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Lake J. B. Thomas...

It's down, but it's a long way from being out

By Bobby Allen
SDN Staff Writer

The muddy waters of Lake J.B. Thomas are not as wide or deep as they once were as it is just over eight percent full. Cabins that once sat on the water's edge now dot the dry landscape, hundreds of feet from the lake.



Scott Rumbaugh and Lake Thomas catfish.

While the lake has receded over the years, it still holds almost 8,000 acre feet of water — and a large variety of fish that continues to attract anglers from all over the region.

Debbie Tubb, co-owner of the Kountry Korner café and bait store, said the lake is usually packed on weekends. "The picnic tables are full (on weekends)," she said. "There are a lot of fish caught out here."

Tubb said people from as far away as Hobbs, N.M. make a trip to the lake regularly to fish for several species of bass, catfish and crappie.

While golden algae have battered other inland bodies of water in West Texas — like Lake Colorado City, Lake Thomas remains unscathed by the fish-killing organism.

According to the Texas Department of Parks and Wildlife, fishing in Lake Thomas is a challenging endeavor because of the low water levels and cover and structure being limited to rock outcroppings.

But the challenge doesn't stop people from gathering at the water. Individual passes are no longer required, and vehicle passes cost $5 per day, regardless of how many people are in the vehicle. Annual vehicle passes are $60. Senior citizens can purchase an annual pass for $10 with proof of age.

Colorado River Municipal Water District recreation facilities are funded through recreation permits. Facilities at the lake include restrooms, picnic areas, concrete boat ramps and camping sites.

Tubb said the Kountry Korner is the only place that sells live bait in Scurry County. "We are the only place between Big Spring and Abernathy," she said.

The store has minnows, worms, shrimp and sometimes crayfish. The store also carries a large variety of tackle for those who prefer to fish with lures. While it does not sell fishing licenses, the store can get a temporary license for fishermen over the phone if they have a credit card. Licenses run from Sept. 1 to Aug. 31 of the following year and cost $19 for in-state residents.

Tubb said that while many still fish from boats, bank fishing with a rod and reel remains the most popular form of angling.

Many, though, have taken up fishing with "noodles."

"They take those foam pool toys and put PVC pipe in them, and when they hook a fish, it stands straight up in the water," she said.

Tubb took over the store in August, but she said the store is really operated by the community. "The community really kind of

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FISHING FOR BAIT — Kountry Korner owner Debbie Tubb nets some minnows from her bait tank. Tubb said the store is the only place to get live bait in Scurry County. (SDN Staff Photo by Bobby Allen)

Let's rodeo, indoors!

The Scurry County Rodeo Association plans on delivering the same entertaining competition that it's brought to the area for the past 66 years. But this year, it's going to be done indoors.

The 67th annual Scurry County Rodeo gets underway Thursday night at its new venue, Scurry County Coliseum.

In recent years, the event was held at Scurry County Rodeo Arena, an outdoor facility that provided no shelter from the elements.

The coliseum, which hosts the Western Texas collegiate rodeo each year, can easily accommodate large crowds and everything that accompanies a three-day rodeo.

"The coliseum was looking for some extra events to host, so they contacted us," said Clayton Riley, president of the Scurry County Rodeo Association. "It works out good for us because now we don't have to worry about the weather. We believe the move will help us draw larger crowds and more entries."

Books open next week and festivities get underway at 5:30 p.m. Thursday when the rodeo parade makes its way through town. Nightly performances start at 8 p.m. and run through Saturday.

On the slate each night is competition in bareback riding, saddle bronc riding, steer wrestling, bull riding, calf roping, barrel racing, breakaway roping and team roping. Along with the customary events, fans will be treated to nightly sessions of bull poker and a calf scramble for ages 12 and under.

Patrons can also peruse the arts and crafts booths set up in the coliseum foyer, and attend a rodeo dance held each night in the annex.

Tickets for each performance are $5 at the gate or $4 in advance and proceeds will benefit Snyder Volunteer Fire Department.

"We wanted to do something to help out the fire department," said Riley. "And by donating ticket sales, the community will also be contributing something to the department by attending the rodeo."





HELPERS — Bobby Cumbie, top, delivers meals to R.C. and Amy Patton, while Nell Harper, bottom, brings a smile to the face of Dorothy Simpson. (SDN Staff Photos)

Meals on Wheels:

Making deliveries is only part of the enjoyment

By Bobby Allen
SDN Staff Writer

For Meals on Wheels volunteer Billie Holliday, delivering a hot lunch is only part of the task.

Delivering a smile and a friendly word is just as important.

"It makes me feel good," she said. "I do this because I love it and I try to brighten their day."

Dorothy Simpson, who has been a Meals on Wheels client for four years, said Billie Holliday does what she does from the heart. "She comes to see me about every day when I don't feel good," she said. "And she comes every other day when I do feel good."

Holliday is one of a handful of volunteers that delivers meals every day, and Senior Citizens Center Director Carla Thompson wishes she had more volunteers like her.

"It's getting harder and harder to find volunteers," she said. "Getting them each day is a huge struggle."

Thompson said 15 volunteers are needed every day. They run five routes consisting of three volunteers per van — a driver, a hopper who takes the meal to the client and a stacker who prepares trays in the back of the van.

She said the center currently has about 40 volunteers, though some are only available once or twice a month.

Meals for the program are prepared at the senior center, then quickly whisked away by the delivery volunteers who begin their routes at 11 a.m.

Thompson said the program prepares 200 meals per day, on average, with 150 deliveries and roughly 100 dine-in guests.

Valerie Drum, administrative assistant for the center, said there is a narrow time frame for getting the meals out. "The last person on the route deserves the same hot lunch as the first one," she said.

Because of the time crunch, Drum said the volunteers do not get to spend a lot of time visiting with each person, which is why she will sometimes help on the routes.

"Every now and then I like to hop in and get to see people I talk to (on the telephone) every day," she said.

Drum said everyone on the staff helps on routes when needed.

Noon meals are delivered Monday through Friday, but not on holidays. If a holiday falls on a

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THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "Automation may be efficient, but the escalator will never replace the ladder of success."

City Manager John Gayle frequently entertains the coffee crowd by using the latest buzz words or phrases in his conversations.

For Gayle, problems are "opportunities" for which there is a "narrow window."

The following is dedicated to the city manager, thanks to newspaper friend Jeffrey Patterson in Lamesa. We had to give Jeff credit, 'cause Gayle would have known we couldn't have come up with words and phrases quite this stilted.

—A rotating fragment of minerals collects no plants of the class Musci. *(A rolling stone gathers no moss.)*

—Exercise your visual facilities prior to executing a jump. *(Look before you leap.)*

—An excess of individuals skilled in the preparation of edibles impairs the quality of a thin derivative of meat. *(Too many cooks spoil the broth.)*

—A feathered biped in the terminal part of the arm equals in value a pair of feathered bipeds in densely branched shrubbery. *(A bird in the hand is worth two in the bush.)*

—Everything is legitimate in matters pertaining to ardent affection and armed conflict between nations. *(All's fair in love and war.)*

—The herbage is customarily more verdurous on the diametrical selvage of the property division. *(The grass is always greener on the other side of the fence.)*

—A single unit of seam properly distributed at the correct measure of duration will maintain a square root of 81. *(A stitch in time saves nine.)*

—Feathered bipeds in their segregated environment associate with a high degree of amiability. *(Birds of a feather flock together.)*

—Any object that ascends into the stratosphere irrevocably and inevitably descends to the terra firma. *(What goes up must come down.)*

—Reclining early on one's couch and rising with the sun creates one who is salutary, opulent and erudite. *(Early to bed, and early to rise, makes one healthy, wealthy and wise.)*

—Taciturnity is aurous. *(Silence is golden.)*

And so is the end of this nonsense.

Assisted living board viewing financing route

Plans remain in the works to build an assisted living facility in Snyder on donated land adjacent to Cogdell Memorial Hospital.

"The board of the non-profit group developing the assisted living plan met this week and continues to explore financing alternatives," said Cogdell Hospital CEO George Parsley.

"The board is taking a hard look at the financial forecast for the facility and we are continuing to work with the USDA on the application process," said Parsley.

Parsley added that the closing on the donated land is probably "two or three months down the road."

"The actual transfer hinges on the financing mode," added Parsley.

The planned 24-bed unit would cost approximately $2.5 million, and would utilize many of the current operations at the hospital.

ASK US

Q—When will the July 4th carnival begin at Towle Park?
A—The carnival will begin July 3 and will run until July 6.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Friday, 93 degrees; low, 70; 7 a.m. Saturday, 71; no precipitation; total for 2002, 11.26.

Area Forecast: Saturday night, partly cloudy; low 70-75; SE winds 5-15 mph. Sunday, partly cloudy; high upper 90s; SE winds 10-20 mph. Sunday night, partly cloudy, low 70-75.



Tara Stafford
Partly Cloudy

Sunset:
8:51 p.m.
Sunrise:
6:40 a.m.
Of 172 days in 2002, the sun has shone 165 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

No one can figure out your worth but you.
—Pearl Bailey

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Two Lebanese brothers found guilty

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — Two Lebanese brothers were found guilty of smuggling and reselling mass amounts of cigarettes in a scheme to help fund a radical Islamic group's armed struggle against the Israeli occupation of their homeland.

U.S. Attorney Bob Conrad said Friday's conviction was the first under a 1996 federal law prohibiting aid to designated terrorist groups and represented a milestone in the fight against terrorism.

"This is new territory for the United States," Conrad said after the verdicts were announced. "Our war on terrorism is in part a war on those financial networks and associations ... that support terrorists."

Mohamad Hammoud, 28, the suspected leader of the cell, faces up to 155 years in prison after being convicted on 16 counts, including providing material support to Hezbollah.

His brother, Chawki Hammoud, 37, faces up to 70 years on six counts. Both were found guilty of charges including cigarette smuggling, credit card fraud, money laundering and racketeering.

Lawyers for both men said they will appeal.

The 1996 law under which Mohamad Hammoud was convicted bars material support to groups and individuals designated as terrorists by the U.S. State Department.

Conrad said 12 people across the country have been charged with violating the law, including John Walker Lindh and Zacarias Moussaoui, who are accused of supporting the al-Qaida terror network blamed for the Sept. 11 attacks.

"The fact that there are terrorist fund-raising cells in Charlotte means there are terrorist fund-raising cells elsewhere," Conrad said. "We will try to prosecute elsewhere."

Jurors deliberated 21 hours over three days. On Friday afternoon, they told the judge they were deadlocked. The judge sent them back for more discussion, and they returned a verdict two hours later.

Jim McLoughlin, lawyer for Chawki Hammoud, said his client was a legitimate businessman and wasn't involved in smuggling. "He really believed the jury would find him not guilty," McLoughlin said.

Mohamad Hammoud's lawyer, Deke Falls, denied his client was a member of Hezbollah. He said his client's sympathy for the group was natural for someone who grew up in a country torn by civil war and the strife resulting from the Israeli occupation.

Falls said he had not been sure the brothers would get a fair trial, but the amount of time the jury spent on its decision indicated they did.

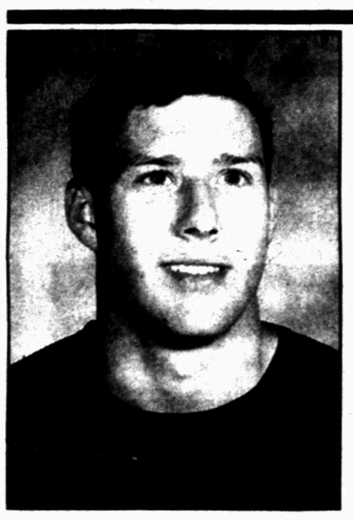
"This soon after September 11th, this jury could've come back in two hours and convicted these guys on everything," he said.

The trial resulted from a prosecution that began with the July 2000 arrest of 18 people, most of them from Lebanon, on cigarette-smuggling charges.

Prosecutors said the Hammouds, after coming to the United States from their native Lebanon, gained resident status through sham marriages, then smuggled cigarettes with other members of Charlotte's small Lebanese community.

In the smuggling scheme — which Mohamad Hammoud acknowledged existed when he testified in his own defense — mass amounts of cheap North Carolina cigarettes were taken to Michigan, where they were resold without that state's higher cigarette taxes.

Some profits were funneled to Hezbollah, which fought the Israeli occupation of southern Lebanon, prosecutors said. In addition, they said, Mohamad Hammoud raised money for the group at weekly Muslim prayer meetings, and sent $3,500 to a Hezbollah military commander in 1999.



Justin Stokes

Justin Stokes gets Who's Who nod

Justin Stokes, a 2002 Snyder High School graduate, has been nominated for *Who's Who Among American High School Students* for 2001-2002.

This is his second time to be nominated. Less than 1 percent of all high school students are honored in consecutive editions of *Who's Who*.

Stokes will attend Universal Technical Institute in Houston in August. He is the son of David and Darlene Stokes. He is the grandson of Mary Abbott and the late Chester Abbot and Doris Stokes and the late Carl Stokes.

Sequel is in works

BURBANK, Calif. (AP) — "Scooby-Doo" will do it again.

A sequel to the live-action movie based on the Hanna-Barbera cartoon is going into production, following a $54.2 million opening last weekend.

Warner Bros. announced this week that Freddie Prinze Jr., Sarah Michelle Gellar, Matthew Lillard and Linda Cardellini will come back as Fred, Daphne, Shaggy and Velma.

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Kristi Dodson

Kristi Dodson is recognized

Kristi Dodson has received the 2001-2002 outstanding undergraduate biology student award from Sul Ross State University.

She is also a member of Alpha Chi and Tri Beta biology honor societies.

Dodson also received second place in the Texas Intercollegiate Press Association Award for excellence for literary magazine story package, division 2.

In addition, she had had her biography published in the National Dean's List of universities. She has also begun working on her masters in biology at Sul Ross University.

She is the daughter of Doug and Bonnie Dodson of Snyder.

Perot's company developed ways to exploit loopholes

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — A state senator said Friday that documents show a Texas computer company chaired by H. Ross Perot developed strategies to help energy suppliers exploit loopholes in California's power markets.

The documents could provide evidence of antitrust behavior, said Sen. Joe Dunn, who heads a legislative committee investigating California's energy crisis and $9 billion in alleged overcharges by suppliers.

Perot Systems Corp. sent the documents this week to state Attorney General Bill Lockyer and the Senate panel. Perot, the two-time presidential candidate, is expected to testify before the Legislature in July.

The firm came to the committee's attention this month, when a Perot Systems presentation was found among subpoenaed documents turned over by Houston-based Reliant Energy.

Dunn said the new documents show that Perot Systems' strategy was to "exploit the flaws" and "thousands of loopholes" of California's energy market.

Also among the papers was a letter from an energy consultant who worked with Perot Systems comparing the California market to "multiple simultaneous games of chess. You can't make the same move over and over and for every move there is a counter move."

Other documents contained advice on how suppliers could communicate without leaving a trace. "Proving communications between market participants is one of the key elements of an antitrust suit," Dunn said Friday.

Perot Systems was hired in 1997 to build a computer system for the California Power Exchange and the Independent System Operator, or ISO, which manages the state's energy grid.

That role has led critics to accuse the company of also trading on inside information as it sought to sell its consulting services to Reliant and other energy companies.

Dunn said he is still trying to determine whether any consulting contracts were signed.

Meals-on-Wheels volunteers

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weekday, volunteers bring a ... a sack lunch with the ho... the day before. Fish is ... menu every Friday, but Di... said clients are allowed to substitute for fish and liver.

Thompson said Meals on Wheels is many homebound clients' only contact with others in the community.

"Part of the service is to have someone see that person every day," she said. "If they aren't home, we find out where they've been."

Simpson said she enjoys the variety of food the center prepares. "It's like getting a home-cooked meal." Chicken potpie is her favorite, she said.

Simpson has a respiratory disease that requires her to stay on oxygen constantly. She said the program is "one of the greatest things a community can do."

"It has saved my life," she said. "I'm pretty much homebound."

Meals on Wheels clients do not necessarily have to be homebound to receive the meals. If they are referred through the Texas Department of Human Services, there is no age or physical requirement. Clients from the department of aging must be homebound and over 60 years of age. The program is contracted with both agencies and works closely with adult protective services. She said the Snyder police department does welfare checks for them when they cannot locate a client.

Thompson said the center welcomes volunteers from ages 12 on up.

She added that volunteering is a rewarding way to serve the community and those wishing to volunteer need only call the senior center at 573-4035 to get started.

"It's a blessing to get to know the people," she said. "It's a good feeling to be needed."

Lake Thomas

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owns the store," she said. "I pay the bills and they tell me what to do." She added that several area residents have a key to the store in case they need anything.

She said that the relaxed, welcoming atmosphere — along with some tasty burgers — brings large gatherings at lunch.

"This parking lot is full come lunch time," she said.

Tubb owns the store with her husband, Bill Stone, and runs it with the help of Dale Lively.

Store hours are 6:30 a.m. to 6 p.m., but Lively said they would stay open late, or come in at odd hours if people need supplies.

After years spent working as a science teacher, an advertising executive and a general contractor, Tubb wanted to come home. She said she grew up in a house that sat across the road from the store. "My kids think I've gone senile," she said. "They told me there's nothing out here."

She said the reason she came back was to slow down a little, but the store keeps her as busy as she has ever been.

Her new occupation is a familiar one for Tubb. "I used to dip for bait," she said. "I put myself through school selling minnows."

events

TEXAS LOTTERY

RESULTS

Texas Two Step

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Texas Two Step numbers drawn Friday by the Texas Lottery:
10-35-9-15
Bonus number 4
Estimated jackpot: $200,000

Cash Five

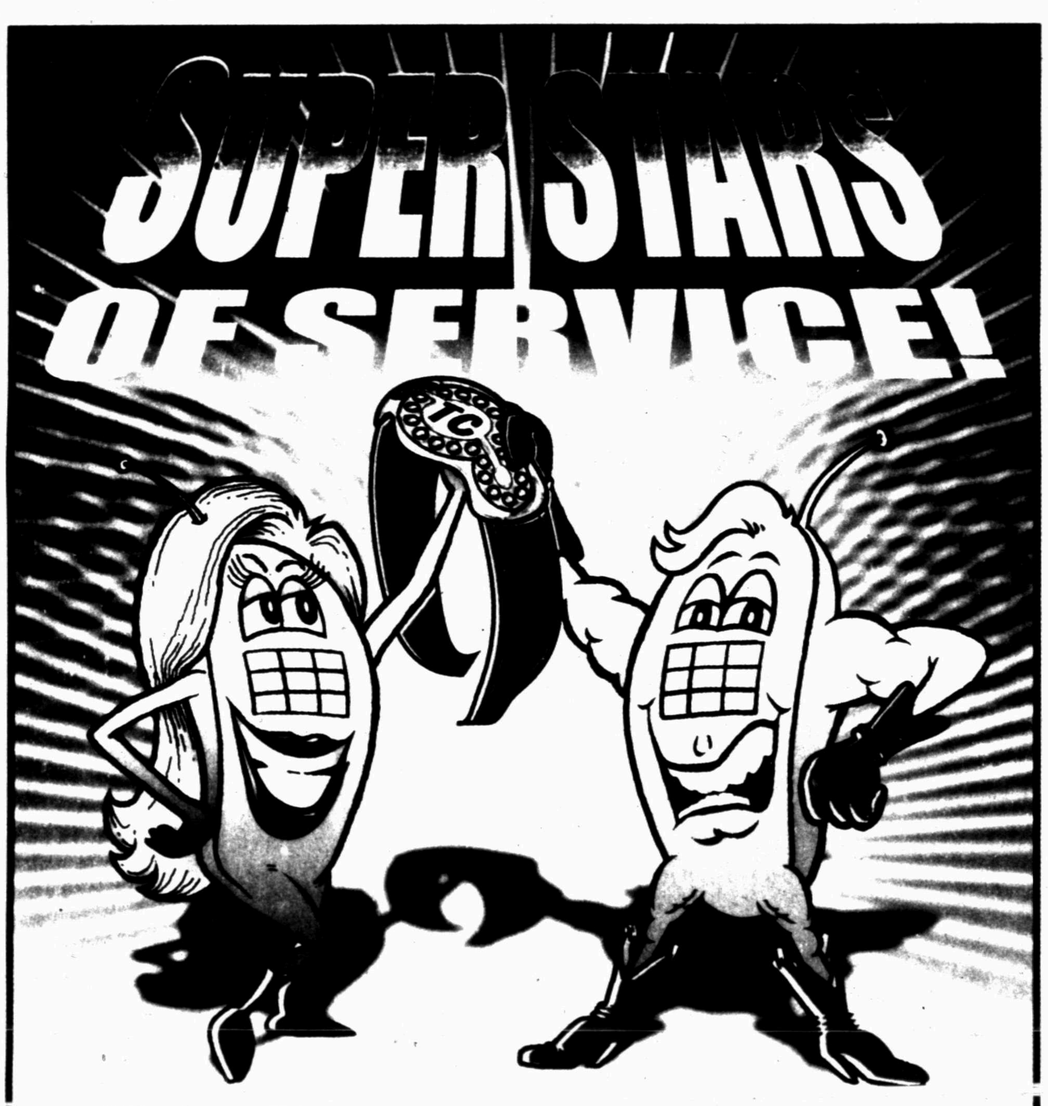
AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Friday by the Texas Lottery:
3-8-11-13-34

Pick 3

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Friday night by the Texas Lottery, in order:
9-2-4

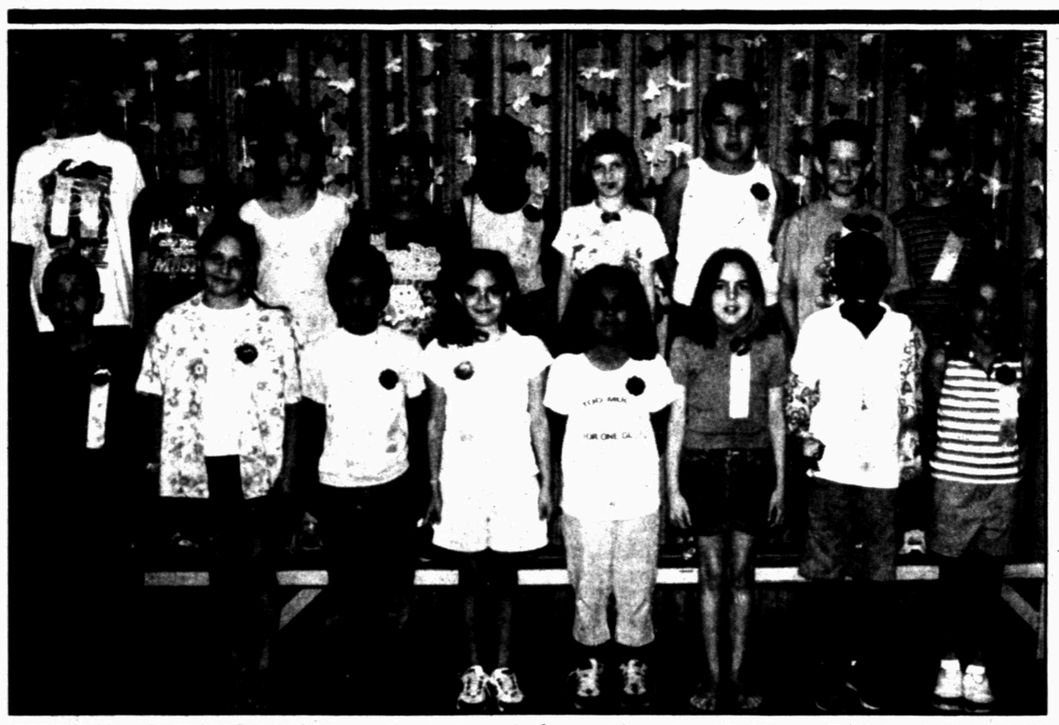
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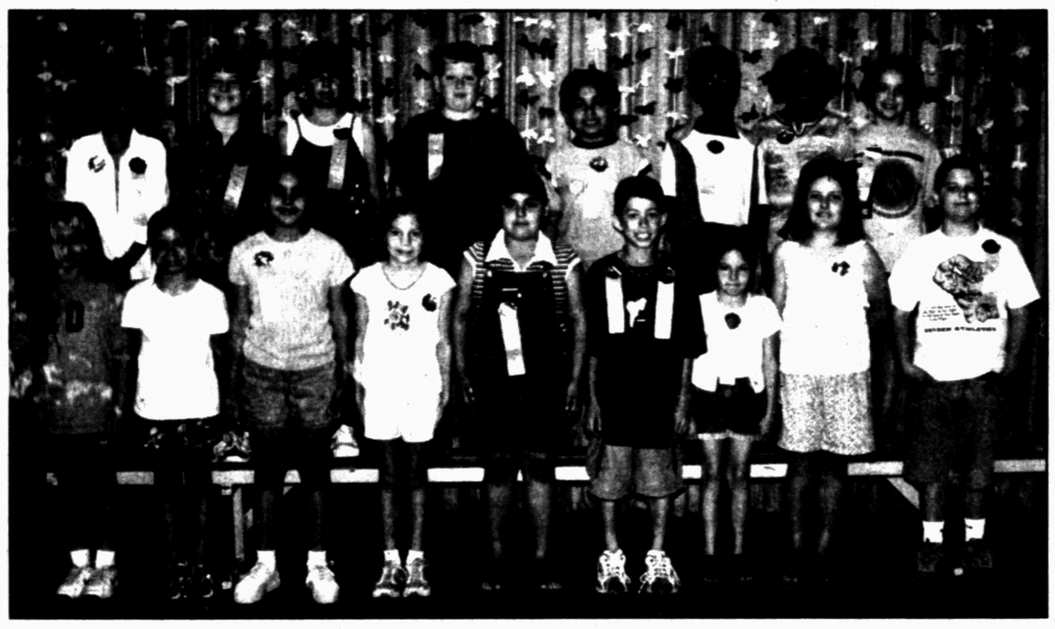
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CENTRAL AB HONOR ROLL — Central students making the AB Honor Roll for 2001-2002 are back row from left, Alex Alcala, Wesley Anderson, Melisa Chhuor, Donnie Medrano, Briana Rose, Kimberlin Willson, Staphany Arizmendi, Anthony Thurmond and Devin Blackwell; front row from left, Justin Gonzales, Lauren Sullivan, Demetri Gunderson, Megan Quintana, Crystal Hernandez, Cassie Gunset, Brice Jackson and Amanda Villa. Not pictured are Shawndon McVey and Gage Welsh. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)



ALSO MAKE AB HONOR ROLL AT CENTRAL — These students also made the AB Honor Roll for 2001-2002. Back row from left, Caedra Robbins, Marcie Phillips, Eric Morin, Alexandria Hook, J. Dee Early, Kelton Garcia, Colten Clark and Brook Bollinger; middle row from left, Kassidy Henderson, Dylan Early, Laura Reigh, Lindsey Reston, Leslie Quinonez, Brandi Espinoza, Jacoree Brooks and Karissa Medina; front row from left, Isaac White, Michelle Vasquez, Meagen Robbins, Jami Robbins, Jady Pittman and Ashley Jenkins. Dylan Rodriguez is not pictured. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)



MORE CENTRAL AB HONOR ROLL — These Central students also made the 2001-2002 AB Honor Roll. Back row from left, Lucero Espinoza, Brennen Baze, Anna Vasquez, Bryson Elliot, Angel Guerrero, Kanesha Anderson, Eboni Jackson and Michaela Jones; front row from left, Leslie Rosas, Savannah Valdez, Vanessa Martinez, Emma Nunley, Ariel Villanzana, Zac Smith, Bridget Garcia, Kelsi Williams and Brandon Elam. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

Sister claims Penry was abused

HOUSTON (AP) — Convicted killer Johnny Paul Penry was severely abused during his childhood by his mother, his sister testified Friday in the punishment trial for the inmate who faces a third death sentence in a nearly 23-year-old murder case.

"She was vicious and cruel," Trudy Ann Ross, 48, said in her younger brother's sentencing trial for murdering Pamela Moseley Carpenter, 22, with a pair of scissors.

"She was cruel to us all, but she was especially cruel to Johnny," Ross said.

Ross said her mother once forced Penry to drink his own urine when she found out he had urinated in a soft-drink bottle while waiting for her in the family car.

Defense attorneys are trying to convince jurors that Penry, 46, should not be given the death penalty because he has the mind of a 7-year-old.

But, prosecutors say Penry is not mentally retarded and should die for the 1979 murder.

The defense failed Thursday to convince state District Judge Elizabeth Coker to declare a mistrial or issue a directed sentence of life imprisonment after the U.S. Supreme Court ruled Thursday that execution of the mentally retarded is cruel and unusual punishment under the Constitution.

Penry has twice been sentenced to death but each sentence was overturned by the U.S. Supreme Court.

In their last ruling, the justices let his murder conviction stand, meaning the only question for the jury to decide is punishment.

In April, another jury determined Penry was mentally competent to stand trial. It was the third time a jury has found Penry competent.

Penry, who tests show has the intellectual ability of a 6- or 7-year-old, has spent nearly half his life locked up for the murder.

He was on parole for rape when arrested shortly after Carpenter was raped and stabbed in the chest with a pair of scissors inside her home.

Carpenter was able to describe her attacker before she died.



STILL MORE CENTRAL AB HONOR ROLL — These Central students were on the AB Honor Roll for 2001-2002. Back row from left, Eddy Estrada, Chad Pechacek, Jansi Hernandez, Taran Clemmons, Fransisco Fonseca, Alex Jaramillo, Sarah Cearley, Priscilla Molinar and Jonathan Castaneda; front row from left, Antonia Medina, Robert Velasquez, Baylee Lewis, D.J. Clayton, Kirstie Leuck, Jessica Pineda, Baily Jones, Chase Gaines and Kailey Glenn. Matt Daniell is not pictured. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

Publisher is funding Gulf research institute

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Retired newspaper publisher Ed Harte has endowed $46 million to Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi for an oceanography research facility.

