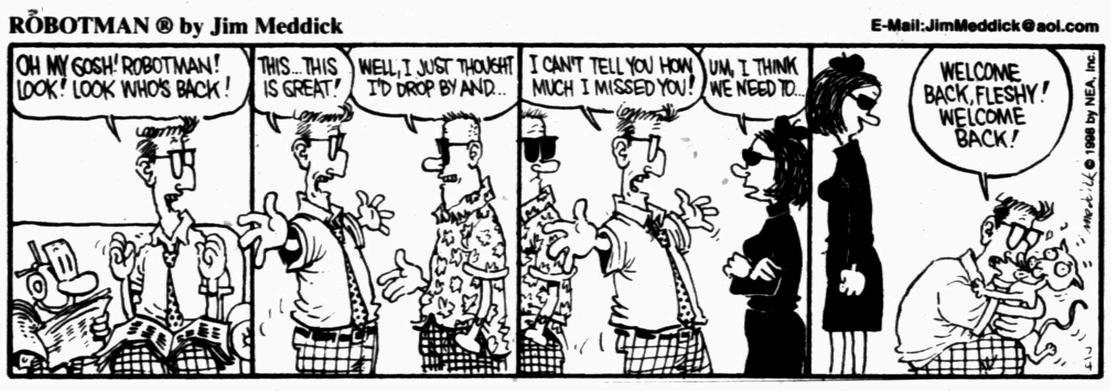

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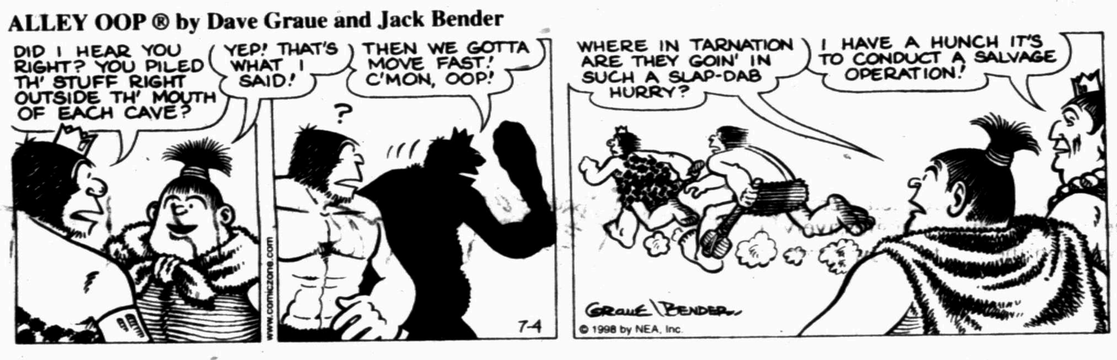

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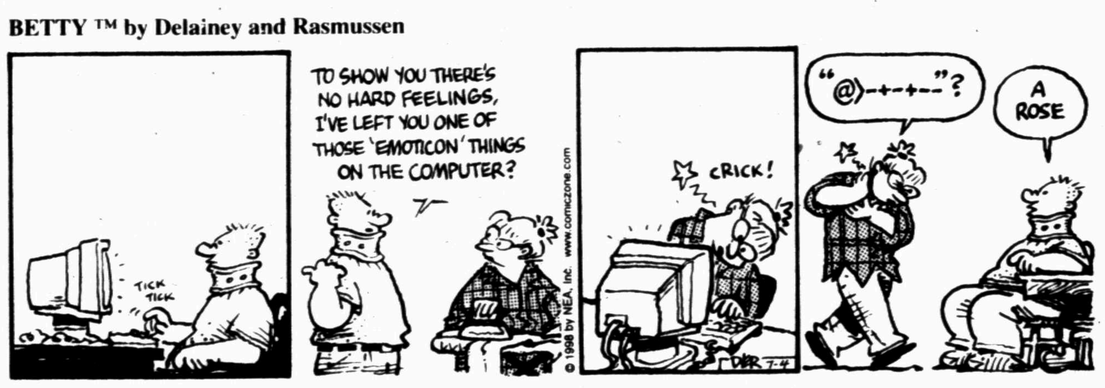

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14 Cause
15 Type of butter
16 Computer key
17 Antitoxins
18 — Guevara
20 — majesty
21 In the lead
23 Perceptive
27 Goes by, as time
32 Traveler
33 Like some carpeting
34 Bewildered (2 wds.)
35 Hair dye
36 Cooked the turkey
39 Undisguised
40 — — cologne
42 Fodder tower
46 Female sandpiper
47 Transgressions
51 Actress Merle —
53 Hawk
55 Conclusion
56 Actress Anderson
57 Confused
58 Like metal

