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Coliseum lease topic of meeting

The Snyder Chamber of Commerce executive committee met with County Judge Ricky Fritz this morning concerning the lease of the county coliseum.

Executive Director Donna Fowler said prior to the meeting that Fritz had indicated to her Monday evening that the county was to cut the chamber's supplement by $30,000 per year and wanted a three-year lease on the facility.

"Over three years, that's $90,000," said Fowler. "We can't afford to operate the coliseum with that much of a cut."

After the closed meeting this morning, Fowler said the county did propose cutting the annual supplement by $30,000.

"We haven't decided anything yet," she said. "But now all we can do is take it back to our board and decide if this is a deal we can live with."

Fowler said Judge Fritz indicated the $30,000 difference would be allocated to a new parks and recreation plan which will maintain area parks and recreation facilities, including Moffett Field.

Talk surfaced in the spring that Precinct 1 commissioner Ralph Trevey wanted to look at the operation of the coliseum during budget talks, but the coliseum has not been discussed in open session.

And although it was not an agenda item, discussion of the chamber's impending negotiations with county officials concerning the leasing of the Scurry County Coliseum also dominated the chamber's board meeting Monday.

Numerous questions were tossed out as to the future of the management of the coliseum, and why the county wanted the chamber out of the picture. Currently, the chamber leases the coliseum from the county with an annual supplement of $165,000 from the county. Under the lease agreement, the chamber is responsible for booking and scheduling events in the coliseum.

A gas leak at the coliseum not discovered until a $31,000 gas bill was received, has been an unresolved issue between the county and chamber.

In other business, board members approved a $2,000 request in hotel/motel tax funds for the Best of Texas Steer Show in July.

The board also reviewed financial statements and heard reports from Fowler on projects such as the Western Swing Festival and the Winston Field Fly-in.

Board members welcomed new chamber members Davidson Supermarkets and Taco John's, as well as accepting the resignation of board member Michael Hartman.

Hartman serves as the Scurry County attorney. He was meeting with various attorneys this morning prior to county court, and was unavailable for comment on the reason for his resignation.

Those attending the chamber meeting Monday were Jack Whitworth, president, and members Paula McWilliams, Missy Jones, Wlhelmenia Howard, Jeffrey Martin, Elliott Cox, Michael Rodriquez and Darren Jackson.

Review board sets meeting

The Scurry County Appraisal Review Board will meet at 8:30 Wednesday morning.

Chief Appraiser Larry Crooks said the meeting is not a protest hearing on values, but rather an organizational meeting for the appraisal review board.

"Our protest hearings are set for July 11 and July 12," he said. "This meeting is just for us to review agriculture values and oil prices."

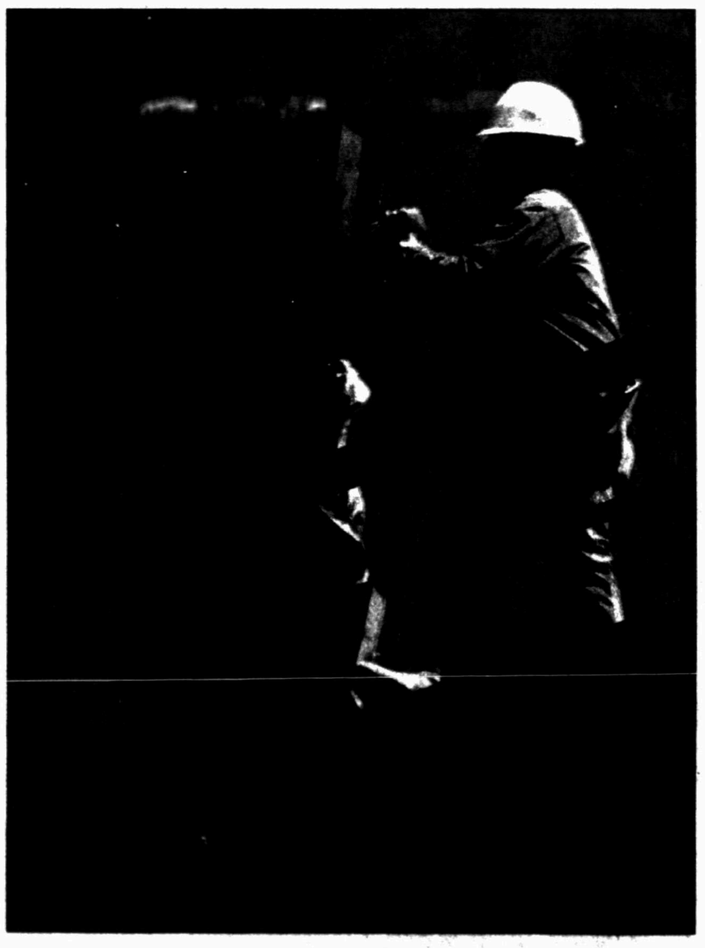
The increase in oil prices has resulted in "significant increases in values," Crooks said.

Also on the board's agenda is an election of officers and an order to correct prior year's appraisal rolls. Board members will also discuss mineral values and land values.

The meeting will take place at the Scurry County Appraisal District office at 2612 College Ave.



NOTHIN' BITING — Andy Luna of Hermleigh enjoys a shady spot under a tree at Towle Park Pond Tuesday morning while he fishes for catfish. Luna reported that no catfish had taken his bait, but he had caught a few perch. (SDN Staff Photo)



WORKING UP HIGH — Juan Polanco with NC Sturgeon Inc. works with the steel frame of a new auditorium at Calvary Baptist Church. The addition is expected to be completed in October. (SDN Staff Photo)

In Abilene...

Former resident dies after struck by train

The Abilene police department confirmed this morning that a former Snyder resident was run over and killed by a train early Sunday morning.

Police Detective John Reid said Gustovo Castillon Jr., 27, of 1057 Minda in Abilene was struck by a Union Pacific train around 4:40 a.m. Sunday.

"The conductor told me that as the train was entering Abilene from the west, they spotted what appeared to be a man laying on the tracks," Reid said.

"They immediately applied the brakes but were unable to stop the freight train," Reid said.

Location was east of Highway 322 and the tracks run parallel to Business I-20.

Reid said Castillon was pronounced dead at the scene by Taylor County Justice of the Peace Bryan Smith.

Smith said today that he has not issued a ruling on the death, pending receiving paperwork from the police. Reid added that foul play is not suspected.

Services are pending at Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Drug charges send woman to prison

Danisha Venita Ollison, 23, of 1007 29th Street pleaded guilty to several drug-related charges Monday afternoon in 132nd District Court.

Jury selection began Monday morning for Ollison, who failed to show for her drug trial in April.

Some 140 prospective jurors were summoned Monday morning and a 12-woman jury was selected.

Ollison was sentenced to 15 years in TDCJ on a charge of delivery of a controlled substance, 10 years on four other counts and two years in state jail for possession of a controlled substance.

All of the prison time will be served concurrently.

Ollison was charged with delivery of a controlled substance in a drug-free zone. She was indicted following an undercover drug operation that resulted in a roundup of suspects just before Christmas.

At the time of the drug delivery offense, Ollison was living in Apt. 3B1 at 4400 Ave. U, which is within 1,000 feet of Stanfield Elementary.

Ollison failed to appear for trial in 132nd District Court on April 17, and the Scurry County grand jury meeting in May handed down additional indictments for bond jumping and failure to appear.

District Judge Ernie Armstrong presided. The state's case was presented by District Attorney Dana Cooley. Defense attorney was Justin Low of Odessa.

Woman slain at zoo

LANSING, Mich. (AP) — A state trooper's wife visiting a crowded zoo with her daughter was killed by a rifle shot fired from a nearby wooded area. Her mother died of a heart attack when she was told of the shooting.

The trooper's lawyer acknowledged his client is under investigation in the shooting but said he wasn't involved.

Bernita White, 41, was shot once in the heart Saturday while walking with her daughter and friends at the Potter Park Zoo. There were hundreds of people in the park, and witnesses reported hearing one or two shots although no one reported seeing the shooter, police said.

White's mother, Barbara Sims, 67, died of a heart attack when she was told of her daughter's death, police said.

White's husband, Artis, a state police detective sergeant, had dropped off his wife and daughter at the park and arrived half an hour after the shooting.

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "A budget is a systematic way of spending beyond your means."

Summertime means budget planning for local taxing authorities. Money is tight everywhere, and there is always someone handy with an extreme solution to a problem.

We read in the Hood County News recently where the county auditor, at the request of the county judge, made a quick trip to Austin to testify before a Senate committee.

The senator had called the county judge requesting testimony from some official in Hood County. Having a scheduling conflict, the county judge turned to the auditor who left after work and spent the night in an Austin hotel so he could be present for the morning meeting.

When the auditor returned home and submitted his travel reimbursement request, three members of the commissioners court denied payment for the hotel bill, saying the auditor should have gotten up early and driven in the same morning.

A similar situation occurred in Brownsville where the interim health director went on a trip to the Border Governor's conference in Tampico, Mexico.

City commissioners sent him there to learn about a project linking U.S. and Mexican health providers via the Internet.

Taking fiscal conservatism to an extreme, the city fathers sent the health director to the conference on a bus for $54, a substantial savings compared to the $496 airfare.

That's a savings, of course, unless you count the salary the health official earned during the 20-hour round trip in a bus.

We happen to agree with the lieutenant governor.

When Rick Perry took over as governor of Texas, Texas Senators elevated Sen. Bill Ratliff to the office of lieutenant governor.

Ratliff is well-respected by his peers and earned the confidence of others during the recently-ended legislative session. Like Speaker Pete Laney, he's been described as fair and even-handed in performing his duties as presiding officer of the senate.

Ratliff, who announced that he would be a candidate for the office, has since changed his mind after the estimated cost of running a state-wide campaign sunk in.

"If you are going to raise $10 million, that requires a level of politics I'm just not comfortable with. I don't think that you can be as independent, as fiercely independent as I've been for 12 years, and be successful in a race like this."

Politics, unfortunately, seems to be all about money.

Officer faces life in prison

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — A retired Army Reserve officer was convicted today of smuggling military documents to the Soviet Union over 25 years, becoming one of the Cold War's most prolific master spies.

The jury deliberated just two hours before finding George Trofimoff, 74, guilty of a single federal espionage charge. He faces life in prison.

Trofimoff, a retired colonel, is the highest-ranking U.S. military officer to be arrested on spy charges. He was arrested a year ago trying to collect money.

ASK US

Q—Is it legal to discharge fireworks in the city limits?

A—No. Violation of the city ordinance could result in a fine of up to $250.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Monday, 93 degrees; low, 70; 7 a.m. Tuesday, 70; no precipitation; total for 2001, 9.26 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, clear, low around 70, S wind 5-15 mph. Wednesday, mostly sunny, high mid 90s, S wind 10-20 mph. Wednesday night, mostly clear, low mid 70s.

Josh Taylor
Sunny

Sunset: 8:52 p.m.
Sunrise: 6:43 a.m.
Of 176 days in 2001, the sun has shone 164 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

To be persuasive we must be believable; to be believable, we must be credible; to be credible, we must be truthful.

—Edward R. Morrow

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Some states resist tighter drunken driving laws

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — When Congress passed a law last fall requiring states to lower the standard for drunken driving or lose millions in federal highway funds, it seemed like a sure thing for advocates who had spent years pushing the change.

The toughest part of their fight, however, had only just begun.

Since President Clinton signed the law, few states have adopted legislation dropping the threshold to 0.08 percent blood alcohol content.

"It hasn't been an easy battle in any state," said John Moulden, president of the Washington, D.C.-based National Commission Against Drunk Driving.

In some states, the measures were met with resistance from key lawmakers. Elsewhere, the bills never made it out of committee or died when the legislative session ended.

"If I was convinced that it alone would significantly deter the repeat drunk driver then I would support it, but I do not believe it will," said Sen. Dave Kleis of Minnesota, where a 0.08 bill died this year in committee and was rejected a second time as an amendment to a bill before the full Senate.

"Besides, states need to send the federal government a message — that it's not OK to blackmail us into passing laws that the federal government wants but can't impose," Kleis said.

Clinton signed the bill in October, saying it would save 500 lives a year. Opponents argue it won't curb drunken-driving deaths.

States that don't lower the legal standard by Oct. 1, 2003, will lose 2 percent of federal money for everything from filling potholes to fixing bridges and widening highways. The penalty increases 2 percent for each year of noncompliance, to a maximum of 8 percent.

Ohio, for example, could lose $30 million in 2004 and up to $65 million in 2007. The Ohio Association of County Commissioners maintains lowering the state's limit from 0.10 percent would put increased demands on jails and courts, costing counties $2.1 million a year.

"I would do anything I really thought was going to reduce accidents and deaths from drunken drivers," Ohio Senate President Richard Finan said. "However, going to 0.08, not only in my opinion but all the studies I've read, doesn't address the problem."

When the federal mandate was passed, 19 states and the District of Columbia had the 0.08 standard. Massachusetts' law considered a blood-alcohol level of 0.08 percent as evidence — but not proof — of drunkenness. The others had a 0.10 standard.