School officials are planning for a three-story, 50,000-square-foot home for the Harte Research Institute for Gulf of Mexico Studies.

The endowment provided by Harte, former publisher of the Corpus Christi Caller-Times, is paying top-notch talent to staff the center, said university President Robert Furgason.

The donation, one of the largest in Texas, has brought the promise of prestige and an influx of state funds for the university, Furgason said. Last year, the Texas Legislature appropriated $18 million for the construction costs of the research center. Groundbreaking is set for January.

Clinton receives dog for Father's Day

CHAPPAQUA, N.Y. (AP) — Bill Clinton's new dog, a successor to the late, lamented Buddy, has joined the former president in Chappaqua.

The arrival of Seamus, a chocolate Labrador retriever like Buddy, was a Father's Day surprise courtesy of Clinton's wife, Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton.

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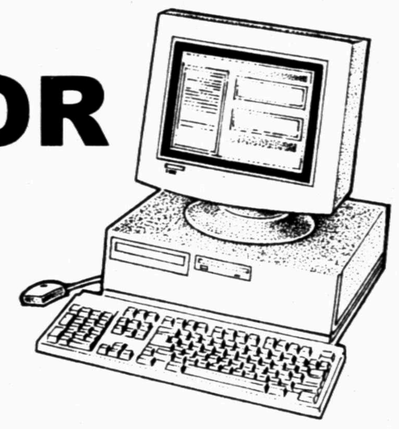
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AB HONOR ROLL — These Central Elementary first graders were named to the AB Honor Roll for the spring semester. Front row from left, Jacqueline Rubio, Jennifer Facio, Gerardo Robles, Jose Torres, Rodolfo Rodriguez, Sonia Cabrera, Beth Thurman. Back row from left, Janell Espinoza, Dariela Garcia, Alma Cabrera, Bianca Silva, Orlando Murillo, Misael Arellano, Daniel Allen and Robby Alba. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

FBI find suspected witness in kidnapping of Utah girl

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — The man who police wanted to question about the disappearance of 14-year-old Elizabeth Smart was found in a West Virginia hospital bed drifting in and out of consciousness after a drug overdose.

Bret Michael Edmunds, 26, checked himself into Martinsburg City Hospital on Thursday and was placed in intensive care. Nurses contacted the FBI after sifting through conflicting information he gave them.

Authorities have said Edmunds is not a suspect in the Smart case. They said he was spotted near the Smart home a few days before Elizabeth's June 5 disappearance and may have information about the case.

The girl was apparently taken from her bedroom at gunpoint by a white man, 30 to 40 years old, between 5-8 and 5-10, with dark hair. Edmunds is 6-2 and 235 pounds.

In a statement, the Smart family said they did not recognize Edmunds' photograph. The intruder was allegedly seen by Elizabeth's sister, 9-year-old Mary Katherine Smart.

Police are waiting for Edmunds' condition to stabilize before moving him to a more secure hospital for more questioning and evidence collection. He was being treated for a drug overdose and liver failure.

"He still needs medical care. As long as he's here, he'll remain under guard," hospital spokeswoman Teresa McCabe said Friday. He will remain in Martinsburg at least through Saturday.

Salt Lake Police Chief Rick Dinse said FBI agents have checked the outside and trunk of Edmunds' Saturn sedan and found nothing. Agents were seeking a search warrant for the car, found in the hospital parking lot.

Edmunds was being sought for outstanding warrants on charges of fraud and assault on a police officer. He had served 60 days and was put on probation in 2000 for stealing and forging checks.

Ed Smart's brother Dave Smart reacted cautiously to the news of Edmunds' capture nearly 1,800 miles from Salt Lake. "We're not going to hang our hats on anything until we have Elizabeth in our hands," he said.

McCabe said Edmunds showed up at the emergency room about 5:15 a.m. Thursday. As nurses went through his belongings to try to find family they could notify of his condition, they became suspicious and contacted the FBI, McCabe said. He also had given the hospital an alias.

"All along Mr. Edmunds is someone we've wanted to talk to," Dinse said. "He's a question mark, and we want to put a period on that question mark."

Four former and current Rite Aid officials indicted

HARRISBURG, Pa. (AP) — The former chairman and two past senior executives of the nation's third-largest drugstore chain face federal charges for allegedly cooking the books to overstate the firm's bottom line by over $1 billion.

The three former Rite Aid Corp. executives were indicted Friday in what prosecutors described as a far-reaching fraud that prompted the largest restatement of corporate earnings in American history.

Rite Aid, with 3,600 stores in 30 states and Washington, D.C., joins the list of big corporations to get into trouble recently because of their accounting practices.

"The charges announced today reveal a disturbing picture of dishonesty and misconduct at the highest level of a major corporation," said Wayne M. Carlin, Northeast regional director of the Securities and Exchange Commission.

"Rite Aid's former senior management employed an extensive bag of tricks to manipulate the company's reported earnings and defraud its investors," Carlin said.

The three face charges including conspiracy to defraud, fraud in connection with the purchase or sale of securities and making false statements to the SEC.

The three are Martin L. Grass, 47, former chairman and chief executive; Franklin Brown, 74, former chief counsel and vice chairman; and Franklyn Bergonzi, 57, former chief financial officer.

The indictment also accused Grass and Brown of tampering with witnesses and obstructing investigations.



EAST TASS RECOGNITION —East Elementary 4th graders received special TAAS recognition in 2001-2002. (top picture) Back row from left, Ty Burton, Martha Cabrera, Alexander Hernandez, Ashley Silva, and Clint Wall, all reading; Jessica Cooper, reading and math; Amanda Browning, Gina Guerrero and Kenneth Kincaid, all reading; middle row, Kylie Moreland, Janie Ornelas, Jessica West, Alicia Chaidez, Daniel Escobedo, Justin Iglehart, Johnathan Tarter, Timothy Wright and Meagan Downing, all reading; front row, Jacob Johnson, Megan Thompson and Brance Scott, all reading; Kristi Guerrero, math and writing; Monica Clanton, reading, math and writing; Cassie Cochran, Daisy Garcia, Tiffany Roemer and Annie Stribling, all reading. (bottom picture) Back row from left, Stacey Clifton, Meghan Cooley, Jake Crenwelge, Paula Brown, Lawrence Jaramillo, Tobias Lopez, Seth Naizer, and Lindsey Urias, all reading; third row, Rachel Dupree, writing; Jonathan Kerr, reading and math; Raven Luna, reading, math and writing; Remington Bloom, Autumn Castillo, Brailee Sanchez, all reading; Humberto Juarez, Bailey Minor and Sarah Parmer, all reading and math; second row, Tayla Wesson, reading and math; Marcos Aguilar, Samantha Barrera, Kayli Brewster, Jessica Hibbitt, Dallas Davidson, Titus Hestand, Tosha McGlouthin, Jacob Riley, all reading; and Valerie Guzman, math; bottom row, Eleanor Ashley, Michael Guardado, Kyra Lara, Aryn May, Javiel Rowe and Kanaan Short, Jacie Eveland, Jake Strickland and Alexandra Walters, all reading. (Staff Photos by Shirley A. Gorman)

Education chief critical of Sanchez' education plan

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A top member of the Bush administration has called Democratic gubernatorial candidate Tony Sanchez's education testing proposal "a significant undoing of the accountability system in Texas."

U.S. Education Secretary Rod Paige criticized the proposal that would allow students to take parts of the state's standardized test at different times throughout the school year.

"To stagger the assessment periods and to enter more moving parts into a system does not seem wise at this point," Paige said in Saturday's editions of the San Antonio Express-News.

Political analysts say Paige's criticism is an example of the national firepower Sanchez faces in seeking to unseat GOP Gov. Rick Perry.

President Bush — who championed the state's testing program as Texas governor and as president pushed a federal law to expand the use of testing nationally — supports and recently appeared at a fund-raiser for Perry.

"Administrations always use their cabinets for political purposes, to support that administration's favored candidates and oppose the disfavored candidates," said political scientist Larry Sabato, director of the Center for Politics at the University of Virginia at Charlottesville.

Bruce Buchanan, a political scientist at the University of Texas at Austin, said Bush strategist Karl Rove and the president "are very sensitive to what's going on in Texas ... I don't think Paige would — if it weren't a political season — pick that thing up and read it and call Sanchez and ream him out."

Paige, former superintendent of Houston schools, is a Republican and has said he will likely vote for Perry. He said he has Texas' interests at heart in discussing the testing program, used to assess students and how well schools are educating them.

Fed judge: beef checkoff program unconstitutional

ABERDEEN, S.D. (AP) — A federal judge ruled Friday that the national beef checkoff program violates the constitutional rights of cattle producers by infringing on the First Amendment.

U.S. District Court Judge Charles Kornmann ordered a halt to collections for the checkoff program, which requires cattle ranchers to pay a $1 per-head fee on cattle sold in the United States for beef promotion and research.

The decision is expected to be appealed.

In his ruling, Kornmann said cattlemen should not be required to pay for commercials — a form of speech — that they oppose. He also said they are being made to pay for ads that benefit others that sell beef such as restaurants and retail outlets.

The checkoff program, which went into effect in 1985, raises more than $80 million a year. Half the money goes to the Cattlemen's Beef Promotion and Research Board and half to qualified state beef councils. The groups came up with the popular "Beef: It's what's for dinner" slogan.

Those opposed to the checkoff are upset the advertisements promote beef in general and not American beef.

"When we initiated checkoff dollars everybody thought we were going to get better prices. But it never helped the U.S. producer," said Bob Thullner, one of the plaintiffs and a cattle producer in Campbell County.

The ruling was not welcome news to everyone.

"T his is a very disappointing decision for Montana's cattle producers," said Steve Pilcher.

Financial Focus

Take Steps to Move Up Your "Tax Freedom Day"

You won't find it printed on your calendar. You won't find it in the greeting cards aisle of the drug store. And you won't find it celebrated with a television special. Nonetheless, Tax Freedom Day may have a bigger impact on your life than many of the biggest holidays.

Tax Freedom Day isn't an official holiday. It's just the date on which average Americans can expect to start earning their first tax-free dollars of the year, after paying federal and state taxes. Tax Freedom Day generally occurs on a different date each year, depending on changes in tax laws and the health of the economy. In 2001, Tax Freedom day fell on April 29, but in 2002, it happened two days earlier, on April 27.

Of course, Tax Freedom Day is really something of a fiction, because we all pay taxes throughout the year. If you're an employee, you'll have taxes taken out of all your paychecks. If you're self-employed or a business owner, you probably pay quarterly taxes. Then, on April 15 of each year, you may pay still more taxes.

Nonetheless, the idea of a Tax Freedom Day is useful in understanding the relative size of your tax burden. And the good news is that you can help control when your personal Tax Freedom Day comes around. How? By becoming a tax-smart investor. Specifically, look for tax-free and tax-deferred investment opportunities.

Which investments are tax-free? Start by considering municipal bonds. The interest on these bonds is free from federal taxes; interest payments may also be free from state and local taxes, depending on the bond and on where you live. Consequently, municipal bonds offer a high "taxable equivalent yield." In other words, you'd have to find a taxable bond - such as a corporate bond - that pays a much higher yield than your municipal bond to overcome the tax benefits offered by the "muni." And in a low interest rate environment, such as we've been in for quite some time, you may have trouble finding high-quality corporate bonds that pay these high yields.

You'll get the most benefit from municipal bonds if you're in one of the higher tax brackets. But no matter what bracket you're in, you may be able to benefit from another tax-free investment - the Roth IRA. Now, thanks to recent tax law changes, you can put up to $3,000 a year in your Roth IRA. And your earnings will grow totally tax-free, provided you're at least 59 1/2 when you begin making withdrawals and you've had your account for at least five years.

You may also want to look at tax-deferred investments, such as a Traditional IRA or annuities. You can invest up to $3,000 a year in a Traditional IRA. Your contributions may be tax-deductible, but even if they aren't, your earnings will grow on a tax-deferred basis. If you've already "maxed out" on your Traditional or Roth IRA, and you still want to save for retirement, you may want to invest in a fixed or variable annuity. In addition to tax deferral, annuities offer you high contribution limits and a variety of payout options.

Before making any moves affecting your taxes, consult with your tax advisor. But don't wait too long. The quicker you take action, the better chance you'll have of bumping up your own Tax Freedom Day next year.

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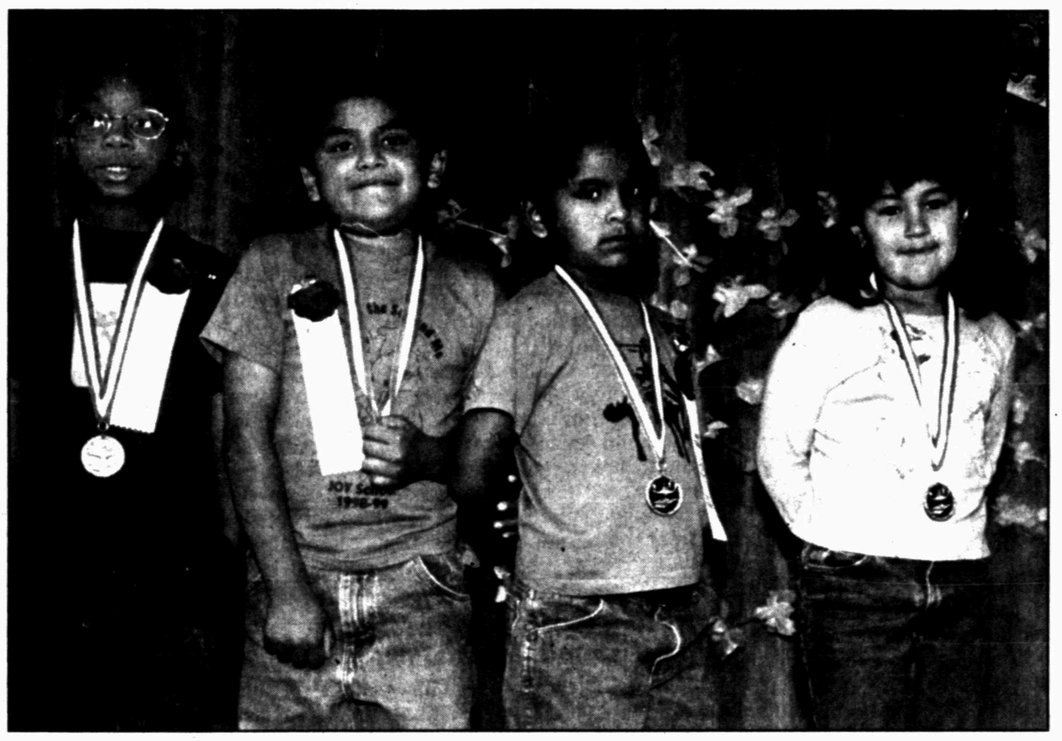
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PERFECT ATTENDANCE — These Central Elementary first graders had perfect attendance for the spring semester. From left are Jennifer Facio, Sonia Cabrera, Rebecca Chacon, Misael Arellano, Estefany Olivarez. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)



PERFECT ATTENDANCE — These Central Elementary primary students were not absent during the spring semester. From left are Xavier McGaha, Damian Medina, Jose Medina and Priscilla DeLuna. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

New technology for catching liars tests people's honesty

WASHINGTON (AP) — The world is becoming a trickier place for people who tell lies — even little white ones.

From thermal-imaging cameras, designed to read guilty eyes, to brain-wave scanners, which essentially watch a lie in motion, the technology of truth-seeking is leaping forward.

At the same time, more people are finding their words put to the test, especially those who work for the government.

FBI agents, themselves subjected to more polygraphs as a result of the Robert Hanssen spy case, have been administering lie detection tests at Fort Detrick, Md., and Dugway Proving Ground in Utah, bases with stores of anthrax. Nuclear plant workers also are getting the tests in greater numbers since Sept. 11.

"There has been a reawakening of our interest in being able to determine the truth from each other," said sociologist Barbara Hetrick, who teaches a course on lying at the College of Wooster in Ohio. "As technology advances, we may have to decide whether we want to let a machine decide guilt or innocence."

The new frontiers of lie detection claim to offer greater reliability than the decades-old polygraph, which measures heart and respiratory rates as a person answers questions.

They also pose new privacy problems, moral dilemmas and the possibility that the average person will unwittingly face a test.

At the Mayo Clinic, researchers hope to perfect a heat-sensing camera that could scan people's faces and find subtle changes associated with lying. In a small study of 20 people, the high-resolution thermal imaging camera detected a faint blushing around the eyes of those who lied.

The technique, still preliminary, could provide a simple and rapid way of scanning people being questioned at airports or border crossings, researchers say.

But would it be legal?

"As long as no one was being arrested or detained solely on the basis of the test, there is no law against scanning someone's face with a device," said Justin Hammerstein, a civil liberties attorney in New York.

"You could use the device to subject someone to greater scrutiny in a physical search or background check, and it would be hard to argue that it is illegal."

Barry Steinhardt of the American Civil Liberties Union said any technology that isn't 100 percent effective could lead unfairly to innocent travelers being stranded at airports.

"You would be introducing chaos into the situation and inevitably focusing on people who are innocent," Steinhardt said.

At the University of Pennsylvania, researcher Daniel Langleben is using a magnetic resonance imaging machine, the device used to detect tumors, to identify parts of the brain that people use when they lie.

"In the brain, you never get something for nothing," Langleben said. "The process for telling a lie is more complicated than telling the truth, resulting in more neuron activity."

Even for the smoothest-talker, lying is tough work for the brain.

First, the liar must hear the question and process it. Almost by instinct, a liar will first think of the true answer before devising or speaking an already devised false answer.

All that thinking adds up to a lot of electrical signals shooting back and forth. Langleben says the extra thought makes some sections of the brain light up like a bulb when viewed with an MRI.

MRI machines are bulky, but their potential as lie detectors could lead to the invention of smaller, more specialized versions, Langleben said.

Other tests are on the market, although how well they perform is an open question.

Hand-held "voice stress" detectors already are being sold for $300 to $600 at some department stores and on the Internet.

Makers claim the devices show when a person's voice trembles under the stress of a lie. Although skeptics say there is no proof they work, police in Philadelphia, Los Angeles and Miami are using more advanced versions and say they sometimes prompt confessions.

Also, the subject need not be present. Police can record a suspect's voice and check it for stress later.

Not everyone is sold on it.

"Voices can shake because people are scared about being interrogated by police," said Thomas Jakes, president of People for Civil Rights. "This technology is nothing but a way to scare people."

Critics say failure on any lie detector test can have unfair consequences, regardless of what the truth may be.

Mark Mallah says he was suspended and put under 24-hour surveillance after failing a routine polygraph test in 1994, when he was an FBI counterintelligence agent.

He was finally cleared and reinstated 19 months later. He quit.

"They never produced any evidence or came forward with anything, but the polygraph still undermined my career," said Mallah, who practices law in San Francisco.

In the CIA, routine polygraphs led to the suspicion of dozens of agents in the 1980s. Many were kept in professional limbo for years, according to an FBI report.

On the Net: Mayo Clinic: http://www.mayoclinic.org/

Senior News

Senior citizens are invited to come to the Senior Center Monday through Friday for activities and the noon meal. The cost of the meal for 60 and older is a suggested $2.50. Guests under 60 are charged $4.

Diabetics can choose fruit instead of dessert and substitutes for liver and fish are also available. The menu is printed in the weekend edition of the Snyder Daily News. Additional copies may be picked up the center located at 2603 Ave. M.

The senior dance and game night regularly scheduled for the fourth Tuesday of each month has been canceled until further notice.

In addition to treadmills and stationary bikes, the Travis gym is also available for seniors who enjoy walking.

Transportation is available Monday through Friday during the morning hours. Call 573-4035 a day in advance of needed service.

Monday

Bridge play begins at 9:30 a.m. and continues throughout the morning. Juanita Ellington leads a mild exercise program daily at 11 a.m. Seniors may also participate in pool, dominoes, quilting, eighty-eight and bridge.

Tuesday

Seniors may play eighty-eight from 10 until noon. The Golden K Kiwanis meet in the conference room at noon. The swimnastics class at WTC will be from 1-2 p.m. in Western Texas College's physical education building. The last day for this class will be Thursday. The Mesquite Country Women's Writers Guild will meet in the bridge room from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Wednesday

Ladies are encouraged to play pool at 9 a.m. Newcomers are welcome. Double pinochle begins at 1 p.m. in the bridge room. Line dancing and clogging practice will be at 1 and 2 p.m., respectively.

Thursday

The Sunshine Choir members will leave the center at 10 a.m. for their performance at the Wallace Center in Colorado City. This will be the last day for swimnastics as the pool will be closed for repairs.

Friday

The blood pressure clinic and the bridge play begin at 9:30 a.m. Seniors may play eighty-eight at 11 a.m.

Senior Menu

Monday

Creole steak, wild rice, stewed squash, fruit cocktail, oatmeal raisin cookies

Tuesday

Taco salad, red beans, Spanish rice, sopapilla, chips & salsa

Wednesday

Braised pork chop w/cream gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, perfection salad, chocolate chip cookie

Thursday

Chicken pot pie, Harvard beets, tossed salad, spice cake w/cream cheese frosting

Friday

Fried fish, crinkle cut fries, baked beans, macaroni salad, pineapple flop cake

Three die in hospital helicopter crash

NORFOLK, Neb. (AP) — A medical helicopter crashed during an emergency landing attempt Friday, killing all three people aboard, officials said.

The helicopter had left a Norfolk hospital shortly after noon when it experienced a problem and tried to land at an airport three miles away.

A witness, Lynn Stewart, said the helicopter touched down, then immediately went back up in the air and started to gyrate. He said the helicopter was flying erratically as it reached about 100 feet before diving nose first.

"I think he was just trying to get the thing straightened out, then it slowly was just climbing and spinning, climbing and spinning," Stewart said.

The pilot, 43-year-old Phil Herring, died after the LifeNet of the Heartland helicopter crashed. The two passengers died later at an Omaha hospital, said Russ Spray, chairman of Rocky Mountain Holding Corp., LifeNet's parent company.

The other victims were identified as nurse Lori Schrempp, 41, of Yankton, S.D., and paramedic Pat Scollard, 40, of Sioux City, Iowa.

Police were interviewing the helicopter's mechanic, and federal investigators were traveling to Norfolk late Friday. Winds were blowing up to 30 mph at the time of the crash.

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SPORTS

Five Snyder players nab top spots at junior event

Snyder was well represented this week at the North Texas PGA Junior Golf Foundation tour event at the country club, with five local players finishing in the top three of their age division.

In the girls' competition, Hailey Putnam and Kellie Dodson captured two of the top three spots in the 15-18 division. Putnam fired an 81 to earn runner-up honors, while Dodson was only three strokes back in third. Christi Williams also fared well in the 12-14 flight, carding a 105 to come in third.

On the boys' side, Stafford Gray put together an even-par round of 72 to grab second place in the 16-18 division, while Blake Seale posted an 83 to take second in the 14-15 flight.

Girls 15-18 age division: 1. Lauren Martinez, Pecos, 77; 2. Hailey Putnam, Snyder, 81; 3. Kellie Dodson, Snyder, 84.

Girls 12-14 age division: 1. Meagan O'Connell, Odessa, 86; 2. Shelly Martinez, Pecos, 87; 3. Christi Williams, Snyder, 105.

Boys 16-18 age division: 1. Jordan Davis, Midland, 71; 2. Stafford Gray, Snyder, 72; 3. Nathan Robbins, Lubbock, 78.

Boys 14-15 age division: 1. Lee Prucka, Midland, 74; 2. Blake Seale, Snyder, 83; 3. Jacob Subia, Andrews, 83.

Boys 12-13 age division: 1. Stratton Hayley, Abilene, 93; 2. Cameron Smith, Abilene, 95; 3. Ryan Tannehill, Big Spring, 99.

Love fires 64 to earn share of lead

CROMWELL, Conn. (AP) — Davis Love III knows what it will take to keep the lead in the Greater Hartford Open.

"I just need four good rounds," Love said Friday after positioning himself for his first victory in 16 months and second in four years. "I've had two or three, but not four."

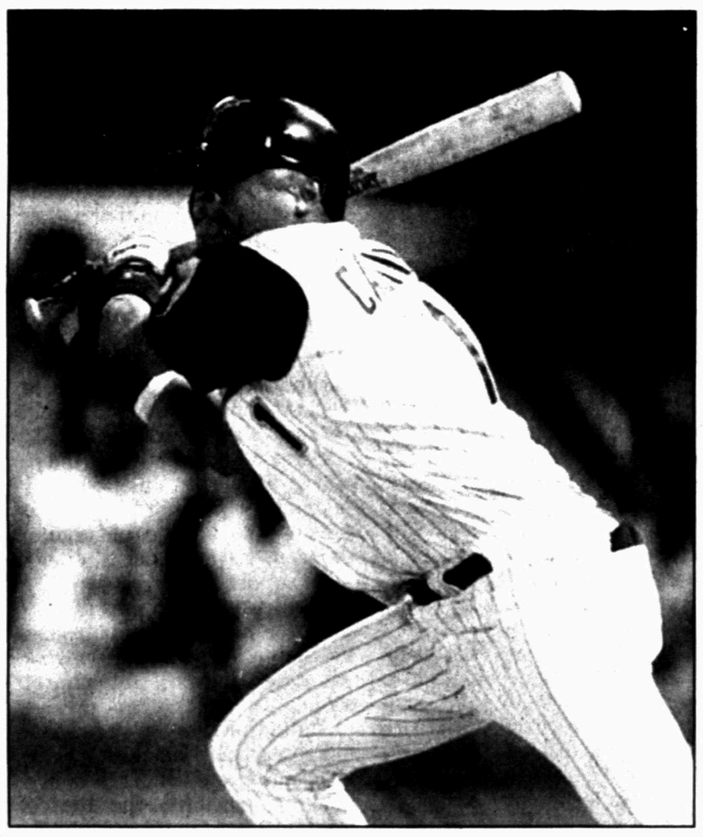
He had the only bogey-free round in the breezy afternoon session, shooting a 6-under 64 for a share of the second-round lead with Briny Baird and Jonathan Kaye at 8-under 132.

"I putted very well and hung in there," Love said. "I did the little things that kept the round going. In this wind, I wouldn't have predicted a 64. It was lot harder than yesterday."

Coming off a 24th-place tie in the U.S. Open, the 14-time PGA Tour winner holed a 27-foot birdie putt on the short par-4 15th and made four other birdie putts from 12-to-15 feet.

"I'm tournament sharp and tough ... and a little bit mad," Love said. "It's a lot more relaxing golf course than last week. There's nothing wrong with 8 under leading after two rounds. These fans don't come out here to watch us putt for pars."

Baird and Kay, both winless on the tour, shot 67s on the TPC at River Highlands. Scott Hoch (66) and Kaname Yokoo (68) were a stroke back at 7 under.



STILL STREAKING — The Florida Marlin's Luis Castillo watches a hit against Cleveland earlier this week. On Friday, the Florida second baseman extended his hitting streak to 35 consecutive games, tying Ty Cobb and two others for the 10th longest all-time. (AP Photo)

Mariners blank Astros

HOUSTON (AP) — Jamie Moyer didn't scare anyone with his 85 mph fastball. He just kept getting outs.

Working the corners and changing speeds, Moyer gave up three hits and struck out 11 over seven innings to lead the Seattle Mariners to an 8-0 victory over the Houston Astros on Friday night.

Astros manager Jimy Williams didn't quibble with his team's four hits on the night.

"It was Moyer mainly," Williams said. "He changes speeds and throws it in and out, mainly out.

"It's like a car going down the road. You can't tell if it's going 75 or 68. He doesn't throw it hard, but it's not about velocity. It's about keeping hitters off balance."

Moyer (7-3) retired 17 of the first 18 batters — allowing only a single by Brad Ausmus in the second inning — to win for the fourth time in five decisions. Moyer didn't walk a batter and finished two strikeouts shy of his career high.

"My power pitch is my fastball but that's no comparison to the guys throwing 95," Moyer said. "I have to stay focused on what my strengths are and concentrate on them."

Brian Hunter got one of the three hits off Moyer.

"He's not a strikeout pitcher, he makes you get yourself out," Hunter said. "He doesn't throw anything harder than 85 but he mixes his pitches so well he gets you out."

Seattle extended its winning streak to four games in the first meeting between the interleague teams. Houston has lost four of its last five games and the shutout was its second of the season.

"I struggled for about the first two or three innings," Moyer said. "I didn't feel like I was in control enough but I got them to swing at pitches and put the ball in play. Later, I got more command of my pitches."

Ruben Sierra went 3-for-4 with a double in the first, his sixth career slam in the second and an RBI single in the seventh. Dan Wilson also had a two-run homer in the seventh, stretching Seattle's lead to 8-0.

"I hit it good, I just didn't know if it would carry in this ballpark," Sierra said. "We hit them in practice and they carried good so it seemed to carry good tonight. Anybody wants to play on a winning team."

Rodriguez puts Rangers on his back in 2-0 victory

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Maybe it's a long-awaited good sign in a season that so far couldn't be much worse for the Texas Rangers.

On the first day of summer, Ivan Rodriguez rediscovered his power.

With one Rodriguez in an unaccustomed slump, the other made up for his lack of production as Ivan Rodriguez homered and drove in both Texas runs in a 2-0 victory over Pittsburgh on Friday night.

Fortunately for the Rangers, Rodriguez is rediscovering his swing after a seven-week injury layoff — he is 6-for-14 in his last three games — just when Texas star Alex Rodriguez is in one of the worst slumps of his career.

Ivan Rodriguez ended a stretch of 101 at-bats without a homer by leading off the fourth with a long drive to right field, his first homer since Aug. 29.

"We missed him," Texas manager Jerry Narron said.

