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Back-to-school buyers to get sales tax break

With the start of Snyder public schools set for Wednesday, back-to-school shopping has been building to a peak which will culminate over the next three days with tax-free shopping.

Shoppers will get the tax break as a result of a law passed this year by the Texas Legislature.

The sales tax break, which is expected to save shoppers across the state over $10.5 million over Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

The tax break will become an annual event to be held on the first Friday, Saturday and Sunday of August to aid families as they buy school clothing.

This year, both state and local taxes will be waived, while in future years, cities and counties and other taxing entities will have the choice in participating in the tax break or imposing the tax.

Most clothing and footwear priced at less than $100 will be exempt from sales tax.

Customers will receive the break on individual items, regardless of the amount they buy.

For example, sales tax is not due if a customer buys six shirts, each priced at under $100. But the full tax must be paid on a shirt if it is sold for $110; the first $99.99 cannot be exempted.

Items that are sold in pairs cannot be separated and sold individually. If a pair of shoes cost $150, each shoe cannot be sold for $75 in order to qualify for the sales tax exemption.

However, components that are normally priced as separate articles may continue to be sold as separate articles and qualify for the exemption if the price of the article is less than $100.

Clothing and footwear that are used primarily for athletic activities or for protective wear are not eligible for the exemption. Customers buying golf cleats, and football pads, for instance, must pay sales tax. But the tax will be waived on athletic wear that is commonly worn other than while participating in an athletic activity, such as tennis shoes, baseball caps or jogging suits.

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "Relax, today's problems will turn out to be tomorrow's funny stories."

Most Americans lose thousands of pounds over a lifetime. The biggest problem is that we often gain more than we lose.

We came across somebody's exercise diary, and thought that common misery could be translated into a common chuckle.

The writer had been purchased a membership in a fitness center. He made reservations with Tanya, a 26-year-old aerobics instructor.

He said his wife was pleased with his initial enthusiasm.

Day 1: They suggest I keep this "exercise diary" to chart progress.

Started at 6 a.m. Tough to get up, but worth it when arrived and Tanya was waiting for me.

She's something of a goddess - blond hair and dazzling white smile. She showed me the machines and took my pulse after five minutes on the treadmill.

She seemed a little alarmed that it was so high, but I think just standing next to her added about 10 points.

Enjoyed watching the aerobics class. Tanya was very encouraging as I did my sit-ups, though gut was already aching a little from holding it in the whole time I was talking to her. This is going be great.

Day 2: Took a pot of coffee to get me out of door, but made it. Tanya had me lie on my back and push this heavy iron bar up into the air. Then she put weights on it, for heaven's sake. Legs were a little wobbly on treadmill, but made it the full mile. Her smile makes it all worth it. Muscles feel great.

Day 3: The only way I can brush teeth is by laying the toothbrush on counter and moving my mouth back and forth. I'm certain I have developed a hernia. Driving okay as long as I didn't try to steer.

Tanya was a little impatient and said my screaming was bothering other members. The treadmill hurt my chest, so I did the stair monster. Why would anyone invent a machine to simulate an activity rendered obsolete by the invention of elevators?

Tayna told me exercise would make me live longer. I can't think of anything worse.

Day 4: Tayna was waiting with her sadistic, vampire teeth in full snarl.

I can't help it if an hour late. She wanted me to lift dumb bells. Not a chance, I figured dumb must be there for a reason.

I hid in men's room until they sent Lars looking for me. As punishment, she made me try the stinking rowing machine.

Day 5: I hate Tanya. If I could move, I would hit her.

She thought it was be good idea to work on triceps. Well, I don't have triceps, and if they don't want dents in the floor, don't hand me any more barbells.

Day 6: Got Tayna's message on answering machine wondering where I am. Lacked strength to use remote, so watched 11 straight hours of weather channel.

Day 7: Made the week. Thank goodness that's over. Maybe next time my wife will give me something a little more fun, like a free prostate exam.

Air Force drops plans for far West Texas area

The fact that the U.S. Air Force has agreed to withdraw a proposal for low-level training flights over parts of far West Texas will not slow down an effort by a local group to fight a similar training plan proposed for this area.

"I don't think this will affect us," said Buster Welch, founder of the Heritage Environmental Preservation Association (HEPA).

"I think that withdrawal covers just the routes over that area of Texas" said Welch.

Welch added that some of the reports the Air Force releases are misleading.

"They'll release a report that makes you think they're out of our area, but what it really means is something else," said Welch.

Welch said at one time the Air Force released a report which led some to believe they were withdrawing their plan for the low-level flying over an area which includes Scurry, Kent, Fisher, Stonewall, Garza, Borden, Dawson and Lynn counties.

"Their report read that way, but all they were talking about was one little strip of land," said Welch.

Welch said his group has not had much interaction with the Air Force recently.

"We're just hunkerin' down, praying they don't choose the route over this area."

"We just hope that we made a good enough showing in Snyder that the Air Force will go somewhere else."

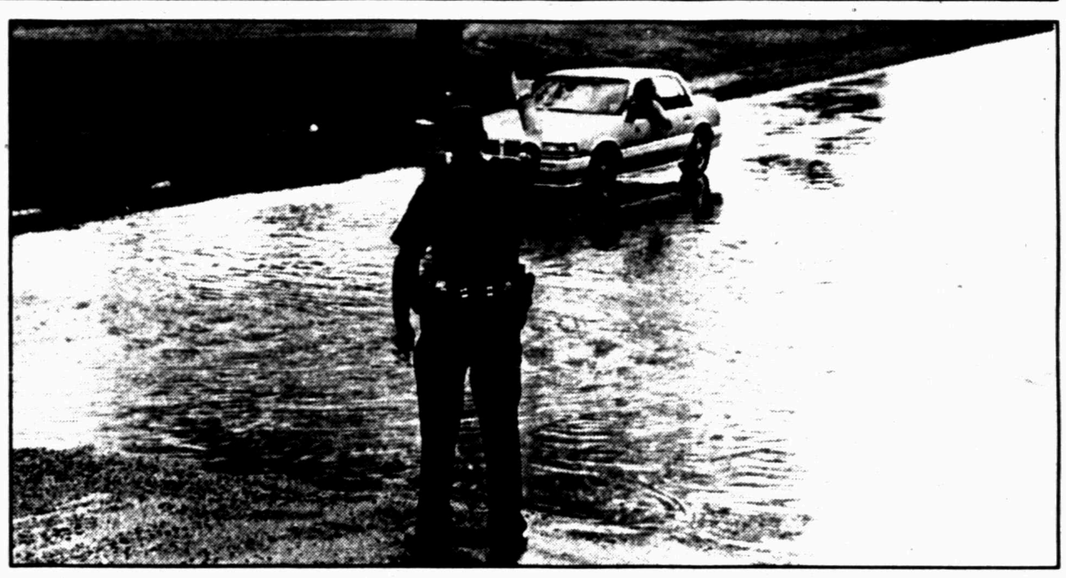
The Air Force hosted hearings in various communities last spring, including Snyder, Big Lake and Alpine, and the show of opposition in Snyder was overwhelming.

Welch said he expects the Air Force to release its final report in mid-December.

"We can't do much, including getting a court injunction, until they say they are going to fly over us," said Welch.

Welch ranches in Scurry and Fisher counties and fears the low-level flying of B-1 and B-52 bombers over this area will affect everyone, not just landowners.

RAINY WEATHER FUN— Robyn Thompson and her playmates had fun catching lots of little frogs Wednesday afternoon. (SDN Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)



HIGH WATER – Snyder police officer Dan Hicks routes a driver away from a low-water crossing at the intersection of 37th Street and Brick Plant Road Wednesday afternoon. A deluge of some 1.64 inches of rain fell in a short time causing low-level areas to become flooded. (SDN Staff Photo)

With flooding problem...

Restaurant owners unhappy with city

By Joyce May
Staff Writer

Owners and employees of Ken's Fried Chicken tried to no avail Wednesday to prevent rainwater from flooding the restaurant — again.

Co-owner Ken Irwin says the flooding is caused by a drainage ditch located behind the building. Irwin said he reported the ditch and the flooding to the city following the June 12 flood.

"This all started when we had the big flood. It uncovered the drainage ditch. We got with the city engineer to see if the city could do anything about it," Irwin explained. "He said he would try to find out whose problem it was — who is responsible for the drainage."

However, Irwin said he never heard back from the city.

"They came out and assessed it, but he never got back with us."

The water, Irwin explained, meets from the north and the east and floods the building.

"From what we've been told, there is a 15 to 20 foot circle with two drainage pipes coming into it from Avenue E."

The restaurant crew tried to prevent the flooding this time.

"We were trying to get the water out as fast as we could," Irwin said. "We thought we were going to catch it before it got in the building, but once the water started pouring in, we lost the battle."

A lot of paper goods were lost in the first flood and the continued flooding has also damaged shelves and the back entrance area.

"We will probably have to replace that where the water is coming in. We'll have to replace the wooden storage shelves also."

As a temporary solution, members of the Snyder Fire Department assisted Wednesday in setting up a barricade with bags of dirt.

"All of this could have been prevented if somebody could have decided whose problem it was," Irwin said.

His father, Denver, another co-owner, added, "If it was city hall flooding, they would be down there fixing it. Why can't they fix it here. We've been flooded 10 times or more."

The city reported 1.64 inches of rain Wednesday.

Other rainfall reports varied across the county from a trace at Dunn and Polar to 1.86 inches in the Knapp community.

CRMWD officials reported .15 at Lake Thomas. One inch of rain was received on the west end of the lake.

Citizens east of Hermleigh received .75 while north of Snyder received half an inch.

$7.4 billion farmers aid OK'd

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate has agreed on a $7.4 billion package of farm assistance, sending a "clear signal" to growers that they're likely to get extra cash this fall to compensate for slumping crop prices.

The plan omits any special assistance for Eastern growers who are suffering through one of the region's worst droughts this century. But that could be added when House and Senate negotiators work out of the final version of the measure this fall.

"This is a good place to start," said Mary Kay Thatcher, a lobbyist for the American Farm Bureau Federation. "It's a very good indication for the House on what kind of aid the Senate believes is necessary."

Democrats wanted as much as $11 billion, but GOP leaders beat back several attempts Wednesday to fatten the package. In the end, Democrats decided the GOP plan was "better than there being no assistance all," said Sen. Byron Dorgan, D-N.D.

On a 89-8 vote, the $7.4 billion was added to an annual Agriculture Department spending bill for the fiscal year beginning Oct. 1, pushing the cost of the legislation to $68 billion.

The House didn't put any such assistance in its version of the bill, but Speaker Dennis Hastert, R-Ill., said recently that the House is "committed to taking decisive action."

A House-Senate conference committee will negotiate a final version of the assistance package, with negotiations starting in September after Congress returns from a month-long recess.

The Clinton administration hasn't taken a position on how much aid is needed. "We hope that they'll send us something we can sign," White House spokesman Joe Lockhart said Wednesday. Last year, President Clinton vetoed a $4 billion farm bailout and forced congressional Republicans to add $2 billion.

Prices for corn, soybeans, wheat and other crops are depressed for the second year in a row because of huge crops worldwide. Federal farm subsidies already were expected to reach a near record $16.7 billion even without the additional assistance Congress is considering.

Annual gun, knife show set for coliseum

The 18th annual Canyon Gun Club Gun, Knife and Coin Show is set for Saturday and Sunday at Scurry County Coliseum.

Doors will open at 9 a.m. both days and the event will be open until 6 p.m. on Saturday, and to 5 p.m. on Sunday.

Admission is $3 for adults and children 12 and under will admitted free with parents.

Those attending will have the opportunity to view a wide range of guns, knives and coins and the items can be bought or traded.

ASK US

Q—How many patients were flown by helicopter from Cogdell Memorial Hospital in the past year?

A—From July 1998 through July 1999, 7,825 people were seen in the hospital's emergency room. Of that number, 64 were transferred to another medical facility by helicopter.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Wednesday, 95 degrees; low, 68; 7 a.m. Thursday, 71; 1.64 inches precipitation; total for 1999, 19.11 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, partly cloudy, 30% chance of storms. Lows, 65-70. Friday, partly cloudy, 20% chance of storms. High, lower 90s. Friday night, partly cloudy, slight chance of storms. Lows, 65-70.

