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WTC women capture championship

CASPER, Wyo. — With a secure lead in hand since the first day of competition, Saturday's final round of the College National Finals Rodeo was simply a coronation for Western Texas College.

Western Texas captured its first women's national title Saturday, lapping the field to win by 290 points.

The Lady Westerners finished in the top 10 in all three individual events, anchored by Jamie Standifer who claimed the women's all-round crown.

"It was a pretty dominating performance," said WTC coach Greg Rhodes. "The other coaches from our region weren't surprised at how well we did, but I think some other people might have been.

"It feels great to be national champions. We knew what we could accomplish, so we just tried to do things like they needed to be done. We got off to a good start, and just kept building from there."

In the men's competition, Western Texas jumped from ninth place when the final round began, all the way to fourth in the overall standings, thanks to the performances of Houston Hutto and Rawley McFarland.

Hutto, a freshman from Del Rio, posted a time of 8.3 seconds to share first place in the finals of the calf roping and secure first place in the overall standings.

It was the third consecutive year that a WTC competitor captured a national title. Tona Wright nabbed a crown two years ago, before Jill Childers won last year's goat tying event.

McFarland, another freshman, grabbed a share of third place in the finals of the saddle bronc with a score of 74. The ride propelled McFarland into the runner-up spot in the overall standings.

"Those two guys did a great job in the final round," said Rhodes. "There were teams that had more guys in the finals, but they didn't do as well. We only had two team members advance to the short round, but we still went from ninth place to fourth. So I'm really proud of the way they performed."

As for the Lady Westerners' team title, Standifer anchored the effort. The freshman from Colbert, Okla. tallied 300 of WTC's 730 points to capture the all-around crown.

In the barrel racing finals, Standifer was fourth with a time of 16.01, giving her second place in the average.

"Jamie just kept getting better and better as the season went on," Rhodes remarked. "She never got frustrated. She kept working hard, and it paid off. She kept going at it and everything fell into place for her."

Standifer wasn't the only Lady Westerner to turn in a top performance on Saturday. Tibba Smith's time of 2.7 was the fastest in the finals of the breakaway roping, pushing her into sixth place in the overall standings.

Jill Childers, last year's goat tying national champion, stumbled getting off her horse Saturday night, but still managed to finish sixth in the average.

Brandee Brock also competed for the Lady Westerners. The sophomore didn't qualify for the final round, but posted valuable points in the early rounds.

Western Texas was one of only two schools to finish in the top-five in the men's and women's standings.

In the three years Rhodes has been at WTC, the school has produced 17 regional champions and five national champions, including individual and team crowns.

"That says a lot about our program," said Rhodes. "There's probably less than a handful of schools in the nation that can say they've produced that many champions over the last three years.

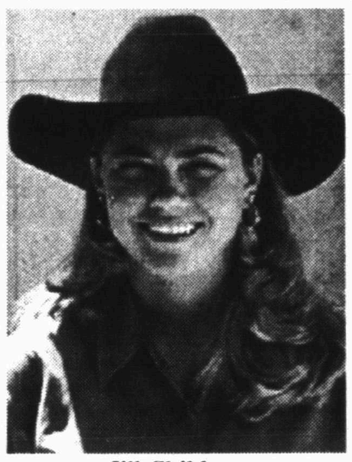
"It shows the quality of student athletes that we get at WTC. They work hard at everything they do, and are a good reflection on the college."

In addition to the trophies and saddles awarded to the winners, schools receive scholarship money based on their performance.

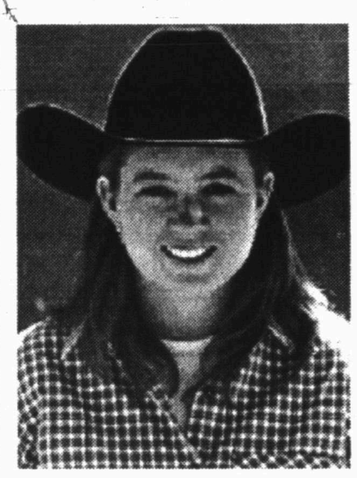
In regional and national competition this year, Western Texas garnered almost $20,000 in rodeo scholarships.



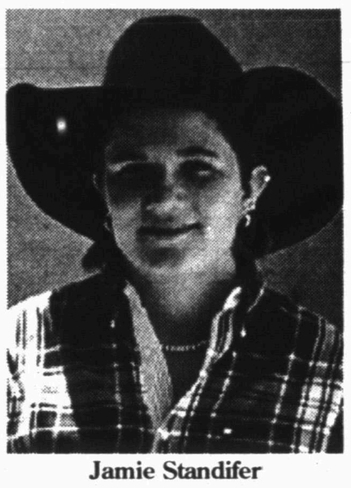
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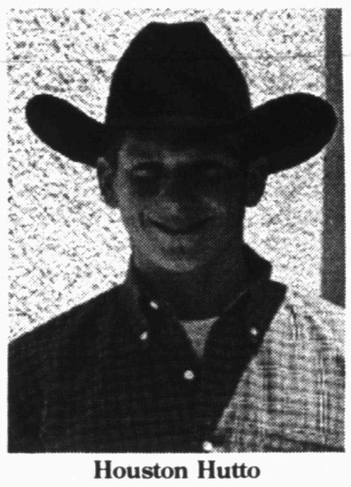
Jill Childers



Tibba Smith



Jamie Standifer



Houston Hutto

Hermleigh water tower subject of county grant

To replace 83-year-old structure

By Joyce May
SDN Staff Writer

Scurry County Commissioners' Court this morning selected a management firm and an engineering firm for the county's Texas Community Development Participation grant application.

The county is applying for funding for Hermleigh Water Works to replace an 83-year-old above ground water tower.

Howco was chosen as the management firm and will be in charge of the documentation for the grant.

Precinct 4 Commissioner Chloanne Lindsey said the firm was used three years ago when the county was awarded a $250,000 grant to replace water lines, the electrical pump and to build a small water storage tank in Hermleigh.

The court approved Hibbs & Todd Inc. as the engineering firm.

County Judge Ricky Fritz said the grant funding is awarded on a point system and that selecting management and engineering firms earns the county points as it is part of a complete application.

Points also are awarded if a county is on time and under budget for any previous awarded grant projects. Lindsey said the Hermleigh Water Works project was both.

Points are also awarded if a county did not receive funding last year, which Scurry did not.

In addition, counties can earn points if the application is complete, if there is a proven local need or if the project will be serving low income, elderly or minority people.

In other business, the court also approved the resignation of Trevlyn Pitner from the Scurry County Airport board.

Pitner, a former Snyder police sergeant, moved to Fritch to assume the duties of chief of police.

Commissioners will now begin looking for a board replacement for Pitner.

One budget amendment and two line-item transfers were approved.

A budget amendment totaling $40,500 was granted for the County Welfare Department. The department requested an additional $34,000 in hospital indigent expenses and an additional $6,500 in doctor indigent expenses because it had to use $30,000 on one client. The amount is the maximum the department can spend on any one client.

Luann Grice, county welfare director, said she could not release the type of treatment the patient had and could only say it was medical.

The county's indigent budget account only has $35,000 in the hospital indigent expense line, according to County Auditor Eddie McHaney.

"That was to cover everyone," he said. "One client used up nearly the whole budget."

The additional money will be for expenses for the rest of the year.

A line-item transfer in the amount of $3,005 was approved for Precinct 4 to purchase a new shredder. The funds will be moved into capital outlay and $1,200 will be from other equipment and $1,805 from road material.

A transfer was also approved for the justice of the peace office, moving $577.61 from office supplies into repairs to cover repair and work costs on computers and a printer.

The bills were also approved for payment.

Fritz presided and all commissioners were present to include Lindsey, Howard Limmer, Roy Idom and Ralph Trevey.

Rainfall Reports

Rainfall totals as reported by area residents for weekend period Friday through Sunday.

Snyder	.43
North of City	2.00
East of City	.70
West of City	1.50
Lake Thomas	.60
Hermleigh	.60
NE of Hermleigh	.50
Fluvanna	.40
Polar	.30
Camp Springs	1.80
Dunn	.30
Ira	.60
Union	.50

Immigrants found dead in England

DOVER, England (AP) — British customs officials searching a suspicious truck made a horrific discovery when they opened the back: the corpses of 58 illegal immigrants, apparently from the Far East, packed into a space that was supposed to hold a cargo of tomatoes.

Only two people were found alive in the Dutch-registered truck in the port of Dover, police said Monday. The survivors, both men, were hospitalized and were expected to recover, but were too traumatized to be questioned immediately.

Police guarded the survivors and refused to identify their hospital, apparently because of fears they would be killed or abducted to stop them from revealing who smuggled them into Britain.

"They are very, very important to the inquiry," said Kent county police spokesman Mark Pugash.

The 50-foot truck had crossed the English Channel on a ferry from the Belgian port of Zeebrugge, authorities said. The dead — 54 men and four women — and the survivors appeared to be from the Far East, possibly Chinese, Britain's Home Office said.

The truck's refrigeration unit was turned off. Police would not speculate on whether the victims suffocated, but the truck left Belgium on the hottest day of the year in England and parts of northern Europe. Temperatures reached 86 degrees.

It was not known how long the immigrants were in the truck, but the ferry crossing alone takes five hours.

Police arrested the truck's Dutch driver and set up a temporary mortuary in Dover. Government leaders expressed horror and renewed pledges to crack down on the smuggling of illegal immigrants.

"It's the subject of a major criminal investigation," Prime Minister Tony Blair, meeting other European leaders in Portugal, said in a British Broadcasting Corp. radio interview. "It underlines the importance of stamping out this trade in people."

Smuggling illegal immigrants has become a profitable business in Europe. International crime gangs who traffick in the trade charge up to $30,000 per person to smuggle the immigrants into affluent countries. At least 173 people drowned last year in the Adriatic attempting to cross from Albania to Italy.

In Sunday's case, customs officials said the truck, which arrived just before midnight, was searched because it fitted a "profile" of suspect vehicles. They refused to elaborate, but ferry operators P & O Stena Line said the vehicle aroused suspicion because it was registered to a company, Van Der Spek, which was unfamiliar. The truck's manifest said it was carrying tomatoes.

"The company had not used our route before and the driver paid the fare in cash at Zeebrugge," spokeswoman Vivienne Macey said.

Police capture two Dallas bank robbers

DALLAS (AP) — Two bank robbery suspects were taken into custody Monday after a wild car chase that included at least one gun battle and crisscrossed much of Dallas.

Bullets shattered the windshield of a police car during a shootout in northwest Dallas, officials said.

The suspects were armed with automatic weapons and were wearing body armor, police said..

The chase began after a bank robbery at a Chase Bank in north Irving and ended on a street in the Oak Cliff section of southwest Dallas.

