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Home of Bryan Huddleston

New WTC president hopes to build enrollment by reviving team sports

By Eric Drennan
SDN Sports Editor

Athletics are a staple at most colleges around the country. While they may never be the foundation of Western Texas College, new president Dr. Greg Williams believes that athletics can be a key contributor to the school's long-term success.

Williams' main goal is to boost WTC's enrollment, and rebuilding the athletic program by adding baseball and softball, he envisions, is one way to do it.

"Athletics is one of the avenues we can use to help build this college, but it's not the only one," Williams said. "I think we need to bolster the athletic program, the arts, the workforce development program and the university transfer system.

"All of these are important pieces. After all, our main goal is to provide a quality education."

Western Texas, who still fields men's and women's rodeo teams, competed in women's basketball and men's golf until last year when the programs were dropped, leaving the school without an NJCAA-sanctioned sports program.

"I think it hurt the college when those teams were cut," Williams stated. "I don't believe we're in a critical situation at all, but we must have programs that attract students.

"We only exist because of the students. So if the students stop coming, then we're in trouble."

Formation of the athletic program still needs board approval, and a budget must be set. When that's taken care of, the plan is to raise funds, then hire coaches in January. Recruiting would start in the spring, followed by competition in the fall of 2002.

Williams estimates that $50,000 will be needed this year, and an additional $100,000 next year to get the programs off the ground.

"We need to raise some start-up money," the president explained. "I don't want to pull a lot of money from reserves, so my hope is that we can get help from the community.

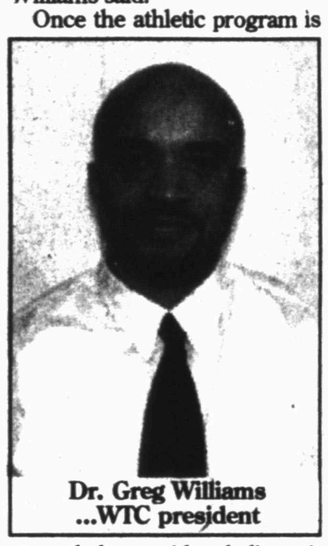
"Once the programs are in place and the students are here, then we'll receive more state funding that will help. But first we must raise enough money to get the programs started."

WTC would prefer to play its home games at Moffett Field and Cates Field, and Williams said that all parties involved must agree on the plan.

As for practice facilities, the Westerners would likely use fields already in place, such as Winston Park, until an on-campus facility could be built.

"There are different aspects to explore for practice facilities, but right now our focus and money will go toward getting the programs started," Williams said.

Once the athletic program is started, the president believes it can come close to paying for itself.



Dr. Greg Williams
...WTC president

"If it's handled and run the right way, an athletic program can come close to paying for itself," Williams predicts. "Right now, I wouldn't want to say it could definitely turn a profit, because there are so many variables. But athletics would benefit the college greatly.

"If they're handled correctly, baseball and softball can bring in 75 or 80 more students per sport. Plus, those students will bring friends and spread the word about the college. Because of the number of students they can bring, baseball and softball are the most beneficial college sports."

A few key aspects to keeping the programs alive would be recruiting local talent, dividing scholarships to bring in more students, and hiring coaches who would also teach classes.

"Snyder supports baseball and softball, and there are good players in this area to recruit," said Williams. "Having those players on the teams is vital for community support. By giving partial scholarships, we could bring in more students.

"We would also save money by hiring coaches who could teach a class. This is a common practice among junior colleges, and would allow us to hire one person to fill two roles."

Once the programs are in place, WTC would pay the $60 membership fee to the NJCAA, then apply for membership to the conference of its choice.

Williams said that the college would apply for readmission in the Western Junior College Athletic Conference (WJCAC) -the same conference in which the school formerly competed in basketball and golf.

Preliminary indications show that Western Texas would have no problems getting back in the league.

"We would gladly welcome WTC back into the conference in any sport they wish to play," said WJCAC commissioner John Green. "I can definitely tell you it would be a unanimous vote to accept them as part of the WJCAC."

Only four conference schools currently compete in softball, with Frank Phillips JC joining the ranks in the fall of 2002. Odessa, Midland, Howard and El Paso Community College are the other four.

In addition to those five colleges, New Mexico JC, Clarendon and New Mexico Military Institute currently field conference baseball teams.

Fall baseball and softball seasons begin in late August, with the spring seasons getting underway in late January.

With the two sports still in the planning stages, Williams continues to look to the future.

"If the athletic program proves to be beneficial, as I expect it should, we could add other sports down the line," Williams added. "Football is extremely popular in West Texas, and soccer is a growing sport. Baseball and softball could be just the beginning."

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "It's easy to make a mountain out of a molehill – just add a little dirt."

Have you hugged your air conditioner this month?

There's still time since July has officially been declared "Air Conditioner Appreciation Month."

There's no better time than July to renew fondness for one of mankind's greatest inventions. Even knowing that we're part of a generation that once did without, we're not wanting to return to the so-called good ole days.

The first air conditioner we can remember was natural.

Once a good sweat was worked up (that's perspiration for those who demand political correctness), then finding the shade of a tree would allow a gentle breeze to reduce the body temperature.

Our first introduction to indoor air conditioner came about the same time that we heard of indoor plumbing.

An evaporative, or swamp cooler, did a terrific job for one room – especially if you could stand the musty smell. That was before we knew about black mold.

A swamp cooler would test the patience of the homeowner. Hard water in West Texas would soon clog the lines and ruin the pump that carried water to the pads.

Without wet pads, that air cooler would become an instant heater. We have memories of people standing outside a window unit with a water hose to soak down the pads.

The swamp cooler got better when somebody invented central heating. The swamp cooler was moved from the window to the top of the house, providing a fourth pad to water down.

And when refrigerated air became available, that was another giant step for creature comfort. But if utility bills continue to rise, folks may soon be looking for a shade tree.

Meanwhile, in the spirit of the observance, show a little appreciation to that cooling unit.

It's hard for young folks to believe, but there was a time that air conditioning wasn't standard equipment for automobiles – except for four open windows.

And cars used to have two side windows that pushed out. If they were positioned just right, you could have air and still listen to the radio – if you had such a gadget in your car.

As car air conditioning became standard equipment, we once knew a man who made his family roll up the windows when driving through town.

He didn't want neighbors in the next lane to know the family buggy lacked air conditioning.

Cellular phones are familiar sight

Digital telephones are everywhere. They're seen in shirt pockets, poking out of purses and hanging from belts.

Businessmen use them to keep in touch with their offices, teenagers communicate with buddies and moms use them to keep in touch at home while running errands.

Local governmental bodies make use of cellular telephones for a variety of reasons.

Snyder police officers use their telephones primarily when they are working on a case and do not want pertinent information broadcast over the open airways to be picked up on a scanner.

"The telephones are necessary for communications," said Sgt. David Holley. "Communication is the key to our job." "The cellular telephones enhance our communications," added Lt. Jerry Parker.

Both officers said the phones are necessary in their line of work, and saves time while they are out in the field.

The police department is assigned 19 of the city's 37 cellular telephones.

City Manager John Gayle has two city cellular telephones, while Police Chief Steve Warren, Fire Chief Perry Westmoreland and Fire Marshal Cy Posey each have one.

Carolyn House, director of customer services, also has a telephone assigned to her.

Others who have cell phones are the animal warden, supervisors in the street, landfill and water and sanitation departments.

The city also has one cell phone assigned to the person on call on off-hours for water, sewer or street problems.

Cell phones are also assigned to the city's draftsman, inspector, and one can be checked out by employees going on city business-related trips.

There is also a cell phone located at the city's lift station that is programmed to call workers if the lift station is experiencing problems.

The city is billed $1,165 per month for the 37 phones.

Scurry County has 22 cellular telephones assigned to employees, but the county is in the process of changing its rules.

Currently the county pays around $1,000 per month for the telephones, but the commissioners' court has discussed a plan whereby employees would provide their own phones, and the county would pay $40 per month for around 400 minutes of air time.

County phones are assigned to Judge Rick Fritz and all four commissioners, Justice of the Peace Deborah Boyd, the county extension agent and District Judge Ernie Armstrong. Six county phones are used by the sheriff's department, three more are utilized by the juvenile probation officers and two are used by the STAR program.

Eight other county employees, including adult probation officers, carry cellular phones, but the county is reimbursed monthly by the state for those charges.

Snyder ISD has 10 cellular telephones assigned to employees.

Supt. Gayle Lomax and assistant superintendents Dr. Melissa Jones and Karen Waller have school phones, as does maintenance and transportation director Mike Carter and technology director Dale Byrd.

Other cell phones are assigned to the school's electrician, director of special programs, and three are placed on special education buses.

The total cost to the school is $445.83 per month.

Cogdell Memorial Hospital has five telephones and the month cost is $350.

These phones are assigned to CEO George Parsley, financial officer Joe Wright, risk manager and personnel manager Jo Beth Hardegree, director of nurses Cheryl Chance and maintenance director Jay Wesson.

Western Texas College has six cell phones that cost the school an average of $17 each per month.

These phones must be checked out from the maintenance department any time an employee needs one, which is usually for school-related travel to and from extension centers, according to WTC Vice President Bettie McQueen.

She said one of the phones is used primarily as a safety measure at the firing range.

The Development Corporation of Snyder has one cellular telephone assigned to John DeLille, executive director. The DCOS pays $75 per month for the phone.

For cancer treatments...

Drivers needed to transport patients

The organization that takes cancer patients to various treatment centers in the area is in need of drivers.

"We desperately need drivers," said Sammie Jarrell, local coordinator with the American Cancer Society.

"We are going to need at least 15 drivers to take cancer patients to either Lubbock or Abilene for treatment this week alone," Jarrell said The average trip, including driving time, takes about four hours.

"Drivers can pick the day they can go and we will do our best to coordinate a patient going with them" said Jarrell.

Jarrell said the American Cancer Society will pay 15 cents per mile for transporting patients.

"Some drivers don't collect from the society, but consider the driving a donation and deduct it from their income tax," Jarrell added.

She urged those interested in driving patients for their treatment to call her at 573-5993 or 575-5993, or Blakely Fargason at 574-8041.

"We do need for you to call us if you can help us," said Jarrell. "We do not like to turn people down."

Blood drive is this week

United Blood Services and the Scurry County Blood Drive Advisory Committee are sponsoring a blood drive on Tuesday and Wednesday.

The drives will benefit Snyder resident Ann Pendleton.

First Baptist Church's Family Life Center will be the site of Tuesday's drive from 10 a.m. until 7 p.m.

On Wednesday, the drive will be held from noon until 5 p.m. at Cogdell Memorial Hospital.

All blood donors will receive a free T-shirt and a mini-physical.

Sexual assault trial to start here Monday

A 20-year-old Snyder man goes on trial Monday in 132nd District Court.

Jeremy Ramos of 1408 29th Street, is charged with sexual assault of a child under the age of 17. The alleged offense occurred Jan. 26.

Some 140 prospective jurors have been summoned to report at 8:30 a.m. Monday. District Judge Ernie Armstrong will preside.

The state's case will be presented by District Attorney Dana Cooley, and Pete Greene is the defense attorney.

ASK US

Q—What is the yearly lease on the new post office building?
A—$79,560 until 2020; $89,560 for 2021-2026; and $99,560 for 2026-2031. There is a purchase option at any time for $1.2 million.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Friday, 100 degrees; low, 77; 7 a.m. Saturday, 78; no precipitation; total for 2001, 9.44 inches.

Area Forecast: Saturday night, mostly clear, low mid 70s. Sunday, mostly sunny, high around 100. Sunday night, mostly clear, low mid 70s.



Lindsey Urias
Sunny

Sunset:
8:47 p.m.
Sunrise:
6:55 a.m.
Of 201 days in 2001, the sun has shone 189 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

Everything is funny as long as it is happening to somebody else.
—Will Rogers

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Man charged in shooting of Lubbock officer cleared

LUBBOCK (AP) — A man who had been charged in the shooting death of a Lubbock police sergeant was released from jail Friday night after police said he did not fire the shot that killed the officer.

Richard Robinson, 47, had been charged with capital murder in the July 13 shooting death of Sgt. Kevin Cox during a standoff between Robinson and the Lubbock Police Department.

At a news conference Friday night, police said they are not certain who fired the shot that killed Cox. At the request of police, FBI weapons experts will examine the scene Monday.

"I'm sure you have a lot of questions about what happened, and I can tell you we don't know yet," Chief Ken Walker said. "We'll find out. It's going to take some time."

A tearful Robinson left the Lubbock County Jail about 9:45 p.m., flanked by his wife and two of his three children. His first words were about the fallen officer.

"I prayed for that man and his family," Robinson said.

He then expressed thanks for his freedom.

"Thank the good Lord," Robinson said, looking skyward. "It was not a good week."

Assistant Lubbock Police Chief Dale Holton said Robinson had 13 guns. He said all the guns have not been tested yet, but of the ones that have, Robinson didn't fire any of them.

Though the investigation is continuing, Holton said Robinson faces no charges at this point.

Holton stopped short of saying Cox was killed by friendly fire. He said they're only sure Robinson did not fire the shot and they don't yet know who did.

Robinson, an unemployed automobile mechanic, had barricaded himself inside the home after a dispute with his wife. He had also allegedly burned furniture and household items in his front yard before police arrived.

Police negotiators learned that Robinson had access to guns and had talked to a relative earlier in the day about suicide. Gunfire erupted after a six-member unit moved in to smash windows and throw tear gas.

Cox, 38, was shot in the head and taken to University Medical Center where he was pronounced dead.

Robinson was also shot during the standoff. After his release from the hospital on Wednesday, he was arraigned on charges of capital murder.

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Family grieves for victims of fatal automobile accident

HUBBARD (AP) — The low rumble of pickup trucks drowned out the sun and the chirping birds at the Wade Funeral Home on Friday as friends and family planned a funeral for the women and girls they loved.

A collision with an 18-wheeler Thursday on Texas 171 claimed the lives of sisters-in-law Ginger Gail Destiny Chavez, 18 and Yvonne Chavez, 26, as well as their daughters, 6-month-old Yesemia Chavez and Patricia Roman, 4. The four died at the scene. Family friend Michelle Swindle, 16, died at a hospital.

"I would hope that it doesn't get worse than this," said Hubbard Justice of the Peace Eugene Fulton. "It's probably going to be all closed casket."

At the funeral home, the close-knit family of Mexican immigrants and U.S. citizens hung their heads and muttered to each other in Spanish. Destiny Chavez' husband Stephen tried to find the words express his grief.

His eyes, the color of virgin olive oil in the sun, welled and reddened. But there were no words.

No one knows what made the red Chevrolet pickup veer into the opposing lane about 11/2 miles south of Hubbard.

"We'll probably never know," Fulton said.

Authorities said the impact of the collision spun the truck around 180 degrees and left a trail of thick black skid marks, tires and metal along the road. None of the passengers in the extended cap pickup were wearing seat belts.

The driver of the 18-wheeler, Robert Eckert, 41, of Palestine, was treated and released from a Waco hospital.

"They looked like they'd been run through barbed wire fences," Fulton said.

One of the last people to see the group alive was 85-year-old Bill Weatherby.

"They were all just happy, happy, happy," said Weatherby, who saw them at a convenience store in town. "A lot of chattering. All five of them got in that pickup."

Officials said just about everyone in the town of about 1,670 residents knew the Chavez family.

events

TEXAS LOTTERY

RESULTS

Texas Two Step

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Texas Two Step numbers drawn Friday by the Texas Lottery:
10-12-16-35
Bonus number 11
Estimated jackpot: $800,000

Cash Five

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Friday by the Texas Lottery:
5-10-16-33-35

Pick 3

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Friday by the Texas Lottery, in order:
4-7-9

Senior Center Menu

Monday
Barbecue on a bun, potato salad, pinto beans, onion/pickles/peppers, chocolate chip cookies

Tuesday
Pork chop, au gratin potatoes, chopped spinach, pickled beets & onions, pineapple upside/down cake

Wednesday
Chicken salad, tomato wedge/lettuce leaf, potato rounds, strawberry shortcake, assorted crackers

Thursday
Meatballs and gravy over noodles, green beans, golden carrots, tossed salad, coconut pudding

Friday
Fried fish, broccoli/rice & cheese casserole, hominy, jellied citrus salad, cherry cobbler

Senior Center News

The Western Texas College pool will be closed until the fall semester. The swimnastics class for senior citizens will resume after registration for the fall semester.

Copies of *Tasty Traditions*, the Senior Center's cookbook, can be purchased for $17.50. The bound book contains 900 recipes.

Summer attendance has been great. All new residents and retirees are invited to take part in activities and the noon meal, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Suggested meal prices are $2.50 for seniors 60 and older and $4 for persons under 60.

Beware of the heat. Take advantage of the exercise equipment. Also make arrangements to ride the van rather than walk. Call 573-4035 for more information.

Monday
Bridge play begins at 9:30 a.m. Seniors interested in entering the eight ball tournament should be at the center by 10 a.m. Seniors may participate in daily exercise at 11 a.m.

Tuesday
Eighty-eight play begins at 10 a.m. The last swimnastics class for senior citizens until the fall semester begins will be held from 11 a.m. to noon at Western Texas College's swimming pool.

The Senior Center will open at 6:30 p.m. for games and the dance will begin at 7 p.m. Benny Benitez' Volunteer band will provide entertainment. Cost for each person is a suggested donation of $4.

Wednesday
Join us for exercise at 11 a.m. and special entertainment at 11:15 a.m. Frances Featherston will play the piano in the dining room. Line dancers and cloggers may practice at 1 and 2 p.m. respectively.

Thursday
Several women have said they are interested in learning how to play. Women are invited to play pool (billiards) at 9:30 a.m. Ken Northcutt of Colorado City will sing in the dining room at 11:15 a.m.

Friday
The blood pressure clinic and bridge both begin at 9:30 a.m. Seniors may play eighty-eight at 11 a.m. and then join the sing-a-long at 11:30 a.m.

Soil and water conservation assistance program offered

Through a provision of the Agriculture Risk Protection Act of 2000, the United States Agriculture Department — Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) has received approximately $1.5 million in cost-share funds for a new conservation program called Soil and Water Conservation Assistance (SWCA).

The Texas State Technical Committee has recommended that this program be targeted to controlling erosion on private agricultural lands. Cost-share and/or incentive payments will be provided to agricultural producers to install erosion control practices on the farm or ranch. Examples of erosion control practices include grade stabilization structures, terraces, grass waterways, field windbreaks, minimum tillage, critical area treatment and other applicable practices.

Although similar to the Environmental Quality Inventive Program (EQUIP), funds for this program can only be used for conservation projects outside of 2001 EQUIP priority areas and the National Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) Longleaf Pine Conservation Priority Area.

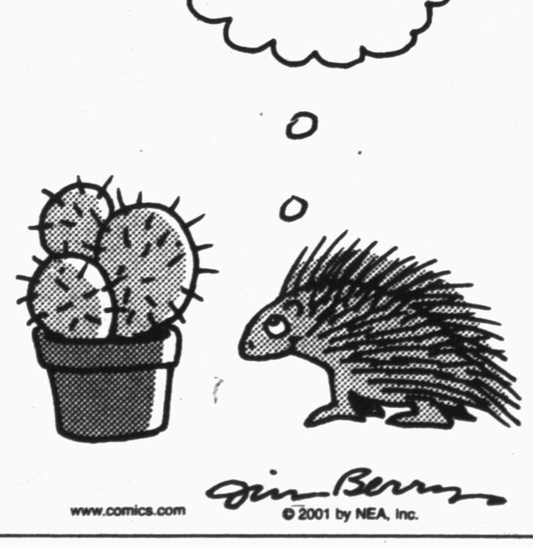
"This gives landowners an opportunity to install conservation measures on cropland in non-priority areas," said John Burt, NRCS state conservationist.

SWCA contracts range from five to ten years, and the total payment per participant shall not exceed $50,000. The federal cost-share will be 75 percent for eligible practices.

Applications are currently being accepted at USDA Service Centers. The deadline for making application is July 31. All eligible applications received prior to the deadline will be ranked. Those applications offering the most soil savings per federal dollars spent will receive the highest priority.

For more information and to sign up for SWCA, contact the NRCS office, 5309 Big Spring Highway, or call 573-0171

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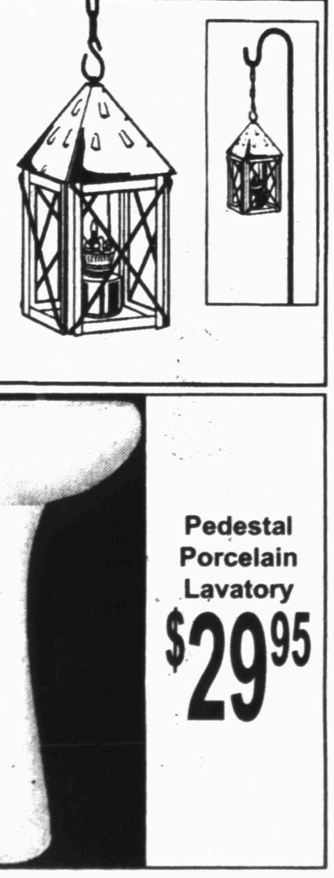
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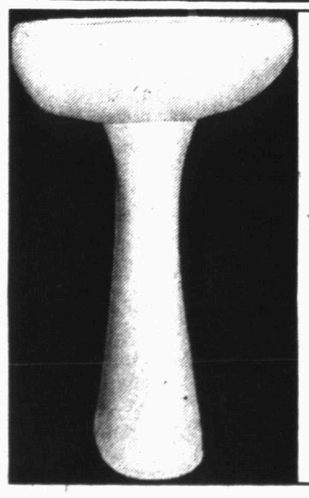


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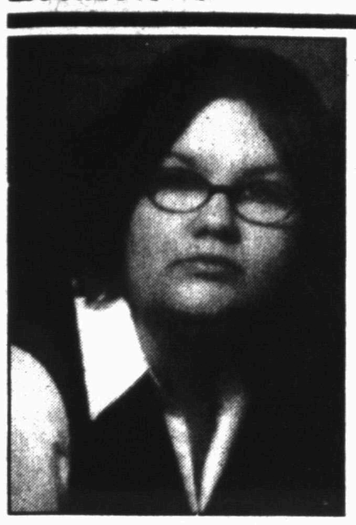
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Kristen Early

Kristen Early in Who's Who for 2nd year

For the second consecutive year, Kristen R. Early will be recognized in *Who's Who Among American High School Students.*

Only one-half of one percent of all high school students are honored in consecutive years.

Kristen will be a senior at Snyder High School in the fall. She is the daughter of Debbie and Tom Early. Her grandparents are T.V. and Joy Early and Joe and Nita Brown. All are from Snyder.



Ryan and Holly Bullard

Bullards earn degrees from, TTU and LCU

LUBBOCK — Ryan and Holly (Jones) Bullard recently graduated from Lubbock Christian University and Texas Tech University, respectively.

Holly attended Snyder schools from kindergarten through the 12th grade where she graduated first in her class in 1995. She received her bachelor of science in multidisciplinary studies and a specialization in English at Texas Tech University in May 1998, graduating second in her class.

She recently received her master of education in special education with a diagnostic certification, also from Texas Tech.

Holly now works as an instructor at Lubbock Christian University while she is working on her doctorate at Texas Tech.

She is the daughter of Jack and Barbra Jones of Snyder. Her grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. O.P. Tate and Mr. and Mrs. W.H. Jones, all of Snyder.

Ryan graduated from Monterey High School in 1993. He received his bachelor of science in biology from LCU on May 5. He is a licensed paramedic and is employed by Lubbock Aid Ambulance. He also works as an volunteer paramedic and firefighter for West Carlisle.

Ryan's parents are Randy Bullard of Lubbock and Darra Bullard of Chickasha, Okla. His grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Gary Bullard of Abilene and Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Moody of Chickasha.

The first person to sail around the world alone was Joshua Slocum. In 1895, he set out from Newport, R.I., in a 36-foot sailboat and returned three years and two months later. He was 51 years old when he began the voyage.



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Crews extinguish fires, remove cars

BALTIMORE (AP) — Firefighters who have endured three days of setbacks in the aftermath of a train derailment entered the weekend with renewed spirit after removing several cars and putting out two blazes.

The freight train carrying hydrochloric acid and other hazardous materials derailed in a tunnel and ignited a fire on Wednesday, crippling the city and disrupting Internet service across the country by damaging cables.

But emergency workers managed to pull 16 cars out of the tunnel on Friday and extinguish fires in two boxcars that had been burning since the 60-car train derailed.

"We're making good progress and we see light at the end of the tunnel," Acting Fire Chief Carl McDonald said.

Two other cars with wood and paper cargoes were still burning late Friday.

Workers also finished pumping out the contents of one of two cars carrying hydrochloric acid near the rear of the train. It leaked at least 5,000 gallons before it was emptied.

Fire spokesman Mike Maybin said the expected removal of more cars Saturday would make it easier to put out the remaining fires on the train and deal with hazardous chemicals in some of the cars. Six of the cars remaining underground still carried hazardous chemicals.

The successes late Friday followed setbacks earlier in the day, when the intense heat from the fire injured two workers and delayed efforts to remove cars and plug a water main that ruptured above the tunnel.

Two emergency workers suffered heat-related injuries after entering the tunnel to inspect the remaining train cars. They were rescued and taken to the University of Maryland Shock Trauma Center, where they were treated and released.

The water-main break continued gushing water into a major downtown intersection, partly collapsing the street. At least 60 million gallons of water have spewed from the pipe.

City crews said the spigot could not be turned off until the fire was extinguished, hazardous materials had been removed and the tunnel walls had been certified safe.

"We're not anticipating the tunnel situation being totally resolved over the weekend," public works spokesman Kurt Kocher said.

Earlier Friday, firefighters wearing masks and air tanks climbed down manholes to attack the fire. Other emergency crews used hoses fed through manholes to pump hydrochloric acid from the leaking tanker car into trucks on the street 50 feet above.

Fire trucks sprayed a steady stream of water over the area to control vapors. Hydrochloric acid can burn the lungs if inhaled, as can another hazardous chemical carried on the train, hydrofluoric acid.

Officials from the Maryland Department of the Environment said regular air quality tests since Wednesday showed no signs that hazardous chemicals were entering the air in the smoke from the fire. The tests registered mostly steam and hydrocarbons, likely from burning wood.

Medical helicopter crashes in North Texas

DECATUR (AP) — A medical helicopter crashed north of Decatur on Friday, and the three crew members who were on board were transported to a Fort Worth hospital.

A 35-year-old man and a 37-year-old man were in good condition Friday night and were expected to be released from Harris Methodist Fort Worth Hospital, said hospital spokeswoman Laura Van Hoosier. She said a 43-year-old man was in serious condition. The three were transported via another air ambulance, CareFlight, about 5:30 p.m., Van Hoosier said.

She said they were not releasing the names of the crew members on the LifeStar flight, which crashed. No patients were on board.

Sgt. Robin Melton of the Wise County Sheriff's Department said the three were en route to Wichita Falls.

The blue, crumpled helicopter could be seen overturned at the edge of a grove of trees, several miles northwest of Decatur.

Pieces of the rotor were broken near the main wreckage of the helicopter. There didn't appear to have been a fire.

Nutrition *by Ed Blonz, Ph.D.*

What's the story about butter?

By Ed Blonz, Ph.D.

DEAR DR. BLONZ: I read that clarified butter is better than regular butter. Why is this so if it's still fat? Can you tell me anything about it and how it compares to ghee? I have seen ghee on store shelves in foreign countries, but not here in the United States. — **O.Q., Chicago, Ill.**

Dear O.Q: Clarified butter is butter that has had all its water and solids removed. This is usually accomplished by melting the butter and separating the oil from the sediment, which contains the milk protein (casein) and salts. Ghee, an Indian version of clarified butter, is similar, but the sediment is allowed to brown before the oil is poured off, which imparts a burnt, nutty flavor to the butter. Clarified butter can be made easily at home. Ghee can also be made at home, but it is usually available at markets that sell Indian foods. Healthwise, neither is much better than regular butter, but you might want to consider some potential risks, especially as regards storage.

Problems can occur because butter, as we know, contains cholesterol. My concerns are not for the presence of cholesterol. (That will have to be the topic of another column). What troubles me is what can happen to the cholesterol when it is subjected to high heat and then stored at room temperature, as is often the case with ghee.

A fascinating study appeared in the journal The Lancet (v. 348) reporting an unexplained high incidence of heart disease in Indian immigrants. The level of heart disease puzzled health officials because the immigrants had normal blood cholesterol levels, ate low-fat diets and had few of the other known risk factors.