Chris Rainy
Chance of Storms

Sunset: 8:36 p.m.
Sunrise: 7:03 a.m.
Of 216 days in 1999, the sun has shone 209 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

Wherever you go, go with all your heart.
—Confucius

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Boy Scouts ban on homosexuals overturned

TRENTON, N.J. (AP) — The Boy Scouts of America plan to ask the U.S. Supreme Court to uphold its ban on homosexuals, claiming constitutional rights of free association and speech includes a right to exclude gays.

"We'll argue the First Amendment," attorney George Davidson said after New Jersey's Supreme Court ruled the ban on homosexuals is illegal under the state's anti-discrimination laws — the first time a state high court has invalidated the ban.

The court said Wednesday that the private organization is subject to state laws because it is a "place of public accommodation" and so cannot deny any person "advantages, facilities and privileges" on account of sexual orientation.

The decision was a victory for James Dale, an assistant scoutmaster who was kicked out of the Boy Scouts nine years ago when leaders found out he is gay. He sued seeking reinstatement.

"The Supreme Court of New Jersey is wonderful," Dale said. "This is exactly what scouting has taught me: to believe in the system and that goodness will prevail."

Dale, who turned 29 on Monday, called the unanimous decision "the best birthday present I could have asked for."

Davidson, however, called it a "a sad day when the state dictates to parents what role models they must provide for their children."

"To us, the silver lining is it gives Boy Scouts the first opportunity to go the U.S. Supreme Court and get a definitive ruling to put an end to these lawsuits," he said.

The ruling contrasted with a March 1998 decision by the California Supreme Court in the Boy Scouts' favor. That ruling, also unanimous, said the organization was not a business and was therefore free to exclude gays, as well as atheists and agnostics.

The U.S. Supreme Court refused to hear an appeal of that decision.

The New Jersey court said the Boy Scouts organization constitutes a "place of public accommodation" because it has a broad-based membership and forms partnerships with public entities like police and fire departments.

Written by Chief Justice Deborah Poritz, the ruling dismissed assertions by the Boy Scouts that the words "morally straight" and "clean" in the Boy Scout Oath constitute a statement against homosexuality and allow it to keep gays out.

The court doubted young boys "ascribe any meaning to these terms other than a commitment to be good."

"Nothing before us ... suggests that one of Boy Scouts' purposes is to promote the view that homosexuality is immoral," the decision reads.

The court also said Dale's presence in the group would not symbolize an endorsement of homosexuality, and it rejected the Boy Scouts' contention that striking down their ban violates the group's First Amendment rights.

Dale earned 30 merit badges, seven achievement honors and other awards, and was an Eagle Scout during his 12 years in the organization. He was expelled by the Monmouth Council in 1990 after the group learned from a newspaper article that he is gay.

Local man's poem is being honored by poetry society

A Snyder man is receiving recognition from the Famous Poets Society for a poem submitted entitled, "Tears in Vain."

Brad Johnson's poem is eligible for a presentation at the Society's Fifth Annual Poetry Convention which will be held Oct. 24-26 in Reno, Nev.

Johnson will be honored as a Famous Poet for 1999 and will be presented with the Diamond Homer Trophy.

Poets throughout the world will attend the convention including Dr. Kenneth Fan, the Republic of China's poet laureate.

Johnson will also receive the 1999 Poet of the Year Medallion. He is also eligible to enter a poem in the Society's $50,000 poetry contest. Last year's winners ranged in age from 9 to 89.

According to a Famous Poets Society news release, Dr. Fan has asked that Johnson walk with him during the Famous Poets Parade.

As the grand marshall of the parade, Dr. Fan invited Johnson to bring a poem of peace to release "on the wings of Pegasus," during the Famous Poets For Peace Balloonathon.

Hundreds of balloons will be released at once, making a rainbow of poetry in the sky.

The fun part of the balloon release, the news release said, is that whoever finds one of the balloon gets a free subscription to the newsletter which the FPS publishes.

Johnson will also receive a free subscription, just for attending the convention. Whose ever poem is returned from the farthest distance will receive an honorarium of $1,000.

Brad Johnson

U.S. Marshals Service to take custody of files

DALLAS (AP) — The U.S. Marshals Service would take custody of 12 tons of evidence collected from the charred rubble of the Branch Davidian compound under a motion filed by the U.S. Justice Department.

After the failed Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms raid at David Koresh's Branch Davidian compound east of Waco on Feb. 28, 1993, Texas Rangers, an arm of the DPS, were deputized as U.S. marshals to conduct the criminal investigation into the deaths of four BATF agents who died there.

The criminal case against Branch Davidians that grew out of the 51-day siege was prosecuted in federal court in San Antonio and a civil lawsuit filed against the government by families of the cult members who died in the April 19, 1993, fire at the compound is pending in Waco's federal court.

At the DPS' request, Texas Assistant Attorney General Daniel E. Maeso asked U.S. District Judge Walter S. Smith Jr. in Waco to take control of the evidence until Smith could determine which state or federal agency should have custody and control of it.

A Justice Department motion filed Wednesday in Waco agrees to the DPS' request to relinquish control of the evidence, The Dallas Morning News reports.

Because the evidence includes weapons and munitions, government lawyers said it should be held by law enforcement "until the final appellate resolution of the convictions in this case and of the related civil litigation."

Smith was asked to accept custody of the evidence and then turn it over to the Marshals Service for safekeeping.

The judge could then determine who could have access to the evidence, the motion said.

DPS spokeswoman Tela Mange had said the state was unable to allow anybody to examine the material.

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

Mom Who Violates Teen-Agers' Privacy Draws Harsh Criticism

by Abigail Van Buren

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DEAR READERS: Yesterday I printed a letter from an Ohio mother regarding a previously published letter from a "Snoopy Mom" who proudly described searching through her teen-agers' belongings.

Today I'll share a sample of the mail I received from teens. Hang onto your hats! Read on:

DEAR ABBY: I am a teen-age male who was infuriated when I read the letter in your column from "Snoopy Mom." I'm willing to bet that if she caught her kids going through her personal belongings, she would lecture them until the sun went down. And you know what she'd be then? A hypocrite! As soon as her teen-agers left the room after telling them that snooping is wrong and that they should respect privacy, she'd start snooping again.

I hope God is on her side, because she is going to need his help if they catch her!

JEFF IN CHICAGO

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DEAR ABBY: There is a difference between invading your children's privacy and noticing if they spend their free time building bombs in the garage. Violating their trust by searching their rooms without justification while they are absent is reprehensible.

A child's diary is a child's diary. In it, a child records innermost feelings and what other kids share in confidence. I'll bet "Mom" wouldn't appreciate it if her kids went through her most private things.

I feel sorry for the children of "Snoopy Mom." They have to spend every day with this callous, irrational, distrusting and insensitive person. She never should have had children if this is how she treats them.

I now realize how fortunate I am that my parents are intelligent enough to respect my privacy and, at the same time, steer me in the right direction.

RATIONAL 15-YEAR-OLD, BAYSIDE, N.Y.

DEAR RATIONAL: Many teens echoed your feelings. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: Conspicuously absent from "Snoopy's" letter were comments on the result of her behavior — the quality of her relationship with her children. It can't be very good, since her children are probably aware of her atrocious lack of trust, respect and common courtesy. I hope knowing every detail of her children's lives now will make up for this mother's being shut out of their lives when they're older.

JEANA L., AGE 19, IN OHIO

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DEAR ABBY: I pity people who feel they must violate their children's trust in order to learn more about their lives. I hope parents understand that once your children learn you do not trust them, they in turn will not trust *you* — and you'll never be able to rebuild what has been so carelessly destroyed.

Some people may call it "concern," but I call it lack of parenting skills.

REBECCA (AGE 14) IN WASHINGTON

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DEAR ABBY: I realize that parents should know what their children are doing. It's their right to make sure they're not getting into trouble with underage drinking, drugs, premarital sex, etc. But everyone is entitled to at least a little bit of privacy. "Snoopy Mom" gave her children none.

Do her children know she's doing this? Unless she spent a lot of time placing things *exactly* where they were before, I'm sure they've figured it out!

TRUSTED TEEN IN TACOMA

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To receive a collection of Abby's most memorable — and most frequently requested — poems and essays, send a business-size, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for $3.95 ($4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby's "Keepers," P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Postage is included.)

Datebook

Thursday, Aug. 5, 1999

Today is the 217th day of 1999 and the 46th day of summer.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1583, Sir Humphrey Gilbert claimed St. Johns harbor, Newfoundland, for England.

On this day in 1925, "Little Orphan Annie" made its debut, in the New York Daily News.

On this day in 1957, "American Bandstand," with host Dick Clark, made its television debut, in Philadelphia, Pa.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Guy de Maupassant (1850-1893), writer; Conrad Aiken (1889-1973), writer; John Huston (1906-1987), director; Neil Armstrong (1930-), astronaut, is 69; Loni Anderson (1946-), actress, is 53; Patrick Ewing (1962-), basketball player, is 37; John Olerud (1968-), baseball player, is 31.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1973, Phil Niekro pitched a no-hitter for the Atlanta Braves, defeating the San Diego Padres 9-0.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "In life, as in a football game, the principle to follow is: Hit the line hard." — Theodore Roosevelt

TODAY'S MOON: Day after last quarter (Aug. 4).

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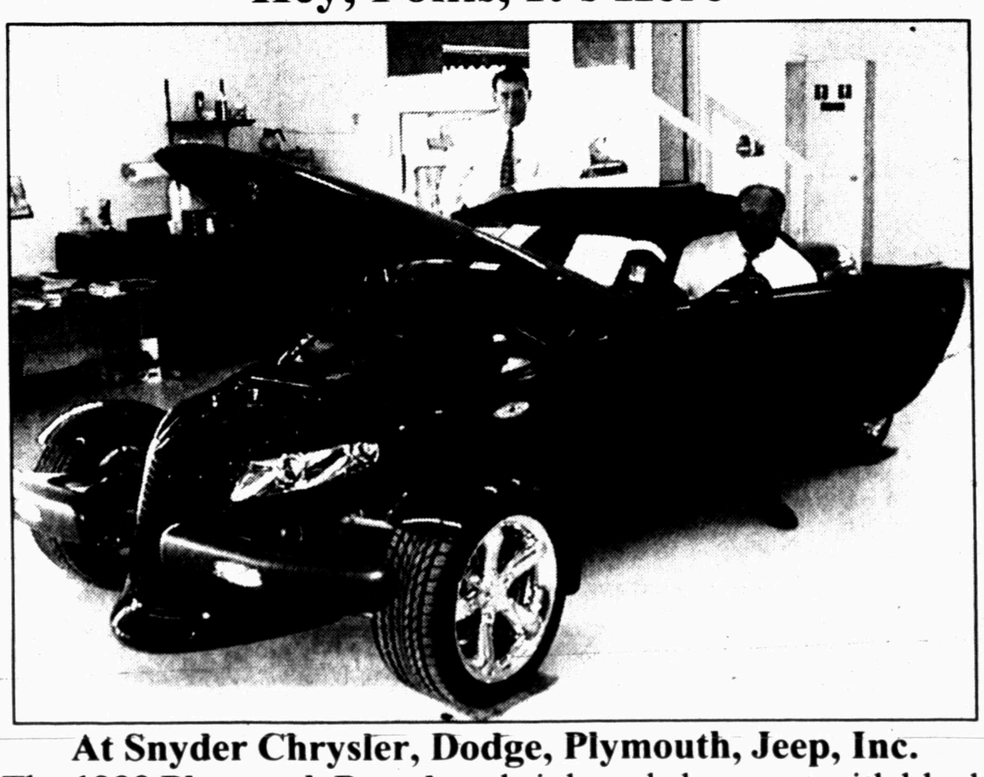

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Four SHS graduates receive '99 scholarships

Four 1999 Snyder High School graduates have received scholarships from the Texas Interscholastic League Foundation. They include Nickolas Means, Vanessa Jones, Reid Johnson and Brett Gibson.

Nickolas Means received a Houston Endowment Inc. Scholarship in the amount of $1,000, payable $500 each semester of the first year.

