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Clinton OKs fire emergency in Texas, offers federal help

WASHINGTON (AP) — With Texas dry as a tinderbox from a scorching heat wave that won't lift, President Clinton on Tuesday declared an emergency and ordered federal assistance to help combat existing wildfires and prevent future outbreaks.

The president's action came after requests for assistance from Texas Gov. George W. Bush and other state officials, as well as a determination by the Federal Emergency Management Agency that an "extreme threat" exists in populated areas because of a recent outbreak of wildfires.

"I am concerned about the high risk for fires," Bush said. "And this preventive effort will go a long way toward putting people and equipment in place so any fires that break out can be contained quickly."

Under the declaration, 70 percent of the state's costs in fighting fires in Southwest Texas' Edwards and Real counties, West Texas' Presidio and Jeff Davis counties; and Central Texas' Falls County, will be picked up by Washington under FEMA's fire suppression grant program.

The federal government also will pay for three-quarters of the cost of prepositioning personnel and firefighting equipment in strategic areas where the risk of fire is extremely high — a process used successfully in 1996 to help minimize conflagrations.

"We learned some valuable lessons in 1996," said Texas Division of Emergency Management state coordinator Tom Millwee. "One was that the better prepared we are to fight fires, the better are our abilities to reduce damage and loss as well as the cost of fighting large fires."

Drought-fueled fires have caused 115 counties to put burn bans in effect. State officials estimate that over 143,000 acres have burned since May 1.

Vice President Al Gore, who travels Thursday to El Paso, praised the president's emergency declaration.

"With these additional resources, we can help Texas firefighters prepare for the dangerous fire season ahead," Gore said. "We extend our deepest appreciation to the firefighters who are tirelessly working in daunting conditions of 100-degree heat."

While welcoming the assistance, some lawmakers believe Washington could do more.

Sen. Phil Gramm, R-Texas, on Tuesday introduced a non-binding Senate resolution urging the Agriculture Department to provide "timely assistance" to Texas farmers and ranchers struggling with the drought. In the resolution, cosponsored by Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison, R-Texas, Gramm noted that drought-related losses are estimated to cause at least a $1.7 billion hit to the Texas economy.

The resolution wasn't expected to come up for a vote before Wednesday.

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "Parents learn to appreciate teachers the most during summer vacation."

We wonder if they have a merit badge for writing home from camp.

Fido is not actually 'ruffing' it at Dog Scout Camp, located on Lake Gregory, north of Detroit.

The camp (this is for real) is one of several aimed at humans who feel guilty going on vacation while their four-footed family members are caged up in a kennel.

Even the owners can become a happy camper. One, Camp Gone to the Dogs, in Putney, Vt., charges about $1,000 a week for recreational sessions where pets and their owners square dance, stage kissing contests and play frisbee.

But merit badges can be earned at Dog Scout Camp. Canine campers can get badges for mastering the art of picking up aluminum cans. Merit badges are also available for water safety and hiking.

Dogs can hike long distances carrying minature backpacks equipped with compasses, first-aid kits and maps. We want to meet the mutt who masters map reading.

But it's not all work. Dogs and their masters also canoe and enjoy snacks by the campfires and attend lectures. It is reported that the talk on wolves and their hybrids is especially popular.

Dogs with gentle temperaments can earn recognition as therapy dogs for nursing homes and hospitals. The camp can also help hone skills for assisting the disabled.

Dog Scout Camp costs about half of what Camp Gone to the Dogs charges. An extra week-long session has been added next month to meet the demand.

Dogs bunk three to a cabin and each dog either shares its owner's bed or sleeps on a special blanket brought from home. The mess hall dishes up human food, and dogs can decide whether to wag their tails in approval.

The camp also offers typical arts and crafts activities. Some make clay imprints of their pet's paw. Another taped a paintbrush to her sheepdog's paw and liked the resulting painting so much that it now hangs in her den.

Such a camp may sound rather expensive, but there is a way to bring down the cost. One camper and its owner got a discount by selling dog scout cookies at 50 cents a box. Profits go to the dogs.

Hospital board to get audit report Thursday

Cogdell Hospital's board of managers will consider the approval of the hospital's 1997 audit report when it meets Thursday at 8 a.m.

A representative of Condley & Co. presented the audit to the county commissioners last week, and will do so Thursday morning at the hospital board meeting.

The board will also hear the medical staff report from Dr. Gary Nussey and review the May financial report

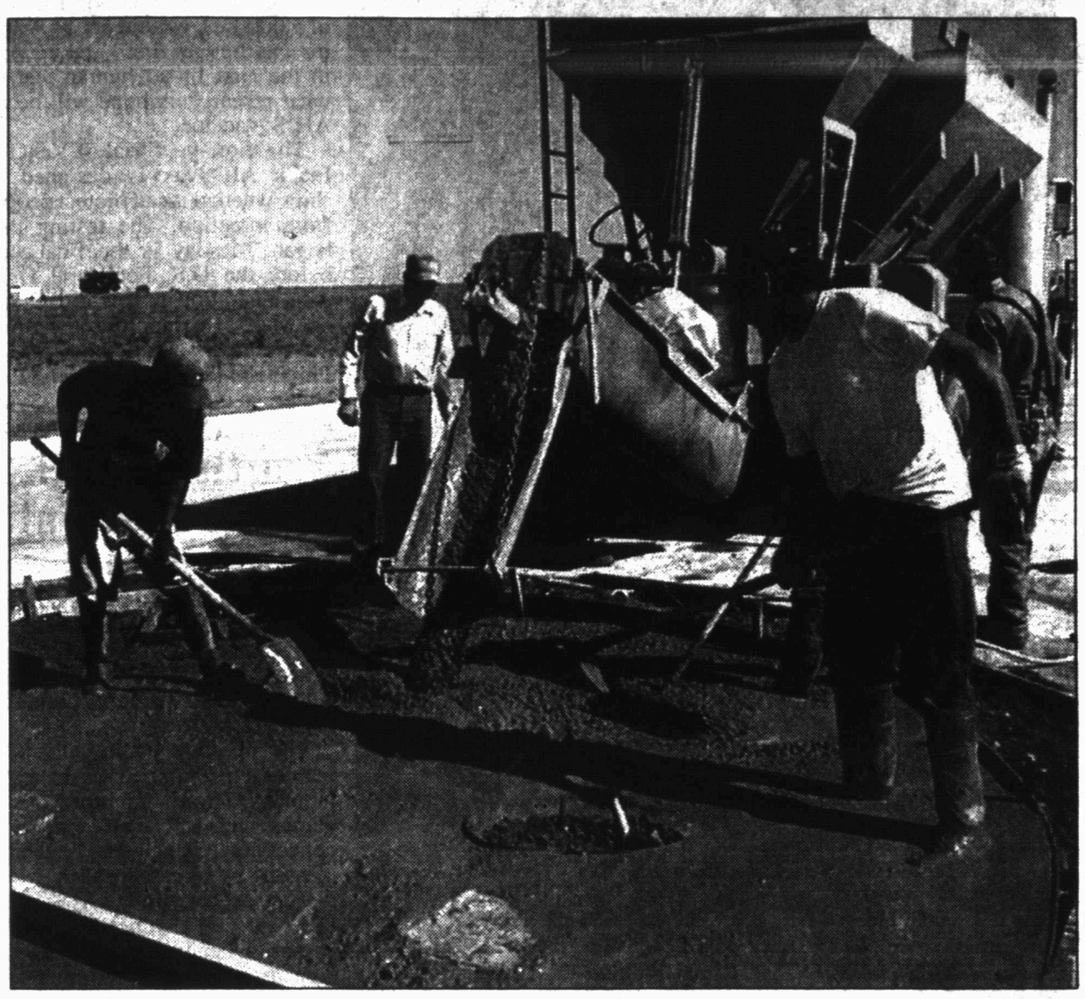
The meeting will be held in the hospital board room.

Ira water curtailment urged

Customers of the Ira Water Supply Corporation in Ira, Dunn and Roundtop Acres are urged to curtail water useage the remainder of the week.

Work within the distribution system continues, and water pressure is not as high as it normally is, said officials of the water district.

LIBRARY TOUR — Beverly Mitchell, bookkeeper at Snyder Concrete Co., told the various steps of making concrete to children and parents attending the Scurry County Library summer reading program. Library participants walked to the business and back from the library at 1916 23rd Street. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)



LANDSCAPING KICKS OFF — Javar Ramos, Bo Jackson, Manuel Rodriquez and Bernard Pewitt with Jackson Bro. Construction of Post, poured concrete this morning at the SnTx Industrial Park entrance. The company, a subcontractor for Tom's Tree Place, was pouring a base which will include a 60-foot flag pole to be set Friday. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Clinton leaves for China, but controversy surrounds trip

WASHINGTON (AP) — Leaving on an increasingly controversial mission to China, President Clinton said today he hoped a flap over three journalists being denied visas would not endanger efforts on nonproliferation and the detargeting of nuclear missiles.

"I hope that we can deal with all these issues independently," Clinton told reporters after signing a child-support bill this morning.

"I think the Chinese understand, as we do, that we've got a big common stake in a nonproliferation agreement for weapons of mass destruction. ... So I would think that they would not let this get in the way of what is in their self-interest, just as I won't let them get in the way of what is in the interest of the United States."

As for an agreement to point Chinese missiles away from U.S. cities, Clinton said, "I hope we can do that, but I don't know yet. I don't have an announcement to make."

He squeezed in an Oval Office interview with the three Radio Free Asia journalists before his late-morning departure in order, he said, to "send a clear signal that we don't believe ideas need visas and that we support freedom of the press in our country."

Over the weekend, China's communist government canceled visas for the three RFA employees who had planned to travel with the White House and cover Clinton's historic trip — the first of an American president since the 1989 Tiananmen Square massacre.

Clinton, who for weeks has had to defend the trip against stiff criticism from congressional Republicans and human rights advocates, also rebuffed calls from House Speaker Newt Gingrich, R-Ga., that Clinton face down what the speaker called China's "censorship" by taking the RFA reporters as personal guests on Air Force One.

"I intend to press this issue by doing the interview," said Clinton, who invited news cameras to photograph the session.

Asked if he would concede to pressure from human rights groups and meet there with Chinese dissidents, the president said, "I am going to see a number of people from different elements of Chinese society, and I am going to do what I think is best to promote the cause of human rights."

Overnight, U.S. Ambassador James Sasser "delivered a strong demarche" to Vice Foreign Minister Yang Wang and unsuccessfully pressed Beijing to reverse the visa denial, White House spokesman Joe Lockhart said. Lockhart, as if to play down any affront to Americans' free-press values, pointed out that Radio Free Asia is funded by a U.S. government agency.

The president, who left from the White House South Lawn with his wife, Hillary, and their daughter Chelsea, for the nine-day trip said: "I want and I hope that this trip will not only allow me to learn more about China and allow the American people to learn more about China, but help me to explain America — and what we believe in and why — to not only the government but the people of China."

The president's itinerary, all dates EDT:

—Thursday, June 25: President welcomed by people of Xian at South Gate of Old City; visits village of Xia He; visits site of discovery of the Terra Cotta Warriors outside of Xian.

—Friday, June 26: Welcomed in state arrival ceremony by President Jiang Zemin at the Great Hall of the People, on the edge of Tiananmen Square, in Beijing; meets with Jiang and senior officials in the Great Hall of the People. Clinton and Jiang hold news conference.

—Saturday, June 27: State banquet at Great Hall of the People; attends services at Chongwenmen Church.

—Sunday, June 28: Visits Forbidden City and Great Wall of China; addresses students and community of Peking University.

—Monday, June 29: Arrives in Shanghai, stays overnight. Meets with community leaders from Shanghai area.

—Tuesday, June 30: Mayor of Shanghai hosts reception at Shanghai Museum; Clinton addresses U.S. business leaders; lunches with young entrepreneurs from Shanghai area.

—Wednesday, July 1: Meets with new homeowners, builders and mortgage bankers. Flies to Guilin; discusses environment with Guilin residents.

—Thursday, July 2: Tours the Guilin Peaks along Li River. Visits village of Yangshou. Flies to Hong Kong; addresses business and local leaders of Hong Kong; holds news conference.

—Friday, July 3: Departs en route Andrews Air Force Base.

Man arrested in forgery

A 30-year-old Snyder man was booked into Scurry County jail Tuesday afternoon following his arrest in Amarillo on four warrants issued after he was indicted by the June session of the Scurry County grand jury.

Geronimo Costillo of 2807 Ave. U was indicted for four counts of forgery on checks he had written on the E.L. Farmer and Co. agent's account.

Bond was set at $5,000 on each count.