The likely explanation was eventually traced to ghee, the clarified butter used in Indian cooking. It's been reported that during the preparation and storage of ghee, a large amount of the butter's cholesterol oxidizes. Several research studies have indicated that oxidized cholesterol might contribute to a number of chronic diseases.

When you are dealing with cholesterol in foods and in your body, several defenses keep the cholesterol from becoming oxidized. These defenses depend on a regular supply of antioxidant nutrients, which include vitamin C, the carotenoids, vitamin E, selenium, zinc and other phytonutrients found in vegetables, fruits, grains, nuts and seeds.

The issue here is that we are talking about consuming a food in which the cholesterol is already oxidized. Again, a good intake of healthful nutrients will help limit any damage, and occasional servings do not represent a significant risk. I cannot see any value in encouraging the regular intake of foods that contain already-oxidized cholesterol. Ghee is not the only food in this category. Be aware that oxidized cholesterol can also be found in powdered eggs and powdered milk, and in pre-grated cheeses stored at room temperature.

DEAR DR. BLONZ: Is rice milk as nutritious as soy milk? How do they get milk from rice and soybeans? — **SB, Kankakee, Ill.**

Dear S.B.: You can get a milky beverage from many foods. In addition to soy and rice, there are now "milks" from almonds and oats as well as other plant foods. On a recent trip to Valencia, Spain, I visited the famous Horchateria Daniel, where they make "horchata," a drink made from chufas, a tiny, tuberous root of a Middle-Eastern plant. (Mexican horchata is usually made from rice.)

Rice milk, as a rule, tends to be lower in protein and most vitamins and minerals than soy milk, but it is higher in carbohydrates and richer in folic acid. Today, however, there are many varieties of soy and rice milk. Some come fortified with calcium and other nutrients; some contain fat, while others are fat-free. You will have to read the nutrition labels and compare products.

Soy milk is made by soaking the soybeans in water for many hours, and then adding more water and grinding the beans. It is usually cooked at some point. Rice milk is made after soaking the rice in boiling water, adding more water and grinding it, and the filtering. With both soy and rice milks, flavors and/or sweeteners are often added.

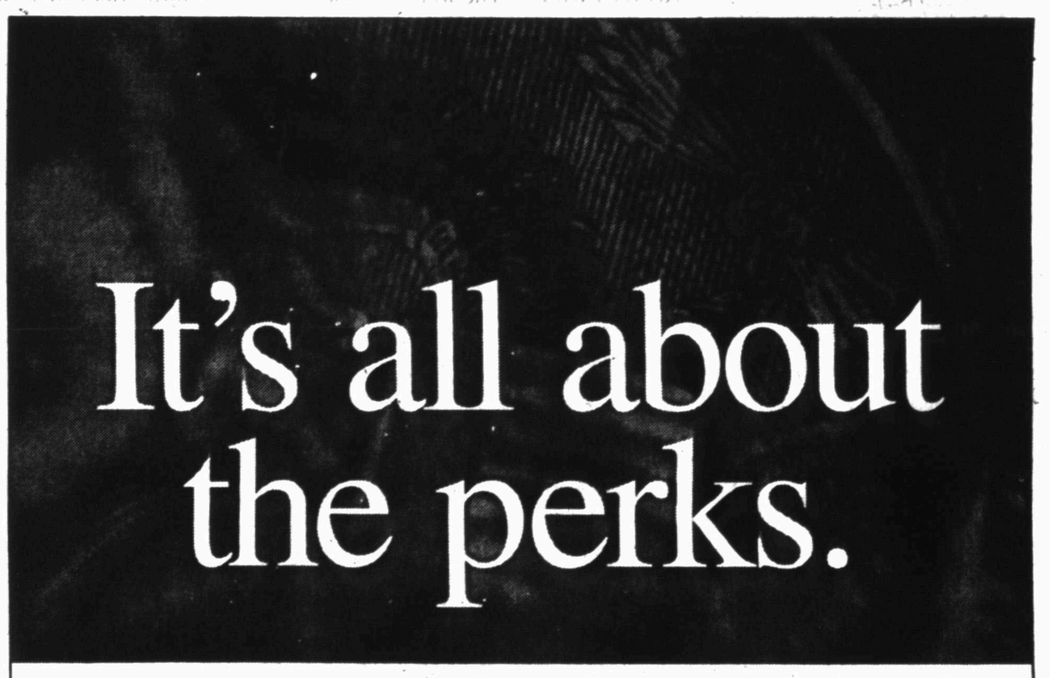
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FOURTH PLACE — Joseph Benz, son of Roy and Anita Benz of Snyder, recently won a fourth place medal in Lim's Taekwondo Academy Championship Fights and Forms in Abilene. He also received a third place trophy for his forms. His next competition will be in Las Cruces, N.M. on Aug. 26. Benz trains at the West Texas Taekwondo Academy in Snyder. His master instructor is Greg Gafford. Benz has earned three belts in fourth months: white, orange and yellow. Benz is home schooled and completed the 2000-2001 school year with an average of 98.03. (Contributed Photo)



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Condit's personal life becomes liability

CERES, Calif. (AP) — Until Chandra Levy disappeared without a trace, Rep. Gary Condit's personal life was never a liability. In fact, it was a gold-plated political asset.

Ever since his introduction to politics at 24, the son of a Baptist preacher had cultivated a squeaky-clean image with the voters back home in California's Central Valley. Married, with a wife and two blond children, the Democrat once ran for office on the slogan "A Good Example."

His religious upbringing shaped his values, said Charles Calderon, who was among Condit's close friends in the state Assembly. "I don't mean he's a holy roller," Calderon said. "I believe he believes in God and has to answer to God."

As far as his constituents knew, the teetotaling politician who once sang hymns in tent revival meetings in Oklahoma managed to keep his faith and his values as he traveled to Sacramento and then Washington, where he was active in a Bible study group on Capitol Hill.

Now that the 53-year-old congressman has admitted to police that he had an affair with the missing intern, disappointment and dissatisfaction are showing up among voters. A CBS poll Thursday showed a majority of voters in his district want him to finish his term, but they won't vote for him again.

Constituents and even fellow congressmen have called on Condit to resign, appeals he has met with silence.

"He was our shining star in this district. The people in this part of the state had really put a lot of trust and faith in him," said Carolyn Michaels, 58, of Modesto. At a protest this week calling for the congressman's resignation, she carried a sign that read, "Gary Condit, you are the weakest link. Goodbye."

Condit arrived in California when his father, the Rev. Adrian Condit, drove the family west in 1967 to lead a congregation in Ceres. The younger Condit was 19, and he brought along his bride, Carolyn, and their infant son, Chad.

In 1972, the newcomer who had just earned a degree in political science was elected to the Ceres City Council.

Condit went on to become mayor, and then was elected to the county Board of Supervisors, and next the state Assembly, where the centrist Democrat was considered a lightweight until he tried unsuccessfully to overthrow liberal Speaker Willie Brown, whose high-living ways and close friendships with lobbyists earned him the original "Slick Willie" moniker.

Then, a golden opportunity came his way in 1989: Democratic Rep. Tony Coelho resigned in a junk bond scandal and Condit was swept into office in a special election to represent the district in the San Joaquin Valley.

Condit has held the seat ever since, winning every time with at least two-thirds of the vote. But in his 12 years in Washington, he hasn't authored a major piece of legislation and is known mostly for supporting the agribusiness interests that support him. (Among House members, he is the top recipient of contributions from the vegetable, fruit and nut growers, according to the Center for Responsive Politics.)

He has kept up his maverick streak, helping found the conservative Blue Dog Democrats to counter the party's more liberal leadership, even to the detriment of his district at times.

"He doesn't talk on the floor of the House, he doesn't issue press releases," said Lawrence Giventer, a politics professor at Condit's alma mater, California State University at Stanislaus. "He's not the kind of guy that brings pork back to the district."

What remains his hallmark is what his staff does to cut red tape for constituents: helping retirees get Social Security checks, immigrants apply for citizenship, handicapped people get disability pay.

Some supporters back home say they do not agree with everything he does, but they like the independence and conviction he has shown.

During the furor over the Monica Lewinsky affair three years ago, Condit criticized President Clinton for the "drip-drip-drip" course of the scandal and argued: "You can't close this issue without getting all the information out. Let's just do it at once, see where the chips fall."

Back home, he rides a Harley-Davidson motorcycle and wears cowboy boots. He posed in casual clothing for a "Hunks of the Hill" calendar as a joke gift for a female colleague.

Voters in his district call him by his first name. He is listed in the phone book and, until recently, answered calls from constituents when he was back home on weekends. But Condit has been nearly invisible here lately. And around Washington, he flashes his signature smile and waves off reporters.

His wife, parents and older brother Burl — a sergeant on the Modesto police force who was demoted in 1993 after giving away a vicious police dog he claimed to have destroyed — have also refused interviews and planted "No Trespassing" signs in their lawns.

A younger brother, Darrell, has a rap sheet that includes burglary and convictions for methamphetamine use and could not be located. He is wanted in Florida for violating probation by allegedly driving drunk.

Initially, Condit described the 24-year-old Levy as a "good friend," and aides denied the two were romantically involved. But as police and the media turned up the heat, Condit admitted on a third interview with police that he was having an affair with Levy, according to police sources.

Police have said he is not a suspect in the disappearance, but federal investigators have launched an obstruction-of-justice probe into whether he tried to get a stewardess to lie about their own relationship.

Anne Marie Smith said Condit asked her to sign an affidavit denying the 10-month affair they had. She said the congressman told her that Carolyn Condit was very ill and that the two no longer had a "husband-and-wife relationship."

Condit's chief of staff, Mike Lynch said there is nothing wrong with Carolyn Condit. A Condit spokeswoman said he did not try to get Smith to lie.

EDITORS: Associated Press Writers Don Thompson in Sacramento and Justin Pritchard in San Francisco contributed to this report.

Prison board approves name change for unit

AUSTIN (AP) — The state's death row prison in Livingston is officially renamed.

The Texas Department of Criminal Justice board on Friday voted unanimously to change the name from the Terrell Unit to the Allan B. Polunsky Unit after the most recent former board chairman.

The new name was approved without comment. The change was requested by Charles Terrell, the Dallas insurance executive and former chairman of the prison board who said he was tired of being associated with the home of the state's 446 condemned male prisoners.

Terrell, a Democrat, was appointed prison board chairman in 1987 by Republican Gov. Bill Clements.

Terrell is a lifelong anti-crime crusader who also served as chairman of the Greater Dallas Crime Commission and the Texas Criminal Justice Task Force. He stepped down as prison board chairman in 1990.

Terrell has said he's ambivalent about the way the death penalty is administered today and questions whether it is an effective deterrent.

On Thursday, the board learned that Texas prisons are still 3,000 guards short.

But TDCJ's human resources director told the prison board he hopes new career ladders and pay raises will solve the problem.

"Just to say we're approaching the national (salary) average should help," Warren Moore said. He noted that lawmakers recently increased guard salaries by 9.5 percent with a ceiling of $31,068. The previous top salary was $28,380.

Moore said the prison system hired 4,349 officers this fiscal year, but 5,156 left during the same time.

The shortage has forced the system to curtail some activities, said Gary Johnson, head of TDCJ's institutional division.

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Value Stocks — Not Stylish, But Never Out of Style

During the long bull market of the 1990s, many growth stocks soared to unheard-of heights and, in the process, captured the public imagination. At the same time, a lot of people paid far less attention to "value" stocks. But in 2000, when the bubble burst for a lot of the high-flying growth stocks, many value stocks did quite well — which came as no surprise to savvy investors.

Over the years, value investments have outperformed growth investments many times. But smart investors don't buy value stocks because they anticipate superior short-term performance. They like the other benefits that value stocks can give them: reasonable prices, less volatility and more predictability.

What, exactly, is a "value" stock? Here are a few characteristics to look for:

• **Long history of earnings** — You might think that profits are a basic pre-requisite for any investor considering a stock. But many of the new technology companies, particularly the dot-coms, have no earnings — even while their stock prices were taking off. By contrast, value stocks typically have long track records of profitability. And the best value stocks have several years of continuously improving earnings.

• **Low price for each dollar of earnings** — When you invest in a stock, you're hoping that it earns money — if not today, then tomorrow, and for a long time to come. You're willing to pay a certain price for each dollar of earnings. If you're investing in an aggressive growth stock, you'll have to pay a high price; in other words, you'll be investing in stock with high price-to-earnings ratios. (P/E of 80 or higher. But a value stock, by definition, has a relatively low P/E — possibly 15 or less.

• **Lower volatility** — Like all stocks, value stocks will fluctuate in price. But they generally don't move up and down as much — or as fast — as growth stocks. If you're statistically minded, you can compare the "beta coefficient" of value stocks with those of growth stocks. A beta coefficient is a measure of a stock's relative volatility.

The Standard & Poor's 500 Stock Index has a beta coefficient of 1. Stocks with a beta higher than 1 are considered more volatile than the market as a whole. Conversely, stocks with betas less than 1 are less volatile and will rise and fall more slowly than the market.

In short, if you like favorable valuations, but not a lot of surprises, you may be interested in value stocks. At the same time, don't forget the benefits of diversification. Your portfolio doesn't have to be strictly "value" or solely "growth" — it can easily be value and growth. In fact, you'll find that owning both types of stock will give you more

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Community tries to make sense of murder-suicide

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Portraits of her 10-year-old son on Carmen Anderson's desk were constant reminders of everything special to her, even as she fended off the stalking by the boy's father.

"The surroundings with Matthew's father had to take a toll, but she never spoke of that," says Steve Fuchs, Anderson's supervisor at Internet company TelcoBuy.com. "Carmen was a pretty private person."

But she made no secret of her love for Matthew Toland Jr., or her pride in the straight As the well-mannered boy got in private school. On Monday night, she was eager to watch him play baseball.

"She just seemed very excited about seeing Matthew after a hard day at work," Fuchs says.

Mother and son made it to the ballfield. So did Matthew Toland Sr., packing a pistol and about to follow the path of a brother who years earlier killed out of hatred for women who spurned him.

By police accounts, Toland called for his son. When the boy approached, the father shot him twice in the neck, then pumped three rounds into Anderson, 31, as she sat in a car. Other parents and players scrambled.

Matthew died at the scene in his black-and-gold baseball uniform. His mother died on arrival at a hospital. Toland was found later, 10 miles away, slumped dead in the Cadillac he parked along Interstate 55 before he sent a bullet through his temple.

The boy and his mother were buried Friday after a funeral attended by Matthew's baseball teammates, each wearing their uniforms sporting a patch that read "45," their fallen friend's jersey number.

"Why, Lord? Why did he have to do this? Why, Lord? Oh, Lord, why?" a relative wailed as she passed the two open caskets set end to end.

Police say Toland studied murder-suicides over the Internet in the week before his attack and killed his son out of anger over the boy's refusal to answer questions about the mother. Investigators refuse to discuss the case further, including what Toland wrote in a suicide note or where he got the gun.

"There's no sense in hurting any more of the family," Police Chief Joe Mokwa said.

Toland and Anderson met at the University of Missouri-St. Louis, where Anderson graduated with top honors in business administration and accounting.

Matthew arrived in 1991, welcomed by both parents who soon deemed the boy gifted.

"Both brought him to me when he was very, very young," says Jacqueline Turnage, head of the private, 200-student Stormann-Stufflin School that Matthew attended. "Matthew was very, very bright."

In a letter to his brother Charles "Dino" Toland Jr. in 1995, Toland wrote of his son, then 4 and about to start school, and that "fatherhood is something else, isn't it."

Toland also wrote of graduating two years earlier "in the top of my class" and of soon starting a new job, provided he pass a drug test that made him nervous. Without elaborating, he wrote of being "so lonely sometimes, if I was a person who cried, I would."

He urged his brother to stay out of trouble, pressing that "you have to be smarter than the system" and that "we live in an evil world. Only the right of heart will survive. Remember always you are God. Not a God but the God."

Toland signed the letter "God."

In 1996, Dino Toland was convicted of killing Jackie Polomaine, 28, whose body was found stashed in a closet in Schenectady, N.Y., where the brothers grew up. Her skull had been crushed, her hands tied behind her back and a sock stuffed in her mouth.

Prosecutors said Polomaine was a substitute victim for other women who had rejected Toland days prior.

Calling the crime "vicious and sadistic," a judge sentenced him to 55 years to life.

Now 37 and ineligible for parole until 2050, he awaits next week's scheduled start of another murder trial, involving the death of Pauline Dempster, a single mother from Amsterdam, N.Y., who was killed in 1994. Her skeletal remains were found in 1995 near a nursing home where Dino Toland once worked as an orderly.

For years, Matthew Toland Sr. tried to resume relations with Anderson, her relatives say. The couple never married.

"He was crazy," Angel Anderson, Carmen Anderson's sister, told the St. Louis Post-Dispatch. "He would call her, stalk her. It was a hobby for him. She didn't want him, and he wouldn't take no for an answer."

Carmen Anderson considered seeking a court protection order but never filed for it.

"Carmen didn't let anything scare her, and he was the farthest thing from her mind," the sister told the newspaper. She and other relatives did not return phone messages from The Associated Press.

All the while, Toland and Anderson remained intensely supportive of their son, the boy's principal said. Turnage described Toland as "a very loving dad, very patient. The way he spoke to his child was always in patience and love."

Matthew was "a gifted young man on test scores and everything," she said. He was a voracious reader, played on the school's basketball and soccer teams, and starred on its chess club.

Fuchs said Anderson was most pleased by what a nice person her son was. "The apple doesn't fall far from the tree," he said.

Before Monday night's shootings, police say, Toland had no previous run-ins with the law and had shown no visible signs of violence.

Few of Matthew Sr.'s neighbors would speak publicly of the man, whose remains reportedly were to be cremated with no memorial service. Charles Toland Sr. did not return telephone messages.

"It was a tragedy," says Warren Scott, a former baseball coach of the slain boy. "It really should have never happened."

Elton John raises funds for Russia's monuments

ST. PETERSBURG, Russia (AP) — After performing a 90-minute concert before an invitation-only audience, Elton John put one of his outfits and the piano stool he used in the performance on the auction block to help raise funds for monuments in Russia's former imperial capital.

The beige jacquard Versace suit with matching shoes and the stool brought $27,000 at the auction late Thursday.

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University needs new leader after scandal brings president down

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — J. Wade Gilley's short tenure as University of Tennessee president began with a goal of making the university one of the nation's top public research institutions. It ended amid a flurry of e-mails between him and a smitten protege with questionable credentials.

Now the university is left searching for a new president, and hoping the barrage of publicity doesn't hurt the school's research initiatives.

"It's hard to rally support for the university when you're in the middle of front-page stories," said Faculty Senate President Bob Glenn.

Gilley, 62, resigned June 1, less than two years into a five-year contract, citing his diabetes and work-related stress.

His protege, Pamela Reed, 44, resigned as an assistant to the head of research two weeks later after an investigation confirmed she had embellished her resume. The state is investigating how Reed was hired in the first place.

Hundreds of e-mails between Reed, Gilley and other administrators released by the university revealed a personal relationship between Reed and Gilley, who are both married.

"I love you. I really do and I will never make the statement to the press or anyone else that could harm you about our relationship. To me it was a dream come true and I was glad to give you part of your life back," Reed wrote to Gilley on May 27.

Gilley, who has been married for 40 years, kept his replies professional and collegial.

When Reed worried about the investigation into her resume, Gilley urged her to stay calm: "If we all do the right thing, the university will be the better for it. The process must be correct and the results must be right and fair."

But nine pages of e-mails released by the university this week, found in a folder in Reed's office, suggested more was going on.

"Gosh, I thought you were pretty frisky Friday and I was trying to please you," Gilley wrote Reed on his private e-mail account in February. "... I am sorry if I am not up to your expectations ..."

Though Reed's lawyer John Konvalinka suggested the letter was "fabricated and/or altered," Gilley sent an e-mail response to the Chattanooga Times Free Press saying only that he was "disappointed that the university has chosen to release what appears to be private e-mail using private servers."

As early as March, someone using a private e-mail account sent Gilley a warning that his management style and his perceived relationship with Reed would be his downfall.

National Guard program provides medical training

LA JOYA (AP) — By 5 a.m., they are lined up — some of the hundreds of thousands of South Texas' uninsured, coming for free medical care under the Defense Department's "Operation Lonestar."

For National Guard members, this is the fourth year of a program that gives them "real world" medical training. For the patients, many coming from one of the estimated 1,500 colonias that dot the Mexican border, it may be the first time in years they've seen a doctor.

"We heard there was not too much red tape," said 32-year-old Juan Pineda, who brought his wife and 4-year-old daughter to E.R. Chapa Elementary school Friday. Chapa is one of the three schools housing clinics as part of the program. The others are Ed Couch Junior High in Elsa and Escandon Elementary School in Edinburg.

Guard officials expect to treat more than 5,000 people before the clinic closes next week.

"Down here where it's hot, there's all the diseases you would see in a lot of other regions in the world," Guard spokesman Sgt. Ken Robinson said.

They include high blood pressure, skin conditions, digestive problems, respiratory problems and diabetes, a problem that is particularly prevalent in the Rio Grande Valley.

One woman came complaining of lightheadedness and lethargy. She was found to have a sugar level near 500 (normal is 70 to 120), putting her in danger of a diabetic coma.

"She was a medical emergency," Sgt. 1st Class Debbie Cano of Galveston, said.

Operation Lonestar joins personnel from the U.S. Navy Reserve, U.S. Marine Corps Reserve, Texas Department of Health and the Texas Disaster Medical Assistance Team. Many of the doctors, dentists, and medical professionals are part-time soldiers who have regular practices all over the nation.

Sgt. Chief Corpsman George Herrera, 51, is a nuclear medicine technologist in the private sector in Miami. This was his last duty as a Navy reservist.

"It's humbling that so many need this kind of basic care," he said. "My kids don't have to worry about going to the doctor."

Secretary of State Henry Cuellar, who toured the facilities at Chapa Friday, said Operation Lonestar is helping address the health problems of colonias.

According to the state health department, the greatest percentage growth in Medicaid is along the border. Thirty-two percent of children and 40 percent of adults along the border lack medical coverage. Still more lack dental.

"Some of them have not even seen a dentist," he said.

While there are state-sponsored health programs for the uninsured, colonia residents may not know of them. Others are undocumented immigrants who are frightened clinic officials will alert immigration about them. Just about all are unable to afford a doctor's visit, which can easily cost $100 or more.

Failure to get required school physicals often delays children's entry to school, said Benito Saenz, a representative of La Joya Independent School District, a district that ballooned from under 3,000 students in 1980 to 18,400 students last year. One of the most frequent treatments at Operation Lonestar is school vaccinations.

Francesco Marin, a 58-year-old from Mission had been using an inheritance to pay for his medicines until five months ago, when he was hospitalized for a lung problem. His inheritance will now go entirely to a $20,000 hospital bill, he said.

He left Friday with four bottles of prescription medicine.

"When I go I don't qualify for Medicaid," he said. "In the pharmacy, these medicines would cost me $200."

Government has long history funding religious groups that help overseas

By The Associated Press

Decades before President Bush asked Congress to let religious charities compete for more taxpayer dollars, the federal government began a financial relationship with faith-based groups that continues today.

Each year, hundreds of millions of dollars in public money goes to U.S.-based religious agencies for their work in foreign countries. The money pays for famine relief, new schools and treating AIDS patients, among other things.

Catholic Relief Services, an arm of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, gets 57 percent of its funding from the government.

World Relief, run by the National Association of Evangelicals, gets 47 percent. At World Vision, another conservative Protestant group, the figure is 19 percent.

Some of the agencies, such as World Vision, take an applicant's religion into account when hiring, which is allowed under federal law.

Others ask only that their employees be dedicated to helping the poor. For many, church doctrine guides their projects. Catholic Relief Services, for example, will not distribute condoms as part of its AIDS programs.

"Basically, we do what we believe," said Kenneth Hackett, executive director of Catholic Relief Services.

About one-quarter of the $4.3 billion distributed by the Agency for International Development last year was given to U.S.-based private nonprofits, according to the Office of Management and Budget.

The government does not calculate how much goes to religious groups. However, seven religious charities — taken together — received about $409 million from the government, or more than one-third of the grants.

A spokesman for the development agency said there have been few recent complaints about groups mixing religious and government-funded activities.

However, the development agency is still working with Samaritan's Purse following criticism that the ministry held prayer sessions in El Salvador villages this year before building temporary housing provided by the U.S. government. The charity blamed the breach on a few overenthusiastic volunteers.

The Rev. Barry Lynn, of Americans United for Separation of Church and State, said he knew of no other complaints about how government-funded religious groups operate overseas.

Wesley Pattillo, spokesman for Church World Service, the international humanitarian arm of 36 Protestant, Orthodox and Anglican denominations, said just helping others sends a message about Christians' faith. The government provides about 30 percent of his group's income.

"Church World Service sees relief and development as having its own value of witness without having to enter the narrow range of evangelism that you would think of normally, where you would seek to convert," he said.

Most of the agencies were created to serve World War II refugees, then expanded into famine relief and economic development programs, mainly in the Third World. Their work with the government became more formalized after the federal development agency was created in the 1960s.

Just as Bush has proposed in his faith-based plan for domestic charities, which won House approval Thursday, the international religious groups compete with secular nonprofits for federal grants.

The government now decides on a case-by-case basis whether the agencies are sectarian, then requires them to keep separate accounts for government and religious work. The agencies are audited regularly to ensure they comply and help people regardless of faith.

Still, none of the groups hides its beliefs. Each explains its creed in its promotional literature. Many post Scripture on their Web sites. World Vision posts daily prayer guides, sometimes asking supporters to pray that the organization receives federal grants.

In foreign countries, the agencies often plug into a network of local churches to deliver aid. In much of the Third World, churches are either the only or the best-organized philanthropic organizations, relief officials say.

Arne Bergstrom of World Relief, based in Wheaton, Ill., said staff based overseas are instructed to worship on their own time.

"Say we have a microenterprise development program.

Einhorn's wife fears for his well-being while in U.S. prison

PARIS (AP) — The wife of convicted murderer Ira Einhorn said Friday that her husband feels "fury in his heart" toward the U.S. judicial system and she fears for his well-being in a maximum-security prison near Philadelphia.

"You don't know how much agony he's gone through when he's read about the situation in U.S. prisons," Annika Flodin-Einhorn said in a telephone interview from the couple's home in southwestern France.

"He's felt fury in his heart when he's read stories about how people are treated," she said. "Now he's among them."

After 20 years of outrunning the law, Einhorn was returned earlier Friday to the United States, where he faces a retrial for the gruesome 1977 murder of his girlfriend, Holly Maddux of Tyler, Texas.

Already convicted in absentia, Einhorn was sent back to Philadelphia after the European Court of Human Rights refused to halt his extradition.

His wife said she had not yet seen televised images of her husband, who walked off a U.S. government-charted plane in handcuffs and a bulletproof vest. Once inside a U.S. marshal's car, his ankles were shackled.

"When he walked out of his house here, he was not even handcuffed. And there, he was in shackles?" she asked. "It brings tears to my eyes."

Einhorn was taken to a federal courthouse and then transferred to a maximum-security state prison.

His wife said she feared that Einhorn, 61, faced "a very difficult, very, very uncertain situation."

"But he's going with dignity and we're both committed to continue fighting," she said.

A former 1960's anti-Vietnam War activist, Einhorn maintains his innocence and says he was framed for the murder by the CIA.

Einhorn fled the United States in 1981, shortly before he was due to stand trial for the murder of Maddux — whose body was found stuffed in a trunk inside a closet of the Philadelphia apartment the couple had shared.

He met Swedish-born Annika Flodin in 1987, while living in England under an assumed name. The couple lived together on the lam in Ireland and Sweden before settling in France in 1997, where he was arrested.

"I have constantly supported Ira for more than 13 years, well knowing what he's accused of," Flodin-Einhorn said. "I never once considered it to be a possible reality that Ira is the one who murdered Holly Maddux."