A police spokeswoman said the vehicle in which the suspects fled about 20 police cars broke down after driving for miles on three tires.

One of the suspects fell to the pavement at the end of the chase when he leaned from one of the car's windows to fire at officers.

He got up and fled, but police quickly captured him and the other suspect, the spokeswoman said.

Chamber sets board meeting

Two hotel/motel fund requests and various upcoming summer events will be discussed by directors of the Snyder Chamber of Commerce at 11:30 a.m. Tuesday at the Spanish Inn.

The requests for funds are coming from KAST Productions, for presenting the production "True West" on July 7-8, and from the WTC Rodeo Boosters Club for ranch rodeo events associated with White Buffalo Days in October.

Upcoming events to be discussed include the Sammy Baugh Classic Golf Tournament to be held Friday and Saturday, the July 4th celebration in Towle Park, Scurry County Rodeo set for July 13-15 and the annual chamber banquet to be held Aug. 26 with a Mardi Gras theme.

The board will also hear a presentation by Todd Howard, certified public accountant, on the chamber's year-end financial report.

ASK US

Q—What carnival will be at the Fourth of July festivities at Towle Park?

A—The same one that has been here several years in a row - the Pride of Texas Shows.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Saturday, 70 degrees; low, 59; high Sunday, 69; low, 61; 7 a.m. Monday, 69, .43 of an inch precipitation; total for 2000, 11.70 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, increasing cloudiness, 30% chance of storms; low near 70; SE wind 10-20 mph; Tuesday morning cloudy; high near 90; S wind 10-20 mph.



Jaclyn DeLeon
Chance of Rain

Sunset:
8:51 p.m.
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Of 170 days in 2000, the sun has shone 167 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

Opportunities are seldom labeled.

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AOL to launch interactive TV service

DULLES, Va. (AP) — America Online Inc. will launch its much-anticipated interactive television service AOLTV in July, the latest effort to bring e-mail, instant messaging and Web browsing to home TV screens.

The service, being announced Monday, is to debut in Phoenix, Sacramento, Baltimore and five other yet-to-be-determined cities the second week of July. It will be rolled out across the country through the fall, leading up to a Christmas shopping push, company officials said.

AOL is playing down expectations for AOLTV, which will compete with Microsoft's WebTV, and analysts say growth could be slow as consumers are introduced to the product. Interactive television services, most notably WebTV, have thus far failed to take off in the marketplace.

"I see this as a first step in a long walk," said Youssef Squali, an analyst with ING Barings.

But unlike its competitors, analysts say, AOL has a huge trump card: 23 million subscribers who already are familiar with the company's service.

WebTV has signed up about 1 million subscribers in the three years since it was launched.

AOL will sell the necessary set-top boxes for $250. Monthly fees will be $14.95 for AOL members and $24.95 for nonmembers, company officials said. The fee for members will be on top of the $21.95 they already pay per month for Internet service.

AOLTV launch comes as AOL awaits federal approval of its merger with Time Warner, a deal that would unify the world's largest Internet and media companies.

Dead man identified as Texas resident

CONWAY, Ark. (AP) — A man whose body was found last month in a rural area of the county has been positively identified as Robby Lynn Eppler, 38, of Ennis, Texas.

Eppler's decomposed body was found on April 29, one day after Darrell Cravens, 33, of Ennis and Christie Harmon, 29, were arrested in Montana on other charges. They have since been returned to Faulkner County, Sheriff Marty Montgomery said.

Eppler's driver's license was found with the body, but officials said the state of decomposition made positive identification difficult. The state medical examiner's office made the identification, using medical records, but said cause of death hadn't been determined.

No charges have been filed in connection with Eppler's death.

Members of Harmon's family reported her and Cravens missing on April 10.

Illinois man has a long way to go on new lawn mower

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Although Gary Hatter has driven a lawn mower more than 900 miles, he has yet to cut a single blade of grass.

"I haven't had a chance," said Hatter, who is in the early stages of an odyssey to drive his mower 14,000 miles through all 48 contiguous states. "The first part of the trip, it did nothing but rain, and there's been nothing but concrete since."

Hatter, 46, of Champaign, Ill., began his trip June 1 in Portland, Maine, with a big orange Kubota lawn mower, model BX-2200, complete with a plastic roof — a mower specifically bought for the trip.

He then came down through Boston, New York City and New Jersey before reaching Philadelphia on Sunday afternoon. He said he planned to move south toward Baltimore and Washington on Monday.

Hatter, who has his 17-year-old son, Gary Jr., following him in a car, said he had initially expected to go 100 miles a day through the Northeast, but said he isn't even close to that in urban areas.

"Every time I hit a stoplight red, and have to sit and wait, I'm only going 9 miles an hour to begin with, and that cuts me down to about 5 or 6 miles an hour," he said.

Crossing rivers, however, hasn't been a big problem so far. Police escorted him through the Lincoln Tunnel to get from New York into New Jersey and over the Ben Franklin Bridge from Camden, N.J., into Philadelphia.

"Everybody who was crossing the bridge was pulling up to me and waving and honking and giving me thumbs up and having a great time," he said from a street corner in downtown Philadelphia just after crossing the bridge.

Hatter used to drive trucks, but injured his back unloading milk 21 years ago. Two operations have failed to remedy the spinal disk degeneration he suffers, and he has been unable to work since.

He said his primary goal is to raise money for a third operation, which he hopes will stave off nerve damage that doctors have told him could leave him paralyzed. He said he has raised several hundred dollars through donations and selling checkered flags for $5 that he autographs.

He also is hoping to break the current world record of 4,039 miles and 51 days of straight driving. He said he expects to do that sometime around Aug. 1, but added that it is only a rough estimate. As for when he will get through all 14,000 miles, that's even harder to say.

"We were shooting for the middle of October, but I think realistically we're looking at more like Christmas," he said.

After all, driving a mower on a road is much more difficult than driving it on a yard, he said.

"There's a lot of concentration, a lot of focus, you've got to know what you're doing all the time," he said. "A lot of people think just because you're on a lawn mower, going 9 miles per hour, it's a piece of cake."

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Screening for prostate cancer will help dads stay healthy

DEAR ABBY: You suggested that we all give our mothers a mammogram for Mother's Day. May I also suggest that we give our fathers a prostate cancer screening for Father's Day?

Prostate cancer is the second-leading cancer cause of death among American males, the first being lung cancer. A man's chance of getting prostate cancer exceeds a woman's chance of getting breast cancer. According to the American Cancer Society, a woman's chance of developing invasive breast cancer from birth to death is 12.56 percent, while a man's chance of developing invasive prostate cancer is 15.91 percent. In both diseases, early detection is the key to survival.

Abby, this information must be given to all men and the women who love them. — **MAYNARD BERKOWITZ, MINDEN, NEV.**

DEAR MAYNARD: You're right; men should be screened for cancer, too. According to the American Cancer Society (ACS), in this year alone 180,400 men will be diagnosed with prostate cancer. May I add that, in addition to prostate cancer, males should be encouraged also to be checked for breast cancer. Although they may not realize it, they, too, are at risk for breast cancer.

The ACS has designated June as Prostate Cancer Awareness month. So, sons, daughters and wives, in addition to the cologne, neckties and fishing gear you've given for Father's Day, consider a post-Father's Day gift of chipping in on Dad's cancer screenings. It could be the gift of a lifetime.

For more information contact the ACS at (800) 227-2345, or visit the Web site at www.cancer.org. The Web site offers a free program called Man to Man, where specially trained prostate cancer survivors offer support to newly diagnosed patients. It also has an interactive section where people who have questions about prostate cancer can e-mail oncology nurses who provide answers and referrals.

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DEAR ABBY: My 64-year-old sister, who lives with my 87-year-old mother in Mom's house (and is partly subsidized by Mom), is verbally abusive and disrespectful to her. If Dad were still alive, she would not dare to act this way.

Recently my sister had the gall to say to Mom, "I'll probably die before you do — and all of the money will go to my sister!" In other words, she's telling our mother to give her money now or hurry up and die. (My sister's health is OK.)

They won't listen to me, but they both read your column. Could you please publish your opinion? With thanks from ... **SIBLING OF A SERPENT-TONGUED SISTER IN CALIFORNIA**

DEAR SISTER: You didn't mention how your sister and your mother normally get along, or whether your mother is usually able to give as good as she gets. However, from my perspective your sister made a very hostile remark. If your mother is considering parting with money, perhaps it should be spent for some counseling sessions for her live-in daughter. It would be better than spending it to hire a food taster.

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"You wanna talk reckless, irresponsible, risky schemes!? How about THIS!?"

Compromise reached over fuel efficiency standards

WASHINGTON (AP) — If politics is the fine art of compromise, the Senate produced a masterpiece on the delicate issue of auto fuel efficiency standards that left both sides claiming they'd won.

Sen. Spencer Abraham, R-Mich., who faces a tough re-election race in his auto-industry state, said the compromise last week was "a big victory for Michigan" because it maintained the current freeze on Corporate Average Fuel Economy, or CAFE, standards.

On the other side, Daniel Becker of the Sierra Club, a major environmental group, said the deal allowing the Transportation Department and the National Academy of Sciences to at least study changes in CAFE standards was a "major victory for consumers and the environment."

Congress passed the CAFE law in the oil crisis year of 1975, requiring the auto industry to reach certain fuel efficiency standards. For more than a decade, they have remained at 20.7 miles per gallon for light trucks, including sport utility vans, and 27.5 mpg for passenger cars.

The auto industry says tougher standards would drive up the costs of new cars and force people to buy vehicles that are smaller and less safe. Since 1995, the Republican-led House has included language in the annual transportation spending bill banning the administration from even studying the issue.

Efforts in the Senate to remove the House ban have been led by Sen. Slade Gorton, R-Wash., a conservative seeking re-election this year in a state where the environment is an important political issue.

He has joined environmental groups in asserting that the industry now has the know-how to produce vehicles that burn less fuel, thus saving consumers money, slowing global warming and reducing U.S. dependence on foreign oil.

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Oil Patch News

Borden County

Stephens and Johnson Operating has completed the No. 518-4 Jones in the Fluvanna field, 17 miles northeast of Gail. The well was finaled to produce 104 barrels of oil and 56 barrels of water. Perforations were from 8,112-116 feet, and location is in Section 581, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Garza County

Stelzer Drilling Co. Inc. will drill the No. 7-A Kirkpatrick in the Garza field, five miles southeast of Post. Planned for a depth of 3,500 feet, drill site is in Section 31, Block 5, GH&H survey.

Howard County

Anadarko Petroleum Corporation will drill the No. 2879-W Snyder in the Snyder field, six miles southeast of Coahoma. Planned for a depth of 3,900 feet, location is in Section 28, Block 30, T1S, T&P survey.