This year the Houston Endowment awarded a total of 30 grants to students who have participated in the University Interscholastic League Academic State Meet and who have compiled an outstanding record of academic and extracurricular achievement.

Means participated in persuasive speaking at the 1999 UIL state meet. He was also active in UIL current issues and events, L-D debate, computer science and spelling.

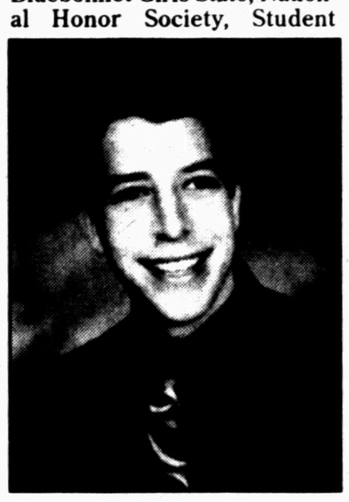
Means ranked fourth in his class and was a member of the band, National Honor Society, the Spanish Club and Academic Decathlon.

He was the SHS Webmaster and was named Outstanding Speech Student in 1998 and 1999. Means was also active in the community. He was active in his church and church activities and served as a volunteer teacher assistant at Central Elementary School.

Means plans to attend Baylor University and major in business.

Vanessa Jones received a Harold Lawrence Memorial Scholarship in the amount of $1,000, payable $500 each semester of the first year. This year the Lawrence Memorial is awarding 40 grants to students who have participated in the UIL Academic State Meet and have compiled an outstanding record of academic and extracurricular achievement.

Vanessa Jones



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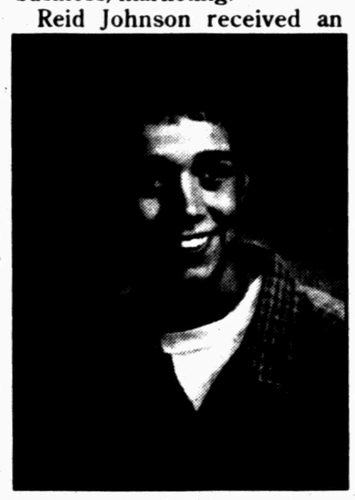

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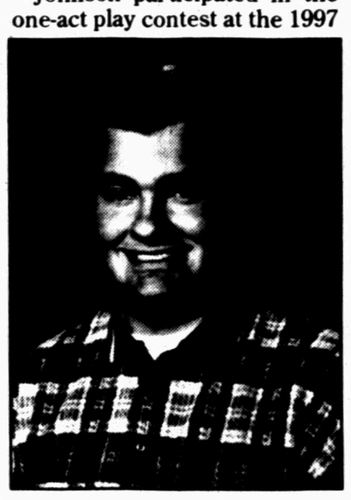

Nickolas Means

Jones participated in spelling and vocabulary at the 1999 UIL Academic State Meet. She was also active in UIL poetry and music contests. She was ranked first in her class and was a member of TAMOAS, the Spanish Club, Bluebonnet Girls State, National Honor Society, Student Council, Industrial Technology Club, the French Club, the softball team, the golf team and Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

Jones was also active in the community. She was involved in the Relay For Life for the American Cancer Society, she was a Scurry County Library volunteer, and she was active in the Toys-For-Tots and Adopt-A-Family programs.

Jones plans to attend Texas Tech University and major in business/marketing.

Reid Johnson received an Abell-Hanger Foundation Scholarship in the amount of $3,000, payable $750 each semester of the first two years.

The Abell-Hanger Foundation awarded 28 scholarships to students who have participated in the UIL state meet and who have compiled an outstanding record of academic and extracurricular achievement. Three of the scholarships were awarded to students who plan to major in nursing.

Johnson participated in the one-act play contest at the 1997 UIL state meet. He also participated in UIL music contests. He served as vice-president of the National Honor Society and the president of the senior class and choir.

He was a member of the Superintendent's Advisory Council and served as a Boys State representative. He was a member of the Ritz Community Theatre and performed magic tricks at different community events.

Johnson plans to attend Western Texas College and major in mass communication.

Brett Gibson received a Texas Coca-Cola Bottlers Scholarship in the amount of $500, payable $250 each semester of the first year. This year the Texas Coca Cola Bottlers awarded a total of 10 grants to students who have participated in the UIL state meet an who have compiled an outstanding record of academic and extracurricular achievement.

Gibson participated in accounting at the 1999 UIL state meet. He was also active in UIL music competitions and tennis. He was salutatorian of his class and was a member of the National Honor Society, Student Council and the Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

Gibson also served the community. He volunteered at the public library, helped serve Thanksgiving meals for the less fortunate, and collected toys for needy children at Christmas time.

Gibson plans to attend Baylor University and major in accounting.

This year the TIF awarded 315 new awards and will renew approximately 220 awards for a total of 535 scholarships for 1998-99 with an approximate value of $836,000. Recipients may attend any approved college or university in Texas.

Jerry Springer ponders run for Senate

CINCINNATI (AP) — Maybe refereeing all the brawling and bawling guests was just training for the real fights.

Jerry Springer, the TV talk show host reviled by many as a pox on American culture, is contemplating a run for the U.S. Senate. And his supporters warn he shouldn't be underestimated.

"I've known Jerry Springer for many years, and I consider him the most dangerous man in Ohio politics," said Bill Cunningham, a conservative talk show host on WLW radio in Cincinnati.

"If he runs, I think he would bring thousands and thousands of his fans to the polls just as Jesse 'the Body' Ventura brought his fans to the polls. Jerry is a fabulous politician."

Springer, 55, has said he'll consider running as a Democratic challenger to Republican Sen. Mike DeWine, who is seeking re-election next year.

"I think he would spring on the back of Mike DeWine like a jaguar on a ledge springing on the back of a passing water buffalo," Cunningham said.

Springer is a former two-term mayor of Cincinnati who ran for governor in 1982, then embarked on a TV career, working as an anchor and commentator before discovering that foul-mouthed, chair-throwing guests could make him the nation's No. 2-rated daytime talk show host.

DeWine is a former prosecutor whose low-key earnestness led colleagues to choose him to preside over Monica Lewinsky's deposition in President Clinton's impeachment trial. Messy affairs like that are mainstays of "The Jerry Springer Show."

DeWine has not commented on Springer, but the state's Republican chairman, Bob Bennett, has quipped: "Was Howard Stern busy?"

Some residents of Springer's hometown say they'd be embarrassed to send him to Capitol Hill.

"It's a joke," said Alvin Bell, 37, of Cincinnati. "If people are dumb enough to vote for him, they deserve what they get."

But Carol Batis, 43, thinks Springer would make a great senator.

"I think he's a real good person. He tries to help people."

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

North 08-05-99
♠ 7 4 3
♥ J 10 7 6 5 4 3
♦ Q
♣ Q 4

West
♠ 9 2
♥ A 2
♦ A 8 6 5 4
♣ K J 8 2

East
♠ K J 10 5
♥ Q 9
♦ K J 7 3 2
♣ 6 5

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

Vulnerable: North-South
Dealer: West

South	West	North	East
	1 ♦	Pass	1 ♠
2 ♣	Pass	Pass	Dbl.
Pass	Pass	Pass	

Opening lead: ♠ 9

ble two clubs for penalties because it would have shown exactly three spades: the so-called support double. You or I would have rebid three diamonds with that East hand. But in case her partner wanted to play in two clubs doubled, East doubled. West was delighted to do business. However, North was unwise to pass. If he had corrected to two hearts, his side would have been out of the frying pan.

Cappelletti led the spade nine: three, five, queen. Declarer played a diamond, aiming for a ruff in the dummy. However, on winning with her king, Lipscomb switched to a trump, which declarer ducked to West's king. Back came another trump, killing the ruff. In dummy for the only time, declarer ran the heart jack. Cappelletti won with the ace, cashed the diamond ace, then led another diamond. Declarer could ruff, but still had to lose two spade tricks to East and a trump trick to West. This meant South went two down, minus 500, giving the engaged couple a near top.

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A wonderful engagement gift

By Phillip Alder

Rose Kennedy offered this advice to married couples: "Make sure you never, never argue at night. You just lose a good night's sleep, and you can't settle anything until morning anyway."

Shannon Lipscomb and Mike Cappelletti Jr. became engaged to be married just before the Vancouver Spring Nationals. And they gave themselves a perfect shower present: a win in the Mixed Pairs. It was the first national title for either of them.

This auction features a gadget that has become almost ubiquitous in the tournament world. West couldn't dou-

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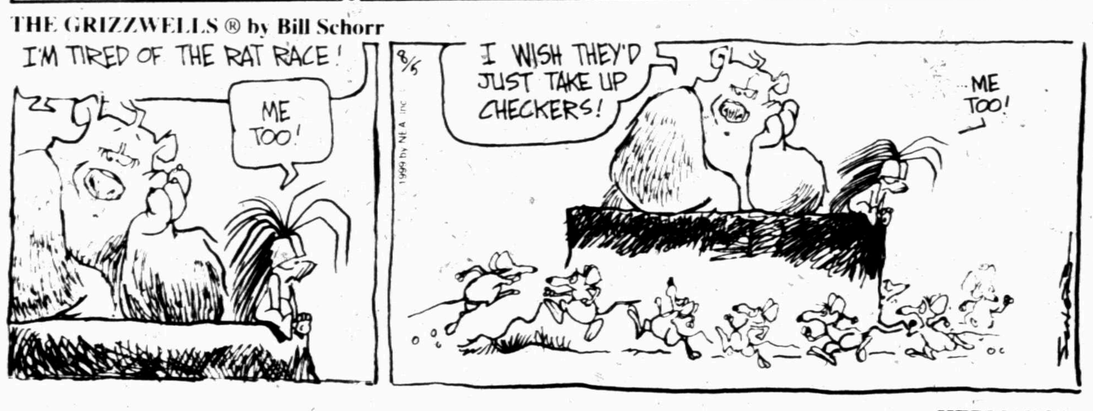

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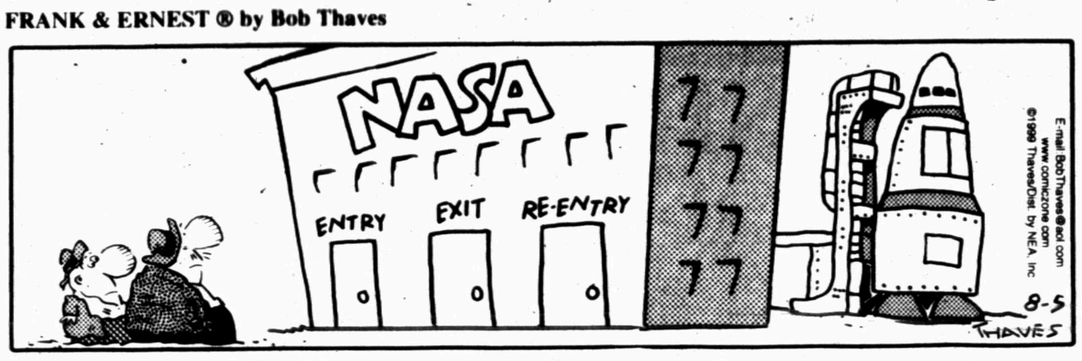

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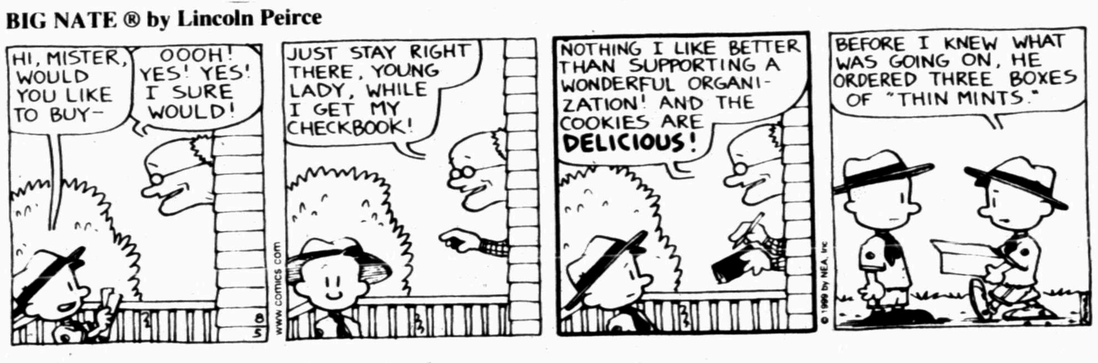