Since then, legislatures in 10 states have approved 0.08 bills.

Mothers Against Drunk Driving pushed for the federal mandate after being rebuffed by state lawmakers for years, said Millie I. Webb, the group's national president.

"We have state lawmakers who listen only to the special interests and not the public interests," Webb said.

MADD cites cases such as that of Traci Jungkurth, 41, of Westerville, Ohio, whose husband and 8-year-old son were killed in 1996 on a Tennessee highway. The driver who hit the family's vehicle had a blood alcohol level of 0.08 percent.

"He was drunk enough to be impaired and kill my family, but he wasn't drunk enough to get a DUI charge," Jungkurth said.

The American Beverage Institute, a Washington, D.C.-based association of restaurant operators, says there's no evidence to support the argument of how many lives would be saved with the 0.08 limit.

"It's all political. It's the wrong approach to a very serious problem," spokesman John Doyle said.

In Wyoming, a 0.08 bill died this year when a Senate committee declined to discuss it. A similar measure made it out of a House committee but was never put before the full House for a vote.

Although Wyoming Sen. Dick Erb acknowledges a 0.08 bill probably will be approved next year because the federal money is needed, he remains irked by the federal mandate.

"I'm just sick and tired of people in Washington not knowing what's going on in the West and telling us what to do anyway," he said. "But in this case, our hands are tied."

In other states, lawmakers didn't give the measure priority this year because penalties don't kick in for another two.

West Virginia Gov. Bob Wise proposed a 0.08 bill, but it sat untouched in the House and Senate judiciary committees and died when session ended earlier this year. Wise intends to push the bill again next session.

And, an Iowa judiciary committee held off discussing a 0.08 bill there because state Sen. Gene Maddox, the committee chairman, saw no urgency in passing it this time around, especially because the issue likely would be contentious.

Some state lawmakers haven't been deterred by the opposition.

Indiana Sen. Tom Wyss tried for 11 years to get 0.08 legislation passed. The change was approved this year and takes effect in July.

In Ohio, Rep. Rex Damschroder says that if a bill to lower Ohio's limit from 0.10 isn't approved this year, lawmakers will try again in 2003, when Finan won't be in the Legislature because of term limits.

"Show's not over. This will save lives. That's the bottom line," Damschroder said.

What state Legislatures did

By The Associated Press

A look at how state Legislatures have responded to the federal law requiring states to lower the legal standard for drunken driving to 0.08 percent blood alcohol content, or lose millions in federal highway funds:

—States where lawmakers have debated bills this year that would lower the drunken-driving standard to 0.08 percent: Connecticut, Delaware, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Nevada, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, South Dakota, Tennessee, West Virginia, Wyoming.

—States where laws lowering the standard to 0.08 percent have been passed since the federal mandate: Alaska, Arkansas, Arizona, Georgia, Indiana, Louisiana, Maryland, Missouri, Nebraska and Oklahoma.

Sources: National Conference of State Legislatures and Mothers Against Drunk Driving.

Execution set for man who killed guard

HUNTSVILLE (AP) — Miguel Richardson was so fond of the lead character in a 1970s book about a Harlem, N.Y., pimp that he not only shared the same occupation but also adopted the guy's name: Silky.

Accompanied by three of his prostitutes, two 17 years old and one 16, Silky Richardson set up shop at a San Antonio Holiday Inn where he spotted and coveted the expensive jewelry worn by a woman staying in a room across the hall.

Security guards caught Richardson — dressed as a woman — trying to break into the woman's room. While being escorted down a stairwell, the two unarmed guards were shot to death.

That was nearly 20 years ago, on Sept. 16, 1981. This evening, Richardson was set to be executed — two weeks short of his 47th birthday — for the murder of John Ebbert, one of the two slain guards.

He would be the ninth convicted killer to receive lethal injection this year in Texas, where a record 40 were put to death last year.

"I think it should be frustrating to all the citizens of the state," Steve Hilbig, who prosecuted the murder case in 1981, said Monday of the time it's taken to get close to the punishment. "We've had the debate. We say we will impose the death penalty. I think if we're going to do that, it loses its meaning when it takes 20 years to carry forward.

"You don't want any short cuts. You want to make sure all legal and procedural requirements have been complied with. But I'm not real sure it takes 20 years to do that."

The case of Richardson, who refused to speak with reporters as his execution date neared, twice was sent back to the state courts by the U.S. Supreme Court. On a third trip to the high court, in 1995, justices denied a review. Richardson's attorneys appealed and were rejected three years later, appealed again and lost before the Supreme Court two weeks ago. Another request for review and appeal were pending today before the Supreme Court.

His appeals primarily have focused on his mental competency.

Richardson, who already had a federal mail theft conviction behind him in his native Oklahoma, was captured and arrested for the deaths of Ebbert and partner Howard Peters while pulling a robbery several days later in Denver. For two years he successfully fought extradition to Texas.

Among those who testified against him at his trial were the prostitutes who accompanied him, telling a Bexar County jury how one of them wiped the shooting scene with a towel to remove his fingerprints and how she flushed down a toilet the spent shells from the .38-caliber pistol used in the slayings. They also provided details of the shootings as he described them.

"One of the girls testified how he made (the guards) beg for their lives," recalled Hilbig, now in private practice as a senior counselor with the San Antonio law firm of Holland and Knight.

Since his arrest, Richardson has had several violent outbursts. In Denver, court records showed he attacked the shift commander at the county jail in April 1980 and tried to beat him with a fire extinguisher. Two months later, after being taken to a hospital, he tried to escape by stabbing a deputy in the neck with a shank, a homemade knife he fashioned from a spike.

"He rammed it into the Adam's apple of the guard, all the way to the spine, rotating (the shank) to disable the guard," Hilbig said. Then he grabbed the officer's gun and opened fire. The guard, testifying later in a voice left hoarse by the injury, told how he was able to keep the gun from discharging by jamming the skin between his thumb and index finger between the firing pin of the pistol and the shell in the chamber.

The officer showed jurors a disfigured hand which resembled Swiss cheese with small holes.

"You could see it looked like somebody had cut out part of his skin," the prosecutor said.

Four years ago, Richardson and two other death row inmates tried to overpower guards as they were being moved in a prison van from San Antonio to Huntsville.

"There are just some people that you say deserve to die," Hilbig said.

Chamber wants to change name to Dakota

BISMARCK, N.D. (AP) — North Dakotans can't move their state to warmer climes, but some hope a proposed name change will at least help the state seem a little less northern.

The Greater North Dakota Association, the state's chamber of commerce, is backing a proposal to cut the state's name to "Dakota." Supporters insist the plan would help alter the state's image as a frigid, treeless prairie.

"People have such an instant thing about how North Dakota is cold and snowy and flat," said former Gov. Ed Schafer. "We're not going to change that overnight. But (a name change) would get a lot of attention. Personally, I think it would be fun."

Some state officials worry the plan would subject North Dakota to national ridicule — which is what happened in 1989, the last time a name change was proposed.

Gov. John Hoeven said he was willing to listen to arguments from advocates of the idea but thought North Dakota's name worked well.

"I'm more focused in getting out there and talking about all the wonderful things we have here, whether it's quality of work force, quality environment, great tourism, great education," he said.

To change names, officials would have to alter the state constitution and the federal Enabling Act, which split the Dakota Territory into the states of North Dakota and South Dakota in 1889.

Katherine Satrom, a Bismarck travel agency owner and leading advocate of the name change, called the proposal "a serious economic development initiative, which could have far-ranging benefits to our state's future."

But Lee Peterson, the governor's economic development director, didn't believe the name was a major factor in people's assumptions about North Dakota.

"The problem with North Dakota is that no one knows about us," Peterson said.

events

TEXAS LOTTERY

RESULTS

Cash Five

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

5-11-15-17-27

Pick 3

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

8-6-1

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Dale Huff
Minister

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Later...

Many people plan on following Jesus wholeheartedly....later. There are so many other things to do before we really settle down to a commitment to Jesus. Like all things we put off, following Jesus does not become easier with time. Usually when we put it off, it becomes more difficult.

Jesus told a parable that is recorded in Luke 14:16-24. In the parable Jesus told about a certain man who was preparing a great banquet. As the banquet was nearing, he sent out and invited many guests. A servant carried the invitation and at each location he stopped and invited the guests. Each person responded the same. They could not come right now. There were other things they needed to do. Their excuses were pretty weak, but they sound very much like the things that keep us from following Jesus. One had just bought a field. He needed to go and look it over. Another had just bought some oxen and he needed to go see how they would plow. Another had gotten married, and of course, he could not come as well.

One excuse is really as good as another. Instead of excuses, Jesus goes on to say that what is needed is a wholehearted commitment to Him. Jesus boldly calls people to make a commitment to Him that is greater than any other commitment in life:

"If anyone comes to me and does not hate his father and mother, his wife and children, his brothers and sisters - yes, even his own life - he cannot be my disciple. and anyone who does not carry his cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. Luke 14: 25-27,

His words sound harsh, but in the end, it is the only commitment that will really enable us to follow Jesus. He is calling people to a real life of doing the will of God, and He knows that not everyone will be supportive of that life. Jesus is offering real life, a healthy, joyful, loving, serving way of life. He is offering life that begins when we start to follow Him and goes into eternity. It is worth the sacrifices we are called to make now. But the invitation is now. The decision does not become easier....later.

Dale Huff

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Date Book

Tuesday, June 26, 2001

Today is the 177th day of 2001 and the sixth day of summer.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1787, delegates to the Constitutional Convention decided that U.S. senators should serve for six years.

On this day in 1819, William Clarkson of New York City patented the bicycle. In those days, a bicycle was called a "curricle" or a "velocipede."

On this day in 1963, President John F. Kennedy visited West Berlin.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Abner Doubleday (1819-1893), U.S. soldier-sportsman; Pearl S. Buck (1892-1973), writer; Peter Lorre (1904-1964), actor; Babe Zaharias (1914-1956), athlete; Claudio Abbado (1933-), conductor, is 68; Greg LeMond (1961-), cycling star, is 40; Jerome Kersey (1962-), basketball player, is 39.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1944, the Brooklyn Dodgers, the New York Yankees and the New York Giants played an exhibition game in which all three teams took turns playing. The Dodgers scored 5 runs, the Yankees scored 1, and the New York Giants scored 0.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Accommodation to change and the thoughtful pursuit of alternative futures are keys to the survival of civilization and perhaps of the human species." — Carl Sagan

TODAY'S MOON: Day before first quarter (June 27).

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RECOGNIZED READERS — Kaitlin Horton, Taylor Freeman and Alex Acalla were recognized as top readers at Stanfield Elementary. Kaitlin won $25 with 300.1 points, Taylor received $20 for reading 258.1 points. Both were in Neomi Harlin's room. Alex received $15 with 251 points, he was student of Aleta Long. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Four officers show up to arrest man for overdue library books

MAPLETON, Minn. (AP) — When four police officers came to LeRoy Anderson's door with an arrest warrant, he tried desperately to think of what he might have done to provoke such a show of force.

Murder was out, so was arson and theft. He hadn't embezzled millions from work or cheated on his income taxes. What he had done was forgotten to return overdue library books.

Two romance novels worth $69 he'd checked out from the Marshall-Lyon County Library were due in February 1999. Since then, he had moved 120 miles away and never got around to bringing them back.

"Can you imagine going to jail over two books?" Anderson asked. "You've got baby rapers and bank robbers out there, but they want to put me in jail for something that wasn't important enough to worry about several years ago."

Detective Paula Curry said the library gives her several such complaints each year. When people break the law and a complaint is filed, Curry said, police must follow up.

And they did on June 16. Anderson posted the $100 bail and returned last week to pay his fine.

"It's as bad or worse than speeding as far as I'm concerned," Police Chief Richard Swartz said. "Too many people have total disregard for public property."

Community Calendar

TUESDAY

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

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

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

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

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

TOPS TX56 (take off pounds sensibly); weigh-in and meeting 5 to 6 p.m.; 2501 35th. For more information call Phillis Leatherwood at 573-6105.

WEDNESDAY

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

Spiritual Solutions for Living Problems Book Study; Snyder Park Club; 6 p.m.

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

THURSDAY

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

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

Rock and Roll Quilting Club evening meeting; Hermleigh Community Center; for more information call 863-2426; 6:30 p.m.

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

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

Nuestra Nueva Esperanza AA; Park Club; for information call 573-8626; 8 p.m.

FRIDAY

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

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

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

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

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

Al-Anon open meeting; Park Club; 8 p.m.

SATURDAY

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

SUNDAY

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

Onions sizzle with flavor and nutrition

Here's good news for taste connoisseurs who watch what they eat: crisp, flavorful onions are considered by many to be one of nature's original health foods.

These delicious root vegetables have only 30 calories per serving and can add important nutrients and valuable antioxidents to a diet. Onions are sodium, fat and cholesterol-free, provide dietary fiber, vitamin C, B6 and potassium and have even been shown to help guard against many chronic diseases.

If you're looking for a delicious dish, filled with flavor and nutrients, try the following recipe.

