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THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "The best thing about silence is that it can't be repeated."

Thanks For The Rain!

Stephen Henry, publisher up at Levelland, is a graduate of Texas Tech. Therefore the story he told recently has to be true, or he'll be banned from the new sports arena — along with the Lubbock city council.

Henry said he was running errands for his wife. Up and down the grocery aisles, he passed an elderly couple several times and noticed that the couple stared at him.

Henry said he didn't know them, but they seemed to show up every place he did.

Finally, the woman approached and apologized for staring so much. She said, "You look so much like our son that it is uncanny. I hope we haven't embarrassed you, but we miss him terribly. He was killed in a car wreck last year. To make matters worse, we had just had a big argument and he stormed out of the house without saying goodbye. We just feel terrible about it."

Henry said he was speechless. Henry and the elderly couple finished their shopping about the same time. He noticed that their grocery cart was full.

Waiting to be checked out, the woman asked Henry for a favor. "When we get to the door would you just wave at us and call us mom and dad. Maybe it would help us deal with our grief."

Henry agreed. As they were leaving, Henry stepped around the counter and waved goodbye to them. He shouted, "Bye mom! Bye dad!"

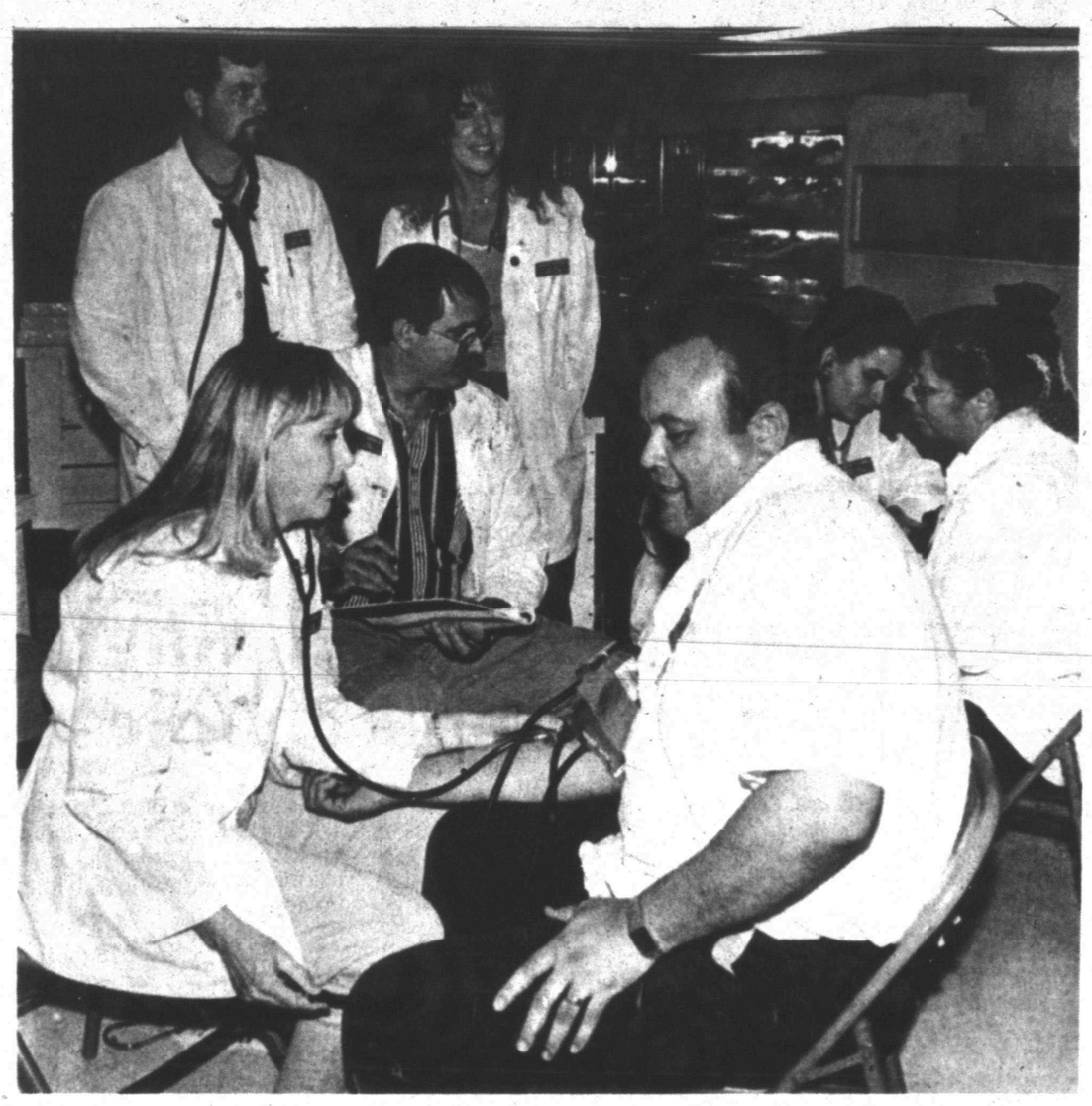
Henry was feeling good about his good deed until the checker said, "That'll be $149.95."

Henry was stunned. He only had a half dozen or so items. "That can't be right."

The checker assured him the total was correct. "That includes the groceries your parents bought. They told me you were going to pay for them."

Henry said he rushed outside just as the man was getting into the car.

"I slipped and fell to my knees, grabbing his leg in the process. So, there I was, in the middle of the supermarket parking lot, pulling on his leg — just like I'm pulling yours right now."



BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING - Representatives of the Texas Tech Health Science Center were at Lawrence IGA Tuesday administering free blood pressure checks to area residents. Judy Cave is shown checking the pressure of Joe Alvarado while Martha Noyola is being checked by Jacqueline Ramirez. Other representatives from Texas Tech are, from left, James Fox, Willard Hawkins and Diane Mayes. The screening will continue Thursday at both IGA stores. (SDN Staff Photo)

Jury says 'guilty;' sentencing to follow

Final summations in the sentencing phase of a trial in which a Scurry County man has been found guilty of felony driving while intoxicated were to be heard at 1:30 p.m. today in 132nd District Court.

A nine-woman, three-man jury found 34-year-old David Cloyce Gibbins guilty Tuesday afternoon. During the punishment phase of the trial this morning, two people testified in Gibbins' behalf — the defendant and a former employer.

Testimony ended at 11:20 this morning and District Judge Ernie Armstrong ordered a recess until 1:30, at which time attorneys will present their summations. Following that, the jury will begin deliberations.

Gibbins, who resides at 211 Birch, has been free on a $5,000 bond since he was arrested on April 27. He had two previous DWI convictions, in 1991 and 1993.

District Attorney Dana Cooley is prosecuting the case. Gibbins is being defended by local attorney Martin Fender.

If Bush won't offer tax plan, Sharp may

AUSTIN (AP) — If Gov. George W. Bush decides not to push an alternative to rising property taxes in the 1997 legislative session, State Comptroller John Sharp just might.

Sharp, a Democrat who's seen as a potential gubernatorial candidate, says he's confident the Republican governor will offer a property-tax relief plan.

And as state government's numbers man, Sharp said Tuesday his role is to help Bush and others the governor has named to look into the issue.

But if Bush decides public reaction doesn't warrant a full-court press for change in the 1997 legislative session, Sharp said, "I would sure look at it then, because I'm convinced that it is a problem.

"If they decided, 'Hey, I don't think the public wants this, and we don't want to get into any political hot water for whatever reason, and ... we're not going to consider this in the next session of the Legislature,' then we'd rethink. Because I do think that it has to be done," said Sharp, who hasn't said whether he'll run for governor in 1998.

"I think the governor's initial instincts were accurate, and he needs to follow those," Sharp said. "It can be done. It will take some courage."

A Bush-appointed committee is conducting hearings around the state to gauge public support for an alternative to local school property taxes, which total nearly $10 billion annually.

Bush spokesman Ray Sullivan said the governor and lawmakers will decide what to do after the committee, headed by Insurance Commissioner Elton Bomer, concludes its work.

"At that time, the governor and the Legislature will have to determine how best to proceed. He wants to make sure that there is public support and collective will for legislative alternatives to property taxes," Sullivan said.

Asked what will occur if Bush doesn't find that, Sullivan said, "We'll have to see what happens."

Crucial evidence is still missing from explosion

EAST MORICHES, N.Y. (AP) — A week after TWA Flight 800 exploded and plunged into the ocean, investigators concede they still are missing crucial evidence needed to determine what — or who — brought it down.

Victims' families expressed frustration today about the speed of the search and contradictory information.

Crews used video cameras and sonar to scan the submerged wreckage where dozens of bodies may be trapped and where clues to the cause of the crash are likely hidden.

Only 112 bodies have been lifted from the sea, including one found today and three Tuesday, leaving 118 still missing. Only about 1 percent of the plane has been recovered, and the crucial voice and data recorders, the plane's so-called black boxes, have not been found.

A group of relatives of French passengers lashed out at the contradictory updates released by U.S. politicians and investigators.

"I want my brother! I don't want politics!" Michel Olivier said today. "They go around yesterday saying, 'We find a lot of bodies, we find a lot of bodies.' And they find nothing."

Without citing a source, ABC reported that Flight 800 was at 13,700 feet when something catastrophic happened and it plunged to 9,000 feet. It said the plane stabilized there for as long as 30 seconds, then exploded into a fireball.

Eliot Brenner, a Federal Aviation Administration spokesman in Washington, said he had no information about the report and could neither confirm nor deny it.

Federal officials acknowledge that nothing found so far showed traces of explosives. They continued to consider the possibilities that the plane was destroyed by a bomb secreted on board, a missile or catastrophic mechanical failure.

"We're not ruling out anything," said Robert Francis, vice chairman of the National Transportation Safety Board.

"We are waiting to have that evidence that says, 'Hey, this is a blast,'" said James K. Kallstrom, the FBI agent in charge of the probe.

Scurry County gets some rain

From a trace to more than an inch; chance for more in forecast

Early morning thunderstorms dropped more than an inch of rain on some parts of Scurry County and the forecast calls for the possibility of more tonight and Thursday.

County residents east of Snyder along U.S. Highway 180 reported from eight-tenths up to 1.1 inches of rain this morning. Hermleigh recorded seven-tenths, as did the Inadale Gin.

Residents in the northern portion of the county recorded as much as six-tenths, although Polar, in southwest Kent County, had no rain. Loyd Mountain area residents reported nine-tenths.

Fluvanna residents reported only light showers. A few miles west, in eastern Borden County, a resident reported a half-inch, accompanied by strong winds.

The western portion of Scurry County reported between one-tenth and four-tenths, with Paymaster Gin receiving three-tenths. A resident northwest of the city near Snyder Country Club reported a quarter-inch.

Officials at the Colorado River Municipal Water District reported that Lake J.B. Thomas received about three-tenths of rain on the Snyder side.

Within the Snyder city limits, the water treatment plant recorded .36 of an inch. That brings the 1996 total to just 5.97 inches.

The forecast calls for a 30 percent chance of rain today and tonight and a 20 percent chance Thursday.

OB renovation project on CMH board agenda

Cogdell Memorial Hospital board of managers meet Thursday to consider whether to move ahead with a proposed renovation of the obstetrics area.

Routine business items will also be addressed by the board, which meets at 8 a.m. in the hospital board room.

Bids were opened last Wednesday for the OB renovation, estimated to cost as much as $500,000. Thursday, the board will consider the bids and decide whether to move forward with the project.

A discussion of health insurance premiums and the capital budget are also on the agenda. Other items are medical staff, financial and transfer reports and approval of accounts payable.

Following the regular meeting, the board will go into executive session for the annual evaluation of the chief executive officer.

Industrial park info to dominate meeting

A comprehensive report on the industrial park and related information is among 10 items of business to be considered Thursday by the Development Corporation of Snyder, Inc. board.

The meeting is scheduled for 4 p.m. in city council chambers at City Hall.

Doug Hutchinson, DCOS executive director, is expected to give reports on the status of three grant applications, specific terms and conditions of commitments to Lorber Industries concerning land at the industrial park, and the scope and timing of planned facilities and construction at the park.

John Gibson, director of workforce education for Western Texas College, will make a presentation to the board on workforce education.

Other agenda items include:

—consideration of Southwestern Bell Telephone's request for an easement at the industrial park;

—a request for proposal for engineering services in connection with the USDA Rural Development grant for improvements to the park;

—a discussion of the relationship of DCOS and city services;

—correction of an error in the Jan. 17 meeting notice posting;

—consideration of a senior secretary job description;

—a discussion of new accounting procedures;

—and payment of bills.

ASK US

Q—Has anyone filed as an indepenent for county clerk?
A—No.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Tuesday, 101 degrees; low, 65; 7 a.m. reading Wednesday, 66; .36 of an inch precipitation; total for 1996, 5.86 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, mostly cloudy, scattered storms. Low, lower to mid 70s. SE wind 5-15 mph. Rain chance 30%. Thursday, partly cloudy, 20% chance of storms. High, mid to upper 90s. SE wind 10-20 mph.

Scattered Storms
Lindsey Jarnagin

Sunset: 8:45 p.m.
Sunrise: 6:56 a.m.
Of 205 days in 1996, the sun has shone 201 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

A haughty look, a proud heart, And the plowing of the wicked are sin.

Proverbs 21:4

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2 SHS grads given TILF scholarships

Two Snyder High School graduates have received scholarships from the Texas Interscholastic League Foundation.

Jason Wayne Crow received a $1,000 Ruth Elizabeth Trice Scholarship, payable $500 each semester of the first year.

Kathryn Rebekah "Katie" Thornton received a Jefferson Clark Johnson Drama Memorial Scholarship in the amount of $500, payable $250 each semester of the first year.

This year Trice and Johnson awarded one grant to a student who has participated in the University Interscholastic League Academic State Meet Contests and who compiled an outstanding record of academic and extracurricular achievement.

Crow placed second in team accounting and competed in one-act play at the 1996 UIL Academic State Meet. He also participated in UIL computer science, poetry interpretation and tennis. Crow graduated in the top 20 percent of his class and was a member of the National Honor Society, Student Council and International Thespian Society.

Crow plans to attend the University of Texas at Austin and major in drama.

Thornton placed first at the 1993 and 1995 UIL Academic State Meet in one-act play. She also competed at the state level in one-act play in 1994 and 1996 and in prose interpretation in 1995.

In addition, Thornton played tennis, was a member of the school choir, the forensic team, the Student Advisory Committee and the Scurry County School Facilities Task Force.

Thornton plans to attend the University of Texas and major in theatre.

This year the TILF awarded 283 new awards and will renew approximately 212 awards for a total of 495 scholarships for 1996-97 with an approximate value of $700,000.

Recipients may attend any approved college or university in Texas.

DRY WEATHER MELONS — Wayne Eubank of Ira shows off the watermelons he has grown this summer. The red variety he is holding weighs 35 pounds and is 21½ inches long. He also grows seedless and orange varieties. Eubank, who does not water his melons, said it is unusual for them to be so big during such dry weather. (Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

2 dead, 1 injured

Illegal immigrants riding in trailer

BUDA (AP) — Authorities are investigating the deaths of two illegal immigrants who were among 40 Mexican nationals riding in the trailer of an 18-wheeler before being dropped off at a gas station.