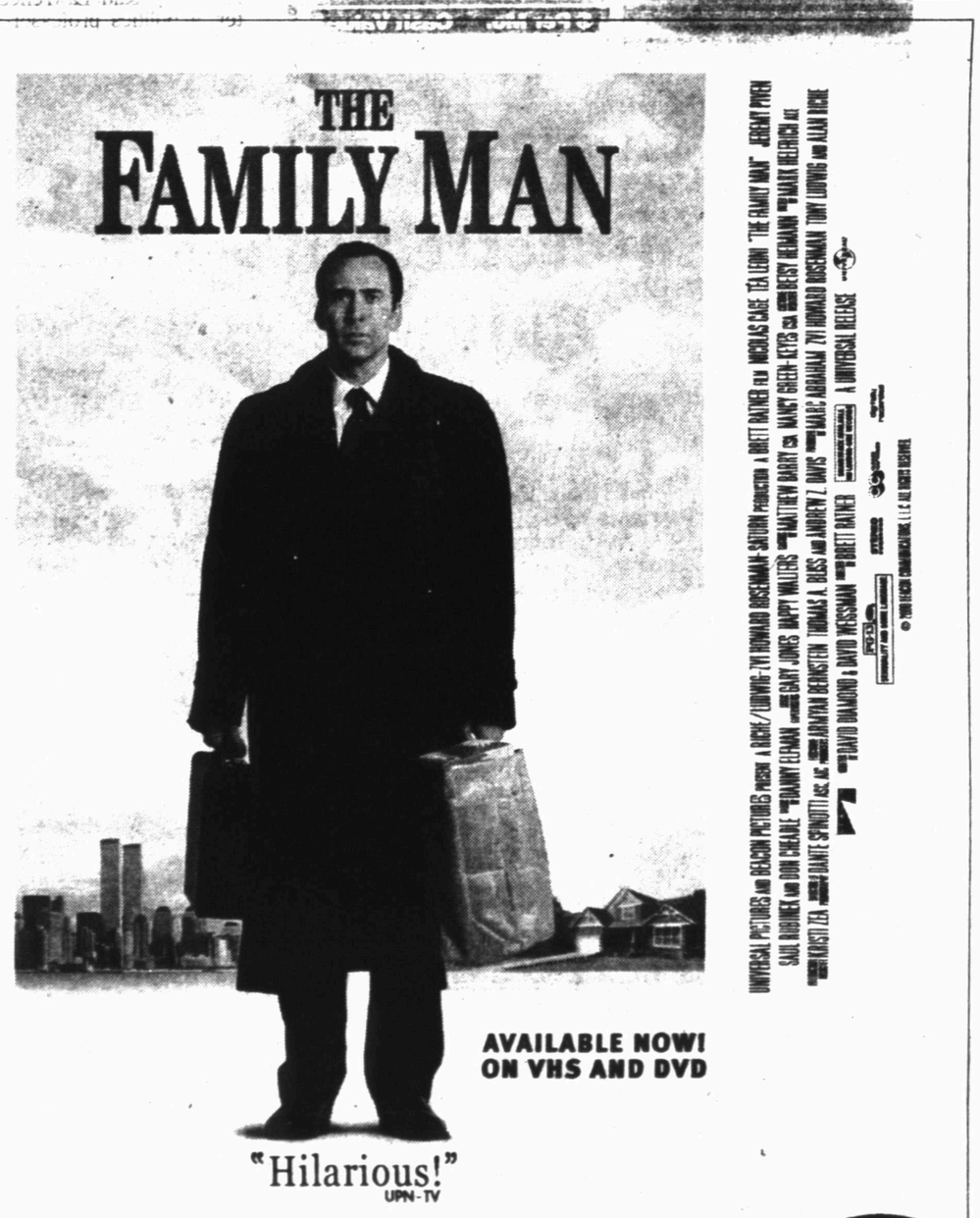
Einhorn is to be retried in Philadelphia to satisfy a French requirement that foreign nationals not be extradited based on trials in absentia.

His wife said she does not plan to visit Einhorn in jail, but will travel to the United States to testify in his trial.

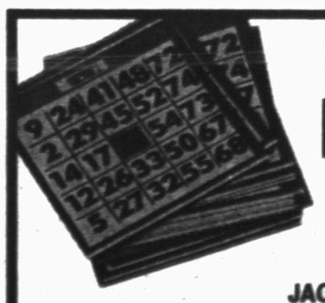
"I am totally and utterly committed to doing everything I can to get him back into this house," she said.

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SOFTBALL CHAMPS — Intimidators posted a 9-0 record to win the 10-under title of the Snyder Softball Association. Members of the team are, front from left, Brittney Leatherwood, Brittany Mayes, Heather Newton, Brittni Chaidez, Megan Velasquez and Ashley Casas. On the back row are Coach Jana Young, Chelsea Young, Kelby Seale, Jodi Guerrero, Coach Billy Newton, Brandy Stansell, Kendra Iglehart, A'lex Koonce and Coach David Koonce. (Contributed Photo)

Duval registers 65, joins leaders at British Open

LYTHAM ST. ANNES, England (AP) — David Duval flirted with both the lead and the course record today before settling for a 6-under 65 that put him in contention in the British Open.

Duval took advantage of ideal playing conditions to birdie seven of the first 14 holes to move into a tie with second-round leader Colin Montgomerie. But he bogeyed the 15th from deep rough and played the final four holes in 1 over.

Duval was a shot off the course record of 64 by Tom Lehman when he won in 1996.

Tiger Woods also started strong, making a long birdie putt on the first hole and adding a second birdie on the fourth to get to 5 under for the tournament and two behind Montgomerie before falling back a shot with a bogey on the par-3 fifth.

A number of other players who began the day at even par with Duval also made moves as light winds and overcast skies kept the course playing soft and made birdies plentiful.

Sergio Garcia, Ernie Els and former British Open champion Paul Lawrie moved to 4 under on the day and the tournament while playing the back nine, while Chris DiMarco and U.S. Open champion Retief Goosen were 3 under.

The strong early play meant that the leaders couldn't be satisfied with making pars if they were to remain atop the leaderboard on a Royal Lytham & St. Annes course that suddenly proved itself vulnerable.

A day earlier, the gallery seemingly willed Montgomerie on, perhaps giving him some help as a shot destined for the crowd and deep grass sailed right of the seventh green. A few seconds later, it rolled down a cart path onto the fairway.

"We'll help you Monty," the fans yelled as a bemused Montgomerie walked up to his ball.

If they could, almost all the 41,500 who traveled by train and car to the seaside links would pitch in to win one for the ruddy Scotsman.

But they can't play Tiger Woods. And they can't erase Montgomerie's history of failure in this major championship.

Montgomerie has to do that himself in what shapes up to be the weekend of his golfing life.

"This is all new territory for me," Montgomerie said. "I haven't done a bad job, but at the same time I haven't been in this position in the Open before."

Montgomerie was at 7 under and on top of the Open leaderboard after two rounds following a 70 on Friday. He had a one-shot lead over Fulke and two ahead of Joe Ogilvie, Greg Owen and Jesper Parnevik.

But the one he's most worried about is Woods, who was four shots back after a 68 that included birdies on all three par-5s.

Woods knows what it is like on a Sunday with the crowd going wild and the claret jug up for grabs. He won the Open last year and has captured six major championships.

It's an advantage that even Montgomerie's most avid fans will find hard to overcome.

"I've won Open championships, and that in itself relieves a lot of tension, a lot of pressure, because you know what it takes," Woods said. "I know what the emotions are and I know what I'm going to encounter."

Montgomerie doesn't, because he hasn't won a major championship. He's come close, losing playoffs in the U.S. Open and the PGA, but this is different.

This is the British Open, the tournament he cherishes most and the one he most desperately wants to win.

"This is bigger than anything," Montgomerie said. "It's draining. I feel like I've been here 10 days already."

It's usually Woods who draws the big galleries and gets the huge cheers. But here it is Montgomerie, who at 38 might never get a better chance to win his Open.

"It was an incredible reception," Montgomerie said. "Long may it continue."

Still, it's hard not to look back and see the imposing shadow put down by Woods.

"I'm happy he's behind me. I will be happier on Sunday if he's behind me," Montgomerie said. "We all have an eye on him. He's the best player in the world by some margin. We are ahead of him right now, but he must be quite comfortable in that position."

Anderson shuns Spurs for six-year deal with Blazers

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — Derek Anderson took $2.25 million to play for the San Antonio Spurs last season, with the expectation that they would improve his contract this summer. When he started to feel they were being disloyal to him, Anderson committed to the Portland Trail Blazers.

Portland landed one of the biggest free-agent prizes in the NBA on Friday, almost by accident. Realizing Anderson had reached an impasse with the Spurs, the Blazers lured Anderson away with only the promise of their $4.5 million mid-level salary-cap exception.

Anderson's six-year deal, with an opt-out clause after five years, would be worth up to $34 million, but he could earn more if the Blazers and Spurs can work out a sign-and-trade deal. Negotiations probably won't begin until early next week, said Anderson's agent, Tony Dutt said.

"We sure would like to help them (the Spurs) out if we can, and at the same time it would be helping Derek out with a sign-and-trade," Dutt said.

Steve Smith, who started last season at shooting guard for Portland, but later lost his job to Bonzi Wells, likely would be part of such a trade. Wells seriously injured his left knee late in the season and is trying to get ready for training camp in early October.

Also Friday, the Blazers — who had a league-record $89.7 million payroll, more than $54 million above the cap — shed $4.4 million in salary by trading Greg Anthony to Chicago and letting free agent Stacey Augmon go to Charlotte.

Anderson, a four-year veteran who also spent time with the Cleveland Cavaliers and Los Angeles Clippers, was the Spurs' second-leading scorer last season with a 15.5 average.

He negotiated with the Spurs for the past two weeks, and the team sweetened its offer from $36 million for five years to $43 million for six, but the deal was laden with incentives, and only 25 percent of his salary in the final year would have been guaranteed. The final straw for Anderson came when the team gave him a deadline of 2 p.m. Friday to accept the offer.

"I waited three weeks for them to negotiate with me, and then all of a sudden they give me a deadline," he told the San Antonio Express-News.

Dutt said the Spurs could come back with another offer, but that the chances were slim that Anderson would consider it.

"His word means something," Dutt said.

The agent, who also represents new ex-Spurs Samaki Walker and Avery Johnson, said Anderson felt Portland management has a "family atmosphere" that is committed to winning over the long term.

"With Tim Duncan only having two years remaining on his deal, there was some concern about what happens in two years. With Portland, we feel like they're always going to be competitive," Dutt said.

Anthony, hobbled by ankle injuries last season and relegated to third-string point guard after the signing of Rod Strickland, was traded to the Bulls for a future second-round draft choice.

Pacers interested in Rockets' Olajuwon

HOUSTON (AP) — Houston Rockets center Hakeem Olajuwon has met with representatives for the Indiana Pacers after speaking with the Toronto Raptors earlier this week, a television station reported.

Houston television station KRIV reported Friday that Pacers President Donnie Walsh and head coach Isiah Thomas were in Houston meeting with Olajuwon, hoping to lure him to Indiana.

Rockets general manager Carroll Dawson said he was notified by Olajuwon's agent about the meeting with Indiana.

"They're greatly over the (salary) cap. So anything they come up with would probably be a call to me on a sign and trade," Dawson said. "I would think that would be their only route. They could possibly use their exception. There are a lot of different ways. I don't know what their intentions are until I talk to them. I haven't talked to them."

Dawson said he also had contact with Toronto before their representatives came to Houston Tuesday.

Dawson said the Rockets want to sign Olajuwon, who has spent his entire pro career with Houston.

The center's $16.5 million contract with the Rockets expired at the end of the season, making him a free agent.

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EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	16	5	.762	—
New York	16	6	.727	½
Miami	12	9	.571	4
Charlotte	9	12	.429	7
Orlando	7	13	.350	8½
Indiana	7	14	.333	9
Washington	5	14	.263	10
Detroit	5	14	.263	10

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	18	3	.857	—
Houston	14	6	.700	3½
Sacramento	12	9	.571	6
Portland	10	10	.500	7½
Utah	9	10	.474	8
Phoenix	8	12	.400	9½
Minnesota	7	12	.368	10
Seattle	8	14	.364	10½

Friday's Games

Miami 64, Houston 50
Charlotte 72, Orlando 65
Indiana 73, Washington 65
Portland 56, Seattle 49

Saturday's Games

Utah at Phoenix, 4 p.m.
Charlotte at Cleveland, 7 p.m.
Minnesota at Orlando, 7:30 p.m.
Seattle at Los Angeles, 9:30 p.m.
Detroit at Sacramento, 10 p.m.

Sunday's Games

Miami at New York, 2 p.m.
Indiana at Washington, 3 p.m.
Detroit at Portland, 10 p.m.

Tour de France...

Armstrong grabs lead with win in mountains

PLA D'ADET, France (AP) — Lance Armstrong posted another impressive mountain-stage victory Saturday and took the lead in the Tour de France in quest of his third straight title.

It was his third stage win in this year's race.

Armstrong finished the difficult 120.47-mile stretch about one minute ahead of his main rival, Germany's Jan Ullrich, and moved from third to first place in the standings. He had led Ullrich by 4:05 before the start of Saturday's stage.

There are only seven stages remaining. Only one of those — Sunday's stretch from Tarbes to Luz-Ardiden — takes place in the mountains. The race standings are unlikely to change significantly once riders leave the Pyrenees.

Armstrong, his U.S. Postal Service teammate Roberto Heras and Ullrich broke from the front pack at the foot of the final climb.

With about four miles left, Ullrich passed between the two U.S. Postal riders and took the lead.

Heras, from Spain, dropped back, but Armstrong gave chase. A few minutes later, he moved in front, then suddenly increased his pace, leaving the Team Telekom rider far back. He then overtook France's Laurent Jalabert, who had led for most of the stage.

It was the third time Armstrong has beaten Ullrich in the closing stretch of a mountain stage in this year's Tour. He also was faster than Ullrich in an uphill time-trial in the Alps.

Sports Briefs

Kiwanis golf tournament

Snyder Kiwanis Club will host the annual Hubert and Mary Cargile Memorial Scholarship Tournament Aug. 4 at Western Texas College.

Entry fee for the four-person scramble is $120 per team. Registration begins at 7 a.m., with shotgun starts at 8 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Basketball camp

The four-day Super Shooters basketball camp begins Monday at the Western Texas College gym. Former WTC basketball coach Valery Jackson will provide instruction.

Incoming third through sixth grade boys and girls will workout from 9 a.m. until noon. Junior high and high school girls only will practice from 2 to 5 p.m.

Registration will be held Monday at 8:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Cost is $50 per camper, and a parent or guardian must be present to sign-up.

Tennis meeting

Snyder High School tennis players will meet with Coach Ted Phillips at 6 p.m. Aug. 2 at the field house film room to plan the upcoming season.

Golf tournament

Price Daniel Unit will host a four-man scramble Aug. 6 at Sweetwater Country Club. Proceeds benefit Special Olympics of Texas.

Cost is $50 per player, including green fee, meal and cart. Trophies, shirts and hats will be awarded to the top teams, with $50 going to the winners. Hole-in-one prizes are a 2001 Ford Mustang, two airline tickets, a set of Hogan irons and a year's supply of Top Flite golf balls.

Entry deadline is July 31. Entry fees should be mailed to PDU c/o Connie Rushing. Checks should be made payable to Area 14 Special Olympics.

Western Texas MGA

The Men's Golf Association of Western Texas College holds a weekly event at 6 p.m. each Tuesday. Players need to register in the pro shop by 5:30.

Tuesday scramble and all-day MGA

The Men's Golf Association of Snyder Country Club holds its weekly scramble at 5:30 p.m. each Tuesday.

Also, an all-day MGA event is held each Thursday.

WGA play day

The Women's Golf Association of Snyder Country Club holds its weekly play day at 9 a.m. each Tuesday. Format is Nassau tournament.

Junior high football

All Snyder Junior High football players will pick up their equipment Aug. 14. Eighth graders will be from 3-5 p.m., followed by seventh graders from 5-7.

Athletic physicals

Seventh and ninth grade SISD athletes, and anyone who has never participated in Snyder athletics must take a physical. SISD will pay for the physicals through Aug. 3.

An appointment should be made with one of the following doctors: Raykov, Burleson, Cooper, Thompson, Nussey, Woboit, Leighton or P.A. Beth Ashley.

All SISD athletes must return completed athletic forms to the ath-

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SPORTS

Petty back at site of son's death

LOUDON, N.H. (AP) — Driving a car painted black to honor his fallen son, Kyle Petty returned to Loudon on Friday for the first time since Adam Petty died here 14 months ago.

"I love Adam, we all love Adam, and miss him terribly," Petty said in a statement that announced his decision to return.

This couldn't have been an easy choice — coming back to the track where his 19-year-old son, so full of promise, died in May 2000, after ramming into the wall on Turn 3 during practice for a Grand National race.

Petty's death began a long stretch of soul searching for his family, and tragedy for NASCAR, which would lose three more of its drivers — including Kenny Irwin at this very track — to deadly accidents.

In many eyes, some of the sport's wounds were healed two weeks ago when Dale Earnhardt Jr. thrilled racing fans with his cathartic victory at Daytona, the track where his father died five months before in the Daytona 500.

Petty's story doesn't seem pointed toward such a storybook ending. The third-generation driver of America's first family of racing is 43rd in the Winston Cup points standings.

He hasn't won a race since 1995 and qualified 26th to make just his 12th of 19 points races this year.

"I feel more for Kyle with his situation than I do for my own," Earnhardt Jr. said before Daytona. "It's just not right, losing your son at that young age."

While Earnhardt never had a doubt about returning to Daytona, Petty delayed his decision until Friday morning, just hours before qualifying. Those close to him suggested a trip back to Loudon would bring closure to his mourning.

But they wondered if Petty truly was ready to move on.

"I know it took a lot for him to be here," Jeff Gordon said. "It says a lot about Kyle and the whole Petty family. They care a lot about the fans, the people who've supported them over the years. I think this is in honor of Adam. Instead of staying home, I think they wanted to come here and honor him."

As a tribute to Adam, Petty had the No. 45 car painted black, with white logos and a touch of gray.

Just behind the driver-side door is a sticker with a No. 45.



A LARGE HAUL — Snyder's Kade Kruger and Tyrelle Gilbert reeled in a pair of oversized catfish earlier this month while fishing with Kruger's grandfather, M.L. Chandler, at Possum Kingdom. Kruger's fish weighed in at 22 pounds, while Gilbert's tallied a 21-pound catch. (Contributed Photo)

Astros gain ground on Cubs with 5-2 victory

HOUSTON (AP) — As Orlando Merced was rounding the bases, he realized he'd have to protect himself from his own teammates when he reached home plate.

Merced's pinch-hit grand slam rallied Houston past Chicago 5-2 Friday night, extending the Astros' winning streak to seven straight over the Cubs.

"I tried to keep my helmet on going back to the dugout because I knew they'd be hitting me hard," Merced said. "People are throwing you around. It's a good feeling when your teammates receive you that way."

The Astros pulled within two games of the first-place Cubs in the NL Central.

Houston swept the Cubs in three games earlier this season and hasn't lost to them since last Aug. 23.

Jon Lieber (12-5) had won his last six decisions, tying a career high, and was off to a good start until the Astros scored five runs in the fifth inning.

Richard Hidalgo and Vinny Castilla led off with singles. Brad Ausmus sacrificed, and reached on second baseman Eric Young's fielding error to load the bases.

Merced followed with the third slam of his career and his third pinch-hit homer this season, a liner down the right-field line that barely cleared the fence and boosted the Astros to a 4-2 lead.

It was Houston's seventh grand slam of the season, setting a club record.

"I got down 0-2 real quick but I still felt I had a chance," Merced said. "If you try to do too much it works against you. I just tried to go with the pitch and hit it."

Craig Biggio then extended his hitting streak to 12 games with a double and scored on a passed ball by Joe Girardi.

The Astros have beaten the Cubs 10 times in 11 meetings.

"I think every game in the second half is big," Biggio said. "These games are big because they are in first place. The fans are excited and we're excited. When you're chasing first place, the games you play against them are important.

Lieber pitched five innings, his shortest outing of the season. He allowed eight hits, struck out three and didn't walk a batter.

"Lieber had a couple of strikes on a couple of guys in that inning but he wasn't able to put them away," Cubs manager Don Baylor said.

"Then, they took advantage of an error. You can't make mistakes. You have to play perfectly with the bases loaded. There's no place to put them."

Rookie Tim Redding (2-0), who developed a blood blister on his right middle finger Sunday against Cleveland, felt good enough to start against the Cubs.

Ron Coomer led off the Chicago second with his sixth homer of the season. The Cubs went on to load the bases with two outs, but Redding got Delino DeShields to ground out with Sammy Sosa on deck.

Redding couldn't escape Sosa in the fifth. With two outs, DeShields singled, stole second and scored on Sosa's single just beyond the reach of first baseman Jeff Bagwell.

Redding allowed six hits and two earned runs in five innings. He struck out four and walked three.

"I was relieved more so for the fact we put a rally together," Redding said. "I'm not here for wins or losses. If I can keep us in the game, that's what I'm here for."

Three Houston relievers allowed one hit in four scoreless innings.

Billy Wagner pitched the ninth for his 21st save in 22 chances. He has been successful on 15 straight opportunities.

Rodriguez, Sierra carry Texas past lowly Devil Rays, 4-1

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (AP) — In a season of low points, the Tampa Bay Devil Rays reached a new one.

Ivan Rodriguez and Ruben Sierra hit consecutive homers as the Texas Rangers beat Tampa Bay 4-1 Friday night, dropping the Devil Rays (30-67) to a franchise-record 37 games under .500.

"When you're in a rut, you have a tendency to press," Devil Rays manager Hal McRae said.

In losing the first three games of a five-game homestand, the Devil Rays have scored three runs and gone 3-for-30 — including 1-of-10 Friday night— with runners in scoring position.

Tampa Bay has allowed just eight runs over the same span.

"We're pitching our tails off, but offensively we're not executing," McRae said. "The guys just need to relax and not be concerned with the outcome, but with the process."

Rodriguez and Sierra, without an RBI in his previous nine games, hit solo homers in the sixth inning to put the Rangers up 3-1. It was the 12th time this season the Rangers have hit consecutive homers.

Rodriguez went 2-for-4. He is batting .412 (61-148) career against Tampa Bay, his highest average against one club.

Sierra also picked up an RBI with a bases-loaded walk in the ninth.

"I just try to do my job everyday," Rodriguez said. "You've got to go up there and swing the bat and try and hit the ball hard. That's what I do. Concentrate to hit the ball hard and make good contact."

Texas starter Doug Davis (5-7) gave up one run and 11 hits in eight innings. It was the ninth straight time the left-hander, who struck out six and walked three, has gone at least six innings.

"I gave up a lot of hits, but I spread them out through eight innings so none of them hurt," Davis said. "I'm not concentrating hard enough, obviously, because I can't have a 1-2-3 inning."

In nine starts since being recalled from Triple-A Oklahoma on May 31, Davis has allowed 24 earned runs in 64 2-3 innings.

"The thing that has impressed me is he steps it up when he gets in trouble," Rangers manager Jerry Narron said. "He's done it about the last four times that he's pitched. When he's gotten in a little trouble, he's been able to pitch out of it."

Jeff Zimmerman got three outs for his 16th save.

Albie Lopez (5-12) left the game four pitches after the back-to-back homers because of a sprained left ankle.

Lopez appeared to misstep while completing his delivery on a pitch to Gabe Kapler.

"It's something that I could have pitched through, but Hal was taking care of me" Lopez said. "I didn't want to leave the game."

More painful than the ankle injury to Lopez was his pitch selection on the homers.

"I got beat on my fourth-best pitch," he said. "Two changeups."

Ricky Ledee put the Rangers ahead 1-0 with an RBI double in the second inning. It was his first RBI in 10 games.

Greg Vaughn also got his first RBI in 10 games with a run-scoring single that drew Tampa Bay even in the fifth.

Both teams made strong defensive plays early.

Tampa Bay second baseman Brent Abernathy robbed Rafael Palmeiro of a hit in the third inning with a diving stab of a hard one-hopper. Rangers third baseman Mike Lamb made two nice plays on back-to-back liners by Jason Tyner and Damian Rolls in the bottom of the inning.

"I had great defense tonight," Davis said.

Berkman finds quick path to starting role

HOUSTON (AP) — Lance Berkman was no different from any other first-time All-Star. He was wide-eyed and a little nervous simply walking into the locker room.

The Houston Astros' left fielder adjusted quickly, as he's done on the field all season.

Besides, his All-Star teammates were just as curious about how a guy in his first full season in the majors could be leading the league in hitting with a .365 average and a 21-game hitting streak at the break.

"At first, you feel like you don't belong when you see all these guys who have been there before," Berkman said. "Then, you see some of the guys and start talking and it's just like our clubhouse."

Berkman has been getting a lot of attention this season since he's joined Craig Biggio and Jeff Bagwell as the "Killer Bs," the hitting trio that originally included former outfielder Derek Bell.

With scant minor-league experience after a stellar college career at Rice, Berkman fought his way into the Astros' crowded outfield this season, starting at all three positions.

He and Moises Alou have been among the league leaders in hitting all season. At the All-Star break, they were 1-2 in the NL. Berkman also has given the Astros a switch-hitter in the cleanup position.

Berkman has cooled off since the start of the second half, but he's still among the league leaders in hitting and appears to be a can't-miss for a long major league career.

San Diego outfielder Tony Gwynn sought Berkman at the All-Star game to chat about hitting.

"I had a lot of questions for him and he gave all the right answers," Gwynn said.

Bagwell and Biggio have enjoyed watching his progress.

"He's just having one of those years you just sit back and enjoy watching," Biggio said. "Every now and then guys have those. They are the kind of years where everything just goes right.

"You just pinch yourself and sit back and enjoy it."

Berkman is quick to point out his brief span of success.

"Certainly, if they'd said you'd be hitting .365 with 25 home runs at the All-Star break, I'd say, 'Yeah, I'll take that,'" Berkman said.

Major League Baseball

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East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	54	42	.562	—
Philadelphia	53	43	.552	1
Florida	50	47	.516	4½
New York	44	54	.449	11
Montreal	43	54	.443	11½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	55	40	.579	—
Houston	53	42	.558	2
St. Louis	48	47	.505	7
Milwaukee	43	51	.457	11½
Pittsburgh	37	58	.389	18
Cincinnati	35	61	.365	20½

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Arizona	55	40	.579	—
Los Angeles	54	42	.562	1½
San Francisco	51	45	.531	4½
San Diego	45	51	.469	10½
Colorado	40	55	.421	15

Friday's Games

Florida 5, Cincinnati 3
Philadelphia 10, N.Y. Mets 1
Montreal 6, Atlanta 3
Houston 5, Chicago Cubs 2
Pittsburgh 4, St. Louis 1
Los Angeles at Colorado, 9:05 p.m.
Milwaukee at San Diego, 10:05 p.m.
Arizona at San Francisco, 10:35 p.m.

Saturday's Games

Los Angeles (Gagne 2-4) at Colorado (Neagle 6-3), 4:05 p.m.
Arizona (Schilling 13-4) at San Francisco (Jensen 0-1), 4:05 p.m.
Montreal (Munoz 0-0) at Atlanta (Perez 6-7), 7:05 p.m.
Cincinnati (Davis 2-1) at Florida (Penny 7-3), 7:05 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Trachsel 3-10) at Philadelphia (Wolf 5-9), 7:05 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (Tapani 8-7) at Houston (Mlicki 1-0), 8:05 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Beimel 4-5) at St. Louis (Smith 1-0), 8:10 p.m.
Milwaukee (Suzuki 0-2) at San Diego (Tollberg 3-3), 10:05 p.m.

Sunday's Games

Montreal at Atlanta, 1:05 p.m.
N.Y. Mets at Philadelphia, 1:35 p.m.
Pittsburgh at St. Louis, 2:10 p.m.
Chicago Cubs at Houston, 2:35 p.m.
Cincinnati at Florida, 4:05 p.m.
Arizona at San Francisco, 4:05 p.m.
Milwaukee at San Diego, 5 p.m.
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	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	56	40	.583	—
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Baltimore	41	53	.436	14
Tampa Bay	30	67	.309	26½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Minnesota	58	38	.604	—
Cleveland	54	40	.575	3
Chicago	46	48	.489	11
Detroit	43	51	.457	14
Kansas City	37	59	.385	21

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Seattle	69	27	.719	—
Oakland	51	45	.531	18
Anaheim	47	48	.495	21½
Texas	40	55	.421	28½

Friday's Games

Detroit 7, Cleveland 3
Toronto 10, N.Y. Yankees 4
Texas 4, Tampa Bay 1
Seattle 4, Minnesota 0
Boston 7, Chicago White Sox 2
Oakland 14, Kansas City 3
Anaheim at Baltimore, ppd., dangerous conditions

Saturday's Games

Seattle (Pineiro 0-0) at Minnesota (Johnson 0-0), 1:05 p.m.
Detroit (Pettyjohn 0-1) at Cleveland (Nagy 3-3), 1:15 p.m.
Boston (Ohka 2-4) at Chicago White Sox (Baldwin 6-5), 1:15 p.m.
Texas (Oliver 7-5) at Tampa Bay (Rupe 4-8), 4:15 p.m.
Toronto (Halladay 0-1) at N.Y. Yankees (Keisler 1-2), 4:35 p.m.
Anaheim (Rapp 3-9) at Baltimore (Roberts 7-7), 7:05 p.m.
Oakland (Heredia 5-7) at Kansas City (Reichert 8-7), 8:05 p.m.

