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All but city's decrease...

Taxable value figures released

After showing an increase in 1997 for the first time in seven years, taxable values are again down in Scurry County, according to figures from the Scurry County Appraisal District.

Total taxable values for 1998 are calculated at $598,328,878. That's a decrease of $28,781,408 from last year's values of $627,110,286.

The taxable values in 1996 were $579,605,603.

County real estate values increased, however, from $246,515,678 to $247,796,394 and personal property values also increased.

Personal property values within the county increased to $94,670,964, up from last year's $81,255,774.

Appraised mineral values decreased $44,100,400 for a total of $153,163,323 — down from $197,263,723.

In 1996, mineral values were $154,453,333.

Other taxing entities saw drops also.

The values for Snyder Independent School District dropped $43,569,492 — down from $495,168,967 in 1997 to a total this year of $451,599,475.

The local school district dropped $35,531,180 in mineral values, while real estate values showed a decrease, also.

Those values dropped from $232,293,554 in 1997, to $205,524,141 this year.

Personal property values showed an increase for the school district, up to $87,466,350 this year from 1997's $74,723,195.

Western Texas College saw a drop in total values of $27,341,539. This year's value is $650,374,076, as compared to $677,715,615 in 1997.

The city of Snyder's tax roll is up $7,877,727 from last year's total of $226,388,127. This year's appraised value is $234,265,854.

The city's real estate values increased $4,965,794 — up to $177,914,366. Last year's values were $173,048,572.

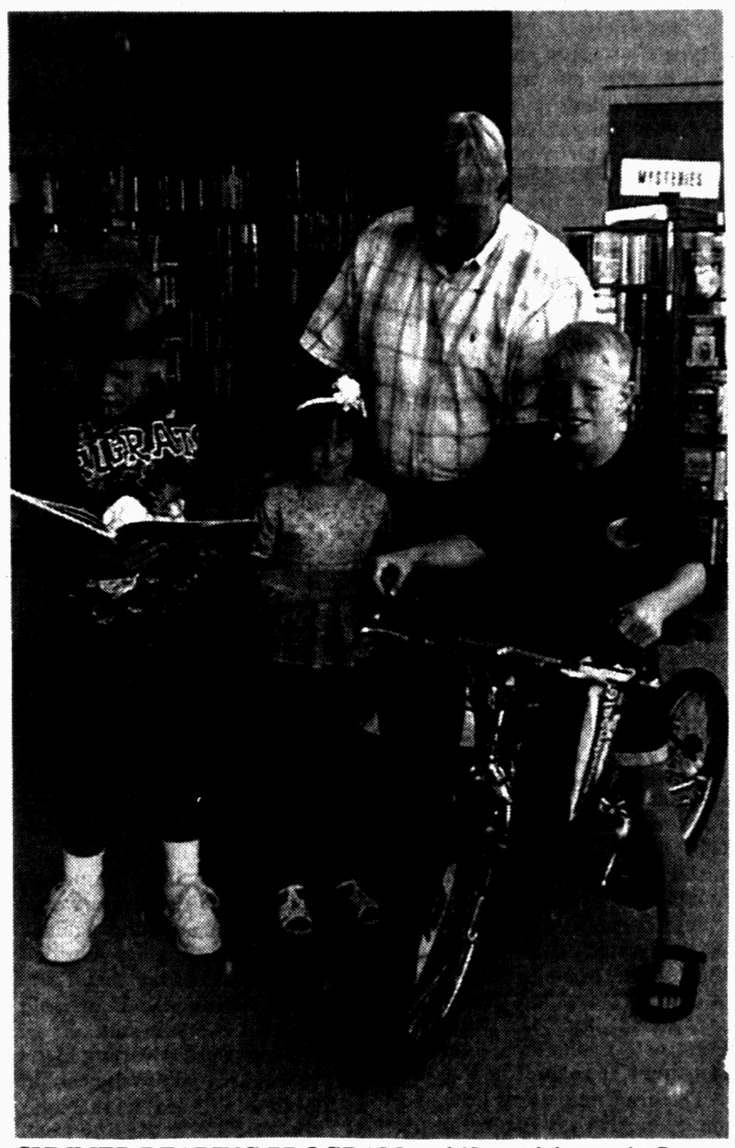
Ira ISD's values dropped $11,539,717. This year's value is $70,782,500, while last year's values were appraised at $82,322,217.

Hermleigh ISD's values dropped $1,310,685 — down from last year's $29,596,997 to this year's $28,286,312.

Certified values

Scurry County Appraisal District has released certified values for 1998. The following information compares 1998 values with 1997 certified values for the six taxing entities in the county:

	1998	1997	difference
County	$598,328,878	$627,110,286	-4.58%
College	$650,374,076	$677.715,615	-4.03%
City	$234,265,854	$226,388,127	+3.47
SISD	$451,599,475	$495,168,967	-0.87%
HISD	$28,286,312	$29,596,997	-0.44%
IISD	$70,782,500	$82,322,217	-0.14%



SUMMER READING PROGRAM — 148 participants in Scurry County Library's summer reading program, "Funny Tails, Furry Tails", earned certificates. Mayor David Holt helped present certificates and prizes during a ceremony this morning. Shown looking over the book he won is Casey Arnold while brother Jamie tries out the new bicycle he won. Also pictured is Amy Fogleman. (SDN Staff Photo)

THE .SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "Aging isn't all bad. Just think of the trouble we'd all be in if wrinkles hurt."

We went to one of those class reunions and found that time changes not only the appearance of people — but some of their habits.

The dinner was over about 8:30 — and we think everyone was glad. You know, it's important for older folks to get home before dark.

It was a 35-year get-together, and we noticed that the turnout was small. One reason we learned, that 13 out of 123 had died. That was unsettling. Some were baby-sitting grandchildren, equally unnerving.

Then we ran into a guy we had started to school with in the first grade. We had gone through basic training with him, and we had seen him only once after his difficult tour of duty in Vietnam.

Now he was in a wheel chair, totally blind from diabetes and suffering kidney failure. But for some reason, he seemed to have one of the more positive outlooks of those there.

After the class dinner, there was an all-school dance at the Moose Lodge, long one of the few watering holes in the dry county.

We asked a classmate sitting to our right if they had one of those in Weatherford. "Don't know," she said, "I'm the church organist."

We noticed a couple of other fellows. They had been known for sowing their wild oats some 35 years ago. There is no way to exaggerate their past, some having earned well-deserved reputations.

Not only had their appearance changed, their style of living had definitely become more laid back.

One was even philosophical. "Sometimes I think our memories of those days are better than the reality."

"You may be right," said another. "A good country and western song is okay to listen to, but it's too hard to live it."

"Listen to us," said one fellow. "We sound like a bunch of old fogies. We ought to go crazy tonight, party all night like we used to."

"Why?" asked one of them.

No one moved. Finally, the leader said, "Well, maybe we can do that another time."

The other two readily agreed.

"Besides," said the other. "I need to get back. I sleep better in my own bed."

In civil trial...

Jury rules in favor of plaintiff

Jurors ruled in favor of the plaintiff Wednesday afternoon in a civil dispute over ownership of property taken from a rental store unit in Snyder in 1997.

James Burl Penn, a former Snyder resident now living in Destrehan, La., filed suit against Marcus Dale Harless and Ronnie Morgan Gunter claiming that the two Odessa men had taken his property from a storage building located at U.S. 84 and F.M. 1611.

Penn had valued his property in excess of $5,000.

The ten-man, two-woman jury ruled that $5,000 in household goods were missing from the storage unit, and $1,000 in family heirlooms were also missing.

The jury said the negligence of the Odessa men resulted in the loss of the property.

Representing the plaintiff was Jeffrey Davis of the Hamlin law firm of Issac Castro.

Marc R. May represented the defendants.

The trial was held in 132nd District Court and District Judge Ernie Armstrong presided.

Workers ratify pact at two GM plants

FLINT, Mich. (AP) — Workers at two strikebound General Motors parts plants voted overwhelmingly today to approve a settlement aimed at ending the most costly walkouts ever against the automaker.

GM and the United Auto Workers wound up more than three days of marathon negotiations with a tentative agreement Tuesday to end strikes at the two Flint parts plants that have cost the No. 1 automaker more than $2.2 billion.

Seventy-six percent of the members at the Delphi Flint East plant approved the pact, The Flint Journal reported. About 90 percent at the Flint Metal Center accepted it, WWJ radio said.

Despite the strong approval, there were some misgivings among the rank and file.

Clifford Riley, a job setter at Delphi East plant in Flint, said he was concerned that a company guarantee not to sell the plant runs only through 1999. The issue is expected to come up during national contract negotiations next summer.

"In '99, this might come again," Riley said. "That's the big issue — our jobs leaving. After 2000, they'll probably be gone."

The strikes brought GM's North American production to a virtual halt, idling more than 200,000 workers at one point and affecting dozens of communities. The deal was announced 53 days after the strikes began.

The agreement covers the two Flint plants and several other factories where disputes threatened to escalate into walkouts. But perhaps the most significant result is a commitment by GM and the UAW to try and resolve disputes through frequent talks among top officials.

"The measure of whether or not this strike was worth it will come in the long run," GM Vice President Gerald Knechtel said. "One of the very good things that might come out of what has been a very difficult situation is a constructive focus by both of us to work very hard to avoid these kind of situations in the future."

UAW President Stephen Yokich also expressed a desire for an improved relationship.

"I hope in the near future that General Motors and the UAW can sit down and find a different way of doing things," he said.

All but two of GM's 29 major, wholly owned assembly plants in North America were idled because of the strikes by 9,200 workers. More than 100 GM parts plants also were affected, in addition to dozens of suppliers.

GM said it will take at least two days for parts from Flint to get into the pipeline and for the first idled assembly plants to resume operation. The soonest all plants could be back in operation is next week, though it may take longer depending on which vehicles are given priority.

The UAW has hit General Motors with 22 local walkouts since 1990, while Ford Motor Co. and Chrysler Corp. have enjoyed nearly strike-free relations with the union.

GM has had more labor problems in part because it remains the least productive and overstaffed of the major automakers relative to its declining market share. While it has trimmed its work force through attrition, industry analysts say it still needs to cut about 50,000 jobs to match competitors.

GM's efforts to downsize have led to friction with the UAW. And Knechtel said the push to become more productive won't end.

"We've made a tremendous amount of competitive improvement at General Motors, and we've done it through our people and in many cases we've done it with the help of the United Auto Workers union," Knechtel said. "But we are the high-cost producer, and we have to achieve a tremendous amount of further improvement."

The promise of more cooperation will be put to the test soon.

The union still has strike authorization from workers at the Saturn car plant in Tennessee, while disgruntled workers at the Chevrolet Corvette plant in Kentucky are working without a contract and could strike. The union also has threatened a walkout at a Wisconsin truck plant.

The settlement resolves only disputes at the Flint Metal Center stamping plant, where workers went on strike June 5, and the Delphi Flint East parts plant, where a walkout began June 11.

$20.4 million bond issue...

Early voting continues in school bond election

Fifty more people Tuesday cast early votes in the Snyder Independent School District bond election, bringing the total of early ballots to 237.

On Monday, 66 early votes were cast.

SISD residents are voting on a $20.4 million bond issue for the district called to finance improvements to the district's aging facilities.

The election is set for Aug. 8.

Citizens who reside in the school district may vote early through Tuesday at the administration building between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4 p.m.

The proposal calls for major renovations on all the district's campuses with the exception of Central Elementary. Plans call for the district to close the 50-year-old structure if the bond issue passes.

If the bond issue is approved, renovation and construction of the facilities could begin as early as next spring. It is estimated that the entire project could take two to three years to complete as the work would have to be scheduled with as little interruption to class room work as possible.

The renovations include replacement of heating and air-conditioning systems, as well as bringing electrical and plumbing systems into compliance with present-day safety codes.

Classrooms would also be wired in order to meet the state's plan for each student to have a computer at their desk by the year 2005.

The plans also call for the replacement of portable buildings on the Stanfield and Northeast Elementary campuses.

Band, football to start soon

The lazy, hazy days of a quick summer are about over for students in the Snyder Independent School District and for those students who get the school year started the earliest — band students — summer vacation is over.

