Happy Fourth of July

Arts and Crafts Show opens at 4 p.m. today. Activities begin at 8 a.m. Tuesday with Prayer Breakfast

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2000 JULY 4TH SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES

MONDAY, JULY 3RD

8:00 a.m.	Set Up Booths	Armory & Park
	Texas Water Color Exhibit	Scurry Co. Museum
4:00 p.m.	All Booths Open To Public	Armory & Park
5:00 p.m.	Texas Water Color Exhibit Closed	Museum
10:00 p.m.	All Booths Close	Armory & Park

TUESDAY, JULY 4TH

8:00 a.m.	July 4th Prayer Breakfast	Pavilion
	Registration for Horseshoes	Horseshoe Courts
	Registration for Washer Pitching	South of Pond
9:00 a.m.	All Booths Open To Public	Armory & Park
	Volleyball Tournament begins	SHS Practice Field
	Parade Line Up Begins	Moffett Field
	Flag Raising Ceremony	Armory
	Horseshoe Pitching Begins	Horseshoe Court
9:30 a.m.	Bike Decorating contest	Moffett Field
10:00 a.m.	Parade	Moffett Field
	Texas Water Color Exhibit	Scurry County Museum
11:00 a.m.	Washer Pitching Tournament	Park Area
1:30 p.m.	Towle Park Pool Opens, Closes at 5	Park
8:00 p.m.	Family Night at Towle Park Pool Family - $4 Individual - $2	Park Pool
9:00 p.m.	Booths Close	Armory & Park
Dark	Fireworks - Glow in Dark Novelty Items Sold	

Fourth of July activities ready to kick off today at Towle Park

Fireworks display set for Tuesday evening

Independence Day festivities in Towle Park kick off at 4 p.m. today when vendor booths open throughout the park and in the National Guard Armory.

The annual freedom celebration is sponsored by the Snyder Chamber of Commerce and promises a wide variety of activities for festival-goers.

Food booths will offer a wide selection of fare ranging from hot turkey legs to snow cones. Just a few of the other food items that will be offered include barbecue sandwiches, pickles, corn on the cob, sausage on a stick, roasted corn, hamburgers, burritos, fajitas and grilled chicken.

Booths remain open until 10 this evening and reopen at 9 a.m. on the Fourth of July.

Vendors will be open until after the fireworks display Tuesday, which kicks off at dark. The chamber will sell the glow-in-the-dark novelty items after the fireworks.

Commercial booths will offer such items as birdhouses, jewelry, baskets, T-shirts, caps, woodwork, pottery, home improvement items, candles and various handicrafts.

The chamber reminds food vendors that they are required to obtain a temporary vendor permit from the Scurry County Health Unit in order to sell food at the park.

Fourth of July activities in the park get underway at 8 a.m. Tuesday with the annual prayer breakfast, sponsored by First Baptist Church and Colonial Hill Baptist Church. The program will include patriotic music and testimonials.

The breakfast, held at Towle Park Pavilion, will cost $3 per person or $5 per couple. The program will begin at 8:20 a.m. and the activity is free to those who do not wish to partake of the meal.

A flag raising ceremony will be held at 9 a.m. in front of the National Guard Armory.

Parade lineup also begins at 9 at Moffett Field and pre-registration is not required. The parade is set to start at 10 o'clock.

Those who plan to ride horses are advised the animals must have had a recent Coggins test. No roller blades or dirt bikes will be allowed. Go-carts must be driven or accompanied by an adult.

Prizes will be awarded for the most patriotic, most original and best all-around floats.

A bicycle decorating contest will be held again this year with prizes given in four age categories: 5 and under, 6-8, 9-11 and 12 and older.

Other activities include washer and horseshoe pitching and volleyball tournaments.

Registration for washer pitching begins at 8 a.m. with a $5 entry fee. The tourney starts at noon July 4th, south of the pond.

Registration also begins at 8 a.m. for horseshoe pitching. Entry fee is $5, and the tourney starts at 9 a.m. at the tennis courts.

The volleyball tournament gets underway at 9 a.m. at the Snyder High School practice field.

The Pride of Texas Shows, sponsored by the Lion's Club, will be in town through July 4.

Donations are also needed to offset the $10,000 cost of the annual celebration. The fireworks display itself costs $8,500.



AVALANCHE — Riders take their chances on the Avalanche at the Pride of Texas Shows Sunday night. The carnival will be in town through July Fourth as part of the festivities at Towle Park. (SDN Staff Photo)

DPS troopers find 140 pounds of pot

A routine commercial vehicle inspection Saturday evening by a Department of Public Safety trooper led to the discovery of approximately 140 pounds of marijuana and the arrest of an El Paso man on a delivery charge.

DPS trooper Kevin Edwards stopped a 1995 Freightliner driven by Ricardo Quinones Rivas around 9 p.m. Saturday, some eight miles south of Snyder on Highway 350.

Edwards said Rivas, 27, of 905 La Paz in El Paso was traveling northbound when he was stopped for the inspection.

The marijuana was located inside the 2001 box trailer towed by the Freightliner.

"He had legitimate freight coming from El Paso," Edwards said. "The marijuana was boxed up on a pallet mixed in with the rest of the load."

Rivas has been charged with first degree felony delivery of marijuana. He remains in Scurry County Jail with a bond set at $25,500.

A second subject in the truck was released and not charged with any offenses. The truck was seized for a short time and later released to the owners.



NEW ENTRANCEWAY DAMAGED — Lee W. Price, 42, of 1805 40th Street escaped injury Sunday night in this one-vehicle accident in the 5100 block of College Avenue. According to police reports, Price was northbound in the 5200 block of College Avenue when he failed to control speed and did not turn at the intersection. The vehicle then jumped the curb at the dead-end and went through the newly constructed concrete and wood fence, landing on its side. (SDN Staff Photo by Joyce May)

County to discuss compactor again

Scurry County Commissioners' Court will have four items of business when it convenes at 10 a.m. Wednesday.

The court once again will discuss purchasing a vibratory compactor to replace the county's current 1952 model.

The item was tabled at the commissioners' June 12 meeting to allow time to determine if there is a need to purchase a newer piece of equipment.

Precinct 3 Commisioner Howard Limmer explained that during the reclaiming project on Round Top Road, which is a joint venture between precincts 3 and 4, it was noticed that a grid roller appeared to be performing better than a compactor.

Limmer said, however, that the reclaiming application done on Roundtop Road is rarely used.

Precinct 2 Commissioner Roy Idom said he had leased a compactor for a caliche road job and if worked well for that application.

Limmer said a compactor would be leased for a week when the two precincts put caliche on Round Top Road. That action, Limmer said, would give the court the information needed to make a better educated decision on whether to purchase another used compactor."

The county received two bids on a used compactor and they remain sealed.

In other business, the court is expected to approve the 1999 audit as presented by Condley & Company. The audit was deemed a clean one.

Commissioners will also consider a resolution amending bylaws for the Texas, Mexico & Asian Corridor and discuss appointing alternates to the group.

No paper Tuesday

The Snyder Daily News will not publish Tuesday, July 4th. Regular publication will resume on Wednesday.

Fourth of July means a holiday for community

All local financial institutions will be closed Tuesday in observance of the Fourth of July holiday.

Three banks — West Texas State Bank, Snyder National Bank and Texas Savings Bank — closed at noon today while American State Bank and First American Bank are conducting regular business hours.

County offices are closed today and will not reopen until Wednesday.

Scurry County Library is also closed today and Tuesday.

The Snyder ISD administration building closed its offices at noon today and will not open July Fourth.

The Snyder Post Office also observes the holiday and will not be open on Independence Day. No mail will be delivered or placed in post office boxes.

Western Texas College will be closed Tuesday as will the Texas Workforce Commission, which is located on the college campus.

Scurry County Museum, which is located on the southwest corner of the WTC campus, will be open from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the Fourth of July.

City employees will have Tuesday off and the city landfill will be closed.

ASK US

Q—Why is Snyder not hosting any Little League all-star tournaments?

A—Several area towns rotate hosting the tournaments yearly, and it was not Snyder's turn this year.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Saturday, 89 degrees; low, 70; high Sunday, 95; low, 72; 7 a.m. Monday, 74; .20 precipitation; total for 2000, 14.24 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, partly cloudy, low in lower 70s, S wind 5-15 mph. Tuesday, mostly sunny. High near 90s, S wind 10-20 mph.



Lindsey Cox
Sunny

Sunset:
8:52 p.m.
Sunrise:
6:46 a.m.
Of 184 days in 2000, the sun has shone 181 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

Whatever you attempt, go at it with spirit.

First ruling-party candidate loses

MEXICO CITY (AP) — For 71 years, Mexico's ruling party has held the presidency. Until Francisco Labastida.

On Sunday, the courtly, soft-spoken 57-year-old became the first presidential candidate of the Institutional Revolutionary Party, or PRI, to lose. Appearing red-eyed and shaken before supporters, Labastida effectively conceded defeat, saying: "The citizens have made a decision that we should respect, and I'll set the example myself."

Critics accused him of being uninspiring. But despite his understated manner — or perhaps because of it — Labastida rose to the top of the party that ruled Mexico for 71 years.

He was a loyal party member who avoided the scandals that derailed other possible presidential candidates. He steered clear of controversy during his presidential campaign, distancing himself from the traditional, big-government wing of the party — and from the free-market advocates who have led Mexico for nearly two decades.

Instead he focused on popular themes: improving education while fighting poverty, crime and corruption. He vowed to maintain fiscal discipline while increasing spending — including teaching computer skills and English in every school, many of which don't even have enough money for desks.

Trained as an economist at the National Autonomous University of Mexico, Labastida spent most of his early career in bureaucratic posts in Mexico City, rising to energy secretary in 1982. In 1986, he won the governorship of his native Sinaloa, a northern Pacific coast state notorious for drug trafficking and violence.

He served as ambassador to Portugal under President Carlos Salinas de Gortari, then rose to agricultural secretary and later interior secretary, the No. 2 position in the government, under outgoing President Ernesto Zedillo.

Labastida's presidential campaign coincided with a dramatic internal reform for the PRI. Upset by opposition gains in state and local elections, the party tried to mobilize voters by holding its first presidential primary. Previously, the outgoing president picked the party's candidate.

But after winning the primary, Labastida struggled to maintain a lead in the polls over charismatic Vicente Fox, a former Coca-Cola executive and rancher known for his cowboy boots and a giant "FOX" belt buckle.

Many voters, especially ruling-party enthusiasts, said they were drawn to Labastida's restrained presence and his promises of greater spending. Others complained that the ruling party was using social programs to buy votes among the poor.

At carefully orchestrated campaign rallies — many with supporters bused in by the party — Labastida denied those claims and promised safe change for Mexico. He warned that Fox would be a radical, dangerous option.

But many lifelong PRI supporters, seemingly encouraged by what was billed as Mexico's cleanest and fairest election in history, decided to vote for Fox, saying it was time to see what another government could do for Mexico.

James Garner tops TV dectective list

RADNOR, Pa. (AP) — Jim Rockford tops TV Guide's list of the top 25 television detectives from the past 50 years.

