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FEEDING TIME — Daniel Peterson, left, and Kasey Young, both Stanfield students, enjoyed feeding the burro some hay during Snyder FFA's annual animal day. (Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

Peacekeeping force only under 'right conditions'

WASHINGTON (AP) — A peacekeeping force of 45,000 to 50,000 troops would go into Kosovo only under the "right set of conditions" to assure the safe return of refugees and not to battle Serb troops, U.S. military leaders said today.

The Clinton administration believes the air campaign over Kosovo will achieve NATO's political goal of compelling Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic to permit ethnic Albanians to go home under the protection of the international military force with NATO at its core, Pentagon spokesman Kenneth Bacon said.

There's been no change in NATO policy of insisting that ground troops would get involved in Kosovo only as peacekeepers and only in the event of an agreement with Belgrade or a U.N. Security Council authorization, Bacon said.

President Clinton said Tuesday that NATO was determined to prevail in Kosovo "one way or the other," a remark some interpreted as signaling a willingness to consider a ground invasion as a last resort. Asked about ground troops, Clinton said NATO "will not take any option off the table," but he also said the alliance should "stay with the strategy we have" and "work it through to the end."

Gen. Dennis Reimer, the Army chief of staff, told a Senate hearing today that his interpretation of the president's remarks is that "he has not discarded ground forces under the proper conditions" as part of a peacekeeping force.

"What he said is that ground forces are still an option on the table, under the right set of conditions," Reimer told the Senate Appropriations Committee.

The international army would try to maintain order in Kosovo when the NATO airstrikes, now 8 weeks old, end. The size of the theoretical peacekeeping force has grown from 28,000, including 4,000 Americans.

DCOS board to hear plant updating plans

New owners of the Snyder brick plant will meet with the Development Corporation of Snyder board of directors Thursday to present an update on plans to re-open the plant.

DCOS Executive Director John DeLille said this morning that all principals involved in the project, including former Texas Department of Criminal Justice chairman Charles Terrell Sr., will be at the meeting.

DeLille said the group is also expected to point out some areas where the company will need assistance in re-opening the plant, including improvements to Brick Plant Road.

Training of employees will also be discussed, said DeLille.

Officials of Snyder Brick & Tile Co. announced in March plans to re-open the plant with a targeted date of Nov. 1.

Rehabilitation of the 46-year-old plant is projected to cost $3.5 million.

The projected impact on Scurry County is $3.1 million annually.

The DCOS board will also hear a recommendation on the installation of a gas line to the industrial park. A four-member committee — Mike Post, Roy Baze, Roy McQueen and DeLille — have met with Lone Star Gas and other suppliers about the project.

In other business, the board will hear information on a new computer system for the DCOS office, consider monthly financial statements and the payment of bills, plus hear DeLille's regular monthly report.

The meeting will be at 2 p.m. in the DCOS offices in the American State Bank building.

King Abdullah issues appeal...

Jordan seeks debt forgiveness

WASHINGTON (AP) — King Abdullah of Jordan openly appealed today to leading industrialized nations to give him a $3 billion break by forgiving almost half of what his troubled Arab kingdom owes them.

Abdullah, with President Clinton's support, asked for the debt forgiveness at a news conference in which he said Jordan had a $7 million deficit in trade with the Palestinians, while Israel and the Palestinians do $3 billion in business annually.

"The dividends of peace we haven't been able to see," he said.

The king, who succeeded his peacemaking father, King Hussein, three months ago, pledged economic and bureaucratic reform at home as well as a drive against corruption. "It is one of our pet peeves," he said.

Abdullah said Jordan owes $7 billion to the industrialized nations, which will join with the United States in June at a economic summit meeting in Cologne, Germany.

He said $3 billion in relief was essential "to give us a fighting chance to get on our feet" and go on with a process of placing more of the country's resources in private hands.

Clinton already has forgiven Jordan's $700 million debt to the United States and is providing $200 million in yearly assistance. On top of that, he has asked Congress for an additional $100 million this year with $200 million to follow over the next two years.

The other countries that make up the G-7 group are Britain, Canada, France, Germany, Italy and Japan.

"We need to be strong economically" to support peacemaking between Israel and the Arabs, the king said.

The peace treaty Hussein signed with Israel in 1994 raised expectations of an economic miracle in Jordan. It did not develop. At the same time, Jordan cut its trade with Iraq dramatically and is looking westward for economic opportunities.

Abdullah said if Israel and the Palestinians, Syria and Lebanon could reach peace agreements, "it would really transform the whole area."

Annual band concert set

Three Snyder ISD bands will perform Thursday in Worsham Auditorium.

The concert gets underway at 7 p.m. with the sixth grade, or beginners' band, from West Elementary School performing four songs.

They will be followed by the junior high band which will also do four numbers.

The high school band will close out the program. Numbers will include "El Camino Real," "Epinicion," "Jesus loves me...It is Well," Holst's "First Suite in E Flat," and music from "Amistad."

There is no admission charge and the public is invited.

Band directors include Walter Reneau, Kay Kennedy and Gust Whitt.

Hermleigh graduation is Friday

The 1999 commencement ceremony for Hermleigh School will see seven seniors and 11 eighth graders graduate at 8 p.m. Friday in the high school auditorium.

Carole Haynes, who teaches first grade at Stanfield Elementary School in Snyder, will be the guest speaker. She is retiring at the end of this school year. Haynes is also a former member of the Hermleigh ISD board of trustees.

Senior and eighth grade honor students will present short addresses. They include Jennifer Roemisch, high school valedictorian; Elizabeth Beckham, high school salutatorian; Terrel Culp, eighth grade valedictorian; and Maria Rangel, eight grade salutatorian.

Junior honor guards will be Tiffany Moore and Jared Higgins. Eighth grade ushers will be Isaac Rangel and Brittainy Milota.

Superintendent Jerry Church will present diplomas.

Graduating seniors will be Joe Romero, Jake Alexander, Elizabeth Beckham, Andrea Rodriguez, Jennifer Roemisch, Randy Hernandez and Kenny Hancock.

Those graduating from the eighth grade are Benito Barrara, Brandi Nicole Doggett, Isaac Roman Flores, Antonio Garza, Angie Kay Glover, Amelia Juanita Hermosillo, Jessica Lanore Hernandez, Jimmy Lee Luna, Joshua James Montoya, Felipe Olivarez, Juan Yruegas.

THE SDN COLUMN
By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "Thinning hair is okay. Nobody wants fat hair."

If you've been to a class reunion, you now understand why they insist on wearing name tags.

Most folks hesitatingly attend — anticipating wheelchairs, walkers, canes, toupees, corsets, wigs, falsies, transplants, facelifts, pacemakers and the unmentionables - wrinkles and thick skin.

A guy in the coffee shop eagerly awaited his school reunion. Most classmates he hadn't seen in almost 30 years — and his bride had never met the ole' gang.

The roommate was especially leary of the gathering, since hubby had talked unceasingly in the past few weeks about an ole' flame.

Attendance at the reunion resulted in some good news and some bad news, he reported.

The bad news: the old girlfriend must have tipped the scales at 222 pounds.

The good news: his wife's smile had never been so wide and her good mood lasted so long.

But there is more good news for heavyweights — after years of having to endure those straw-thin models on TV wearing clothes that are looking for a place to hang.

It's now been officially reported that there are more full-figured models working than those with the anorectic look.

The shift may require a new crew of models. One reported that she stopped exercising and gained 50 pounds to keep her job.

Fashion models, it is reported, are proving to be remarkably adaptable to the industry's double-digit dress sizes — rather than remaining fixated on skinniness.

To keep working, some thin gals have been putting padding under those dresses.

And other trends:

Today corporate America may face record absenteeism.

The new Star Wars movie, "Episode I: The Phantom Menace," opens today.

According to one workforce expert, government absenteeism data suggests that 2.2 million employees may skip work today.

Is that before or after golf?

Josey, Goolsby...

Ira ISD names top students

Ira High School has named its valedictorian and salutatorian for 1998-1999. The top academic student honors go to valedictorian Lindsy Josey and salutatorian E'Lissa Goolsby.

Lindsy, the daughter of Cindy Josey of Snyder and Rodney Josey of Carlsbad, N.M., has a GPA of 98.15.

E'Lissa's parents are James and Gina Goolsby. Her GPA is 97.88.

Lindsy has been in the Top Five of her class throughout high school. She was the secretary of her freshman and sophomore classes and junior class treasurer.

As a freshman, she was a member of the school combo. She is a four-year member of the Spanish Club and Student Council, serving as an officer for each group several times.

She was inducted into the National Honor Society as a sophomore, serving as a member for two years and then was elected to the public relations post her senior year.

She participated in UIL number sense, mathematics and calculator applications and science. She was also in one-act plays as a freshman, and junior and senior.

Lindsy has received several awards including TAAS academic recognition in reading when she was a sophomore. She had a year of perfect attendance in the 10th grade and was named to the President's Honor Roll her freshman year.

As a sophomore, she received the departmental award in Spanish. She has also served as annual staff editor for the past two years.

E'Lissa was chosen the most popular sophomore and junior girl and was placed on the mathematics Wall of Fame her junior year. She was inducted into the National Honor Society her sophomore year, serving as treasurer as a junior and vice-president as a senior.

She was elected vice president of the Student Council her senior year. She competed in UIL mathematics and calculator and accounting and one act play.

She received both the English and math departmental awards as a junior. She also participates in sports. When she was a freshman, the basketball team won district. As a junior, she qualified for the cross country regional meet.



Lindsy Josey
IHS valedictorian



E'Lissa Goolsby
IHS salutatorian

ASK US

Q—Has the Texas Department of Criminal Justice set an opening date for its expanded warehouse distribution center?
A—No.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Tuesday, 82 degrees; low, 55; 7 a.m. Wednesday, 59; no precipitation; total for 1999, 5.57 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, increasing clouds late. Low, lower 60s. SE wind 10-20 mph. Thursday, partly cloudy, breezy. High, upper 80s. SE-S wind 15-25 mph, gusty.



Ashley Gonzales
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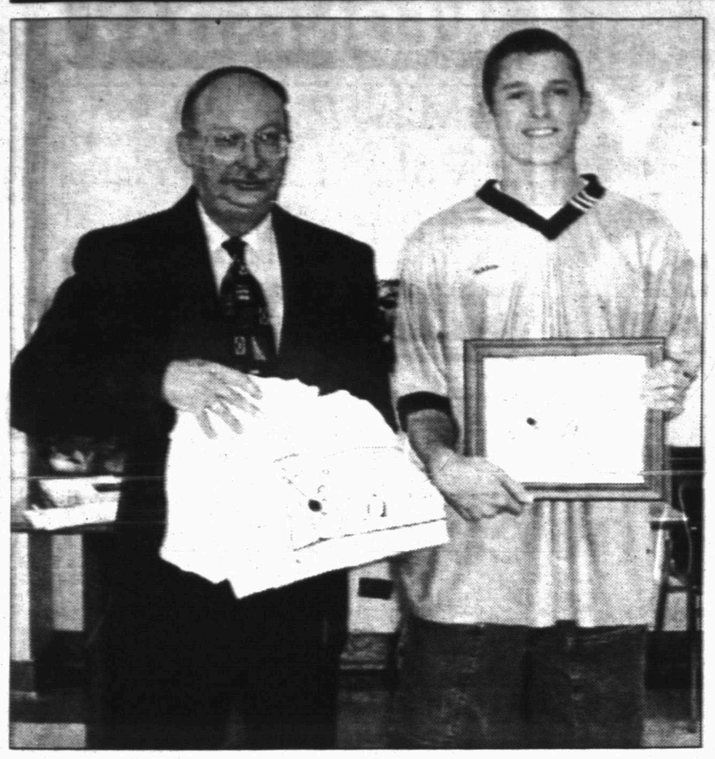
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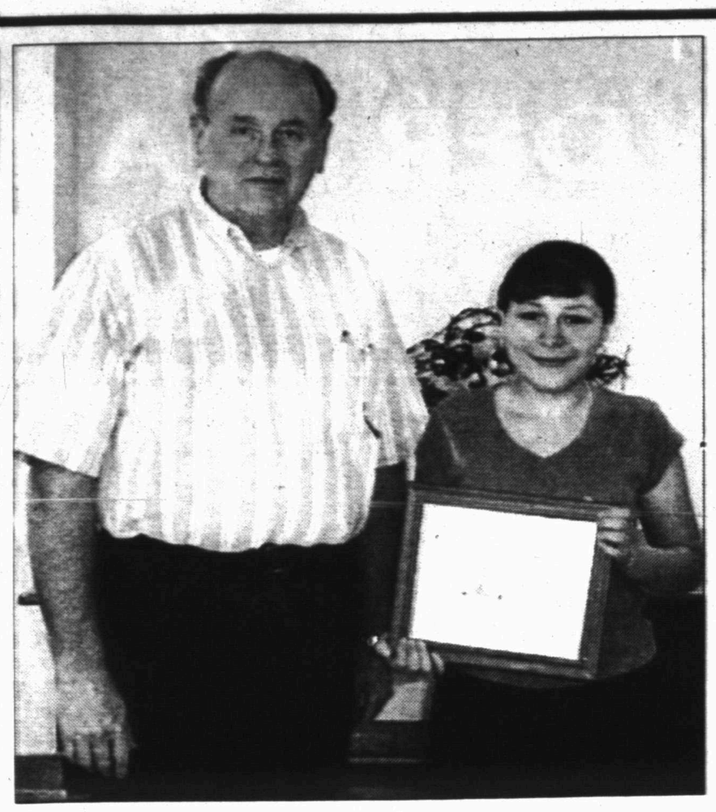
"Things do not happen. Things are made to happen."