The 1-0 Texas lead held up until the eighth, when Rodriguez followed Michael Young's double with a run-scoring double. Ivan Rodriguez picked a good night to pick up the Texas offense, as Alex Rodriguez went 0-for-4 and is 4-for-39 in 11 games, dropping his average from .319 to .288.

A five-pitcher, five-hit shutout covered up the overall lack of hitting as the Rangers won their third in a row and fifth in eight games.

It's modest stretch, for sure, but perhaps a step in the right direction for a high-salaried team that is 11 games under .500 with the All-Star break approaching in two weeks.

"We have a winning streak now, and it's fun," Ivan Rodriguez said. "The pitchers are doing a great job and that's why we've won three in a row."

Kenny Rogers (8-4) gave the Rangers their strongest start in weeks, limiting the Pirates to four singles over seven shutout innings to outpitch Kip Wells (8-4). Wells gave up eight hits and two runs in eight innings.

Jay Powell, John Rocker and Hideki Irabu got an out each for Texas in the eighth. Francisco Cordero, getting a trial as the closer, retired all three batters he faced in the ninth for his third save in as many days.

Eight of the nine outs in the three games are by strikeout.

"He's had some pretty impressive innings," Narron said. "When you throw in the mid-90s, you have a chance to get guys out with one pitch."

The Pirates, losing their seventh in eight games, never did seem to figure out what pitch they would see from Rogers, who didn't allow a runner to reach third.

"I really could tell by the reaction of the hitters that my sinker was moving well and I was locating it pretty well," Rogers said. "It was much easier to get the ball down in the zone. My last couple of starts, that's been a struggle."

Rogers didn't last beyond the fifth in his three most recent starts, one reason why no Texas starter had won in nine games since Ismael Valdes beat Cincinnati on June 10.

"He carved us up pretty good," Pirates manager Lloyd McClendon said.

However, McClendon didn't do the same thing to his team in a brief, post-game meeting that followed the Pirates' sixth loss in seven interleague games. They are 0-4 on their nine-game homestand, and have lost 35 of 55 since being seven games over .500 in April.

The Pirates have lost seven of eight and eight of 10 overall.

"We're not as bad as we look, just as we weren't as good as we looked before," McClendon said. "We're not going to ride a roller coaster, we've got to work to try to get better and win. We can't get caught up in our emotions.

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EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
Washington	8	2	.800	—
Orlando	6	3	.667	1½
New York	7	5	.583	2
Indiana	5	6	.455	3½
Charlotte	4	5	.444	3½
Cleveland	3	5	.375	4
Miami	2	7	.222	5½
Detroit	0	11	.000	8½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	9	1	.900	—
Houston	8	3	.727	1½
Utah	6	3	.667	2½
Phoenix	5	3	.625	3
Seattle	5	6	.455	4½
Minnesota	4	6	.400	5
Portland	4	6	.400	5
Sacramento	2	6	.250	6

Friday's Games

Washington 65, Miami 60
Orlando 80, Detroit 59
Cleveland 80, New York 69
Houston 61, Phoenix 59
Seattle 63, Indiana 51
Los Angeles 73, Minnesota 64

Saturday's Games

Utah at Sacramento, 4 p.m.
Miami at Charlotte, 6 p.m.

Sunday's Games

Cleveland at Washington, 2 p.m.
New York at Orlando, 2 p.m.
Houston at Portland, 4 p.m.
Sacramento at Seattle, 9 p.m.

Major League Baseball

American League
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East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	45	25	.643	—
New York	45	28	.616	1½
Baltimore	33	38	.465	12½
Toronto	28	42	.400	17
Tampa Bay	24	47	.338	21½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Minnesota	40	33	.548	—
Chicago	36	37	.493	4
Cleveland	34	39	.466	6
Kansas City	25	45	.357	13½
Detroit	25	46	.352	14

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Seattle	45	27	.625	—
Anaheim	41	29	.586	3
Oakland	41	31	.569	4
Texas	30	41	.423	14½

National League
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East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	44	28	.611	—
Montreal	39	33	.542	4½
Florida	38	34	.528	5½
New York	37	35	.514	6½
Philadelphia	31	39	.443	11½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
St. Louis	40	31	.563	—
Cincinnati	38	33	.535	2
Pittsburgh	32	40	.444	8½
Houston	31	41	.431	9½
Chicago	30	41	.423	10
Milwaukee	26	47	.356	15

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Arizona	45	27	.625	—
Los Angeles	44	28	.611	1
San Francisco	41	30	.577	3½
Colorado	35	38	.479	10½
San Diego	32	41	.438	13½

Friday's Games

Chicago Cubs 2, St. Louis 1
Texas 2, Pittsburgh 0
Florida 4, Detroit 1
Montreal 3, Cleveland 1
Philadelphia 3, Minnesota 0
Oakland 5, Cincinnati 3
N.Y. Mets 4, Kansas City 3
Atlanta 3, Chicago White Sox 2
Anaheim 11, Milwaukee 4
Seattle 8, Houston 0
Colorado 8, Tampa Bay 7, 10 innings
Arizona 4, Toronto 3
San Diego 9, N.Y. Yankees 1
Los Angeles 3, Boston 2
San Francisco 4, Baltimore 3

Saturday's Games

St. Louis (Simontacchi 5-0) at Chicago Cubs (Wood 6-5), 3:05 p.m.
Boston (Lowe 11-2) at Los Angeles (Daal 4-3), 3:10 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Lilly 2-5) at San Diego (Peavy 0-0), 3:15 p.m.
Baltimore (Driskill 4-0) at San Francisco (Jensen 6-5), 4:05 p.m.
Texas (Bell 2-2) at Pittsburgh (J.Anderson 6-8), 7:05 p.m.
Cleveland (Colon 9-4) at Montreal (Day 2-0), 7:05 p.m.
Anaheim (Washburn 6-2) at Milwaukee (Cabrera 3-4), 7:05 p.m.
Detroit (Redman 3-7) at Florida (Izquierdo 2-0), 7:05 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Glover 2-2) at Atlanta (Moss 3-2), 7:05 p.m.
Minnesota (Reed 6-3) at Philadelphia (Adams 3-5), 7:05 p.m.
Oakland (Zito 9-2) at Cincinnati (Chen 2-3), 7:10 p.m.
Kansas City (Byrd 8-5) at N.Y. Mets (Astacio 7-2), 7:10 p.m.
Seattle (R.Soriano 0-3) at Houston (Oswalt 7-5), 8:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay (W.Alvarez 1-2) at Colorado (Neagle 4-4), 8:05 p.m.
Toronto (Carpenter 0-1) at Arizona (Batista 4-3), 10:05 p.m.

Sunday's Games

Chicago White Sox (Wright 5-7) at Atlanta (Marquis 5-4), 1:05 p.m.
Kansas City (Sedlack 0-0) at N.Y. Mets (D'Amico 4-6), 1:10 p.m.
Oakland (Mulder 7-4) at Cincinnati (Reitsma 3-4), 1:15 p.m.
Texas (Park 2-3) at Pittsburgh (Fogg 7-5), 1:35 p.m.
Cleveland (Finley 4-8) at Montreal (Armas Jr. 6-7), 1:35 p.m.
Minnesota (Santana 2-1) at Philadelphia (Wolf 3-5), 1:35 p.m.
Anaheim (Appier 5-6) at Milwaukee (Sheets 4-7), 2:05 p.m.
Seattle (Pineiro 6-3) at Houston (Saarloos 0-1), 2:35 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Kennedy 5-5) at Colorado (Jennings 8-3), 3:05 p.m.
Detroit (Weaver 5-8) at Florida (Dempster 5-6), 4:05 p.m.
Baltimore (Johnson 1-5) at San Francisco (L.Hernandez 6-7), 4:05 p.m.
Boston (Arrojo 4-1) at Los Angeles (Ashby 6-6), 4:10 p.m.
Toronto (Halladay 8-3) at Arizona (B.Anderson 2-6), 4:35 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Mussina 10-3) at San Diego (Lawrence 7-4), 5:05 p.m.
St. Louis (Kile 5-4) at Chicago Cubs (Bere 1-8), 8:05 p.m.

Sports Briefs

Women's golf tournament

The SCGA Women's Golf Association will hold its Invitational Tournament Tuesday at the country club. Breakfast is at 8 a.m. with the play starting at 9 o'clock. Cost is $45. For more information, call the pro shop at 573-7101.

Volleyball tournament

Our Lady of Guadalupe Church youth group hosts a July 4 volleyball tournament. For information and registration, call Luis Alaniz at 573-7321.

Baseball camp

The Baseball Builders Camp is set for Monday through Wednesday at Moffett Field. Campers aged 9-14 will practice from 9 a.m. until noon and cost is $40. Ages 8-under will meet from 1-2 p.m. and cost is $25. All participants receive a camp T-shirt.

Pre-registration will be held at the SHS baseball field house Saturday from 9 a.m. until noon and Sunday from 3-5 p.m. For more information, contact Charlie Bollinger at 573-5734.

Tennis events

Snyder Tennis Camp, hosted by SHS coach Ted Phillips, will be held July 22-25. Incoming fourth through seventh graders are eligible and cost is $30. Registration forms can be picked up at the SHS principal's office.

Snyder Tennis Booster Club is hosting a tournament July 19-21. There will be singles and doubles competition in five age divisions, 12-under, 14-under, 16-under, 18-under and open. There will also be mixed doubles in the open division.

For more information on either event, contact Ted Phillips at 573-2525.

Basketball camp

The Bulldog Basketball Camp is set for Monday through Thursday at the Ira High School gym. Incoming third through seventh grade boys and girls can participate.

Camp hours are 9 a.m. until noon each day and cost is $40. For more information, call Bubba Edwards at 573-2628 or 573-2227.

Golf clinics scheduled at WTC

A junior golf clinic and a women's clinic will be held Tuesday through Friday at the Western Texas College golf course.

Instruction will be provided by Snyder High School golf coaches Matt Glenn, Ricky Hunter and Cody Cox. Cost is $50 per clinic, and space is limited. Call the WTC pro shop at 573-9291 to register.

Friday swingers

The SCGA Women's Golf Association holds a weekly swingers event at 5:30 each Friday. It is open to all members and prospective members. Cost is $10 per couple and the format is scramble.

Cash prizes go to the top three finishers as well as closest to the hole. For more information, call Barbara Leatherwood at 725-7875.

WTC Men's Golf Association

The Men's Golf Association of Western Texas College holds a weekly event Tuesdays at 6 p.m.

SCGA weekly events

The Scurry County Golf Association holds a weekly scramble Tuesdays at 5:30. The Men's Golf Association holds an all-day MGA event each Thursday.

Castillo's streak reaches 35 games

MIAMI (AP) — Luis Castillo singled in the third inning Friday night to extend his hitting streak to 35 games, tying Ty Cobb and two others for the 10th longest all-time.

Castillo's streak is the longest by a Latin player, surpassing Benito Santiago's 34-game streak in 1987. Castillo already owns the longest streak by a second baseman, surpassing Rogers Hornsby's 33-game streak in 1922.

Two other players had one-season streaks of 35 games — Cobb (1917) and Fred Clarke (1895). George Sisler also had a 35-game hitting streak, but it spanned two seasons (1924-25).

Only nine players have had a longer streak, including just two since 1950 — Pete Rose (44) in 1978 and Paul Molitor (39) in 1987. Joe DiMaggio set the record of 56 games in 1941.

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Garrido learning about guiding UT

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — As Augie Garrido approaches his fifth College World Series championship game, he's noticed the expectations as the coach of Texas are much greater than those put on him at Cal State-Fullerton.

Even after leading the Titans to three national titles, Garrido quickly found out how hard it was to follow a legend, regardless of how decorated his own past.

"I didn't have the experience to be disapproved of as much as I was," Garrido said of his early seasons at Texas. "I found it had a negative effect on my ability to focus on my role in the first three years."

Garrido replaced longtime Texas coach Cliff Gustafson, the man who had more wins (1,427) than any other Division I baseball coach. Now in his sixth season at Texas, Garrido has 1,378 career victories in his 33-plus years as a college coach. He is second only to Gustafson.

One more win on Saturday will give the Longhorns their fifth national title.

Garrido is only the 12th head coach for the Longhorns since the school began playing baseball in 1897. He earned Big 12 coach of the year honors this year after sweeping the conference regular-season and postseason titles.

He brought his second Texas team to the College World Series this year and Thursday night beat Stanford 6-5 to earn a trip to Saturday's championship game.

He is one win away from doing what no other Division I coach has done — win national championships with two schools.

The success might have been the result of Garrido's realization that he had to get back to the game of baseball after three seasons of 22-22, 23-32-1 and 36-26. Those were sub-par years by Texas standards.

"Finally I understood I had to get to the essence of it all," Garrido said. "And all I could do is stay totally focused on the team and the players and the staff."

He said he regained that focus and Texas returned to its traditional role as a national power.

"We all wanted the same thing," he said of fans, boosters and players. "I think I pulled it all together after the third year. I kept getting pushed around by things I had no control over."

That included criticism from media and fans, he said. He learned to handle the increased scrutiny at Texas.

"I was totally disappointed, shocked by it and bothered by it," he said. "I just took some time to myself. It was one of the hardest things I ever had to do."

He said one of his realizations was that he had to make changes. One was to change pitching coaches, letting Burt Hooten go. Garrido said it was a hard decision because Hooten was a gentleman, friend and had such a strong Texas tradition.

Garrido brought in Texas Tech's Frank Anderson, who helped raise the level of Longhorn pitching to this year's No. 1 national ranking in team ERA.

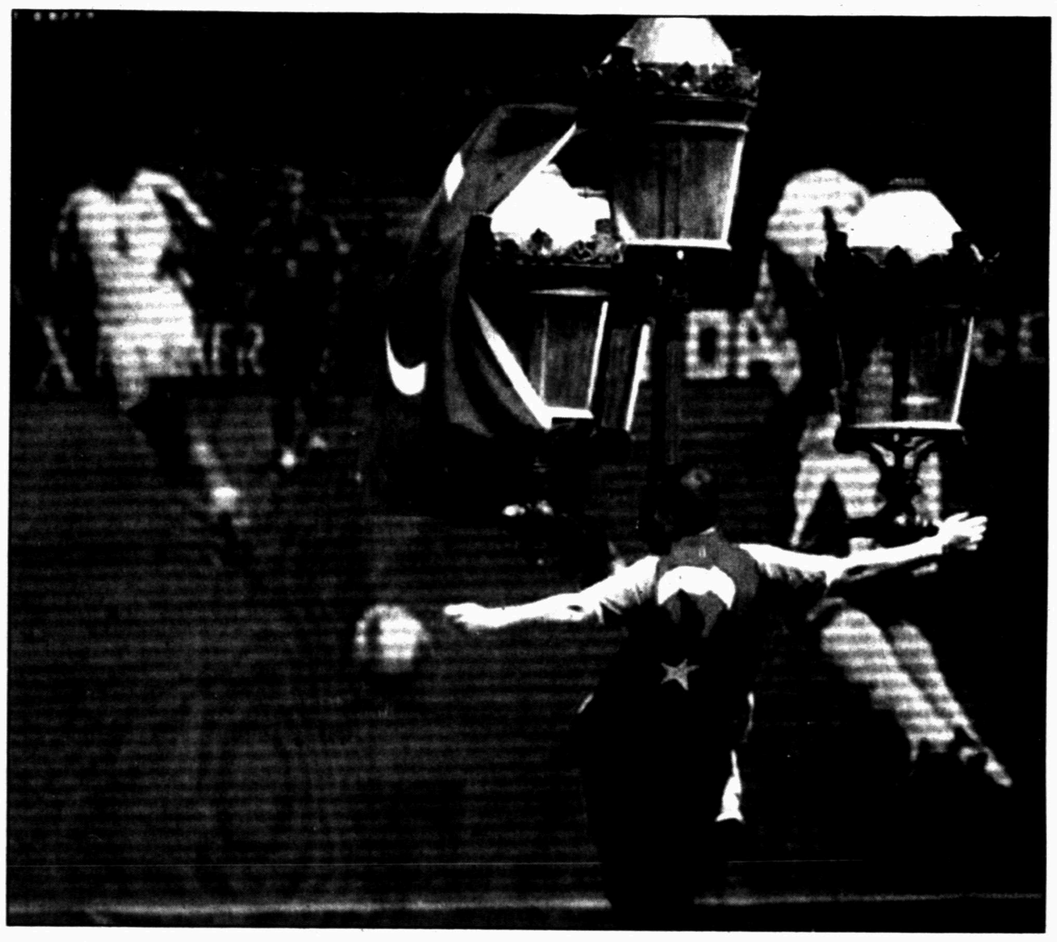
The maturing for Garrido also has allowed him to move beyond the early Texas criticism.

"Now it doesn't really matter," he said. "Whether it was fair, unfair, it doesn't really matter. Now, it's whether (leadoff hitter Tim) Moss can bunt? Can he steal a base? Can he hit? That is what has to be the main importance, and are we as coaches staying focused on it. Helping the players help themselves reach their full potential, that's the ultimate goal."

Winning helps. So does reaching the national championship game.

While winning the national championship would take a monkey off his back, Garrido said it not about him nor the burden he has carried.

"The joy that comes to me from winning is on the faces of every player and every coach," he said.



A PERFECT VIEW — A supporter of the Turkish soccer team is perched on a street lamp as he watches his team's victory on a giant screen at townhall square in Paris this morning. Turkey defeated Senegal, 1-0, on a golden goal to advance to the semifinals against Brazil. (AP Photo)

South Korea knocks out Spain; Host team moves to semifinals

GWANGJU, South Korea (AP) — South Korea kept its improbable World Cup run alive Saturday, upsetting Spain 5-3 in a penalty-kick shootout after a 0-0 tie to become the first Asian nation ever to reach the semifinals.

Hong Myung Bo scored the game-winner after goalkeeper Lee Woon-jae saved a penalty by Joaquin Sanchez.

South Korea, which hadn't won a game at five previous trips to the World Cup, will play Germany in the semifinals on Tuesday in Seoul, the South Korean capital. The three-time champion Germans beat the United States 1-0 on Friday.

South Korean coach Guus Hiddink said his team's unprecedented achievement was "so outrageous, it's almost without limits." The victory followed a 2-1, come-from-behind upset of Italy in overtime in the second round.

"I cannot describe how I am feeling. I am so happy for the boys. I think now it is a complete dream," Hiddink said. "I think more dreams have come true now."

It was a bitter loss for Spain, which was in its 11th World Cup. The team had several excellent scoring opportunities late in the game, hitting the post on one and having a goal disallowed on a questionable call by the linesman, who ruled the ball had crossed the end line.

Spain had been considered one of the tournament favorites after winning its first four games — against Slovenia, Paraguay, South Africa and Ireland — a feat it had never achieved.

But co-host South Korea, one of the biggest surprises of a World Cup full of upsets, had other ideas, playing solid defense and scoring on all five of its penalty kicks.

Besides Hong, the penalty-kick goals were scored by Hwang Sun-hong, Park Ji-sung, Seol Ki-hyeon and Ahn Jung-hwan. For Spain, Fernando Hierro, Ruben Baraja and Xavi Hernandez scored. The team did not take its last kick.

When Sanchez approached the ball to take his penalty shot, he hesitated for a moment, then tried to place it in the right side of the goal. Lee Woon-jae guessed correctly, diving to his left to punch out the ball.

Moments later, Hong, the South Korean captain, sealed the victory with his right-footed shot into the right corner of the net and then sprinted to the sideline, jumping and throwing his fist into the air. The 42,000 red-clad fans erupted in joy for the home team, screaming, singing and jumping up and down.

The players took a victory lap around the field, holding flags over their heads. Hiddink and his staff linked arms near the dugout.

Then, as the whole team carried two game balls and, giving the thumbs-up sign, walked slowly over to one end of the field and booted them into the crowd.

For a while, it looked as if the few Spanish supporters would be the ones celebrating.

In the 10th minute of overtime, Fernando Morientes almost scored the game-winner when his right-footed drive sailed past Lee and hit left post.

Morientes, starting as the lone striker for Spain in the absence of injured teammate Raul Gonzalez, had scored three goals in four previous games but couldn't get the one his country desperately needed.

Lee Chun-soo had two shots in extra time and set up a chance for Hwang in the 110th minute, but the veteran striker missed his timing and bounced a weak shot to goalkeeper Iker Casillas.

Choi Jin-Cheul jumped high to meet a free kick in the 119th minute but didn't get enough force into a header from close range on the final chance before the shootout.

The Spaniards had goals disallowed in each half of regulation time and a third in overtime. Morientes looked as if he had scored from close-range off a pass from Sanchez, who was ruled to have stepped out as he dribbled the ball along the end-line. Replays showed the ball never fully crossed the line.

The first disallowed goal came when Enrique Romero was ruled offside just before halftime. Baraja angled a header into the left corner of the net five minutes after the break, but that goal also was disallowed because Morientes was offside.

When Hiddink took over the South Korean team 18 months ago, it was struggling. Now it is one victory from the World Cup final.

Turkey edges Senegal, 1-0

OSAKA, Japan (AP) — Turkey, continuing its shock run at the World Cup, qualified for the semifinals for the first time in its history after beating Senegal 1-0 with a golden goal from Ilhan Mansiz on Saturday to knock out Africa's sole survivor.

The winner came in the fourth minute of extra time of a pulsating encounter.

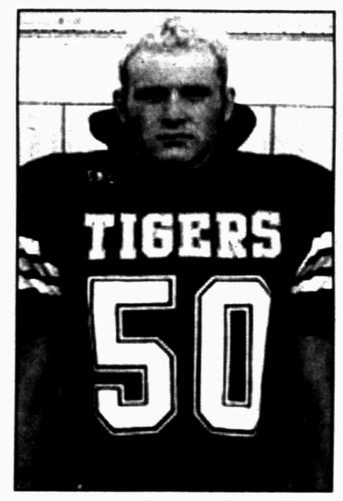
The Turks' only previous appearance at the competition was in 1954 when they were [illegible] in the first round.

They now play Brazil in the semifinal on Wednesday.

Turkey had several chances to win the game, most of them falling in the first half to captain and all-time leading scorer Hakan Sukur.

Earlier Saturday, South Korea set up a semifinal clash with Germany after beating Spain in a penalty shootout.

Ex-Tiger to take part in all-star game



Adam Owen

Snyder's Adam Owen joins players from seven other states next Saturday for the NationalAll-Stars.com Bowl at Maverick Stadium on the UT-Arlington campus.

Owen, who started at guard this past season as a senior at SHS, will line up at defensive end for the all-star contest.

Players from Texas, Oklahoma, Louisiana, Mississippi, New Mexico, Arkansas, Kansas and Missouri will take part in the game, which is held to give players a chance to perform in front of college coaches of all levels. Kickoff is set for 4 p.m.

Adam is the son of Tim and Trussha Owen, and the grandson of Truss and Juanita Farquhar.

Hershiser to be named as pitching coach

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — The Texas Rangers are set to name former Cy Young Award winner Orel Hershiser as their new pitching coach, according to newspaper reports.

The Rangers dismissed Oscar Acosta on Thursday.

Both the Fort Worth Star-Telegram and The Dallas Morning News reported that an announcement was scheduled for Saturday. The Rangers had no immediate comment on the reports early Saturday.

The Rangers discussed the job with Hershiser before he joined the club as a special assistant to General Manager John Hart last fall. At the time, Hershiser did not want to make a full-time commitment. He said Friday that he has changed his thinking.

"I wasn't as committed, but I've received some education in the baseball industry since then," said Hershiser, 42. "I'm an employee of the Texas Rangers, and I want to be loyal to this team. I helped choose Oscar. I feel partly responsible for Oscar's failure. Who am I to be part of making that decision and not be willing to be part of the solution?"

Top NBA draft pick close to reaching deal

SHANGHAI, China (AP) — Yao Ming's agent said the likely top pick in next week's draft moved a step closer to the NBA on Saturday when a deal was struck with his current team, the Shanghai Sharks.

Ming's agents are racing to complete an agreement with China's pro league that would let the 7-foot-5 center be drafted.

Huizinga, Ming's United States-based, agent, said the Sharks agreed to let Yao go to the United States for an undisclosed portion of their star player's expected multimillion-dollar NBA earnings.

He is optimistic he can reach an agreement with the China Basketball Association in time for Wednesday's draft. The Houston Rockets own the No. 1 pick and have had their sights set on Yao since winning the draft lottery.

Huizinga called an agreement with the CBA the final obstacle blocking the 22-year-old star from joining the NBA.

"We're going to make it. I hope to keep the momentum of the last few days going," Huizinga said at a Saturday night news conference.

The down-to-the-wire negotiations underscore China's reluctance to let go of what many view as a national asset in China.

The Sharks finally gave Yao permission in April to enter the draft after blocking him for more than two years. Two Chinese players are already in the NBA — Dallas Mavericks forward Wang Zhizhi and Denver Nuggets center Menk Bateer.

And even after Yao goes, the CBA and government sports authorities are entitled to claim half of what Yao earns from his salary and endorsements, according to new CBA rules issued in April.

Huizinga wouldn't say if the Shark's take will come out of that chunk, or out of the remaining haid the negotiations with the CBA are focused not on money but on Yao's availability to play for China's national team.

The newly issued regulations require professional players to be ready to return to China at any time to join the national team. They can also be punished for revealing the national team's plays and strategies.

College World Series

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Friday, June 14
Georgia Tech 11, South Carolina 0
Clemson 11, Nebraska 10

Saturday, June 15
Stanford 4, Notre Dame 3
Texas 2, Rice 1

Sunday, June 16
South Carolina 10, Nebraska 8, Nebraska eliminated
Clemson 9, Georgia Tech 7

Monday, June 17
Notre Dame 5, Rice 3, Rice eliminated
Texas 8, Stanford 7

Tuesday, June 18
South Carolina 9, Georgia Tech 5, Georgia Tech eliminated
Stanford 5, Notre Dame 3, Notre Dame eliminated

Wednesday, June 19
South Carolina 12, Clemson 4

Thursday, June 20
Texas 6, Stanford 5, Stanford eliminated

Friday, June 21
South Carolina 10, Clemson 2, Clemson eliminated

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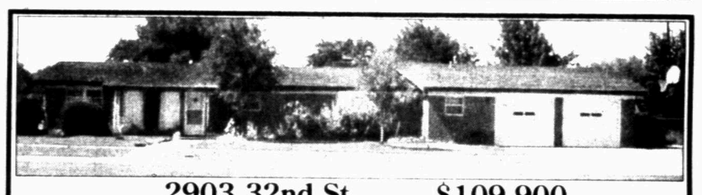
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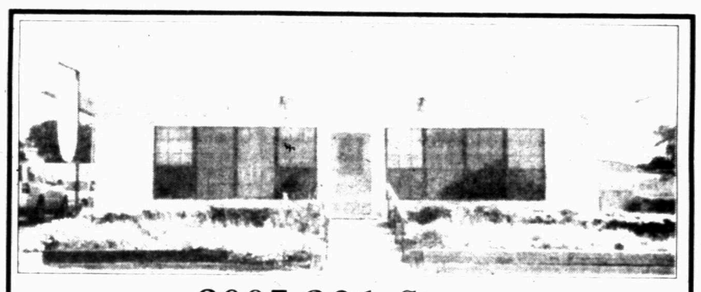
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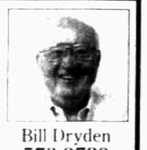
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Ag Talk

by Charlie Stenholm, U.S. Congressman 17th District

USDA Sees Lower Farm Income, Higher Income Overall

According to a report released this week, the USDA is forecasting that net cash income for farming will decrease by 13 percent this year.

This prediction was made despite an infusion of $21.7 billion in direct government payments and the efforts of Congress to insulate producers from market forces through the new Farm Bill.

USDA estimated this year's net cash income from farming at $51.1 billion, compared with $59 billion last year, and a ten-year average of approximately $56 billion.

The decline will result from a fall in cash receipts this year, especially for livestock. It is predicted receipts from crop sales will be down $500 million, while receipts from livestock sales are forecast down $7 billion.

USDA has forecast that producers of "program crops" will receive $18.33 billion from marketing loan gains, AMTA payments, direct payments, counter-cyclical payments and loan deficiency payments to compensate them for the drop in cash receipts.

USDA assumes that production flexibility payments, direct payments, and counter-cyclical payments will amount to $10.3 billion in 2002.

In making the 2002 assumption, USDA assumes the level of base acres and payment/program yields will be about the same as in 1995. Changes in income for 2002 will differ depending on farm type, size, and region.

Lower livestock receipts will be slightly offset by higher program payments for those livestock operations that are also growing program crops.

The Peanut Program and the 2002 Farm Bill

This is probably a good time to talk about the new peanut program.

As many of know, the 2002 Farm Bill terminated the Marketing Quota Program for peanuts, beginning with the 2002 crop year.

Eligible quota holders are able to receive payments through a buy-out program. The quota poundage eligible for the buyout will be based on the 2001 crop quota.

Persons eligible for the buyout payment generally will be those who owned the farm with the base quota as of the date when the 2002 Farm Bill went into effect.

The rate of compensation is 11 cents per eligible pound for each of fiscal years 2002-2006, or one lump sum payment of 55 cents per pound. Payment limitations do not apply to these benefits.

Producers will be offered direct payments, counter-cyclical payments, loan deficiency payments and marketing assistance loans. Counter-cyclical payments, which are triggered if the effective price for peanuts is less than the target price, will be made in three payments.

The target price for peanuts is $495/ton. The effective price is equal to the direct payment rate plus the higher of either the national average loan rate or the average 12-month market price.

These three payments will be made in three increments: the first payment will be made by October 31st, the second by February 1st, and the final payment as soon as it is practical after the end of the 12-month marketing year.

The producer must account for all cropland acreage on the farm, and the payment acres are 85% of the producer's average acreage for crop years 1998 through 2001.

In addition, each crop year, peanut producers may pledge their production as collateral to USDA's Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) to obtain non-recourse marketing assistance loans.

