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TUESDAY

Snyder Daily News

Ask Us

Q—Has Ira public school hired a principal yet?

A—No. However, the trustees are to interview candidates in executive session on Thursday and are expected to hire a principal later that evening.

In Brief

Hearing starts

WASHINGTON (AP) — Supreme Court nominee Stephen G. Breyer defended his integrity today against a possible conflict-of-interest problem stemming from his ruling on environmental cases involving a firm in which he invested.

"I recognize this question has been raised by people of good faith," he said in opening remarks at his confirmation hearing before the Senate Judiciary Committee. "There is nothing more important to me than my integrity. ... I am confident that my sitting on those cases did not represent any conflict of interest."

A millionaire, Breyer held substantial holdings in the Lloyd's of London insurance company in the 1980s when ruling in toxic waste cleanup cases in which Lloyd's and its investors, although not directly involved, had a financial stake.

But, to avoid any questions in the future, he said he would divest himself of any insurance company holdings, including Lloyd's of London.

Local

Breakfast

Snyder Prayer Breakfast Committee will meet at 5:30 p.m. today in the chamber board room.

UWSA

United We Stand, America will meet at 7:30 this evening in Towle Park Barn. All members and guests are invited.

Crusade

The community-wide crusade at First United Methodist Church concludes with worship service this evening at 7 o'clock. Everyone is invited to attend.

Dialogue set

Dialogue, a support group for cancer patients, family members and friends, will meet from 7-8 p.m. today in the board room at Cogdell Memorial Hospital. This marks the new group's second meeting, but since it is ongoing anyone can join even if they missed the first meeting.

Weather

Snyder Temperatures: High Monday, 100 degrees; low, 70 degrees; reading at 7 a.m. Tuesday, 74 degrees; .08 of an inch precipitation; total precipitation for 1994 to date, 5:40 inches.

Snyder Area Forecast: Tonight, partly cloudy. A 30 percent chance of thunderstorms. Low in the lower 70s. Southeast to south wind 10-15 mph. Wednesday, partly cloudy. A 20 percent chance of thunderstorms. High in the mid to upper 90s. South wind 15-25 mph and gusty. Caution on lakes.

Almanac: Sunset today, 8:50. Sunrise Wednesday, 6:49. Of 192 days in 1994, the sun has shone 185 days in Snyder.

County begins look at budget

Scurry County commissioners reviewed departmental requests Monday as they began work on the budget for 1995.

Requests from all departments have not been presented; therefore, no overall budget figure is yet available.

Monday, the court reviewed the proposed road and bridge budget of $1,034,360, some $96,615 less than this year's budget. Proposed budgets for the five precincts are all less than the current budget, with the exception of the consolidated precinct. Commissioners have increased that budget by $42,000 to allow for capital equipment purchases.

The budget for Precinct 1 is $203,239, down $4,250 from the current year. The Precinct 2 budget is requested at $208,439, down $14,089. Precinct 3's proposed budget is $233,948, a decrease of $18,257. Precinct 4 has a proposed budget of $300,705 which is down $101,019. The major difference in the Precinct 4 budget was the purchase of an $88,000 motor grader last year.

Commissioners also reviewed budget requests from various departments: the county auditor, mental health, county welfare, building maintenance, child welfare, district court, district judge, justice court, county judge, tax assessor and treasurer.

Others included the sheriff's office, the jail, justice of the peace, airport, county extension office, parks department, library, coliseum, work center and health unit.

Commissioners recessed until 8 a.m. Wednesday, when they will resume work on the budget.

Commissioner C.D. Gray presided in the absence of County Judge Bob Doolittle. Commissioners Roy Idom, Jerry Gannaway and Ralph Trevey were in attendance.

ROAD & BRIDGE

—Precinct 1: Requested: $203,239; Current: $208,489; Difference: -$5,250.

—Precinct 2: Requested: $208,439; Current: 222,528; Difference: -$14,089.

—Precinct 3: Requested: $233,948; Current: $252,205; Difference: -$18,257.