SIZZLING STEAK AND ONION FAJITAS

MARINADE

1 cup chopped onion
10 garlic cloves
5 Serrano peppers, or other hot peppers, stemmed and seeded
½ cup lime juice
2 tablespoons Worcestershire sauce
2 tablespoons brown sugar
4 teaspoons chile powder

OTHER INGREDIENTS

1¾ lb. top sirloin steak, 1 inch thick
2 tablespoons each butter and olive oil
3 medium fresh onions, wedged
3 bell peppers, cut into narrow strips
12 flour tortillas
2 limes, wedged (optional)
1lb. Jalape–o Jack Cheese, grated
Sour cream
Salsa

For marinade, finely chop onion, garlic and peppers. Add remaining marinade ingredients and blend well. Reserve half of marinade and refrigerate. Spread remaining marinade on steak, coating all sides. Cover and marinate in refrigerator 2 to 12 hours.

Remove steak and discard marinade. Grill steak at high heat 8 to 10 minutes. Heat butter and oil in a large skillet over high heat. Add onions and peppers, sauteing until tender. Mix reserved marinade into onion mixture and heat through. Slice steak across grain into narrow strips. Toss with onion mixture in skillet.

To assemble fajitas, fill tortilla with beef-onion combination. Squirt with lime juice if desired. Top with grated cheese, sour cream and salsa. Makes 6 servings.

For more recipes using onions, send a stamped, self-addressed envelope to the National Onion Association, Department N, 822 7th Street, Suite 510, Greeley, CO 80631. For additional information, visit the National Onion Association's Web site at www.onions-usa.org.

Sizzling Steak and Onion Fajitas can be a tasty way to help keep your family happy and healthy.

Soy evens skin tone and texture

When you think of soy, you probably think health food. From tofu to soymilk, the nutritional benefits of this mighty little bean have been well documented. Now, there is promising research into the new benefits of soy...for the skin, according to new findings released at the American Academy of Dermatology Meeting in Washington, D.C.

"This new research shows that soy has even greater benefits for the skin than researchers and physicians previously understood," says Jeannette Graf, M.D., a clinical researcher on soy and a dermatologist in private practice.

According to recent research by the Skin Research Center at Johnson & Johnson Consumer Companies, Inc., soy proteins can even out skin tone and texture and reduce the appearance of a wide variety of skin discolorations, such as age or sun spots.

"This is exciting news in dermatology. Skin discoloration is one of the most difficult problems that dermatologists treat. Current therapies are often irritating, ineffective and expensive. This new discovery opens many new options," according to Dr. Graf.

Additionally, these new findings demonstrate that soy reduces the appearance of redness caused by acne and sun exposure. It also seems gentle enough for every-day use.

These benefits of soy are captured in a line of facial care products just introduced by Aveeno®, a pioneer in the study of natural ingredients for efficacious skin care. The moisturizers in this line contain naturally-active soy extracts with Vitamins A and C and are clinically proven to even skin tone and texture, resulting in brighter, more radiant skin. These are the first soy-based products available in mass market outlets.

"Patients now have easy-to-use and affordable options to treat bothersome skin discolorations. Even more exciting, research has only begun to understand the benefits of soy for skin care, and the future holds the promise for more exciting discoveries," says Dr. Graf.

Studies show soy evens skin tone and texture, reduces skin discoloration and is not irritating to skin.

Man plays 504 holes of golf in one day

ELKHART, Ind. (AP) -- Chris Crabtree is quite a swinger, and proved it by belting out 504 holes of golf in one day.

"I can't imagine having more fun. I had a ball today," Crabtree said after his 16-hour, 18-minute golf marathon ended Monday night. The golf pro helped raise $25,000 for a county women's shelter.

His goal at first was 500 holes. He reached that on the 14th hole of his 28th round "but we saw so many people here we wanted to finish on 18," Crabtree said.

About 200 people, many holding sparklers, greeted him on the 18th green after he finished at 9:18 p.m.

Crabtree, 38, the golf pro at the Christiana Creek Country Club, averaged 34.9 minutes per round. He hit 2,087 shots, giving him an average score of just over 74.5.

"I have to find something better to do on my day off," he joked.

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Cats, camels and giraffes move their front and hind legs on the same side when they walk. Most other walking animals move the opposite hind leg when they move one of their front legs.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder



North 06-26-01
♠ 9 7
♥ Q J 6
♦ 8 5 4 3
♣ K Q 10 7

West
♠ 6 4 3 2
♥ 10 9 7 4
♦ J
♣ 8 5 4 2

East
♠ A K Q J 8
♥ 5 2
♦ K 6 2
♣ 9 6 3

South
♠ 10 5
♥ A K 8 3
♦ A Q 10 9 7
♣ A J

Dealer: East
Vulnerable: East-West

South	West	North	East
			1 ♠
Dbl.	Pass	2 ♣	Pass
2 ♦	Pass	2 ♠	Pass
3 ♥	Pass	5 ♦	All pass

Opening lead: ♠ 2

Tuesday, June 26, 2001

Double first, new suit second

By Phillip Alder

We have started to look at the second-round actions by someone who has made a takeout double with at least 17 high-card points. What does it mean if the doubler mentions a new suit on round two? It shows some 17-19 points and at least a five-card suit. It describes a hand too strong for a simple overcall on the first round — like South's here.

Now a chunk for the experts in the audience. North has a maximum eight points for his initial nonjump bid. So, when South shows such a strong hand, North should insist on a game contract. However, before heading to five diamonds, he should stop off to check out three no-trump. He does that by cue-bidding two spades. This announces both game aspirations and a desire to get into three no-trump if South has a spade stopper. When South cannot bid no-trump, North settles for five diamonds. But if you, sitting North, prefer just to raise diamonds, go for it!

East takes two spade tricks, then exits with something, let's say a heart.

Declarer cannot afford a trump loser. The percentage play is low to the queen. This wins whenever East has king-doubleton or West holds a singleton jack. True, as East opened the bidding, there is a stronger case than usual for finessing the 10 on the first round. If you would have done that, unlucky!

When West drops the jack under South's queen, declarer crosses back to dummy, presumably in clubs, takes a second diamond finesse, cashes the diamond ace, and claims.

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Brain needs stimulating

Here's encouraging news for people who are struggling with their weight or coping with mild depression.

Boosting a chemical naturally produced by the brain-serotonin-may offer relief from mild depression and for some people can make it easier to lose weight.

Scientists say that people with low levels of serotonin tend to be depressed, irritable, irrational, aggressive and inattentive. They often crave carbohydrates, especially candy, baked goods and other sources of simple sugars. As a result, these people with low serotonin, levels are not only depressed, they tend to overeat and get fat.

Although in the human physiology, serotonin is produced from the amino acid tryptophan, many people cannot produce enough. Emotional and physical stress, as well as illness, all hamper the ability of the body to convert tryptophan to serotonin.

One way some people are overcoming mild depression and obesity is by using a nutritional formula containing 5-hydroxytryptophan (5-HTP). 5-HTP is a compound derived from tryptophan that the brain can easily convert to serotonin.

When serotonin levels in the brain are elevated, a person may be less prone to overeating.

The use of 5-HTP to elevate serotonin levels can produce astounding results for both depression and weight loss, said Michael Murray, N.D., author of 5-HTP: The Natural Way to Overcome Depression, Obesity and Insomnia (Bantam Books, 1998).

In a clinical study conducted at the Osaka University Medical School, 107 patients received 5-HTP daily. Within four weeks, 74 of them reported significant improvements in mood.

As for weight loss, in one study, women receiving 5-HTP lost an average of 4.39 pounds in the first six weeks and 11.63 pounds after twelve weeks.

To find out more about 5-HTP and for a copy of the Journal of Natural Health, call 800 858-0228, Monday through Friday 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Pacific Standard Time or visit www.white wing.com.

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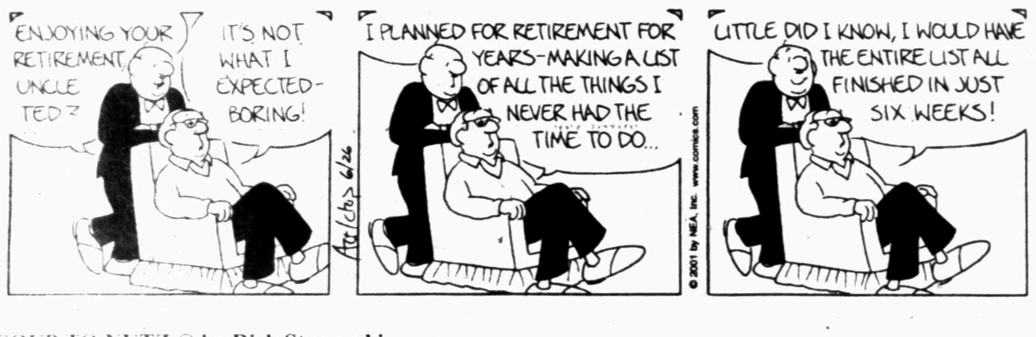

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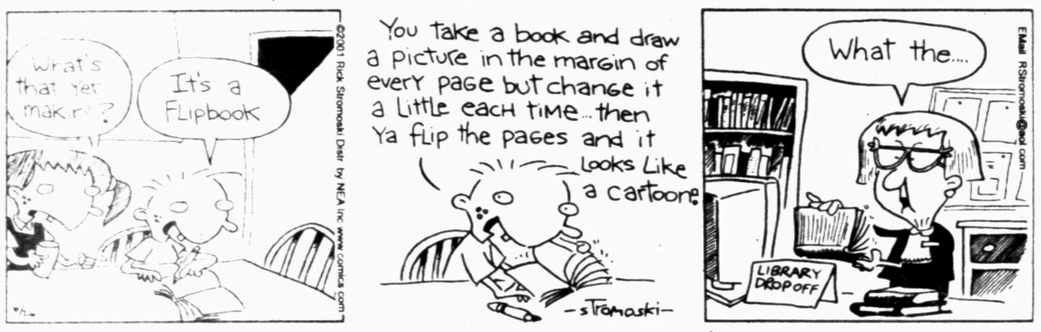

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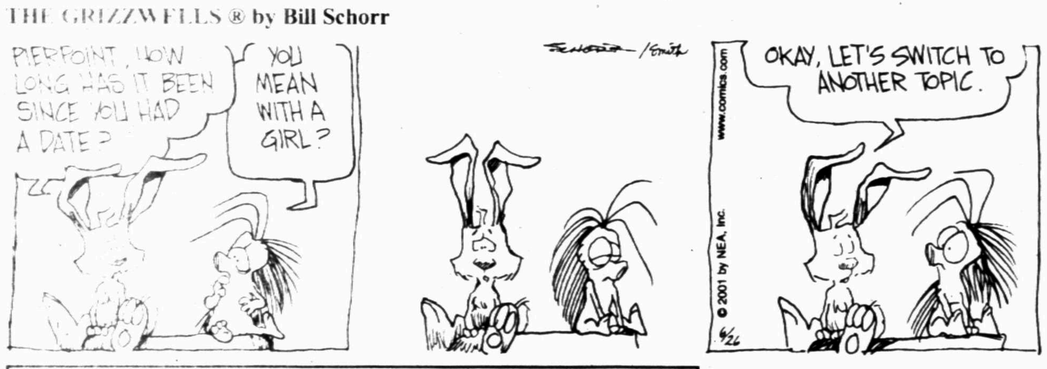

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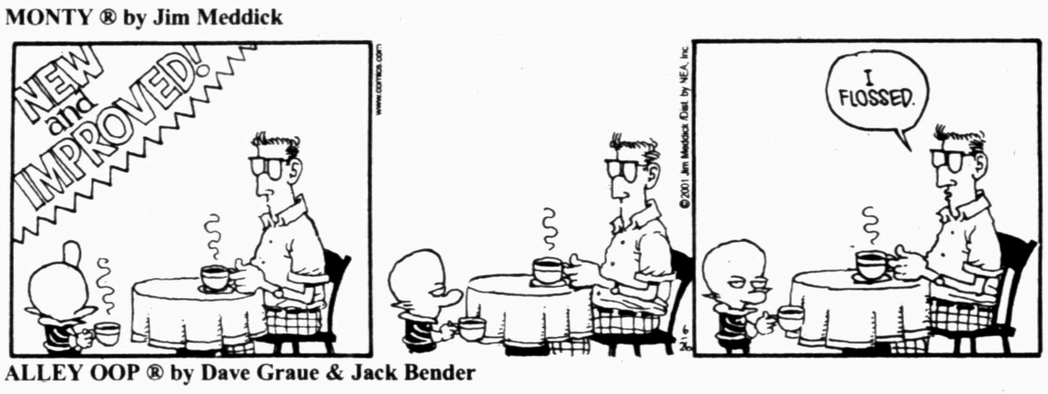

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NEA Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

