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Eyes on enrollment as school bell rings

It's back-to-school time for students in the Snyder school district Wednesday morning, and the school administration will be looking to answer a question that has been foremost in their minds of many since school dismissed in May...how many students has the district lost.

"We're very anxious about how many children will enroll," said Supt. Gayle Lomax.

"We're always concerned about that figure, but especially this year with the problems in the oil industry and the layoffs associated with it."

The district is forecasting a loss of some 100 students from the end-of-school enrollment of 3,051 in May.

Lomax said first-day figures always change, but should be a good indicator of enrollment this year.

At the end of the first week of school last year, 3,095 students were enrolled, but that figure had increased to 3,141 by the end of the first six weeks.

Each student means about $3,000 to the district in state money.

"We lose 100 students and you can subtract $300,000 in money from the state," said Lomax.

Regardless of the number of students who start to class tomorrow, Lomax said the safety of those students is foremost with the district.

"We feel we've always been safety-conscious, but we're going to be even more so this year," said Lomax.

Lomax said all the teacher positions have been filled.

"I feel Dr. Jones (Missy) and David Baugh did a very credible job of replacing teachers and coaches who left the district," said the superintendent.

Stanfield Elementary will start the year with a new principal as Jean McMillon will return to the building where she formerly taught second grade.

All the other campus principals are the same as last year.

They include Larry Scott at Snyder High School, Kellye Starnes at Snyder Junior High, Thomas Fogleman at West Elementary, Lee Presswood at Northeast Elementary, Wayne Kennedy at East Elementary and Jim Rosson at Central Elementary.

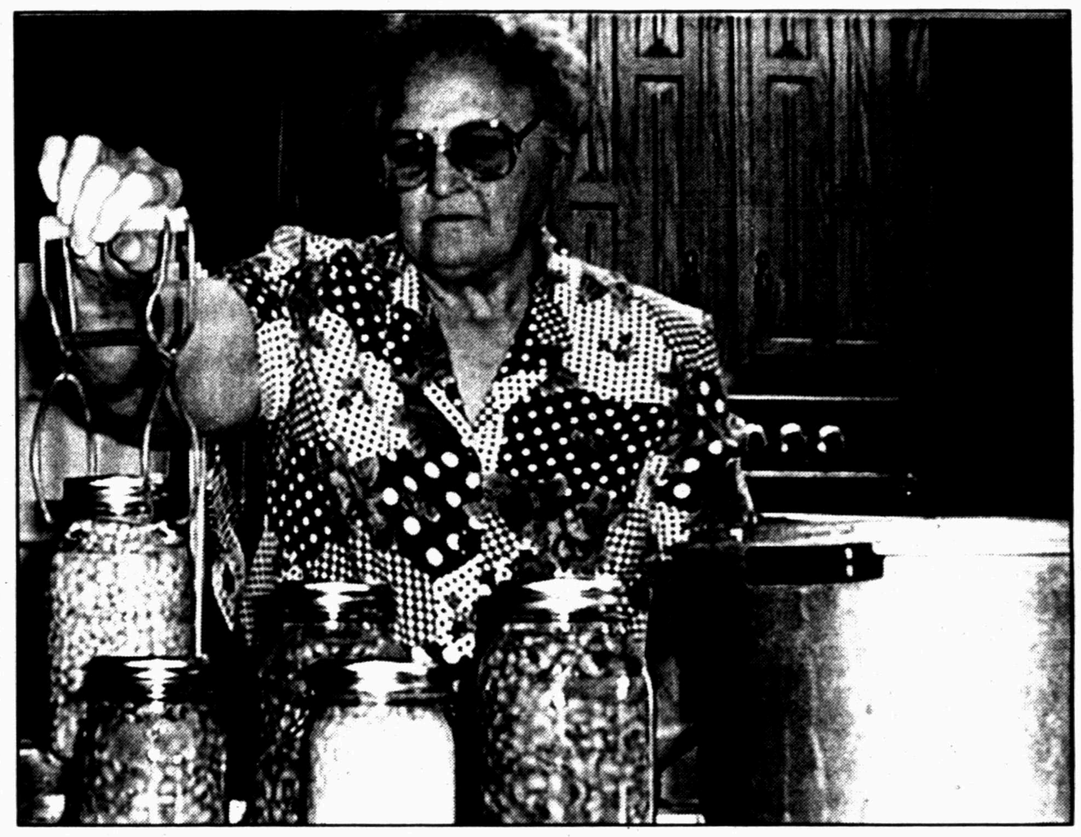
Ron Henderson and Al Phillips serve as assistant principals at the high school, while Dixie Haggard is the assistant principal at the junior high.

The district will start classes with six fewer teachers than it started with last year.

There will be two less at the high school, while Northeast Elementary, Stanfield, SJHS and West Elementary will have one less teacher on their campuses.

The district also has a vacant assistant superintendent's post that it did not fill, and five clerical aide positions have also been eliminated this year.

SHS classes start at 8:15 a.m., while junior high and elementary bells ring at 8:25 a.m. All campuses dismiss at 3:30 p.m.



CANNED GOODIES — Earline Payne has been busy canning black-eyed and cream peas. She canned 14 quarts and 14 pints Saturday. Payne said she has canned foods nearly all her life. (SDN Staff Photo By Joyce May)

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "The best part of living in a small town is that if you don't know what you're doing, somebody else does."

Junior high social science teacher Gary Moore, getting ready for the approaching school year, came across some headlines that will require a second look or second reading.

The following are actually headline bloopers found in print:

—Something went wrong in jet crash, expert says.

—Police begin campaign to run down jaywalkers.

—Safety experts say school bus passengers should be belted.

—Drunk gets nine months in violin case.

—Farmer Bill dies in house.

—Iraqi head seeks arms.

—Stud tires out.

—Prostitutes appeal to Pope.

—Panda mating fails; veterinarian takes over.

—Squad helps dog bite victim.

—Plane too close to ground, crash probe reveals.

—Miners refuse to work after death.

—Juvenile court to try shooting defendant.

—Stolen painting found by tree.

—Two soviet ships collide, one dies.

—Two sisters reunited after 18 years in checkout counter.

—Killer sentenced to die for second time in 10 years.

—Drunken drivers paid $1,000.

—Couple slain; police suspect homicide.

—Typhoon rips through cemetery killing hundreds.

—Man struck by lightning faces battery charge.

—New study of obesity looks for larger test group.

—Astronaut takes blame for gas in spacecraft.

—Kids make nutritious snacks.

—Chef throws heart into helping feed needy.

—British find dwarfs in short supply.

—New vaccine may contain rabies.

—Air head fired.

—Steals clock, faces time.

—Old school pillars are replaced by alumni.

—Hospitals are sued by 7 foot doctors.

—Sex education delayed; teachers request training.

—Ban on soliciting dead in Trotwood.

—Deaf college opens doors to hearing.

—Soviet virgin lands short of goal again.

—President wins on budget, but more lies ahead.

New medication guidelines revealed for SISD students

With school starting Wednesday in Snyder, the district is dispensing new medication guidelines under which the district will operate in the 1999-2000 school year.

School nurse Chris Bane said regular daily medication must be brought to the school offices by a parent or guardian, and the pills must be counted with a full-time school employee. Both the parent and the employee will sign a medication sheet to verify the pill count.

Examples of these types of medication include Ritalin, Adderall, Dexedrine and others.

Anytime a regular medication is discontinued, the parent must notify the school in writing. The school cannot "take a child's word for it" that he or she is no longer taking medication.

Any change in dosage of a regular medication must be confirmed in writing by the child's physician.

The school will not call for permission over the telephone to give any medication, including Tylenol.

State law and the Snyder ISD board policy states:

Employees of the district may administer medication to a student, provided:

1. The district has received a written request to administer the medication from the parent, guardian or other person having legal control of the student.

2. The medication appears to be in the original container and is properly labeled.

It is against the law for the school district to dispense medication to any student from any bottle not belonging to that student.

The school will not accept, nor dispense any medication brought in any other container other than the original.

It is the prerogative of the parent to leave a bottle of medication for your child on campus to be used in cases of pain, such as a headache, provided the medication is in its original container and a permission form has been signed.

Employees of the district will not dispense any alternative "medications" such as those purchased from a health food store.

WTC registration scheduled Aug. 25

Fall registration at Western Texas College begins Aug. 25 at 1 p.m. and continues until 7 p.m.

Registration will continue Aug. 26 from 8:30 a.m. until noon, and from 1-4 p.m., and from 6:30 until 8 p.m.

Classes toward an associate degree in a variety of liberal arts and pre-professional fields are offered.

To obtain a class schedule, call 573-8511.

WTC trustees okay budget, keep tax rate at current level

By Joyce May
Staff Writer

Western Texas College trustees Monday night approved a $7.4 million budget for 1999-2000 and voted to keep the tax rate at .3143 per $100 valuation.

The tax rate is the same as the 1998-1999 year. Because there is no change, this allowed the board to adopt the budget and set the tax rate in the same meeting.

WTC President Dr. Harry Krenek said the college received a 17 percent increase in state funds this year. However, the college suffered a $194,000 loss in local dollars due to a decline in taxable values. Early projections had estimated a loss of only $164,000.

The budget includes half-year funding for truck driving, expansion of the correctional officer in-service program to Lamesa, a co-op EMS program with Texas Tech University and a child-care/early childhood program.

The total start-up cost for all four programs is $125,000.

A salary increase is also included in the budget for all college employees.

Employees who currently earn $18,000 and below will receive a two percent salary increase plus $700 while employees earning more than $18,000 will receive a two percent plus $500.

This amounts to $129,000 budgeted in salary adjustments.

Trustees also approved minor changes in the Intellectual Properties policy and the Transfer and Job Competency Guarantee policy.

The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board recommended the changes.

The board also approved the staff's recommendation to accept the proposal from Aetna to administer the college's matching annuity plan.

Several personnel matters were also handled. Trustees approved unanimously the hiring of Michael Shane Christensen as art instructor, Dani Day as an English instructor, Dave Hanes as director of workforce education and Terry Stephens as workforce coordinator.

Also approved was the changing of Level V classified employees to contract employees.

Dr. Krenek said the action was recommended in order to bring continuity and consistency into the system.

At this point, he said, some program directors are classified, which means they get paid by the hour, and others are on contract.

"There will be no salary increase and no responsibilities will change," Dr. Krenek said.

He added it only means the employees will have a contract and the added option to go to either the optional retirement program or the teacher retirement program.

Leanord Dodgen, director of correctional officer training, presented the board with information concerning a proposed firing range for the college.

Dodgen said the COT in-service and pre-service students are currently using a gravel pit as a firing range, and with the addition of Lamesa trainees, this would soon present unsafe conditions.

He recommended constructing a firing range in an area on the college farm.

It was agreed to proceed and go out for bids for the firing range materials. However, a committee was appointed to decide whether the location of the firing range would disturb farm or rodeo operations.

Ira rallies for school support

A group of 20 parents met briefly at Ira Community Center Tuesday night, and, before the one hour and 10 minute meeting concluded, they had reaffirmed their commitment to work together for the good of the Ira School District and its students.

Recent budget cuts enacted by the school board as well as what one parent called "gossip and rumors" prompted the meeting. Four teacher aides were terminated and budgets were reduced for individual departments.

Carl Smith, former Ira school board member and one of the first to speak, asked everyone "to quit bickering for the sake of the students."

Smith added that as unpleasant as they were, it was his understanding that the school board had to make the cuts that it did. And he added that he thought the cuts were as fair as they could be with all departments being affected.