Freshman band students are to report to the high school band hall at 8:30 Thursday morning, followed by the upperclassmen on Monday.

And Snyder High School band directors Walter Reneau and Kay Kennedy remind band members to bring their instruments.

Football practice is just around the corner also, as non-contact drills begin next Wednesday.

Shorts and shoes will be handed out early that day — at 6 a.m. The first practice will be at 4 p.m.

ASK US

Q.-When is United going to get started on its store in Snyder?

A.-No date has been set, but United officials say a ground-breaking ceremony likely would be held some time during the first two weeks of September.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Tuesday, 100 degrees; low, 76; 7 a.m. Wednesday, 77; no precipitation; total for 1998, 5.75 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, fair. Low 70-75. S wind 5-15 mph. Thursday, mostly sunny. High around 100. S wind 10-20 mph.



Vivi Weaver
Mostly sunny

Sunset: 8:42 p.m.
Sunrise: 6:59 a.m.
Of 209 days in 1998, the sun has shone 207 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

"Tell me and I forget. Teach me and I remember. Involve me and I learn."
Benjamin Franklin

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School shooting deaths have declined in U.S.

WASHINGTON (AP) — The number of school shooting deaths across the country was lower during the past school year than five years ago, but the horrific nature of several of this term's shootings and heavy media coverage left the opposite impression, a private study said today.

The study —''School House Hype'' — says that perception could lead to ''counterproductive'' new laws and an excessive focus on dangers at school when everyday gun violence outside school is a bigger threat to children.

''There is a big problem of kids being killed in America,'' said Vincent Schiraldi, director of the Justice Policy Institute, a criminal justice research group that conducted the study. ''If politicians spend all of the next year trying to come up with solutions for the 'school killing' problem, they could miss the real problem.''

The study, paid for by the Annie E. Casey Foundation that supports many juvenile justice efforts, collected data on fatal school shootings from several federal agencies and the National School Safety Center at Pepperdine University.

It found there were 55 school shooting deaths in 1992-93, 51 in 93-94, 20 in 1994-95, 35 in 1995-96, 25 in 1996-97 and 40 in 1997-98.

Several of the shootings in the past year were at rural schools where such violence is rare.

''That made it more of a man-bites-dog type news hook, the occurrence of the shootings of kids in rural communities, as opposed to urban kids, kids of color,'' Schiraldi said.

He criticized responses like the possible curtailing of nighttime school athletic events, one of several measures being considered by a Virginia governor's commission to reduce school violence. Lila Young, a spokeswoman for Virginia Gov. James Gilmore, said it was premature to comment.

Schiraldi's group has long argued against the trend to criminalize youthful offenders, saying that is more likely to create habitual offenders.

Among other recent developments, he cited:

— A proposal by a Texas lawmaker that would allow children as young as 11 to be charged with a capital offense and would lower the minimum age from 14 to 10 when a child can be tried as an adult.

— More than 200 cases of student suspensions or expulsions over a three-month period from May 1 to July 1 for offenses ranging from making up lists of people they want to see dead or writing notes school officials deemed dangerous.

— An Arkansas lawmaker's proposal to remove the age limit for anyone charged of premeditated murder to be tried as an adult.

Any changes in Arkansas law would not affect two boys, ages 12 and 13, accused of the shooting March 24 that left four students and a teacher dead and 10 others wounded at a Jonesboro middle school. The boys face a juvenile court hearing in August.

Schiraldi said intense media coverage of the August hearing will unnecessarily increase fears of school just as students head back to class.

State Rep. Ted Thomas defended his proposal to allow Arkansas judges the discretion to try some youthful offenders under age 14 as adults.

Under Arkansas law, no one younger than 14 can be tried as an adult. If they are found to be delinquent, the two boys could be ordered held until they are 21, but the state has no facility to hold any youths past age 18.

''We cannot have a justice system where people respect the rule of law unless they look at the results and they're satisfied that justice is done,'' said the Little Rock Republican. ''When those kids hit 18, they're gone.''

Texans want to win largest Powerball

HOUSTON (AP) — Forget tonight's Lotto Texas drawing that will dispense a paltry $4 million to anyone who has the six winning numbers.

Texans are crossing into Louisiana and New Mexico to spend $1 a ticket for a chance at the Powerball jackpot, which is offering a world record $250 million jackpot tonight.

In Connecticut, New Yorkers were reported to be standing in line for nine hours to buy chances at the $250 million, Doug Orr, spokesman for the Multistate Lottery Association, told the Houston Chronicle.

The orgaization runs Powerball games in 20 states and the District of Columbia, Orr said.

Trucker Dave Loupo drove a jet fuel truck all day Monday, but decided he could put in a couple of hundred more miles from his Houston home to pick up tickets for himself, his boss and some friends.

''All day long I just kept thinking, that's a quarter of a billion dollars!'' he said. ''That is just a powerful lot of money. If I won, neither I nor anybody in my whole family — both sides — would ever want for anything again. And a lot of people in Houston would never want for anything again.''

The Louisiana Lottery Association reported Tuesday that 1,800 Powerball tickets were being sold in the state every minute.

''We had people sleeping in the parking lot last night so they could be first in line,'' said the manager of Tobacco Plus, in the tiny town of Toomey, four miles inside Louisiana on Interstate 10.

By early afternoon Tuesday, a line snaked out of the little convenience store and gas station out into the parking lot.

Jane Butler, who traveled from Houston with her twin, Jan Fontenot, said she's sure of good luck. ''I had a dream about a green alligator,'' she said. ''That must mean luck.''

Officials say chances of winning the jackpot are one in 80 million, compared to one in 15.8 million for winning the Lotto Texas jackpot, which has been as high as $77.1 million.

There's a one in 35 chance that a $1 Powerball ticket will win at least something. A correct powerball wins $3. Five correct regular numbers without the powerball win $100,000.

Powerball officials aren't yet predicting how big the jackpot could be on Saturday if nobody chooses the numbers drawn at Powerball headquarters in West Des Moines, Iowa at 9:59 p.m. It would probably reach $350 million to $400 million.

There is an 85 percent chance the jackpot will be won tonight, officials said.

Like Texas, the Powerball jackpot can be paid out over 25 years. Most Texans who crossed into Louisiana Tuesday were buying the cash option, however, which instantly pays about half of the jackpot.

For the cash option, after taxes, that would mean a check for almost $84 million.

Louisiana Powerball outlets are allowed to sell the tickets from 5 a.m. to midnight every day of the week. The lines, retailers report, will get longer before sales on the $250 million drawing stop at 9 p.m., officials said.

City of Denton scuttles $25 ambulance surcharge for people 300 pounds and up

DENTON (AP) — Wow, was THAT ever a buzzsaw!

After being inundated with jeers, the Denton City council unanimously voted Tuesday night to rescind a planned $25 surcharge that was approved last week for anyone over 300 pounds needing ambulance service.

Members of the council decided the extra revenue wouldn't be worth the extra attention — and wrath — that the proposal brought them over the past several days.

The council approved several fees last week in an attempt to boost funding for firefighters and emergency workers to $570,000 from $477,000.

But this was the only fee to receive international attention. Council members and city officials were deluged by calls from the media and residents.

Fire Chief Ross Chadwick, who recommended the fee, said he fielded more than 30 telephone calls from the media, including the British Broadcasting Corp. and Good Morning America.

Chadwick said he still feels the fee legitimate, but said it would have raised at most $250 a year and was not worth the attention.

Chadwick had said the fee was necessary to cover the increased risk of injury to firefighters and paramedics who must carry the patients.

''It's certainly not worth the fuss people have made about it,'' he said. ''Most places I go, people harass me. I've heard a lot of fat jokes.''

The council approved the fee last week by a 4-3 vote.

Dropping the fee made sense, council members agreed.

''It's the right thing to do,'' councilman Mike Cochran said. ''It took a little bit of outside scrutiny to make people realize the sensitivity issue. It's been a really amazing experience.''

''Being able to make a mistake and then correct it always shows good judgment,'' said Ray Hackney, 42, of Richardson, a member of Singles of Size, a social organization.

Era fizzles out

RICHMOND, Va. (AP) The L. Douglas Wilder era at Virginia Union University has fizzled out, four days before he was to assume the presidency at his alma mater.

Wilder, the nation's first elected black governor, withdrew Tuesday as the university's next president amid criticism over his demand for the resignations of a dozen top Virginia Union administrators.

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Cindy Nix was last week's winner.

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

Last Week's Photos: 1. John Fagin 2. Henry Clark 3. Jan Harrel 4. Clinton Chesser 5. Mary Brandon 6. Judy Church 7. Bobbie Donaldson 8. Tony Scott 9. Bill Clayton 10. Mary Garcia

Pacific states vulnerable to giant sea waves

WASHINGTON (AP) — Giant waves like the one that devastated coastal Papua New Guinea have struck the United States in the past, and the Pacific states face the greatest threat.

Indeed, Oregon state geologist Don Hull says the danger may be increasing for coastal areas of his state as well as Washington and northern California.

An offshore fault known as the Cascadia subduction zone stretches along the Northwest coast, posing the threat of offshore quakes that can generate the great waves known as tsunami.

It was an offshore quake that sent a 23-foot wall of water slamming ashore in Papua New Guinea on July 17, killing 2,000 and leaving many more injured and homeless.

"Since the New Guinea event, people have asked repeatedly if it could happen here," Hull said Tuesday. "The answer ... is yes."

Quakes from the Cascadia fault have generated major tsunami over the last several thousand years, Hull said, with an estimated recurrence rate of 300 to 600 years.

The last such quake was in January 1700, he said. "We're 298 years and some months into the run-up to the next event."

Hull's warning came at a briefing on tsunami organized by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, which is responsible for studying and issuing warnings of the great waves.

The great 1964 Alaska earthquake generated a tsunami that killed 107 people in Alaska and caused $10 million in damage on the U.S. West Coast where 15 more died — many in Crescent City, Calif. The wave eventually reached Hawaii, where damage reached $68,000.

Other major tsunami affecting the United States:

—An April 1, 1946, quake in the Aleutian Islands generated a wave that destroyed a Scotch Cap lighthouse in Alaska, killing five. The wave later reached Hawaii, claiming 173 lives.

—A May 22, 1960, earthquake in Chile led to a wave that caused 61 deaths in Hawaii and damage on the West Coast, mostly at Crescent City.

—A Nov. 29, 1975, tsunami from a Hawaii quake caused damage on Santa Catalina Island, Calif.

Besides earthquakes, tsunami can be caused by undersea landslides or volcanoes, explained Charles McCreery of the Pacific Tsunami Warning Center in Hawaii. The waves can travel across the Pacific in 24 hours but may be hardly noticeable in midocean.

National group: Iowa best place to raise a child

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) — Those idyllic scenes of family life in the Midwest and New England? They aren't just quaint fantasies, says a child advocacy group ranking the best states to raise children.

Iowa was chosen the best state to raise a child. Four other Midwestern states and four New England states also made the top 10 in the study released Tuesday by the Children's Right Council, a Washington, D.C.-based group that assists children of separation and divorce.

"It sounds like a cliche, but it really is a great community. There's such a sense of family. I think what's appreciated by Iowans is this sense of community and belonging," said Karen Quiner, a mother of three in Des Moines.

In compiling its rankings, the council considered such factors as the rates of divorce, crime, high school graduation and infant mortality.

Iowa took the place of North Dakota, which was ranked first in last year's study. This year it was ranked sixth.

Minnesota was second, followed by New Hampshire, Nebraska, and Massachusetts. The worst states were Tennessee, Louisiana, Mississippi, Arizona and New Mexico. Washington, D.C., ranked last for the second consecutive year.

"Some of the states that didn't rank so well happen to be more urban areas or happen to be mostly southern states," where violence is more prevalent, said council spokeswoman Melanie Woodrow.

Ms. Woodrow said the rankings shouldn't convince parents to move, but to look more closely at how to improve their child's life.

"I don't think it necessarily means you need to pack up your bags and move to Iowa," she said. "But ask yourself, 'Do I have young children? What can I teach them about drugs? About safe sex? What can I do to make sure my child is protected?'"