—Precinct 4: Requested: $300,705; Current: $401,724; Difference: -$101,019. Some $88,000 of the difference was a motor grader purchased in 1994.

—Consolidated Precinct: Requested: $88,029; Current: $46,029; Difference: +$42,000. The increase is to purchase equipment for roadwork.

—Total R&B Budget: Requested: $1,034,360; Current: $1,130,975; Difference: -$96,615.

HERMLEIGH

Waterworks: Requested: $41,729; Current: $41,729; Difference: None.

GENERAL FUND

—Auditor: Requested: $102,715; Current: $102,411; Difference: +$304.

—Mental Health: Requested: $22,987; Current: $22,987; Dif-

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Irving residents injured in wreck

Two Irving residents were injured in a one-vehicle rollover 2½ miles south of Snyder on U.S. Highway 84 Monday evening.

Forty-eight-year-old Rosa Riggs and her five-year-old son, Steven, were taken to Cogdell Memorial Hospital emergency room following the accident, which occurred about 8:40 p.m.

Steven, who was ejected from the vehicle, was admitted for observation at Cogdell. Mrs. Riggs suffered multiple fractures and trauma injuries and was transported to University Medical Center by AeroCare in Lubbock. She was listed in stable condition this morning.

According to DPS Trooper Rick Campos, Mrs. Riggs was driving a 1994 Nissan Pathfinder north on 84 when it veered off the right side of the road. She attempted to regain control of the vehicle, which slid across the road, into the median and flipped, ejecting the boy, who was not wearing a seat belt. The vehicle ended up in the southbound lanes of traffic.

Snyder EMS and firemen responded to the scene and removed Mrs. Riggs from the vehicle with help from the Jaws of Life.

Mrs. Riggs was wearing a seat belt, Trooper Campos said.

Jackpot barrel race set

West Texas Barrel Racing Association will host a jackpot barrel race Wednesday at 7 p.m. at Scurry County Rodeo Association Arena on Gary Brewer Road.

Wednesday's barrel race, which will feature competition in all classes, continues Rodeo Week in Snyder that will be highlighted by the 59th Annual Scurry County Open Rodeo, set for a Thursday-through-Saturday run.

To register for the barrel race, or for more information, call 573-4865.

Tickets for the 8 p.m. nightly rodeo performances are $4 in advance for adults and are available at Bar-H-Bar Family Outfitters. Admission at the gate will be $5. Children under 12 wil be admitted free. Box seats may be reserved by calling 573-6634.

Each performance of the TCRA-sanctioned rodeo will be followed by a dance featuring Terry Sneed and Up The Creek.

Rafter D Rodeo Company will provide the stock for the rodeo, which will include competition in bareback riding, saddle bronc riding, bull riding, calf roping, team roping, barrel racing and breakaway roping.

Also scheduled at this year's rodeo is a nightly 12-and-under calf scramble, merchants steer saddling, 12-and-under barrel racing, and 7-and-under mutton bustin'.

Contestants in the 12-and-under barrel race may enter by calling Molly Tatum at 573-8180. Entry fee is $20.

The yearly rodeo parade will not be held this year due to declining participation.

CONGENIAL BUYER — Snyder-area resident Doris Zeck, left, chats Monday morning with Richard Flores, right, owner of a fruit and vegetable stand on 37th Street. Zeck bought tomatoes and squash from Flores. (SDN Staff Photo by John McMillan)

Clinton speaks to Berliners; says 'everything is possible'

BERLIN (AP) — President Clinton, standing before the Brandenburg Gate that once symbolized divided Europe, today urged people to overcome modern-day forces of division and racism. In well-rehearsed German, he said: "Everything is possible. Berlin is free!"

"We stand where Europe's heart was cut in half and we celebrate unity," said Clinton, the first U.S. president to visit reunited Berlin and the first to visit the eastern sector since Harry Truman in 1945.

