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Saturday's fly-in 'roaring success'

The 2nd annual fly-in breakfast was a "roaring success," according to John Rogotzke of the Scurry County Pilot's Association.

"We had 96 aircraft registered and several that weren't," he said. "Everything ran smooth and safe."

Rogotzke said the Texas Air Museum, which helped with ramp work, and Ray Parrish who manned the radio helped a great deal with the fly-in positioning aircraft on the ramp and maintaining safe approaches for the planes in the air.

The Young Eagles program was also a success, Rogotzke said. He said 56 Young Eagles signed up to fly. "None of them went without a ride."

The Snyder Wheels Car Club was a late addition to this year's event, but Rogotzke said next year the club will have more advanced notice. "We hope to make the car show a permanent part of our show," he said. "Next year they will be invited and notified months in advance."

Rogotzke added that the refueling system used this year helped make the air show that much better. He said last year flight line services did not have control over sequencing of aircraft, and some planes that arrived early did not get refueled until later.

Flight line personnel used a color-coded tag system to identify which airplanes flew in first. "All the aircraft were refueled in the same sequence they came in," he said.

He said the airport sold more than 1,000 gallons of fuel.

Chamber executive director Donna Fowler said approximately 450 people attended the breakfast. She said more people were served this year than last year. "The line for the breakfast was a block and a half long," she said.

Rogotzke said many pilots from outside the West Texas region expressed similar sentiments to him.

"They were all impressed with how down to earth and friendly everyone was," he said. "They are really looking forward to coming back next year."

He said the chamber of commerce, the Kiwanis and all the volunteers were responsible for the success of the fly-in. "That's what made this thing work."

Over 100 airplanes land here...

FLY-IN BREAKFAST — Winston Field was a busy place Saturday as hundreds of Snyder folks made their way to the airfield for the annual fly-in breakfast. The Donut Dolls from the Texas Air Museum in Slaton were on hand to entertain the crowd with nostalgic tunes. The airfield can be seen below from the cockpit of a biplane featured in the show. Kent Wright and daughter Leslie, in the bottom photo, served breakfast to Digger Graves. (SDN Photos by Brian Brisendine)

At least six die in bus crash near Terrell today

TERRELL (AP) — A church-chartered bus crashed into a concrete pillar under an overpass near Terrell this morning. Initial reports said at least six were dead, according to Texas Department of Public Safety spokesman Tom Vinger.

Two buses with about 50 students on each bus were taking middle school and high school students to a church camp in Ruston, La., said Erika Robinson, finance assistant with the Metro Church of Garland.

Todd Von Helms, a youth minister with First Baptist Church of Cedar Hill, was traveling with a group headed to the same church camp when they came upon the accident scene.

"There were bodies and blood and things everywhere," Helms said. "I asked our youths to turn their heads and not to look. It's probably the worst thing I've ever witnessed."

The Garland group left from the nondenominational church about 7:30 a.m. today.

One of the buses crashed about 9:20 a.m. Two of the injured were taken to Parkland Memorial Hospital in Dallas, two went to Mother Frances Hospital in Tyler and an unknown number were going to Methodist Hospital in Dallas, spokespeople said.

Television news footage showed the left side of the bus practically sheared off by the force of the collision with the pillar. The bus was wedged between the outside of the pillar and a grass embankment. Debris was scattered over a wide area.

"They told me it looks...like a war scene," said Joe Courrege, a Metro Church elder.

Rescue workers swarmed over the scene, and as many as eight medical helicopters were dispatched.

Traffic on Interstate 20 appeared to be backed up for miles. A number of deadly, multiple-fatality accidents have occurred this year on the highway, which is a major east-west artery across Texas.

On June 10, 35-year-old Cheryle Joubert of Fort Worth and her four children were killed when their sport utility vehicle smashed into a flatbed 18-wheeler parked on the shoulder of I-20 in Mesquite, a Dallas suburb. The driver, Israel Joubert, and one child survived.

The day before, three people were killed after a Greyhound bus slammed into the rear of tractor-trailer rig about 11 miles east of Colorado City.

In late March, five Abilene Christian University students from Nigeria were killed when their sport utility vehicle veered off the interstate west of Fort Worth near Weatherford and crashed upside down about 30 feet below on a concrete embankment.

Terrell is about 30 miles east of Dallas.

Snyder family builds aMAZEing attraction

By Bobby Allen
SDN Staff Writer

When her husband Gregg first suggested the idea of building a cornfield maze, Donna Gafford wanted nothing to do with it.

"I thought he was crazy," she said.

Following the terrorist attacks on Sept. 11, the idea for the maze took a patriotic — and ambitious — turn. "That's where my involvement came in," she said.

Foregoing this year's cotton planting, the Gafford family instead chose to cut into the cornfield the famous image of the New York firefighters raising the flag in front of the ruins of the World Trade Center.

Gafford said the family used drip irrigation to help the corn grow. "We've had to do a lot of watering," she said. But we've been blessed with rain this year."

The maze was formed using a global positioning system (GPS). "We mapped it first, then cut it," she said. "It has really been a labor of love."

Gafford said the maze, which will open on Independence Day, will be a great place for kids to come and run off energy, which is how the idea was formed initially. "We've got two little boys and we were looking for something inexpensive and energy utilizing," she said.

Gafford said that an adult should accompany younger children. Because of the length of the trails, she said it would take well over an hour to get into the center of the maze.

There will be other attractions for youngsters aside from the maze, she said, including train rides, hay chute rides, a giant slingshot, mini-wagon rides, hay mazes and pedal tractors. Donations from these rides will go to the Snyder police and fire departments.

"We are also having a moonlight madness for high school and college kids," Gafford said. "Kids can bring flashlights or buy them here and go through the maze after dark."

She said her home-schooled sons, 11-year-old Jordan and nine year-old Zachary, get up at 5 a.m. to do their lessons so they can get out and help with the maze. "This has been a real family thing," she said. The boys will serve as helpers for people who get lost in the maze.

Gafford said there would be benches provided for those who want to rest as they walk through the maze, as well as storm shelter stands for people to climb and look over the whole 378,000 square-foot field.

Gafford said other activities are being planned, including educational tours for elementary school-age children. Gafford said the tours would require the children to answer questions before moving on through the maze.

Gafford said that maps would be provided for people who do not wish to find their own way out. "It's something we want everyone to enjoy," she said.

The cost for this unique attraction is $7 for ages 12 and up and $5 for children ages 5-12. Children 4 and under get in free.

The maze opens July 4 and will continue until the corn freezes, Gafford said. Hours will be 4 p.m. until dark Monday and Thursday and from 4 p.m. until midnight Fridays through Sundays. The maze will be closed on Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

In Arizona...
Fire edges close to town

SHOW LOW, Ariz. (AP) — A mammoth blaze formed by the union of two wildfires edged closer to this evacuated mountain town today and firefighters said it was only a matter of time before it overran the community.

"The fire has abated a little but we're still in a lot of danger here," fire spokesman Jim Paxon said today on NBC's "Today" show. "We think it's an inevitability that the fire is going to enter Show Low."

Firefighters planned to pull back, let the fire strike and then fight it where they can.

The fire has burned about 305,000 acres — nearly 480 square miles, slightly larger than sprawling Los Angeles — since it began as two blazes last week. The fires merged on Sunday. About 30,000 people have fled more than half a dozen towns.

Flames have destroyed at least 186 homes, Paxon said, including 116 in towns just west of Show Low. The other 70 were in Heber-Overgaard, a community 35 miles west of Show Low that was overrun Saturday.

"Many homes up here have been built board by board. We didn't just walk into a subdivision where a home was already built. We built from scratch," said 61-year-old Sue Aldrete, who was evacuated from her Pinetop-Lakeside home Saturday. "It was a labor of love."

Favorable weather, including lighter, northeasterly wind at 10 to 15 mph and lower-than-expected temperatures, was expected to help firefighters on today. Similar conditions on Sunday slowed the advance of the fire.

Fire crews fortified a firebreak that had been bulldozed just west of town to try to cut off an eastward route for the fire.

Firefighters patrolled behind the line and in Show Low itself, looking for spot fires started by drifting embers.

Paxon said firefighters faced two possibilities, depending on the wind: "One is if the fire builds a big plume-dominated head and a wall of flame roars into Show Low. The other is the wind throws embers into town and those dry fuels ignite."

Show Low, population 7,700, was mostly empty.

Police brutality retrial opens in New York today

NEW YORK (AP) — The retrial of a former patrolman accused of holding down Abner Louima while another officer tortured him with a broken broomstick began today in a reopening of one of the city's most explosive police brutality cases.

"The man who held down Abner Louima down while he cried out in pain is sitting right here in this room — the defendant, Charles Schwarz," prosecutor Lauren Resnick said in opening statements.

The civil rights case "is not about the thousands of good cops who risk their lives every day," Resnick added. "It is about the torture of a human being at the hands of two New York City police officers."

Schwarz, 36, was convicted in 1998 of violating the Haitian immigrant's civil rights in the 1997 assault in a police station bathroom.

ASK US

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FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Saturday, 90 degrees; low, 69; high Sunday, 94; low 69; 7 a.m. Monday, 69; no precipitation; total for 2002, 11.26 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, mostly clear; low 70-75. Tuesday, mostly sunny, high 95-100; E winds 5-15 mph. Tuesday night, mostly clear, low 70-75.

Tara Stafford
Sunny

Sunset: 8:52 p.m.
Sunrise: 6:41 a.m.
Of 174 days in 2002, the sun has shone 167 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

Don't bother to be better than others. Try to be better than yourself.
— William Faulkner

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EAST CITIZENSHIP — These East Elementary students received citizenship awards for 2001-2002. Back row from left, Martha Cabrera, Brodie Calley, Samantha Medrano and Meagan Downing; middle row, Adalberto Medina, Raven Luna and Humberto Juarez; front row, Michael Guardado, Angelica Lopez and Alexandra Rios. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

Couple, five young daughters perish in apartment fire

NEW YORK (AP) — A couple and their five daughters died in an apartment fire in a tragedy authorities said could have been avoided if someone had called 911 earlier.

The fire started just after 2:30 p.m. Sunday in a three-story building in the Brooklyn borough's Bay Ridge neighborhood. It broke out in a second-floor apartment kitchen as a woman tried to heat a pan of oil.

The woman tried to put the fire out but couldn't, Mayor Michael Bloomberg said. She fled her apartment, leaving a door open, and the flames spread to the rest of the second floor and the third floor, the mayor said.

Police said no charges were expected against the woman. But Bloomberg said the tragedy might have been prevented if she had called 911 immediately.

"This is a fire that could have been prevented much earlier," he said.

The children who died ranged in age from 9 months to 13 years, fire department spokesman Joseph Cestari said.

The victims were not immediately identified and no cause for the blaze had been cited.

A dozen firefighters, three police officers, one emergency services worker and a fire patrol officer sustained minor injuries, Cestari said.

Freddy Freda, 62, who lives across the street, said he called the fire department after noticing smoke puffing from a third-floor apartment window. But right after he hung up the telephone, he saw that the fire "was out of control," he said.

"It really was bad, terrible, burning like hell," he said.

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East Awards

East Elementary fourth graders named to the 2001-2002 AB Honor Roll include Krystal Guerrero, Garrett Hale, Jacob Kemp, Christian Kuliga, Bailey Minor, Tanner Robertson, Mallory Silva, Terrence Williams, Shane Hicks, Marcos Aguilar, Kayli Brewster, Tosha McGlouthin, Valeri Guzman, Titus Hestand, Samana Arizmendi, Michael Guardado, Krya Lara, Javiel Rowe, Kanaan Short and Taylor Tyrrell.