A child advocate in Arizona said she hoped the study could help convince leaders to direct more government resources to programs for children, rather than prisons and law enforcement.

"When we are together with Mississippi, with states that traditionally have been thought of as poor states, then it's time to stop giving excuses and start coming up with solutions," said Carol Kamin, executive director the Children's Action Alliance in Arizona.

Community Calendar

WEDNESDAY

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

THURSDAY

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

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

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

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

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

Nuestra Nueva Esperanza AA; Park Club; for information call 573-8626, 573-9458 or 574-1292; 8 p.m.

FRIDAY

Free blood pressure clinics; Senior Citizens Center, 9:30 to 11 a.m.

Blood pressures will be taken at Cogdell Hospital Home Health Services, 1800 Cogdell Blvd. Suite B; 1-2 p.m.

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

Cornelius-Dodson House; open by appointments; 573-9742 or 573-2763.

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

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

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

SATURDAY

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

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

SUNDAY

Scurry County AA open meeting; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-8626, 573-9458 or 574-1292; 10 a.m.

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

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

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

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Take in the whole picture

By Phillip Alder

If you have ever taken photographs using a flash gun but with the shutter speed set too high, you will have noticed that you don't get a full shot. Part of the picture is in the dark.

It can be the same at the bridge table. If you don't take the deal as a whole into consideration, you might do the right thing in isolation, but end up going down when you could have succeeded.

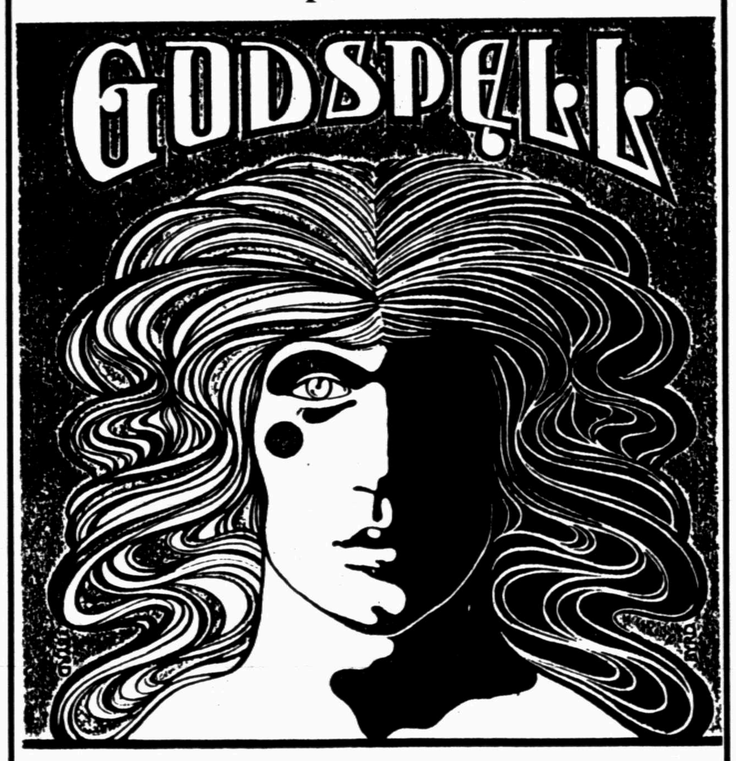
How would you normally play today's heart suit for no losers? How would you play in six hearts after a spade lead from West?

Yes, West was cautious in passing on the first round. With such good distribution, it is worth bidding. North's four-diamond response was a splinter bid. It showed game values in hearts — which is what that hand is worth — with at most a singleton diamond.

Taken in isolation, the percentage play — by two percent — for no heart losers is to cash the ace. Yet that is the wrong play here. The right line is to take both spade tricks and the diamond ace before ruffing the diamond four in the dummy. Then declarer calls for the heart queen and finesses (unless East plays the king, of course). Here, the finesse wins, and South is playing for an overtrick. But suppose West could scoop up the trick with a singleton heart king. What could he do next? If he switches to a club, it is into declarer's tenace. Alternatively, if he returns a spade or diamond, declarer ruffs in the dummy and discards his low club. Either way, declarer loses no club trick and is home free.

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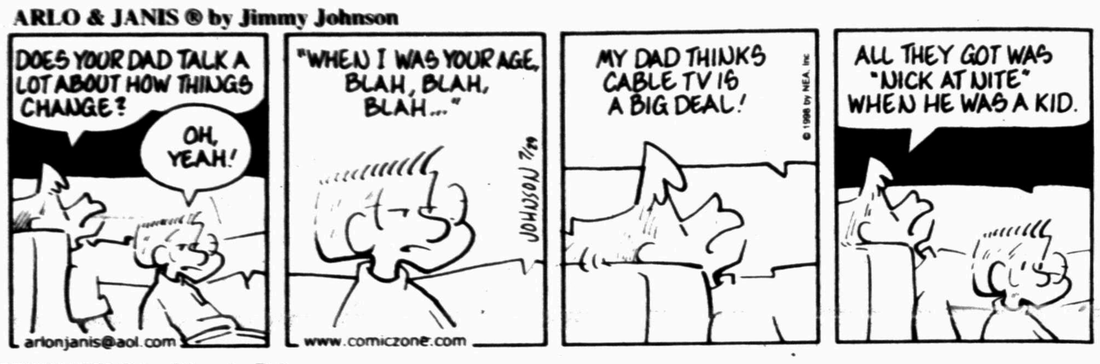
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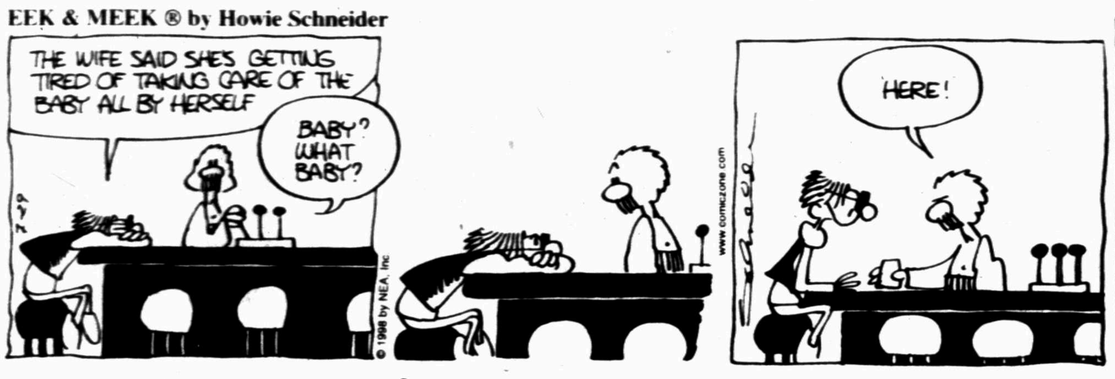
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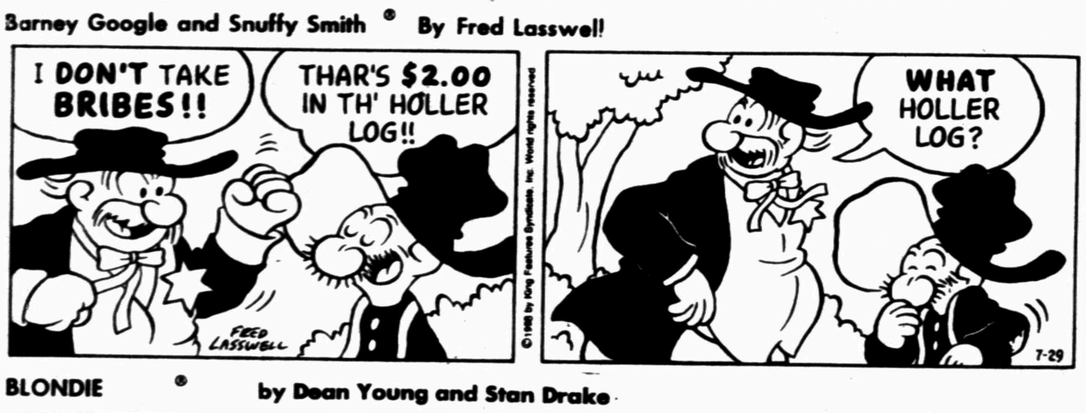
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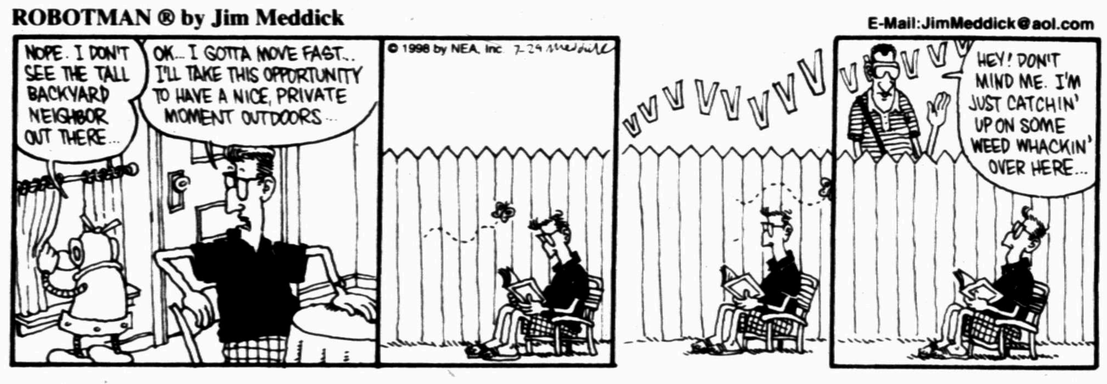


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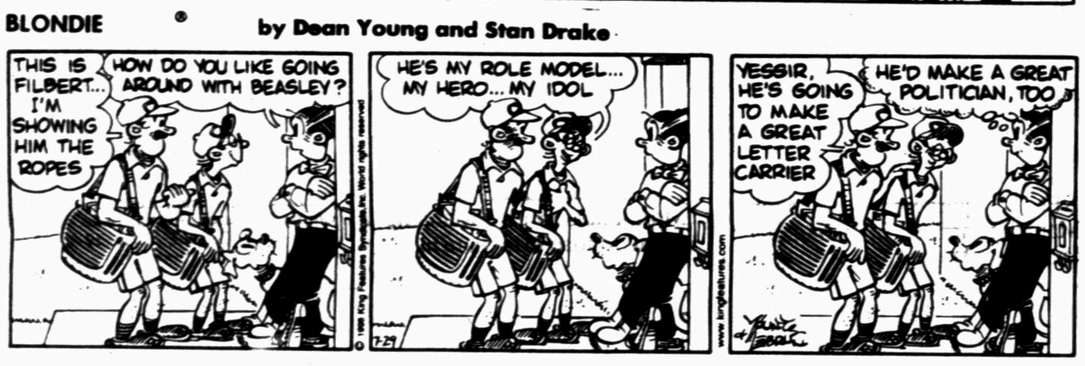


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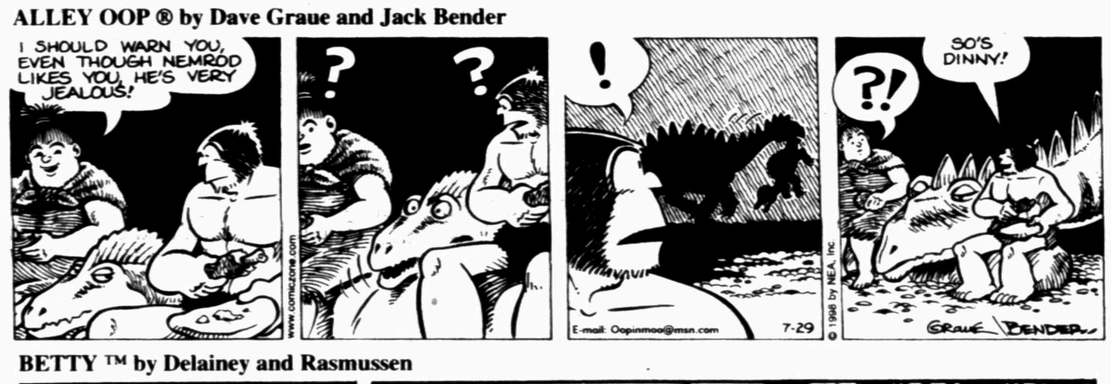
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1 Engage in a gang fight
7 Fissure
12 Unconcerned, ethically
13 Out of bed
14 Large deer
15 Rat, e.g.
16 — up (confuse)
17 Photo — (picture-taking sessions)
18 Big —, California
21 Acrobatic feat
23 Amount
26 Mohammedan prayer leader
28 Singer Stevens
29 Opp. of WSW
30 Type of curl
31 Pronunciation mark
33 Relative
36 College official
37 Before, to a poet
38 How sweet — —
40 The King — —
41 Guided
42 Hot chocolate drink
44 Wide shoe size
45 Penguins' org.
46 Sgt., e.g.
48 Type of tire
51 Relaxing (2 wds.)
55 Makes amends
56 Boxer Gene —
57 Jury list
58 Most distant point in an orbit