DOWN

1 How clumsy of me!
2 Algonquian Indian
3 Fibber
4 A Chaplin
5 Actor Gulager
6 Two-masted vessel
7 Severe experience
8 Fair grade
9 Use a phone
10 Plaintiff
11 Deteriorates
12 Snick and —
19 TV's — Haw
21 Charge with gas
22 Character on Frasier
23 At a distance
24 Roman statesman
25 — Major (constellation)
26 Golf pegs
28 Type of bargain
29 Submerged
30 Anglo-Saxon serf
31 Herring's relative
37 Brought in, as salary
38 Payable
41 Lowest regions
42 Living-room piece
43 In the same place (abbr.)
44 Act like a banker
45 Spoken
47 Identical
48 Arrow poison
49 Actress Carter
50 Remain
52 Bullfight cheer
54 Map abbr.

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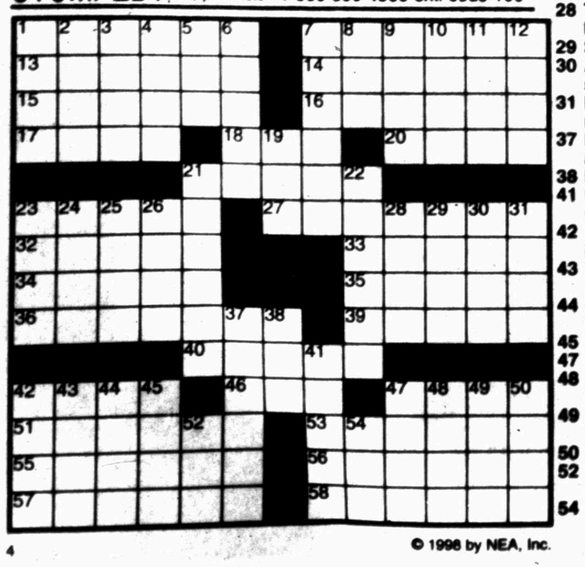

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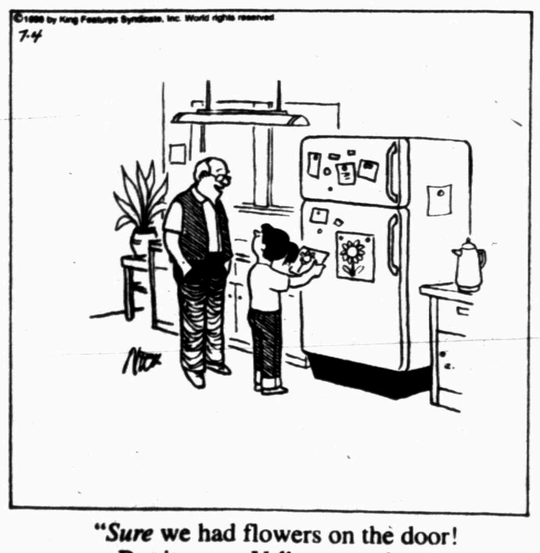

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The best care may be here

Deanie Francis Mills

Dear Cogdell Hospital:

This is a love letter to a hospital, specifically, to Cogdell Memorial Hospital.

I decided to write this letter because I wanted to do my little part to lay to rest a popular misconception, and that is that you can't get good medical care or have a positive hospital experience in a small town. It reminds me of a conversation I once had with the late, great William Fuller. He had flown down in his Lear jet to visit the two ranches once owned by his family in these parts, and my husband, Kent, was cowboying then on the Fuller "E" Ranch. We were newlyweds, and I was a bit in awe of Mr. Fuller. Everyone was, really, who ever met him. He was a tall handsome, sophisticated man who nonetheless knew what it was like to work cattle without a chute.

We were talking about how we often heard locally of people who thought they could get better doctors or somehow heal better in a hospital in Lubbock or Abilene. And Mr. Fuller smiled and said, "It's that way everywhere. People who live in Lubbock or Abilene think they would do better in Dallas, People in Dallas want to go to doctors in New York, and people in New York think they have to go to Paris."

"Where do people in Paris go?" I asked with a grin.

With a twinkle, he said, "Why, New York, of course."

People from small towns often think erroneously, that hospitals in big cities will provide better care. I even thought that myself until last summer, when I spent two weeks with my friend Dolores, who was dying of breast cancer. Dolores was a millionaire — to put it bluntly — and when she was first diagnosed, she flew all over the country in an effort to track down the best doctors she could find. Her travels took her to Los Angeles, Houston, Chicago and New York.