Anadarko Petroleum will drill the No. 2886-W Snyder in the Snyder field, six miles southeast of Coahoma. Contracted for 3,900 feet, location is in Section 29, Block 30, T1S, T&P survey.

Anadarko will drill the No. 111-W Snyder in the same field, seven miles southeast of Coahoma. Planned depth is 3,900 feet, and drill site is in Section 28, Block 30, T1S, T&P survey.

Anadarko will drill the No. 3311-W Snyder in the Snyder field, seven miles southeast of Coahoma. The venture is planned for a depth of 3,900 feet, and location is in Section 33, Block 30, T1S, T&P survey.

Anadarko Petroleum will drill the No. 2864-W B.S. in the Snyder field, seven miles southeast of Coahoma. Also planned for a depth of 3,900 feet, location is in Section 28, Block 30, T1S, T&P survey.

Anadarko will drill the No. 2878-W B.S. in the Snyder field, seven miles southeast of Coahoma. Scheduled for 3,900 feet, location is in Section 28, Block 30, T1S, T&P survey.

Anadarko will drill the No. 3332-W B.S. in the same field, seven miles southeast of Coahoma. Planned depth is 3,900 feet, and drill site is in Section 33, Block 30, T1S, T&P survey.

Anadarko will drill the No. 3315-W B.S. in the Snyder field, seven miles southeast of Coahoma. Also contracted for a depth of 3,900 feet, location is in Section 33, Block 30, T1S, T&P survey.

Nolan County

Walter Exploration Inc. will drill the No. 6701 Pace in the Sprague field, 12 miles southwest of Sweetwater. Planned for a depth of 4,000 feet, location is in Section 67, Block 20, T&P survey.

Irving W. Avery will drill the No. 2-A Texaco Fee in the Mulberry Canyon field, five miles northeast of Nolan. Planned for a depth of 4,300 feet, drill site is in Section 69, Block 5, T&P survey.

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Timing, innocence claim fuel Graham publicity

By MICHAEL GRACZYK
Associated Press Writer

HUNTSVILLE (AP) — A renewed national debate and accompanying media focus on capital punishment dropped into the laps of three unsuspecting Texas families last week.

What they went through, and what Texas officials are bracing for this week with the scheduled execution of high-profile inmate Gary Graham, illustrates the roller-coaster nature of the death penalty and public attention.

The sheer number of executions in Texas — Graham would be No. 222 since 1982 if he dies Thursday — and Gov. George W. Bush's presidential run also have helped fuel the discussion.

A week ago, a much-publicized study by a Columbia University law professor and death penalty opponent showed two-thirds of the nation's death penalty cases, including 52 percent of Texas cases from 1973 to 1995, were flawed and had to be reversed.

Its release and the nearing Graham execution prompted more reporters and television crews than usual to descend on Huntsville last Monday where Thomas Wayne Mason was being executed.

Richard Kelly, whose wife's mother and grandmother Mason was convicted of killing, was asked about calls by some death penalty opponents for a moratorium on executions in Texas, which leads the nation.

"I think the other states should join Texas and increase the frequency of executions," Kelly said. "I think the state of Texas is doing a great job."

By Wednesday, the television crews had dwindled to two, and there were maybe a half dozen anti-death penalty protesters down the street from the death house when John Albert Burks was put to death for killing a Waco tortilla shop owner. Gloria Contreras Torres, the victim's daughter, thanked authorities "for their unrelenting efforts to execute justice to this final phase."

"It begins that final step, that last scab, when it comes off," she said. "Then there will be healing."

Then Thursday, when Paul Nuncio received lethal injection for killing and raping a Plainview woman during a burglary, his death was carried out in relative obscurity. Five protesters waiting down the street. No TV coverage. Five reporters.

"Those people who don't agree with us need to walk in the shoes we walk," Eddie Farris, whose mother, Pauline, was the murder victim in the case, replied when asked about the death penalty debate. "I think they might agree a little faster."

Earlier that same day, a conference room of Houston lawyer Rusty Hardin barely could hold the media entourage that descended on Bernadine Skillern, whose eyewitness testimony helped convict Graham of the 1981 murder that landed him on death row.

Graham, who prefers the name Shaka Sankofa to reflect his African ancestry, insists that he is innocent and was unfairly convicted by the single eyewitness testimony of Skillern, who did not bend under questioning this week that bordered occasionally on cross-examination.

Mason also insisted he was innocent. Burks said he was innocent. So did Nuncio.

Why the focus on Graham?

Hardin, a former prosecutor and now a defense attorney, is baffled by what he says is unquestioning acceptance of Graham's story.

"It doesn't matter how bad he is," Hardin said, stepping in to cut off a particularly sharp series of questions posed to Skillern. "You've never held him up to the kind of look of whether or not he's been lying about demonstrably proven things over the last 19 years. You've done nothing to challenge his credibilty. You have applied a different standard."

He credited Graham's supporters with "the best p.r. campaign I have ever seen."

Graham's lawyer says it's about innocence.

"It is rare to have a case of absolute innocence," says Richard Burr. "This is a case that is very close to absolute innocence. I have never had a client whose evidence of guilt rested on one eyewitness. That's what makes this case unusual."

But Graham has the good fortune of timing, with Bush running for president and the governor's contention that no innocent person had been executed in the state during his watch.

Bush's statement sent a number of news organizations scrambling to examine Texas death row cases to find someone executed who is innocent.

So far, none has surfaced.

Some death penalty opponents acknowledge Bush's candidacy has given them an opportunity, although Burr believes it could work against Graham.

"The political context adds dynamics to it," Burr says. "But it's a bad thing in general. I worry that political pressures one way or the other could affect the outcome and not really an honest grappling with the case."

If Graham gets to 6 p.m. Thursday without some kind of reprieve, he's certain to draw a crowd to Huntsville larger than the five protesters holding a vigil for Nuncio exactly a week earlier.

The New Black Panthers are promising to attend. So is a faction of the Ku Klux Klan.

Prison officials say the media crush for Graham is not as intense as for Karla Tucker, who in 1998 became the first woman to be executed in Texas since the Civil War era. The attention for Graham, however, could be focused more among the spectators.

Graham has listed Nation of Islam leader Louis Farrakhan, actor Danny Glover, author Maya Angelou and New York activist Al Sharpton as among the people he wants to witness his death.

"There are always security concerns," Texas Department of Criminal Justice spokesman Larry Fitzgerald says. "We're in the process of addressing them."

AP Analysis

Seven die in head-on crash

VAN HORN (AP) — A car going the wrong way on Interstate 10 collided head-on with another car, killing all seven people in the two vehicles near Van Horn, about 120 miles east of El Paso.

The Texas Department of Public Safety said a 1998 Pontiac was traveling westbound in the eastbound lanes of the Interstate, into the path of a tractor-trailer truck and a 1994 Nissan in the process of passing the truck.

DPS spokesman Mike Cox said the truck veered to the shoulder to avoid the Pontiac, which then collided with the Nissan. The force of the accident sent both cars spinning in the air, the DPS said.

The driver of the Pontiac was identified as Lorenzo Sukis, 33, of El Paso. Also in the vehicle were Ivana Sukis, 10, and Pablo Sukis, 5.

Killed in the Nissan were Fredo Fernandez, 46, and Maria Escobar, 51, both of Los Angeles; Carlos Laugart, 45, of South Gate, Calif.; and an unidentified Hispanic woman.

All were wearing seat belts except for the 5-year-old victim, who was thrown from the Pontiac, officials said.

Cox said troopers at the scene found evidence that drinking may have been involved.

The DPS office in Sierra Blanca, 33 miles northwest of Van Horn, investigated the accident, which occurred at 2 p.m. CDT. Weather was dry and clear, Cox said.

Only a grassy median separates the eastbound and westbound lanes of the four-lane highway, Cox said.

The DPS initially reported that the truck was towing the Nissan and that the accident occurred as the Pontiac clipped the Nissan while trying to pass.

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Tuesday, June 20, 2000

Much needed changes that could help further your interests are in the offing for you in the year ahead. A realization of a long held dream or desire you didn't think was in the cards may occur.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Your assessment skills can serve as helpful guidance in any decision making today, but don't rely solely on them. Sound out your ideas on a respected adviser for even better results. Trying to patch up a broken romance? The Astro-Graph Matchmaker can help you understand what to do to make the relationship work. Mail $2.75 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Shifting conditions tend to work for your betterment today, but you must be willing to give them half a chance to act for you. Be receptive to diversity, not resistant.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Give your character judgments credence concerning a person with whom you're involved today, even if you feel they may be a trifle exaggerated. Chances are they'll be quite accurate.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Provided you're not inclined to be doing things today that are too self-serving or could hurt another, don't inhibit your material inclinations and motivations.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Today you could observe several peers copying your style or way of doing something. Instead of feeling they are robbing you of your uniqueness, consider it a form of flattery.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Depending upon your level of involvement, you could generate funds from several untapped sources today. The degree of gain will be commensurate to your input.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Several friends from different walks of life might soon begin to play prominent roles in your affairs. You could get the first signs of this today.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) What do best today, if you care to involve yourself, is exercise the ability to work things out for others — things that would benefit them in some way. Give of yourself.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) A new-found determination and will to win may take root in you today. When these inclinations become totally operational and not just lip service, success is extremely likely.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) It might help you to keep secret today that which you have in mind to fulfill an ambition. If you prematurely tip your hand, someone might attempt to hamper your plans.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Events could begin to develop today that would bring you back in contact with several friends or associates you've not seen for some time. Each will be looking out for the others.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Provided you are practical rather than emotional, conditions look favorable for fulfillment of your material objectives today. Keep your eye on the ball and shortages can be reversed.

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Bridge

By Phillip Alder

North 06-19-00
♠ Q J 10 9 8
♥ 9 8 7 6 4
♦ 10 2
♣ 6

West
♠ 7 2
♥ Q J 5 3 2
♦ 3 3
♣ J 9 5 2

East
♠ 6 5 3
♥ A 10
♦ A K Q J 7 6
♣ 8 3

South
♠ A K 4
♥ K
♦ 8 5 4
♣ A K Q 10 7 4

Vulnerable: Both
Dealer: South

South	West	North	East
1 ♣	Pass	1 ♠	2 ♦
3 ♣	Pass	Pass	3 ♦
4 ♣	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♦ 9

Monday, June 19, 2000

Support at least once

By Phillip Alder

Carl Jung wrote something that is remarkably apposite for today's deal: "Caution has its place, no doubt, but we cannot refuse our support to a serious venture which challenges the whole of the personality. If we oppose it, we are trying to suppress what is best in man — his daring and his aspirations. And should we succeed, we should only have stood in the way of that invaluable experience which might have given a meaning to life."