Speaking to tens of thousands of Berliners in what was once communist-controlled East Berlin, Clinton declared: "We must reject those who would divide us with scalding words about race, ethnicity or religion."

The comments were aimed at not only ethnic strife in Bosnia and elsewhere, but at the recent resurgence of extremist groups such as neo-Nazis in Germany.

Pariser Platz, the plaza beneath the gate, was packed with people for Clinton's speech. Police estimated the crowd at 40,000. The White House disputed the figure, asserting there were 120,000 or more in the crowd. Many in the crowd were school children who were given the day off for Clinton's visit.

The 200-year-old Brandenburg Gate stands in the eastern sector of the city, just inside the wall that once divided the two Berlins. Before the wall went up, the gate had been one of the crossing points between east and west and became a symbol of divided Europe.

The wall was built in 1961 and torn down in 1989. Germany was reunited in 1990.

"The Berlin Wall is gone," Clinton said. "Now our generation must decide what will we build in its place."

Many of his comments were greeted with cheers and applause. "That he even came to this side of the Brandenburg Gate, I never would have believed that I would experience that," said Karin Pehla, a 39-year-old computer programmer. An East Berliner, she had tears in her eyes.

Area cotton crop needs rain badly

By JOHN McMILLAN
SDN Staff Writer

Cotton farmers have good reason to fear that this crop season will prove to be at least as drearily deficient as last year's.

The .08 inch of rainfall measured at the city of Snyder's water plant from 7 a.m. Monday to 7 a.m. today represented the first measurable moisture in this area since the comparable 24-hour period from May 26 to May 27, said Darrell Callahan, utility superintendent for the City of Snyder.

"It's devastating to the farmer, because they haven't gotten any rain in the last few months," Callahan said, noting that Scurry County generally receives a total monthly rainfall of one inch to 1½ inches in June and July. "This is an extremely dry year."

The growing season for cotton crops in Scurry County generally extends from May until November; the cotton crop for the county as a whole produces an average yield of 40,000 bales.

Mike Logan, Scurry County entomologist, said today that the dry conditions will reduce the cotton crop yield for this year. He added that he is not sure how much of a crop-yield reduction will result from the dryness.

Asked whether he had any advice to farmers, Logan replied, "Pray for rain. That's about all we can do, because there's not really any management practices that (farmers) can do that they haven't already done."

Last year, the total cotton crop yield in Scurry County was only about one-fourth to one-third of the average total yield for this county.

Total rainfall for the calendar year as of 7 a.m. today has been 6.6 inches, compared with a total of 9.7 inches of precipitation for the comparable period last year, Callahan said.

Total precipitation in Scurry County during calendar year 1993 — 13.8 inches — was 6.5 inches less the average annual rainfall in this county.

Last year, cotton crops in Scurry County grew under wet conditions from March through May, but were deprived of moisture during the remainder of the growing season, said Mike Morrow, former agricultural extension agent, during a recent interview.

During the interim since Morrow's resignation as extension agent effective July 5, Scurry County Extension Office has been temporarily without the services of an agricultural extension agent.

The SDN Column

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "Things are so bad in one big city that a bank robber got mugged on the way to his get-away car."

It's a small world...

Retired Snyder public school administrator Bill Hartsfield went to Austin recently to use his Father's Day present.

His son and son-in-law had surprised the former principal with fly-casting lessons at a shop in downtown Austin.

His son, Jack, a principal in Weatherford, and son-in-law, Phil Ator of Lancaster, also went with Bill.

The lessons started early one morning and the instructor made a casual comment about also being from West Texas. Bill thought it ironic that three West Texans would get fly-casting instruction from another sandy-lander.

Before the morning was finished, the instructor made the inquiry. "Where in West Texas?"

Hartsfield saw the man's face light up when he answered, "Snyder." The instructor was Joe Robinson, a graduate of Snyder High School, and standout gridder in the early 1960s, playing on a team that lost in bi-district to Brownwood the year the Lions won their first state championship.