Both victims who died and a survivor, who was taken to a local hospital, apparently suffered from heat-related stress and dehydration, said Lt. Dennis Gutierrez of the Hays County Sheriff's Department.

Authorities said the illegal immigrants got out of the truck about 2 a.m. Tuesday in the parking lot of the Conoco gas station in Buda, a quiet agriculture community of about 1,800 roughly 15 miles south of Austin.

Many fled, while others bedded down in a field behind the gas station. The two bodies, removed from the truck by fleeing nationals, were found in the field about 8:30 a.m.

Suzanne Rossi, manager of the gas station, said she was looking for trash in the parking lot just before 8 a.m. when she noticed the surviving Mexican national. She said when he approached her she thought he was drunk because he was staggering toward her.

"He was covered in blood and said he had been beaten up and robbed. He said others got out of the truck and scattered. He said he didn't leave because the driver had robbed him and he didn't want to leave the others," Ms. Rossi said.

"The man said they had to get out of the truck because there was no oxygen. He said the trailer was completely closed in," she added.

Gutierrez said temperatures inside the truck could easily have surpassed 100 degrees. Officials declined to speculate how long the foreign nationals had been inside the truck before getting out.

As the others fled, Gutierrez said, "The two deceased and another, who was suffering from dehydration, were left behind. The truck, after releasing the illegals ... took off."

Officials said the Mexican nationals had paid the truck driver an undisclosed amount of money to be taken to an unknown out-of-state location.

Justice of the Peace Albert Busse of Kyle pronounced the two foreign nationals dead. He said autopsies had been ordered for the victims, whose identities weren't immediately known.

Gutierrez said that by late afternoon, about a dozen of the illegal immigrants had been tracked down by authorities and were in custody in San Marcos.

Woman who claimed abduction charged in murder of husband

TULSA, Okla. (AP) — Charlotte Mignot's tale was horrifying: As her young daughters hid in fear, intruders stabbed her husband to death, then kidnapped and beat her.

But on Tuesday, when Mrs. Mignot went to identify property she had reported stolen in the July 9 attack, she was charged with murdering her 50-year-old husband, Larry, in their bedroom.

Mrs. Mignot, 43, was held without bail along with Johnny Ray Dunn, 30, who had recently done remodeling work at the Mignot home, said Sheriff's Capt. Jerry Griffin. Authorities are looking for a second male suspect.

Griffin declined to comment on a motive. But Dunn told police that Mrs. Mignot asked him to help her stage a burglary at the home after her husband beat her, the Tulsa World reported today.

After learning Mrs. Mignot had been beaten, Dunn told co-workers at Play Park, which makes playground equipment, that "if Larry laid a hand on Charlotte again, he would 'put him down,'" the arrest affidavit said.

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Love, Mom & Dad
Eric, Craig & Jennifer

Romance novels beginning to have more ethnic couples

DALLAS (AP) — His dark fingers tilted her chin upward and he submerged himself in the sable pools of her eyes.

With one look, they rewrote the story in their hearts and together moved onto the covers, a long-awaited journey that is expected to end happily ever after.

In the world of mainstream romance novels, minority couples are now taking the lead and increasingly gracing the books' covers as the publishing industry works to expand readership.

Last year, 25 books with ethnic lead couples were released, up from just eight in 1994.

This year, the books are being published with passion.

The $1 billion-a-year romance novel industry expects about 5 percent of its books published in 1996 to have ethnic heroes and heroines. The industry published about 1,800 novels in 1995.

Having read thousands of romance books during the decade she's been a fan, Adrianne Byrd of Memphis, Tenn., says it's about time she will have a choice of black heroines.

"It's been distracting a little bit because I couldn't have the blue eyes," she said with a laugh. "Now, if we could only get the movies to do it."

Despite the absence of lead ethnic characters in the past, minority characters have always been a part of the books, and minority women always have been readers. Romance industry insiders say within the pages, love is colorblind.

"They translate so well, despite what's on the covers. The characters can basically be black, white, whatever," said Stacy Widdrington, a spokeswoman for Harlequin, one of the largest publishers of romance fiction.

Harlequin is creating two new lines this year, including Spanish language books.

Writer Betina Krahn said readers use their mind's eye to see characters as they want.

"Readers give their own twist to our characters," said Krahn, whose 14th novel, "The Perfect Mistress," was a New York Times best seller and had white lead characters. "But that doesn't replace the concerns, the issues that their lives have that may be different."

Layle Giusto of St. Albans, N.Y., said her plots, like those of other minority writers, still include the necessary ingredients for a successful romance novel — a strong woman, a strong man, and a happy ending.

"The only difference is I write about a different cultural group," she said.

Major bookstore chains, like Waldenbooks and Barnes & Noble, sell nearly 16 percent of romance books, which account for more than 80 percent of all mass market fiction titles published each year, according to the Book Industry Group.

Independent distributors account for 56 percent of sales and independent book stores for 4.2 percent. The remaining sales are made in Canada and to "others."

Minority writers say their books are sold in ethnic neighborhoods and the larger chain stores, helping sales.

Deputy killed in traffic mishap

HOUSTON (AP) — A sheriff's deputy on his way to assist a stolen-car chase was killed when his car collided with another deputy's vehicle.

Doug Noll, 26, a five-year veteran of the Harris County Sheriff's Department, died early Monday. He was recently engaged to be married.

The two deputies in the other car, Garrett DeMilia, 25, and Max Hannusch, 32, suffered minor injuries.

Sheriff Tommy Thomas said the two patrol cars weren't actively participating in the pursuit of the stolen car.

"These guys were simply there to assist," Thomas said. "They were about a mile from the pursuit."

Noll is the first sheriff's deputy to die in the line of duty since September 1985.

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New Texas declaration of independence issued by Republic of Texas provisional government

In a series of three filings addressed to the United Nations dated June 1, June 5 and June 13, 1996, the Republic of Texas completed all the steps necessary to secure its independence from the United States of America by lawful process under international law.

Texas gave notice with respect to Article 12 of Resolution 263 passed by United Nations general assembly December 9, 1948 and ratified by the U.S.A. in 1988, which covers the prevention and punishment of the crime of genocide.

• Thereby, Texas has perfected its prior standings in foreign relations with the United States and reverts to the April 25, 1838 treaty between them. Thus, agents of the U.S. and offices of its subcorporation State of Texas can be tried and punished for imposing laws and policies extinguishing the national and ethnic character of Texans.

• Texas gave the U.N. notice that all treaties, conventions or international agreements which the U.S. may have represented to extend as the contracting party over the territory of Texas by acts of foreign relations are revoked.

• Hereafter, the Republic of Texas is no longer a member of the United Nations, NAFTA, GATT, or military alliances, and no federal bureau may lawfully operate on the soil of Texas. All federal laws are now null and void in the Republic of Texas.

• Texas demands that the U.S.A and its political subdivision, the State of Texas, immediately cease and desist their attempts to continue to exercise foreign relations acts and law on the land and territory of Texas and demands that the U.N. general assembly formally recognize the independence and sovereignty of the Texas nation and force its signatory, the U.S.A., to comply forthwith.

• All private and public debt owed by Texas Citizens to Federal Reserve banks, United States Treasury, the International Monetary Fund or their third-party agencies are cancelled since these loans were made out of created credit instead of based on money. This does not revoke contacts or obligations held between private parties that constitute lawful debt based on lawful exchange and demand.

• The nation of Texas, its People and its government known as the Republic of Texas will not be responsible for the illusory debt created by the United States or its entity, State of Texas, by and through the acts of March 9, 1933, as amended. This is reciprocal in accordance with the previous acts in color of March 1, 1845, where the United States did not accept the debts of the Republic of Texas.

• All existing military armaments, equipment, and facilities on, over, or under the soil and waters of Texas are hereby deemed the property of the People of the Republic of Texas, and an immediate notificaton is to be served on all base commanders, advising that these properties will be absorbed into the Texas defense system.

• The Texas State Bar Association is hereby dissolved, and shall have no legal tie to courts of the Republic of Texas or to any operation in transition for the extradition of cases from the absorbed former Texas state courts. This does not limit the right of the former attorney's association to reorganize and operate as a common law guild for purposes of legal education and setting standards for their private membership.

The General Council of the Provisional Government is organized and prepared to assume the administration of the restored nation of Texas. Its members have been assembling the necessary personnel and information to immediately begin the transition of government functions.

The entire legal system of the Republic will be based on Common Law, and the financial structure is to be based on natural resources with gold and silver deposits in the treasury.

No foreign troops will be allowed within the borders of Texas. Homes and farms of Texas Citizens will be held in absolute allodial title rather than by deed.

Personal freedom of all sovereign Citizens will be greater than anywhere else in the world; and with relief from taxes, prosperity should soar throughout the Republic.

Editor's Note: For the complete Declaration of Independence, see the August edition of the Republic of Texas Magazine, which will be available at bookstores beginning July 1, and in Post at El Matamoros Restaurant and The Post Dispatch.

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First woman Marine makes 3-star general

QUANTICO, Va. (AP) — Women weren't allowed to be generals when Carol A. Mutter first put on her Marine Corps uniform in 1967.

Twenty-nine years later, she stood at attention as she was promoted as the Marines' first woman three-star general during a ceremony that included a parade, a marching band and a 19-gun salute.

"Every time you have the first person through a door that has been closed before it makes it that much easier for the people behind," Mutter said Tuesday after the ceremony.

Mutter, promoted from the rank of major general, became one of the Marine Corps' nine lieutenant generals, the service's second-highest rank.

During the ceremony, the audience of about 300 chuckled when instead of the customary bouquet presented to the promoted officer's spouse, Mutter gave her husband a box of nails.

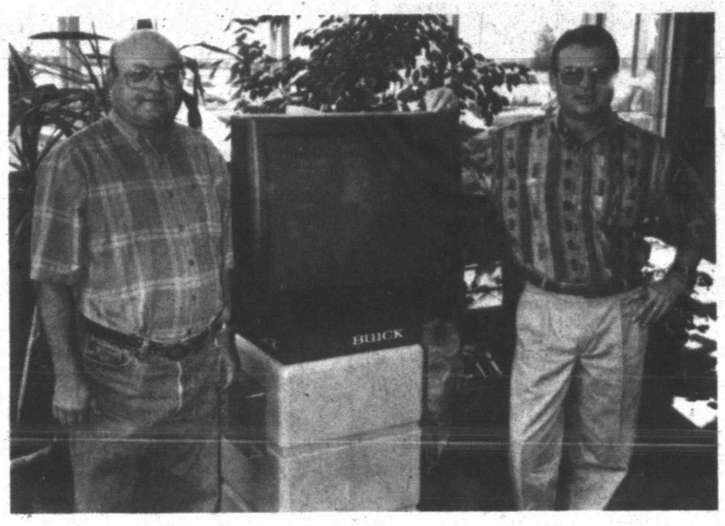
The gift will be used to renovate the couple's new quarters in Washington, said James Mutter, a retired Marine colonel who was once senior to his wife.

Lt. Gen. Mutter, who headed the Quantico-based Systems Command for two years, will supervise the Marines' Manpower and Reserve Affairs operation at the service's headquarters in Washington.

"We're not doing this as a signal. We gave it to her because she's the best Marine general for the job," said Gen. Charles C. Krulak, the Marine commandant.

Mutter, 50, is the third woman to become a Marine general and is the only one currently serving. She joins Navy Vice Adm. Patricia A. Tracey as the only women in the armed forces ever to wear three stars.

"I've never felt there were obstacles in my path, and really no one has ever tried to stop me," Mutter said. "I've learned a lot from women and from men."



LUCKY WINNER — James Aaron, left, was the lucky winner of a Magnavox color television in a drawing sponsored by Buick and Big Country Autoland. Daryl Drain presented the TV to Aaron on behalf of Big Country Autoland. (SDN Staff Photo)

First, officer rescues boy, then 18 years later signs arrest warrant

BROCKTON, Mass. (AP) — Police Officer Walter McGuinness helped rescue an 18-month-old boy from a fire during the blizzard of '78. Nearly two decades later, the officer helped send him to prison for attacking an old woman.

"Quite a twist of fate, isn't it?" McGuinness said Tuesday after he and Wilfredo Rivera, now 19, appeared in court.

McGuinness had issued Rivera's arrest warrant. They both turned away when their eyes met in court.

Rivera pleaded guilty to assaulting an elderly woman, attacking the mother of his child and drug and weapons possession. He was sentenced to 1½ years in prison.

On Feb. 8, 1978, McGuinness slogged through waist-deep snow toward an apartment fire to reach the severely burned Rivera and carry him back to a police cruiser. His partner carried Rivera's burned 3-year-old brother, Elliot. The officers got the cruiser to a helicopter pad, which flew the boys to a hospital.

"I did what I had to do in 1978, and I did what I had to do today," McGuinness said.

For many years, the boys' father, Angel Rivera, brought them to the police station to show officers how well they were healing through skin grafts.

"I would pass the boys, and they would wave," McGuinness said. "Then they stopped waving. Then, several years ago, they seemed to disappear."

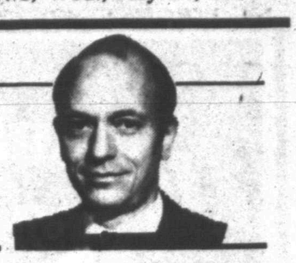
Angel Rivera is now serving a sentence for assault and battery, while Elliot Rivera faces drug charges.

Wilfredo Rivera has said he does not remember McGuinness and the visits at the police station. He had no comment as police led him from court Tuesday.

McGuinness issued the warrant against Rivera two years ago after police spotted him in a car with a group of people accused of attacking and robbing two elderly people.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder



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This isn't child's play

By Phillip Alder

Perhaps your local PBS station is showing a Britcom called "2.4 Children." It centers on the tribulations of a feisty wife whose husband is a plumber. They have two difficult teenage children, and are always in financial trouble. It is reasonably funny, but I still cannot imagine the wife fancying this particular husband. It's nothing personal, but he just doesn't seem to be her type.

In today's deal, South overlooked a small percentage improvement in his line of play. And, of course, as the deal is seeing the light of day, he paid for his error.

Playing in three no-trump, South received a low-diamond lead to East's queen and his king. How should he have continued?

South saw only one chance to make his contract. At trick two, he led a heart to dummy's ace. Then he finessed the spade queen. However, West grabbed the trick with his king and cashed four diamond tricks to defeat the contract.

"Why do my finesses never win?" grumbled South. But North was unsympathetic.

"True, the contract did appear to depend on the spade finesse. However, there was a small extra chance. At trick two, you should have cashed the club ace. Here, the 2.4 percent chance comes home when the king flutters down. Then, as you have the necessary communications, you can immediately claim 10 tricks: one spade, three hearts, one diamond and five clubs."

Despite feeling embarrassed that he hadn't thought of this, South recovered his composure quickly enough to ask, "How do you know it is 2.4 percent?"

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Diana's press spokeswoman quits amid reported spats

LONDON (AP) — Princess Diana says her spokeswoman quit because there isn't enough work to keep her busy. British newspapers said today that it was a case of too much bad press.