This was the seventh deal I played with Anne Chatham in Hobe Sound, Fla., last April. What do you think of the auction? How should the play proceed?

Despite the beginners' books telling you that six points are required for a response, I agree with North's one-spade bid. Not only does he have some hope of getting into a major at a safe level, but also game could be on if partner has a good fit for spades or hearts.

After that, the auction proceeded predictably until South went to four clubs. True, her hand is worth another venture, but she should have bid three spades. Since she denied holding four spades by not raising on the previous round, this must show three-card support. With only four spades, North would retreat to either three no-trump (if possible) or four clubs. Here, three spades makes easily, declarer getting at least one heart ruff in the dummy.

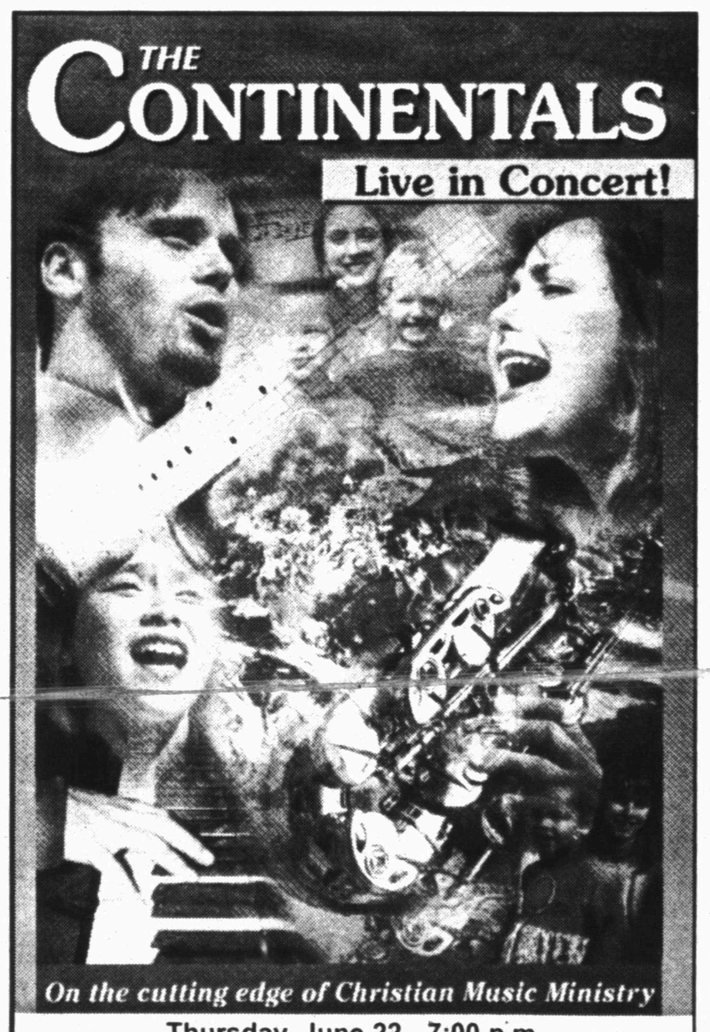
Four clubs had no chance. I gave declarer some hope when, after winning the first trick with the diamond jack, I switched to a trump. Yet the bad club split spelt two down.

Support partner whenever possible.

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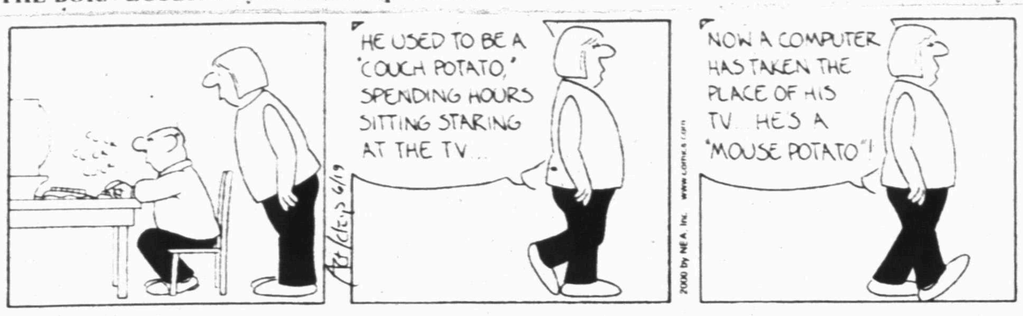
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ACROSS

1 Sausage
6 TV horse (2 wds.)
10 Place where bees are kept
12 Anchored
14 Open-sided, roofed gallery
15 Have high regard for
16 Pt. of ESL
17 Guys
19 Medieval serf
20 TV host — Hall
23 Depart
26 "— Miz"
27 "Graph" end
30 Counsel
32 Type of coaster
34 Had to have
35 Uses tobacco
36 Nav. officer
37 French duke
39 Wipe out
40 Piglike mammal
42 — over (ponder)
45 Expert golfer
46 "Rose — — rose"
49 Audition
51 Poems
54 Author Jean-Paul —
55 Eskimo boat
56 Emit coherent light
57 Wishes for

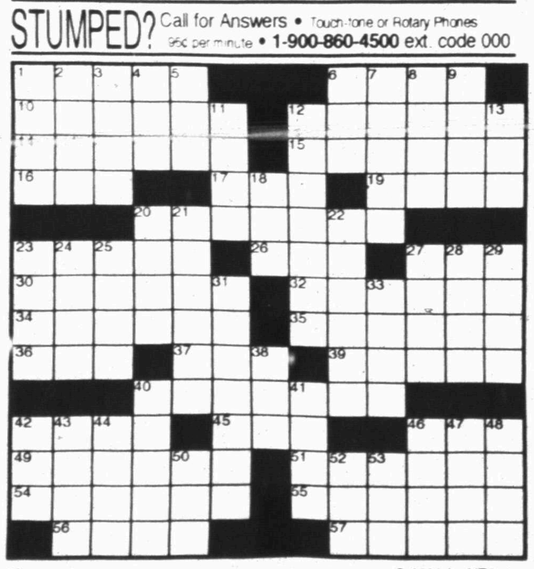
DOWN

1 Corduroy ridge
2 "Once — a time"
3 Actress Diana —
4 Droop
5 "Pod" start
6 Chic, in the '60s
7 Juliet's love
8 Goddess of discord
9 Actor Bruce —
11 Sweet potatoes
12 Etiquette maven, Miss —
13 Poor grade
18 Slippery fish
20 Enthusiastic
21 Draw back
22 Certain chemical compound
23 Path
24 Paradise
25 St. crossers
27 Actress Chase
28 Golf pegs
29 Irish
31 Be a teacher
33 Parrot
38 New Deal program
40 Connives
41 "Dynamic" start
42 Alps, e.g. (abbr.)
43 Russian river
44 Northern constellation
46 "— — the Mood for Love"
47 Chair
48 Questions
50 Yorkshire river
52 In what way?
53 Ms. Sumac

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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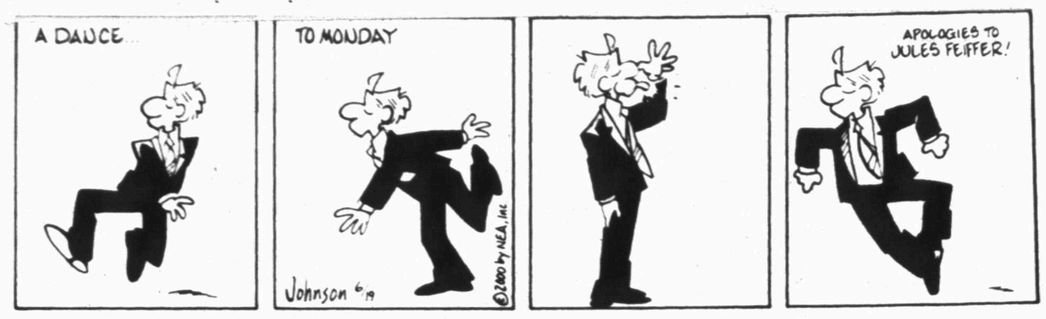


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SPORTS

Woods dominates at U.S. Open

PEBBLE BEACH, Calif. (AP) — In the first U.S. Open of a new century, Tiger Woods' only real competition came from guys who played more than 100 years ago.

And, just as he did against the Open field this week, Woods blew away his ancient rivals.

Woods turned the 100th Open into a one-man show Sunday, winning by 15 strokes over Ernie Els and Miguel Angel Jimenez for the biggest victory margin in the history of major championship golf.

In a performance even more dominating than his 12-stroke victory at the 1997 Masters, Woods tied the Open record with a score of 12-under 272. No one else in the field could break par.

"All week, I had a sense of calmness that I haven't had in quite a while," Woods said. "It was reminiscent of Augusta in '97. No matter what happened, I was able to keep my composure and focus on the shot I needed to make."

On Father's Day, Woods cradled the silver trophy in his left arm and thought about the man who taught him how to play golf.

"I can't wait to give this thing to my dad and let him rub it a little bit," he said.

Earl Woods watched on TV from his home in southern California as his son completed the fifth wire-to-wire victory in a U.S. Open.

"I can't tell you enough about what my dad meant to my golf. And to me, as a person growing up, and all the times that I had questions in life and all the guidance that he's given me," the younger Woods said.

"My dad always took me out and we practiced and played and had a lot of fun competing against each other. Those are the times you look back on and you reminisce and you miss."

Woods was so far in front of the field, he might as well have been playing by himself. Leading by a record 10 strokes at the start of the day, he had four birdies in a span of five holes on the back nine Sunday while relentlessly marching to his third major title.

Woods' 15-stroke margin not only shattered the Open mark of 11 set by Willie Smith in 1899, but was the largest in any major championship — surpassing the 13-stroke victory by Old Tom Morris in the 1862 British Open.

Woods, the first player in Open history to finish 72 holes at double digits under par, also tied the lowest score in a U.S. Open. Jack Nicklaus shot 272 in 1980, and Lee Janzen matched that mark in 1993.

"Records are great, but you don't really pay attention to that," Woods said. "The only thing I know is I got the trophy sitting right next to me. To perform the way I did, and on one of the greatest venues in golf, it doesn't get much better than that."

Woods now has played in 14 majors as a professional and won three of them, including the 1997 Masters and the PGA Championship last August.

"I don't know how much more there is to say," Els said. "We've been talking about him for two years. I guess we'll be talking about him for the next 20. When he's on, we don't have much of a chance. He's near perfect, the way he played this week."

Woods had the lowest score in three of the four rounds of this year's Open.

"Tiger Woods was playing a different tournament after two rounds," Jimenez said. "After two rounds, I was playing against everybody else."

More history awaits next month. Woods goes to the British Open at St. Andrews with a chance to become only the fifth player — and at age 24, the youngest — to win all four major championships.