Hartsfield had been Robinson's 7th grade football coach. Robinson's younger brother, William, was also a good athlete, Bill recalls. Robinson's father operated an abstract business when the family lived in Snyder.

Hartsfield said the fishing shop is located on Congress Avenue, south of the capitol before you reach Town Lake. Robinson uses the lake for students to practice.

Hartsfield said Robinson is a good teacher, having gained exprience working for L.L. Bean Co. in Maine. The jury is still out on just how good the former student, turned teacher, really is as Hartsfield has yet to test his fly-casting skills for real.

Last week's Snyder National Bank ad paid tribute to Vera Holsinger, a special lady in Snyder. Retired District Clerk Polly Underwood helped gather the information for "the surprise."

Mrs. Holsinger was pleased, but was also concerned that the article stated that the YWCA she operated was open seven days a week. She said it was really 6½ days, closed on Sunday morning so that she and staffers could attend worship.

In spite of Mrs. Vera's concern, we doubt that anybody figured she ever played hooky from church.

Former SMU president dead at age 62

DALLAS (AP) — Former Southern Methodist University president and Duke University chancellor A. Kenneth Pye died of cancer Monday. He was 62.

Pye was on vacation in Colorado at the time of his death, SMU announced. He had resigned the university presidency on June 22 because of declining health.

SMU, which had produced the likes of Doak Walker, Eric Dickerson and Don Meredith, was a longtime national football power. But the NCAA found violations in the mid-1980s that included payments to players from boosters — some made with the knowledge of trustees, including former Gov. Bill Clements.

The private Dallas school's football program was banned for the 1987 season and chose on its own to sit out the 1988 campaign.

Pye was credited with leading the school back from the bleak death-penalty years. During his tenure, SMU resumed play in football and was on its way back to respectability.

Southern Methodist was left hanging when Texas, Texas A&M, Texas Tech and Baylor voted earlier in the year to pull out of the Southwest Conference in 1996 to join the Big Eight Conference. But SMU landed on its feet, going to the Western Athletic Conference along with Texas Christian and Rice.

"Pye quickly restored the integrity and credibility of SMU athletics by instituting tough reforms, including closer supervision of athletics and a system of checks and balances to guard against future problems," the school said in a statement when Pye resigned.

Pye left SMU after continuous health problems. In August, 1993, he had a heart attack while at work. In November, 1993, he had surgery to remove esophagus cancer. When he resigned, Pye said he had "cancer in the vital organs — places that were inoperable."

Before becoming SMU's ninth president, Pye spent 21 years at Duke. He began there in 1966 as a law professor, and later served as university counsel, dean of the law school and twice as the school's chancellor.

He resigned as Duke's chancellor in 1982 to return to full-time teaching, and was appointed the Samuel Fox Mordecai Professor of Law at Duke.

But his tenure at Duke wasn't without controversy. In the late 1960s, he headed the university judicial board that presided over a hearing for a group of black students who had taken over the administration building during a student revolt.

"The board guaranteed immunity for these students when many thought they should be thrown off campus," Pye told The Dallas Morning News in a 1987 interview.

Pye balanced the budgets at both universities, and was respected for his integrity.

"I'm convinced there's not a deceptive bone in his body," chairman of SMU's board of trustees Ray Hunt once said.

"This guy is a problem-solving genius," said Duke vice president Joel Fleishman, who had known Pye since the mid-1960s.

Pye earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Buffalo and law degrees from Georgetown University.

In 1955, at age 24, he joined the Georgetown faculty and later served as associate dean of the Georgetown Law Center. Prior to joining the Georgetown staff, Pye served two years in the U.S. Army's Judge Advocate Generals' Corps.

Pye's legal specialties included criminal procedure, evidence and international law. Pye, who once served as president of the Association of American Law Schools, published a book and more than 50 articles on legal subjects.

He is survived by his wife, Judith Hope Pye, and their son, Henry William Pye, both of Dallas.

The family requested that memorial gifts be directed to SMU's unrestricted annual fund, Sustentation.