Others are Ty Burton, Martha Cabrera, Jessica Cooper, Shelby Garza, Arielle Huddleston, Ashley Silva, Clint Wall, Steven Carey, Dylan Carrizales, Ben Gonzales, Maria Guerra, Kenny Kincaid, Jack Lewis, Jonathan Mayes, Janie Ornelas, Kayla Payne, Jose Rodarte, Allison Swigert, Jonathan Verduzco, Alex Yruegas, Nick Zajicek, Cassie Benitez, Victor Chhuor, Daniel Escobedo, Samantha Medrano and T.J. Wright.

Also, Tye Holley, Jacob Johnson, Brance Scott, Eduardo Arellano, Bryan Hamlin, Bianca Cabrera, Cassie Cochran, Thomas Davis, Daisy Garcia, Kelly Martinez, Tiffany Roemer, Annie Stribling, Keonna Ward, Stacey Clifton, Jake Crenwelge, Kenyon Gafford and Larewnce Jaramillo.

Others include Jerard Delce, Jacie Eveland, Natasha Garcia, Jodi Hamilton, Mitchell Marcon and Jake Strickland.

Date Book

Monday, June 24, 2002

Today is the 175th day of 2002 and the 4th day of summer.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day 1901, the work of a 19-year-old Pablo Picasso was exhibited for the first time.

On this day in 1947, a man from Boise, Idaho, described a "saucer"-shaped object above Washington state's Mt. Rainier, thus coining the term "flying saucer."

On this day in 1964, the Federal Trade Commission began requiring all cigarette packages to have a message for consumers warning them about the health dangers of smoking.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Henry Ward Beecher (1813-1887), clergyman; Jack Dempsey (1895-1983), boxer; Norman Cousins (1915-1990), editor and writer; John Ciardi (1916-1986), poet and critic; Billy Casper (1931-), golf great, is 71; Mick Fleetwood (1942-), musician, is 60; Michele Lee (1942-), singer and actress, is 60; Jeff Beck (1944-), musician, is 58.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1968, the Detroit Tigers defeated the Cleveland Indians 14-3. During the game, Jim Northrup of the Tigers hit two grand-slam home-runs.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "History is a vast early warning system." — Norman Cousins

TODAY'S MOON: Full moon (June 24).

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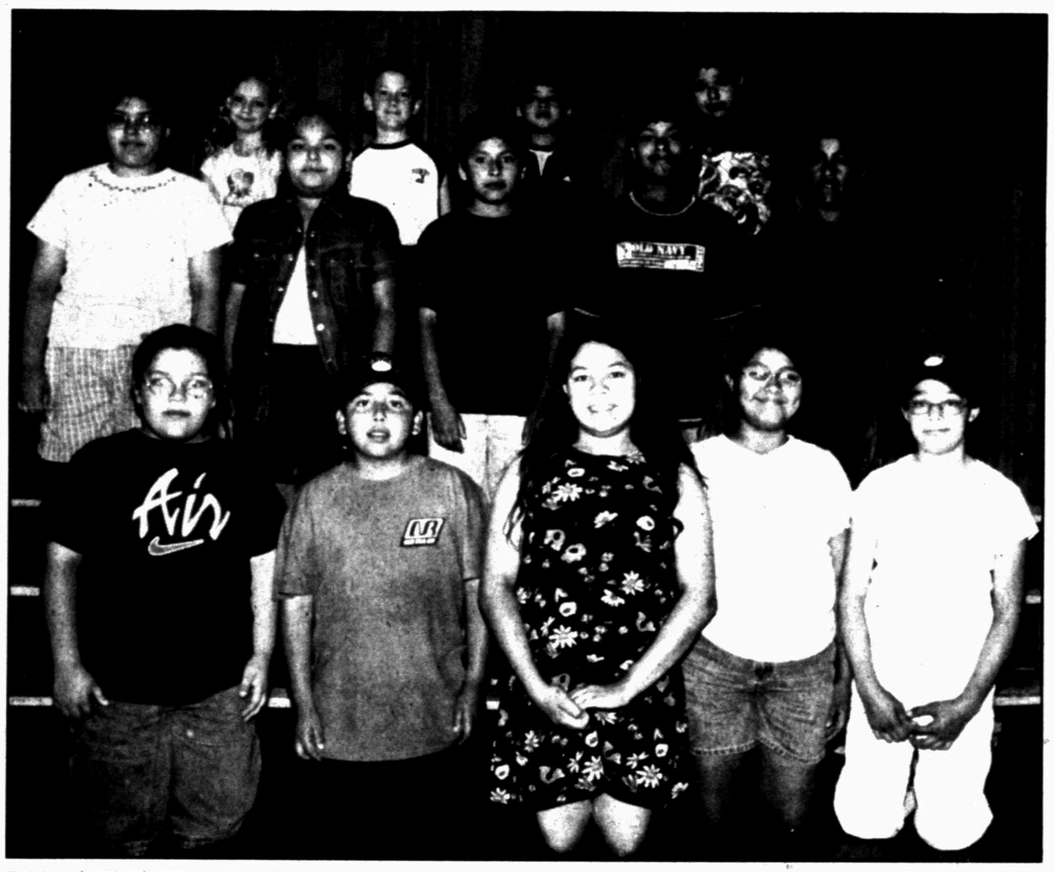
Actress declines role

NEW YORK (AP) — Angela Bassett turned down a lead role in the movie "Monster's Ball" because she believed an affair the character had was demeaning and stereotypical, the actress said.

"It's about character, darling," she told Newsweek for the July 1 issue, which goes on newsstands Monday. "I wasn't going to be a prostitute on film. I couldn't do that because it's such a stereotype about black women and sexuality."

The actress made it clear that she didn't mean to criticize Halle Berry, who starred in the movie.

EAST A HONOR ROLL — These East Elementary fourth graders were named to the A Honor Roll for 2001-2002. Back row from left, Alex Hernandez, Amanda Browning, Brodie Calley, Gina Guerrero, Krystal Martinez, Kylie Moreland, Jessica West and Alicia Chaidez; middle row, Monica Clanton, Meagan Downing, Megan Thompson, Tanner Bragg, Stephen Kelley, Micayla Redman, Meghan Cooley, Jonathan Kerr and Raven Luna: front row, Remington Bloom, Autumn Castillo, Humberto Juarez, Sarah Parmer, Brailee Sanchez, Tayla Wesson, Eleanor Ashley, Aryn May and Alexandra Rios. Not pictured is Kristi Guerrero (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)



EAST PERFECT ATTENDNANCE — These East Elementary fourth graders were not absent during the 2001-2002 school year. From left back row are Ashley Browning, Brodie Calley, Victor Chhuor and Daniel Escobedo; middle row, Kristi Guerrero, Bianca Cabrera, Adalberto Medina, Larissa Arellano and Jose Ferrusca; front row, Krystal Guerrero, Humberto Juarez, Samana Arizmendi, Monica Escareno and Amber Gutierrez. Colton Lane is not pictured. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

Dear Abby writes to man she turned in after reading letter

MILWAUKEE (AP) — The man turned in by "Dear Abby" after he wrote to her about sexual fantasies involving young girls said in a television interview he wishes the advice columnist had talked to him before giving police his name.

Jeanne Phillips, who writes the "Dear Abby" column, wrote to Paul Weiser after his March 11 arrest, which stemmed from a letter in which he said his fantasies included his girlfriend's two daughters.

Weiser revealed the letter from "Dear Abby" in an interview with Connie Chung Tonight, scheduled to air tonight on CNN. The 28-year-old was sentenced last week to eight years' probation after pleading guilty to possession of child pornography.

In the letter, Phillips said she hopes Weiser understands she had to report him because she needed to be sure the little girls were safe. She said she hoped he would be referred to a program to get the help he needs.

"I was assured by the police the matter would be kept confidential. I had no idea the information would be leaked to the media, and for that I'm sorry," she wrote.

Milwaukee police did not immediately return a call from The Associated Press seeking comment Sunday night.

Phillips also praised Weiser for being "a man with a conscience and awareness that you have a serious problem and a desire to overcome it."

But Weiser told Chung the columnist should have called him first so he could explain his problems.

"I think it would have been easier for me to talk to her and explain in more detail than, you know, just an e-mail," Weiser said.

Phillips told The Associated Press she agonized over the decision because the column's credibility is based on the anonymity of those seeking her advice.

Police said they recovered 40 pornographic photographs of children from Weiser's computer equipment, which he voluntarily gave to officers who had come to question him about the letter.

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Lotto Texas

AUSTIN (AP) — Five tickets correctly matched all six numbers drawn Saturday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials said.

Each ticket was worth an estimated $14 million.

The tickets were sold in: Austin, Pearland, Sherman, Longview and Terrell.

The numbers drawn Saturday night from a field of 54 were: 2-11-13-16-26-34.

Wednesday night's drawing will be worth an estimated $4 million.

Pick 3

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

4-3-5

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Ann Landers advice column ending with death of its writer

CHICAGO (AP) — Esther Lederer, who won a contest to become the second Ann Landers after the column's creator died, didn't want the column to continue after her own death, her daughter said.

After nearly 50 years of being written by Lederer, who died Saturday at the age of 83, the venerable Ann Landers advice column will cease to exist.

Lederer died of multiple myeloma came less than two weeks before her July 4 birthday. Her daughter Margo Howard said the Ann Landers column will be ending because that is what her mother wanted.

"She owned the copyright and she did not wish for the name to continue," Howard told The Associated Press. "She felt it was very much associated with her."

The columns Lederer completed before her death will run through July 27, Richard S. Newcombe, president of Creators Syndicate, distributor of the column, said Sunday.

Howard said her mother's longtime editors will write a new column called Ann's Mailbox in Lederer's style.

"Combining the generational difference and their breadth of experience working with my mother, Kathy Mitchell and Marcy Sugar will meld the Ann Landers approach with a new-century, modern spin," Howard said in a statement. "They are the perfect pair to continue the tradition of a sound, sparkling, tell-it-like-it-is advice."

A farewell column written by Howard will be distributed today, Creators said.

In 1955, Lederer beat out 30 other candidates the Chicago Sun-Times was considering to replace Ruth Crowley, the first writer of the Ann Landers column. She switched syndication companies in 1987 and the column moved to the Chicago Tribune.

Howard, of Cambridge, Mass., said her mother's columns resonated with readers because she wrote about topics that others shied away from while dispensing advice that was never stale.

"She was very brave about what she chose to get behind and she went public about some issues that other people wouldn't have," Howard said. "She was able to change with the times. There was nothing dated about her opinions."

Lederer, who was known as Eppie, tackled issues such as homosexuality, abortion and AIDS in the column.

EBay eyes health coverage for sellers

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — People who make a full-time job out of selling items on auction Web site eBay will soon have access to a new work benefit: health coverage.

EBay Inc. plans to offer health insurance to merchants who auction items on its popular site, a decision that may go a long way in keeping its smaller sellers content.

EBay chief executive Meg Whitman made the announcement during the weekend in Anaheim at the company's eBay Live convention for buyers and sellers.

"Over the last two to two and a half years, we have seen an increasing number of people coming onto eBay and making eBay their full-time source of income," company spokesman Kevin Pursglove said Sunday. "We've been hearing from our users that they wish there was some way eBay could work with an insurance provider to get health coverage. In many instances, they had left a brick and mortar job."