Jane Atkinson, Diana's spokeswoman since January, resigned Tuesday. Diana said in a statement that she accepted the resignation "due to the reduction in her work commitment."

But newspapers said today that Atkinson resigned in a dispute.

The Daily Telegraph said Atkinson had been too friendly with reporters, and that Diana blamed her for negative articles after she visited a hospital to watch heart surgery in April.

The Daily Mirror and The Sun said Diana apparently blamed her press aide for the negative reception of Diana's announcement last week that she was quitting as patron of nearly 100 charities.

Some newspapers interpreted the charity resignations and the hospital visit as publicity-seeking gestures.

Diana made the announcement the day after she and Prince Charles received an interim divorce decree.

Community Calendar

WEDNESDAY

Narcotics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-2101, 573-0949, 573-3667 or 573-1579; 8 p.m.

THURSDAY

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

Al-Anon meeting (smoke free), noon to 1 p.m., brown bag. Park Club in Winston Park. For information call 573-4203 or 573-5525.

TOPS TX56, (take off pounds sensibly); weigh-in and meeting 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.; 2501 35th. For information call Peggy Eubank at 573-6509.

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

Codependents Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; 37th & Ave. M; for information call 573-7358; 7 p.m.

New Horizons Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club Addition in Winston Park; for information call 863-2349 or 573-8626; 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.

Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-8626, 573-9458 or 573-8929; 8 p.m., open meeting (last Friday of the month is the birthday meeting, pot luck at 7 p.m.).

Al-Anon; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; for information call 573-3956 or 573-2101; 8 p.m.

SATURDAY

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

Narcotics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for more information call 573-2101, 573-0949, 573-3667 or 573-1579; 7 p.m.

SUNDAY

Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 863-2349; 10 a.m.

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

Narcotics Anonymous Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-2101, 573-0949, 573-3667 or 573-1579; 5 p.m.

Beginners Alcoholics Anonymous and Narcotics Anonymous; Park Club at Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; 7 p.m.

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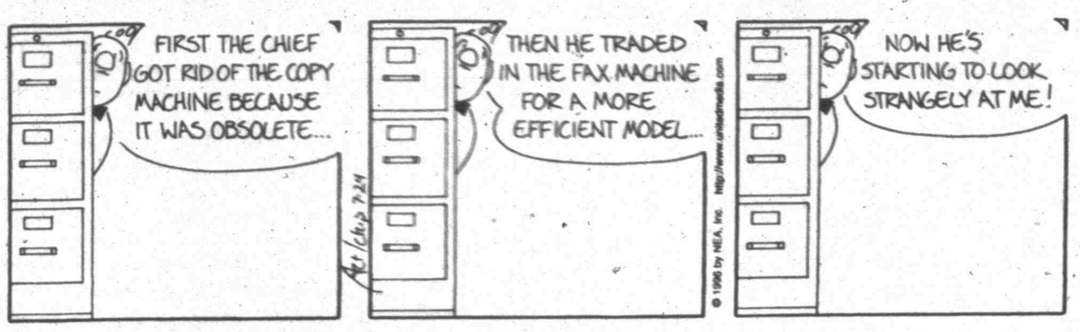

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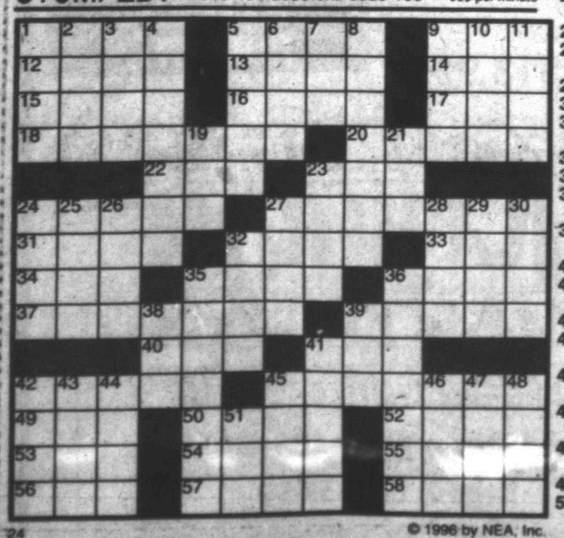

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By Peter Gott, M.D.

Sugar allergy is unlikely culprit

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: What information can you give me on sugar allergy? Several local physicians say it is impossible to have one, but after eating sugar, my ordinarily quiet husband becomes mean and violent. One doctor indicated it was psychological. Your comments?

DEAR READER: A few years ago, sugar allergy was considered to be the reason why some children became over-excited (and some adults exhibited aggressive behavior) after consuming sugar.

However, in the past 10 years, several medical studies have proven that sugar allergy doesn't exist: The strange behavior was found to have other causes, such as emotional instability or attention deficit/hyperactivity disorder.

It is possible that a periodic high intake of sugar may cause your husband to be irritable, but such a reaction is more likely caused by a metabolic imbalance than an allergy.

For example, diabetic patients don't burn sugar as efficiently as do non-diabetics; therefore, an elevated blood sugar will lead to dehydration and acidosis, both of which can alter behavior. Or, as one of your physicians suggested, your husband's violent behavior may simply have a psychological cause.

In any case, your spouse needs a thorough examination and blood tests to identify a hidden metabolic abnormality, such as diabetes or hypoglycemia. If the testing is negative, he probably could be helped by counseling. While this difficult situation is being sorted out, try to persuade your husband to forego sugar products.

To give you more information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Diabetes Mellitus." Other readers who would like a copy should send $2 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to P.O. Box 2017, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to mention the title.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I've had muscle spasms in my back for years. I've had many physicals, and local doctors cannot tell me what causes this. I see a chiropractor once a week. Any suggestions for me?

DEAR READER: Muscle spasm is a common cause of back pain and can result from arthritis, heavy lifting, prolonged inactivity, stress, and a host of other factors.

If your physicians have tested you — with X-rays — and found that you don't have a physical abnormality, such as a herniated disc, I believe that you could be helped by special strengthening/stretching exercises that your doctor can show you. Or you can give the chiropractor a chance and follow his instructions for a few weeks.

Back pain is one of the most common symptoms encountered by doctors. Fortunately, in most cases, it doesn't reflect a dangerous medical condition and usually can be controlled or eliminated by daily exercises. However, before assuming that back pain is harmless, patients must first be tested to make sure that a serious cause (that must be aggressively treated) is not to blame. Your doctor can advise you.

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Redistricting changes could lead to complications in state

WASHINGTON (AP) — Complications will bubble to the surface if a trio of federal judges orders a November special election and December runoff in certain Texas congressional districts, Democrats and Republicans alike agree.

The question before the three-judge panel in Houston is how to remedy the current congressional redistricting map following their finding, upheld by the Supreme Court, that three predominantly minority districts in Houston and Dallas are unconstitutional.

Although the redistricting debate is fraught with endless permutations, the judges essentially have two choices: Allow this year's elections to proceed under the current, unconstitutional lines; or throw out results of the March primaries and April runoffs in some of Texas' 30 House districts, imposing an all-comers, open election on Nov. 5. Districts where no candidate emerged with at least 50 percent of the vote would have a December runoff.

The decision, whatever it may be, is expected by Aug. 8.

The Republican plaintiffs who successfully challenged the current lines, arguing that racial criteria were improperly used, want new lines this year. So do Republican Party officials and GOP congressmen, eager to increase the GOP's representation. Currently, Texas Democrats have an 18-12 edge over Republicans.

Democratic state officials and House members, for their part, would be happy to retain the status quo and allow the Texas Legislature to draw a new map next year.

But even as both sides joust for advantage in the high-stakes fight, they acknowledge that a November special election with a December runoff poses its own set of problems.

Among the possible complications:

—Texas challengers elected in a December runoff would be disadvantaged in seeking House committee assignments. Members-elect from other states who receive the nod in the Nov. 5 election already would be lobbying for their committee assignments, working with the House leadership to gain seats on sought-after panels.

"We would lose some critical committee appointments," said Rep. Sam Johnson, a Dallas Republican who has been in the thick of the redistricting wars.

Said Rep. Martin Frost, D-Dallas: "For newly elected members it could be a very serious problem if the Democratic caucus and the Republican conference decided to do committee assignments before the date of the runoff."

—Newcomers elected in a December runoff could miss the orientation sessions and party caucuses during which Democratic and Republican leaders from the speaker on down are elected. Those meetings typically are held early in December.

"For your senior members, if they are running for leadership positions in their party it puts them at a disadvantage," said Rep. Joe Barton, an Ennis Republican also involved in redistricting.

—Runoffs in December likely would result in low voter participation.

Some also sketch a scenario under which Texas could play a pivotal role in deciding whether Republicans retain control of the House next year.

Should both parties be within striking distance of each other after the outcome of the nation's Nov. 5 elections, a Texas December runoff could emerge as the kingmaker.

"It might be that you wouldn't know which party would be in control of the House until after the runoffs in December," said Frost, who is chairman of House Democrats' campaign committee.

Huge infusions of campaign cash, mobilization by special interests, and campaigning by national political heavyweights no doubt would result under such a scenario.

Frost noted that recent polls have shown both parties in a dead heat when respondents are asked who they'd vote for in a generic Republican-Democrat House matchup.

But Johnson shrugged off that possibility, saying Republican leaders are convinced they will have a net gain of 15 House seats.

Also hanging in the balance is how many Texas districts the judges would order redrawn.

At minimum, it appears nine districts would have to be changed to redress problems with Houston's 18th and 29th Districts and Dallas' 30 District. Republicans, however, have been pushing to redraw as many as 28 districts.

"If you're keeping a scorecard ... the fewer districts that are changed, the better it is for the Democrats," said Barton.

New judge named in wrongful death suit

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The wrongful death lawsuit against O.J. Simpson will be heard by a veteran judge who has handled several celebrity cases.

Superior Court Judge Hiroshi Fujisaki was appointed Tuesday to oversee the case against Simpson. He replaces Judge Alan Haber who was removed July 17, one day after being appointed to preside at the trial.

Each party has one chance to challenge a judge. The defense used its challenge to remove Haber, who they said could not guarantee a "fair and impartial trial" for their client.

Lawyers were given until 10 a.m. today to challenge Fujisaki's appointment. The trial is scheduled to start Sept. 9.

A defense source, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said the defense was "elated" with Fujisaki's appointment.

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Thursday, July 25, 1996

In the year ahead you might establish one of the most constructive relationships you've ever formed. You will be introduced to a person who has a wide range of interests.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Do not prejudge events today, just go and have a good time. This could be an exciting day for you socially if you flow with the tide. 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) Do not call in an expert today to repair little things around the house if you can take care of them yourself. Preventive measures can save you money.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) If you work from a checklist today, important assignments and tasks can be handled smoothly if you keep your priorities in order.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Someone who admires you might impulsively offer you something valuable today. His or her feelings could be hurt if you refuse this gift.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Today you might take more risks than usual and this will be all right if you operate in familiar territory. Complications could arise if you stray.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) A profitable, secret ambition you've been nurturing should be vigorously pursued in this cycle. The probability of generating impressive returns looks good.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Instead of sitting around with others wishing for things to happen today, take the bull by the horns and do what is necessary to realize your expectations.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Challenges will inspire you to succeed today. You will understand the value of persistence because your second effort might make you a winner.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) What you have to offer today will have to be sold and promoted, not merely talked about. You will know how to make an effective presentation.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Everything may not proceed according to plan today, so prepare to make adjustments and changes for new and different objectives.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) By utilizing your imagination today, you can find several alternatives to a complex problem you thought had only one solution.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Today, you might have to work on a challenging assignment with several other people. You will call the shots, but make sure to allow others to participate.

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Date Book

July 24, 1996

Today is the 206th day of 1996 and the 35th day of summer.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1701, French explorer Antoine de la Mothe Cadillac landed at what would become Detroit.

On this day in 1847, Brigham Young led a band of Mormons into Utah's Salt Lake Valley, where they founded Salt Lake City.

On this day in 1959, Vice President Richard Nixon engaged Nikita Khrushchev in an impromptu exchange known as the Kitchen Debate.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Simon Bolivar (1783-1830), South American statesman-soldier; Alexandre Dumas (1802-1870), writer; Ambrose Bierce (1842-1914), journalist; Amelia Earhart (1898-1937), aviator; John D. MacDonald (1916-1986), writer. Bella Abzug (1920-), politician, is 76; Billy Taylor (1921-), musician, is 75; Lynda Carter (1951-), actress, is 45; Karl Malone (1963-), basketball star, is 33; Barry Bonds (1964-), baseball star, is 32.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1979, a two-run home run by Kansas City's George Brett was disallowed because he had too much pine tar on his bat; the homer was reinstated on appeal.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Mark how my fame rings out from zone to zone: / A thousand critics shouting: 'He's unknown!'" — Ambrose Bierce

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1952, the temperature in Louisville, Ga., reached 112 degrees, a state record high.

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TODAY'S MOON: Day after first quarter.

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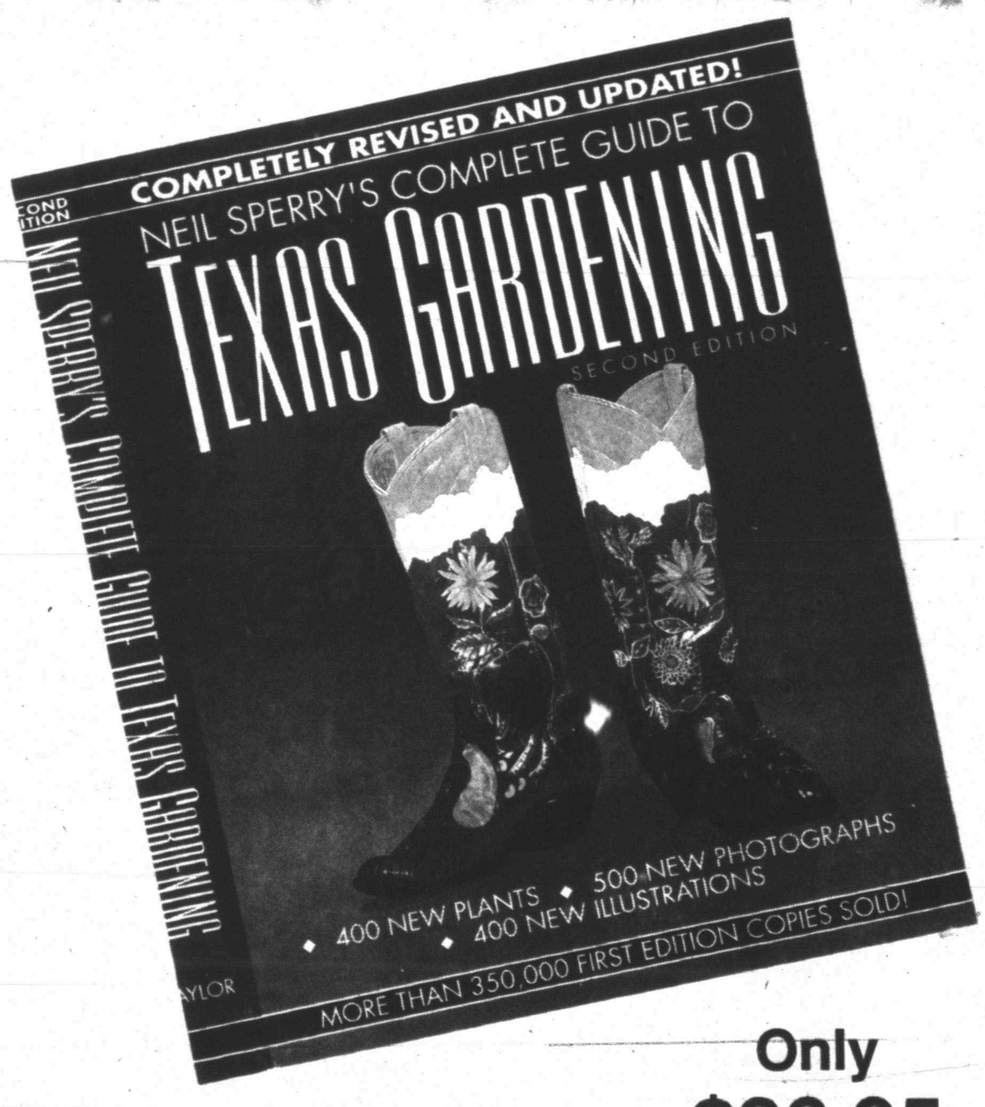

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Centennial 1996 Atlanta Olympic Games

Courageous Kerri Strug helps end Russian domination in gymnastics

ATLANTA (AP) — The Olympic Games may be over for Kerri Strug.