And she told me the truth about many big-city hospitals. Everybody was too busy — most "nursing," as we traditionally think of it, was done by poorly paid, ill-trained orderlies. (the real nurses had too much paperwork to do.) Nobody cared. And the "bigger" the doctor, it seemed, the greater the insensitivity. One even refused to treat her because it would skew the results of his research. "You're going to die anyway," he said, "so I don't see any point in wasting my time."

Such is often the reality of big-city medical care.

Last week, my son had to have a surgical procedure performed. It was not considered "major" as surgeries go — the removal of a cyst from his spine — but any time a patient goes under general anethesia, there is a certain risk involved. We were thrilled to learn that Snyder now has a resident surgeon — Dr. Mark Weaver — whose wife, Dr. Kathleen Weaver, is a renowned orthopedic surgeon in her own right. They are both highly respected, as are most — if not all — doctors who practice here in Snyder.

Right off the bat, I was impressed. It took fifteen minutes to check my son into the hospital. Let me repeat that. Fifteen minutes from the time we walked in the door until we were shown to his room. The corridors and the room itself were beautifully decorated in soothing pastel tones, and the nurses all wore bright, cheerful-colored smocks.

Let me talk about the nurses at Cogdell Memorial Hospital. Not only were they efficient and skilled, but they were ATTENTIVE. They cared. They understood that my son was nervous and we were apprehensive. They had paperwork to tend to, certainly, but it was dispatched quickly. If a nurse left the room and said, "I'll be right back," he or she came right back. They explained everything that was going to happen to him to alleviate his anxiety — and ours.

His anesthesiologist, Bill Clark, went over the entire procedure and allowed Dustin to choose his own method of anesthesia. He eased our little media-fed fears, and made it clear that Dustin would be in good hands.

During the surgery, we were never in the waiting room alone. There was always a hospital auxiliary volunteer there to keep us company and answer any questions. (Forgive me for forgetting the dear lady's name, but she was a sweetheart and Dr. Bid Cooper is her son.) After Dr. Weaver told us all was well, she praised the entire surgical staff.

In recovery, there were always at least two nurses watching over Dustin at all times. They were friendly and teasing, but they never dropped their vigilence. Back in the room, he was checked every half hour. Although we stayed with our son, we could have left at any time knowing that he would be well cared for, and that's a pretty serious compliment for any hospital.

Dustin is recuperating now at home and doing quite well, thank you. While I'm at it, I'd like to mention that both my babies were born at Cogdell Memorial Hospital. Pregnant women who think they need to drive two hours in labor in order to get access to better care might consider visiting the maternity ward at Cogdell. I never regretted it — and that was 20 years ago.

I also have my mammograms done right here as the hospital's mammography equipment is state-of-the-art.

I realize, reading over this, that I've taken up more than my usual space, but I just can't say enough to recommend Cogdell Memorial Hospital to anyone out there who may be considering going out of town for hospital or medical care.

Letters

Grateful landowner

Dear Editor:

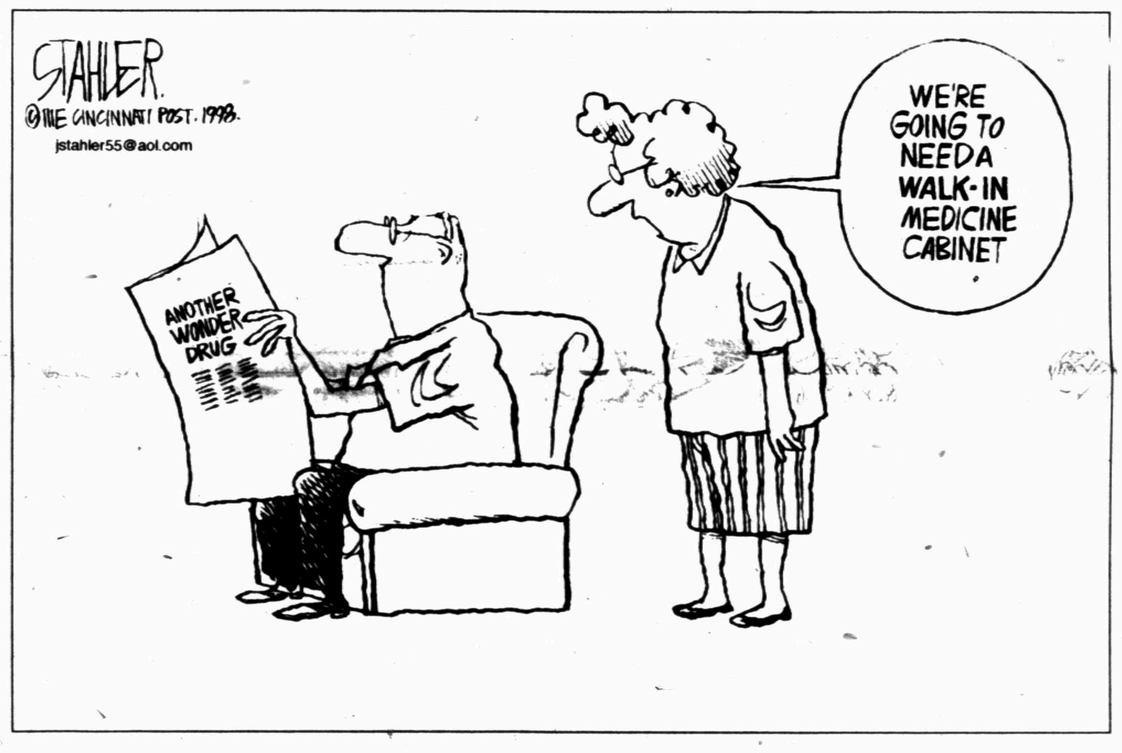
While we were out of town during a recent lightning storm, our grassland north of Snyder caught fire late at night.