CBS, QVC boards will meet to vote on proposed merger

NEW YORK (AP) — CBS Inc.'s board is expected this week to endorse Chairman Laurence A. Tisch's plan to merge the broadcasting company with QVC Inc., the cable shopping concern headed by the highly regarded TV veteran Barry Diller.

Speculation persists on Wall Street that a third party could emerge as a spoiler to the proposed transaction, but many industry analysts say that those expecting an eleventh-hour bid for CBS will be disappointed.

Walt Disney Co. is often mentioned as being interested in buying a piece, if not all, of CBS. The filmmaker and theme park owner is a major supplier of TV programs, and involvement with a network would assure it of distribution.

But Disney watchers say the company isn't likely to try and disrupt a deal between CBS and QVC.

They say a hostile bid would be out of character for Disney.

They also cite the long professional relationship between Diller and Disney Chairman Michael Eisner, who reported to Diller at the ABC Television network and later at Paramount Pictures.

Disney officials declined to comment last week on published reports that Disney was talking with CBS about becoming a partner along with Diller. CBS and Diller also declined comment on those reports.

Regulatory and financial obstacles could deter other potential bidders for CBS, which owns the CBS TV network, seven TV stations and 21 radio stations.

Foreign companies are barred from owning U.S. television station licenses, while cable system owners like Tele-Communications Inc. can't own TV stations in the same markets.

Two other big media companies, Viacom Inc. and Time Warner Inc., are each starting broadcast networks, but own cable systems and also have debt loads likely to preclude purchases as big as CBS.

The CBS and QVC boards are scheduled to meet separately on Wednesday to vote on the proposed $7 billion merger, which is also subject to approval by shareholders of both companies.

As proposed, CBS shareholders would end up with nearly 54 percent of the combined company while QVC stockholders would own the remainder.

Diller, who is 52 and lost a prolonged bidding war against Viacom for Paramount Communications Inc. earlier this year, would take over Tisch's posts as chief executive and president of CBS and run the company.

Tisch, who is 71 and whose family controls about 20 percent of CBS, would stay on as chairman.

Tisch has been at the helm of CBS since 1986. He focused on CBS' broadcasting business, spending heavily on sports rights and eventually developing a prime-time lineup that lifted the network from third place to first place in the ratings three years ago.

But advertisers say CBS attracts proportionately more older viewers, while they generally prefer younger audiences. Tisch has also been criticized for failing to develop companion cable networks for CBS as NBC and ABC have.

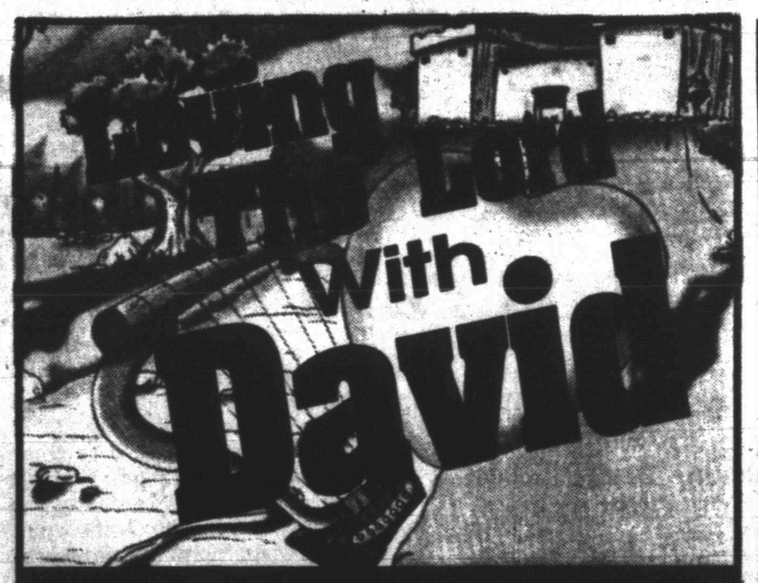
This year, CBS lost the National Football League rights for the first time in 38 years to the Fox Television Network and saw Fox grab eight affiliates.