Sunday's Games

Detroit at Cleveland, 1:05 p.m.
Toronto at N.Y. Yankees, 1:05 p.m.
Texas at Tampa Bay, 1:15 p.m.
Anaheim at Baltimore, 1:35 p.m., 1st game
Anaheim at Baltimore, 7:35 p.m., 2nd game
Seattle at Minnesota, 2:05 p.m.
Boston at Chicago White Sox, 2:05 p.m.
Oakland at Kansas City, 8:05 p.m.

Texas point guard will undergo neck surgery

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas Longhorns freshman point guard T.J. Ford will undergo surgery next week to correct problems in his neck near his spinal cord, school officials said Friday.

Ford has been diagnosed with having spinal stenosis, a condition that causes abnormal narrowing of the openings in the spinal column.

Texas officials called the surgery "minor" but said a timetable for Ford's recovery won't be known until after the operation.

Dr. Byron Neely will perform the operation July 25 at St. David's Hospital in Austin.

According to the Orthospine.com Web site, symptoms of spinal stenosis range from tingling and numbness in the limbs to severe pain.

A high school all-American, Ford averaged 12 points, 9.4 assists and 7.8 steals per game in leading Sugar Land Willowridge to a 39-0 record and the Class 5A state championship last season. He has already enrolled in college classes.

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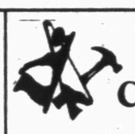
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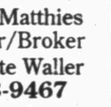

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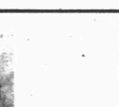
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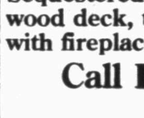
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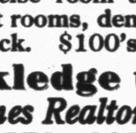
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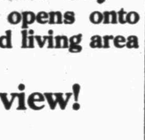
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Marine scientists free rope-entangled North Atlantic whale

BOSTON (AP) — Marine scientists freed a North Atlantic right whale entangled in rope Friday but a second whale, one that has been the subject of several failed rescue attempts, continued swimming north with a rope embedded in its jaw.

Two whale watching vessels assisted rescuers who untangled the marine giant from rope and a buoy within hours of its sighting 30 miles east of Portsmouth, N.H., said Joanne Jarzobski, a spokeswoman for the Center for Coastal Studies in Provincetown, Mass.

The animal was in a vertical position, drifting slowly in the water with its mouth open and rope strung across its jaw.

Rescuers approached the slow-moving whale, attached a line to the one in its mouth, then cut both free. It swam away without serious injury.

"We like to have a good ending right away," said Jarzobski.

The successful rescue came as another right whale, dubbed Churchill, swam north toward Nova Scotia, Canada, where scientists are planning another rescue attempt, possibly this weekend.

Churchill was spotted June 8 off Cape Cod. Rescuers have approached it five times but have not been able to remove a marine line causing an infection that is expected to kill the whale.

There are only about 300 North Atlantic right whales left in the world.

Gambling cruise ship seized

GALVESTON (AP) — The star-crossed Talisman Casino ship, which began sailing out of Galveston this spring with an ambitious plan to offer daily offshore gambling, has been seized by the U.S. Marshals Service.

Authorities took control of the converted cruise ship Thursday afternoon on behalf of American V Ships, which contracted with Talisman to provide a crew and manage the vessel's operation.

American V claims Talisman owes it $102,500 in management fees and crew travel expenses that have mounted since April. Byron Georgiou, a Talisman partner, says American V actually owes his company.

"American V Ships completely mismanaged the maritime operations of the vessel such that the vessel was unable to sail on a regular basis during the months of April and May," Georgiou said.

Earlier this week, the Port of Galveston claimed it is owed about $114,000 in dockage and wharfage fees. Georgiou said the amount is closer to $14,000.

Numerous other creditors have claimed they have outstanding balances with Talisman.

Leslie Gallagher, a maritime attorney who is not affiliated with the Talisman case, told The Galveston County Daily News that usually a ship owner would have 10 to 20 days to respond and is typically given a chance to post a bond and reclaim the ship.

"Arresting the vessel is just what initiates the legal process," said Gallagher.

Port Director Katherine Moore was pessimistic Talisman would find new backing and resume operations.

Actress on 'Soprano's' severely beaten

JERSEY CITY, N.J. (AP) — The actress who plays Tony Soprano's maid on the hit mob drama "The Sopranos" was beaten up and tossed down a flight of stairs, police said.

Katalin Pota, who plays Soprano maid Lilliana Wosilius on the HBO show, was beaten around the face, legs and torso before being thrown down the stairs on July 5, police said Friday. Her arm was also broken.

Police arrested Andre Doumler, 40, of Jersey City, on Friday and charged him with aggravated assault.

Doumler, a Russian national, was in custody at the Hudson County Correctional Facility. His arraignment had not yet been scheduled.

CARDS OF THANKS

THANK YOU

We take this means to express our sincere thanks to our many friends and neighbors who were so kind to us in our darkest hour of sorrow when our loved ones were called away. We deeply appreciate the beautiful flowers, the abundance of food sent and every kindness shown to our families.

May you have just such friends if such sorrow ever visits your home. And may heaven's richest blessings fall on each of you.

The Families of
Tomas Gutierrez Jr. & Gustavo Castillon Jr.

THANK YOU

I would like to thank everyone who sent cards, flowers and for all your prayers in our time of sorrow. My mother would have been so proud of the people of Snyder for their open hands of loving friendship. This makes me very proud to say "I am a Snyder Citizen." Thanks again for your loving concern for my family.

I would also like to give a special thanks to the staff of Snyder Oaks Care Center. I could not have asked for such caring people to look after my mother during her stay there. Her lasts days, her last breaths were filled with loving people around her. I know when she decided to join our Lord, she felt safe and loved. I will never forget this last act of love for another human being, my Mother, Ila May Jones.

In Christian love,
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THANK YOU

We would like to take this opportunity to give thanks to everyone who helped us through our tragedy with the loss of our loved one Michael L. McNair Jr. Everyone's thoughts and prayers helped us carry ourselves through the very hardest of our coping days. We would like to give a special thanks to Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home who let us move at our own pace, and Father G. Leatham and the St. Elizabeth Catholic Church who has given us so much support and understanding in this time of sorrow. Also to my "special" friends who always seem to be there to protect me and lift me up. And to those you do not realize care so much about you until something like this occurs. A great appreciation goes to all of my Price Daniel family who did so much to assure that I get to share a special goodbye to Michael--Thank you for allowing me to have that closure. I take great pride to be a part of such a wonderful, caring and giving organization.

A huge thanks and appreciation to my immediate family, who never lets me down--they are always here for me. And especially to Michael's immediate family who has helped me deal and stood by me with their prayers and their calls. Because of all of you, I can stand back up and keep on living.

Michael McNair was a wonderful man and he will be missed greatly. Because of all the love and support we know he will forever live on in our hearts. We will all miss you Michael and will never stop loving you. May God bless you all and give you the thanks that words nor paper can ever show.

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Charges dismissed against lead lawyer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Misdemeanor charges were dropped Friday against the lead lawyer for former SLA fugitive Sara Jane Olson after attorneys for both sides agreed that the case would be burdensome to the court.

Olson's attorney, J. Tony Serra, was accused of improperly releasing the addresses and phone numbers of two police witnesses in the attempted-murder case against his client. The witnesses contend the leak placed them in danger.

Serra has said the information came from his San Francisco office but was inadvertently released.

The dismissal cleared a hurdle in getting the long-delayed Olson case to trial. Olson, 54, is accused of attempting to murder Los Angeles police officers in 1975 by planting car bombs in retaliation for the deaths of six Symbionese Liberation Army members in a shootout.

Serra's co-counsel Shawn Snider Chapman also was charged with releasing the information, which was posted briefly on a Web site, but those charges were dropped in June. Chapman maintained from the beginning that she was not involved and the city attorney ultimately concluded she was blameless.

Attorney Bruce Margolin, who represented Serra, said Friday that the case was dismissed in the interest of justice. Serra made a donation of $5,000 to a statewide fund for the widows and children of police officers.

Maureen Siegel, chief of the city attorney's criminal division, classified the dismissal of the charges as "more (in) the nature of a civil compromise."

"There was essentially an acknowledgment of responsibility through a fairly generous contribution to (the) police memorial foundation," Siegel said.

Olson was indicted under her former name, Kathleen Soliah. She remained a fugitive until her 1999 capture in Minnesota where she was living quietly as wife and mother.

She is alleged to be a former member of the SLA, the radical group that kidnapped newspaper heiress Patty Hearst in 1974. The car bombs she is charged with planting did not explode.

The California State Bar, which was investigating both lawyers, also dismissed Chapman's case. Margolin said he expected the organization to take the same action regarding Serra.

Navy uses explosives to blast off mast

HONOLULU (AP) — The Navy used explosives Friday to blast a mast off a Japanese fishing vessel sunk by a U.S. submarine, the first major step in the $40 million effort to recover bodies and other items from the Ehime Maru.

Emergency boats and a helicopter were standing by in case diesel fuel inside the vessel was released by the explosion.

"The small charge was considered the safest and most controllable method to remove the mast," said Jon Yoshishige, a spokesman for the U.S. Pacific Fleet. "It is a technology that has been well researched and routinely used in the offshore oil industry for many years."

The mast will be brought to the surface next month.

The Ehime Maru sank after it was struck by the surfacing USS Greeneville on Feb. 9, killing nine Japanese men and boys. The other 26 crew members, teachers and students on the high school training vessel from Uwajima, Japan, were rescued.

The Greeneville was demonstrating a rapid-surfacing drill off Hawaii for 16 civilian guests. Cmdr. Scott Waddle was reprimanded, effectively ending his 20-year career, and four other crewmen were disciplined.

The 190-foot vessel rests on the ocean floor in 2,000 feet of water about nine miles from shore. The Navy plans to put straps under the sunken hull to lift the vessel for a move to 115-foot-deep waters, where recovery efforts can begin.

The Navy has never recovered a ship the size of the 830-ton Ehime Maru from such depths. Salvage experts say the operation will require cooperative sea conditions.

Navy officials said by working around the clock, they hope to spend about a month rigging the ship, three to four days transporting it and about a month searching the interior.

On the Net:
U.S. Pacific Fleet: http://www.cpf.navy.mil
Ocean Hercules: http://socsys.com/Equipment/OceanH.htm

Judge: Controversial play can proceed

FORT WAYNE, Ind. (AP) — A federal judge Friday refused to block a state-supported university from staging performances of a play with a gay Christ-like character.

A group of local residents and state lawmakers had filed a lawsuit seeking to prohibit Indiana University-Purdue University Fort Wayne from putting on Terrence McNally's "Corpus Christi" at a school theater.

They argued that taxpayer money should not be used to help subsidize a production that attacks religion.

U.S. District Judge William C. Lee ruled the plaintiffs failed to show how the production would violate the separation of church and state.

"It's nice because now we can continue with what we're doing without this hanging over our heads," said the play's director, senior Jonathan Gilbert. "If they had won, you could walk into any museum in Indiana and say that painting offends me, take it down."

John Price, an attorney for the plaintiffs, said he would talk to his clients about a possible appeal.

Lee ruled the campus is not taking a position on religion by staging the play. He said holding the production on state university property is not the same as posting a religious monument at the seat of government — a reference to other recent cases involving the Ten Commandments.

The university had contended that blocking the play would infringe on academic freedom and free speech. The judge agreed and said the campus had allowed the theater to be used as a public forum.

"Having created a public forum, IPFW may not discriminate against the viewpoint of those speaking within the very forum they created without violating the First Amendment's free speech guarantee," Lee wrote.

He also said a university is "a place citizens traditionally identify with creative inquiry, provocative discourse and intellectual growth."

The play, set in modern-day Texas, features a hard-drinking gay named Joshua and 12 other gay male characters, most of whom bear the names of Christ's apostles.

The play drew protests when it opened in New York in 1998 and has generated controversy in other communities where it has been staged.

It is slated to open at the Fort Wayne university's theater Aug. 10.

EEOC says genetic testing was illegal

DALLAS (AP) — The U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission has told Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad that its genetic testing of some employees without their knowledge violated federal law, a determination that could help workers considering a lawsuit against the railroad.

An EEOC official said Burlington Northern broke the federal Americans with Disabilities Act by treating employees with carpal-tunnel syndrome as disabled and then discriminating against them.

The commission's regional director in Milwaukee, Chester V. Bailey, said Burlington Northern had acted "with malice or reckless disregard" for the rights of workers. He notified the company of the agency's findings in a July 10 letter.

The railroad denied any wrongdoing.

"Burlington Northern Santa Fe has never believed the test in question violated the Americans with Disabilities Act. There is nothing in the EEOC determination letter that changes that belief," said spokesman Richard Russack.

The EEOC's finding is the latest step in a dispute that the railroad thought it had put behind it.

The commission sued the railroad in February to block genetic testing of workers who submitted claims of work-related carpal-tunnel syndrome, a painful hand and wrist condition believed to be caused by repetitive motion.

In April, the railroad agreed to stop the testing, and the commission dropped its lawsuit aimed at blocking the tests. But the agency continued investigating the claims of workers who said they were asked to undergo medical exams and give blood samples that were used for genetic testing.

The tests were intended to determine whether the workers were genetically more likely to develop carpal-tunnel syndrome, which Burlington Northern hoped would indicate that the injuries weren't work-related and not covered by workers' compensation insurance.

Bailey, the EEOC official in Milwaukee, said in a letter to Burlington Northern dated July 10 that not only was the company wrong in demanding that employees submit to genetic tests, but that it retaliated against workers who refused to comply.

At least a dozen employees who were tested are still negotiating a settlement with Burlington Northern. Bailey asked the railroad and the workers to negotiate a settlement to their dispute.

If the railroad declines to negotiate or can't reach a settlement, the EEOC could sue on behalf of the employees or let the workers file their own lawsuit.

The federal disabilities law generally limits punitive damages to $300,000 per worker.

Janice Avery of Alma, Neb., said the workers' lawyers are looking into ways to escape those limits. Workers sometimes sue companies in state courts, which might have no limit on punitive damages.

Avery's husband, Gary Avery, a 27-year railroad employee in Alma, Neb., said he was threatened with disciplinary action for refusing to give blood for genetic testing.

McVeigh's costs exceeded $13 million

DENVER (AP) — Timothy McVeigh's defense team billed the government more than $147,000 for the unsuccessful battle to delay his execution and other legal work in the last four months of his life.

The expenses are in addition to the $13.8 million in public funds spent to defend McVeigh through his sentencing for bombing the Oklahoma City federal building.

U.S. District Judge Richard Matsch, who presided over McVeigh's trial, released the latest expenses Friday in response to a request by USA Today. None of McVeigh's lawyers objected to releasing summaries of the expenses.

McVeigh, 33, was executed June 11 in Terre Haute, Ind., for the 1995 bombing. The explosion killed 168 people and injured hundreds more.

The expenses released Friday were submitted between Feb. 1 and June 11 for lawyers Richard Burr and Christopher Tritico of Houston, Nathan Chambers of Denver and Robert Nigh of Tulsa, Okla.

They are primarily for court appearances, interviews with McVeigh or witnesses, and research writing and travel.

Matsch did not release billing statements or other detailed information, saying they would remain sealed to protect attorney-client privilege and the lawyers' work-product privilege.

McVeigh originally was scheduled to die May 16, but the government postponed the execution after the FBI disclosed it had withheld nearly 4,500 pages of documents from his defense before his 1997 trial.

Defense attorneys sought an additional delay, but Matsch and an appeals court turned them down. McVeigh then decided to halt all appeals.

Chambers was out of town and unavailable for comment, and the other attorneys did not return telephone messages.

Matsch rejected the newspaper's request to release legal expenses for Terry Nichols, 46, convicted on federal charges of conspiracy and involuntary manslaughter in the bombing.

Matsch said Nichols still faces trial on murder charges in Oklahoma and has an appeal of his federal conviction before the U.S. Supreme Court.

Central Texas Turnpike OK'd

AUSTIN (AP) — The bureaucratic backup has ended, giving Texas transportation officials the final OK for a long-awaited $2 billion highway project designed to provide relief to a traffic-choked section of Interstate 35.

The Federal Highway Administration gave environmental clearance to the fourth and final phase of the proposed Central Texas Turnpike, the Texas Department of Transportation announced Friday.

U.S. 183-A in southwest Williamson County was the last part of the proposed project which needed federal approval.

It came on Thursday, clearing the way for the 122-mile project that has been nearly two decades in the making.

"We are very pleased to complete the federal review of this major transportation projects and put ourselves in the position to develop the total 122-mile turnpike," said Pete Winstead, chairman of the Texas Turnpike Authority board.

The other three elements of the project have already been cleared and construction started in December on the first phase near Round Rock. The complete turnpike could be finished in 10 years, the department said.

"We have invested many thousands of hours of staff and consultant time in thoroughly analyzing the potential environmental impacts of" the turnpike, said Phil Russell, division direct at the Texas Turnpike Authority. "This effort will protect the environment and ensure that the project is soundly designed to minimize impacts from its development."

The turnpike is hoped to relieve traffic congestion in Central Texas, which the transportation department said was the third-fastest growing region in the country.

The roadway also is expected to relieve traffic congestion from the North American Free Trade Agreement. Interstate 35, which stretches from Laredo to Minnesota's border with Canada, carries the highest percentage of NAFTA truck traffic in Texas at 31.6 percent.

The keystone of the project is Texas 130, a highway first proposed in the mid-1980s that would cover the 90-mile span from Georgetown to Seguin. The alternative route is expected to relieve Interstate 35 traffic as much as 20 percent in some areas and 5 percent to 10 percent around downtown Austin.

The proposed turnpike project also includes the construction of a four-mile extension of Loop 1 in northern Travis County, 16 miles of the northern section of Texas 45.

The total price tag for the Central Texas Turnpike has been estimated at $2 billion to $3 billion.

The state has already received a $800 million federal loan to jump-start the project. The rest of the funding would come from bond sales, cities and counties along the highways, and as much as $700 million from the Texas Transportation Commission. More money would probably come from tolls paid by drivers, transportation officials have said.

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Summit chiefs: Discussions worthwhile

GENOA, Italy (AP) — World leaders failed to find common ground Saturday on a global warming treaty opposed by President Bush as they struggled to keep on track an economic summit marred by a protester's death.

Italian Foreign Minister Renato Ruggiero said European leaders remained firm in their support of the 1997 Kyoto treaty, which would require industrial countries to cut emissions of greenhouse gases.

"The Europeans are united on this," Ruggiero said. "The split is with the United States."

Fresh violence erupted during a second day of demonstrations as anti-globalization protesters set trash fires around the city and riot police fired tear gas into a crowd of marchers.

Bush promised in a radio speech that there would be a proper focus in Genoa on the needs of the poor.

"This cause is the priority of the United States' foreign policy," he said. "We're a wealthy nation with responsibilities to help others. ... Legitimate concerns about labor standards, economic dislocation and the environment should be addressed,and will be."

British Prime Minister Tony Blair said one of the summit's major achievements, the creation of a global health fund to combat AIDS, would not have happened without the active involvement of the eight leaders.

But protest groups were not satisfied with the leaders' defense of the meetings, saying the sessions should be halted because of the death of Carlo Giuliani, 23, an Italian protester shot by police on Friday.

"This G-8 is covered with blood," said a notice on the demonstrators' Web site. The killing touched off sympathy protests throughout Europe and in Canada, and Italian authorities said Saturday they were contemplating manslaughter charges against the policeman who shot Giuliani.

The leaders of the seven wealthiest countries and Russia began their meeting Saturday.

Small arms trafficking discussed by U.N.

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — More than 170 nations reached consensus Saturday on a watered-down plan to combat illegal small arms trafficking after the United States threatened to block agreement if language to restrict civilian gun ownership and limit weapon sales wasn't dropped.

Conference president Camilo Reyes of Colombia announced the agreement as dawn broke, ending a two-week conference that went into overtime Saturday. Exhausted delegates left for a few hours of sleep and were expected to return at noon to formally approve the deal.

"I am happy to tell you that we have a document that reached consensus," Reyes said. "It has been an extremely difficult process."

The United States made clear from the outset it would oppose any U.N. plan that interfered with citizens' rights to own guns and would reject any measure barring governments from supplying small arms to "non-state actors," such as rebel groups.

In the final make-or-break negotiations, the United States said it could not support consensus unless language calling for governments "to seriously consider legal restrictions on unrestricted trade in and ownership of small arms and light weapons" was dropped.

The United States also stood as a lone voice in demanding that language calling for small arms to be transferred only to governments — or government-approved entities — also be eliminated from the document.

African nations were especially vocal in demanding that this language remain in the text.

"If you send arms to non-state actors, you are sending them to rebels who are trying to overthrow governments," Nigerian delegate Sola Ogunbanwu said.

But Africa dropped its demand in order to get consensus among all countries for the plan, and the United States prevailed. Many African and European delegates who backed them were visibly angry.

"The U.S. should be ashamed of themselves," said South African delegate Jean Du Preez. "We are very disappointed."

Reyes paid tribute to the African nations, saying the conference would not have reached a consensus "if it wouldn't have been for the will, the principles, the compromise of the African group."

"What I regret — what most of us regret — is no decision on two or three issues that were important for us," Reyes said. "One related to ownership of arms and the other one related to the transfer of arms — the selling of arms."

Human rights groups and anti-gun campaigners were also angry at the Americans.

"It's unbelievably selfish that the most powerful nation in the world that produces more than half of all the small arms in the world is prepared to jeopardize the safety of millions of people in other countries purely for the sake of pandering to its own domestic lobbying interests," said Rebecca Peters of the Open Society Institute.

The organization was one of 320 from 70 countries that are part of The International Action Network on Small Arms.

Some wonder if Israeli tanks will break Bethlehem's quiet

BETHLEHEM, West Bank (AP) — From the plastic chair by her front door, Hanneh Danhu peers right, then left down the street at dusk for old friends or to welcome tourists with a smile as they pass from the nearby Church of the Nativity.

At 77, she's been doing it for years. But with fears it is only a matter of time before Israeli troops just outside the city move in — fears Israel says are unfounded — nobody takes evening strolls in Bethlehem these days.

"I replaced the smile with tears, crying on the empty street," Danhu said. "No people, no life. But the best protection is to stay home."

Bethlehem, like other West Bank and Gaza cities, has been under a closure imposed by the Israeli army since a Palestinian uprising began in September. In recent days, however, Israel has placed additional forces outside Bethlehem.

A month of quiet in the city was shattered Tuesday when a pair of Israeli helicopter gunships tracked Palestinian militant Omar Saadeh to a chicken coop in Bethlehem and assassinated him by rocketing the cinderblock hut. Three of Saadeh's relatives also died.

Palestinians responded by firing the first mortar shells from the West Bank in nearly 10 months of fighting. The shelling of the disputed Jerusalem neighborhood of Gilo prompted Israel to reinforce its troops around nearby Bethlehem and the adjacent towns of Beit Sahour and Beit Jalla.

So these days, time is passed inside — sleeping during the day, chatting, playing cards and smoking waterpipes in the evening. Lethargic ears perk up from time to time at what Khaled Saba, a 23-year-old Bethlehem resident, calls "the music of the night" — sounds of gunfire outside and Israeli military helicopters overhead.

Israeli officials have flatly denied any plans for reoccupying parts of the West Bank, saying the additional troops were only intended to deliver a message .

Two astronauts continue to work on walk passageway

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — Two astronauts pushed open the international space station's new front door early Saturday and stepped out into the void to finish work on the spacewalking passageway.

Michael Gernhardt and James Reilly II became the first astronauts to use the $164 million air lock as an exit to space. They popped out as the space station zoomed more than 240 miles above India.

"A new era of spacewalking for the international space station," declared Gernhardt, the first one out.

On their two spacewalks earlier in the mission to install and outfit the air lock, Gernhardt and Reilly floated out of their home ship, the docked space shuttle Atlantis. The shuttle cargo bay was right there, as if to catch them. This time, there was no such psychological safety net when they emerged from the space station, face-to-face with the daylight side of Earth.

"It's quite a view coming out," Reilly said.

"Yeah, really, it's straight down," Gernhardt replied. "You get a sense of falling, don't you?"

The spacewalkers completed their primary job within two hours: hanging one last high-pressure gas tank on the space station air lock, named Quest.

Late Friday, before the spacewalk began, Mission Control and the astronauts remembered what took place 32 years ago.

Obituaries

Consuela Zapata

1928-2001

SWEETWATER – Consuela Zapata, the sister of Serapio De La Cruz of Snyder, died Friday, July 20, in Rolling Plains Hospital.

Rosary for Mrs. Zapata, 73, is set for 7 p.m. Sunday in the McCoy Funeral Home Chapel.

Funeral service is set for 10 a.m. Monday in the Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church. Burial will follow in the Garden of Memories Cemetery.

Born on Oct. 17, 1927 in Villa Union, Coagh, Mexico, she married Antonio Zapata in November, 1955 in Mexico. A homemaker, she had lived in the Sweetwater area 34 years. She was a member of the Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church.

Survivors include her husband, Antonio Zapata of Sweetwater; a daughter, Bertha Montanez of Sweetwater; five sons, Marco Zapata of Andrews, Trevio Zapata of Roscoe, Ralph Zapata of Fort Hood, Salvador Zapata and Fidel Zapata, both of Sweetwater; two sisters, Rosa De La Cruz and Esperanza Aguilar, both of Mexico; and another brother, Juan De La Cruz of Madera, Calif.

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Woman says she was threatened

Close patrol

A woman requested to speak with a sheriff's deputy just after 5 p.m. Friday in reference to problems with her ex-husband. She reported that her ex-husband and her grandson were threatening her over the telephone. A deputy contacted the woman, who then requested a close patrol of her home and also of both her daughters' homes.

Fight

Dispatchers were alerted of a fight behind the city barn on Ave. L Friday afternoon. Officers responded and found a man and his nephew had been involved in an altercation, but neither wished to file charges.

Vandalism

Freddy Martinez requested an officer at his residence at 1409 24th Street in reference to his windshield being broken. Martinez requested a close patrol as kids with BB-guns were suspected.

Theft

Sherry Thompson requested an officer at 2701 35th Street in reference to a missing John Deere blower and weed eater. An offense report was filed.

Shoplifter

A clerk at Town and Country East reported a shoplifter just after 10 p.m. Friday. The clerk said a customer witnessed the incident rather than an employee, so no report would be filed.

Assault

A woman in the 2400 block of 40th Street requested an officer in reference to her ex-boyfriend hitting her with a fishing pole. Officers attempted to locate the man.

Fire notes

Dispatchers were informed of a grass fire just outside the city Friday afternoon. The fire department was dispatched to 362 CR 122. Juveniles playing with fireworks ignited the fire. No structures were damaged.

Probation ordered in DWI guilty plea

A 34-year-old Lubbock man Friday morning pleaded guilty to felony driving while intoxicated.

For the June 9 offense, George Leal was sentenced to serve five years in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, probated for five years.

District Judge Ernie Armstrong also fined Leal $1,000 and ordered him to serve 240 hours in the Scurry County Jail and participate in a substance abuse program.

Leal had two previous DWI convictions, both in Lubbock County.

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Emmaus Women's Walk

Mesquite Country Emmaus Women's Walk No. 46 is being held through Sunday at Western Texas College. For more information, call Jackie at 573-2873.

1991 SHS class reunion

The SHS class of 1991's 10-year reunion continues Saturday. For more information call Robbie Braziel at 573-6632 or Melissa Lee at 574-8005.

Noah's Ark Church

Noah's Ark Church, located at 18th and Avenue R, will hold a revival at 10:30 a.m. Sunday. Pastor Randy Acevedo of the Lord's Supper Church of Lubbock will lead the services.

Discovery School registration

Discovery School at First United Methodist Church provides daycare for children from birth to school age. Registration for the fall session will be held from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. and 4-5:30 p.m. Monday and Tuesday. Classes begin Aug. 13. Call 573-4770 for more information.

Bible study tapes

Bible study videos air each week on Channel 2. To be shown at 7 p.m. Monday is "The Thousand Year Reign," followed by "Getting to Know God's People and Praise."