The character played by James Garner on "The Rockford Files" belongs in the top spot because he was sly, charming and irresistible to fans, TV Guide says in its issue hitting newsstands Monday.

Colombo, the rumpled Los Angeles detective played by Peter Falk, came in second.

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Tuesday, July 4, 2000

The year ahead could offer you an abundance of good opportunities. However, you must be very careful not to dilute your possibilities for success by jumping from one to another.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Either extreme of being overly negative or unrealistically optimistic when assessing various developments as they arise today would be counterproductive. Toe the middle of the road. Trying to patch up a broken romance? The Astro-Graph Matchmaker can help you understand what to do to make the relationship work. Mail $2.75 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Keep a tight lid on your expenditures today when making purchases of nonessential items. Just because something has a high price tag on it doesn't necessarily mean it's better.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) The quickest way to become unpopular today is to place too much emphasis on your personal requirements while ignoring those of associates. Poor behavior will leave a lasting impression.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Be careful not to embellish any of the facts when repeating a story to others today, such as exaggerating an innocent happening into an outlandish event at the expense of another.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Don't seek advice from just anyone who happens to be around today — especially financial or business counseling. A nonexpert could throw you way off course and greatly damage your affairs.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) The last thing you should depend on today is Lady Luck. She may toy with you, but she isn't likely to be around when you need her the most. Be self-sufficient.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Chances are you might be inclined today to throw caution to the winds and let the fates manage your affairs when it comes to organizing something important. Stay on top of things.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Don't be afraid to say "no" when involved with someone who may attempt to draw you into a situation today that could incur expenses on which you didn't plan. Stay on budget.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Should an agreement prove to be doubtful, unwind yourself immediately from adhering to the commitment. It's foolish to hold fast to something about which you feel insecure.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Because there's something else you'd rather be doing today that can only be done during business hours, you may find it quite difficult to relax and enjoy yourself. Try to have some fun.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) It doesn't take a whole lot of money to enjoy this day. Plan something in your own backyard with good friends or family. It's the simple things in life that prove the most rewarding.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Don't allow any divisive subjects or volatile issues to be introduced into conversations today when doing things with the family. Someone's feelings could end up being terribly hurt.

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Implants are stolen

FORT WORTH (AP) — Six saline breast implants were stolen from a Grapevine hotel conference room last month, and authorities have yet to catch the thief whose motive has police and officials with the manufacturer scratching their heads.

"I wouldn't even know where to go to sell them," Grapevine police Cpl. Larry Hallmark told the Fort Worth Star-Telegram.

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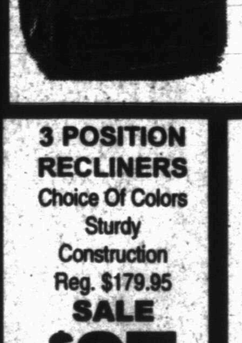
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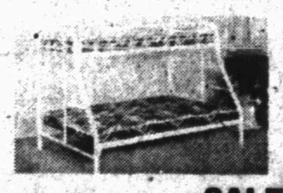
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Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Second-graders are spellbound by grandpa's stories of youth

DEAR READERS: Mail still continues to arrive regarding the 80-year-old talkaholic. People identified strongly with that letter. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: Take this storyteller to any grammar school, rest home or veterans hospital. The list is endless.

Our 7-year-old grandson invited Grandpa to visit his second-grade classroom and tell them about growing up on a ranch and being a real cowboy. The children hung on my husband's every word. (Grandpa also brought relics to show.) Our 10-year-old grandson was green with envy and quickly asked Grandpa to visit his classroom — another success.

Rotary, church and civic groups all ask this natural storyteller to reminisce when a scheduled speaker fails to appear. They know Russ remembers details about the development of our area's water, roads, subdivisions, politics — even though he may not recall today's date.

These "talkaholics" are a national treasure. Please urge your readers to utilize these people. They have the time, plus priceless memories to share with all age groups. — **TALKAHOLIC'S PROUD WIFE IN SAN DIEGO**

DEAR PROUD WIFE: You're right. Our seniors are a precious resource, and like our other national resources they should not be ignored because they cannot last forever. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: That 80-year-old gentleman's family might suggest to him that a written account of his youth is needed because his experiences are far too important to lose. These stories should be recorded for future generations.

If for some reason he's unable to record them himself, enlist the help of another family member — perhaps a grandchild — to record those stories and preserve those precious memories. If necessary, use a tape recorder or video camera.

I would treasure such an account. The older you get, the more interesting are the lives of family members who came before you. Every life has experiences, both good and bad, that are worth preserving. Someday, an enterprising family member might want to combine all the accounts into a book. Wouldn't you love to have such an account of your family? I would! — **CURIOUS ABOUT GRAMPS, SLIDELL, LA.**

DEAR CURIOUS: Yes, I would. Unfortunately, my parents — and many other relatives — were reluctant to discuss in detail what life was like in Russia before they immigrated to the United States. Those stories are forever lost to me. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: Older people tell us the world as they see it. The stories they relate may be entertaining, teach a moral, involve an old trauma they are trying to work through, or be part of the significance of their lives or relationships. These stories are pure gold.

Ask for details about how things looked, when it happened, who else they knew at the time, where their brothers, sisters and parents were when it happened, what foods they served and what music was popular. If you're tired of a particular story, ask lots of questions. Help them remember another story you haven't heard — anything they might recall that could have taken place in their lives.

I wish my father, aunts and uncles would have allowed me to tape-record their stories, but none would. Perhaps they were ashamed of their accents. They are all dead now. How I wish I could enjoy them just once more. — **ARLYNN GRIMM, LIVERMORE, CALIF.**

DEAR ARLYNN: Hold a good thought. If you believe in an afterlife, your wish will come true.

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Good advice for everyone — teens to seniors — is in "The Anger in All of Us and How to Deal With It." To order, send a business-size, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for $3.95 ($4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby, Anger Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Postage is included.)

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Bridge

By Phillip Alder

North 07-03-00
♠ K Q 10 5 4 3
♥ A 10 9
♦ J
♣ 9 8 2

West
♠ 9 8 7
♥ 8 5
♦ K Q 3
♣ A K J 10 4

East
♠ A 6 2
♥ Q J 4
♦ A 10
♣ Q 7 6 5 3

South
♠ J
♥ K 7 6 3 2
♦ 9 8 7 6 5 4 2
♣ ---

Vulnerable: Both
Dealer: North

South	West	North	East
		2 ♠	Pass
3 ♦	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♣ A

More from the days of yore

While visiting a New York apartment a couple of months ago, I spotted "Better Bidding in 15 Minutes" by Howard Schenken (Simon & Schuster, 1963). Removing it from the bookshelf, I noticed that it was subtitled "Expert Bidding in a Week." Both are excessively optimistic, it seems to me, but as this form of title has been used many times, I guess it is a good sales pitch.

The book is primarily publicity for Schenken's strong-club system. Yet it contains lots of sound advice, and promotion for the weak two-bid, which Schenken devised. Interestingly, Schenken liked to play new-suit responses to a weak two-bid as nonforcing; the only forcing response was two no-trump. This is not the majority view today. Still, Schenken's method worked well in this deal from the 1961 Bermuda Bowl.

How did it go in three diamonds, do you think?

At the other table, North opened two spades, but South had to pass, as a bid would have been forcing. So, West, Norman Kay, balanced with three clubs, and East, Sidney Silodor, pushed them into three no-trump. As you can see, that contract had nine top tricks.

At first glance, three diamonds has five losers: one spade, one heart and three diamonds. Yet Schenken made his contract. He ruffed the club lead and played the spade jack. Not wanting to establish dummy's suit, East imaginatively ducked this. Now Schenken had no trouble holding his losers to one heart and three diamonds. Yet if East wins with the spade ace, he cannot defeat the contract. Eventually, declarer's heart losers disappear on dummy's top spades.

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Scientists plan more effective teaching

BOSTON (AP) — Scientists have made enormous progress building upon the theory of evolution in the 140 years since it was first proposed by naturalist Charles Darwin.

But some are particularly puzzled by one unsolved mystery: Why do so many people continue to have their doubts?

A Gallup Poll conducted last year found that 47 percent of Americans believe God created human beings, while 49 percent accepted the theory of evolution — that mankind developed over millions of years from more primitive species.

"I think all that shows is that most Americans are woefully badly educated in science, which is our fault, not theirs," said Harvard paleontologist Stephen Jay Gould.

Scientists, who almost universally accept evolution, believe all the evidence is on their side. Facing activists who want creationism taught alongside evolution in public schools, they say they'll have to make a stronger case to the public.

Gould is one of several prominent scientists involved in a new Evolution Education Research Centre, based at Harvard and McGill University in Montreal. The premise is that Americans and Canadians — about half of whom also have their doubts about evolution — aren't being convincingly taught the science that supports the theory.

"If students understand evolution, but for religious reasons say 'I still cannot accept that because of my religious beliefs,' then we in the educational community say we respect that," said Brian Alters, a McGill science-education professor who is leading the center. "But that is not the case, we usually find."

Linda Holloway, who was chairwoman of the Kansas Board of Education when it voted last year to remove most references to evolution from the state's curriculum, said she welcomed efforts to teach evolution more effectively.

"I think that's great. I think this whole discussion is great," she said. "Evolutionists are putting out their information and people who have different viewpoints are putting out theirs. I think that's healthy."

The center plans to disseminate its research through teachers conventions and seminars, and on a Web site. But the main target is university-level science education professors, who will train the next generation of high school teachers.

In a study of 1,200 college freshmen, Alters found 45 percent of those who doubted evolution had specific misunderstandings about some of the science that has been used to confirm the theory — for instance carbon dating techniques that determine the age of fossils.

"We need to find out why people don't understand evolution," Alters said. "Then we need to craft lessons, activities, curricula to specifically address that."

The debate over teaching origin theories dates back to 1925, when John T. Scopes was charged with violating Tennessee law for teaching evolution in high school. Scopes' conviction was later were overturned.

In 1987, the U.S. Supreme Court barred states from requiring the teaching of creationism in public schools where evolution is taught.

The Kansas school board's decision last year rekindled the debate.

Alters and Gould both say Americans' attitudes toward the teaching of evolution are more complex than they first appear.

The Gallup Poll conducted last year also found 68 percent of Americans favored teaching both creationism and evolution in the public schools. By a margin of 55 percent to 40 percent, they opposed replacing evolution with creationism.

Those results were based on telephone interviews with a randomly selected national sample of 1,016 adults, 18 years and older, conducted June 25-27, 1999. The margin of error was plus or minus 3 percentage points.

On the Net:
Harvard University list of evolution links:
http://www.mcb.harvard.edu/BioLinks/Evolution.html
List of links on creationism:
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Music fans brave heat to hear concert

JACKSON, Miss. (AP) — More than 10,000 music fans braved the stifling heat to hear the husband-and-wife singing team Faith Hill and Tim McGraw.

McGraw opened the Saturday afternoon show just as the sun broke free from cloud cover, clad in his signature white T-shirt and broad-brimmed hat.