Sid Wall, a school board member who attended as a parent rather than in an official capacity, assured the group that much thought and anguish had gone into making the cuts. "Letting people go who have families to support was no easy decision to reach for the board."

He noted that with oil revenues down and no money for small schools provided by the state, the board had no other choice.

Parents were encouraged to attend the monthly school board meetings, to ask questions, and to visit with teachers as well as administrators, whenever they have questions concerning their child.

Kirby Sterling, another school board member who also attended as a parent, noted that "lack of communication causes lots of problems."

Several in the group noted that the Ira School and its students have a very good reputation, both academically and behavior-wise. They complimented the administrators and the staff, noting that teachers are always willing to work with students who need additional help.

"I think the teachers need to be made aware that they are appreciated," added one parent.

ASK US

Q-How does the capacity of Lake Thomas compare with this time last year?

A-The lake is 19.10 percent full. Same time last year it was at 4.47% of capacity. Other CRMWD lakes are down. Lake Ivie is at 68% as compared to 84% and Spence is at 15.15% as compared to 17.38%.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temperatures: High Monday, 98 degrees; low, 74; 7 a.m. Tuesday, 74; no precipitation; total for 1999, 19.31 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, mostly clear. Low, upper 60s. SE wind 5-10 mph. Wednesday, mostly sunny. High, upper 90s. S wind 10-15 mph. Wednesday night, clear. Low, upper 60s.



Kendra Tidwell
Sunny

Sunset:
8:32 p.m.
Sunrise:
7:06 a.m.
Of 221 days in 1999, the sun has shone 214 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

"Happy are those who can call today their own; who, secure within can say, tomorrow, do thy worst, for I have lived today."
—John Dryden

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Survey: One in four persons is angry at work

CHICAGO (AP) — As she headed home from her job as an administrative assistant at a bank, the stress and anger lingering from Ariella Winograd's workday apparently showed.

"Did my boss call you? Can you read my face?" Ms. Winograd said when asked Monday about anger in the workplace. "I definitely have office rage."

She's not alone.

Nearly 25 percent of respondents to a 1996 Gallup nationwide telephone survey of 1,000 adults age 18 or older who were employed full- or part-time indicated that they were "generally at least somewhat angry at work," according to a new study.

Authors of the study say the statistic may help explain recent outbursts of workplace violence.

"In an environment where you think people are satisfied with their jobs, there is a sort of undercurrent of anger and resentment aimed at the workplace that could potentially lead to the kinds of explosions of rage we have seen," said Donald Gibson, a professor at the Yale University School of Management and a co-author the study.

The study, "The Experience of Anger at Work: Lessons from the Chronically Angry," is scheduled to be presented Wednesday at the annual meeting of the Academy of Management in Chicago. It was sponsored by Marlin Co., a Connecticut-based management consulting firm.

Authorities say workplace rage was a factor in the July 29 shooting spree in which Mark O. Barton killed nine people and injured 12 others in two Atlanta office buildings where he worked as a day trader. A week later, Alan Eugene Miller killed three people at two Pelham, Ala., companies where he had worked, prosecutors say.

Despite the headlines, homicides at work are declining. There were 856 work-related murders in 1997, a 7 percent drop from 1996 that mirrors the fall in violent crime nationwide during this economic boom, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

According to the study, the most common cause of workplace anger — cited by 11 percent of those questioned — was the actions of supervisors or managers.

Nine percent said co-workers, others not being productive and tight deadlines or a heavy workload were to blame. Others cited dealing with the public and being treated badly as reasons for their anger.

"There has been a lot of downsizing. A lot of companies are leaner and meaner, and many of the workers who are left feel overworked and underappreciated," Gibson said.

Ms. Winograd said her workplace peeves include condescending superiors and managers who do much of their business on the golf course, leaving the real work to assistants.

Ed Gordon, a computer consultant from Waukegan, said that to a certain degree, he can relate to the anger that led to acts of workplace violence.

"You wonder, 'What would it take?' and then you think, 'Jeez, could I do anything like that?'" he said.

Gibson said most of the effects of workplace anger are subtle. They include a hostile work environment and the tendency to do the minimum amount of work to get by, resulting in a drop in productivity.

Suppressed workplace anger has also been linked to health complaints, such as anxiety, depression, high blood pressure and heart disease.

Gibson said managers need to communicate more with their workers in order to nip anger in the bud before it affects productivity or worse.

Shatner's wife drowns in pool

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The wife of actor William Shatner was found dead in the swimming pool of their home, an apparent drowning that authorities said they were treating as an accident.

Nerine Shatner, 40, was pronounced dead at the scene.

Shatner arrived home at about 10:15 p.m. and found her at the bottom of the pool, police Lt. Adam Bercovici said.

"(Shatner) dialed 911 and dove into the pool to render aid to his wife," Bercovici said. Shatner then administered CPR.

The Los Angeles Fire Department was called to the Studio City home, but efforts to revive Mrs. Shatner were unsuccessful, spokesman Brian Humphrey said. "Sadly, she was beyond our help," Humphrey said.

Foul play did not play a role in her death, Bercovici said.

"She was home alone for a short period of time and accidentally drowned while swimming in the family pool," he said. An autopsy was scheduled to determine the exact cause of death.

The couple was married in November 1997.

Shatner, 68, is best known as Capt. James T. Kirk on the science fiction television show "Star Trek." He also appeared in several "Star Trek" movies and the 1980s television police drama "T.J. Hooker."

Tragedy struck the "Star Trek" cast in June, when DeForest Kelley, who portrayed the cantankerous and compassionate Dr. McCoy, died after a lengthy illness at the age of 79.

Judge rules release of all Davidian evidence

WACO (AP) — Tons of charred evidence collected from the ruins of the Branch Davidian compound must be turned over to the U.S. district clerk here, a judge has ordered.

U.S. District Judge Walter S. Smith Jr. said Monday the U.S. Marshals Service would store the evidence gathered by Texas Rangers and the clerk would be the official custodian.

The Department of Public Safety had previously asked to be relieved of responsibility for the evidence.

The Texas Rangers were deputized as federal marshals to investigate the failed, bloody raid of the Branch Davidian compound on Feb. 28, 1993, by the U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms. Four ATF agents were killed and 16 others were wounded. Six Davidian followers also died in the battle.

Davidian leader David Koresh and 78 followers died in an April 19, 1993, fire that consumed the compound.

The judge did not set a time for the transfer of the evidence, now held by the Rangers at an Austin site.

"We will supervise the transfer of the evidence."

Berry's World



Date Book

Tuesday, Aug. 10, 1999

Today is the 222nd day of 1999 and the 51st day of summer.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1921, Franklin D. Roosevelt came down with polio at his summer home on Campobello Island, in Canada.

On this day in 1985, Michael Jackson paid $47.5 million for ATV Music, which included the rights to 251 songs written by John Lennon and Paul McCartney.

On this day in 1989, Gen. Colin Powell became the first black chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff in U.S. history.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Herbert Hoover (1874-1964), U.S. president; Rhonda Fleming (1923-), actress, is 76; Jimmy Dean (1928-), singer-businessman, is 71; Eddie Fisher (1928-), singer, is 71; Ian Anderson (1947-), musician, is 52; Rosanna Arquette (1959-), actress, is 40.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1981, Pete Rose broke the National League all-time hit record held by Stan Musial by hitting for the 3,631st time.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "The system of private property is the most important guaranty of freedom, not only for those who own property, but scarcely less for those who do not." — Friedrich August von Hayek

TODAY'S MOON: Day before new moon (Aug. 11).

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GOOD NEWS

By Wayne Horton

WORTHY NEWS

I've always wanted GOOD NEWS to be a refreshing encouragement about life and some Godly ways to live it. Neither I, nor the church I represent claim anything remotely near perfection in our daily walk with God. We do however believe that God wants holiness in our lives and we believe that, for the most part, the good people of Snyder feel the same way. But whether anyone agrees with us or not, the Elders of the Hermleigh church and I feel led of the Lord to comment on the front page story about the Playboy centerfold which appeared in this newspaper on August third.

First, "Thank You" to Summer Barnes and Janet Davis for your letters to the editor in the Weekend Edition.

Second, I would ask the Snyder Daily News why you think such a piece of information would be deserving of one third of your front page? Do you not know what a damaging thing pornography is to millions of Americans? Do you not realize how destructive and degrading pornography is to women? Do you not know that pornography is as addicting as any illegal drug? Do you not know that pornography destroys lives? Do you not know that pornography even has an addictive grip on an estimated 37% of clergy people?

Third, I would think there could be more worthy news for Scurry County to read - like the selfless service of many who volunteer their time to make this a better place to live. Folks who don't get paid or get their picture in the paper but give part of their lives for people in Nursing Homes, the Noah Project or incarcerated men in County Jail or the PDU. Even an article on what the County intends to do with 37th Street would be more healthy than the one in question and it wouldn't take half the space and there would be room left to tell of some graduates of SHS - or even present students - who are doing good and right things with their lives. And there are many who are.

Friends, just mark this piece down as Horton's protest of anything that will promote porn in any way, or in any way increase the sale of such a magazine (I wonder how many extra copies will be sold here because of article?) And yes, I know it's "Soft Porn" but tell me why that makes any difference whatever.

Finally, (And I should have written this when it happened last year) I wonder why the centerfold story deserved front page when the story of the death of one of the twentieth century's greatest servants, Mother Teresa, was buried inside the paper?

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Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.

Why do ears plug up sometimes?

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: How does a cold plug up the ears?

DEAR READER: The ear is composed of three sections: The external canal (where the wax forms), the middle ear (a chamber that houses the bones of hearing), and the inner ear (the innermost sanctum, deep in the skull, which contains the balance centers).

Your question addresses the middle ear. This chamber is airtight — except for one tiny vent (the eustachian tube) that opens behind the nose.

During normal conditions, the pressure in the middle ear is equal to the outside atmospheric pressure. When people fly or drive up steep hills, air rushes out through the eustachian tube so as to be in equilibrium with the external air pressure. Your ears may pop as the decompression takes place.

Similarly, when you scuba dive or descend in a plane, air must be forced into the middle ear to equalize the pressure.

As long as air can freely pass in and out of the middle ear chamber, people experience no sensations of blockage, fullness or pain.

However, when the eustachian tube vent malfunctions, a pressure differential is formed, which causes discomfort. When you have a cold, the membranes behind your nose become congested and swollen, and may block the eustachian tube, leading to a sense of blockage. This is why the ears plug up in the presence of a cold or allergy, and it's why it is very important that you not fly or scuba dive at these times. Once your cold has run its course, the tissue around the eustachian tubes shrinks, and blockage is no longer a problem.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I'm confused. I know that sun exposure is bad for the skin, yet I've read that such exposure is necessary to activate vitamin D. Is this a case of risking skin cancer or osteoporosis?

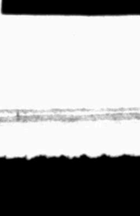
DEAR READER: You are correct that chronic, repeated exposure to sunlight does damage the skin. Accelerated wrinkling and skin cancer often result. You are equally correct that some sun exposure is necessary to activate vitamin D in the body. This vitamin is necessary to drive calcium into the bones.

However, the issue hinges on the degree of sun exposure. The amount of exposure for vitamin D activation is quite small — on the order of 15 minutes a day. Thus, if you are in the sun for a limited period, you needn't worry. You don't have to be a sun-worshipper to prevent vitamin D deficiency.