The company hasn't worked out the plan's details or determined what the fees might be, but it hopes to offer the coverage by October. It touts the offer for access to group health care coverage as the first for a major online auction site.

"I think it's great," said Kurt Dietrich, of Los Angeles, who makes his living selling handmade cat toys and other items. "Insurance for some people is too much money and everybody needs health insurance."

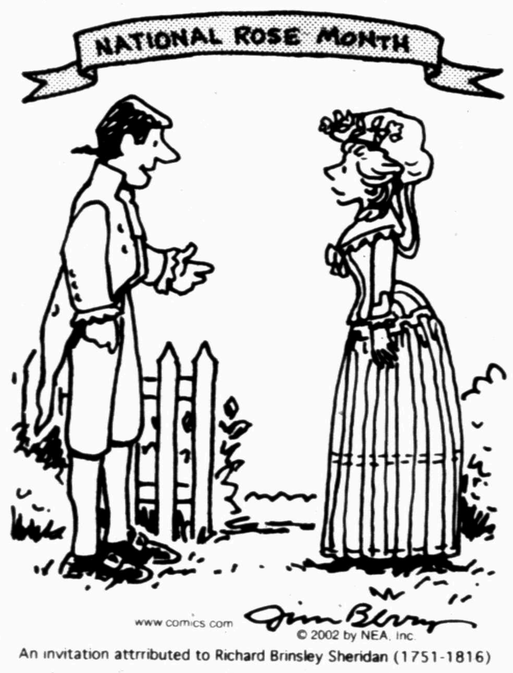
Dietrich has used eBay as his prime source of income since 1999. He already has health insurance, but said he would switch to eBay's coverage provided he could keep his current doctor.

Those eligible for the coverage must be registered with eBay's Power Seller program, and make between $2,000 and $25,000 a month on eBay. The company plans to expand that program to include those who earn as little as $1,000 a month — or as much as $150,000, or more. EBay estimates there are already 35,000 to 45,000 qualified users enrolled and an additional 40,000 to 50,000 who meet the criteria.

Rosalinda Baldwin, CEO of The Auction Guild, an industry watchdog group, said she wasn't sold on eBay's proposal because there are too many questions surrounding how it would be managed.

"I think it's a bad idea," she said. "The Power Seller program is based on how many dollars worth of listings and sales you do through eBay.

Berry's World



An invitation attrributed to Richard Brinsley Sheridan (1751-1816)

"WON'T YOU COME INTO THE GARDEN? I WOULD LIKE MY ROSES TO SEE YOU."

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Tuesday, June 25, 2002

In the year ahead, you may get the chance to add to your storehouse of knowledge in your chosen field of endeavor. Take advantage of this opportunity, because it will lead to added successes and earning capabilities.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Nip that short temper in the bud today in situations that might be governed by those who's pace may be a bit slower than yours, or by those who disagree with your way of doing things. Find a compromise. 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 167, Wickliffe, OH 44092.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Unfortunately, those things you should have taken care of last week may catch up with you today and cause you aggravation. Introducing speed may cause additional complications.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Someone you had to previously deal with on a social basis, and whom you found annoying, might be included in another event today. Unfortunately, this person's demeanor won't be any better.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Aiming for targets that are beyond your capabilities is simply asking for failure today. Strive to be realistic where your important goals and objectives are concerned.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — A tactless tongue of an irritating acquaintance could cut you to the quick today if you take this person's words personally. Let them roll off your back by considering the source.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — If you are doing business today with a firm or person that is unfamiliar to you, by all means get receipts, guarantees or warranties. There's a good chance you might need them later.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — In order to get along with someone today who is important to your cause, you might let this person make a decision for you that won't be too wise. Don't throw your judgment down the tubes.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Unless you are realistic regarding your physical capacities today, there's a chance you may try to do something with one set of muscles that in reality require several sets. Be careful.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — It's true that most people's bark is worst than their bite, but today you could encounter someone who is not only flexing his/her big mouth, but his/her muscles as well. Stay out of this person's reach.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Use a softened presentation today to gain cooperation for something you want another to do for you. Even the slightest hint of arrogance will be met with harsh resistance.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — This is not a day to attempt to impose your views or opinions on others. If opposing convictions arise, subdue any inclinations you may get to reply in anger or outrage.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Mutual interests with another can only be served today by maintaining a proper balance. Be sure not to ask for more than you deserve, or to give up more than you should.

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Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

Camp directors need parents' support to help keep kids safe

DEAR ABBY: I have been a camp director for 14 years. I strongly disagree with one of the suggestions offered by "Frustrated in Georgia" to parents when selecting a camp for their children.

She suggested that if parents "drop in" on a session and are not permitted to see their little camper in action, the parents should ask WHY they cannot be allowed to meet their children, wherever they happen to be at the time.

Security is a big concern. To limit intruders, everyone must check in at the office. Also, it has been my experience that if kids see their parents — or even other kids' parents — it can trigger homesickness.

The rest of the advice to parents was excellent, but I would like to add two more suggestions:

First, make sure that your camper is never allowed to wander without supervision.

Second, encourage your camper to follow safety rules, even if you don't agree with the rules.

Example: We ask our campers to wear socks and closed-toe shoes because of the terrain. Tops with sleeves are also a requirement, in order to limit sunburn at high elevations.

You would be amazed how many parents don't agree with these rules and let their children know it! Those are the kids we have the hardest time keeping safe.

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Please let parents know that most camp employees are dedicated to keeping their children safe and healthy, but we need their support. — **CALIFORNIA CAMP DIRECTOR**

DEAR CAMP DIRECTOR: When everybody knows the rules in advance and follows them, a lot of confusion and misunderstanding can be avoided. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: I worked at a camp for several summers and would like to add further suggestions for parents:

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(2) If you have a problem with the camp, let the camp director know. Those in charge may be unaware of the problem, and there is no way to remedy it if they are not notified.

Thanks, Abby. — **FORMER CAMP COUNSELOR**

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4 LP speed
7 Part of TNT
10 Big Beh numeral
11 Eagle's nest
13 NATO cousin
14 Doze off
15 Contracts
16 Fish balancer
17 Tune
19 Turn aside
21 FedEx competitor
22 Osaka yes
23 Used a prie-dieu
26 Hot pepper
30 James – Jones
31 Pothole filler
32 Pro vote
33 Tire-pressure meas.
34 Vexation
35 Morning moistures
36 Without words
39 Very small
40 Took a load off
41 Autumn mo.
42 Pauses
45 Coleridge setting
48 KLM datum
49 Topic
51 Web addr.
53 Jacques' pal
54 Ocean fliers
55 Capt.'s heading
56 L.A. zone
57 Blue
58 Terhune collie

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1 Bonn one
2 Land of Anna's King
3 Plumbing need
4 Cattails
5 Implore
6 A thousand G's
7 Health food
8 Drizzle
9 Doesn't exist
11 Take in a stray
12 Term paper
18 Break in the action
20 Speed off
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23 Hoarded
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25 – Clapton of "Layla"
26 Actor – Grant
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38 Preference
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46 Hamilton-Burr competition
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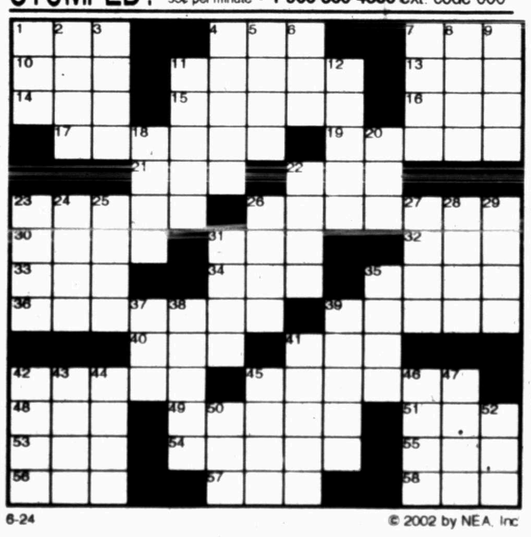

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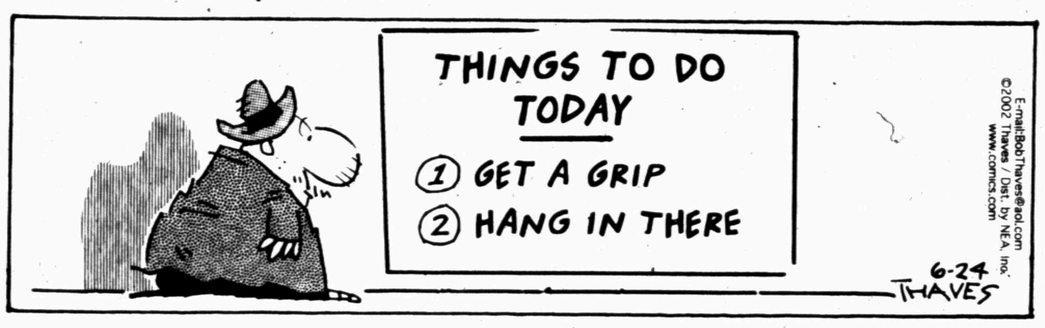

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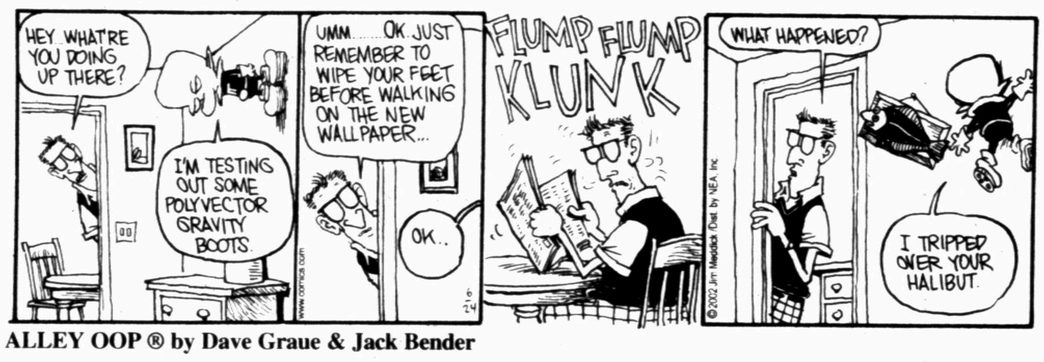

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SPORTS

Sweetwater names new boys' basketball coach

The Sweetwater Mustangs have their new cage coach.

Paul Hise was named Thursday as the Sweetwater boys' basketball coach to replace Jim Pruitt who resigned last month.

Hise spent the last three years at Class 2A Lockney where he directed the Longhorns to a pair of playoff appearances.

Prior to that, Hise headed up the Brownfield boys program from 1996 to 1999.

Sweetwater, Snyder, Merkel, Lamesa, Seminole and Denver City begin competition this fall in newly-formed District 3-3A.

Rangers win fifth straight, 10-4

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Just when it seemed as if the Texas Rangers were writing off this season and their $100 million-plus payroll as a big, big loss, something has changed.

They're winning regularly — and, not only that, it's how they're winning. They're getting offensive contributions up and down their lineup, their starting pitching is settling in and their bullpen is almost flawless.

This is exactly what Rangers owner Tom Hicks envisioned when he poured hundreds of millions of dollars into the club by signing Alex Rodriguez before last season and Chan Ho Park and Juan Gonzalez before this season.