He is charged with writing checks for $465 on April 29 and May 4, and two checks for the same amount on May 5.

Costillo has been previously convicted of forgery in Randall County, delivery of a controlled substance in Randall County and twice for burglary of a building in Potter County.

ASK US

Q—What kind of business will be in the building under construction at the corner of College Avenue and 22nd Street?

A—A beauty shop. The building permit was issued to Chris Palacios.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Tuesday, 100; low, 76; 7 a.m. Wednesday, 77; no precipitation; total for 1998, 5.57 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, clear. Low, mid 70s. S-SE wind 10-20 mph. Thursday, sunny. High around 103. S wind 10-20 mph.

Colton West
Sunny

Sunset: 8:52 p.m.
Sunrise: 6:41 a.m.
Of 174 days in 1998, the sun has shone 172 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

Genius is perseverance in disguise.

Mike Newlin

JUN 24 1998

PASSING THE BATON — Laura Boyd hands the baton to Jennifer Campbell during one of East's play day relay races. (Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

Landmark AIDS vaccine trial begins

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Dr. Mark Watkins volunteered to contribute to science, whether the needle stuck in his arm was pumping a placebo into his body or copies of a protein envelope that covers the AIDS virus.

Petr Pronsati simply wanted to give people hope.

The men were among the first of 5,000 U.S. volunteers — Watkins was the very first — taking part in the first broad human test of what researchers hope will be an AIDS vaccine.

The three-year trial of VaxGen Inc.'s AIDSvax is designed to show whether it can protect people from infection. The testing that began Tuesday is the final step before the U.S. Food and Drug Administration makes a decision on whether to approve the drug.

Volunteers like the 150 in Philadelphia are injected with either a placebo or AIDSvax, which scientists say isn't dangerous because it is not a live strain of the AIDS virus. Trials begin later this year in more than 30 U.S. cities, including New York, San Francisco, Baltimore, Chicago, Denver, Los Angeles and St. Louis.

The tests are open to people considered to be at high risk of contracting the virus, such as gay men and women whose sexual partners are infected. Many volunteers are veterans of the fight against AIDS; of the volunteers here, Watkins and Pronsati are among those who are gay.

"In treating HIV patients, I realize the devastation this disease causes, and I thought this was a worthwhile trial," said Watkins, a 38-year-old physician who specializes in patients with AIDS.

Pronsati, who works for the AIDS awareness clinic Philadelphia FIGHT, said he volunteered and agreed to be in the media spotlight to "give hope to people."

"I think it's great that people see there is something being worked on and people see the faces of people involved," he said.

Volunteers will be given a series of shots, undergo periodic blood tests and discuss their sex lives with researchers. Study organizers are also seeking permission from the Thai Health Ministry to inject 2,500 high-risk people in Thailand.

In a speech last year, President Clinton called for an AIDS vaccine in the next decade, saying it could be the country's next "moon shot."

Some 25 potential vaccines have been tested worldwide, but none has advanced to this larger-scale testing, known as a Phase III trial. Researchers are testing some of the other formulas for safety and immune response, with varying success rates.

Many researchers and volunteers think the government is moving too slowly in a world where an estimated 16,000 people are infected with HIV each day. They support tests using live HIV.

One group, the International Association of Physicians in AIDS Care, has proposed injections of a live but weakened strain of HIV, raising the possibility of contracting AIDS. That plan is under review by the FDA.

VaxGen is using copies of the outer coating of the AIDS virus to try to stimulate the immune system to fight off the most common subtypes of the AIDS virus. Two different formulas will be used to fight strains found in the United States and those that are predominant in Southeast Asia.

Many U.S. scientists are skeptical because AIDSvax is based on gp120, a vaccine the National Institutes of Health decided was too weak to study in 1994. But VaxGen said AIDSvax improves on gp120.

Smaller AIDSvax tests showed 99.5 percent of vaccinated people produced strong levels of antibodies, immune system cells that can target and kill infection, VaxGen chief operating officer Daniel Reiner said.

While early vaccine research focused on producing antibodies, many scientists now believe antibodies alone won't work. They also want a vaccine to create lymphocytes, another important immune system cell.

Newer vaccine candidates now in Phase II testing are considered promising for both protections. These include vaccines made from DNA, or the genetic code of the virus.

Youth Gospel Music Festival slated Aug. 1

A Youth Gospel Music Festival sponsored by the Ambassadors on Wheels has been scheduled for August 1 at Eagle's Landing, southwest of Abilene.

The one-day youth rally will feature live Christian music, testimonies from motorcyclists, games and activities, food and concession and an evening message by a guest speaker.

The cost per youth is $10.

Youth will also need to have a parent or guardian fill out and sign a release form. Forms and more information can be obtained by calling Robert Essery at 573-1218 and the Ambassadors ask that you reply by July 15.

The Ambassadors on Wheels is an interdenominational chapter of the Christian Motorcyclists Association in Abilene. Its ministry targets other bikers and motorcyclists.

Alzheimer's workshop set Friday in Abilene

ABILENE — The Alzheimer's Association of West Central Texas will present a workshop for caregivers on Friday, from 1-4 p.m. at the Activity Building at Minter Lane Church of Christ, 2502 Minter Lane.

The workshop, entitled "A Breath of Fresh Air," will be presented by Bill and Lyn Roche, both children of Alzheimer's victims.

There is no charge for the workshop and no advance registration is required. Attendees will receive a 10-page handout containing reality checks, networking resources, self-care considerations, time-outs and things that work.

In addition, participants will receive other helpful literature from the Alzheimer's Association.

Though the workshop is designed primarily for family caregivers of dementia patients, healthcare professionals and other interested persons are welcome to attend.

The program is sponsored by the Alzheimer's Association of West Central Texas and made possible by the Texas Department on Aging and the West Central Texas Area Agency on Aging. For additional information, call the Alzheimer's Association at 915-672-2907 or 888-511-4132.

AT&T agrees to buy TCI

NEW YORK (AP) — In a bid to expand its reach to millions of customers, AT&T Corp. announced today it is buying Tele-Communications Inc. for $32 billion, a deal that would pair two of the nation's largest telecommunications and cable television companies.

The all-stock transaction would allow AT&T to provide digital and Internet services to TCI's 14 million cable customers across the United States. AT&T is the nation's largest telecom company; TCI has access to millions of homes in dozens of states.

In addition to paying $32 billion in stock, AT&T would assume $16 billion of TCI's debt.

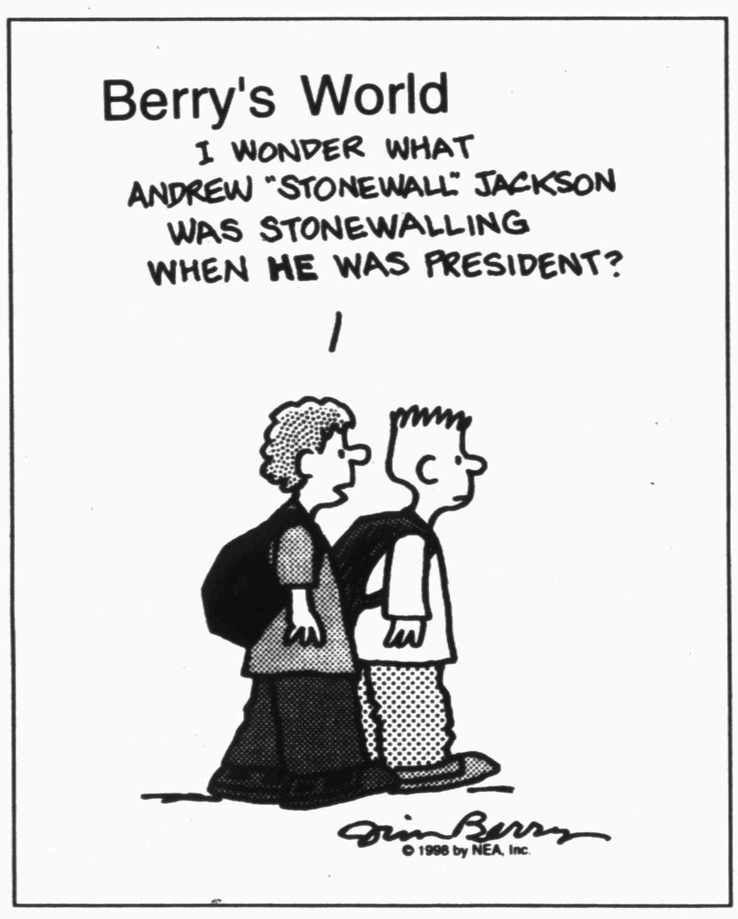
The deal must be approved by stockholders and government regulators.

AT&T Chairman C. Michael Armstrong has promised to beef up the company's weak spots and branch out into new areas. Faced with stiff competition in its traditional long-distance market, AT&T is hoping to get into local phone service and Internet-related businesses.

Getting access to TCI's cable customers would be a major step toward that goal. Eventually, it could give AT&T the ability to offer local phone service through TCI's existing cable hook-ups to customers' homes.

"Today we're beginning to answer a big part of the question about how we will provide local service to U.S. consumers," Armstrong said in announcing the deal.

Despite a 1996 federal law intended to open up local phone markets to new competition, AT&T and other long-distance companies largely have sat on the sidelines.



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IRS again trying to upgrade computer system

WASHINGTON (AP) — The IRS is making another stab at modernizing its aging computer system, after spending $3.3 billion on a failed upgrade over the past decade.

Looking for a piece of the action on the new multibillion-dollar effort are Lockheed Martin and other companies that pocketed millions on the earlier project.

Lockheed was the main contractor on the Document Processing System, a gigantic project to electronically scan and store tax forms. Canceled in October 1996 after $251 million was spent, DPS was one of more than two dozen computer modernization projects on which the tax agency spent $3.3 billion over 10 years.

The agency says that this time it has a detailed blueprint, and contractors must share in the financial risk of failure.

The IRS blames itself for the failure of the earlier effort. But internal audits and documents reviewed by The Associated Press tell a more complicated story.

Lockheed provided more optimistic estimates of labor savings from DPS than the tax agency estimated, the documents show.

And at a time the DPS project was under growing criticism, Lockheed and Bernard Schwartz, chairman of Loral Corp., engaged in a lobbying effort to save the scanner.

Schwartz is a major Democratic campaign contributor who, along with his company, is being investigated in a separate matter concerning assistance to China's missile program. He has denied any wrongdoing.

Lockheed and other contractors that worked on the earlier computer upgrade are seeking a piece of the new PRIME Integration Services Contract, which the IRS will award later this year.

The new contract calls for having private corporations design and build a streamlined computerized tax administration system. Total cost of the 15-year project isn't known yet, but the first phase has an estimate of $709 million. The IRS calls it "the single largest systems integration undertaking in the world."

Lockheed strongly defends its role in the earlier, $1.3 billion DPS contract that it took over when it acquired Loral in 1996.

"The project was on schedule and under cost," said Terrance M. Drabant, president of Lockheed Martin Mission Systems. The company tried to find ways to reduce the project's cost as Congress moved to cut the IRS computer modernization budget, he added.

Schwartz made a similar pitch to Treasury Secretary Robert Rubin. "DPS is a major software development success story for the IRS and the Treasury," according to a Lockheed briefing paper Schwartz sent to Rubin on Sept. 24, 1996.

Former IRS Commissioner Margaret Richardson laughed when she heard that description. "Well, I don't think so," she said.

Congress sharply cut back computer modernization dollars after finding the IRS would have to sink billions more into DPS and other projects to have them work. Also hampering the last computer upgrade was a lack of technical expertise at the IRS, poor management and trouble with pilot projects.

In October 1995, an internal IRS audit from Dallas called for cancellation of DPS. In April 1996, Richardson put the project under special review, and a month later the IRS slashed the $1.2 million weekly spending to $700,000.

Despite the efforts of Schwartz and Drabant, Rubin supported the IRS' decision to terminate DPS in October 1996, while keeping the remaining part of the contract open for future work to fix part of the IRS' computer problems for the year 2000.

"The decision was a difficult one, given present and future budget realities. However, this is an investment IRS cannot currently afford," Rubin wrote to Schwartz on Oct. 28, 1996.

Internal IRS documents raise questions about a Lockheed forecast of cost savings — "a far more favorable return on the investment than IRS projections," according to a Sept. 6, 1996, IRS review of the DPS.

Court rules lawyer can't try to oust Kenneth Starr

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP) — A lawyer who wants to oust Whitewater prosecutor Kenneth Starr from the President Clinton investigation doesn't have the legal clout to do it, a federal appeals court has ruled.