If you have reached menopause, however, you will need more calcium and vitamin D in your diet. The current recommendation is 1500 to 2000 milligrams of calcium per day, plus about 500 units of D. These needs can easily be supplied in dietary supplements; at the same time, you can use the sun recreationally, not therapeutically. To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Osteoporosis." 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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DISTRICT DIRECTORS — The 1999-2000 District VIII directors include a Snyder Garden Club member, LaVerne Hood, top left. Others are, front row, Donna Womack of Fort Worth, Bille Oliphint of Kilgore, president Barbara Baker of Fort Worth, Virginia Woods of Highlands; back row, Mrs. Hood, Wilma Smith of Allen, Sarah McReynolds of Grosebeck, Peggy Moreland of El Paso, and Catherine Thar of Alamo. Not pictured are Jackie Simmons of Midland and Edith Burris of Alice. Mrs. Hood is preparing for the district meeting Oct. 29-30 in Ozona.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder



	North	08-10-99
	♠ 7 4	
	♥ K 4	
	♦ 8 5 4	
	♣ A Q 7 5 4 2	
West		**East**
♠ J 9 8		♠ Q 10 6 5 3
♥ Q J 10 8		♥ A 9 6
♦ J 9 2		♦ 10 7 6 3
♣ ? 6 3		♣ ?
	South	
	♠ A K 2	
	♥ 7 5 3 2	
	♦ A K Q	
	♣ J 9 8	

Vulnerable: Both
Dealer: South

South	West	North	East
1 NT	Pass	3 NT	All pass

Opening lead: ♥ Q

The spots change the play

By Phillip Alder

Don't let it be forgot that once there was a spot for one brief shining moment that was known as ... what? (This is according to Alan Jay Lerner.)

Most good players know the simple percentages. For example, you have ace-queen-sixth opposite jack-third. What is normally the right play for no loser? Then look at today's North-South hands. Is that still the best approach in the club suit?

North is right to raise to three no-trump. With a long minor, a potential side entry and no shortage (singleton or void), go for the nine-trick game.

West leads the heart queen. South covers with dummy's king, but no luck: East wins with the ace. However, the defenders can take only four heart tricks; declarer is still alive. Let's assume West exits with a diamond.

Declarer has five winners outside clubs, so needs four club tricks without losing one. Normally, you should play low to dummy's queen, which wins when West has the singleton or doubleton king. Here, though, that works only if West has the singleton king. If he has king-doubleton, the suit is blocked; South's spots are too high. Declarer would lose a spade at trick 13.

One option is to lead the jack, trying to pin the singleton 10 in the East hand. Better, though, is to play low to dummy's ace. This wins when either opponent has the singleton king, making it twice as good as starting with the jack.

Lerner was commenting about Camelot. Those were the last lines of his show of the same name.

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Community Calendar

TUESDAY

Weight Watchers; Trinity United Methodist Church, 5200 Trinity Blvd.; for more information call for Nathalie at 573-0015; 5 p.m. weigh-in.

Snyder Shrine Club; call 863-2702 for meeting place; 6 p.m.

Just for Today NA, closed meeting; for information call 573-0949,573-4238 or 573-8010; 6 p.m.

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

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

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

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

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

WEDNESDAY

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

Just For Today NA, open meeting; Park Club; for information, call 573-4203, 573-8018 p.m.

THURSDAY

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

Noah Project Advisory Committee; MAWC; noon.

Al-Anon brown bag; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-4203, 573-8626, 573-2101 or 573-0695; noon to 1 a.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 or 573-8018; 6 p.m.

Snyder Chapter 450 Order of the Eastern Star; patriotic program, Masonic Hall; 1912 35th Street; 7:30 p.m.

Woodchuck causes problems

WHITEWATER, Wis. (AP) — How much wood this woodchuck chucked wasn't as much of a concern to utility workers as how much wire it chewed up.

Investigating problems with several customers' long distance service, Ameritech workers discovered a hungry woodchuck that apparently ate through a fiber optic cable.

Store credit card machines and automated teller machines also had service knocked out Sunday, said Ameritech spokesman Ralph Deptolla.

Service was out for about five hours before crews spliced into another cable nearby, Deptolla said.

The woodchuck was spotted nearby and remained on the loose.

Deptolla said squirrels occasionally damage overhead wires, but animals usually do not chew entirely through the ground wires.

"I've never heard of this happening before," he said.

Foust, Ward to exchange vows Saturday

Bobby and Judy Foust of Snyder announce the approaching marriage of their daughter, Amy Dawn Foust, to Brian William Ward of Snyder. He is the son of Kathie Jones of Big Spring and R.H. and Sharon Ward of Willis.

A 6 p.m. ceremony is planned for Aug. 14 in the Lamar Street Church of Christ in Sweetwater. Jesse Faulkenbury will officiate.



A powerful male gorilla may weigh as much as 450 pounds.

Woolevers hold 75th reunion

The 75th annual Woolever reunion was held at the Wagon Wheel Ranch.

The first reunion was held at the Ira Cemetery on July 25, 1924. It was decided to meet each year in honor of Christi Ann Woolever's birthday that was July 25, 1875.

The younger group enjoyed horseback riding and paddleboat riding. An auction was held on Saturday night to defray expenses. T-shirts were printed and sold with Granny Woolever's picture on her 85th birthday at the reunion in Ralls in the home of Willie and Marvin Bishop.

The Earl Woolever and Christi Ann Woolever reunions were combined a couple of years ago.

T-shirts with pictures of Earl and Hattie and their children were printed and sold.

Those attending were Carolyn Stone, Hayward, Calif.; Brian and Jennifer, Pflugerville; Belinda and John Arey, Celeste, Dorothy and J.C., San Saba.

Other included Kim, Matthew, Luke and Joshua Cooksey, Big Spring; Twylia Roberts, Coahoma; Jeff Hanson, Lubbock; Mardell and Cleta Bishop, Brownwood; Naxey Davis, Richardson; Brittney, Christan and Dustin Bindel of New Braunfels, Jenny, John, Lily and Lottie Duncan, Richardson; Mitchell, Shannon, Alex and Lindsey, West Memphis, Ark.; Lisa Skylar, Emily, Madelyn Harris, Abilene; Kellie and Tanner Miller, Odessa; and Tiffany Chisam, San Antonio, N.M.

Those attending from Snyder were Buck and Louise Woolever; LaOma Floyd; Patsy and Buck Sitton; Fran Farmer, Paul, Dustin and Hayley Farmer; Bill and Darlene Robinson; DeVelva and Ricky Sorrells; Lorraine Southern and Brandon and Meggan Robbins.

Brian Sitton is president, Fran is treasurer and Patsy is secretary. The reunion in 2000 will be held at the Wagon Wheel Ranch on July 29-30.

Hospital

ADMISSIONS: Ruth Banks, Trisha Gaskins of Ira, Earl Odal, Marcela Rios, Emily West of Hermleigh, Eura Beckham, Weldon Buchanan of Hermleigh, Matthew Gilbert, Ramon Herrera of Hermleigh, Rodger Sullenger.

DISMISSALS: Matthew Gilbert, Joe Trice, Patricia Westbrook, Barbara Allen, Michelle Gonzales, Cecil D. Gray and Robert Taylor.

CENSUS: 45 (Med., Surg.-16, Long-term Care-23, ICU-2, OB-3, Nursery-1)

Births

Jeremy and Deborah Bailey of Abilene announce the birth of their son, Dylan Michael Bailey, at 11: 43 a.m. on Aug. 2 in Hendrick Memorial Hospital. He weighed eight pounds, eight ounces.

Dylan has a five-year-old brother, Dakota. Their grandparents are Robert and Reba Bailey of Snyder and Pat and Tommy Trinkner of Abilene.

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Jesus said, "You too, be ready; for the Son of Man is coming at an hour that you do not expect" **(Luke 12:40).** Christ seeks to motivate us to be ready for His second coming. When the master returned and found his servants still awake, alert, dressed, and quick to serve him, he had them sit down to eat while he served them as friends and honored guests **(verses 35-37).** But when a servant thought, "My master will be a long time in coming," and began to beat the slaves" and to eat and drink and get drunk; the master of that slave will come on a day when he does not expect him, and at an hour he does not know, and will cut him in pieces, and assign him a place with the unbelievers" **(verses 45-46).**

The Lord's reward for faithful service is also pictured by a master promoting a wise and faithful steward to greater honor and service over his household and all he had **(verses 43-44).**



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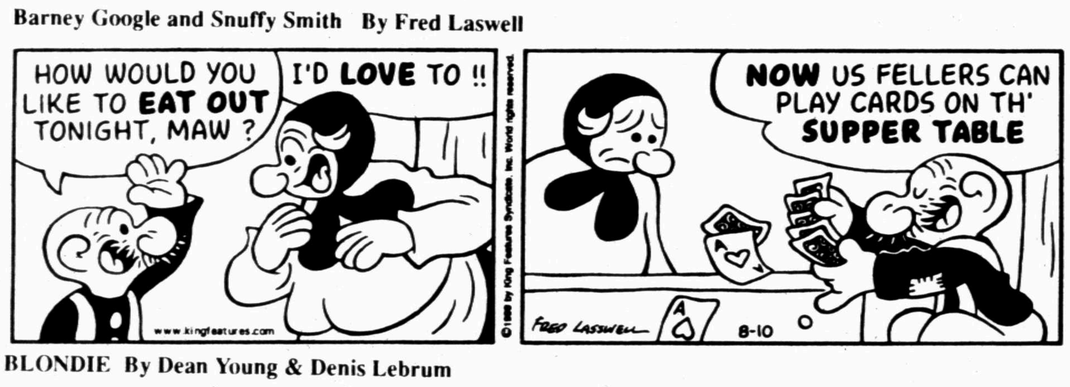
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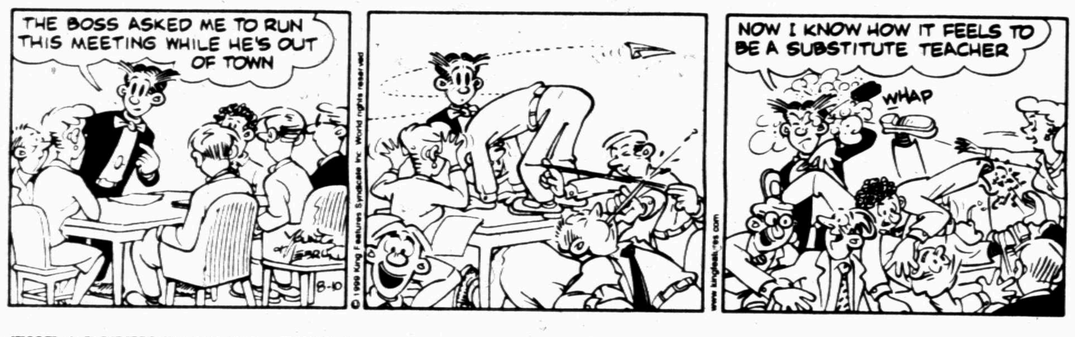
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1 Avoided adroitly
7 Church officials
13 Actress Bullock
14 Optic applicator
15 Was fit for
16 Saskatchewan capital
17 Fit
18 Roman 502
20 High pointed hill
21 Affirmations
23 Longing
24 Grimace
25 Invitation inits.
27 Certain board member
29 Guido's high note
31 Mrs. in Madrid
32 Bernstein, for short
33 Transgression
34 It could be real!
37 Nuisance
40 Being, in Spanish
41 Lodge member
43 Horse's gear
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55 Slayed
56 Cooking fat
57 Like metal