In short order, firemen were at the site and aggressively contained the fire to a few acres. Nearby homes, farm equipment and buildings were totally undamaged.

I'm told that Jerry Gannaway expertly bladed a fire guard with a county maintainer and neighboring landowners were available to help.

Again, we can be thankful for having such committed, responsible people who eagerly respond to threats to our community.

John T. Best



Where was the NAACP?

Joseph Perkins

There was not a peep out of the Congressional Black Caucus. Nary a discouraging word from the NAACP. Hardly a whimper from the National Urban League. Not one major black organization mustered any complaint about the President's veto of the District of Columbia Opportunity Scholarship Act.

The bill would have established a pilot program to provide scholarships of up to $3,200 to 2,000 low-income students mired in the district's most wretched schools. Similar voucher programs have proven successful in such places as Cleveland, Milwaukee and East Harlem, N.Y. A 1996 Harvard study found that kids participating in these school-choice programs scored higher on basic math and reading tests than those who didn't.

Of course, none of this mattered to the president, who is beholden to the National Education Association. At the behest of the powerful public-teachers union, he killed the Opportunity Scholarship Act, declaring "we must strengthen our public schools, not abandon them."

This was nothing less than hypocrisy on the president's part. When the Clintons moved from Little Rock to the nation's capital six years ago, the president and first lady could have demonstrated their support for the city's public schools by enrolling their daughter, Chelsea, in one of them. But they chose to enroll her in a private academy. There was nothing wrong with that. What reasonable person can find fault with any parents — including Bill and Hillary Clinton — who seek to provide their child (or children) with the best possible education?

But the Clintons are blessed. Because of their high station, they could have placed their daughter in one of the district's better public schools. But because of their affluence, they were able to place her in the private school she ultimately attended.

Yet, by vetoing the Opportunity Scholarship Act, Clinton has denied the same choice — the same opportunity — to the district's poor and powerless families. They haven't the economic means to enroll their children in private schools, so they are forced to entrust their children's education to the D.C. public schools.

Now the president's veto would be defensible if the district's public schools were doing a proper job of educating its predominantly minority student population. But the fact is, the district's public schools rank dead last in the nation in test scores and first in dropout rates.

So the president's veto amounts to educational genocide. He has condemned the least-fortunate children in our nation's capital to an inferior education. And as any educator or sociologist will attest, a child who fails to receive a quality education is doomed to reduced life chances.

The evidence is right outside the White House gates, if the president had bothered to look. Almost all of the district's lowest-paying, dead-end jobs are held down by poorly educated minorities. Almost all of the city's welfare recipients are victims of inferior public schooling. And the city's jails, drug-treatment facilities and homeless shelters are populated almost exclusively by the poorly educated.

The best way to break this cycle of poverty and pathology is by improving the quality of education the district's least fortunate, most at-risk youngsters receive. And the way to do that is not by forcing these kids to remain in public schools where they are certain to receive an inferior education, but by giving their parents the means to choose the best possible educational setting for their children.

Clinton would tell the district's low-income parents not to give up on the city's public schools, that these schools will eventually improve. Well, maybe they will. But it certainly won't happen in the next year, and maybe not in the next 10 years. And what D.C. parent wants to throw away their child's education waiting so long for the schools to improve?

The most curious thing in all this is the silence on the part of the Congressional Black Caucus, the NAACP and the National Urban League. Do the leaders of these major black organizations agree with President Clinton that the poor black parents in Washington should be forced to continue sending their kids to the city's inferior public schools?

Opportunity scholarships are a good idea whose time has come. It's a pity that Clinton and leaders of the nation's major black organizations fail to recognize this.