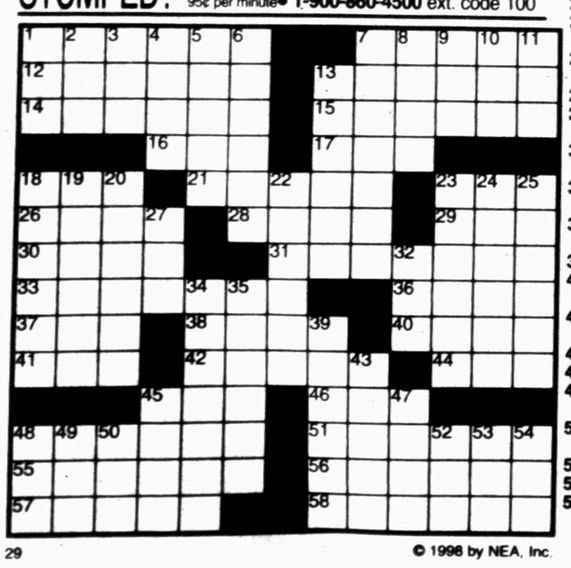
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1 Uncooked
2 Actress Thurman
3 Do housework
4 Edge
5 Caesar's language
6 Curative
7 Snipped (hair) very short
8 Jar covers
9 Language suffix
10 Bog
11 Explosive inits.
13 Stir
18 Ebert's partner
19 Referee's kin
20 Poured
22 Outdoor meal
23 Goddess of the moon
24 Take off (cargo)
25 Cruel person
27 Alps, e.g. (abbr.)
32 Actress Lupino
34 Singer Jackson
35 Bikini and others
39 Piano piece
43 Misbehave (2 wds.)
45 On cloud — (elated)
47 Yes — —?
48 Ice-T's music
49 One Day — — Time
50 Football coach Shula
52 Amer. lang.
53 Look at
54 Nautical rope

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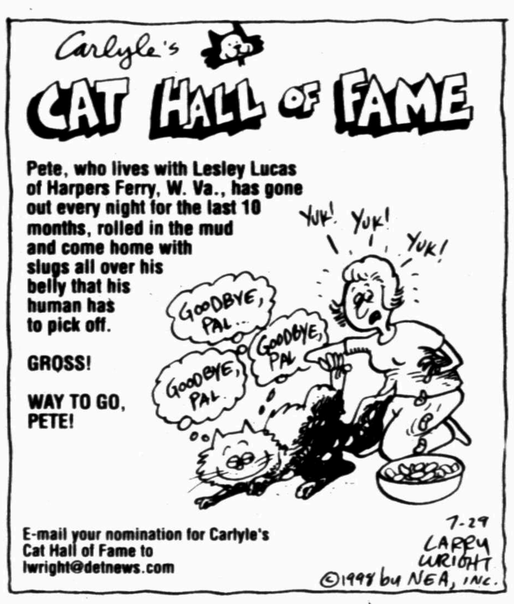
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SPORTS

Aikman enjoys camp with Gailey's offense

WICHITA FALLS (AP) — It's blast-furnace hot, but Troy Aikman seems not to notice.

He has decided to run a few laps after two practices on a day when the mercury bubbled up to 106 degrees. He jokes with teammates. He signs some autographs. He gives a few interviews.

Football is a joy again for the Dallas Cowboys quarterback, and it seems as though he hates to leave the Midwestern State University field.

"I sense we're getting better every day," the sweat-soaked Aikman says. "We're having more peaks than valleys. This is a new philosophy for me and it's exciting."

Aikman and new coach Chan Gailey have a relationship of respect, and it's obvious in the way they work together.

Gailey demands discipline and tolerates no nonsense on the field. They're the very two things Aikman found lacking in the departed regime of Barry Switzer.

"I think the offense we had been running was a pretty good one," Aikman said. "Those in football know it (the problem) was not the system. We won three Super Bowls with it. It wasn't the system. It was the execution."

Now Aikman has a brand-new offense that sometimes features the shotgun, four-wide receiver sets and Michael Irvin in the backfield or in the slot.

"Chan has a lot of confidence in his ability to attack a defense," Aikman said. "He has some really good ideas. It all boils down to if we execute we will win. Everyone believes in what we are doing and it makes it exciting to come to practice."

And, yes, contrary to popular misconception, Aikman doesn't hate the shotgun.

"I've never said I didn't like the shotgun," Aikman said. "It has its good points. I'm more than willing to give it a chance. It gives you a little extra time to get rid of the ball."

Aikman caught a lot of the blame last year in the Cowboys' 6-10 season. He was sacked 33 times and served up 12 interceptions.

Then, to prove things could get even worse for the quarterback, part of his new house burned down. And he had an operation to take a cancerous mole off his neck.

Along came Gailey, the former offensive coordinator at Pittsburgh, who immediately earned Aikman's respect.

"He's got a way he does things and doesn't vary from them," Aikman said. "He's definitely in control."

Aikman, now a 10-year-veteran, feels so good he's even joking about his age.

"As long as John Elway, Dan Marino, Warren Moon, and Steve DeBerg are playing I really feel like a young buck," he said.

Gailey has confidence and respect in his "young" quarterback.

"Troy thinks he should complete every pass," Gailey said. "I'm willing to concede that's not possible although I seek perfection.

"He's just a great person. All you have to do is play golf with him to find that out. I doubt we'll ever go on vacation together, but he is a perfectionist and there's nothing wrong with that."

Asked if he was having fun, Aikman said, "Yeah, for now. But we know the only fun is winning. Last year wasn't. Now, I think we have a chance again to get back to the playoffs."

Aikman has shown he can do wondrous things in the playoffs — he's 11-2 in the postseason, and 3-0 in Super Bowls.

"Right now we're trying to get our confidence back," he said. "We need to get comfortable with what we're doing."

On Tuesday, the rejuvenated Aikman did the unthinkable for someone who has had seven career concussions. He scored on a quarterback sneak during a live scrimmage.

Asked what he thought of that, Gailey said, "Well, he scored."



DYNAMIC DUO — Snyder's Daysha Weaver plays her approach shot on the 11th hole at the state tournament, while Highland Park's Maiko Senda looks on. Weaver and Senda are battling each other once again, this time at the AJGA event in Abilene. (SDN Staff Photo by Eric Drennan)

Senda leads Weaver by 1 in Abilene

ABILENE — Here they go again.

After battling for two years at the state tournament in Austin, Snyder's Daysha Weaver and Highland Park's Maiko Senda have moved their match-up north to the AJGA West Texas Junior at Abilene Country Club.

As usual, Weaver and Senda top the leaderboard. The Highland Park senior fired a 1-over par 72 in the opening round Tuesday, while Weaver, a University of North Texas freshman, carded a 73.

Snyder junior Randi Reed, Weaver's Lady Tiger teammate, went out in 45 before responding with a 41 on the back nine to finish with an 86.

Weaver actually led all players at the turn after posting 37 on the opening nine holes, two shots better than Senda.

But the Dallas area golfer came roaring back, tearing up the back nine en route to a 2-under 33 to finish with a 72.

Tourney play was to have continued this morning, with the final round slated for Thursday.

ABILENE (AP) — Scores Tuesday after the first round of the AJGA West Texas Junior, conducted by the American Junior Golf Association, played on the par 36-35—71 Abilene Country Club:

Girl's (5,450 yards)

Maiko Senda, Dallas 39-33—72
Daysha Weaver, Snyder, Texas 37-36—73
Kristin Tavcar, Austin, Texas 39-35—74
Kristin Dufour, Austin, Texas 35-39—74
Kelle King, Kilgore, Texas 37-38—75
Laura Beisser, Scottsdale, Ariz. 39-37—76
Shannon Barr, China Spring, Texas 40-36—76
Devon Day, Abilene, Texas 40-37—77
Stephanie Dukes, Fort Worth, Texas 41-36—77
Allison Johnson, Amarillo, Texas 40-37—77
Allison Burrow, Garland, Texas 38-40—78
Nina Chou, Austin, Texas 41-37—78
Lisa Lambeth, Tucson, Ariz. 44-35—79
Henna Chou, Austin, Texas 39-41—80
Christy McCarroll, Austin, Texas 42-38—80
Cindy Shin, Coppell, Texas 39-43—82
Stephanie MacAdams, Lubbock, Texas 45-37—82
Wendy Gray, Haskell, Texas 39-43—82
Ashley Mitchell, Coppell, Texas 43-40—83
Jodie Duff, Odessa, Texas 42-41—83
Lisa Bowden, Russellville, Ark. 39-45—84
Lauren Baugh, The Woodlands, Texas 42-43—85
Kasey Hardin, Post, Texas 46-39—85
Randi Reed, Snyder, Texas 45-41—86
Liz Wardlaw, San Angelo, Texas 43-44—87
Melissa Smith, Robert Lee, Texas 40-47—87
Elizabeth Mundinger, Dallas 45-44—89

Manning signs six-year deal

ANDERSON, Ind. (AP) — Peyton Manning says his rookie-record $48 million contract won't mean anything if he doesn't play well.

"People ask me what I plan to do with my money. I plan to earn it," the Indianapolis Colts quarterback said Tuesday night after agreeing to a six-year deal that includes an $11.6 million signing bonus.

"Whatever it is I sign for, it won't make any difference to me unless I'm a productive quarterback in the NFL."

Ken Kremer, an associate of Manning's agent, Tom Condon, at International Management Group, provided the contract figures after team spokesman Craig Kelley said no details were available on the agreement reached between Condon and club president Bill Polian.

"There is also an $8.4 signing bonus after three years structured on incentives, which will easily be reached," Kremer said.

Manning and his father, former NFL quarterback Archie Manning, arrived in Indianapolis late Tuesday night from New Orleans. After signing the contract, the former Tennessee star was to join the Colts today at Anderson University.

The 6-foot-5, 230-pound quarterback, selected first overall in the April draft, is already designated the starting quarterback for the regular-season opener against Miami on Sept. 6.

Having participated in a month of work during minicamp, summer school and other voluntary workouts, Manning has impressed coach Jim Mora with his grasp of the offense.

"Every day that he missed puts him further behind. This is a time when you do a lot of your fundamental hard work and prepare for the season," Mora said Tuesday before learning of the agreement.

The agreement came two days after quarterback Ryan Leaf, the second overall pick, agreed to a five-year, $31.25 million deal with San Diego that includes an $11.25 million signing bonus.

Manning joins a team with little experience at quarterback. The other three quarterbacks in camp have have combined for two NFL starts and played just 16 games. Kelly Holcomb, the team's No. 3 quarterback last season, was filling in as the starter in camp.

Mora plans to give Manning a heavy workload to prepare him for what he'll be facing when the exhibition season begins Aug. 8 at Seattle. It was uncertain how much Manning would play when the team scrimmages with the St. Louis Rams in Champaign, Ill., on Saturday. The Colts also will practice with the Rams in Champaign on Thursday Friday.

Tech QB signee passes South to 48-10 blowout

HOUSTON (AP) — Somewhere, Spike Dykes was smiling.

The next time New Braunfels quarterback Kliff Kingsbury takes a snap will be for Dykes' Texas Tech Red Raiders when he reports in August. It'll be tough for the New Braunfels star to remember his last time out, though.