A three-judge panel of the 8th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruled Tuesday that Frank Mandanici, a Connecticut lawyer, may inform the court of alleged misconduct but may not try to remove Starr over the prosecutor's purported conflicts of interest.

Mandanici said he will appeal the decision to the U.S. Supreme Court.

He had argued that Starr had a conflict because Richard Mellon Scaife, a newspaper publisher, donated more than $1 million to Pepperdine University, which offered Starr a job. The prosecutor accepted, then later turned the post down after Democrats made an issue of the Scaife connection.

Mandanici said the connection makes Starr beholden to Scaife and other critics of Clinton.

In order to pursue many legal claims, a person must have what the law calls "standing," a direct stake or tangible interest in the matter before the court. Lawyers for Starr successfully argued that Mandanici did not have standing because he was not involved in the investigation and did not suffer any harm as a result of Starr's alleged conduct.

Circuit Judge Theodore McMillian wrote in the opinion that Mandanici's allegations involving Starr and Pepperdine could, if proven, create the "appearance of a personal conflict of interest." The other judges declined to join that portion of the ruling.

The judges were unanimous in finding that Mandanici had no standing to pursue his claims.

Mandanici's efforts against Starr date to September 1994, a month after a three-judge panel appointed Starr to replace Independent Counsel Robert Fiske. Mandanici had tried to pursue a conflict of interest complaint against the panel's lead judge, U.S. Circuit Judge David Sentelle, who had had lunch with a Republican senator who wanted to replace Fiske.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

North 06-24-98
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♥ A 5 4 2
♦ 6 2
♣ A K 5

West
♠ 6 3 2
♥ 10 7
♦ A Q 10 8
♣ Q J 10 8

East
♠ 7 5
♥ Q J 9 8
♦ 7 4 3
♣ 9 6 4 3

South
♠ A Q 10 8
♥ K 6 3
♦ K J 9 5
♣ 7 2

Vulnerable: Neither
Dealer: South

South	West	North	East
1 ♦	Pass	1 ♥	Pass
1 ♠	Pass	4 ♠	All pass

Opening lead: ??

Which lead to make

By Phillip Alder

Henry Brooks Adams, an American historian, wrote, "The difference is slight, to the influence of an author, whether he is read by five hundred readers, or by five hundred thousand; if he can select the five hundred, he reaches the five hundred thousand." Of course, his royalty check might be somewhat larger from 500,000, but they didn't worry so much about that sort of thing in those days (1907).

A reader from Fort Pierce, Fla., who requested anonymity, sent me this deal. He had been West, on lead against four spades, and asked what he should have selected as his lead. Well, what would have been your choice?

North probably felt that his second-round raise to four spades was a slight underbid, but what else could he do?

West led the club queen. Declarer won in the dummy and played a diamond, which West won. West switched to a trump, but it was too late. South won in the dummy and lost another diamond trick to West. Back came a second trump, but declarer got two diamond ruffs in the dummy. His 10 winners were four spades, two hearts, two clubs and two diamond ruffs.

"Was the club queen such a bad lead?" my correspondent asked. True, it was superficially attractive and, I suppose, might not have been fatal on a different layout. However, with his strong diamonds over South's first-bid suit, West should have led a *trump*. And he should have kept leading trumps every time he won a diamond trick. Then South would have obtained only one diamond ruff and finished one down. He would have lost one heart and *three* diamond tricks.

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Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

Junk-Mail Solicitation Could End Up on Credit-Card Bill

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DEAR ABBY: Certain credit-card companies have adopted a practice that you and your readers need to be made aware of. An advertiser sent me some junk mail sponsored by a credit card that I owned. It concerned a 50 percent discount in green fees at selected golf courses. Since it was junk mail, I glanced at it and threw it out.

About a month later, a charge that I didn't recognize appeared on my credit-card statement. I called the credit-card company to have it removed from my bill. It turned out to be from the advertiser who had sent the junk mail about saving money at certain golf courses. The credit-card representative then informed me that this company had an agreement with them that silence means acceptance. In other words, somewhere in the small print in the junk mail, it stated that if I chose *not* to accept this offer I'd have to notify them; otherwise my credit card would automatically be billed!

I think this practice is sleazy, immoral and should be illegal. Please warn your readers that they must thoroughly read all junk mail sponsored or endorsed by credit-card companies.

DISGUSTED IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR DISGUSTED: I, too, think the practice should be illegal. But until it is, you're absolutely right: The only protection a credit-card holder has is to carefully scrutinize mailings that have been authorized by their credit-card company. The only alternative would be to cancel the card and find a company that doesn't use these tactics.

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DEAR ABBY: It may seem unfair for a fourth-grade boy to be shunned by the boys in his new neighborhood, but I see another course of action for his mother to take that might provide a possible solution. At this child's age, it is important for his parents to become acquainted with his potential playmates and their parents. Why not suggest to the mother who wrote you that the newcomer *parents* take the initiative and invite the neighbor boys to come to his home to play?

I am the mother of five (now grown) children, who are less than seven years apart in age. After school, playtime at our home (or elsewhere) had rules and limits for the children's safety and my sanity.

Shortly after moving to Texas, our youngest, "Betty," who was in the third grade, asked if she could accept an invitation to play at "Donna's" house. Donna didn't live in our immediate neighborhood and I didn't know her parents, so I suggested that Donna come to our home to play. I phoned her mother, who insisted that the girls play there. The invitations pingponged several times before both of us admitted that we were just cautious about unfamiliar households.

I don't remember who went to which house first, but Donna and Betty became good friends – and my husband and I have enjoyed knowing Donna's family.

The mother of the new kid on the block is herself new on the block, and she should be willing (even eager) to become better acquainted with her neighbors.

TEXAS GRANNY

DEAR TEXAS GRANNY: Thank you for sharing your experience with that young man's mother, as well as any other parent whose child is in the same situation. If the problem can be resolved as simply as this mother reaching out to other mothers in the neighborhood, I'm sure your letter will encourage her to do so.

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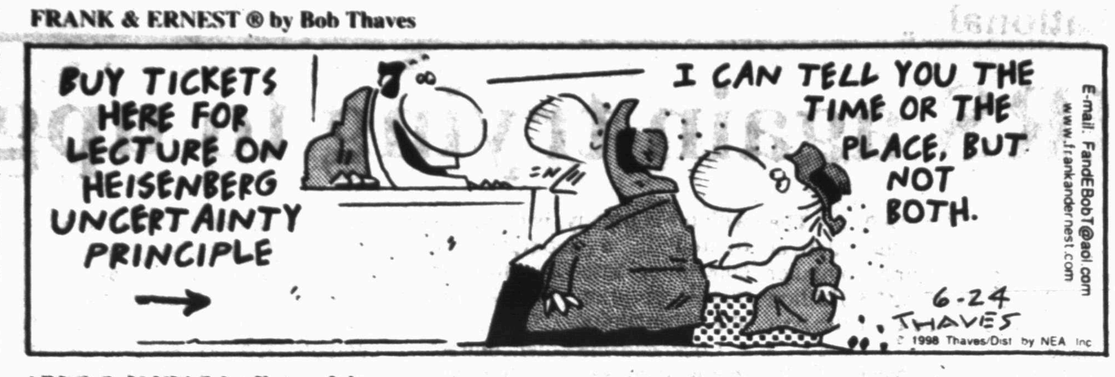

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14 Jimmy Carter's hometown
15 Charters
16 Acts like a ghost
17 Here, Henri
18 Indignation
20 Vegas cube
21 Western marsh plant
23 Neither's partner
24 Composer Jerome —
25 Attention-getting sound
27 Stick together
29 Use a straw
31 Charged particle
32 Wide shoe size
33 Lion's home
34 Gloria Swanson movie, — Boulevard
37 Ninth mo.
40 Citizen —
41 CD- —
43 Italian currency
45 Yes, Pierre
46 Soap ingredient
47 Short sleep
48 Busy
51 Knowing (obs.)
54 Departs
55 Comfort
56 Strong points
57 Shouter

DOWN

1 Banana — summer
2 Optic applicator
3 Nature paths
4 — the season
5 Parisian
6 Lacquer ingredient
7 Round object
8 Guido's high note
9 Greek letter
10 Flammable material
11 Whole
12 German city
19 Fabulous bird
22 Ancient Jewish ascetic
24 Dog hotel
26 Neckwear
28 Garden tools
30 Matchless
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35 Famous quarterback Johnny —
36 Doll, e.g.
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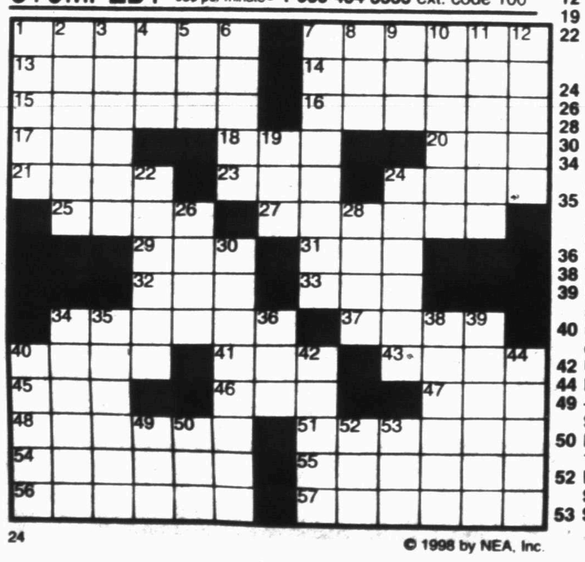

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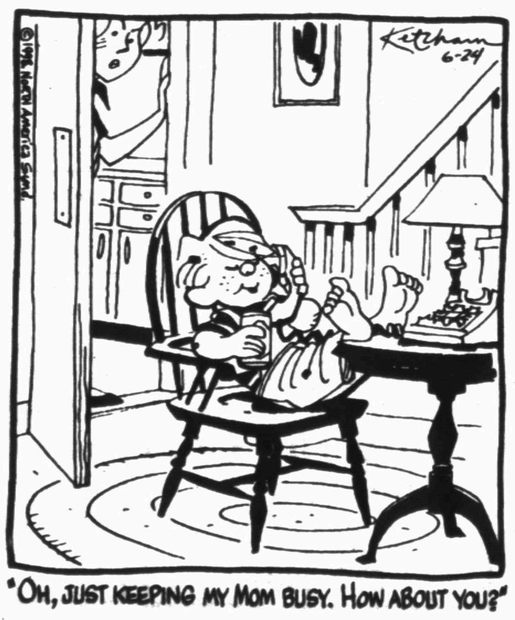


"OH, JUST KEEPING MY MOM BUSY. HOW ABOUT YOU?"

SPORTS

Sele breezes to 11th victory; Rangers skin Diamondbacks

ARLINGTON (AP) — Aaron Sele had no trouble becoming the first 11-game winner in the major leagues.

Sele took advantage of 19 hits by his teammates as the Texas Rangers rolled to a 16-5 rout of the Arizona Diamondbacks on Tuesday night.

"We put up a bunch of runs and I hope we can keep it going," Sele said. "I was fortunate to get big run support. All I'm worried about is giving the team a chance to win every time out."

Sele (11-4) went seven innings, allowing four runs and 10 hits. He also struck out eight as the Rangers snapped a three-game losing streak.

The Rangers started the night searching for offense after being shut out for the first time in 91 games Monday night.

But Juan Gonzalez and Rusty Greer keyed an 11-run fifth inning that sealed the outcome. A two-run double by Gonzalez increased his major league-leading RBI total to 91, and Greer added a three-run homer.

"The hitters were in a slump, that's what everybody wanted to talk about last night," Rangers manager Johnny Oates said. "But over 162 games, this ballclub will score runs. We scored 16 runs, but Juan Gonzalez only drove in two. That's big news. We had production from everybody in the lineup."

Roberto Kelly added a pair of RBI singles in the fifth, and Will Clark had an RBI double in the inning, when the Rangers sent 14 batters to the plate.

Texas, a 6-0 loser to Arizona on Monday night, had nine hits in an inning for the seventh time in club history, and the 11-run inning matched the third-biggest ever for the Rangers.

"You'd like to plug the dam, but it snowballed from there," Diamondbacks manager Buck Showalter said. "We didn't pitch too well. Compound that with the type of offensive team we played and there's a chance to score some runs. We didn't get it done."

Kelly went 4-for-5 with three RBIs and a solo homer, and Ivan Rodriguez also went 4-for-5 for Texas. Greer went 3-for-5 with three RBIs, Clark also drove in three runs, and Mike Simms added a two-run homer.

The Rangers scored three or fewer runs in four of their previous six games. Texas was batting .241 in its past 11 games to lower the team batting average from .300 to .291, its lowest since April 9.