1 Rode a bike
7 Glided on ice
13 Crystalline gem
14 Kook
15 Surgical saw
16 Borrowed (2 wds.)
17 Evergreen tree
18 Theater sign (abbr.)
20 Ms. Sumac
21 Pacific islands
25 Becomes adept at
28 Small herring
32 Alliance
33 Express an idea
34 Forget- — — (flower)
35 Frontiersman Daniel —
36 Stone monument
37 Shattered by an explosion
39 Evidence of a text change
41 Medical suffix
44 "— Boot"
45 Spanish cheer
48 Crowded into
51 Upper
54 Conceive
55 Hawk
56 Dog's leash, e.g.
57 Rest

DOWN

1 Boston or Seattle
2 Days of — (the past)
3 Ball of yarn
4 Gloss target
5 SFO info
6 Thicker
7 Faint
8 He's a doll!
9 Feel poorly
10 Helen of —
11 Kind of cheese
12 Spanish title
19 Ethiopian title
21 Actor Peter —
22 Hub
23 Line on a map
24 Place in proximity
25 Silent flowers?
26 Work without — — (be daring)
27 Math ratio
29 Peace disturbance
30 Actress Baxter
31 — off (angry)
37 Youth org.
38 More luxuriant
40 Viper
41 Fail to mention
42 Pie a la —
43 Help a thug
45 Two words of dismay
46 Peggy and Spike
47 Art deco name
49 "— humbug!"
50 Paris summer
52 — de France
53 Space

Answer to Previous Puzzle

O	R	D	E	R			J	I	V	E		
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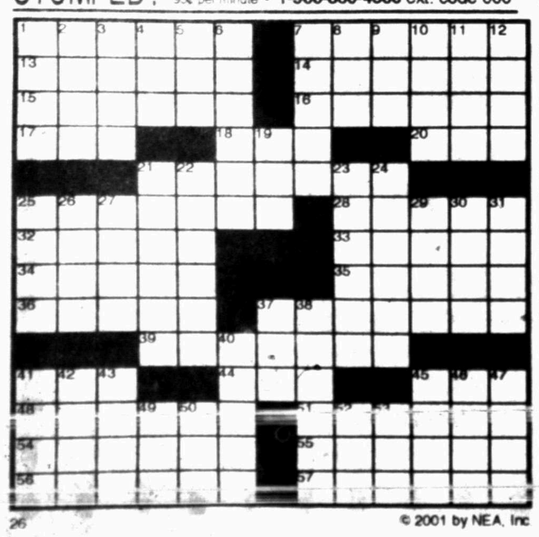

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Snyder Daily News Comics

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"I HAFTA WHISPER, JOEY. I'M TAKIN' A NAP."

SPORTS

SHS to host basketball tournament

Local fans will get a glimpse into next year's basketball season when the Snyder High School Girls' Basketball Shootout tips off Saturday at the SHS gym.

Five teams are scheduled to participate, with the first of eight games getting underway at 9 a.m.

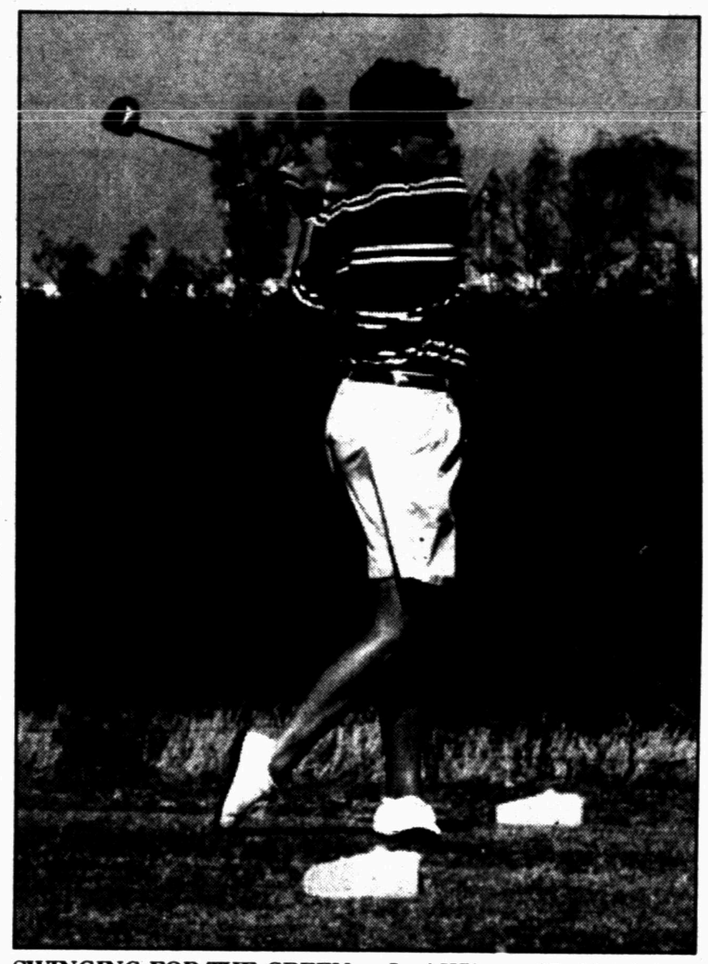
Snyder, Colorado City, Abilene High, Post and Roby will compete in the round-robin event. Admission is $2 per game, or $5 for a tournament pass.

The local squad is coached by former Lady Tigers T'Leah Eicke and Kameron Kallemeyn.

Members of the team are Desiree Braziel, Erin Burleson, Dominique Braziel, Kelby Drum, Sharday McKinney, Dara Chambers, Taylor Daniell, Zipporah Peoples, Chasity Perales, Hailey Putnam, Chaelyn Robinson, Amber Russell, Afton Schwertner and Cindy Sanchez.

Snyder High School Girls' Basketball Shootout

Colorado City vs. Snyder, 9 a.m.
Abilene High vs. Post, 10:30 a.m.
Roby vs. Snyder, noon
Post vs. Snyder, 2:30 p.m.
Colorado City vs. Abilene High, 4 p.m.
Post vs. Roby, 5:30 p.m.
Abilene High vs. Snyder, 7 p.m.
Roby vs. Colorado City, 8:30 p.m.



SWINGING FOR THE GREEN — Lori Wilson of Lubbock tees off this morning in the Ladies' Invitational at Snyder Country Club. Fifteen teams are entered in the four-person scramble, which concludes this afternoon. (SDN Staff Photo)

Deal falls through for SMU-Kansas St. game

By The Associated Press

Kansas State and Southern Methodist will not meet in the Black Coaches Association Classic on Aug. 25, both schools said Monday.

The schools had agreed to meet in the game in Manhattan, Kan., but both said the deal with the BCA and the Gazelle Group, the game's promoter, fell apart over the last few days.

"We are disappointed that we won't be playing in this game," said Kansas State senior associate athletic director Jim Epps. "As recently as Friday of last week, we felt we had an agreement in principle to play in the game."

Messages left with the BCA and the Gazelle Group by The Associated Press on Monday were not returned.

"We were pleased to be considered for the BCA game, but we are sorry that the final details couldn't be worked out," SMU athletic director Jim Copeland said. "The national exposure would have been great for the program, but unfortunately, we couldn't come to a final agreement."

Kansas State was ninth in the final AP poll last season with an 11-3 record, while SMU finished 3-9.

Apparently one of the sticking points in the negotiations was television. Kansas State said the game was going to be televised regionally on Fox Sports Network.

It would have been the second straight year Kansas State played in a preseason game. Last year the Wildcats beat Iowa 27-7 in the Eddie Robinson Classic at Arrowhead Stadium.

Epps said it was unclear if Kansas State not playing in the BCA Classic was a final decision.

"Since these negotiations have been so difficult and involved," Epps said, "it is certainly in our best interests to keep all our options open should negotiations take another turn."

There will be a second BCA Classic this August, because last year's game between Virginia Tech and Georgia Tech was canceled due to lightning. The teams and date for the second BCA Classic have not been decided.

Two-day tourney slated for WTC golf course

The summer months are filled with golf tournaments, but not many like the WTC Classic.

Western Texas College will host the WTC Classic, featuring a three-person shamble format, Saturday and Sunday.

In a three-person shamble, the team's best tee shot is used by all players. From there, each player plays their individual ball through the green. The single best score will count for the team.

All teams will be flighted after Saturday's play, with the Championship Flight counting two scores per hole on Sunday only.

The field is limited to 40 teams. Cost is $210 per team, not including cart rental. To enter, teams can call the WTC pro shop at 573-9291.

Sports Briefs

Volleyball tourney

A coed volleyball tournament will be held July 4 at Towle Park. Our Lady of Guadalupe Church youth group sponsors the event.

Eight players per team are allowed, and cost is $75 per squad. Prizes will be awarded to the top three teams. For more information, call Luis Alaniz at 573-7321.

Western Texas MGA

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

Volleyball camp

Snyder volleyball camp is scheduled for July 16-19 from 9 a.m. until noon each day. Incoming fifth through ninth grade girls are eligible, and cost is $40. Deadline to register is July 13.

For more information, call Coach Patty Grimmett at 573-9416 or 575-1785. If no answer, leave a message.

Tuesday scramble and all-day MGA

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

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

Garcia wins Buick Classic

HARRISON, N.Y. (AP) — Sergio Garcia shot a nearly flawless 4-under-par 67 to win the rain-delayed Buick Classic by three strokes.

It was 21-year-old Spaniard's second PGA Tour victory in five weeks. He won the Colonial in May. Tiger Woods was never a factor in the final two rounds and finished 12 shots back of Garcia in a tie for 16th.

Garcia finished with a Buick Classic-tying total of 16-under 268. Scott Hoch, who shot a final-round 68, was alone in second at 271. Billy Andrade, Stewart Cink and J.P. Hayes were two strokes behind Hoch at 273.

Top-ranked Hingis shocked

WIMBLEDON, England (AP) — Top-ranked Martina Hingis, hampered by an aching back, was eliminated on Wimbledon's opening day by an opponent ranked 83rd in the world.

Virginia Ruano Pascual of Spain stunned Hingis 6-4, 6-2.

No. 4 Jennifer Capriati, halfway to the Grand Slam, overcame a slow start to beat Maria Alejandra Vento of Venezuela 6-3, 6-2. And No. 5 Serena Williams needed only 40 minutes to dispose of lefty Rita Kuti Kis, 6-1, 6-0.

On the men's side, top-seeded Pete Sampras won his 29th straight match at the tournament, beating Francisco Clavet of Spain 6-4, 7-6 (5), 6-4.

Astros blank Diamondbacks

PHOENIX (AP) — Wade Miller's major league debut against Arizona two years ago was a night to forget, which made his second shot at the Diamondbacks even more memorable.

The 24-year-old right-hander pitched seven scoreless innings Monday night as the Houston Astros beat the Diamondbacks 6-0. It was Arizona's second shutout of the season and first in nearly two months.

On July 7, 1999, at Bank One Ballpark, Miller lasted just three innings in his big league debut, allowing three home runs in a six-run third inning.

"It was makeup time for that," Miller said. "It was nice to come back here and be good."

Miller (9-3) succeeded despite not having his best stuff.

"He didn't have his good breaking stuff, and even though he threw some pretty good changeups, he really didn't have command of anything but his fastball," Houston manager Larry Dierker said.

And the fastball wasn't as fast as it can be.

"He either had a lot of life on his fastball, or was hitting his spots," Dierker said.

Arizona manager Bob Brenly said the Diamondbacks helped Miller look good.

"We swung at some pitches and got him off the hook a little bit when we had runners in scoring position," Brenly said, "but he made pitches when he needed to. It seemed like he was at his toughest when we had chances to score runs."

Lance Berkman and Moises Alou hit consecutive home runs off reliever Erik Sabel to blow the game open in the seventh inning.

Arizona stranded 13 batters, 10 in the last four innings.

"We took ourselves out of a lot of innings," Arizona's Luis Gonzalez said. "We haven't played like this in a long time, so it's kind of frustrating. We just couldn't get big hits when we needed them. We've been playing good for such a long time, you knew we were due for a game like this every now and then. Unfortunately, it was the first game of a series."

The NL West-leading Diamondbacks have won eight of their last 10 series and split the other two.

Berkman, who shared NL Player of the Week honors with Gonzalez, drove in three runs — two with his 19th homer and another with an RBI double. He extended his career-best hitting streak to nine games and has 18 hits in his last 34 at-bats.

"This game just shows you why he's been such a great hitter all year," Dierker said. "He hits an off-speed pitch down the third-base line for a double, then he hits a fastball into the seats in right field. He hits the ball all over the field, and he hits it hard."

Brad Ausmus was 2-for-3 with an RBI double, and Vinny Castilla, 7-for-14 lifetime against Arizona starter Miguel Batista, singled twice and drove in a run.

Batista (4-4) gave up three runs on seven hits in 5 2-3 innings.

Rangers bow to Angels, 11-7

ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP) — Ramon Ortiz beat Texas for the fourth time in as many starts this year, and Anaheim rocked Kenny Rogers for eight runs early in the Angels' 11-7 victory over the Rangers on Monday night.

Every batter in the Angels' lineup had at least one hit in a 16-hit attack against the team with baseball's worst pitching this season.