John F. Kennedy

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STAMP DESIGN WINNER — Snyder High School sophomore Heath Pinkerton, an art student of Ned Moore, was the winner in a stamp design contest sponsored by Snyder Post Office. The stamp depicts the Western Swing Festival to be held in Snyder in June and the post office will be offering a limited edition cancellation June 16-19. Snyder Post Office Supervisor Billy Gleastine is also pictured. Snyder Chamber of Commerce employees picked the winner. (SDN Staff Photo)



RUNNER UP — Snyder High School sophomore Olivia Aparicio was the runner up in a stamp design contest sponsored by the Snyder Post Office. Postmaster Dale Lipsett is pictured with Aparicio. She is a student of Ned Moore. (SDN Staff Photo)

Retarded killers would be spared

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas would not execute murderers with mental retardation under a bill given preliminary approval Tuesday by the state Senate.

"Just as we won't execute children, we won't execute people who have the mental capacity of a child," said bill sponsor Sen. Rodney Ellis, D-Houston.

"Executing the mentally retarded makes Texas look bloodthirsty, not thirsty for justice," Ellis said.

Under his bill, accused killers who prove they were mentally retarded at the time of the murder would be spared from execution, which in Texas is done by lethal injection. If convicted of capital murder, they would instead face life in prison without parole.

The measure would apply only to defendants charged after Sept. 1 of this year.

Approved 23-7, the bill still must be given final Senate approval before going to the House for consideration. The legislative session ends May 31.

If approved, Texas would become the 13th state to ban executions of criminals with mental retardation.

The bill would apply to defendants with an IQ of 65 or under. A judge also could use other factors — such as school records — to determine whether a defendant is mentally retarded. Such a ruling would be made before trial.

Several district attorneys have objected that the bill is not needed since current law already requires exemptions for incompetent defendants.

House endorses DPS legislation

AUSTIN (AP) — Whether a person has been granted a concealed handgun permit would no longer be public record under legislation given initial House approval Tuesday.

"It's nobody's business if you have a permit," said Rep. Suzanna Gratia Hupp, R-Kemper.

Mrs. Hupp's language was tacked onto a bill by Rep. Fred Bosse, D-Houston, to maintain the Department of Public Safety through 2009, which was also granted preliminary House approval.

It was one of more than 20 amendments added to the bill during nearly four hours of debate. Lawmakers often offer amendments to related legislation during the waning days of the session as time begins to run out for getting measures passed as stand-alone bills.

Currently, Texans can file a public information request with DPS with someone's name, zip code and a $5 fee to find out whether they have a permit.

That was the agreement worked out when the concealed handgun bill was passed, said Rep. Ray Allen, R-Grand Prairie.

"It's not like the Department of Public Safety is publishing this information willy nilly across the state," Allen said. "I hate to break the deal we made when we passed this law."

"There are a number of women who have approached me that are concerned about stalkers being able to get that information," she said.

Law enforcement would still have access to the information under the amendment adopted by a 76-68 vote.

The DPS bill is SB370.

Bush signs Internet meeting bill

AUSTIN (AP) — Legislation authorizing governmental bodies to broadcast open meetings on the Internet has been signed into law by Gov. George W. Bush.

Bush's office said Tuesday that the bill was among nearly two dozen measures the governor signed.

The bill, sponsored by Sen. Royce West, D-Dallas, allows governmental bodies to broadcast open meetings over the computer Internet, requires them to establish an Internet site that provides public access and provide notice of the meeting.

Dolph Tillotson, president and publisher of The Galveston County Daily News and chairman of the legislative advisory committee of the state's newspaper associations, said those groups supported the measure.

"Obviously, the Internet is a medium of communication that's growing in importance every day. We felt the bill really would broaden government participation," he said.

The bill takes effect Sept. 1.

Among other bills Bush signed were measures to:

— Expand the current law limiting the type of investments that can be made with money recovered by a minor or incapacitated plaintiff, who is represented by a "next friend."

The bill allows investments in the Texas Tomorrow Fund, the state's prepaid college tuition program.

— Allow the Texas State Cemetery Committee to act on emergency requests for burial in the State Cemetery.

Currently, the committee may authorize burial in the cemetery only during periods when the Legislature isn't meeting and if the panel finds that the person made a significant contribution to Texas history. The bill allows the committee to make such decisions when the Legislature is in session when it's not practical to wait until lawmakers or the governor can act on a request.

The Internet broadcast bill is SB1252.

The investment bill is SB112.

The State Cemetery bill is SB1545.

Hamlin slates 'Rath' festival

HAMLIN — Spend the weekend back in 1876, and find out how the West was really won.

The Historical Rath Trail Association Inc. of Hamlin will be sponsoring the seventh annual "Back To Rath's Trail" festival June 4-6.

This weekend event, commemorating the era of cowboys and Indians — when vast herds of buffalo roamed the West Texas plains, is designed to provide fun for the whole family.

Activities will include a frontier ball, art exhibits, tours of the historical Rath City site, street entertainment and more.

Area artists, craftsmen, food vendors and others are encouraged to participate in this event by bringing merchandise to display and sell.

Registration is currently in progress. To reserve booth space, or for more information, call the Hamlin Chamber of Commerce, 915-576-3501.

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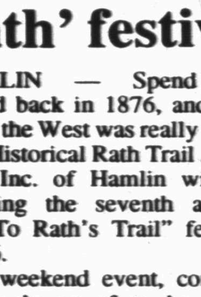
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School murders down; gang presence up in schools

WASHINGTON (AP) — Fear generated by tragedies like the Colorado high school shootings masks a decline in school murders overall, say researchers who acknowledge that the perception of danger is a problem.

"Schools are safe, that is the reality," Kathleen M. Fisher of Pennsylvania State University told a session of the American Psychiatric Association on Tuesday. She also said that the rash of threats after the Littleton, Colo., killings heightened fear. "Americans are sickened by the specter of kid-on-kid shootings," she said.

"The facts are that schools remain safer than the streets and many American homes, sadly," Fisher said, citing government figures showing a decline in school murders since the early 1990s.

Across town Tuesday, a group of survivors of school violence told members of Congress of their experience, suggesting that more parental involvement and more counseling opportunities for troubled students would help stop future shootings.

They also sparked a discussion of gun control, with one student saying parents should not have a gun when there are young people in the house. "There's no reason why a young person should have a gun, period," said Carla Williams, a student from Sandy Spring, Md.

They also said teachers should be empowered to deal with problems in the classroom.

Their assessment meshed with that of Dr. Lois T. Flaherty of the University of Maryland, who told the Psychiatric Association that students who commit violence tend to be males from problem families, have a history of abuse and neglect and are not doing well in school.

Schools with the lowest rates of violence tend to have clear and well-enforced rules, small to moderate class size and skilled teachers who work closely with administrators, Ms. Flaherty said.

One troubling statistic, Fisher said, shows a doubling of the presence of gangs in school since 1989.

But having a gang in school doesn't necessarily mean the Crips and the Bloods are there, said Dr. Paul A. Kettl, also from Penn State.

When a group of students band together to confront others, that's a gang, he said, adding that students form these groups because they lack social support. They don't know what they want to make of themselves and no adult helps them, so they join with other adolescents and learn from each other.

Yet most school crime remains minor and there has been a decline in homicides in school, Fisher said.

There were 55 in-school murders in the 1992-93 school year, she said, citing statistics gathered by law enforcement and school officials, and 51 the following year. The toll then dropped to 20 in 1994-95, rose to 35 then fell to 25. Last year it was 40 and so far this year, 24 youngsters have died in school homicides, the statistics show.

Kettl said biological, psychological and social factors often are behind school violence.

As for violent entertainment, Kettl said, "It's not a monkey see, monkey do" sort of thing. But, he said, "violent entertainment for people predisposed to violence is not a good thing."

He cited violent video games in particular, asking: "Is it a good thing to practice homicide for entertainment? Gee, I don't think so." However, he admitted he had no data to prove the case.

And, noting the rash of threats in schools since April 20, when Eric Harris, 18, and Dylan Klebold, 17, stormed Columbine High School in Littleton, killing 12 other students and a teacher before taking their own lives, he wondered if such violence is contagious.

There is no detailed data on imitations of these cases, Kettl said. But he said a California study found a slight increase in suicides among young people in the two weeks following reports of a prominent suicide.

Flaherty, who has studied violence in Baltimore schools, suggested a set of survival skills for youngsters:

—Travel in small groups.

—Stay away from dangerous areas such as street corners.

—Don't walk too close to anyone.

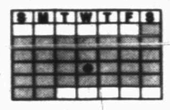
—Avoid accidental bumping.

—Make the right eye contact, neither avoiding people, nor looking at them in a challenging way.

—Don't wear gold or expensive clothing.

Datebook

May 19, 1999



Today is the 139th day of 1999 and the 61st day of spring.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1911, a New York City burglar was sent to prison on charges based on fingerprint evidence. It was the first conviction based on fingerprint evidence in the United States.

On this day in 1992, Dave Gauder pulled a jumbo jet weighing 196 tons three inches along a runway at England's Heathrow airport, setting a world record.

On this day in 1994, Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis died at the age of 64.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Ho Chi Minh (1890-1969), Vietnamese leader; Malcolm X (1925-1965), black leader; Lorraine Hansberry (1930-1965), playwright; James Lehrer (1934-), broadcast journalist, is 65; David Hartman (1935-), actor-TV host, is 64; Nora Ephron (1941-), writer, is 58; Pete Townshend (1945-), musician, is 54; Bill Laimbeer (1957-), basketball player, is 42.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1974, the Philadelphia Flyers won the NHL championship by beating the Boston Celtics.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "A segregated school system produces children who, when they graduate, graduate with crippled minds." — Malcolm X

TODAY'S MOON: Between new moon (May 15) and first quarter (May 22).

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Hurricane-like storm seen on Mars

WASHINGTON (AP) — A cyclone four times the size of Texas raged across the northern polar region of the planet Mars last month, according to space telescope views of the red planet.

The Space Telescope Science Institute announced today that the Hubble Space Telescope on April 27 spotted an immense Martian storm cloud, made up of water ice, that was 1,100 miles long and 900 wide.