"We made adjustments at the plate," Simms said. "We tried to be more patient, and it paid off. It was great to come back like that after getting shut out yesterday."

Arizona starter Brian Anderson (5-7) allowed 10 runs and eight hits in four innings.

The Rangers took a 4-1 lead in the second on Simms' two-run blast. The Diamondbacks cut it to 4-3 on Devon White's RBI double in the third and Karim Garcia's run-scoring single in the fourth, but Texas then put the game away in the fifth.

Arizona scored a run in the sixth on Sele's bases-loaded wild pitch, and Dave Dellucci hit a solo homer for the Diamondbacks in the sixth.

Cubs catch County crown

ROTAN — In their final game of the year, the Cubs made sure they went out with a roar.

The Snyder Major Little League champions belted out 15 hits Tuesday, including a Jed Martin grand-slam home run, en route to capturing the County Tournament title, 17-5, over Colorado City.

Martin's base-clearing smash came as part of a seven-run sixth inning, after Marcus Villarreal had homered for a 3-0 lead in the top of the second.

"I'm very proud of this group of guys," Cubs' coach Rick Martin said. "They've been a class act all season long."

With the score knotted at 4-4 to begin the fifth, Snyder went to work.

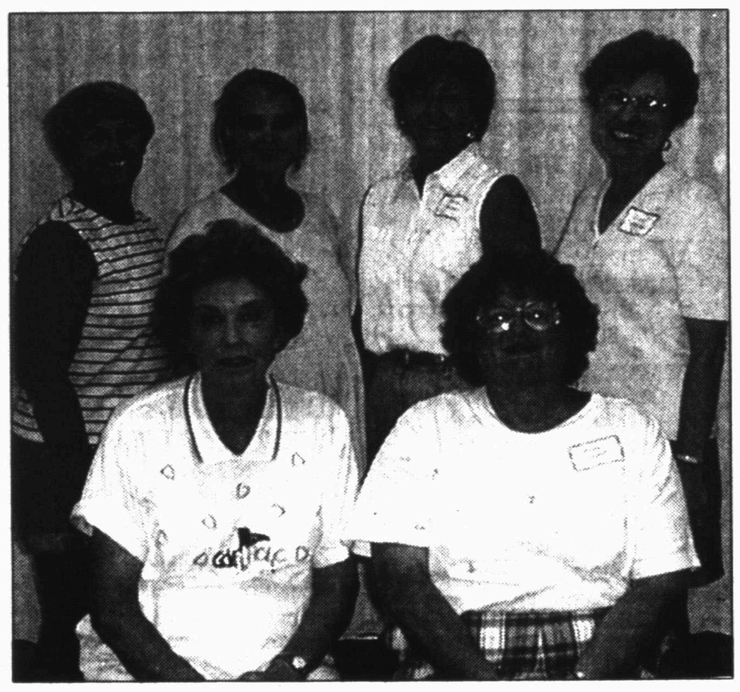
The Cubs slapped three base hits and used two errors to push across six runs, nabbing a 10-4 advantage.

Martin, who went the distance for Snyder, allowed only one more run for the 17-5 final. Martin surrendered eight hits, while striking out nine.

The Cubs end their season at 16-2, but action continues for many players as the Snyder Little League All-Stars will be announced at 8:30 tonight at Logan Field.

Snyder 17, Colorado City 5

Snyder: Jed Martin, grand-slam home run and triple; Marcus Villarreal, home run, two doubles and single; Tanner Reed, triple and two singles; Roberto Sauceda, two singles; Mikey Martinez, Nick Martinez, Blaine Minton and Matthew Vanderpool, single.



FIRST FLIGHT WINNERS — Martha Fagin and Kaye Cypert (seated) were winners of the first flight in the Ladies Pumpjack held Tuesday. Back row from left, Kay Bingham and Shea Dodson were runnersup. Olivia Barton and Dianna Stafford were low net. (SDN Staff Photo)

Top seeds win in first round

WIMBLEDON, England (AP) — Last year, Venus Williams flopped in her Wimbledon debut. This time, she nearly didn't show up.

The 18-year-old American came within five minutes of being defaulted when she got lost on the All England Club grounds and turned up late for her first-round match Tuesday.

Winning the match proved easier than finding the court as the seventh-seeded Williams cruised to a 6-3, 6-3 victory over Canada's Jana Nejedly.

Other women's seeds advancing Tuesday were No. 1 Martina Hingis, No. 3 Jana Novotna, No. 14 Sandrine Testud and No. 16 Nathalie Tauziat.

CHAMPIONSHIP FLIGHT — Daysha Weaver and Alissa Wells (seated) won the championship flight of the Ladies Pumpjack. Back row from left are Kendra Atkinson and Cara Cash, runners-up, and Sue Cash and Debbie Palmer who were low net. (SDN Staff Photo)

Reynolds overcomes illness, Minnesota with 9-0 shutout

HOUSTON (AP) — Less than 24 hours before the game, Shane Reynolds wasn't sure he'd be able to pitch against Minnesota. The Twins are sorry he got well so quickly.

Reynolds, who spent several hours in a hospital receiving IV treatments for a stomach condition on Monday, returned Tuesday to pitch seven shutout innings in the Houston Astros' 9-0 victory.

"He did a terrific job," Twins manager Tom Kelly said. "He came out of the hospital and to the pitcher's mound and we couldn't do a thing with him. He has a terrific forkball and he isn't afraid to throw it."

Kelly came to the Astrodome thinking the Twins would be facing C.J Nitkowski.

"We had three lineups ready, depending on who pitched," Kelly said. "Everybody hit today,but it wasn't a factor."

Reynolds (8-5) retired 10 of the first 11 batters he faced and allowed only one baserunner past first base — Marty Cordova's fourth-inning double. Nitkowski pitched the final two innings of the five-hitter.

But before he could get at the Twins, Reynolds had to convince manager Larry Dierker that he was ready to pitch.

"I told him if I could give us two, four five innings, that those were innings the bullpen wouldn't have to pitch," Reynolds said. "Finally, somewhere between 11:30 and 11:45 (game time was 12:35 p.m.), they decided to give it a try."

Dierker didn't give the go-ahead nod easily.

"He came in and said 'I can pitch,' and I told him to go in the back and do some workouts to see if he'd get dizzy," Dierker said. "The trainer said he didn't think Shane could make himself sicker by pitching, and the more he pitched the less the bullpen had to."

Lucky for Reynolds, the Astros' hitters picked a good time to reach four Twins pitchers for 13 hits.

Craig Biggio and Carl Everett had three hits and two RBIs each and Jeff Bagwell drove in three runs with a double and single.

Bob Tewksbury (4-9) didn't last long against the Astros, who took a 5-0 lead after two innings, highlighted by Bagwell's two-run double in the first and his RBI single in the second.

Tewksbury pitched 1 2-3 innings, allowing eight hits and five runs, and reliever Dan Serafini gave up four hits and four runs in 2 1-3 innings.

Lady Tiger alums snare tourney title

Two former SHS teammates teammed up to capture the championship of the Ladies Pumpjack held Tuesday at Snyder Country Club.

Daysha Weaver and Alissa Wells fired an one-over-par 73 for the two-stroke victory over Cara Cash and Kendra Atkinson.

Weaver is a spring graduate and Wells graduated from Snyder High School in 1997. Weaver has been awarded a golf scholarship to the University of North Texas while Wells is playing college golf at Oral Roberts University in Tulsa.

Two country club members captured the first flight title. Kaye Cypert and Martha Fagin shot a 77.

Competing Tuesday were nine teams from Snyder and nine out-of-town twosomes.

Ladies Pumpjack
Championship Flight
Low Gross: 1. Daysha Weaver-Alissa Wells, 73. 2. Cara Cash-Kendra Atkinson, 75.
Low Net: 1. Sue Cash-Debbie Palmer, 77.
First Flight
Low Gross: 1. Kaye Cypert-Martha Fagin, 77. 2. Shea Dodson-Kay Bingham, 82.
Low Net: Dianna Stafford-Oliva Barton, 61.
Second Flight
Low Gross: 1. Norma Thompson-Mary Jane Bradshaw, 81. 2. Temi Matthies-Becky Knipe, 85.
Low Gross: Dolores Jones-Colleen Duke, 58.

Moon ponders ownership idea

HOUSTON (AP) — If Houston ever gets another NFL team, former Oilers quarterback Warren Moon says he'd like to be part of it.

Moon, now a Seattle Seahawk, said Tuesday he'd like to go into some team's management or ownership when his career is over.

"And depending what happens with my contract situation this year, who knows, I could be involved in ownership a lot quicker than I think," Moon told Houston TV station KRIV.

He said he met recently with Houston businessman Bob McNair, who is trying to land an expansion team for Houston, and Steve Patterson, the executive vice president of McNair's group.

Mavericks have shot at impact player

DALLAS (AP) — It's draft day in the NBA.

Barring a trade for a better pick, the Dallas Mavericks will be the only Texas team in position to draft an impact player in today's NBA draft.

The Mavericks have the sixth pick overall, and general manager Don Nelson said at least two great players should be available at that spot.

Nelson said he hopes to get either North Carolina junior forward Vince Carter, St. Louis freshman guard Larry Hughes, Kansas senior forward Raef LaFrentz or North Carolina junior forward Antawn Jamison.

The San Antonio Spurs were excited about last year's draft. They had the number one pick and chose 7-foot Tim Duncan of Wake Forest. This year, they're near the bottom of the first round.

Houston has three first-round picks but all are in the middle of the first round. Unless the Rockets use a trade to move up in the draft, they'll probably just settle on good, young players to surround Hakeem Olajuwan and Charles Barkley.

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Washington	1	4	.200	3

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	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	5	0	1.000	-
Phoenix	3	1	.750	1½
Los Angeles	2	3	.400	3
Utah	2	4	.333	3½
Sacramento	1	4	.200	4

Monday's Game
Cleveland 88, Utah 72
Tuesday's Games
New York 59, Cleveland 57
Detroit 61, Sacramento 57
Wednesday's Games
Houston at Phoenix, 10 p.m.
Charlotte at Los Angeles, 10:30 p.m.

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

American League
East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
New York	51	19	.729	-
Boston	44	30	.595	9
Toronto	38	39	.494	16½
Baltimore	37	40	.481	17½
Tampa Bay	32	43	.427	21½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Cleveland	43	31	.581	-
Minnesota	36	39	.480	7½
Kansas City	32	43	.427	11½
Chicago	31	44	.413	12½
Detroit	28	45	.384	14½

West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Anaheim	46	29	.613	-
Texas	43	33	.566	3½
Oakland	33	42	.440	13
Seattle	32	45	.416	15

National League
East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Atlanta	51	26	.662	-
New York	40	32	.556	8½
Philadelphia	38	36	.514	11½
Montreal	30	45	.400	20
Florida	25	51	.329	25½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Houston	47	29	.618	-
Chicago	42	34	.553	5
Milwaukee	38	36	.514	8
St.Louis	38	37	.507	8½
Pittsburgh	37	40	.481	10½
Cincinnati	30	48	.385	18

West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
San Diego	50	27	.649	-
San Francisco	46	32	.590	4½
Los Angeles	36	40	.474	13½
Colorado	32	46	.410	18½
Arizona	26	51	.338	24

Tuesday's Games
Kansas City 6, Cincinnati 4
Houston 9, Minnesota 0
Milwaukee 7, Colorado 5
Cleveland 5, Chicago Cubs 4
Seattle 5, San Diego 3
Toronto 3, Montreal 2
Tampa Bay 6, Florida 4
Philadelphia 3, Boston 2
Chicago White Sox 5, Pittsburgh 4
N.Y. Mets 6, Baltimore 3
Atlanta 7, N.Y. Yankees 2
Detroit 8, St. Louis 1
Texas 16, Arizona 5
San Francisco 4, Oakland 2
Anaheim 6, Los Angeles 4
Wednesday's Games
Chicago Cubs (Clark 4-7) at Detroit (Greisinger 0-3), 7:05 p.m.
St. Louis (Petkovsek 5-3) at Cleveland (Wright 6-4), 7:05 p.m.
Toronto (Clemens 7-6) at Montreal (Boskie 1-0), 7:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Saunders 1-7) at Florida (Meadows 5-6), 7:05 p.m.
Boston (Avery 4-1) at Philadelphia (Loewer 1-0), 7:35 p.m.
Baltimore (Smith 0-1) at N.Y. Mets (Reed 8-4), 7:40 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Cone 9-2) at Atlanta (Millwood 9-3), 7:40 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Peters 2-5) at Kansas City (Rusch 5-8), 8:05 p.m.
Milwaukee (Woodard 4-5) at Minnesota (Hawkins 4-6), 8:05 p.m.
Cincinnati (Winchester 3-4) at Chicago White Sox (Navarro 5-9), 8:05 p.m.
Houston (Bergman 6-3) at Colorado (Astacio 4-8), 9:05 p.m.
Oakland (Stein 3-4) at San Francisco (Darwin 6-5), 10:05 p.m.
Texas (Helling 10-3) at Arizona (Blair 2-10), 10:05 p.m.
Anaheim (Finley 7-4) at Los Angeles (Dreifort 4-6), 10:35 p.m.
Seattle (Johnson 6-6) at San Diego (Ashby 10-4), 10:35 p.m.