Astros top Giants, 4-2

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — J.T. Snow's 11th inning error allowed two runs to score as the Houston Astros beat San Francisco 4-2 Sunday, snapping the Giants' five-game winning streak.

Moises Alou singled to open the 11th and Glen Barker reached on a sacrifice bunt when Robb Nen (1-3) threw the ball away at first, allowing Alou to move to third.

Nen got Mike Melusky to fly out, but Matt Mieske, batting for Jay Powell (1-1), hit a sharp grounder against a drawn-in infield that went off Snow's glove into short right field.

Powell pitched two scoreless innings of relief for his first victory. Doug Henry got the final three outs for his first save.

Jeff Kent put the Giants ahead in the first with his 18th homer, a two-run drive off Shane Reynolds. Kent leads the NL with 66 RBIs.

Craig Biggio led off the sixth with his fourth homer.

Nathan allowed four hits and six walks in 6 1-3 innings, while Reynolds gave up five hits and three walks in seven innings, striking out a season-high seven.

Rangers' skid continues

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (AP) — Rick White pitched three scoreless innings in relief and Bubba Trammell drove in three runs with a double to help the Tampa Bay Devil Rays beat the Texas Rangers 6-1 Sunday.

White (2-4), who's worked more innings than any other AL reliever, extended his streak of scoreless appearances to seven by limiting the Rangers to three hits after entering the game when starter Bryan Rekar was removed because of back stiffness.

White allowed seven hits, walked two and struck out seven during a 10 1-3-inning stretch that began June 4. He worked out of a jam with two runners on in the fifth, getting AL batting leader Ivan Rodriguez to foul out.

Jim Mecir and Mark Guthrie pitched the last two innings for Tampa Bay, which has won 9 of 13 and taken four straight series for the first time in franchise history. Texas finished 1-8 on a nine-game road trip, its worst stretch away from home since June 1993.

John Flaherty's pinch-hit RBI single off Rick Helling (7-6) erased a 1-0 Texas lead in the fifth. Quinton McCracken, in his first game since being recalled from Triple-A Durham, drove in the go-ahead run in the sixth.

Trammell finished Tampa Bay's four-run seventh with a bases-loaded double off Helling, who yielded six runs.

Schools put up big money for stadiums

LUBBOCK (AP) — Big 12 Conference schools are putting up big money so they can stay on a level playing field with their rivals.

Every school in the conference has initiated, completed or planned at least $6.2 million in football facility renovations and expansions since 1995, according to a survey by the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal.

Seven of the 12 schools have started planning or finished facilities projects from construction budgets of at least $29 million, including Oklahoma State ($76 million) and Tech ($75 million), both of which want to expand their stadiums to more than 60,000 seats by September 2002.

"When institutions start to make changes, it puts pressure on everybody else to make changes," Big 12 Commissioner Kevin Weiberg told the newspaper.

At Tech, the funds for the project will come from donations and the bonding capacity generated by sales of the new stadium suites and club seat plans. The project will renovate the south end zone building, construct a new press box and expand the seating capacity by nearly 10,000.

The Big 12, which began play in 1996, features 11 stadiums at least 32 years old and a 12th stadium that is 25 years old. Six have recently expanded or plan to expand by at least 5,500 seats. Four have expanded or plan to expand by at least 10,000 seats, with Texas A&M leading the way with its expansion from nearly 70,000 to 90,000 seats.

Colorado is considering a $94 million facilities plan that will increase its stadium capacity from 51,600 to 65,000. Even Iowa State, one of the lowest-drawing programs in the Big 12, has discussed expansion despite the relative youth of 25-year-old Cyclone Stadium. An announcement regarding the matter will be made in a news conference Monday, according to ISU athletic department spokesman Tom Kroeschell.

Tech, with a capacity of 50,500, sold out just one of its five home games in 1999. Oklahoma State and Colorado also don't sell out many home games, but each is hoping to expand by at least 12,000 seats.

"We want to remain competitive in the Big 12," Tech Chancellor John Montford said. "We have had an inadequate capacity, and we have a stadium we haven't worked on in 40 years. It's time to do something."

Weiberg said the conference's stadium improvements are a sign of growth of improvement.

"But I acknowledge it continues to place a financial burden on everyone," he said. "Even though it creates a greater potential for more revenue, you also have a need to fill those seats."

Pacers set for Game 6

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Jalen Rose doesn't see one large, forbidding task facing the Indiana Pacers in Southern California this week. He sees two goals, each quite achievable.

"We're completely focused on winning Game 6, because that will put us right where we want to be, right where nobody thought we could be," the Indiana forward said. "We've broken it down in our minds and (coach) Larry (Bird) has told us. We win Game 6, and all things are possible."

There's no denying the Pacers are in a jam. They need to win twice in three days in the NBA Finals. Both games are at the home of the Los Angeles Lakers, the team expected since December to win the league title.

The first, Game 6 at Staples Center tonight, will be played against a Lakers team eager to atone for its 33-point loss in Game 5 and in front of a Los Angeles crowd screaming for its first NBA championship since 1988.

It's a tall order, but few teams would be more equipped to try to fill it than the Pacers.

Sports Briefs

Jr. tennis camp scheduled

The Tiger Junior Tennis Camp will begin next Monday and run through June 30 at Snyder Tennis Complex behind the junior high.

All incoming sixth through ninth graders are eligible to participate, and cost of the camp is $100. Deadline to register is Wednesday.

For more information, call Brad Wikse at 573-5420.

Basketball tourney slated

The Boys and Girls Club will host a 5-on-5 basketball tournament July 14-15. Incoming seventh, eighth and ninth graders are eligible to participate.

Format will be double elimination, with teams divided into boys' and girls' divisions. Entry fee is $100 per team. Registration deadline is June 27.

For more information call the boys club at 573-3344.

Dates set for basketball camp

The Bubba Edwards Basketball Camp will be June 27-30 for incoming third through seventh grade boys and girls.

The camp will meet from 9 a.m. until noon each day at the Ira High School gym. Cost is $) and includes a camp T-shirt.

For more information, contact Coach Edwards at 573-2628 or 573-2227.

Basketball clinic scheduled

The Sam Tipton 2000 Basketball Camp will be Tuesday through Friday at Snyder High School.

The co-ed division is open to incoming third through sixth graders and will run from 9 a.m. until noon. Seventh through ninth grade girls only will be from 1 until 4 p.m.

Cost is $60 and includes a camp T-shirt.

For more information, call Coach Tipton at 573-6301 ext. 30, or 573-4437.

WGA holds play day, swingers

The Women's Golf Association of Snyder Country Club will hold its weekly play day at 9 a.m. Tuesday. Format will be queen of the hill, with the WGA from Big Spring also competing.

Also, swingers' play will be at 5:30 p.m. each Friday, and couples' play will be held at 1:30 p.m. the first Sunday of the month.

Ladies' Pumpjack upcoming

The Ladies' Pumpjack Golf Tournament will be June 27 at Snyder Country Club.

To register call the SCC pro shop at 573-7101, or Martha Fagin at 573-2545.

SCC holds weekly events

The Men's Golf Association of Snyder Country Club will hold a Tuesday evening scramble and a Thursday MGA event. Play starts at 5:30 both days.

LSU wins national title

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — Louisiana State won its fifth national title in the last 10 seasons, rallying for a 6-5 victory over Stanford in the College World Series championship game Saturday.

Major League Baseball

American League
All Times EDT

East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Boston	35	29	.547	—
New York	34	29	.540	½
Toronto	37	33	.529	1
Baltimore	30	36	.455	6
Tampa Bay	27	40	.403	9½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Chicago	44	24	.647	—
Cleveland	35	30	.538	7½
Kansas City	33	34	.493	10½
Minnesota	30	40	.429	15
Detroit	26	38	.406	16

West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Oakland	39	29	.574	—
Seattle	37	29	.561	1
Anaheim	35	33	.515	4
Texas	31	36	.463	7½

Saturday's Games

Detroit 8, Cleveland 6
Texas 5, Tampa Bay 0
Chicago White Sox 10, N.Y. Yankees 9
Toronto 11, Boston 10
Seattle 12, Minnesota 3
Anaheim 8, Baltimore 3
Oakland 10, Kansas City 4

Sunday's Games

Chicago White Sox 17, N.Y. Yankees 4
Toronto 5, Boston 1
Cleveland 9, Detroit 4
Tampa Bay 6, Texas 1
Anaheim 8, Baltimore 6
Seattle 10, Minnesota 2
Oakland 21, Kansas City 3

Monday's Games

N.Y. Yankees (Mendoza 5-3) at Boston (Rose 3-3), 7:05 p.m.
Cleveland (Colon 6-3) at Chicago White Sox (Wells 3-5), 8:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Lopez 3-4) at Seattle (Halama 6-2), 10:05 p.m.
Baltimore (Rapp 4-4) at Oakland (Mulder 4-2), 10:05 p.m.
Only games scheduled.

Tuesday's Games

Baltimore (Ponson 4-3) at Oakland (Hudson 7-2), 3:35 p.m.
Detroit (Weaver 3-6) at Toronto (Carpenter 6-5), 7:05 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Pettitte 6-3) at Boston (P.Martinez 9-2), 7:05 p.m.
Cleveland (Brower 1-1) at Chicago White Sox (Sirotka 6-5), 8:05 p.m.
Minnesota (Redman 4-2) at Texas (Rogers 5-5), 8:35 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Trachsel 5-6) at Seattle (Abbott 3-2), 10:05 p.m.
Kansas City (Suppan 2-5) at Anaheim (Cooper 2-2), 10:05 p.m.