Snyder Lions Club

Craig Bowen will speak to the club at noon Tuesday at Martha Ann Woman's Club. The SHS senior attended a wildlife management camp in June and he will talk about his experiences. Guests are welcome. The meal is $7.50 and reservations are necessary by calling club president David Holt at 573-3255.

Masters Degree

The Masters Degree will be held at 7:30 p.m. Thursday at the Snyder Masonic Lodge.

Class of 1966 reunion

The SHS class of 1966 will hold a reunion next Friday and Saturday. Anyone with classmates' addresses is asked to contact Janeen Patterson at Box 208, Snyder.

Class of 1976 reunion

The SHS class of 1976 will hold its reunion next Saturday at Jack Greene's pasture. For information, call Lorinda Hardin at 573-2700 or Sherry Thompson at 338-0026. The website is classmates.com.

Children's Saturday fun time/VBS

Children's Saturday fun time has joined the Vacation Bible School at Avenue D Baptist Church, 324 30th St. Sessions are planned from 9 a.m. until noon on Saturday during July. The VBS is for those who have completed kindergarten through the sixth grade. This year's them is "Truth Trackers." For more information, call 573-6878 or 573-0971.

SHS football booster club

The SHS football booster club will meet at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, July 31, in the film room. "Meet the Tigers Night" set for Aug. 11 will be discussed.

Gateway Family support group

Gateway Family Services will offer family support groups for family violence victims from 6-7 p.m. starting Wednesday, Aug. 1. There will be groups for adults, for children under four and for children four and older. To attend, call 573-1822.

Kids' College project pick-up

All projects from Kids' College summer session need to be picked up by Aug. 1 at the continuing education building on the WTC campus. Projects may be collected from 8 to 5 p.m. Monday through Thursday.

Certified nurse's aide program

Snyder Oaks Care Center will conduct a certified nurse's aide program starting Sunday, Aug. 5. Classes will be held each weekend, for a total of 75 hours. Call 573-9377 or 863-2426 for more information.

WTC swimming pool

The WTC swimming pool is open for public use. Lap swimming: M-TH 6:30-8 a.m. Open swimming: M-TH 2-5 p.m. Cost is $3 per person or $50 for a semester pass. The pool is also available for parties on Fridays and Saturdays. For more information, contact Mike Harrison at 573-8511, ext. 279.

Free lunch program

The free lunch program at Central Elementary continues through Friday. Meals are served on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from noon until 1 p.m. All children who qualify for free lunches at school may eat. An adult accompanying a child will also be served. For more information, call 573-6915.

Mesquite Country Writers Guild

Mesquite Country Writers Guild invites citizens to send in original poetry to be considered for publication in the newsletter, "Bards of a Feather." The limit is 20 lines and the theme is fall and the holidays. Deadline is Sept. 15 to mail entries to MCWG, Box 237 in Ira, 79527, or e-Mail to dade@bigcountry.net.

Levy's Web sites released

WASHINGTON (AP) — Police on Friday released a list of Web sites that Chandra Levy visited on May 1, the day the former federal intern disappeared.

Investigators hope the list will bring in more tips to help them find Levy, the Washington police department said on its Web site Friday.

The list includes a wide range of sites from Washington and California newspapers to the Web sites of National Geographic and Baskin Robbins, the ice cream chain. Sites for Amtrak, Southwest Airlines and travel in France also are listed.

Levy also visited congressional sites, including that of the House Agriculture Committee, of which Rep. Gary Condit, D-Calif., is a member.

The list doesn't indicate if Levy visited Condit's Web page or any specific pages within any site. Police said they were withholding those details because the information is evidence related to their investigation.

According to a police source, Condit acknowledged in his third interview with investigators that he and Levy had an affair.

Police say they do not consider Condit a suspect in Levy's disappearance, which is being treated as a missing persons case.

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First Baptist pastor finds Snyder friendly

(Editor's Note: This is the first in a series of articles about new pastors in Scurry County.)

The number 23 marks important milestones for Rev. Mike Henson, new pastor at Snyder's First Baptist Church. He became a Christian at age 23 and he has pastored for 23-plus years, having served five churches in Texas.

While Rev. Henson has been a pastor for more than two decades, he said he did not grow up with a church background. Raised in Bowie, he became an oilfield roughneck.

"I felt empty and my life had no meaning or purpose," Henson said. "I started to read the Bible and that's when I began to realize that I was a sinner, but that God loved me and had sent Jesus to die for me. I accepted Jesus as my Lord and Savior and became very involved in the church."

As time went by, he said he began to feel "called" to enter the ministry. Eventually, he "surrendered" and began preparing for the ministry.

"The Lord opened the doors for me to become a pastor," Henson said.

He earned his bachelor of arts in Bible at Howard Payne University and he obtained his master's degree from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary at Fort Worth.

For his first two churches, Henson said he had to divide his time between the church and the seminary because he was still in school.

His first church was in Central Texas at Priddy Baptist Church where he served for two years.

"It was a real stretching experience," Henson said. "I had no background in the church. I did not know how to prepare or to give a sermon. I had to learn how to carry out the responsibilities of a pastor."



NEW PASTOR — Rev. Mike Henson holds pastoral reins at First Baptist Church. (Contributed Photo)

He added that every church he pastored "has been a blessing. The people have always supported me."

After Priddy, Henson served four years as pastor at a church in Martin Valley, another small community. He continued his studies at the seminary also.

He next spent four years as pastor of Harmony Baptist at Richland Springs, his first church after he completed his seminary training. During his tenure, the congregation increased in size and a new education building was constructed.

Henson's longest stint as pastor was at Andrews' Calvary Baptist Church where he served 14 years. During that time, the congregation experienced phenomenal growth tripling in size. A new sanctuary was built, property was acquired and the staff was increased.

Pastoring the Andrews church was "a positive and good experience overall," Henson said, but "I had my struggles too."

However, after 14 years, he said he felt it was "time for a change." He noted that moving to Snyder was the "Lord's will. He put it together."

Henson said he "fit" with the Andrews community because of his oilfield background. He says he has a similar connection to Snyder. First Baptist Church has a slightly larger congregation than the Andrews church did.

Hanson noted that his first impression of Snyder was very favorable.

"West Texas people are friendly, but I could not believe how friendly the people in Snyder are. Everyone was bending over backwards to help us and to be friendly to us."

The "us" Henson is referring to includes his wife, Nancy, and three of their daughters, Anna, 15, Sarah, 13, and Micah, 7.

They relocated here in March.

The Hensons also have another daughter, Leah, who is married. She and her husband, Scott, live in Levelland where he works for South Plains College. They have a daughter named Grace.

While Henson's pastoral career has been "fulfilling and meaningful overall," he said it has not been perfect nor has it been without its "stresses and strains, just like other jobs." Through the years, he said he has built his ministry around the "word of God led by His love."

As pastor, his basic tenets are "to teach and preach God's word; rely on prayer; and reach out and connect with people."

If he could change anything about his ministry, Henson said, "I would learn quicker that I can't control everything and I don't have to. I would lighten up in that respect."

Early in his ministry, Henson said he felt responsible for everything and that he had to control everything.

He added that he would learn quicker that "I'm not in complete control. There is a God and I am not him."

When time permits, the new First Baptist pastor likes to fish, especially for bass.

Scurry County Folks

By Shirley A. Gorman

THE SNYDER DAILY NEWS

Thompson picked for honor choir



Temi Thompson

Temi Thompson, who will be an eighth grader at Snyder Junior High School in the fall, has been selected to participate in the Middle School Honor Choir this summer.

Temi was nominated by Marci Dennis, SJHS choir director. As a member of the Texas Choral Directors Association, Dennis can nominate up to six students.

After she was nominated, Temi submitted a tape. The committee reviewed over 600 audition tapes in order to select 80 students for the choir.

The TCDA convention will be held at the convention center in San Antonio. The choir will practice Wednesday through Friday and perform on Friday afternoon.

The convention will end next Saturday.

Temi has also received a rehearsal CD that allowed her to become familiar with the songs that will be sung. They include *Haec Dies* by Brant Adams, *Hine Ma Tov* arranged by Ginsberg, *Gloria!* By Rae Moses, *Terminus* by Nancy Cobb, *A Bunch of Tyme* by Michael Neaum, and *Sing, Jubilate Deo!* by Shari Riley.

Temi is the daughter of Larry and Carla Thompson.

Archaeological work might have to stop on public lands

DENVER (AP) — Artifacts statewide are threatened with irreparable damage and archaeological work on public lands could end because Colorado museums don't meet federal storage standards, a new report says.

The draft version of a report from a Colorado Council of Professional Archaeologists committee said some museums lack climate controls needed to protect fragile objects from humidity and temperature changes. Other collections have been lost or have never been completely inventoried.

In some cases, the museums housing the collections don't know who owns them, the report says.

"It's obviously a huge issue, and it has been brewing for some time," said Mark Mitchell, a U.S. Forest Service archaeologist and president of the council. "Our collective heritage is at stake."

Colorado museums have housed government archaeological collections for decades, but are running out of space. The museums don't have the money to upgrade storage facilities to federal standards, the report said.

The museum space crunch may halt some archaeological surveys because professional archaeologists must arrange for storage space before obtaining state and federal permits to dig.

"While it's not at the point of stopping projects right now, it is headed in that direction if we don't do something," said Kevin Black, assistant state archaeologist.



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Kubena, Guldbransen exchange solemn vows in St. Elizabeth Catholic Church

Alicia Dawn Kubena and Shane Maxwell Guldbransen, both of Plano, were married at 3 p.m., on June 23 in St. Elizabeth Catholic Church.

The Rev. Gerald Leatham, pastor of the church, performed the double-ring wedding mass.

Don and Marsha Kubena of Hermleigh are parents of the bride. Her grandparents are Frances Suttle of Snyder and the late Walter Marshall Suttle, and Rudy and Leona Kubena of Hermleigh.

Parents of the groom are Max and Doris Guldbransen of Toogoolawah, Australia.

Honorary guests were first grade students of the bride from Lewisville.

Vows were pledged before an altar decorated with a garland of baby's breath, daisies, pink carnations, roses and asparagus fern. Two white tree candelabras were adorned with greenery and baby's breath, votive candles, pew holders with ribbon and tulle bows, glass globe holders with candles and stained glass containers holding English ivy.

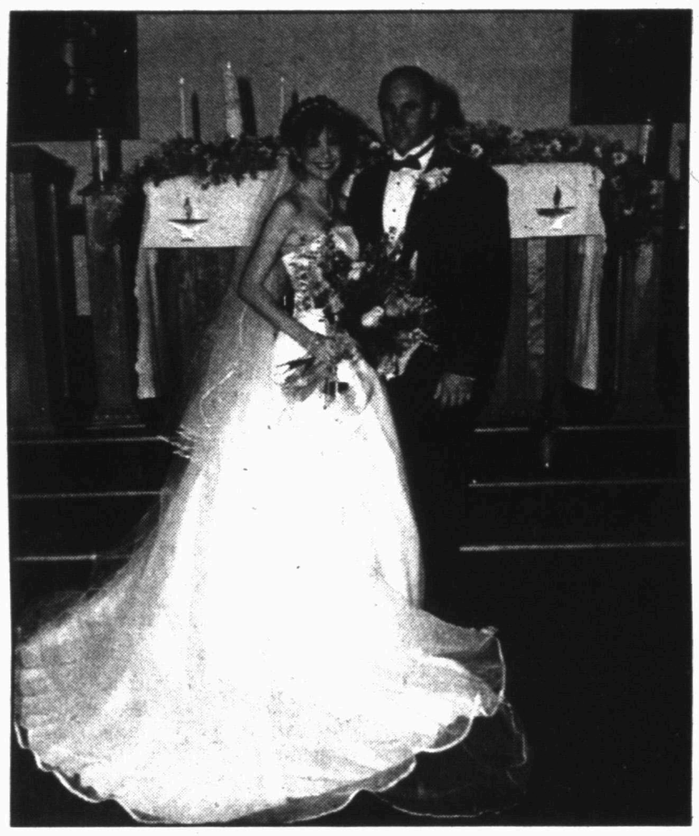
Candle lighters were Laura Hamby and Kristi Sorrells, both of Lubbock. Lynn Baldwin, Alicia's piano teacher for eight years, played "Canon in D," by Pachelbel, the "Bridal March," by Wagner, and the "Wedding March," by Mendelssohn. Matt Coronado sang "Ave Maria," by Schubert, and "How Great Thou Art," by Boberg.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a strapless gown with a bodice featuring peau bands centered with a singular flat bow adorned with a porcelain rose. Her dropped waistline with a box pleated organza skirt was finished with a peau binding and interspersed porcelain roses.

She wore a pearl and rhinestone tiara holding a chapel-length veil edged in ribbon, and opera-length gloves adorned with a bow and a porcelain rose.

Her hand tied bouquet was of gerber daisies, delphenium, Virginia white roses, pink roses, stargazer lilies and Queen Anne's lace. Lynn Baldwin played "Edelweiss" and accompanied Matt Coronado as he sang "Surely the Presence of the Lord is In This Place" during the gathering of the bride's bouquet by special people in Alicia's life.

These included Gayle Kubena, her godmother; Sally Thornhill, confirmation sponsor; Christy Elders and Terry Kubena, her aunts; Lisa Bowman, Cynthia Grinslade, Betty Sorrels, friends of the family; Doris Guldbransen, the groom's mother; and Marsha Kubena, her mother who tied a ribbon that held a Bible with a silver cover given to the bride's late grandfather, Walter Marshall Suttle by his mother, Flora Suttle, when he left for World War II. It held two embroidered handkerchiefs that were gifts from the late Father William Costigan, former priest of St. Elizabeth Catholic Church.



Mr. and Mrs. Shane M. Guldbransen
(Contributed Photo)

Kade Kubena of San Marcos and Tyson Kubena, bride's cousins, were lectors. Chris Bane was wedding coordinator.

Brooke Kubena, sister of the bride from Amarillo, was maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Lacee Hecht from Lubbock, Jiletta Kubena, cousin of the bride from Dallas, Stacy Grinslade from Bedford and Jill Norris from Fort Worth. Each attendant wore a pastel colored sleeveless peau de soie sheath dress with a chiffon scarf attached at the shoulders and ribbon bows cascading down the back that matched her shoes. Each wore her hair up with cascading curls adorned with Austrian crystals, and a necklace, bracelet and earrings of Austrian crystals that matched their dresses, gifts of the bride. They were made by Chaile Bowman of Hermleigh.

The flower girl wore a floral border print dress with a sheer overlay skirt. The sash was made from pastel ribbons with flowers attached to streamers. Her nosegay was attached to the sash. A garland of flowers were worn in her hair and around her ankle. She also wore a bracelet of pastel Austrian crystals, a gift from the bride. Frances Suttle, her grandmother, created Elizabeth's dress.

The groom and his attendants wore black formal tuxedos with rose boutonnieres.

Tiffany and Tara Kubena, cousins of the bride, wore floor-length white linen cloth edged in lace. A crystal vase of roses was the centerpiece. Also on the table was a lamp with a white rose lampshade.

The reception, held in the parish hall, displayed the bride's table holding a silver punch bowl and tray that served peach punch, silver candelabras with tapers and a silver centerpiece of roses floating in crystal bowls. The table, covered with a floor-length gathered satin skirt and lace overlay, was decorated with a garland of roses, daisies and carnations. The table was located in the gazebo and decorated with tulle and white rose hearts.

An oak floor cake stand made by John Bane held seven 12-inch round cakes, four red velvet cakes with Swiss meringue buttercream icing and three Italian crème cakes with cream cheese filling and Swiss meringue buttercream icing. Each was decorated uniquely and placed on an oasis of flowers, roses, daisies and honeysuckle. The cake was decorated by Betty Sorrells and Esther Clarady, and Christy Elders arranged the flowers on the cakes.

Serving at the bride's table were Karen Reed of Dallas and Heather Ferragotta, both teacher friends of the bride from The Colony.

The round groom's table was covered with a gathered floral skirt overlaid with an embroidered cloth, a gift from the groom's mother. The three-tiered almond pound cake had a marzipan filling and was iced with chocolate rolled fondant, chocolate dipped strawberries, sugar grapes and rolled chocolate roses with chocolate leaves. The cake was decorated by Sally Thornhill, Brooke Kubena and Gayle Kubena.

Serving the groom's table were Renetta Collier and Jamie Hennifield of San Antonio. Coffee, served from a silver urn, accompanied the centerpiece of a kangaroo shaped topiary with ivy and silver and leather spurs engraved with their names, a gift of from the bride. Favors were chocolate covered macadamia nuts shaped like koala bears imported from Australia.

Lynn Baldwin accompanied Matt Coronado as he sang several love songs during the reception.

Chris Bane, Gayle Kubena, Rosalinda Tovar, Esther Clarady, Terry Kubena and Betty Sorrells created and designed the reception buffet. Tables were decorated with rose, tulle and ivy topiaries with candles. A glass table containing a crystal punch bowl of water with a lemon and lime ice ring that was illuminated by a light.

Following their honeymoon, they have made their home in Roanoke.

The groom graduated high school in Queensland, Australia, and attended Western Texas College on a rodeo scholarship. He received his associate degree at WTC and is a professional saddle bronc rider and jockey. He owns and operates Gully Construction in Roanoke.

The bride, a Snyder High School and Texas Tech graduate, teaches first grade at Morningside Elementary at The Colony.



Brittany Barbee
(Contributed Photo)

Brittany Barbee will compete in national pageant in Oklahoma City

Brittany Sheyanne Barbee of Mineral Wells will represent the State of Texas in the national "Our Diamond Miss" pageant on next Saturday in Oklahoma City.

Brittany represented Mineral Wells as the Surpreme Baby winner in the 13-18 month division. She competed in the Texas State pageant in Abilene on June 2 and was crowned the state division Sweepstakes Queen and the overall Supreme World of Babies.

She competed against 20 regions in Texas in the 0-3 year old division and took the top honor.

Brittany is the 19-month-old daughter of Chuck and Kelli Barbee of Mineral Wells. She is the granddaughter of Bob and Carolyn Barbee of Ira and Eddie and Shirley Bell of Mineral Wells. Her great-grandmother is Nora Lee Clark of Ira.

Asthma is a chronic disease

LUBBOCK — Asthma is a chronic lung disease that affects more than 17 million Americans. Coughing, chest tightness, wheezing and shortness of breath are all characteristics of asthma.

Up to 78 percent of people with asthma also have allergic rhinitis, or "Hay fever," which is considered a risk factor in developing asthma, according to the American Academy of Asthma, Allergy and Immunology (AAAAI).

Irritants, which do not trigger allergies, but can aggravate the nose and airways, contribute to asthma symptoms as well.

Tobacco smoke in particular is one of these irritants. For instance, studies have shown that the incidence of asthma has increased in children whose mothers smoke.

The AAAAI suggests that ***no one should smoke in the home of an asthmatic.***

Other factors that trigger asthma symptoms include:

Allergens or irritants;

Viral or sinus infections;

Exercise;

Reflux disease (stomach acid flowing back up the esophagus);

Or food; and

Emotional anxiety.

"Asthma is more common in patients with allergy," said Robert Mamlok, M.D., an allergist and Chief of Staff at Covenant Children's Hospital. "For example, if a child's mother has asthma, or concurrent nasal or skin allergies exist in a child, then there is an increased risk of asthma."

Limiting the factors that trigger asthma, as well as using the many effective medications available to treat asthma conditions based on asthma classification, can minimize the symptoms of asthma, Dr. Mamlok said.

"Controller medications such as inhaled corticosteroids and leukotriene modifiers are recommended to most patients with persistent asthma."

Bridge

By Phillip Alder



	North	
	♠ 6 4	
	♥ 9 4 3 2	
	♦ A Q 8	
	♣ A Q 7 3	
West		East
♠ Q J 10 5 2		♠ 9 8 3
♥ 10 8 7		♥ Q 6 5
♦ K 6 4		♦ 10 9 7 5
♣ K 5		♣ 9 8 6
	South	
	♠ A K 7	
	♥ A K J	
	♦ J 3 2	
	♣ J 10 4 2	

Dealer: South
Vulnerable: Neither

South	West	North	East
1 NT	Pass	3 NT	All pass

Opening lead: ♠ Q

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The younger get better

By Phillip Alder

Many fields have child prodigies, but not bridge. The primary problems are working with incomplete information (the unseen cards), the necessity to cooperate with a partner, and the psychology of the game (against one opponent you make one bid or play, against another you do something different). However, 7-year-old Vanessa Ng, who lives in the Australian capital of Canberra, is perhaps going to break this mold. She declared this deal against two senior players, Len Dixon (a well-known journalist) and George Jesner (an eccentric and affable Scot who has lived in Canberra for many years). North was George's wife, Dorothy, who is Vanessa's teacher.

Dixon led the spade queen and Vanessa ducked, worried that spades were 5-3 and both minor-suit finesses losing. After winning the second spade, Vanessa continued correctly with a low club (in case West had king-singleton) to dummy's queen. When the finesse worked, she crossed to the heart king and continued with the club jack: king, ace. Back to hand with a club to the 10, Vanessa played a diamond to dummy's queen. Now came a third finesse with a heart to the jack. Vanessa played a diamond to the ace, hoping the king would drop, and returned to the heart ace, happy to see the 3-3 split. Finally, she cashed the spade king, discarding dummy's low diamond, led the club four to dummy's seven, and claimed the heart nine for plus 490.

Jesner looked at his partner and with a broad Scottish accent said, "It's frightening, isn't it?"

"Don't worry, George," Dixon replied, "it will be a long time before Vanessa is eligible for the senior events!"

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Bridge Winners

Monte West directed all bridge games at the Snyder Country Club.

FRIDAY, JULY 13

1. Louise Thompson, Nona Morrison.
2. Nina Nesbit, Dora Blakey.
3. Nonnie Ward, Billisue Stuard.
4. Suzy Reed, Anita Talbott.

SUNDAY, JULY 15

1. Margaret Birdwell, Jane Hinton tied with Barbara Yorgesen, Nona Morrison.
2. Nina Nesbit, Dora Blakey.
3. Billisue Stuard, Pat Floyd.

TUESDAY, JULY 17

A group

1. Nona Morrison, Peggy Hardin.
2. Margaret Birdwell, Billisue Stuard.
3. Linda West, Monte West.

B group

1. Nona Morrison, Peggy Hardin.
2. Patsy Williams, Dorothy Rosson.
3. Pat Floyd, Robbie Floyd.

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April Sanders and Jeremy House
Keila Helms and Shane Bearden
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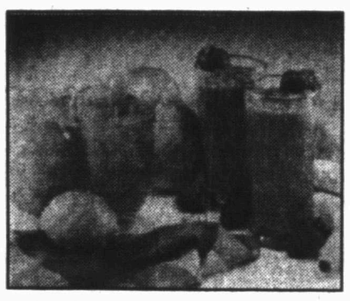
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Citrus drinks make summer refreshers



As the temperature heats up, so does your family's activity schedule. Warmer weather and school breaks mean family picnics, sporting events, barbeques and many more fun-filled, outdoor activities. What better way to stay refreshed and ready for fun than with a satisfying splash of a cool citrus juice?

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Lemon slice, garnish

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6 ounces Ruby Red Grapefruit Juice Cocktail OR Ruby Red Grapefruit Premium 100% Juice
½ banana, cut into slices
3 medium strawberries, hulls removed and cut into halves
½ cup crushed ice
Strawberry, garnish

Put all ingredients, except garnish, in a blender. Blend for a few seconds on high speed or until ingredients are thoroughly combined. Pour into a large glass. Garnish with strawberry. Makes 1 serving.

Nutritional Information Per Serving (Based on Ocean Spray Ruby Red Grapefruit Juice Cocktail): Calories: 200 (9%DV); Total Fat: 0g (0%DV); Sodium: 35mg (1%DV); Potassium: 340mg (9%DV); Total Carbohydrate: 50g (16%DV); Protein: 1g (2%DV); Vitamin A: 0%DV; Vitamin C: 200%DV; Calcium: 2%DV

Debby Miller earned accredited buyer honor

The Real Estate Buyer's Agent Council Inc. of the National Association of Realtors has awarded Debby Noreen Miller, formerly with Heritage Homes Reaaltors, the Accredited Buyer Representation (ABR) designation.

Miller's office is now located at 4002 College Ave., where Eddie Peterson's Pharmacy was located.

Miller, a 1986 graduate of Western Texas College, is president of the Snyder Board of Realtors, a member of the Real Estate Cyberspace Society and broker/owner of homePro Realtors. She has been in finance and sales for over 10 years.

"I am excited about the changes my office will be bringing to the real estate market. At this time, I am the first and only Accredited Buyer Representative in Snyder, Colorado City, Sweetwater and Post. Also I have recently received my RECS designation," Miller said.

"homePro Realtors provides a full menu of services for their clients, whether they are buyers or sellers," said Terrence M. McDermott, president and CEO of REBAC. "The ABR designation, the benchmark of excellence in buyer agency service, demonstrates to clients that the agent has taken steps to continue her education in the field of buyer representation, and has the proven experience and training to deliver ethical and professional service to real estate buyers."

Miller joins more than 24,000 real estate professionals in North American who have earned the ABR designation. The requirements for this coveted designation include a comprehensive two-day course in buyer representation, a written examination on legal and practical aspects of client representation, and practical experience in the field of buy representation.



Debby Noreen Miller

The council was founded in 1988 and currently has more than 34,000 members throughout the world. The National Association of Realtors, "The Voice for Real Estate," is the nation's largest professional trade association, representing nearly 720,000 members involved in all aspects of the real estate industry.

Miller is the wife of Kenny Miller who owns Snyder Signs.

Community Calendar

MONDAY

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

Al-Anon Brown Bag Open Meeting, Snyder Park Club in Winston Park; noon.

Weight Watchers meeting; Trinity United Methodist Church; for more information call Nathalie at 573-1868 during the evening; weigh-in is at 5 p.m.

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

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

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

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

TUESDAY

Overeaters Anonymous, Park Club in Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; for more information call 574-1254, 573-8322 or 573-3733; 6:30 p.m.

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

AA Beginner's Meeting-Open; Snyder Park Club, 1212 37th Street; 7 p.m.

New Horizons AA, closed meeting; Park Club; for information call 573-4048,; 8 p.m.

Al-Anon; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th and Ave. M; for more 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 more information call Phillis Leatherwood at 573-6105.

WEDNESDAY

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

Spiritual Solutions for Living Problems Book Study; Snyder Park Club; 6 p.m.

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

THURSDAY

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

Al-Anon brown bag; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 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.

Rock and Roll Quilting Club evening meeting; Hermleigh Community Center; for more information call 863-2426; 6:30 p.m.

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

Scurry Charter Chapter ABWA; MAWC; 7 p.m.

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

Nuestra Nueva Esperanza AA; Park Club; for information call 573-8626; 8 p.m.

FRIDAY

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

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

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

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

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

Al-Anon open meeting; Park Club; 8 p.m.

SATURDAY

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

SUNDAY

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

Sign is effective

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia (AP) — Malaysian litterbugs have been threatened with hefty fines and community work. Now, they're being told they run the risk of being struck barren, too.

A lawmaker told Parliament on Thursday that she had spotted a very effective signboard in southern Johor state that reads: "Whoever Throws Rubbish Indiscriminately Will Never Be Blessed With Children And Grandchildren."

"Of course, the area is clean," Chang See Ten was quoted as saying by the national news agency, Bernama.

Chang, who belongs to Prime Minister Mahathir Mohamad's ruling National Front coalition, urged authorities to consider imposing a higher fine on litterbugs.



WEDDING SHOWER HELD — Keely and Randy Green were given a wedding shower on June 30 in Faith Baptist Church. The couple married Friday, July 27, in Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring. From left are Linda Buchanan, mother of the bride from Big Spring; the honoree, Mrs. Randy Green; and Bridgette Green, mother of the groom. (Contributed Photo)

Flamingo insurance sends kids to camp

FREMONT, Neb. (AP) — A flock of plastic pink flamingos and a widespread disdain for the lawn ornaments has a church youth group well on its way to summer camp.

The deal? Buy "flamingo insurance" from the kids, and keep the flock of pink flamingos from showing up in your yard.

The flamingo policies are just a fun way to raise money for camp and for other activities throughout the year, Church of the Nazarene youth president Brian Goracke said.

A $5 policy will keep donors from waking up to find 13 flamingo lawn ornaments in their yards. Of course, it can also work in reverse — a contributor can pay to have the flock invade some else's yard.

In the two weeks since the effort began, the group has raised $300 and invaded a number of front lawns, as well.