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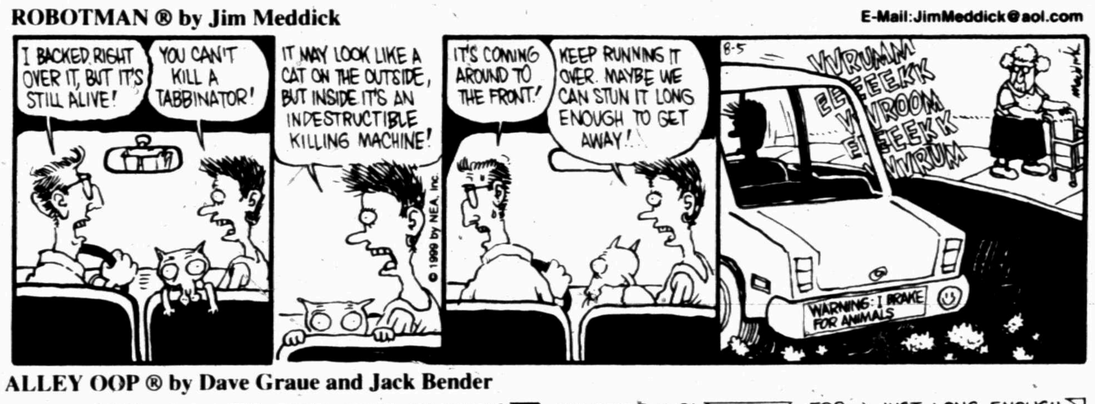

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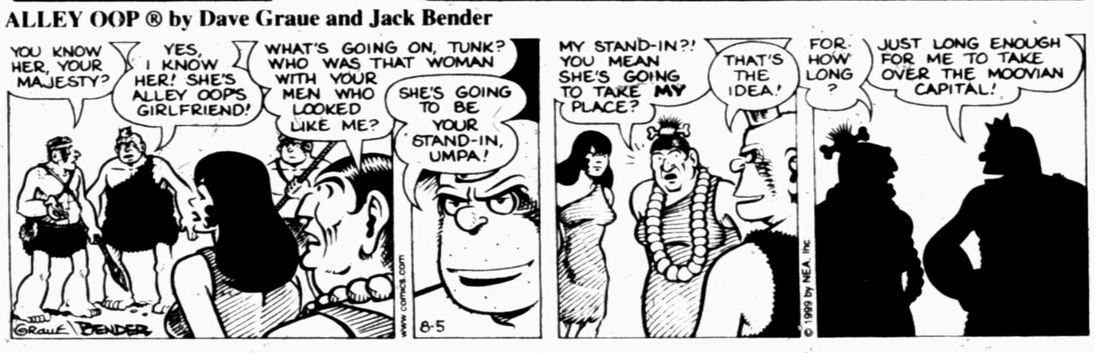

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NEA Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

1 Part of the small intestine
6 Deli breads
10 Feed for cattle
12 Carried
14 Inundates
15 Mean
16 Sweet potato
17 Energy
19 They could be wild!
20 Countless, informally
23 "— — Lucy"
26 Hockey great Bobby —
27 Lawyer (abbr.)
30 Incite
32 Shadows
34 Do a pilot's job
35 Indian language group
36 Southeast Asian holiday
37 Bullfight cheer
39 Manicurists' targets
40 Impractical person
42 Clothes tinter
45 Feel regret
46 Celebratory poem
49 Utah's neighbor
51 Grander
54 Respond to the alarm
55 Cheerful
56 Large knife
57 Make a goal

DOWN

1 Questionable
2 Actress Albright
3 Esau's country
4 Japanese-menu veggie
5 Club —
6 Raced
7 Whitehorse's territory
8 Director Kazan
9 Transmitted
11 Invitation inits.
12 Upper arm bone
13 Driller's deg.?
18 Judge Lance —
20 Eye layer
21 Trusted counselor
22 Luxurious fur
23 "— — first you . . ."
24 Tennis term
25 Leave out
27 Wild sheep
28 South African Dutch
29 Some bills
31 Air-traffic control system
33 Wild hog
38 — de cologne
40 Male duck
41 List of options
42 Genetic stuff (abbr.)
43 Evergreens
44 Novelist Hunter
46 Bread spread
47 Precious
48 Art deco illustrator
50 Poor grade
52 Photo — (picture-taking times)
53 UK broadcasters

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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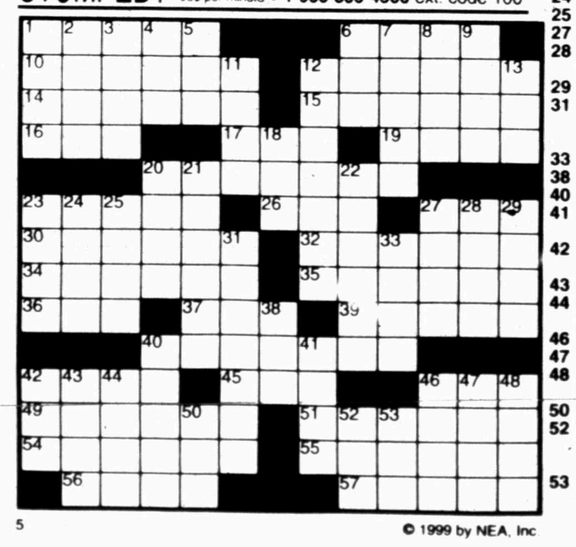

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SPORTS

For Lady Tigers...

Barnes fills final slot on SHS staff

Snyder High School's coaching staff is now complete.

Brit Barnes has been selected to head the cross country and girls' track programs at SHS. Barnes, who will teach math, will also be the JV girls' basketball coach.

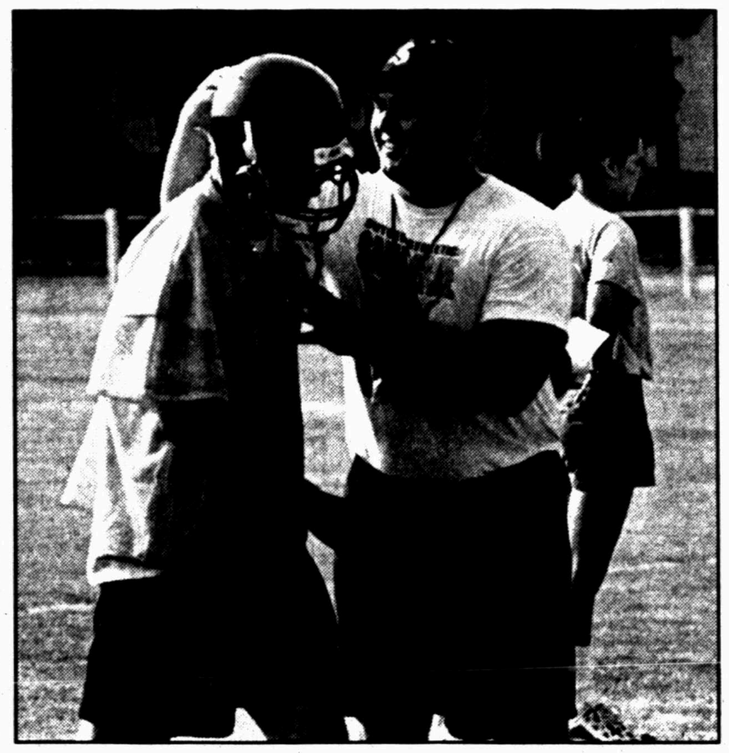
A graduate of Western New Mexico University with a master's degree in mathematics, Barnes led runners to the state meet while at Poteet and Karnack, before coaching last year at Class 4A Beeville.

Two influences on his decision to accept his new post were athletic director David Baugh and girls' athletic coordinator Sam Tipton.

"Coach Baugh and Coach Tipton were big reasons I came here," Barnes said. "They're both complete professionals at the top of their game. They're well-respected coaches, not just in this region, but all around the state."

Barnes knows one of his biggest obstacles to hurdle with the girls track program will be participation. The Lady Tigers have fielded less than five competitors each of the past two years.

"Participation shouldn't be a problem in track," Barnes stated. "My job is to find the right event for the right girl. There are 17 events in girls' track. There's an event for every girl in the school. Now, if I can't find the right spot for each girl, then I'm not doing my job. We will have girls in each event and be a well-rounded team, because that is what it takes to win championships."



GRIDIRON EXCITEMENT — New Snyder Tiger varsity assistant coach Chris Henson congratulates a Snyder player during the Tigers' first workout of the summer on Wednesday. Snyder resumes practice today at 4 p.m. (SDN Staff Photo)

Aikman will continue to demand perfection

WICHITA FALLS (AP) — Troy Aikman feels helpless against the pull of perfection. No matter how much he tries to ease up, the Dallas Cowboys quarterback continues to demand it from himself.

"Sometimes I try to back off a little bit and not be quite be as competitive," Aikman said. "But that's just my makeup."

That makeup has helped the Dallas Cowboys win three Super Bowls this decade. It's also helped Aikman become the highest-paid player in NFL history.

And as he prepares for his 11th season, it keeps him from being satisfied with a career that will one day earn him a spot in the Hall of Fame.

"I want to win the Super Bowl as badly today as I did before I won the first one," Aikman said. "I'd be highly disappointed if I left the game and didn't win another."

Aikman, who turns 33 in November, said Wednesday he plans to play 3-5 more seasons. That's quite a change from earlier in his career when he talked about retiring by 30.

"I still feel like my best years are ahead of me," Aikman said. "I still feel like I can go out and play at a high level, compete and do the things I need to do."

Although the Cowboys have won only one playoff game in the three seasons since their last championship, Aikman said he believes they have the talent to win it all this year.

If they don't, it would be the longest championship drought of his career.

"If I didn't think we were willing to do everything we could as a team and as an organization, I would not have redone my contract," said Aikman, who will receive $85.5 million through 2007 under an extension signed in April. "I'd like our football team to get back to the respectability we once had, and I think we're on track for that."

While Aikman hopes to leave the NFL on top like John Elway, he added that he wouldn't retire if Dallas won the Super Bowl this season.

"I'm still healthy and my arm still feels good," Aikman said. "Barring an injury, I think I can play three to five more years."

It wasn't long ago that Aikman thought about retiring because the game wasn't fun. He was rejuvenated by the departure of coach Barry Switzer and the arrival of offense-minded Chan Gailey.

The Cowboys were 10-6 last year in Gailey's debut season and won the NFC East, only to be knocked out of the playoffs in the first round with a 20-7 loss to Arizona that Aikman called embarrassing.

That loss completed a five-game slide caused mainly by a struggling offense. The bad ending overshadowed the team's turnaround from 6-10 the previous year.

"I think it's fair to be critical over the last four, five games, but we finished eighth in offense and at one time we were third," Aikman said. "If I hadn't missed five games due to injury, it statistically could very well have been my best year."

Aikman expects the offense to improve this year because players are more comfortable with Gailey's system. He's also encouraged by upgraded talent on the offensive line and at receiver.

"We have an opportunity to have one of the better offenses since I've been here," Aikman said.

Gailey has talked about trying to rest Michael Irvin early in the season in hopes of having him fresher for the playoffs. Aikman said he's not sure that plan will work.

"It's going to be awfully hard to say 'Hey, we need to rest you.' He's too valuable to the team and too competitive," Aikman said. "I think when the game's on the line, he's still the guy I'm going to try to get the ball to."

Rangers battling for home-field advantage

ARLINGTON (AP) — The Texas Rangers aren't getting excited yet about tying the Cleveland Indians for the best record in the majors.

Esteban Loaiza pitched six shutout innings and the Rangers improved to 10-0 against Minnesota this season, beating the Twins 3-1 on Wednesday night.

The AL West-leading Rangers (65-42) won their fourth in a row to tie Cleveland in the race for home-field advantage in the AL playoffs. Texas is 17-3 since the All-Star break.

"Right now, what does it get me?" Rangers manager Johnny Oates said. "It is part of our goal. We want to have home-field advantage. But other than feeling good about how we're playing right now, it gets us nothing."