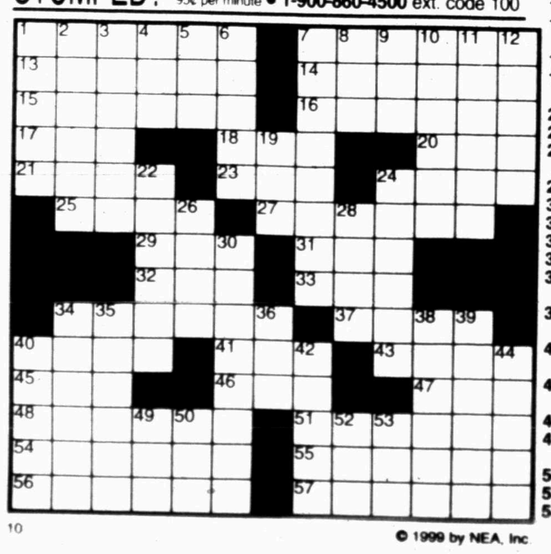
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1 Writing assignment
2 Singer Cyndi —
3 Famed quarterback Johnny —
4 Insecticide (abbr.)
5 Before, to a poet
6 Adam Sandler film, "Big —"
7 Strangeness
8 Soap-making ingredient
9 Temp. unit
10 Genus of ants
11 Expire (2 wds.)
12 Trunk tire
19 Comparative ending
22 Slender
24 Nastier
26 Type of bargain
28 Grasp firmly
30 Come before
34 Charm
35 Foil
36 Yalie
38 Like some old people
39 Christmas decoration
40 "Dallas" family name
42 Makes a soccer play
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50 Legal matter
52 Smack
53 Bar brew

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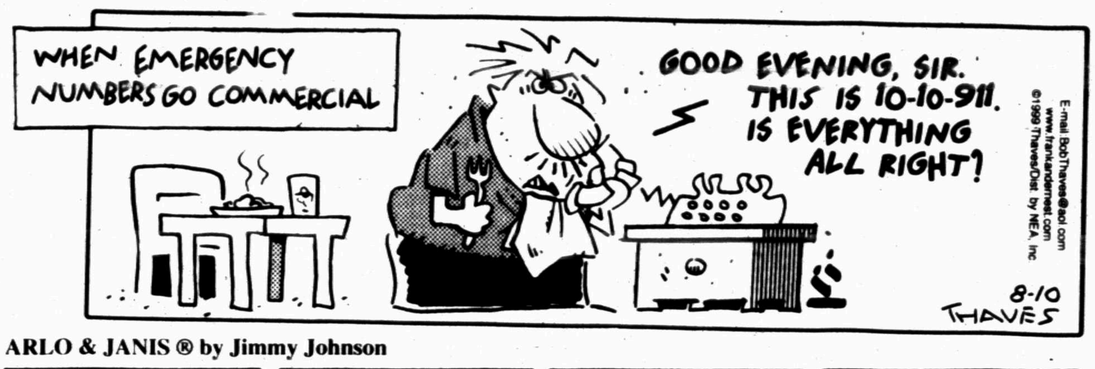
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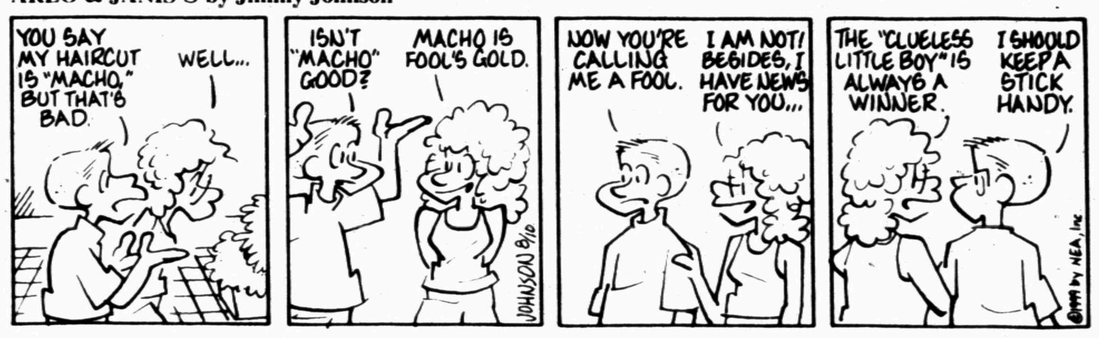


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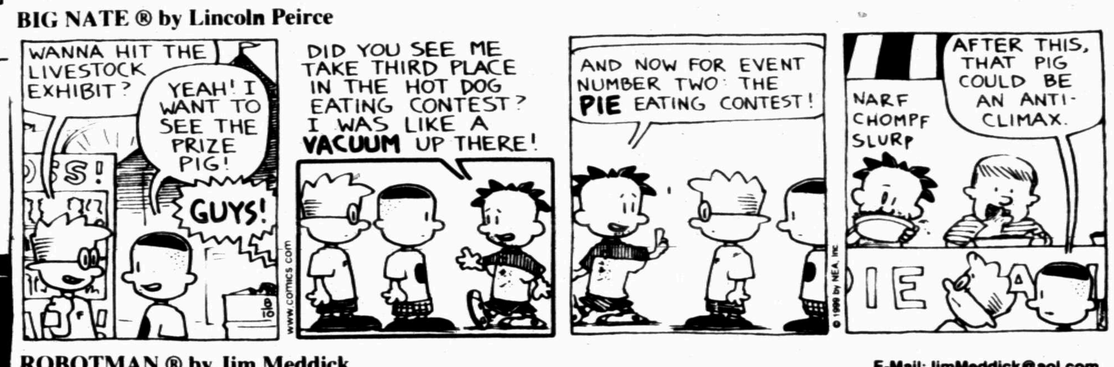
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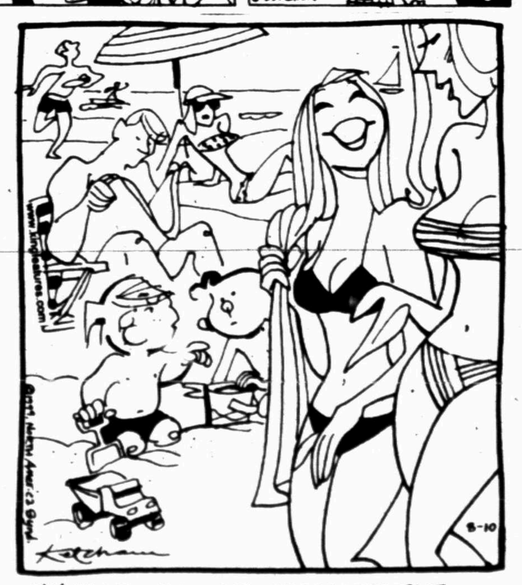


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SPORTS

Holcomb takes post at Hardin-Simmons

ABILENE — Hardin-Simmons University head baseball coach Steve Coleman didn't have to roam far to find a new assistant for the Cowboys' program.

He practically went just across town, getting former Abilene Christian assistant and Snyder High graduate Brad Holcomb. The ex-Tiger replaces Jeff Howle, who resigned to take the head coaching position at Merkel.

Holcomb, 31, who had spent the past three years at ACU, started his coaching career as an assistant to Coleman at Frenship in 1992. The 1986 SHS graduate received his bachelor's degree in kinesiology and health from Lubbock Christian in 1991.

"We're excited about getting a person of Brad's caliber at Hardin-Simmons," Coleman said. "As a person and as a coach, he brings a lot to the table. We're glad he's going to be an HSU Cowboy."

Holcomb was an all-conference player at LCU in 1988, '90 and '91. Last season, he helped ACU to a 41-19 record, good for second place in the Lone Star Conference South Division and runner-up in the LSC tournament.

"I'm looking forward to working with Coach Coleman again," Holcomb said. "I know things will be done right. I'm here to have fun and treat the kids right, and teach them how to play baseball and be good people. We want to help them accomplish what they want to accomplish. If we can do that, then we'll be successful."

Holcomb will complete work on his masters' degree from ACU in school administration later this month. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Holcomb of Snyder.

Browns edge Cowboys in OT

CANTON, Ohio (AP) — Their prized rookie quarterback played like a seasoned veteran. So did the first-year cornerback. The defense was as tough as advertised and their special teams were terrific.

Born again after three years, the Cleveland Browns aren't a typical expansion team. And in their debut Monday night on national TV, they didn't play like one.

Capping a night of pageantry and passion, the new Browns made a victorious return to the NFL with a 20-17 overtime victory against the Dallas Cowboys in the Hall of Fame game.

For the Browns and their fans, there couldn't be a sweeter ending to their three-year comeback.

"I think what was impressive is how we won it," said linebacker Chris Spielman, who played his first game in two years. "We competed. I'll tell you what, we're going to be a competitive football team."

Before the Browns start getting ahead of themselves, their performance wasn't flawless. For an expansion franchise given just 11 months to get ready for its first game — Jacksonville and Carolina had two years — the Browns are off to a flying start.

Phil Dawson kicked a 20-yard field goal with 8:06 remaining in overtime for the Browns, who had a chance to win in regulation. But Danny Kight missed a 47-yarder as time expired.

The winning drive was set up by rookie cornerback Daylon McCutcheon's second interception.

Browns rookie quarterback Tim Couch dazzled in his pro debut. Couch, the No. 1 overall pick in April's college draft, showed great poise in his first appearance in an NFL uniform.

He completed 11 of 17 passes for 137 yards and a touchdown, and ran twice for 14 yards.

After replacing starter Ty Detmer early in the second quarter, Couch overthrew his first attempt before completing 10 straight. He and rookie Kevin Johnson hooked up for 24-yard scoring play in the second quarter, giving the Browns a 14-7 lead.

"It was good to get that first touchdown pass out of the way," Couch said. "Especially to get it to Kevin. Hopefully, that will be the first of many for us."

Cleveland president Carmen Policy grinned from ear to ear talking about Couch, signed by the Browns to a seven-year, $59 million deal before draft day.

"You saw a little bit of why we wanted him," Policy said. "A little bit."

Jason Garrett threw two TD passes for Dallas, which rested most of its regulars after the first quarter. Troy Aikman finished 9-for-11 for 85 yards in limited action.

"I thought Jason executed the offense very well," Dallas coach Chan Gailey said.

Whether they had won or lost, the night belonged to Cleveland and the Browns, whose first win also came in Chris Palmer's debut as an NFL head coach.

"It was emotional," Palmer said. "This is for the fans of Cleveland. They've suffered for three years."

Browns fans hadn't been able to cheer their beloved team since Dec. 17, 1995, the final game at Cleveland Stadium after former owner Art Modell announced he was moving his team to Baltimore.

To showcase the Browns' return, the league switched this year's Hall of Fame game from Saturday to Monday night so a prime-time audience could see the new Browns' debut.

Record five grand slams hit Monday

By RONALD BLUM
AP Sports Writer

On a grand night for hitters, pitchers got slammed.

For the first time in 129 years of major league baseball, five grand slams were hit in one day.

Fernando Tatis of the St. Louis Cardinals and Jose Vidro of the Montreal Expos got it started Monday night.

Then Mike Lowell of the Florida Marlins connected, Bernie Williams of the New York Yankees followed and Jay Buhner of the Seattle Mariners set the record.

Buhner was unaware of the record.

"I did? That's cool. Right on!" he said.