Pick 3

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

0-3-1

(zero, three, one)



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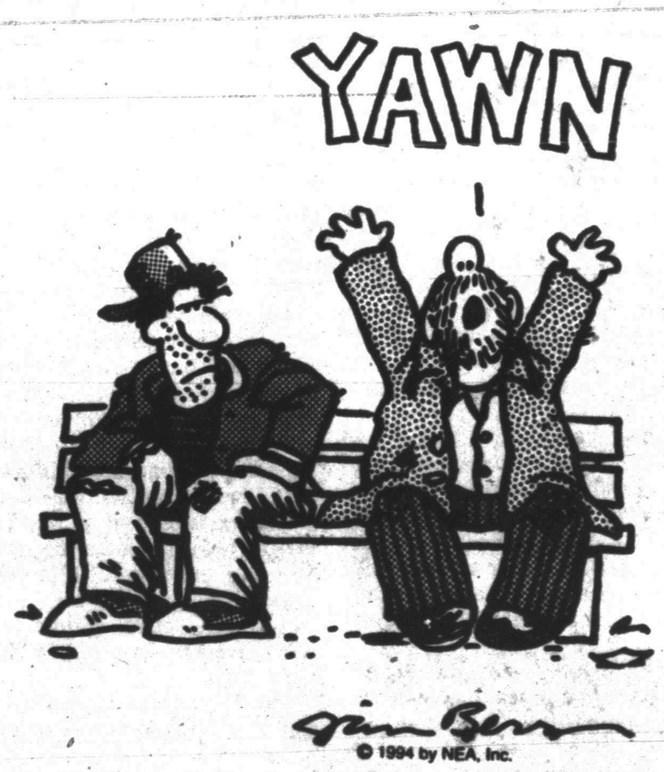

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"Finally — I was into the 'American Dream' and YOU HAD TO WAKE ME UP!"

As a user of Snyder processed water, I want to use this means to protest the unfairness of my water bill being increased at anytime for the purpose of paying on indebtedness of facilities that will not be used by the Snyder water system; namely, the pipeline and pumping stations from Lake Ivie to the city of Odessa.

Signed: _____

Address: _____

Clip Out And Mail To:

Water
3504 40th Street
Snyder, Texas 79549

Dear Abby

Woman's Runaway Stress Dashes Attempt to Conceive

by Abigail Van Buren

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DEAR ABBY: This is in response to "Betty's Friends," who wanted to know what to do about a woman in their office who was obsessed with her unsuccessful attempts to have a baby. That's all she talked about. Abby, I could have written that letter.

I was driving everyone at work crazy with my problem. I finally went to my fertility expert and said, "I quit! Maybe I'm just not supposed to have a baby."

Two months later, I found out I was pregnant! I was in shock for the first three months. No joke. My doctor told me that stress can play a major role in getting pregnant. He was right.

Please pass this along to other women who are where I was three years ago. Also, tell them to be careful. I had two boys in 14 months, and I'm expecting a third in November. If this one's a girl, I'm giving my husband a vasectomy for Christmas.

LONG ISLAND MOM

DEAR MOM: Congratulations! You were very lucky. Unfortunately, in many cases conceiving a child involves far more than "relaxing."

I have heard from couples who have gone to great expense, and subjected themselves to extensive testing and surgical procedures, in an effort to have a baby — and still remained childless.

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DEAR ABBY: I do not want to sound petty or immature, but I am upset! I am getting married soon. My fiance and I told our close friends the wedding date before we "officially" got engaged. Two of these close friends are getting married as well.

The problem is that they changed their wedding date (she moved it almost an entire year) to the weekend before ours. My fiance lives out of town, and he can take only a limited amount of time off from work. But he is in their wedding (the other groom is also in ours) and must take off extra time to come in for rehearsals. And, since he will be doing things for their wedding, it takes precious time away from the things we still need to do for ours.