These loans have a rate of $355 per ton, with a 9-month term. Both the marketing assistance loans and loan deficiency payments can be obtained through the FSA or through marketing associations or cooperatives sponsored by the CCC.

Furthermore, the farm bill requires all peanuts marketed in the US to be officially inspected and graded by federal or state inspectors.

Finally, a Peanut Standards Board will replace the peanut administrative committee. This board will advise the Agriculture Secretary regarding the establishment of specific standards for domestic and imported peanuts.

Wool & Mohair

The Farm Bill establishes a non-recourse loan program for wool and mohair, with loan rates of $1.00 and $4.20 per pound (greasy basis), respectively.

Producers may choose to place their wool and mohair under loan and receive the established loan rate, or they may forego putting their wool and mohair under loan and receive an LDP equal to the difference between the loan rate and the prevailing repayment rate.

USDA plans to periodically announce repayment rates, adjusted for current market conditions.

Producers who place their wool and mohair under loan have two options: repaying the loan at the prevailing repayment rate, or, if market conditions warrant, forfeiting the wool and mohair pledged as collateral as full repayment of the loan.

The CCC must accept the forfeited collateral as full repayment for the loan, and cannot look to the producer to make up the difference between the market value and loan value of the wool or mohair.

Congressman Stenholm represents the 17th District of Texas in the U.S. House of Representatives and is the Ranking Member of the House Committee on Agriculture.

Scientists suggest color of final frontier: 'Cosmic latte'

BALTIMORE (AP) — Good news for coffee lovers: Space, the final frontier, is the color of a latte. So say astronomers Karl Glazebrook and Ivan Baldry at Johns Hopkins University.

In January, the two determined that the universe was a sprightly pale turquoise, then after discovering a glitch in their software in March, they realized that the average color was actually a milky brown.

Not knowing what to call it, besides beige, they solicited suggestions, prompting nearly 300 e-mails with ideas including Big Bang Beige, Cappuccino Cosmico, Galactic Gold and Infinite Sand.

The winner? Cosmic Latte.

Baldry, a postdoctoral fellow, said he and Glazebrook both love coffee, which factored into the decision. Cosmic Latte is also appropriate because it's close to "latteo," which "means Milky Way in Galileo's native Italian," the pair wrote on their Web site.

Glazebrook and Baldry discovered the milky coffee hue after gathering light from galaxies as far as several billion light years away. They processed the light, breaking it into its various colors — similar to the way a prism turns sunlight into a rainbow — and averaging the color values.

Reaction to the name was mixed among coffee drinkers.

"You've got to be kidding," said Steve Gibbons, a 24-year-old law clerk, while buying a large black coffee. "I think that's a sign that Starbucks will take over the universe. That means the end is near."

"That is too awesome," said Michael Egerton, manager of PJ's Coffee & Tea Co. in Baltimore.



On Nutrition

by Ed Blonz, Ph.D.

The health benefits of artichokes

DEAR DR. BLONZ: I have read in several publications about artichokes and their supposed artery-cleansing qualities. I have several questions regarding this subject: Should artichokes be eaten raw, or is the canned version sufficient? Also, how often should they be eaten, and how much? — J.M., Cincinnati, Ohio

Dear J.M.: Now is a good time to be thinking about artichokes, as they are in their peak season. In fact, now is the time for the annual artichoke festival in Castroville, Calif., often referred to as the artichoke capital of the world.

The artichoke is in the same family as the sunflower and the thistle. The globe-shaped "vegetable" that we eat is actually the immature bud of a beautiful purple flower. If left to bloom, it loses its appeal as a food, but it serves nicely as a table decoration. Artichokes are not typically consumed raw but are eaten after being steamed, boiled or baked, at which point they can be enjoyed hot or cold. Canned artichokes also taste wonderful.

The artichoke is high in vitamin C, fiber, folate and magnesium. The artichoke plant contains a number of beneficial phytochemicals, some which are antioxidants and others that might be of help to the liver. One compound, cynarin, appears to encourage the production of liver bile, which might help the body rid itself of unwanted cholesterol. This process isn't the same as "artery cleansing," but it certainly helps the cause.

Another compound, silymarin, is a mixture of substances also found in milk thistle, a relative of the artichoke, and has been shown to have liver-protective properties.

The part of the artichoke we eat contains some of these phytochemicals, but most are found in the plant's leaves. Check the publications you read to see what part of the plant was tested.

How often should people eat artichokes, you ask? Let your palate be your guide. The artichoke has healthful attributes, but it is a food, not a medicine, and it is one player in a cast of thousands.

DEAR DR. BLONZ: I read an article about Dr. Roy Watford, age 75, professor emeritus of pathology at the CLA School of Medicine. He lives in Venice, Calif., and is involved in research on genetically altered mice. He discovered that the less they ate "within reason," the longer they lived. In the early 1980s, he followed a restricted diet of 1,600 calories per day to give him the best chance of living to be 120. What do you think of his theory? — **H.D., Los Angeles, Calif.**

Dear H.D.: Longevity research gives a rather bizarre twist to the idea of diet. Some studies have shown that animals live longer when fed about two-thirds their normal energy (calorie) requirement. This isn't malnutrition: It is under-nutrition. We don't know if these finding apply to humans, but they certainly make one think.

We do know that calorie control is the basis of weight control. Maybe the answer to longevity (and obesity?) is to eat less than you need to maintain an "ideal" body weight. Simply go on a nutrient-rich, calorie-controlled diet, and don't go off. As the weight comes off, you continue to cut calories so that you gradually end up with a weight about 10 percent to 25 percent below "ideal."

Personally, I'm not willing to bet the quality of my life on a theory. I, for one, would not want to live to be 150 if it meant not being able to enjoy those things that make life worth living. One of them is that wonderfully satisfying feeling of fullness after an excellent meal.

Send questions to: "On Nutrition," Ed Blonz, c/o Newspaper Enterprise Association, 200 Madison Ave., New York, NY 10016. For e-mail, address inquiries to: ed@blonz.com. Due to the volume of mail, personal replies cannot be provided.

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Ask Hollywood

by Holly Wood

What happened to Dullea?

Q: Recently, I watched the movie "Madame X" with Jean Forsythe and Lana Turner. I was wondering what happened to the young man who played their son — Keir Dullea. Is he still alive? If so, what is he doing now? - **R.L., No City, No State**

A: It's interesting that you link Dullea's name to "Madame X," because most people think of him as "that guy in '2001: A Space Odyssey.'" His role as Dave Bowman in that classic sci-fi flick led to other screen and TV roles, but lately he has spent most of his time acting in theater.

Q: I would like to get autographed photographs of my favorite actors and actresses. I wrote to their networks, but because of the anthrax scare since the World Trade Center attack, they wouldn't accept my letters. Can you tell me how I can get photographs? — **C.S., Westover, Md.**

A: The Movie Market (http://www.moviemarket.com; 949-488 8444) has a great selection of photographs and autographs, but they can be pricey. A signed photo of Jessica Alba from "Dark Angel" costs $75, while a "Planet of the Apes" poster signed by some of the cast will put you out $375. Unsigned photos are much cheaper.

I wish you had told me which celebrities you are looking to contact. My answer would have been more specific.

Q: What has happened to Pernell Roberts from "Bonanza"? I have not seen him in movies or on television. How old is he? — **D.B., Mesa, Ariz.**

A: Roberts is retired from acting now, but he continued acting after leaving "Bonanza." He played the title role on the TV series "Trapper John, M.D.," and in the early '90s he hosted "FBI: The Untold Stories." He will be 74 years old on May 18.

Q: I loved Scott Bakula and Dean Stockwell in "Quantum Leap," especially Bakula. I also love "Enterprise." Could you please tell me a bit about these wonderful actors, like when and where they were born, what other TV shows and movies they have been in, and where I could write to them? Also, could you tell me if they will ever do a "Quantum Leap" reunion? — **T.K., Ontario, Canada**

A: Bakula was born in St. Louis, Mo., on Oct. 9, 1954. Some of his films include the hits "American Beauty" and "Life as a House" and the bombs "Major League 3: Back to the Minors" and "Sibling Rivalry." If you're a fan of obscure, short-lived TV series, you might have seen him in "Gung Ho" and "Eisenhower & Lutz." You can write to Bakula at 14431 Ventura Blvd., Suite 359, Sherman Oaks, CA 91423.

Stockwell has been acting since the beginning of time. (OK, so I'm exaggerating, but not by much.) He was born on March 5, 1936 in Hollywood, Calif., and he appeared in "The Rainmaker," "Force One." More recently, he guest-starred on "First Monday" and "Enterprise." You can write to him c/o J.J. Harris, United Talent Agency, 9560 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 500, Beverly Hills, CA 90212.

There are no plans to film a reunion, since Bakula is busy with "Enterprise" and "Quantum Leap" executive producer Donald P. Bellisario is busy with "JAG."

TRIVIA: Scott Bakula says the big, white streak in his hair appeared inexplicably when he was 4 years old.

(Send your questions to Ask Holly Wood, c/o Newspaper Enterprise Association, 200 Madison Ave., New York, N.Y. 10016, or write to HollyWood85@hotmail.com. Because of the volume of mail, personal replies cannot be provided.)

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Bush advisers can't reach consensus on proposal for Palestinian statehood

WASHINGTON (AP)— President Bush's senior advisers are struggling to decide on terms for a Palestinian state even as sustained violence in the Middle East casts a long shadow over U.S. peacemaking hopes.

Bush plans to remain at the White House over the weekend to keep working on a long-anticipated announcement on how he would like to see the Palestinians launched on the road to statehood.

Even within the administration, however, sentiment is growing not to announce a plan amid a series of deadly attacks on Israel. The impact might well be diminished, and the timing could appear unfeeling, one official said.

The main unresolved issue is how much democratic change to be required of the Palestinian Authority before starting up a state, another U.S. official told The Associated Press.

Bush remains committed to a provisional Palestinian state he hopes would develop into a full-fledged state to live side-by-side at peace with Israel.

There is little precedent for an interim state, however, and Bush's advisers were uncertain whether it could join the United Nations, have a currency or exercise other powers normally associated with statehood, the official said.

Bush met on Friday with Secretary of State Colin Powell, national security adviser Condoleezza Rice and other senior aides without reaching consensus on a wide range of issues, two U.S. officials said. They said the issues to be resolved were marginal, and the president's plan was not open to serious alteration.

"There are still discussions going on," State Department spokesman Richard Boucher said. He offered no prediction when unsettled issues might be resolved. Nor did the other officials, who spoke on condition of anonymity, although one said he would not rule out an announcement on Monday.

"This is an evolving process," Boucher said, "but the president has indeed reached some conclusions."

In Orlando, Fla., Bush was blunt about his timing. "If you're talking about the speech," he told reporters, "I'll give the speech when I'm ready to give the speech."

No injuries reported in car bomb blast

MADRID, Spain (AP) — A car bomb — the fifth explosion in two days — blew up in the northern city of Santander on Saturday, two hours after a package bomb went off on the southern coast. The two attacks coincided with the closing of the European Union summit in Seville and were the work of Basque separatist.

No injuries were reported in the latest blast that went off at 2:47 p.m. in Santander, a northern coastal city 244 miles from Madrid.

Earlier in the day, a package bomb exploded in a hotel parking lot in the southern coastal city of Malaga. No one was injured in that blast.

Police in Santander received a telephone warning that a car would explode in 30 minutes, as they had in previous explosions. A spokesman said police had time to evacuate the area even though the bomb exploded five minutes before the ETA caller said it would.

At the start of the European Union summit on Friday, three car bombs rocked the southern cities of Marbella and Fuengirola and the northeast city of Zaragoza. Those explosions also were claimed by ETA, or Euskadi Ta Askatasuna, which stands for Basque Homeland and Freedom.

ETA has killed more than 800 people since the late 1960s in its violent campaign for an independent Basque state in northern Spain and southwestern France. Spain, the United States and the European Union have all branded ETA a terrorist organization.

The first explosion Friday morning shook Fuengirola, 70 miles southeast of Seville, critically injuring a British tourist who crossed a police line. Five other people were hurt by flying glass.

Six hours later, a bomb went off the center of nearby Marbella, a playground for the rich and famous, burning cars but causing no injuries.

The third bomb exploded Friday night in Zaragoza, 530 miles northeast of Seville. Police said a security guard and two others were slightly injured in the blast in a department store parking lot

Bush sets fast pace for national fitness

WASHINGTON (AP) — With the blast of an artillery cannon to mark the start, President Bush ran a three-mile race at a local Army base with hundreds of White House staff members Saturday to make the point for out-of-shape Americans that they should get off the couch and into exercise.

The president, running in blue shorts and a white T-shirt with "Healthier U.S. Government" on his back and the No. 1 on his chest, finished in 20 minutes 27 seconds, better than his usual 20:30 for three miles. He runs a mile in under seven minutes.

"It felt great. It was less than 20:30," Bush said at the finish line, soaking with sweat in the humid morning sun. About two dozen runners finished ahead of their boss after the two laps-plus run over the track at Fort McNair in Southwest Washington.

Later, after cooling off, Bush went before television cameras to get out his message with a lecture to his staff.

"It's important for those of us in the White House to live how we talk," Bush said. "If we're going to say we're going to live a healthy life, let's do it. If we say we care about a neighbor in need, we want to love a neighbor like we'd like to be loved ourselves, let's show it through our actions."

Regular exercise is important for those in the White House, Bush said. "I hope you understand that at least that's how the boss thinks," he said.

To Americans, he said: "I know you're a better worker if you exercise on a daily basis. I know you'll help keep the health care costs down in America if you exercise on a daily basis. I know your life will be more complete if you exercise and serve a neighbor in need."

"The president is a competitive person, and he wants everyone to run their hardest," deputy White House press secretary Scott McClellan had said. The White House said 400 White House staff members and Housing Secretary Mel Martinez and Agriculture Secretary Ann Veneman were registered to participate.

As an entry fee, all runners and walkers pledged themselves to donate several hours of service to the community or religious organization of their choice.

The first lady, Laura Bush, led a group of walkers on a 11/2-mile walk and was clocked at 22:58.

All runners and walkers had computer chips attached to their shoes to record their finish times.

Bush, 55, is offering his own exercise regimen as an example for others.

"I exercise every day, ... and I feel better for it," Bush said Friday after touring an Orlando, Fla., center for the elderly. "I sleep better. I eat better. I'm a lot more pleasant fellow to be around after I exercise."

He said the payoffs are important, not only for individual Americans but for the country.

"When America and Americans are healthier, our whole society benefits," Bush said as he kicked off a fitness festival on the South Lawn of the White House this week.

The president's advice: Get physically active every day. Eat well. Receive preventive screenings. Don't smoke, drink too much or use illegal drugs.

Bush's own routine includes a "hard run" on Sundays, his 201/2-minute three miles. On Thursdays, he routinely jogs about four miles.

When at the Camp David presidential retreat in Maryland's Catoctin Mountains, Bush runs outside; in Washington, he likes the outdoor running offered by Fort McNair; around the White House, he works out on a treadmill or exercise machine. His routines generally include lifting weights and stretching.

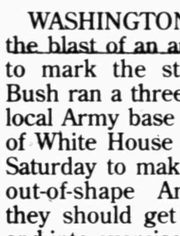
Bush underscored the fitness theme in his weekly radio address Saturday, saying every participant in the Fort McNair race "took important steps on the road to better health."

Obituaries

Eunice Houston

1908-2002

Eunice "Murr" Houston, longtime Snyder resident, died Friday, June 21, in Kristi Lee Manor in Colorado City after a lengthy illness.



Mrs. Houston

Service for Mrs. Houston, 93, is set for 3 p.m. Sunday in Northside Baptist Church with the Rev. David Phillips, pastor, officiating. Burial will follow in the Snyder Cemetery. Services are under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Born on Oct. 18, 1908 in Paris, Tex., she married Dave Houston on Nov. 22, 1932 in Lovington, N.M. He died April 8, 1962. Mrs. Houston worked at the ticket booth at Tiger Drive-in Theatre until it closed, then she worked at Tot-2-Teen until she retired in 1985. She was a member of Northside Baptist Church.

She also was preceded in death by one son, Corky Houston, on March 18; two sisters; and three brothers.

Survivors include a daughter and son-in-law, Anita and Joe Brown of Snyder; a brother and sister-in-law, Scott and Billie Starnes of Benbrook; two granddaughters and their husbands, Debbie and Tommy Early of Snyder and Mary Alice and Danny Parham of Colorado City; two grandsons and their wives, Dave and Denise Brown of Snyder and Sam and Jantha Houston of Houston; a chosen daughter and her husband, Pat and Red Faver of Snyder; five great-grandchildren including Krisi Early of Snyder; and one great-great-grandson.

Pallbearers will be Dave Brown, Tom Early, Sam Houston, K.C. Goodman, Danny Williams and Ron Shaw.

Family visitation is set for 6-8 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

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18-year-old is arrested here

Arrest

Officers arrested an 18-year-old male at the juvenile probation office at 10:25 a.m. Friday to lay out fines from JP court.

Theft

Marcus Clay reported his car antenna stolen just before 6 o'clock Friday evening in the 3400 block of Ave. L.

Close patrols

A woman requested a close patrol of her residence in the 3000 block of 40th at 6:30 Friday morning concerning subjects dumping trash in her yard.

An employee with Eddins-Walcher requested a close patrol of the parking lot just before 2 o'clock Friday afternoon regarding vehicles cutting across the lot and causing a traffic hazard.

Juvenile mischief

Officers reported two trees at Stanfield Elementary had been toilet papered at 2:30 a.m. Saturday.

Noise disturbances

A woman requested officers at 12:30 a.m. Saturday in reference to a loud party in the 1700 block of Scott. Officers advised the subjects they would be issued citations if another call is received.

Gas drive off

An employee with Town and Country north reported a gas drive off at 8:30 Friday morning worth $12.34.

Chamber will meet Monday

Snyder Chamber of Commerce directors will meet at noon Monday in the boardroom to hear reports on recent projects.

Reports are expected on the Western Swing Festival, the Sammy Baugh Golf Tournament and the Fly-in Breakfast.

In addition, an update of the annual July 4 celebration to be held in Towle Park will be given.

Times for employee vacations also will be discussed.

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ONGOINGS

Museum exhibit

A special exhibit of Harley-Davidson, Indian motorcycles and Cushman motor scooters continues through Aug. 22 at the Scurry County Museum on the Western Texas College campus. The free exhibit is entitled *Ready To Roll* and all bikes are owned by residents of Scurry County.

WTC recruiting tape

Western Texas College will broadcast a 15-minute recruiting video tape over WTC's Channel 22 Sunday. It will be played on the hour beginning at 8 a.m. The video features a review of campus activities from the past school year and is shown to area high school students in the fall as part of the college's recruiting efforts.

Fourth of July briskets

The Scurry County 4-H Horse Club is selling whole smoked briskets to be delivered next weekend. Contact any member or call 573-3797 to order. Deadline to order is today.

Youth camp fundraiser

Word is Life Deliverance Church will hold a youth camp fundraiser beginning at 7 p.m. Saturday at the church, 602 30th St.

Central Baptist revival

Central Baptist Church will host revival services at 7 p.m. Sunday though Friday. Dr. Wes Massey will be the evangelist and Don Thornton will lead the music. For information or transportation, call 863-2305.

First Methodist VBS

First United Methodist Church will have a Vacation Bible School from 9 a.m. to noon Monday through Friday. For more information, call 573-5416.

Bible study tapes

Bible videos air each week on Channel 2. To be shown at 7 p.m. Monday is "Following God's Plan," followed by "The Case Against Gambling."

Steer validation

The 2002 steer validation will be Tuesday at the West Texas Animal Clinic. Validations will begin at 6 p.m. and both the parent and child will need to be present for signatures on forms and blood cards. The exhibitor's social security number is also required. Contact the Scurry County extension office for more information at 573-5423.

Gateway Family Services

Gateway Family Services has a parenting discussion group from 10:30-11:30 a.m. every Tuesday, focusing on parenting issues and special challenges. The family violence support group also meets from 6:30-7:30 p.m. every Tuesday.

Genealogical Society meeting

Scurry County Genealogical Society will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the Scurry County Library. Frances Pitner will present a program on microfilm census research. Visitors are welcome. Membership dues are $12.50 per person or $15 for a couple.

Class of 1977 reunion

The SHS class of 1977 will hold a reunion from 7 p.m. until midnight on Saturday, June 29, at Snyder Country Club. Information available from Sheila Collier, 573-0882, or Janie McCormick, 573-1637.

Red Cross fundraiser

Representatives of the American Red Cross will be in the United parking lot between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Saturday, June 29, to accept donations for disaster relief.

SHS class of 1992 reunion

The 1992 class of Snyder High School needs addresses for classmates. Call Melanie at 573-4022, Julie at 573-1634 or Amy at 573-4793. The reunion will be held at the end of July.

SHS class of 1987 reunion

The 1987 class of Snyder High School will have a 15-year reunion dinner Saturday, July 6, at Snyder Country Club. RSVP by June 15 to Robyn Wilson at 915-552-7791 or Dee Chasteen at 573-2913.

Discovery School registration

Fall registration for Discovery School will be from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. July 8-12. The fall session begins Aug. 1. For more information, call 573-4770.

WTC pool hours

June: M-F 6:30-8 a.m. and noon-1 p.m. Open swim: M-F 2-5 p.m. Thursday nights: 7-9 p.m. for $5 family swim. Cost of each visit is $2 or $25 for a two-month membership. Swimming pool will close Thursday for maintenance work.

Cancer treatment transportation

Transportation for cancer patients to Lubbock, Abilene or Midland is available free of charge. Call Sammie Jarrell at 573-5993 or Blakey Fargason at 574-8041. If not home, leave message on answering machine.

Van carrying fire crews en route to Colorado crashes

PARACHUTE, Colo. (AP) — A van carrying fire personnel to a wildfire southwest of Denver crashed Friday night, killing four passengers and injuring at least three others, a state trooper said.

Colorado State Patrol spokesman Don Moseman said the van was from La Grande, Ore., and was carrying 11 people. It veered off Interstate 70, near Parachute, then rolled several times before resting upright.

Moseman said reckless driving charges were possible against the driver, Megan Helm, 21, of La Grande, who had moderate injuries. He said there was no indication that alcohol or drugs were involved.

The van was part of a convoy of eight vehicles en route to the 137,000-acre blaze, the state's largest. Four people were thrown from the van, but it was unclear whether those were the four who were killed.

"We had a lot of distraught people out there," Moseman said. "Of course in a convoy, some of their group saw it happen. It was very rough for them."

Retha Shirley, 19, from Baker City, Ore., was killed. The names of the other victims were not released.

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Two jurors dozed off during trial

HOUSTON (AP) — Two members of the jury that convicted Arthur Andersen LLP of obstruction of justice last week dozed off in the first two weeks of the trial, prompting complaints from other jurors and intervention from the judge, a juror said Friday.

Jack Gallo, a station manager for AirTran Airways in Houston, told The Associated Press he wrote a note to U.S. District Judge Melinda Harmon last month complaining about two jurors who fell asleep during testimony. Two other jurors signed the note, he said.

The trial started with jury selection May 6 and ended June 15 with a guilty verdict after 72 hours of deliberations spread over 10 days.

Gallo said he tried to give a U.S. marshal the note, but the marshal advised him it had to be written on a form designed for jury notes. The marshal also told him Harmon was aware of the problem.

Gallo said the marshal told Harmon about the matter and Gallo kept his note. He said he was satisfied Harmon addressed the problem when the sleepers remained awake for the rest of the trial.



LOTTO FEVER — Jennifer Garza of Davidson's IGA scans a ticket for the Texas Lotto Saturday morning. Ticket sales for Saturday's drawing skyrocketed this week due to the $70 million jackpot. (SDN Staff Photo by Bobby Allen)

Texans hoping to hit it big in Saturday night's jackpot

DALLAS (AP) — Texans scrambling to buy lottery tickets this week entertained visions of diamonds, mansions and luxury cars.

But the odds of winning Saturday night's $70 million jackpot, one of Texas' largest, were slim — about 25.8 million to 1.

Saturday's pot has attracted ticket-buyers who might not normally buy tickets. That's just what lottery promoters have been hoping for with sales slumping in the last year.

Millionaire hopefuls from Texas, and all its neighbors, including Mexico, were buying 33,000 tickets a minute on Wednesday, pushing the jackpot to the $70 million estimate on Thursday, said Lottery spokesman Keith Elkins.

The largest jackpot in the lottery's history was $85 million, which was won by an Austin resident in March 2001.

"Any time you're the highest jackpot (in the nation), that's when you start attracting people from outside the state," Elkins said. "We're getting reports from all of our border outlets that we are selling more than usual."

He said the next highest jackpot nationwide was a multistate lottery totaling $50 million.

When lottery officials reconfigured the game in July 2000, they added four numbered balls to the existing 50 so that picking the six correct numbers would be more difficult.

Officials hoped that fewer winners would create bigger rollover jackpots and boost overall ticket sales.

While the move worked initially, ticket sales fell even more in the second year, which ends this month. The weekly average jackpot is lower than before the game was altered.

"We've just gotten hit so many times, and our players keep beating the odds" before the jackpot can grow, said Leticia Vasquez, a lottery spokeswoman.

"But I don't think the lotto is in trouble at all. Not by a long shot."

Dawn Nettles has a different way of reading the bouncing balls. The self-appointed lottery watchdog has refused to play lotto since the game was changed.

"The people of Texas told them no, but they added the extra balls anyway," Nettles said in Saturday's editions of The Dallas Morning News. "They've made their players angry, and people have quit."

Mathematicians say the lure of millions of dollars induces gamblers to abandon common sense.

"It's not that you have any greater chance of winning. You don't," said Dick Gunst, chairman of Southern Methodist University's statistical science department. "It's part of human nature that the larger the award gets, more people say, 'I'm willing to put my dollar down.'"

The lottery, Gunst said, is a fool's game. Still, it's a game he plays.

"I do it just for fun, without any expectation of winning."

Teacher wins $3 million in lab lawsuit

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A jury has found a medical laboratory negligent for failing to detect cancer cells in a biopsy performed on an elementary school teacher.

Lorie Compton, 28, won nearly $3 million in the lawsuit against North Carolina-based Laboratory Corporation of America.

The laboratory discovered the cancer 14 months after Compton's initial biopsy.

By then, she had to undergo a radical hysterectomy, which left her infertile.

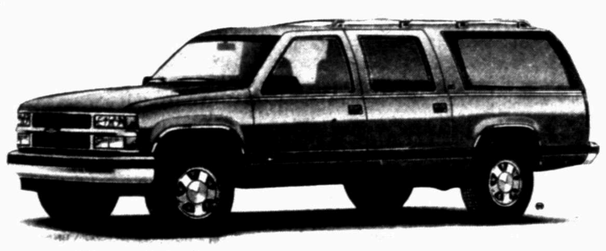
The laboratory's attorney, Faye Caldwell, could not be reached Friday.

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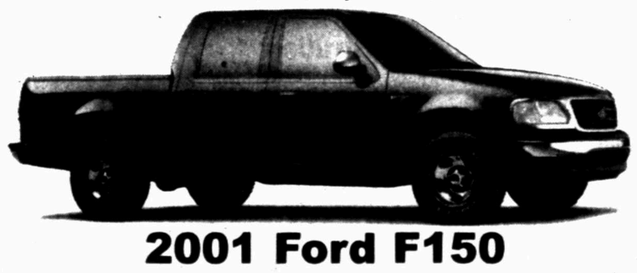
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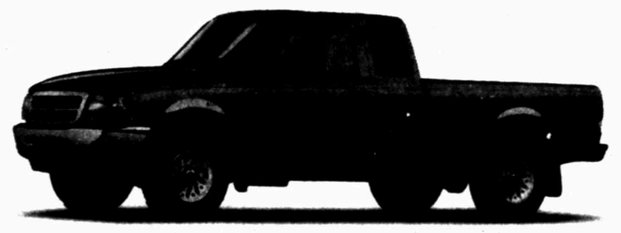
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V-8, power windows/locks, low miles, like new
2000 Mitsubishi Galantes $13,995
Auto, power windows/locks, CD, cruise, low miles
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4 cyl., auto, power windows/locks, low miles
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V-6, power windows/locks, extra clean
1998 Ford Taurus SE $6,995
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Snyder woman and half-sister meet for first time

Whew!

Rhonda Fletcher won't soon forget May 2002. Last month was filled with surprises for the 38-year-old Snyder woman, who has been on an emotional roller coaster ride since meeting her half-sister, Maria Herren of Monterrey, Calif.

Fletcher also received another rather unexpected *surprise* in May, but more about that later.

Fletcher, her husband, Jay, and their son, Jarrod, were visiting Fletcher's relatives in Plainville, Kan. Fletcher, the youngest of three sisters, and Herren had talked on the telephone and exchanged letters and photos, but they did not meet face-to-face until last month. Another sister, Terri Malin of Plainville, was also present. Their father was Everett McClelland who died in 1984.

Fletcher and Malin met their half-sister at the Hays Regional Airport, which is about 20 miles from Plainville. They presented her with a bouquet of flowers. At first, Fletcher said, "We just bawled and held each other."

The airport was very small and due to the commotion she said people thought a celebrity had arrived.

"No," Fletcher and Malin said. "We're just meeting our half-sister for the first time."

After the initial introductions, Fletcher said they went to a restaurant where they continued their get-acquainted session.

The sisters became celebrities for a time after the Hays Daily News wrote a story about them, and townspeople recognized them when they went shopping.

While Fletcher and Malin were growing up in Plainville, Fletcher said they did not know they had a Japanese half-sister. While looking through a collection of old photographs, Fletcher said they saw the same Japanese woman in many of the pictures.

When Fletcher asked her mother, Betty, who the woman was, she learned that her father and Taeko Murata had met while he was stationed in Japan during World War II, and that she gave birth to a daughter after he was transferred to the United States.