The only question is: Did the Rangers wait until it was too late?

The Rangers won their fifth in a row Sunday, finishing off a weekend sweep of the Pittsburgh Pirates by winning 10-4 behind Alex Rodriguez's two-run homer and Park's solid pitching.

Kevin Mench added a two-run homer and Mike Lamb had his first career four-hit game as the Rangers sent Pittsburgh to its sixth consecutive loss.

"It was a very good series for us," manager Jerry Narron said.

Now comes an even bigger one.

If the Rangers are to get back into the AL West race — and they still trail Seattle by 131/2 games — they probably must do so on a 14-game home stand that starts Monday with a doubleheader against Anaheim.

With the Rangers nine games under .500, they must play at about a .700 pace the rest of the season to even have a chance at a wild card.

"I felt all along we were going to be a second-half club," Rodriguez said.

"We've got to keep playing good baseball and continue the momentum we've built on this trip. Absolutely, this is a very important homestand for us, the most important one of the year."

The Pirates probably can't wait until they return to the road, going 0-6 on a nine-game home stand that picks up again Tuesday against Montreal.

After being only two games under .500 June 11, they have lost nine of 10 to slip to 32-42. Well ahead of their 62-victory pace of a year ago for most of the season, they are only five victories better off after 74 games in 2001.

"But when those about me are losing their heads, I choose to keep mine," manager Lloyd McClendon said. "Your guys are going to struggle at times, and you're going to lose five or six or seven games in a row during a 162-game season.

"But we're going to stay focused on what we're doing. It was an ugly game, but this can happen."

Narron saw a few such games earlier this season. But his starting pitching has been much improved, with Kenny Rogers, Rob Bell and Chan Ho Park all making successful starts in the series.

Park (3-3), a big disappointment after winning 46 games the previous three seasons for the Dodgers, gave up two runs and four hits in six innings. He began the game with a 9.40 ERA after giving up at least three runs in all but one of his first nine starts.

"Chan Ho was much better," Narron said. "He gave us six good innings. We got him out of there because we wanted him to take him out on a positive note."

Before Rob Mackowiak's two-run homer in the ninth, Rangers pitchers had allowed only three runs in 28 innings. Their starters have given up 10 runs in the last five games, and their bullpen pitched nine consecutive scoreless innings until the ninth.

Park got plenty of support from Rodriguez's first homer in 16 games, a two-run shot in the third off Josh Fogg (7-6). Rodriguez was in a 5-for-39 slump before getting three hits Saturday, then drove in two runs Sunday after having only one RBI in 14 games.

"Alex struggled for a couple of games, but he seems to be doing quite well now," Lamb said.

Mariners roll over Astros, 10-5

HOUSTON (AP) — Mike Cameron is hitting again, and ready for other milestones.

Cameron drove in four runs with his 100th career homer and a three-run double Sunday, leading the Seattle Mariners to a 10-5 victory over the Houston Astros.

He entered the game with two hits in his last 22 at-bats on the road.

"I'm glad to get that 100 out of the way," Cameron said. "Now I can move on and point in another direction. Maybe I can keep going to the next 100 or 200. We're still missing a big part of our lineup (Edgar Martinez) so every hit is important."

Joel Pineiro (7-3) pitched seven strong innings to win his third straight decision, and John Olerud and Jeff Cirillo contributed to the Mariners' 15-hit attack, that helped them take the first series between the two teams, 2-1.

"We played some good baseball this weekend and we've been swinging the bats well," Olerud said. "We've been getting some good pitching the last two weeks and that's been carrying us."

Olerud went 4-for-5 with two RBIs, and Cirillo also hit his 100th career home run — a two-run shot in the fifth inning. Cirillo finished with three hits.

"I talked to a few of the guys last week and they've helped me to relax," Cirillo said. "But still, two of my hits today were bunts. I'm feeling better and I'm happy for our team to take the series."

Olerud completed the road trip with a .433 average (13-for-30) and seven RBIs. Cirillo hit .419 on the road trip — 13-for-31 with four RBIs.

"I'm seeing the ball really well and I've been able to lay off the tough pitches," Olreud said. "It's been nice to get a few to fall in. Things are starting to look up for us."

Orlando Merced hit a pair of two-run homers for Houston, his fourth career multihomer game.

"I'm ready every day," said Merced, who started his 12th game this season. "I can't give up. I've got to stay strong mentally. We're just not doing the little things now. We've got to start doing our jobs."

Cameron gave the Mariners a 6-1 lead in the third inning with a bases-loaded double off rookie Kirk Saarloos (0-2) and added a solo homer, his 12th of the season, in the sixth off Pedro Borbon.

Pineiro (7-3) held Houston to one run on Brad Ausmus' RBI single in the second inning until Merced hit a two-run homer in the seventh. The right-hander allowed three runs and eight hits, striking out six.

"It was one of those days where you put the ball in play and the guys do the job behind you," Pineiro said. "It's good to go out there and get good run support."

Garrido leads UT to fifth crown

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — Texas knew what it wanted when it went after Augie Garrido.

The Longhorns hadn't won a College World Series title in 13 years and were intent on ending the drought. Garrido had won three national titles with Cal State Fullerton.

On Saturday, everything came together. Texas captured its fifth national title by beating South Carolina 12-6.

"The mark for coaching this team is coming to the College World Series," Garrido said. "That's where it starts. And the real mark is when you win it."

Garrido is the only coach to win the CWS with two schools. He won national championships with the Titans in 1979, '84 and '95, and has the third most CWS titles. Only Southern California's Rod Dedeaux (10) and Skip Bertman of LSU (5) have won more.

Garrido came to Texas after the 1996 season and replaced Cliff Gustafson, who had more wins (1,427) than any other Division I baseball coach. Garrido has 1,379 career victories in his 34 seasons, second only to Gustafson.

Garrido took the Longhorns to the CWS in 2000, their first trip to Omaha since 1993, and went 0-2. Texas returned for its 29th CWS this year as one of the favorites.

The orange-clad fans finally got their first chance to sing "The Eyes of Texas" in celebration since Texas' 1983 national title.

Garrido was not the only Longhorn to reach a milestone Saturday. One of his 18-year-old freshman, reliever Huston Street, became the first player to save four games in a CWS and was voted Most Outstanding Player. Only three other freshman have received the honor, the last being Miami's Pat Burrell in 1996.

The son of former Texas football and baseball player James Street pitched 6 1-3 innings in his four appearances, allowing one run on two hits, struck out five and walked three.

"I was praying before the whole thing started that when I came in we were up 10-2 and there wouldn't be any save opportunities," Street said. "I give credit to the team behind me."

Garrido's fourth title included one of his most memorable decisions. Shortly after batting practice he decided to start senior Chris Carmichael in left field and have him hit in the No. 7 spot for the Longhorns (57-15).

Carmichael, who sat out last season with a wrist injury and was 0-for-1 in his only CWS appearance, hit a three-run homer that put the Longhorns up 7-2 in the fifth.

"It was just an intuition," Garrido said. "I knew he would play hard. that's the whole criteria for our team — it's about running the ball out. You're not going to have a good day, but I knew he'd do that."

Carmichael's homer to right came off Aaron Rawl (7-2). Carmichael, who had just one homer this season before Saturday, leaped when the ball cleared, pointed at teammates as he trotted down the third-base line. He spun his arms in a windmill as he touched home and was swarmed by teammates.

"I just gave them all a hug," Carmichael said. "Usually in a game we try to focus on the game and don't show any emotion, but I couldn't help it."

Sports Briefs

Women's golf tournament

The SCGA Women's Golf Association will hold its Invitational Tournament Tuesday at the country club. Breakfast is at 8 a.m. with the play starting at 9 o'clock. Cost is $45. For more information, call the pro shop at 573-7101.

Volleyball tournament

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

Tennis events

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

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

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

Friday swingers

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

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

WTC Men's Golf Association

The Men's Golf Association of Western Texas College holds a weekly event Tuesdays at 6 p.m.

SCGA weekly events

The Scurry County Golf Association holds a weekly scramble Tuesdays at 5:30. The Men's Golf Association holds an all-day MGA event each Thursday.

Kile had blocked coronary artery

CHICAGO (AP) — Darryl Kile of the St. Louis Cardinals likely died from a blockage of a coronary artery, Cook County's chief medical examiner said.

An autopsy showed the 33-year-old pitcher had "80-to-90 percent narrowing of two of the three branches of the coronary artery," Dr. Edmund Donoghue said. He said the blockage was the "likely cause of death."

Kile was found dead in the team hotel Saturday. Police said there were no signs of forced entry or foul play.

Castillo's streak ends at 35

MIAMI (AP) — The Detroit Tigers weren't going to give Luis Castillo another chance to extend his 35-game hitting streak.

Castillo went 0-for-4 and was left on deck when the Florida Marlins finished off a four-run, ninth-inning rally to beat the Tigers 5-4 Saturday night.

Castillo's streak was the longest since Paul Molitor's 39-gamer in 1987.

Castillo's streak, tied for the 10th-longest in baseball history, stands as the longest by a Latin player and the longest by a second baseman.

Mickelson wins GMO

CROMWELL, Conn. (AP) — Phil Mickelson became the first repeat winner in Greater Hartford Open history, holing a sand wedge for eagle and scrambling home in steamy conditions.

Mickelson made a 5-foot birdie putt on the final hole for a 6-under 64 and a one-stroke victory over Jonathan Kaye and Davis Love III.

Major League Baseball

American League
By The Associated Press
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East Division	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	47	28	.627	—
Boston	45	27	.625	½
Baltimore	35	38	.479	11
Toronto	30	42	.417	15½
Tampa Bay	24	49	.329	22
Central Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Minnesota	42	33	.560	—
Chicago	36	39	.480	6
Cleveland	35	40	.467	7
Kansas City	26	46	.361	14½
Detroit	26	47	.356	15
West Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Seattle	46	28	.622	—
Anaheim	43	29	.597	2
Oakland	43	31	.581	3
Texas	32	41	.438	13½

Monday's Games

Anaheim (Sele 6-4 and Lackey 0-0) at Texas (Burba 3-4 and Benoit 1-0), 2, 6:05 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Garland 6-5) at Minnesota (Kinney 2-6), 8:05 p.m.
Oakland (Lidle 1-6) at Seattle (Garcia 10-4), 10:05 p.m.

Tuesday's Games

Cleveland (Baez 5-5) at Boston (F.Castillo 5-7), 7:05 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Pettitte 1-1) at Baltimore (Ponson 3-4), 7:05 p.m.
Toronto (Loaiza 3-4) at Tampa Bay (Rupe 5-9), 7:15 p.m.
Anaheim (Schoeneweis 6-5) at Texas (Valdes 4-6), 8:05 p.m.
Detroit (Maroth 1-1) at Kansas City (Suppan 5-6), 8:05 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Buehrle 10-5) at Minnesota (Milton 8-5), 8:05 p.m.
Oakland (Hudson 5-6) at Seattle (Baldwin 5-6), 10:05 p.m.