My question is: Do I have the right to be upset that she moved her wedding date so close to ours after she knew about it for months? Also, I have three appointments for my wedding on the day of their wedding. Should I cancel the appointments and hope I can reschedule so close to the wedding? Or should I keep the appointments that were made months ago and not attend their wedding?

BRIDE-TO-BE

DEAR BRIDE-TO-BE: Yes, you have the "right" to be upset, but what's done is done. If you really want to attend the wedding, then try to reschedule your appointments. If that isn't possible, or if you decide you shouldn't have to reschedule them, simply explain to your friends why you can't attend their wedding.

* * *

DEAR ABBY: Here's another one for your "nude" collection: I was all set to step into the shower when I realized that my bath towels were in the dryer. My washer and dryer are on my back porch, so I quickly ran back there to get a towel. Before I could open the dryer door, I heard the milkman coming down the walk. He always left the milk on my back step, but I was afraid he might glance in the back screen door and see me, so I jumped into the back porch closet.

I was standing in the closet, waiting for him to leave the milk and go.

Suddenly, the closet door swung open and there I stood, naked as a jaybird. It was the meter reader!

In his surprise, he looked me up and down. In my embarrassment, I blurted out, "Oh, my ... I thought you were the milkman!"

RED-FACED IN FRESNO

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For Abby's favorite family recipes, send a long, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for $3.95 ($4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby, Cookbooklet No. 1, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, Ill. 61054-0447. (Postage is included.)

Bank robber kept log of eight years of theft

SEATTLE (AP) — Date: 4-3-86. Day: Thurs. State-County-City: Texas-Collin-Plano. Location: First Tx. Savings. Net Catch: $8,500.

And so it went through all 56 entries in a meticulous handwritten log kept by one of the most successful bank robbers in U.S. history, the FBI says.

According to court documents, Johnny Madison Williams Jr. has confessed to robbing 56 banks in Texas, California and Washington state over eight years, often with the help of his wife. He was arrested Saturday.

The man the FBI dubbed The Shootist — for his habit of firing shots into the air at the start of his thefts — once got $43,500 for a day's work. Sometimes he left empty-handed. His total take, as recorded on the neatly printed two-page log that agents found among his belongings: $879,357.

Williams' arrest ends the longest unsolved string of bank robberies ever investigated by the FBI, said Roberta Burroughs, an agency spokeswoman in Seattle.

"He is by far the most calculating and surgical bank robber in the past second half of the 20th century," said Officer Louis Quezada, spokesman for the police department in San Jose, Calif., where the Shootist struck three times.

Williams and his wife, Carolyn, both 43, are charged with four counts of bank robbery and one count of use of a firearm during a crime of violence. All the charges are in connection with four holdups in Washington state.

The couple was jailed pending a hearing Thursday. They face up to 25 years in prison and a $250,000 fine on each bank robbery count.

Federal investigators would provide little background on Williams and his wife.

What they did say: Williams was born in Waukegan, Ill., lived for a time in Texas, had a home in Los Osos, Calif., and once worked as a data processor. Mrs. Williams was born in Dallas and drove a 1987 Sterling sedan with Washington plates. They married 14 years ago.

They were arrested at a suburban Seattle motel following anonymous tips stemming from a story about Williams on a San Diego TV news program.

The FBI says Williams did the dirty work: Donning the disguise, leaping over the counter, confronting the teller and demanding money after firing his handgun into the ceiling once or twice. She drove the getaway car while he hid in the trunk, the FBI says.

Most of the robberies were on Fridays — sometimes two months apart, sometimes two in one day.

"One of the problems in locating him was because of the method he used," Burroughs said. "Entering a bank and firing shots in the ceiling made it difficult for people inside to give good descriptions because most of them were scared to death and probably attempted not to make eye contact with him."

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Community Calendar

TUESDAY

Weight Watchers; Trinity United Methodist Church; 5:30 p.m.