That's OK, though. Her courage is unquestioned, her legacy is assured, and she's already got her gold medal.

On Tuesday, the American gymnast provided what certainly will be one of the defining moments of the Atlanta Games, the kind of poignant performance they'll be replaying years from now in a Bud Greenspan-like documentary, long after everyone has forgotten all the transportation problems and technological glitches.

Her left ankle throbbing, her team holding a tenuous lead over the Russians, Strug summoned every bit of inner fortitude for a final sprint down the runway, a final spin over the vault. When she landed, the pain was intense, but she could still manage a smile after helping the Americans win their first women's team title.

"I don't really feel like (a hero) right now," she said, her ankle in a cast and her chances of competing in the individual competition that begins Thursday night questionable at best. "I was obligated. The key medal was on the line."

Over at the pool, the Americans have removed any sense of drama from the swimming events.

Expected to struggle, the United States has left everyone in its wake. The Tuesday medal haul was the best yet — three golds, one silver and one bronze. And the total of seven golds, eight silvers and two bronzes is a major reason the Americans lead the overall medal chart.

"This is a team that no one really expected anything out of," said Amy Van Dyken, relishing her gold in the 100-meter butterfly. "I said at the trials, 'We're going to sneak in there, incognito, and blow the place up.' That's what we're doing."

After four days of competition, the United States led with 24 medals (9 gold, 12 silver, 3 bronze), followed by Russia's 16 (9-5-2) and Germany's 15 (0-6-8). The Russians, competing as a separate country for the first time, won titles in fencing and shooting Tuesday to keep pace with the Americans in the race for gold.

Today, the Dream Team returns to the court for its toughest game yet against Lithuania, while Janet Evans swims a qualifying race in the 800 freestyle, an event that provides her last chance to equal Bonnie Blair's record of five gold medals by a U.S. woman.

For the first time since 1952, the female gymnasts from the former Soviet Union didn't win the gold when they competed. After Strug's amazing vault, the Russians had to settle for silver and the Romanians took bronze.

With the Americans holding a tenuous lead, Strug injured her ankle on her first vault, hobbling away noticeably after she stumbled on the landing. But her coach, Bela Karolyi, urged her to try again, and Strug obliged before a wildly cheering, flag-waving crowd of 32,048 in the Georgia Dome.

Her left ankle recoiled upon impact, but Strug held her spot on one leg before dropping to her knees in severe pain. As it turned out, the Americans didn't need her score to secure the title, but that didn't diminish the moment.

At the medal ceremony, Karolyi scooped up Strug in his big, beefy arms and put her on the highest rung of the medal platform alongside her teammates.

"We didn't want to march out without Kerri," Amanda Borden said. "We kept telling her, we couldn't have done it without her."

No member of the American team is over age 19, which was only appropriate on a day ruled by the kids. Fourteen-year-old swimmer Amanda Beard won her second silver of the games in the 200-meter breaststroke and a 17-year-old Kim Rhode captured a shooting gold in women's double trap.

The Cubans, shaking off the defections that rocked their boxing and baseball teams, were still looking good in those two sports. The boxers improved to 8-0, including Maiko Romero's decision over Eric Morel at 112 pounds that gave the Americans their first loss, and the Cuban baseball team crushed the Netherlands 18-2 to remain unbeaten after three games.

The Americans picked up silvers in Greco-Roman wrestling from Brandon Paulson and Matt Ghaffari. Paulson lost to Armen Nazaryan, who won the first-ever medal for Armenia in the 114½-pound class.

Beard finished second to South African swimming sensation Penny Heyns, who set an Olympic record in a 200-meter breaststroke heat. Heyns already had won gold with a world-record performance in the 100-meter breaststroke.

For the Americans, Van Dyken was joined on the winners' stand by Jeff Rouse, who took a gold medal in the 100-meter backstroke, and the men's 400-meter freestyle relay team, which set an Olympic record in its gold medal effort.

Other American victories came in women's basketball, women's softball, men's volleyball and women's soccer, where the team got a scare when Mia Hamm was hurt near the end of a 2-1 victory over Sweden. However, she is expected to return for the medal round.

For Strug, the outlook isn't as promising. Doctors gave her a 50-50 chance to competing Thursday.

"I'm just overwhelmed right now with mixed emotions," she said.

Olympic Games TV Schedule

Wednesday, July 24

6:30 p.m. to 11 p.m.

Gymnastics: Men's Individual All-Around Final. Swimming (Finals): Men's 200 Breaststroke; Women's 200m Individual Medley; Men's 100m Buttrerfly; Women's 4x100m Medley Relay. Basketball: U.S. Men vs. Lithuania. Equestrian: Three-Day Jumping, Team.

11:41 p.m. to 1:11 a.m.

Volleyball: U.S. Women vs. China. Cycling. Boxing. Water Polo U.S. vs. Croatia. Weightlifting: Middleweight Final.

Thursday, July 25

9 a.m. to Noon.

Swimming: Qualifying Heats. Rowing: Semifinals. Cycling: Final.

6:30 p.m. to 11 p.m.

Gymnastics: Women's Individual All-Around Final. Swimming (Finals): Women's 800m Freestyle; Men's 500m Freestyle; Women's 200m Backstroke; Men's 200m Individual Medley; Women's 4x200m Freestyle Relay. Equestrian: Three-Day Cross Country, Individual.

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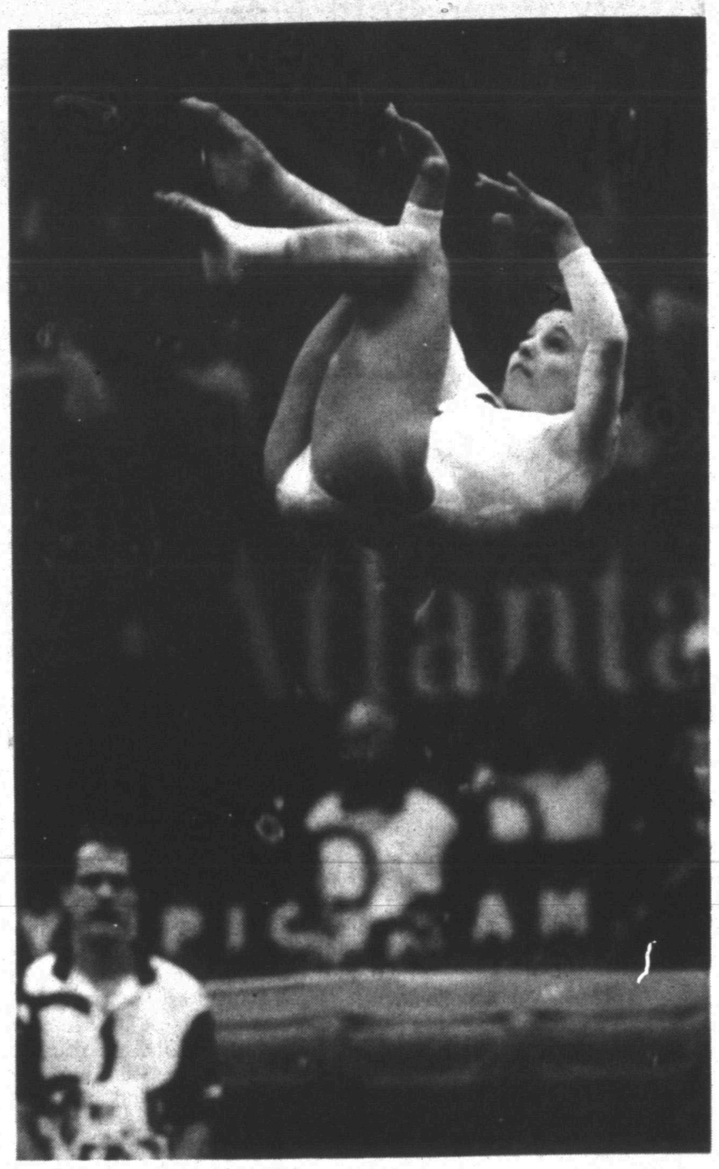
Volleyball: U.S. Men vs. Cuba. Boxing. Basketball: U.S. Women vs. Zaire.



GOLD MEDALIST — Houston native and USA gymnast Kerri Strug stole the hearts of the world Tuesday night with a gutsy performance. Hurting her ankle on the first vault, Strug, in intense pain, stuck her second vault which secured the gold medal for the American women in the team competition. Strug is shown here performing the floor exercise during the women's team compulsories Sunday. (AP Photo)

Gymnasts: pound for pound the toughest athletes at the Olympics

ATLANTA (AP) — Kerri Strug's gutsy vault into history proved again that, pound for pound, women gymnasts are the toughest athletes in the Olympics, able to tolerate so much pain under pressure they make the rest of the sports world look like wimps.

Two torn ligaments in her left ankle didn't stop Strug from clinching the first American women's team gold in the Olympics on Tuesday, and the huge cast she wore to the medal ceremony minutes later didn't cancel her plans for Thursday's all-around final.

Nor is she ruling out the vault competition Sunday or the floor exercises Monday.

At 4-foot-9 and 80 pounds, maybe she'll enter the light flyweight division in boxing next week and give away a 26-pound advantage to the other fighters just to make it fair.

No one should be fooled by the tears Strug shed when burly coach Bela Karolyi cradled her like a baby in his arms and carried her to the medal stand. She steeled herself even there, stifling her sobs, as she hopped two steps up to the gold medal platform with her arms around Shannon Miller and Dominique Moceanu, cheers and chills filling the Georgia Dome in one of the most dramatic moments of any Olympics.

"We didn't want to march out without Kerri," Amanda Borden said. "We kept telling her, we couldn't have done it without her."

Talk about tough. This women's gymnastics team, which ended four decades of Russian dominance, is loaded with toughness, even if they all look so tiny and cute in their tights and bows.

There was the 4-foot-5 Moceanu, brilliant on the bars and beam and seemingly floating on air in her floor routine, little more than six weeks after suffering a stress fracture of her right shinbone.

There was Miller, shrugging off chronic tendinitis in her left wrist as she swung on the bars as if she'd never been hurt.

And there was Amy Chow, who bashed the side of her face against the beam at the Olympic trials three weeks ago and got right back up to win her spot on the team, doing her part now fearlessly on the bars and vault.

Baseball and basketball players sit out six weeks with the kind of injury Strug suffered on the first of her two vaults. She sat out less than a minute.

"I can't feel my leg," she screamed to Karolyi when she fell on that first vault and thought she'd broken her ankle.

"Shake it off, shake it off," he shouted back from behind the barrier.

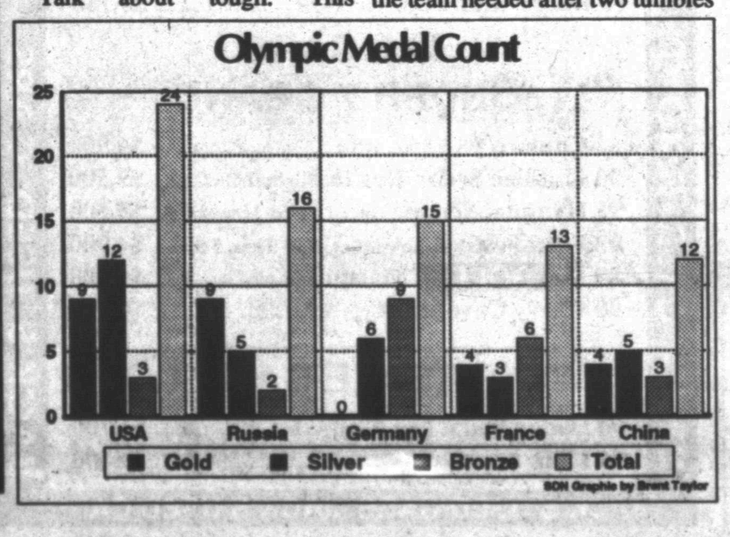
Karolyi, who had coached Nadia Comaneci and Mary Lou Retton, doesn't coddle his gymnasts. Not in training, and certainly not when an Olympic gold medal is on the line. But Strug, 18 and sure of herself, wasn't intimidated by the big, bearish Romanian. She knew what she could do, she knew what the team needed after two tumbles by Moceanu, and she picked herself up and did it.

"I knew with Dominique falling on both vaults, that the gold was slipping away," Strug said. "I kind of said a little prayer. I said, 'Please, God, help me out. I've just got to do this one more time.' I let the adrenaline take over."

With the clock ticking down, and the crowd mesmerized in breathless silence, there she was again, running full speed for 25 meters. She propelled herself from the takeoff board, cartwheeling through the air, and flinging her body backward from the vault for 1 1-2 twists before landing with a thud that would have been hard enough on two good ankles.

She had heard a "snap" or a "pop" after her first vault, she said, and now when she landed she heard a "crunch." Her left ankle felt as if it were made of Rice Krispies.

Still, she held her spot, hopping on her right foot, balancing precariously while a thunderous roar erupted from the 32,000 fans.



Olympic Medal Count

By The Associated Press
Olympic Medals Table
Through 56 medals
Tuesday, July 23

	G	S	B	Tot
UnitedStates	9	12	3	24
Russia	9	5	2	16
Germany	0	6	9	15
France	4	3	6	13
China	4	5	3	12
Poland	5	2	1	8
Italy	3	2	3	8
Cuba	1	4	2	7
SouthKorea	3	1	2	6
Australia	1	0	5	6
Hungary	0	0	5	5
Turkey	3	0	1	4
Belgium	2	1	1	4
Belarus	0	3	1	4
Bulgaria	0	0	4	4
Netherlands	0	0	4	4
SouthAfrica	2	0	1	3
Japan	1	2	0	3
Ukraine	1	0	2	3
Brazil	0	1	2	3
Ireland	2	0	0	2
NewZealand	2	0	0	2
Greece	0	2	0	2
Romania	1	0	1	2
Sweden	0	1	1	2
Canada	0	0	2	2
Armenia	1	0	0	1
CostaRica	1	0	0	1
Kazakstan	1	0	0	1
Austria	0	1	0	1
Britain	0	1	0	1
Finland	0	1	0	1
NorthKorea	0	1	0	1
Spain	0	1	0	1
Uzbekistan	0	1	0	1
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Yugoslavia	0	0	1	1

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Gary Schoen Memorial tourney

The 1996 Gary Schoen Jr. Memorial Golf tournament will be held Aug. 3-4 at the Snyder Country Club and Western Texas College.