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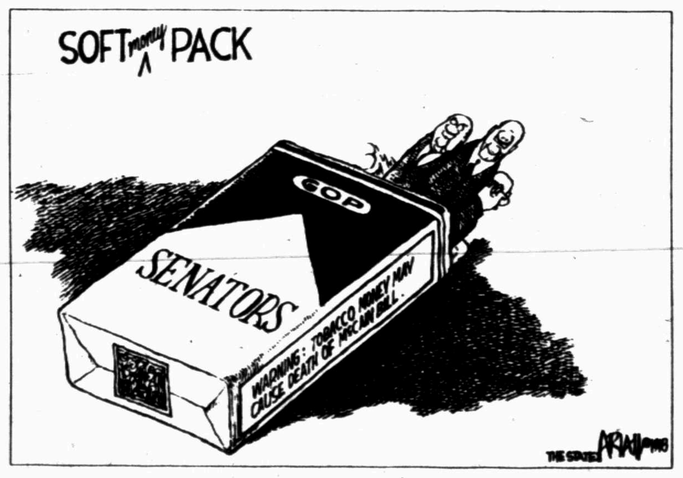

Editorial Comment

Reforming the IRS

The Houston Chronicle

You'd be hard-pressed to find anyone, at least anyone outside of Washington, D.C., who disagrees with House Ways and Means Chairman Bill Archer's assessment of a measure that restructures the Internal Revenue Service.

"What we do here today," he said this past week, "is very much in the spirit of July Fourth. Today we enhance the power of the individual and reduce the power of an abusive arm of the government. ... This bill strikes the right balance between granting taxpayers the freedom to pay their taxes without abuse, while providing the tools necessary to fund the government."

Indeed, there is much to appreciate in the bill, which shifts the burden of proof off taxpayers by giving them more than 70 new "rights" in dealing with the IRS. It also creates an independent board to oversee the tax collecting agency.

Archer, R-Houston, deserves particular credit for inserting into the legislation a provision that makes the seizure of taxpayers' homes by the IRS without a court order more difficult. People will not be driven from their homes without judicial review, he says.

And an "innocent spouse" provision would allow people who were divorced or separated, usually women, to owe taxes only on their portion of the joint income — to prevent the IRS from going after them for what their spouses owed.

Like almost anything dealing with taxes and the Congress, however, nothing is as simple as it first appears.

For example, a controversial provision that, in effect, reduces capital gains taxes has also been inserted. And Archer was particularly adamant in preventing a "technical correction" to previous tax reform legislation that, left uncorrected, provides a special inheritance tax break to fewer than 300 of the nation's wealthiest families with estates valued at more than $20 million.

The full extent of what other items were tacked on and slipped into the bill to ensure its passage remains to be seen.

Nevertheless, the legislation is expected to pass easily in the Senate and be signed into law by President Clinton.

Not as praiseworthy is an earlier vote in the U.S. House to scrap the whole U.S. Tax Code, without saying what would replace it. At best, it's another case of political grandstanding to curry election-year favor.

At worst, the measure relies on future Congresses to come up with a new taxing system and would create foolish uncertainty about the nation's finances and make effective business and retirement planning and the like nearly impossible. And since it was the very same Congress that has contributed to the tradition of making the tax code ever more complicated and politicized, the measure is the height of hypocrisy.

The Senate is expected to say no to this silly exercise, and House members can still claim they attacked the tax menace.

But in evaluating these two forays into the tax system, score one mostly for the taxpayers and one only for the Congress.

Henry Lee Lucas

The Dallas Morning News

If Henry Lee Lucas didn't kill "Orange Socks," who did? Who killed Linda Phillips, Dianna Lynn Bryant, Lillie Pearl Darty, and the other women whose murders he pleaded guilty to? Who killed the dozens of women he at one point said he'd slain?

Law enforcement agencies have been able to avoid these questions for years. Mr. Lucas' prodigious confessions allowed them to clear dozens of pending murders. Now that Texas Gov. George Bush has commuted Mr. Lucas' death sentence to life in prison, all the old embarrassments resurface.

That's exactly as it should be. There is strong evidence that Henry Lee Lucas was in Florida in 1979, when an unidentified woman wearing orange socks was murdered in Texas. That evidence, in the form of employment records, has been available for a decade. Yet there's little indication the execution would have been stayed if Gov. George Bush hadn't expressed doubts about Mr. Lucas' guilt.

State courts, the attorney general's office and the Board of Pardons and Paroles could have acted before now. The 5th Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals declined to interfere because some of the evidence suggesting his innocence had been presented at trial, so he couldn't claim an unfair trial. It didn't matter that he probably didn't commit the crime; he'd had a fair trial. Mr. Lucas, who said he liked humiliating police officials, managed to reveal the cruel absurdities of the entire criminal court system.