Adam Kennedy had three hits for Anaheim, Garret Anderson had two singles and two RBIs and Troy Glaus hit his 19th homer, a solo shot off Rogers in the third.

Rafael Palmeiro hit his 20th homer and drove in three runs for Texas. Palmeiro and Ruben Sierra hit consecutive homers with two outs in the ninth.

Ortiz (6-5) allowed five runs on eight hits — including Alex Rodriguez's 22nd homer — in seven innings. He walked three and struck out one as he topped the Rangers — and Rogers — for the second time in five days.

Major League Baseball

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East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Philadelphia	42	32	.568	—
Atlanta	41	34	.547	1½
Florida	39	36	.520	3½
New York	33	44	.429	10½
Montreal	31	46	.403	12½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	44	30	.595	—
St. Louis	40	35	.533	4½
Houston	39	35	.527	5
Milwaukee	38	35	.521	5½
Cincinnati	28	46	.378	16
Pittsburgh	26	47	.356	17½

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Arizona	46	30	.605	—
San Francisco	41	35	.539	5
Los Angeles	38	37	.507	7½
Colorado	37	39	.487	9
San Diego	36	40	.474	10

Monday's Games

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

Tuesday's Games

N.Y. Mets (Appier 4-7) at Chicago Cubs (Lieber 8-4), 2:20 p.m.
Montreal (Thurman 3-4) at Florida (Penny 6-1), 7:05 p.m.
Milwaukee (Rigdon 3-4) at Pittsburgh (Anderson 4-7), 7:05 p.m.
Atlanta (Burkett 6-5) at Philadelphia (Figueroa 0-0), 7:05 p.m.
Cincinnati (Reitsma 4-6) at St. Louis (Benes 6-5), 8:10 p.m.
San Diego (Jones 3-10) at Colorado (Hampton 9-3), 9:05 p.m.
Houston (McKnight 0-0) at Arizona (Bierbrodt 2-0), 10:05 p.m.
Los Angeles (Brown 6-3) at San Francisco (Estes 7-2), 10:15 p.m.

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East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	44	30	.595	—
New York	42	32	.568	2
Toronto	36	39	.480	8½
Baltimore	35	40	.467	9½
Tampa Bay	22	53	.293	22½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	44	29	.603	—
Minnesota	44	30	.595	½
Chicago	36	36	.500	7½
Detroit	32	40	.444	11½
Kansas City	28	46	.378	16½

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Seattle	55	19	.743	—
Anaheim	37	37	.500	18
Oakland	35	39	.473	20
Texas	28	46	.378	27

Monday's Games

Minnesota 6, Detroit 3
Baltimore 8, Toronto 2
Boston 12, Tampa Bay 8
N.Y. Yankees 8, Cleveland 7
Anaheim 11, Texas 7

Tuesday's Games

Baltimore (Johnson 6-4) at Toronto (Carpenter 6-4), 7:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Sturtze 3-6) at Boston (Martinez 7-2), 7:05 p.m.
Cleveland (Nagy 1-2) at N.Y. Yankees (A.Hernandez 0-1), 7:05 p.m.
Detroit (Blair 0-1) at Kansas City (Reichert 6-6), 8:05 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Biddle 1-4) at Minnesota (Santana 0-0), 8:05 p.m.
Texas (Helling 5-7) at Anaheim (Wise 1-1), 10:05 p.m.
Oakland (Mulder 8-4) at Seattle (Garcia 7-1), 10:05 p.m.

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Detroit	3	6	.333	4
Washington	2	8	.200	5½
Charlotte	1	10	.091	7

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	W	L	Pct	GB
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Los Angeles	9	3	.750	½
Portland	6	3	.667	2
Seattle	7	5	.583	2½
Sacramento	6	6	.500	3½
Minnesota	4	5	.444	4
Utah	4	5	.444	4
Phoenix	4	7	.364	5

Monday's Games

Orlando 67, New York 54
Minnesota 55, Washington 51
Seattle 65, Utah 47

Tuesday's Games

Portland at Cleveland, 7 p.m.
Los Angeles at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday's Games

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Weather modification pilots ready; no clouds to seed yet

ABILENE (AP) — Pilots are ready to fly the West Texas skies this week in a cloud seeding mission designed to generate rain, but there's just one problem.

The weather forecast calls for mostly cloudless skies in what's starting out to be a hot, dry summer.

The Texas Natural Resources Conservation Commission executive director is expected Friday to sign the license for the West Central Texas Weather Modification Association.

That will authorize pilots to fly whenever conditions warrant a cloud-seeding, said Tom Mann, economic development director of the West Central Texas Council of Governments.

But National Weather Service predictions through this weekend are for mainly clear skies.

More than one-third of the region's growing season will be over when the rainmaking project is cleared for takeoff. Association directors had hoped to be ready to fly May 1, which would have allowed weather modification operations over the bulk of the season.

In the project, two specially equipped aircraft were designed to place seeding material flares containing silver iodide into suitable clouds to enhance rain.

The contract will be fulfilled by Weather Modification Inc., of Fargo, N.D., providing pilots and meteorologists, planes, weather radar and other equipment.

A licensed meteorologist from ground level will direct pilots by using weather radar to recognize clouds that would make good candidates for seeding. Local governments in Runnels, Callahan, Comanche, Nolan, Eastland, Comanche and Taylor counties have joined the association.

Coverage of the part of Coke County that drains into AEP/West Texas Utilities' Oak Creek Lake will be funded by the utility.

Achieving final authorization by the TNRCC required time-consuming paperwork to satisfy all the legal and bureaucratic requirements, said Mann.

The council of governments furnishes fiscal and administrative services to the project.

Former toxicologist arrested in the death of her husband

SAN DIEGO (AP) — A former toxicologist at the county medical examiner's office has been arrested in her husband's death after tests revealed a powerful painkiller in his system, according to a published report.

Kristin Rossum, 24, was arrested Monday and booked for investigation of murder. She is being held without bail.

Rossum's husband, 27-year-old Gregory DeVillers, was found dead last November in the couple's apartment at the University of California, San Diego. The victim was lying in a bed covered with rose petals, authorities said.

At first, campus police thought DeVillers had committed suicide, but at the urging of his family, police took over the investigation.

"The sheer nature of the death was suspicious," said Lt. Ray Sigwalt. "There was no (suicide) note. Rose petals were sprinkled on his body in bed. Most men don't do those sort of things."

An autopsy was sealed, but The San Diego Union-Tribune said examiners found the powerful painkiller fentanyl in DeVillers' system, citing sources close to the investigation. The drug was missing from the evidence cabinet at Rossum's work, the sources said.

Authorities said Rossum was having an affair with her boss, who is also considered a suspect. Both were fired after the police investigation began.

Both sides laud tentative ruling

LOS ANGELES (AP) — "Survivor" contestant Stacey Stillman and the TV series production company involved in legal action with her each claimed victory in a judge's tentative ruling.

Stillman, who alleges the CBS reality show was rigged against her, cannot be sued for breach of contract because of her claims, Superior Court Judge Ralph Dau said in his tentative decision Monday.

But Dau indicated that his official ruling will allow the SEG production company to proceed with its defamation claim against Stillman.

"I'm elated," Stillman, a San Francisco attorney, said Monday. "I'm just thrilled that the judge has ruled I can't be sued for speaking truthfully about illegal activities."

Whether or not Stillman's claims are true, Dau said a contract should not be the means of preventing someone from making a claim of impropriety.

Dau also said a confidentiality clause in the agreement between Stillman and the show's producer wasn't undermined because Stillman made her comments after the first season of "Survivor" aired.

Stillman claims in her lawsuit that SEG and executive producer Mark Burnett persuaded other contestants to vote her out of the game. Player Richard Hatch won the $1 million grand prize.

Markets

Midday Stocks

NEW YORK (AP) -

	High	Low	Last	
AMR Corp	33.00	32.50	32.61	—.63
AOL TimeWm	52.67	51.76	52.17	—.83
AT&T Corp	20.85	20.50	20.63	—.37
Albertsons	29.19	28.50	29.14	+ .52
Alltel	57.64	57.10	57.32	+ .02
AmEl Pw	45.64	45.10	45.22	—.38
AndarkPtr	56.20	54.90	56.20	+ .60
ATMOS Egy	22.89	22.60	22.88	+ .18
Aviall	11.20	10.97	11.10	+ .11
BP PLC	52.87	52.60	52.71	—.44
BakerHughes	36.46	35.40	36.20	+ .62
Bank of Amer	60.64	59.83	60.00	—1.20
BellSouth	38.69	38.25	38.30	—.40
Beth Steel	2.00	1.98	1.98	—.02
BurlNoSFe	28.58	27.85	28.30	—.64
Caterpillar	52.64	51.71	52.54	—.11
Chevron	95.19	94.05	95.05	+ .10
Citigroup s	52.25	51.34	51.90	—.65
CocaCola	43.99	43.03	43.17	—.42
ColgatePal	59.40	58.43	59.40	+ .50
ComclMetals	29.90	29.80	29.89	+ .09
CooperIn	38.70	38.39	38.39	—.61
DaimlrChry	44.35	44.07	44.10	—.75
DeltaAirl	42.09	41.03	41.30	—.53
Dillards Inc	16.06	15.71	15.80	—.11
DowChem	32.80	32.50	32.58	—.24
DuPont	46.60	45.82	45.99	—.53
EastmanChem	46.80	46.07	46.19	—.81
EstKodak	47.10	46.47	46.66	—.31
EDS Corp	59.53	59.01	59.05	—1.85
Entergy	39.18	38.91	39.12	+ .22
ExxonMobil	88.99	88.40	88.84	+ .32
ExxonMob wi	44.65	44.50	44.65	+ .15
FstBksAm	26.35	26.20	26.20	—.12
GenDynam	73.25	72.50	73.11	—.06
GenElec	50.43	48.99	49.44	—.81
GenMills	42.65	42.33	42.40	—.13
GenMotors	62.37	61.61	61.92	—.49
GaPacGP	33.60	32.95	33.25	—.10
GlobalMar	20.84	20.22	20.62	+ .40
Goodrich	37.00	36.08	36.95	+ .47
Goodyear s	26.86	26.20	26.70	—.54
GtAtlPac	13.63	13.23	13.44	—.15
Halliburtn	40.69	39.59	40.61	+ 1.02
Hanson ADS	36.24	35.65	36.06	+ .51
HarteHanks	23.92	23.75	23.91	+ .01
HomeDepot	48.45	47.52	47.72	—1.28
HoneywellIntl	35.20	34.45	34.97	—.63
IBM	112.39	111.10	111.75	—.90
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JohnsonJn s	51.85	51.00	51.45	—.15
K mart	11.18	11.00	11.02	—.21
KinderMorg	54.30	54.03	54.21	—.02
Kroger Co	25.40	24.50	25.28	+ .37

LockheedM	36.10	35.50	35.74	—.41
Lowes Cos	75.56	74.70	75.20	—.30
Lowes Cos wi	37.90	37.65	37.65	—.25
Lubys	8.89	8.70	8.88	+ .14
LucentTech	5.84	5.65	5.68	—.17
MayDeptStr	33.27	32.82	32.90	—.30
Medtronic	47.10	46.58	46.80	—.30
Motorola	14.70	14.29	14.65	+ .10
NCR Corp	46.91	46.40	46.88	+ .27
Navistar	27.39	26.81	26.94	—.45
Penney JC	25.35	24.76	24.97	—.68
PepBoys	11.62	11.05	11.26	+ .26
PepsiCo	44.63	44.27	44.51	—.37
Pharmacia	48.70	48.47	48.48	—.37
PhelpDodge	38.45	37.82	38.28	—.73
PhilipPet	58.00	57.45	57.95	+ .43
PilgrmPrd B	12.25	12.21	12.25	—.05
Polaroid	2.77	2.70	2.71	—.06
Praxair	45.99	45.60	45.73	—.79
ProctGamb	63.47	62.79	63.32	+ .52
PubS NwMx	30.90	30.45	30.57	—.35
RadioShack	27.87	27.45	27.85	+ .23
ReliantEngy	30.40	29.76	29.90	—.65
RoyalDut	60.25	59.91	60.10	—.46
SBC Comm	39.03	38.20	38.64	—.06
SaraLee	18.83	18.50	18.50	—.42
Scripps EW	67.45	67.00	67.33	+ .23
SearsRoeb	40.45	40.00	40.21	—.53
SherwinW	21.06	21.00	21.04	—.46
SouthernCo s	23.24	22.86	23.00	—.06
SwstAirl s	17.26	16.90	17.23	+ .10
SprintFON	20.54	20.35	20.51	—.01
SprintPCS	22.37	21.56	22.34	+ .59
Sunoco Inc	36.15	35.82	36.13	+ .11
TXU Corp	47.93	47.24	47.56	—.36
TempleInland	52.88	52.00	52.37	—.10
Texaco	70.95	70.10	70.87	—.06
TexInd	31.90	31.76	31.76	—.14
TexasInst	30.50	29.00	29.68	—1.17
Textron	56.55	55.60	56.07	—.27
TriconGlbR	44.10	43.40	43.75	—.60
TrinityInds	21.41	21.23	21.37	+ .24
TritonEngy	32.99	31.51	31.70	—.68
USX-Marathn	30.08	29.73	30.05	+ .05
USX-USS	19.58	19.18	19.33	—.27
UnionPacif	50.70	50.00	50.26	—1.03
UnitedTech	73.50	72.65	72.82	—.74
Unocal	35.10	34.67	34.84	—.01
Venator Grp	15.02	14.91	14.92	—.05
VerizonComm	51.95	51.10	51.53	—.27
WalMart	49.20	48.53	48.71	—.29
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WstnGasRs	33.22	32.75	33.10	+ .30
WinnDixie	26.13	25.13	26.08	+ .87
Xerox Cp	7.75	7.40	7.48	+ .01

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New York state bans hand-held cell phones

ALBANY, N.Y. (AP) — The first state ban on motorists talking on hand-held cell phones has gotten final legislative approval, but it may be months before yakking drivers are treated like outlaws in New York.