The Rangers continue to dominate the Twins. Their 10 straight wins over Minnesota are their most in a season against one team since winning 11 straight against Oakland in 1977.

"If I had a vote, I'd say they are the best team in baseball," Minnesota's Denny Hocking said. "They remind me of the Yankees when (John) Wetteland closed for them. They make it a six-inning game. These guys are playing with a purpose."

Texas has built a nine-game lead in the AL West by going 20-5 against the AL Central.

"When we take the field, we expect to win," Texas' Rusty Greer said. "The pitchers have been giving us a chance to win."

Loaiza (4-1) allowed two hits and worked around five walks. He won his fourth straight decision and sent the Twins to their fourth straight loss. Loaiza was out of the rotation at the start of the season, but worked his way back when others faltered. Now he's pitching as well as he has in two seasons with the Rangers.

"Anytime you get six shutout innings, I'll take it," Oates said. "Five walks are too many, but the defense bailed him out. I'd like him to throw more strikes. Sometimes he tries to be too fine."

Jeff Zimmerman pitched two innings and gave up Hocking's home run in the eighth. Wetteland pitched the ninth for his 33rd save, completing the combined four-hitter.

Rafael Palmeiro's sixth-inning sacrifice fly broke a scoreless tie and Mark McLemore added a two-run single in the seventh for Texas.

In the sixth, Greer, who went 3-for-3, singled with one out off Brad Radke (8-10) and went to third on Juan Gonzalez's single. Palmeiro hit a drive near the wall in center, and Jacque Jones made a leaping catch near the top of the wall.

Brown controls Astros

HOUSTON (AP) — Kevin Brown pitched a four-hitter to continue his recent mastery of Houston and the Los Angeles Dodgers beat the Astros 2-1 Wednesday night.

Brown has won his last three starts against the Astros, including a 2-1 victory with 16 strikeouts while pitching for the San Diego Padres in last year's playoffs. The 16 strikeouts were the second most in playoff history, behind Bob Gibson's 17 in the 1968 World Series.

Brown (12-6) struck out seven and walked two in his second complete game of the season. Brown retired 10 in a row from the fourth to the seventh innings to improve to 3-2 in the regular season against the Astros.

Brown, who beat Houston 1-0 earlier this season in Los Angeles, has allowed only one run in his last 25 innings against the Astros.

Brown retired the first two batters in the ninth before walking Jeff Bagwell on a 3-2 pitch and then allowing an RBI double to Derek Bell. Daryle Ward flied out to end the game.

Ex-Sooner dead at 35

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — Derrick Shepard, a member of the 1985 national championship Oklahoma football team and a former punt returner for the Dallas Cowboys, has died of a heart attack, his family says.

He was 35.

Family members told KFOR-TV that Shepard was playing racquetball in Laramie, Wyo., when he collapsed around noon Wednesday.

Shepard, set to coach wide receivers for the University of Wyoming this coming season, was the newest member of the staff.

After playing at Oklahoma from 1983-86, Shepard spent some time in the NFL, signing as a free agent with the Washington Redskins in 1987 and moving on to the New Orleans Saints in 1989.

Later that year, Shepard began a three-year stint with Dallas, where he led the Cowboys in total punt return yardage and yards per punt return during the 1989 and 1990 seasons.

Shepard returned to Oklahoma and spent three years as wide receivers.

Shepard, a native of Odessa, Texas, is survived by his wife, Cheri, and three children, Ashleigh, Sterling and Shelby.

Major League Baseball

American League
All Times EDT

East Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
New York	64	42	.604	—
Toronto	60	50	.545	6
Boston	58	49	.542	6½
Baltimore	47	60	.439	17½
Tampa Bay	44	64	.407	21
Central Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Cleveland	65	42	.607	—
Chicago	51	54	.486	13
Kansas City	45	62	.421	20
Minnesota	44	62	.415	20½
Detroit	42	65	.393	23
West Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Texas	65	42	.607	—
Oakland	56	51	.523	9
Seattle	53	54	.495	12
Anaheim	45	61	.425	19½

Wednesday's Games
New York 8, Toronto 3
Boston 7, Cleveland 2
Baltimore 9, Oakland 5
Texas 3, Minnesota 1
Anaheim 4, Kansas City 3
Tampa Bay 7, Seattle 1
Only games scheduled

Thursday's Games
Detroit (Weaver 6-7) at Baltimore (Ponson 9-7), 7:35 p.m.
Boston (Rose 6-3) at Anaheim (Finley 5-10), 10:05 p.m.
Chicago (Sirotka 7-10) at Oakland (Olivares 9-9), 10:05 p.m.
New York (Clemens 9-4) at Seattle (Moyer 10-5), 10:05 p.m.
Only games scheduled

Friday's Games
Cleveland (Burba 8-6) at Tampa Bay (Arrojo 2-7), 7:05 p.m.
Detroit (Mlicki 5-10) at Baltimore (Mussina 13-6), 7:35 p.m.
Minnesota (Milton 4-8) at Kansas City (Reichert 1-0), 8:05 p.m.
Toronto (Carpenter 7-5) at Texas (Helling 8-7), 8:35 p.m.
Boston (Saberhagen 7-4) at Anaheim (Sparks 5-7), 10:05 p.m.
New York (O.Hernandez 12-7) at Seattle (Fassero 4-12), 10:05 p.m.
Chicago (Navarro 7-8) at Oakland (Heredia 8-5), 10:35 p.m.

National League
All Times EDT

East Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
New York	66	43	.606	—
Atlanta	64	45	.587	2
Philadelphia	59	48	.551	6
Montreal	41	63	.394	22½
Florida	41	67	.380	24½
Central Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Houston	65	43	.602	—
Cincinnati	62	43	.590	1½
St. Louis	55	53	.509	10
Pittsburgh	53	53	.500	11
Chicago	49	56	.467	14½
Milwaukee	49	57	.462	15
West Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Arizona	61	48	.560	—
San Francisco	57	51	.528	3½
San Diego	50	57	.467	10
Colorado	47	60	.439	13
Los Angeles	47	60	.439	13

Wednesday's Games
Chicago 5, Montreal 1
Philadelphia 4, Florida 1
Pittsburgh 3, Atlanta 2
Cincinnati 6, Colorado 3
New York 9, Milwaukee 5
Los Angeles 2, Houston 1
St. Louis 7, San Diego 6
Arizona 8, San Francisco 4

Thursday's Games
Colorado (Astacio 11-9) at Cincinnati (Guzman 0-0), 12:35 p.m.
Los Angeles (Valdes 8-9) at Houston (Reynolds 13-7), 1:35 p.m.
Montreal (Thurman 3-7) at Chicago (Lieber 8-4), 2:20 p.m.
Philadelphia (Person 5-3) at Florida (Nunez 4-4), 7:05 p.m.
Atlanta (Glavine 9-9) at Pittsburgh (Schourek 3-5), 7:05 p.m.
San Diego (Ashby 9-5) at St. Louis (Luebbers 1-1), 8:10 p.m.
Only games scheduled

Friday's Games
Houston (Lima 14-6 and Bergman 4-5) at Chicago (Farnsworth 2-4 and Serafini 3-2), 2, 1:05 p.m.
St. Louis (Jimenez 5-11 and Aybar 4-4) at Pittsburgh (Anderson 0-0 and Schmidt 10-7), 2, 5:05 p.m.
Colorado (B.M. Jones 5-8) at Florida (Fernandez 5-7), 7:05 p.m.
San Diego (Hitchcock 10-8) at Montreal (Smith 3-5), 7:05 p.m.
Arizona (R.Johnson 11-8) at Philadelphia (Wolf 5-3), 7:35 p.m.
San Francisco (Estes 7-6) at Atlanta (Maddux 12-6), 7:40 p.m.
Los Angeles (Park 6-8) at New York (Dotel 3-1), 7:40 p.m.
Cincinnati (Villone 5-4) at Milwaukee (Woodard 11-5), 8:05 p.m.

WNBA Glance

EASTERN CONFERENCE	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	13	10	.565	—
Charlotte	14	11	.560	—
Detroit	11	13	.458	2½
Orlando	10	13	.435	3
Washington	7	17	.292	6½
Cleveland	6	19	.240	8
WESTERN CONFERENCE	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	20	4	.833	—
Los Angeles	16	6	.727	3
Sacramento	15	10	.600	5½
Minnesota	12	11	.522	7½
Phoenix	10	13	.435	9½
Utah	8	15	.348	11½

Wednesday's Games
Detroit 59, Minnesota 56
Orlando 70, Cleveland 62
Sacramento 68, Charlotte 62

Thursday's Games
Orlando at Washington, 7 p.m.
Los Angeles at Utah, 9 p.m.

Friday's Games
Los Angeles at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Charlotte at Houston, 8:30 p.m.
New York at Phoenix, 9 p.m.
Detroit at Sacramento, 10 p.m.

NFL Preseason

Saturday's Games
Indianapolis at Chicago, 8 p.m.
Oakland at St. Louis, 8 p.m.
Denver vs. San Diego, Sydney, Australia, 9 p.m.

Monday, Aug. 9
Cleveland vs. Dallas at Canton, Ohio, 8 p.m.

Thursday, Aug. 12
Baltimore at Philadelphia, 8 p.m.
San Diego at San Francisco, 8 p.m.

Friday, Aug. 13
Detroit at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
Carolina at Jacksonville, 7:30 p.m.
New Orleans at Miami, 7:30 p.m.
Washington at New England, 7:30 p.m.
Chicago at Pittsburgh, 7:30 p.m.
N.Y. Giants at Minnesota, 8 p.m.

Saturday, Aug. 14
N.Y. Jets at Green Bay, 8 p.m.
Cincinnati at Indianapolis, 8 p.m.
Cleveland at Tampa Bay, 8 p.m.
Arizona at Denver, 9 p.m.
Buffalo at Seattle, 9 p.m.

Sunday, Aug. 15
Dallas at Oakland, 4 p.m.
Tennessee at Kansas City, 8:30 p.m.

SDN Sports Briefs

SCC scramble and MGA

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

Kiwanis golf tourney

The Snyder Kiwanis Club Hubert and Mary Cargile Memorial Golf Tournament will be held Saturday at Western Texas College. All proceeds will benefit the Kiwanis Cargile Scholarship Foundation at WTC.

There will be drawings for merchandise, and cash prizes for the top four teams. Hole-in-one prizes are $10,000 and Top-Flite Tour Irons.

Entry fee is $120 per team. Players can register by calling Brenden McNeil at 573-1432, Russell Fisk at 573-3438 or 573-3267, and Melanie or Linda at American State Bank, 573-4041. Sign-ups will also be taken at the WTC pro shop.

WGA play day and mixed foursomes

The Women's Golf Association of Snyder Country Club will hold its play day at 9 a.m. Tuesday. Format will be match play. Also, a mixed foursomes event will be held Friday evening at 5:30.

Junior high football

Dates for junior high football players to pick up equipment have been set. Eighth grade gridders will be issued equipment from 2-3:30 p.m. Friday. Seventh graders may pickup gear from 2-3:30 p.m. Monday.

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CHICAGO (AP) — Eli Segal has spent the past two years prodding businesses to hire people off the welfare rolls, trying to convince them that welfare-to-work is good for the bottom line. But he doesn't like to be called a cheerleader for the cause.

Now, Segal and his Welfare to Work Partnership are hoping to shed that image for good as they move away from persuasion and toward the nuts and bolts of helping companies make their programs work.

"We were concerned we would be accused of being cheerleaders — of only being the good news boys," Segal said Wednesday as his group's national conference wrapped up a three-day meeting. "We're sure that's behind us now."

Some 12,000 businesses have joined the partnership, pledging to hire at least one person off the rolls. But the group's internal polling finds that one-third of businesses haven't hired anyone yet. And focus groups conducted during the conference found lingering concerns about drug addition, child care, transportation problems and working with the nonprofit groups that train low-income workers.

"The best way we're going to help these businesses now isn't motivating them to join us — that, we've done," said Segal, who formed the partnership at the urging of President Clinton, a longtime friend. "We've got to move from recruitment to service."

Getting more hires, Segal said, will require more practical advice. To that end, the group released guides to combating drug and transportation problems, and a new Internet site is meant to help people connect with groups that can help them.