Sports Briefs

To announce all-stars tonight

Snyder Little League will announce all-stars at 8:30 tonight at Logan Field.

Softball tourney

Snyder Men & Women's League Softball Tournament will be held Saturday and Sunday at Winston Field. Entry fee is $75.

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For more information, contact Billy Doucette at 573-6304, Joe Martinez (915) 728-3378, or Chris Maxfield at 573-4332 or 573-6862.

Basketball tourney

A 3-on-3 basketball tourney will be held Saturday at Snyder High School.

Each squad may have four players and entry fee is $45. Deadline for registration is Friday. To register, contact Juan Arizmendi at 573-6455.

Borden County fun shoot

A Borden County Fun Shoot will begin at 8 a.m. Saturday at the trap and skeet range north of the Borden County School in Gail. Cost is $5 per round. Competition divisions include sub-junior, junior and senior with prizes for first through third place.

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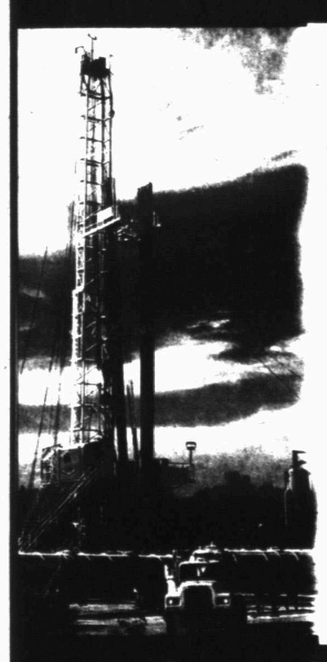
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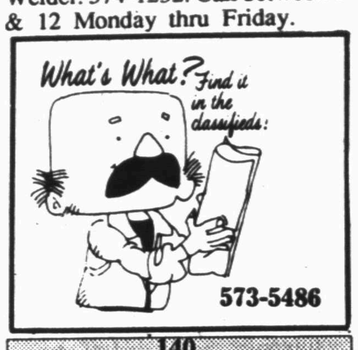

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Amish arrested in 'cycle gang drug bust

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Mention the Pagans motorcycle gang and police will talk about lawlessness. Ask about the Amish and there is the standard image of conservative religious values, horse-drawn buggies, maybe the movie "Witness."

If prosecutors are right, the two found common ground in cocaine trafficking. Two Amish men were indicted Tuesday on charges of buying drugs from the motorcycle gang and distributing them at dances in their Lancaster County communities.

"Bikes and buggies, it's a rather strange combination," State Police Maj. Robert Werts said. "Our drug investigations are taking us to places where years ago we didn't think we had a problem."

Abner Stoltzfus, 24, and Abner King Stoltzfus, 23, who are not related, were indicted in federal court on charges of distributing cocaine to members of Amish youth groups. An arraignment was scheduled for July 3.

If convicted, the men face up to life in prison.

John Pyfer, who is representing Abner Stoltzfus, said the Amish are not immune to the pressures of modern society.

"People think the Amish are sheltered from the outside world, but the temptations are there," he said. "My client's parents are extremely conservative — horse and buggy, the whole bit. They're having a hard time understanding this."

Lancaster County is home to some 20,000 Old Order Amish, the most conservative Anabaptist sect. The Amish eschew automobiles, electricity, computers, fancy clothes and most other modern conveniences.

At the time of their indictment, the Amish men were participating in what is known as a "timeout," a period where young Amish men and women between the ages of 16 and 24 are allowed to explore the outside world and decide whether to join the church, their attorneys said.

Both men intended to join, they said.

Eight members of the Pagans gang sold the drugs to the Amish men, who then distributed the drugs to members of youth groups known as the Crickets, the Antiques and the Pilgrims at dances between 1993 and 1997, according to the indictment.

Three gang members were arraigned Tuesday. Emory Reed, Douglas Hersch and Dwayne Blank were charged with distributing multiple kilograms of cocaine and methamphetamines totaling about $1 million.

Court dates have not yet been set for five other Pagan members.

At a press conference, federal authorities painted a picture of the motorcycle gang world, characterized by drugs and reckless behavior, colliding with the serene, traditional lifestyle of the Pennsylvania Amish.

"As far as I know we have never charged any (Amish) with drug crimes," assistant states attorney Joseph Dominguez said.

The clash of cultures was dramatized in the 1985 film "Witness," starring Harrison Ford and Kelly McGillis. Ford's character travels to an Amish community to protect a young murder witness, bringing violence with him.

The charges surprised even veteran federal agents, including Robert Conforti: "It's something in my 26 years in the FBI I've never encountered before."

Ben Affleck said too compromising

NEW YORK (AP) — Ben Affleck, who's out to save the world in "Armageddon," admits that he's had some real-life disasters with romance.

"I have a real capacity for the head-on collision," the actor says in the upcoming USA Weekend. "I'm so compromising ... then it blows up."

Affleck, 25, is fearless as a wildcat oil driller in the new action movie "Armageddon." It's the real-world stuff he finds frightening.

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AirTouch	57⅞	56 5-16	57⅛	+ ⅜
Albertsons	53¾	52 7-16	52⅝	—15-16
AlldSignal s	42 15-16	42 7-16	42 15-16	+ 3-16
Alltel	44 7-16	43 5-16	43 13-16	+ ⅛
AmOnline s	106⅛	101⅞	103	— 3¼
AmStoress	24⅝	23¾	24	— 7-16
Ameritech s	44 43	43 1-16	—1 13-16	
Amoco s	42⅛	41¾	41¾	
AndarkPtr	67 66 7-16	66 9-16	— 1-16	
ArmcoInc	6 5-16	6 3-16	6 5-16	+ 1-16
AtlRichfld	80 11-16	79 13-16	80 7-16	+ 7-16
ATMOS Egy	29¾	29¾	29¾	
Aviall	13 3-16	13 1-16	13¼	
BakerHughes	35⅝	34⅝	34⅞	— ⅛
BellAtl	95¾	93	93⅝	— 5
BellAtlwi	48	46	46	— 3¼
BellSouth	68¼	67⅝	67⅞	— 2⅛
BethSteel	12 11-16	12 5-16	12 5-16	
BritPet	90⅝	88⅛	88 5-16	+1 1-16
BurlNoSFe	99⅛	98 3-16	98⅞	— ¼
CBS Corp	32⅛	31⅛	31 11-16	— ⅜
Caterpillar	53⅝	52⅝	53 5-16	+ ⅛
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DeltaAirl	124¼	123 3-16	124	+ 3-16
Dillards Inc	40 7-16	39 15-16	40 1-16	— 1-16
DowChem	94 15-16	94 7-16	94 11-16	+ 1-16
DresserInd	45	44 5-16	44 5-16	+ ¼
DuPont	74	73⅝	73 11-16	— ⅝
EastmanChem	61⅞	61¼	61⅞	+ ⅜
EstKodak	66 13-16	66 7-16	66 11-16	— ¼
EDS Corp	37 13-16	37¼	37⅞	+ 5-16
Entergy	28 11-16	28⅛	28 9-16	— ⅛
Exxon	72 5-16	71 11-16	72⅛	+ 5-16
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Goodrich	45 7-16	44 11-16	45	— ⅛
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Texaco s	63 7-16	62⅝	62⅝	— ⅛
TexInd	52⅞	52⅝	52 9-16	+ 3-16
TexasInst s	58⅞	57¼	58 9-16	+ 5-16
TexUtil	41 13-16	41⅛	41 9-16	— 5-16
Textron	71 13-16	71	71⅛	— ⅛
Travelers s	61⅞	60⅝	61	+ 1-16
TriconGlbR n	32⅛	31⅞	32	+ 3-16
TrinityInds	42 3-16	41 9-16	41 9-16	+ ⅜
TritonEngy	35 11-16	34½	34⅝	— ½
Tyler	10	9⅝	9⅝	— ⅛
US West Inc	49 15-16	48⅛	48⅛	—2 3-16
USX-Marathn	34 11-16	34½	34½	+ 1-16
USX-USS	32⅞	32¼	32⅜	— ½
UnCarbde	47⅞	47⅛	47⅛	— 5-16
UnionPacif	44⅛	43 13-16	43 15-16	
UnitedTech	88⅛	87 9-16	88 3-16	+ 1-16
Unocal	36⅝	36	36 3-16	+ ⅛
Venator Grp	19½	19⅛	19 7-16	
WalMart	59 3-16	58⅛	58⅛	— 7-16
WstnGasRs	14⅞	14 11-16	14⅛	— 1-16
WinnDixie	48⅜	48⅛	48 5-16	— 5-16
Xerox Corp	99⅞	98⅛	99 9-16	+1 9-16

Hospital

ADMISSIONS: Milton Ham, Martha Ornelas, Patricia Ramirez.
DISMISSALS: Leila Darlin.
CENSUS: 42 (Med., Surg.-10, Long-term Care-25, OB-4, Nursery-3).

Births

Martha Ornelas announces the birth of her seven-pound, 15½-ounce daughter. She was born at 5:48 p.m. on June 23 in Cogdell Memorial Hospital.

Patricia Ramirez announces the birth of her daughter at 8:41 a.m. on June 23 in Cogdell Memorial Hospital. She weighed six pounds, 12¼ ounces.

Community Calendar

WEDNESDAY

AA brown bag, open meeting; Park Club; for information call 573-8626, 573-9458 or 863-2349; noon.

Just for Today NA; open meeting; Park Club; for information call 573-0949, 573-4238, 573-8018; 8 p.m.

THURSDAY

LLL Club; fellowship hall of First Baptist Church; 9:30 a.m.

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

Scurry Charter Chapter ABWA; MAWC; 7 p.m.

Horseshoe Pitching For Fun; Horseshoe Courts located at the coliseum; everybody welcome, for further information call 573-9762; 7 p.m.

Just for Today NA; Park Club; for information call 573-0949, 573-4238 or 573-8018; 6 p.m.

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

New Horizons 12 & 12, closed meeting; Park Club; 7 p.m.

New Horizons AA; closed meeting; for information call 573-8626, 573-9458 or 863-2349; 8 p.m.

Nuestra Nueva Esperanza AA; Park Club; for information call 573-8626, 573-9458 or 863-2349; 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 appointments; 573-9742 or 573-2763.

Just for Today NA; Snyder Park Club; for information call 573-0949, 573-4238 or 573-8018; 6 p.m.

Scurry County AA closed meeting; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-8626, 573-9458 or 863-8018; 8 p.m.

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

SATURDAY

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

Just for Today NA open meeting; Park Club; for information call 573-0949, 573-4238 or 573-8018; 7 p.m.

SUNDAY

Scurry County AA open meeting; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-8626, 573-9458 or 863-2349; 10 a.m.

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

Just For Today closed meeting; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-0949, 573-4238, or 573-8018; 5 p.m.

Dr. Gott by Peter Gott, M.D.

Tracking down an elusive extract

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: Following your column on using horse-chestnut extract for chronic edema (swelling) of the legs, our company (Nature's Herbs) received hundreds of calls and letters about the product. Please be advised that we do not sell our products directly to the public. Such products are marketed through retail health-food stores throughout the country.

You would be doing your readers (and our customer service department) a big favor if you directed them to their local health-food retailers. Nonetheless, we appreciate your endorsement.

DEAR READER: I'm sorry for any inconvenience that you or my readers suffered. Apparently, horse-chestnut extract is not uniformly available through the retail outlets you mentioned, so I thought I'd go to the source.

DEAR DR. GOTT: In several of your columns, you have advised patients with difficult problems to see "superspecialists." How does the average patient find a superspecialist and how does he get connected?

DEAR READER: The most satisfactory method is through a referral by your primary care physician. All of us doctors in primary care have a wide range of specialists to whom we can — and do — refer patients with difficult health problems. If you're not getting anywhere with your family practitioner, it is entirely ethical and appropriate for you to request a referral. While some doctors may be put off by this tactic, most of us welcome help with challenging cases. This is simply good patient-care and, as an added advantage, enables us to learn in the process.