Fletcher said her dad had known Murata was pregnant, but illness forced him to return to the United States in 1947. He later learned she had given birth to a daughter.

After 12 months in a veterans' hospital, McClelland returned to his home town of Augusta, Kan. He later met and married Betty Chappell in 1948, and they had two daughters. Fletcher remains the youngest sister, but Malin is now the middle sister.

"My mother knew about Maria. They sent her clothes and a doll that my mother had picked out, Fletcher said.

McClelland had kept in touch with Murata and their daughter but eventually he lost contact with them and was unable to relocate them.



THREE SISTERS — Rhonda Fletcher of Snyder, left, and Terri Malin of Plainville, Kans., center, met their half-sister, Maria Herron of Monterrey, Calif., for the first time last month. (Contributed Photo)

Life in postwar Japan had been anything but kind to Murata. When her family disowned her for getting pregnant, the Japanese woman found work at an American base.

She eventually married another U.S. serviceman who adopted Herren. Murata and her husband had a son, Mitchel Viksik. When Herren was eight and Mitchel, 2, the family moved to America.

After they arrived in the U.S., Murata took a picture of her daughter standing in front of the military base they were living in at the time and sent it to McClelland to let him know that that they were now living in the United States.

Murata mailed it to the address of McClelland's parents who lived in Augusta, Kan., the only address she had. That was in 1955, and when she did not receive a reply Murata dropped the matter because she thought McClelland had a new life and was no longer interested in his daughter Maria.

Fletcher does not know why her dad never received the letter, but noted that his family, especially his mother, did not want to accept the Japanese woman.

Family is very important to Fletcher so she began to search for her half-sister but ran into dead ends every where she turned. Her father had lied about his age when he enlisted and he changed the spelling of his last name by adding a "d" to McClellan. Also her dad's service records had been lost in a fire in St. Louis. The Social Security Administration wasn't able to help her either. Out of resources, Fletcher resigned herself to never finding her half-sister.

Though Murata spoke "broken" English, Fletcher said Herren did have some idea of what her father's last name was. However, she never tried to find McClelland because she mistakenly thought he didn't want to see her. Herren married and had a son and a daughter. After her daughter, Gina, developed an interest in genealogy they tried to find McClelland.

They got a break when one of Herren's friends, who lives in Kansas, searched for an Everett McClelland but found his brother, Glen McClellan instead.

Herren's friend gave the uncle's name and number to her but she had mixed feelings about calling him. Gina actually made the first call. When Fletcher was in Augusta, Kan. for the funeral of her mother's grandmother, her uncle showed her a card Herren had mailed to him indicating that she wanted to get to know her father's family.

"I called Maria as soon as I got back to Snyder," Fletcher said. "I left a message and Maria returned my call."

Since then, the half-sisters have corresponded, exchanged pictures and stories and spoken on the telephone many times.

They always wanted to get together but somehow never did. Finally, Fletcher said her half-sister's husband told her to quit procrastinating and get on an airplane. She booked her flight to Kansas for May 28. Fletcher and her husband and son were visiting in Plainville at the time.

During the long-anticipated visit, the three sisters exchanged more stories and pictures, compared features and watched home movies. Fletcher said her mother "welcomed Maria with open arms."

They talked endlessly and even shared an emotional visit to their father's gravesite. Fletcher and Malin told Herren that their father had tried to find her, which was welcome news. But since Murata's family had disowned her and she had moved to another camp he was not able to find them.

Fletcher and Malin learned that their half-sister's Japanese school mates never accepted her because, with brown hair and freckles, she looked so different from them. She had much the same experience in the United States, where she didn't exactly fit in either. Herren and her family first lived on a base in New Jersey, later being transferred to bases in North Carolina and Alabama.

In spite of that though, Herren told her half-sisters that she had a happy life and childhood. She does regret though that she never got to meet her dad before he died.

Fletcher also wishes Herren and her father could have gotten to know each other while he was alive. Growing up, she said she and Terri did become somewhat familiar with the Japanese culture because the family hosted Japanese foreign exchange students and Fletcher also was an exchange student to Japan.

Now that the three sisters have met they want to arrange more visits in the future. Fletcher said Herren wants her family to come with her for the next visit. Fletcher also wants to meet Murata.

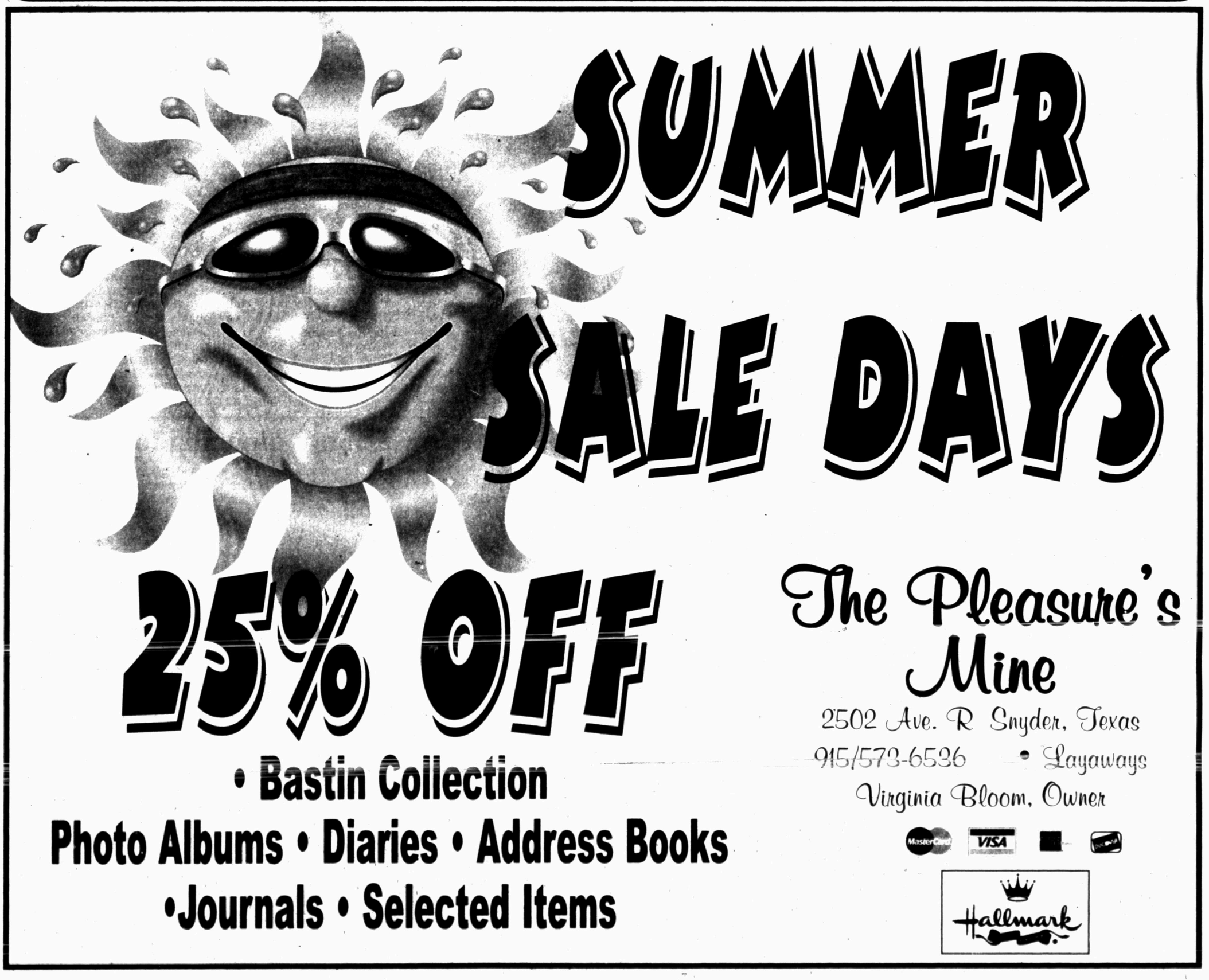
And the other surprise? Besides the excitement generated by meeting her half-sister, Fletcher also learned she is pregnant for the first time. She and husband Jay adopted their son Jarrod, who is now 15 years old.

Scurry County Folks

By Shirley A. Gorman

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ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED — Robert L. Jr. and Harriet E. Braziel announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Edwina Brooks, to Cleofas Soto IV. He is the son of Rosa and Jessie Gonzales and Mr. and Mrs. Cleofas Soto III, all of San Antonio. A 1 p.m. wedding is set for July 27 in Saint Helena's Catholic Church in San Antonio. (Contributed Photo)

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

North 06-22-02
♠ Q 5 4
♥ 8 2
♦ A K 10 9 4 3
♣ 5 2

West
♠ 10 9 2
♥ J 10 7 4
♦ Q 6
♣ K J 9 3

East
♠ K J 8 6 3
♥ Q 6 3
♦ J 8 5
♣ 10 4

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

Vulnerable: Both
Dealer: South

South	West	North	East
1 ♣	Pass	1 ♦	Pass
1 ♥	Pass	3 ♦	Pass
3 NT	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♠ 10

Don't be knocked down; knock down

Last week, I used a quotation about a pessimist looking both ways before crossing a one-way street. After Alan Truscott, the bridge columnist for The New York Times, had seen it, he told me about a real-life optimist, John B. Hurt, who was an American cryptanalyst during World War II. When Hurt wanted to cross a road, he didn't look either way; he assumed the traffic would avoid him. One day, though, he was knocked down by a taxi.

The driver jumped out and asked, "Are you hurt?"

"Yes —John B.," and he walked away.

At the bridge table, the opponents try to knock you down, metaphorically. But it is much better for you to knock them down. Who delivers the telling blow in this deal?

North judged that his aggressive game-invitational three-diamond rebid was less of an overbid than two diamonds would be an underbid. (If you would have reached three no-trump by North, well done! Even if a psychic East finds a club start, you win with South's ace and duck a diamond.)

West led the unbid suit — an excellent choice here.

Declarer seems to have nine easy tricks: one spade, two hearts, five diamonds and one club. Seeing it that way, South played a low spade from the dummy, won with his ace, and immediately led a diamond, getting ready to count out the defenders. However, West sidestepped and threw the diamond queen onto the table.

Knockout! If declarer ducked in the dummy, West would lead another spade, giving East four tricks in the suit. On the other hand, if declarer won with dummy's king, he could no longer enjoy the suit.

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Robbins, Goswick repeat vows

Susan Elizabeth Robbins of Snyder and Travis D'Wayne Goswick of Snyder were united in marriage at 7 p.m. Saturday, March 2 in the Calvary Baptist Church. The Rev. Larry McAden, pastor of the church, performed the double-ring ceremony.

Susan is the daughter of Mike and Carolyn Robbins of Snyder. She is the granddaughter of the late Dr. and Mrs. J.E. Harrison and the late Mr. and Mrs. Jack Robbins of Hamlin.

Travis is the son of Joe and Joyce Groves of Hermleigh and the grandson of Beatrice Reynolds of Clyde.

Vows were pledged before a brass, arched candelabrum with tapered candles and was decorated with lilies, roses, alstomerias, dendrobium orchids, freesia, mini calla lilies and million star gypsophila draped in tulle. Also draped in tulle were two spiral candelabras on each side. A white pilar held their unity candle decorated with flowers and tulle draped down the front.

Pews were marked with bouquets of lilies, roses, alstromerias, dendrobium orchids, freesia, snapdragons, delpheniums, carnations and tulle bows.

Favorite songs of the bride and groom were played by Cole McLeod as guests were seated.

Candle lighter was Wesley Goswick of Westbrook, nephew of the groom. He wore a black classic fulldress tuxedo, burgundy vest and a matching bow tie.

Kelly Goswick, sister-in-law of the room from Scottsdale, Ariz., presided at the registration table in the foyer was The round table, covered with a white floor-length cloth, was decorated with the register book, a mixed arrangement of the bride's flowers and scrolls that were given to guests as they arrived.

Ushers were Shannon Robbins, brother of the bride from Snyder; Raymond Goswick, brother of the bridegroom from Westbrook; Christopher Cary, cousin of the bride from Hale Center; and Patrick Wardwell, cousin of the bride from Hamlin. They wore matching black classic fulldress tuxedos, burgundy vests with matching bow ties.

Patrick Wardwell escorted the bridegroom's grandmother and mother of the bride to their seats. The groom's parents were escorted by Christopher Cary.

Sheila Sorrells sang "The Lord's Prayer," accompanied by Cole McLeod.

The bride was escorted and given in marriage by her father as the traditional "Wedding March" was played. The bride wore an elegant gown in rich Italian matte satin. The bodice featured a sweetheart neckline with long sleeves and was adorned with imported Alencon lace, crystal and pearl beading. The skirt bottom was embellished with matching lace, pearls and crystals and the cathedral-length train echoed the beading and lace.

She wore a rhinestone tiara with a detachable chapel-length viel and a hand beaded comb that was made by Lana Galloway. She carried a cascade bridal bouquet of pink roses, stephanotis, sprays of dendrobium orchids, stargazer lilies, mini calla lilies, alstromerias, freesia and million star gypsophila.

The arrangements and other decorations were done by Stacie Goswick of Westbrook.

The bride's honor attendant was Emily Clark, her cousin from Hamlin. Bridesmaids were Elizabeth Cary, cousin of the bride from Hale Center, Shana Robbins, sister-in-law of the bride and Katye Draughon, both of Snyder.

Attendants wore a long two-piece Montego satin shantung burgundy skirt that had a bodice of matching satin shantung that featured a scoop neck. They each carried a small cascade bouquet of flowers like the bridal bouquet.

The groom's best man was Bryan Luna from Lubbock. Groomsmen were Kris Randolph from Abilene, Shannon Robbins, brother of the bride from Snyder and Raymond Goswick, brother of the groom from Westbrook. They wore black classic fulldress tuxedos, burgundy vests with matching bow ties and rose boutonnieres.

Flower girls were Riley Rorie, niece of the bridegroom from Arkadelphia, Ark., and Katherine Clark, cousin of the bride from Hamlin. They wore candlelight, floor-length dresses with satin bodices and tulle skirt enhanced with flowers along the hemline.

Carrying the Bible was Mason Tabor and ring bearer was Logan Tabor, both of Snyder. They wore black classic fulldress tuxedos, burgundy vests, matching bow ties and rose boutonnieres.

The bride's and groom's attendants entered to "Canon in D Major." They lit the unity candle as a CD played "There You Are."

After the scripture reading from Ephesians, a video of Susan and Travis was shown as the CD "You Are the Love of My Life" was played.

The reception was held in the fellowship hall of the church where the bride's table was covered with a floor-length gathered satin skirt and lace overlay, furnished by Nona Williams.

The four-tiered bride's cake, made by Tori Thompson, topped the cake with a Dreamsicle bride and groom. Punch was served from a silver fountain. The punch was made by Stephanie Highfield who also coordinated and decorated the guests' tables. Serving were Stephanie and Lynda Wardwell.

The groom's table was covered with a floor-length lace cloth and held the two-layer chocolate cake decorated with a Superman emblem. It was made and decorated by Tori Thompson. Coffee was served from a silver server. White- and chocolate- dipped strawberries were prepared by the groom's mother, Joyce Groves. Serving were Lana Galloway, Connie Wells and Marily Cary, aunt of the bride from Hale Center.

The couple departed under a rainbow of bubbles for their honeymoon trip to San Antonio and Fredericksburg. They reside in Snyder.

The rehearsal dinner, hosted by the groom's parents, was held at the church Friday evening prior to the wedding.

The bride graduated from Snyder High School and attended WTC. The groom, a graduate of Ira High School, also attended WTC.



Mr. and Mrs. Travis Goswick
(Mr. Geez Photography)

Bridge Scores

Monte West directed bridge at the Snyder Country Club.

Friday, June 14

A Group

1. Ann Davis, Monte West.
2. Margaret Birdwell, Barbara Yorgesen.
3. Sue Reed, Anita Talbott.
4. Gayle Denton, Louise Thompson.

B Group

1. Sue Reed, Anita Talbott.
2. Mina Nesbit, Dora Blakey.
3. Pat Floyd, Tizzy Hall.
4. Vera McSpaden, Paula Gilbert.

Tuesday, June 18

A Group

1. Linda West, Monte West tied with Betty Gibson, John Gibson.
2. Barbara Yorgesen, Dora Blakey.
3. Darla Smith, Fritz Smith.
4. Peggy Hardin, Nonnie Ward.

B Group

1. Betty Gibson, John Gibson.
2. Darla Smith, Fritz Smith.
3. Peggy Hardin, Nonnie Ward.
4. Pat Floyd, Margaret Dillaha.

Winners crowned

WILDWOOD, N.J. (AP) — The marbles kingdom has a new king — and queen.

Jonathan Hulse, 14, of Washington County, Md., and Morgan Kellman, 13, of Middletown, Md., were crowned Thursday after outlasting 57 other contestants in the 79th annual National Marbles Tournament.

In doing so, each won a $2,000 college scholarship — and a permanent place in the Marbles Hall of Fame here.

Hulse defeated Christopher Miller, 13, of Pittsburgh, 8-6 in the boys' final and Kellman posted an 8-3 victory over Carly Miller, 10, of Allegheny County, Pa.

Births

Rigoberto and Nohemi Rios of Snyder announce the birth of their daughter, Stephanie Rios, at 3:57 a.m. on June 19 in Cogdell Memorial Hospital. Stephanie weighed seven pounds, five ounces.

Grandparents are Raul and Dora Rios of Snyder and Jesus and Oralia Cruz of Mexico.

Blake and Roni Durham of Sweetwater announce the birth of their daughter, Averi Dartin Durham, weighing seven pounds, 14 ounces. Averi was born on June 14 in Rolling Plains Hospital in Sweetwater.

Paternal grandparents are Billy and Cindy Durham of Snyder and great-grandparents are Evelyn Durham of Snyder, Jesse and Marita Dea of Quanah. Maternal grandparents are Frank and Linda Leford of Moscoe, Kan., and the late Clifford James.

Historic Scurry County planning fundraiser

Historic Scurry County Inc. and Historic Commission members have planned a fundraiser to renovate the Cornelius-Dodson House to be held at the Dermott School at 7:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on July 4.

Jean and Jess Everett will have a book and art show and sale inside the schoolhouse. Jess, an artist, will also have a picture to be given away with donations of $1 per ticket. The drawing will be held at White Buffalo Days Celebration in September.

If weather permits, a flea market will take place on the lawn and there will be a $5 fee to set up a table to sell baked goods, crafts and garage sale items. Those interested in having a table in the flea market should call Lois Bartels at 573-3822.

Anyone wishing to donate items for the sale may call the same number and the donations will be picked up. Donated items may be brought to the schoolhouse on July 3, 9 a.m. to noon.

Officials declare 'Hi Neighbor' day

WORTHINGTON, Ohio (AP) — Officials in this Columbus suburb want neighbors to be more neighborly.

So they declared Friday and Saturday nights "Hi Neighbor" nights.

The City Community Relations Commission posted fliers urging residents to take part in the ice-breaker this weekend.

The rules are simple: Residents whose addresses are odd numbers are to sit in their front yards from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Friday. Everyone on the other side of the street is to come over and say hello.

Bridal Registry

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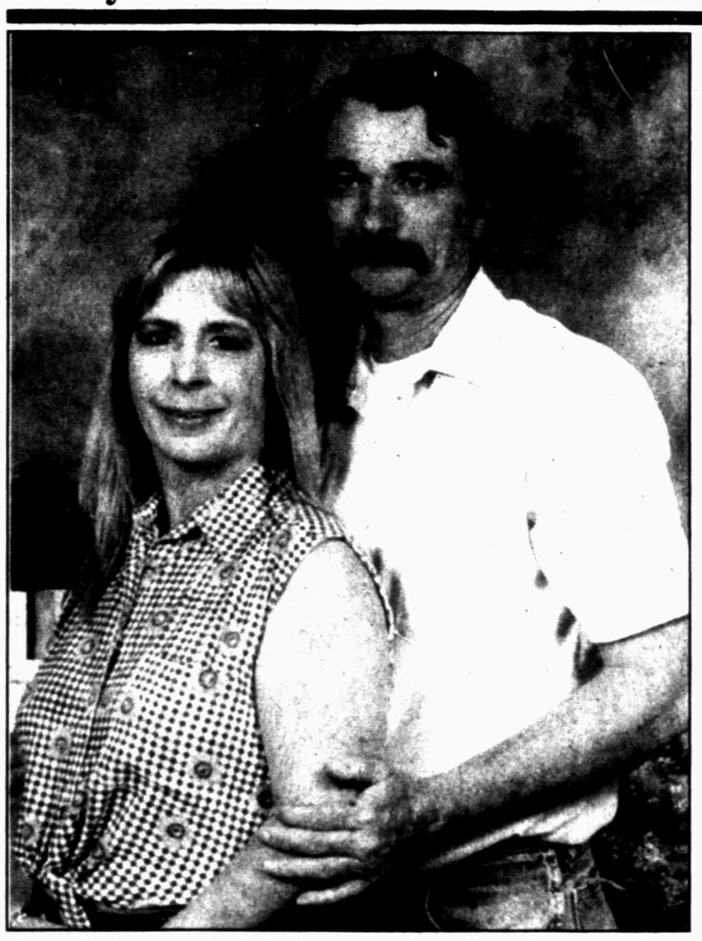
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JULY WEDDING PLANNED — Stephen Wiley Jones and June Alice McNiel, both of Snyder, are planning a 6 p.m. marriage ceremony on July 13 at the gazebo on the courthouse lawn. June's parents are Millard Lamb of Childress and the late Betty Lamb. Stephen's parents are Howard and Rosemary Jones of Snyder. (Contributed Photo)

Cool off with summer treats

Summertime is the perfect time to try new festive drink recipes. These ideas from Goya Foods are certain to tempt your taste buds!

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JUNE WEDDING HELD — Shannah DeeAnn Carr and Brady Howard Jones married at 6:30 p.m. on June 5 in the Union Community Center. Deborah Boyd, justice of the peace, officiated at the small family wedding. The bride's parents are Dee and Gigi Carr of Snyder and the groom's parents are Bobby and Vickie Jones, also of Snyder. (Contributed Photo)

Community Calendar

MONDAY

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

Rock and Roll Quilting Club; Hermleigh Community Center; everyone is invited for free quilting lessons, and special projects are to help someone in need; call 863-2426 for more information; 8 a.m. to noon.

Scurry County Museum's hours are Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

NA-Just for Today; Park Club at Winston Park; 573-1438.

Manic Depression (Bipolar) support group; Family Life Community Church, 904 26th Street; 7 p.m.

Scurry County AA closed meeting; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-1292 or 573-9458; 8 p.m.

TUESDAY

Gateway Family Services parenting discussion group, focuses on a variety of parenting issues and special challenges; no charge; call 73-1822 for more information; 10:30 a.m.

Weight Watchers meeting; Colonial Hill Baptist Church; for more information call Kathy at 573-1289 during the evening; weigh-in is at 5:30 p.m.

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

Beginners' AA open meeting; Snyder Park Club, 1212 37th Street; 573-8268, 574-1292 or 573-1141; 7 p.m.

Al-Anon open meeting; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th and Ave. M; for more information call 573-3733, 573-2101 or 573-1141; 8 p.m.

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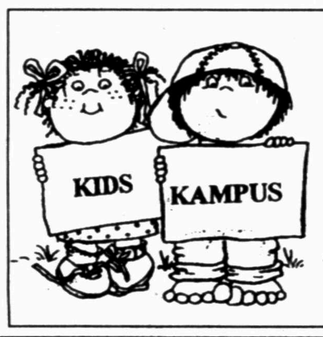
WEDNESDAY

NA Just For Today, open meeting; Park Club; for information, call 573-1438; 8 p.m.

THURSDAY

LLL Club; fellowship hall of First Baptist Church; 9:30 a.m.Horseshoe Pitching For Fun; horseshoe courts located at the coliseum; everybody welcome, for further information call 573-9762.

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YOUNG VOLUNTEERS — Pete Villa, Donald Jeffery, Robert Garza and Rocky Treat, front row, (from left) members of the Boys and Girls Club, carry sacks of food for patrons at the Food Cupboard. Volunteers man the cupboard each Tuesday 9 a.m. to noon. Colonial Hill Baptist Church is in charge of June volunteers. CADA sponsored the project for the Boys and Girls Club. On the back row are volunteer Nettie Faye Gardner and CADA staff member Valene Ford is shown at right. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Scurry County Library News & Views

By Janie Romine, librarian

There are only three more weeks of the Summer Reading program! If you have not brought your child to the program, they have missed a lot of fun! This week on Monday, the preschoolers will have stories about Texas plants, and they will decorate a button with bluebonnets. The K-6th grade children will enjoy a program presented by Sheriff Darren Jackson.

Do not forget about the Tuesday "Lunch Break and Reading." The students bring a lunch and listen to a story while they eat. The program lasts about 30 minutes, and the reading may be counted toward time on their reading logs.

Many parents ask how they can encourage their preschoolers to be prepared for reading. They realize that a child who has been exposed to books, has a head start once starting school. Summer is a very nice time to begin a family reading habit, so we are giving you the following tips:

— Make reading books an enjoyable experience by choosing a comfortable place.

— Read to children frequently. Good times are the start or end of the day, or after lunch or before naptime.

— Help children learn as you read by explaining unfamiliar words or ideas.

— As you read, ask children questions that will help them connect with the story.

— Encourage children to talk about the book.

— Read different kinds of books so that children learn about different situations.

— Choose some books that teach, such as counting books, alphabet books and rhyming books.

— Reread their favorite books. Children will notice new things each time.

Hopefully, these suggestions will start your young child on a road of lifelong reading. If they have learned to enjoy books, they are much more ready for school.

Remember, also, that a child has a very short attention span. Fifteen minutes of reading time is about their limit, so you should have several different times during the day to stop and read. Do not expect a small child to want to sit for an hour. It just is not in their nature.

Enjoy beginning a lifelong habit of reading together. Much of the child's success in school depends on the reading habits you establish with them in the early years. Remember, we have the books you need for these youngsters at the Scurry County Library.

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High heat and low rainfall take toll on state

PAWNEE (AP) — Jimmy Krause knows a lot of ways to make money off his land.

He grows 300-plus acres of corn and wheat, and grazes some 250 head of cattle. He also does commercial crop spraying, runs a small hay-baling operation, and lets his neighbors in Karnes County hire his bulldozer to keep their fence lines clear.

But most of his operations have the same drawback: they depend on rainfall, and South Texas like much of the nation isn't getting much this year.

"When nature stops working, it stops me all around," said Krause, a second-generation farmer with 2,500 acres of rolling terrain about 60 miles south of San Antonio.

There's not much hope that things will improve this year.

In western and southern Texas, drought conditions are already severe heading into July and August, typically the hottest and driest months of the year. The National Weather Service is forecasting that July and September will be hotter and drier than normal.

Drought conditions are severe across much of the country. Coupled with years of meager winter snowfall and spring rains, Western states from Arizona to Montana are declaring drought emergencies as reservoirs decline and wildlife dwindle.

John E. Jones Jr., deputy director of the National Weather Service, predicted that states in the West, including the Southwest and southern Texas, are likely to experience above-normal temperatures through September.

Texas officials have said the state's economic losses could be similar to the $2 billion hit in 1998, when drought conditions prevailed in much of the state.

Wheat and cotton harvests have been far below normal, and throughout South Texas, corn stalks are stunted and baked brown by the sun. A shortage of irrigation water has devastated citrus and grain in the Rio Grande Valley. Pecan farmers are expected to lose much of their crop.

Some city dwellers are also feeling the heat. Water officials in San Antonio have said water-use limits may be imposed as early as next week.

This spring El Paso went a record 109 days without any rain before a few drops fell in late May. The high-desert city is in the midst of a string of days over 100 degrees that is sapping what little moisture is left.

The West Texas drought stretches back to 1994, with 11 inches of rain or less every year except 1997, an El Nino year. Weather forecasters said this year's return of El Nino might produce some rain, but they're cautious about any predictions.

"Last year we had less than 10 inches," said Ray Fagen, a weather-service meteorologist in Midland. "Our 30-year average is 15 inches. This year we're running below our pace last year."

Less than two inches of rain has fallen in Karnes County in 2002, about 80 percent less than normal. Some ears of corn in Krause's fields are no bigger around than a man's finger, and surviving ears could be eaten by deer and packs of wild hogs whose usual food and water supplies are dried up.

"We're past the point where all the rain in the world wouldn't help it any more," Krause said of the corn. "I'm thinking, 'How can I break even without losing my tail?' I've got to start cutting corners, cutting back."

His cattle spend their days lying in the shade of oak trees, getting up to feed on bales of hay. They would normally be grazing in pastures of thick, knee-deep grass, but those fields are now brown and sparse, the spindly blades barely taller than a suburban lawn.

Ron Carter, who runs the Karnes County Livestock Exchange in nearby Kenedy, said calves typically arrive for auction at 450-500 pounds. But Carter said he's seeing more in the 250- to 350-pound range because ranchers don't want to buy feed to get their weight up.

Krause is thinking about parting with some of his calves, and maybe selling some of his hay. He said he's grateful for the money his wife makes as a teacher.

He's encouraging his teen-age son to get into a profession with reliable income. But Krause is not going to give up working the land, as many of his neighbors have in recent years.

USDA offers additional conservation funds to farmers and ranchers

COLLEGE STATION – Last Friday, John Fuston, State Executive Director for the Farm Service Agency (FSA) announced a second signup period for conservation funding under the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) that will run through June 28, 2002. The 2002 Farm Bill signed into law on May 13, further extends USDA's allocation of monies targeted for conservation practice application on private lands.

"Interested producers are encouraged to act quickly if they wish to make application during this 'second chance' opportunity for federal financial and technical assistance provided through EQIP," said Fuston.

EQIP was established under the 1996 Farm Bill to address significant agricultural natural resource concerns through the application of select practices that were determined to be beneficial to the overall protection of the tract of land being treated. Participants entered into long-term contracts and agreed to treat all conservation issues identified by using a "whole farm" approach to planning.