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East Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	46	29	.613	—
Montreal	40	34	.541	5½
Florida	39	35	.527	6½
New York	38	36	.514	7½
Philadelphia	31	41	.431	13½
Central Division	W	L	Pct	GB
St. Louis	40	32	.556	—
Cincinnati	38	35	.521	2½
Houston	32	42	.432	9
Pittsburgh	32	42	.432	9
Chicago	31	41	.431	9
Milwaukee	26	49	.347	15½
West Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	46	28	.622	—
Arizona	45	29	.608	1
San Francisco	41	32	.562	4½
Colorado	37	38	.493	9½
San Diego	32	43	.427	14½

Saturday's Games

St. Louis at Chicago Cubs, ppd., player death
Los Angeles 5, Boston 4
N.Y. Yankees 1, San Diego 0
Baltimore 4, San Francisco 2
Texas 3, Pittsburgh 2
Anaheim 8, Milwaukee 2
Florida 5, Detroit 4
Cleveland 5, Montreal 4
Atlanta 15, Chicago White Sox 2
Minnesota 4, Philadelphia 1, 11 innings
Oakland 10, Cincinnati 3
Kansas City 5, N.Y. Mets 1
Houston 3, Seattle 2, 12 innings
Colorado 6, Tampa Bay 5, 11 innings
Toronto 6, Arizona 3

Sunday's Games

Atlanta 9, Chicago White Sox 1
N.Y. Mets 5, Kansas City 4
Oakland 5, Cincinnati 1
Texas 10, Pittsburgh 4
Montreal 7, Cleveland 2
Minnesota 5, Philadelphia 1
Anaheim 5, Milwaukee 2
Seattle 10, Houston 5
Colorado 6, Tampa Bay 5
Detroit 3, Florida 2
Baltimore 3, San Francisco 1
Los Angeles 9, Boston 6
Toronto 9, Arizona 3
N.Y. Yankees 3, San Diego 2
Chicago Cubs 8, St. Louis 3

Monday's Games

Philadelphia (Padilla 9-4) at Florida (Tavarez 5-3), 7:05 p.m.
Atlanta (Millwood 4-5) at N.Y. Mets (Leiter 7-6), 7:10 p.m.
Cincinnati (Dessens 4-4) at Chicago Cubs (Prior 2-1), 8:05 p.m.
Colorado (Hampton 3-8) at Los Angeles (Ishii 11-2), 10:10 p.m.
San Francisco (Schmidt 3-2) at San Diego (Tomko 4-5), 10:15 p.m.

Tuesday's Games

Cincinnati (Hamilton 3-5) at Chicago Cubs (Clement 5-4), 2:20 p.m.
Montreal (Ohka 7-3) at Pittsburgh (Benson 0-4), 7:05 p.m.
Philadelphia (Person 2-4) at Florida (Burnett 8-5), 7:05 p.m.
Atlanta (Maddux 7-2) at N.Y. Mets (Trachsel 5-6), 7:10 p.m.
Arizona (Schilling 12-3) at Houston (Redding 3-4), 8:05 p.m.
Milwaukee (Rusch 4-5) at St. Louis (Morris 10-4), 8:10 p.m.
Colorado (Thomson 6-6) at Los Angeles (Perez 8-3), 10:10 p.m.
San Francisco (Ortiz 6-4) at San Diego (Pickford 0-2), 10:15 p.m.

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Demand for high-speed access growing

NEW YORK (AP) — Consumers' appetite for high-speed Internet access and the online activities associated with it is growing, recent surveys show.

Roughly 24 million Americans, or 21 percent of all Web users, now have high-speed connections at home, an increase of more than a quarter since the start of the year, and quadruple the number of broadband users just two years ago, according to a survey conducted last month by Pew Internet and American Life Project.

"This places broadband adoption rates on par with the adoption of other popular technologies, such as the personal computer and the compact disc player, and faster than color TV and the VCR," said researchers for Pew, a nonprofit initiative of the Pew Research Center for People and the Press.

Nearly six in 10 broadband users have generated their own online content such as a personal Web page, posted information to a Web site or shared music and other types of files online, according to a survey of 507 adults with high-speed service conducted in January and February. About a quarter of them perform such activities on a typical day.

About 63 percent have downloaded games, video or pictures at least once, and 50 percent have downloaded music files, Pew said. About 43 percent have displayed or developed photos online.

"Broadband users spend more time online, do more things, and do them more often than dial-up Internet users," the Pew report said.

Pew said, the extra time spent online comes at the expense of other activities such as watching television and shopping. Thirty-seven percent said their Internet use has cut down on TV time, 31 percent said it has decreased time spent in stores, and 18 percent said it has reduced their newspaper reading.

The dominant mode of high-speed access was through cable TV modems at 71 percent, followed by DSL telephone lines at 27 percent, while 2 percent were using satellite or wireless broadband services.

High-speed connections also appear to be enabling more work to be done at home, with about a third of the survey's respondents saying they "telecommute" at one time or another.

Pew said the margin of error for its broadband user survey was plus or minus four percentage points.

On the Net:
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Utah authorities are questioning convict

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Detectives investigating the disappearance of 14-year-old Elizabeth Smart have been questioning a convict who worked in the Smart home more than a year ago and say they haven't ruled him out as a suspect.

The man, Richard Albert Ricci, was arrested on an unrelated parole violation June 14, police spokesman Fred Louis said. That was nine days after Elizabeth Smart was reportedly taken at gunpoint from her bedroom in an affluent Salt Lake City neighborhood.

Police Chief Rick Dinse told KSTU television on Sunday that investigators haven't been able to pin down the man's whereabouts on the morning of the abduction. Detectives have been questioning the man for more than a week; he has not been charged in the kidnapping.

"He is potentially a big piece of the puzzle," Dinse told KSTU. "Just how big, we're not sure at this point.

"We haven't been able to satisfy ourselves that he was not involved."

Chris Thomas, who has been acting as a spokesman for the girl's family, said Ricci last worked in the Smart's Federal Heights home more than a year ago, painting and doing handyman work.

Authorities scheduled a news conference for today in Salt Lake City about their interview of Bret Michael Edmunds, whom they had sought for two weeks for questioning in the abduction investigation.

Edmunds was interviewed at a West Virginia hospital by FBI agents and Salt Lake City police detectives.

"I can confirm they have spoken to him. I don't have any details about the context of questioning or the conversations," police spokesman Fred Louis said.

Investigators were analyzing the interviews and continued to follow leads in the case Sunday, but Louis said there were no developments.

"We're still going all day every day, seven days a week," he said.

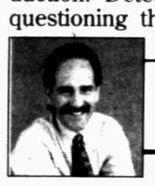
FBI spokesman Kevin Eaton didn't return messages left by The Associated Press. He said Saturday that questioning Edmunds, 26, likely would not substantially change the Smart case because he was a possible witness and not a suspect.

A milkman helped police trace a car owned by Edmunds that was spotted in the family's neighborhood two mornings before her June 5 abduction.

The car was seen in a suburban Salt Lake subdivision in the days following the girl's disappearance, but search teams recovered nothing Saturday after dogs had picked up a possible scent in the same area one day earlier.

Edmunds checked himself into a hospital in Martinsburg, W.Va., on Thursday for treatment of drug-related liver damage. A nursing supervisor said he remained in serious condition Sunday in the critical care unit.

Authorities said Edmunds was cooperative with investigators and allowed a search of his vehicle.



On Nutrition by Ed Blonz, Ph.D.

Are fruits OK to eat with veggies?

DEAR DR. BLONZ: Is there any truth to the theory that fruits and vegetables should not be consumed at the same meal? Is this nothing more than a widely circulated, long-standing myth? If so, it dies hard. — **A.S., Honolulu, Hawaii**

Dear A.S.: There is no one way of eating that works for everyone. We all have our own individual quirks and twists, but there is no evidence that fruits and vegetables have to be consumed separately. Our digestive system is extremely well-designed for mixed meals.

DEAR DR. BLONZ: I need your advice concerning a comparison between psyllium husk (I take 4 teaspoons daily) and a new product that is made from partially hydrolyzed guar gum. This new product is pleasant to take, nonthickening, has no grit and is flavor-free. But is it equally effective? Please let me know which one to choose. — **I.K.**

Dear I.K.: There are many excellent whole-grain foods, fruits and vegetables that are rich in nutrients and can provide the dietary fiber the body needs. If your health professional has told you to take a fiber supplement, either of these products is fine. Pick whichever one you feel more comfortable with, and be sure to follow the label's directions.

DEAR DR. BLONZ: I went on one of those diet-drink routines and was able to drop almost 10 pounds over the weekend. It was incredible — until I went off the routine and the weight came back. Did I do anything dangerous to my body? How could I have handled it so that the weight stayed off? — **M.G., Charlotte, N.C.**

Dear M.G.: One would think that the purpose of a weight-reduction diet is to simply take off weight, but this is not entirely true. More appropriately, the goal should be to reduce the body's excess fat. Some diets can be successful at taking off pounds, but they fail to make a significant dent in your stores of unwanted body fat.

Fat is the body's most calorie-dense material (9 calories per gram), and our body's energy storage tissue, or adipose, is made up almost entirely of fat. To lose 1 pound of adipose, the body has to spend about 3,500 more calories than it takes in. Even if you were to cut your food intake drastically, it's tough to lose more than a few pounds of body fat in a week.

The body can lose a pound of body protein with less of a calorie deficit. This is the case because the protein that makes up our muscles and vital organs is about 80-percent water by weight. If a diet causes a protein breakdown, the numbers on the scale can drop rapidly, but this is the result of lost water, not some bottled miracle. Diuretics can also cause a rapid loss of nonfat weight. Finally, you may lose a deceptive amount of weight if the product contains laxative ingredients.

Water weight and laxative weight losses come right back as soon as the dieter resumes a normal diet, which can lead to frustration. Unfortunately, frustration is the failure of many of today's fad diets. I doubt you did any lasting damage to your body in one weekend, but I wouldn't advise trying this diet over a long period of time. You risk robbing your body of necessary nutrients, which could cause health problems in the long run.

Success takes time, determination and a good plan. There has never been a quick fix that has passed the test of time. Relying solely on a diet drink (or diet pills) does not bode well for long-term weight-loss chances. It's better to find a plan that includes a healthy, balanced diet, a varied selection from all the food groups and a good amount of exercise. By lowering your caloric intake and increasing your activity level, you can begin to make gradual changes that will be less dramatic, but they will have a greater chance at long-term success.

Send questions to: "On Nutrition," Ed Blonz, c/o Newspaper Enterprise Association, 200 Madison Ave., New York, NY 10016. For e-mail, address inquiries to: ed@blonz.com. Due to the volume of mail, personal replies cannot be provided.

Ed Blonz, Ph.D., is a nutrition scientist and the author of "Power Nutrition" (Signet, 1998) and the "Your Personal Nutritionist" book series (Signet, 1996).

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Business leaders urged not to use AIDS to discriminate

WASHINGTON (AP) — Secretary of State Colin Powell called today on business leaders with overseas operations to ensure there is no discrimination against people with the AIDS virus.

"This is one of those lessons we have to get to all employers and nations around the world — that they must not stigmatize people who are ill," Powell said.

Powell, who is co-chairman of a presidential task force on AIDS, commented in a speech to corporate leaders and heads of business associations with overseas interests.

He said the AIDS challenge requires leadership and partnerships that extend beyond governments.

"I strongly encourage the CEOs that are here today to develop AIDS policies suitable for the countries in which your companies operate," Powell said.

He said the workplace is an ideal delivery point for HIV/AIDS prevention and care.

"Why not make it a mandatory part of your education program for employees?" Powell asked.

"There should be no stigmatization of persons with the HIV virus," he said. "They are just like anyone else. They need our help. They need our compassion. They need to be given the opportunity to be contributing members of society."