Of course, you are free to self-refer, too. As a general rule, most superspecialists are on staff at large teaching hospitals. So, if your PCP is reluctant to suggest a second opinion, you can telephone such a hospital to discover the name of a specialist who meets your needs. Finally, word-of-mouth is another resource. Ask around your community for a specialist who has a successful track record.

Again, I believe that the smoothest route is to work through your primary care physician. If he refuses or seems insulted, maybe it's time to change to another, more aggressive PCP.

One word of warning: Managed care has made referrals a nasty game. If you seek help from a specialist outside your plan, you will be stuck with a big out-of-pocket expense. Therefore, before seeing such a specialist, make sure that he is a member of your health maintenance organization. You can look him up in your book of medical providers, call the HMO or talk directly with his office staff.

To give you more information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Medical Specialists." 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.

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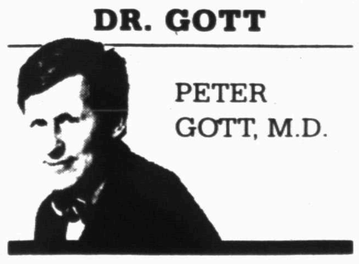

PETER GOTT, M.D.

Date Book

June 24, 1998

Today is the 175th day of 1998 and the 4th day of summer.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1509, Henry VIII was crowned king of England.

On this day in 1947, pilot Kenneth Arnold of Boise, Idaho, reported nine UFOs over Mount Rainier, Wash.

On this day in 1948, New York governor Thomas E. Dewey was nominated for president at the Republican National Convention in Philadelphia, Pa.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Henry Ward Beecher (1813-1887), clergyman; Jack Dempsey (1895-1983), boxer; Norman Cousins (1915-1990), editor-writer; John Ciardi (1916-1986), poet-critic; Billy Casper (1931-), golf great, is 67; Mick Fleetwood (1942-), musician, is 56; Michele Lee (1942-), singer-actress, is 56; Jeff Beck (1944-), musician, is 54.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1962, the New York Yankees defeated Detroit, 9-7, after a 22-inning game that lasted seven hours.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "If something comes to life in others because of you, then you have made an approach to immortality." — Norman Cousins

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1988, a high of 110 degrees was recorded at Valentine, Neb., a June record.

SOURCE: 1997 Weather Guide Calendar; Accord Publishing, Ltd.

TODAY'S MOON: Day after new moon (June 23).

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Scurry County Country

Crop Report

COLLEGE STATION (AP) — Even as the drought brings misery to many agriculture related businesses, Texas nurseries are still getting by, the Texas Agriculture Extension Service reports.

Charles Hall, Extension economist, said Texas nurseries are doing well despite the lack of rain the past few months. Shrubs, small trees, flowering plants, bed plants and potted plants — plants commonly used in landscaping — are reporting to be selling at, or close to, their average rate for this time of the year.

"Nursery growers have the capacity to irrigate, so as long as they have access to water, then the drought really won't impact them dramatically," Hall said.

Gary Mucha, owner of Shadeview Nursery in Bryan/College Station said the drought has had little effect on the plant sales at his small nursery.

"I have been in this business since 1976, and people typically do not buy a lot of plants in June.

Mike Swayze, manager of Nelson Watergardens and Nursery located in far West Houston, said nurseries almost always see slightly lower sales in the months of June, July and August.

March, April and May are consistently their biggest months because it is a prime time to plant, he said. It is cool enough to work outside and an excellent for the plants themselves.

"It is just too hot in general, whether we have a drought or not, to be working in the yard in the summer, especially for the older customers," Swayze said.

Swayze said the usual increasing cost of water and the labor of watering during the summer months is having a greater effect on his West Houston nursery than the drought.

However, Mucha said the cost of water and related problems often have nothing to do with the drought.

"I have a big problem with the amount of sodium in the water here, and I am just not as worried about getting water as I am about getting good water," he said.

"The bad water could cause much more damage to my plants than no water," Mucha said.

Hall said the lack of rain means plant retailers must water more often to keep the plants adequately watered.

"Obviously, you have to keep the plants watered at the retail level, and so you might see some slight increases in the cost of labor," Hall said.

At the retail garden center level, the customer may see some increased costs associated with the labor used for watering, Hall said.

A few places across the state may have gotten rain this past week, but the drought still lingers.

In the Rolling Plains, district Extension Entomologist Emory Boring,III said lack of rain is still hurting the crops.

"The area remains extremely dry and in need of a good rain," Boring said.

He added that the peach crop is doing surprisingly well despite the drought.

"Much of the area has the best crop in several years but the hot, dry conditions are limiting production," Boring said.

In the Panhandle, Bob Robinson, district Extension director, said the wheat harvest is 80 percent complete.

The following specific livestock, crop and weather conditions were reported by district Extension directors:

PANHANDLE: soil moisture very short to short. No beneficial rainfall; heavy irrigation. Sorghum and cotton are rated fair to good; need moisture soon. Wheat harvest is 80 percent complete; yields higher than expected. Range conditions declining. Cattle good condition.

SOUTH PLAINS: soil moisture very short to short. Harvesting of wheat continues. Pastures, ranges in poor to fair condition. Corn in good condition; growing well. Cotton in fair to good condition. Sorghum, soybeans in good condition. Peanuts growing well.

ROLLING PLAINS: soil moisture very short. High winds damaging; area remains dry. Cotton planting nearly complete; stands show water stress. Irrigated peanuts good. Pecan set good. Wildfire potential is high across area. Grasshoppers heavy in parts of area.

NORTH TEXAS: soil moisture very short to short. Pastures, ranges in poor condition due to lack of rain. Some insect problems with cotton, sorghum. Corn harvest is good in comparison to other parts of Texas. Harvesting of peaches continues; excellent quality.

EAST TEXAS: soil moisture very short.Pastures, hay fields extremely dry, short; hay yields well below normal. Livestock conditions fair to good; some supplemental feeding. Non-irrigated vegetables in severe stress; sweet potatoes in critical condition.

FAR WEST TEXAS: soil moisture very short. Pastures, ranges extremely dry. Irrigated cotton in poor to fair condition. Some ranchers are destocking. Hot, dry winds not good for cantaloupe. Onion harvest nearing completion. Pecans making good growth.

WEST CENTRAL TEXAS: soil moisture very short to adequate. Livestock conditions fair to good; rainfall has greened up ranges. Early planted sorghum is up, but in poor condition. Grasshoppers are a big concern. Fungal disease has set in on many irrigated crops.

CENTRAL TEXAS: soil moisture very short to adequate. Pasture grasses are drying down. Some cattle being fed hay; stock water levels are getting low. Corn and grain sorghum yields reduced to hot, dry weather. Cotton beginning to stress due to drought.

SOUTHEAST TEXAS: soil moisture very short. Some areas without rain for 100 days. All of corn and 50 percent of cotton lost in Brazoria County. Insect pressure on rice; difficult to flood rice. Soybeans need moisture. Fields burned with one hay cutting.

SOUTHWEST TEXAS: soil moisture very short to short. Scattered rainfall in northwestern part of district. Rain filled stock tanks; farmers can now reduce irrigation schedules. Livestock in satisfactory condition. Record high temperatures causing high water usage.

COASTAL BEND: soil moisture very short. Spotty, insignificant rainfall reported. Dry conditions continue to diminish yields. Cotton is drought stressed; sorghum is doing fairly well. Livestock heat stressed; supplemental feeding continues. Fruit trees ripening.

SOUTH TEXAS: soil moisture very short to short. Hot, dry conditions continue to hurt all crops and pastures. Corn is drying and will be harvested soon. Sugarcane receiving adequate irrigation. Cabbage, carrot and melon harvest continues. Citrus is water-stressed.

NRCS Report

Due to drought conditions, Scurry County has been approved for emergency grazing (not haying) of established CRP acreage through September 30.

CRP participants who are interested in grazing:

•Must file a request with this office prior to turning in on the acreage.

•Must leave 25 percent of each field or contiguous field ungrazed for wildlife or graze no more than 75 percent of the stocking rate as determined by NRCS.

•Must obtain a modified conservation plan to include grazing requirements from NRCS.

•Must agree to re-establish CRP cover, at their own expense, if the cover fails as a result of emergency grazing.

•Participants who do not own or lease livestock may rent or lease the grazing privilege to eligible livestock producers but they in turn may not sublease the CRP acreage.

The next annual rental payment will be reduced by the number of acres actually grazed regardless of the stocking rate times the CRP per acre annual rental payment times 25 percent.

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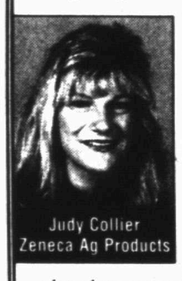
With its built-in resistance to worms, *Bt* cotton has become one of the most exciting industry innovations since pyrethroids. But with growers being charged a $32 technology fee for every acre of *Bt* cotton planted, additional pest management tools have become a critically important way to protect the *Bt* investment.



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For more information about Karate from Zeneca Ag Products, contact your local ag chem dealer.

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Snyder Daily News
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Ag budget is cut by $10 million

WASHINGTON (AP) — In a victory for animal-rights activists and opponents of agricultural subsidies, the House voted to cut by a third a federal program that pays for controlling coyotes and other livestock predators.

The $10 million reduction represents the amount that the Agriculture Department would spend in fiscal 1999 on shooting and poisoning predators. The rest of the program goes toward education and non-lethal control measures.

"The Congress has appropriated the hard-earned tax dollars of Americans to kill the public's wildlife. It's morally and fiscally unacceptable," said Wayne Pacelli, executive vice president of the Humane Society of the United States.

The 229-193 vote Tuesday was a rare victory for opponents of farm programs, who try each year to cut or eliminate federal subsidies in USDA's annual spending bill.

Today the House was to debate a reduction in price supports for sugar growers. Critics say the program costs consumers $1 billion a year, and candy manufacturers have long sought to do away with it.

The coyote-control program is peanuts by comparison, although it has had some high-profile beneficiaries, including Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt.

The sugar program's opponents want to reduce the government's loan rate for sugar cane from 18 cents to 17 cents a pound and from 22.9 cents to 21.9 cents for sugar beets.

High fructose corn syrup — used mainly in soft drinks — would not be directly affected, corn growers oppose the change because they fear competing with a much lower world sugar price of about 8 cents a pound.

The House on Tuesday delayed an overhaul of the government's Depression-era milk-pricing system and spared peanut growers from a cut in their federal price supports.

The bill would put off any changes in the dairy program until October 1999, six months later than had been planned under the 1996 farm law.

Lubbock cattle auction

LUBBOCK — The market at Lubbock had a run of 1,159 head of cattle for the Thursday, June 18 sale. Packer cows were $2 better. Calves and yearlings were $2 cheaper. Trading was good and demand fair.

Feeder steers choice:
300-400: 85-105
400-500: 75-90
500-600: 70-82
600-700: 65-75
700-800: 63-68
feeder Heifers choice:
300-400: 75-92.50
400-500: 68-75
500-600: 65-73
600-700: 62-68
700-800: 60-65
Feeder bulls good and choice: 500-600, 5 to 75; 700-800, 60-63.
Cow and calf pairs: Good 500 to 600; Grade 400 to 600.
Springs: 300 to 550.
Baby calves: 50 to 175.
Doodlers 125 to 235.

Sweetwater cattle auction

SWEETWATER — The market at Sweetwater had a run of 502 head of cattle for the Wednesday, June 17 sale. Stocker and feeder cattle were steady with packer cows and bulls 4 to 6 cwt higher. Pairs and bred cows not well tested.

Steers:
300-400: 90-106
400-500: 82-90
500-600: 74-83
600-700: 70-77
Heifers:
300-400: 72-84
400-500: 72-81
500-600: 67-74
600-700: 65-72
Bred cows:
Good: 500-560;
Older and Plainer: 400-500
Pairs: Good: 525-600;
Older and Plainer 400-500.
Packer cows:
Good: 40-43.50;
Low Yielding: 35-40
Packer Bulls:
Good: 50-54;
Low Yielding: 45-50.

Town & Country Topics

By Katherine Roberts
County Extension Agent

Information on finding a job

It takes some people a great deal of time and effort to find a job they enjoy. Others may walk right into an ideal employment situation. Don't be discouraged if you have to pursue many leads. Friends, neighbors, teachers and counselors may know of available jobs in your field of interest. Read the want ads. Consult state employment service offices and private or nonprofit employment agencies or contact employers directly.

Informal job search methods. It is possible to apply directly to employers,without a referral. You may locate a potential employer in the Yellow Pages, in directories of local chambers of commerce, and in other directories that provide information about employers. When you find an employer you are interested in, you can file an application even if you don't know for certain that an opening exists.