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Date Book

Monday, July 3, 2000
Today is the 185th day of 2000 and the 14th day of summer.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1608, Samuel de Champlain founded the city of Quebec, in present-day Canada.

On this day in 1776, the first African-American Freemasons lodge was formed. It was led by Prince Hall.

On this day in 1987, Richard Branson and Per Lindstrand became the first aeronauts to cross the Atlantic Ocean in a hot-air balloon.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: George M. Cohan (1878-1942), entertainer; Franz Kafka (1883-1924), writer; George Sanders (1906-1972), actor; Ken Russell (1927-), director, is 73; Pete Fountain (1930-), musician, is 70; Tom Stoppard (1937-), playwright, is 63; Betty Buckley (1947-), singer-actress, is 53; Tom Cruise (1962-), actor, is 38.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1968, The Cleveland Indians defeated the Minnesota Twins 1-0. Luis Tiant of the Indians struck out 19 batters during the game.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Intellectual freedom is the only guarantee of a scientific-democratic approach to politics, economic development, and culture." — Andrei Sakharov

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Lincoln at Gettysburg molded the sentiment in immortal language, "Our fathers brought forth upon this continent a nation, conceived in liberty and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal."

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New drug plans leave seniors with trade-offs

WASHINGTON (AP) — Competing Democratic and Republican approaches to providing prescription drug insurance for older Americans are full of trade-offs. President Clinton's plan appears more generous, but the congressional Republicans' proposal might lead to cheaper drugs.

"These pocketbook questions really do matter to (Medicare) beneficiaries," said Patricia Smith, senior health care lobbyist for AARP, the nation's largest organization of older people.

Republican legislation passed by the House last week would extend drug coverage through government-subsidized policies sold by private insurers. An alternative proposed by President Clinton and supported by most congressional Democrats would establish a standard, government-run Medicare benefit.

Prospects for compromise this year are uncertain, but polls show the issue is likely to be a priority for older voters in this fall's elections.

Each party says its formula would guarantee availability of new drug coverage nationwide, although insurance companies have expressed doubts about their ability to offer the private policies specified by the GOP plan.

Assuming availability, however, whether to purchase the new drug coverage would be up to retirees under both the Democrat and Republican approaches. Both parties tout their plans as the better buy.

"This provides more political coverage for the Republicans who voted for it than insurance coverage for the seniors who need to buy medicine," Clinton said last week as he blasted the GOP bill.

Rep. Dick Armey, the majority leader from Texas, predicted on "Fox News Sunday" that Clinton will sign the GOP plan despite repeated pledges to veto it. "The fact is, this president will sign into law a measure ... that so thoroughly well relates to the needs of our seniors ... and makes him look good as if he's building a legacy," Armey said.

And on NBC's "Meet the Press," Senate Judiciary Chairman Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, decried "the constant Democrat approach," which he said "is to just throw money at it, make it universal so that the taxpayers are stuck with it the rest of their lives."

Who's right?

The Congressional Budget Office, which provides nonpartisan analysis of legislation, predicts that virtually all Medicare beneficiaries who lack drug insurance, an estimated 13 million people, could be expected to buy the policy offered under Clinton's plan. By comparison, only 46 percent would be likely to buy a private policy such as those offered under the GOP plan, the CBO has said in its written reports.

That assumption is based largely on the fact that Clinton's benefit offers retirees more for the price they would be charged. In other words, the government is picking up more of the tab.

Clinton's plan is estimated to cost the Treasury $253 billion over 10 years, compared to $159 billion for the Republican plan.

Looking at another factor that would hit senior citizens' wallets, CBO analysts estimated that under the GOP plan, competition among insurers would reduce drug costs by up to 25 percent compared to what an uninsured consumer spends. Savings under Clinton's plan would amount to only around 12.5 percent, they said.

It's unclear from the CBO analysis how much of the savings would reach consumers under either plan, but any discounts could help older people by lowering the price they pay even when a prescription is not covered by insurance.

The catch? The GOP plan gets bigger savings in part because it would allow insurers more flexibility not only to negotiate with drug companies and pharmacies, but also to restrict coverage to drugs on so-called formulary lists and impose graduated co-payments — for example, charging consumers more for brand names.

At the outset, Clinton's plan would cost retirees about $312 a year in premiums to get 50 percent off the cost of their prescriptions covered until they collected a maximum of $1,000 in basic benefits.

In contrast, typical drug coverage under the GOP plan would cost beneficiaries around $720 per year in premiums and deductibles to get 50 percent off their prescriptions paid for until they collected a maximum of $1,050 in basic benefits.

Catastrophic coverage to pay all drug costs would kick in if, in a single year, a retiree's drug spending topped $4,000 under Clinton's plan and $6,000 under the GOP plan.

Republicans argue the CBO's estimate of lower participation in their plan is based only on a sample policy. In practice, insurance companies would have freedom to design a variety of policies to meet different needs. For example, some plans might offer no-deductible policies with higher co-pays, which could be more attractive to some retirees.

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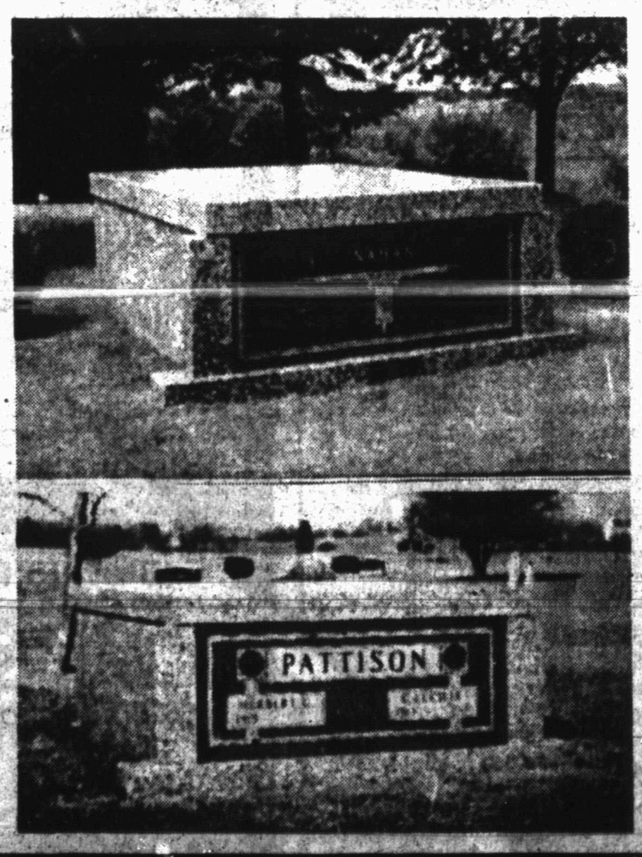

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SPORTS

Rangers bow to Mariners, 11-4

ARLINGTON (AP) — The Texas Rangers were saddled with two more errors from rookie third baseman Mike Lamb that led to six unearned runs. Like most good teams, the Seattle Mariners capitalized in an 11-4 victory on Sunday night.

Edgar Martinez hit a two-run homer and Mike Cameron added a two-run single to highlight a seven-run seventh inning that was aided by the Rangers' failure to turn two double plays, one the result of a Lamb error.

"We got a break and put some runs on the board," said Mariners manager Lou Piniella. "We came right back after they took the lead. We put up one of our biggest innings of the year."

Mariners' right-hander Aaron Sele was the beneficiary, pitching seven strong innings.

Sele (10-3) allowed two runs and six hits over seven innings to improve to 8-1 in his last 10 starts. He struck out five and didn't issue a walk.

"In my opinion, he's very deserving to be on the All-Star team," said Piniella. "I thought his fastball was really good tonight and his curve had good bite to it."

Sele, who left the Rangers and joined the Mariners as a free agent in the off-season, beat his former teammates for the first time this season. He had a no-decision on May 10 against the Rangers in a game the Mariners eventually lost at The Ballpark in Arlington, 7-6.

"There are still a lot of quality guys over there," said Sele, who's pitched at least seven innings eight times this season. "It's always good to come back. They still have a tough lineup. I was just trying to keep it close. When the team plays well, you know you're going to get some runs and that's what happened tonight."

Trailing 2-1, the Mariners loaded the bases with none out in the seventh against Matt Perisho (2-2) on John Olerud's double, a walk to Jay Buhner and David Bell's single.

Pinch-hitter Stan Javier's grounder off reliever Tim Crabtree nearly resulted in a double play, but Javier barely beat shortstop Scott Sheldon's relay to first as Olerud scored the tying run.

Mark McLemore grounded to third, but Lamb threw the ball wildly to second for an error, allowing Buhner to score the go-ahead run. McLemore was credited with an RBI on the play.

Cameron's two-run single, Alex Rodriguez's RBI single and Martinez's two-run blast, all against Crabtree, stretched Seattle's lead to 8-2. Five of the seven seventh-inning runs were unearned due to Lamb's error.

Buhner's 15th homer, a three-run shot in the eighth off rookie Doug Davis, capped the scoring.

The Mariners took the series, two games to one, after losing Friday night's opener. Seattle has now won nine straight series.

"This was an important series," Edgar Martinez said. "The first one was tough, so it was nice to come back. Good teams rebound and that's what we did."

For the Rangers, Lamb's defensive problems continue. The rookie has 14 errors in 60 games this season.

"The inconsistency of our young players is part of what's hurting us," said manager Johnny Oates of the Rangers' tumble in the AL West cellar during a 7-16 slide since June 5. "With young players, it's a different learning curve...To be a good, consistent ball club, you have to play at least good defense and we are not playing that."

Snyder All-Stars pound Coleman

MERKEL — Snyder's 9 and 10-year-old all-stars made short work of Coleman Saturday night.

Snyder pounded out 11 hits, and got stellar pitching from Brent Bollinger and Jesse Conner, to register a 15-3 opening-round blowout.

Snyder moves on to face either Abilene Eastern or Abilene Key City at 8 p.m. Tuesday.

Against Coleman, the local squad had its offense working early. Singles from Conner and Lance Day gave Snyder a 1-0 lead in the top of the first inning.

The lead was extended in the second on base hits by Ryan Claxton, Tyrelle Gilbert, Brooks Gafford and Quentin Shafer to put Snyder up, 4-0.

Snyder's outburst came in the third, when it posted nine runs on five hits and two Coleman errors.

Bollinger belted a triple to fuel the inning, with Dustin Murdock and Colton Brewster adding doubles. Claxton and Gafford both singled.

In the field, Bollinger and his defensive mates never allowed Coleman to get on track. Coleman sent only nine batters to the in the first three frames, as Snyder built its 13-0 lead.

After the margin was stretched to 15-0 in the top of the fourth, Coleman finally managed a trio runs in the bottom of the inning for the 15-3 final score.

Bollinger worked the first two innings, with Conner pitching the final two.

In other all-star action, Snyder's 11 and 12-year-old team will see its first tourney action at 8 p.m. tonight in Sweetwater when it takes on either Rotan or Colorado City.

Top seeds continue to struggle

WIMBLEDON, England (AP) — Erratic but overpowering, Venus Williams beat Sabine Appelmans 6-4, 6-4 Monday to reach the quarterfinals at Wimbledon for the third year in a row.