Kingsbury threw three touchdowns Tuesday night to help his South team manhandle the North 48-10 in the Texas High School Coaches Association all-star game.

Kingsbury finished with 116 yards passing and 48 yards rushing to win offensive most valuable player honors. He kicked six extra points for good measure.

"Everything just clicked tonight," he said, crediting his all-star teammates from the state's southern towns. "They made my job easier. I'd just throw it up and they'd catch it."

Toronto tops Texas, 8-3

TORONTO (AP) — Roger Clemens won his eighth straight decision and Jose Canseco hit a two-run double as Toronto beat Texas 8-3 Tuesday night to hand the Rangers their fourth straight loss.

Clemens (13-6) allowed three runs and seven hits in 6 2-3 innings. He walked two and struck out four. The four-time Cy Young winner has allowed seven hits or less in 12 of his last 13 starts.

The Blue Jays broke open a 3-3 game with three runs in the sixth.

After Ed Sprague doubled, Alex Gonzalez gave Toronto a 4-3 lead with an RBI single. Rangers starter Aaron Sele (12-8) then hit Tony Phillips with a pitch and walked Shawn Green before Canseco doubled in two runs for a 6-3 lead.

Shannon Stewart hit a two-run, inside-the-park homer in the eighth to give the Blue Jays an 8-3. It was Toronto's first inside-the-park homer since Paul Molitor hit one against Texas in 1995.

Sele lost his third straight decision, giving up six runs and nine hits in 5 1-3 innings.

Rusty Greer gave the Rangers a 1-0 lead in the first with an RBI groundout. Texas made it 3-0 in the second on Lee Stevens' RBI groundout and Fernando Tatis' run-scoring double.

The Blue Jays capitalized on an error and tied it with three runs in bottom of the second.

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EASTERN CONFERENCE	W	L	Pct	GB
Charlotte	14	7	.667	-
Cleveland	11	8	.579	2
NewYork	12	9	.571	2
Detroit	11	10	.524	3
Washington	2	17	.105	11
WESTERN CONFERENCE	**W**	**L**	**Pct**	**GB**
Houston	19	1	.950	-
Phoenix	12	8	.600	7
Utah	7	13	.350	12
LosAngeles	6	13	.316	12½
Sacramento	6	14	.300	13

Tuesday's Game
Houston 72, Phoenix 62

Wednesday's Games
Los Angeles at Washington, 7 p.m.
Sacramento at Cleveland, 7 p.m.

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American League East Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
NewYork	74	26	.740	-
Boston	61	43	.587	15
Baltimore	53	53	.500	24
Toronto	53	54	.495	24½
TampaBay	41	63	.394	35
Central Division	**W**	**L**	**Pct.**	**GB**
Cleveland	60	45	.571	-
Minnesota	49	55	.471	10½
Chicago	46	59	.438	14
KansasCity	46	59	.438	14
Detroit	44	60	.423	15½
West Division	**W**	**L**	**Pct.**	**GB**
Anaheim	57	48	.543	-
Texas	56	49	.533	1
Seattle	48	57	.457	9
Oakland	46	59	.438	11

Tuesday's Games
Baltimore 6, Detroit 5
Toronto 8, Texas 3
Minnesota 3, Kansas City 0
Chicago White Sox 4, Tampa Bay 1
Cleveland 4, Seattle 3
Boston 8, Oakland 4
N.Y. Yankees 9, Anaheim 3

Wednesday's Games
Baltimore (Mussina 8-5) at Detroit (Castillo 3-6), 7:05 p.m.
Texas (Oliver 5-7) at Toronto (Carpenter 6-4), 7:05 p.m.
Minnesota (Milton 5-7) at Kansas City (Pichardo 5-7), 8:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Saunders 2-9) at Chicago White Sox (Parque 2-3), 8:05 p.m.
Cleveland (Wright 9-6) at Seattle (Cloude 5-7), 10:35 p.m.
Boston (Wasdin 4-3) at Oakland (Oquist 6-7), 10:35 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Hernandez 5-2) at Anaheim (Sparks 3-2), 10:35 p.m.

Thursday's Games
Baltimore (Key 4-3) at Detroit (Thompson 9-8), 1:05 p.m.
Boston (Avery 7-3) at Oakland (Rogers 10-4), 3:15 p.m.
Texas (Loaiza 0-1) at Toronto (Guzman 5-12), 7:05 p.m.
Minnesota (Serafini 4-3) at Kansas City (Belcher 9-8)
N.Y. Yankees (Pettitte 13-6) at Anaheim (Finley 8-5), 10:05 p.m.
Cleveland (Burba 10-8) at Seattle (Swift 9-6), 10:05 p.m.

National League East Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Atlanta	70	37	.654	-
NewYork	55	48	.534	13
Philadelphia	54	50	.519	14½
Montreal	40	66	.377	29½
Florida	38	69	.355	32
Central Division	**W**	**L**	**Pct.**	**GB**
Houston	63	43	.594	-
Chicago	60	47	.561	3½
Milwaukee	54	52	.509	9
St.Louis	49	56	.467	13½
Pittsburgh	49	58	.458	14½
Cincinnati	47	60	.439	16½
West Division	**W**	**L**	**Pct.**	**GB**
SanDiego	69	37	.651	-
SanFrancisco	57	49	.538	12
LosAngeles	55	51	.519	14
Colorado	48	59	.449	21½
Arizona	38	68	.358	31

Tuesday's Games
San Francisco 7, Montreal 1
Cincinnati 13, Atlanta 1
Los Angeles 7, Philadelphia 3
N.Y. Mets 7, San Diego 3
Houston 7, Florida 3
Milwaukee 13, St. Louis 10
Colorado 12, Pittsburgh 6
Arizona 7, Chicago Cubs 5

Wednesday's Games
San Francisco (Darwin 6-8) at Montreal (Hermanson 7-9), 7:05 p.m.
Atlanta (Smoltz 9-2) at Cincinnati (Krivda 0-1), 7:05 p.m.
Los Angeles (Mlicki 5-4) at Philadelphia (Loewer 4-3), 7:35 p.m.
San Diego (Hamilton 9-9) at N.Y. Mets (Leiter 10-4), 7:40 p.m.
Florida (Larkin 2-5) at Houston (Schourek 6-6), 8:05 p.m.
Milwaukee (Woodard 7-5) at St. Louis (Witt 1-1), 8:10 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Peters 4-8) at Colorado (Kile 7-12), 9:05 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (Wengert 0-0) at Arizona (Telemaco 3-4), 10:05 p.m.

Thursday's Games
Atlanta (Neagle 10-9) at Cincinnati (Parris 1-1), 12:35 p.m.
Florida (Hernandez 8-7) at Houston (Reynolds 12-6), 1:35 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (Tapani 12-6) at Arizona (Daal 4-5), 7:35 p.m.
San Francisco (Gardner 8-4) at Montreal (Thurman 1-0), 7:05 p.m.
Los Angeles (Park 9-5) at Philadelphia (Beech 3-6), 7:35 p.m.
San Diego (Hitchcock 7-4) at N.Y. Mets (Jones 7-6), 7:40 p.m.
Milwaukee (Karl 8-4) at St. Louis (Stottlemyre 9-9), 8:10 p.m.

Sports Briefs

Raggedy Ann & Andy

The Raggedy Ann & Andy Couples Golf Tournament will be held at Snyder Country Club Saturday and Sunday. Format will be a scramble. Teams will be divided by handicap into two divisions, then flighted after the first round.

Entry fee is $200 per team. Shotgun starts will be at 8:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. both days.

For more information, contact the SCC pro shop at 573-7101.

Ragball tourney

Ira senior class is sponsoring a co-ed ragball tournament beginning Friday. Entry fee is $10 per person and deadline for registration is Wednesday.

For more information, contact Chesta Schneider at 573-8694 or Toby Goodwin at 573-3196.

Athletic physicals

All incoming 7th and 9th graders, and all students new to SISD who plan to participate in athletics must take a physical. Students who did not participate last year, or who answered yes to questions 1, 4, 5, 6 or 7 on their medical history form, will also need a physical.

All appointments should be made prior to Aug. 3. The school will pay for exams through Aug. 3 only.

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You are hereby notified that Ken Jank has been appointed Administrator of the Estate of Nita Louise Keeble, deceased, in Cause No. 5,447, of the Probate Court of Scurry County, Texas. Said Administrator has also filed an Application for a determination of the heirs of Nita Louise Keeble, deceased, such Application having been filed on the on the 2nd day of July, 1998.

You are commanded to appear and file a written answer to such application at or before 10 o'clock a.m. of the first Monday after the expiration of 42 days from the date of issuance of this citation, the same being Monday, the 31st day of August, A.D., 1998.

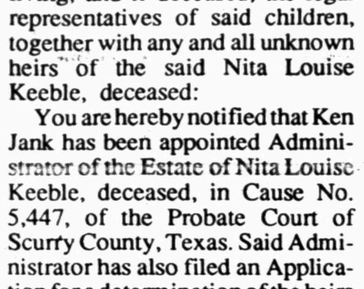
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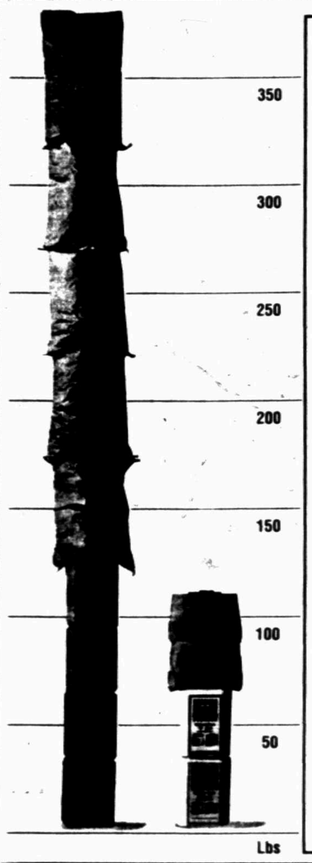
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They swarm anyone foolish enough to try an outdoor barbecue. They descend onto ice cream purchased by children, making vanilla look like chocolate chip.

And just ask Will Clayton about the time he tried to press apples into cider in his garage.

"They are bad flies," said Clayton, who has rows of fly strips hanging from his garage rafters. "It's flytown USA. They're just thick. They just swarm in. Bunches of 'em."

At the North Brooke Inn, the tiny town's restaurant and watering hole, owner Sheila Rathje keeps a pile of fly swatters behind the counter.

"I've got people who come in to eat and they ask for a fly swatter when they come in the door," she said. "It's embarrassing."

Clayton said he's not sure where the flies are coming from.

"Everybody's got a theory," he said.

So maybe the flies spilled over from a nearby chicken farm or the two livestock feedlots just outside this eastern Nebraska town 90 miles west of Omaha. But those operations have been around for years.

The fly problem is relatively new.

Clayton, a part-time preacher, beekeeper and orchard tender, is so upset with the insects that he got 77 of the town's 230 residents to sign a petition demanding that the village board do — something.