Four grand slams were hit in one day many times since major league baseball began in 1871, but never five. The last time four were hit was July 28, 1998, when Sammy Sosa, Gabe Alvarez, Darrin Jackson and Ray Lankford connected.

This has been a season of slams in the big leagues. The five raised the majors' total to 96 — the record of 141 was set in 1996.

"It's not necessarily the quality or lack of quality of pitching, it's the style," Yankees manager Joe Torre said. "I think pitchers do not want the guy to hit the ball, so it's ball one, ball two and then you've got to come down the middle."

After becoming the first player to hit two slams in the same inning on April 23 at Los Angeles, Tatis hit the third of his career on Billy Brewer's first pitch in the fourth inning during a 12-6 win at Philadelphia.

With three slams this year, Tatis tied Jim Bottomley (1925) and Keith Hernandez (1977) for the Cardinals' record. Tatis is 7-for-10 with 22 RBIs when hitting with the bases loaded this season.

Davis surrenders 10 runs in lopsided loss

ARLINGTON (AP) — Carlos Delgado and the Toronto Blue Jays were a big hit in Texas.

The Blue Jays set a team record with 25 hits, including Delgado's fifth home run in four games, in a 19-4 rout Monday night over the Rangers.

"It was fun, you have to enjoy it," Delgado said. "Next time it could be the other way around."

The Blue Jays won three of four against Texas, which had been 17-3 since the All-Star break. Toronto scored 32 runs in the series.

"Tonight's game was important for us," said Shawn Green, who had three hits, including a homer, and drove in four runs. "To win like this, especially after winning two of the first three, is a huge confidence-booster for us."

Homer Bush and Tony Batista also homered for Toronto.

Bush and Jacob Brumfield each had four hits as Toronto broke the club record of 24 set on June 26, 1978, against Baltimore.

The 25 hits were the most ever allowed by Texas. Toronto matched the AL high for hits this year done by Baltimore on June 13 at Atlanta.

"It was one of those nights that everything they hit was either smoked or topped," Rangers manager Johnny Oates said. "Everything they hit fell in."

Rangers reliever Doug Davis made his major league debut and was tagged for 10 runs and 11 hits in 2 1-3 innings. Green hit a three-run shot in the sixth on Davis' third pitch, and the rookie later gave up a three-run homer to Batista and a two-run drive by Bush.

Delgado's homer off Mike Morgan (12-7) in the first inning was his fifth in the series, matching a Texas record for most home runs by an opponent in a set. John Mayberry of Kansas City had five in a three-game series on July 1-3, 1975.

It was Delgado's 31st of the season and 13th career against Texas, most ever by a Rangers opponent. Delgado finished the series with 11 hits and has hit .538 (14-for-26) against the Rangers this season. He had three hits and four RBIs Monday.

"He definitely had a great series," Toronto manager Jim Fregosi said. "He swings the bat well here and sees the ball well here."

The 19 runs were the most Toronto had ever scored against Texas.

Major League Baseball

American League
All Times EDT

East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
New York	69	42	.622	—
Toronto	63	51	.553	7½
Boston	61	51	.545	8½
Baltimore	49	63	.438	20½
Tampa Bay	47	65	.420	22½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Cleveland	67	44	.604	—
Chicago	51	59	.464	15½
Minnesota	47	62	.431	19
Kansas City	46	65	.414	21
Detroit	44	67	.396	23

West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Texas	66	45	.595	—
Oakland	60	52	.536	6½
Seattle	54	58	.482	12½
Anaheim	46	65	.414	20

Monday's Games

Kansas City 5, Boston 2
Tampa Bay 10, Baltimore 9
Toronto 19, Texas 4
Seattle 6, Chicago 4
Cleveland 4, Anaheim 0
New York 12, Oakland 8
Only games scheduled

Tuesday's Games

New York (Clemens 10-4) at Oakland (Olivares 9-9), 4:05 p.m.
Baltimore (Ponson 10-7) at Tampa Bay (Eiland 2-6), 7:05 p.m.
Toronto (Escobar 9-8) at Minnesota (Radke 8-10), 8:05 p.m.
Boston (Rose 6-4) at Kansas City (Witasick 4-9), 8:05 p.m.
Detroit (Thompson 9-10) at Texas (Loaiza 4-1), 8:35 p.m.
Cleveland (Langston 1-1) at Anaheim (Finley 6-10), 10:05 p.m.
Chicago (Sirotka 7-10) at Seattle (Moyer 10-6), 10:05 p.m.

Wednesday's Games

Boston (Saberhagen 8-4) at Kansas City (Reichert 1-0), 2:05 p.m.
Baltimore (Mussina 13-7) at Tampa Bay (Arroyo 2-7), 7:05 p.m.
Toronto (Carpenter 8-5) at Minnesota (Milton 4-8), 8:05 p.m.
Detroit (Blair 1-8) at Texas (Helling 8-7), 8:35 p.m.
Cleveland (Burba 8-7) at Anaheim (Sparks 5-8), 10:35 p.m.
New York (O.Hernandez 12-7) at Oakland (Olivares 9-9), 10:35 p.m.
Chicago (Navarro 7-9) at Seattle (Abbott 2-0), 10:35 p.m.

National League
All Times EDT

East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Atlanta	68	46	.596	—
New York	67	46	.593	½
Philadelphia	61	51	.545	6
Montreal	45	64	.413	20½
Florida	45	68	.398	22½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Houston	69	45	.605	—
Cincinnati	65	45	.591	2
St. Louis	57	57	.500	12
Pittsburgh	56	56	.500	12
Milwaukee	51	59	.464	16
Chicago	50	61	.450	17½

West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Anzona	64	49	.566	—
San Francisco	58	54	.518	5½
San Diego	52	60	.464	11½
Los Angeles	50	62	.446	13½
Colorado	48	64	.429	15½

Monday's Games

Cincinnati 4, Pittsburgh 2
Montreal 8, San Diego 0
Florida 5, San Francisco 4
Atlanta 5, Houston 3
St. Louis 12, Philadelphia 6
Los Angeles 9, New York 2
Anzona 10, Chicago 7
Milwaukee 7, Colorado 6

Tuesday's Games

Anzona (Anderson 4-2) at Chicago (Lieber 8-5), 2:20 p.m.
Los Angeles (Valdes 8-10) at Montreal (Thurman 4-7), 7:05 p.m.
San Francisco (Gardner 3-9) at Florida (Nunez 4-5), 7:05 p.m.
Cincinnati (Guzman 0-1) at Pittsburgh (Schourek 3-5), 7:05 p.m.
St. Louis (Jimenez 5-12) at Philadelphia (Person 6-3), 7:35 p.m.
San Diego (Ashby 10-5) at New York (Rogers 1-0), 7:40 p.m.
Houston (Reynolds 14-7) at Atlanta (Glavine 9-9), 7:40 p.m.
Colorado (Astacio 12-9) at Milwaukee (Peterson 1-2), 8:05 p.m.

Wednesday's Games

San Francisco (Estes 7-7) at Florida (Fernandez 6-7), 1:05 p.m.
Colorado (B.M.Jones 5-9) at Milwaukee (Woodard 11-6), 2:05 p.m.
Anzona (R.Johnson 11-8) at Chicago (Lorraine 1-0), 2:20 p.m.
Los Angeles (Park 6-9) at Montreal (Smith 3-6), 7:05 p.m.
Cincinnati (Villone 6-4) at Pittsburgh (Schmidt 10-8), 7:05 p.m.
St. Louis (Stephenson 2-0) at Philadelphia (Wolf 5-3), 7:35 p.m.
San Diego (Hitchcock 11-8) at New York (Dotel 4-1), 7:40 p.m.
Houston (Lima 15-6) at Atlanta (Maddux 13-6), 7:40 p.m.

WNBA Glance

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	15	11	.577	—
Charlotte	15	13	.536	1
Detroit	12	14	.462	3
Orlando	10	16	.385	5
Washington	10	17	.370	5½
Cleveland	6	21	.222	9½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	21	5	.808	—
Los Angeles	17	8	.680	3½
Sacramento	17	10	.630	4½
Minnesota	12	14	.462	9
Phoenix	12	14	.462	9
Utah	11	15	.423	10

Monday's Games
Late Games Not Included

New York 80, Orlando 75
Utah 67, Charlotte 65
Phoenix 64, Minnesota 55
Detroit 84, Los Angeles 59

Tuesday's Games

No games scheduled

Wednesday's Games

New York at Washington, 7 p.m.
Utah at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Detroit at Phoenix, 10 p.m.

NFL Preseason

Saturday's Games

Chicago 9, Indianapolis 6
Oakland 18, St. Louis 17
Denver 20, San Diego 17

Monday's Game

Cleveland 20, Dallas 17, OT

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.
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Anzona 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

Golf meeting

A meeting will be held Thursday at 7 p.m. in the junior high auditorium for parents of all junior high and high school golfers. Sixth grade parents, whose children hope to play golf next year, are also invited to attend.

SISD sports tickets

Season passes for all Snyder volleyball and basketball games are on sale now at the SISD business administration office. Passes are $30 for each sport, or $50 for a combined volleyball/basketball pass. The passes are good for all home games, from the varsity level through seventh grade. If purchased individually, adult tickets to home games are $2 each.

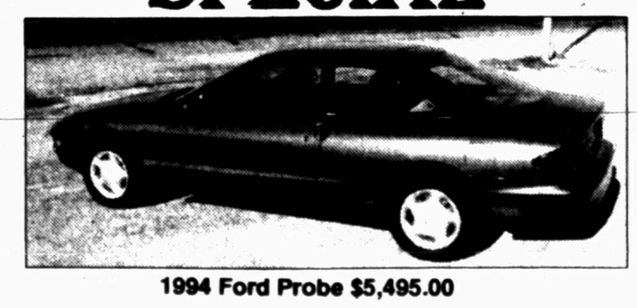
SCC scramble and MGA

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.