Want ads. The "Help Wanted" ads in newspapers list hundreds of jobs. Realize, however, that many job openings are not listed there. Also, be aware that the classified ads sometimes do not give some important information. Many offer little or no description of the job, working conditions, or pay. Some ads do not identify the employer. They may simply give a post office box, for sending your resume. This makes follow-up inquiries very difficult. Some ads offer out-of-town jobs, others advertise employment agencies rather than employment.

When using want ads.

—Do not rely solely on the classified to find a job; follow other leads as well.

—Answer ads promptly, since openings may be filled quickly

—Follow the ads diligently

—Beware of "no experience necessary" ads. These often signal low wages, poor working conditions, or straight commission work.

—Keep a record of all ads to which you have responded, including specific skills, educational background, and personal qualifications required for the position.

TSCRA horse identification program said to be a priority

FORT WORTH — Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association's new Horse Indentification (HIP) began last week says C. Cooney Burgess, association president.

"Our members identified this program as a priority during TSCRA's April convention, and we have focused all of our resources into getting it operational at the earliest possible date," says Burgess. "TSCRA is committed to providing the same exceptional theft prevention and investigation services for our members' horses as we have for their cattle for more than 120 years," Burgess promised.

"The value of a rancher's horse is measured by dollars and sense," says Burgess. "A horse is an essential working partner who develops a lot of cow sense and responds intuitively to act as one with the rider." The same bond exists with horses used for recreation — a $1.7 billion industry in Texas.

Cornerstone of HIP will be the horse indentification database at TSCRA's Fort Worth headquarters. A special form has been developed to describe the identifying characteristics of each horse. Included are the type — horse, burro, mule or donkey; sex — mare, stallion or gelding; breed; color; age; weight; height; markings on face and legs; brands, tattoos or electronic identification. Members may also send a quality 3"x5" color photo of the horse to be digitally scanned into the database for references.

If the horse is reported as stolen, this information will be faxed to slaughter facilities, listed at the TSCRA Theft Bulletin and made available for TSCRA's inspector force and other law enforcement agencies.

Critical to the recovery process are TSCRA's Brand Inspectors who are stationed at the two horse slaughter plants in Texas. These inspectors record information on each animal that passes through the plants and transfers the information to the headquarters database.

"Prompt reporting of a missing animal is crucial," declares Burgess. "To ensure that the descriptive information is in these inspectors' hands before the theif gets the horse to market."

Members will receive wallet-sized cards with information on how to report theft of a horse which has been entered into TSCRA's Horse Indentification Program database. Contact your local TSCRA inspector as listed in "The Cattleman" magazine as soon as possible. If you are unable to reach the inspector immediately, contact TSCRA headquarters and have the following information available to give to the person taking the report.

*TSCRA membership number (the number is the reference number for horses entered into the database).

*Place report number from your local law enforcement agency.

*Date of theft.

*Location of theft.

*Details of theft.

*List of any physical evidence left at the scene.

Possible suspects or suspect vehicles.

*Other items taken in addition to horses.

Burgess emphasizes that TSCRA may investigate only if the horses reported stolen meet the criteria of theft as defined in Section 31.03 of The Texas Penal Code or title 21, Sec. O.S. 1716 of the Oklahoma Penal Code. Horses on which there is a question of ownership due to civil dispute or civil litigation will not be considered stolen by TSCRA and will be held only pursuant to a court order which must be in the possession of a TSCRA inspector or other law enforcement agency having jurisdiction.

A TSCRA horse industry membership will cost $80 per year — the same as a minimum TSCRA membership, says Burgess. The membership includes scanning of one horse picture, pictures of additional horses may be scanned for $5 each.

Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association is a 14,000-member trade organization based in Fort Worth, which employs a unique group of law enforcement officers stationed throughout Texas and Oklahoma. Thirty-three of these "Field Inspectors" are commissioned as Special Rangers with the Texas Department of Public Safety and/or the Oklahoma Bureau of Investigation. They work closely with other law enforcement agencies

Colorado City cattle auction

COLORADO CITY — The Colorado City Livestock Auction had a run of 602 head of cattle for the Saturday, June 20 sale. Feeder steers were steady, heifers were $2 to $4 lower. Slaughter cows were steady. Bulls were steady. Bred cows and pairs were weak in a light test. Trade was active and demand moderate.

Steers:
200 to 300: 105 to 115
400 to 500: 68 to 79
500 to 600: 74 to 79.50
600 to 700: 68.50 to 74.75
Heifers:
300 to 400: 74 to 79
400 to 500: 61 to 68.50
500 to 600: 66 to 71.25
600 to 700: 66 to 74
600 to 750: 64 to 68
Slaughter cows: 34 to 38
Slaughter bulls: 47.50-50.75
Medium age to older cows and calves: 415 to 440
Pairs: 555 to 600.

Actress who played Tarzan's Jane dead at 87

PHOENIX (AP) — Maureen O'Sullivan made dozens of pictures, getting her break in 1930's "Song O' My Heart" and playing the mother to real-life daughter Mia Farrow in "Hannah and Her Sisters" more than a decade ago.

But Miss O'Sullivan's landmark part, the one that forever earned her a place in the hearts of fans, was Tarzan's Jane. The Irish-born beauty, whose seven children include Farrow, has died at 87.

Miss O'Sullivan, who had a house in suburban Paradise Valley, died at Scottsdale Healthcare Osborne, hospital spokeswoman Felicia Thomas said Tuesday. She said she did not know the cause of Miss O'Sullivan's death Monday evening.

A daughter, Stephanie Farrow of New York City, confirmed her mother's death. She declined to elaborate except to say she thought her mother died from old age.

"The world lost a lovely leading lady," Bob Hope said in a statement.

Miss O'Sullivan's screen credits include "Anna Karenina" and "Cardinal Richelieu" in 1935 and "Pride and Prejudice" five years later. On the New York stage, she was in "Never Too Late" in 1962 and "Morning's at Seven" in 1980.

For her decades of making movies and plays, though, it was her portrayal of Jane in a string of Tarzan movies that won her popular acclaim.

For years, Maureen O'Sullivan seemed ill at ease talking about her appearances as Jane in the MGM jungle adventure series. In an interview with The Associated Press last year, she happily reflected on the movies she made with Johnny Weissmuller.

"It's nice to be immortal. Film has given us immortality," she said in 1997, a soft Irish lilt still in her voice. "Now my children are going to appreciate Tarzan."

She made her first appearance as the scantily clad Jane in 1932's "Tarzan the Ape Man." Other films include "Tarzan and His Mate," 1934; and "Tarzan's Secret Treasure," 1941.

In 1948, she appeared in "The Big Clock," which was directed by her first husband, the screenwriter and director John Farrow. She was in the first of the popular "Thin Man" movies that starred William Powell and Myrna Loy and played the lead of the romantic subplot in the Marx Brothers' classic "A Day at the Races," 1937.

For many of her fans, Miss O'Sullivan's Tarzan movies were the most memorable. In the 1997 interview, she recalled meeting Edgar Rice Burroughs, author of the Tarzan books.

"He thought Johnny and I were the perfect Tarzan and Jane, which is lovely," she said.

In the 1990s, a seven-minute scene that had been cut out of "Tarzan and His Mate" — showing Jane (a body double for Miss O'Sullivan) swimming nude underwater — was restored. Even without it, some viewers were shocked by the character's scanty costume.

"It started such a furor," O'Sullivan recalled. "Letters starting coming in. It added up to thousands of women objecting to my costume. In those days, they took those things seriously.

In 1985, she appeared with daughter Mia in Woody Allen's "Hannah and Her Sisters," playing the mother of her daughter's character. In 1992, when the breakup of Farrow's long romance with Allen made headlines, Miss O'Sullivan denounced Allen as a "desperate and evil man."

Other notable film appearances were 1965's "Never Too Late" — a role she had originated three years earlier on the stage — and "Peggy Sue Got Married" in 1986.

Miss O'Sullivan was born May 17, 1911, in Boyle, Ireland. She was 18 and had no acting training when she was discovered by Frank Borzage, who directed her in "Song O' My Heart."

HEADING FOR THE FINISH LINE — Central students Candace Chandler, Jaedi Baze, Kriston Alarcon, from left, head for the finish line during Central's play day. (Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

Astro-graph By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Thursday, June 25, 1998

A gratifying, productive year could be in the offing for you. There may be interesting developments that will improve conditions in areas where disappointment once prevailed.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Don't waste your time and talents on mundane objectives today: you're likely to be far more fortunate if you strive for targets of true significance. 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.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) There are strong chances that things could work out better than you anticipate today. Whatever you do, don't let your faith waver.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) A condition affecting your earning capability will begin to make changes for the better today in ways you may be unaware of.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Harmony can be restored in a relationship that's been unsteady lately. It's up to you to offer the olive branch.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Something secret is stirring where work is concerned today. When it's revealed, it may not please your associates, but it could put a smile on your face.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Weigh your decisions compassionately today. Base your judgment on how others will be affected, not by what you stand to gain.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You can get work you've been brushing aside finished today if you put your mind to it. Tomorrow you might not feel quite as industrious.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) It isn't likely you'll be upstaged by others today — your popularity is coming to a high point, and your demeanor will attract admirers.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) If you have the time and inclination, this is a good day to go bargain hunting — especially if you're looking for an unusual household item.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) The ability to think on your feet is your greatest asset today. You'll make smart moves while others are still pondering the facts.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Financial conditions look favorable today, but don't sweat it: your most profitable opportunities will be engineered by someone else.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Happenstance and chance could play larger roles than usual in matters of personal importance today. When you see the signals, take positive action and aim for the best.

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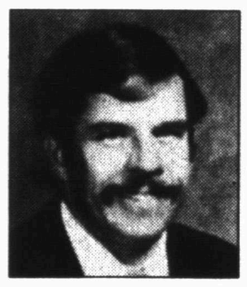
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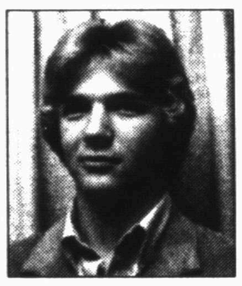
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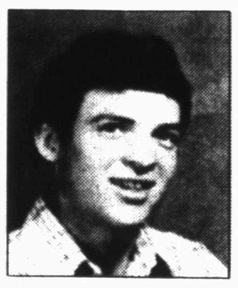
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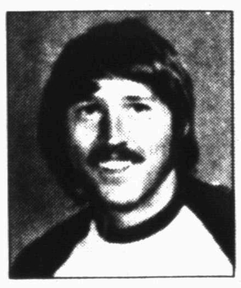
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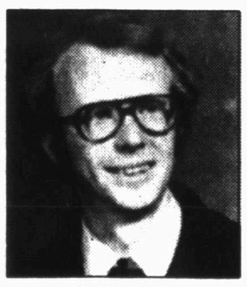
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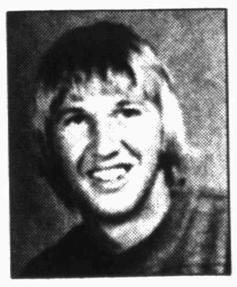
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In each advertisement you will find a face from the past. Identify the faces on the entry blank opposite the name of the sponsoring business. **Bring or mail the entry blank to the Snyder Daily News, 3600 College, PO Box 949.** The deadline for entering is 5 p.m. Monday before the next contest appears on Wednesday. The weekly prize winner will be drawn from all the correct entries. The winner will be notified. This week's faces will be identified in next week's contest. Only one entry per person, and please do not make copies of the entry blank. Employees of the SDN and their families are not eligible to enter.

Last Week's Photos: 1. Polly Echols 2. Donna Holt 3. Judy Bynum 4. Margaret Birdwell 5. Ted Bigham 6. Jack McGlaun 7. Ernie Armstrong 8. Don Gressett 9. Bobby Goodwin 10. Dorothy Beaty

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THE SNYDER DAILY NEWS

Clinton will sign compromise IRS bill

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton says he will sign a compromise bill revamping the Internal Revenue Service, concluding a two-year push by Congress to expand taxpayers' rights and increase oversight of the tax collector.

"I am pleased that the House and Senate have finally reached a bipartisan agreement to reform the IRS and strengthen taxpayer rights," Clinton said in a statement Tuesday night.

"We need an IRS that reflects American values and respects American taxpayers," Clinton added. "This bill goes a long way toward that goal and I look forward to signing it into law."

House and Senate lawmakers were planning a formal announcement to describe details of the pact today. House passage could come as early as Thursday, with Senate passage perhaps after the July Fourth holiday.