In some areas, he said, companies are training three workers for a single job to increase the possibility that a trained person will be available for it.

Noting that an average of 14,000 persons a day are infected with HIV, he said the world's response to the problem "must be no less relentless than the AIDS pandemic itself."

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Alltel	48.24	47.12	47.12	—.75
AmEl Pw	41.15	40.52	41.00	—.15
AndarkPtr	48.61	48.12	48.59	+.29
ATMOS Egy	22.99	22.63	22.78	—.32
Aviall	12.95	12.18	12.50	+.90
BP PLC	48.41	48.07	48.33	+.68
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Bank of Amer	70.72	69.60	70.03	—.23
BellSouth	30.79	29.80	29.83	—1.16
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Caterpillar	47.40	46.66	46.66	—1.02
ChevronTex	88.25	86.95	87.42	—.23
Citigroup	40.00	38.70	39.00	—.80
CocaCola	56.56	55.90	56.49	+.49
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ComclMetals	48.56	48.12	48.47	—.02
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DuPont	43.21	42.70	42.94	+.03
EastmanChem	45.57	45.00	45.27	+.27
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EDS Corp	47.43	46.50	46.51	—.76
Entergy	43.51	42.90	43.00	—.50
ExxonMobil	39.74	39.25	39.65	+.40
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Praxair	54.88	53.90	54.09	—.24
ProctGamb	94.41	93.50	94.16	+.31
RadioShack	30.34	29.45	29.67	—.12
ReliantEngy	16.00	14.59	14.86	—.99
RoyalDut	52.34	51.79	51.88	—.48
SBC Comm	31.35	30.64	30.71	—.64
SaraLee	20.67	20.40	20.53	+.05
Scripps EW	78.00	77.35	77.41	—.01
SearsRoeb	54.20	53.50	53.58	—.17
SherwinW	29.90	29.61	29.72	+.09
SouthernCo	27.45	26.82	26.85	—.39
SwstAirl	16.25	15.70	15.90	—.35
SprintFON	11.21	10.82	10.89	—.31
SprintPCS	4.17	3.95	3.96	—.14
Sunoco Inc	36.36	35.93	36.03	—.05
TXU Corp	51.99	51.29	51.43	—.55
TempleInland	57.60	56.75	57.01	+.32
TexInd	34.47	34.12	34.38	—.12
TexasInst	23.25	22.50	22.91	—.02
Textron	45.85	45.10	45.10	—.49
TrinityInds	19.97	19.78	19.78	—.09
TylerTech	4.93	4.51	4.60	—.30
UnionPacif	64.86	64.49	64.70	+.21
USSteel	20.33	19.60	20.33	+.48
UnitedTech	64.95	64.00	64.60	—1.15
Unocal	36.49	36.00	36.20	+.13
VerizonComm	39.85	39.25	39.55	—.70
WalMart	56.35	55.03	55.30	+.32
WellsFargo	51.35	50.53	50.66	—.45
WstnGasRs	35.90	35.24	35.74	—.12
WinnDixie	16.64	16.09	16.47	+.12
Xerox Cp	8.85	8.28	8.29	—.68
YumBrands s	32.60	32.12	32.17	—.29

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Incompetence hampers probe into murders

EL PASO (AP) — Nearly 100 murders of women in Juarez, Mexico, are unlikely to be solved because of official incompetence and corruption, according to some Mexican officials familiar with the cases.

More than 320 girls and women have been killed in Juarez in the past nine years. About 90 of the murders involved methods associated with serial killers, according to FBI profilers and other experts who have examined the cases.

The murders have included mutilation, torture, rape, stabbing and shooting, and bodies have been found in clusters. The murders continue despite official assurances each time that the perpetrators have been caught.

Cover-ups, contaminated evidence, witness intimidation and a corrupt system filled with incompetent officials, eager to charge someone so they can declare the cases closed, have sabotaged the investigations, critics say.

"We were asked to help plant evidence against two bus drivers who were charged with the murders," former Chihuahua state forensic chief Oscar Maynez Grijalva told the El Paso Times in a copyright story in its Sunday editions.

"A couple of police officers brought us items for us to put in the van they said was used to abduct the women," said Maynez, who worked on the most recent case involving eight women whose bodies were found in November. "We had already checked the van and another vehicle belonging to the suspects for such things as human hair, fibers and blood — anything that could link the two suspects to the victims.

"We found nothing. The van was clean."

Maynez said he reported the officers, who he declined to name, to his supervisors. He also warned that a serial killer could be responsible for the murders.

"As far as I know, no one asked (Maynez) to plant evidence," said Chihuahua state Deputy Attorney General Jose Ortega Aceves. "The suspects (two bus drivers who say they were tortured) confessed to the murders, and that is an important part of the investigation."

Maynez, who quit his job on Jan. 2 in disgust, said he has been threatened since he reported the corruption, but declined to give details.

"We are willing to investigate any of these allegations if proof is presented to us," Ortega said.

In January, Jorge Campos Murillo, a federal deputy attorney general in Mexico City, alleged that "juniors" — sons of wealthy Mexican families — were connected to some of the sex and torture killings.

Shortly thereafter, he was transferred to another section of the federal attorney general's office. He no longer answers questions about the Juarez cases.

Other Mexican federal law enforcement officials allege further that six people from the Juarez-El Paso region and Tijuana are having women abducted for orgies and then killed. They allege that the suspects are prominent men who cross the border regularly, are involved in major businesses, are associates of drug cartels and have ties to politicians in President Vicente Fox's administration.

In response to those allegations, Gabriela Lopez, spokeswoman for the federal attorney general's office in Mexico City, said, "These cases do not fall under (federal) jurisdiction ... the Chihuahua state attorney general's office is handling the cases."

And as far back as 1999, officials trying to solve the murders expressed frustration about the level of cooperation from local law enforcement.

"We were invited by the Chihuahua authorities to help, but we soon discovered that police were blocking our work, and it was because police were involved in some of the murders, or were protecting someone who was killing women," said Mexico City criminologist Oscar Defassioux.

Suly Ponce, a Chihuahua special prosecutor at the time who now works for the Chihuahua governor's office, said the allegations are only Defassioux's opinions.

Police investigating cause of bus crash that killed 5 people

VICTOR, N.Y. (AP) — Several passengers on a chartered tour bus said they tried to warn the driver to pull over before a crash that killed five people.

Forty-four people were on board the Arrowhead Coach USA bus, which was traveling from Niagara Falls to Waterbury, Conn. when it crashed Sunday on the New York State Thruway, 16 miles south of Rochester. Two other vehicles also wrecked.

The driver, who did not appear seriously hurt, indicated he had a diabetic condition, which may have played a part in the accident, state police Maj. Mark Fischer said.

Before the crash, several passengers tried to warn the driver to pull over but he did not, Fischer said. Some passengers said it appeared the driver fell asleep.

"He was just dozing off," Migdalia Asevedo said. "A lady in the back of the bus was yelling at him for falling asleep."

Said passenger Angelo Serano: "We screamed and he realized (he was going to crash), but he already lost control."

Trooper Robert Barrett said the driver was properly registered and slept eight hours the night before the accident.

No charges have been filed against the driver.

The five dead were found in the center of the bus and all were ejected or partially ejected, Fischer said.

The identities of the victims were not immediately released.

Twenty-three people were transported to Strong Memorial Hospital in nearby Rochester. They ranged in age from 11 months to 60 years old; seven were younger than 16.

Four were critically injured but were expected to survive, and an 18-month-old child suffered a blow to the chest but was expected to recover, Fischer said.

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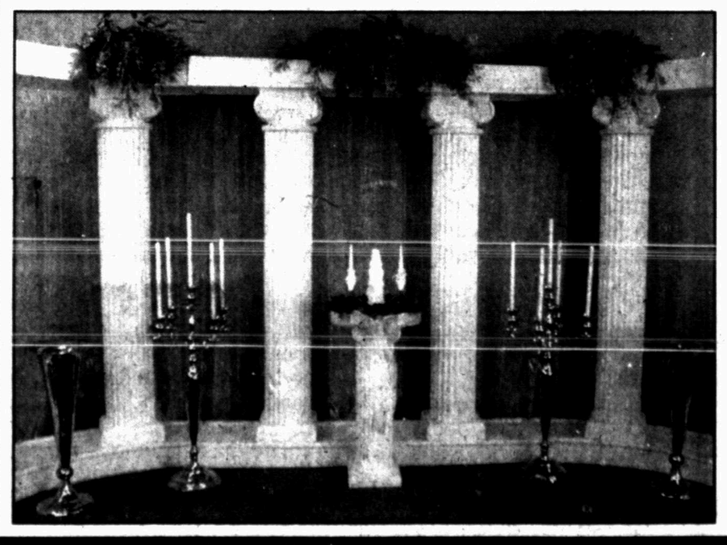

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Students' cellular phone calls mean schools lose millions

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — Instead of paying 9 cents a minute through Sonoma State University, 20-year-old Sadie Gardere pays a flat monthly rate of $45 for a nationwide long distance plan that covers her calls home to the Bay Area.

Saavy students like Gardere are saving money for themselves, but costing cash-strapped public universities millions of dollars by not using the school-provided telephone services in residence halls and dorm rooms.

Universities say it is only a matter of time before they will have to consider raising student costs to make up the difference.

"I would imagine over time that if there continues to be a further and further drop, it would be reasonable to expect that there would be (an increase in tuition)," said Toni Beron, a spokeswoman for California State University, Long Beach.

The Federal Communications Commission estimates that nationwide, 61 percent of 18- to 24-year-olds carry cell phones.

Years ago, universities could make good money serving as mini phone companies, said Sherry Manning, director and CEO of Educational Communications and Consortia Incorporated, a national university telephone billing service.

Universities became wholesalers, charging slightly more than they paid for service but less than local carriers.

Eventually, students started using calling cards and long distance dialing because the advertising was aimed at the youth population, Manning said.

"And now, everyone is shocked that students use the Internet and cell phones as much as they do," she said.

Travis Larson, a spokesman for the Cellular Telecommunications and Internet Association, a Washington-based wireless trade group, said it's logical students would use cell phones because in the span of four years, they could live with a dozen different people and move four times.

"Just imagine the nightmare at the end of the month trying to divide up the phone bill," Larson said.

Although many universities contract out phone services through their local telephone provider, many, like the University of California, Davis, have implemented their own switchboard. Either way, officials say, they are still losing out.

"Schools are saying, I am an educator, not a telephone service," Manning said.

The University of California, Santa Barbara has lost $500,000 in the last two years. Chico State has lost $400,000 in the last year. At the University of Rhode Island, student telephone billing has dropped from about $800,000 a year five years ago to just $100,000.

Some schools were hesitant to release figure numbers. Most campuses use the money to offset housing and telephone service costs.

"Clearly it has been a problem," said Paul Valenzuela, associate director of communications services at UCSB, which charges 10 cents a minute for long distance calls through its own switchboard. "The last couple crops of freshman have been more cell phone oriented. They are also using e-mail and instant messenger technology more."

Some college campuses are going all wireless, dropping land-line telephones and equipping students with cell phones and hand-held computers. Those campuses include Washington's American University and the University of Southern Mississippi.

The FCC estimates that 3 to 5 percent of the country's population has dropped standard telephone land lines for cell phone use only.

Greg Roberts, director of marketing and national promotions at Cingular Wireless, said wireless providers are always trying to improve coverage, and campuses that go wireless will have some unique advantages.