According to Fuston, "EQIP now has a more flexible approach. Producers can treat specific resource concerns without locking their entire farm into a long-term contract. This gives them options to address new or unforeseen conservation problems as they arise."

EQIP remains a voluntary, competitive program. The new Farm Bill outlines significant changes in program provisions pertaining to length of contract and payment limitations. The Bill eliminates Geographic Priority Areas (GPAs) and the "bid-down" option that enabled producers to make their applications more competitive by shouldering a higher percentage of the total cost of practice implementation. For Texas, cost-share is set at 75 percent.

"To date, Texas FSA has allocated $60.2-million in cost-share assistance and incentive payments. Proactive producers statewide used these funds to treat the most environmentally sensitive farm and ranchland, voluntarily reducing soil erosion, improving water quality and quantity, preserving wildlife habitat and insuring the sustainability of Texas agriculture," stated Fuston.

For more information regarding the EQIP application process, conservation practices and eligibility requirements, please contact your local USDA Service Center. Information can also be found on FSA's website: http://www/fsa.usda.gov###

Two from Snyder on SPC honor lists

LEVELLAND — Two students from Snyder have been named to the President's and Dean's Honor Lists for the spring 2002 semester at South Plains College.

Students named to the President's Honor List have maintained a 4.0 or straight A grade point average.

Students named to the Dean's Honor List have maintained a minimum 3.25 GPA with no failing grades. Both groups have carried a minimum 12-semester hour load of college-level work.

Amber Burt has been named to the President's Honor List and Morgan Clements has been named to the Dean's Honor List.

Four from Snyder on BU Dean's List

WACO — For the 2002 spring session at Baylor University, 2,145 students were named to the Dean's Academic Honor List.

To be named to the Dean's List, a student must be an undergraduate with a minimum grade-point average of 3.7 while enrolled in a minimum of 12 semester hours,

Snyder residents named to the Dean's List include senior Brett Aaron Gibson, sophomore Ryan Neil Gibson, junior Jack "Trey" Gorman and senior Nickolas Nolan Means.

Byrd is promoted

Ryan D. Byrd has been promoted to the rank of sergeant in the U.S. Army. Byrd is the unit armorer for the 330th Transportation Battalion at Fort Bragg in Fayetteville, N.C.

The son of Dale and Elaine Byrd of Snyder, the sergeant is a 1991 graduate of Snyder High School.

Texas Tech announces honor rolls, graduates

LUBBOCK — Texas Tech University students are moving out of the books and into prominent lists.

Students earning a 4.0 grade point average, while enrolled in 12 or more qualifying semester hours, made the President's List for the 2002 spring semester.

Students carrying 12 or more qualifying hours, with a grade point average of 3.5 to 3.9, earned their place on the Dean's List.

Commencement for graduating Tech students took place May 11.

PRESIDENT'S LIST

Area students making the President's List include:

- Brandon Ray Lipps of Ira, senior, agriculture and applied economics major.
- Holly Kay Goebel of Hermleigh, senior, chemistry.

Those from Snyder include:

- Regina D'Ann Hager, junior, COBA.
- Jordan Ali Hardin, sophomore, interior design.
- Vanessa Danielle Jones, junior, early childhood.
- Kevin Andrew Kerr, senior, mechanical engineering.
- Trevor John Kerr, senior, biochemistry and biology.
- Tiffany Rhea Sutter, sophomore, COBA.

DEAN'S LIST

Area students named to the Dean's List include:

- Candace Denise Stribling of Fluvanna, senior, multidisciplinary studies.
- Lindsey Anne Stansell, sophomore, communication studies.
- Alesha Lynn Miller of Hermleigh, junior, human development.
- Joni LaNell Jones, junior, human development and family studies.

Students from Snyder include:

- Tamra Jo Anderson, senior, English.
- Sally Jo Barham, junior, COBA.
- Alison Page Billingsley, freshman, petroleum engineering.
- Starla Kay Davis, junior, multidisciplinary studies.
- Brady Wayne Hackfeld, junior, COBA.
- Shauna Michelle Huddleston, senior, multidisciplinary science.
- Courtney Shae Rinehart, senior, psychology.
- Shelley Renee Shifflett, junior, advertising.
- Michelle Brooke Tuttle, senior, exercise and sports sciences.
- Wesley Thomas Wilson, junior, COBA.

GRADUATES

Earning degrees were:

- Brandon Ray Lipps of Ira, bachelor of science, summa cum, in agriculture and applied economics.
- Donnis Renee McHaney of Hermleigh, bachelor arts in political science.

Snyder students earning degrees were:

- Emilee Susanne Taylor, bachelor of science in animal science.
- Donna Larue Bowman, bachelor of science in animal science.
- Casey Wayne Doyle, bachelor of business administration in finance.
- Shauna Michelle Huddleston, bachelor of science in multidisciplinary science.
- Olivia Ann Martinez, bachelor of business administration in management.
- Amber Adrienne Stalvey, bachelor of science summa cum in mutlidisciplinary science.
- Misty Jane Williams, bachelor of science cum laude in early childhood.

Judge rules shoe bomb suspect was not coerced

BOSTON (AP) — The man charged with trying to blow up a trans-Atlantic flight with a bomb in his shoe was not coerced or under the influence of a sedative when he confessed to investigators, a federal judge ruled Friday.

U.S. District Judge William Young ruled the drugs administered on the Paris-to-Miami flight to Richard Reid to subdue him did not affect Reid's state of mind when he made spoke to law enforcement after his arrest.

Reid, 28, a British citizen, was overpowered by the flight crew and passengers aboard the American Airlines flight Dec. 22 after he allegedly tried to light a fuse protruding from his shoe. Authorities said the shoes contained explosives powerful enough to blow a hole in the plane's fuselage.

Reid's defense has been trying to have the statements he made to investigators, including a confession, ruled inadmissible. The defense argues that he was suffering amnesia as a side-effect of the drugs and did not knowingly wave his rights to speak to an attorney or remain silent.

Young did not immediately rule on the ultimate question of whether the statements and confession would be admissible.

Reid's trial is scheduled to begin Nov. 4.

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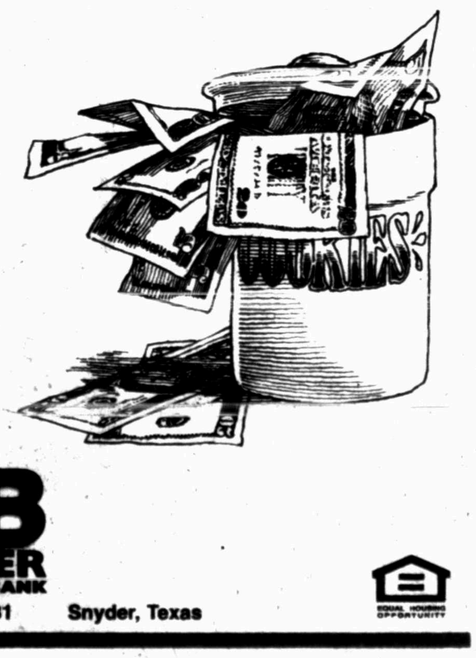
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Patrick Edward and Shawna Kay Coggins to Michael Hughitt, Lot 8 of the Replat of Block 12 of the Highlands Addition.

Burl D. and Stcy D. Peevy to Paul and Sherry Faulkenberry, an 0.523-acre tract in the southeast one-quarter of Section 181, Block 3, H&GN survey.

Warren D. Harkins and Dale E. Harkins to Bill Kubena, Lots 1 and 4 in Block 11 of the Lundy's Park Addition.

Avenue D. Baptist Church to Victor and Kellye Jackson, the west 50 feet of Lot 3 in Block 23 of the Grayum and Nelson Heights Addition.

Robert and Vicki Burton to Benito and Adelpha Sauceda, the south 100 feet of Lots 1 and 2 and the north 20 feet of Lots 3 and 4 in Block 84 of the Original Town of Hermleigh.

Faye Layne Blair to Donny and Amy Mills, tract one being 1.0 acre in the northeast corner of Section 210, Block 97, H&TC survey; tract two being a 0.25-acre tract in Section 210, Block 97, H&TC survey; tract three being a tract in Section 210, Block 97, H&TC survey.

R.H. Odom III and Pamela Odom West Gough, individually and as attorney-in-fact for Billy Lou Odom, to West-Tex Properties, 2,308.611 acres in Sections 233 and 234, both in Block 2, H&TC survey.

R.H. Odom III and Pamela Odom West Gough, individually and as attorney-in-fact for Billy Lou Odom, to West-Tex Properties, 8.845 acres in Section 29, J.K. Smith survey.

Jean James Jones to the Jerald Smith Family Limited Partnership, Lot 1 and the east 50 feet of Lot 2 in Block 3, Grayum and Nelson Heights Addition.

Ronald Fitzgerald to Laney D. and Tonja R. Ashworth, the north 50 feet of Lot 22 and all the south 25 feet of Lot 21 in Block 2, Scott and Browning Addition.

Craig Hutchings and Kathleen Carley to Ronald Fitzgerald, the north 40 feet of Lot 7 and the south 25 feet of Lot 6, both in Block 3 of the Scott and Browning Addition.

Michael D. Lange to Vincent Olivarez, Lots 9-16 in Block 41 of the Andress Heights addition.

Estate of Dorthea Hunter to Glen W. Hunter and Deborah Hunter Gordon, tract one being 160 acres in the northwest one-quarter of Section 15, Block 3, H&GN survey; tract two being 80 acres in the northeast one-quarter of Section 15, Block 3, H&GN survey; tract three being 80 acres in the northeast one-quarter of Section 15, Block 3, H&GN survey.

Melvin S. and Laverne Lee to Kyle and Stacy Haley, a 10-acre tract out of Tract 44 of the Dallas Trust and Savings Bank subdivision of the Grimes Ranchlands in Section 13 and 14, Block 1, J.P. Smith survey.

Demos mull 2004 presidential race

WASHINGTON (AP) — The 2004 Democratic presidential field looks like it will emerge from more than a half-dozen potential candidates who have an advantage because of their early campaigning or position in the party.

The group is likely to firm up by next year — adding one or two and possibly losing some — depending on the outcome of November's midterm elections and whether Al Gore decides to run again, Democrats say.

Potential candidates like Sens. John Kerry of Massachusetts and John Edwards of North Carolina insist their decisions will not be based on either Gore's plans or the relative political strength of President Bush. Sen. Joe Lieberman of Connecticut, Gore's running mate in 2000, has pledged not to seek the presidency if Gore does.

Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle of South Dakota and House Democratic Leader Dick Gephardt of Missouri are also talked about as possible candidates. But any decision about running is likely to be affected by the outcome of the congressional elections.

Vermont Gov. Howard Dean has been more forthright than most in stating that he is very likely to run. Civil rights activist Al Sharpton of New York has also said he might run.

The group could grow if Democrats do well in November, says Democratic strategist Paul Begala.

"Bush is popular, but not feared among the Democrats," Begala said. "They understand that Bush's popularity rating is in truth Osama bin Laden's unpopularity rating."

Many veteran Democrats expect to see a governor in the group — possibly Iowa Gov. Tom Vilsack, California Gov. Gray Davis or Georgia Gov. Roy Barnes. All are up for re-election in November.

Several other senators — Christopher Dodd of Connecticut, Joe Biden of Delaware and Russ Feingold of Wisconsin — have expressed interest, but have not been as active on the Democratic event circuit.

Gore, the former vice president, takes another big step toward deciding whether to run again when he meets with 60 of his top national donors at a June 28-30 retreat in Memphis, Tenn.

While they don't expect Gore to announce whether he will run for president again, they will be mulling the question.

"I don't think the topic will be far from anyone's mind," Democratic fund raiser Mitchell Berger of Fort Lauderdale, Fla., said.

Several senators have been busy visiting early primary states like Iowa, New Hampshire and South Carolina, and events around the country.

Lieberman has been a popular draw on the Democratic speaking circuit in the early states, and elsewhere in the country. Edwards and Kerry have actively worked Democratic crowds as they prepare for a possible run.

Edwards this weekend was making his second trip to New Hampshire since the last election, and has visited Iowa four times and South Carolina twice. He has attended more than a dozen top state fund-raising dinners in the last year and is holding his own retreat of 50 to 100 friends and supporters on St. Simons Island, Ga., at the end of the month.

Kerry has been to New Hampshire seven times and is about to go to Iowa in a week for the second time. He spoke at a top Democratic event in South Carolina earlier this year, along with events in California, Florida and Wisconsin. In February, Kerry held a ski weekend in Idaho for top donors.

That early work is crucial in building the political network needed for a national run, veteran Democratic activists say.

"Unless you're extraordinarily well known, there's a long run-up to a presidential election," said Chicago Democratic strategist David Axelrod. "The guys positioned to do it are already on the field. To come in late you have to either have a tremendous base or fund-raising capacity or great wealth."

One veteran party strategist, Al From, of the centrist Democratic Leadership Council, says the Democratic field may take another full year to define itself.

"Right now, it's early exploration," From said. "Starting at the beginning of next year, people get really serious. You have to find out how you play when people are paying attention."

WTC will offer variety of golf and grounds courses

In response to the shortage of qualified technicians in both the golf and landscape industry and the equipment and engine industry, Western Texas College is offering a, Golf & Grounds Equipment Technician certificate.

Approved by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, the 36-credit hour certificate will include six small engine courses, as well as courses in welding, computers, and turf grass maintenance and horticulture equipment management.

WTC believes this certificate will enhance employment opportunities for its graduates while meeting the needs of business and industry.

At a recent industry meeting, one equipment manufacturer indicated that their dealers were short more than 2,500 technicians to service their products. Throughout the industry the shortage runs close to 30,000 nationwide.

The certificate courses are open to anyone interested in small engines, whether they choose to pursue the certificate or just want to brush up or acquire new skills in small engine repair and maintenance.

The slate of small engine courses to be offered this fall will include small air cooled engines, small engine electrical systems, and diesel engine testing and repair. All courses will be taught at night and individuals will have the option of taking the courses for credit or non-credit.

For further information about the course offerings or about the certificate, contact the vocational instruction division at (915) 573-8511 ext. 250.

Duncan to attend field training as cadet in ROTC

Sean L. Duncan is a U.S. Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) cadet selected to attend a field training program for four or six weeks.

The four-week field training is designed for cadets in the four-year ROTC program, and the six-week program is for cadets in the two-year ROTC program.

The field-training curriculum is designed to motivate, educate, and evaluate a cadet's leadership potential to become an Air Force officer. The program includes leadership evaluation exercises, Air Force specialty orientation, survival and officer training, confidence course, aircraft and air crew orientation, study of an Air Force base's organization and function, professional development, small arms familiarization, and human relations.

He is the son of Terry L. and Angel M. Duncan of Snyder. His mother-in-law, Estella Guzman, resides in Eldorado. The cadet is a 1998 graduate of Snyder High School.

JFK story in works

NEW YORK (AP) — A second television movie about John F. Kennedy Jr. is in the works, co-starring Jacqueline Bisset as his mother, Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis, and Portia de Rossi of "Ally McBeal" as his wife, Carolyn Bessette Kennedy.

TBS said Friday it's still looking for an actor to play the late son of the late U.S. president in "America's Prince: The JFK Jr. Story," based on Christopher Andersen's 2000 biography "The Day John Died."

Three Snyderites receive degrees from SMU

DALLAS — Nearly 1,700 students received their diplomas at Southern Methodist University's 87th annual commencement on May 18, including three from Snyder.

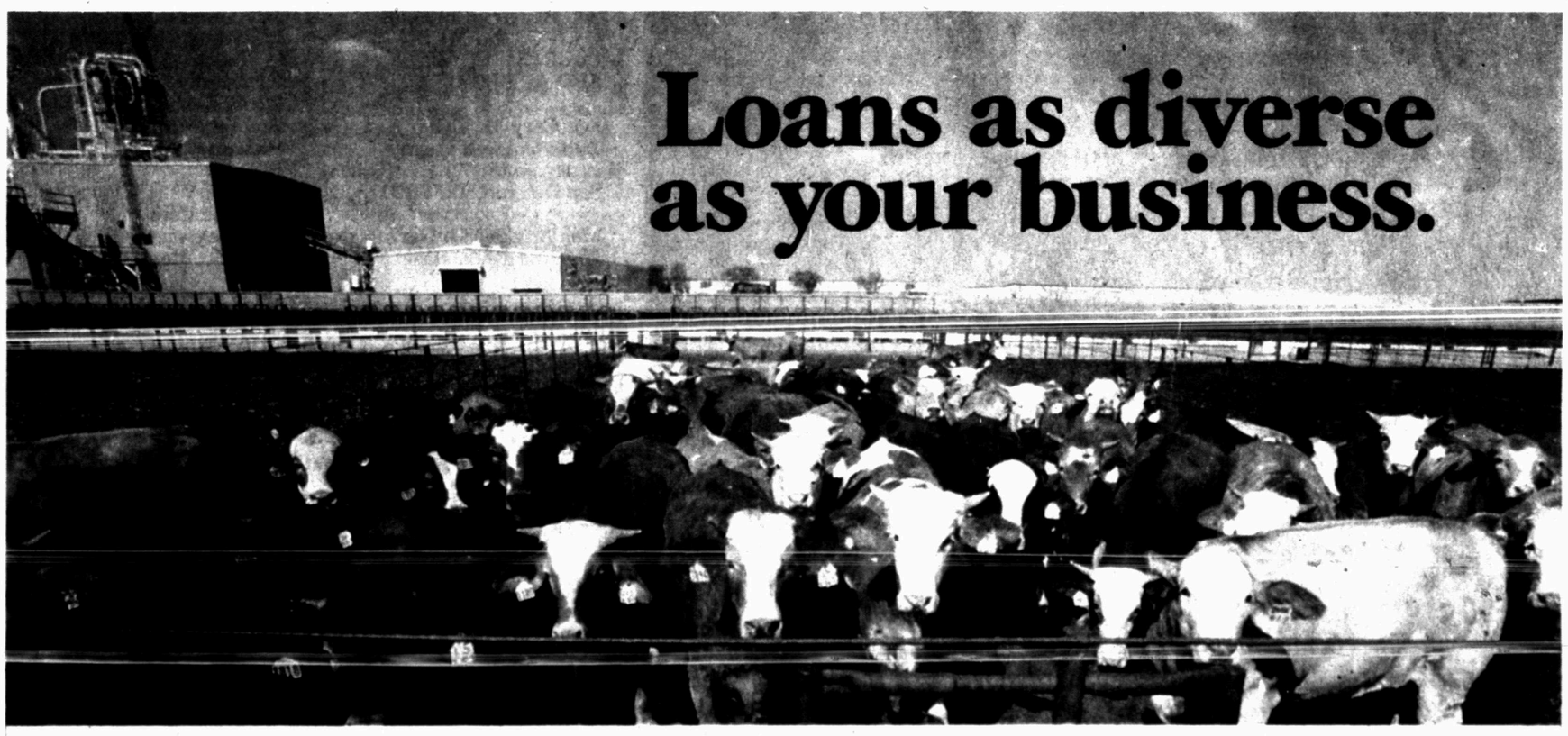
The local students include: Joseph Jene Steakley of Snyder received a bachelor of fine arts degree (magna cum laude) with a major in theater. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jene Steakley.

Christopher William Halbert received a bachelor of arts degree (cum laude) with a major in electronic media and a minor in photography. His parents are William and Janet Halbert.

Jamie Leigh Burleson received a bachelor of arts degree (cum laude) with a major in public affairs and corporate communications and a minor in communication arts (advertising). She is the daughter of Dr. James and Luann Burleson.

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Chicago recruits military for education jobs

CHICAGO (AP) — Lt. Col. Jack Reiff spent the last 20 years in the Army. Now he's ready to move to a different battlefield: the classroom.

Reiff is vying for a spot in a new Chicago Public Schools program that encourages former military members to become educators.

"In my second career, I'd like to have a similarly challenging job," said Reiff, a 43-year-old Army project manager in Warren, Mich. "I think I could offer a lot to students."

Chicago Public Schools officials are advertising in military magazines and visiting bases in a push for new principals and teachers, particularly young men who might not otherwise consider the profession. It's an idea President Bush embraced during his campaign that has been catching on across the nation.

Bush recently approved $18 million for the Troops to Teachers program, which offers stipends or bonuses to former members of the military who agree to teach for at least three years.

Chicago's program, set to begin this fall, goes a step further. Applicants are divided into two tracks, with a job in school administration the ultimate goal of both.

"It's a natural to go into education as a second career," said Lt. Col. Rick Mills, director of Chicago's Junior ROTC program. "Military personnel are well-equipped both in leadership and management."

Mills should know. Chicago school officials wooed him from Fort Knox, Ky., a year ago to lead the system's effort to get the military more involved in the schools.

Chicago's program targets both retirees and those who want a career change after years of active duty.

The first track places applicants as full-time substitute teachers while they complete a two-year master's degree and teacher certification program at Chicago State University. They continue to teach for another two years while earning their administrative certification, then spend their final year with a mentor principal.

In the second track, military members who have experience as instructors spend two years teaching Junior ROTC while they earn a master's degree and administrative certificate at Chicago State. They also spend a year with a principal.

Reiff said he decided to apply for one of 20 available spots in the second track. He already holds a bachelor's degree in education and a master's in business administration.

"I think I'm a pretty positive role model," he said.

Chicago opened the country's first all-JROTC public high school 1999, and its partnership with the military has won national attention. But the district is not alone in turning to troops to fill teaching spots.

John Gantz, director of the federal Troops to Teachers program, said his office has seen a boom in applicants in the last year since first lady Laura Bush began touring bases to promote the idea. Schools are interested, too, phoning to find out how to get involved.

"From the schools' point of view, what they're getting is someone who has maturity, they have their own self-discipline and they've been successful in a first career," Gantz said.

Since 1994, Troops to Teachers has placed about 4,300 former military members in schools across the country, operating mainly as a referral service after its federal funding was cut in 1996. With the new money for stipends and bonuses, Gantz said, the program expects about 1,000 participants this year.

Retired Army Sgt. 1st Class Michael Buckner Sr. was one of the first Troops to Teachers participants placed in Chicago's schools. With eight years of classroom experience under his belt, he now is looking for a job as a school administrator.

The 49-year-old teacher sees a lack of role models for young black men in the public schools, and he became a teacher in part to fill that void. Other military retirees should consider doing the same, he said.

"A lot of young urban kids, they find themselves trapped in the cycle of poverty and gangs," Buckner said. "Knowing what being part of a team really meant, I felt I could help those kids who were perhaps going down the wrong path."

Dryden earns place on ASU Dean's List

SAN ANGELO — Angelo State University has named Amber Ann Dryden of Graham to the Dean's List for the 2002 spring semester.

To be eligible for this recognition students must be enrolled full-time and maintain a 3.25 grade point average on a 4.0 scale.

Dryden is the daughter of Kristi and Bob Morrison of Graham and Randy and Joan Dryden of Snyder. She is the granddaughter of Lee and Trish Franklin, and the late Malcolm Buckalew. She is the great-granddaughter of Doris (Wheeler) Stone and E.L. (Buck) Buckalew, all of Graham. She is also the granddaughter of Bill and Ellie Dryden of Snyder and Norman and Nelda Morrison of Breckenridge.

Dryden graduated with honors from Clyde High School in 2000.

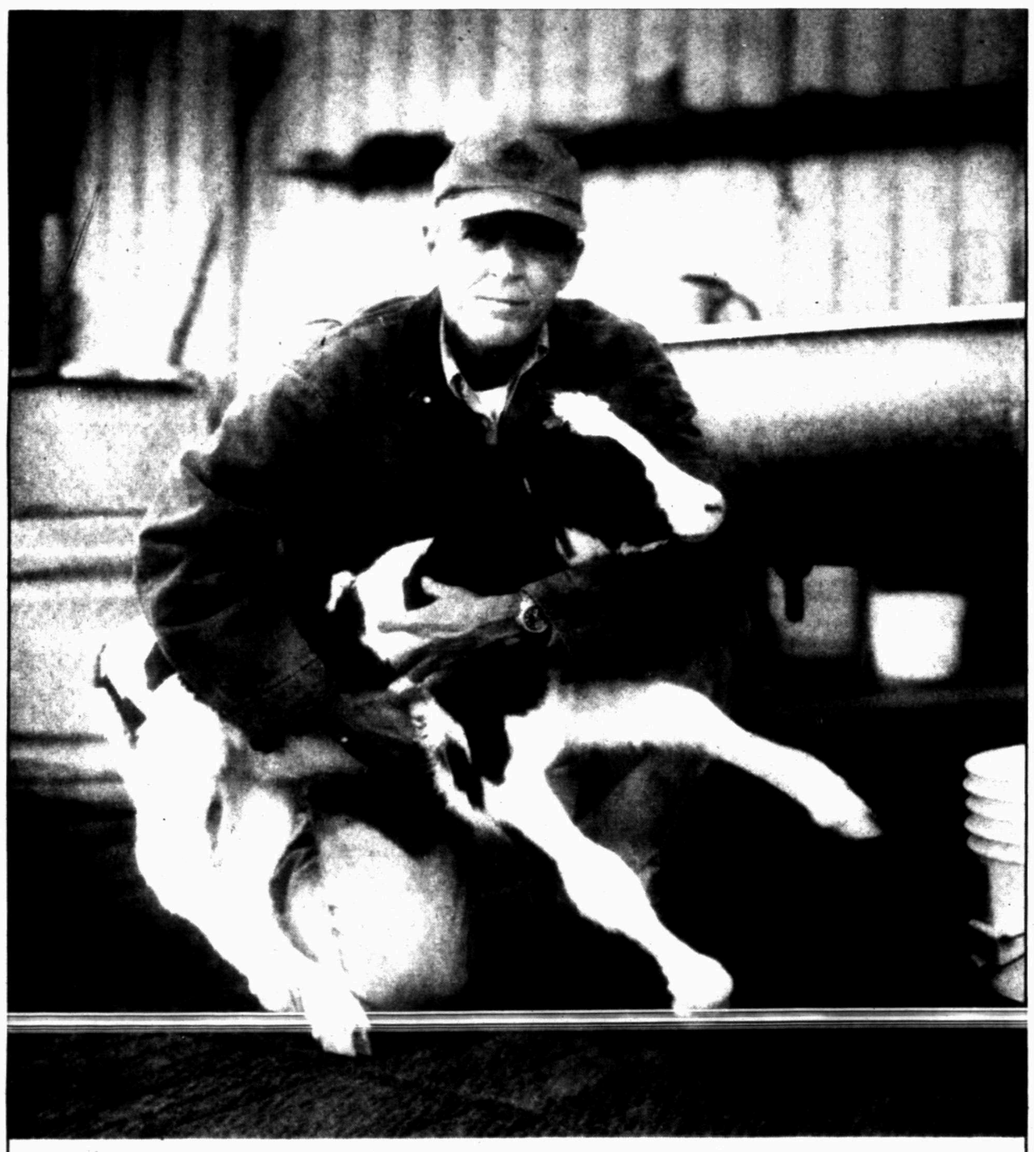
She will graduate from San Angelo University in May, 2003 with a degree in psychology.

Yvonne Nunn wins second with sonnet

Yvonne Nunn won second place in the Abilene Writers Guild annual contest this month. She entered the rhymed section and competed with 46 entries.

There were 283 entries in the contest from all over the state and seven surrounding states plus the Netherlands. Her poem was a sonnet and was called "Drought Buster."





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Necking couple in dorm room needs lesson inconsideration

DEAR ABBY: I am a college freshman with a roommate problem. Her name is "Sheryl." (From what my friends say, my problem is not unique.)

Sheryl and her boyfriend, "Steve," are very affectionate. They're not shy about displaying their affection for each other in front of me.

The tiny dorm room I share with Sheryl is where I sleep and study, but I am constantly distracted by the sounds of their loud make-out sessions, and their mushy baby talk makes me want to gag! Whether I'm writing an essay, talking on the phone or e-mailing, Steve and Sheryl can usually be found on the next bed kissing and carrying on as though I don't exist. No matter how many hints I drop, Sheryl seems clueless about what a problem her behavior is for me.

I may not be the perfect roommate, but I try to be quiet and considerate when Sheryl is trying to study. And I don't call my boyfriend sickening names when someone else is around.

For the sake of aggravated roomies everywhere, what can be done? **— ANNOYED IN SANTA CRUZ, CALIF.**

DEAR ANNOYED: Stop hinting and speak clearly. When people think they're in love, they sometimes tend to tune out the obvious. If you need to study and your roommate's amorous activities are distracting, tell her and her boyfriend they'll have to knock it off or find someplace else to indulge. And don't feel defensive about it. The primary purpose of college is to study and to graduate.

If that doesn't work, apply for a change in roommates — preferably one with similar goals as yours.

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DEAR ABBY: I am being married this summer. My fiance and I are having a tropical Hawaiian theme wedding and reception at a beautiful hotel overlooking the Pacific Ocean. Our invitations were mailed two weeks ago.

Yesterday, we received an invitation from my future brother- and sister-in-law. They are having a backyard potluck luau the weekend before our wedding.

Abby, I feel hurt and angry. I don't know whether to attend their party or not. What should I do? **— GOING COCONUTS**

DEAR GOING COCONUTS: Your hurt and anger are understandable, considering the fact your future in-laws have co-opted the theme of the wedding. The week prior to your big day is sure to be packed with last-minute details that could prevent you from attending the potluck. Keep it as stress-free as possible. If you are too busy to attend, no one could blame you.

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Good advice for everyone — teens to seniors — is in "The Anger in All of Us and How to Deal With It." To order, send a business-size, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for $5 (U.S. funds only) to: Dear Abby, Anger Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Postage is included.)

DEAR ABBY: I have been divorced for eight years, and have recently become good friends again with my ex-husband. He has always been an attentive father to our 11-year-old son.