The three-person scramble will have play on Saturday at the country club and then move to the college for Sunday. There will be a 9 a.m. shotgun start both days.

Entry fee is $60 per person. Call the WTC Pro Shop at 573-9291 to enter. This will be a benefit tournament for the college scholarship fund.

Basketball camp scheduled

A basketball camp for boys and girls will be held Aug. 5-9 at Snyder High School.

The camp will be conducted by WTC Lady Westerner coach Anthony Portley. Sessions will be from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. with a break for lunch.

Registration is $60, but a $10 discount will be given to people who sign-up before July 29. For more information call 573-8511 ext. 286 or 573-8262. Registration forms are available at the Snyder Daily News.

MGA Blowout Partnership

The eighth annual Men's Golf Association Blowout Partnership tournament will be held Aug. 24-25 at the Snyder Country Club.

The format will be 18 holes of low-ball on Saturday and 18 holes of scramble on Sunday. Entry fee is $300 per team. Teams will be preflighted by certified handicaps.

All participants must be 21 or older. For more information call 573-4903 or 573-7101.

Athletic physicals

All incoming seventh graders who plan to participate in Snyder Junior High athletics as well as all incoming ninth graders and new students to Snyder High School are asked to make appointments for physicals.

The school will pay for physicals through Aug. 9. Doctors that will do school physicals are Dr. James Burleson, Dr. Bid Cooper, Dr. Paul Thompson and Dr. Gary Nussey.

Schedule appointments as early as possible to avoid problems later. Forms are available in the doctor's office.

LE TOURNEAU BOUND — Gene Pollard, seated left, has signed a letter of intent to play baseball for Le Tourneau University in Longview. Shown with Pollard is his dad, Ken, seated right, and Snyder High School coaches Levon Webb and Roland Herrera. (SDN Staff Photo by Brent Taylor)

Gene Pollard signs with Le Tourneau

Gene Pollard, a 1996 graduate of Snyder High School, has signed a letter of intent to play baseball for Le Tourneau University in Longview.

Pollard helped lead the Snyder Tigers to the regional semifinals this past season. The Tigers' right-fielder hit in .450 for the year and was named first team all-district in the outfield.

Pollard plans on majoring in engineering. "Le Tourneau has a very solid engineering program and excellent job placement following graduation," said Pollard.

His high school coach, Roland Herrera, said, "It tells you what kind of person Gene is to major in engineering and play baseball at the same time."

Pollard is the son of Ken and Nell Pollard of Snyder.

George ready to test skills against Cowboys

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — The Dallas Cowboys have Heisman Trophy winner Eddie George's attention.

He's been poised since the Houston Oilers made him their first-round pick in the 1996 draft but his eyes widen as he considers tonight's scrimmage against the Cowboys at Austin's Burger Field.

It's the next serious test of his progress in the pros.

"I kind of got my feet wet in minicamp, but this means you're getting everything wet, going against the Super Bowl champions," George said. "I'm really anxious to see what it's all about. I just want to continue learning and get better."

George, the Heisman Trophy winner from Ohio State, capped Tuesday morning's scrimmage with a bullish 60-yard touchdown run that brought cheers from fans and players.

"The big fella showed he's got some speed didn't he?" running backs coach Sherman Smith said.

In four days of workouts, George has shown speed and toughness. He hopes he's ready for the Cowboys.

"When I was in college watching the pros, you'd see these crushing blows, and you're squirming in your chair," George said. "Now I'm out there running, and hopefully I won't get hit too hard, but if it happens, hopefully I'll get up and be ready for the next play."

At 6-foot-3, 232 pounds, George has delivered a few blows, too.

"You don't want to make a mistake or be embarrassed," he said. "You want to do the best you can do and compete. The speed of everything is the difference. I'm going to have to get used to that.

"In college, the hole would open for a second and then close. It's faster than that here. I'll have to get used to that."

When asked if he would seek Cowboys' autographs, he laughed.

"I might do that," he said. "It will be an experience, something I can tell my children that I scrimmaged and played a preseason against one of the best teams in NFL history."

Earl Campbell was the 1977 Heisman Trophy winner and the Oilers' first pick in 1978. He led the NFL in rushing his first three seasons, but George isn't expected to carry such a load.

"We've got Rodney Thomas and Ronnie Harmon so there's no pressure on him to come in and be the savior of this team or to help us get a running game going because we've already got that," Smith said. "He's just a part that's going to make us better."

George has remained composed throughout training camp, despite the attention he's received.

"I can only be the next Eddie George," George said. "I can't pattern myself after any other running back. I'm just going to work hard and try to live up to my own expectations."

He has lived up to Smith's expectations.

"He has the skills, and physically he knows he has the speed and power, so I've told him not to try to dance because that's not what he does," Smith said. "He's learning every day what he needs to do."

Smith also is telling the long-striding George to make his cut and go upfield.

"In our running game, he'll have to make cuts and react," Smith said. "Rodney Thomas has feet where he can make three or four cuts in a small area.

"Eddie is a long strider. He's got to make one cut then he's got to go."

George certainly got the message in his touchdown run Tuesday.

"You can see why he won the Heisman Trophy," Smith said.

Use for giant Alamo Dome still debated

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Three years after the opening of the Alamodome, debate lingers over the usefulness of the giant stadium.

Critics note that the San Antonio Spurs reluctantly make it their home and say landing a National Football League team appears to be an impossible dream. They also point to the city's expensive litigation over lead-contaminated Alamodome soil.

Dome backers say conventions and trade shows are beginning to book events at the building. They contend the Alamodome has made good progress in the convention field since its opening.

"This facility is way ahead of schedule," said Alamodome director Mike Abington, a former manager of the Silverdome in Pontiac, Mich.

"Generally speaking, it takes five to seven years for a facility like this to even realize what maturity is. We have established a very good national profile early in its life," Abington was quoted as saying in Tuesday's San Antonio Express-News.

Lately, Alamodome debate has centered around the Spurs.

Team executives say the cavernous dome is not well-suited for basketball and that in order to be profitable, the franchise needs a smaller arena with lucrative luxury suites.

Before and during its construction, dome supporters often mentioned the stadium as the potential home of an NFL team. The Alamo Bowl and other college football games have been played in the dome, and a Canadian Football League team played there for a season. But an NFL team has not materialized.

Snyder senior teenage defeated by Fairfield

SWEETWATER — The opening round of the State Teenage League baseball tournament was not kind to Snyder as the locals suffered a 4-2 loss to Fairfield here Tuesday.

Snyder opened up with one run in the second and third innings to tie the score at two. Fairfield added the game winning runs in the bottom of the sixth.

Snyder will now play Early at 6 o'clock tonight in an elimination contest. Early received a first-round bye, but was defeated by Corrigan Trinity Tuesday night, 20-7.

The Snyder-Early winner will play at 9 a.m. Thursday.

Yankees shutout Rangers

NEW YORK (AP) — Dwight Gooden's tired shoulder may be a thing of the past.

"Today I felt pretty good, pretty strong and I tried to go for more location instead of overthrowing," Gooden said Tuesday night after allowing only two hits over seven innings in the New York Yankees 6-0 victory over the Texas Rangers.

"Once I saw the tapes of the Milwaukee game, it was just a matter of fine tuning," said Gooden (10-5), who walked one and struck out five.

In his previous start last Thursday against the Brewers in Milwaukee, Gooden walked eight and allowed 10 runs in 4 2-3 innings.

"When your shoulder is tired, you favor it and start throwing without getting on top," said Gooden, who has won seven straight decisions at home.

Mariano Rivera and Dale Polley each pitched one hitless inning.

"It's not going to happen often that anybody holds our lineup to two hits," said Rangers starter and loser Roger Pavlik (12-3).

Texas was last held to two hits over a year ago on July 5, 1995, by the Cleveland Indians.

"His problem the last couple of times out was he couldn't put his pitches where he wanted them," Yankees manager Joe Torre said.

Gooden allowed only two doubles, one by Mark McLemore leading off the third and another by former New York Mets teammate Kevin Elster with one out in the sixth.

Pavlik, who lost for only the second time in his last 12 decisions, allowed eight hits and four runs, walked two and struck out four in 6 2-3 innings.

Tino Martinez, who drove in two runs, had an RBI single in the fourth to give the Yankees a 1-0 lead. The Yanks made it 3-0 in the sixth on Ruben Sierra's RBI double and Derek Jeter's groundout.

Wade Boggs singled with one out in the seventh and, with two out, Dennis Cook relieved Pavlik but didn't retire a hitter.

Cook allowed an RBI double to Martinez and also issued three walks, including one to Darryl Strawberry with the bases loaded that made it 5-0.

Joe Girardi's RBI single in the eighth off Gil Heredia, the third Rangers pitcher, produced the final Yankees run.

Gooden retired 12 of the first 13 Rangers before walking Dean Palmer leading off the fifth. But Lee Stevens grounded into a double play.

Cuban used banned drug

ATLANTA (AP) — A Cuban athlete who won a silver medal in judo was reprimanded today for using a banned substance.

Estela Rodriguez Villaneva won't lose her medal even though she tested positive for furosemide, a diuretic, the International Olympic Committee said.

"It is not considered a doping case," IOC spokeswoman Michele Verdier said. "The athlete should have told the doctor of the Cuban team she was taking that drug."

The IOC said Rodriguez will keep the silver medal she won in judo's heavyweight class Saturday.

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

By The Associated Press

American League Standings
All Times EDT

East Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
NewYork	59	39	.602	—
Baltimore	50	48	.510	9
Toronto	45	55	.450	15
Boston	44	54	.449	15
Detroit	31	70	.307	29½
Central Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Cleveland	60	40	.600	—
Chicago	55	45	.550	5
Milwaukee	50	49	.505	9½
Minnesota	47	52	.475	12½
KansasCity	46	55	.455	14½
West Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Texas	57	43	.570	—
Seattle	53	45	.541	3
Oakland	52	49	.515	5½
California	48	53	.475	9½

Tuesday's Games
Toronto 3, Cleveland 1
New York 6, Texas 0
Minnesota 3, Baltimore 2
Oakland 8, Chicago 4
Kansas City 7, Boston 5
Milwaukee 7, Seattle 3
Detroit 8, California 3

Wednesday's Games
Texas (Alberro 0-0) at New York (Pettitte 14-5), 1:05 p.m.
Oakland (Johns 6-10) at Chicago (Baldwin 8-1), 2:05 p.m.
Kansas City (Linton 4-5) at Boston (Moyer 6-1), 7:05 p.m.
Minnesota (Rodriguez 9-7) at Baltimore (Erickson 5-8), 7:35 p.m.
Cleveland (Martinez 8-5) at Toronto (Janzen 4-5), 7:35 p.m.
Milwaukee (Eldred 1-0) at Seattle (Wells 10-3), 10:35 p.m.
Only games scheduled

National League Standings
East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Atlanta	62	37	.626	—
Montreal	53	45	.541	8½
Florida	47	52	.475	15
NewYork	47	53	.470	15½
Philadelphia	41	59	.410	21½
Central Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
St.Louis	54	46	.540	—
Houston	53	49	.520	2
Cincinnati	47	49	.490	5
Chicago	46	53	.465	7½
Pittsburgh	44	54	.449	9
West Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
SanDiego	54	48	.529	—
Colorado	52	47	.525	½
LosAngeles	53	48	.525	½
SanFrancisco	43	56	.434	9½

Tuesday's Games
Colorado 10, New York 7, 1st game
Colorado 11, New York 10, 2nd game
Chicago 9, San Francisco 6
Los Angeles 7, Florida 1
Pittsburgh 5, Montreal 1
Cincinnati 5, Philadelphia 3
Atlanta 3, St. Louis 2
San Diego 7, Houston 4

Wednesday's Games
Cincinnati (Burba 5-9) at Philadelphia (Williams 3-8), 1:05 p.m.
Los Angeles (Nomo 10-8) at Florida (Brown 8-8), 7:05 p.m.
Montreal (Cormier 5-6) at Pittsburgh (Peters 0-0), 7:35 p.m.
Atlanta (Avery 7-8) at St. Louis (Al.Benes 10-5), 8:05 p.m.
San Diego (Valenzuela 6-7) at Houston (Kile 9-5), 8:05 p.m.
New York (Isringhausen 4-11) at Colorado (Reynoso 5-7), 9:05 p.m.
Chicago (Castillo 3-12) at San Francisco (VanLandingham 6-9), 10:35 p.m.

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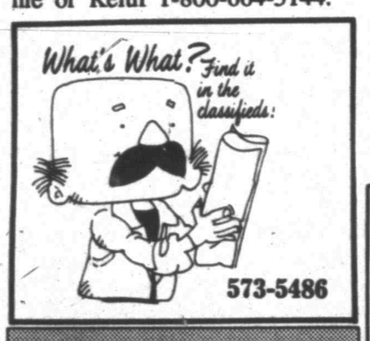

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GOP blames Clinton because airports aren't secure enough

WASHINGTON (AP) — Even if the explosion of TWA Flight 800 is not traced to a bomb, the nation's airports are not secure enough and President Clinton deserves part of the blame, a key Senate Republican says.

"President Clinton has not provided leadership on this issue. He has almost dropped off the scene," Sen. Larry Pressler, R-S.D., chairman of the Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee, said in an interview Tuesday.

Specifically, Pressler charged that the White House has failed to follow up on meetings in January and April with security directors from the Transportation Department concerning modernizing airport detection.

The meetings were prompted by concerns about terrorist threats, Pressler said.

"They alerted the White House to a severe potential problem in airport security," he said. "Nothing was done."

Pressler also criticized Transportation Secretary Federico Pena for failing to develop a plan to upgrade airport security, as was required by Congress in 1990.

"We need a strong policy," he said. "Neither the president nor the secretary is doing anything."

A spokesman for the Transportation Department said the administration was working to develop a long-term security plan.

"Throughout this review the White House has been very supportive of the FAA's efforts to explore ways to improve aviation security," department spokesman Bill Schulz said.

As for Clinton, Schulz said, "He's provided outstanding leadership."

Schulz said Pressler has refused offers by the Federal Aviation Administration to brief him on their plans. "So it's no surprise that Senator Pressler doesn't know what he's talking about," he said.

In 1990, Congress ordered the FAA to develop new devices to protect airports and airplanes from bombs, a direct result of the December 1988 explosion of a Pan Am 747 over Lockerbie, Scotland.

Federal aviation officials are now testing two state-of-the-art explosives detection systems at Atlanta's airport, as part of the massive security effort for the Olympics.

Pressler said his criticism was not related to the last week's explosion and crash of a TWA 747 off the coast of New York that killed 230 people.