But Labor Secretary Alexis Herman, who addressed the conference Wednesday, suggested that the cheerleading was still important, particularly among small businesses who may not have tried to hire off the welfare rolls yet.

"Businesses have gotten the message, but I think you can't take that for granted," Herman said in an interview. "This is an area where repetition is very, very important. This (welfare) is a 60-year-old system. We're not going to change it in three or four years."

Still, hoping to be more practical, the partnership plans to help businesses choose the right outside agency, sometimes called a service provider, to train and provide low-income workers.

Many cities have dozens of these mostly nonprofit groups offering such services, but businesses — particularly small businesses — have trouble figuring out which to use. Some are focused heavily on work skills, such as how to show up on time, while others teach practical skills, such as using computers. Some follow their clients for a year; others only work with them until they are hired.

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	High	Low	Last	Chg
AMR Corp	64¼	64	64¼	— ¼
AT&T Corp s	50 11-16	49⅝	50 9-16	+ ¼
Albertsons	49 7-16	48 15-16	49 3-16	+ 1-16
AlldSignal	64¼	63 9-16	64	— 1-16
Alltel	73 9-16	72 7-16	72½	—1 1-16
AmOnline s	87	65	80¼	—7 5-16
Ameritech	74 5-16	72¼	74	+ 1
AndarkPtr	37¼	36 13-16	37 13-16	+ ¾
ArmcoInc	6½	6 7-16	6½	+ 1-16
AtlRichfld	91 15-16	91 5-16	91 11-16	— ¼
ATMOS Egy	24 13-16	24 7-16	24 7-16	— ¼
Aviall	13 15-16	13¼	13½	— ½
BP Amoco	117¾	116 13-16	117⅝	— ¼
BakerHughes	33¼	32½	32½	
Bank of Amer	63½	61¼	63 1-16	— 3-16
BellAtl	63 9-16	62 3-16	63 3-16	+11-16
BellSouth s	49 7-16	48¾	49¼	+ 5-16
BethSteel	7 7-16	7¼	7 7-16	
BurlNoSFe s	31 9-16	31	31 5-16	+ ⅛
CBS Corp	45	43 15-16	44 13-16	+ ¼
Caterpillar	57 3-16	56 1-16	56⅝	— 9-16
CenSoWst	21¼	21⅛	21 11-16	+ 3-16
Chevron	95	93 7-16	93¾	+ 3-16
Citigroup s	44¼	42 5-16	43 1-16	— ⅞
Coastal	41 15-16	41¼	41¾	+ ¼
CocaCola	60¼	59¾	60¼	+ ¼
ColgatePal s	48¼	47¾	48¼	+ 3-16
ComclMetals	31 11-16	31¼	31¼	
CooperIn	54 15-16	54 5-16	54¼	+ 5-16
CyprusAmax	13½	13	13¾	+ 1-16
DaimlrChry n	75¼	74 13-16	75 1-16	— 9-16
DallSemicn	49¼	48¼	48¼	—11-16
DeltaAirl s	58½	58 1-16	58 3-16	+ ¼
Dillards Inc	29¾	28½	28⅞	— ½
DowChem	122 1-16	119 5-16	122 1-16	+3 7-16
DuPont	72¾	71¼	72 1-16	+ 9-16
EastmanChem	52¼	51 9-16	52	
EstKodak	70 11-16	70	70¼	— ¼
EDS Corp	57 11-16	57	57¼	+ ¼
Entergy	30¼	30 3-16	30 9-16	+ ¼
Exxon	81½	80	81¼	+ 1⅜
Flowers	16 5-16	15 11-16	15 15-16	— ¼
FordMotor	49 13-16	48 11-16	49 1-16	— 1-16
GTE Cp	73 9-16	72¼	73 3-16	+ ¾
GenDynam	65¼	63 13-16	64¼	— ⅞
GenElec	107⅝	105	107 3-16	+ 7-16
GenMills	81 7-16	80¾	81 3-16	— 1
GenMotors	62 15-16	61¼	61⅝	—1 7-16
GaPacGP s	50¼	48¼	49¾	— 3-16
GlobalMar	17 7-16	16 15-16	17 1-16	+ 1-16
Goodrich	41	40¾	40 13-16	+ 9-16
Goodyear s	53	13-16	53	53 — 1
GtAtlPac	35¼	34¼	35¼	+ 1-16
Halliburtn	48 7-16	47 3-16	48¼	+ ¼
Hanson ADS	42¼	42	42	3-16—1 11-16
HarteHanks	25¼	25 5-16	25 5-16	— ¾
HomeDepot	59¾	55¾	56⅝	— 2¼
IBM s	120½	117 9-16	120½	+ 2
IntlPaper	55¼	53¾	55¼	+ 5-16
JohnsonJn	91¼	90 13-16	90¾	— 1¼
K mart	14¼	13 15-16	13 15-16	— 1-16
Kroger Co s	26 1-16	25	25½	+ 7-16
Litton	67¾	67 1-16	67 3-16	+ 5-16
LockheedM s	34 15-16	34 7-16	34¼	+ ¼
Lowes Cos	48¼	46¾	47⅛	—15-16
Lubys	15	14¾	14⅞	— ¼
LucentTech s	62 13-16	61 1-16	61 15-16	— 1
MayDeptStr s	38 13-16	37 15-16	38¼	— 5-16
MediaOne	71¼	70½	71 5-16	+ 5-16
Medtronic	68¼	67 3-16	67⅝	—1 5-16
Mobil	104 7-16	102 3-16	104 5-16	+ 2
Monsanto	41	40¾	40½	—1 1-16
MorganJP	124¼	120¾	122 9-16	—1 9-16
Motorola	89¾	88½	89 3-16	—1 9-16
NCR Corp	45¾	45	45 1-16	— 7-16
Navistar	45¾	44¾	45¼	— ¾
Penney JC	43¾	42¾	42 13-16	— 1-16
PennzEargy s	16 13-16	16 7-16	16¾	+ ¼
PepBoys	16¾	15 15-16	15 15-16	— 5-16
PepsiCo	38¾	38	38¼	— 1-16
PhelpDodge	58 3-16	57 15-16	58¼	+ 3-16
PhilipPet	52	50¾	52	+13-16
PilgrmPrd B	13¾	13¼	13¼	— ¼
Polaroid	22¾	22 5-16	22 7-16	— ½
Praxair	49 15-16	49 3-16	49 13-16	+ 1-16
ProctGamb	93 7-16	92 7-16	93 5-16	+ ½
PubSNwMx	19 13-16	19¾	19½	— ¼
ReliantEngy	27¾	27 5-16	27 7-16	— 3-16
RoyalDut	63 5-16	62¼	62 11-16	+2 5-16
SBC Comm	57 13-16	56 5-16	57½	+ ½
SaraLee s	22 3-16	21 11-16	22	+ ¼
Scripps EW	50	49 13-16	49 13-16	— 1-16
SearsRoeb	40 15-16	39¾	39 15-16	— ¾
SherwinW	27 3-16	27	27	— 1-16
SmithklBchm	59 5-16	58¼	59 1-16	— 1½
SouthernCo	27 3-16	26 15-16	27 3-16	+ ¼
SwstAirl s	17¾	17⅝	17½	
SprintFON s	50 13-16	50	50 7-16	+ ¼
SprintPCS n	61¾	59¾	59 5-16	—1 15-16
Sunoco Inc	30 15-16	30¼	30¼	+ 1-16
TNP Ent	38	37 15-16	38	
Tandy s	48¼	45 13-16	46½	—15-16
TempleInland	68¼	68¼	68½	— ¼
Tenneco	22½	22¼	22 3-16	— 3-16
Texaco	63¾	62 7-16	63 1-16	+ 5-16
TexInd	34¼	34 9-16	34¼	+ 3-16
TexasInst	141 11-16	137	138	— 2¼
TexasInst wi	70 11-16	70 7-16	70½	— ¼
TexUtil	42¾	42¼	42½	+ ¼
Textron	82¼	81½	81 15-16	—15-16
TriconGlbR	39 9-16	38¾	38½	— ½
TrinityInds	33	32½	32 15-16	+ ¼
TritonEngy	11 1-16	10 13-16	10 13-16	— 1-16
TylerTech	5¾	5 11-16	5 11-16	— ¼
US West Inc	55	54 1-16	54 5-16	— ¼
USX-Marathn	30 7-16	30 1-16	30 7-16	+ ⅛
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Unocal	39¾	38¼	39 3-16	— 9-16
Venator Grp	9¼	8 9-16	8¾	—11-16
WalMart s	41¼	38 13-16	40 1-16	— ¼
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GTE	73 3/16	+3/4
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Drought is forcing states to find ways to conserve water

ANNAPOLIS, Md. (AP) — The drought is hitting home in Maryland: Watering the lawn or washing the car could mean a six-month jail term and $1,000 fine.

"People will do the right thing," Gov. Paris Glendening said Wednesday while warning the state's 5 million residents. "No one can look at the flow of the rivers and streams and know there's not a problem here."

While Maryland's unprecedented mandatory water restrictions were the first in the mid-Atlantic region, other states have sounded similar alarms. Delaware, Pennsylvania and New Jersey either have declared drought emergencies or are in the process of doing so.

All of West Virginia has been declared a drought disaster, and Virginia is seeking the same designation for parts of the state. Meanwhile, Pennsylvania's governor has also imposed mandatory restrictions in most of the state's counties.

Lawns are wilting and leaves are falling in some of the nation's most celebrated urban oases, from the shady retreats of New York City's Central Park to the grassy expanse of Washington D.C.'s National Mall.

U.S. Agriculture Secretary Dan Glickman on Wednesday announced his department would provide $20 million in grants to provide emergency services to low-income migrant and seasonal farmworkers in areas declared state or national disaster areas.

Glickman has been asked by Glendening to declare a drought disaster that would cover all but four of Maryland's 23 counties and allow farmers to apply for low-interest loans.

Maryland's dilemma can serve as a example for the plights facing other rain-starved areas.

More districts exceed cap on class sizes

DALLAS (AP) — Overcrowded classes greeted teachers in almost 150 Texas school districts this year and regulators say too many systems are requesting waivers from student size limits, which have been a state campaign issue.

The number of classes more crowded than state law specifies was 50 percent greater than five years ago.

Mary Helen Berlanga of Corpus Christi, a State Board of Education member, says too many school districts are asking for waivers, and a large number come back year after year.

"What's the use of having this requirement in the law if we are not going to make school districts comply with it?" she told The Dallas Morning News in today's editions.

Districts have urged the state to exempt them from the 22-pupil limit for kindergarten through fourth grade. The requirement has been on the books since 1985.

The smaller classes help students learn, educators say. However, school district administrators contend they need the waivers because they don't have enough classrooms or teachers.

Republican presidential contender and Texas Gov. George W. Bush, in his first gubernatorial campaign in 1994, criticized the administration of former Gov. Ann Richards for granting too many school waivers. Bush promised to give districts enough authority to eliminate the need for them.

However, the number of class-size waivers has increased significantly during his tenure, the Texas Education Agency says.

The state's fast-growing student population makes it difficult to find enough classrooms and teachers, said Linda Edwards, the governor's press secretary. She said the governor and the Legislature increased teacher pay and provided more money this year for school construction.

"The goal is that with these improvements, school districts will not need to request class-size waivers," said Ms. Edwards.

Ninety-three districts sought to be excused from the requirement five years ago. But last spring, 149 districts requested and were granted waivers.

In the last school year, exemptions affected 3,295 classes in kindergarten through grade four, or about 66,000 students — almost 5 percent of the enrollment in those grades.

Although districts have a legal right to request a waiver, repeat requests will be scrutinized, said Carol Francois, associate state education commissioner.

"We want to know how districts are trying to remedy the problem," she said. "We also need to look at how well their students are doing."