Last year, after a second divorce, my ex hooked up with a woman half his age. She's a 21-year-old ex-stripper who hasn't worked a day since she met him. I'm not one to pass judgment, but this gal is a clingy, lazy gold-digger who spends my ex's money like it grows on trees. She's also moody, demanding, and a "party animal," according to our son and my ex's other son.

The problem lies with our boy. He detests this female. She tags along for every father/son event and refuses to stay at home even when my ex drives our boy back and forth for visitation.

Our son's birthday is coming up, and I am throwing him a party. He really wants his dad there — but NOT his dad's girlfriend. His dad doesn't want to hurt her feelings, and I don't want to cause any scenes. How can I resolve this? **— FAITHFUL FLORIDA READER**

DEAR READER: OK, your ex's girlfriend is flawed, insecure and ever-present. If you bring up her shortcomings again, he will only become defensive.

Encourage your son to explain to his father how important it is to him to spend some time alone with him. Most boys need one-on-one with a role model — a time for "man to man" conversation and bonding. The presence of a third party, regardless how ravishing she may be, prevents this. And while he's on the subject, he should tell Dad the nicest gift he could have for his birthday would be the woman's absence at his party. It may not work — but I guarantee it will open up some interesting dialogue.

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DEAR ABBY: I have read letters in your column from former students about teachers who inspired them and made a positive difference in their lives. However, my story is the opposite.

In my sophomore year of high school, my algebra teacher warped my thinking regarding mathematics. On more than one occasion, she informed me that I was a "stupid sophomore," and would "never amount to anything more than a patty flipper."

This woman had taught for many years, but no one in my class ever asked questions for fear of being ridiculed in front of everyone. Students who were in her classes long before me said she had always been like that.

I am now 25, a college graduate, and have a good job in the medical field. If there are any teachers reading this, PLEASE remember that what you say can stay with your students the rest of their lives. More emphasis should be put on the importance of good teachers and how much they are needed by new generations.

That teacher made a difference in my life, and it was anything but positive. I often wonder if I would have been better in math had my experience been different.

Thanks for letting me vent, Abby. Sign me ... **DISGRUNTLED STUDENT WHO HASN'T FORGOTTEN**

DEAR DISGRUNTLED: You have written an important letter. Young people often judge themselves by reactions they receive from others.

I saw a similar incident when I was an eighth-grader. In front of the class, my teacher predicted that an awkward young man "would never amount to anything." Of course, the students laughed at him — and I learned later how devastating it was for him because his mother and mine were close friends.

The story has a happy ending, however. The boy grew up and became a successful lawyer. The only "failure" was the teacher, who didn't recognize potential when he saw it.

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Man sentenced to death for killing three children in fire

HUNTSVILLE (AP) — A 22-year-old man has been sentenced to death by a Walker County jury for killing his daughter and two other children in a Madisonville house fire almost two years ago.

Raphael Holiday faces lethal injection after he was convicted of three counts of capital murder for the deaths of his 18-month-old daughter Justice Nichol Holiday and her half sisters, Jasmine Raquel DuPaul, 5, and Tierra Shena Lynch, 7.

The jury handed down its sentence Thursday.

Holiday was the estranged common-law husband of the girls' mother, Tammy Wilkerson.

Holiday was under indictment for sexually assaulting Tierra. Prosecutors contended he was seeking revenge when he went to their home in rural Madison County in September 2000 and started the blaze.

Authorities said Holiday forced the girls' grandmother, Beverly Mitchell, at gunpoint to douse the family's log cabin with gasoline. The girls' bodies were found huddled together on the same couch.

Wilkerson was one of several relatives who read statements in court to Holiday after the sentenced was read.

"God brought them into my life, and it was not your right to take them away. No matter how much you try to bring me down, they're always with me. You may have destroyed my life, but not my memories," Wilkerson said.

Holiday placed his head in his hands and refused to look up.

Holiday's attorneys asked the jury to spare their client's life, citing his troubled childhood, mental illness and his good conduct since his arrest.

But Madison County District Attorney Bill Bennett told jurors to "remember the mercy he showed Tierra, Jasmine and Justice. You saw what kind of mercy he had for those girls."

Terrorists may try to use fuel tankers against Jewish sites

WASHINGTON (AP) — The FBI is advising law enforcement agencies to be on the lookout for terrorists who possibly are plotting to use fuel tankers to attack Jewish neighborhoods and synagogues, a federal law enforcement official said Friday.

This official, who asked not to be identified, said the warning was sent out to local police agencies Friday.

Another official, also speaking on grounds of anonymity, said the warning was not based on a specific threat, but on interviews with captured al-Qaida and Taliban fighters who indicated such a plot had been discussed. The interviews with detainees did not reveal a target city or time, this official said.

"Even if unconfirmed, we analyze incoming information as quickly as possible and if we think there is any chance it could be helpful, we make the decision to send it," one official said.

The official said the advisory was sent across the National Law Enforcement Telecommunications System, an electronic system that allows the FBI to send alerts or messages to police in all 50 states simultaneously.

The Homeland Security office approved the message before it was sent, according to the official. The FBI's 56 field offices also were made aware of the advisory.

The FBI has initiated several nationwide efforts to disrupt possible terrorist plots in recent weeks.

FBI agents have been contacting hundreds of scuba diving shops out of concern the next wave of terrorist attacks could be carried out by divers.

The FBI said it is looking into whether al-Qaida operatives have been taking scuba training in order to blow up ships at anchor, power plants, bridges, depots or other waterfront targets.

A maintenance worker who said he wanted to buy a replica ambulance for tool storage triggered an FBI warning in two states that terrorists might try to use emergency vehicles in an attack. After interviewing the man, the FBI found he had no such plan.

Circuit City phasing out VHS in favor of DVDs

RICHMOND, Va. (AP) — Circuit City Stores, the nation's second-biggest electronics chain, is phasing out movies on videotape altogether in favor of DVDs.

"The people who are buying movie titles these days want to buy them on DVD," Circuit City spokesman Jim Babb said Friday. "People have embraced the technology in a big way, and we're responding to that by increasing the space given to DVD titles."

Some of the chain's stores already have cleared their shelves of all VHS movies. The Richmond-based company will continue to sell VHS movies on its Web site and stock blank tapes and videocassette recorders in its more than 600 stores, Babb said.

Circuit City has no timetable for eliminating VHS tapes from all of its stores, Babb said.

Similarly, Borders is largely phasing out VHS tapes except for sports and exercise videos, said Ann Binkley, a spokesman for the Ann Arbor, Mich.-based music, movies and book retailer.

"For a big title, like 'Harry Potter,' we'll bring a limited amount of VHS along with the DVD," Binkley said.

Charles Van Horn, president of the International Recording Media Association, a trade association based in Princeton, N.J., said Circuit City's move is premature. He noted that about 90 percent of U.S. households have at least one VCR, while only about 30 percent have a DVD player.

"Circuit City will disappoint the 60 percent of consumers who have a VCR but no DVD," Van Horn said.

He said that while the DVD player is "the fastest-growing video product ever," it will take time to catch up with the VCRs. And even after it does, the two products will coexist in most homes for years to come, he said.

Van Horn said other retailers are trimming their VHS movie inventory to make room for more DVDs, just as music stores cut back on music cassettes to expand their CD selection. However, he said he does not expect other retailers to phase out VHS tapes any time soon.

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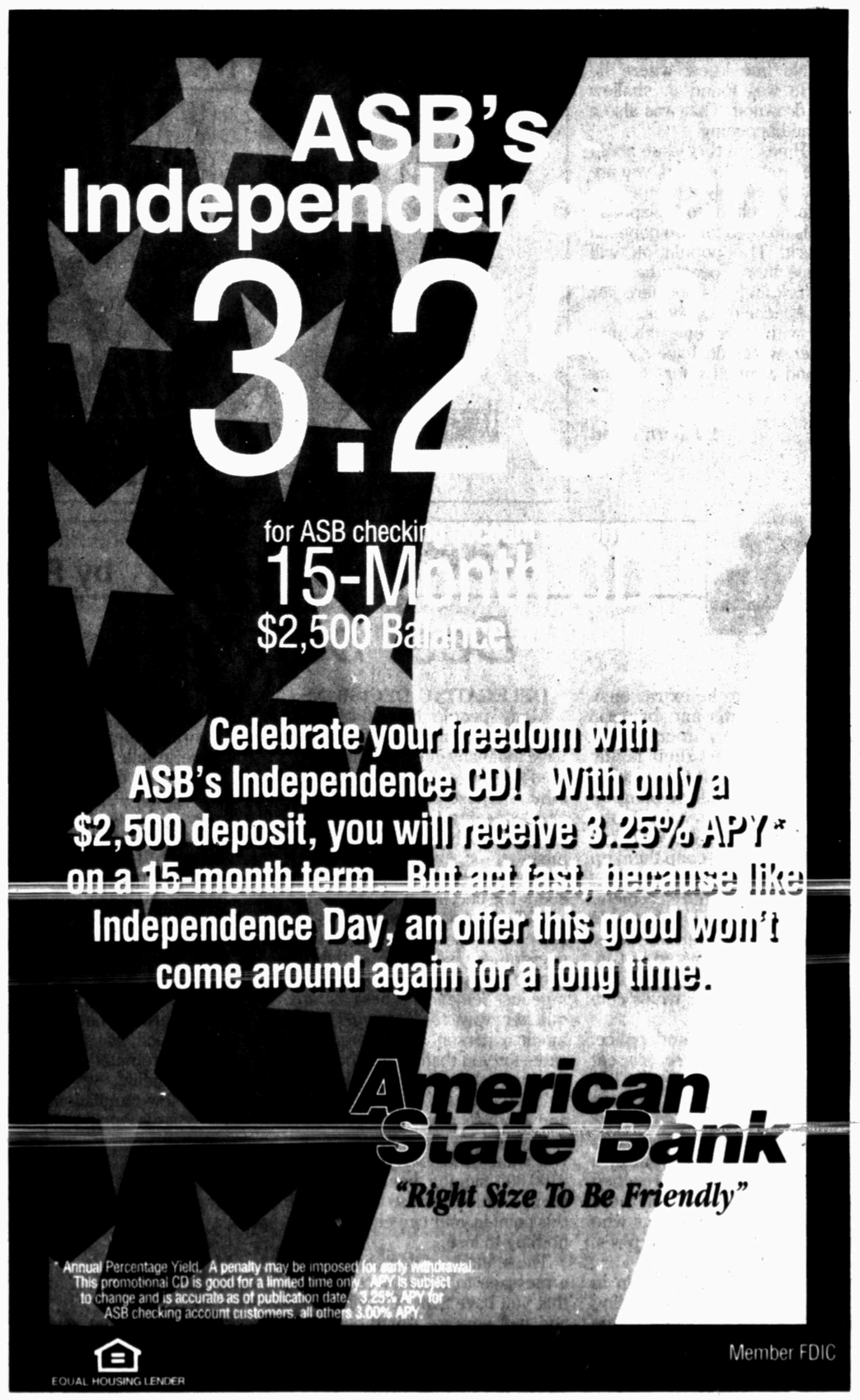
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Letters to the editor

Remember "Sparkle City"

Dear Editor:

Do you remember when Snyder was called "Sparkle City," one of the cleanest small towns in the U.S.A.?

Do you remember when you could get a city truck free for your trash and rubbish?

There are all types of business organizations, Girl and Boy Scouts, church groups, students who can help clean the township up, to make it a place to be proud to live in, instead of a place to down your head in shame.

People, get out and take a drive very slowly in different sections of town. See the town as a stranger would.

"Why do you live there, it's so trashy looking?" I have been asked.

A former resident said, "The closer I get the more depressed I am. It's like a dirty cloud."

The elderly, the sick or disabled may need your help, so offer your lending hand. It may surprise you, they just might accept.

On the rental of a dump truck, some people do not have $35 but need transportation for hauling and cleaning up. There is a free day for dumping but lots of people don't know when and some do not have water bills.

Their place needs to be cleaned up, but no way to haul trash.

Snyder has lots of places for mosquitoes, rodents (mice, rats) cats, ticks, fleas, skunks or anything looking for food, water or a breeding place so they can inject their diseases into you, your children or animals.

There are also fire hazards in front, behind or beside you, look at this while you are out driving around, a disaster waiting to happen, but everyone knows this. Who cares?

Do you remember there was a small child who climbed out of the car window while his parents were hooking up the boat at the lake? No one knew where he was. He was found in shallow water, drowned. That was also a very sad happening.

Mr. Hines, on this issue about a fence around the pond, you are right. It takes only a moment in time for a child to disappear. There is no need for two ponds in the park. The population will decrease more; people have to have work and it is not here nor or we, Abilene or Lubbock.

But with everyone pitching together, we could have a clean town and a much safer environment.

Barbara Head

Thanks from Ira

Dear Editor:

On Saturday, May 25, Ira ISD sponsored a Drug and Alcohol Free Project Graduation Celebration. Approximately 100 students and parents were in attendance for the festivities that began after the evening commencement exercises, and lasted until 4 a.m.

Activities included swimming, 3-on-3 basketball games and more. Students were awarded points for participating in these events and these points were used to bid on and purchase gifts at the close of the celebration.

The students, faculty and administration at Ira would like to thank all area merchants and individuals who contributed gifts, money and food to help make Project Graduation a success. We would also like to especially thank Western Texas College for making their facilities available to our school.

Rocky and Sheila Alexander have been the organizers of the event for the past two years and their efforts are deeply appreciated. Project Graduation is sponsored and supported with grant money provided by the Texas Department of Transportation.

Thanks,
Mike Duke, principal

Cable complaints

Dear Editor:

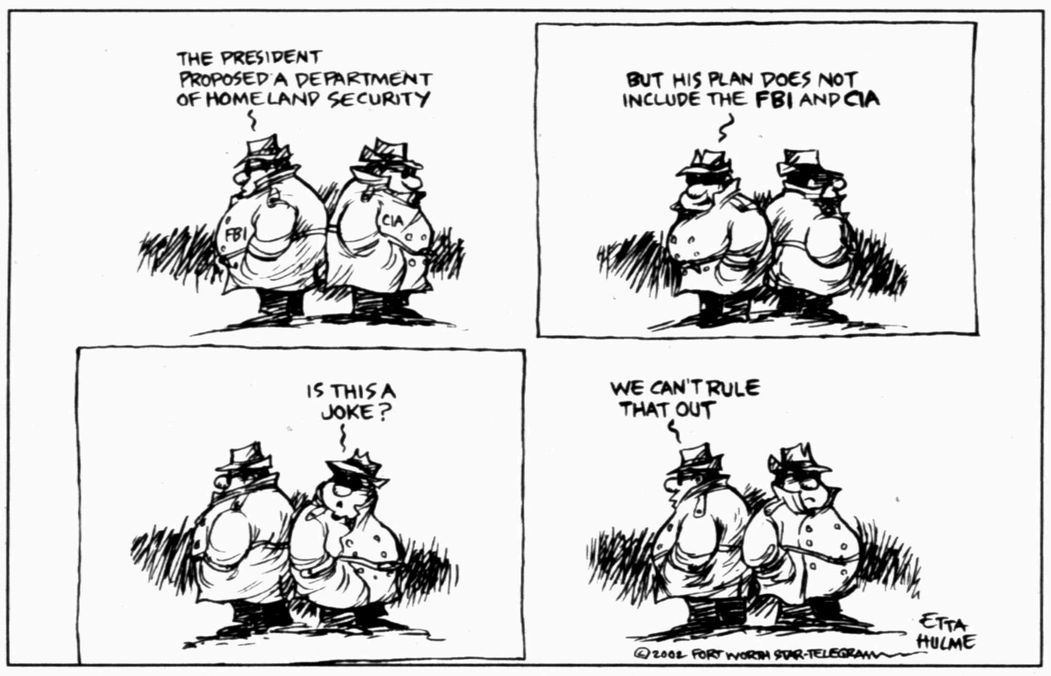
The purpose of this letter is to address my fellow subscribers to Cox Communications. I'm sure all of you had noticed the little increases over the last few months.

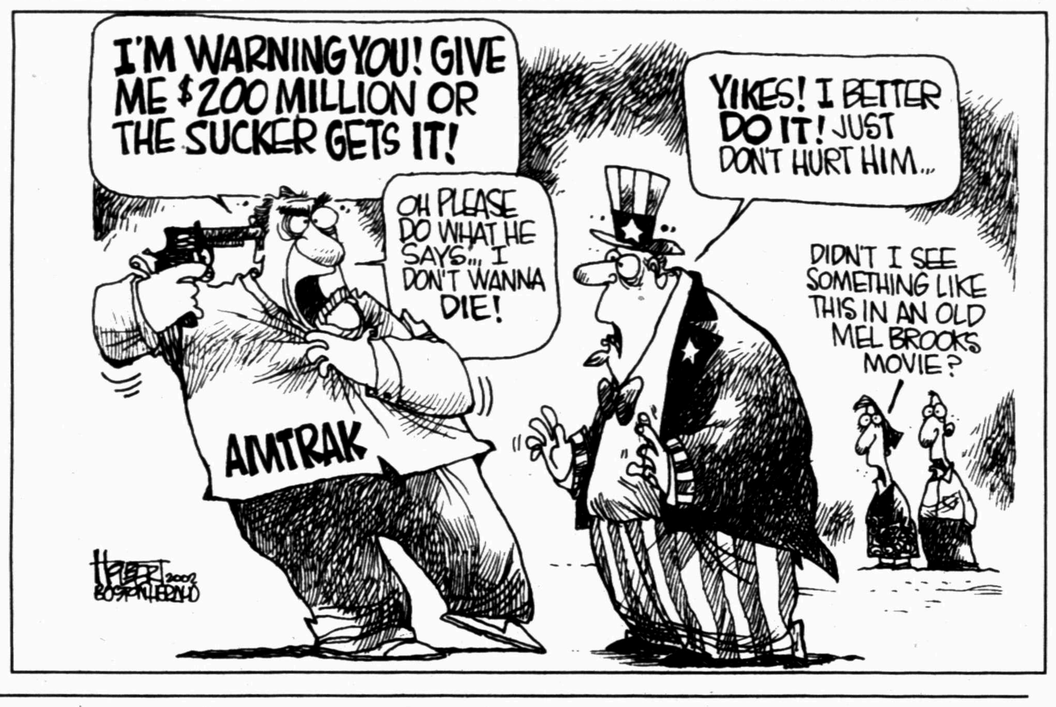


Did you notice that in 1997 your bill for expanded service was $22.53? Today, June 2002, that same bill is $43.00. That is almost double. Has your income increased that much? Is the programming or service that much better? Channel 8, 11, 3 and 13 are off pretty frequently.

I would like to hear comments and opinions on this matter from other people.

Thank you,
R.B. Duke







North of Forty by Red Green

Best before

Wives tend to be extra sensitive about germs and bacteria and any unseen microorganisms that can hurt their family members. If a perfectly good T-bone steak gets a little paint on it, or a handful of mashed potatoes drops onto a gravel driveway, they quickly scoop them up and throw them into the trash.

Men are much more resilient. If food is relatively chewable and more or less in the same range of color it started out in, they'll eat it. And they'll eat it quickly, before their wives confiscate it.

Many wives are food police. Many husbands are repeat offenders. And the biggest law that separates the two sides is the "Best Before" date. How many tons of perfectly good food have been thrown out by a food cop just because it reached an arbitrary date, stuck on there by some marketing genius who realizes that once it expires, you'll need to buy more.

Whenever you see a man in the middle of the night, sitting alone in a chair with the fridge door open eating everything in sight, you know that tomorrow is "Best Before" day.

DELEGATING DECISIONS

Many people have difficulty making decisions. They find they have too many choices in life and aren't able to compare one to the other, because they can't foresee all of the outcomes at once, or they're deathly afraid of making a mistake, or even worse, they don't even care enough to think about the decision.

Well, what you need to do is to force other people to make the decision for you. The simplest way to do that is by making outrageous demands. There is no quicker way to find out how much a person, or a company, cares for you than to ask them to do things they don't want to do.

If you have a $50,000-a-year job and another company is trying to lure you away from it, tell them you want $300,000-a-year plus a $100,000 signing bonus. It may seem a little over the top, but at this point in your career you have nothing to lose.

Those kinds of demands send a message to the new company that you have a lot of confidence and feel you are worth a lot of money. They don't need to know the truth - the truth that every company you've ever worked for thought a lot more of you at hiring time than they did once you started working there.

You have to take advantage of that. You're like the bride at a Baptist wedding — you hold all the cards. If the new company says "no," you're no worse off than you were. If the new company says "yes," you're in great shape. And most importantly, the decision was made for you. Give it a try. If it works well for you, who knows, maybe you could become a professional athlete.

MIDLIFE TEMPTATIONS

As we go through puberty and reach adulthood, we are faced with many temptations. But when we hit midlife, they change. Here are a few temptations that are particularly intoxicating to the middle-aged man:

— Sofas.
— Slippers.
— Dogs or people who don't speak.
— Escalators.
— Medicine cabinets.
— Nothing to do.

Children have been rebelling against their parents since the beginning of time. In order to establish their own identity in the family, they feel they have to indulge in behaviors and attitudes that are not enjoyed by their parents.

So if you have teen-agers that you care about, I recommend that you have your entire back tattooed, get some jewelry riveted to your face, wear your pants around the knees and never use a sentence that doesn't feature the f-word. Sure it may upset the other executives who work at your office, but you'll be forcing your kids to choose normalcy as their declaration of independence.

Quote of the Day: "If it weren't for stress, I'd have no energy at all." — **Red Green**

Red Green is the star of "The Red Green Show," a television series seen in the U.S. on PBS and in Canada on the CBC Network, and the author of the new book "Duct Tape is not Enough: A humorous guide to midlife." (Hatherleigh Press, 2002). Watch for the feature film Red Green's "Duct Tape Forever" at a theater near you.

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EDITORIAL COMMENT

Longview News-Journal

Steroid use by young athletes

University Interscholastic League officials plan to survey Texas school districts on whether high school athletes should be tested for steroids. School officials need to think this through carefully.

Since 1975, the National Institute of Drug Abuse has studied the extent of drug abuse among high school 12th-graders annually. The survey was expanded in 1991 to include eighth- and 10th-graders. The research conducted by the University of Michigan's Institute for Social Research shows seniors' use of steroids (anabolic-androgenic) in the lifetime, past year and past month increased from 2000 to 2001. Past year use increased from 1.7 percent to 2.4 percent. Comparable 2001 figures for past year steroid use in other grades were 1.6 percent for the eighth and 2.1 percent for the 10th. Thats cause for concern.

The UIL's Medical Advisory Committee suggested the survey on the heels of a recent Sports Illustrated article concerning the effect of steroids on professional baseball.

Several members of the medical committee have raised concerns about steroid use in high schools as well, particularly in football and baseball.

Its more than those sports. National surveys show that adolescent girls account for about one-third of the high school students who abuse steroids. The use of these drugs, which often goes hand in hand with eating disorders, is particularly prominent among adolescent girls engaged in athletic activities ranging from track and field, soccer, basketball and volleyball to school dance and drill teams, according to NIDA. The primary reason that these girls use steroids is to lose fat and gain lean muscle.

Anabolic steroids, drugs derived from the male hormone testosterone, can have severe physical and emotional consequences for males and females, including stunted growth, high blood pressure and liver tumors. Steroids also can cause wide mood swings that range from episodes of uncontrolled anger and aggressiveness to clinical depression when steroid use is stopped. Steroids should be considered illegal drugs unless there is a medical prescription for their use.

Waco Tribune-Herald

Texas energy deregulation

Texas is not going to be another California under electric deregulation. Keep repeating it. Real competition and sufficient power generation will keep Texas from falling into the abyss of price spikes and shortages.

Texas is not going to be another California. Repeat it. We believe it.

But disquieting signs keep emerging. All is not right with electric deregulation.

The most recent is that one of the major players in deregulation, New Power, has already folded its tent. It's customers have been taken by TXU Electric and Reliant Energy. This comes mere months after New Power got into the game and established a large customer base.

None of these customers is going to go without electricity, we trust. But already we see big fish dining on a smaller one and acquiring market share.

One of the valid concerns about electric deregulation was that eventually what were regulated monopolies would become deregulated monopolies when the largest bought out the competition. The law would allow no fewer than six mega-companies. In market share, that wouldn't be too different from regulated times in Texas.

Other serious problems have presented themselves in the dawn of deregulation.

Customers have been waiting interminable amounts for installation or invoices.

The city of Waco reports that it has yet to receive invoices for about 30 percent of its accounts.

McLennan County has joined other Texas counties and cities in a petition asking the Public Utility Commission to force new electricity providers to process requests for service.

Lubbock Avalanche-Journal

Laney's ability above partisanship

Pete Laney has been a good speaker of the Texas House of Representatives and deserves an election to a sixth term as speaker. We are quite disappointed with the maneuvering of the Republican Party to try to replace him in that important office with a Republican.

A resolution passed at the recent GOP convention encourages party members to meet in a closed-door caucus to elect a speaker within their ranks. If the Republicans win a majority in the House in November, which is likely, Mr. Laney may be defeated as speaker.

We very much prefer the traditional method of electing speakers through a House floor vote with all members participating.

Mr. Laney has been an excellent model of bipartisanship for Texas during his five terms as speaker. It is not for nothing that he has earned loyalty from many Republicans. About two dozen House Republicans supported him first in a letter sent to newspapers regarding the GOP's plan for the closed-door caucus voting and later at the state Republican convention.

We like Mr. Laney for his bipartisan philosophy but also because the Hale Center Democrat is a very important voice for West Texas and for rural Texas. If he is blocked from his bid to return as speaker, he will be sorely missed by very important parts of the state.

Party politics has its place, but we have seen often in the national political scene that it can provide a hindrance to getting things done that need to be done. We do not want to see that happen in Texas.

Many representatives of both parties recognize the good that Mr. Laney has done for Texas and support his election to another term as speaker of the House. We will hold out hope that they can work together and keep him in a post where he is needed.

San Antonio Express-News

Mexican electricity shortage

Last summer's major news focused on power shortages in California, but Texas may soon find the problem on its southern border.

In the next few years, perhaps as early as 2004, Mexico may start suffering major power outages that could stunt its economic growth, or cause social and political chaos.

For a long time, there have been dire predictions that Mexico eventually will face serious shortages because the nation is not building enough power plants to keep up with its population and economic growth. If that occurs, leaders can blame no one but themselves. The Mexican Constitution gives the state a monopoly on all production and sales of oil, natural gas and electricity.

But Mexico doesn't have the money to invest in new power plants. Five years ago, then-President Ernesto Zedillo estimated that the government would have to invest at least $15 billion over a 10-year period just to keep up with the nation's electricity demands.

Like Zedillo, current President Vicente Fox has failed to win congressional support for privatizing the power industry.

Congress eyes civil liberties protections

WASHINGTON (AP) — Lawmakers cautioned FBI Director Robert Mueller on Friday against waging a war on terrorism that is so aggressive it weakens the rights of Americans.

The comments came as Mueller described to a House subcommittee the steps the FBI is taking to reorganize itself to better fight terrorism since the Sept. 11 attacks. The FBI's focus on counterterrorism is drawing hundreds of field agents from drug and other criminal investigations, and Mueller cited a system of training and inspectors aimed at preventing abuses.

"Agents understand the consequences of going beyond the Constitution," Mueller told the House Appropriations subcommittee that oversees the Justice Department and FBI.

Teamsters President James P. Hoffa and a handful of other labor leaders back the push for a new department, setting aside for now concerns raised by public employees' unions.

After meeting with domestic security chief Tom Ridge at the White House, the leaders said they supported the broad outlines of Bush's plans and would monitor how the concerns of public employees are handled. And Hoffa promised that truckers will be on the front lines of domestic defense.

"We can be the eyes and ears out there, especially on CB (radios)," Hoffa told reporters. "It's amazing what kind of information they can come up with."

Hoffa said it's too early to determine with unionized workers would be hurt by the plan. "We'll just wait and see what happens," he told reporters.

Frank Hanley of the International Union of Operating Engineers said his union had given Bush's plan its unqualified support.

While some members of Congress generally praised Mueller and his agency for their response to the attacks, they worried that constitutional protections might be compromised in the drive to prevent a new wave of terrorist acts.

"In our quest to create a better, faster, more agile FBI, we have to be careful not to trample on the rights granted to every American under the Constitution," said Rep. Frank Wolf, R-Va., chairman of the subcommittee.

"I'm concerned that in the rush to catch the bad guys, we will hurt the good guys," echoed Rep. Jose Serrano of New York, the panel's top Democrat.

Immediately after Sept. 11, the FBI assigned more than 6,000 agents to counterterrorism — six times the number before the attacks. "That has leveled off to 2,000 now," Mueller said.

Mueller sought to reassure that the FBI and CIA will work together effectively on intelligence issues — a subject that has previously fallen on skeptical ears in Congress.

Without unfettered access to raw intelligence data — tape recordings, communications intercepts, surveillance photos — many lawmakers have been saying that the new agency will not have all the data it needs to improve analysis and prevent future terrorist attacks.

"How is this agency to know what it doesn't know?" Sen. Mark Dayton, D-Minn., asked at a hearing Thursday of the Senate Governmental Affairs Committee. "You're adding another player to this equation."

President Bush's domestic security chief, Tom Ridge, told that panel Thursday, and a later hearing of the House Government Reform Committee, that the new department will "connect the dots" better than the current system even if it mainly gets scrubbed reports, assessments and analyses from the agencies.

Ridge said Bush wants the CIA to remain accountable directly to the president and for the FBI to stay within the Justice Department instead of moving into the new department, as some lawmakers suggest. The new department, he said, will bring a fresh perspective and analysis combined with an assessment of U.S. risks and the ability to take quick action to protect against attacks.

"This would be the only venue where all the information gathered by all the intelligence agencies of the United States could be reviewed," Ridge told the Senate panel. "That integration has never occurred anywhere in the federal government before."