Senate Minority Leader Tom Daschle, D-S.D., expressed misgivings about some provisions in the bill, especially its cost.

"There are a lot of good changes, (but) you've got a lot of stuff that is expensive," Daschle said, adding, "We're prepared to accept this as the first step."

The bill, which costs $13 billion over 10 years, makes the biggest changes at the agency since 1952 by giving the IRS commissioner broad new powers to revamp the troubled bureaucracy and lure executive talent with more generous salaries.

The legislation arose amid widespread complaints of IRS computer foul-ups, slow or erroneous service and highly charged Senate hearings that described agents abusing their broad powers.

Congress in 1996 set up a bipartisan commission to review the IRS and that panel recommended legislation that formed the basis of the IRS overhaul bill.

GOP moderates unhappy with cutbacks

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton promised today that he would not sign legislation that "shortchanges the future of our children," one day after House Republicans began cutting summer jobs and other social programs.

Speaking at a bill signing ceremony in the Oval Office, Clinton predicted that unless the House shows a willingness to compromise, the battle over these programs would be "the major conflict of the coming months."

"I still hope that I will not have to sign an education bill, or veto one, that shortchanges the future of our children," the president said. "I don't intend to sign it. I hope a veto won't be necessary, but there is no excuse for this."

Some House Republicans want to eliminate federal programs providing summer jobs for low-income young people and money for poor families to pay home heating bills. Unhappy GOP moderates in the House may stop them before the measure ever gets to Clinton's desk.

By an 8-4 vote Tuesday, a House Appropriations subcommittee approved $81.9 billion for the departments of Health and Human Services, Education and Labor for next year. That is $2.6 billion less than Clinton wants.

Though the measure boosts some Clinton proposals, it cuts many others, ranging from job training to efforts to enrich school curriculums. And the first hurdle it will face will be moving through the House, where Republicans' 10-vote margin means they can lose very few members and still prevail.

"This is unacceptable. This is absolutely crazy," moderate Rep. Sherwood Boehlert, R-N.Y., said of the bill.

"There are a lot more than a few people who are quite concerned," said Rep. Mike Castle, R-Del., another moderate.

With the centrist Senate likely to restore many of the cuts and Clinton virtually sure to veto them should they reach him, the reductions are all but certain to never become law.

Even so, the bill represents a decision by House GOP leaders to fashion legislation to the liking of conservatives, who insist Republicans must continue their drive to shrink government if they are to keep control of Congress in the November elections.

The measure ignores Clinton's proposals to hire 100,000 new teachers and build new classrooms. It would also make it harder for the government to issue new regulations covering worker safety and black lung disease and would restrict federal bilingual education efforts.

"I regret we don't have more money to throw at some of these problems, but I think that's the real world," said House Appropriations Committee Chairman Bob Livingston, R-La.

That wasn't good enough for Democrats, who said Republicans believe most Americans are ignoring Washington because of today's economic good times.

Anti-smoking lawmakers say bill would have cost too much

WASHINGTON (AP) — New anti-smoking legislation should carry a dramatically lower price tag for the industry than the bill shelved last week in the Senate, lawmakers trying to revive comprehensive tobacco legislation say.

House leaders are considering a measure that would charge tobacco companies somewhere between nothing and $4.3 billion. Two senators on Tuesday proposed a bill that would cost the tobacco companies $428 billion over 25 years, some $88 billion less than Sen. John McCain's bill, which was killed last week by the Senate.

House leaders are expected to make public this week a bill that would crack down on teen smoking and drug abuse.

Sens. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, and Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif., added an alternative measure to a growing tobacco policy revival effort, saying Congress would be "stupid" to waste election-year momentum by ignoring legislation that would fund anti-smoking research.

"If this fails, then both sides deserve the blame," Hatch said.

The senators have not formally introduced their bill and neither congressional leaders nor the White House have endorsed it.

Senate Democrats have vowed to re-offer McCain's rejected bill as an amendment to virtually every measure that comes to the Senate floor. A group of conservative Senate leaders are crafting a more narrow approach that would address teen smoking and drug use.

Hatch and Feinstein, meanwhile, said the only model that would significantly reduce teen smoking and crack down on tobacco companies is their bill, modeled on the $368 billion settlement struck last June between the industry and dozens of states suing them.

But unlike McCain's bill, the measure would not require tobacco companies to raise cigarette prices, mandating only that the industry make their payments on time, regardless of how the money was raised. Hatch acknowledged, however, that the industry likely would pass on that burden by raising prices by as much as $1 a pack over 10 years.

The Hatch-Feinstein bill would ban class action lawsuits against the tobacco industry and cap the damages companies could be forced to pay at $5.5 billion a year and $1 million a year per plaintiff.

Like McCain's bill, Hatch and Feinstein's measure would fund anti-smoking research, settle state lawsuits and approve new authority over tobacco for the Food and Drug Administration.

The funding would provide:

—$100 billion biomedical research into addiction and smoking-related diseases, funds that could not be diverted for other purposes.

—$92 billion for public health programs such as smoking cessation and public education.

—$18.7 billion for tobacco farmers and phase out the price support system.

—$9.4 billion to beef up law enforcement.

—$204 billion to states to settle their lawsuits against the industry.

In addition, the tobacco companies would be fined up to $10 billion if teen smoking rates did not drop sufficiently.

And the bill would establish a three-member panel to decide attorneys' fees, which tobacco companies would pay in addition to the money required by the bill, Hatch said.

Seven locals will attend convention

Seven delegates from Scurry County are scheduled to head to San Antonio on Thursday for the State Democratic Convention to be held in the Alamodome.

Those scheduled to attend include local Democratic chairman Billy Haynes, Carole Haynes, Jerry Gannaway, Ralph Trevey, Elizabeth Jenkins and George Mraz.

A kickoff reception is scheduled for 6 p.m. on Thursday.

Caucus meetings will be called to order at 6 a.m. Friday followed by convention committee meetings called to order at 10 a.m.

Highlighting Friday's events will be vice-president Al Gore when he speaks at 6 p.m.

Convention committee meetings will get underway at 8 a.m. on Saturday and a Blue Star breakfast is slated for 8:30 that morning.

"We'll be at training sessions and meeting with various caucuses working on gearing up for the November elections," Haynes said of the three-day event.

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Obituaries

Retha Orr

1919-1998

LAMESA — Retha Pauline Orr, the mother of Sandy Norris of Snyder, died Saturday, June 20, in Pleasanton following a lengthy illness.

Funeral service for Mrs. Orr, 78, is set for 10 a.m. Thursday in the Branon Funeral Home Chapel. The Rev. David Black will officiate and burial will follow in Lamesa Memorial Park.

Born Oct. 31, 1919 in White Flat, Okla., she married Searcy Orr on June 8, 1941 in Lamesa. He died in 1956.

A resident of Lamesa since 1956, she was the secretary for North Elementary for 20 years. Mrs. Orr was a member of the 48 Delphians Club and a life-long member of the Methodist Church.

Survivors also include a son, Bob Orr of Jourdanton; a sister, Joan Wilkes of Austin; a brother, Bill Spencer of Amarillo; five grandchildren, Bobby Orr, Cody Orr, Brandy Scott, Kathy Bauer and Bryan Norris; and four great-grandchildren.

Gene Cox

1936-1998

Graveside service for Gene Lloyd Cox, 61, is set for 2 p.m. Thursday in the Snyder Cemetery.

Wayne Horton, Price Daniel Unit chaplain, will officiate. Wright Colonial Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Mr. Cox was pronounced dead by Scurry County Justice of the Peace Charlie Reynolds. Death was attributed to natural causes and was possibly heat-related.

Mr. Cox, a U.S. Air Force veteran, was a truck driver for the Texas Department of Criminal Justice in Snyder.

His wife preceded him in death.

Survivors include two sons, Robert Bruce of Lubbock and Clark Wayne Cox; a daughter, Cynthia Smith of Nacogdoches; a sister; and four grandchildren.

Officers arrest Amarillo man

A 25-year-old Amarillo man was arrested by officers Tuesday on warrants for bond forfeiture on two original charges of forgery.

Raymond Rodriguez Jr. of 2506 West 1st in Amarillo was booked into jail at 2 p.m.

Officers also filed several offense reports Tuesday.

At 8:44 a.m., Mrs. V.M. Garlington reported her purse had been stolen from a vehicle parked beside her house at 2212 44th. An offense report for burglary of a vehicle was submitted.

Wade Davis reported at 10:27 a.m. that junk farm equipment had been stolen from his farm west of Snyder. An offense report for theft was filed.

A second offense report for theft was filed at 10:49 a.m. in reference to the theft of a diamond necklace and currency from Kayla Barbee of 11922 CR 4109.

An offense report for assault and family violence was filed at 1:34 a.m. this morning on 30th Street following a 911 report of a person in a stationwagon trying to run over another subject.

Officer handled numerous other calls including reports of loud music, dogs barking and motorist assists.

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Special church services

The Word is Life Deliverance Church is having special services today through Friday at 7 p.m. Phil Ligon, with Praise in the Night which can be heard on KGNZ, will be the speaker each night. For more information, contact 573-9517 or 573-0353.

Get-acquainted reception

A reception in honor of Jerry Stapp, new general manager of Midwest Electric Cooperative, will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday at the DCOS offices in the American State Bank building. The reception is sponsored by DCOS, the chamber of commerce and the city of Snyder.

Apostolic Faith Church revival

Revival services at Apostolic Faith Church, 2512 25th St., begin at 7 tonight and continue through next Wednesday. Sunday services are at 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. Austin Sutton is the evangelist.

Lucky 13 Dance

Lucky 13 Rush Dance will be held from 8 p.m. until midnight Thursday in Towle Park Barn. Everyone is welcome. Admission is $3 per person and $5 for a couple.

Diabetes Support Group

Snyder's Diabetes Support Group will meet at 7 p.m. Thursday in the Rehab Services Building at 5301 Trinity Blvd. Speaker will be Mike McWilliams of McWilliams Pharmacy.

SHS Class of 1983 reunion

The 1983 class of Snyder High School will have a reunion planning meeting at 6:30 p.m. Friday at Mark Cypert's home at 2701 30th. For additional information, call 573-5714.

Girl Scout fun day

Swim time for all registered Girl Scouts is Saturday at the Western Texas College pool from 5:30-7:30 p.m. For additional information, contact Shannon Mhoon, 573-4806.

God, Country celebration

Snyder's annual "God and Country Celebration" will be held at 6 p.m. Sunday at the First Baptist Church. Speakers include State Rep. David Counts and State Sen. Tom Haywood.

Church of Nazarene film

Snyder's First Church of Nazarene will present the film, "I Just Saw Jesus," from 6-7 p.m. the next two Sundays. The church, located on the Colorado City Highway, invites the public to attend.

VFW needs vets for float

Snyder's VFW wants to find men and women who served during World Wars I and II, Korean, Vietnam and Desert Storm wars to ride on its July Fourth float. If you would like to participate call Bob Sealy, 573-3456; Valton Buchanan, 573-6542; Beal Turney, 573-1934; or Bob Moffett, 573-5684, before June 25.

Color TV drawing

Snyder Healthcare Center is taking donations for a drawing for a 19-inch color TV to be given away July 4th in Towle Park. For more information, call 573-6332.

New programs at FBC

First Baptist Church has two programs: King's Kids Preschool on Mondays and Wednesdays and Mother's Day Out on Fridays. Extended care is available. Register now for the 1998-99 school year. For more information, call 573-7401.

'Furry Tails! Funny Tales!'

Registration for summer reading and read-to-me programs for children is underway at Scurry County Library. There are two age groups — preschoolers and non-reading children and youngsters who have completed K through 6th grade. Registration will continue through July 24 during normal library hours.

Road to Recovery program

Volunteers are needed to take patients to Abilene or Lubbock one day a week for cancer treatment. Following approval by the American Cancer Society, drivers will be provided liability insurance and can be reimbursed for fuel expenses incurred for the trip. For more information, contact ACS Road to Recovery volunteer coordinator Martha Schiebel at 573-8626 and leave a message, or Sammie Jarrell at 573-5993.

Oil photographs needed

Old photographs of oil scenes or events in Scurry County are wanted by the Scurry County Museum in conjunction with an Oil Appreciation Day observance on Oct. 17. The photographs will be copied and returned.

Avenue D Baptist VBS

Vacation Bible School at Ave. D. Baptist Church will be held from 9 a.m. until noon July 6-10 for grades K through 12. Theme is "Star Quest: A Galactic Good News Adventure." For more information call 573-0971.

Pick 3

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

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(two, zero, nine)

Cash Five

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

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(fourteen, sixteen, twenty-one, twenty-six, twenty-nine)