Bands of clouds spiraled in a counterclockwise motion around a 200-mile wide eye in the center of the storm, taking on a shape that resembled hurricanes on Earth, astronomers said.

The storm occurred during the summer in Mars' northern hemisphere. It came after seasonal warming evaporated the carbon dioxide ice sheet that caps the Martian north pole during part of the year.

Officials said the storm was three times larger than a storm spotted 20 years ago by the Viking Orbiter spacecraft.

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Dad's Idea of Fun for Kids Is Scaring Their Mom to Death

DEAR ABBY: My husband is scaring me to death. He frequently puts our two children in dangerous situations, and sometimes they get hurt. Last summer he let them "play" with an ax, and my daughter ended up with a gash in her leg that required a trip to the emergency room for stitches. My son has fallen off a roof and received a concussion because my husband allowed him to play there.

Last week, I caught my husband pulling our trampoline over to a one-story shed so our children could jump off it onto the trampoline. Abby, trampolines are dangerous enough without the added "boost."

When I voiced my opinion, he said I should not question his parenting. He always says that, and continues to place them in danger. I have no family close by to help me stand up to him, and he refuses to go for counseling. He says a walk in the park does him more good. What should I do?

TOO MANY E.R. VISITS,
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DEAR TOO MANY: A parent is supposed to have common sense and mature judgment; however, your husband must have been absent when those traits were handed out. Since you have no family nearby to help you stand up to him, and he refuses counseling, I urge you to go without him. Your therapist will be your ally and help you to find the strength to do what you must.

There are laws against child endangerment. Before your husband again places the children in jeopardy, pick up the phone and call Child Protective Services. You'll find them in the phone book.

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DEAR ABBY: My mother-in-law, "Sylvia," recently attended a housewarming hosted by one of the teachers at the middle school where she is employed. (I'll call the woman Grace.) Grace married a year ago, and she and her new husband have built a lovely new home with three bathrooms.

Grace took everyone on a tour of the house. Sylvia told me that there were camellias floating in the toilet of the master bath. Grace explained that it was a "subtle" way to discourage guests from using their bathroom instead of the guest bathrooms. Sylvia thought it was a clever idea.

Abby, I think it was rude and ridiculous. When you open your home to guests, you open all of it. How can you show someone your master bedroom and bath, and then not allow them to use it if the others are occupied?

What is your opinion on this matter?

GRACIOUS HOSTESS IN MAINE

DEAR GRACIOUS HOSTESS: I vote with you; the idea was all wet.

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DEAR ABBY: I believe I have a positive solution to the dilemma facing "Uncertain in Florida," who thinks her mother-in-law is too old, frail and hard-of-hearing to care for the new baby.

Abby, she should hire a baby sitter and have her mother-in-law there, too. This would benefit both the grandchildren and Grandma by keeping them involved with each other. The baby sitter could supply the "muscle" and Grandma the love.

IT WORKED FOR ME IN L.A.

DEAR WORKED FOR ME: Why didn't I think of that? Thank you for an excellent suggestion.

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Bridge

By Phillip Alder



	North	05-19-99
	♠ 5 2	
	♥ 8 6 4	
	♦ K Q 10 9	
	♣ 8 7 6 3	
West		**East**
♠ 8		♠ 9 7 6 3
♥ J 10 9 7 3		♥ Q
♦ 8 4		♦ J 7 6 5 3 2
♣ A K 10 9 4		♣ J 2
	South	
	♠ A K Q J 10 4	
	♥ A K 5 2	
	♦ A	
	♣ Q 5	

Vulnerable: Both
Dealer: South

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

Opening lead: ♣ A

You get into four spades. West cashes his top clubs, East echoing by playing first the jack, then the two. West switches to the heart jack, East covering with the queen. You win with the ace and cash two rounds of trumps, West discarding a low club on the second. How would you continue?

South opened with a strong, artificial and forcing two clubs. After giving the negative two-diamond response, North had an awkward rebid. Wanting to show some enthusiasm with five points, he bid his strong four-carder. Then, on the next round, North was happy to give preference to spades because he had almost denied holding three spades by failing to raise on the previous round.

You seem destined to lose two hearts and two clubs because you cannot get into the dummy. However, East appears to be short in both hearts and clubs. Maybe you can call on him to revive the dummy. Cash a third top spade, unblock the diamond ace, and continue with the heart king.

If East is still alive, he will discard, not ruff. Yet now you lead the spade *four*. If East is forced to win the trick, he must bring the dummy back to life with a diamond. Yet if East saw what was coming, he would have unblocked the spade six, seven and nine, retaining the three to underplay your four. Then you would have to lose those four rounded-suit tricks.

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The modified teachers' deal

By Phillip Alder

The American Bridge Teachers' Association puts out a quarterly magazine that contains a mixed bag: most good, some not so. Today's deal is a modification of one in a recent issue

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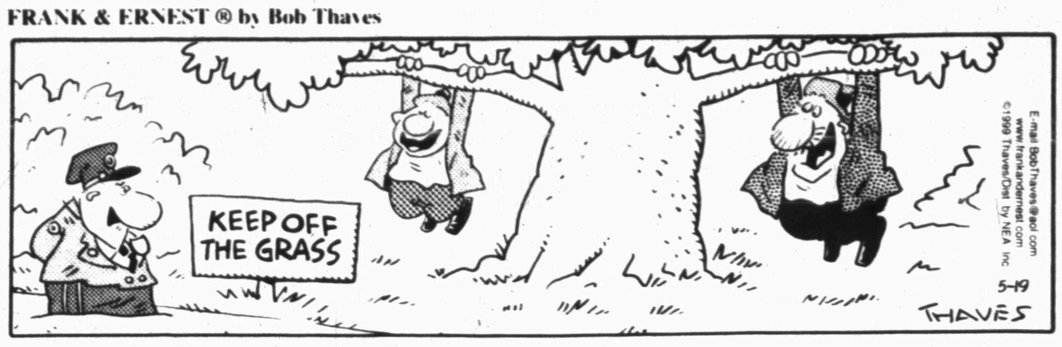
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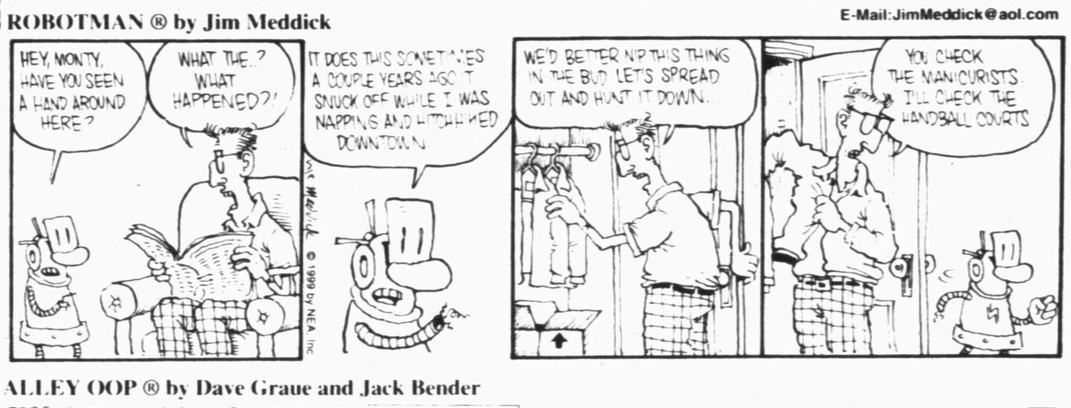
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ACROSS

1 Its flag is the tricolor
7 Monks
13 Poetic foot
14 Of medicine
15 Draws out
16 Live
17 Nothing
18 Great respect
20 Sunday school topic
21 Fight with swords
23 Word of assent
24 Faxed, perhaps
25 Unescorted maie
27 Rail spur
29 Unclaimed mail dept.
31 Comedian DeLuise
32 Sundial numeral
33 Paranormal ability: abbr.
34 Weak
37 Shade trees
40 Charged particles
41 Workers' assn.
43 Sups
45 Reagan's son
46 Org. for Eagles and Falcons
47 Crow cry
48 "Attention!" canceler
51 Draw breath
54 Fluffs the hair
55 Expressed
56 Whirlpools
57 "Play it again, Sam"

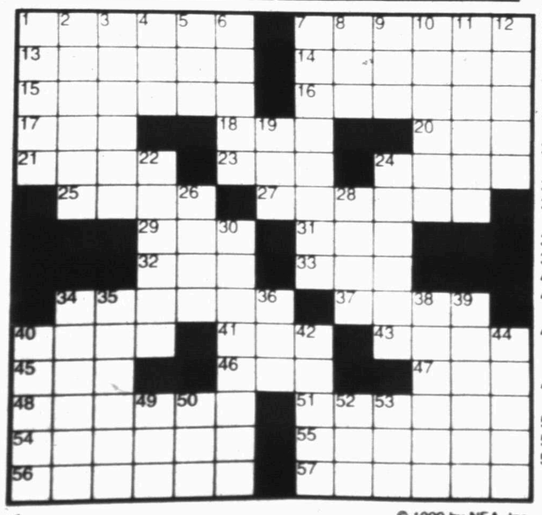
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1 Devil
2 Geometrical line
3 Lucky charm
4 TV network
5 Hint
6 Charles Lamb composition
7 Hearth
8 "Norma —"
9 "Baby, — Cold Outside"
10 Gotten up
11 Going by horse
12 Aroma
19 Film director Craven
22 Females
24 A snap
26 Smooth-talking
28 Give medicine to
30 Uriah Heep trait
34 Paid, as a bill
35 Group of nine
36 Diminutive being
38 Monkey
39 Less fresh
40 Fuming
42 Shade of green
44 Stefan Edberg, for one
49 "As far — — know . . ."
50 View
52 Stick starter
53 Comment from W.C. Fields

Answer to Previous Puzzle

B	L	A	Z	E	D			P	R	I	E	S
B	O	L	E	R	O		B	R	I	D	E	S
C	A	P	T	O	R		O	I	L	E	R	S
			A	S	S		N	E	E			
C	A	R		E	A	R	N	S		C	A	B
I	R	I	S		L	A	I	T		A	N	I
P	O	M	E			N	E	S	T	E	G	G
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"Hey, Harry! Look at this guy's wife."

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Flower Favorites

Gail, Faye, Pam and Kristen each have a favorite flower. No two of them have the same favorite. Which child goes with which flower? Read the clues to solve the mystery.

The chart will help you keep track of the clues. Put **X**'s in the boxes in the chart that do **not** apply to each girl until you are left with one empty box under each girl's name. Put a ✔ in each box to show the girl's favorite flower.

	Gail	Faye	Pam	Kristen
SUNFLOWERS				
DAISIES				
TULIPS				
ROSES				

CLUES

1. Gail's favorite is not tulips.
2. Pam is allergic to sunflowers.
3. Faye does not like tulips or roses.
4. Someone really likes daisies.
5. Kristen likes the flowers to which Pam is allergic.

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"Y2K DOESN'T WORRY ME, JOEY. I DON'T EVEN KNOW WHAT IT IS."

SPORTS

Big 12 baseball...

Tourney set to open with new format

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — If this were last year, the Oklahoma baseball team would be on the outside looking in at the Big 12 baseball tournament. Coach Larry Cochell is all too aware of that.

"I applaud the wisdom of the Big 12 coaches, expanding the tournament from six to eight teams," Cochell joked Tuesday on the eve of this year's event.

In the old six-team format, Oklahoma wouldn't have qualified for the tournament that runs through Sunday at Southwestern Bell Bricktown Ball Park. As it was, the Sooners didn't find out until about 90 minutes after their regular-season finale that they had qualified as the eighth-place team in the conference.