The Board of Pardons and Paroles recommended commuting Mr. Lucas' death sentence. Board Chairman Victor Rodriguez told reporters that board members believe Mr. Lucas is guilty, but that a lesser penalty would suffice. Gov. Bush still doubts his guilt.

That's a surreal ending to this twisted saga. But the sad fact remains that we still don't know who killed Orange Socks.

Tobacco Settlement

Fort Worth Star-Telegram

As richly as the big tobacco companies may deserve to be snuffed out in the ashtray of history, there is something in the American sense of fair play and free enterprise — enhanced by tobacco's political contributions — that makes that an unlikely premise for legislation.

So as Congress considers where to go next on this issue, here are some bottom-line ideas that we think are important:

— Keep in mind that the real subject is public health. Tobacco use, especially cigarette smoking, is a threat — a costly threat — to public health. That, and evidence that tobacco companies had consistently lied and misrepresented the nature of their product, was the basis of successful suits by the states.

— Thus, the objective should not be merely to take money from the tobacco companies but rather to regulate tobacco like the dangerous, if legal, drug that it is. The production and marketing of tobacco should be closely regulated by the Food and Drug Administration. Done properly, this should have the effect of reducing not only teen-age smoking but also adult smoking.

— Tobacco companies should fork over billions — not as punishment but to repay taxpayers for the public health costs of smoking. Without imposing a tax, this would still raise the price of a pack of cigarettes.

— Give the companies only limited protection from smoking lawsuits.

All this can be done within the general confines of the earlier $368 billion settlement agreed to by many states and the tobacco companies. It is not only as much as can be expected from Congress, but it also would constitute a great leap forward in controlling a major threat to American health.

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

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Pledge to Our Flag Also Is Pledge to Those Who Served

DEAR ABBY: It was heartwarming to see the letter shortly before Memorial Day from a 13-year-old student who wrote you about a veteran who spoke at her school. He helped all of the students to better understand the significance of the Pledge of Allegiance to our flag. It shows that our young people are concerned about liberty and justice.

I wonder how many Americans pause to consider that the pledge of the flag is really a pledge to the ideals of our forefathers. These men fought and many died to build our great nation.

The Pledge of Allegiance is a pledge to fulfill our duties and obligations as citizens of the United States and to uphold the principles of our Constitution.

As Franklin Delano Roosevelt explained, "It is a pledge to maintain the four great freedoms cherished by all Americans: freedom of speech, freedom of religion, freedom from want and freedom from fear.

Thank you, Abby, for the many years I have enjoyed your column. You may sign me ...

KEN NELSON, SOMIS, CALIF.

DEAR KEN: Although I received your thought-provoking letter a few weeks ago, I couldn't resist saving it to print on Independence Day. It is meaningful to reflect upon the fact that our founding fathers wrote our Constitution after having lived in a monarchy that guaranteed none of these blessed freedoms.

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DEAR ABBY: I am a professional musician who makes my living working for the church. As you might imagine, no one gets rich in this line of work, although it has its rewards.

My problem is, in recent months I've been taken advantage of more than once. Some wealthy relatives insisted that I play the organ for their son's wedding. When I offered to play as my gift, they insisted that if I didn't accept payment, they wouldn't let me play. The wedding came and went; everyone else received a thank-you note, but I haven't received payment *or* a note of thanks.

In another incident, a couple in my church who have a limited income decided to get married. Since I've known them for quite some time, I offered to play at the wedding for free. To date, I have not received a thank-you note for this gift either.

At the risk of appearing immodest, I am a very good musician, and the music at both weddings was superb. I'm no amateur — I hold both a bachelor's and master's degree in church music.

Abby, the services of a professional musician normally are in the range of $100 to $300 or more for a wedding. The issue I'm bringing up is not so much the money as the fact that the couples seem to have had so little appreciation for what they received. Apparently my years of practice, experience and expertise are not worth their time to say "thank you." The very least the couples could do when they receive a gift is to send a note of appreciation. Don't you agree?

MIFFED MUSICIAN
IN ST. PETERSBURG, FLA.

DEAR MIFFED: Yes, I do. As you said, the very *least* the couples should do is to send an acknowledgment of your gift; a special thank-you note would be an even more fitting acknowledgment for such a generous gift.

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CONFIDENTIAL TO MY WOMB-MATE: HAPPY BIRTHDAY, SISSY!

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DEAR ABBY: I just roared at the letter from "Turkeyless in Arkansas." I couldn't stop laughing, so I sat down and wrote my own version — from a woman's point of view. It's titled, "Men Are From the Forest; Women Are From the Mall."