If Gov. George Pataki signs the bill, as he has said he would do, the ban would begin Nov. 1, although drivers caught using hand-held cell phones will be issued only warnings during the first month.

And violators could have their tickets dismissed until the end of February if they present the judge with a receipt showing they bought a hands-free cell phone system.

The measure, adopted 125-19 in the state Assembly on Monday night, was approved by the Republican-controlled Senate last week. The governor will sign the bill into law this week, said spokesman Michael McKeon.

Opposition lingered into Monday's night's lengthy floor debate in the Democrat-controlled Assembly. Opponents said the law would be unenforceable and there was no proven need for it.

"We're putting the cart before horse," argued Assemblyman Thomas Kirwan, who complained the measure called for studying accidents involving cell phones after making their hand-held use illegal.

First-time violators of the ban would face a $100 fine. A second conviction calls for a $200 fine and every subsequent violation would cost $500.

The legislation allows for an exception for making emergency 911 calls but does not address the issue of dialing while driving. Speaker phones and CB radios are permitted.

At least a dozen localities have established bans, starting in 1999 with Brooklyn, Ohio. Bans have been proposed in 40 states, according to the National Conference of State Legislatures. And at least 23 countries, including Great Britain, Italy, Israel and Japan, bar drivers from using hand-held cell phones.

There are about 115 million cell phones in use in the United States and more than 6 million in New York state, according to industry figures.

A 1997 study in the New England Journal of Medicine said the hand-held phones posed about as much of a problem for drivers as drunken driving. The study found the chance of an accident was four times greater when using a hand-held cell phone.

Assemblyman Felix Ortiz said a ban on such cell phones is needed to end a patchwork of local laws that restrict or outlaw the use of car phones by drivers.

Pataki and New York's legislative leaders joined the push after an April poll from the Quinnipiac University Polling Institute found 85 percent of New York voters favored the prohibition.

"The benefit is quite large in the number of deaths that we will avoid," Assemblyman Steve Levy said.

But critics noted other distractions like eating, drinking coffee and applying makeup posed at least as much of a concern. They suggested a broader driver distraction bill would be better.

"To think that we're going to do this when at the same time I can still use my laptop, I still can read a paper, I can still change my pants while driving 65 mph, I think there's just something wrong," Assemblyman Patrick Manning said.

"We seem to be reacting to polls more than relying on scientific evidence," Assemblyman Brian Kolb said. "We can't eliminate stupidity."

And Assemblyman David Townsend, a former law enforcement officer, said the ban would set "a trap" for out-of-state drivers since it doesn't mandate highway signs warning of the law.

"This bill is totally unenforceable in the real world," he said.

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Both sides mull narrow court ruling

WASHINGTON (AP) — Supporters of limiting campaign spending say a Supreme Court decision on party contributions to candidates gives them the edge they need as the House prepares to take up campaign finance legislation next month.

Not so fast, say opponents, who argue the court decision doesn't change the fact that the pending legislation is unconstitutional.

The two sides agree that Monday's 5-4 ruling does not directly relate to the campaign spending legislation that passed the Senate in April and is headed for a House vote in July.

The court upheld the right of the Federal Election Commission to set caps on what political parties can give to individual candidates. The decision applies to "hard money" donations, regulated payments that must be reported to the FEC.

The main tenets of the Senate bill sponsored by Sens. John McCain, R-Ariz., and Russ Feingold, D-Wis., are a ban on "soft money," the unlimited, unregulated gifts that corporations, unions and individuals make to political parties, and restrictions on political ads run by special interest groups in the final weeks before an election.

But backers of McCain-Feingold said the Supreme Court clearly recognized the legality of limiting campaign spending to avoid the appearance of corruption.

"Their fragile house of cards collapsed today," said Rep. Marty Meehan, D-Mass., of those who contend that any restrictions on political spending violates First Amendment free-speech rights. "Clearly the court would uphold a soft money ban."

"This has nothing to do with soft money," countered Don McGahn, general counsel of the National Republican Congressional Committee, which opposes the soft money ban. "It is a very limited decision."

Meehan and Rep. Christopher Shays, R-Conn., pushed campaign spending legislation through the House in 1998 and 1999, only to see it die in the Senate. This week they plan to unveil their latest version, which they say will be close enough to the Senate bill that it can move quickly to the White House if it passes the House.

"The bottom line is that the court has reaffirmed that Congress can take steps to prevent evasion of the contributions limits they have established to prevent corruption," said Fred Wertheimer of Democracy 21, a group advocating spending limits. "I think it is enormously important and will provide powerful momentum."

But Rep. Bob Ney, R-Ohio, sponsor of a bill expected to be the chief rival to Shays-Meehan on the House floor, said the court has also confirmed that parties have the same First Amendment rights as individuals and political action committees to make unlimited independent expenditures for or against a candidate.

Monday's case, rising from Colorado Republican spending in a 1986 Senate race, dealt only with what are known as coordinated expenditures, such as mass mailings and ads promoting an individual candidate, where the party and a campaign work in concert.

New York woman found guilty

NEW YORK (AP) — A seamstress who stabbed her newborn son to death with scissors has been found guilty of first-degree manslaughter.

Yasmin Chavez, 27, hid her pregnancy under baggy pants before giving birth to the boy in her sister's apartment on Feb. 27, 2000.

She killed the full-term baby, her first child, by repeatedly thrusting scissors into his head and neck, police said.

"That little guy never even got a name, let alone a chance," Prosecutor Robert Holdman said Monday in closing arguments. "Give him some honor in his death, give him some worth."

Chavez's lawyer had called a psychiatrist who testified his client was traumatized by having to conceal her pregnancy.

Chavez could be sentenced to 25 years in prison.

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Jewish gravesite tradition has origins in the desert

DEAR ABBY: My letter is in reference to the question about the Jewish practice of leaving stones at someone's grave. The rabbi whom you consulted said the stones signify that someone has visited the grave to honor the deceased; the money that would have been spent on flowers is donated to charity. Viewed from the mystical perspective, it symbolizes that the body returns to dust and the soul returns to God.

In my opinion, based upon my research, the custom has ancient and practical origins: We Jews were originally a desert people. As such, we used to bury our dead in the sand without a casket and covered the grave with stones, not only to mark the spot, but also to prevent animals from digging up and devouring the body.

Upon visiting a grave, it was considered a "mitzvah" - or good deed — to add stones to replace those moved by the wind or animals. This helped to preserve the integrity of the grave and also the deceased.

The practice of leaving stones at the grave derives from that tradition. The idea of giving to charity instead of a florist is probably a later development. **— RABBI JACQUES CUKIERKORN, KANSAS CITY, MO.**

DEAR RABBI CUKIERKORN: Your explanation makes a lot of sense to me. It is corroborated by more than a dozen letters from other Jewish readers. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: I have no doubt that your reference source was correct regarding why stones are placed on Jewish graves instead of flowers. However, I was always told that it was because stones are everlasting, and flowers die. (Just my 2 cents!) **— AVID READER, CANYON COUNTRY, CALIF.**

DEAR AVID: Pennies from heaven? Read on:

DEAR ABBY: In response to why stones are placed on graves in Jewish cemeteries — you need only go to the Book of Joshua in the Old Testament to find the answer. God instructed the people to gather stones and place them in a pile after crossing the Jordan River:

"In the future, when your children ask you, 'What do these stones mean?' tell them that the flow of the Jordan was cut off before the ark of the covenant of the Lord. When it crossed the Jordan, the waters of the Jordan were cut off. These stones are to be a memorial to the people of Israel forever." **— BECKY IN ARIZONA**

DEAR BECKY: How interesting! You're the only reader who quoted chapter and verse on the subject. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: Here's what I learned in Hebrew school many years ago:

The practice started in the old country. They didn't have monuments because they couldn't afford them. So they gathered many small stones and formed a pyramid at the gravesite. When people visited the grave, they would replace any stones that had fallen off. That's how it really started — that's the truth. **— LOUIS HYMAN (AGE 83), DELRAY BEACH, FLA.**

DEAR LOUIS — AND ALL YOU DEAR READERS WHO WROTE TO COMMENT: Thank you for your input. Your letters have been fascinating. I often wondered why Jewish scholars would sit and argue for hours about interpretations of the Torah. Well, now I know why.

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Your Birthday

Wednesday, June 27, 2001

Sticking to enterprises or endeavors for which you've already laid a solid foundation is where you'll find your rainbows in the year ahead. Move on to new projects slowly and cautiously.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Without a positive attitude today and a total commitment, you could waffle and give up at the first sign of resistance.

Be firm and expectant about your objectives. Cancer, treat yourself to a birthday gift. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead by mailing $2 and SASE to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to state your Zodiac sign.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Watch yourself today that you don't weaken and release confidential information you have about a friend that could make him or her look bad. You'd do more damage than you may realize.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — When it comes to being asked to ante up your share in a group involvement, make certain everyone is giving the same. Your portion might be more generous than others.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — If your objectives today impede those of your fellow associates, they could attempt to deliberately usurp your progress. Strive to work on something that would benefit everybody.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — A situation similar to one with which you had to contend, and didn't use the best judgment, might rear its ugly head again today. This time you should know what to do.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — A difficult-to-deal-with firm could get on your back today over a financial obligation. Don't do anything at this time to make your situation worse.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — You could discover today that someone you thought was in accord with your ideas is not. Do what you can to resolve the issues, because, unchecked, the disagreement may get ugly.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Avoid co-workers today who would rather be boss than willing helpers, should you require someone to assist you with a critical task. They would be a severe handicap and bollix the job.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — It's admirable to believe in others, but placing your faith today in an individual who has proven to let you down in the face of trouble is sheer folly. A repeat performance is likely.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Tactless misjudgments when dealing with persons whose cooperation you need today could cost you support. Even if the matter is urgent to you, feel others out first, rather than plunging in.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Someone about whom you criticized in the past may be in the position to return the favor today. Should he or she get even, let this be a lesson to you.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Any endeavor that would cost you a lot of cash for a small return is a waste of time and effort. Concentrate on activities today that at least possess some kind of payoff.

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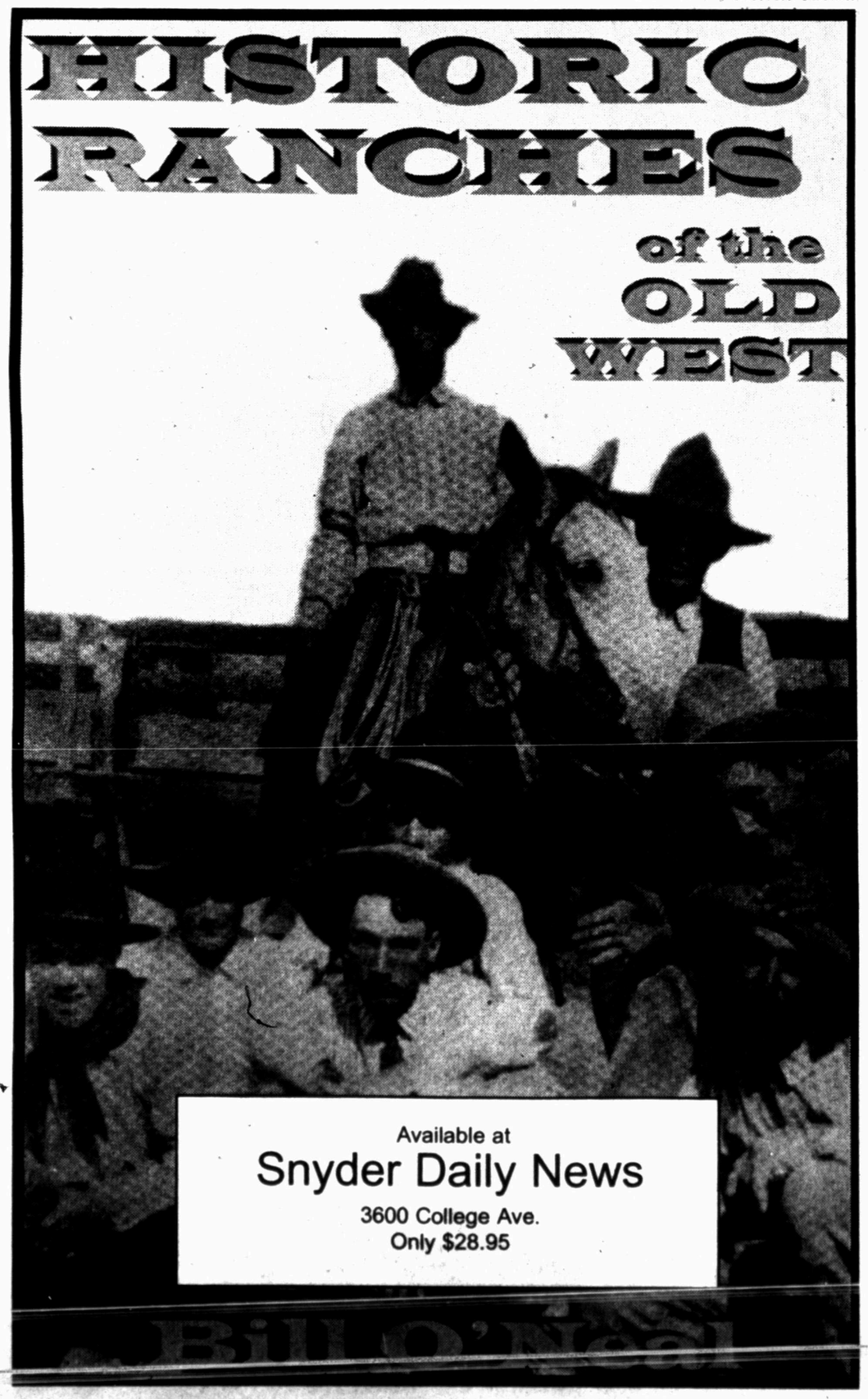



Officials try to speed construction approval

WASHINGTON (AP) — Just as motorists seek shortcuts to get to work on time, transportation officials want faster approvals for roads, runways and rail lines.