Williams' opponent Tuesday will be top-seeded Martina Hingis, who defeated No. 11 Anke Huber 6-1, 6-2.

Unseeded American Lisa Raymond advanced to her first Grand Slam quarterfinal by beating Olga Barabanschikova 6-4, 6-2. Another American, Lilia Osterloh, lost in the fourth round to Magui Serna 7-6 (1), 6-3.

Qualifier Vladimir Voltchkov of Belarus became the first men's quarterfinalist, sweeping Wayne Ferreira 6-3, 6-4, 7-6 (0). Voltchkov is ranked No. 237.

Williams had trouble finishing off Appelmans, who erased three match points serving at 1-5, 0-40 in the second set. The fifth-seeded Williams then double-faulted twice to lose her serve for the only time before closing out the match two games later.

The 6-foot-1 Williams took advantage of her height by coming to the net often, and her booming groundstrokes into the corners kept Appelmans on the run. But Williams, playing in only her fourth tournament after a six-month layoff because of tendinitis in both wrists, prolonged the match with sloppy errors that had her shaking her head in dismay.

"It's annoying," she said. "I can raise the level of my game. There's no way these girls should be competing against me like that."

Raymond's victory represented a breakthrough for the 26-year-old Pennsylvanian, a former NCAA champion at Florida. She had lost in the fourth round at Wimbledon three times previously.

Raymond will next play the winner of the fourth-round match between Williams' sister, Serena, and Tamarine Tanasugarn.

In keeping with tradition, there were no matches on the middle Sunday. Top-seeded Pete Sampras and No. 10 Mark Philippoussis, among others, welcomed the rest.

Sampras is hampered by acute tendinitis above the ankle in his left leg.

"It'll probably continue to be sore," the six-time Wimbledon champion said after beating Justin Gimelstob on Saturday. "I'm here to complete the tournament, win or lose."

Also, No. 2 Andre Agassi defeated Jerome Golmard 6-3, 6-3, 6-4; Alexander Popp upset No. 4 Gustavo Kuerten 7-6 (6), 6-2, 6-1; No. 8 Tim Henman downed Hicham Arazi 6-3, 6-3, 6-3; 10th-seeded Mark Philippoussis outlasted Sjeng Schalken 4-6, 6-3, 6-7 (7), 7-6 (4), 20-18 in the longest fifth set at Wimbledon in the open era; and Patrick Rafter eliminated Rainer Schuttler 6-2, 7-6 (2), 6-3.

Also advancing were David Prinosil, Marc Rosset and Thomas Johansson.

On the women's side, No. 2 Lindsay Davenport defeated Paola Suarez 6-4, 6-2; fifth-seeded Venus Williams beat Nathalie Dechy 6-0, 7-6 (4); No. 6 Monica Seles downed Sarah Pitkowski.

Hidalgo carries Astros to win

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Richard Hidalgo celebrated his 25th birthday and stated his case for an All-Star berth.

Hidalgo homered in his first two at-bats as the Houston Astros avoided a three-game sweep with a 6-3 victory over the St. Louis Cardinals on Sunday. He has homered three times in two games and is 9-for-23 with six RBIs in six games since returning from a seven-game absence due to a sprained right knee.

The three-time defending NL Central champions are a major league-worst 28-53 at the halfway point and probably won't get more than one All-Star representative. Second baseman Craig Biggio leads the voting at his position despite an off-year.

"If Biggio doesn't get voted in, I think Richard is our logical candidate," manager Larry Dierker said. "He's a very powerful and aggressive hitter."

Hidalgo hit his 22nd homer with one out in the second. He led off the fourth with an upper-deck shot to left estimated at 456 feet, giving him a team-leading 60 RBIs.

Both of the homers came on 2-0 pitches off 11-game winner Darryl Kile.

"When you see some guy behind like that, they throw more fastballs," Hidalgo said. "I'm just working hard and trying to be the best I can."

Jeff Bagwell had a three-run homer in the fifth, also off Kile, and Lance Berkman connected leading off the eighth against Heathcliff Slocumb. The Astros hit four homers in consecutive games for the first time since Sept. 30 and Oct. 1, 1995, against the Cubs at Wrigley Field.

Scott Elarton, who allowed two runs in six innings, was the other key to the Astros' rare victory. They've won only three of 13 games, and he's been on the mound each time.

Elarton (7-3) spent most of the first month on the disabled list recovering from shoulder surgery, but in his last three starts he's allowed just four earned runs in 22 innings.

"I feel like I'm getting in good shape," Elarton said. "The arm is strong and I'm really getting pretty good command of my pitches."

Kile (11-5) has given up a staff-high 21 homers, one more than Andy Benes. He had 10 strikeouts in seven innings, allowing five runs on seven hits with one walk.

"It's just another lineup," Kile said of his former team. "What's the lineup trying to do against you? Elarton pitched a pretty good game and I made some mistakes, and their hitters didn't miss them."

Mark McGwire's five-game homer streak at Busch Stadium ended. He went 1-for-4 with an RBI single in the sixth inning, and struck out twice. J.D. Drew homered, tripled and scored twice for the Cardinals, who came from behind to win the first two games, but stranded five runners in the fifth and sixth innings Sunday.

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Toronto	44	38	.537	—
New York	40	36	.526	1
Boston	38	39	.494	3½
Baltimore	35	44	.443	7½
Tampa Bay	32	47	.405	10½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Chicago	52	29	.642	—
Cleveland	41	39	.513	10½
Kansas City	37	42	.468	14
Detroit	35	43	.449	15½
Minnesota	37	46	.446	16

West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Seattle	47	32	.595	—
Oakland	46	34	.575	1½
Anaheim	42	39	.519	6
Texas	37	42	.468	10

Saturday's Games

Chicago White Sox 7, Boston 2
N.Y. Yankees 6, Tampa Bay 1
Baltimore 12, Toronto 5
Minnesota 4, Cleveland 3, 10 innings
Detroit 8, Kansas City 7
Seattle 6, Texas 3
Anaheim 7, Oakland 2

Sunday's Games

Cleveland 7, Minnesota 1
N.Y. Yankees 5, Tampa Bay 2
Baltimore 3, Toronto 2
Detroit 2, Kansas City 0
Chicago White Sox 8, Boston 2
Seattle 11, Texas 4
Oakland 10, Anaheim 3

Monday's Games

Toronto (Wells 13-2) at Baltimore (Johnson 0-6), 1:35 p.m.
Detroit (Blair 5-1) at Tampa Bay (Yan 4-6), 7:15 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Eldred 10-2) at Kansas City (Witasick 2-7), 8:05 p.m.
Boston (R.Martinez 6-4) at Minnesota (Lincoln 0-1), 8:05 p.m.
Oakland (Appier 8-4) at Texas (Helling 8-7), 8:35 p.m.
Seattle (Moyer 6-3) at Anaheim (Hill 4-4), 10:05 p.m.

Tuesday's Games

Toronto (Castillo 5-5) at Cleveland (Colon 7-5), 1:05 p.m.
Baltimore (Erickson 3-6) at N.Y. Yankees (Cone 1-6), 1:05 p.m.
Detroit (Mlicki 2-9) at Tampa Bay (Lidle 1-3), 4:15 p.m.
Boston (Wakefield 3-5) at Minnesota (Milton 8-2), 7:05 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Beirne 1-0 or Lowe 2-1) at Kansas City (Durbin 2-3), 8:05 p.m.
Oakland (Heredia 9-6) at Texas (Loaiza 5-5), 8:35 p.m.
Seattle (Meche 4-4) at Anaheim (Bottenfield 4-7), 10:05 p.m.

National League
East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Atlanta	49	32	.605	—
New York	46	33	.582	2
Florida	41	41	.500	8½
Montreal	38	39	.494	9
Philadelphia	35	44	.443	13

Central Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
St. Louis	48	33	.593	—
Cincinnati	39	41	.488	8½
Pittsburgh	34	46	.425	13½
Milwaukee	34	47	.420	14
Chicago	32	48	.400	15½
Houston	28	53	.346	20

West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Arizona	47	34	.580	—
Colorado	44	33	.571	1
San Francisco	40	38	.513	5½
Los Angeles	41	39	.513	5½
San Diego	36	44	.450	10½

Saturday's Games

N.Y. Mets 9, Atlanta 1
San Francisco 4, Los Angeles 1
Arizona 9, Cincinnati 6
St. Louis 10, Houston 9
Philadelphia 4, Pittsburgh 3
Florida 6, Montreal 5
Milwaukee 4, Chicago Cubs 0
San Diego 5, Colorado 3

Sunday's Games

Atlanta 10, N.Y. Mets 2
Florida 2, Montreal 1
Philadelphia 9, Pittsburgh 1
Milwaukee 4, Chicago Cubs 2
Houston 6, St. Louis 3
Cincinnati 14, Arizona 2
Colorado 3, San Diego 2, 10 innings
San Francisco 6, Los Angeles 5

Monday's Games

Pittsburgh (Cordova 5-6) at Chicago Cubs (Lieber 6-5), 2:20 p.m.
Cincinnati (Parris 3-11) at Arizona (Anderson 8-2), 4:35 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (B.J. Jones 3-3) at Florida (Sanchez 4-7), 7:05 p.m.
Montreal (Armas 3-5) at Atlanta (Mulholland 8-7), 7:40 p.m.
Philadelphia (Ashby 2-7) at Milwaukee (Snyder 2-2) 8:05 p.m.
Colorado (Bohanon 3-5) at San Diego (Eaton 1-0), 9:05 p.m.
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Tuesday's Games

Philadelphia (Coggin 1-0) at Milwaukee (Bere 5-6), 2:05 p.m.
Cincinnati (Villone 7-5) at St. Louis (An. Benes 8-3), 2:10 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Silva 5-2) at Chicago Cubs (Tapani 4-7), 2:20 p.m.
Colorado (Yoshi 4-7) at San Francisco (Hernandez 6-6), 4:05 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (B.M. Jones 0-0) at Florida (Penny 4-7), 4:05 p.m.
Montreal (Hermanson 6-5) at Atlanta (Burkett 6-3), 7:05 p.m.
Arizona (Johnson 12-2) at Houston (Lima 1-12), 8:05 p.m.
Los Angeles (Park 9-4) at San Diego (Clement 7-7), 9:05 p.m.
Colorado (Karl 2-2) at San Francisco (Gardner 4-4), 9:35 p.m.

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Saturday's Games

Orlando 69, New York 57
Washington 78, Charlotte 74
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Sacramento 108, Detroit 96

Sunday's Games

Houston 69, Phoenix 58
Minnesota 81, Portland 75
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Monday's Games

New York at Cleveland, 8 p.m.
Portland at Indiana, 8 p.m.
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Tuesday's Games

No games scheduled

Wednesday's Games

Portland at New York, 7:30 p.m.
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Los Angeles at Sacramento, 10 p.m.

Sports Briefs

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All athletes needing to take a physical must do so by Aug. 4. An appointment must be made with one of the following doctors: Burleson, Cooper, Thompson, Nussey or Rakov.