"Teachers could tell students class is canceled because of a snow day and students could access homework information and sporting events," Roberts said.

Others, like the University of Wyoming, may invent their own calling cards for students.

When cell phones can offer unlimited night and weekend minutes, as well as free long distance, they seem like a much better choice, Gardere said.

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.

Bronchitis can lead to serious consequences

DEAR DR. GOTT: I have chronic bronchitis. You say it can be cured, my doctors say it can't. Please advise.

DEAR READER: Chronic bronchitis is curable. With all respect to your doctors, this may be a semantic issue, not a medical disagreement.

To a large degree, the question of cure depends on the definition of the disease. In England, for example, chronic bronchitis is often lumped together with emphysema, an incurable, chronic pulmonary disorder. In the United States, however, chronic bronchitis is defined as a lung disease associated with bronchial irritants (such as infection and air pollutants), marked by excess mucus secretions and bronchial inflammation, leading to thickened bronchial walls and a persisting, productive cough.

In most cases, chronic bronchitis is almost always the consequence of bronchial irritation from tobacco smoke and other compounds, including infection, smog, smoke and soot. If a person with chronic bronchitis stops smoking, avoids air pollution and obtains antibiotics for infection, the condition can be cured, mucus secretions lessen, cough disappears and breathing becomes more normal.

Obviously, as untreated bronchitis progresses, structural lung damage — which is incurable — results. This includes airway obstruction from permanently thickened bronchial walls and, in advanced cases, actual destruction of lung tissue.

At this point, patients are said to suffer from chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD).

I assume from your comments that your longstanding chronic bronchitis may have progressed to COPD. Therefore, your doctors may be correct. Your condition, although treatable, is incurable. On the other hand, if your disease is still at the level of bronchitis, it may be curable — providing you and your doctor take aggressive steps in that direction. This would include cessation of smoking, avoidance of air pollution and "second-hand" smoke, antibiotics for infection, steroids for bronchial inflammation and anti-asthma inhalers to prevent bronchial constriction.

Given the unclear medical opinion regarding your affliction, you should probably be referred to a pulmonologist, who will question and examine you, obtain additional testing (such as chest X-rays and pulmonary function assessments) and advise you about therapy. The specialist can also resolve the issue of whether your problem is curable or incurable.

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

DEAR DR. GOTT: My husband and I have been married for more than 50 years and he has always eaten sensibly, until now. For the past year, he has craved sweets in any form — chocolate, cookies, cakes, candy — you name it. He is steadily losing weight, and I'm concerned. Should I be?

DEAR READER: Any drastic change in dietary preferences, especially in the presence of weight loss, should be investigated. In my opinion, your husband needs to address this situation with his doctor. I am particularly concerned that, despite a superfluous consumption of calories, he is losing weight. Such an unexplained and unexpected result could be caused by a serious ailment, such as hidden cancer or a glandular disorder. Encourage your spouse to seek medical attention.

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Asian-American killed 20 years ago is remembered

DETROIT (AP) — Family, friends and civil rights activists gathered Sunday at the grave of a Chinese-American man who was beaten to death 20 years ago by two unemployed autoworkers to commit themselves to fighting for justice.

Vincent Chin was beaten with a baseball bat in 1982 by assailants who mistook him for Japanese and blamed Japanese competition for the plight of the U.S. auto industry.

"Vincent Chin's story is as real, horrifying and socially relevant as the day it happened," said Fe Rowland, board member of the American Citizens for Justice Inc., a civil rights group founded here in 1983 after Chin's assailants were sentenced.

Jackie Poliwoda, who stood hand-in-hand with others in a circle around Chin's grave, said she was encouraged and motivated by the weekend's message to fight hate crimes.

"It happens in a lot of minorities' lives on a daily basis, and I didn't realize that and now I do," said Poliwoda, a student at St. Cloud State University in Minnesota.

The weekend conference held at the International Institute of Metropolitan Detroit, called a "Rededication to Justice," also honored activists for raising awareness about injustices motivated by hate and discrimination.

Ismael Ileto, his wife Deena and mother Lilian Ileto received a justice award from the American Citizens For Justice.

Ismael Ileto's brother, Joseph Ileto, was killed Aug. 10, 1999, when a white supremacist went on a shooting spree at a Jewish community center in southern California.

PTA addresses sex ed and school prayer at conference

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Parents want their school-aged children to learn about safe sex, not just abstinence, according to a survey released Sunday at the National PTA's annual conference.

The survey, conducted by the Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation, found that while 97 percent of the parent surveyed put abstinence at the top of their list, 85 percent said students should learn more about condoms and 84 percent said they should learn more about other forms of birth control.

Half of all high school students are sexually active, said Virginia Witt, a program officer with the foundation.

Witt presented the findings to parents during one of more than 90 workshops slated for the National PTA's annual conference, in San Antonio through Tuesday. About 2,500 parents are attending the conference.

Parents also stressed that sex education should teach children about HIV, AIDS and sexually transmitted diseases.

One of the most effective methods of reaching students is to make them aware of the risks, Witt said.

Scare tactics should be followed up with sex education classes that encourage students to talk openly about their concerns and seek solutions that are in their own best interest, said Gerald Davolt, an assistant professor of health at California State University in Fresno.

Dewalt said he tells teens to delay parenthood for as long as they can, and if they are sexually active, he tells them to use a condom "the first time and every time."

In a separate session, Steven Green, associate professor of law at Willamette University in Salem, Ore., talked to a group of parents about the current status of prayer in school, including a Supreme Court ruling two years ago that ended student-led prayer at high school football games.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

North 06-24-02
♠ A J 8 7 2
♥ K 7 2
♦ 6 5
♣ K J 4

West
♠ K 3
♥ Q J 10 8
♦ Q 8 3
♣ 8 5 3 2

East
♠ 10 9 6
♥ A 6 5
♦ 10 9 4
♣ 10 9 7 6

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

Dealer: South
Vulnerable: Both

South	West	North	East
1NT	Pass	2♥	Pass
2♠	Pass	3NT	Pass
4♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♥ Q

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Maybe one thing, maybe another

By Phillip Alder

Sally Kempson wrote, "Women are natural guerrillas. Scheming, we nestle into the enemy's bed, avoiding open warfare, watching the options, playing the odds."

No wonder women can make good bridge players, where weighing one's options and knowing the percentages are beneficial. Today's deal, though, features a different type of option: a losing one. A defender, judging that declarer would make the contract if left to his own resources, resorted to guerrilla warfare, trying to trap him into error — how?

North's two-heart transfer bid followed by the jump to three notrump showed game values with exactly five spades and, probably, 5-3-3-2 distribution. South, with three low hearts and a strong doubleton, might have passed out three notrump, but he did the "normal" thing by going with the eight-card spade fit.

West led the heart queen. After taking the first three tricks in the suit, the defenders cast adrift with a diamond to South's ace.

South had to play the trump suit without loss. And it looked as though he was about to get lucky, West having king-doubleton under dummy's ace-jack. However, when declarer played a spade to dummy's jack, East dropped the nine (or 10, if you prefer!). Suddenly South had a losing option. If East had begun with the 10-nine doubleton, declarer could return to hand and lead his spade queen, pinning East's 10 (or nine) and picking up the suit.

If South does this and loses a trump trick, the defenders have pulled off a coup. Alternatively, if South still gets the trumps right, he has successfully defended his kingdom.

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Oil Patch News

Scurry County

Baytech Inc. will drill the No. 2-64 Sorrells in the Mirage field, two miles southeast of Dunn. Planned for a depth of 7,900 feet, location is in Section 64, Block 3, H&GN survey.

Kinder Morgan will drill the No. 15512 SACROC unit in the Kelly-Snyder field, six miles northwest of Snyder. Planned depth is 7,200 feet, and location is in Section 292, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Kinder Morgan will drill the No. 2233 SACROC unit in the Kelly-Snyder field, six miles northwest of Snyder. Contracted for 7,200 feet, drill site is in Section 248, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Borden County

Stephens & Johnson Operating will drill the No. 4-580 C.D. Jones in the Fluvanna field, six miles northwest of the townsite. The reentry project is planned for a depth of 7,900 feet, and location is in Section 580, Block 97, H&TC survey.

E.G.L. Resources Inc. will drill the No. 4-R Big Bird in the Jo-Mill field, 16 miles southwest of Gail. Planned for a depth of 8,450 feet, drill site is in Section 35, Block 33, T4N, T&P survey.

Garza County

Steizer Drilling Co. Inc. will drill the No. 11 K. Stoker in the Garza field, three miles southeast of Post. Planned for a depth of 3,500 feet, location is in Section 31, Block 5, GH&H survey.

Steizer Drilling Co. will drill the No. 9-A Kirkpatrick in the Garza field, three miles southeast of Post. Also planned for a depth of 3,500 feet, location is in Section 31, Block5, GH&H survey.

Kent County

Mobil Producing will drill the No. 36-L Salt Creek field unit, 11 miles northwest of Clairemont. Planned for a depth of 7,800 feet, drill site is in Section 3, Block 6, John Rodman survey.

Mobil Producing will drill the No. 39-H Salt Creek field unit, 11 miles northwest of Clairemont. Scheduled depth is 7,800 feet, and location is in Section 3, Block 6, John Rodman survey.

Howard County

Walsh & Watts Inc. has completed the No. 9-C Snyder in the Snyder field, seven miles southeast of Coahoma. The well was finaled to produce 40 barrels of oil and 78 barrels of water. Perforations were from 2,930-640 feet, and location is in Section 28, Block 30, T1S, T&P survey.

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High court overturns death sentences

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court overturned the death sentences of dozens of convicted killers today, ruling that juries and not judges must make such life-or-death decisions.

The 7-2 ruling affects the way death sentences are imposed in at least five states and means that more than 150 death sentences must be reconsidered.

Today's ruling concerned instances in which juries determined defendants' guilt or innocence and judges alone decided their punishment. The court held that such a sentence imposed by a judge violates a defendant's constitutional right to a trial by jury.

It was the second major Supreme Court ruling in less than a week affecting the ways that states sentence people to death. Last week, the justices divided bitterly in exempting mentally retarded people from execution.

None of the cases attacks the basic constitutionality of capital punishment for the general population.

The court has also agreed to hear an appeal in the fall from Tennessee death row inmate Abu-Ali Abdur'Rahman. That case could have far-reaching effects if the justices decide to loosen the rules for when condemned inmates can get new evidence before a judge.

Nationwide, about 3,700 people await execution for crimes committed in the 38 states that allow the death penalty.

In some states juries determine guilt or innocence, but a judge then can base a death sentence on aggravating factors such as the heinous nature of a murder or whether it was committed for monetary gain.

Today's ruling turned on the Constitution's guarantee of a jury of one's peers and a Supreme Court ruling two years ago that struck down another kind of sentence determined by a judge instead of a jury.

Critics mull Bush's Palestinian plan

WASHINGTON (AP) — As President Bush prepares to roll out his Mideast peace blueprint, members of Congress and Palestinian leaders are already expressing doubts about its core goal — provisional Palestinian statehood.

"A state is a state, and you cannot be provisionally pregnant, and you cannot have a provisional state," Palestinian Cabinet Minister Nabil Shaath said on Sunday on CNN's "Late Edition."

Administration officials said today they tentatively planned the address for the afternoon, but were waiting for Bush to make a final decision. They also cautioned that events in the Middle East could again force a change.