'New York Undercover' stars absent from work

NEW YORK (AP) — A walkout by the stars of Fox's "New York Undercover" over money has forced the show to halt production of its third season.

The actors, Malik Yoba and Michael DeLorenzo, who play undercover police detectives in the Universal Television drama, did not report to work Monday or Tuesday, executive producer Dick Wolf said.

"We'll be shooting on Monday, either with them or with new actors," said Wolf, who also produces NBC's hit legal drama "Law & Order," and has replaced virtually its entire cast since that show's 1990 debut.

"New York Undercover" is the top-rated program in black and Latino households, but ranked 76th overall last season.

Wolf said one of the "New York Undercover" stars — he would not say which one — had sought "a star trailer, creative input, $75,000 per episode, a gym and better food."

Calls to Yoba's agent were not returned. DeLorenzo's agent, Bari Bogart, said in a statement that the actor hoped to reach an understanding with the show's executives. He and Yoba are in the third year of five-year contracts.

"Michael has made it quite clear that he wishes to grow professionally within the framework of the show, including his desire to direct future episodes," the statement said.

Wolf said demands by the cast of NBC's hit comedy "Friends" for $100,000 per episode were part of "a virus sweeping the industry," and added, "These types of demands on a show that has not proved itself are astounding."

Quiet period for law officers

Two people were arrested Tuesday in Snyder, as local law enforcement agencies had an otherwise relatively quiet 24 hours.

Officers arrested a 34-year-old male at 12:59 p.m. in the 2600 block of Avenue E on city warrants for allowing an unrestrained child in a vehicle and failure to appear.

Officers responded to a report of a pedestrian "swerving in the road" in the area of 17th Street and Avenue O at 7:37 p.m. A short time later, officers arrested a 54-year-old man for public intoxication.

In other activity, officers investigated a report of criminal mischief at 7:37 a.m. at 4006 Eastridge in reference to a window broken out of a van.

Another report of criminal mischief to a vehicle was made at 7:09 p.m. from the parking lot of Lawrence IGA #100. A report for Class A criminal mischief was submitted.

A minor accident was reported at 9:19 p.m. from the parking lot of Snyder Shopping Center. Involved were a 1968 Ford pickup driven by Cory Chesser of 3509 40th St. and a 1994 Buick driven by Sherry Pilgrim of 2711 28th St.

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AirTouch	25⅝	25¼	25⅝	— ⅛
Albertsons	39⅝	39	39⅝	— ⅛
Alldsignal	57⅞	57⅛	57⅞	— ⅛
Alltel	27¼	26⅞	27¼	— ¼
AmStores	35⅝	35⅛	35⅛	— ¼
Ameritech	54⅝	54¼	54⅝	— ⅜
Amoco	68	67⅞	68	+ ⅛
AndarkPtr	56⅞	55⅝	56	— ⅜
ArmcoInc		4⅝	4⅝	4⅝
AtlRichfld		118⅝	118	118⅝
ATMOS Egy	21⅛	21⅛	21⅛	— ⅛
Aviall	8⅛	8	8⅛	— ⅛
BakerHughes		31⅛	30⅛	31⅛
BellAtl	58⅛	57⅞	58⅛	+ ⅛
BellSouth s		40⅝	39⅝	40⅝
BethSteel	10	9⅞	10	+ ⅛
BritPet	110⅞	109⅞	110⅞	— ⅛
BurlNoSFe	78⅛	77⅛	78⅛	+ ⅛
Caterpillar	64⅛	62⅞	64⅛	— ⅛
CenSoWst		27⅞	27⅛	27⅞
Chevron		57⅞	57⅛	57⅞
Chrysler s	27⅛	26⅞	26⅞	— ⅛
Coastal	41	40⅞	40⅞	— ⅜
CocaColas	46⅛	45⅞	46	— ⅜
ColgatePalm	82⅛	80⅞	80⅞	—1⅛
ComclMetals	30⅝	30⅛	30⅝	— ⅜
CooperIn	37⅞	37	37⅞	+ ⅜
CyprusAmax	20⅝	19⅞	20⅝	— ⅜
DallSemicn	17⅞	17¼	17⅞	+ ⅛
DeltaAirl	69⅛	68⅝	69⅝	— ⅞
DigitalEq	31⅛	30⅛	31⅛	— ¼
Dillard	31⅛	31⅛	31⅛	— ¼
DowChem	70⅝	69⅝	70⅝	— ⅜
DresserInd		27⅞	27	27⅞
DuPont	74¼	73	74	— ⅜
EastmanChem	51⅛	50⅝	50⅞	— ⅞
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EDS Corp	49⅛	47⅞	49⅛	— ⅛
EljerInd	9	8⅝	8⅝	— ⅜
Enserch		21⅛	21⅛	21⅛
Entergy	25 11-16	25⅝	25⅝	— ⅛
Exxon	84⅛	83⅛	84⅛	— ⅛
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FordMotor	31⅞	31⅛	31⅞	— ⅜
GTE Cp	40⅝	38⅞	39⅝	— ⅜
GenDynam	61⅞	61⅛	61⅝	+ ⅜
GenElec		79⅝	77⅞	79⅝
GenMills		54⅞	54¼	54⅛
GenMotors	47⅞	47⅛	47⅞	— ¼
GaPacif	73⅞	73¼	73⅞	— ¼
GlobalMar	13⅝	13⅛	13⅝	— ¼
Goodrichs	36	35¼	36	+ ⅜
Goodyear s	42⅛	41⅞	42	— ⅜
GtAtlPac	28	27⅞	27⅞	— ⅛
Haliburtn	55⅛	54⅝	55⅛	—1
Hanson ADS	12⅛	12	12⅛	— ⅛
HarteHanks s	25⅝	25⅝	25⅝	— ¼
HoustonInd s	22⅝	22¼	22⅝	+ ⅛
IBM	91⅞	89⅛	91⅛	+1⅛
IntlPapers	37⅛	37	37⅛	— ⅜
JohnsnJn s	47⅞	45⅛	47⅞	— ¼
K mart	9⅞	9⅛	9⅞	— ¼
Kroger	38⅛	37⅞	38⅛	— ⅜
Litton	42⅛	41⅞	41⅞	— ⅛
LockhdMart	79⅛	78⅞	79⅛	— ⅜
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Lubys		24⅛	24⅝	24⅛
LucentTech n	34⅛	33⅞	34⅛	— ¼
MayDeptStrs	42⅛	41⅞	42⅛	+ ⅞
Medtronics	48⅛	47⅞	47⅞	—1⅛
Mobil	112⅞	111⅞	112⅞	— ⅛
Monsanto s	28⅝	27⅞	28⅝	— ⅛
Motorola	52⅝	50⅝	52⅝	— ⅜
Nationsbk	82⅝	81⅞	82⅛	+ ⅛
Navistar	9⅝	9⅜	9⅝	— ⅛
NoramEngy	10⅞	10⅝	10⅞	— ¼
Norwest	33⅛	32⅞	33	— ⅛
Nynex	44⅝	44⅛	44½	— ⅛
OryxEngy		15	14⅞	15
PacTelesis		33⅝	33¼	33⅝
PanEnergy		31⅞	31⅛	31⅞
Penney JC	47⅞	47⅛	47⅞	— ⅛
Pennzoil	49⅝	48⅞	49	— ⅜
PepBoys	29⅝	28⅞	29⅝	— ⅛
PepsiCo s	33⅝	32⅞	33	— ⅛
PhelpDodge	56⅛	54⅞	55⅞	+ ⅛
PhilipPet	41	40⅝	40⅞	— ⅛
PilgrmPrd		7⅞	7⅛	7⅞
Polaroid	42⅝	42	42⅛	—1
Praxair	36⅞	36⅛	36⅞	— ⅛
ProctGamble	85⅞	84⅝	85½	— ⅛
PubSNwMx		19⅝	19⅛	19⅝
RoyalDutch	149⅛	148⅝	149	—1⅛
SBC Comm	49⅝	48⅞	49⅛	— ¼
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SouthernCo		22⅛	22⅛	22⅛
SwstAirlines	24⅝	23⅞	24⅛	— ⅛
Sprint	35⅞	34⅞	35⅞	+ ⅛
SterlingChm	11⅛	11⅛	11⅛	— ⅛
SunCo	26⅞	26⅛	26⅛	— ⅜
TNP Ent	25⅛	25⅛	25⅞	— ⅛
Tandy	41⅛	40⅞	41	— ⅛
TempleInl		48⅝	48⅛	48⅝
Tenneco	47	46⅞	46⅞	— ⅜
Texaco	85⅛	84⅛	84⅝	+ ⅜
TexasInd	65	64½	64⅞	— ⅞
TexasInst	42⅝	40⅞	42⅝	+ ⅜
TexUtil	42⅝	42	42⅝	+ ⅛
Textron	78⅛	76	78⅛	+ ⅜
Travelers s	40⅝	39⅝	40⅝	— ⅜
TrinityInds	31⅞	31	31⅛	— ⅞
TritonEngy	44⅝	43⅛	44⅝	— ⅜
Tyler		2⅛	2	2
US WestCm s		30⅛	30⅛	30⅛
USWstMda n	15⅞	15⅜	15⅞	— ⅛
USX Delhi	11⅞	11⅜	11⅞	— ⅜
USX-Marathn	20⅛	20⅛	20⅛	— ⅛
USX-USS	25⅛	24½	25⅛	+ ⅜
UnCarbde	37⅞	36⅞	37⅛	+ ⅛
UnPac	68⅝	68	68⅛	— ⅜
UnitedTech	108⅞	106½	108⅞	+1⅛
Unocal		31½	31⅛	31⅛
WalMart	23⅝	22⅞	23⅛	+ ⅜
WstnGasRs	14⅝	14⅜	14⅝	— ¼
WestghEl	16⅝	15⅞	16⅛	— ⅛
WinnDixie s	34	33	34	— ⅛
Woolworth	19⅝	19⅝	19⅝	— ⅛
XeroxCp s	48⅝	46⅞	48⅛	— ⅛
ZenithE	8⅛	8	8⅛	+ ⅛

Hospital

ADMISSIONS: Joanna Browning, 2501 28th; Brenda Gentry, 2904 E. Hwy. 180; Marie Holder, 4505 Denison; Maxie McNew, 3713 Noble; R.C. Patton, 2209 27th.

DISMISSALS: Oletha Layne, L.F. Elder, Marie Holder, R.C. Patton.

CENSUS: 44 (Med., Surg.-10, Long-term Care-32, OB-1, Nursery-!).

Births

Stacey and Joanna Browning of Snyder announce the birth of their daughter, Chelsea Renee, at 10:08 p.m. on July 23 in Cogdell Memorial Hospital. She weighed seven pounds, eight ounces.

Scurry County Country

Town & Country Topics

By Kathryn Roberts
County Extension Agent

HANDLING PUBLIC TEMPER TANTRUMS

For some parents outings with their children often become a display of embarrassing behavior on the part of a child. Some parents find it difficult to control their child's temper tantrums in public. Here are a few suggestions that can help:

•Be sure you have the child's attention. Remain calm and, if possible remove the child from the situation. If this is not possible, acknowledge the child's feelings and provide clear directions for expected behavior.

•Gain control of parental feelings before trying to redirect the child's behavior.

•Help the child control his emotions by giving him time and space. He will be more receptive to directions.

•When possible, ignore the behavior and reinforce desired behavior through encouragement and recognition.

•Spanking, while it may get the child's attention, can result in feelings of humiliation, belief that "hitting" is okay, embarrassment for him and others.

If parents find themselves repeatedly lashing out at their kids' misbehavior, it may be due to an underlying problem. The following are suggestions to help parents deal with these problems and to show the love they really want to convey:

•Pick him up and hold him quietly.

•Stand and wait

•Take the child to his room, carry him to a safe spot and let him work it out.

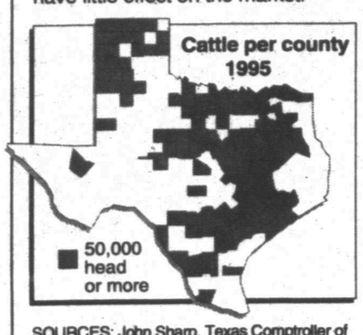
•Bring a treat from home to appease the child while shopping in the grocery store.

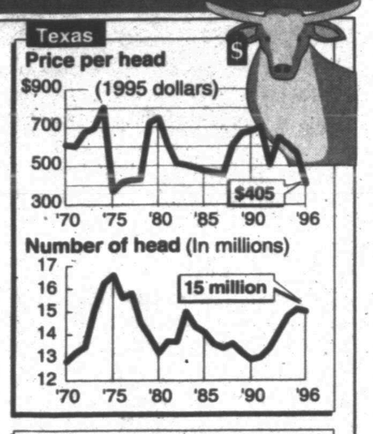
Talking with other parents also can give parents confidence, and reassure them that they are not alone.

Keeping an eye on Texas

Cattle ranchers suffer losses

The price per head of cattle has dropped to its lowest point since 1975 due to an abundance of cattle, the Texas drought and the increased cost of supplemental feed. Imports from Mexico appear to have little effect on the market.





After the North American Free Trade Agreement, Mexico and Canada have supplied only 2.7 percent of the demand for beef in the U.S.

SOURCES: John Sharp, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts, U.S. Department of Commerce, and Texas Agricultural Statistics Service.

The Emu Report

By Shirley Pate, Pate Emu Farm

Careful consideration should be given to any medication used in the treatment of any animal whose meat is going to be used for human consumption. USDA as well as TDA have stringent restrictions on a number of medications; these should not be used on meat-bearing animals.

Although these particular medications may be very good at curing whatever ailment they are used for, they are not allowed for use in animals intended for the meat market.

It is necessary to inform the veterinarian when the medication is purchased or to be given by the veterinarian if the bird is going to be used for meat. We must remember what is permissible to be given a breeder that will never be taken to slaughter can not always be given to those intended for processing. It is the farmer's job to double check by reading the label.

When the bird is inspected by USDA or TDA should they find an unacceptable medication in one bird brought in, the buyer will sometimes turn down all the animals in that lot owned by that particular seller.

A little education and precaution on the part of the raiser will prevent any of the above from happening.

For further information, contact Pate Emu Farm, 573-5340.

Genetic altering may produce a better plant

By MATT CRENSON
AP Science Editor

By fiddling with the genes that make fat in plants, Japanese biologists have come up with a plant that better withstands cool temperatures and may lead to heart-healthier snack foods.

The scientists slipped a gene that's normally found in bacteria into a plant, modifying its instructions for making one kind of fat. The plant, which would normally produce unhealthy saturated fat, produced mostly unsaturated fat after being genetically modified.

Saturated fats can contribute to heart disease by raising cholesterol levels.

The researchers worked with tobacco, because its genetics are thoroughly understood, but said they hope to make similar genetic changes in rice, soybeans and other crops.

Farmers might also benefit because the modified plants were more resistant to cool temperatures. In some crop plants, temperatures below about 50 degrees Fahrenheit can cause fat molecules to solidify, essentially gumming up the works of a plant's cells.

Earlier genetic research succeeded in making plants with healthier fats, but not as cold-resistant as the new strain, the Japanese researchers wrote in the August issue of Nature Biotechnology.