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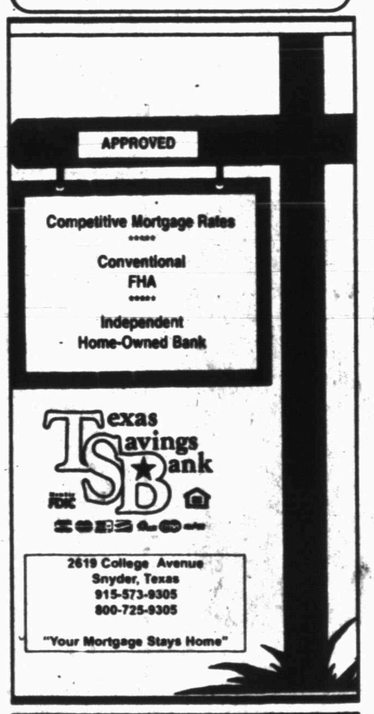



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Clinton, Barak discuss peace prospects

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton talked by telephone with Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak for 45 minutes Saturday, discussing options in the Middle East peace process including a possible summit, White House and diplomatic officials said.

"It was a serious conversation on the issues in the Middle East peace process," said a White House official, speaking on condition of anonymity. The official would not say whether their talk included a White House effort to bring together Barak and Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat to work toward an overall settlement in the area.

"No decisions have been made," the official said.

In Jerusalem, Barak's office said Clinton told the prime minister that he has not decided whether to arrange a Washington-area summit in the coming weeks. Clinton and Barak discussed "different possibilities in the negotiations with the Palestinians," Barak's office said in a release.

The Palestinians and Israelis are far behind their schedule for a final status agreement by Sept. 13. Arafat has said he will declare a Palestinian state on that date if the negotiations have not been conclusive, which would be almost sure to increase tension in the area.

After a recent round of shuttle diplomacy by Secretary of State Madeleine Albright, Palestinians and Israelis were reported as remaining far apart on crucial issues, including whether Israel would withdraw from all territory it took in the 1967 Six-Day War.

On Wednesday, asked at a White House news conference if the time was right for a U.S.-sponsored summit, Clinton said nothing has been scheduled. He added, however: "I do not believe that they can resolve the final, most difficult issues without having the leaders get together in some isolated setting and make the last tough decisions, or decide not to make them as the case may be."

Clinton and Barak also discussed the prison sentences imposed on 10 Jewish Iranians convicted in an Iranian court of spying for Israel, the White House official said.

Two bus drivers abandon buses and passengers

OGALLALA, Neb. (AP) — Two Greyhound drivers parked their buses at a truck stop and left without saying a word to the 97 passengers.

Lynn Brown, a spokeswoman for the Dallas-based company, said the drivers left Friday night because of a new federal law that limits the hours they can work a day.

The drivers are allowed to drive 10 hours and work a total of 15 hours. They apparently ran out of time and by law had to go off duty, Brown said.

'Perfect Storm' breezes to No. 1

LOS ANGELES (AP) — George Clooney's "The Perfect Storm" blew Mel Gibson out of the water at the box office over the weekend.

The movie, based on the true story of a fishing crew battling a behemoth tempest, took in $41.7 million to debut at No. 1 at the weekend box office, according to studio estimates Sunday.

The movie's gross almost doubled that of Mel Gibson's Revolutionary War spectacle "The Patriot," which took in $21.7 million Friday to Sunday to finish at No. 2. The animated adventure "Chicken Run," featuring Gibson's voice, came in at No. 3 with $12.8 million.

The weekend's other big release, "The Adventures of Rocky and Bullwinkle," opened to a disappointing $6.6 million for fifth place.

The overall box office was good news for Hollywood. After three slumping weekends that put the industry behind last summer's record revenues, the top 12 films this weekend grossed $121.8 million, up 5.3 percent over the same period in 1999.

There also was a prospect that for the five-day weekend through Tuesday, the industry could approach the $198.3 million Fourth of July record set in 1996, when "Independence Day" opened.

With three big movies premiering, the Fourth of July had been viewed as the pivotal weekend for Hollywood's summer season, when studios rake in about 40 percent of their revenue.

As late as last week, industry observers figured the box-office crown would be a tossup between "The Perfect Storm" and "The Patriot."

"I'm surprised by the disparity between the grosses for 'Perfect Storm' and 'Patriot,'" said Paul Dergarabedian, president of Exhibitor Relations, which tracks movie-ticket sales. "I didn't think there would be that wide of a gap."

"The Patriot" may have been hurt by its R rating and two-hour, 40-minute running time, half an hour longer than "The Perfect Storm," rated PG-13. As a period piece, "The Patriot" also had a tough battle against the digital wizardry that created the striking wave action in "The Perfect Storm."

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.



Who's carrying staph?

DEAR DR. GOTT: Is it true that once people have had staph infections, they are carriers for life?

DEAR READER: Not true. Staphylococci, like other bacteria, are common in our environment; in fact, our skins are literally coated with them. Over time, our immune systems have learned to cope with staph by preventing them to cause infection.

However, on occasion, the number of bacteria can exceed the body's capability, and infection develops. Staph characteristically causes boils and abscesses. Usually, such infections are mere nuisances and clear up without medical attention. However, large and/or resistant infections may require surgical drainage.

On the other hand, in people with weakened immune systems, staph germs can easily gain a beachhead and cause serious inflammation, particularly of bone, bloodstream, heart and lungs. For example, staph pneumonia is a major cause of disability and death in patients who have been sick with influenza. In addition, serious staph infection is more common in people who have prosthetic heart valves or joints.

Because staphylococci are resistant to many antibiotics, treatment can be difficult and prolonged. Fortunately, however, once a patient has been cured of the staph infection, he or she returns to normal; the bacteria do not necessarily remain in the body. Therefore, a person who has had such an infection is not automatically a carrier.

In contrast, some individuals who have never had a notable staph infection may be unwitting carriers of staphylococcus bacteria. These people, who are otherwise in good health, may harbor staph — especially in the nose or in skin pores — that could be spread to other, susceptible persons. Carriers have not necessarily had staph infections; due to an immunological peculiarity, they have achieved a balance with the microorganism without destroying it. Carriers can pose a significant threat to less healthy people, particularly if the carrier works in the health field — for example, in the operating room or a newborn nursery. In such instances, antibiotic therapy is recommended even if the carriers themselves are not ill.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I admit to drinking excessively for the past 15 years, usually a quart of whiskey a day. Along with passing out most nights, I've noticed that my mind goes blank every now and then. Is the alcohol the culprit?

DEAR READER: In all likelihood, yes. Alcohol causes brain damage and you are certainly consuming enough to cause neurological damage and alcohol-related disorders, such as blackouts, memory loss, impaired judgment, abnormal coordination and personality changes — in addition to the usual consequences of alcohol abuse, such as heart, liver and circulatory disturbances.

In my opinion, you have a major problem. This should be addressed. You need help to become sober. I urge you to seek medical attention, alcohol counseling or Alcoholics Anonymous. To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Help II: Mental/Substance Abuse." Other readers who would like a copy should send $2 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to P.O. Box 2017, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to mention the title.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I have no sensitivity in my penis, even during intercourse. It's like it's not a part of me. I also have premature ejaculation. I have been circumcised. Could this be the root of the problem?

DEAR READER: Circumcision would be a highly unlikely cause of your problem. I am more suspicious that your symptoms may have an emotional basis. In any case, you need a thorough examination by a urologist to determine if there is, indeed, a physical basis for your complaints. Once a physical disorder has been ruled out, the specialist may suggest that your consider counseling.