Oklahoma (29-27, 12-18 Big 12) dropped two of three games to Texas A&M last weekend. But when Kansas State got swept by Nebraska, it meant the Sooners had snuck into the No. 8 spot in the tournament lineup.

"We're playing our best baseball the last 15 games," Cochell said. "When you're dealing with kids, anything can happen."

What happens at 10 a.m. Wednesday is that the Sooners will again meet top-seeded Texas A&M (44-12, 23-6), this time in the first round of the double-elimination tournament.

The Aggies have spent most of the season ranked among the top teams in the country, which Cochell said is only fitting.

"Texas A&M reminds me of the Southern Cal, Arizona State teams of 10, 15 years ago — no holes in the lineup," he said.

The Aggies, now ranked No. 1 by Baseball America and No. 6 by Collegiate Baseball, are one of three Big 12 teams that will play host to an NCAA regional. Oklahoma, on the other hand, is among the conference tournam as though he wouldn't be stunned by anything that happens.

"Anybody can win this tournament," he said. "Everybody has an ace pitcher. We have a great conference. We've got our hands full."

The No. 2 seed in the tournament is Baylor (43-12), which opens play at 5 p.m. Wednesday against No. 7 seed Missouri (35-17). The Bears went 20-7 in conference play, compared with 14-13 for Missouri.

Other first-round games have No. 3 seed Texas Tech (40-13) playing No. 6 seed Texas (34-22) at 8 p.m., and No. 4 seed Oklahoma State (40-15) playing No. 5 seed Nebraska (37-16) at 1 p.m.



WAY TO GO — Ira catcher Jenson Gainer prepares to slap hands with Moses Williams (35) after the Bulldogs held Rotan scoreless in the second inning. Ira topped the Yellowhammers, 11-8, to earn a bi-district match-up with Marfa. (SDN Staff Photo)

Bulldogs put the hammer to Rotan, secure playoff berth

By Eric Drennan
Sports Editor

With District 7-A's final playoff spot on the line, Tuesday's contest between Ira and Rotan quickly escalated into a full-blown shootout.

The Ira Bulldogs exploded for six runs in the fifth inning and took advantage of six Rotan errors on the day to secure the postseason berth with an 11-8 victory at Moffett Field.

After getting off to a slow start, the two squads combined for 16 runs over the final three innings. The turning point for Ira was a six-run fifth frame which propelled it into the lead for good.

"The biggest difference in our team here lately has been our positive attitude," said Bulldog skipper Bubba Edwards. "The kids stayed positive when we were trailing and didn't get down. Then when we got the lead, they didn't relax. They stayed focused and got the job done."

Ira entered the fifth inning on the bottom end of a 2-1 tally, with only two hits to its credit. But the Bulldogs quickly changed all that.

Terry Jamison led-off by reaching safely on the Yellowhammers' first error of the inning. Another Rotan miscue allowed Perry Jamison to reach first base, while Terry advanced to second.

A single by Jase Olvera loaded the bases, before Jerek Brown belted a double off the center field wall to score both Jamisons. Olvera came home on a balk, with Brown scoring on another error by the Yellowhammers.

Singles from Seth Sterling and Jenson Gainer netted another run, before Richard Wilkins batted in Sterling to cap the inning. All total in the fifth it was six runs on four hits and three errors for a 6-2 lead.

"We kind of got to them (Rotan) in the fifth," Edwards remarked. "You could see they were getting a little frustrated and our kids fed off that."

Brown, Ira's left-handed ace, and his Bulldog mates made sure the Yellowhammers never saw the lead again. Brown finished the day with five walks and five strike-outs, throwing 126 pitches to notch the win.

Rotan scored a pair of runs in the bottom of the fifth to trim the margin to 6-4, before another double by Brown and another RBI-single by Gainer in the sixth stretched Ira's advantage to 8-4.

The 'Dogs scratched out their final two runs in the top of the seventh, before Rotan made one last rally.

In their last at bat, the 'Hammers took advantage of two Ira errors, a walk and a wild pitch to score four runs on only two hits. The Bulldogs then closed the door, recording the final out on a fly ball to end the game.

"When we had a good lead, Jerek started throwing strikes and Rotan started hitting the ball hard," Edwards stated. "I told him to start mixing it up again and he went back to work. Our defense also played pretty well. We made some errors, but we spread them out and didn't give up the big inning."

The victory assured Ira of its second postseason appearance of the school year. The Bulldog basketball team advanced all the way to the regional semifinals, before bowing to Eden.

"It feels good to make the playoffs again," said Edwards, who also coaches basketball. "We've been telling the kids that success breeds success. We made the playoffs in basketball and that carried over into baseball. Now this success will carry over into football next year. The kids now believe that they can win every time they step onto the field, no matter which sport it is."

The Bulldogs will face Marfa in the bi-district round of the playoffs. The contest is tentatively scheduled for 2 p.m. Saturday in Monahans.

Ira	ab	r	h	bi
P.Jamison lf	4	2	0	0
Olvera ss	4	2	1	0
Brown p	5	2	3	3
D.Wall 3b	4	1	0	2
Sterling 1b	4	2	2	1
Gainer c	4	0	2	2
Wilkins cf	4	0	1	2
J.Jamison dh	3	0	0	0
Williams ph	1	0	0	0
T.Jamison rf	4	2	1	0
Totals	37	11	10	10

Rotan	ab	r	h	bi
Oldham rf	5	0	1	0
Carreon ss	4	2	1	1
Murphree c	4	0	1	0
Huggins p	4	0	0	1
Garza pr	0	1	0	0
Kennedy 3b	3	2	1	1
Pipes cf	4	1	2	2
Duke lf	2	1	2	1
Smallwood 1b	4	0	0	0
Yanez dh	1	1	0	0
Price ph	1	0	0	1
Totals	32	8	8	7

Ira	0	0	0	1	6	2	2	—	11	10	5
Rotan	0	0	2	0	2	0	4	—	8	8	6

DP - Rotan 2. LOB - Ira 9, Rotan 8. 2B - Brown (2); Kennedy, Pipes, Duke. 3B - Wilkins.

Ira	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Brown	7	8	8	5	5	5
Rotan	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Huggins	6	7	6	3	1	5
Pipes	0	2	3	2	0	0
Kennedy	1	1	2	2	2	0

Lima, Astros pound Dodgers

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Jose Lima pitched seven strong innings to win his seventh straight start, and Jeff Bagwell and Tony Eusebio homered as the Houston Astros beat the Los Angeles Dodgers 11-3 Tuesday night.

Lima (7-1), tied for the NL lead in wins, has won every start he's made since losing a 2-1 decision to the Chicago Cubs in his first outing of the season.

Lima allowed seven hits and three runs before being lifted for a pinch hitter in the eighth, when the Astros clinched the victory by scoring five runs.

He struck out four and walked none, making it 30 straight starts in which he's walked two or fewer.

The win was the sixth in seven games and 13th in 17 for the Astros, whose 24-13 record is the NL's best.

Lima's two-out RBI single off Carlos Perez (1-5) in the second put Houston on top for good.

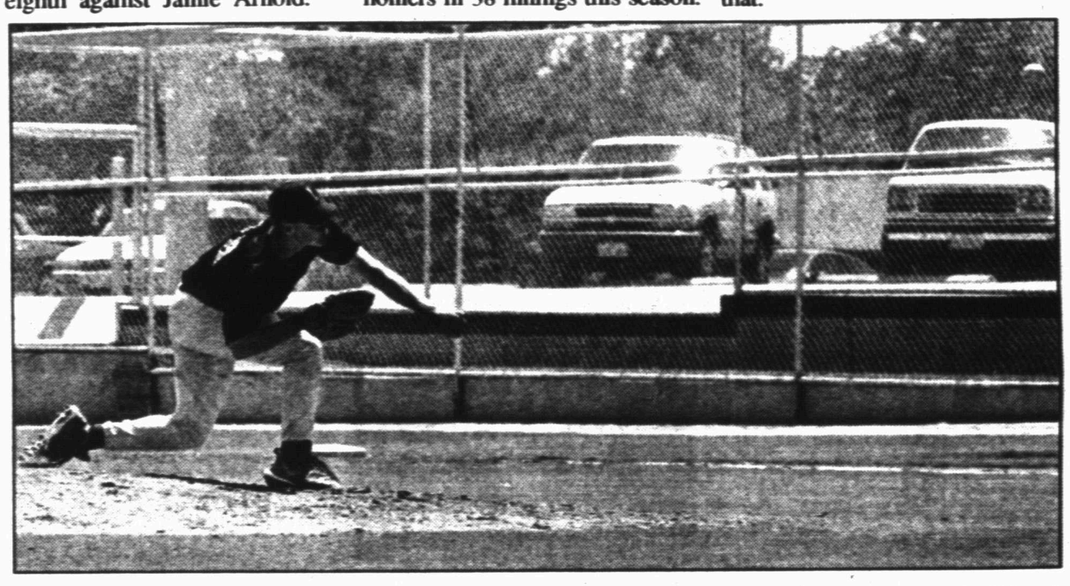
The Astros scored three runs in the third on Bagwell's 11th homer of the season and Eusebio's first, a two-out, two-run shot that traveled an estimated 435 feet.

Bagwell's two-run double off reliever Darren Dreifort in the fourth made it 6-0. The runs were charged to Perez and were unearned because of the first of two errors by third baseman Adrian Beltre.

The Dodgers trimmed the lead to 6-3 on Raul Mondesi's three-run homer in the sixth, his NL-leading 14th of the season.

A two-run double by pinch-hitter Bill Spiers and a two-run single by Craig Biggio were the big blows in Houston's five-run eighth against Jamie Arnold.

Perez lasted only 3 1-3 innings, allowing six runs, four earned, and five hits. He has given up 10 homers in 38 innings this season.



SCREWBALL — Ira ace Jerek Brown lets loose with a breaking ball Tuesday during the Bulldogs' 11-8 win over Rotan. Brown, who struck out five Yellowhammers, is expected to draw the start for Saturday's bi-district game against Marfa. (SDN Staff Photo)

Canseco, Devil Rays sting Texas

ARLINGTON (AP) — Jose Canseco hit his major league leading 15th homer as the Tampa Bay Devil Rays win streak reached four with a 5-4 win over the Texas Rangers on Tuesday night.

Canseco's towering two-run shot off Mike Morgan in the fifth inning moved him one ahead of Seattle's Ken Griffey Jr. for the major league lead. Griffey homered later Tuesday to tie Canseco.

Devil Rays starter Rolando Arrojo (2-4) allowed three runs, eight hits and five walks in five innings. Roberto Hernandez loaded the bases in the ninth before getting Roberto Kelly on a popup for his league-leading 14th save.

For the third consecutive game, a Rangers starter got off to a shaky start when Morgan allowed two runs in the first inning. Fred McGriff had a run-scoring single and Herbert Perry had a sacrifice fly.

Rangers starters Aaron Sele and John Burkett allowed 21 earned runs in the previous two games, including nine combined in the first inning. Texas lost 16-5 to Baltimore on Sunday and 13-3 to Tampa Bay Monday.

Morgan (6-3) allowed five runs — four earned — and nine hits in 5 1-3 innings. He struck out two and walked three.

NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION

CONFERENCE SEMIFINALS
(Best-of-7)

Monday, May 17

Indiana 94, Philadelphia 90, Indiana leads series 1-0

San Antonio 87, L.A. Lakers 81, San Antonio leads series 1-0

Tuesday, May 18

New York 100, Atlanta 92, New York leads series 1-0

Utah 93, Portland 83, Utah leads series 1-0

Wedpesday, May 19

Philadelphia at Indiana, 7 p.m.

L.A. Lakers at San Antonio, 9:30 p.m.

Thursday, May 20

New York at Atlanta, 8 p.m.

Portland at Utah, 10:30 p.m.

Friday, May 21

Indiana at Philadelphia, 8 p.m.

Saturday, May 22

Utah at Portland, 3 p.m.

San Antonio at L.A. Lakers, 5:30 p.m.