Their strain, D9-1, isn't injured by exposure to temperatures as low as 32 degrees. Temperatures in the 30s to 50s may not seem too threatening, said Osamu Ishizaki-Nishizawa of the Yokohama-based Kirin Brewery Co., but they can be harmful and even lethal to rice, corn, soybeans and other crops at some stages in their lives.

"I would say it's fairly unique," said Randy Allen, a plant molecular biologist at Texas Tech University, who was not involved in the research.

The Japanese researchers are now trying to insert the same bacterial gene into crop plants.

"We cannot say anything about the results yet, but it's very promising," said Ishizaki-Nishizawa, who wrote the paper with six colleagues from the brewery and from the Japanese National Institute for Basic Biology.

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Kazoos

Kazoos come in all shapes and sizes. They are shaped like French horns, bugles, trombones, Groucho Marx cigars. There is even one, with a little tower on top, made like a submarine. The One and Only Original Kazoo Co. Inc. of Eden, N.Y., is the only company in the United Sates that makes all-metal kazoos. The company's best customer? Japan.

Bollworm invasion raises doubts as to claims

MOBILE, Ala. (AP) — An invasion of bollworms, mainly in coastal Alabama, has growers doubting what they've been told about so-called insect-resistant cotton raised from genetically engineered seeds.

They had expected to save thousands of dollars on insecticide spray.

Now that the cotton is blooming, some complain that the sprouts from Monsanto Co.'s Bollgard seeds have bollworms — lots of them.

But the damage doesn't appear widespread in the state's first experiment with Bollgard or "Bt" cotton, said Auburn University entomologist Ron Smith, who inspected fields Tuesday.

"It does not appear to be spreading. In fact, it appears to be about over," Smith said.

That's partially because bollworm moths moving out of Florida haven't made much northward progress.

"Usually they don't make it to north Alabama until the end of summer," said Jeff Frazier of Summerdale, district manager for Terra International, a distributor of the Bollgard seed.

The strain was developed with a natural poison engineered into the seed. It was designed to be 95 percent effective against bollworms, but a larger than normal infestation appears to have overwhelmed the plant.

As the plant grows, the protein levels are not high enough in the blooms to kill the bollworms. So once the surviving larvae gain a little size on the blossoms, they move onto the lower two-thirds of the plant.

"Monsanto sold it as a kind of a cure-all, but it's only one tool out of many," Frazier said.

Crop Report

COLLEGE STATION, Texas — The Texas pecan crop is expected to be well below the projected numbers this year due to a heavy crop last year, the recent drought and the pecan nut casebearer, reports the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

The projected Texas pecan crop for this year was 45 to 50 million pounds, which is normal for a light crop year. However, Dr. George McEachern, Extension horticulturalist from College Station, said that three main things are causing this year's crop to fall short of the projected numbers.

"The three things that are causing such a poor pecan crop are a heavy crop in 1995, the pecan nut casebearer and the drought," said McEachern.

He explained that pecan trees are alternate bearers, which means that they will produce a heavy crop one year and a light crop the next.

Therefore, even without the added stress of the drought and the casebearer, the pecan crop would not have been as abundant as last year's crop.

Joe Pena, Extension economist from Uvalde, agrees that the pecan crop will be light.

"Less than 30 million pounds is probably a more realistic number for this year's pecan crop," said Pena.

He added that the trees are experiencing a large incidence of nut drop due to the drought and the casebearer combined.

Pena said that some nut drop in July is expected because casebearer numbers are usually the highest during that month. Unfortunately, the recent drought, coupled with the casebearer, is causing an even greater occurrence of nut drop.

"Stress from the drought and the casebearer are causing two to three times more nut drop than we would normally see," said Pena.

Although many Texas pecan producers in the areas of South and Southwest Texas irrigate their pecan crops, they are still experiencing nut drop.

Pena said that these producers will only get about 80 percent of their normal irrigated crop.

"The only thing that's saving us in Texas this year is the irrigated pecan crop," McEachern said.

Another problem facing the pecan growers are aphids. In a dry year such as this one, aphids are usually not a problem.

Pena said, "In a dry environment, we usually see less bugs in general, but since the pecan trees are about the only lush, green plant, the aphids are concentrating on them."

McEachern said, "Before it's all over we could be down to 20 million pounds for the year."

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

PANHANDLE: Moisture adequate to short. Pastures, ranges are improving due to better moisture conditions. Livestock in good condition. Cotton, corn, sorghum in good condition. Peanuts rated good to excellent.

SOUTH PLAINS: Moisture adequate to very short. Pastures, ranges helped by scattered rains. Irrigated cotton making good progress; dryland remains behind schedule. Corn is 95 percent silked and 20 percent of sorghum is heading.

ROLLING PLAINS: Moisture very short. Pastures, ranges short. Hay production is half of normal. Cattle in fair to good condition; critically low stock tank water. Wheat harvest complete. Grain sorghum, cotton, peanuts in good to fair condition.

NORTH TEXAS: Moisture adequate to very short. Pastures, ranges still short, but improved with recent rains. Livestock in good condition. Hay production 30-60 percent of normal. Melon harvest complete; sweet potatoes look good. No commercial pecan production.

EAST TEXAS: Moisture short. Pastures, ranges responding to rain, but remain short. Hay yields low. Cattle conditions good. Summer vegetable harvests continue. Pecans experiencing nut and leaf drop due to drought.

FAR WEST TEXAS: Moisture adequate to very short. Pastures, ranges dry and short. Cattle feeding continues. Cotton in fair condition. Vegetables in fair condition. Cutting and baling of alfalfa hay. Poor pecan crop set.

WEST CENTRAL TEXAS: Moisture adequate to very short. Pastures, ranges improving with recent moisture. Lots of hay being cut. Livestock in fair to good condition; some producers have culled. Stock tanks low. Vegetables fair. Casebearer damage heavy.

CENTRAL TEXAS: Moisture very short. Pastures, ranges need rain. Cattle continue to be sold. Cantaloupes and watermelons being harvested. Vegetable yields low due to dry conditions. Some rain received in district.

SOUTHEAST TEXAS: Moisture short to very short. Pastures, ranges need moisture. Making some hay. Cattle feeding continues. Harvesting grain sorghum, watermelons, vegetables. Insects continue to be a problem in vegetables.

SOUTHWEST TEXAS: Moisture very short. Pastures, ranges decimated. Livestock in fair to good condition with heavy supplementation. Stock tanks low. Corn, sorghum drying down fast. Pecan drop due to drought and casebearer.

COASTAL BEND: Moisture very short. Pastures, ranges burned due to hot temperatures and lack of rain. Cattle in good condition. Cotton defoliation beginning. Corn and sorghum being harvested. Pecan crop hurt by drought and insects.

SOUTH TEXAS: Moisture short to very short. Pastures, ranges in poor condition. Beginning defoliation of cotton. Corn, cotton, sorghum in fair condition. Irrigation water supplies a major concern for sugarcane.

Colorado City Livestock Auction

COLORADO CITY — The Colorado City Livestock Auction had a run of 1,289 head of cattle at the Saturday, July 20, sale. Feeder yearling steers and heifers were steady with a strong demand on steers and heifers. Calves were steady to $3 lower on the 400 lb. fat heifers. Packer cows and bulls were $1 to $3 cheaper. Pairs and young bred cows were steady with a good demand.

Steer calves and yearlings: 200 to 300, 58 to 70; 300 to 400, 56 to 68; 400 to 500, 54 to 68; 500 to 600 53 to 63; 600 to 800, 53 to 61.

Heifer calves and yearlings: 200 to 300, 52 to 63; 300 to 400, 48 to 56; 400 to 500, 44 to 55.50; 500 to 600, 44 to 60.50; 600 to 800, 46 to 57.50.

Good young cows 200 to 300 lb. calves $340 to $610.

Springer cows: $275 to $440.

Packer cows: 23 to 31.

Packer bulls: 33 to 44.

Sweetwater cattle auction

The market at Sweetwater had a run of 807 head of cattle for the Wednesday, July 17, sale. All stocker and feeder cattle were fully steady with pairs and bred cows higher. Packer cows and bulls were steady to 1 cwt lower.

STEERS
300-400: 58-70
400-500: 55-65
500-600: 55-66
600-700: 52-61

HEIFERS
300-400: 45-54
400-500: 44-52
500-600: 50-56
600-700: 52-57.50

BRED COWS
Good: 325-370
Older and Plainer: 250-300

PAIRS
Good: 500-585
Older Plainer: 300-500

PACKER COWS
Good: 28-33
Low Yielding: 20-28

PACKER BULLS
Good: 38-43
Low Yielding: 34-38

Lubbock cattle auction

The market at Lubbock had a run of 1,097 head of cattle for the Thursday, July 18, sale. Cows were $2 to $3 cheaper. Yearlings and calves were steady. Trading and demand were good.

Slaughter cows High dressing, cutters, utility 27 to 33; Canner and low cutters 22 to 27.50; Slaughter bulls 33 to 41.50.

Feeder steers choice: 300 to 400, 58 to 65; 400 to 500, 55 to 63; 500 to 600, 55 to 61; 600 to 700, 55 to 61; 700 to 800, 55 to 60.

Feeder heifers choice: 300 to 400, 52.50 to 58.50; 400 to 500, 50 to 55; 500 to 600, 50 to 56.50; 600 to 700, 50 to 55.50; 700 to 800, 48 to 54.50

Feeder bulls good and choice: 500 to 600, 48 to 55; 700 to 800, 45 to 51.

Cow and calf pairs: good 450 to 625; grade 350 to 450.

Springers: 250 to 450; baby calves 50 to 125; doodlers 75 to 140.

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Clinton: welfare bill needs more work

WASHINGTON (AP) — Three-quarters of the Senate joined in passing a welfare bill that would end six decades of federal promises to assist the poor, but President Clinton says more work is needed to develop a measure he supports.

Republican leaders said the Senate had produced what the American public wants.

"This is a bill that will end the limitless cash benefits that we've been dealing with," Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss., said just before the 74-24 vote Tuesday. "And it will end welfare as a ... way of life."

Clinton, who vowed during the 1992 campaign to "end welfare as we know it," praised some changes senators made to accommodate White House concerns, but indicated they would not guarantee his signature.

"You can put wings on a pig, but you don't make it an eagle," he said at a campaign stop in Sacramento, Calif.

The next step is for House and Senate negotiators to reconcile their similar bills, vote in both chambers on the resulting compromise and send it to Clinton's desk. Lott predicted that would happen before Congress leaves for its August recess at the end of next week.

Rep. Clay Shaw, R-Fla., who chairs the Ways & Means panel that oversees welfare, today called the Senate measure "almost a straight A."

Senate Minority Leader Tom Daschle, D-S.D., who voted against the bill, said, "It's going to have to be improved for the president to sign it," particularly to "ensure that children are better protected."

The Senate vote was sufficient to override a Clinton veto, but the House vote on its own bill last Thursday, 256-170, fell short of the two-thirds majority needed.

Daschle insisted Democrats, with 47 senators, could come up with the 34 votes needed to sustain a Clinton veto.

Sri Lanka bomb explosions kills at least 50

COLOMBO, Sri Lanka (AP) — Two bombs exploded today in a rush-hour commuter train as it pulled away from a suburban railway station. Hospitals reported at least 50 dead and more than 200 wounded.

The bombs exploded at Dehiwala, a middle-class suburb six miles south of the capital, Colombo, around 6:15 p.m. as people were returing home from work.

The simultaneous explosions were in two separate carriages, police said. Bodies were found among shoes, briefcases, handbags and other debris strewn around the wrecked cars.

The seaside station also suffered heavy damage, and dozens of people standing on the platform were injured.

Police said they suspected a suicide bomb. A stream of ambulances transported victims to Colombo's main hospital.

"I was walking to the exit when I heard two explosions behind me. When I turned around, the whole station was filled with smoke. People were screaming and running," said Lakshman Sooriyawardene, 23, an office worker who had just gotten off the train.

"When the smoke cleared, I saw people fallen all over the station, many of them bleeding," he said.

Nimal Perera, a fisherman whose hut is about 300 feet from the site of the explosion, said many victims were evacuated in cars and buses before the ambulances arrived. "After we got the injured out, I helped carry away charred bodies and put them in vehicles," he said.

The train was leaving for Alutgama, 35 miles away, when the bombs went off.

The explosion came just days after government soldiers suffered one of their worst defeats in the 13-year war against Tamil Tiger separatists at a major military base on the northeast coast.

In January, the Tigers exploded a suicide truck bomb in the main commercial district of Colombo, killing 88 people.

Earlier today, 1,500 government soldiers marched from their position on the beach toward the military base the Tamil rebels claim to have overrun. The troops, supported by warplanes, helicopters and gunships, moved north in a drive to retake the Mullaittivu base, according to military officials, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

Obituaries

Carlos Bernal

1905-1996

Services are still pending at Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home for Carlos Martinez Bernal of Patterson, Calif., who died Monday, July 22, in Doctors Hospital from injuries sustained in a pedestrian-car accident in Modesto, Calif.

A former Snyder resident, Mr. Bernal was a farmer. He was born on Nov. 5, 1905 in San Francisco, Mexico. He was a member of St. Ann's Catholic Church in Patterson. Mr. Bernal married Francis Rodriquez on March 3, 1932 in Kenedy, Tex. She died in 1988.

He was also preceded in death by a daughter, Cruz Villa in 1990; and by three brothers.

Survivors include one daughter, Mary Elida Bernal of Las Vegas; five sons, Aralio Bernal of Quanah, Carlos Bernal of Modesto, Calif., Johnny Bernal of Sweetwater, Joe Bernal and Lupe Bernal, both of Patterson, Calif.; a sister, Maria Castillo of Saltillo, Mexico; 28 grandchildren; 48 great-grandchildren.

Higginbotham

1923-1996

Graveside service is set at 10 a.m. Friday in the Hermleigh Cemetery for Wynona Devant Higginbotham, 73, of San Leandro, Calif., with the Rev. Marty Akins, pastor of the First Baptist Church, officiating.

Mrs. Higginbotham died Monday, July 1, at San Leandro Hospital after a lengthy illness and was cremated. A memorial service was held at Antioch Wesleyan Church in Antioch, Calif., on July 14.

She was born on Jan. 31, 1923, in Megargel. She was a member of the First Baptist Church, and the Martha Ruth Sunday School Class in Snyder. A homemaker, Mrs. Higginbotham lived in Somonauk, Ill., for 17 years and then returned to Texas. She was a former resident of Hermleigh and Snyder. She attended the Senior Center activities and also enjoyed reading, cooking, gardening, sewing, quilting, crocheting and painting.

Survivors include one daughter, Jean Dienst Baseley of Oakley, Calif., one sister, Lovelle Barnett of Texas; two grandchildren, Stephen Reid Baseley of Oakley and Amanda Elizabeth King of Phoenix; and three great-grandchildren of Oakley.

Memorials may be made to the Martha Ruth Class at First Baptist Church, 1701 27th, or the Senior Citizen Center, 2603 Ave. M.

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3101 College Ave. 573-5454

Earnest Brandon

1928-1996

Service is set for 2 p.m. Thursday in Colonial Hill Baptist Church for Earnest Brandon, longtime Snyder resident.