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ConclMetals	28	5-16	28	28⅛+ ⅛
Cooperin	51⅛	50	5-16	51 1-16+ ⅛
CyprusAmax	12	11-16	12⅛	12⅜+ ⅛
DallSemicn	33	32	5-16	32⅝+1 3-16
DeltaAirl	131⅛	129	129	3-16—13-16
Dillards Inc	34¼	34	3-16	34 7-16+ ⅛
DowChem	93¼		92¼	92 15-16+ 3-16
DresserInd	36 1-16		35¼	35 11-16— 1-16
DuPont	62	61	9-16	61⅛+ ⅛
EastmanChem	57⅛	57	1-16	57 7-16+ ⅛
EstKodak	84		83¼	83⅛+ ⅛
EDS Corp	35 15-16		35	7-16 35 11-16+ 3-16
Entergy	27	3-16	27	27⅛+ ⅛
Exxon	70⅛	69	5-16	69⅛+ ⅛
FstBksAm	21		21	21
Flowers	19	5-16	18⅜	19 1-16+ 9-16
FordMotor s	58⅛		57⅞	58 — ⅛
GTE Cp	53⅜	52	7-16	53 9-16+ ⅛
GenDynam s	46		45	9-16 45⅛+ 5-16
GenElec	91 11-16		90	9-16 90⅜— 1-16
GenMills	63⅛		63	5-16 63½+ ½
GenMotors	74	71	13-16	72 3-16—2 1-16
GaPacGP s	52	9-16	51	5-16 51⅛— ⅛
GlobalMar	14	13-16	14¼	14⅜— 1-16
Goodrich	40⅝	40	5-16	40 11-16— ⅛
Goodyear s	61¼	60⅝	61	3-16+ ⅛
GtAtlPac	31⅛		31	31 — ⅛
Halliburtn	36	9-16	35¾	36 5-16
Hanson ADS	27⅞		27⅛	27⅜— 1-16
HarteHanks s	25		24	13-16 25 + 3-16
HomeDepot	44	3-16	43	7-16 43 7-16+ 1-16
HoustonInds	28⅜		28	28⅛— ⅛
IBM	128	7-16	127	1-16 127 7-16+ 2
IntlPaper	43	7-16	42⅜	42 15-16
JohnsonJn	78	3-16	77⅜	77¼+11-16
K mart	17⅜		17⅛	17¼+ ⅛
Kroger Co	48¼		47⅜	47⅝— ⅛
Litton	57	9-16	57⅛	57⅜
LockhdMart	100	7-16	99⅛	99¼+ ⅛
Lowes Cos s	38	13-16	36	13-16 38 7-16+ 1⅛
Lubys	16	13-16	16	11-16 16 13-16— 1-16
LucentTech s	93	15-16	91¼	91¾—15-16
MayDeptStrs	65	7-16	64¼	64 15-16+ 5-16
MediaOne	47	7-16	46⅛	47⅜+ ⅛
Medtronic s	63⅜	62	9-16	62⅝+ 1-16
Mobil	71⅛		70⅜	71 7-16+ 3-16
Monsanto	57⅛		56⅜	56⅝+ ⅛
MorganJP	126⅛		124	124⅜+ ⅛
Motorola	50	9-16	49	11-16 49 11-16— ⅛
NCR Corp	34⅜		33⅜	33⅝— 5-16
NationsBk	80	13-16	79⅛	79 9-16— 5-16
Navistar	30	5-16	29⅛	29 15-16— ⅛
Norwests	37⅛		36⅜	36 13-16+ ⅛
OryxEngy	18⅝		18	18⅜+ 9-16
Penney JC	60⅛		59⅜	59½+ 3-16
Pennzoil	46	5-16	45⅞	45⅝— ⅛
PepBoys	17⅛		17	3-16 17⅛+ ⅛
PepsiCo	40		39	39⅛— ⅛
PhelpDodge	56	13-16	56	1-16 56⅛+ ⅛
PhilipPet	46		45⅛	45 9-16— 1-16
PilgrmPrd B	20	11-16	20	5-16 20⅛+ 5-16
Polaroid	33⅜		33⅛	33½+ 1-16
Praxair	49⅝		48	15-16 49⅛+13-16
ProctGamb s	89	9-16	88	88⅜— ⅛
PubSNwMx	22⅛		21⅛	21⅜— 3-16
RoyalDut	52⅛		51⅛	51 13-16+ 5-16
SBC Comm s	41⅜		41	41 3-16+ 5-16
SaraLee	52	11-16	51⅛	51 7-16— 1⅛
Scripps EW	51⅛		51⅛	51⅛+ ⅛
SearsRoeb	52⅛		51⅛	51 5-16+ ⅛
SherwinW	31	11-16	31⅛	31⅜— 3-16
SmthBc ADS s	58	5-16	57	9-16 57⅛+15-16
SouthernCo	26	7-16	26	3-16 26⅜— 5-16
SwstAirl s	32	5-16	31⅜	31 15-16— ⅛
Sprint	73⅜		71⅜	71 15-16— 3-16
SunCo	35	11-16	35⅛	35 9-16+ 3-16
TNP Ent	33⅜		33	5-16 33⅜— 1-16
Tandy s	55⅜		54⅜	54⅛+ ⅛
TempleInland	52	1-16	51⅜	51 15-16+ 1-16
Tenneco	38	1-16	37⅜	37⅝— ⅛
Texaco s	60	15-16	60⅛	60⅜— ⅛
TexInd	39⅝	38	15-16	39 7-16+ 7-16
TexasInst s	59	11-16	59	59 5-16+ 7-16
TexUtil	40⅝		40	1-16 40⅛— ⅛
Textron	74⅛		74⅛	74⅜— ⅛
Travelers s	66	13-16	65⅛	65⅜— ⅛
TriconGlbR n	36	7-16	35⅝	36⅛+ 3-16
TrinityInds	39⅜		38⅝	39⅛+ 1
TritonEngy	17⅜		17	17 1-16— 3-16
Tyler	9⅜		9⅛	9⅜
US West Inc	54	5-16	53	9-16 53 13-16+ 1-16
USX-Marathn	34	13-16	34⅛	34½+ ⅛
USX-USS	29		28⅛	28 11-16+ ⅛
UnCarbde	50¼		48⅛	48 5-16— 1⅜
UnionPacif	41		40⅜	40 7-16— 1-16
UnitedTech	95	7-16	94	5-16 94 5-16— 5-16
Unocal	33⅜	32	15-16	32 15-16— 3-16
Venator Grp	15	9-16	15	5-16 15⅜+ ⅛
WalMart	64	3-16	62	15-16 63⅛— 5-16
WstnGasRs	12	5-16	12	1-16 12 3-16— 1-16
WinnDixie	43	15-16	42⅛	42⅜— 1
Xerox Corp	111		110	110⅜— 9-16

Alcohol, drugs get 4 arrested

Alcohol or drug-related charges landed four subjects in jail over the past 24 hours and a fifth subject was taken in for outstanding warrants.

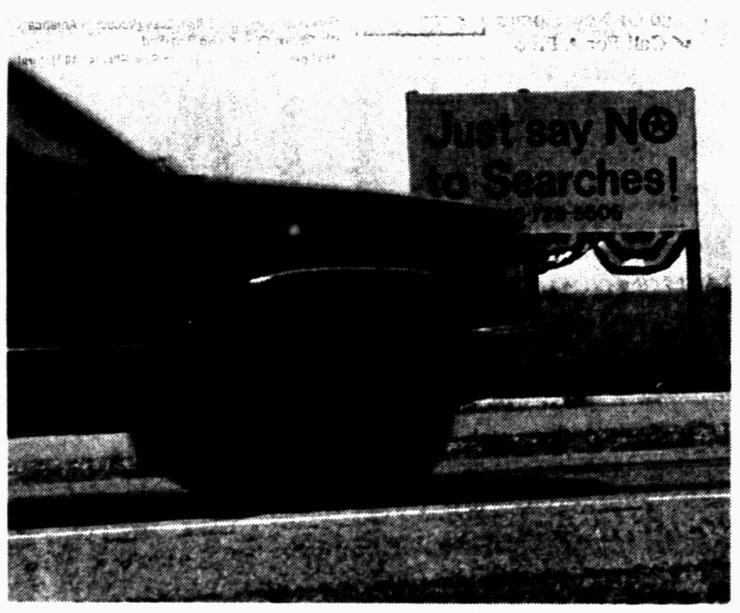
Department of Public Safety troopers arrested a 23-year-old female at 7:49 p.m. Tuesday at the intersection of Avenue D and 37th Street on outstanding Ector County warrants for theft by check and issuance of a bad check.

At 10:40 p.m. Tuesday, officers took two subjects into custody in the 2600 block of Avenue F for possession of marijuana less than two ounces. Taken in were a 40-year-old female and a 30-year-old male.

A 36-year-old male was arrested by DPS troopers at 11:34 p.m. on FM 2768 for misdemeanor driving while intoxicated.

Officers took a 19-year-old male into custody in the 2600 block of Avenue U at 12:35 p.m. this morning for misdemeanor possession of a prohibited weapon, possession of marijuana less than two ounces and possession of drug paraphernalia.

In other activity, an offense report for burglary of a business was filed at 8:53 a.m. Tuesday following a report of a broken window at Dr. Jack Nesbit's optometrist office on the north side of the square.



COLORADO CITY DISPUTE — Pat Barber, Colorado City attorney, has accused the city's police of 'retaliation.' The dispute began over what Barber considers "unprecedented searching" by drug task forces. After Barber erected this sign on his property, a police officer removed the bunting, under Chief Pat Taylor's orders. The bunting has since been returned. Barber is considering whether to sue the city. (Contributed Photo)

Dr. Gott by Peter Gott, M.D.

Saying 'no' to a child's behavior

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: My 6-year-old son will often pull down his pants in public and dance around naked. He has now taken to fondling himself until he has an erection, then announcing to all in attendance: "Look what I've got here!"

His father is amused and dismisses this behavior as "kid stuff." Should I be concerned?

DEAR READER: A large part of raising a child is to indicate what is acceptable behavior and what isn't. Dropping your drawers in public is not acceptable. True, little boys often want to show off and express pride in their anatomy, but there has to be a time and a place for such exhibitionism.

First of all, you and your husband have to get your act together. You must approach the problem in agreement, much as you would if your son urinated on the street or consistently abused other children. The youngster must be taught that his inappropriate behavior in public will not be tolerated. If he wants to dance around naked and fondle himself, fine — as long as he does it in the privacy of the home.

You do not have to justify your position. Simply tell him that, although you love him, this behavior has to stop — and be willing to back up your decision. The child needs to know who's boss. If you take a gentle but firm stand now, you will have a much easier time disciplining him (and teaching him) as he gets older. Permissive parents often regret having been too liberal, when their children grow into adolescence without respecting reasonable rules — or the adults themselves.

Of course, you don't want to make a big deal out of this, because of the risk of undermining your son's spontaneity and exuberance. In my mind, the whole issue can be dealt with successfully and succinctly by just saying "No!" and meaning it.

DEAR DR. GOTT: You are wrong to pan therapeutic touch. It really works. I know because I am a therapeutic-touch practitioner.

DEAR READER: Those who believe in this nonsense claim to cure disease by manual manipulation of a "human energy field." Touch practice guides describe three basic steps, none of which actually requires touching the patient's body. The list of derived benefits is long and includes pain relief and bringing the dead back to life. This is pure fantasy.

You and other believers might be interested in reading an article in the April 1, 1998 issue of the Journal of the American Medical Association in which several researchers (including a sixth-grade student) scientifically tested the skills of 21 therapeutic-touch practitioners.

The practitioners were blindfolded and asked to determine whether the investigator's hand hovered above the practitioners' left or right hands. The responses were correct in 44 percent of the encounters, less than the 50-percent figure that would have been obtained by chance alone. In short, the practitioners failed miserably.

The authors concluded that this failure "is unrefuted evidence that the claims of therapeutic touch are groundless and that further professional use is unjustified."

Case closed.

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DR. GOTT



PETER GOTT, M.D.

Fight against AIDs compared to civil rights battle

WASHINGTON (AP) — Recalling his childhood in the segregated South, Surgeon General David Satcher compared the fight against AIDS, which is hitting the black community hard, to the struggle for civil rights.

Speaking to one of nation's oldest civil rights groups, he called on black leaders to reject stereotypes around AIDS, overcome shyness about sex and confront the issue.

"This is an area where we again need to mobilize," Satcher, who is black and grew up in Alabama, told the Southern Christian Leadership Conference in a speech Tuesday. "I'm talking to you about you."

While blacks make up 13 percent of the U.S. population, they account for 57 percent of the new infections, according to the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Among some groups, the statistics are even more striking: Blacks and Hispanics make up 82 percent of HIV-positive women ages 13 to 24.

And life-prolonging AIDS drugs are helping whites more than blacks. In 1996, deaths among whites with AIDS were down 28 percent; for blacks, it was just 10 percent.

The Southern Christian Leadership Conference's new president, Martin Luther King III, underscored the difficulty of AIDS education, saying he is not comfortable promoting use of condoms.

"The only way is abstinence," he said in an interview after Satcher's speech. "Sex should not be something that we just casually engage in and take lightly."

The solution, King said, is restoring fundamental values to society. He said AIDS is an important issue, although it is not among his top priorities.