Sunday, May 23

Indiana at Philadelphia, 12:30 p.m.

Atlanta at New York, 3 p.m.

San Antonio at L.A. Lakers, 5:30 p.m.

Utah at Portland, 8:30 p.m.

Monday, May 24

Atlanta at New York, 8 p.m.

Tuesday, May 25

L.A. Lakers at San Antonio, TBA, if necessary

Portland at Utah, TBA, if necessary

Wednesday, May 26

Philadelphia at Indiana, TBA, if necessary

New York at Atlanta, TBA, if necessary

Thursday, May 27

San Antonio at L.A. Lakers, TBA, if necessary

Utah at Portland, TBA, if necessary

Friday, May 28

Indiana at Philadelphia, TBA, if necessary

Atlanta at New York, TBA, if necessary

Saturday, May 29

L.A. Lakers at San Antonio, TBA, if necessary

Portland at Utah, TBA, if necessary

Sunday, May 30

Philadelphia at Indiana, TBA, if necessary

New York at Atlanta, TBA, if necessary

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

National League

East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Atlanta	24	14	.632	-
Philadelphia	21	17	.553	3
NewYork	21	18	.538	3½
Montreal	11	26	.297	12½
Florida	11	28	.282	13½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Houston	24	13	.649	-
St.Louis	20	17	.541	4
Chicago	19	17	.528	4½
Pittsburgh	19	19	.500	5½
Cincinnati	18	18	.500	5½
Milwaukee	18	19	.486	6

West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Arizona	23	17	.575	-
SanFrancisco	22	18	.550	1
LosAngeles	20	18	.526	2
Colorado	15	20	.429	5½
SanDiego	15	22	.405	6½

Tuesday's Games

Montreal 7, Philadelphia 4
Chicago 4, Florida 1, 11 innings
Milwaukee 4, New York 2
Atlanta 12, Pittsburgh 4
Cincinnati 5, Colorado 3
St. Louis 5, San Diego 2
Arizona 7, San Francisco 3
Houston 11, Los Angeles 3

Wednesday's Games

Pittsburgh (Cordova 0-1) at Atlanta (Glavine 2-4), 1:10 p.m.
Cincinnati (Neagle 0-3) at Colorado (Bohanon 6-1), 3:05 p.m.
Arizona (An.Benes 2-4) at San Francisco (Rueter 2-2), 4:05 p.m.
Chicago (Lieber 4-1) at Florida (Sanchez 1-4), 7:35 p.m.
Philadelphia (Ogea 2-3) at Montreal (Hermanson 3-4), 7:05 p.m.
Milwaukee (Abbott 0-4) at New York (Yoshii 3-3), 7:10 p.m.
Houston (Reynolds 6-2) at Los Angeles (Brown 4-2), 10:35 p.m.
St. Louis (Jimenez 2-4) at San Diego (Ashby 5-2), 10:35 p.m.

Thursday's Games

St. Louis (Bottenfield 6-1) at San Diego (Hitchock 3-2), 5:05 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Benson 3-2) at Florida (Meadows 3-4), 7:05 p.m.
Milwaukee (Woodard 2-3) at New York (Leiter 1-4), 7:10 p.m.
Chicago (Trachsel 2-4) at Atlanta (Maddux 4-3), 7:40 p.m.
Arizona (Johnson 4-1) at Colorado (Kile 2-3), 9:05 p.m.
Houston (Hampton 4-1) at Los Angeles (Park 3-3), 10:10 p.m.

American League

East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Boston	22	16	.579	-
NewYork	21	16	.568	½
TampaBay	21	19	.525	2
Toronto	20	21	.488	3½
Baltimore	14	24	.368	8

Central Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Cleveland	28	10	.737	-
KansasCity	19	18	.514	8½
Chicago	18	18	.500	9
Detroit	16	22	.421	12
Minnesota	13	26	.333	15½

West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Oakland	21	18	.538	-
Texas	21	18	.538	-
Seattle	18	21	.462	3
Anaheim	17	22	.436	4

Tuesday's Games

Boston 6, New York 3
Baltimore 5, Anaheim 3
Toronto 7, Detroit 5
Cleveland 13, Chicago 0
Kansas City 13, Oakland 3
Tampa Bay 5, Texas 4
Seattle 10, Minnesota 1

Wednesday's Games

Tampa Bay (Witt 3-1) at Texas (Clark 2-3), 2:35 p.m.
New York (Irabu 1-1) at Boston (Rose 0-0), 7:35 p.m.
Anaheim (Olivares 4-3) at Baltimore (Erickson 1-5), 7:05 p.m.
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Oakland (Candiotti 2-4) at Kansas City (Rosado 2-2), 8:05 p.m.
Minnesota (Lincoln 1-6) at Seattle (Fassero 1-5), 10:35 p.m.

Thursday's Games

New York at Boston, 7:05 p.m.
Anaheim at Baltimore, 7:05 p.m.
Detroit at Toronto, 7:05 p.m.
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Sports Briefs

Playoff baseball game

Moffett Field will host a Class 2A regional quarterfinal contest between Coahoma and New Deal at 7 p.m. Friday. Ticket prices are $3 for adults and $2 for students.

SCC scramble and MGA

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

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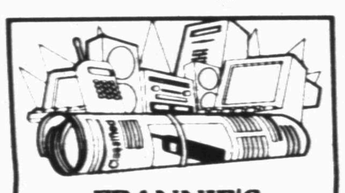
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Should Internet searches be charged?

WASHINGTON (AP) — Web surfers will be able to use a fee-based search engine set up through the Commerce Department for free until the government decides whether charging for the system conflicts with federal policy on unrestricted access to public documents.

The department's National Technical Information Service, in a joint venture with Northern Light Technology Inc., launched the Web site at a news conference Monday.

Several hours later the NTIS released a statement saying the service was being put on hold because it might conflict with a Clinton administration policy that all government information be "open and unrestricted."

On Tuesday, the NTIS again clarified the status of its Web site.

"It's not on hold, it's not canceled. It's up and it's running," said Renee Edwards, a spokeswoman for the agency. "They've simply asked the Northern Light company to make this service available for free — not to charge fees just for a short period of time while the government reviews its information dissemination policy."

Stolen vehicle recovered by Eastland County law

Local peace officers were kept busy Tuesday responding to a variety of calls including a report of a stolen vehicle.

Reese Martin of 3604 Jacksboro requested an officer at 6:45 a.m. in reference to his 1995 Ford F-150 stepside pickup being stolen and a gun and $2,500 being stolen from another vehicle at the residence.

An offense report for unauthorized use of a motor vehicle and an offense report for burglary of a vehicle was filed.

At 8:46 a.m., Eastland County sheriff's office advised they had found the vehicle abandoned in Eastland. The gun and the money, however, were not recovered.

Officers also investigated several reports of slashed tires Tuesday.

Darrell Lester requested an officer at 7:28 a.m. in the 3300 block of Avenue U in reference to someone cutting his tire. At 7:56 a.m., Charlie Reynolds reported someone cutting two of his tires in the 3000 block of Avenue U. Offense reports for Class B criminal mischief were filed in both instances.

An officer was called to the 100 block of Milburn at 11:31 a.m. in reference to a tire being cut on Brandon Leatherwood's vehicle. An offense report for Class B criminal mischief was submitted.

John Rangel requested an officer in the 1100 block of 26th Street at 12:03 p.m. in reference to finding a second tire cut. Officers filed a supplement to an original offense report submitted at 10:36 p.m. Monday.

An officer was requested at Scurry County Coliseum at 8:14 a.m. in reference to lights having been broken. An offense report for Class B criminal mischief was filed.

An offense report for Class A theft was filed at 4:30 p.m. at the Snyder High School ag building in reference to the theft of money taken from David Frazier's desk.

Marty Snow requested an officer at Trailertopia at 5:06 p.m. in reference to her grandson finding a pistol. An incident report for found property was submitted.

Officers also made one felony arrest Tuesday.

Alfredo Gomez Flores, 25, of 512 15th Street was arrested at 10:02 p.m. by officers in the 2500 block of 27th Street on an outstanding parole violation warrant.

Community Calendar

WEDNESDAY

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

THURSDAY

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

Horseshoe Pitching For Fun; houseshoe courts, located at the coliseum; everybody welcome, for further information, call 573-9762; 3 p.m.

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

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

New Horizons AA, closed meeting; for information, call 573-8626, 573-9458 or 574-1292; 8 p.m.

Nuestra Nueva Esperanza AA; Park Club; for information, call 573-8626, 573-9458 or 574-1292; 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 573-9742.

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SATURDAY

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

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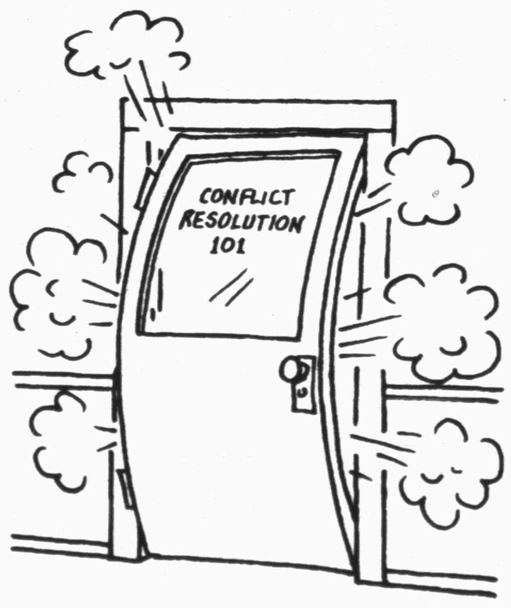
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Berry's World



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Dr. Gott by Peter Gott, M.D.

Managing chronic pain in the elderly

DEAR DR. GOTT: My 87 year old father has chronic back and leg pain. X-rays show arthritis and a deteriorating disc. What treatment would you prescribe?

DEAR READER: Given your father's age, I doubt that surgery is a reasonable option. Before doing anything, however, I'd want to make sure that his back and leg pain is not caused by a serious disorder, such as cancer, Paget's disease or myeloma. He should have a complete medical examination, including an MRI scan and blood tests. If his problem is, indeed, caused by a disc problem, the MRI will show whether or not the spinal nerves (or the spinal cord itself) is being pinched. In elderly patients with such problems, conservative therapy may solve the problem. Such treatment includes physiotherapy, pain medication, a brace, TENS (transcutaneous electrical nerve stimulation) and hot packs. Ask your father's doctor to initiate the necessary testing and treatment.

To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Managing Chronic Pain." Other readers who would like a copy should send $2 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to P.O. Box 2017, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to mention the title.

DEAR DR, GOTT: I've read that babies born in Alaska are bigger than infants elsewhere. Is there any explanation?

DEAR READER: Large babies may be born to large parents or to diabetic mothers. I am not aware that Alaskan infants are larger than their continental counterparts, nor — as far as I know — are Alaskan adults bigger than the rest of us in the lower 48. You must remember that such data are the result of averages: There are more small people in the continental United States than in Alaska; there are more large people in the Continental U.S.; there are more PEOPLE, period. So there may be some statistical hanky-panky going on. Now, if you'd asked about TEXAS babies ...

On a serious note, diabetes is more common among Native Americans, whether they live in the southwest or the far north. The information you read may have pertained to this special population, which — regrettably — may not receive the same level of medical care that the rest of us do.

Thus, high birth-weight may, in some instances, reflect maternal diabetes that is undiagnosed or — at least — untreated.

DEAR DR. GOTT: My 30-year-old wife is very attractive, yet she is bothered by dark circles under her eyes, even though she gets enough sleep. Her mom has the same problem. What causes this?

DEAR READER: Your wife appears to have inherited a facial characteristic from her mother. Dark discolorations under the eyes tend to run in families. Fortunately, this attribute is not associated with any disease. It can be helped by plastic surgery, but most women are content to use cosmetics, rather than resort to more aggressive treatment.