Bowling league meeting

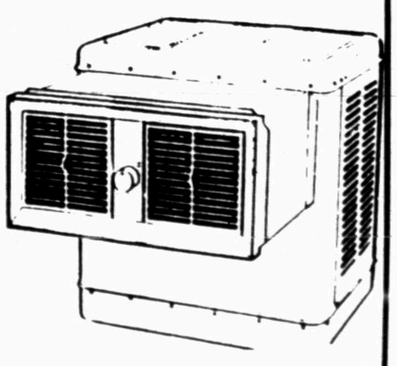
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AT&T Corp s	50¾	48	15-16 49	3-16—1 11-16
Albertsons	47	3-16	45½ 45	15-16—1 1-16
AlldSignal	63¾	62	9-16 62	13-16—15-16
Alltel	71	15-16	68¾	68¾—2 9-16
AmOnline s	88¼	80	15-16 82	—3 9-16
Ameritech	74¾	72	13-16 73¾	— 1¾
AndarkPtr	36	11-16	36 3-16	36½+ 1-16
Armcolnc			6 9-16	6½ 6½
AtlRichfld			94 3-16	93 7-16 94 + 1
ATMOS Egy			24¾ 24	7-16 24¾+ 1-16
Aviall			13¾ 13¼	13¾— 5-16
BP Amoco	119¾	118	15-16 119	7-16+1 3-16
BakerHughes			36 3-16 35	3-16 35¼+ ⅛
Bank of Amer			61 3-16	6060 — ¾
BellAtl			64 1-16 63	11-16 63¾— ⅛
BellSouth s			50¾ 50	1-16 50 3-16— ⅛
BethSteel			7 13-16	7¾ 7 11-16— 1-16
BurlNoSFe s			31 9-16 30	11-16 31 — 7-16
CBS Corp			46 9-16 45	7-16 45½— 1
Caterpillar			58¼	57½ 57¾— ⅛
CenSoWst	21	11-16	21 5-16	21 7-16— 3-16
Chevron	97	3-16	96 5-16	97 1-16+ 7-16
Citigroup s			42¼	41¾ 42 3-16— 7-16
Coastal			42¼ 41	7-16 42 1-16+ ⅛
CocaCola			60¾	59¾ 60 5-16+ 9-16
ColgatePal s	48	13-16	48 5-16	48 7-16— ⅛
ComclMetals			32¼	31¼ 32 3-16+13-16
Cooperln			55 5-16	54 13-16 55 + 1-16
CyprusAmax	13	11-16	13¼ 13	11-16+ 3-16
DaimlrChry n			75¼	74¼ 74¼—1 9-16
DallSemicn			49 9-16	47¾ 47¾—1 9-16
DeltaAirl s	56	5-16	54¾ 54	15-16—1 5-16
Dillards Inc	28	9-16	27 13-16	27 15-16— 7-16
DowChem			125¼ 124	1-16 125¼— ⅛
DuPont			71¼ 70	3-16 70½— 9-16
EastmanChem			52	51 11-16 51 15-16
EstKodak	72	7-16	71 9-16	71 9-16—1 1-16
EDS Corp			56 9-16	55½ 55¾—1 9-16
Entergy			29 13-16	29¾ 29 13-16— ¼
Exxon			81 5-16	80¾ 81¼+ ¾
Flowers			16 13-16	16½ 16½— 7-16
FordMotor			48¼ 47	5-16 47⅜— ⅜
GTE Cp	74	11-16	74 1-16	74¼— 3-16
GenDynam	64	15-16	63¾ 64	5-16—15-16
GenElec	106	103	15-16 103	15-16— 1¾
GenMills			82¼ 82	1-16 82¼+ ¾
GenMotors	61	15-16	60 1-16	60 1-16—1 15-16
GaPacGP s			45 5-16	44 7-16 44 15-16— 1
GlobalMar			19¾	19¼ 19 9-16+ 5-16
Goodrich			40 7-16	39⅜ 39 9-16— ⅜
Goodyear s			55 11-16	54¾ 55⅛—11-16
GtAtlPac	34	15-16	34¾ 34	7-16— 7-16
Halliburtn			51¾	50⅛ 50 13-16— ⅜
Hanson ADS			43¼	4343 — 5-16
HarteHanks			24¼	23¼ 23 15-16— ⅛
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MayDeptStr s			38¼	37 11-16 38¼
MediaOne	69¾	67	11-16 67	13-16— 2
Medtronic	67	1-16	64¾ 64	13-16— 2 1-16
Mobil	104	15-16	104	104 9-16+ ⅛
Monsanto			39 13-16	39¼ 39⅜— ⅛
MorganJP	125⅛		122	122 1-16— 2¼
Motorola			90⅜	8989⅝— 1¾
NCR Corp			43¾	43 7-16 43 7-16— ⅛
Navistar	44	11-16	44¼ 44	3-16— 7-16
Penney JC			42 41	41 1-16—15-16
PennzEnergy s	18		17 9-16	17 15-16+ 5-16
PepBoys	16¼	15	13-16 15	13-16— 7-16
PepsiCo			38 7-16	38 38 5-16— ¼
PhelpDodge			58⅛	57¾ 58 5-16+ 5-16
PhilipPet			53	52 52 15-16+ ¾
PilgrmPrd B			13¾	12¾ 13 5-16+ 5-16
Polaroid			23 1-16	22 22 1-16— 1¼
Praxair			49⅝	48¾ 49 1-16+ 1-16
ProctGamb			92¼	91 5-16 91¾+ 3-16
PubSNwMx			19¾	19½ 19¾+ ¼
ReliantEngy			27¾	27¼ 27 7-16— 5-16
RoyalDut			65¾	65 1-16 65¾— ⅛
SBC Comm	57	15-16	56¾ 56	13-16— ⅛
SaraLee s			22	21 13-16 21 15-16
Scripps EW	49	15-16	49¾ 49¾	— 5-16
SearsRoeb			40½ 39¼	39 7-16—1 9-16
SherwinW			26¼ 26¼	26¾— 3-16
SmithklBchm			59¾ 58	11-16 59 — 1¼
SouthernCo	27	1-16	26¼ 26	15-16— 1-16
SwstAirl s	17	3-16	16 11-16	16 11-16— ⅛
SprintFON s			47½	45¼ 46 7-16— 1¼
SprintPCS n			57¾	55¾ 55 11-16— 2
Sunoco Inc			30 3-16	29¾ 30¼+ 3-16
TNP Ent	37	3-16	36 13-16	36 13-16— ⅜
Tandy s	40	15-16	38 11-16	39¼—1 9-16
TempleInland				66¼ 65¾ 66¼
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TexasInst wi			71 3-16	71¼ 71¼+ 3-16
TexUtil	41	15-16	41 9-16	41 15-16+ 3-16
Textron			81¼	80 3-16 80½— 1½
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Trinitylnds			33¼	32¼ 33 — ½
TritonEngy	12¾	11	11-16 11	15-16+ 3-16
TylerTech	5	15-16	5 13-16	5 13-16— 1¼
US West Inc			53¼	52¾ 52 11-16— ⅛
USX-Marathn	32	3-16	31¾ 32	1-16+ 3-16
USX-USS			26¼	25 9-16 26 9-16+ ⅜
UnCarbde			63¼	62 15-16 63 5-16— 3-16
UnionPacif	54	15-16	54 1-16	54 1-16— ¾
UnitedTech s			64	62¼ 63¾+ 3-16
Unocal			40¼	40½ 40¾+ ⅛
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WalMart s			41¼	39¾ 40 11-16+ ½
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WstnGasRs			17¼	16¾ 17 3-16+ 7-16
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Chinooks...

Army is grounding fleet of helicopters

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Army announced it is temporarily grounding its entire fleet of CH-47 Chinook transport helicopters after a crack was found in a transmission gear in one being used by the British Royal Air Force.

"The fleet is grounded," Army spokeswoman Nancy Ray said Monday. "It's a precautionary measure."

She said that 466 helicopters in the Army fleet were involved in the temporary grounding.

"In an overhaul, the Royal Air Force discovered a cracked gear. That gear has been traced diligently," Ray said. She said Boeing was working with the Army Aviation Center to see whether the problem affected any of the Army Chinooks.

The twin-rotored Chinook helicopter is the military's medium tactical heavy-lift transport.

The British Ministry of Defense also has grounded its fleet of Royal Air Force Chinooks pending safety checks.

The Boeing Co., which manufactures the helicopter at its Philadelphia plant, also requested the suspension of flights by about 20 operators around the world to allow inspection of their transmissions, said company spokesman Jack Satterfield.

Boeing's subsidiary, Boeing Precision Gear in Chicago, manufactured the type of gear used in the aircraft, Satterfield said.

"All the models should be suspending flight operations pending a check of records to determine if the aircraft contained gears from the suspect production lines," he said.

The Army has the largest fleet of Chinooks.

U.S., Russia arms talks slated

WASHINGTON (AP) — The United States and Russia intend to go ahead with a new round of negotiations to reduce their arsenals of long-range nuclear warheads despite another shakeup in the Russian leadership.

Undersecretary of State John D. Holum will head a delegation to Moscow on Monday, planning on two days of talks looking toward a START III treaty to cut the arsenals to 2,000 to 2,500 warheads each.

The talks were announced here two weeks by Vice President Al Gore and Russian Prime Minister Sergei Stepashin as the heads of a U.S.-Russian commission for cooperation in science, economics and other topics.

Yeltsin sacked Stepashin and the rest of his Cabinet on Monday, choosing a former KGB agent, Vladimir Putin, as acting prime minister and potential successor as president.

The arms talks were cited by Clinton administration officials as evidence the shakeup would not have a severe impact on U.S.-Russian relations.

But Thomas Graham, senior associate at the private Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, said he doubted there could be much progress on arms reductions and other key issues before the Russian presidency changes hands.

In 1993, the United States and Russia agreed to shrink their arsenals of long-range nuclear warheads so neither side would have more than 3,000 to 3,500. But the Russian parliament has refused to ratify the START II treaty.

Clinton administration spokesmen on Monday backed Yeltsin's right to shuffle his prime ministers again." I don't think we should blow this out of proportion," State Department spokesman James P. Rubin said.

But analysts Ariel Cohen of the Heritage Foundation and Graham at Carnegie raised the corruption issue as at least one reason for Stepashin's ouster.

"Yeltsin's move was shrewd and logical," Cohen said. "He is struggling for his own survival as well as for the survival of his family clan, which is under investigation for abuse of power and corruption."

He "is trying to save his skin as well as those who are around him by putting a man with extensive security background, a seasoned intelligence officer, in power in hopes of a cover-up," Cohen said.

Graham, agreeing, said "corruption is part of this. It is one of the reasons Stepashin was dismissed now and not later."

Graham said Stepashin was not moving quickly enough to cut off the investigations.

But also, the analyst said, Yeltsin is looking for a successor and Stepashin was not going to be it. "He did not create a good impression abroad," Graham said. "They had doubts Stepashin was their man and they had to find someone else."

Helmut Sonnenfeldt, at the Brookings Institution, meanwhile, said the shakeup "must have something to do with the intensifying electoral maneuvering going on in Russia."

Parliamentary elections will be held in December and there is speculation in Russia that former Prime Minister Yevgeny Primakov may be induced to join insurgents as a possible successor to Yeltsin in the presidency.

"You never know with Yeltsin, what makes him do these things," Sonnenfeldt said.

$4 million in profits donated for research

WASHINGTON (AP) — About $4 million in profits from the Postal Service's special breast cancer stamp will be given to a new National Cancer Institute research program, officials said.

In a year of sales, a special stamp that costs 7 cents more than regular postage raised $7.8 million to help research on breast cancer.

Officials were announcing today that more than half of those proceeds would fund the NCI's new "Insight Awards to Stamp Out Breast Cancer," a program funding progressive pilot studies for extensive breast cancer research.

Vice President Al Gore, Postmaster General William Henderson and this year's Tour de France champion Lance Armstrong, a testicular cancer survivor, planned a White House ceremony today to highlight other new strides in cancer research.

On the second anniversary of the 1997 Cancer Genome Anatomy Project, Gore that said over 30,000 human genes that predispose people to cancer have been identified, more than double the original goal. Genome project researchers have additionally catalogued more than 66,400 genes in one or more cancers.

The vice president, in a June speech as part of his presidential campaign, challenged scientists to identify every cancer-related gene by 2002.

NCI data released today also shows that 8.4 million Americans have survived cancer, with the five-year survival rate improving over the last decade from 65 percent to 74 percent for children with cancer. The adult survival rate improved from 51 percent to almost 60 percent.

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Best Friends Pay High Cost For Lessons in Partnership

by Abigail Van Buren

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DEAR ABBY: Last March, my best friend, "Emma," and I opened a business together.

We had a falling out three weeks ago and haven't spoken since. She's very stubborn and can't admit when she's wrong. On a hunch, I called the 24-hour banking service for our business account. Lo and behold, the balance was zero. A week ago it held more than $200. I checked further. There have been four ATM transactions in the last two weeks — all withdrawals. One was done at a store where business was more than likely done; however, the others were done at the supermarket.