Israeli tanks encircled Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat's badly damaged headquarters and barricaded the front gate with debris as the army seized control of Ramallah today. In the southern Gaza Strip, Israeli helicopters fired missiles at two cars, killing six Palestinians and injuring five, Palestinians said. Four of the dead belonged to the militant group Hamas, the movement said.

A senior White House official reaffirmed Sunday that Bush would outline a step-by-step proposal for establishment of a Palestinian state contingent on democratic reforms. The plan would create the state within provisional borders late this year or early next year, provided that enough measurable progress has been made in reforming the Palestinian Authority and stemming terrorism.

The thorniest issues — such as final borders, the control of Jerusalem and the return of refugees — would be left to negotiations between Israel and the provisional state.

Bush delayed an announcement last week after two suicide bombings in Jerusalem killed 26 Israelis and the Israeli army began seizing Palestinian territory in the West Bank.

Ahead of the official announcement, influential lawmakers and a Palestinian official challenged the administration's proposal.

Shaath said his people would greet Bush's proposal for interim status "positively," but he was skeptical about its central provision.

Man is arrested for felony assault

Arrests

Police arrested Israel Tavarez, 23, of 312 20th Street at 2:13 a.m. Sunday in the 300 block of 20th for felony assault, family violence and Class A interference with an emergency telephone call.

Officers arrested a 36-year-old man in the 900 block of 37th Street at 1:17 p.m. Saturday for public intoxication.

A man notified police of a fight in the VFW parking lot just after midnight Saturday and officers arrested a 20-year-old man for minor consuming alcohol and a 23-year-old man for disorderly conduct.

Officers arrested a 17-year-old female at 1:51 a.m. Sunday in the 1100 block of 14th Street for driving while intoxicated and evading arrest.

Officers arrested a 24-year-old man in the 3200 block of College at 3 a.m. Sunday for public intoxication.

A 23-year-old man was arrested at 9:39 p.m. Sunday in the 1600 block of 27th for assault, family violence and for resisting arrest.

Stolen vehicle

Patty Thompson Saturday morning reported a 1989 Toyota pickup missing from a garage sale in the 2700 block of 28th Street. Officers located the vehicle, which had been rolled downhill into a tree at 28th and Ave. Z, a short time later.

Burglaries

At 10:18 Saturday night, Mary Kenly reported a break-in of her son's mobile home in the 2000 block of Ave. O. A pair of diamond earrings was taken and an offense report for burglary of a residence was filed.

Maria Ornales reported the burglary of her home in the 3100 block of Ave. I at 11:43 a.m. Sunday. Several household items were stolen and an offense report for burglary of a residence was submitted.

Thefts

Amy Griffin reported the theft of her cell phone from the 3900 block of Eastridge just after noon Saturday.

Will Clay requested officers at 10:42 p.m. Saturday regarding his bike being stolen from his yard on the 400 block of 32nd Street and an offense report for Class B theft was submitted.

Close patrols

A woman requested a close patrol of her residence on the 3000 block of Ave. U at 2:18 p.m. Sunday concerning juveniles walking through her yard.

A close patrol was maintained just before 5 p.m. Sunday at Towle Park after a report of a fight near the pond.

Gas drive offs

A clerk with Town and Country north reported a gas drive off at 6 p.m. Saturday of $13.

An employee with Tiger Mart reported a gas drive off in the amount of $17.04 just after 6:30 p.m. Sunday.

A clerk with Rip Griffin's reported a gas drive off worth $10.09 at 12:30 p.m. Sunday.

Obituaries

Evelyn Farquhar

1917-2002

BIG SPRING — Evelyn N. Farquhar, a native of Scurry County, died Friday, June 21, in Odessa Hospice House.

Graveside service for Mrs. Farquhar, 85, was set for 2 p.m. today in the Trinity Memorial Park Peace Chapel with Rick Cunningham, minister of the 14th and Main Street Church of Christ, officiating.

Born May 18, 1917 in Fluvanna, she married James Thomas Farquhar on May 25, 1933 in Fluvanna. He died in 1995.

A resident of Big Spring, Mrs. Farquhar had worked for Dr. Deats and Dr. Charles Warren and then for the Casual Shop. She was a member of the 14th and Main Church of Christ.

Survivors include a son, Ron Farquhar of Odessa; three grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

The family suggests memorials to the Home Hospice, 501 N. Texas in Odessa, 79761.

Arrangements were under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

Wilmoth Dressler

1923-2002

MIDLAND — Wilmoth Dressler, the brother of Nelson Dressler of Hermleigh, died Wednesday, June 19, in a Fort Worth hospital.

Funeral service for Mr. Dressler, 79, is set for 10 a.m. Tuesday in the Ellis Funeral Home Chapel with Greg Fleming officiating. Burial will follow in the Resthaven Memorial Park.

Born Jan. 15, 1923 in Sweetwater, Mr. Dressler served in the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II. He married Billy Marie Young on April 5, 1947 in Sweetwater.

A resident of Midland since 1946, Mr. Dressler worked as a technician for Southwestern Bell Telephone Co. for 40 years. He also owned Slim's Air Conditioning and Heating for five years.

He was preceded in death by his parents, August and Ethel Aucutt Dressler.

Survivors also include his wife, Billy Dressler of Midland; two sons, David Dressler of Arlington and Joe Dressler of Flagstaff, Ariz.; and three grandchildren.

Joe Wiley

1923-2002

ROBY — Joe D. Wiley, the brother of Dorthy McCorkle of Snyder, died Saturday, June 22, in the Rotan Healthcare Center.

Graveside service for Mr. Wiley, 78, is set for 10 a.m. Tuesday in the Hobbs Cemetery with Curtis Ward officiating.

Born July 16, 1923 in Fisher County, he married Florence Randolph on Feb. 14, 1998 in Roby. A member of the Roby Church of Christ, Mr. Wiley worked as maintenance director and bus driver for the Gustine School District.

He was preceded in death by his parents, John and Blanche Horton Wiley; and two sons, Carl and Travis Wiley.

Survivors include his wife, Florence Wiley of Roby; two sons, Douglas Wiley and Dennis Wiley, both of California; five grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

W.N. Copeland

1913-2002

MELROSE, N.M. – W.N. "Dub" Copeland, the father of Linda Boaz of Snyder, died Saturday, June 22.

A memorial service for Mr. Copeland, 88, is set for 2 p.m. Tuesday in the Melrose Church of Christ with Otho Rogers officiating. Burial will follow in the Melrose Cemetery under the direction of Steed-Todd Funeral Home in Clovis, N.M.

Born Aug. 10, 1913 in Lubbock, he married Martha Heffington on Oct. 20, 1934 in Lubbock. He moved to St. Vrain, N.M., in 1945. He was a rancher and a longtime member of the Melrose Church of Christ.

Survivors include his wife, Martha Copeland of St. Vrain; three sons, James Copeland of Yeso, N.M., Raymon Copeland of St. Vrain and John Copeland of Lubbock; 12 grandchildren; and 17 great-grandchildren.

Elizabeth Thomas

1921-2002

FREDERICK, Okla. — L.V. "Elizabeth" Thomas, the sister of Ralph J. Nelson of Snyder, died Saturday, June 22, in Frederick, Okla. after a lengthy illness.

A memorial service for Mrs. Thomas, 80, is set for 2 p.m. Tuesday in the Jackson Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Lloyd Logan officiating. Burial will follow in Frederick Memorial Cemetery.

Mrs. Thomas, a resident of Davidson, Okla., was a housekeeper for families in Frederick.

She was preceded in death by her parents and by 11 brothers and sisters.

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WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

Head Start registration

Head Start registration began this morning and will continue through Wednesday at Snyder Child Day Care Center. The hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Qualifications: Children must be at least three years old; family must meet income guidelines or child must have a diagnosed disability. What is required: child's certified birth certificate, current immunization record, Social Security card and proof of family income.

Scurry Lodge to meet

Scurry Lodge #706 will install officers at 7 p.m. Saturday. All Masons, family and friends are invited to the open installation.

Historic Scurry County auction items

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

Museum exhibit

A special exhibit of Harley-Davidson, Indian motorcycles and Cushman motor scooters continues through Aug. 22 at the Scurry County Museum on the Western Texas College campus. The free exhibit is entitled Ready To Roll and all bikes are owned by residents of Scurry County.

Central Baptist revival

Central Baptist Church will host revival services at 7 p.m. though Friday. Dr. Wes Massey is the evangelist and Don Thornton is directing the music. For information or transportation, call 863-2305.

First Methodist VBS

First United Methodist Church is hosting a Vacation Bible School from 9 a.m. to noon through Friday. For more information, call 573-5416.

Bible study tapes

Bible videos air each week on Channel 2. To be shown at 7 this evening is "Following God's Plan," followed by "The Case Against Gambling."

Steer validation

The 2002 steer validation will be Tuesday at the West Texas Animal Clinic. Validations will begin at 6 p.m. and both the parent and child will need to be present for signatures on forms and blood cards. The exhibitor's social security number is also required. Contact the Scurry County extension office for more information at 573-5423.

Gateway Family Services

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

Genealogical Society meeting

Scurry County Genealogical Society will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the Scurry County Library. Frances Pitner will present a program on microfilm census research. Visitors are welcome. Membership dues are $12.50 per person or $15 for a couple.

Class of 1977 reunion

The SHS class of 1977 will hold a reunion from 7 p.m. until midnight Saturday at Snyder Country Club. Information available from Sheila Collier, 573-0882 or Janie McCormick, 573-1637.

Red Cross fundraiser

Representatives of the American Red Cross will be in the United parking lot between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Saturday to accept donations for disaster relief.

SHS class of 1992 reunion

The 1992 class of Snyder High School needs addresses for classmates. Call Melanie at 573-4022, Julie at 573-1634 or Amy at 573-4793. The reunion will be held at the end of July.

SHS class of 1987 reunion

The 1987 class of Snyder High School will have a 15-year reunion dinner Saturday, July 6, at Snyder Country Club. RSVP by June 15 to Robyn Wilson at 915-552-7791 or Dee Chasteen at 573-2913.

Discovery School registration

Fall registration for Discovery School will be from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. July 8-12. The fall session begins Aug. 1. For more information, call 573-4770.

WTC pool hours

June: M-F 6:30-8 a.m. and noon-1 p.m. Open swim: M-F 2-5 p.m. Thursday nights: 7-9 p.m. for $5 family swim. Cost of each visit is $2 or $25 for a two-month membership. Swimming pool will close Thursday for maintenance work.

Seniors swimnastics

Swimnastics for senior citizens on Tuesday and Thursdays is held from 10 to 11 a.m. at the Western Texas College pool.

Cancer treatment transportation

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

British troops find stockpile of weapons in Afghanistan

BAGRAM, Afghanistan (AP) — A rocket was fired near U.S. special forces in southeastern Afghanistan, a spokesman said today. The attack came soon after nearby British forces seized a large stash of weapons that may have been left by al-Qaida and Taliban fighters.

None of the troops was injured in the rocket explosion near the town of Khost. The soldiers searched for the firing site but did not find it, said Col. Roger King.

In the nearby village of Organe, residents told U.S. troops that rockets might be aimed at the Americans in the area. A U.S. patrol searched the area and found a rocket that had been armed but failed to launch, King said.

It was not immediately clear when the rocket had been fired, but it happened after Saturday's discovery by British troops of one of the largest weapons caches yet uncovered in southeastern Afghanistan.