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	High	Low	Last	
AMR Corp s	26¾	26 1-16	26 1-16	— ⅜
AT&T Corp	32 3-16	31 13-16	32	+ 3-16
Albertsons	33¾	33¼	33⅝	+ ⅜
Alltel	62 7-16	61⅝	62 5-16	+ ¼
AmerOnline s	52 11-16	51⅞	52½	— ⅛
AndarkPtr	49 13-16	49½	49 13-16	+ 7-16
ATMOS Egy	18⅝	17¾	18⅝	+ 1⅛
Aviall	5⅛	5	5	+ 1-16
BP Amoco s	57 15-16	57⅜	57 15-16	+ 1 5-16
BakerHughes	32 15-16	32¼	32¾	+ ¾
Bank of Amer	45	43⅝	44¾	+ 1½
BellSouth	42 9-16	42 3-16	42 7-16	— 3-16
Beth Steel	3⅝	3 9-16	3 9-16	
BurlNoSFe	24 7-16	23 5-16	24⅜	+ 1⅛
Caterpillar	34¾	34 3-16	34¾	+ ⅞
Chevron	85¾	84⅞	85 11-16	+ ¾
Citigroup	62⅛	60 9-16	62 1-16	+ 1 11-16
Coastal	61 13-16	60½	61 3-16	+ 5-16
CocaCola	58½	58	58⅜	+ 15-16
ColgatePal	59 11-16	58⅝	58⅞	— 1
ComclMetals	28⅜	27⅝	28 3-16	+ 11-16
Cooperin	33⅜	32¾	33 1-16	+ 7-16
DaimlrChry	52¾	52 1-16	52 9-16	+ ½
DallSemicn s	40¾	40 1-16	40⅝	— ⅛
DeltaAirl	51 11-16	51	51 3-16	+ ⅝
Dillards Inc	12 11-16	12⅜	12 11-16	— 7-16
DowChem s	31 5-16	30⅝	31 3-16	+ 81-128
DuPont	44⅞	43¾	44 11-16	+ 47-64
EastmanChem	48¾	47¾	48¾	+ 1
EstKodak	60¼	59¾	60 1-16	+ 7-16
EDS Corp	41 13-16	40 5-16	40½	— ¾
Entergy	28 7-16	27 3-16	28 3-16	+ 13-16
ExxonMobil	79⅜	78¾	79 5-16	+ ½
Flowers	20	19¾	19 15-16	
FordMotor	43¾	43⅛	43 9-16	+ 9-16
GenDynam	52⅝	52 1-16	52¼	
GenlElec s	52½	51 11-16	51⅞	— ⅜
GenMills s	38½	37¾	38 1-16	— 3-16
GenMotors	58 9-16	57¾	58¼	+ ¼
GaPacGP	26 15-16	26⅜	26 11-16	+ 7-16
GlobalMar	29 1-16	28⅜	29	+ 13-16
Goodrich	34 5-16	33 5-16	34¼	+ 3-16
Goodyear s	20 15-16	20 7-16	20 13-16	+ 13-16
GtAtlPac	16 9-16	16¼	16½	— ⅛
Halliburtn	47 7-16	46¾	47⅜	+ 3-16
Hanson ADS	35 7-16	35¼	35⅜	+ ⅛
HartleHanks	25¾	25½	25⅛	+ ⅛
HomeDepot s	49 11-16	48¾	49	— 1
Honeywellintl	34½	33⅝	34 1-16	+ ¼
IBM	109⅛	108 5-16	108⅝	— ⅝
IntlPaper	30½	30⅛	30¼	+ 7-16
JohnsonJn	101¼	100	100⅛	— ⅜
K mart	6 15-16	6¾	6 13-16	— 1-16
Kroger Co	22	21 9-16	21⅞	— 3-16
Litton	43¼	42⅜	43 3-16	+ 1 3-16
LockheedM	24⅛	24⅛	24 3-16	— ¾
Lowes Cos	41⅛	40½	40 13-16	— ⅝
Lubys	8	7 15-16	8	+ 1-16
LucentTech	58 11-16	58 1-16	58½	
MayDeptStr	24¾	24 7-16	24½	+ ½
Medtronic s	49 13-16	47 9-16	48	— 1 13-16
MorganJP	113 13-16	110	113⅜	+ 3¼
Motorola s	29 15-16	29 9-16	29 11-16	+ ⅝
NCR Corp	39	38¾	38 13-16	— ⅛
Navistar	31 11-16	31⅛	31 7-16	+ ⅜
Penney JC	18½	18 3-16	18¼	— 3-16
PepBoys	6 1-16	5 15-16	6	
PepsiCo	44	43	43 3-16	— 1¼
Pharmacia	52¼	52⅛	52 5-16	+ ⅛
PhelpDodge	38⅛	37 7-16	38 1-16	+ ⅜
PhilipPet	51 3-16	50⅝	51 1-16	+ ⅜
PilgrmPrd B	7 3-16	7⅛	7 3-16	+ 1-16
Polaroid	18 1-16	17⅝	17 15-16	— ⅛
Praxair	38⅜	37¾	37 15-16	+ ½
RrodGamb	56 13-16	55 5-16	55½	— 1 11-16
PubS NwMx	15⅜	15⅛	15¼	+ 5-16
RadioShack	47¼	46 9-16	47	— ⅝
ReliantEngy	29 15-16	29 1-16	29 13-16	— 3-16
RoyalDut	62 5-16	61 9-16	62 1-16	+ ⅛
SBC Comm	45⅛	44 1-16	44 15-16	+ 1 11-16
SaraLee	19 7-16	18⅞	18⅞	— 5-16
Scripps EW	48 11-16	48¼	48¼	— 1
SearsRoeb	33¼	32¾	33⅛	+ ½
SherwinW	22 7-16	21 3-16	22 3-16	+ 1
SmithKlBchm	67 15-16	66⅞	67 13-16	+ 2⅝
SouthernCo	24 1-16	23 13-32	23⅞	+ 9-16
SwstAirl	19 7-16	19⅛	19¼	+ 5-16
SprintFON	54 3-16	53 3-16	53 5-16	+ 13-16
SprintPCS s	59⅝	59¼	59 9-16	+ 1-16
Sunoco Inc	29 7-16	29 3-16	29 5-16	— ⅛
TXU Corp	31⅜	29 13-16	31⅛	+ 1⅝
TempleInland	43	42⅜	42 13-16	+ 13-16
Texaco	53 15-16	53⅜	53¾	+ 7-16
Texind	29 11-16	28 9-16	29⅝	+ ¾
TexasInst s	69 7-16	68 9-16	69⅛	+ 7-16
Textron	54 11-16	54⅛	54⅝	+ 5-16
TriconGlbR	28 13-16	27 15-16	27 15-16	— 5-16
TrinityInds	18⅞	18½	18⅞	+ ⅜
TritonEngy	40⅜	39 5-16	40 1-16	+ ⅜
TylerTech	3	2 11-16	2 15-16	+ ⅜
USX-Marathn	25¾	25⅜	25½	+ 7-16
USX-USS	18¾	18 7-16	18 9-16	
UnCarbde	49 5-16	48 9-16	49 1-16	— 7-16
UnionPacif	38¼	37 7-16	38 1-16	+ 9-16
UnitedTech	57 9-16	55⅜	55⅞	— 2¾
Unocal	33⅞	33¼	33¾	+ ⅝
Venator Grp	10 9-16	10⅜	10 7-16	+ 3-16
VerizonComm	52⅞	50⅝	52¾	+ 2⅜
WalMart	57⅜	56 3-16	56¼	— 1
WellsFargo	40 11-16	39⅞	40 5-16	+ 1 9-16
WstrnGasRs	22	21¼	22	+ 1
WinnDixie	14⅝	14¼	14 5-16	
Xerox Cp	20½	19 13-16	19⅞	— ⅜

Oil Patch News

Scurry County

Anadarko Petroleum will drill the No. 2 M.M. Boyd in the Diamond M field, nine miles west of Snyder. Planned for a depth of 4,000 feet, location is in Section 214, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Mitchell County

Merit Energy Co. will drill the No. 8-A J.F. McCabe in the Jameson field, four miles north of Silver. The re-completion is planned for a depth of 7,169 feet, and location is in Section 3, Block 1-A, H&TC survey.

Howard County

Anadarko Petroleum will drill the No. 2819-C B.S. Snyder in the Snyder field, six miles southeast of Coahoma. Contracted for 3,900 feet, location is in Section 28, Block 30, T1S, T&P survey.

Anadarko Petroleum will drill the No. 2730-W Susie B. Snyder in the Snyder field, seven miles southeast of Coahoma. Planned depth is 3,900 feet, and location is in Section 27, Block 30, T1S, T&P survey.

Westport Oil and Gas Inc. will drill the No. 36-A Clay in the Howard-Glasscock field, five miles east of Forsan. The venture will be drilled to a depth of 3,300 feet, and drill site is in Section 139, Block 29, W&NW survey.

Garza County

Shenandoah Petroleum Corp. will drill the No. 215 Macy Lott Sprayberry unit, a 6,100-foot wildcat located 10 miles south of Post. Drill site is in Section 21, Block 1, Jasper Hays survey.

Kent County

Leclair Operating Co. Inc. will drill the No. 4 Beadle, a 5,000-foot wildcat located 14 miles northwest of Jayton. Drill site is in Section 132, Block 1, H&GN survey.

Nolan County

Enrich Oil Corporation will plug and abandon the No. 1 Simmons, one mile east of Nolan. Drilled to 4,000 feet, location was in Section 314, Block 64, H&TC survey.

Enrich Oil will plug and abandon the No. 1 Petty, 17 miles southeast of Sweetwater. Drilled to a depth of 5,700 feet, location is in Section 314, Block 5, H&TC survey.

Local Interest
STOCKS

Patterson	28	-1/2
Dell	48 1/2	-13/16
Wal Mart	56 9/16	-1 1/16
Compac	25 1/4	-5/16
Dol. Gen.	19 1/16	-7/16
GTE	62 1/4	+3/16
SBC Comm.	44 15/16	+15/16
BJ Services	63 5/8	+3 1/8
LU	58 1/2	+3/16
Cisco Sys.	63 7/8	+5/16

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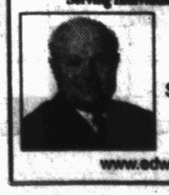

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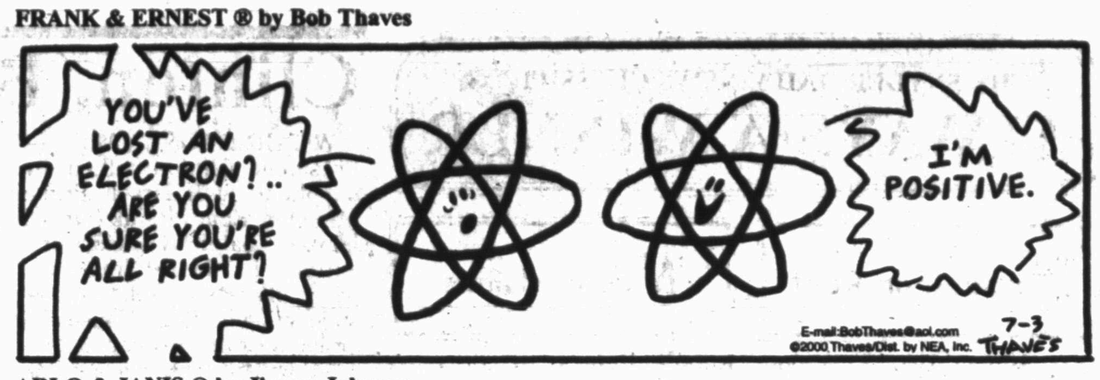

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NEA Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

1 Fibbing
6 Author Emile —
10 Quote a better price than
12 Germ
14 Fold
15 Combined
16 Actress Basinger
17 Storage box
19 Capri, for one
20 Baseball players, at times
23 Of voices
26 Coach Parseghian
27 One — — million
30 Coral islands
32 Style of type
34 Explosive
35 Rigorous
36 D.C. hotshot
37 Coop resident
39 Plumbing problems
40 Kentucky horse races
42 Region
45 Author Umberto —
46 Tibetan gazelle
49 Makes amends
51 Stockings
54 Feels sorrow for
55 Spiritualist session
56 Arrived
57 Princeton mascot

DOWN

1 Under — and key
2 Cosmonaut Gagarin
3 Newspaper bit
4 Knicks' org.
5 US soldiers
6 Last letter
7 Fragrant rootstock
8 Timber parts
9 Cain's brother
11 Money owed
12 Aida role
13 Netherlands city
18 Call — — day
20 "— Ha'i"
21 "— — King's Men" (film)
22 Baby's toy
23 Large tubs
24 Plains Indian
25 Darien's st.
27 Pelvic bones
28 Notch
29 Performs in a play
31 Female prophet
33 Greek war god
38 Tom Brokaw's network
40 Jeans material
41 They're charged!
42 Use the microwave
43 Of hearing organs
44 — bene
46 Saucer-shaped bell
47 A single time only
48 Jacob's son
50 Wide shoe size
52 Still
53 Medieval poem

Answer to Previous Puzzle

M	E	A	T	S				B	Y	T	E	
A	G	O	U	T	I		G	R	A	H	A	M
G	A	N	G	E	S		A	R	C	A	R	O
I	D	E			I	F	S		H	I	L	T
			E	A	S	I	E	S	T			
D	E	A	L	S		B	O	P		C	A	N
A	G	H	A	S	T		U	L	T	I	M	A
R	O	O	N	E	Y		S	E	A	T	E	R
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B	Y	E	S		B	E	T			W	I	T
A	O	R	T	A	L		T	O	M	A	T	O
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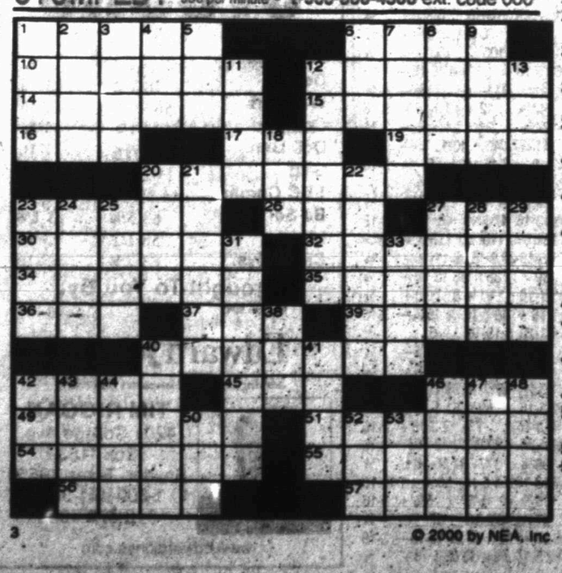

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"He's still there! I wish you wouldn't overtip like that."