Hope you enjoy it.

ANN IN MANZANITA, ORE.

DEAR ANN: Not only did I enjoy it, so will my readers. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: I have the most handsome boyfriend in the world — and the nicest, I thought, until I realized that "Ben" does not understand or respect my favorite activity: shopping.

Yesterday, my friend and I took Ben shopping with us, so he could understand the appeal. I explained everything to him the night before, but shopping day was a disaster. He was not up at 4:30 to be first in line. He poked around and refused to wear the shopping attire I had given him — comfortable shoes and a backpack. In the shops, he refused to cooperate. His critical attitude attracted embarrassing attention from other shoppers. To top it all off, when I made a purchase, he would throw up his arms and scream, "Run, Visa Card! Run!"

My friend could not stop laughing. I was so angry I haven't been able to speak to him since. Abby, how could this man be so insensitive to my feelings? Now I am no longer sure this relationship is such a good idea. Ben is good-looking and has a great career, but is this relationship worth saving? I'm not giving up my shopping excursions.

PURCHASELESS IN OREGON

This is Abby again. I couldn't resist writing an answer.

DEAR PURCHASELESS: If you're been buying what Ben has been "selling" — how can you call yourself "purchaseless"?

Whatever his masculine appeal might be, Ben is clearly not someone who's likely to develop a love for shopping.

If your ideal man is one who enjoys rising at 4:30 a.m., putting on sensible shoes and carrying a backpack so you don't have to carry your own packages, you are shopping in the wrong department.

Ben may look like a prize — but he's no bargain. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: I couldn't believe your answer to "Turkeyless in Arkansas."

Gwen is being told what to do, when to do it, how to do it and then expected to show respect to the person giving the orders, and you call *her* a turkey! I thought the "Me Tarzan, you Jane" mentality was a thing of the past. Nowhere in the letter does the turkey hunter say he asked Gwen if she *wanted* to go hunting, and nowhere do I see where he listened to her reply. That brainless turkey hunter needs to quit sniffing his face paint and realize that Gwen is using passive aggression to make the point of her disdain for his sport and his lack of communication skills.

Beauty and an ability to cook are poor reasons upon which to base a relationship. If "Turkeyless" wants a relationship, not only does he need to learn to communicate better and listen, he should look for common interests rather than expecting Gwen to kowtow to his.

A GROUSE HUNTER
IN MINNESOTA

DEAR GROUSE HUNTER: Gwen wasn't hog-tied and forced to go along on the turkey hunt. She could have refused the invitation.

The hunter wants a woman with whom to share his love of turkey hunting, and Gwen is definitely not that woman. So, for his purposes, she *is* a turkey.

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Wills not contested

LOS ANGELES (AP) — No one contested the wills of Phil Hartman and his wife, which direct that their $1.23 million estate go to their two young children.

Frugal Gourmet OKs lawsuits' settlement

SEATTLE (AP) — Jeff Smith, better known as the Frugal Gourmet, has agreed to settle sexual abuse lawsuits with seven men whose cases were scheduled for trial next week, lawyers for both sides said.

Smith declined to comment on the out-of-court settlement, reached this week.

"I'm sorry. I'm cooking lunch for my staff. Call my lawyer in Tacoma. Thank you," Smith told the Seattle Post-Intelligencer on Wednesday.

His attorney, Ed Winskill, confirmed the settlement but would not elaborate on details.

F. Mike Shaffer, a lawyer representing the seven men, said he would file notice Thursday in Pierce County Superior Court, canceling the trial, which had been set for next Monday.

He said the settlement included payments to his clients. He wouldn't say how much or whether the deal also included an apology or admission of wrongdoing. The settlement does not require judicial approval, he said.

"I'm dissatisfied with the terms of confidentiality of the agreement. In fact, I'm kind of dissatisfied with the whole thing," George Heitman — the first plaintiff to come forward — told The Oregonian newspaper of Portland, Ore.

"I'm glad we're not going to be dragged through the trial," said Rod Pedersen, 38, who said Smith repeatedly got him drunk as a teen-ager before forcing him to perform sex acts. "But I'm kind of disappointed it doesn't include some kind of admission from him."

The lawsuits were filed in January 1997 in Tacoma, where Smith has a catering service, cooking school and restaurant called The Chaplain's Pantry. Smith's wife, Patricia Dailey Smith, also was named in the lawsuit.

The men accuse Smith of using alcohol, intimidation and physical force to obtain sex in the mid-1970s to 1992. All are former employees except for one, who said he was picked up as a hitchhiker.

Smith has not been charged with any crime, and the statute of limitations on all the alleged offenses has run out.