Satcher did not recommend any particular prevention strategy on Tuesday. But he and other public health experts agree that use of condoms is essential to halt the spread of HIV among people who are not likely to abstain from sex.

The surgeon general will hammer the AIDS message in upcoming speeches to black journalists and doctors, and he plans to reach out to other groups such as black fraternities, sororities and newspapers.

But his speech to church leaders was particularly important. Churches play a central role in many black communities, and ministers are often among the most prominent community leaders. But church leaders have been reluctant to talk about AIDS because it relates so closely to sex and homosexuality, Satcher says.

The issue is also thorny because of its relationship to drug use, a major problem inside the black community with its own set of taboos.

"We need your help," Satcher told the organization formed by ministers in 1957. "We need the church to help us to deal with the prejudice and the bias that we face as we're trying to fight this epidemic."

Ministers are uneasy talking about AIDS, said the group's chairman, Dr. Claud Young, a family doctor in Detroit.

"They speak about sex in any form as if it's a form of cancer," he said, recalling preachers asking him not to use the word "condom" inside the church. "I said, 'Not only is the word condom being used in the church; I can assure you condoms are being used in the church.'"

Cause of explosion remains unknown

HAMMOND, Ind. (AP) — When contractor Harold Sills looked up, all he saw were flames shooting across the Southern Energy Co. power plant.

Putting scaffolding in front of his face, he bolted outside with the 100 other people working inside. He and his crew of 12 made it out OK.

Seventeen others were injured, four critically, in two explosions and a transformer fire that erupted at the plant on the Indiana-Illinois state line just before 8 a.m. Tuesday.

"Oh yeah, we were lucky," said Sills, whose face was blackened by soot and whose goatee was singed. "We could have been well-done."

Of the four most seriously hurt, two were burned over 60 percent of their bodies and the others over a third.

The explosions and ensuing fire at the coal-fired generating plant that supplies power to Chicago sent plumes of black smoke into the air along Lake Michigan.

Investigators found electrical problems near the blasts but were unsure whether they sparked the explosion or if the explosion caused the electrical problems.

"That's the chicken or the egg," said Jim Walsko, Hammond's chief fire inspector.

The explosions caused lights to flicker across Chicago as backup systems kicked in. About 25 industrial customers on the city's south side also were without power for about 30 minutes after the explosions, said Commonwealth Edison spokeswoman Jennifer Kennefick.

Mike Tyndall, a spokesman for the Atlanta-based Southern Co., parent of Southern Energy, which bought the plant from ComEd in December, said the plant is undergoing a $65 million upgrade. The plant is operated by State Line Energy, a subsidiary of Southern Energy.

Date Book

July 29, 1998

Today is the 210th day of 1998 and the 39th day of summer.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1957, Jack Paar hosted "The Tonight Show" for the first time.

On this day in 1958, President Dwight Eisenhower signed an act creating the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA).

On this day in 1981, Prince Charles and Lady Diana Spencer were married at St. Paul's Cathedral in London.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Alexis de Tocqueville (1805-1859), writer; Booth Tarkington (1869-1946), writer; Benito Mussolini (1883-1945), Italian fascist dictator; Melvin Belli (1907-1996), lawyer; Paul Taylor (1930-), dancer-choreographer, is 68; Peter Jennings (1938-), broadcast journalist, is 60; Marilyn Tucker Quayle (1949-), second lady, is 49.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1968, George Culver pitched a no-hitter for the Cincinnati Reds as they defeated the Philadelphia Phillies, 6-1.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Knowledge is the conformity of the object and the intellect." — Averroes

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1987, 30 spectators leaving a basketball game in Chicago Heights, Ill., were injured by lightning.

SOURCE: 1998 Weather Guide Calendar; Accord Publishing, Ltd.

TODAY'S MOON: Between new moon (July 23) and first quarter (July 31).

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Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Diabetic's Stash of Sweets Sours a Trip to the Movies

by Abigail Van Buren

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DEAR ABBY; I have an 8-year-old son who was disagnosed with diabetes last year. A few months ago, I took him to a matinee at a theater.

I took some dietetic sugar-free wafers and dietetic sugar-free chocolate candies with us. When the young lady at the ticket counter saw that my son was holding some food, she very loudly read the sign that was posted on the wall: "No Outside Food Permitted." (As if I couldn't read.)

I was embarrassed and quite upset. I explained that my son has diabetes and she just repeated to me, "Sorry, ma'am, no outside food permitted." I thought she was very rude.

Abby, couldn't they bend the rules a little bit? My son *can't* eat the candy they sell. I understand the rules about bringing in outside food — it would mean they'd lose business. However, there must be exceptions for people with medical conditions. Aren't there? What do you think, Abby?

ANNOYED IN OREGON

DEAR ANNOYED: If sugar-free items are not sold at the theater, an exception should have been made. However, the ticket-seller wasn't in a position to bend the rules for you. It was beyond her authority. Had you taken your problem to the manager, I'm sure you would have had a more favorable result.

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DEAR ABBY: You advised "Feeling Guilty in the Desert" to allow her mother to live with her temporarily if the mother and father separate. Well, let me tell you why that is *not* good advice. How do I know? I'm speaking from personal experience.

I owned my own home and was still unmarried when I foolishly allowed my mother to live with me. She stuck like a leech and insulted every man I dated. I had to fight for every idea I wanted to implement in my own home. It was a miserable fight all the way.

Mom worked and was capable of having her own home, but she was terrified of living alone. Finally, in desperation, I sent all her belongings to my brother's home while she was visiting him. I caught hell from him and his family because they knew it wouldn't work for our mother to live with them. She begged to come back to my home, saying it would be temporary, only until she could find a place of her own.

I weakened and allowed her to return. She lived with me and made my life pure hell until the day she died.

Abby, please retract your advice to "Feeling Guilty." Encourage her to stick to her guns and not allow her mother to take advantage of her.

LEARNED THE HARD WAY

P.S. I married *after* Mother died, not before.

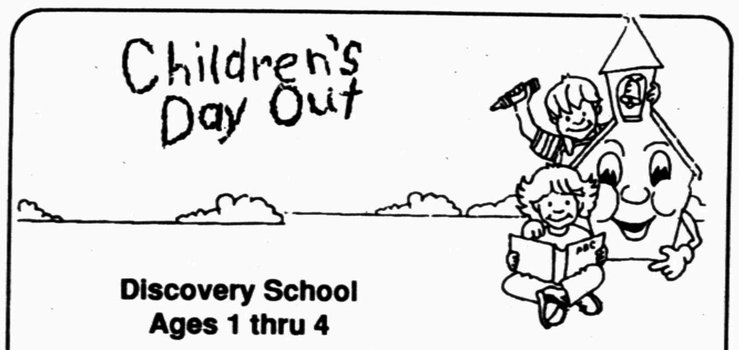
DEAR LEARNED: Your letter was one of many warning against allowing a manipulative parent to get a foot in the door. However, I stand by my advice because the daughter had lived in her mother's home until age 29. That means her mother provided for her long past the time when most adults should be self-sufficient. I think she owes her mother at least temporary shelter. And may I emphasize, I advised *temporary* shelter, not a permanent home.

After a reasonable period of time during which her parents could resolve their marital problems, it would then be appropriate for the daughter to give her mother her walking papers. It may be difficult, but it is possible to evict an individual, even if she is a parent.

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Abby shares more of her favorite, easy-to-prepare recipes. To order, send a business-size, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for $3.95 ($4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby, More Favorite Recipes, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, Ill. 61054-0447. (Postage is included.)

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Lewinsky may link Tripp to talking points

WASHINGTON (AP) — Monica Lewinsky is prepared to testify that she and President Clinton discussed ways of concealing a sexual relationship, legal sources say.

Ms. Lewinsky's account to Independent Counsel Kenneth Starr's prosecutors is that "she and the president were talking about cover stories for their relationship, as two people in such situations frequently do; how to keep it secret," one source said Tuesday night.

Said the sources, Ms. Lewinsky, 25, says she and the president agreed that one way to explain the former intern's frequent visits to the Oval Office area would be to say she was going to see presidential secretary and friend Betty Currie. Clinton did offer that explanation in sworn testimony for a lawsuit.

Starr won Ms. Lewinsky's cooperation while trying to enforce a subpoena for Clinton's testimony.

The sources say Ms. Lewinsky also has identified for prosecutors Linda Tripp as the person who helped formulate the "talking points" designed to help Clinton in the sexual harassment lawsuit filed by Paula Jones. A spokesman for Mrs. Tripp denied it. The talking points, which Ms. Lewinsky gave to Tripp, dealt with an alleged sexual advance that Clinton made to a White House volunteer, Kathleen Willey, an incident known to Mrs. Tripp.

Mrs. Tripp's attorney, Anthony Zaccagnini, said "no, absolutely not" today at the courthouse when told that Ms. Lewinsky had linked Mrs. Tripp to the talking points. "We don't think the report has any validity."

On her way upstairs to resume her testimony before a grand jury, Mrs. Tripp was asked whether she was angry about the reports. "No, I'm not," she answered. Asked who wrote the talking points, she said only, "I wonder."

Word that the talking points were generated by someone who doesn't work in the White House was the only favorable development for Clinton in a day of bad news.

"For six months, Starr and his allies promoted the talking points as the smoking gun of this investigation despite the fact that the White House had no involvement in them," White House spokesman Jim Kennedy said today.

Obituaries



Bertha Cotton

Bertha Cotton

1905-1998

Bertha Mae Cotton, a longtime Scurry County resident, died Tuesday, July 28, in Lea Regional Hospital in Hobbs, N.M., after a lengthy illness.

Funeral service for Mrs. Cotton, 92, is set for 2 p.m. Thursday in the Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home Chapel. Roy Rosson, minister of the Dunn Church of Christ, and Homer Anderson, minister of the 37th Street Church of Christ, will officiate.

Burial will follow in the Dunn Cemetery.

Born July 31, 1905 in Tenaha, Tex., she married Houston Cotton on Dec. 23, 1923 in Ira. He died on Feb. 18, 1989.

A longtime resident of the Dunn community, she was a homemaker and a member of the Dunn Church of Christ.

She was also preceded in death by two sons, a brother and two sisters.

Survivors include two sons, Dan Cotton of Snyder and Jerry Cotton of Seminole; a sister, Danny Mize of Perryton; seven grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

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Elva Vizcaino

1958-1998

Elva Vizcaino of Rotan died Tuesday, July 28 in Lubbock's Methodist Hospital following a sudden illness.

Services for Mrs. Vizcaino, 39, are pending at Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Born Nov. 8, 1958 in Rotan, she married Vidal Vizcaino in Andrews. She was a housewife and a member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Rotan.

Survivors include her husband, Vidal Vizcaino of Rotan; a daughter, Cynthia Vizcaino of Snyder; four sons, Rolando Martinez and Adam Vizcaino, both of Snyder, and Juan Vizcaino and Jaime Vizcaino, both of Rotan; her mother, Edalia Darlene Amador of Snyder; her grandmother, Lupe Macias of Snyder; and three grandchildren.

Roy Warren

1921-1998

COLORADO CITY — Roy Warren, the father of Eddie Mills of Snyder, died Tuesday, July 28, in Mitchell County Hospital.

Funeral service for Mr. Warren, 77, is set for 2 p.m. Thursday in the Kiker-Seale Funeral Home Chapel. The Revs. Jim Mosley and Ken Northcutt will officiate. Burial will follow in the Dorn Cemetery.

Born in Erath County, he married Mollie Mills in 1973 in Lovington, N.M.

A resident of Lake Colorado City since 1988, Mr. Warren was a retired oilfield worker and restaurant owner. He was a member of the Westbrook First Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Mollie Warren of Lake Colorado City; two other sons, Audrey Warren of Stephenville and Bruce Mills of Colorado City; two daughters, Vickie Sargent of Fort Worth and Glenna Johnson of Los Angeles; a brother, Martin Warren of Victoria; a sister, Louise Dooley of Andrews; 14 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

R.H. Evans Sr.

1906-1998

ABILENE — R.H. "Hub" Evans Sr., the father of Hub Evans of Snyder, died Tuesday, July 28, in an Abilene hospital.