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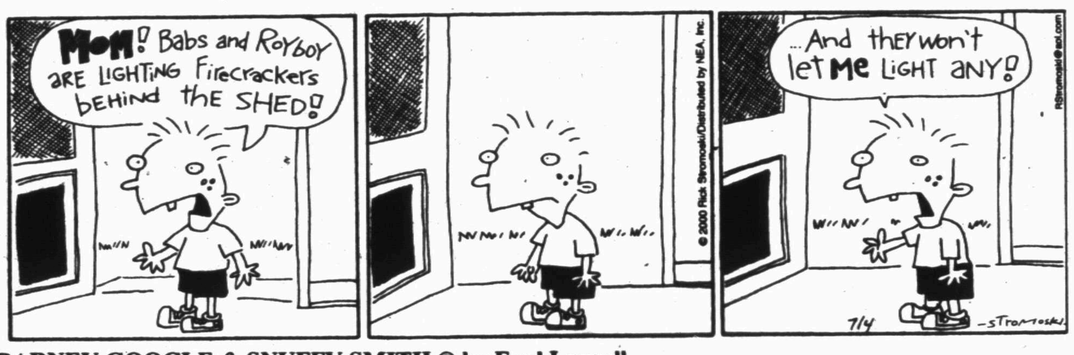

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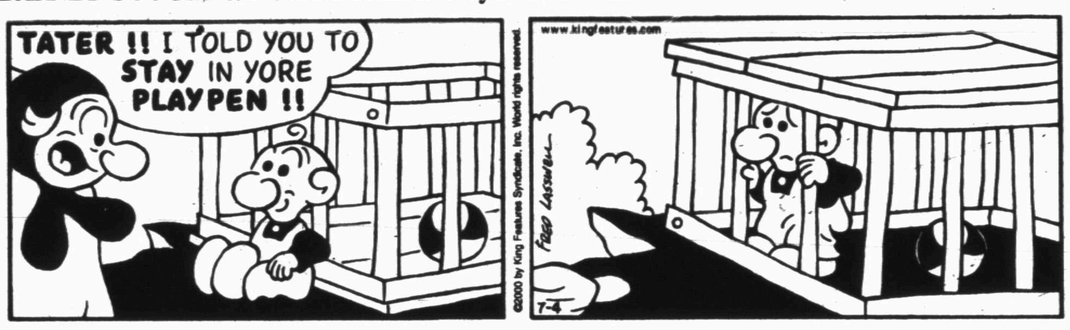

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ACROSS

1 — of London
7 Part of LBJ
13 Attack verbally
14 One-celled animal
15 Silent movie's successor
16 "Origin of Species" author
17 WWII area
18 Rapper, Dr. —
20 RR depot
21 Industrial city in Michigan
25 Went on a sea voyage
28 Skill
32 Desert stops
33 Eyelashes
34 Operate a Saab
35 Employing
36 Loom bar
37 Nails
39 Paces
41 Salon product
44 Sched. abbr.
45 Con's pistol
48 Hate
51 Zodiac sign
54 Comes after
55 Pressed
56 Ancient Jewish ascetic
57 Over-adorned

DOWN

1 Tardy
2 Future attys.' exam
3 Scandinavian capital
4 Chatter
5 Roman 502
6 Type of hammer
7 Burdened
8 Entertainer Sumac
9 Neither's partner
10 Condensed moistures
11 Newspaper notice
12 Zola heroine
19 Disencumber
21 Strainers
22 Declare
23 Blame
24 Where watches are worn
25 Word that follows area or zip
26 — avis
27 Information agcy.
29 "I cannot tell — —"
30 Huckleberry —
31 Price labels
37 Eligible
38 Slow musical movement
40 Actress Della —
41 Joy
42 Long times
43 Young woman
45 Actress Lollobrigida
46 Work without — — (take chances)
47 Sea's ebb and flow
49 Before Wed.
50 Barnyard bird
52 Be wrong
53 Cal. abbr.

Answer to Previous Puzzle

L	Y	I	N	G			Z	O	L	A		
O	U	T	B	I	D		A	E	R	O	B	E
C	R	E	A	S	E		M	E	R	G	E	D
K	I	M			B	I	N		I	S	L	E
			B	A	T	T	E	R	S			
V	O	C	A	L		A	R	A		I	N	A
A	T	O	L	L	S		I	T	A	L	I	C
T	O	N	I	T	E		S	T	R	I	C	T
S	E	N		H	E	N		L	E	A	K	S
			D	E	R	B	I	E	S			
Z	O	N	E		E	C	O			G	O	A
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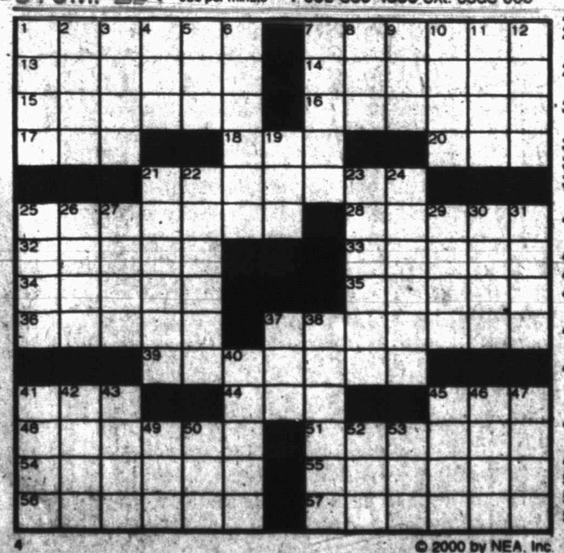

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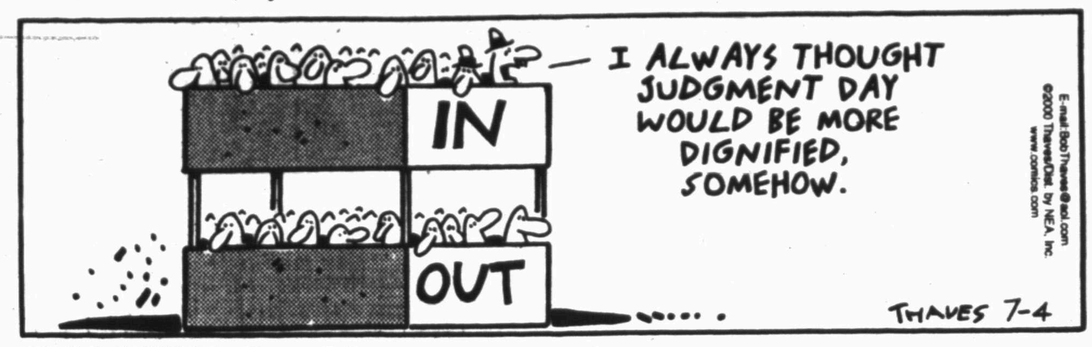

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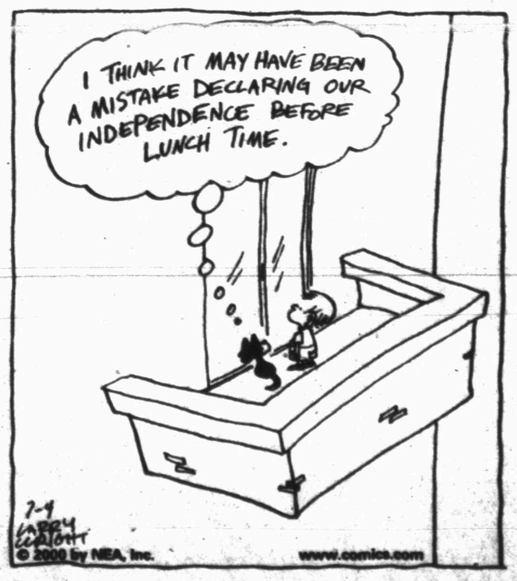

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"DOES THIS MEAN I DON'T HAFTA WORRY ABOUT TABLE MANNERS?"

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THE SNYDER DAILY NEWS

Terrace collapses: One killed, 75 hurt

MIDDLE BASS ISLAND, Ohio (AP) — Some say they heard rumbling. Others recalled they had no warning. Suddenly, revelers dropped 20 feet at a winery on a Lake Erie island when a concrete terrace buckled.

"I heard some rumbling, kind of like thunder. The next thing I know, I'm lying on the ground," said Mike Bowman of Valparaiso, Ind.

One person was killed and at least 75 people were injured at the Lonz Winery when the terrace floor gave way Saturday, dropping victims into an old wine cellar.

Structural engineers Sunday examined the concrete flooring and the steel beams that supported the terrace. An early review led engineers to suspect the collapse was caused by a structural problem, not an overload of people, said Ottawa County Sheriff Craig Emahiser.

"It's going to be a long process before we can tell what exactly happened," Emahiser said.

Workers on Sunday first had to stabilize the remaining walls before anyone could go into the rubble.

"It was just too dangerous to be down in there," the sheriff said. That delay slowed the investigation for a few hours.

Police kept boaters 300 feet from the island as tourists tried to see the damage at the lakefront terrace of the winery's century-old main building, a fortresslike mansion on the National Register of Historic Places.

The collapse left a 16- to 18-foot-wide hole in the floor of the terrace.

The sheriff said the terrace was built in 1964, and he wasn't sure when it was last inspected.

There were a few thousand people at the winery Saturday, but only 100 were on the 25-by-20-foot terrace, said Put-in-Bay Police Chief Jim Lang.

George Prusock, 25, of Mayfield Heights, was attending a bachelor party at the winery.

"It was our buddy's last hurrah before he got married," Prusock said. "The next thing you know, the floor collapsed and he's under the pop machine. The floor just dropped. Nobody had any time to react."

Most people were drinking wine coolers and singing along with a piano player on a nearby stage. "Nobody was dancing in that area, the floor just gave out," Fire Chief Mark Wilhelm said.

House may OK fed gas tax suspension

WASHINGTON (AP) — The House would likely go along if the Senate votes to suspend the 18-cent federal gas tax, but a new way would have to be found to pay for highway construction, the House majority leader says.

At any rate, Rep. Dick Armey said, suspending the tax would be a temporary fix to a permanent problem of high gasoline prices. More helpful would be to augment the natural gas delivery system, deal more forcefully with foreign oil suppliers and cut down on oil imports, he said on "Fox News Sunday."

"Let's look at building natural gas lines so people in the Northeast can be ... heating with good, clean, reliable inexpensive natural gas," said Armey, R-Texas. "Let's have a foreign policy that allows us to get some respect out of the OPEC nations that we deserve — and we fought for, by the way. And then let's ... reduce our domestic dependence on foreign oil."

On the gasoline tax, most of which is supposed to go into a highway trust fund, Armey said a source of replacement money would be an important consideration before the tax could be suspended. Sen. Trent Lott, R-Miss., who controls the flow of legislation in the Senate as majority leader, has said he may have a vote on a suspension suggested by Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison, R-Texas.