National League
All Times EDT
East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Atlanta	42	26	.618	—
New York	37	29	.561	4
Montreal	34	31	.523	6½
Florida	33	36	.478	9½
Philadelphia	26	40	.394	15

Central Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
St. Louis	39	29	.574	—
Cincinnati	32	35	.478	6½
Pittsburgh	29	38	.433	9½
Chicago	29	39	.426	10
Milwaukee	28	40	.412	11
Houston	25	43	.368	14

West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Colorado	37	27	.578	—
Arizona	39	29	.574	—
Los Angeles	36	31	.537	2½
San Francisco	33	32	.508	4½
San Diego	30	37	.448	8½

Saturday's Games

Chicago Cubs 1, Montreal 0
St. Louis 4, Los Angeles 3
San Diego 3, Cincinnati 1
San Francisco 6, Houston 4
Florida 4, Pittsburgh 3, 11 innings
Philadelphia 9, Atlanta 3
Milwaukee 3, N.Y. Mets 2
Colorado 14, Arizona 5

Sunday's Games

N.Y. Mets 7, Milwaukee 3
Atlanta 5, Philadelphia 3
Florida 5, Pittsburgh 4
Montreal 4, Chicago Cubs 3, 11 innings
Colorado 19, Arizona 2
Houston 4, San Francisco 2, 11 innings
San Diego 8, Cincinnati 7
Los Angeles 6, St. Louis 3

Monday's Games

Pittsburgh (Silva 5-2) at Montreal (Pavano 7-3), 7:05 p.m.
Milwaukee (Wright 2-1) at Florida (Smith 0-0), 7:05 p.m.
Atlanta (Maddux 9-1) at Philadelphia (Wolf 6-4), 7:35 p.m.
San Diego (Spencer 2-2) at Arizona (Johnson 11-1), 10:05 p.m.
Only games scheduled

Tuesday's Games

Pittsburgh (Benson 5-5) at Montreal (Johnson 2-1), 7:05 p.m.
Milwaukee (Woodard 1-5) at Florida (Dempster 7-4), 7:05 p.m.
Philadelphia (Byrd 1-5) at N.Y. Mets (Hampton 6-5), 7:10 p.m.
Colorado (Astacio 6-3) at Cincinnati (Fernandez 2-0), 7:35 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (Tapani 4-6) at Atlanta (Millwood 4-6), 7:40 p.m.
Los Angeles (Brown 6-2) at Houston (Holt 3-7), 8:05 p.m.
San Francisco (Ortiz 3-6) at St. Louis (Ankiel 5-3), 8:10 p.m.
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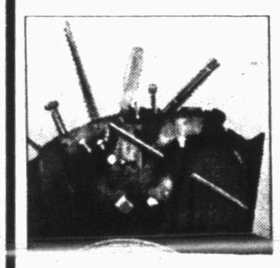
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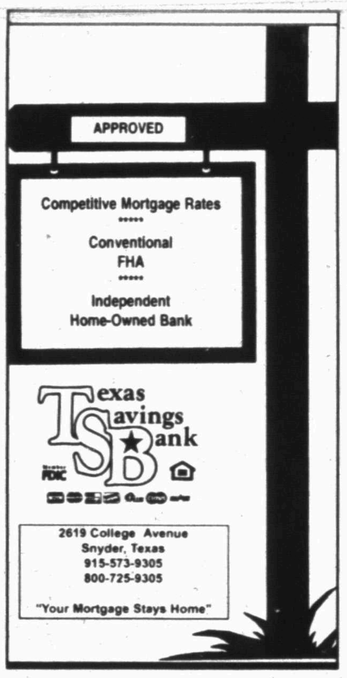
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AUSTIN (AP) — Dressed in widow's black circa 1865, Ginny Anderson wiped her brow in the 90-degree heat.

The special education teacher from Dripping Springs said she was in mourning. Not for anyone in particular, but for her heritage.

Anderson was one of about 50 people Friday dressed in Civil War garb and carrying rebel flags to protest the removal of two plaques with Confederate symbols from the state Supreme Court building.

"We are in mourning," she said. "We're mourning the removal of the plaques. A piece of history has died."

Angered by the removal of the plaques without a public hearing, Confederate heritage groups have kept a daily vigil outside the courts building. And they vow to keep it up at least several days a week until the November presidential election.

The plaques that were removed quoted Confederate Gen. Robert E. Lee and had images of the Confederate battle flag and the seal of the Confederacy.

Republican Gov. George W. Bush's office started working on a plan to take them down after the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People called for their removal earlier this year. Bush is the presumptive GOP nominee for president.

The plaques were replaced June 9 with new ones that say equal justice is available to all Texans "regardless of race, creed or color." They note that the building was constructed with money taken from a Confederate pension fund and dedicated to Texans who served in the Confederacy.

Bush spokesman Michael Jones said the new plaques demonstrate respect for the state's history and diversity and would assure all Texans that courts deliver fair and impartial justice.

The protesters, however, are angry that Bush and state officials ignored their demands for a public hearing before removing the plaques. Many carried signs that said "Gov. Bush, why do you hate my heritage?"

"Everything needs to be brought into view," said Vernon Holliman, of Palestine. Wearing a full wool Confederate cavalry uniform, the state prison guard traveled the 200 miles from his home in Palestine to wave the battle flag and sing "Dixie" on the courts building courtyard.

"You just don't do something when it's on a government building. Who's to say what's next?" Holliman said.

Texas' state buildings are full of references to the Confederacy. The Capitol rotunda has the seal of all the nations that once claimed Texas, including the Confederacy, in its marble floor.

Several statues on the Capitol grounds memorialize Confederate veterans. One refers to defending the Confederate states from Union "coercion."

Minority groups have said the battle flag, such as the one of the courthouse plaque, is an oppressive reminder of slavery and deserves no place in the state's halls of justice.

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Dear R.: Linoleic acid is an essential fatty acid, which means that it is one of the fats that the body requires but cannot manufacture in sufficient quantities to meet its needs. The richest dietary sources of linoleic acid are the polyunsaturated vegetable oils, such as soy, corn, safflower and sunflower.

CLA, which is found in dairy foods and meats, differs slightly from linoleic acid in that locations where it is "unsaturated" are shifted a bit. This difference is thought to give it some unique qualities, some of which might eventually prove to be beneficial. The difficulty, though, is that the research is preliminary, and we don't know what will happen if CLA is used in humans over a long period of time.

Some research with experimental animals and isolated cells (test tube studies) have found anti-cancer properties. Other studies have discovered that CLA can serve as an anti-oxidant, and it can help stimulate the immune system. It is not all positive news, as scientists are trying to figure out why the eggs from chickens fed CLA fail to hatch.

Clearly, the sketchy nature of the research evidence makes it impossible to predict whether CLA will have positive or negative effects in people, particularly those with pre-existing health problems or those taking medications. Ironically, these tend to be the very populations that seek out these types of supplements!

CLA isn't what I would call gimmicky, but there are always those who embrace new claims before science understands what is going on. Research is now underway, and I will keep you apprised of new developments.

DEAR DR. BLONZ: Can you explain why vitamins expire? Thanks. **— S.H., Aurora, Ill.**

Dear S.H.: Vitamins are reactive compounds, playing an integral role in the chemical reactions that comprise our metabolism. Although mineral supplements tend to be quite stable, vitamins can slowly lose their potency over time, and the factors that encourage breakdown are humidity, temperature and light. Formulas that contain fat soluble nutrients tend to break down the fastest.

The best way to store products is in a tightly sealed container kept in a cool, dark place. Many supplements include moisture-absorbing capsules or packets to help maintain the quality of the product. Product expiration dates are there as a guide for consumers to indicate a period during which they can be assured of full potency. These dates, however, assume that the product has been appropriately stored.

DEAR DR. BLONZ: I have recently heard about a company that sells a new type of water-soluble mineral. They claim to have an angstrom sized, base-element mineral that is 99 percent pure, in water. If this is true, wouldn't this be a far better way for us to get our minerals?"

What does this really mean, and will it have any practical impact on anyone's health? Don't be swayed by such confusing language. Demand evidence before you get involved.

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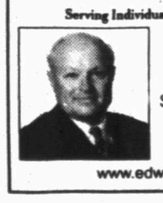
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Nearly 1,000,000 off welfare lost Medicaid too

WASHINGTON (AP) — Nearly a million low-income parents have lost their Medicaid coverage and probably are uninsured as a consequence of welfare overhaul, says a new study by an advocacy group that lobbies for universal health coverage.

Families USA examined Medicaid figures in 15 states with most of the uninsured low-income population and found that 945,880 adults with children had been dropped from the program from 1996 to 1999, a decline of 27 percent. More than 2.5 million were enrolled in Medicaid in the 15 states at the end of last year.

The study, released Monday, blamed the problem on states, saying they mismanaged the implementation of the 1996 welfare reform law and improperly kicked people off of Medicaid once they left welfare, created barriers for people to sign up and set income eligibility requirements way too low.

In Louisiana, for example, a family of three earning more than $3,168 a year would be ineligible for Medicaid, the study estimated.

"The basic thrust of welfare is to move people to jobs, but unfortunately when they do so they are considered to have too much income for Medicaid," said Ron Pollack, executive director of Families USA. "So the reward of moving off welfare is getting no health insurance."

Pollack and other advocates for the poor complain that state and federal officials have been too quick to declare welfare overhaul a success because so many people have dropped off the rolls. They say that doesn't take into account side effects like losing health benefits, which can destabilize families.

States have recognized the problem and are taking steps to fix it, said William Waldman, executive director of the American Public Human Services Association, whose members include state welfare agencies. Many states focused first on dealing with uninsured low-income children and now are shifting attention to uninsured adults, he said.

"It remains an issue that needs to be addressed," Waldman said. "I think you'll see some very significant developments in the states."

New York and Ohio are expanding Medicaid eligibility and other states are reinstating people who were wrongly cut off. The government recently ordered all states to find people improperly dropped from Medicaid and sign them back up.

Families USA did not check whether those dropped from Medicaid had other insurance. But Pollack said studies have shown that many low-income workers and people leaving welfare have jobs that don't offer health insurance and those they are offered insurance usually can't afford the premiums.

The group looked only at parents with family Medicaid coverage. The 15 states in the study are those with the largest number of uninsured poor people and represent 70 percent of all low-income uninsured Americans.

Texas, which has one of the highest rates of uninsured people, had the biggest percentage drop in Medicaid enrollees. Some 106,000 people lost Medicaid during the 4-year period, a 46 percent decline, the study found.

State officials said several programs had been put in place to get families signed up or provide transitional benefits to people whose incomes exceed the cutoff.

"We try to outreach to families that may be still eligible for Medicaid," said Charles Stuart, spokesman for Texas' health and human services department. "We know there are people who have gone off (welfare) and lost Medicaid."

In January, the state sent notices to more than 275,000 Texas families that left welfare since 1996 informing them they may still be eligible for Medicaid. Medicaid status is now automatically reviewed when someone leaves welfare and transitional Medicaid benefits are available to those with "earnings issues," Stuart said.

In his Republican presidential campaign, Texas Gov. George W. Bush has proposed giving $2,000 tax credits to help poor people purchase health insurance. His Democratic rival, Vice President Al Gore, wants to raise income limits on a federal health program for poor children and let their parents into the program. President Clinton has a similar proposal.

Medicaid cost an estimated $181 billion last year, with the federal government picking up $103 billion and the states the rest. Enrollment dropped by 200,000 to 41.4 million in 1998, the last year for which figures are available.

Besides Texas and Louisiana, the study looked at Arizona, California, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Michigan, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Tennessee and Virginia.

Date Book

Monday, June 19, 2000
Today is the 171st day of 2000 and the 92nd day of spring.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1848, the first women's rights convention opened in Seneca Falls, N.Y.

On this day in 1967, Katherine Murphy became the first woman to play 150 holes of golf without stopping.