Congress has allocated record amounts of money for transportation improvements in recent years, including $59.1 billion for next year. Mandatory impact studies, however, often mean a decade's wait before the first shovel of dirt is turned.

Proponents of new construction say environmental reviews duplicate each other and effectively act as roadblocks for bulldozers and steamrollers. Construction opponents question whether the move to speed up the approval process is really a veiled attempt to eliminate environmental protections or thwart public opposition.

The debate comes at a time of increasing congestion on the ground and in the air.

The Texas Transportation Institute found that the average person spent 36 hours a year sitting in traffic in 1999, up from 11 hours in 1982. The Department of Transportation reported that one of every four airline flights last year was delayed or canceled.

Former President Bush, in his 1989 inaugural address, talked about the government having more will than wallet to solve America's problems. For transportation, the money is there, but the problem has been getting projects off the drawing board.

"I'm concerned that various federal policies have made it extremely difficult in some cases to get badly needed infrastructure online to serve the American public," said Rep. Don Young, R-Alaska, chairman of the House Transportation Committee, which held four days of hearings on the issue in May. "We need to make sure the federal government is not placing obstacles in the path of sound transportation policy and a healthy and growing transport network."

The U.S. Chamber of Commerce will launch a coalition today to lobby for transportation improvements.

Some public works projects have spent decades on the drawing board:

— Since the mid-1980s, Wisconsin and Minnesota transportation officials have been trying to build a new bridge across the St. Croix River to replace the 70-year-old Stillwater Lift Bridge. Holding up the project is the question of what to do with the existing structure: tear it down, or preserve it for pedestrians and bicyclists.

— A new runway in Seattle is scheduled to be finished by 2006, 15 years after planning began.

— Efforts to resume a commuter rail link to Boston, abandoned in 1959, await the results of a study that began in 1987.

New construction is being derailed by more than just lengthy government reviews.

Barbara McCann, campaign director for the Surface Transportation Policy Project, argued that new highways won't make traffic move any quicker.

"Proposed road widenings and additions often face difficulties because they are often impractical in built-up areas, unpopular among residents and extremely expensive," said McCann, whose group supports alternatives to new roads. "Evidence shows that such projects do little to ease congestion in any case."

And Federal Aviation Administrator Jane Garvey, whose own agency is working to speed up reviews, said the environmental studies are not hindering construction of new runways.

"The underlying environmental impediment to airport expansion is not the environmental review process," she said.

Intervention in airline dispute mulled

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush says he will block a possible strike by American Airlines flight attendants if their union can't negotiation a new contract with the parent company.

An existing 30-day cooling off period imposed under the Railway Labor Act expires June 30, leaving the possibility of a strike by the American flight attendants if no White House action is taken.

"The president is concerned that a major airline strike could threaten the economy," said White House spokesman Ari Fleischer. "He also wants to assure the flying public that they can enjoy the upcoming Fourth of July holiday without fear that their travel plans will be disrupted by a strike at American Airlines."

Fleischer said Bush will create an emergency board on June 30 if no settlement is reached — a move that automatically begins a further 60-day "cooling-off" period, during which a strike would be illegal.

Under labor law, the board is directed to begin an investigation into the dispute and offer a nonbinding settlement plan within the 60 days.

The American flight attendants have been working without a new contract for more than two years, complaining of poor pay and work conditions. In February, they voted to authorize a strike. But under federal law, airline employees can strike only if a mediator declares that contract talks are hopelessly deadlocked.

The flight attendants rejected a tentative agreement in 1999. The union resumed talks in early 2000 with a new negotiating team and a tougher stance.

American Airlines and the union representing its mechanics and ramp workers agreed on a new contract on Sunday that provides for immediate base pay raises of 8 percent to 22 percent for different job classifications. Workers would get a 3 percent raise in the second year, and another 3 percent raise during the third year.

Earlier Monday, The National Mediation Board recommended that Bush create an emergency board for the dispute involving The Association of Professional Flight Attendants, which represents 23,000 flight attendants. It was a necessary first step that allows the president to get involved.

John Ward, president of The Association of Professional Flight Attendants, said Bush was undercutting his union's position.

"The president's announcement, though unwelcome and destructive of the collective bargaining process, was not unexpected," Ward said. "There is no reason the parties should not be able to reach an agreement this week; all it takes is a willingness on the part of the company to finally put the money on the table that is needed to close the narrow gap that remains between the parties."

American Airlines praised Bush's plan to intervene.

"The administration's action today should strongly reassure the traveling public that there is no possibility that a strike could disrupt our operations during the busy summer travel season, allowing our customers to book American with confidence," the company said in a statement.

The action by Bush marks the second time he has stepped in to a conflict between an airline and a union. Bush blocked a strike this spring between Northwest Airlines and its union of mechanics.

Intervention by presidents in airline disputes has been unusual since the Nixon administration, which concluded that labor negotiations were hampered by an expectation that the White House would step in and prevent a strike.

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.



Talking medical-ease

DEAR DR. GOTT: I'm always amused by medical jargon, the shorthand used by residents and interns in teaching hospitals, which often appears in scripts of TV hospital dramas. GOMER, for example, ("get out of my emergency room") is an old standby. Are you aware of any new additions?

DEAR READER: As luck would have it, the New York Times (May 13, 2001) carried a list of such phrases, some of which I'll share with you in edited form.

Banana bag: a yellow intravenous multi-vitamin preparation.

Beans: kidneys. "Don't fry her beans with that antibiotic."

Bed plug: a low-maintenance patient occupying a bed that could be more suitably utilized for a sicker patient.

Bright lights: surgery. "This guy hasn't responded to meds; he needs bright lights."

CTD: circling the drain. A patient who is likely to die.

Code brown: bowel incontinence that can be smelled throughout the ward. "Watch out for the code brown on 2 North."

Fascinoma: a particularly interesting case.

Fleas: internists, because of their constant attention to detail. Fleas are the last ones to jump off a dying dog.

Heme: a synonym for blood. Used in the presence of conscious patients to avoid upsetting them. "We have a problem with excess heme loss here, nurse; more suction, please."

Hit: a new patient. "I've got three ER hits."

I and O: Measurement of a patient's fluid intake and output to monitor for dehydration (or overhydration).

K: the symbol for potassium, a vital mineral. "That post-op's K was low today. Let's add more to the banana bag."

LOL: little old lady.

NAD: No acute distress. "I've got a L.O.L. in N.A.D."

O sign: a persistently open mouth, either in a sleeping patient or in someone who is demented.

Q sign: an O sign with the tongue hanging out. Often seen in deep sleep or coma.

Pimp: to test the medical knowledge of a medical student or intern. "I got pimped during rounds this morning."

Rock: a stable patient, who is usually ready for discharge.

Scut puppy: a medical underling - usually a medical student - assigned to perform menial tasks.

Snake: to perform a procedure using a fiber optic tube that is introduced into a body orifice.

SOB: shortness of breath. "The L.O.L. in 24l has S.O.B. because of C.H.F. (congestive heart failure).

Tail light sign: when an elderly patient is dropped off by relatives in the emergency room, forcing a hospital admission that may not be necessary.

Train wreck: a patient with multiple, serious health problems.

Wallet biopsy: checking a patient's insurance coverage or financial status before performing expensive procedures.

WNL: within normal limits.

Zebra: an outlandish or unlikely diagnosis. "When you hear hoof beats on Fifth Avenue, think of horses, not zebras."

I hope that this limited list piques your curiosity and helps you to understand the very special language used by doctors-in-training in real life, as well as in television dramas.

DEAR DR. GOTT: My daughter and I disagree about bowel movements. I say a good movement a day is sufficient, she insists on a B.M. after every meal. Who's right?

DEAR READER: You are.

Three bowel movements a day is ridiculous. In fact, even a daily evacuation is not necessary for good health. For most normal adults, a bowel movement every one to three days should suffice. The once-a-day bowel movement legacy that people our age inherited from our mothers should go the way of the rumble seat. Similarly, frequent B.M.s are equally unnecessary. The body will normally dispose of waste products in an individual pattern. With all the important issues in life, evacuation can be left to the discretion of the colon.

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Ideological questioning of Bush nominees considered

WASHINGTON (AP) — Senators should grill President Bush's judicial nominees about abortion and other controversial topics instead of tiptoeing around the issues and then privately basing their decisions on a candidate's ideology, Sen. Charles Schumer says.

Schumer, D-N.Y., chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee's courts panel, is expected at a hearing today to say "it's legitimate to use ideology" when considering judicial nominees, a source close to the senator said.

The role of ideology in judicial selections, the focus of the hearing, has been a running theme throughout the process since Bush took office.

First, Bush ended the American Bar Association's role in the White House's confidential judicial screening process. Many conservatives see the ABA as liberal-leaning and blamed its mixed review of Supreme Court nominee Robert Bork's qualifications for his rejection by the Senate.

Democrats complained that Bush was politicizing the process.

GOP senators now fear Democrats, who took over the Senate this month, will use their majority status to block Bush's judicial choices for political reasons, including Republicans' treatment of several of former President Clinton's nominees.

They point to comments like Schumer's "we will not have nominations of right-wing after right-wing after right-wing judges" as evidence.

Democrats, including Schumer, insist they will not use a liberal litmus test to eliminate Bush nominees.

Skeptical Republicans have delayed reorganization of the Senate as they try to win concessions on judges, including allowing candidates to automatically skip a review by the Senate Judiciary Committee, chaired by Sen. Patrick Leahy, D-Vt., and go straight to the full Senate.

At today's hearing, top judicial experts will debate ideology's place and whether it should become a permanent part of the process.

Oregon Demos halt House action to protest GOP plan

SALEM, Ore. (AP) — Business ground to a halt in the Oregon House after Democrats launched a boycott they said would last until Republicans scrap an attempt to push through a redistricting plan that would bypass the governor.

Most Democrats stayed away from the Capitol on Monday, depriving the chamber of the two-thirds quorum needed to pass any measures.

The Republican-dominated Legislature passed a bill for reshaping legislative districts that's unanimously opposed by Democrats. Gov. John Kitzhaber, a Democrat, has said he won't sign any plan that lacks bipartisan support.

The dispute was kindled Friday when Republicans pushed a measure out of committee that put the GOP-backed plan into a resolution, which unlike a bill wouldn't go to the governor.

House Democratic Leader Dan Gardner called the GOP's efforts unconstitutional and "depressing in its obvious desperation."

House Speaker Mark Simmons said the legal issues around the GOP plan are unresolved and that Republicans "are desiring to have the question placed before the Oregon courts."

If a plan doesn't become law by Saturday, under the state constitution, the task of redrawing legislative districts goes to Secretary of State Bill Bradbury, a Democrat.

Legislative districts have to be redrawn after each 10-year census to reflect population shifts.

Republicans control the House, 32-27.

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Clean-up, rebuilding follow Peru quake

CHARACATO, Peru (AP) — Their simple brick homes in ruins, residents of this Andean highland town began a painstaking process of cleaning up and rebuilding after a devastating weekend earthquake.

Many sought hammers and bricks to rebuild their homes. Others braced for what promised to be a long and frustrating return to normal life.