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Zalman new 'Houston' grad

David Ruel Zalman graduated from Sam Houston State University on May 15. He earned a bachelor of arts in criminal justice law enforcement with a minor in general business.

Zalman lives in Huntsville where he is a sergeant at the Ferguson Unit. He graduated from Snyder High School in 1991.

Zalman is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Zalman III of Hermleigh. Grandparents include Mr. and Mrs. John Zalman Jr. and Ealon Stinnett and the late Ruel Stinnett, all of Snyder.

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Kroger Co			51¾	51¼ 51⅛+ 9-16
Litton	63	7-16	62	15-16 62 15-16— 9-16
LockheedM s	41	7-16	40	9-16 40 11-16— 5-16
Lowes Cos s			54	7-16 52¼ 52⅛—11-16
Lubys				17⅛ 17¼ 17 7-16
LucentTech s			60	59 5-16 59⅜+ 9-16
MayDeptStr s	44	11-16	43¼	43¼—13-16
MediaOne			75⅛	74¼ 74¼—13-16
Medtronic	69⅛	67	15-16	67 15-16— 7-16
Mobil			97	13-16 96¾ 97 9-16+ 1¼
Monsanto			47	3-16 46 1-16 46⅝—15-16
MorganJP	138	15-16	136¼	138 1-16+1 7-16
Motorola			86	85 85 7-16+11-16
NCR Corp			42	7-16 42¼ 42 3-16— ¼
Navistar	53	13-16	53¼	53 7-16— 9-16
Penney JC	51¼	50	9-16	50 11-16+ 9-16
PennzEnrgy s	14	3-16	13⅜	14 3-16+ 9-16
PepBoys	18¼		18¼	18 11-16+ 5-16
PepsiCo			37¾	37 1-16 37⅛— ⅛
PhelpDodge	63	1-16	61¼	62 15-16+1 5-16
PhilipPet	50	11-16	49	15-16 50¾+ 9-16
PilgrmPrd B				21 20¾ 21
Polaroid	23¼		22	7-16 22 15-16+11-16
Praxair			53	52 9-16 52¾+ 3-16
ProctGamb	94	15-16	94¾	94 11-16+13-16
PubSNwMx	18	11-16	18¼	18 11-16+ 1-16
ReliantEngy	30	11-16	30	5-16 30 11-16+ ⅜
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SBC Comm	51	13-16	51	1-16 51 7-16+ ¾
SaraLee s			24	1-16 23 13-16 24
Scripps EW	48		47	13-16 47 13-16— ⅛
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SmithKlBchm	61	3-16	60	13-16 61 1-16—1 3-16
SouthernCo	27	15-16	27⅜	27 15-16+ ⅛
SwstAirl s	34	1-16	33¼	33 13-16— ¼
SprintFON n	109½		108	9-16 109 5-16+ 1
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Sunoco Inc	32¼		32¼	32 13-16+ 9-16
TNP Ent				33 32¼ 33 + ⅜
Tandy	79	15-16	78	1-16 78¼+ ⅛
TempleInland	73¼		72	15-16 73 3-16+ 3-16
Tenneco	24¼		24	7-16 24 11-16+ 5-16
Texaco			65	63¼ 64 15-16+ ⅞
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TexasInst			115	112 113¼— 1
TexUtil			44	43 11-16 44 + ⅜
Textron			95¼	93¾ 94¼+ 1¼
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US West Inc			55¼	53 3-16 54¼+ 9-16
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UnCarbde			56	54 3-16 54⅛— 9-16
UnionPacif			58¾	57¾ 58 1-16— 5-16
UnitedTech s			66¼	63 13-16 64¾— 2
Unocal			41	3-16 40⅞ 41¼+ ⅜
Venator Grp	11	9-16	11	3-16 11 5-16— 1-16
WalMart s	46	15-16	46	15-16 45 13-16— ⅛
WellsFargo			41	7-16 40⅞ 41 1-16+ ⅛
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Viroid stunts growth; ups production

LINDCOVE, Calif. (AP) — Under the shadow of the Sierra foothills, three rows of pint-sized Valencia orange trees stand in sharp contrast to the taller, bushier trees in the rest of a quarter-acre field.

Joe Semancik, a University of California, Riverside researcher, created the dwarf trees using tiny nucleic acids called viroids, which have the seemingly paradoxical effect of stunting the trees' growth but making them produce more and bigger oranges.

"If you stress the trees, they tend to fruit," says Semancik, a nationally renowned plant pathologist who planted these dwarfs 15 years ago at the UC Lindcove Research & Extension Center. "With the viroids, there's not enough stress to damage it, but enough to produce more. How all this happens? I'm not sure."

For citrus farmers, the technique promises lower costs and higher yields.

Tom Mulholland, a fourth-generation grower in Tulare County, said smaller trees mean lower costs for water, nutrients and pesticides. Pruning is much easier, and workers don't have to climb tall ladders to reach the fruit on top when harvesting.

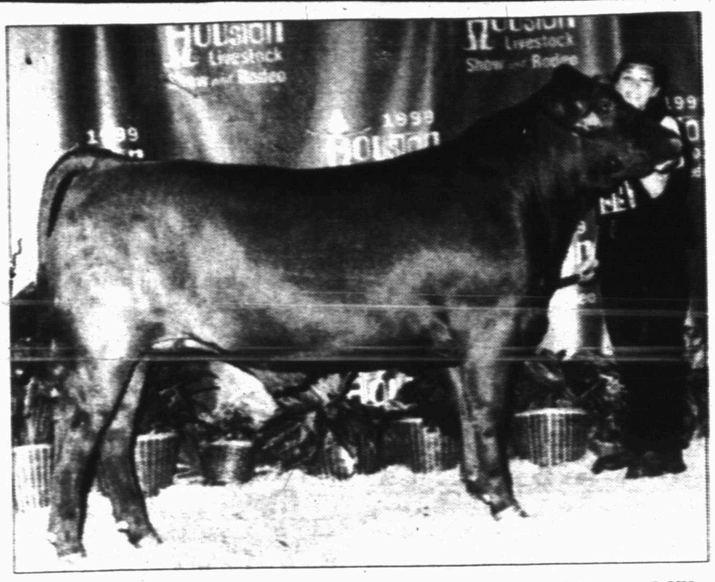
Mulholland found out about Semancik's research in a journal three years ago. He called the scientist and decided to test the dwarf trees on his own field, devoting an acre of his 350-acre orchard in Orange Cove.

The trees are still very young, but Mulholland said he already is beginning to see the miniaturization.

"We're trying to get more oranges per surface area of the tree canopy," he said.

A dwarf tree's canopy — the graceful, rounded mass of leafy branches spreading out from the base of the tree — is about half the size of a normal orange tree's. Growers are doing the math: with smaller, better-producing trees, they can plant and harvest more per acre, increasing their yield.

The idea of controlling citrus tree size is nothing new. Researchers have been trying to create smaller and more productive trees for years through grafting and breeding.



SEVENTH PLACE — Scurry County 4-H Member Morgan Miller recently exhibited her heavyweight Limousin steer "Frenchie" at the 1999 Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo where she placed 7th. This steer was six times breed champion throughout the summer show circuit. This steer was bred by Mr. and Mrs. Ray Sorrells of Ira. Morgan was also in the Top Ten of the Texas Club Calf Association in the Chianina and Limousin breeds and was presented a jacket and breed patches at the Sheraton Astrodome Ballroom in Houston on March 4. Morgan is the daughter of Ricky and Stephanie Miller. (Contributed Photo)

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Lubbock cattle auction

LUBBOCK — The market at Lubbock had a run of 965 head of cattle for the Thursday, May 13, sale. Cows were steady. Yearlings and calves were $1 to $2 cheaper. Trading and demand were good.

Slaughter cows: (high dressing - cutters - utility) 35 to 41.50.
Canners and low cutters: 32 to 36
Slaughter bulls: 45 to 53
Feeder steers choice:
300-400: 90-107
400-500: 75-90
500-600: 68-78
600-700: 65-75
700-800: 63-70
Feeder Heifers choice:
300-400: 75-85
400-500: 73-82
500-600: 63-68.505
600-700: 62-68
700-800: 60-64.50
Feeder bulls good and choice: 500-600, 65 to 75; 700-800, 60 to 65.
Cow and calf pairs: Good 625 to 725: Grade 500 to 600.
Springers: 450 to 600.
Baby calves: 75 to 155.
Doodlers 150 to 230

Colorado City cattle auction

COLORADO CITY — The Colorado City Livestock Auction had a run of 677 head of cattle for the Saturday, May 15, sale. Feeder steers and heaifers were mostly steady to $1 higher. Slaughter cows were firm to $1 higher with bulls $1 to $3 higher. Bred cows and pairs were firm. Trading was active and demand good.

Feeder Steers:
300-400: 87-94
400-500: 83.50-90.50
600-700: 69-75
700-800: 67.25-70
Feeder Heifers:
200-300: 86-95
400-500: 69-77
500-600: 66-72
600-700: 65-67.50
700-800: 61.50-65
Young bred cows: 420 to 515
Medium age to older bred cows: 355-450.
Young pairs: 610 to 665.
Medium age to older cows and calves: 500-580
Slaughter cows: 38-41.50
Slaughter bulls: 42.50-49.

Keeping an eye on Texas

Texas children are especially vulnerable to skin cancer



Because of the possible link between severe sunburns in childhood and greatly increased risk of melanoma in later life, children, in particular, should be protected from the strong Texas sun. The American Cancer Society predicts 2,900 new cases of melanoma in Texas for 1999, third behind Florida and California.

What you can do to protect your children and yourself:

- Use a sunscreen with an SPF (solar protection factor) of 15 or higher.
- Limit or avoid exposure to the sun's strongest ultraviolet rays during 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.
- When outdoors, cover as much skin as possible with a hat that shades the face, neck, and ears, and a long-sleeved shirt and long pants.

SOURCES: Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts (www.window.state.tx.us), and American Cancer Society (toll free 1-800-ACS-2345).



Town & Country Topics

By Kathryn Roberts
County Extension Agent

Buckle Up America Week, May 23-31

This year's "Buckle Up America Week" will once again focus on Operation ABC Mobilization: America Buckles Up Children — a nationally conducted effort by law enforcement to conduct high visibility enforcement of child passenger safety laws.

Motor vehicle crashes kill more American children than any other single cause — more than diseases or violence. Many adults do not understand the risks children face in vehicles if they are not correctly restrained.

Every year, six out of every 10 children killed in crashes are completely unrestrained; totally, nearly half of these unbuckled kids would be alive today if they had only been buckled up. "Buckle Up America" is a national and state campaign designed to promote safety belt and child safety seat use.

Operation ABC Mobilization is an effort sponsored by the Air Bag and Seat Belt Safety campaign. The goals are to increase child safety restraint use through "mobilizations" that combine intensive enforcement of child occupant protection laws with media coverage of both the enforcement and the benefits of proper child restraint. Mobilizations will take place from May 24-31 amd Nov. 22-28.

The 1999 Memorial Day Operation ABC Mobilization follows two extremely successful mobilizations in 1998. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's observational surveys before and after last May's mobilizations showed six million more people buckling up! This translates into lives saved each year if these people continue to use the safety belts. In addition, a survey by the National Safety Council showed fatalities went down by more than 35 percent during the Mobilization/Memorial Day period.

Anyone can make a difference by getting involved during Buckle Up America Week:

*On a personal level, always buckle up, and make sure young passengers are correctly restrained on every trip.
*Work with local/state law enforcement officials.
*Organize community support to promote the buckle up theme.
*Involve media.
*Lend a hand by getting involved.

Take up the challenge and increase safety and belt and child restraint use, and reduce fatalities and injuries.

Bookmobile will not be continued

HOUSTON (AP) — The popular program that brought best sellers, classics and reference books throughout the Houston area, to far reaches of Harris County, for more than a half-century has ended.