Some Republican lawmakers defended the administration.

Sen. Fred Thompson, R-Tenn., said it was important to have a "firewall" between the massive amounts of intelligence data collected and the analysts at a new department to forestall "the possibility that the new agency would be inundated with truckloads of intelligence data."

Others were not so sure the intelligence agencies will play along.

"What makes anyone think they will communicate with a new, untested agency?" asked Rep. John Tierney, D-Mass.

The eight hours of hearings were the first since Bush released detailed plans for the new department Tuesday. It would combine 100 scattered federal entities with 170,000 employees and total annual budgets of at least $37 billion.

It also marked Ridge's first formal public testimony on Capitol Hill. He previously resisted such appearances on grounds that he is a confidential adviser to the president.

Sailors recall service on board USS Inchon

INGLESIDE (AP) — The 32-year career of the Navy's USS Inchon ended in a solemn decommissioning ceremony and then removal of the ship Friday.

"You get used to seeing people coming and going in the Navy. That's part of Navy life," said Joe Burton, command master chief of the ship. "But you don't expect the coming and going or the death of a ship."

After Thursday's decommissioning ceremony at Naval Station Ingleside, the 600-foot helicopter carrier was towed Friday through channels near Port Aransas and headed for Philadelphia, after which it will be towed out to sea and used for target practice.

Commissioned June 20, 1970, the Inchon was originally built as an amphibious landing support ship. It was named after a famous amphibious landing led by Gen. Douglas MacArthur during the Korean War.

Its career highlights include assisting evacuations during the Libyan civil war in 1990, and being assigned to operations off the coasts of Haiti and Somalia.

During Operation Shining Hope in 1999, it provided humanitarian relief for Kosovar refugees in the Balkans.

After a more than $120 million overhaul in 1995, it became a pillar of the Navy's Mine Warfare Command based in Corpus Christi.

"It was my home for four years," said Bobby Henson, a 53-year-old who drove from North Carolina for the ceremony. "It's sort of like losing a friend."

It was scheduled to be decommissioned three years from now, but an engine room fire in October made it too expensive to maintain.

Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison said she was concerned about the effects of the lost ship on the local economy.

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Sunday, June 23, 2002

You may want to operate independently of others in the year ahead, but when it comes to the workplace, forming a partnership with someone who can match your energy and talents may be advantageous to furthering your goals.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Not living up to your obligations or promises today may cause problems for you of your own making. Life is rough enough without shooting your own foot. Cancer, treat yourself to a birthday gift. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead by mailing $2 and an SASE to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper. P.O. Box 167, Wicklffe, OH 44092. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — There's nothing wrong with wanting to please yourself today, provided your actions don't hurt or inconvenience anybody else. If you're insensitive to the needs of others, you may come off as offensive.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Don't compare your family members to outsiders in an attempt to slant them in a bad light. If you have a beef to pick, talk it through. Otherwise, be supportive, not sardonic.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Today, you may be so intent on making a point that you fail to see that the subject matter being discussed is too sensitive for another. Don't push it.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Today, when shopping, you may have to untwist the trash interwoven among the bargains in order to not make a bum purchase. Have a sharp eye and don't believe everything in promotional copy.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Think for yourself today regarding any important considerations, but don't underscore how others might be affected by your decision. It might be wise to compromise a bit.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Normally you are a methodical and orderly person, but today you might let your guard down and not plan ahead as you should. It might leave you in a bind or cause havoc for you.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Don't let anyone talk you into doing something that is not in accord with your highest standards. There will be lasting consequences today for what we do and how we behave.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — If there is something ambitious you want to accomplish today, you must take into consideration the needs of your associates. Move forward only if you don't have to step on them.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — If you decide to enter into a debate with someone today, keep all emotion out of it, and make certain you have the facts to back up your side of the argument. Without either, you lose.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Being denied something to which you are entitled, especially money, should be challenged. If you are timid about speaking up, the individual with whom you're dealing will get away with it.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Hard feelings will result today if at the last minute you try to back out of an arrangement you have with another, especially if the reason is to do something with someone else. It won't be forgotten.

Monday, June 24, 2002

One of the wisest things to do in the year ahead is dissolve all relationships with those who have proven to drag you down. It will clear the deck, allowing you to establish unions with progressive types.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — There is a good chance today that someone can talk you into ignoring your own good counsel in order to get you to do his/her bidding. There will be consequences to pay, however. Major changes are ahead for Cancer in the coming year. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions by mailing $2 and an SASE to Astro-Graph c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 167, Wickliffe, OH 44092. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — It won't be your lack of drive and ambition that does you in today. Rather, it will be thinking yourself capable of doing anything, even if it exceeds your limitations or skills. Be realistic.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — If you get a bug in your bonnet today and think others are usurping your independence, you may do things that deliberately bucks the will of the majority. All this will accomplish is making you look bad.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Permitting outsiders to intervene in your family affairs today will create more problems than you will be able to deal with. Keep discussions within the clan only.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Be wise in gauging who your audience is today and don't introduce topics of conversation about which you may feel strongly to those you know hold opposing opinions. Nothing will be gained.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Being careless about your prized possessions today will invite those of little honesty to take advantage of your negligence. Strive to be more careful with your valuables.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Steer clear of individuals who place demands upon your time or try to dictate your activities. Today, you'll function best under circumstances where you can establish your own agenda.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Thinking that things can't be worked out today will make disruptive developments seem much harder than they need be. Turn your attitude from negative to positive.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — It is always a mistake to get involved in petty politics, but today it will be especially so. The person with whom you get entangled could be extremely adroit in this area and make you look bad.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — You're pretty good at winning arguments, but today the one you're apt to lose is challenging an authority figure who has some say over your job or career. It's a match you can't win.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Getting in the last word today might make you feel good for the moment, but unfortunately, doing so could cost you a valued relationship. Consider what's more important to you.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Be on guard today for someone who might try to maneuver you into a position where you will be held accountable for a financial mistake s/he made. Don't be anyone's patsy.

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CLASS	DAY	TIME	BEGIN	END	COST
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Fly Fishing	Mondays	6-8:30 pm	July 8	July 22	$27
How to Start a Small Business	Mondays	6-9 pm	July 8	Aug. 5	$45
Dog Obedience	Tuesdays	6-8 pm	July 9	July 30	$25
Financial Planning & Investing	Thursdays	6-9 pm	July 11	Aug. 1	$35
August					
Taste of Mexico (cooking)	Mondays	6-8 pm	Aug. 5	Sept. 9	$36
How to Lay Tile	Tuesdays	6-9 pm	Aug. 6	Aug. 27	$50
Principles of Management	Thursdays	6-9 pm	Aug. 1	Aug. 29	$45
Country & Western Dance	Thursdays	6-8 pm	Aug. 1	Aug. 29	$30

Computer Courses (Summer 2002)

CLASS	HOURS	DATES	TIME	COST
June/July				
Introduction to Computers	9	6/24, 7/1, 8	6 – 9pm	$30
Introduction to Windows	9	6/25, 7/2, 9	6 – 9pm	$30
Basic Internet	9	7/11; 18, 25	6 – 9pm	$30
Computer Buying & Upgrading	9	7/15, 22, 29	6 – 9pm	$30
Advanced Windows	9	7/16, 23, 30	6 – 9pm	$30
August				
Advanced Internet	9	8/5, 12, 19	6 – 9pm	$30
Microsoft Excel	9	8/6, 13, 20	6 – 9pm	$30
Microsoft Word	9	8/8, 15, 22	6 – 9pm	$30

Allied Health Courses (Summer 2002)

CLASS	DATES
July	
EMS Instructors Course	7/12, 13, 14, 19, 20, 21
August	
Basic EMT	TBA
EMT Paramedic	8/27

Computer Courses For Senior Citizens (Summer 2002)

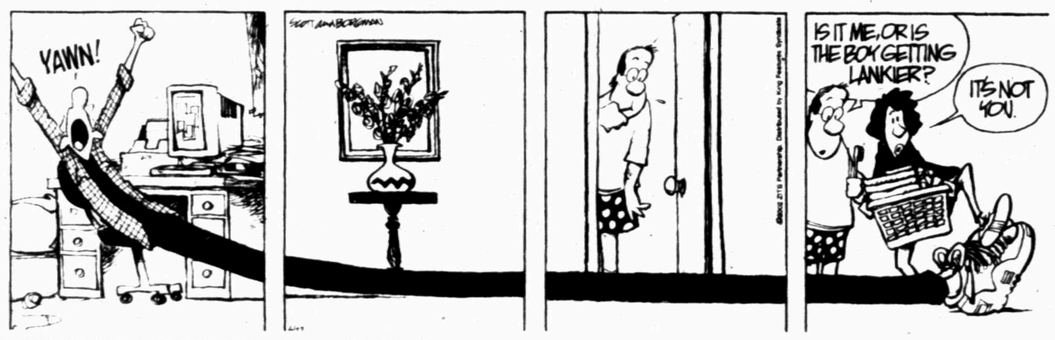
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Basic Internet	8	7/23, 25, 30, 8/1	2 – 4pm	8	16	$20.00
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Advanced Internet	8	8/13, 15, 20, 22	2 – 4pm	8	16	$20.00
Desktop Publishing	8	8/27, 29; 9/3, 5	2 – 4pm	8	16	$20.00

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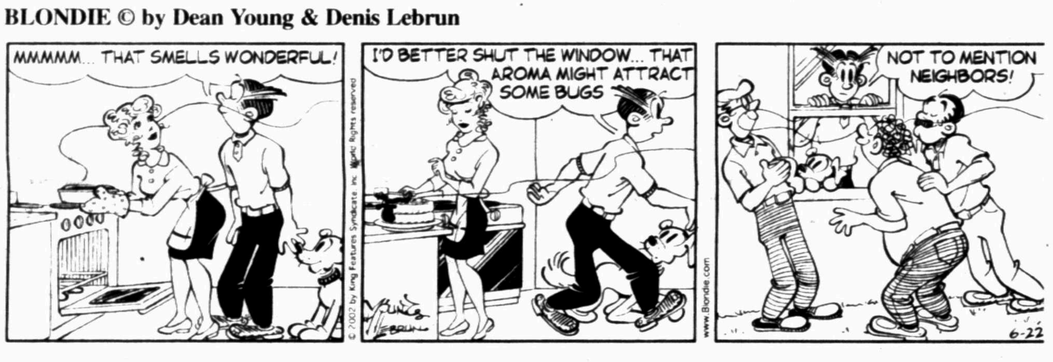
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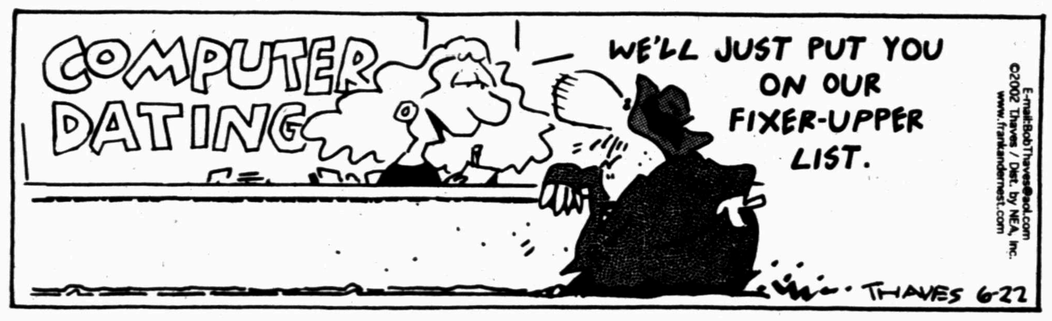
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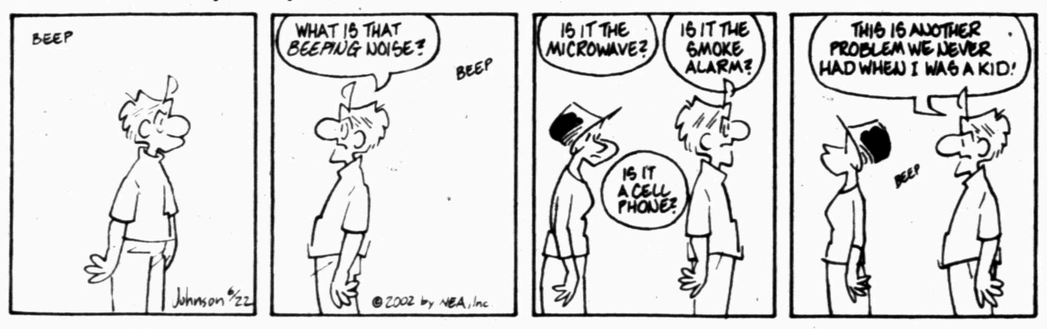
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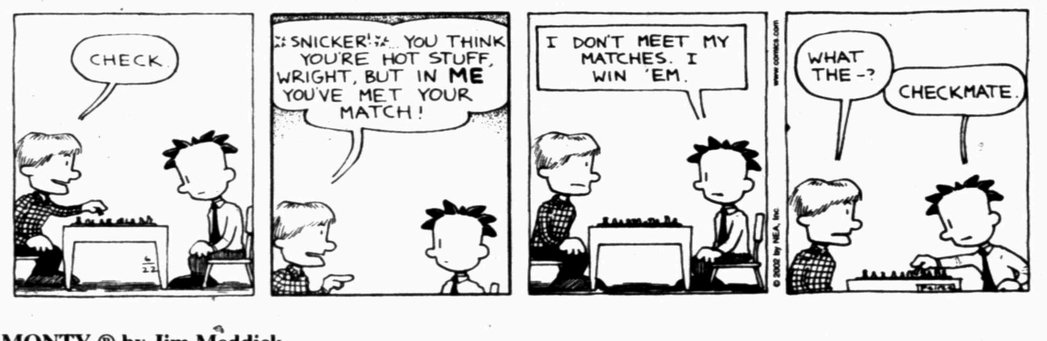
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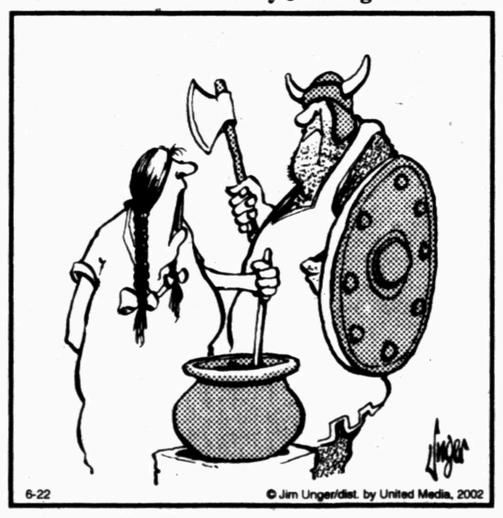
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ACROSS

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5 UK network
8 Played a flute
12 Not fake
13 Tenn. neighbor
14 Emerging magma
15 Boxer's punch
16 More powerful
18 Frog's home
20 Veldt grazer
21 Put in a kiln
22 Oil wells
25 Ad — committee
28 Crying shame
29 Coil around
33 Playing marbles
35 Whim
36 Ticks off
37 Reef polyps
39 Onion cousin
40 Sicilian landmark
42 Permit
43 First-aid devices
46 Pub order
49 Choose
50 Multitude
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56 Full-strength
58 Tie score
59 Shark habitat
60 Dressy shoe
61 Satisfy fully
62 Not even
63 Flower holder

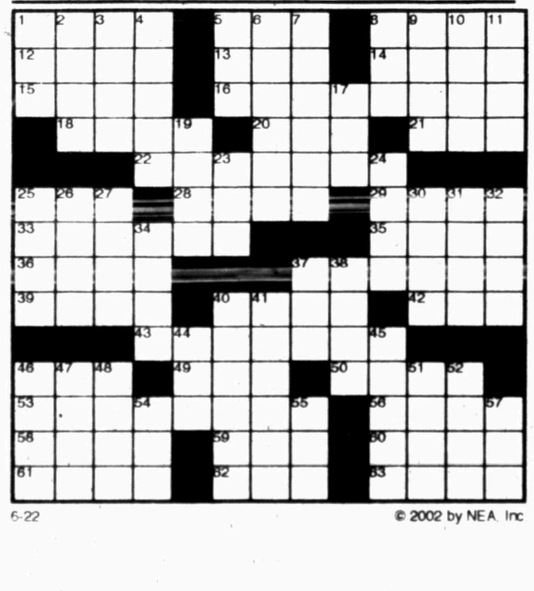
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4 Beside
5 "Pow!"
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8 Diner order
9 Produced an egg
10 Unceasingly
11 Cautious
17 Ben- —
19 Cat's-paw
23 Female rel.
24 Insult
25 Grab a cab
26 Hideous creature
27 Iced dessert
30 Aloud
31 Gawk at
32 Fly or ant
34 Reproving clucks
37 News network
38 Solemn promise
40 Rio Grande town (2 wds.)
41 Named a book
44 Balloon sound
45 Second-year students
46 Tacks on
47 Zhivago's love
48 Coup d' —
51 Tallow source
52 Coat rack
54 Pasture grazer
55 Ticked off
57 Horror-flick street

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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The best things in life are drug free

The Snyder Daily News, in cooperation with the Scurry County Anti Drug Coalition and Al-Anon support groups devote this column to current information on substance abuse, and how we, as a community, can work together to create a safe and drug free environment for our children.

Make a difference in someone's life, be a volunteer.

The following is an excerpt from President Bush's speech in Atlanta, Ga. May it challenge us as a community to get more involved in the lives of those around us who are not simply asking for a handout but for someone who really cares and is concerned.

"After September the 11th, many Americans, especially young Americans, are rethinking their career choices. They are being drawn to careers of service as police or firemen, emergency health workers, teachers, counselors or in the military. And this is good for America.

"Many ask, 'What can I do to help in our fight?' The answer is simple. All of us can become a September the 11th volunteer by making a commitment to service in our own communities. So you can serve your country by tutoring or mentoring a child, comforting the afflicted, housing those in need of shelter and a home.

"You can participate in your neighborhood watch or Crime stoppers. You can become a volunteer in a hospital, emergency medical, and fire or rescue unit. You can support our troops in the field and, just as importantly, support their families here at home by becoming active in the USO or groups in communities near our military installations.

"We also will encourage service to country by creating new opportunities within the AmeriCorps and Senior Corps programs for public safety and public health efforts.

We will ask state and local officials to create a new modern civil defense service, similar to local volunteer fire departments, to respond to local emergencies when the manpower of governments is stretched thin.

"We will find ways to train and mobilize more volunteers to help when rescue and health emergencies arise.

Americans have a lot to offer, so I've created a task force to develop additional ways people can get directly involved in this war effort, by making our homes and neighborhoods and schools and workplaces safer.

"And I call on all Americans to serve by bettering our communities and thereby defy and defeat the terrorists.

Our great national challenge is to hunt down the terrorists and strengthen our protection against future attacks. Our great national opportunity is to preserve forever the good that has resulted. Through this tragedy, we are renewing and reclaiming our strong American values.

"Both Laura and I were touched by a recent newspaper article that quoted a little 4-year-old girl who asked a telling and innocent question. Wondering how terrorists could hate a whole nation of people they don't even know, she asked, 'Why don't we just tell them our names?'

"Well, we can't tell them all our names, but together, we can show them our values.

"Too many have the wrong idea of Americans as shallow, materialist consumers who care only about getting rich or getting ahead. But this isn't the America I know.

"Ours is a wonderful nation full of kind and loving people, people of faith who want freedom and opportunity for people everywhere. One way to defeat terrorism is to show the world the true values of America through the gathering momentum of a million acts of responsibility and decency and service.

"I am encouraging school children to write letters of friendship to Muslim children in different countries. Our college students and those who travel abroad for business or vacation can all be ambassadors of American values.

"Ours is a great story and we must tell it through our words and through our deeds.

"I came to Atlanta today to talk about an all-important question: How should we live in the light of what has happened?

We all have new responsibilities. Our government has the responsibility to hunt down our enemies, and we will. Our government has the responsibility to put needless partisanship behind us and meet new challenges: better security for our people and help for those who have lost jobs and livelihoods in the attacks that claimed so many lives.

I made some proposals to stimulate economic growth, which will create new jobs and make America less dependent on foreign oil. And I ask Congress...

"And I ask Congress to work hard and put a stimulus plan into law to help the American people.

"Our citizens have new responsibilities. We must be vigilant. Obviously, we must inspect our mail; stay informed on public health matters.

"We will not give in to exaggerated fears or passing rumors. We will rely on good judgment and good old common sense. We will care for those who've lost loved ones and comfort those who might, at times, feel afraid.

We will not judge fellow Americans by appearance, ethnic background or religious faith.

"We will defend the values of our country, and we will live by them. We will persevere in this struggle no matter how long it takes to prevail.

"Above all, we will live in a spirit of courage and optimism. Our nation was born in that spirit, as immigrants yearning for freedom courageously risked their lives in search of greater opportunity.

That spirit of optimism and courage still beckons people across the world who want to come here. And that spirit of optimism and courage must guide those of us fortunate enough to live here.

"Courage and optimism led the passengers on Flight 93 to rush their murderers to save lives on the ground.

"... led by a young man whose last known words were the Lord's Prayer and, "Let's roll."

"He didn't know he had signed on for heroism when he boarded the plane that day.

"Some of our greatest moments have been acts of courage for which no one could have ever prepared.

"We will always remember the words of that brave man expressing the spirit of a great country. We will never forget all we have lost and all we are fighting for.

"Ours is the cause of freedom. We've defeated freedom's enemies before, and we will defeat them again.

"We cannot know every turn this battle will take, yet we know our cause is just and our ultimate victory is assured. "We will no doubt face new challenges, but we have our marching orders.

"My fellow Americans, let's roll."

For further information on how you can be involved in creating a drug free community in Scurry County, contact the Snyder Area Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse (CADA) or the Scurry County Anti Drug Coalition at 573-1141.

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Webcasters music royalty rates set

WASHINGTON (AP) — Internet music broadcasters and the recording industry, opponents in the debate over online music royalties, are both unhappy with a government decision setting rates for webcasters.

The U.S. Copyright Office decided Thursday to charge webcasters 70 cents per song heard by 1,000 listeners, or half of what a government panel had proposed in February.

Jonathan Potter, executive director of the Digital Media Association, said the rate was still too high, but was an improvement over the earlier proposal.

"There's still going to be a lot of pain in the industry," said Potter, who represents webcasters who send music programs over the Internet to computer users.

The recording industry had sought even higher royalties to compensate artists and music labels for using their songs.

The 70-cent rate "simply does not reflect the fair market value of the music," said Cary Sherman, president of the Recording Industry Association of America.

In May, Librarian of Congress James H. Billington, who oversees the Copyright Office, rejected an arbitration panel's proposal setting the rate for Internet-only broadcasts at $1.40 per song heard by 1,000 listeners. That was double the rate set for broadcasts sent out simultaneously on radio and the Internet.

Billington thought the difference in the rates was "arbitrary and not supported by the record of evidence," said spokeswoman Jill Brett. The lower rate now applies to radio station simulcasts on the Web and Internet-only broadcasts.

Opponents of Thursday's ruling can appeal to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit within 30 days. The court could modify the decision or set it aside if it finds the ruling was highly unreasonable.

If the decision is not changed, the first monthly royalty payments will be due in November. The fees are retroactive to 1998 and full payment of royalties from past years will be due in October.

Internet radio — either simulcasts of traditional over-the-air radio or Internet-only stations streamed through the Internet to computers — is becoming more popular as people get high-speed connections at home.

Robert Abbett, who sends Internet broadcasts of Hawaiian tunes from a spare bedroom in Kailua, Hawaii, said the new rate will cost him $13,000 each year and force him to shut down. Abbett relies on listener donations to operate.

"I feel like we're really getting railroaded and I'll hold out as long as I can," Abbett said. He added, "It very well could mean the end."

Larger webcasters said the rates would cost them hundreds of thousands of dollars annually, more than they get from advertising or listener contributions.

John Jeffrey, vice president of Live365 Inc., the largest Internet radio network, said even the lower rate may kill the fledgling industry. He said it will cost his cash-strapped company about $100,000 a month.

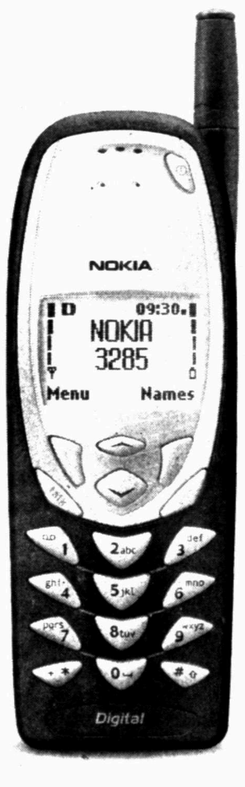
"This is a rate that still means the majority of independent webcasters will cease to operate," Jeffrey said.

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Saturday, June 22, 2002

Today is the 173rd day of 2002 and the second day of summer.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1865, in the Bering Strait, the Confederate raider Shenandoah fired the last shot of the Civil War.

On this day in 1870, the Congress passed an act to create the Department of Justice under the direction of the attorney general.

On this day in 1896, Dr. Mary Stone graduated from the Medical School of the University of Michigan. She was the first Chinese-American woman to become a doctor in the United States.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Anne Morrow Lindbergh (1906-2001), writer; Billy Wilder (1906-2002), film director; Kris Kristofferson (1936-), actor/singer/songwriter, is 67; Ed Bradley (1941-), broadcast journalist, is 61; Meryl Streep (1949-), actress, is 53; Clyde Drexler (1962-), basketball player, is 40.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1949, boxer Ezzard Charles became the world heavyweight champion by defeating "Jersey" Joe Walcott in a 15-round decision.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Hindsight is always 20/20." — Billy Wilder

TODAY'S MOON: Between last quarter (June 17) and full moon (June 24).

Sunday, June 23, 2002

Today is the 174th day of 2002 and the third day of summer.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1860, an act of Congress created the Secret Service.

On this day in 1960, members of the Army Signal Corps carried out the first solar-powered coast-to-coast two-way radio conversation.

On this day in 1968, the war in Vietnam became the longest war in U.S. history.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Alan Turing (1912-1954), mathematician; Bob Fosse (1927-1987), director/choreographer; June Carter Cash (Valerie June Carter) (1929-), singer, is 73; Wilma Rudolph (1940-1994), track-and-field athlete; Ted Shackelford (1946-), actor, is 56; Clarence Thomas (1948-), Supreme Court justice, is 54; Glenn Danzig (Glenn Anzalone) (1955-), musician, is 47.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1917, Boston Red Sox pitcher Ernie Shore retired 26 batters in a row.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "I propose to consider the question, 'Can machines think?'" — Alan Turing

TODAY'S MOON: Between first quarter (June 17) and full moon (June 24).

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Former President Ronald Reagan's papers to be displayed at alma mater

EUREKA, Ill. (AP) — Eureka College, Ronald Reagan's alma mater, will become the permanent showcase for more than 3,000 artifacts documenting the former president's life.

The Christian college in central Illinois has run a Reagan museum exhibit since 1994. Now that display is associated with the Smithsonian Group — through the Lakeview Museum of Arts and Sciences — and will become a permanent staple at the school.

"It's going to be here forever," college spokeswoman Michele Lehman said.

Reagan graduated from the school in 1932 and is arguably its most acclaimed alumnus. He was the 40th U.S. president, serving from 1981-89.

Most of Eureka's collection was donated either by Reagan or his family.

Eureka's Reagan collection is the largest outside the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library and Museum in Simi Valley, Calif., and is meant to serve as a supplement to the larger museum.

"What they have there is truly a priceless collection," Lakeview spokeswoman Kathleen Woith said of the Eureka exhibit.

High court says judges and reporters share same goals

WASHINGTON (AP) — Judges and journalists are like bickering siblings who don't see eye to eye but still need each other, Justice Stephen Breyer said Friday.

The relationship is the same in Mexico, the chief justice of that country's Supreme Court said at a meeting that explored the tension between those who issue judgments and the people who report their decisions in America and elsewhere.

"They are in a sense twins fighting like mad but nonetheless necessary to each other," Breyer said.

Genaro David Gongora Pimentel, chief justice of the Supreme Court of Mexico, said both work for the public. Reporters' criticism of judges, while "it's uncomfortable, has to be accepted as public scrutiny," he said.

American courts' credibility, Breyer said, comes only from aggressive reporting on court information, including sensitive reports about judges' personal finances.

People "know that the press is not an easy pushover, they are tough," Breyer said. "If that information is available and they write about it, they have some assurance of honesty."

The justice said because of credibility established over the years, there was no challenge to recent Supreme Court decisions on abortion, school prayer and the 2000 presidential election.

"Despite the division, despite the strong feeling, no one doubts that the country will follow the decision. That's remarkable," said Breyer, a Clinton appointee who opposed the outcome of Bush v. Gore.

The Supreme Court's 5-4 ruling effectively settled the presidential election.

Judge Gilbert S. Merritt of the 6th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals explained the decision to the group that included justices from Supreme Courts in about two dozen countries.

He said although Democratic candidate Al Gore "had the majority of votes in the election, the country quickly sustained the Supreme Court. There was no coup d'etat. And business went on as usual."

The discussions, sponsored by the Inter American Press Association, came with a backdrop of American writers punished for not revealing sources and refusing to follow other court orders, and jailings in other countries of reporters whose stories angered leaders.

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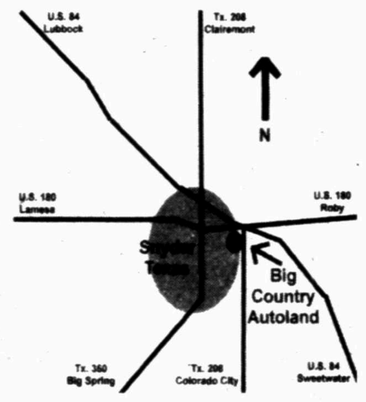
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