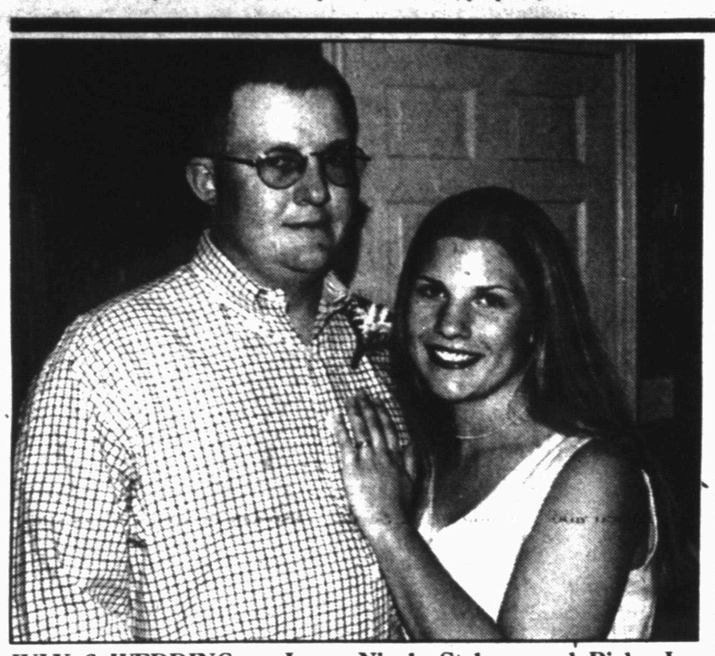
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JULY 6 WEDDING — Jenny Nicole Stalcup and Ricky Joe Stroud were united in marriage Friday, July 6, with Rick Ketron, minister of Shadow Hills Baptist Church in Lubbock, officiating. The bride is the daughter of Randy and Denise Via and Joe and Gina Stalcup, all of Lubbock. A graduate of Monterey High School, the bride is enrolled at Texas Tech University and is employed at Walker Lumber Company in Lubbock. The groom, son of Bobby and Earline Stroud of Snyder, is a graduate of Ira High School. He is also enrolled at Tech and employed at Walker Lumber Company. After a wedding trip to Ruidoso, the couple made their home in Lubbock. (Contributed Photo)

Firefighters capture 2-year-old alligator

VIENNA, Austria (AP) — Tourists strolling along the Danube downtown caught got an unexpected sight: what looked like a small alligator sunning itself on the banks on the river.

Firefighters were able to surround the reptile Thursday and capture it before it could slip back into the water. Experts at the Schoenbrunn Zoo identified it as a caiman, a member of the alligator family.

Zoo spokeswoman Barbara Koch said the caiman, about 1-1/2 feet long and 1 to 2 years old, was in good condition.

"It got its own pool at the terrarium," Koch said. "It is too small to be placed together with our six adult crocodiles. They would simply eat it."

After an examination by a veterinarian, it got another visit — from a customs officer trying to determine how the caiman came to be in Vienna. Austrian law prohibits the import of alligators.

Last month, an alligator catcher was flown to New York City — another place were the only alligators are supposed to be in zoos — to capture a 2-foot-long caiman on the loose in Central Park.



SHS CLASS OF '86 — Attending the reunion of the Snyder High School class of 1986 were (from left) first row, Mitch Page, Mike McWilliams, Steve Lee, Robert Patterson, Randy James, Todd Pollard, Brent McFarland, Thad LaRoux; second row, Missy McIntire Turentine, Mary Hernandez Hassins, Vicki Hernandez Luera, Amy Wilson Hodges, Xalyn Harris Palacios, Angie Floyd Kahn, Shirley Raschke Scifres, Kelli Hitchcock Thompson, Karen Boyd Spence, Staci Hillis Hardagree; top row, Ricky Hunter, Paul Luera, Steve Parker, Billy Overhulser, Jimmy Hunter, Don Osborn, Brian Gruben, Michael Browning, Lisa Tucker Bruns, Reggie Price, Mark Thompson, Terri Holley Lee and Justin Webb. The reunion was dedicated to the memory of deceased classmates Benny Berrera, Kevin Burkett, Robert Caldwell, Jake Menix, Abraham Lopez and Juan Benitez. (Contributed Photo)

Lewallen, Wiseman united in double-ring ceremony May 19

Michelle Lee Lewallen and Steven Ted Wiseman were united in marriage in a double-ring ceremony at 6:30 p.m. on May 19 at Colonial Hill Baptist Church. Alan Lee of Lubbock officiated.

The bride's parents are Dalvin and Belinda Alexander of Snyder and Mitchell and Patti Lewallen of Granbury. The groom's parents are Charlotte Wiseman and Jim and Margret Wiseman, all of Tahoka.

Church pews were decorated with tulle bows and the altar area featured 10 columns topped with wisteria arrangements and tulle. Two of the smaller columns each held a five-candle candelabrum. The middle column held the unity candle. Decorations were done by Rhonda May of Special Occasions.

Amber Alexander, sister of the bride, lighted candles. Maid of honor, Lila King, sang "Completely." Byron Norwood, brother of the groom from Tahoka, sang the "Lord's Prayer. Paul Harkey from Plainview sang "If There Hadn't Been You." Donna Stone of Tahoka was pianist.

The bride's father and stepfather presented her in marriage as she was attired in a gown of satin from the Exclusive collection. The unique scroll trim bodice was silver on white.

An elegant criss-cross design on her back added to the corset look. The box pleated skirt featured matching trim and a semi cathedral train. She wore an elbow length veil on the back of her head and carried dozen each of peach and bridal roses in nosegay style, tied with off white satin ribbon.

Bridesmaids were Leslie Hoyle, sister of the bride; Jennifer Beal, Halea Huestis, JayJay Wiseman, sister of the groom. The bridesmaids' collection was from Haley Nicole. The sleeveless Lamour satin top was designed with a notched waist and a slightly dropped V-back falling into a simple slender design. They carried miniature bouquets like the bride's continuing with six white and six peach bridal roses.

Shyla Holman, cousin of the bride from Snyder, Okla., was flower girl and Keegan Vann, cousin of the bride from Littlefield, was ring bearer.

Best man was Donnie Wiseman, brother of the groom from Plano. Ushers included Zeb Alexander of Cross Plains, brother of the bride; Byron Norwood, brother of the groom from Tahoka; and Jeremy Krauser, cousin of the groom from Lubbock.



Mrs. Steven Wiseman
(Photo by Mr. Geez)

Male attired included Ralph Lauren's The Hudson tuxedos. The two-button coats were worn over a white wing tip shirt, black pleated trousers and a rainbow silver vest and tie with silver studs and links and black patent shoes.

A bridal portrait and silver candlesticks centered the table.

The reception was held in the church fellowship hall. The bride's table was centered by the bride's bouquet and displayed the silver punch bowl, silver bride and groom goblets and silver and white napkins.

The four-tiered square cake was made by Donna Brooks of Tahoka. It was trimmed in silver ribbon she had placed hydrangeas on each layer. Completing the table were silver and white napkins.

Serving at the bride's table were Sara Elliott and Mackenzie Crump, both of Plainview.

The groom's table held a picture of the groom along side a five branch candelabra, a silver coffee set and a German chocolate sheet cake made by Donna Brooks of Tahoka.

Misty Norwood, sister of the groom of Tahoka and Summer Lewallen, sister of the bride from Granbury, served at the groom's table.

After their honeymoon to Cozumel, Mexico, they made their home in Plainview. The groom, a senior at Wayland Baptist University, graduated from Tahoka High School. He plans to teach in the secondary level and coach football and baseball.

His major is composite science.

The bride is also a senior at Wayland Baptist University with a major in elementary education and she plans to teach fifth grade. She is a graduate of Snyder High School.

Scurry County Library News & Views

By Janie Romine
Librarian

Scurry County Library has recently added new videos to the collection. An adult can check out videos for two days with a library card. Two movies may be checked out at one time.

NEW VIDEO TITLES

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The staff would like to thank all the people and the businesses that assisted with the Summer Reading Program for the children.

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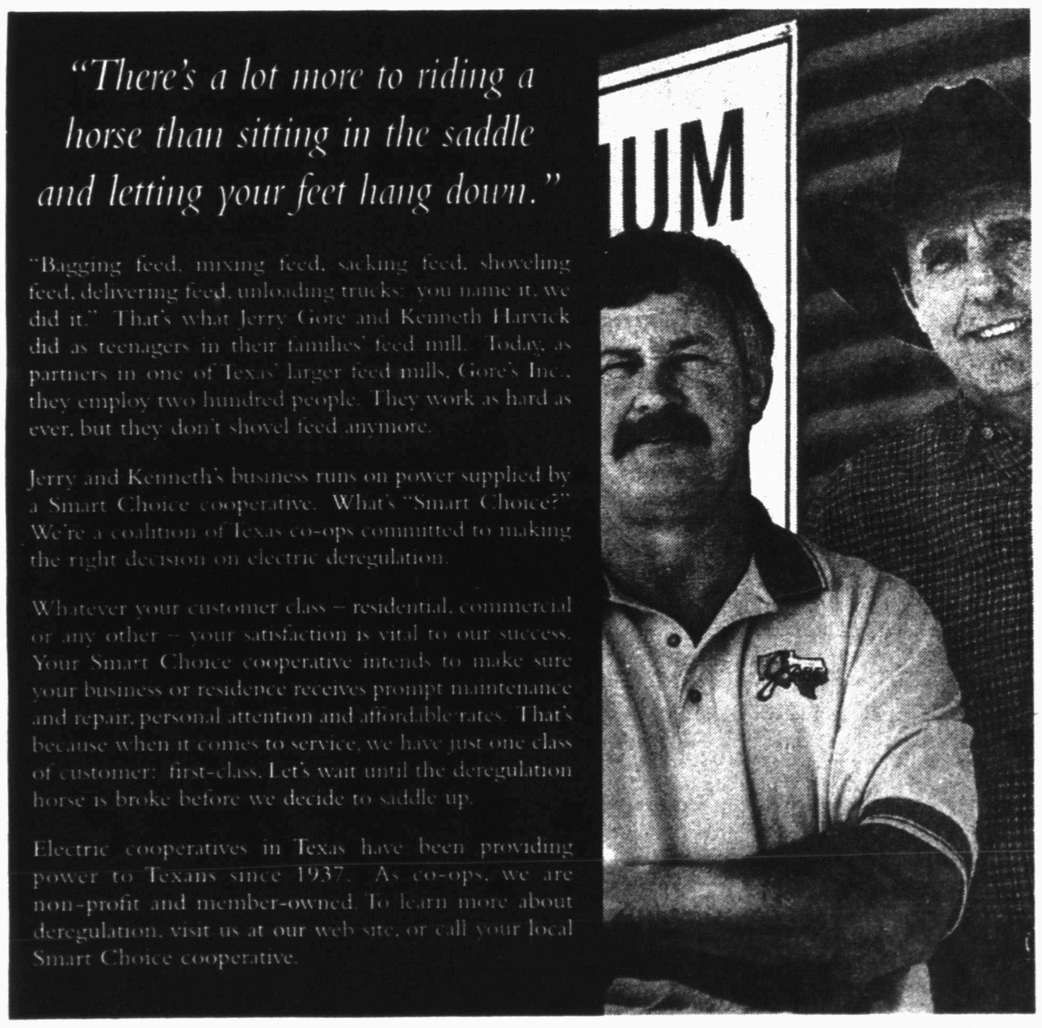
Senator clipped by errant throw

SPRING HILL, Fla. (AP) — A state senator preparing to throw out the first pitch at a youth league baseball was knocked cold by an errant ball as the teams warmed up.

The ball-thrower, a 12-year-old boy, was warming at third base when the umpire yelled, "balls in." The boy tossed his ball toward the dugout and unintentionally clipped Sen. Ginny Brown-Waite in the head.

"I was in the wrong place at the wrong time," the senator said after being treated at Spring Hill Regional Hospital and released.

Brown-Waite, 57, was knocked unconscious for about a minute Tuesday night and was nursing a headache and black eye.



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AARP News

Members of Snyder's AARP Chapter #2063 are implementing a new program of service to senior citizens who are handicapped or homebound. For more information call 573-5301 or 573-7577.

AARP is the nation's leading organization for people age 50 and older, serving their needs and interests through information and education, advocacy and community services provided by a network of local chapters and experienced volunteers.

An overwhelming majority of older Americans want to stay in charge of their lives as they age.

AARP's Independent Living Program is designed to help older people live independently. The program works to promote community service and volunteerism by encouraging neighbors to help neighbors.

DNA test may free man on death row

BOISE, Idaho (AP) — After almost 20 years on death row, Charles Irvin Fain may be set free after new DNA testing cast a long shadow of doubt on his conviction.

The 52-year-old Fain was found guilty in 1983 of kidnapping, sexually assaulting and drowning 9-year-old Daralyn Johnson.

But after the DNA tests on pubic hairs, his conviction was set aside by a judge who gave prosecutors until Sept. 4 to file new charges or free Fain.

"He's an innocent man who has been in jail for 18 years for a crime he didn't commit. It has been a tremendously long battle," said Spencer McIntyre, one of Fain's lawyers.

Daralyn was abducted as she walked to school in 1982. Her body was found by fishermen a few days later along the Snake River.

Fain, a handyman, moved into Daralyn's neighborhood shortly after her death. His attorneys said he passed a lie-detector test but was arrested and charged with murder.

Among the evidence against Fain were statements from cellmates who said he admitted to the crime and a girl who saw the abduction from a distance. Prosecutors also said a partially washed-out footprint near Daralyn's body resembled the sole of a tennis shoe found at Fain's home.

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Lost wedding ring missing link in reconciliation

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I have been married 10 years. We have three beautiful children under the age of 8.

Two years ago, "Curt" lost his wedding ring. One year ago, he had an affair with a co-worker. Curt realized the affair was a mistake and decided to come back. I was willing, but asked that he get a new wedding ring to show his recommitment to our marriage.

It has now been 10 months since his return, but he still has not gotten a new ring. I even asked him to get one for himself as my Christmas present — and still no ring.

Abby, I don't feel I can trust him. He says I am "blowing this out of proportion," and that he is committed. In counseling he brushes it off as, "I know ... I know ..."

I love Curt very much, but wonder if I should be with someone who not only hurt me but shrugs off my one request for closure and healing.

Am I making a big deal out of nothing, Abby? What do you think? — **HURT AND UNSURE IN CALIFORNIA**

DEAR HURT AND UNSURE: I don't think you're making a big deal out of nothing. I'm pleased the two of you are in counseling together, because that's where you need to be. Although you have reconciled, for some reason your hubby hasn't fully recommitted himself to the marriage. During your next session, ask him what a wedding ring symbolizes to him, and why he's stalling. Then be very quiet and listen.

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DEAR ABBY: I am a 14-year-old girl in the eighth grade. I saw an interesting article in the newspaper this morning about bullying and how to stop it. All I could do was laugh. Those adults think they know how to stop it and what it's like, but quite frankly, they don't.

I know from experience how it feels to be harassed. I'm not exactly what you'd call skinny (I'm sort of muscular), and I wear baggy clothes. I am called "butch," "Sheeva" (a Mortal Combat character who is very muscular) and "Incredible Hulk." I am the target of a lot of hate, and it hurts badly.

I am writing because the newspaper article gave "tips" on how to stop the bullying. I don't know a single kid my age who would use any of them. They suggested saying, "You're trying awfully hard to upset me. When you do this you feel good. You feel powerful." Nobody I know would ever say something like that.

Sometimes ignoring the bully works, but it can also lead to fights. You could get right up into the bully's face. More fighting. No matter what you do, you can't stop it. It's usually the bully's home life that causes it. People say it's because of low self-esteem, but that's not usually the reason kids bully here in Delaware. They do it because they think it's FUNNY.

Abby, please print this so other kids who are being victimized by bullies will remember that they are beautiful — maybe not to the bullies, but in their own way. — **BULLIED IN DELAWARE**

DEAR BULLIED: Thank you for your honest letter. I am sorry you have been victimized by schoolyard bullies.

Bullying is not funny. There should be zero tolerance for this type of behavior by students, teachers and administrators. Bullying is destructive. Systematic harassment can lead to violence, as evidenced by the shooting sprees of students who were isolated and bullied to intolerable levels. More must be done to eradicate this abuse so that all students can pursue their education in a safe environment.

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Dear Abby is written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanne Phillips.

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

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EAR ABBY: I have been married to "Buddy" for 20 years. During the past seven years, we went through some big problems. I used to plead with him to pay more attention to me, but he never felt I was important enough. It's taken me years, but I have finally learned to live my life to the fullest without him.

Well, now all of a sudden Buddy has noticed that I am no longer "crying and clinging" to him. And get this: NOW he wants to be the perfect husband!

Abby, I grew so accustomed to being without Buddy that now I don't know what I want. I still love him, but I don't know if I want to remain in this marriage. The tables have turned, and I feel suffocated by all his sudden attention — which I used to long for. I don't know what to make of all this. Can you please tell me what you think? — **WIFE WHO CHANGED HER LIFE**

DEAR WIFE: Whatever was distracting your husband has come to an end. During his emotional absence you wisely developed other resources.

You and Buddy could benefit from marriage counseling. It will get you both back on the same track — if that's what you both really want.

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DEAR ABBY: I recently began experiencing anxiety attacks. They started so unexpectedly, I didn't realize what was happening to me. I would sweat profusely, become nauseated, and my legs would feel weak and shaky. I went to my family doctor and was checked out, but he found nothing physically wrong.

My health insurance provider gave me the phone number for a mental health hotline. I called and was immediately put in touch with a counselor. I have been seeing the counselor for three weeks, and my attacks are noticeably less severe.

Abby, please advise your readers who suffer from this that they are not alone. There is help out there. Nobody should feel embarrassed about asking for it. Seeing my life through someone else's eyes has made me understand how difficult and stressful this past year has been without my realizing it. — **ON THE ROAD TO RECOVERY IN LAS VEGAS**

DEAR ON THE ROAD: I have always considered psychotherapy to be attending the "University of You." The course may be challenging, but it's always informative, and almost everyone can benefit from it.

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DEAR ABBY: I am 16 and do not get along well with my mother, mostly because we are so much alike. My problem may seem childish and immature, but my mother goes through EVERYTHING of mine. She routinely goes through my dresser and desk drawers, my backpack and my purse. She gets angry if she finds a journal entry or note to a friend containing a remark about her.

I say she shouldn't be searching through my personal things in the first place. Am I unreasonable to ask for a little privacy? Has she crossed the line, or am I just being overly sensitive? — **NO PRIVACY IN PLANO, TEXAS**

DEAR NO PRIVACY: Everyone is entitled to some privacy — even teen-agers. However, until you reach legal age, your parents are responsible for your health, education and growth. Whether or not your mother has "crossed the line" depends upon the other aspects of your relationship with her. She may go through your things because you don't communicate with her. If you are secretive about what's going on in your life, of course she will pry.

Be smart and earn your privacy the easy way, by volunteering information, being absolutely honest, talking about your friends, your dates, where you're going and when you expect to be home. Try it — it works.

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Dear Abby is written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanne Phillips.

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Contraceptive coverage won't be extended

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Bush administration has verbally denied New York's request to expand contraceptive coverage for poor women in the state, family planning advocates and a New York congressional office said Thursday.

Medicaid recipients have long been eligible for contraceptive coverage but only within certain time and income limits. New York had sought to expand the eligibility to 200 percent of the poverty level, up from 185 percent, making thousands more women eligible. The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services puts the poverty level for an adult at $8,590 per year and for a family of three at $14,630.

Georgia already had a similar application denied by Health and Human Services. The state had been seeking to have Medicaid pay for new mothers to get condoms, birth control pills and injections and tubal ligations for up to two years after giving birth instead of the current two months.

New mothers on Medicaid in New York already have contraceptive care covered for two years.



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GRADE	CAMPUS	
Prekindergarten	Stanfield and Northeast	
Bilingual Prekindergarten	Central	573-8592
Regular Kindergarten	School campus for attendance zone	
Bilingual Kindergarten	Central	573-8592
Regular First Grade	School campus for attendance zone	
Bilingual First Grade	Central	573-8592
Second Grade	Stanfield	573-7512
Third Grade	Central	573-8592
Fourth Grade	East	573-1769
Fifth Grade	Northeast	573-2643
Sixth Grade	West	573-3538

To be eligible in a **PREKINDERGARTEN CLASS**, a child must be 4 years of age as of September 1, 2001, and must be (1) unable to speak and comprehend the English language; or (2) from a family whose income is at, or below, subsistence level. (Family will qualify for the Federal Free Lunch Program; proof required.) Please observe the following schedule for registration. The first letter of your last name will determine your registration time.

LAST NAME	REGISTRATION TIME
A - D	8:00 - 9:00 a.m.
E - H	9:00 - 10:00 a.m.
I - L	10:00 - 11:00 a.m.
M - P	11:00 - 12:00 p.m.
Q - T	1:00 - 2:00 p.m.
U - W	2:00 - 3:00 p.m.
X - Z	3:00 - 4:00 p.m.

If at all possible, please follow this time schedule so that unnecessary waiting might be avoided.

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ALL STUDENTS WHO ARE ENTERING SNYDER SCHOOLS FOR THE FIRST TIME MUST BRING A:
Birth Certificate, Social Security Number (card) and a Record of Immunization. If parents plan to be out of town on August 1, they are urged to register their children before that time. All elementary students must officially register and be accompanied by a parent/legal guardian.

Jr. High School and High School Students who attended last year are Preregistered and need not attend.

Jr. High School Students Who Have Recently Moved to Snyder
are asked to register on **Wednesday, August 1** at the Jr. High School. Students are asked to bring Grade Records, Student Social Security CARD, Birth Certificate and Immunization Records to Registration. (Phone 573-6356)

High School Students Who Have Recently Moved to Snyder
are asked to report to the High School with their parent/legal guardian and register on **Wednesday, August 1**. Students are asked to bring grade records and immunization records to registration. New student and 9th grade orientation will be at 1:30 p.m. on **Thursday, August 2** at Worsham Auditorium. Offices will be open Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon and 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. (Phone 573-6301)

The First Day of School for all Snyder students will be Wednesday, August 15, 2001

Persons with questions may call their respective schools after July 30, 2001.

More frequent hurricanes being predicted

WASHINGTON (AP) — For decades Americans have flocked increasingly to East and Gulf coast beach communities, prepared to ride out the occasional tropical storm in exchange for ocean vistas.

Now the winds of change are blowing in a new era of more storms, a change that could last for 20 to 30 years, scientists say.

After a quarter-century of fewer than normal hurricanes in the North Atlantic, the 1995 to 2000 hurricane seasons were the busiest on record, according to a report in Friday's issue of the journal Science from a team of weather researchers.

The ocean has been warming in recent years, which provided increased energy to fuel the development of the massive storms, according to the group led by Stanley Goldenberg of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's Hurricane Research Division in Miami, Fla.

At the same time the scientists found a decline in wind shear, which can inhibit the development of the storms. Wind shear occurs when wind speeds differ sharply at different altitudes, and powerful winds high in the sky can prevent the vertical development of storms below them.

"When we see this combination, we better be prepared for a very busy period for hurricane activity," Goldenberg said.

The group also noted a cycle of periods with more hurricanes alternating with quieter times.

"Looking at the changes in oceanic and atmospheric conditions, we think this shift is due to a natural ocean cycle called the Atlantic Multidecadal Mode, a North Atlantic and Caribbean sea surface temperature shift between warm and cool phases that lasts 25 to 40 years each," said Alberto Mestas-Nunez of NOAA's Cooperative Institute for Marine and Atmospheric Studies at the University of Miami.

"The data suggest that we are in the beginning of a warm Atlantic phase, and thus an active Atlantic hurricane era may be under way similar to that last seen from the late 1920s to the late 1960s," he said.

That reinforces a report this year by James Elsner of Florida State University, who found busy and quiet hurricane periods in the Atlantic and Gulf appeared to alternate and said a period of more than normal storms is beginning.

Hurricane season began June 1, though the strongest storms tend to form in late summer and early fall, when the sea that provides energy has warmed.

The National Weather Service has forecast 11 tropical storms this year, of which seven will be hurricanes, and disaster experts worry that coastal residents have been lulled into a false sense of security by recent quiet years.

Also increasing the danger is that the number of people living in coastal areas has skyrocketed in recent years, and evacuating masses in advance of a storm can be chaotic, sometimes dangerous.

"From 1995-2000 we saw the highest level of North Atlantic hurricane activity ever measured," Goldenberg said. The data showed that compared with the previous 24 years, twice as many hurricanes occurred in the Atlantic, including 21/2 times more major hurricanes, with winds reaching more than 110 mph. More than five times as many hurricanes hit the Caribbean islands than in the previous two dozen years.

Lennart Bengtsson of the Max Planck Institute for Meteorology in Hamburg, Germany, ventured, however, that the period of accurate storm record keeping may be too short to draw conclusions about alternating cycles.

The "records are too short and incomplete to claim that the coastal United States may be in for a longer period of hurricane activity," Bengtsson said in a commentary on the paper. He was not part of the study team.

Besides Goldenberg and Mestas-Nunez the research group included Christopher Landsea of NOAA's Hurricane Research Division and William Gray of Colorado State University.

On the Net: NOAA: http://www.noaa.gov

Study evaluates effectiveness of condoms

WASHINGTON (AP) — Condoms can reduce the spread of HIV and gonorrhea, but there is not enough evidence to say for certain they protect against other sexually transmitted diseases, federal health officials said Friday.

"To definitely answer the remaining questions about condom effectiveness for preventing STD (sexually transmitted disease) infections will require well-designed and ethically sound clinical studies," says the National Institutes of Health study released Friday.

The report said researchers could not draw conclusions about the adequacy of condoms in reducing the risk of disease "other than HIV transmission in men and women, and gonorrhea in men." HIV is the virus that causes AIDS.

AIDS activists had distributed the report Thursday, contending that the Bush administration would use it to promote an abstinence-only agenda. The activists argue that abstinence warnings are not as effective in preventing sexually transmitted diseases as encouraging the use of barrier contraceptives such as condoms.

"The fact is young people are having sex," said Michael Cover, a spokesman for the Whitman-Walker Clinic, a Washington-based clinic that primarily serves people infected with HIV. "Accurate information about condoms has to be made available."

The Health and Human Services Department released the report in a simple announcement without scheduling any news events.

A panel of 28 researchers examined nearly 140 existing, peer-reviewed studies involving HIV, gonorrhea, syphilis, strains of genital herpes and other sexually transmitted diseases. The group's main focus was trying to answer the question of how effective is latex male condom use in preventing the spread of sexually transmitted diseases during vaginal intercourse.

"The published data documenting effectiveness of the male condom were strongest for HIV," the report said.

The researchers found common problems with many of the other studies on the other diseases. Some lacked the sufficient number of subjects. Many studies were done among high-risk groups such as prostitutes or patients at sexually transmitted disease clinics.

"For most studies the ability to document exposure to disease in relationship to condom use was uncertain," the report said.

The report said one in five American adults has a sexually transmitted disease and roughly 15 million new STD infections occur each year. Many of those new infections go undiagnosed, and therefore untreated.