Harris County Commissioners Court acted Tuesday to banish the bookmobiles to the County Library's history section.

Court members voted unanimously to accept Library Director Cathy Ensign's recommendation that the county scrap the popular program after more than 60 years and use the staff and money at the county's branch offices.

Despite the popularity of the program among its users, the number of patrons had been declining over the years as the library increased the number of its branches, Ensign said.

The bookmobiles are no longer the most cost-effective way to serve patrons, County Judge Robert Eckels said.

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House panel OKs GOP spending cuts

WASHINGTON (AP) — Over Democratic objections, a House committee approved a Republican-written plan today to cut billions of dollars from education, housing and other domestic programs next year.

Though the House Appropriations Committee vote approving the blueprint was a party-line 31-23, even some Republicans predicted that the proposed cuts were so deep that Congress would never approve some of them — let alone get President Clinton to agree to them.

"I think we're headed for another debacle," said Rep. John Edward Porter, R-Ill.

He predicted a replay of last fall's negotiations with Clinton in which the president got Congress to provide billions more in spending than it originally wanted.

Porter chairs the Appropriations education, labor and health subcommittee, which under the plan would get $78.1 billion in fiscal 2000 — $10.7 billion less than this year, the deepest of the proposed reductions.

The planned GOP cuts honor spending limits imposed by Congress' 1997 budget-balancing deal with Clinton, which did not envision the annual federal surpluses that have emerged. Most leaders of both parties have said they intend to honor those limits, even though many lawmakers say privately they believe they will eventually be scrapped.

The House Appropriations Committee chairman, Rep. Bill Young, R-Fla., acknowledged that the planned cuts are "a tough pill to swallow."

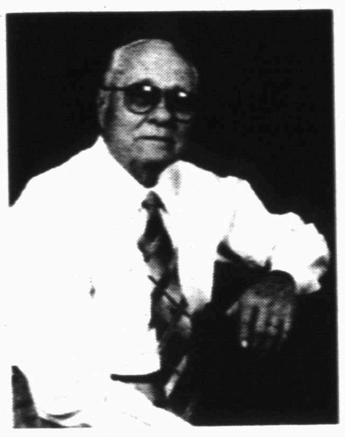
His plans seem designed to assure passage of roughly half the 13 annual spending bills Congress must approve. The rest would have to be resolved later.

Rep. David Obey, D-Wis., called the proposed cuts "ludicrous" and "untenable" and said they would cause budget gridlock in Congress until the fall.

On Tuesday, the Senate Appropriations Committee chairman, Sen. Ted Stevens, R-Alaska, also predicted that Congress will reject several spending bills and probably face an autumn budget showdown with Clinton.

Obituaries

Past councilman Stanley Noah dies



Stanley Noah

Stanley Noah

1911-1999

Stanley B. Noah, longtime Snyder businessman and active civic worker, died Tuesday, May 18, at his home in Snyder after a lengthy illness.

Funeral service for Mr. Noah, 87, is set for 2 p.m. Friday in the Colonial Hill Baptist Church. The Revs. Miller Robinson and Jimmie Nelson, former ministers, and Dr. Tommy Culwell, current pastor, will officiate.

Burial will follow in Hillside Memorial Gardens under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Born Dec. 8, 1911 in Fannin County, he moved with his family to Lubbock when he was five years old. He was a graduate of Lubbock High School and attended Texas Tech.

Mr. Noah worked for the Woolsworth variety store chain before moving to Snyder in 1950. He founded Central Tire Service in Snyder, retiring in 1978.

Mr. Noah served as a member of the Snyder City Council from 1958 to 1962. He was a member of the Snyder Masonic Lodge, a Scottish Rite Mason and Shriner. He served as a deacon, trustee and Sunday school teacher at Colonial Hill Baptist Church where he was a charter member. Mr. Noah was an active member of the Snyder chamber of commerce and was co-chairman of a committee that raised funds to build the current chamber office.

Mr. Noah married Clara Mae Rayburn on Oct. 19, 1933 in Plainview. She died June 10, 1990. He married Francene Allen on Nov. 4, 1990 in Snyder.

Survivors include his wife, Francene Noah of Snyder; a son, Stanley Morris Noah of Dallas; a daughter and son-in-law, Judy and Dr. Chris Schmoker of Burleson; a sister, Mrs. Sam Davis of Lubbock; a stepson and his wife, Dr. Larry and Lori Allen of Shreveport, La.; a stepdaughter and her husband, LeaAnn and Ronnie Shields of Snyder; four grandchildren; four step-grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

G.L. Autry Jr.

1917-1999

G.L. Autry Jr., a lifelong resident of Scurry County, died at 11:20 p.m. Tuesday, May 18, in Lubbock's Covenant Hospital following a brief illness.

Funeral services for Mr. Autry, 82, are pending at Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Born Feb. 4, 1917 in Scurry County, he married Mary Frances Sears on Jan. 1, 1937 in Sweetwater.

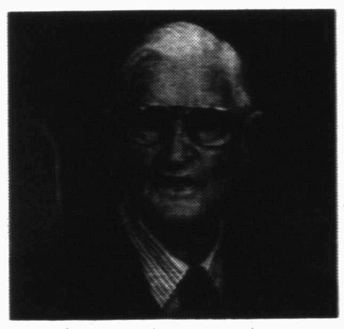
Mr. Autry was a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II. Mr. Autry was a retired fireman, having served the Snyder Fire Department for 32 years. He was a member of the Christian Fellowship in Colorado City.

Survivors include his wife, Mary Frances Autry of Snyder; a daughter, Ann Yeilding of Snyder; a sister, Dorothy LaRue Williamson of Snyder; two brothers, Leon Autry of Snyder and Wendell W. Autry of Amarillo; three grandchildren, Mary Jim Martin of Snyder, Rhana Pratt of Winter Park, Colo., and George Yeilding of Midland; and five great-grandchildren.

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A. Branscum

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1908-1999

A. Branscum, a former Snyder resident, died Tuesday, May 18, in Lubbock's Covenant Hospital after a lenghty illness.

Funeral service for Mr. Branscum, 91, is set for 2 p.m. Thursday in the First Baptist Church. Dr. Marty Akins, pastor, will officiate.

Burial will follow in the Hamlin Cemetery under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Born Jan. 14, 1908 in Searcy, Ark., Mr. Branscum married Ruth Huddleston on Sept. 1, 1928 in Hamlin. She died in 1991.

Mr. Branscum moved to Snyder from Hamlin in September, 1976. He had lived in Lubbock the past two years.

Mr. Branscum was a retired farmer and a member of the Snyder First Baptist Church.

Four brothers and five sisters also preceded him in death — Tinley Branscam, Randy Branscum, Wilson Branscum, Icy Rose, Ulysis Branscum, Mae Richardson, Grace George, Bethel Byrd and Lois Meeks.

Survivors include three daughters, Rita Carter of Snyder, Leta Smith and Quata Murphree, both of Lubbock; a son, Gale Branscum of Houston; eight grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

Pallbearers will be Bob McCarter, Bob Hammack, Tommy Echols, Dwaine Williams, Fred Cross and Homer Godair.

Dean Pherigo

1959-1999

FORT STOCKTON — Wesley Dean Pherigo, a former Snyder resident, died Sunday, May 16, in Lubbock.

Funeral service for Mr. Pherigo, 39, was held Tuesday in Fort Stockton with Harold Durham officiating. Burial followed in the Coahoma Cemetery.

Born Nov. 17, 1959 in Big Spring, he married Cynthia DeHaven on Feb. 14, 1995 in Fort Stockton.

Mr. Pherigo lived in Snyder in the late 1980s and moved from Coahoma to Fort Stockton in 1992 and he was a licensed funeral director and embalmer and a member of the Church of Christ.

Survivors include his wife, Cynthia Pherigo of Fort Stockton; his parents, Truman and Janie Pherigo of Coahoma; four children, Kevin DeHaven of Fort Gordon, Ga., Chris DeHaven, T.J. Strickland and Amanda Strickland, all of Fort Stockton; five brothers, Larry Pherigo and Bobby Pherigo of Coahoma; Chuck Pherigo and Keith Pherigo of Fort Worth, and Steven Pherigo of Big Spring; an uncle, Tommy Pherigo of Snyder; and an aunt, Mary McCarter of Snyder.

Freddy Gonzalez

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ABILENE — Freddy Gonzalez, a former resident of Snyder, died Monday, May 17, in an Abilene hospital.

Funeral service for Mr. Gonzalez, 39, is set for 2 p.m. Thursday in the Crescent Heights Baptist Church. The Rev. Mike Chancellor and Tommy Wadley will officiate.

Burial will follow in Elmwood Memorial Park. A prayer service is set for 7:30 this evening at Elmwood Funeral Home Chapel.

Born Oct. 19, 1959 in Snyder, he attended school in Abilene and married Karen Gonzalez on Nov. 24, 1977. He was employed by Hendrick Medical Center.

Survivors include his wife, Karen Gonzalez of Abilene; a daughter, Leah Gonzalez of Abilene; a son, Lee Gonzalez of Abilene; his parents, Greg and Grace Garcia of Abilene; his father, Daniel Gonzalez of Abilene; four brothers, Danny Gonzalez of Weatherford, Larry Gonzalez, Randy Rust, Eddie Gonzalez and Gregory Garcia, all of Abilene; two sisters, Dianna Gonzalez and Melissa Sauceda, both of Abilene; and his grandmother, Eulalia Donahue of Corpus Christi;.

Snyder survivors include two uncles, George Gonzalez and Jack Gonzalez; an aunt, Juanita Cadena; and five cousins, Vera Ubando, Beatriz Cline, Pinkie Gonzalez, Garry Gonzalez and Yolanda Rosas.

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U.S. again going after Demjanjuk

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Justice Department today renewed its court battle to strip U.S. citizenship from John Demjanjuk, an alleged Nazi death camp guard who escaped a death penalty in Israel when evidence arose that he was a victim of mistaken identity.

The department's Nazi-hunting Office of Special Investigations, which was criticized by a U.S. appellate court for "reckless" withholding of evidence that might have cleared Demjanjuk in the earlier case, filed a new complaint in U.S. District Court in Cleveland, where the 79-year-old retired auto worker lives.

The new complaint alleges that Demjanjuk was a guard at the Sobibor extermination camp and at the Majdanek and Flossenburg concentration camps during World War II and served in the Nazi SS-run "Trawniki" unit that participated in a campaign to annihilate the Jews of Europe.

The government dropped its previous claim that Demjanjuk was a guard known as "Ivan the Terrible," who operated a gas chamber at the Treblinka extermination camp.

Throughout the proceedings against him, which began nearly 20 years ago, Demjanjuk has denied serving as a guard in any concentration or death camp.

Both the Israeli Supreme Court and a U.S. federal judge assigned to review the earlier proceedings cast doubt on Demjanjuk's alibi.

The Israeli Supreme Court found Demjanjuk's alibi "unreasonable" and flatly concluded, "It is a lie."

Hospital

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ONGOINGS

National EMS Week

Snyder EMS will host an open house from 1-3 p.m. Thursday at 3902 College in observance of National EMS Week. Refreshments will be served.

Retirement reception

A retirement reception to honor Snyder High School staffers Katie Necessary and Dewey Farley will be held from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Thursday in the high school library.

Walk across Texas party

The eight-week "Walk Across Texas" fun/fitness program will end Thursday with a party from 6 until 7 p.m. at the Towle Park barn. Prizes and awards will be presented, and all team captains and members are encouraged to attend.

Goldcoat luncheon

A Snyder chamber of commerce Goldcoat luncheon will be held at noon Friday at Jaramillo's.

Ira awards assembly

Ira junior and senior high school will hold an awards assembly at 1:30 p.m. Friday in the new gym.

Retirement reception

A retirement reception in honor of Dixie Smith will be held from 3-5 p.m. Friday in the library of West Elementary.