Abby, we were best friends — or so I thought. I feel Emma stole the money. She didn't let me know we owed people who had helped us get started, so of course I have to pay them back.

I am so angry and hurt I don't know what to do. Our friendship is over. I'm really going to miss that because Emma was like a sister to me. I don't know what to do from here — take her to court, scream at her, tell the world or just let it go. Your thoughts, please.

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DEAR USED: Now that you have vented, call your former business partner and ask her to account for the money that was supposed to be in the business account. She *may* have had a legitimate reason for withdrawing the funds.

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DEAR ABBY: My wife and I have been annoyed by something for some time. We have a few friends who visit us at least twice a week. They insist upon hugging at every greeting and goodbye. Whether at my house, in public or elsewhere — hugs are expected.

Should we just grin and bear the excessive hugging? Or should we avoid the hug and address the issue with them?

OVERHUGGED IN LONG BEACH, CALIF.

DEAR OVERHUGGED: Tell your friends, as kindly as possible, that not all people are equally demonstrative — and that all the hugging they take for granted makes you uncomfortable. Assure them of your caring and friendship, and ask them to please understand. If they are true friends, they will.

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DEAR ABBY: When writing thank-you notes, how do you deal with gifts from a group of people? Do you write an individual thank-you to each person who signed the card, or can you send a "group" thank-you?

TRAECY IN CLACKAMAS, ORE.

DEAR TRAECY: Much depends upon how many people make up the "group." For example, if the group comprises approximately 25 to 30 or more people, one thank-you note would be sufficient.

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Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Wednesday, Aug. 11, 999

Devote more of your efforts and energies to projects or ventures in the year ahead which hold the most promises for long term benefits. Quick killings may only take care of the immediate.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Jealousy must not be permitted to rear its ugly head today. If you show any signs of such behavior, your standing in the eyes of others will suffer greatly. Leo, treat yourself to a birthday gift. Send the required refund form and for your Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead by mailing $2 and self-addressed stamped envelope 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) If you force Pandora's box open today, be prepared for volatile issues to emerge in full force. Avoid provoking or allowing yourself to be provoked into any arguments.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Under no circumstances should you voluntarily go shopping at this time. Today could set a new record for you as to how severely you're able to empty your wallet.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Avoid involvements today with persons who tend to be strong willed or dictatorial if at all possible. Your retaliation might erupt with such stinging force, it could get serious.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Be exceptionally diligent while on the job today, because with the slightest distraction you could make a mistake that would not be easily fixed.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Discrimination in selecting the group or clique with whom you choose to pal around today is vital. The wrong crowd could get you into a situation with which you won't want to be identified.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Your reputation could be on the line today if you succumb to applying forceful measures in order to manhandle a dissenting situation solely for the purposes of getting your way.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Be prepared for others to harshly criticize your views and opinions if you begin to put down theirs. Say and do only that which is complementary to others.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Do not allow yourself to be influenced today by an individual who lacks expertise and know-how to involve you in an activity that could end up costing you a pretty penny.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Arguments could become quite intense if you allow any to develop in the first place. You're famous for keeping your cool, so exercise this ability today.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Mistreating or handling a co-worker in your charge, especially in front of others, could cause you big problems today. No matter how serious the offense, don't make any thoughtless comments.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Guess who will be the odd man out looking in today if you are adamant about bucking the will of the majority. Be prepared to adjust your social arrangements to appease others.

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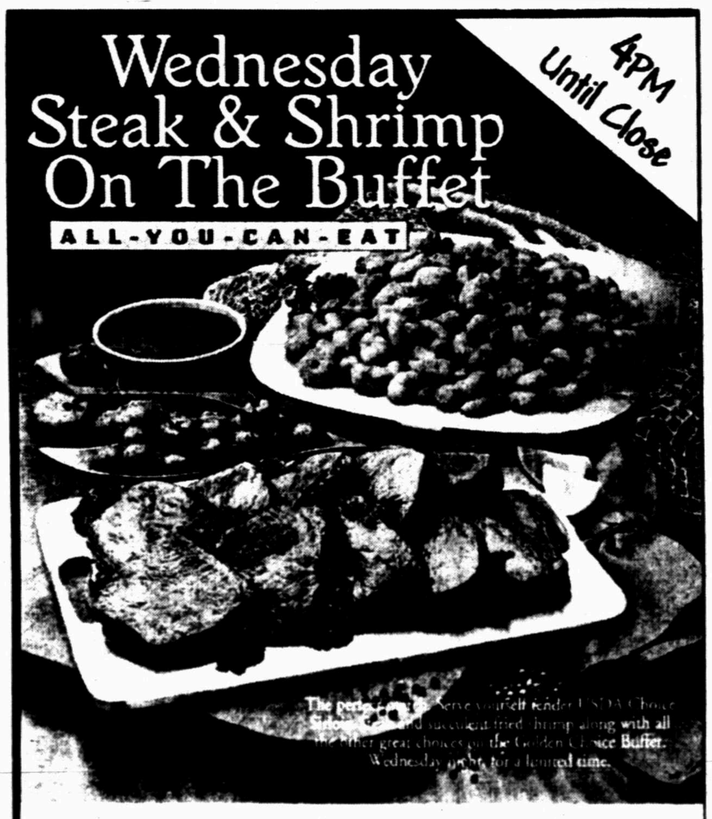
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Government rejects complaint

WASHINGTON (AP) — A trade dispute that dumbfounded many economists is coming to an end before it even really began with the government throwing out a complaint from a group of U.S. oilmen that sought steep taxes on oil imports.

The Commerce Department on Monday rejected a petition from a group of U.S. Independent oil companies that charged four of the world's leading oil producing countries with dumping cheap oil on the U.S. market contrary to American trade laws.

The department said the oilmen from Kansas, Texas and Oklahoma did not demonstrate sufficient U.S. industry support to invoke U.S. anti-dumping laws that would have triggered tariffs on 60 percent of the oil imported into the United States.

The Clinton administration, the oil producing countries involved, and some of the country's biggest energy users immediately expressed their relief. Higher tariffs would have meant higher energy and gasoline prices, they argued.

"The denial is a win-win for U.S. consumers and domestic oil producers," said Energy Secretary Bill Richardson, who had been frustrated by the oilmen's action. He said the petition distracted officials from helping the U.S. industry and jeopardized "important strategic relationships" with Saudi Arabia, Venezuela and Mexico.

The three countries as well as Iraq had been targeted by the petition filed last month by a group calling itself Save Domestic Oil Inc., based in Enid, Okla.

Harold Hamm, chairman of the group and an Oklahoma oil producer, reacted sharply to the Commerce decision, calling it 'a classic example of government disregarding the rights of the 'little guy' in favor of the greedy self interests of the wealthy."

Hamm said the group would appeal the decision to the Court of International Trade. Such appeals, however, often take several years to resolve, according to trade experts.

The group had argued their industry, especially in the historic oil patch of Texas, Oklahoma and Kansas, had been severely harmed by the low prices of imported oil and that the anti-dumping trade laws should protect them.

The petitions charged that the foreign producers sold oil in the United States in some cases for less than it cost to produce and in other cases for less than they sold it for in other markets such as Japan. They also charged that government subsidies to the government-owned oil companies violated U.S. trade laws.

But the allegations won't be investigated.

The Commerce Department, after a review by its International Trade Administration, found that the Oklahoma-based group had "insufficient industry support" to trigger a formal investigation under U.S. anti-dumping trade laws.

It said that "opposition to the petition from U.S. producers exceeded support for the petitions" and that "without adequate industry support, Commerce is prohibited by law from initiating investigations."

The department made spot checks, direct inquiries and received comments from nearly 1,000 oil companies and producers and found that only about a third of those responding were in favor of the complaint, officials said. By law at least half of those commenting must favor a petition to trigger a full investigation.

The American Petroleum Institute, representing the large oil companies, vowed to fight the petition it at every step and rallied key energy users from truckers to chemical companies, against it.

The API said while there is no question that low oil prices have hurt the U.S. industry, "these low prices were set by the forces of supply and demand ... not by alleged unfair pricing by a handful of oil producing countries."

Trade experts also were astonished that anyone would try to use of the anti-dumping trade laws on oil imports since petroleum prices and the flow of oil is subject to a worldwide market. If a foreign producer sold at below-market prices to a specific country, it would be impossible later to recoup the losses by raising prices above market levels, economists argue. Also it does not matter where the oil comes from. If an import tax is slapped on one producer by the United States, that producer will sell elsewhere while another exporter not subject to the tariff takes up the slack, they say.

Still, the U.S. anti-dumping laws have been known to strongly favor the domestic industry and economists were not sure what the outcome might have been if Commerce found cause to launch a full investigation.

The Commerce decision was "a triumph of sound economics over protectionism."

Albright to visit Middle East

WASHINGTON (AP) — Secretary of State Madeleine Albright is timing her first trip to the Middle East in two years to the promised resumption of Israel's transfer of more West Bank land to Yasser Arafat's Palestinian Authority.

Assured by Prime Minister Ehud Barak he would give up an additional 11 percent of the territory in stages, Albright announced Monday she would travel to the region at the start of September, when Barak has offered to restart the clock of compliance. The actual pullback to begin in October.

Her dual goals are to keep Israel on the land-for-peace track and to find a formula for reopening talks between Israel and Syria after a three-year lapse.

Pledges of conciliation by Barak to the Clinton administration and to the Arabs have encouraged Albright and her senior advisers to pursue peacemaking centered on Israel relinquishing territory for promises of peace.

Albright talked by telephone over the weekend with Barak, Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat and Syrian Foreign Minister Farouq Sharaa before making her travel announcement through State Department spokesman James P. Rubin.

She had intended to travel to the region this month but hesitated until Barak agreed to begin transfer of land on the West Bank and to assure her all phases of the pact reached last October near the Wye River in Maryland would be implemented.

Barak is trying to link the final phase of the pullout to negotiations with the Palestinians on the future of Jerusalem and other knotty issues, thereby using territory as leverage.

But Rubin said Barak had assured Albright the Wye accords would be implemented fully "one way or another."

And that could assure the Palestinians of getting the land whatever position they decide to take on Jerusalem, their aspirations for a state, and on other issues.

The accords, which Clinton, Albright and U.S. negotiator Dennis B. Ross helped mediate, provide for Israel to relinquish an additional 13 percent of the West Bank in exchange for Palestinian measures to counter and uproot terrorists.

Former Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu gave up 2 percent and then stopped, accusing the Palestinians of not breaking up terrorist cells on the West Bank and in Gaza.

The accords call for Israel to hand over an additional 5 percent of the land in the second phase and 6 percent in the third phase.

Obituaries

Ike Acklin

1919-1999

ANSON — Ike D. Acklin of Anson, father of Paula Brzozowski, employee at Cogdell Memorial Hospital and former Snyder resident, died Saturday, Aug. 7, in an Anson hospital.

Service for Mrs. Acklin, 80, was held this morning at the Anson Church of Christ with Pete Lollar and Scott Self officiating. Burial was to follow in Mount Hope Cemetery, directed by Lawrence-Adams Funeral Home.

Mr. Acklin was born in Cleburne and moved to Jones County as a child. He married Ione Watts in 1940 in Hamlin.

He was a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II and a mechanic for Celotex in Hamlin for 17 years. Mr. Acklin was a groundskeeper for Anson Golf Club for 11 years and was a member of Anson Church of Christ.