Smith's dozen cookbooks have sold a reported 12 million copies, and his series — the most popular cooking show in TV history — once was viewed by about 15 million people a week on 300 public TV stations. But the 59-year-old celebrity chef has few personal assets left, making the monetary limits of his insurance polices the central focus of settlement discussions, the Post-Intelligencer reported.

He has kept a low profile since the lawsuits. A Methodist minister and the father of two grown sons, Smith has denied all of the accusations. Shortly after the first suit was filed, Smith referred questions to Winskill, saying: "He can fill you in on the dirt that these crooks are throwing. That's what they all are, OK? Crooks."

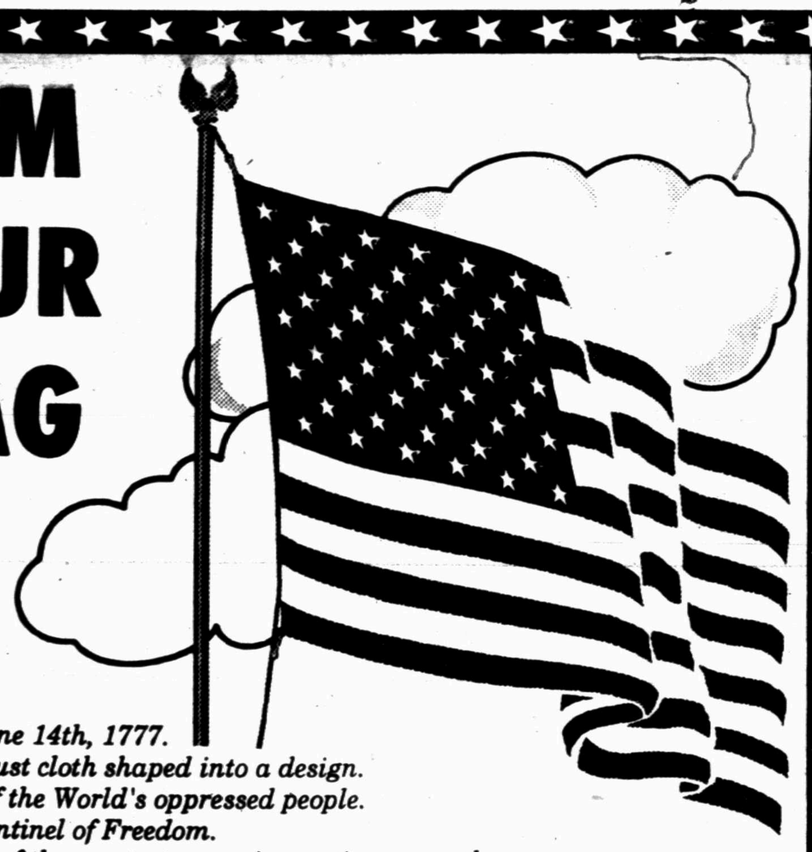
The settlement does not affect the case of an eighth man, who says he was coerced into having sex and participating in parties with "other adult pedophiles and minor boys," more than 20 years ago. Clinton Smith, 37, played a key role in urging the other men to come forward after he first went public with his claims in the early 1990s.

Smith, who is unrelated to the Frugal Gourmet, saw his lawsuit against the chef dismissed in February. That dismissal has been appealed.

Stu Kantor, a spokesman for the Public Broadcasting Service, said PBS has no plans to broadcast new Frugal Gourmet programs, but added that the decision was unrelated to Smith's legal problems.

"We were told in January 1996 by the series' producers that they had no plans to create any new programs," Kantor said.

I AM YOUR FLAG



I was born on June 14th, 1777.
I am more than just cloth shaped into a design.
I am the refuge of the World's oppressed people.
I am the silent sentinel of Freedom.
I am the emblem of the greatest sovereign nation on earth.
I am the inspiration for which American Patriots gave their lives and fortunes.
I have led your sons into battle from Valley Forge to the bloody ridges of Vietnam.
I walk in silence with each of your Honored Dead, to their final resting place beneath the silent White Crosses, row upon row.
I have flown through Peace and War, Strife and Prosperity, and amidst it all I have been respected.
My Red Stripes... symbolize the blood spilled in defense of this glorious nation.
My White Stripes... signify the burning tears shed by Americans who lost their sons.
My Blue Field... is indicative of God's heaven under which I fly.
My Stars... clustered together, unify 50 States as one, for God and Country.
"Old Glory" is my nickname, and proudly I wave on high.
Honor me, respect me, defend me with your lives and your fortunes.
Never let my enemies tear me down from my lofty position, lest I never return.
Keep alight the fires of patriotism, strive earnestly for the spirit of your Republic.
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