"We don't have anything," said Augustin Chuquimamani, mixing mortar and laying a fresh brick wall on his one-room house. "We don't have a kitchen, we don't even have metal sheets to a make a roof."

Chuquimamani was among hundreds of residents in this remote farming community who suffered losses in Saturday's 8.1-magnitude quake. At least 102 people died, 1,368 were injured and 46,470 were left homeless, Peru's Civil Defense Institute said today.

Late Monday, a 5.5-magnitude aftershock struck the devastated region, located about 580 miles southeast of the capital, Lima, Peru's Geophysical Institute said. No major damage or deaths were immediately reported, civil defense officials said.

"All of us sleep on the ground," said Felicina, his wife. "It gets very cold — so cold that the kids start crying."

Across southern Peru, people helped neighbors comb through shattered homes two days after the quake. Coated in dust, many searched for belongings amid mounds of wreckage and chunks of broken rock bigger than refrigerators.

Others set about the task of repairing homes, colonial churches and hundreds of businesses flattened by a temblor that shook the region for more than a minute.

"You can't mope, you have to accept reality and move on," said Ronald Reula, clutching a sledgehammer and a shovel to clear away the rubble-cluttered area where his bedroom once stood.

'Continued restraint' is urged for Israel

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush is urging Israel to show "continued restraint" while putting forth greater effort to stabilize a cease-fire with the Palestinians. Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon, headed into a meeting with Bush, set tough conditions for resuming peace talks.

Ahead of his session with Sharon, said White House spokesman Ari Fleischer, Bush focused on the suggestions of an international commission headed by former Senate Majority Leader George Mitchell: Begin with a cease-fire and a cooling-off period before taking "confidence-building steps" and returning to negotiations.

"The president's point is that all parties have to continue to make a 100 percent effort to implement the cease-fire," Fleischer said. "The president is pleased with the restraint that Israel has shown in the face of recent events. He's going to urge continued restraint."

Sharon's visit to the White House is his second in three months. The meeting reflects stepped-up U.S. involvement in the Mideast conflict, after an initial period when the Bush administration tried to limit the U.S. role.

Speaking in New York on Monday, Sharon demanded a "total cessation of violence" by the Palestinians before progressing with a U.S.-backed plan for restarting peace negotiations. During a reception for Jewish leaders, he said he would tell Bush, "We cannot change it, and you have to know we will not change" the demand for an end to all violence.

Secretary of State Colin Powell has talked of seeking a 100 percent effort from Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat to stop nine months of violence, but Sharon said he would not become involved in a debate over how much violence is acceptable.

Later, at a banquet hosted by the American-Israel Friendship League, Sharon said, "It is not enough that Arafat lower the flames of violence temporarily. He must put out the flames of violence permanently."

One of the confidence-building measures is a halt to construction in Jewish settlements in the West Bank and Gaza Strip. Sharon opposes the construction halt, though he has accepted the Mitchell proposal, and some analysts say he wants to draw out the earlier phases as much as possible to postpone a confrontation over the settlements.

Sharon's second invitation to the White House, while Arafat has yet to see Bush, is seen as U.S. support for the Israeli position in general.

Congress to confront China trade and Olympics issues

WASHINGTON (AP) — China, a perennial source of contention on Capitol Hill, will have its day, or week, or month in Congress again this year, thanks to anger over a military plane collision in April, the detention of U.S. scholars and China's inability to negotiate entry into the World Trade Organization.

The most symbolic fight of the summer is over whether Beijing should be tapped to host the 2008 Olympic games. The trade issue is on the calendar because China is not yet in the WTO, a requirement of its permanent normal trade status voted last year.

In both cases, free-traders and those who believe in the benefits of engagement are facing off against those who feel China's human rights record does not warrant the boon the Olympics and open trade bring.

"China's abominable human rights record violates the spirit of the games and should disqualify Beijing from consideration" as Olympics host, said Rep. Tom Lantos of California, top Democrat on the House International Relations Committee. He is chief sponsor of a resolution urging the International Olympic Committee not to award China the games when it chooses a site July 13.

But a fellow Democrat, Sen. Patty Murray of Washington, opposes that resolution, saying, "The Olympics are the wrong forum to be making political statements."

And so does Rep. David Dreier, R-Calif., who as Rules Committee chairman works with House leaders to set the floor schedule. Thus far, the resolution has not been scheduled for a vote.

"I believe it's very important for us to take a strong stand against the horrendous performance we've seen from China," Dreier said. But passing such a resolution "would be a slap in the face to the people of China ... and would dramatically exacerbate the sense of nationalism that's growing among the people of China."

The Bush administration officially took no position Monday on which city the IOC should choose, though a State Department official said: "We do share the concern of many in Congress about China's poor human rights record and support calls for an immediate improvement."

Congress, meanwhile, started its China work Monday with an easier issue: A nonbinding resolution demanding that China free U.S. citizens and permanent residents detained for months and calling on President Bush to press for their freedom.

Obituaries

Maylan Abbananto

1923-2001

CHILDRESS – Maylan Denton Abbananto, a former resident of Snyder, died Sunday, June 24, in Amarillo.

Funeral service for Mrs. Abbananto, 77, is set for 11 a.m. Wednesday in the Childress Church of Christ. Robert Carter and Dr. Mike Henderson will officiate. Interment will follow in the Childress Cemetery under the direction of Johnson Funeral Home.



Abbananto

Born July 12, 1923 in Greenville, she married Pat Abbananto on June 3, 1942 in Crestview, Fla. He died in January, 1984.

A minister's wife, Mr. Abbananto was minister of the 37th Street Church of Christ in Snyder from 1966-1980. He also served churches in Oklahoma City, Fritch and Childress. Mrs. Abbananto, a homemaker, was an active volunteer with the American Cancer Society.

Survivors include a daughter, Cheryl Abbananto of Amarillo; a son, Pat Abbananto of Oklahoma City; two brothers, Ben Denton of Memphis, Tenn., and James Denton of San Antonio; a sister, Dorothy Glover of Roswell, N.M.; and five grandchildren.

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Gustovo Castillon

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Gustovo Castillon Jr., a former Snyder resident, died Sunday, June 24, after being struck by a train near Abilene.

Services for Mr. Castillon, 27, are pending at Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Born Jan. 19, 1974 in Monterrey, Mexico, he married Angie Hammit on July 31, 1998 in Coahoma. A member of Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church in Snyder, Mr. Castillon had lived in Abilene the past 2½ years and was produce manager for Winn-Dixie.

Survivors include his wife, Angie Castillon of Abilene; a stepdaughter, Cherokee; and two stepsons, Blake and Christopher; his parents, Gustovo and Juanita Castillon of Snyder; a brother, Gabriel Castillon of Snyder; and a sister, Griselda Castillon of Snyder.

Law officers receive reports of firecrackers being set off

Fireworks

As Independence Day nears, Snyder police are receiving numerous reports of fireworks being discharged within the city limits. Dispatchers took five calls Monday, including one from The Movie Gallery in the 2900 block of College Avenue.

A clerk at the newly-opened store reported someone putting fireworks in the drop box causing some damage.

Criminal mischief

Officers filed an offense report for Class C criminal mischief at 3701 Highland Monday morning.

Gas drive off

Margaretta Molina requested an officer at Town and Country North in reference to a gas drive off in the amount of $33.84. No description of the vehicle was available.

Arrests

Four individuals were taken into custody Monday, all on outstanding warrants.

Joseph Sheldon Hood, 38, 3707 Ave. U, was arrested at 2:30 p.m. Monday on an outstanding TDCJ parole warrant.

A 68-year-old man was arrested at 2:25 p.m. on a warrant for issuance of a bad check. Just after 9 o'clock Monday night, deputies arrested a 24-year-old man and a 21-year-old woman on U.S. 84. The man was arrested for misdemeanor theft by check. The woman was taken into custody on outstanding DPS warrants out of Lampasas.

Close patrol

Aurelio Medina, owner of Texas Auto Shop, requested an officer in reference to tires and a trailer hitch being stolen in the past eight days. Medina requested a close patrol of the property and area after 11 p.m. for the next 10 days.

Fire notes

The fire department was alerted to a fire at 2301 Ave. I just after 6 p.m. Monday. Rene Wright reported that a tree limb had fallen onto an electrical wire, causing the grass fire to start. TXU was also notified of the situation.

Criminal trespass

Officers issued a criminal trespass warning to a subject in the 1300 block of 26th Street Monday evening. The subject was ordered to stay away from a home on Ave. U.

Prowler

Police responded to the 900 block of Avenue Q early this morning after a report of a prowler in the area. A woman at the residence reported someone knocking at her door and looking through her window.

Hospital

ADMISSIONS: Sylvia Torres, Billie Dupuy, Willie Guynes, Clarence Hall, Rena Potter, Becky Stewart and Margarita Rodriguez.

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SHS football booster club

The SHS football booster club will meet at 7 p.m. tonight in the film room of the field house. Upcoming fundraisers will be discussed and all parents are urged to attend.

Genealogical Society

The Scurry County Genealogical Society will meet at 7 this evening in the Scurry County Library. Members will read narratives about their paternal great-grandfathers. Visitors are welcome. Yearly members are $12.50 per person or $15 per couple.

Steer validations

The 2001-2002 steer validations will be at 6 p.m. today. It will be held at the Ricky Miller residence on Round Top Road. Tags must be paid for at this time, and a parent should be present for the necessary signatures. Exhibitor's social security numbers will also be required. For all new feeders, a hair care and management demonstration will be held during the validation process.

Class of 1981 reunion

The SHS class of 1981 will hold its reunion Friday and Saturday. Registration should be turned in as soon as possible and an accurate count is needed by Wednesday. Contact Beth Bowen at 573-2670.

Lucky 13 rush dance

Lucky 13 will hold a rush dance from 8 p.m. until midnight Friday. For more information, call Jessie Keller at 573-7705 and leave a message.

Car wash

The SHS Student Council will sponsor a car wash from 11 a.m. until 4 p.m. Saturday in the Wal-Mart Parking Lot.

Certified nurses aide course

Snyder Oaks Care Center will hold a certified nurses aide course of 75 hours beginning Saturday. The class will meet 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. For more information, call 573-9377 or Maggie Barnes at 863-2426.

Children's Saturday fun time and VBS

Children's Saturday fun time has joined Vacation Bible School at Avenue D Baptist Church, 324 30th St., from 9 a.m. until noon starting this Saturday and continuing every Saturday through July 28. VBS is for children K-6. The theme is "Truth Trackers." For more information, call 573-0971 or 573-6878.

Christian concert

Christian singers, Mercy Me, Jonathan Moore and Macy Hill, will be live in concert at 7 p.m. Sunday at the Scurry County Coliseum. Tickets are $5 for general admission and $7 for floor seating. Tickets are available at The Rest Stop. For more information, contact Becky at 573-1517.

SHS 1986 reunion

The SHS class of 1986 will hold its reunion July 6-7. Classmates are still being contacted. Call Xalyn Harris Palacios at 574-3343 or 573-2148, or Mike McWilliams at 573-6543 for information on classmates.

Class of 1966 reunion

The SHS class of 1966 will hold a reunion July 27-28. Anyone with classmates' addresses is asked to write to Janeen Patterson at Box 208, Snyder.

Class of 1976 reunion

The SHS class of 1976 will hold it's reunion July 28 at Jack Greene's pasture. For information, call Lorinda Hardin at 573-2700 or Sherry Thompson at 338-0026. The website is classmates.com.

Senior water aerobics

Senior water aerobics at the WTC pool will be from 11 a.m. until noon on Tuesdays and Thursdays. For more information, call Bobbie Taylor at 573-7144 or the Senior Center at 573-4035.

WTC swimming pool

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

Free lunch program

The free lunch program at Central Elementary continues through July 27. Meals will be served on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from noon until 1 p.m. All children who qualify for free lunches at school may eat. An adult accompanying a child will also be served. For more information, call 573-6915.

Cancer treatment transportation

Transportation for cancer patients is available every day free of charge to Lubbock, Abilene or Midland. For more information, call Sammie Jarrell at 573-5993 or Blakely Fargason at 574-8041. If not home, leave message on answering machine.

Officials discuss proposed live-fire training in Kenedy

CORPUS CHRISTI (AP) — Plans for a bombing site in Kenedy County — one that could potentially replace the controversial bombing site in Vieques, Puerto Rico — are still preliminary, a Coastal Bend economic official says.

Dick Messbarger, executive director of the Greater Kingsville Economic Development Council, told the Kingsville City Commission on Monday that "there are still a lot of questions that need to be answered."

The Navy still needs to form a panel to study other proposed sites around the country and in the Caribbean. The results of that study should be done in October, one month before the planned referendum in Puerto Rico over the military's presence at Vieques, said Gary Bushell, a Washington lobbyist who has worked with area economic development officials and the Navy.

The 222,000-acre area, which would stretch south nearly 20 miles along the coastline from Baffin Bay, could provide a joint training area big enough for large-scale land, air and sea assaults.

But development of the area would require the government's condemnation of 175,000 acres of land held by the John G. Kenedy Jr. Charitable Trust, according to the Corpus Christi Caller-Times editions today.