On this day in 1989, the government of Burma changed the name of the country to Myanmar. The capital, Rangoon, became Yangon.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Blaise Pascal (1623-1662), philosopher-mathematician-physicist; Guy Lombardo (1902-1977), bandleader; Lou Gehrig (1903-1941), baseball great; Abe Fortas (1919-1982), U.S. Supreme Court justice; Salman Rushdie (1947-), writer, is 53; Paula Abdul (1962-), singer-dancer, is 38.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1952, Carl Erskine of the Brooklyn Dodgers pitched a no-hitter against the Chicago Cubs. The final score was 5-0.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "The heart has its reasons which reason knows nothing of." — Blaise Pascal

TODAY'S MOON: Between full moon (June 16) and last quarter (June 24).

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Authorities seize $4.5 million in meth

RIVERSIDE, Calif. (AP) — Authorities seized 80 pounds of methamphetamine estimated to have a street value of $4.5 million and arrested five people in a raid on a drug lab believed to be producing commercial volumes for a Mexican cartel.

The methamphetamine was found in powder, paste and liquid form at three plots in Good Hope, an unincorporated area about 70 miles southeast of Los Angeles, said Riverside County Sheriff's Sgt. Steve Rinks.

The lab was producing the illegal synthetic drug in a trailer and two large wooden sheds, and had been in operation for about a year, Rinks said.

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By Peter Gott, M.D.



Sickness from old clothes is unlikely

DEAR DR. GOTT: The three women in my family regularly purchase their clothes in thrift shops that specialize in used garments. Is it possible that such previously owned clothing could spread disease?

DEAR READER: If the original owner were infested with scabies mites or body lice and the secondhand clothes were immediately donned by an unsuspecting consumer, the parasites could — at least in theory — infect a new host. This is, however, a highly unlikely scenario because the vast majority of people who sell or give used clothing to thrift shops do not suffer from scabies or crabs.

Nonetheless, I have been told that some conscientious purchasers routinely have their new-old clothing washed or professionally dry cleaned, just to be on the safe side.

DEAR DR. GOTT: About eight months ago, I checked with my doctor because of increasing fatigue and breathlessness. After being referred to a pulmonary specialist, I had bronchoscopy that caused one lung to collapse because of a pin-hole leak. Now I am bedridden and unable to care for myself, and I'm on steroids and oxygen. Although I belong to an HMO, I am prohibited from further medical intervention. What can I do to regain my independence?

DEAR READER: The answer to this difficult question depends on you, your pulmonary specialist and your primary care physician.

Although you did not explain why your managed care company shut off your medical benefits, you desperately need to know why so that you can appeal this decision. Perhaps you are simply suffering from an advanced form of emphysema, in which case medical attention should be directed at keeping you comfortable. On the other hand, if the HMO is preventing you from obtaining suitable therapy and follow-up because such treatment will have a negative impact on their profit margin, you should raise the dickens. The doctors concerned with your care may be able to sort out the situation to your advantage. In any case, work with your physicians to find a solution. Your life and independence need not be put in jeopardy because of your serious lung disease, which, as you described the events, may even have been worsened by testing. To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Living with Chronic Lung Disease." Other readers who would like a copy should send $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: I have a long history of jock itch and toenail fungus. Finally, at age 67, I bit the bullet and raised this issue with my doctor, who prescribed Lamisil pills for the condition. Is she on the right track?

DEAR READER: Absolutely. The fungus infections of your nails and skin may have different causes, but the Lamisil should take care of them both. Remember, however, that your therapy may last several months.

DEAR DR. GOT: My 9-year-old niece has early breast T development and, three months ago, began having a bloody vaginal discharge. Should we take her to a doctor?

DEAR READER: Without a doubt — and soon. While female children appear to be developing at earlier ages, now more than previously, 9 years is exceptional in the United States and deserves medical attention.

Your niece may simply be experiencing early menarche (first period). However, glandular tumors can also be a cause of precocious adolescence in children. A pediatrician should be able to sort this out.

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Judge mulls charging Skakel as adult

STAMFORD, Conn. (AP) — Nearly 25 years after 15-year-old Martha Moxley was bludgeoned to death with a golf club, the Kennedy cousin accused in her death will face a judge this week for a crucial decision.

Michael Skakel, 39, a nephew of Ethel and the late U.S. Sen. Robert F. Kennedy, lived across the street from the Moxleys in a gated community in Greenwich when Martha was killed Oct. 30, 1975.

A grand jury consisting of a single judge ruled in January that there was enough evidence to arrest Skakel.

Because Skakel was only 15 at the time of the killing, his case has so far been handled in juvenile court. But this week, in a hearing set to begin Tuesday in Stamford Superior Court, prosecutors will argue it should be transferred to adult court for trial.

Under law in effect at the time of the killing, Skakel could face a maximum of only four years if he were convicted as a juvenile. If he were convicted as an adult, he could get 25 years to life.

Martha's mother, Dorthy, plans to be in court for the hearing, along with her son, John, who was 17 when his sister was killed.

"However long it takes, I'll be there," she said. "I'm determined. I've dug my heels in. It's taken 25 years, so I can wait a little longer."

The hearing is expected to last up to five days.

Bridgeport State's Attorney Jonathan Benedict would not say whether testimony will come from former students at a substance abuse treatment center attended by Skakel from 1978 to 1980.

In court papers filed in 1998, Benedict said he had been told by several former students that Skakel made "admissions as to the murder of Martha Moxley" while he attended the Elan school in Poland Spring, Maine.

Skakel's attorney, Michael Sherman, dismisses the statements.

"I do not believe he's ever confessed to anyone — in the Elan program or any place else," Sherman said. "He made no confession because he didn't do it."

Martha's body was found under a tree on her family's estate. She had been at the Skakel house the night before with a group of friends, including Michael Skakel and his older brother, Thomas Skakel, then 17.

The 6-iron used to kill her was later matched to a set of golf clubs owned by the Skakel family.

Dallas officers eye red light violations

DALLAS (AP) — Since early May, extra police assigned to Dallas' 50 worst intersections have written more than 7,500 citations to drivers who ran red lights.

The Dallas Police Department is using $2 million in federal funds to pay overtime to 18 officers who work six days each week at the 50 intersections, traffic division Lt. John Branton told The Dallas Morning News.

"Last year, almost 200 people died because of things like that," Senior Cpl. Michael Smith said. "It's getting to be a big problem in the Dallas-Fort Worth area."

Delta Burke tries to revive career

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Delta Burke is eager to move beyond her well-publicized struggles with her weight and depression as she concentrates on reviving her career.

She plays the first lady in "Dag," an NBC comedy scheduled to premiere in the fall, and has a recurring role on the WB's "Popular." Burke also is preparing for her first movie role in "What Women Want" with Mel Gibson and has a deal to be host of a series of specials for the Lifetime television channel.

The former "Designing Women" star says in Sunday's editions of the Los Angeles Times that it's not easy to forget about the entertainment industry's focus on thinness.

"I come back into town, feeling really good about me, and everybody welcomed me — because 'God knows you look better than you did last time,'" Burke said. "That's very nice. But it sneaks up on you. Gosh, if I was 10 pounds less they'd like me better."

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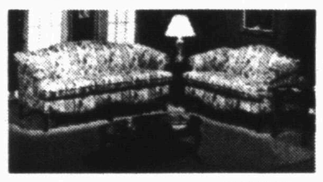
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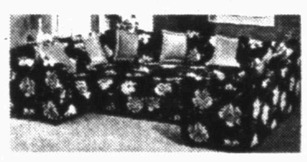
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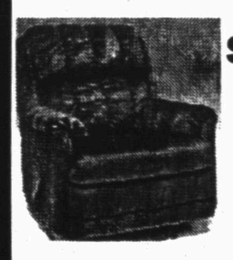
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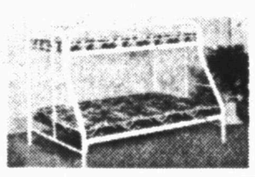
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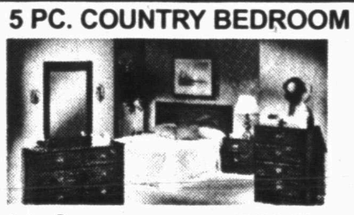
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Anarchists arrested in Oregon

EUGENE, Ore. (AP) — Police fired beanbag rounds and arrested at least 22 anarchists who took to the streets after smashing an effigy of a police officer.

Marking the anniversary of a 1999 anarchist riot here, about 80 anarchists marched through downtown Eugene on Sunday evening.

Dozens of officers in full riot gear broke up a crowd of anarchists playing a game in the street, firing several beanbag rounds from shotguns before dividing the crowd into smaller groups.

At least 22 people were arrested, according to Eugene Police Lt. Rick Siel. Most were charged with disorderly conduct; it was unclear whether they remained in custody overnight.

The march on downtown Eugene came after more than 400 protesters calling for an end to capitalism gathered in a park and smashed a dummy of a police officer with potatoes, skateboards and their feet.

Earlier, a dozen anarchists using papier-mache puppets reenacted violence that erupted a year ago during an anti-capitalist march.

Eugene, about two hours south of Portland, is considered headquarters for Oregon's anarchist movement — which was involved in the December riots in Seattle during the meeting of the World Trade Organization.

For the past few days, the Eugene anarchists have staged events to commemorate the 1999 march, which erupted into clashes with police. Nineteen people were arrested after anarchists staged a rally to "reclaim the streets" and then went on a window-breaking rampage.

On Saturday night, police arrested 40 anarchists who took to the streets after watching a video of the WTO riots in Seattle.

In Sunday's puppet show, staged in the park where rioters were tear gassed last year, anarchists holding puppets representing police officers shouted at a half-dozen other anarchists, who responded by hurling rocks at the puppets. One was singled out and destroyed.

Missile defense plan gets good marks

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Pentagon said Monday it is encouraged that an independent panel of experts says it is feasible to build and begin operating by 2005 a reliable defense against long-range ballistic missiles, despite some potential setbacks.

The panel of former military officers and weapons scientists, headed by retired Air Force Gen. Larry Welch, has presented its conclusions in a classified report to Defense Secretary William Cohen. The conclusions, first reported Sunday by The Washington Post, carry considerable weight with Pentagon decision-makers.

"We regard this as an encouraging report because it says we're on the right technical path to meet the planned 2005 deployment date," even though there is high risk that the schedule will not be met, said Kenneth Bacon, spokesman for Cohen.

Bacon said he could not discuss details of the Welch panel report because it is classified.

A senior defense official, speaking on condition of anonymity, confirmed that the report says the Pentagon runs a high risk of failing to meet its 2005 deployment goal, but that the reviewers saw "no reason to change the schedule at present."

Cohen and other Pentagon officials have publicly acknowledged a high risk of failing to meet the 2005 deployment target date. They say they will adjust the schedule if necessary, based on such factors as flight test results and intelligence estimates of the evolving ballistic missile threat.