New drug lights up cancerous cells

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Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Friday, August 6, 1999

Several people you've known purely on a platonic social level could begin to play very important roles in your affairs in the year ahead. This might come about through an unusual chain of events.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Get a job description first before agreeing today to take on any added responsibilities for your organization, group or club. You need to consider if it is meaningful to you in desirable ways. Get a jump on life by understanding the influences that'll govern you in the year ahead. Send the required refund form and for your Astro-Graph predictions by mailing $2 to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to state your Zodiac sign.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) It could prove wise for you to function as the power behind the throne instead of being in the limelight today. If participating in a new endeavor, try to position yourself as such.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) An old friendship that has been allowed to lie dormant for some time could get a chance to revive itself today. It may be with a proven pal who no longer resides in your locale.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Something you previously tried to do, but were unable to accomplish might be resurrected and rejuvenated today. This time around your efforts will be more successful.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Partnerships you establish today for either business or social purposes have a better than average chance for success if your choices are with those who have integrity and reliability.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) The chance for generating earnings from somewhere other than your usual sources is very likely today. Make financial activities your priority, they could be rewarding.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) If there is a relationship you've been hankering to develop, you'll have to be the one to take the initiative. The other party isn't likely to move first. Do so today.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) It's time to stop perceiving yourself as the underdog in an arrangement important to you. You're in a much better position than you may realize.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Today's aspects offer you the opportunity to gain acceptance into most any group you encounter. If you've been wanting to make inroads in a particular circle, now is the time to try to do so.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Gains are indicated today but you can't wait for things to come to you. Use your initiative to make life happen, especially where your material interests are concerned.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Right now the time is very propitious for launching a new enterprise or endeavor. Begin to set things in motion today on a new project and take it as far as you can go.

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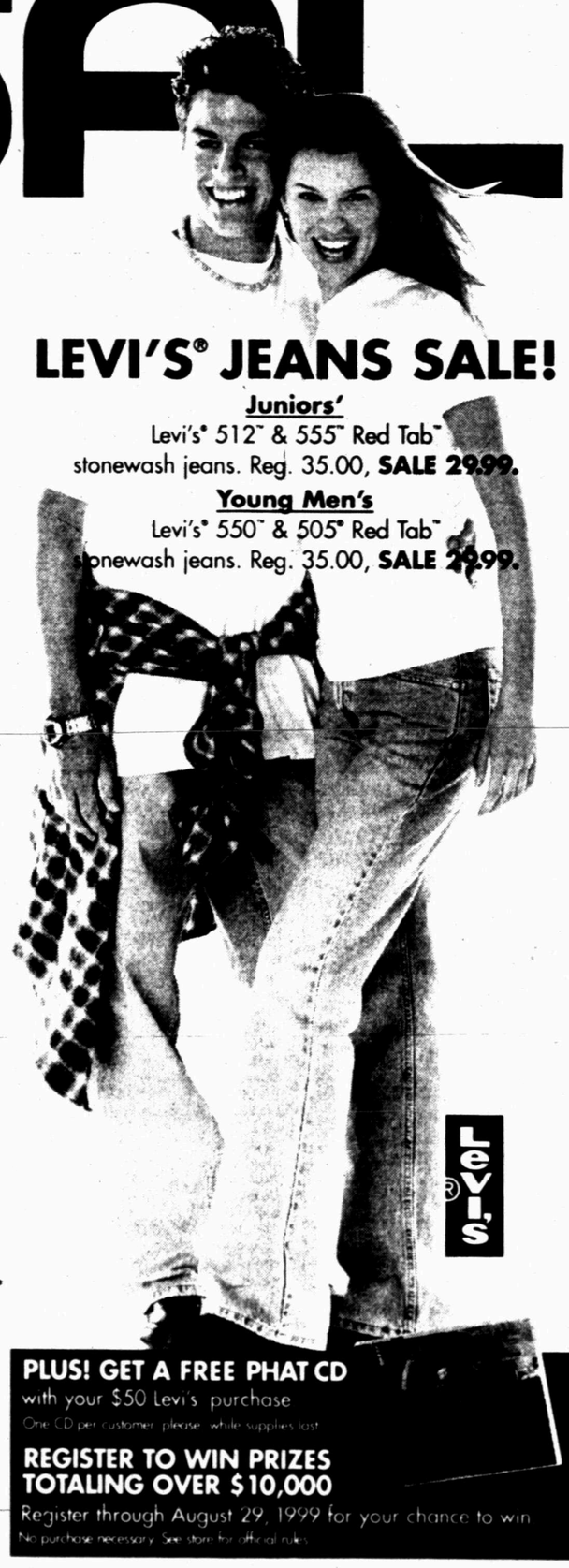

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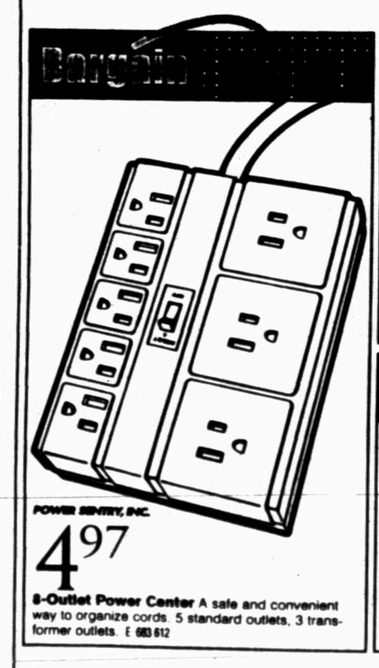

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Congress opens tax cut debate

WASHINGTON (AP) — Offering a multitude of tax breaks for average taxpayers and special interests, the Republican-controlled Congress opened debate today on the final version of a 10-year, $792 billion tax cut in defiance of repeated veto threats from President Clinton.

"We have a good deal for the American people," Speaker Dennis Hastert, R-Ill., said at a Capitol Hill rally. "It's fair, responsible and balanced tax-relief bill."

As highly partisan floor debate began, Rep. Charles Rangel, D-N.Y., accused Republicans of bending to business lobbyists and producing a tax bill intended mainly for political consumption.

"You've got your Christmas list and you know it will never, never, never become law," Rangel said.

The House planned to vote on the bill later today, with the Senate expected to follow later today or Friday. GOP leaders gained key support from a handful of Republican Senate moderates by inserting new items aimed at low-income workers, affordable housing and people paying for dependent care, officials said today.

GOP leaders will not send the bill to the White House until September, hoping to build public support during the August recess and avoid an immediate veto.

"Mr. President, listen," said Rep. Bill Archer, R-Texas, chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee. "Listen to the American people."

Clinton and most Democrats don't believe people are clamoring for tax cuts and prefer that projected budget surpluses be used to first safeguard Social Security and Medicare, pay down public debt and ensure adequate levels of government spending.

"If we're to make the most of this prosperity, we simply have to put first things first," Clinton said Wednesday.

Although Clinton has said he would sign a modest tax cut of perhaps $300 billion, Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott said in an interview that he saw no signs of compromise with the White House.

"I don't see any indication that he's serious at all," said Lott, R-Miss. "I'm hopeful, because I want it very badly. But the president has shown no inclination to engage."

In a signal that the GOP doesn't expect the bill to ever become law, many of the major provisions would expire after 2008. That means current law would return into force unless the cuts were renewed by a future Congress.

Republicans said the projected $2.9 trillion surplus over the next decade was enough to meet Clinton's priorities and still enact the largest tax cut since 1981, mainly by delaying full impact of the breaks until well into the next century.

The big-ticket item in the 10-year package would trim all income tax rates by 1 percentage point: First, the bottom 15 percent rate would drop to 14 percent by 2003, followed by all the others in 2005.

Obituaries

Esther Bearden

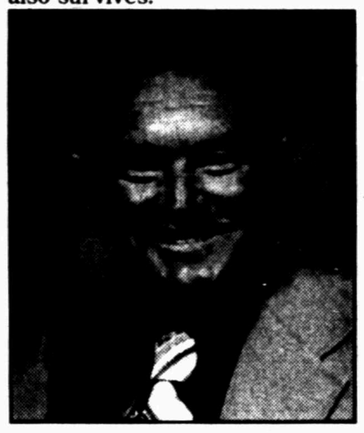
1904-1999

Esther Jane Bearden of New York, sister of Blanche Arnold of Snyder, died Tuesday, Aug. 3, in a New York City hospital.

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

Born on April 2, 1904 in Brashear, Tex., she moved to Scurry County in 1919 and to New York as an adult.

Ann Wedgeworth Martin of New York, whom she raised, also survives.



C. B. Clem

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1927-1999

HASKELL – C.B. "Buddy" Clem, the father of Fred Clem of Snyder, died Tuesday, Aug. 3, in Haskell Healthcare Center.

• Funeral service for Mr. Clem, 72, is set for 10:30 a.m. Friday in the First Assembly of God Church with the Rev. J.C. Amburn officiating. Burial will follow in the Willow Cemetery under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Directors.

Born July 13, 1927 in Anson, he married Katherine Mae White on Jan. 21, 1950 in Stamford.

A U.S. Army veteran of the Korean War, he worked as an oilfield pumper and was a member of First Assembly of God.

Survivors include his wife, Katherine Clem of Haskell; two daughters, Sharon Jessup of Kirkland, Wash., and Donna Winner of Big Lake; a brother, Alton Clem of Hamlin; five sisters, Lucille Pryor, Estelle Beard and Era Mitchell, all of Andrews; Winnie Lankford of Lubbock and Edith Carruth of Burnet; nine grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

P.L. Griffin

1932-1999

ODESSA – P.L. "Griff" Griffin, a former resident of Snyder, died Monday, Aug. 2, in Medical Center Hospital.

Funeral service for Mr. Griffin, 67, was held Wednesday at Hubbard-Kelly Funeral Home Chapel. Burial followed in Sunset Memorial Gardens.

Born July 18, 1932 in Quentin, Miss., he married Carrie L. Clayton on Nov. 9, 1957 in Tyler.

Mr. Griffin moved to Odessa from Snyder in 1959 and founded Dixie Drug. A veteran of the Korean War, he was a graduate of pharmacology at Mississippi University.

Mr. Griffin was a 32nd Degree Mason and was employed by Hubbard-Kelly Funeral Home.

Survivors include his wife, Carrie Griffin of Odessa; a son, Kenneth Griffin of Tyler; three daughters, Betty Bailey of Odessa, Cathy Griffin of Los Angeles and Leta Marler of Midland; a brother, Walter Griffin of Georgia; a sister, Lucille Newell of New Orleans; seven grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Nora Ford

1926-1999

Nora Ford, a native of Scurry County, died Tuesday, Aug. 3, in a Midland Hospital.

Funeral service for Mrs. Ford, 73, is set for 2 p.m. Friday in the Church of the Nazarene in Big Spring with her children officiating. Burial will follow in the Polar Cemetery under the direction of Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Born in Snyder, Mrs. Ford was a homemaker and a member of the Church of the Nazarene.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Robert and Alice Hoyle; a sister, Betty Newsom; and two brothers, Johnny Hoyle and Robert Hoyle.

Survivors include three sons, Carl Ford of Euless, Ronnie Ford of Keller and Rocky Ford of Midland; three daughters, Charlotte Kennemer of Big Spring, Carolyn Witthuhn of Roseville, Minn., and Ronda Ford of Grafton, Va.; two sisters, Mamie Patterson of Snyder and Ethel Butts of San Angelo; a brother, Henry Hoyle of Colorado City; 10 grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; five nieces; and 10 nephews.

The family suggests memorials to the Julie Wennik Memorial Scholarship Fund at Big Spring High School.

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Condition 'good'

Bennie Mae Halford was listed in good condition this morning at Lubbock's University Medical Center after having been injured Wednesday by her husband's vehicle.

Halford, 60, of 203 23rd Street was first transported by Snyder EMS to Cogdell Memorial Hospital. She was then transported by Snyder EMS to UMC.

The accident occurred around 12:54 p.m. at her residence.

The couple was moving items from around their house that had been destroyed by a fire last week.

Mrs. Halford was kneeling down picking up glass in the driveway and her husband did not see her as he backed up.

Halford suffered a broken leg and other abrasions.

Syrian leader reaffirms commitment to peace

WASHINGTON (AP) — Responding to an overture by President Clinton, Syrian President Hafez Assad has reaffirmed his interest in reaching a peace agreement with Israel, but "it is clear further diplomatic efforts will be needed," U.S. officials said today.

The letter, received Wednesday at the White House, was in response to one in which Clinton urged Assad to "seize the moment of opportunity" and negotiate peace terms with Israel and its new prime minister, Ehud Barak.