The Rev. Miller Robinson, retired pastor of the church, will officiate. Burial will follow in the Snyder Cemetery with Bell-Cypert-Seale in charge of arrangements.

Mr. Brandon, 68, died at 12:49 p.m. on Friday, July 19, in Lubbock's Methodist Hospital.

He worked as a mechanic for 20 years with the Snyder Independent School District, retiring in 1984. He married Mary Powell on Jan. 24, 1951 in Snyder. He was a member of Colonial Hill Baptist Church.

A sister, Doris Ella James, also died Friday in Fort Worth. He was also preceded in death by another sister; one son, Ollie Brandon; and one great-grandson.

Survivors include his wife, Mary Brandon of Snyder; a daughter, Mary Gibson of Snyder; three sons, Edward Brandon of De Soto, Jimmy Brandon of Dallas and Earnest R. Brandon of Snyder; two brothers, James Brandon of Fort Worth and Marvin Brandon of Austin; 15 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Accounts have been established at all four Snyder banks to help the family with medical expenses.

Ivan E. Evans

1913-1996

CYPRESS — Funeral service for Fluvanna native Ivan Earl Evans of Cypress was held Tuesday at St. Christopher Episcopal Church. The Rev. J. Michael Wheeler, pastor of the church, officiated. Burial followed in the Houston National Cemetery.

Mr. Evans, 82, died on Saturday, July 20, following a lengthy illness. He was the brother of Bunyon Evans of Snyder.

Born on Aug. 18, 1913, in Fluvanna, he married Eunice Webb on March 24, 1937 in Houston. Mr. Evans retired in 1975 after 30 years with Southwestern Bell Telephone Co. He was a member of the St. Christopher Episcopal Church.

Other survivors include his wife, Eunice Evans of Cypress; a daughter and son-in-law, Dale Elizabeth and Phillip Vicars of Cypress; a son and daughter-in-law, John Earl and Debbie Evans, of Cypress; a sister, Hazel Robinson of Pearland; and two grandchildren, Carrie Elizabeth and Jeremy Vicars, also of Cypress.

The family requests memorials be sent to St. Christopher Episcopal Church, 1656 Blalock, Houston, Tex. 77055.

Anita Shoults

1916-1996

BIG SPRING — Service for Anita Shoults of Forsan has been set for 4 p.m. Wednesday in the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Interment will follow in the Trinity Memorial Park.

Mrs. Shoults, the mother of Jackie Shoults of Snyder, died Monday, July 22, at her residence. She was 79.

Born on Dec. 11, 1916 in Gatesville, she married Tillman Shoults on Aug. 10, 1932 in Carlsbad, N.M. She moved to Forsan in 1928 and was a member of the Forsan Baptist Church where she taught Sunday school for over 40 years. She was also a member of the Forsan Study Club and the Sewing Club. Mrs. Shoults was a homemaker.

Survivors include her husband, Tillman Shoults of the home; another son, Jimmie Shoults of Forsan; three daughters, Patsy Girdner of Granbury, Judy Grigg of Diboll and Joyce Alexander of Houston; a sister, Pearl Standridge of Bartlesville, Okla.; a brother, B.C. Huff of Tucson, Ariz; 10 grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to the American Cancer Society, In Care Of Lucy Bonner, P.O. Box 2121, Big Spring, 79721-2121.

More AIDS money is promised

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — President Clinton concluded his $5 million fund-raising trip out West with a promise to seek extra money for AIDS patients, an obvious gesture to gay voters.

Speaking before a Democratic Party fund-raiser Tuesday night, Clinton said he would increase his fiscal 1997 request for state AIDS drug assistance programs by $65 million, for a total of $117 million. The funds must be approved by Congress.

He was flying back to Washington overnight, arriving back at the White House early today.

Clinton said the AIDS funding increase represents the type of function the federal government ought to perform, contrasting that against earlier calls in Congress that some federal agencies or functions ought to be eliminated.

"Is this an area where the government is a problem? I don't think so," Clinton said. "It's a good thing that we cut back on the deficit, but it's also a good thing that we're continuing to spend money on things that make a difference."

States use ADAP funds to provide prescription drugs and new methods of treatment to AIDS sufferers who otherwise would not have access to them. The White House estimated that the programs have helped 69,000 people with the HIV virus.

Idaho to trout: learn to eat worms or else

BOISE, Idaho (AP) — Trout raised in Idaho's hatcheries are being sent to school, because they don't know they're supposed to enjoy fat, slimy worms on fishermen's hooks.

Trout raised by the state Fish and Game Department grow up hooked on fishy junk food: little green pellets made of fish meal and vegetable protein.

"They've never seen a worm in their life," said Jeff Dillon, in charge of the department's trout education project.

That creates a problem for anglers who try to catch fish with nightcrawlers, the big variety of earthworm widely sold for bait.

Before the training program, Dillon said, "It was harder than heck to catch a fish with a nightcrawler."

But it's too expensive to feed only worms to hatchery fish, because pellets cost 30 cents a pound, compared to worms at $4.

So, the agency is putting some of its 9- to 12-inch trout on shock diets, taking away the pellets and tossing nightcrawlers into the fish-raising ponds.

At first, the fish are intimidated by the slimy dish, but they're given five days to grasp the new concept before being released.

Dillon said the department doesn't want to be perceived as favoring fishermen who go after trout with live bait.

They just haven't found a way to teach trout to prefer hand-made artificial flies, he said.

What's Up?

DCOS meets at 4 today

Development Corporation of Snyder board members and Scurry County Commissioners Court will discuss industrial revenue bond financing in a meeting set for 4 o'clock today in the DCOS board room. No other items are on the agenda.

Youth music and rappin' rally

A combined youth music and rappin' rally will be presented at 7 this evening at First Christian Church, located at 2701 37th St. For transportation, call 573-2336, 573-0442 or 573-6115.

Museum fund-raiser

Donations for Scurry County Museum's 3rd annual Rummage Sale are being accepted this week. The sale is set for Aug. 1-21.

As part of the sale, a consignment area will be established for pre-approved, quality upscale items. Consigned items will be on a 50-50 basis. Call 573-6107 for information about consignment, donations or any matters relating to the museum. Hours are from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Thursday.

California youth coming

"The New American Singers," the California Baptist All-State Youth Choir, will be in concert at 7 p.m. Thursday at Colonial Hill Baptist Church. Everyone is invited to hear this 40-member choir.

Hermleigh FBC sets VBS

Hermleigh First Baptist Church will hold Vacation Bible School from 7:30-9:30 p.m. July 29 through Aug. 2. Classes will be provided for ages 2 through adult. For more information, call 863-2484.

37th Street Church of Christ VBS

37th Street Church of Christ will hold Vacation Bible School for ages 3 to adult from 7-8:30 p.m., July 29-31. To enroll, or for more information, call 573-0154.

Bereavement support group

First Presbyterian Church is sponsoring a Bereavement Support Group for anyone in the community who has lost a child during the last few years. Meetings will held Monday evenings at 7 o'clock in the fellowship hall. Carolyn Osborn, a licensed professional counselor, will lead the group. There is no charge.

Key to the Kingdom series

Video tapes of the Key to the Kingdom series are airing on TCA Cable TV Channel 2. The next tape, "God Hates Divorce," will be held at 7 p.m. Monday.

Pick 3

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

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

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Congress continues budget maneuvers

WASHINGTON (AP) — Taking a step back on their budget-cutting march, House Republicans joined Democratic colleagues in restoring money to the agency that provides legal aid to the poor and protecting another agency that distributes economic aid to distressed areas.

The Legal Services Corporation and the Economic Development Administration are among the federal agencies that the Republican majority have targeted for extinction.

On Tuesday, the House voted 247-179 to add $109 million to the corporation and rejected, 328-99, an attempt to completely eliminate the $348.5 million provided for the EDA.

Another effort today to trim EDA funding by 30 percent was also defeated, 301-113, with all but one Democrat and half the Republicans supporting the agency.

The votes were part of consideration of a $29.5 billion bill to fund Justice, Commerce and State Department programs in fiscal year 1997. A final vote on that bill is expected today.

The bill provides robust funding for programs to fight crime, drugs and illegal immigrants, but cuts or freezes almost all others in the bill. The administration has indicated that President Clinton would veto the bill because of the cuts.

The Justice Department would get $16.3 billion, an increase of $1.6 billion over 1996, while $7.1 billion would go for the war on drugs, up $176 million. "We provided for all these increases by scraping the bottom of the barrel in other agencies. We had no choice," said Rep. Harold Rogers, R-Ky., who chairs the Appropriations subcommittee in charge of the bill.

But 56 Republicans joined Democrats in balking at plans to provide only $141 million for the Legal Services Corporation, about half what it got in 1996 and a little more than one-third of its 1995 budget.

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BIG CUCUMBERS — These large cucumbers were grown in the garden of Mr. and Mrs. Jose Gutierrez. Shown on the front row are, from left, Laura Gutierrez and Sergio Sarabia while Veronica Sarabia and Vanessa Sarabia are shown on the back row, from left. (SDN Staff Photo)

Religious freedom amendment studied

WASHINGTON (AP) — A constitutional amendment is needed to reaffirm guarantees of religious liberty because students are routinely denied the right to hold religious meetings on public school campuses, a conservative group says.

A Republican amendment clarifying students' right "to pray without government sponsorship or compulsion" would help fight misperceptions that have fostered hostility toward religion, Jay Alan Sekulow, chief counsel for the American Center for Law and Justice, told a House panel Tuesday.

"Religious people must be allowed to express themselves and worship without threat of government interference or intolerance," he said. "Religious people must be allowed to proclaim their faith in the public square, their own private businesses or where they go to school."

But opponents said the last thing religious Americans need now is a revised First Amendment. Education is the answer, the Rev. Oliver S. Thomas, special counsel for the National Council of Churches, told the House Judiciary constitution subcommittee.

"The amendment before you is fraught with problems," Thomas said. "So much so that to pass this measure would diminish — not expand — the exercise of religious faith."

Rep. John Conyers, D-Mich., accused Congress' Republican majority of being too quick to tinker with the Constitution.

"Right now students can pray in class, can read Bibles in school, can say grace before meals, can pray before tests and, of course, can study religion," he said. "Schools aren't looking for help with religion. They're looking for help with funding and safety. That's how Congress can help."

The proposed amendment, sponsored by Judiciary Committee Chairman Henry Hyde, R-Ill., and House Majority Leader Dick Armey, R-Texas, seeks to clarify the role of religion in public life.

"Our problem is not with the Constitution itself, but with courts that interpret the First Amendment in a way that undermines rather than protects religious freedom," Hyde said. As examples, he cited "public school teachers who accept reports on witches, forbid students from writing reports on Jesus."

Hyde said the Housing and Urban Development Department once asked a religious group to change the name of its homeless shelter, the St. Vincent de Paul Shelter, because it received federal money for blankets and cots.

"This is simply madness," he said. "And it is madness that is eroding the foundations of American democracy."

But Thomas said requiring equal treatment and prohibiting discrimination based on religion could take away some of the exemptions religions enjoy today, he said. Conscientious objectors could be required to serve in combat, for instance, he said.

"A guarantee of equal benefits could easily be interpreted to include education. The result would be the largest unfunded mandate in history," he said. Religious colleges could be eligible for the same government funding state colleges receive, he said.

"It is no secret that many of the proponents of this amendment would try to use it to obtain public funds to send their children to private religious schools," Thomas said.

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

Childless Woman Celebrates Chance to Help Others' Kids

by Abigail Van Buren

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DEAR ABBY: I am flabbergasted at all the letters from people who are desperate to have children.

I am a baby boomer who, like many of my friends, was delighted to discover that getting married and having children was not the only option for women. We went to college, pursued careers, traveled to exotic places and got involved in our communities. Some of us got married, and some of us even raised our husband's children from a failed first marriage. Overall, we've had a great half-century.

I know I owe much of my happy state to the adults — aunts, uncles, cousins, friends of my parents, teachers — who took an interest in me when I was growing up. My immediate family verged on the dysfunctional, but these other wonderful, caring people provided the shelter, laughter and inspiration that my parents couldn't give me. I've tried to return the favor to nephews and nieces, and the children of my friends and neighbors.

In this day and age, an empty womb is not a tragedy — it just means that you have the time and good fortune to make a difference in someone else's life. It's time for childless people to toss those tear-stained pillows away, go to the nearest school, and offer to tutor or help a disadvantaged child.

NO REGRETS

DEAR NO REGRETS: You are a prime example of two profound adages: "Most folks are about as happy as they make up their minds to be" (Abraham Lincoln), and "Life is what we make it" (William James).

God bless you for your generosity.

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DEAR ABBY: I have read many letters in your column from men who aren't particularly handsome, but would love to meet a decent woman who would appreciate him for what he is on the inside. I feel sorry for those men. However, there must be something wrong when a 30-something, educated professional man can't find someone to love, and says it's because women don't think he's good-looking enough.

I'm not drop-dead gorgeous, but I got married when I was 25. I had about a dozen proposals before Mr. Right came along.

My best friend, brainy and leggy with a wonderful heart, could barely find a date. The reason? She didn't know how to communicate with the opposite sex. Finally, after much encouragement, she went down your list of places to meet decent men and (here is the clincher) she sought therapy.

The therapy taught her a lot about herself. The church and volunteer organizations gave her a place to try out what she had learned.

She met a wonderful man who appreciates her for what she is. Two years ago, I was a bridesmaid at her wedding. Two months ago, I attended the christening of their first child.

Abby, there is hope for those without partners, but blaming others for their being alone will get them nowhere.

TRULY HAPPY IN TENNESSEE

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DEAR READERS: "When a man says, 'I lie,' does he lie, or does he speak the truth?

"If he lies, he speaks the truth. If he speaks the truth, he lies." — Mark Twain (1835-1910)

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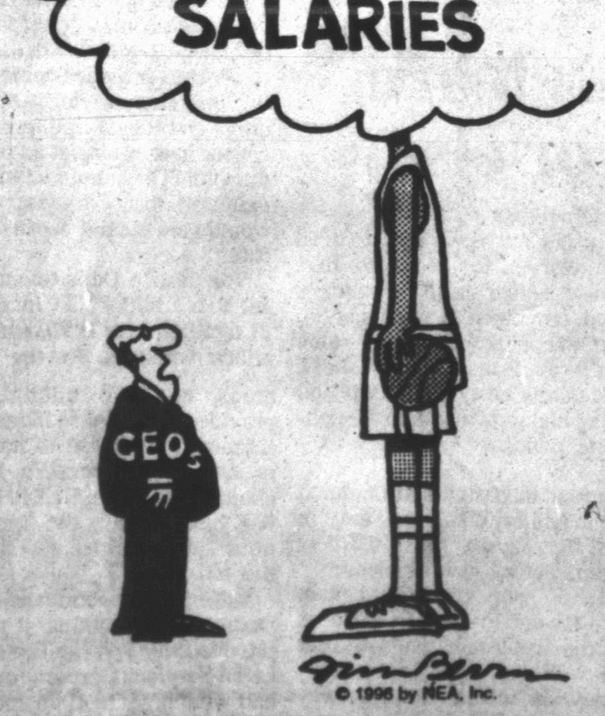

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