Funeral service is set for 10 a.m. Thursday in the Elliott-Hamil Funeral Home Chapel with James Thompson and Bill Starritt officiating. Burial will follow in Elmwood Memorial Park.

Born in Swift in Nacogdoches County, he attended school in Appleby. He married Katie Bell Ragan in 1925 in Nacogdoches.

Mr. Evans moved to Abilene in 1927 and he was an appliance repairman for West Texas Utilities, retiring in 1970.

Mr. Evans was a member of the Southside Church of Christ where he served as an elder.

Survivors include his wife, Katie Evans of Abilene; two other sons, Allen Evans of Thurber and Jim Evans of McAllen; a daughter, Mary Janice Smith of View; a sister, Thelma Dedmon of Merkel; 15 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to the West Texas Rehabilitation Center or to the American Cancer Society.

Mrs. Martinez

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COLORADO CITY — Sebastiana V. Martinez, the mother of two Scurry County residents, died Monday, July 27, in Mitchell County Hospital.

Rosary for Mrs. Martinez, 90, is set for 7 this evening in the Kiker-Seale Funeral Home Chapel.

Mass is set for 10 a.m. Thursday in St. Ann's Catholic Church. Fr. Ray Wilhelm will officiate, and interment will follow in the Mitchell County Cemetery.

Born in San Luis, Potosi, Mexico, she married Pedro Sanchez Martinez in 1922 in San Antonio. Mrs. Martinez moved to Colorado City in 1945, and was a member of the Guadalupanas at St. Ann's Catholic Church.

Survivors include five sons, Emiterio Martinez of Hermleigh, Juan Martinez of Snyder, Jose Martinez of San Angelo, Rufino Martinez of Colorado City and Manuel Martinez of Waxahachie; six daughters, Benita Davila and Bruna Gutierrez, both of Colorado City, Maria Velasquez of Las Vegas, Nev., Irene Aldrete and Christina Ceballos, both of Sweetwater, and Romana Bugarin of Watauga; two brothers, Ramon Villanueva and Refugio Villanueva, both of Mexico; two sisters, Viviana Villanueva and Carmel V. Castigea, both of Mexico; 106 grandchildren, more than 200 great-grandchildren; and 40 great-great-grandchildren.

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GOP seeks new Capitol visitors center

WASHINGTON (AP) — Republican leaders would like to push legislation through Congress this year for a new Capitol visitors center, after two fallen police officers who died protecting the building received rare honors in its historic Rotunda.

Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss., met today with House Speaker Newt Gingrich, R-Ga., and other top Republicans to try to agree on legislation that would authorize work on the proposed center. Envisioned by most participants as an underground structure, the center would provide security checkpoints outside the Capitol while offering tourists shelter and information.

Lawmakers said little about negotiations as they left the meeting but Rep. Bob Livingston, R-La., who chairs the House Appropriations Committee, described the discussion as positive. "Don't be surprised if you see a green light," he said.

The Capitol doorway used by the gunman Friday was reopened to the public today for the first time since the attack. It was guarded by three officers.

There were few signs of the assault except for an extra policeman standing by a cordoned-off door, just inside the entrance, that the intruder used to invade the offices of House Majority Whip Tom DeLay.

An officer on duty said the original door to DeLay's corridor had been removed because it has become part of the investigation. Inside that corridor, painters were preparing to repaint the walls damaged in the gunbattle.

The idea of a visitors center has been around for years. But it was given renewed impetus by the killings of officers Jacob J. Chestnut and John Gibson by an intruder who was captured and wounded in a brief gunfight that terrified thousands of tourists, lawmakers and workers.

"We want to try to take steps this year that would ... get this started," Lott told reporters.

One of the big unresolved questions is the project's cost and how it would be paid.

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events

WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

Ritz Theatre

Reservations can be made through Friday for the Ritz Community Theatre production of "Godspell." It is a musical based upon the gospel according to St. Matthew. Make reservations, or buy tickets at the box office each afternoon from 2-5 p.m. Performances are Friday at 8 p.m., Saturday at 2:30 and 8 p.m. and Sunday at 2:30 p.m.

Elementary school supplies

Pre-ordered school supplies for East and Central Elementaries may be picked up at the school offices. Extra supply packages are available for sale.

Hermleigh VBS

First Baptist Church of Hermleigh is hosting a week-long Vacation Bible School this week. Times are 7 to 9 p.m. There will be classes for all ages and refreshments will be served. For more information call 863-2484 or 8963-2455.

Children's Day Out

Registration for the fall semester of Children's Day Out at First United Methodist Church will be held Thursday. Classes are for ages 1-4, and are held on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Call 573-4770 for more information.

Scrapbookers meet Thursday

Snyder Scrapbookers will meet at 7 p.m. Thursday at Snyder Savings and Loan. All are welcome to bring supplies and work on memory albums. Call 728-5158 for more information.

Izzard at Senior Center

Rudy Izzard, Republican candidate for congress from the 17th District, will hold a town hall meeting on social security at 10:30 a.m. Friday at the Scurry County Senior Citizens Center.

Church garage sale

The First Church of the Nazarene will hold an all-church garage sale Friday and Saturday at 4002 Ave. R. Proceeds will be applied to the church mortgage. Sale starts Friday at 6 p.m. and Saturday at 8 a.m.

Super Saturday

East Side Church of Christ will host a "family vacation" in first century Israel Saturday beginning at 9 a.m. at the church. Families will have a chance to taste recipes from ancient Israel and enjoy several other activities.

Computer club to organize

A computer club for residents of Mitchell and Scurry County will be organized at 7 p.m. Saturday at the Dunn Community Center. No computer knowledge or ownership is necessary. Call 573-1663 for more information.

Class of 1978 reunion

The Snyder High School class of 1978 will hold a class reunion Saturday. There will be a noon luncheon at the Towle Park pavilion with the evening activities at Jack Greene's place at which the public is invited to dance to the music of Blackwater starting at 9 p.m. Admission is $5 per person.

Bible study tapes airing

Bible study video tapes air weekly on cable TV Channel 2. The next tapes to be shown, "Principles from Revelation," followed by "The Quest for Wholeness" will be shown at 7 p.m. Monday.

Through the Bible study

A Bible study with Les Feldick and hosted by Harlan and Darlene Amox is held each Tuesday from 7:30 until 9 p.m. Call 573-2699 for additional information.

Avenue D Baptist Church revival

The revival will be Aug. 9-14 with evangelist Herman Cramer and music director Robert Haynie leading services. Sunday through Friday services will be at 7 p.m. with a get-acquainted fellowship following each service. A covered dish luncheon and Bible study will be held Monday through Friday at noon.

Joy School registration

Registration for Joy School at East Side Church of Christ will be held from 10 a.m. until noon on Tuesday, Aug. 18. For more information call 573-5927 or 573-3554.

FBC kids programs

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

Pick 3

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Tuesday by the Texas Lottery, in order:
8-1-5
(eight, one, five)

Cash Five

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Tuesday by the Texas Lottery:
25-23-7-27-11
(twenty-five, twenty-three, seven, twenty-seven, eleven)

Tax-free medical savings accounts debated

WASHINGTON (AP) — With the Senate ready to consider new health insurance laws, a longtime Republican desire to make tax-exempt medical savings accounts available to more Americans has flared up again — along with White House opposition.

President Clinton's advisers said a GOP provision to expand access to the health care expense accounts, known as MSAs, is grounds for a veto of broader legislation passed by the House last week to curb health plan abuses.

Health and Human Services Secretary Donna Shalala calls MSAs "risky, untested insurance schemes" that benefit mainly the healthy and wealthy.

With the health insurance debate expected to move to the Senate floor in the next few days, GOP leaders there are also calling for more MSAs. The tax-free accounts would help relieve Americans' frustration with restrictive health plans by giving people an alternative, said Sen. Phil Gramm, R-Texas.

"They'd have the right to be alone in the examining room with their doctor because they're spending money they control," said Gramm.

A few Republican lawmakers share the Clinton administration's fear that money going into MSAs will be drained from the pot that must pay for care for those who get sick. They lobbied House leaders successfully last week to leave government workers out of any MSA expansion.

And Sen. John Chafee, R-R.I., is trying to broker a bipartisan compromise on health plan legislation in the Senate that would put off any MSA action this year.

Conservative groups, however, are pressing hard for Republican supporters of MSAs to stand their ground.

The Small Business Survival Committee — allied in favor of MSAs with the Christian Coalition and 1996 presidential candidate Steve Forbes — spent $180,000 this month on radio ads in 10 states.

The commercials are designed "to essentially stiffen the spines of Republican senators" who might be tempted to waiver in the face of opposition to MSAs, said committee president Karen Kerrigan.

In the House, conservative GOP lawmakers have written to Speaker Newt Gingrich warning that "it is imperative" for MSAs to be in any final bill sent to Clinton.

GOP legislation would cut short an MSA pilot project limited to self-employed Americans and those who work for small businesses, and instead let any company offer MSAs to employees.

Web address said sold for $3.35 million

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Jack Marshall is on www.easystreet.

Marshall reportedly was paid $3.35 million from Compaq Computer Corp. for his Web site address www.altavista.com — a site many Internet users mistook for the location of the computer giant's popular search engine.

The San Jose electrical engineer has owned the disputed address since 1994 when he started his company, AltaVista Technology Inc.

The price, reported Tuesday in the San Francisco Chronicle, is one of the highest ever paid for an Internet address, industry experts said Tuesday. Neither Marshall nor Compaq would confirm the amount.

As part of the deal, Compaq agreed to drop a trademark infringement suit against Marshall.

"We are extremely excited the lawsuit is behind us and that we are able to proceed forward," said Marshall, who will change his company's name to PhotoLoft at the end of August.

The previous largest Web address sales record was for about $150,000, said Edwin Hayward, who operates www.igoldrush.com, a Web site that tracks such purchases.

Industry observers said Compaq was wise to acquire the address for the search engine, which allows Internet users to find other sites on the Web.

"This is a very savvy move by Compaq," said Ron Rappaport, an industry analyst with Zona Research, an Internet market research firm in Redwood City, Calif. "It's got a compelling search service under its purview. It's got tremendous brand recognition."

But others said the deal could have been bigger.

"It's cheap based on what AltaVista is," said Naseem Javed, president of ABC Namebank International, a nomenclature consulting firm in New York. "These days, it's running in the tens of millions of dollars in establishing brand identity."

The Alta Vista name was not trademarked when Marshall bought the rights in January 1994.

In November 1995, Digital Equipment Corp., now owned by Compaq, launched a search engine called Alta Vista. Because it did not own the Alta Vista address, it was located at www.altavista.digital.com.

But the address was confusing and many searchers ended up at Marshall's site, overloading his computer.

A small industry has sprung up around Web "domain names" and their purchase, Rappaport said.

Berry's World



Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Thursday, July 30, 1998

Your most impressive rewards in the year ahead could come in ways you least expect. Don't jump to negative conclusions for no apparent reason.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Today you're apt to take the line of least resistance and permit a family member to pressure you into doing something you'd rather not do. Know where to look for romance and you'll find it. The Astro-Graph Matchmaker instantly reveals which signs are romantically perfect for you. Mail $2.75 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Some people you'll be involved with today may not be as forgiving as you are. Be careful not to do something for which you could be judged too harshly.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Be sure your old obligations are well in hand before taking on new ones today. You could discover there isn't enough money to handle both.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) There's no reason to think someone who always opposes your way of doing things will behave differently today.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Be realistic about issues that confront you today. They aren't going to vanish of their own volition; it's you who must take action.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Remorse over a situation where you feel you've been overly generous with a friend could set in today. Don't dwell on past mistakes.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Today you may underestimate what it takes to reach your goals. Don't let wishful thinking take precedence over common sense.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Don't go along with someone's plans if you're annoyed with them today. You could do something out of spite that won't serve your best interests.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Be careful today about making on-the-spot commitments that require financial backing. The heaviest expenses might be borne by you.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) It might be difficult for you to make a decision concerning someone you love today. You're apt to overemphasize the pros and cons and never reach a conclusion.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) You could saddle yourself with more responsibilities than you can manage today if you let an overly-dependent individual lean on you. Learn to say no.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Don't put a pal in an awkward financial position today. Your friend will resent you if you do.

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