Survivors include his wife Ione Acklin of Anson; four sons, Wesley Acklin of Clyde, Billy Acklin of Tennessee, Ricky Acklin of Montana and Mike Acklin of Junction; two other daughters, Vickie Warner of Dallas and Lana Scifers of Hamlin; one sister, Clemmer Turner; 23 grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren.

Dee Rambo

1918-1999

COTTWOOD, Ariz. — Memorial service for Dee Rambo of Cottonwood, daughter of Blanche Murry of Snyder, is set for 11 a.m. Saturday in the Westcott Funeral Home.

Mrs. Rambo, 80, died Sunday, Aug., 8, in Cottonwood after a lengthy illness.

She and her husband taught dance in Snyder at Western Texas College and the Senior Center. He preceded her in death.

Other survivors include two children, Randy and Susan; two brothers, Jay and Bud Murry of California; and two grandchildren.

Opal Watson

1908-1999

SWEETWATER – Opal Watson, the mother of Lloyd Knipe of Snyder, died this morning in Cogdell Memorial Hospital.

Funeral services for Mrs. Watson, 90, are pending at McCoy Funeral Home.

Born Dec. 31, 1908 in Hubbard, Tex., she married Ben Watson on Oct. 29, 1948 in Kermit. He died in 1998.

Mrs. Watson was a homemaker and had lived in Possum Kingdom before moving to Snyder five years ago.

Survivors include two other sons, Bobby Knipe of Richmond, Va., and Max Knipe of Great Bend, Kan.; nine grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-children.

Hermleigh trustees to convene tonight

Hermleigh ISD's board of trustees will meet this evening at 8 o'clock to consider several items related to school starting Monday.

Trustees will consider an interlocal agreement for one student at the Hobbs Alternative School and also consider bids on employee health insurance.

The board will also consider adopting the district's school dress code, and conduct a budget workshop.

Business, residential theft is reported to local law officers

City officers investigated two separate reports of theft Monday.

Tom Machen, owner of Tom's Marine, notified officers at 9:22 a.m. that someone has stolen a gas trimmer from the business. An offense report was filed for theft.

Officers filed an offense report for Class B theft at 10 a.m. in reference to the theft of a VCR and a Play Station from 3814 Avenue V. Michelle Arnold reported the theft.

A woman reported her 16-year-old son as a runaway at 6:23 a.m. today. Officers filed an offense report.

Five subjects were taken into custody Monday.

A 35-year-old male was arrested at 5:45 p.m. in the 4500 block of College on outstanding warrants for failure to give notice upon striking a vehicle.

At 6:09 p.m., deputies took a 37-year-old male into custody in the 800 block of 27th Street on an outstanding warrant for motion to revoke probation.

Deputies also arrested a 13-year-old male at 7:01 p.m. at the corner of Andress and North Avenue L for burglary of a vehicle. He was taken to the sheriff's office, released to juvenile probation and then later transported to a juvenile facility in Sweetwater.

A 23-year-old male was booked into jail at 8:05 p.m. on an order amending probation.

Outstanding warrants also sent a 38-year-old man to jail at 9:42 p.m. He was arrested in the 900 block of North Avenue Q on a warrant for assault causing bodily injury to a family member.

Officers also worked two minor accidents Monday.

A two-vehicle accident occurred at 11 a.m. in the Town & Country parking lot on North College. Involved were a 1994 GMC pickup driven by Kara Renee Babcock, 16, of 9753 East Hwy. 180 and a 1994 Ford Ranger pickup driven by William Allen Maxfield, 72, of 1593 Laurel Lane.

Officers handled a two-vehicle mishap at 3:50 p.m. in the 3100 block of 39th Street. Involved were a 1990 Dodge Dynasty driven by Michael May, 19, of 3109 39th Street and a 1996 Chevrolet Jimmy driven by Juan Gabriel Ortegon, 18, of 320 35th Street.

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ONGOINGS

Snyder ISD events

Stanfield Elementary School will have its meet the teachers night from 6-7 this evening. Northeast Elementary will have an open house today from 6:30-7:30 p.m. East Elementary will have a meet the teachers night from 5-6:30 this evening.

SHS football booster club

The Snyder football booster club will meet at 7 tonight student center. Plans for the new season and the Watermelon Bowl set for Friday will be discussed.

AARP board

The American Association of Retired Persons board will meet at 10 a.m. Wednesday in the Senior Center.

Sen. Hutchison in Gail

U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison will conduct a town-hall meeting at 2:45 p.m. Wednesday at the Borden County Courthouse.

Choir boosters

SHS Choir Boosters will meet at 6:30 p.m. Thursday in the choir room to discuss plans for the fund-raising supper to be held before the football game Sept. 3.

Support groups

Four different support groups meet at 6:30 p.m. Thursday 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. Friday in the county courtroom to meet with any local citizen.

Girl Scouts registration

Scurry County Girl Scouts will register from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday by the pond at Towle Park. All levels of scouts will register, including adults. Refreshments will be served.

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.

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 today. 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.

Faith Baptist revival slated

Faith Baptist Church, 208 37th St., will have a revival Aug. 15-18 featuring Evangelist Monty Martin. Sunday services are 10:50 a.m. and 7 p.m. and weeknight services are set for 7:30 p.m.

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 "The Invitation of Jesus," followed by "The Cross: What's So Bad About Sin?"

Lone Wolf Cemetery Association

The Lone Wolf Cemetery Association will hold a meeting at 9 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 19, at the cemetery.

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 Monday by the Texas Lottery, in order:

5-9-1

(five, nine, one)

Cash Five

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

7-9-16-17-22

(seven, nine, sixteen, seventeen, twenty-two)

Unusual heat kills 118,000 chickens

TOKYO (AP) — Almost two weeks of unusual heat in a northern Japanese state has killed more than 118,000 chickens, a government official said Tuesday.

Temperatures above 86 degrees continued in Japan's northern Iwate prefecture, or state, for a 12th day Tuesday. The dead chickens have fallen victim to heatstroke, said Fuminari Kikuchi, a livestock official for the prefecture 290 miles north of Tokyo

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Expulsions for bringing guns to school down

WASHINGTON (AP) — Despite deadly shootings that have left the nation wondering what's wrong with America's schoolchildren, the number of students expelled for bringing guns and other weapons to school dropped nearly a third overall and by more than half in many states, the Education Department said today.

Fifty states, the District of Columbia and five U.S. territories reported that 3,930 students were kicked out in the 1997-1998 year for bringing weapons to their public schools — 31 percent fewer than the 5,724 expulsions reported for 1996-97, the first year of the report. There are about 52 million students in U.S. public schools.

The data, however, is based on disciplinary action only and does not tell the rate at which students carry firearms to school. The expulsions, mandatory under federal law, are not permanent and last up to a year.

The figures for some states in the report could be skewed because the 1996-97 data that they reported to the Education Department included all weapons-related incidents, not just firearms possession expulsions. Illinois figures for that school year, for example, included expulsions for BB guns, sling shots and other weapons; Maryland was for number of incidents not expulsions; and Missouri included non-firearms such as brass knuckles, airguns and knives in its weapons expulsion count.

Despite the caveats, Education Secretary Richard W. Riley said the report, coupled with a recent study by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention indicating a decline in fights and other violence at high schools, "shows that fewer young people are carrying guns or taking them into schools."

The nation was stunned last spring by the massacre in Littleton, Colo., where two students stormed into Columbine High School with handguns and rifles, killing 12 classmates and a teacher before shooting themselves. A month later six students were wounded at a high school in Conyers, Ga. Those attacks followed fatal school-related shootings in recent years in Pearl, Miss., West Paducah, Ky., Jonesboro, Ark., Edinboro, Pa., and Springfield, Ore.

This spate of violence has led schools to enhance physical security, conduct more locker searches and generally increase the time and attention paid to student safety.

The Education Department report is designed to measure the progress of the 1994 Gun-Free Schools Act, which required states receiving federal education aid to pass their own laws ordering school districts to expel for one year any student who brings a firearm to school. All 50 states have passed such laws.

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GM against recall

WASHINGTON (AP) — General Motors Corp. is arguing it should not have to recall about 279,000 sport utility vehicles because the company failed a government air bag test.

GM has petitioned the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration to disregard the test because the company believes the test failure is not related to the vehicles' safety. Agency officials are reviewing GM's request and are expected to make a decision in the next few weeks.

Five consumer groups say GM should recall the vehicles because the air bags deflate too quickly in head-on collisions, allowing neck injuries.

At issue are the passenger-side air bags on 279,132 Chevrolet Tahoes and GMC Yukons built between Sept. 1, 1998, and May 5, 1999.

In February, a 1999 Chevrolet Tahoe failed a government test of the vehicle's passenger air bag, registering a higher possibility of serious neck injury on the test dummy than allowed by federal regulation. Many of the 1999 Tahoes and Yukons have the same air bag.

In the test, the head of the unbelted dummy went through the bag and hit the frame of the windshield, then snapped back. GM exceeded the amount of extension allowed on the dummy's neck in the test by about 17 percent.

Eighteen sentenced in Scurry County Court

Eighteen people were sentenced in Scurry County Court last week and defendants received sentences ranging from probation to 45 days in jail.

The court docket included a 25-year-old male who was sentenced to 60 days in jail, probated for one year plus a $224.25 fine and court costs of $100. He was guilty of a Class A assault/family violence charge.

Possession of marijuana netted a 25-year-old male five days in jail plus $199.25 in court costs.

An 18-year-old male was sentenced to 30 days in jail and charged $189.25 in court costs for failure to identify.

A 19-year-old male was sentenced to 10 months deferred probation, plus he was fined $1,000 fine and assessed $224.25 in court costs for Class A deadly conduct.

A 22-year-old male was sentenced to 30 days in jail plus $199.25 in court costs for driving while intoxicated. He also had his driver's license suspended for six months.

Driving while license suspended cost a 22-year-old male 30 days in jail plus $199.25 in court costs.

A Class B criminal mischief conviction sent a 17-year-old male to jail for 15 days plus being assessed $189.25 in court costs He was also order to pay $490.32 in restitution.

A 25-year-old male was given 30 days in jail plus $199.25 court costs and had his driver's license suspended for 180 days for DWI.

A 39-year-old female was sentenced to three days in jail plus $234.25 in court costs for assault.

A 17-year-old male was convicted of Class B possession of marijuana. He was sentenced to 24 months deferred probation plus $224.25 in court costs. He was also fined $500.

A 17-year-old male was convicted of Class B possession of marijuana. He was sentenced to one-year deferred probation plus $224.25 in court costs plus he received a $250 fine.

A DWI conviction netted a 39-year-old male 60 days in jail, probated for one year plus $224.25 court costs and a $500 fine. He also must attend DWI school.

A 29-year-old male was convicted of DWI and given 60 days in jail which was probated for one year. He also must pay court costs of $224.25 court costs and a $500 fine. He also must attend DWI school.

A 17-year-old male was convicted of unlawfully carrying a weapon and was handed a one year deferred probation sentence plus $224.25 court costs.

A 27-year-old male was convicted of Class B theft. He was sentenced to six months deferred probation plus $224.25 court costs and a $100 fine and $100 restitution.

Harboring a runaway child netted a 19-year-old male a six-month deferred probated sentence plus $259.25 in court costs.

A 24-year-old male was convicted of Class B possession of marijuana. He was sentenced to 120 days in jail, probated for 18 months plus $224.25 in court costs and a $1,000 fine.

A 25-year-old male was convicted of Class B possession of marijuana on a motion to revoke probation. He received 45 days in jail, $209.25 in court costs plus a $400 fine.

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