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1915	.22	.83	1.00	8.03	2.25	2.70	.50	4.48	5.40	3.77	**	.82	30.09
1916	.15	*	.34	3.58	1.67	.65	1.40	.49	1.52	2.00	.76	.05	12.61
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1923	.40	2.25	2.05	4.28	.75	2.40	.93	2.10	2.00	6.88	3.15	1.30	28.55
1924	**	.05	1.15	4.34	4.27	.45	.57	1.55	1.40	2.00	**	*	15.78
1925	.40	**	**	2.75	4.26	.25	1.13	2.47	5.00	3.55	**	**	19.81
1926	.75	*	1.98	4.20	3.10	1.47	1.91	4.35	2.59	3.60	1.10	3.30	28.35
1927	1.25	1.20	.90	1.83	.70	3.05	6.35	3.85	5.30	.05	*	.50	25.85
1928	.40	.80	.40	.27	5.35	1.17	5.87	2.82	.98	.35	1.52	.28	20.21
1929	.60	*	1.99	1.05	3.97	.50	2.76	.61	2.51	1.61	.52	.10	16.22
1930	1.02	*	.27	4.05	5.00	2.52	.10	1.67	.25	4.95	1.85	1.25	22.95
1931	1.40	1.15	.57	1.62	1.30	1.10	1.74	.18	.13	5.35	1.80	1.80	18.14
1932	1.78	3.01	.05	2.25	3.57	3.12	1.12	5.79	10.60	.43	*	4.10	35.82
1933	.20	1.63	.70	.10	2.30	.02	3.60	1.90	**	2.53	1.20	1.13	15.46
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1935	.05	1.03	1.61	.42	4.07	4.09	4.58	.21	2.54	1.79	2.11	.67	23.13
1936	.64	1.12	.44	1.03	2.40	.33	.92	**	9.01	1.79	.77	.67	18.06
1937	.17	.25	1.36	.06	4.25	1.55	1.45	2.38	1.76	.44	.68	1.03	15.40
1938	1.55	3.51	1.73	1.00	3.35	2.76	3.51	.12	.94	1.22	.84	.06	20.59
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1941	.91	2.04	2.20	4.85	5.97	5.39	6.70	2.66	2.37	9.81	.21	.91	44.02
1942	.14	.09	.54	1.50	1.10	1.48	2.56	6.35	3.59	3.61	1.80	1.50	24.26
1943	.15	**	1.30	.60	4.37	2.17	.19	.05	.37	.25	1.31	1.49	12.25
1944	.83	1.84	.20	.69	7.34	1.11	6.04	1.13	2.22	1.05	2.49	2.41	27.35
1945	1.20	.36	1.25	1.03	1.45	2.51	5.44	3.00	2.60	4.02	.34	.48	23.68
1946	1.53	*	.53	.41	3.49	2.42	.04	1.52	.97	2.71	.75	2.60	16.97
1947	.30	*	.92	.36	6.64	2.13	.80	1.06	1.77	.37	1.81	1.60	17.76
1948	.21	1.98	.06	.29	4.38	1.67	7.30	*	*	2.55	*	*	18.44
1949	2.30	.47	.23	3.22	3.69	3.70	1.04	1.94	2.32	1.82	*	.55	21.28
1950	.40	.66	*	2.55	7.37	2.00	3.03	.98	4.20	**	*	**	21.19
1951	.14	.67	.30	1.06	1.42	1.57	.80	1.42	2.36	.48	**	.04	10.26
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1953	.15	.48	1.17	1.75	.66	.08	1.73	3.30	.98	3.70	.10	.15	14.25
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1956	.19	.11	*	2.97	2.50	.45	1.88	.24	*	1.77	.28	1.01	11.40
1957	.53	2.80	.16	3.61	7.13	2.29	2.93	.82	1.38	1.52	2.83	.04	26.04
1958	1.01	1.11	.94	3.72	2.73	2.32	.55	2.06	1.44	2.41	.55	*	18.84
1959	**	.21	1.03	.97	2.46	6.95	5.05	.37	.57	2.23	.20	1.22	21.22
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1961	1.87	.54	.66	.71	2.12	5.90	3.63	.26	2.95	2.22	3.36	.56	24.79
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1969	*	.40	1.24	1.01	5.72	2.46	.70	.55	2.95	3.65	.62	1.98	21.28
1970	*	1.15	2.25	1.31	3.30	1.40	*	.50	2.11	2.42	*	.26	14.70
1971	*	.49	*	.56	3.77	2.02	1.78	16.7	4.0	3.62	.27	.45	33.66
1972	*	.05	*	3.35	2.95	1.03	1.07	7.60	7.59	6.25	.29	.03	30.21
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1999	.95	0	1.74	2.12	1.55	7.23	3.68	2.04	1.83	.66	.00	.06	21.86
2000	.73	.75	5.83	.11	.84	5.55	.97	*	*	4.05	2.07	.30	21.20
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Avg.	.65	.83	.93	1.87	3.12	2.62	2.12	2.17	2.47	2.30	.98	.82	20.83

Q & A

Protect children

The Snyder Daily News, in cooperation with Al-Anon support groups and the Snyder Area Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse, devotes this column to information and questions about substance abuse.

How can we protect our children?

Drinking 101: College Students and Alcohol

Jenna and Barbara Bush's recent run-in with the law over alcohol-related offenses has generated a lot of discussion concerning college students and drinking.

Some believe it is a "rite of passage" and goes right along with football games and finals as part of university life. Others know the dangers involved in making alcohol a regular part of the college experience. Some may brush off a fine for minor in possession as just another campus expense, but kill someone in a drunken driving crash and that won't be so easy to dismiss.

Here are a few things to consider as you head off to campus this fall:

— Every year, college students spend $5.5 billion on alcohol, mostly beer. This is more than they spend on books, sodas, coffee, juice and milk combined, averaging $466 per student per year.

— College students drink an estimated 4 billion cans of beer annually.

— The total amount of alcohol consumed by college students each year is 430 million gallons, enough for every college and university in the United States to fill an Olympic-size swimming pool.

— As many as 360,000 of the nation's 12 million undergraduates will die from alcohol-related causes while in school. This is more than the number who will receive M.A. and Ph.D. degrees.

— Nearly half of all college students are binge drinkers.

— Beer manufacturers spend an estimated $15-$20 million annually to promote their products to college students.

— Almost four percent of all college students drink alcohol daily.

— Studies show that fraternity members drink more often and more heavily than other college students.

— The number of college women who drink to get drunk has more than tripled in the past ten years, rising from 10 percent to 35 percent.

— On America's college campuses, alcohol is a factor in 40 percent of all academic problems and 28 percent of all dropouts.

— A daily glass of wine can increase your weight by as much as 10 pounds a year.

— Fetal Alcohol Syndrome (FAS) is one of the leading causes of birth defects and developmental disabilities in the United States, and is the largest single cause of mental retardation in the Western Hemisphere.

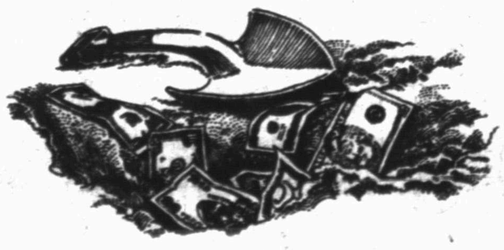
— Seventy-five percent of male students and 55 percent of female students involved in acquaintance rape had been drinking or using drugs at the time.

— On the positive side, there is a small but significant downward trend in alcohol use on America's campuses. In 1985, the percentage of college students who had consumed alcohol in the previous 30 days was 80.3 percent. By 1990, that number had declined to 74.5 percent and continues to decline each year.

Statistics are from the alcohol awareness website located on the Web at www.glness.com/ndhs/stats.html

Please send your questions on drugs or addiction to P.O. Box 695, Snyder, Texas 79550. All questions and personal inquires may be submitted anonymously. Twenty-four-hour confidential information is available by calling (915) 573-1141 or 1-800-658-6722. Information on help groups and individual's phone numbers may be found in the SDN Community Calendar.

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Marriage License

William Lewis Smartt of Snyder and Kathy Jo McCombs of Sweetwater.

Action in District Court

In the marriage of Debra J. Humphreys Dorman and Rodney Lee Dorman, divorce granted.

In the marriage of Stacy Deanne Hirt and Rex Damon Hirt, divorce granted.

Deed Records

R.N. Gray Jr. to Mary White Garcia, tract one being all of section 135, Block 3, H&GN survey; tract two being the north 40 acres of the west one-half of Section 138, Block 3, H&GN survey; tract three being the north 130 acres of the east one-half of Section 138, Block 3, H&GN survey.

Russell W. Scott to Brenda G. Cody, Lot 17 in Block 3 of the Kittrell Heights Addition.

M.P. Herring to Isreal and Frances Sandoval, the east 85 feet of a 1.524-acre tract out of the northeast part of Section 181, Block 3, H&GN survey.

Alice Daniels to Mary M. Abbott, Lot 8 of the Replat of Block 6A of the Highlands Addition.

Janie and J.T. Blount to Rebecca A. Williamson, tract one being 36.788 acres in the south one-half of Section 71, Block 1, H&TC survey; tract two being 1.624 acres in the south one-half of Section 71, Block 2, H&TC survey.

Madaylene M. Reese to Ronnie Lee and Pamela Sue Black, Lot 5 in Block 1, Section 1 of the Martin Addition.

Kathy Jean Scott to Charles D. Hill Inc., Lot 19 in Block 1 of the Eastridge Addition.

C.M. Cruse to First Church of God, Ira, three tracts being part of the southeast one-quarter of Section 133, Block 97, H&TC survey.

W.R. Adams to Donny and Paula Fox, a tract out of Section 179, Block 3, H&GN survey.

Ronnie and Etta Woodard to Wayne and Rita Knox, Lots 13 and 18 in Block 2 of the Wall Addition.

Myron Fenton to Manuela Espinosa, Lots 11 and 12 in Block 54 of the Wilmeth Addition.

SPT Feedlots Inc. to the Frank Thompson Irrevocable Family Trust, the northeast one-quarter of Section 27, Block 3, H&TC survey.

Date Book

Saturday, July 21, 2001

Today is the 202nd day of 2001 and the 31st day of summer.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1873, Jessie James held up the Rock Island Express near Adair, Iowa. It was his first train robbery.

On this day in 1925, in Dayton, Tenn., John Scopes was fined $100 for teaching Darwin's theory of evolution.

On this day in 1946, Lt. Cmdr. James Davison, flying an FD-1 Phantom, became the first pilot to land a jet airplane on a ship. He landed on the deck of the USS Franklin D. Roosevelt about 60 miles east of Cape Henry, Va.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Hart Crane (1899-1932), poet; Ernest Hemingway (1899-1961), writer; Marshall McLuhan (1911-1980), mass-media expert; Isaac Stern (1920-), violinist, is 81; Don Knotts (1924-), actor, is 77; Norman Jewison (1926-), producer-director, is 75; Robin Williams (1952-), comedian-actor, is 49; Jon Lovitz (1957-), comedian, is 44; Tom Chambers (1959-), basketball player, is 42.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1963, in Dallas, Texas, golfer Jack Nicklaus won the PGA tournament.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Vows made in storms are forgot in calms." — English proverb

TODAY'S MOON: Day after new moon (July 20).

Sunday, July 22, 2001

Today is the 203rd day of 2001 and the 32nd day of summer.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1893, in Colorado Springs, Colo., Prof. Katharine Lee Bates wrote the poem "America the Beautiful." Her inspiration was the sight of Pike's Peak.

On this day in 1933, aviator Wiley Post completed the first solo airplane flight around the world. The trip took him seven days, 18-3/4 hours.

On this day in 1978, a performance by the Royal Ballet was transmitted by satellite from London to New York City. It was the first ballet to be relayed by satellite.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Gregor Mendel (1822-1884), geneticist-monk; Emma Lazarus (1849-1887), poet; Edward Hopper (1882-1967), painter; Alexander Calder (1898-1976), sculptor; Robert Dole (1923-), U.S. senator, is 78; Margaret Whiting (1924-), singer, is 77; George Clinton (1940-), musician, is 61; Albert Brooks (1947-), actor-director, is 54; Danny Glover (1947-), actor, is 54; Don Henley (1947-), musician, is 54; Willem Dafoe (1955-), actor, is 46.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1963, Sonny Liston knocked out Floyd Patterson in the first round.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "He teaches me to be good that does me good." — Dr. Thomas Fuller

TODAY'S MOON: Between new moon (July 20) and first quarter (July 27).

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Safeco cuts jobs

SEATTLE (AP) — Safeco said Wednesday it will cut 1,200 jobs, or 10 percent of the insurance company's workforce.

Safeco said it will shed 600 jobs this year, including 250 at its headquarters in Seattle, and 600 more in 2002 and 2003.

The cuts are part of the company's plans to consolidate its regional offices and reorganize its property and casualty business unit.

Safeco laid off 450 employees in May.

Safeco lost $883 million in the first quarter, in part because of a one-time accounting expense.

Leoni got in shape

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Running from dinosaurs in "Jurassic Park III" did wonders for Tea Leoni's body.

Yes, Leoni told reporters, she should have worked out before shooting began.

"I was not in shape at the beginning of this movie, which was a really stupid move on my part, I could have hit the gym a little bit. You know, it's like, duh, I should have known that was coming.

"I was sore," the 35-year-old actress said. "It sucked. And then I actually got in shape. I mean that's the weirdest thing. This movie got me in shape. I'm back to not being in shape.

Solar-sailing craft prototype launched

PASADENA, Calif. (AP) — A Russian nuclear submarine launched a rocket to test a prototype of an American-sponsored spacecraft that sails on the gentle pressure of the sun's rays.

But it was unclear whether the results of the test will ever be known because the instruments that recorded the flight may have been lost.

The rocket blasted from the submarine as it cruised beneath the Barents Sea north of Russia on Thursday.

"Beautiful. Beautiful. It looks beautiful," Louis Friedman, executive director of The Planetary Society, said via satellite phone as he watched the launch from a nearby ship.

Following the launch, the rocket was expected to deploy two Russian-built solar sails, each four stories tall, in a test of how well the lightweight blades unfurl in space from tightly packed canisters the size of a loaf of bread.

Project leaders said it would take several days before they could confirm the sail panels deployed. While the sails themselves would burn up in the atmosphere, a capsule that recorded video and still images of the deployment was expected to bounce down on a peninsula.

But project members could not immediately detect the signals they needed to track down the capsule, leading former Jet Propulsion Laboratory director Bruce Murray, one of the project coordinators, to speculate that there was only a 50-50 chance that any data would be recovered.

The 31-minute suborbital test had been delayed earlier this year when the spacecraft was damaged during testing.

The test flight was made in preparation for the Cosmos 1 project's expected launch of a complete spacecraft this winter. Project leaders have not decided whether that launch would proceed even without data from Thursday's test, said John Garvey, a project engineer.

The solar sail uses the steady pressure of photons hitting it to move it forward, just as a conventional sail uses the wind.

Cosmos 1 would send into Earth orbit a pinwheel of eight similarly sized blades that will harness for the first time the push of sunlight to propel it farther into space.

The spacecraft should be easily visible from Earth during the course of the mission, expected to last weeks or months.

Proponents envision the day when spacecraft will be able to cruise from planet to planet — and beyond.

"At least today, this is the only way we know of getting to the stars," Garvey said.

Light-driven spacecraft will be slow to accelerate, but with time should reach velocities that will make travel across great distances possible. The sails could theoretically attain speeds 10 times greater than NASA's Voyager I and II, which travel at 38,000 mph.

If Cosmos 1 is a success, Murray said, the next project may be a solar-sail mission to the moon.

The $4 million Cosmos 1 project is coordinated by The Planetary Society, a space exploration advocacy group founded by Friedman, Murray and the late astronomer Carl Sagan. The $4 million project is underwritten by Cosmos Studios, led by late astronomer Carl Sagan's widow, Ann Druyan, and the cable A&E Network.

Studies suspended after volunteer dies

BALTIMORE (AP) — Johns Hopkins University said the government's decision to suspend nearly all its federally funded experiments involving human subjects is "unwarranted" and could be devastating for ongoing clinical trials.

The ban came Thursday, nearly seven weeks after a 24-year-old healthy volunteer died during an asthma study at the school, one of the nation's top research centers. The university had already voluntarily halted human research by the doctor whose experiment went awry.

"We strongly believe that this action was taken in utter disregard of patients' health and potentially of life," Hopkins Medical School spokeswoman Joann Rodgers said about the suspension.

In a letter to the school, the Office of Human Research Protection said researchers did not sufficiently warn subjects in the asthma study of risks, and did not promptly report another subject's symptoms after the drug hexamethonium was administered.

"OHRP is particularly concerned that the investigators continued to expose additional subjects to inhaled hexamethonium before the symptoms in the first subject were resolved and before reporting the event" to a university review board, the agency said.

Hopkins receives more federal research dollars than any other medical school — $301 million last year, making it No. 1 for the ninth straight year. A week ago, U.S. News & World Report ranked Johns Hopkins Hospital the country's best for the 11th straight year.

The suspension means Hopkins cannot recruit new subjects without OHRP approval, and research involving previously enrolled subjects "may continue only where it is in the best interests of individual subjects."

In a statement, the school called OHRP's action "unwarranted, unnecessary, paralyzing and precipitous."

Dr. Edward Miller, dean of the school, said the government was taking "draconian measures against an institution that has cared for thousands of patients in clinical studies."

"This is very important for people," Miller said. "They need to have these therapies available."

Ellen Roche, a lab technician from Johns Hopkins Asthma and Allergy Center, was one of three subjects who inhaled hexamethonium. The first subject developed a cough lasting a week. The third had no symptoms.

Roche began coughing, was hospitalized and died June 2, a month after inhaling the drug. Medical school officials said Roche likely died from inhaling the hexamethonium, which restricts airways.

The study, funded by the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute, was intended to help doctors learn how the body fights asthma by inducing asthmatic symptoms in healthy lungs.

The university has accepted responsibility for Roche's death and suspended 10 projects led by Dr. Alkis Togias, who remains on staff and faces no other disciplinary action. The internal review stopped short of blaming Togias and said the experiment was well-supervised.

Craig Schoenfeld, a lawyer for Roche's family, declined comment on the suspension.

Hopkins said it will supervise the hundreds of studies it conducts each year more closely. An external investigation of the fatal research is expected to begin later this month.

Some members of Congress want new standards and reviews for researchers seeking federal funding. Others have called for an accreditation system.

Hexamethonium tablets were used widely in the 1940s and 1950s to treat hypertension, but the Food and Drug Administration later withdrew approval. The drug never was approved as an inhalant.

Miller said Hopkins hoped to have the ban lifted within days.

"I think 110 years of tradition is not going to be jeopardized by one agency of the government," he said.

On the Net:

Johns Hopkins Medicine: http://www.hopkinsmedicine.org

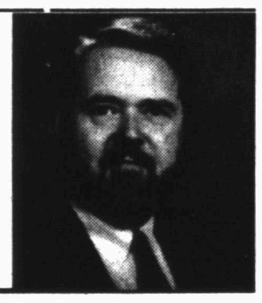
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The first person to sail around the world alone was Joshua Slocum. In 1895, he set out from Newport, R.I., in a 36-foot sailboat and returned three years and two months later. He was 51 years old when he began the voyage.

Minding Your Own Business

By Don Taylor



Sometimes You Get What You Pay For

Recently, a small-business owner asked if he could come by and visit with me about motivating his employees. My calendar was nearly full, but we managed to find a date.

We met as scheduled and visited for a few minutes. Because time was short, I decided to get to the purpose of the discussion. "How many people work for you," I asked?

With a straight face he replied, "About half."

We shared a laugh, then he added seriously, "I have seven employees, and I don't know what to do. I've given everybody raises each year for the last three years. Nobody's really working any harder, and some of my best folks seem to be slowing down!"

I asked if everybody that worked for him had earned those raises in the beginning. "No, not everybody," he answered. And then he went on to tell me that three of his staff had really carried most of the load initially. As the company grew, new employees were added, and it seemed that they took longer to get up to speed and become productive. However, business was good and profits grew steadily, so everybody got a raise.

"Why did you give everybody a raise, if only some were deserving?" I asked.

He looked puzzled, and thought for a minute. Finally he replied, "I guess I wanted to be fair to everyone."

"Were you?" I asked.

"I treated everyone the same. Isn't that fair?" he asked.

The following points constitute my answer to his response ("I treated everyone the same.") and question ("Isn't that fair?"). I hope you'll glean some useful tips for getting what you pay for.

My Answer

* **"Same" and "fair" have different meanings.** The word same means "alike in kind, quality, amount or degree." Fair means "just and honest, to treat as equals."

While we believe that Americans were created equal with certain unalienable rights, this does not mean we are the same. All persons do not have the same skills, abilities and intelligence.

I believe in the concept of equal pay for equal work, but I've never seen equal work in reality. In the real world, two teachers with the same education, G.P.A, and experience will not have the same effectiveness with students. In the real world, two mechanics with exactly the same training and years of experience will not repair cars with the same quality and speed.

* **You'll get the behavior you reward.** When you treat employees with different effectiveness the same, you are rewarding the poorest performers.

When your best employees see that the poor performers got the same raise as they did, they have a valid reason to ease off and not work as hard. Why should they put out extra work when everybody gets the same raise?

This business owner was rewarding poor performance. The result of this faulty reward system was that his better workers were performing less productively. He was getting the behavior he rewarded.

* **Reward only the behavior you want.** My advice to this businessman was to change his reward system. First, I suggested that he create an employee evaluation form that covered the areas of performance he felt were important.

Next, I encouraged him to discuss the form with all employees. Finally, I suggested that he tell his employees that their next salary adjustment (up or down) would depend entirely on how well they performed over the next 12 months.

Using these techniques will help him get the performance he's paying for. Raises are nice but raises without merit won't make employees better at what they do.

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Letters to the editor

Chamber doing good job

Dear Editor:

Tommy and I have lived in Snyder for many years and have always been proud to be from Scurry County. We raised our family here with our fine schools and churches.

We have been here long enough to have seen Snyder in the poor times before the oil came, and we have lived here during the good times, and now back to a poorer economy. There is nothing like living in a small town with good people who are hard workers and who are a blessing to know.

We are very concerned about the situation that is being written about in the newspaper. This is the matter of taking the coliseum away from chamber management and turning it back to the commissioners or to an unknown individual to manage. We remember what the coliseum was like before Donna Fowler and her staff took over management. We even remember when an individual came in to take over and what happened to them.

We know the commissioners and county judge to be good moral men and women who have made many good decisions for Scurry County. We do hope they will exercise their intelligence in this matter and leave the management to the chamber. We will all live to regret a wrong decision at this time. All over town, everyone we talk to thinks the same thing. We, as adults living in Scurry County, would like to have more input into county business. It would be a shame to let personal feelings rule in matters that would not benefit our county.

The chamber of commerce really cares about how many people come to Scurry County. They have done a wonderful job of management at the coliseum. Many people now recognize the name of Snyder and Scurry County and regularly come here for Western Swing and other events. Motel taxes are up and that helps the community.

We are not political people and do not understand the politics of the situation. Also, we are not aware of who is actually in charge of making this unfortunate decision about the coliseum. The county didn't make a go of running the coliseum in the past and the coliseum sat empty most of the time. They do not have management expertise that the chamber has built up over several years. The coliseum has not become a success overnight. It has taken much hard work and many long, dedicated hours to turn it around. One very valuable asset the chamber has is the Gold Coaters who are available to do much of the work. The county would have a great deal of difficulty in organizing free help to run a facility such as the coliseum has become.

There is one other thing that ties into this situation. The $30,000 that is to be taken away from the chamber management and used for parks and baseball field maintenance will not even pay to maintain our baseball field.

Frankie Grimmett and Grimmett employees have given Snyder a "Field of Dreams" equal to none. Even people who do not love baseball as we do stand in amazement of the untold hours Mr. Grimmett and his employees have spent working on that field. We have had the best at little cost to the taxpayer, and we are spoiled.

The parents, the school, the city, the county and the taxpayers are going to have to band together to make our athletic fields and our parks beautiful if that is our priority. Many of our garden and social clubs could take this on as a project.

We certainly hope that some group or groups are planning to recognize Frankie Grimmett and his helpers with some great award for all their efforts. They certainly deserve all the praise they can get.

We are usually not letter-writers, but thanks for letting us express our opinions about these two matters.

Mary and Tommy Williams

Disappointed in perfect town

Dear Editor:

Before I visited Snyder, Texas, a friend told me how great it was — the "Crystal City," the White Buffalo and other items of interest. I was going to spend two months in the perfect town.

What a disappointment when I arrived.

The "Crystal City" had vacant run-down buildings & junk cars setting around. The town didn't look clean at all.

I was expecting a neat little town. The only thing I found was friendly people with very sad stories about how things were when the oil companies were booming.

I still don't understand why the city doesn't start getting the owners of these vacant buildings to either clean them up or tear them down.

An empty lot would be much better than an old building falling down.

One evening I asked my friend if we could get some wine to have with dinner. To my surprise, we had to drive 25 miles one way to buy some wine. I know the more time a person spends in a car on the road, the more chances the person has to have a car accident. So if one-third of Snyder's population has to drive to buy some wine, that will be 3,300 people of the town's population driving out of the town - extra gas and chances of a car accident.

If Snyder is a poor town due to the oil companies leaving, why doesn't Snyder do something to help the town? Make Snyder a wet town. Tax each bottle and can an extra amount. In Vermont the bottles are taxed 10 cents per glass bottle. The cans are taxed 5 cents per can. Look at the extra tax the city could get to help the city.

This is my opinion, of what could help Snyder.

Yours truly,
Jean Leonardy

Thanks for air balloons

Dear Editor:

I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to the individuals responsible for getting the hot air balloons to Snyder on July 3 and 4th.

I realize a lot of effort went into this project. Thanks should go to the staff at the chamber of commerce as well as to Mike Thornton with WTC and Sheriff Darren Jackson and his staff.

I would also like to thank the many families that came to Winston field on Tuesday night to witness the balloon glow. The turnout was wonderful.

Thanks again,
Albert " Snuffy " Canon

High rates, bad service

Dear Ediitor:

To the citizens of Snyder:

I read of Cox installing a cable television system in Snyder. I warn you. Read the small print!

I was born and raised in Snyder but now live in Lufkin, Texas. For several years, we struggled with Cox television service here, paying the highest rates in the state and getting the worst service. About two months ago, they announced they were 'going digital' and started cutting services to those of us who didn't wish to pay still more for their service. I didn't believe the product was worth the money and so I terminated all service from Cox and installed a satellite dish.

I warn you, look this horse in the mouth because I believe you are embarking on a journey that will see ever-rising prices and bad service after the bloom has worn off. Look around you! This company is nearing monopoly status in the cable television field in this region. In fact, they are growing rapidly in the newspaper business also. In Lufkin they now own both the cable television service and the local newspaper that I know of. Try to bring up The Lufkin Daily News on the Internet and you will begin to appreciate the problem with turning over all this to one company!

Best regards,
Albert R. Martin
Lufkin





North of Forty by Red Green

A man's garage is his castle

My wife says our garage is an unsightly mess. I disagree. Yes, it contains a substantial array of unfinished projects and seemingly worthless materials, but all of that is completely out of sight, or it would be if I could get the door to close. But contrary to popular opinion, garage clutter isn't a bad thing.

If you're in the middle of a mess, you're in the middle of history. It's the story of everything that has happened in that garage since the words "I'll get to it later" were first spoken. Clutter is by far the easiest organizational system to learn. As long as you have a floor, you don't need expensive storage cabinets. A clean garage means wasting time remembering where the tools are. A messy garage means the tools are lying there rusting where you can see them. And you never know what you'll create when you leave stuff lying around.

The guy who invented Chia Pets probably had a bunch of busted lawn gnomes piled up near some spilled grass seed under a leaky roof. And there are lots more million-dollar ideas lying around out there. All I have to do is sort through the clutter. I'll get to it later.

MY PIECE OF THE ROCK

I currently do not have any life insurance. Now, I'm certainly not recommending that for any of you. It's just that my 20-year term insurance ran out, and when they offered to renew at it five times the premium, I declined.

To me, there is something fundamentally ironic about life insurance. They make us have a complete medical exam, and they have tons of statistical data, so they have a pretty good idea of how long we're going to live.

But instead of treating that as good news, we bet against them by taking out a policy. We're each thinking, "There's no way I'm going to live another 20 years. This is the easiest money I'll ever make."

And we're not basing it on any medical or statistical information. We just think we know ourselves better than they do, and we own a lot of power tools. Well, here I am 20 years later, and I lost the bet. Now, I know that when you're starting out and raising a family, you need a safety net for your loved ones just in case. But I'm through that phase.

My plan now is to apply for a huge policy, go through all the medicals, and then, if they approve my life insurance, that proves I've got a lot of years left. And this time, instead of betting against them, I'll reject the policy and use the premium money to take a vacation every year. Besides, if I don't have life insurance, there's less of a chance that my wife will kill me. At least, not for the insurance money.

A CRY FOR HELP

We middle-aged guys are pretty rugged. If we nail a finger to the workbench, take a flying tire in the face, or even shoot off a toe, you're not going to hear any complaints from us. But get a cold or the flu, and we fold like a cheap awning.

Believe it or not, it's all part of the manly art of being manly. Every man likes to pretend he's indestructible. He'll never admit he can't lift his end of the piano, or he can't climb that roof, or this is the first time he's used an arc welder. That's where the trouble starts — just ask the nurse in the emergency ward.

A cold is no big deal, but it's our way of saying, "Hey, I need help" when we don't really need help, so we don't have to say, "Hey, I need help" when we really do need help. If we could get help without asking, it would simultaneously protect our egos and prevent hospital overcrowding.

QUOTE OF THE DAY: "I like long walks, especially when they are taken by people who annoy me." — **Red Green**

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EDITORIAL COMMENT

Houston Chronicle

Offshore drilling

The Bush administration's plan to sell new offshore drilling leases in a reduced section of the eastern Gulf of Mexico is a sensible compromise to an otherwise sticky political mess, but in a practical sense it will produce less than half the oil and gas for American consumers that is available.