PowerNight

Pastor Ruben and First Lady Vanessa Ramirez of Nations Church, International in San Angelo will minister during "PowerNight" at 7 p.m. Friday in the Scurry County Coliseum. All seats are free.

Museum rummage sale

Scurry County Musem's sixth annual rummage sale will be held from 8 a.m. until noon Saturday. The sale will continue next week until Thursday. Proceeds go toward operating expenses of the museum, located on the WTC campus.

GED testing dates announced

The GED Testing Center on the WTC campus will administer exams Saturday and June 26, at 8:30 a.m. Any person who is not enrolled in high school, has not graduated from high school, is at least 16 years old, and meets other requirements may be tested for a high school equivalency diploma. The battery of five GED tests costs $60 and takes 7½ hours to complete. Examinees need not take all tests in one sitting. For preregistration and more details call 573-2973 or 573-8511, ext. 246.

Retirement party

There will be a retirement party for retiring Stanfield Elementary teacher Carole Haynes at 4 p.m. Monday at the Dermott school.

Ira homecoming

There will be a 7 p.m. meeting Monday in the Ira community center to plan Ira's homecoming for Sept. 18. For more information, contact Lorita Keller at 573-3825, Linda Dunn at 573-6997 or Leon Huddleston at 573-5024.

Bible study tapes

Bible study video tapes air weekly on cable TV channel 2. The tapes to be shown at 7 p.m. Monday are "Listening to the Right Messenger," followed by "How to Discuss God in Your Home."

Ira field day

Ira elementary field day and awards assembly will be held Thursday, March 27. Kindergarten graduation begins at 8:15 a.m. in the cafetera, followed by the awards assembly. The field day begins at 10 a.m. at the football field, followed by a hamburger picnic at 12:30 p.m. Students will be released early that day, at 1:30 p.m.

Garage sale items needed

Lighthouse Assembly of God, 1900 Trinity Blvd, is accepting items for their garage sale to benefit the church building fund. Furniture, clothes, appliances and other items are appreciated. Call 573-5124 or 573-2947 for pickup.

Adult education classes

Adult Education will be held from 8 a.m. until noon on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday in the library at Western Texas College. Classes include English as a second language, GED prepration and those wanting to improve basic skills. No night classes are available.

July 4th celebration

Anyone interested in providing entertainment for the July 4th celebration should contact the chamber of commerce at 573-3558. Also food, activity and arts and crafts booths are still available.

Pick 3

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

3-6-6

(three, six, six)

Cash Five

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

22-7-31-25-34

(twenty two, seven, thirty one, twenty five, thirty four)

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Help for long-term depression found

WASHINGTON (AP) — Once depression has settled in for a couple years it's considered difficult to treat. But a study reported today provides new hope for people with long-standing cases of the illness.

By combining a special psychotherapy with an antidepressant, researchers achieved a ''mind-boggling'' level of success against chronic depression, said Dr. Martin B. Keller of the Brown University School of Medicine.

The study was paid for by Bristol-Myers Squibb Co. The company makes Serzone, the antidepressant used in the work.

Some 85 percent of patients who completed 12 weeks of therapy showed a good response or even remission, said Keller, an author of the study.

He reported initial results of the study, which is continuing, at the annual meeting of the American Psychiatric Association. He also spoke Tuesday at a news conference and in an interview.

Herbert C. Schulberg, a psychologist at the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine who was familiar with the results, called them impressive.

''It does point to a direction to be pursued,'' he said in a telephone interview.

The study began with 681 people who had depression for at least two years. Half the participants had been ill for more than 20 years, and most had never had an adequate attempt at treatment, Keller said. Their average age was the early 40s.

The participants were randomly assigned to one of three groups: Serzone only, psychotherapy only, or a combination.

The psychotherapy, called the Cognitive Behavioral Analysis System of Psychotherapy, was developed especially for chronic depression but is not widely used. Patients focus on specific troublesome situations, learn how to solve their problems in relating to other people and take responsibility for the consequences of their behavior.

Participants assigned to the psychotherapy got 16 to 20 sessions over the 12-week treatment period. Those assigned to Serzone, also called nefazodone, took it twice a day.

During the 12 weeks, about 25 percent of patients dropped out of each of the three treatment groups, which is a low loss for such studies. Of those who remained in the study 12 weeks, 55 percent who'd taken Serzone alone and 52 percent of those who'd gotten psychotherapy alone showed a response on a standard scale measuring depression.

Those who received the combined treatment showed an 85 percent response rate.

A response meant a remission or a big enough improvement on the scale to be considered satisfactory. In this latter group, ''by no means are-they all better,'' Keller said.

In the three treatment groups, about half the responders showed a remission.

Keller said it would be reasonable to study whether a drug other than Serzone would work as well in combination with the psychotherapy.

Schulberg, the psychologist, said that to get results like those in the study, mental health providers would have to learn to do the special psychotherapy or otherwise make it available, monitor patient progress closely and alter the medication dose or course of psychotherapy accordingly.

Disaster losses higher than ever; still growing

WASHINGTON (AP) — Disasters have cost the United States more than $500 billion in the past 20 years and the annual toll is continuing to rise due to an increasingly complex society and more people moving to disaster-prone areas.

The inability to contain those rising costs is the result of a ''shortsighted and narrow'' view of our relationship with the environment, contends a new study involving 132 experts, financed by the National Science Foundation.

''Human beings — not nature — are the cause of disaster losses, which stem from choices about where and how human development will proceed,'' the report, ''Disasters by Design,'' states.

The United States has managed to reduce deaths and injuries from hurricanes over the past two decades.

''But casualties from floods — the nation's most frequent and injurious natural hazard — have failed to decline substantially. And deaths from lightning and tornadoes have remained constant.''

Whether it's auto crashes in the fog, hurricanes devastating coastal communities, tornadoes wrecking homes or floods, earthquakes, wildfires and droughts, disasters are often predictable, the report notes.

However, ''research has shown that people are typically unaware of all the risks and choices they face. They plan only for the immediate future, overestimate their ability to cope when disaster strikes and rely heavily on emergency relief,'' says the report, written by Dennis S. Mileti of the University of Colorado.

Dealing with potential disasters calls for a policy of ''sustainable hazard mitigation,'' the report says, linking management of natural resources with local economic and social policy.

That means such things as preparing for possible disasters, making long-term plans, including limiting where development can occur, and involving the whole community in preparations.

The study warns that there is no final solution to hazards ''since technology cannot make the world safe from all the forces of nature.''

One reason disaster costs keep rising is that there is just more stuff to destroy — more homes, more offices, more bridges, more utilities, more transportation facilities, more communications networks — and their interconnections grow ever more complicated and costly.

Expert charged in scheme

NEW YORK (AP) — A Tiffany glass expert teamed up with a grave robber to sell a 9-foot stained glass window stolen from a mausoleum, according to a federal indictment.

Alastair Duncan, 57, had worked as an adviser to the FBI, various police departments and Christie's auction house, prosecutors said.

Duncan was charged Tuesday with conspiracy, transporting stolen property, witness tampering and structuring the sale of the art to evade paying taxes. If convicted, he could face a maximum of 10 years in prison on the most serious charge.

The grave robber was not identified or charged.

''This is the government's day,'' said Duncan's lawyer, Peter Vigeland. ''We look forward to the opportunity to contest these charges in court.''

Prosecutors say Duncan first crossed paths with the grave robber last year, when the thief wanted to sell the window he had stolen about seven years earlier.

The grave robber took the glass from the Salem Fields cemetery, on the border of Brooklyn and Queens, and offered to sell it to a middleman. who contacted Duncan, according to the indictment.

Duncan, aware that the window had been stolen, bought it through a middleman for $60,000 and sold it to a buyer in Japan for $219,000, prosecutors alleged.

Mausoleums and cemeteries are inviting targets for the theft of glass created by the late Louis Comfort Tiffany because they often have little or no security. The potential payout for the glass is great because so much of the artist's work was left in churches and mausoleums, leaving little to circulate in the art world.

The grave robber had worked in a cemetery and kept master keys for a number of cemeteries when he left, the indictment said.

Duncan also asked the grave robber to shop for special orders, prosecutors alleged.

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Thursday, May 20, 1999

Use your imaginative, inventive gifts in the year ahead and you could conceive something rather revolutionary that might have a beneficial influence both in your home and work place.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) It's not like you, but today you could pack it in before you reach your objective. Call upon that wonderful staying power that exist within you to finish the job. Know where to look for romance and you'll find it. The Astro-Graph Matchmaker instantly reveals which signs are romantically perfect for you. Mail $2.75 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Don't trust anything important to memory today even though recall might be your strong suit. Unfortunately, your mind could be wandering and not concentrating on what you need to remember.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) The financial realm is pretty nebulous for you today, so it might be wise to leave those kinds of matters for another day. If handling funds for another is your job, be extra careful.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) One-on-one negotiations could be quite tricky today and will need the most delicate handling. Without any warning, a disruption could upset the transaction.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Monitor your comments judiciously today, because there could be a listener who is just waiting for you to say something she or he can use against you.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) When you start betting money on someone other than yourself, there's a strong possibility you could end up backing the wrong horse today because of lack of knowledge.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) If you fail to take a firm position when involved in a business situation today, those with whom you're involved could lose confidence in you. Don't let fear cloud your judgment.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) A good sense of timing could be everything today when making an important presentation. Don't be so anxious to make your points that you present them out of sync.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You could fall heir today to the greater portion of expenses when involved in a joint activity if you are lax about watching how everything is divided up. Be on your toes.

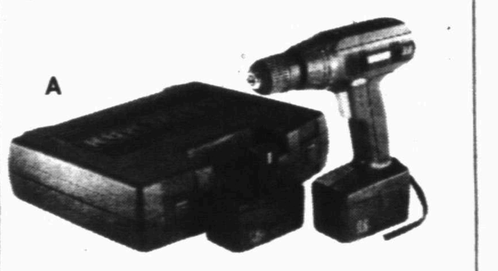
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PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Don't start to look for shortcuts for assignments you know require continuity and patience, especially when dealing with mechanical devices. Bungling can cause accidents.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) First you must treat your friends and associates in a generous, warm manner before you can expect them to treat you in that fashion. If you don't deliver today, neither will they.

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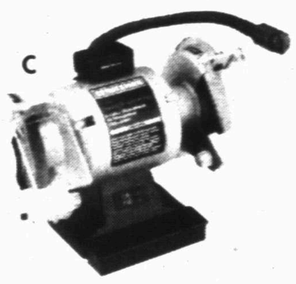
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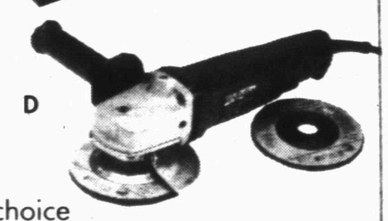
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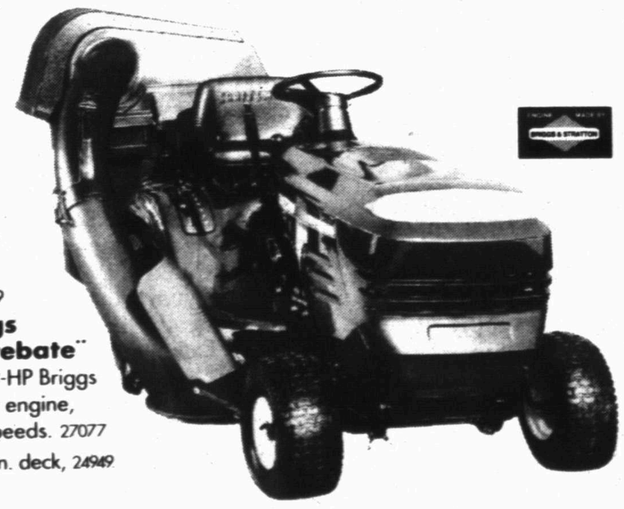
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