Clinton had told Assad he was confident that Barak was primed to hold talks after a three-year stalemate. Clinton also invited Assad to stay in touch with him.

The U.S. officials, who spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity, said "we are studying the response" from the Syrian leader.

"He wants the United States to be involved in the process," one of the officials said. "It is a continuing process. And the president said we will remain in close communication."

Clinton gave Assad an account of the talks held here over four days with Barak, who already is preparing the Israeli people for what he is calling "painful compromises."

Syria's price for peace is recovery of the Golan Heights, an area Israel won in the 1967 Mideast war, depriving Syria of the high ground around Mount Hermon, overlooking northeastern Israel.

Syria failed to recover the enclave in the 1973 Mideast war, losing more territory that Israel surrendered in 1974 after U.S. diplomatic intervention. In 1981, Israel annexed the remaining area. Some 11,500 Jewish settlers are living on the Golan, which has been integrated into Israel's economy.

Weapons charge gets man probated term

A 51-year-old Kerrville man was given a five-year probated prison sentence with deferred adjudiction following a guilty plea Tuesday in 132nd District Court.

David Frederick Hoops pleaded guilty to possession of a prohibited weapon, a 12-guage shotgun with a barrel less than 18 inches long. The offense occurred April 8.

District Judge Ernie Armstrong also fined the defendant $750.

Criminal mischief to automobile reported

Law enforcement activity Wednesday included one subject being taken into custody and one report of criminal mischief being investigated.

A 34-year-old male was arrested at 9:35 a.m. at the Law Enforcement Center on an Ector County warrant for Class B theft by check.

Elida Gonzales advised officers at 2:50 p.m. that juveniles were shooting BB guns in the area of 300 35th Street and that her vehicle window had been broken. An offense report was submitted for Class B criminal mischief.

At 3:12 p.m., officers investigated an accident involving a 1996 Dodge Caravan parked and unoccupied owned by Delores Parker of Onalaska and a portable sign owned by Dairy Queen. The incident occurred at the 108 East Hwy. location. According to the accident report, high winds blew the sign into the vehicle.

Sheryl Moore advised officers at 12:23 p.m. that someone had hit her son's vehicle in front of Lawrence IGA and left the scene.

Mobile home fire reported last night

Some 17 firemen and three fire trucks were dispatched to a mobile home blaze shortly before 10 p.m. Wednesday.

The fire destroyed the living room and kitchen area of Roland Morin's residence at 841 North Avenue L.

Fire Chief Perry Westmoreland said the blaze is under investigation.

"We are still looking into it," he said.

Dispatchers received the call at 9:49 p.m. Firemen were on the scene until 11:33 p.m.

Births

Roger and Charity Davidson of Colorado City announce the birth of their daughter at 3:12 p.m. on Aug. 4 in Cogdell Memorial Hospital. She weighed nine pounds, two ounces.

Hospital

ADMISSIONS: Charity Davidson of Colorado City, Opal Watson, Maggie Yruegas, Benita Lopez and Petra Villarreal.

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ONGOINGS

Joy School

Joy School at East Side Church of Christ is now state licensed and will be open five days a week. The school is for ages 18 months to pre-kindergarten and begins Wednesday. Parents may choose days wanted. Call 573-3554 for 575-1138 for more information. Registration is Thursday from 9-11:30 a.m.

Sonshine School

Registration for Sonshine School at 37th Street Church of Christ is being held for pre-school through age five. For more information call the church office at 573-0154 or Lora Lord at 573-1700.

King's Kids registration

First Baptist Church is currently registering for King's Kids, ages 1-5, and for Mothers' Day Out, six months to five years old. Call 573-2631 for more information.

Children's Day Out

Children's Day Out, a Tuesday-Thursday child care program at First United Methodist Church, has spaces available for two and three year olds. School begins Tuesday. Call 573-4770 for more information.

Rock and Roll quilting club

The quilting club meets every Monday from 8 a.m. until noon at Hermleigh Community Center for free quilting lessons. Everyone is invited. Call 863-2426 for more information.

Bible study tapes

Bible study video tapes air weekly on cable TV channel 2. The tapes to be shown at 7 p.m. Monday are "What to Expect When You Visit the Church," followed by "What Can I Believe?"

Social Security rep in Snyder

Representatives of the Social Security Administration will be in Snyder Tuesday at the Senior Citizens Center, 2603 Ave. M.

Support groups

Four different support groups meet at 6:30 the second Thursday of each month at the First Baptist Church. The groups include divorce recovery, cancer support group, grief support and adult children caring for aging parents. Child care is provided.

Gramm staffer due here

Sondra Ziegler, a representative of U.S. Senator Phil Gramm's staff, will be in Snyder from 1-1:45 p.m. Aug. 13 in the county courtroom to meet with any local citizen.

Garage sale items needed

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

Road to Recovery program

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

Pick 3

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

7-3-7

(seven, three, seven)

Lotto Texas

AUSTIN (AP) No ticket correctly matched all six numbers drawn Wednesday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials said.

The jackpot was worth an estimated $7 million.

The numbers drawn Wednesday night from a field of 50 were: 6, 22, 31, 35, 41 and 45.

Saturday night's drawing will be worth an estimated $10 million.

Regulators considering adding two area codes

HOUSTON (AP) — Splitting the area stretching from College Station to the Louisiana border into three area codes is state regulators' latest plan to accommodate demand for new telephone numbers.

The Texas Public Utility Commission is expected to decide today whether to add two new area codes to the 409 region that surrounds Houston.

Commissioners have expressed a preference for a three-way split, contending that would be the least disruptive for customers.

Galveston would remain in the 409 area code, to also include Beaumont and Jasper, if such a plan is adopted today.

It would provide a new area code for the area just to the west, including Hempstead, Huntsville and Lufkin. And another area code would cover an area ranging from Bryan-College Station to Freeport.

Also under consideration is another option to keep 409 for all numbers currently assigned to the region, then overlay new area codes into parts where demand for new phone numbers is heaviest.

In previous moves to add area codes, regulators have said local phone competition has prompted some telecommunications companies to hoard large blocks of numbers for potential new customers.

But another factor in the need for new lines is increased use of cell phones, pagers, fax machines and computer modems.

2 dead, 6 missing

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP) — A flotilla of skiffs carrying Russian Eskimos home from a visit to Alaska ran into a storm that sank one boat and capsized three others. Two people drowned and six were missing.

The group of 37 people had set out in 14 small boats Tuesday morning for the 65-mile trip from the Alaska village of Gambell on St. Lawrence Island to the coastal town of Provideniya, Russia.

They were returning from a visit to friends and relatives when they got caught in a storm with 35 mph winds and eight- to 10-foot seas.

The Coast Guard was called out just before midnight Tuesday after two skiffs reached Provideniya.

Public breast-feeding bill could be approved

WASHINGTON (AP) — A bill headed for congressional approval would make clear that breast-feeding is acceptable in public areas of national parks and other federal property.

Rep. Carolyn Maloney, D-N.Y., says her bill is part of a push to make breast-feeding, which has been shown to have numerous health benefits for children, socially acceptable.

"It is unthinkable that women would be stopped from doing the most natural thing in the world — feeding their baby," Maloney said Wednesday at a Capitol Hill news conference packed with strollers and scampering children. The event was billed as a "Lactation Celebration."

Among the women there was Noel Marie Taylor of Columbia, Md., who said she was shocked during a family outing to the Smithsonian's Museum of Natural History when a guard told her to stop breast-feeding her child or leave.

The guard, she said, told her no food or drink was allowed on the premises.

David Umansky, a spokesman for the Smithsonian Institution, said the institution did not prohibit breast-feeding and had no record of the incident that Ms. Taylor described.

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.

Learning languages

DEAR DR. GOTT: Why do adults have such a tough time learning new languages? I used to speak fluent Spanish, but now I cannot pick it up again. How can I relearn the language?

DEAR READER: Children learn languages readily because they have more open brain circuits than do adults. Also, they can unselfconsciously immerse themselves in the learning process. I believe that your problem is not so much LEARNING a language as REMEMBERING it. I'm no language expert, but I'll bet your Spanish would return pronto if you were to throw yourself into a Spanish-speaking environment, such as a neighborhood, foreign country or language lab.

If you say you "cannot" pick it up again, you won't. That's true of any skill. Attitude is crucial. Rather, take (and believe) the position that you "will" — and so you shall. To get you started (or finish you off), call the adult education department of any university or college. You may not be able temporarily to relocate, but you certainly could take two or three day/evening courses a week to regain your fluency.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I take daily medicine for hypertension. I have suffered from numerous nosebleeds throughout the year. Could the medication somehow be affecting my clotting?

DEAR READER: Nosebleeds can result from a variety of causes, including high blood pressure itself or a clotting deficiency caused by certain prescription drugs. I recommend that you check with your doctor to make sure that your hypertension is under control and that you haven't developed a complication of therapy. To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my new and revised Health Report "Hypertension." Other readers who would like a copy should send $2 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to P.O. Box 2017, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to mention the title.

DEAR DR. GOTT: My 9-year-old son cinches his belt so tight that it leaves marks on his belly. Is this dangerous?

DEAR READER: A century ago, women believed that they were more attractive if they bound themselves in corsets. These Victorian devices were supposed to give a coveted "hourglass" appearance to the female form. A thin waist, courtesy of whalebone and heavy laces, was deemed a sign of beauty. Of course, such women had constipation, difficulty breathing and discomfort in the name of fashion. Moreover, their abdominal organs were pushed all over the place, just because of a ridiculous male-oriented custom. Modern females must breathe a sigh of relief that they aren't imprisoned in this way.

Heaven knows why your son chooses to pinch himself in half. However, if his preference causes him no physical pain, he probably is in no danger. You'd better tighten your own belt when you consider the more interesting future tricks he'll have in store for you when he reaches adolescence.

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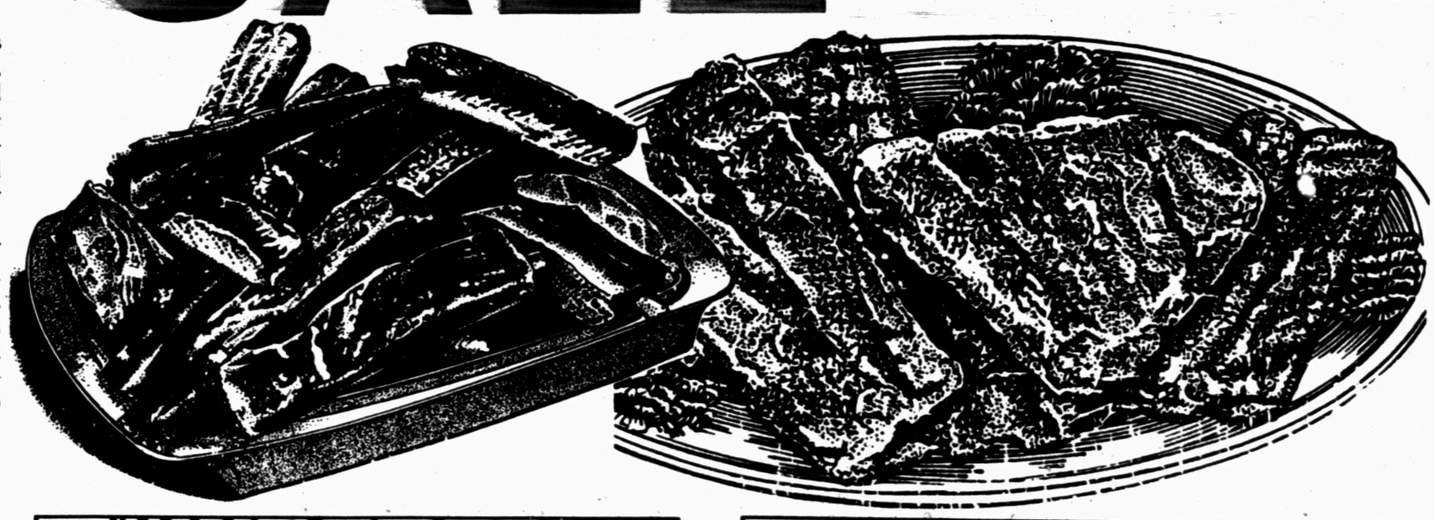

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