"I think the House is willing to do that, but ... we want to do it correctly," Armey said. "And the first thing you have to answer is, 'How do you replenish the highway construction funds?'

"And if we can work out that riddle, I think we'll be able to do that. It will be a good thing to do."

Oil industry believes it would benefit from Bush presidency

WASHINGTON (AP) — While locked in a string of disputes with the Clinton administration, the oil industry has pumped more than $1.5 million into George W. Bush's presidential campaign. Oil companies will be seeking Bush's help on a range of issues, should he be elected.

Recent high gasoline prices have brought energy policy into the campaign as Democratic presidential contender and Vice President Al Gore tries to tar Bush, the Republican governor of Texas, as a pawn of Big Oil. Bush, himself a former oilman from Midland, Texas, says it isn't so.

But across a range of issues — from drilling in an Alaskan wildlife refuge to new rules setting the price of oil taken from federal land to whether to pursue a controversial international agreement on climate control — oil company executives believe Bush and the people he would appoint to key posts will be more receptive to their point of view than President Clinton's team.

In fact, the industry's relationship with the Clinton administration — and Gore himself — has often bordered on hostile. The industry has contributed less than $100,000 to Gore's campaign. Last week, Gore said the nation was "vulnerable to big oil interests trampling on the public interest."

The top priority of oil lobbyists for years has been to open the coastal strip of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge in northern Alaska to drilling. The government says 10 billion barrels of oil likely could be pumped from beneath the coastal plain, which environmentalists view as an ecological sanctuary.

Congress once approved such drilling, but Clinton blocked it. Gore has promised, "I will never agree to oil drilling in the Arctic National Wildlife, never."

But Bush views drilling there as a cornerstone of his goal to reduce America's reliance on foreign oil. "We need to increase domestic exploration," said Bush campaign spokesman Dan Bartlett.

While drilling in the Arctic refuge would be the biggest plum the oil companies could expect from a Bush administration, the industry would likely prevail on other controversial issues.

— The Kyoto Accord:

Environmentalists say U.S. acceptance of the agreement, which requires reductions of heat-trapping "greenhouse" gases to address global warming, would be dead if Bush becomes president. Bush has called it "ineffective" and unfair and would not seek its ratification.

Oil companies have led the fight against the agreement, which Gore was instrumental in crafting at a meeting in Japan more than two years ago. Should the pact be ratified, it would require reductions in carbon dioxide emissions from burning fossil fuels, principally oil and coal.

— Sulfur in gasoline:

For months, oil company lobbyists have argued unsuccessfully with the Environmental Protection Agency over the reduction of sulfur in gasoline and diesel fuel. The EPA has sided with the auto industry and environmentalists and called for almost eliminating sulfur in these fuels as part of the next installment of federal rules to curtail pollution from cars and trucks.

The EPA wants sulfur cut to 30 parts per million in gasoline and 15 parts per million in diesel, more than a 95 percent reduction. The oil companies say such reductions may not be feasible and are too costly. They have offered a cut to 50 parts per million — a level EPA Administrator Carol Browner has insisted would not do the job.

On such regulations Bush "wants to strike the appropriate balance" and be assured "they are based on the most sound and available science," said Bartlett. Bush has said he wants to reduce the sulfur in motor fuels, though Bartlett said he didn't know by how much.

—Valuing the government's oil:

The industry also has been at loggerheads with the administration over royalty payments to the government for oil taken from federal land.

Obituaries

Virgel Fleming

1916-2000

Virgel L. Fleming, retired Texaco employee, died this morning in Covenant Healthcare Center in Lubbock following a lengthy illness.



Virgel Fleming

Funeral service for Mr. Fleming, 84, is set for 2 p.m. Wednesday in the Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home Chapel.

Tom Holcomb, minister of the East Side Church of Christ, will officiate. Burial will follow in Hillside Memorial Gardens.

Born March 12, 1916 in Konawa, Okla., he married Gwen Asher on Jan. 27, 1940 in Lovington, N.M.

Mr. Fleming worked as a pumper for Texaco, retiring in 1982. He was a member of the East Side Church of Christ.

Survivors include his wife, Gwen Fleming of Snyder; two sons, Jerry Fleming of Fort Worth and Ron Fleming and his wife, Kay, of Lubbock; a sister, Lorene Abbott of Olney; four grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

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Peace officers arrest twelve

The weekend was busy for local law enforcement personnel as 12 people were arrested, including one on a felony DWI charge and two as illegal aliens.

Dennis McKee, 51, of 5447 CR 3128, Ira, was taken into custody at 10:34 p.m. Saturday for felony driving while intoxicated. Officers arrested him in the 3100 block of College.

Department of Public Safety troopers took two illegal aliens, ages 23 and 25, into custody at 1:34 p.m. Sunday and transported them to the Law Enforcement Center to be detained for Border Patrol.

Outstanding city warrants for expired driver's license, speeding in a school zone and two counts of failure to appear resulted in the arrest of a 27-year-old female at 9:26 p.m. Saturday. She was picked up in the 3500 block of College.

Officers took two male subjects, ages 22 and 23, into custody at 12:34 a.m. Sunday on North Business Highway 84 for misdemeanor possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia.

A 29-year-old man was jailed for misdemeanor driving while intoxicated early Sunday. Officers arrested him at 1:25 a.m. in the 2500 block of Avenue U.

DPS troopers took a 29-year-old man into custody at 5:39 p.m. Sunday on U.S. Highway 84 for driving while license suspended.

Officers arrested two subjects at 9:15 p.m. Sunday in the 2900 block of Towle Park Road. A 33-year-old man was jailed for public intoxication and possession of drug paraphernalia and a 17-year-old male was jailed for no driver's license and no liability insurance.

At 10:08 p.m. Sunday, officers arrested a 42-year-old man in the 5100 block of College for misdemeanor driving while intoxicated.

A DPS warrant for speeding sent a 28-year-old man to jail at 10:45 p.m. Sunday. Deputies took the subject into custody at Highway 350 and F.M. 1606.

In separate incidents at 1:04 p.m., 1:28 p.m. and 11:36 p.m. Saturday, officers filed offense reports for family violence.

A report for found property was submitted at 11:40 a.m. Sunday in reference to a bicycle that was located in the 3100 block of 42nd Street.

Hospital

ADMISSIONS: June 30—E.L. Jones, Tommie McGinty, Royce Noblette, Sylvia Sanchez, Lela Stevens, Horace Williamson; July 1—Deborah Sturdivant, Ronald Wallace, William Winters, John Zalman III, Barbara Allen, Murry Bell, Lynda Cathey, Felipe DeLeora, Margie Pinkerton; July 2—Eva Alonzo, Martha Davis, Jack Gorman and Lindsey Jackson.

DISMISSALS: June 30—Melanie Alarcon, Alarcon boy, Kellie Babb, Babb boy, Jennifer Newman, Mary Peterson, Refugia Rodriguez; July 1—Nicole Murray, Murray girl, Sherri Loyola, Loyola boy, Horace Williamson, Ronald Wallace, John Zalman III, Barbara Allen, Delbert Jones, Royce Noblette, Margie Pinkerton, Sylvia Sanchez, Lela Stevens; July 2—E.L. Jones, Tommie McGinty, Deborah Sturdivant, Murry Bell, Lynda Cathey and Felipe DeLeora.

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events

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ONGOINGS

Bible study tapes

Bible study tapes air each week on Channel 2. To be shown at 7 this evening is "Fulfilling the Law of Christ," followed by "Apocalypse in 2000?"

Lions Club meeting

Snyder Lions Club will not meet Tuesday. The next meeting will be Tuesday, July 11, at Martha Ann's Woman's Club.

FBC worship service

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

SHS class of 1940

The SHS class of 1940 will have a meeting at Marion Cochran's home, 2802 32nd St., at 4 p.m. Thursday to plan a class reunion.

True West

"True West," will be presented at 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday at Worsham Auditorium. Tickets are $5 each. The play features Snyder High School graduates, Kevin Alejandro and Stephen Taylor, who are also directing and producing. Proceeds will benefit the Jerry Worsham Scholarship Fund.

Teen Center fundraiser

Teen Center of the Boys and Girls Club will sponsor a BBQ and country dance Friday at Snyder Country Club. The dinner begins at 6 p.m. followed by the dance around 8:30. Dinner only is $6 and the dance only is $4. Tickets are available at the Boys and Girls Club. For more information call 573-3344.

Discovery School fundraiser

Super Sub sandwiches will be sold Sunday, July 9, from noon until 1:30 p.m. at First United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall to benefit Discovery School. Tickets for advance orders can be purchased at the church office. For more information, call Barbara at 573-4770.

Class of 1980 reunion

The Snyder High School Class of 1980 will have its reunion and dinner at 6:30 p.m. Saturday, July 22, at Snyder Country Club. Anyone planning to attend must RSVP by next Monday.

Social Security reps

Social Security representatives will be the Snyder Senior Citizens Center, 2603 Ave. M, on Tuesday, July 11. Hours are 10 a.m. until noon and 1-2 p.m.

LVN class testing

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

GED exams

GED examinations will be administered July 13 and July 27 in the testing center at WTC. Call Emily Hataway at 574-2112 or Molly Kattes at 573-2919 for more information.

Computer courses

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

WTC basic education classes

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

Cancer treatment transportation

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

Pick 3

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

7-6-9

Lotto Texas

AUSTIN (AP) — No winning ticket was sold for the Lotto Texas game on Saturday, state lottery officials said.

A winning ticket would have been worth $4 million.

Wednesday night's drawing will be worth an estimated $6 million.

Numbers drawn Saturday night were 7, 8, 28, 40, 43 and 49.

Tall ships gearing up for nautical July 4th events

NEW YORK (AP) — One by one, hundreds of tall ships, sailboats and military vessels are making their way to New York Harbor for the city's nautical Fourth of July extravaganza.

The aircraft carrier USS John F. Kennedy joined the armada Sunday, dropping anchor near the Statue of Liberty.

Some 150 tall ships from 23 countries and 25 naval ships from 14 nations are expected for an 11-mile military review and tall ship parade down the Hudson River on Tuesday. President Clinton plans to review the military ships from the missile cruiser USS Hue City, then board the USS Kennedy for the tall ships' "parade of sail."

"There's no question that this will be the largest assemblage ever of tall ships and naval vessels," said Greg Perrin, an organizer.

As the USS Kennedy sailed into port, the skies over the harbor were abuzz with helicopters, and white-uniformed sailors joined the throng of seafarers taking part in Operation Sail 2000 and International Naval Review 2000.

The Hue City steamed up the harbor late Sunday, bound for a Hudson River pier near the Intrepid, a famed World War II carrier turned military museum.

About 150 miles to the northeast, in the seaport in Mystic, Conn., a replica of the 19th-century slave ship Amistad set sail for the New York Harbor celebration on its maiden voyage.

"It's a joy to sail," said the ship's captain, William Pinkney. "It doesn't take a lot of wind to get her moving. That she is responsive is what you want a sailboat to be."