The 2005 date was set as the deployment goal because the CIA estimates that North Korea is likely to be capable of fielding a ballistic missile that can threaten the United States by then.

President Clinton has not yet given the Pentagon the go-ahead to actually deploy the missile defense system. He is scheduled to make that decision this fall, after Cohen reviews the status of the program this summer.

The Welch panel recommends that the Pentagon put the system through more demanding tests than presently planned. It says tests so far have been "less realistic than they should be," the official said.

The degree of realism in the tests is, in part, limited by restrictions on how the Pentagon uses its missile test range in the central Pacific Ocean, the official said.

The program is entering a crucial period, starting with an important test in early July of the interceptor's ability to soar into space and collide with a mock warhead. The last such test, in January, failed to produce an intercept.

If the July test is an unambiguous success, Cohen may be in position to provide his recommendation to Clinton this summer — keeping the program on schedule to meet the 2005 deployment date. In the more unlikely event that the July test has an outcome that is less than clear cut, the whole schedule may have to be rearranged to allow more testing, officials said.

States can't use bad human rights record to boycott firms

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court on Monday made it harder for states to refuse to buy from companies that do business in nations known for human-rights abuses.

The unanimous decision essentially said that states have no business engaging in foreign policy. The court threw out a Massachusetts law that limits state purchases from companies doing business with Myanmar, also known as Burma.

The law is pre-empted by the federal government's own sanctions against Myanmar, the justices said.

"The state act is at odds with the president's intended authority to speak for the United States among the world's nations in developing a comprehensive, multilateral strategy to bring democracy to and improve human rights practices and the quality of life in Burma," Justice David H. Souter wrote for the court.

The Massachusetts law is similar to the boycotts of South Africa by many states and cities during the apartheid era.

Souter wrote, "Since we never ruled on whether state and local sanctions against South Africa in the 1980s were pre-empted or otherwise invalid, arguable parallels between the two sets of federal and state acts do not tell us much about the validity of the latter."

The decision upholds a federal appeals court decision that invalidated the Massachusetts law.

A number of state and local governments, including New York City and Los Angeles, restrict their purchases from companies doing business in countries such as Myanmar, Northern Ireland and China.

During the 1980s, many states and cities protested racial apartheid in South Africa by boycotting companies that sold goods to that nation.

Massachusetts — home of the 1773 Boston Tea Party in which colonists dumped tea in Boston Harbor rather than pay taxes to England — argued that it had a right to apply a "moral standard" to its spending decisions.

The law was challenged by a group that represents companies involved in foreign trade. Foreign policy must be exclusively controlled by the federal government, the National Foreign Trade Council said, because allowing states and cities to have a variety of foreign-trade policies would harm trade overall.

The Clinton administration supported the group, citing the federal government's "preeminent role in acting for the United States in the international arena."

2 die when train hits car

MIAMI (AP) — A freight train slammed into a car at a railroad crossing, killing two passengers, after the 17-year-old driver allegedly ignored warning lights.

A woman in the front passenger seat was killed instantly in Sunday's crash and a girl in the back seat died on the way to the hospital, police said.

Police said the boy driving, identified as Lazero Sanchez, disregarded crossing warnings before the crash and might face charges.

The railroad crossing near Miami International Airport was marked with warning lights but not crossing arms.

Gates were likely not installed because when upright they might interfere with the path of airplanes, said Jose Abreu, transportation district secretary in Miami-Dade and Monroe counties. The roadway is six lanes wide and crossing gates would have had to be about 50 feet long.

The dead were identified as Cerisse Naranjo, 19, and Milaros Sanchez, 9. Sanchez was in stable condition Monday at Ryder Trauma Center, while a 5-year-old boy seated in the back was in stable condition at Miami Children's Hospital.

Obituaries

Ross Hodges

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RANGER – Ross Hodges, the father of Dixie Haggard of Snyder, died Saturday, June 17, in Abilene.

Graveside service for Mr. Hodges, 79, was set for 2 p.m. today in the Evergreen Cemetery with the Rev. Jerry Speer officiating.

Born in Ranger, he was a graduate of Ranger High School and attended Texas A&M University. A U.S. Army Air Corps veteran of World War II, he served as a flight officer in the Navy and Army Air Corp from 1942-46.

He married Mozelle Bradley in 1947. A resident of Ranger all of his life, he was a retired postmaster. A past-president of the Ranger school board, he was a member of the First Baptist Church and the American Association of Retired Persons.

Survivors include his wife, Mozelle Hodges of Ranger; another daughter, Alice Birkhimer of Weatherford; a son, Brad Hodges of Ranger; one brother, Dr. Dick Hodges of Olden; and six grandchildren.

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7 jailed this weekend

Seven individuals were taken into custody over the weekend.

A 27-year-old female was arrested at 12:30 p.m. Saturday in the 1700 block of 37th Street for driving while intoxicated.

Officers were called to Wal-Mart at 8 p.m. Saturday in reference to two shoplifters in the store. A 30-year-old female was taken into custody for Class B theft, and city warrants for no driver's license and failure to appear.

A 28-year-old female was arrested for Class B theft and city warrants for failure to appear and failure to carry a driver's license. She was also wanted in Ector County on an outstanding warrant to revoke her probation for Class B theft and criminal trespass.

Charges of driving while license suspended and failure to identify resulted in the arrest of a 53-year-old man at 11:39 p.m. Saturday. Officers arrested him in the 3000 block of Avenue G.

An 18-year-old man was taken into custody in the 900 block of 30th at 11:50 p.m. Saturday for consumption of alcohol by a minor.

Misdemeanor driving while intoxicated landed a 42-year-old man in jail Sunday morning. Officers arrested the subject at 1:58 a.m. in the 400 block of 34th Street.

Officers took a 32-year-old man into custody at 9:55 a.m. Sunday in the 400 block of 31st Street for misdemeanor driving while intoxicated.

In other weekend activity, a clerk with McD's 66 on College Avenue reported a gas drive-off in the amount of $5 at 4:46 p.m. Saturday. An offense report for Class C theft was submitted.

Precinct 1 Commissioner Ralph Trevey contacted deputies at 10:40 a.m. Sunday in reference to a county-owned tractor being damaged some 10 miles out on North Ennis Creek Road. A report for Class B criminal mischief was taken.

Officers filed a report of Class B criminal mischief at 11:59 a.m. Sunday in reference to a broken window on the north side of Central Elementary.

Hospital

ADMISSIONS: June 17 — Jabus Hall, Joe League, Isabel Masters, Jimmy Clayton; June 18 — Theresa Vest, Lester Hopper, Norma Shaw and Ronda White.

DISMISSALS: June 17 — Jabus Hall, James Jones of Hermleigh, Virgie Tharp, Arcilia Torres; June 18 — Breanna Benitez.

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Registration is still open for the Exodus out of Egypt workshop set for 7 tonight at the Word Is Life Church, 312 Coliseum Drive. Call Donna Nehring at 573-7471 to sign up.

Bible study tapes

Bible study tapes air each week on Channel 2. Tapes to be shown at 7 this evening are "Three Ways Satan Tries to Destroy the Church," followed by "In Search of the Real Thing."

Head start registration

Registration for Scurry County Head Start, for children 4-years-old and also 3-years-old before Sept. 1, will be held from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday at the Snyder Day Care Center, 2800 2nd Street. Certified birth certificate, immunization records and proof of income are required. For information, call 573-7403.

Washington trip

The final meeting for students of Snyder Junior High who are going on the Washington, D.C.-New York trip will be at 8 p.m. Wednesday in the SJHS auditorium. Final details are to be discussed.

FBC worship service

The First Baptist Church Sunday morning worship service airs at 3 p.m. each Thursday on TV Channel 2.

The Continentals in concert

The Continentals, a Christian music group, will be in concert at 7 p.m. Thursday at Colonial Hill Baptist Church.

Northeast reading night

Northeast Elementary will host a parent-student reading night from 6:30 to 8 each Thursday throughout the summer. There will be refreshments and door prizes. Spanish classes also will be available. All students and families are welcome.

First Baptist VBS

"Ocean Odyssey" is the theme for vacation Bible school at First Baptist Church. VBS will be held from 9 a.m. until noon June 26-30 and is for grades K through 6th. The public is invited to family night on Wednesday.

American Legion officers

American Legion Post 181 will elect officers on next Monday.

55 Alive defensive driving

A state certified 55 Alive defensive driving course will be offered at the Senior Citizens Center June 29-30 from 8:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. Call 573-4035 to pre-register.

Rotary installation

Snyder Rotary Club's officer installation and awards banquet will be held at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, June 29, at the Wagon Wheel Ranch.

LVN class testing

Students wishing to enroll in the fall Licensed Vocational Nursing class at Western Texas College should contact the counseling office to arrange for the pre-entrance exam to be given through July 25. Interviews will be conducted through Aug. 7. For more information, call the counseling office at 573-8511, ext. 313.

GED exams

GED examinations will be administered June 29 in the testing center at WTC. Call Emily Hataway at 574-2112 or Molly Kattes at 573-2919 for more information.

Computer courses

A variety of computer courses will be offered this summer by the Continuing Ed division of WTC. Call 573-8511, ext. 390, for a list of classes.

WTC basic education classes

Adult basic education classes at Western Texas College are taught Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 8 a.m. until noon during June. Classes include G.E.D., E.S.L. and refresher courses. For additional information, call 573-8511, ext. 322.

Cancer treatment transportation

Transportation for cancer patients is available every day free of charge to Lubbock, Abilene or Midland. For more information call Martha Schiebel at 573-8626 or Sammie Jarrell at 573-5993. If not home, leave message on answering machine.

Pick 3

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

2-6-7

Lotto Texas

AUSTIN (AP) — No ticket correctly matched all six numbers drawn Saturday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials said.

The ticket would have been worth an estimated $9 million.

The numbers drawn Saturday night from a field of 50 were: 1-3-15-16-36-41.

Wednesday night's drawing will be worth an estimated $12 million.

Fires nearly out, residents praise firefighters' efforts

PINE JUNCTION, Colo. (AP) — Helicopters dropped water on scattered plumes of smoke as calm weather allowed firefighters to suppress two wildfires in Colorado.

Officials at the Bobcat Gulch fire, which burned 10,600 acres and destroyed 22 structures about 50 miles northwest of Denver, hoped to have the fire contained by Monday. The Hi Meadow fire, which destroyed 42 structures and burned nearly 10,500 acres about 35 miles southwest of Denver, was expected to be contained by Wednesday.

A light afternoon rain fell at the Hi Meadow fire Sunday, but fire spokeswoman Karen Miranda Gleason said firefighters were worried that some spots that could flare up with warmer weather expected Monday.