But politics trump practicalities in most cases and the Bush administration had to consider brother Jeb's gubernatorial re-election bid in Florida and the generally negative political effects that drilling nearer to that state's white sandy beaches would have brought to Republicans.

As it now stands, the Bush plan allows drilling in an area about one-fourth as large as the plan drawn up four years ago by the Clinton administration, which included a tract only 16 miles from the Florida Panhandle. The Bush plan allows no drilling within 100 miles of either Florida or Alabama. The platforms will be restricted so far out to sea as to be unseen from any beach.

Still, the leases should yield a considerable amount of new oil and gas for the country. Interior Secretary Gale Norton says the leases should produce about 185 million barrels of oil or enough to provide gasoline to run a million families' cars for six years. Fortunately, the House vote against selling the leases has no effect, so the nation can increase its domestic production. That's good, because this country has become too dependent on foreign oil.

This growing dependency can weaken our economy or endanger our national security whenever foreign oil bosses decide to decrease production. The day is coming when Americans must face the fact that the nation must have increased domestic production of oil. If citizens want to maintain current lifestyles and their consumption of electricity and gasoline at affordable prices, they are going to have to be more receptive to new energy development and production even if it is in their own back yards.

Fort Worth Star-Telegram

Bush gets tough on pork

The common political term for targeted expenditures for home-district projects such as highways, bridges, museums and parks is 'pork'.

To some, that is so negative. The House Appropriations Committee members who are busy shoveling the fat back into the president's budget prefer the term 'earmarks'. Delivering the bacon to the folks back home is an age-old, truly bipartisan tradition.

In the current budget process, House members have requested almost 19,000 earmarks in the 13 spending bills wending their way through Congress. What's especially troubling about this year's effort is that the earmarks undermine the spending plans of President Bush and Congress. A necessary component of the recently signed tax cut was fiscal responsibility. The plan was to limit spending increases to no more than 4 percent.

Without spending discipline, there are concerns that the Social Security "lockbox" may have to be jimmied to balance the books. If all the marks currently tagging the sow's ears in this budget are approved, the total cost would reach $279 billion. That almost equals the Pentagon's annual budget.

White House Budget Director Mitchell Daniels is sounding the alarm, warning that targeted expenditures are usurping resources from more deserving programs and increasing pressure on government to spend beyond its means.

Without a line-item veto, which the U.S. Supreme Court ruled unconstitutional, sounding alarms is about all the White House can do. But Daniels should be backed up every step of the way by Bush, and both should be ready to name names — Republican or Democrat — of senators and representatives who plug pet projects back into the spending bills and increase the final tab.

Austin American-Statesman

Social Security fix tough

Citizens awaiting tax refunds might pause to consider one downside of the federal tax cuts: They'll make fixing Social Security harder.

That's one reality facing the commission deciding how to reconfigure the soon-to-be-stressed federal system. The commission named by President George W. Bush began meeting recently. The task has grown harder — but no less urgent.

The public is adamant about preserving the venerable government insurance plan, which keeps millions of elderly and disabled people out of poverty. As the private pension system shrinks, Social Security gains importance. Sensible adjustment to account for growing numbers of retirees is both critical and possible. Surely, bipartisan compromise can be achieved.

Most students of the program, including commission co-chairman Daniel Patrick Moynihan, say the only way to stabilize the system is to cut benefits for future retirees or raise taxes. Or both. Those are tough alternatives.

What's more, the tax cut eliminated about $1.35 trillion that might have materialized as "surplus" revenue over the next 10 years. That revenue could have been tapped to create the individual savings accounts President George W. Bush has proposed.

The idea of diverting payroll taxes into private accounts appears to be dying on the vine. Under that option, workers would accept lower future benefits in exchange for lower payroll taxes. The tax savings would be put in private retirement accounts. This "carve out" would require a slashing of benefits by about 40 percent.

"Political rhetoric aside," Wall Street Journal reporter David Wessel recently wrote, "this isn't going to happen."

The commission is eying an "add on" plan of individual accounts that could be invested privately. But using a surplus to provide seed money for such a program now looks like yesterday's dream.

At the commission's first meeting last month, Moynihan called private accounts "a marvelous idea" and "a large enterprise, as noble as the one of the 1930s." The former Democratic senator from New York said he hopes it can be carried out, but gave few hints about how.

El Paso Times

Mexican trucks into the U.S.

In the NAFTA argument over allowing Mexican trucks full access to the United States, the safety issue is becoming increasingly fogged by the political battles raging between opponents of access and President Bush.

This week, Bush vowed to veto any bill that prevents all Mexican trucks from operating on U.S. roads, as is called for in the North American Free Trade Agreement. Unless these trucks would have to meet the same stringent safety standards required of U.S. trucks, the presidents veto is a bad idea.

Safety should be the No. 1 concern. No truck should be allowed to operate on U.S. roads without meeting U.S. standards. Period. Last month, the president suffered a major defeat in the House when members voted 285-143 to bar the Transportation Department from issuing safety permits to allow Mexican trucks to operate throughout the United States. That move could be hailed as a victory for the safety of U.S. highways.

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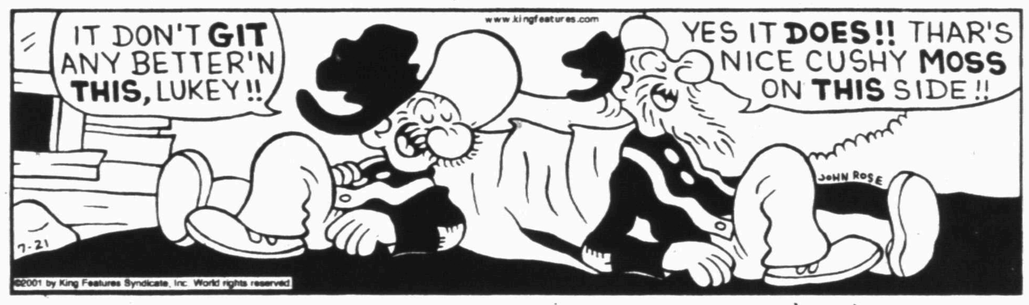
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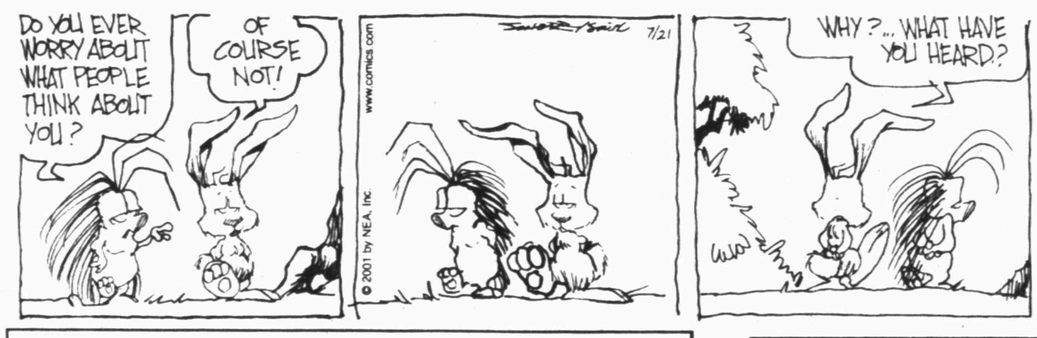
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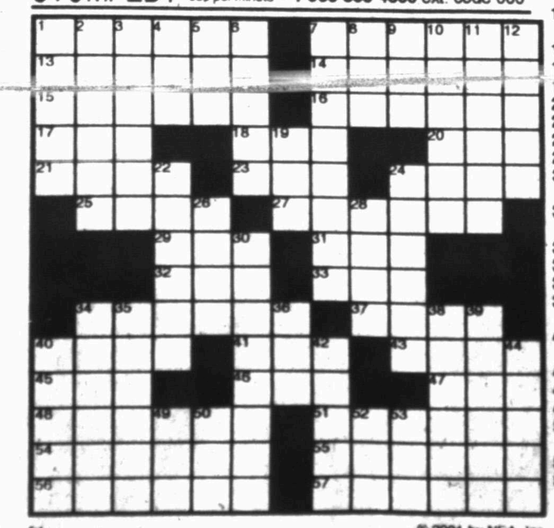
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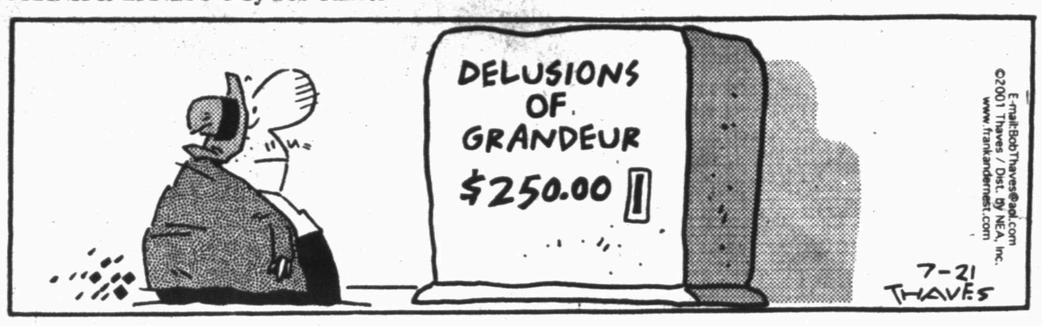
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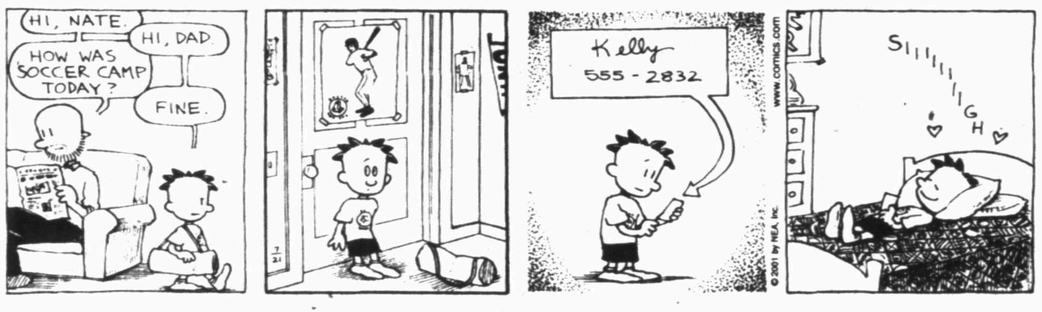
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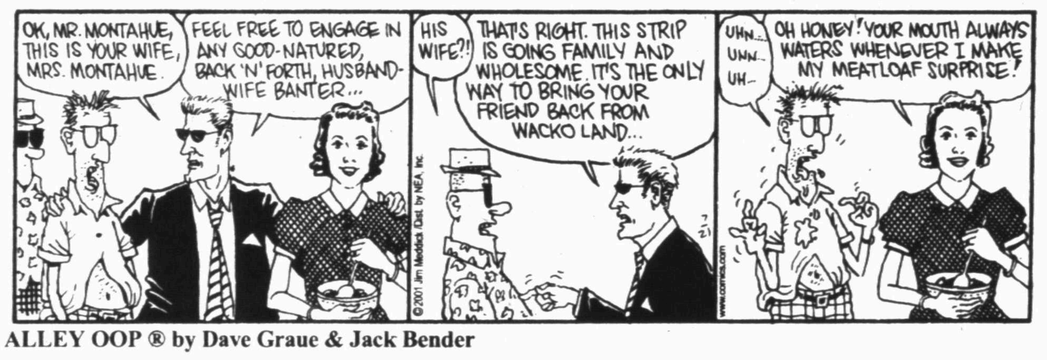
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Your Birthday

Sunday, July 22, 2001

An opportunity that could turn out to be quite significant for you could tie you into something successful in the year ahead. It might originate with another, but you'll be asked on board.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — The friendship, kind words and warmth you express today will not only bring sunshine into the lives of people around you, it'll make for a very happy day for you. Cancer, treat yourself to a birthday gift.

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LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Without ever being asked, others are apt to be very conscious and considerate of your personal needs today and offer to lend a hand in whatever ways suit you.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Perhaps your greatest asset today is your ability to ingratiate yourself with any person who crosses your path. More then one of them will reciprocate in rewarding ways.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Because Lady Luck is apt to be at your disposal today, this could turn out to be a most promising day for you. This is true whether you call on her or not.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — This could be one of those rare days filled with significant hopes and expectations for you that actually have excellent possibilities for being fulfilled.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Focus your time, energies and efforts today on the most premier coalitions you can make. Joint ventures of all kinds look quite promising for you.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — You may be in the position today to bring a couple of divergent interests together for a unified, advantageous purpose. Everyone who participates will share in the benefits.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Constructive changes are stirring today where your work or career is concerned. Even though they may be mostly screened from your view, you could get a couple of inklings of it at this time.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Today, you might not be involved in anything material, but who cares? It's love and romance that's in the winds, either with an establish relationship or a new one.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — You're at your best today when calling the shots in involvements with others. Plan an activity at your place where friends can enjoy your generosity and hospitality.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Should you get involved today in a competitive endeavor that involves an element of chance, you could be the one who Lady Luck favors.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Operate on familiar turf today where developments are destined to turn out the most favorable for you. Don't waste your time dwelling in untried areas.

Your Birthday

Monday, July 23, 2001

While being a competitor in ways that associates will admire, you could be exposed to some character building developments in the year ahead. Fortunately, you'll handle them masterfully.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — If it's your job to handle the resources of another today, be extremely practical, as well as open about your management. Only full disclosure will help you avoid being accused of underhandedness. Major changes are ahead for Leo in the coming year.

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VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Under most conditions you tend to be a sharing person, but today your desires to serve number one could cause you to focus far too much on self-serving ways and forget about others.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Failing to yield to your better judgment will have you ending up your own worst enemy today. The number you could do on yourself can end up being worse than what the world would do to you.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — You'll only have yourself to blame today if you yield to group pressure to do things that cost far more than you can afford. Control your destiny; don't let them do it for you.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Even though your focus might be totally on your present goals, it's best for you to disguise this to some degree. Others might view you as too self-serving.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Be certain you're in the position to deliver on a promise before making any commitments today. Should you have to renege, it might put you in a bad light.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Help upon which you may have been counting might not come through for you today as you expected. To be on the safe side, have alternative plans prepared so as not to upset your applecart.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Getting yourself to pull together with others for a common objective might not be something you would readily do today. Unfortunately, this would label you as uncooperative.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — You're too much of a producer to have time for boasting or bragging, yet today, uncharacteristically, you could have a role reversal. Talk only about things that you do well.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Before you make any social plans today, find out what's the most it's going to cost you, should you get carried away. Gambling, such as going to the horse races, should be avoided.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — It is not like you, yet today you could come on too strong when dealing with people. If you're doing so to make an impression, understand the only one you'll make will be a negative one.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — If you think leading by demands will get you anywhere today, you'll be sadly mistaken. Co-workers will find a way to usurp your orders and make you look bad instead.

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Chicago suicides refocus spotlight on postparnum depressions disorder

CHICAGO (AP) — A mother of quadruplets flees home and drowns herself in Lake Michigan less than a week after their births.

Another new mother disappears from her house several months after her baby is born and jumps to her death from a 12th-story hotel window.

Aracely Erives, whose body was found in the lake on Wednesday, and Melanie Stokes, who died June 11, were among four new mothers to commit suicide in Chicago over the past two months, authorities say.

The women could have met pushing strollers in the park, sharing stories of sleepless nights, first smiles and favorite lullabies. Instead, at a time that is supposed to bring wondrous joy, they were all struck by postpartum depression.

The condition has been in the spotlight recently because of Andrea Yates, a Houston woman said to have been afflicted with the most severe form of the illness. She is accused of drowning her five children in the bathtub June 20.

Authorities believe the recent cases do not mean there is any surge in postpartum depression-linked violence, but rather reflect a slowly growing awareness of the baffling disorder.

Experts admit they know frustratingly little about postpartum depression and its causes. And some say not enough is being done to detect it before tragedy strikes.

"People dismiss it and say that you can just snap out of it, that you've chosen to feel this way. That is totally wrong," said Lisa Anderson, a Tacoma, Wash., shipping company auditor. She went to several doctors before finding one who took her seriously when she developed postpartum depression after the birth of her third child last year.

Anderson, 33, said she thought her family was better off without her and contemplated suicide. But medication and counseling helped her, and she said women should know "they shouldn't blame themselves for this illness."

Postpartum depression happens in about 10 percent of pregnancies and typically develops within the first few weeks after childbirth, according to the National Institutes of Health.

It is often blamed on the dramatic drop in estrogen and progesterone, pregnancy-sustaining hormones, that occurs with childbirth. But there is little scientific evidence to support that theory, said Dr. Valerie Davis Raskin, a University of Chicago psychiatrist.

An NIH study is seeking to test the theory by using drugs to create a "scaled-down" hormonal state of pregnancy in non-pregnant women and then measuring their mood after immediate withdrawal of the synthetic hormones.

One problem is trying to figure out which women are susceptible, since all women experience a hormone crash after giving birth but only a fraction develop postpartum depression, Raskin said.

The condition is known to run in families, and women who had had previous mental ailments, including an extreme form of premenstrual syndrome, also face an increased risk, she said.

Women with difficult pregnancies, such as 27-year-old Erives, who spent more than a month on bedrest, are also at risk.

Carol Blocker, Stokes' mother, said her daughter's symptoms began soon after her baby's birth in February.

"She stopped eating, she couldn't sleep, she was very agitated," Blocker said Thursday. "She told me that she felt like a walking zombie. She she told me she was a living corpse."

Stokes, 41, was eventually hospitalized and diagnosed with postpartum psychosis, an extreme variation that affects one in 500 to 1,000 women. But she was later sent home.

Stokes' mother is promoting legislation Rep. Bobby Rush, D-Ill., introduced in her daughter's name.

Two actors arrested for sexual assault

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Two actors who appeared on "America's Most Wanted" were arrested on charges of having sex with a 14-year-old girl living at a shelter for abused children.

The alleged acts occurred in January after a film crew finished shooting in an alley next to the Children of the Night shelter.

Cristian Saliadarre, 28, surrendered to police Wednesday and Anthony Alvarez, 27, was arrested two weeks ago.

Both pleaded innocent to charges of sodomy and oral copulation with a person under 16, said Deputy District Attorney Melinda Murray. If convicted, the men face up to three years and eight months in prison.

Authorities said one of the men climbed through a window at the shelter, which helps sexually abused teens and former prostitutes, and had sex with the girl in her dormitory room. She later climbed out of the window and had sex with the other man in the alley, authorities said.

Defense attorneys said their clients did not know the girl was 14.

"My client is innocent," said Alvarez's lawyer, Gilbert Moret. "The girl in question ... misled my client into believing she was older."

The girl, now 15, told the Los Angeles Times that she had consensual sex with both men.

A statement released by Fox Television, which distributes "America's Most Wanted," said the alleged incidents occurred after filming had ended and the crew and actors had gone home. The segment filmed that night won't air.

Saliadarre's attorney, Sammy Weiss, said his client appeared regularly on the show.

Nevitt Greene, the show's production manager, said the men had been recommended by a Los Angeles casting agency and doubted that either had worked on the show more than once.

4 men executed

MUSCAT, Oman (AP) — Three Pakistanis and an Omani convicted of drug trafficking and murder have been executed by firing squad, police said Thursday.

The four men were executed Wednesday at the main prison in al-Manowama, a suburb in the capital, Muscat, police said.

Pakistanis Hatem Ali Nour, Abdul Rahman Murad Mohammed and Murad Bakhsh Nizrat were convicted of smuggling a large quantity of unspecified narcotics into the country.



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By Peter Gott, M.D.

Saturated vs. unsaturated fats

DEAR DR. GOTT: Does eating polyunsaturated fats actively lower blood cholesterol, or are they just the lesser of two evils?

DEAR READER: Several years ago, researchers concluded that the substitution of polyunsaturated oils for saturated fats in the diet actually reduced blood cholesterol levels. As far as I know, up-to-date studies have not confirmed this observation. And it is still not known whether this effect is the result of metabolic benefits from the polyunsaturates themselves or whether the advantages stem from the fact that people who consume these oils use less cholesterol-containing saturates.

While the issue may be as simple as the lesser of two evils, nutritionists universally encourage us to eat less fat in our diets and to substitute polyunsaturates, such as olive oil, whenever possible.

To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Understanding Cholesterol." Other readers who would like a copy should send $2 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to P.O. Box 2017, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to mention the title.

DEAR DR. GOTT: For the past few weeks, my mother has experienced unpredictable swelling and itching of her lips, sometimes to the extent that she has trouble drinking fluids. I suspect that the swelling may be affecting her throat as well. She says that going to an allergist is a waste of time. What can we do to convince her otherwise?

DEAR READER: Show her this column.

Lip swelling is a common manifestation of an acute allergic reaction that can be caused by medicines, foods, cosmetics (especially lipstick) and insect stings.

The symptom is of no particular consequence by itself, except that it looks and feels peculiar. However, a reaction severe enough to cause swollen lips can progress to more serious problems, such as throat swelling or lung congestion, that make breathing difficult, if not impossible.

Therefore, I urge your mother to see an allergist before she experiences a more dangerous manifestation of her allergy. The specialist should be able to pinpoint the cause and offer suggestions about how to avoid the allergen or how to treat the reaction itself.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I keep getting a rash from my boyfriend. My doctor calls it "generalized pruritis." It has moved from his groin and stomach and is all over me. What do you think it is?

DEAR READER: I don't know. But several possibilities should be considered.

Could you be allergic to your boyfriend? (That is, could Mother Nature be giving you an unmistakable message to park your charms elsewhere?) Seriously, you may be reacting to something on his skin, such as creams, lotions or scents. Also, scabies (a rash caused by itch mites) and skin infection should be considered.

The term "pruritis" simply means "itchy"; it is not a diagnosis.

See a dermatologist for clarification — and ask your boyfriend to do the same.

DEAR DR. GOTT: A friend of mine takes medicine for high blood pressure and high cholesterol. He's careful with his solid diet, but his liquid diet consists of five manhattans and wine with dinner six nights a week. Sundays, he drinks a bottle of wine. Should I be concerned?

DEAR READER: Yes, and your friend should be, too. Alcohol often increases blood pressure and blood fats, so your friend may be sabotaging his medicine by drinking too much. A more urgent issue is that his intake of alcohol is clearly more than enough to cause liver damage and cirrhosis. He should cut down or stop drinking altogether. His medical problems may disappear.

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DEAR DR. GOTT: Has the threat of malpractice altered the way you practice medicine?

DEAR READER: Yes, it has. And here's why: Statistics show that malpractice claims against internists (diagnosticians and general medical doctors) are on the rise. The most common basis for these legal actions is failure to diagnose heart attacks and cancer.

This is a change in the malpractice struggle because the major liability-risks have traditionally affected surgeons and obstetricians: Surgical mishaps and birth injuries are usually the turf on which malpractice battles are waged. Internists, although far from being immune to malpractice suits, have not been prime targets because, in part, these supposedly cognitive thinkers have tended to take on the role of patient advocate by trying to save patients money and inconvenience. That is, we try to streamline medical practice by relying on diagnostic skills, rather than depending exclusively on the laboratory.

I don't hospitalize every patient with chest pain simply because that person's discomfort may be due to a heart attack, for example. I try to think things through and arrive at an educated conclusion before subjecting the patient to unnecessary investigation that may make matters worse from the standpoint of inconvenience, danger and expense.

Nor do I X-ray every patient with a backache. I'm more likely to talk at length with the person, perform an examination, and — perhaps — recommend some initial treatment, such as rest, heat and pain medication. If the back pain persists, or if I'm suspicious that something serious may be going on, I'll order further tests.

I believe this is an appropriate way to practice medicine — medical judgment with testing as a backup. True, I do run the risk of missing an early heart attack or temporarily dismissing spinal cancer. However, many patients can be saved the trauma and cost of over-diagnosis.

Based on the statistics, I think I'll have to alter my approach. I may have to begin practicing "defensive medicine" by viewing each patient as a potential liability, rather than carrying out my duties with his or her best interests in mind.

Consider the following examples:

A 40-year-old man experiences an episode of chest pain after having pushed a heavy container at work. He's a non-smoker and physically fit. His left chest muscle is tender to the touch. The rest of the examination is normal and the pain has improved since yesterday. Ordinarily, I'd conclude that he strained a pectoralis muscle; I would take him off work for a couple of days and prescribe a mild pain medication.

The experts would label me reckless for doing this. Under the present litigious mood of our society, they'd claim I was nuts not to admit the patient to hospital for observation, cardiograms, blood analysis, a stress test — and maybe more.

What should I do? On the one hand, the guy will probably be cured for a few dollars and a day or two of rest. In the other situation, he will be subjected to an uncomfortable, sometimes dangerous medical extravaganza that costs thousands and will take him out of circulation (and away from his home and family) for several days. Yet, in order to avoid unnecessary liability — my liability — I should play it smart and opt for hospitalization.

In a similar vein, do I immediately refer a patient with an enlarged lymph gland for biopsy or do I monitor the swelling for a couple of weeks? Do I automatically obtain chest X-rays on a smoker with a four-day cough, or do I give him cough syrup, encourage him to kick his habit and see what happens?

These are real-life decisions that internists and primary-care physicians make every day. Increasingly, it seems, we are being reminded that our clinical judgment takes a back seat to the flagrant caution so prevalent in our modern culture. If my career and reputation are at stake, I would certainly be foolish not to disregard issues of patient comfort and fiscal restraint in order to protect myself from malpractice allegations.

However, there has to be a better balance. As a practitioner who is concerned about the hazards and mushrooming costs of too much high-technology medical care, I believe that this approach is not necessarily appropriate for patients or for the public-at-large. I suspect that when doctors practice in a manner to shield themselves from liability — that is, when they practice for their own benefit rather than for that of their patients, the wrong goal is being emphasized.

Still, the realities of modern medical practice are, quite frankly, corrupting and distracting. And, unhappily, the situation is unlikely to improve, even as you read the dithering of this small-town rural practitioner. Clinical judgment and medical frugality: RIP.

To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Choosing a Physician." Other readers who would like a copy should send $2 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to P.O. Box 2017, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to mention the title.

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Serial killer wants to die

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. (AP) — A judge agreed Friday that one of the nation's first known female serial killers is competent and can therefore fire her attorneys to hasten her execution.

"I am a serial killer. I would kill again," Aileen Wuornos, 45, said during 11/2 hours on the witness stand.

She said she wanted to fire her state-appointed attorneys and end her appeals because she wants to come clean and make her peace with God.

"I wanted to clear all the lies and let the truth come out," she said. "I have hate crawling through my system."

Circuit Judge Michael Hutcheson said he would recommend to the Florida Supreme Court that Wuornos is competent to make such a decision. He told Wuornos it would put her on the "fast track" to be executed.

"I hope you can live or die with that decision," Hutcheson said.

Wuornos, 45, was sentenced to death six times for killing middle-aged men when she worked as a prostitute along the highways of central Florida in 1989 and 1990. She has been on Florida's death row for nearly a decade.

Wuornos, the subject of a television movie "Overkill: The Aileen Wuornos Story" and an opera that recently opened in San Francisco, testified during her 1992 trial that she killed men who assaulted her and made her fear for her life.

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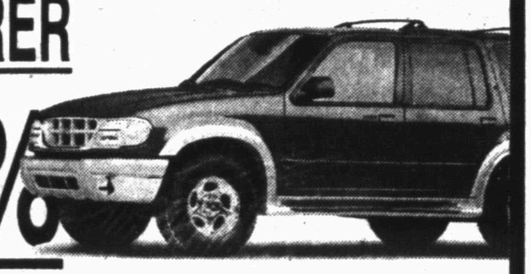
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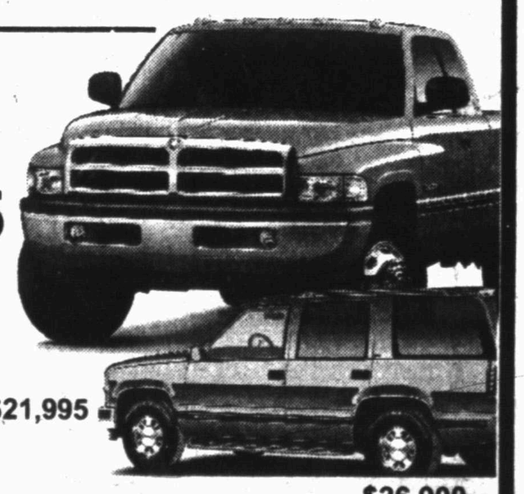
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