TOPS TX56; 5:30 p.m. weigh-in and meeting from 5:30-6:30 p.m.; 2301 35th. For information, call Jean Yearwood at 573-9444.

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

New Horizon Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for more information, call 573-1141, 573-2101; 8 p.m.

Al-Anon; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th and Ave. M; for more information, call 573-3956, 573-2101 573-1141 or 573-8626; 8 p.m.

ABWA Deep Creek Chapter; 7 p.m. at Golden Corral.

Ladies Golf Association, Snyder Country Club; 9 a.m.

Scurry County Chapter of American heart Association; The Shack; noon.

Twentieth Century Club, 3 p.m.

Alpha Study Club, MAWC; 3 p.m.

University Women; MAWC; 6:30 p.m.

Snyder Police Auxiliary; Snyder National Bank Community Room; 7:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

Narcotics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for more information, call 573-1141; 8 p.m.

THURSDAY

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

Scurry Lodge 706; AF and AM degree classes; 7 p.m.

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

New Horizons Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; for information, call 573-3308 or 573-2101.

Bilingual Group of Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club Addition in Winston Park; for more information, call 863-2349 or 573-8626; 8 p.m.

FRIDAY

Free blood pressure clinics; Senior Citizens Center, 9:45-11:45 a.m.; Cogdell Memorial Hospital emergency waiting room; 1-2 p.m.

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

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

Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for information, call 573-8626, 863-2349; (Last Friday of the month is the birthday, open, meeting); 8 p.m.

Al-Anon; Park Club in Winston Prk, 37th and Ave. M; for more infmation, call 573-3956, 573-2101; 8 p.m.

SATURDAY

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

SUNDAY

Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for more information call 573-1141, 863-2349, or 573-8626; 10 a.m.

Scurry County Museum; Western Texas College; open from 1-4 p.m.

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

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

Kim Jong Il likely to lead North Korea

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — It's all but official: Kim Jong Il is North Korea's new leader. That was the message sent by his late-night appearance at the funeral bier of his late father, observers say.

He may even have been anointed at a Communist party meeting hours before the public appearance Monday night, the observers and South Korean officials said today.

And in a further sign of his ascension, Kim Jong Il was also shown meeting with foreign diplomats, his first such known contacts since his father's death Friday.

The succession to Kim Il Sung, the only ruler North Korea has known, has been a key issue since he died unexpectedly of a reported heart attack at age 82.

"It is clear from this [illegible] that North Korea is trying to convey the message that Kim Jong Il is the next leader," said Hajime Izumi, a professor at Japan's Shizuoka University specializing in North Korean issues.

The death of the man known as the "Great Leader" had sparked fears of turmoil in the Communist state, embroiled in an international confrontation over the nuclear program it claims is for peaceful purposes only.

Monday evening's events were the most graphic of growing signs that the 52-year-old Kim was taking the reins of the isolated, secretive North, where official media are almost the only source of information.

The younger Kim was the focus of attention in North Korean television footage of homage paid to the elder Kim. Flanked by senior officials, he was shown bowing and weeping before the flower-decked glass coffin at the presidential palace.

The tribute to the elder Kim — the first time his body was shown on television — came only hours after what South Korea's foreign minister said was a gathering of the communist Worker's Party central committee.

South Korean officials who spoke on condition of anonymity today said they believed Kim had been chosen as party chief, North Korea's most powerful post, at that gathering, although no formal announcement would be made until after the state funeral on Sunday.

The South expects the younger Kim to follow the policies of his father, at least for now, Prime Minister Lee Yung-duk told lawmakers today.

South Korea accepted the North's decision Monday to indefinitely put off the first summit between their presidents, but Lee today expressed renewed hopes for the meeting.

The July 25-27 summit had been agreed to in the wake of former President Carter's visit to the north for talks with the elder Kim last month.

North Korea also postponed high-level talks with the United States which had opened Friday in Geneva, but indicated it would be willing to resume them after Kim's funeral. President Clinton welcomed the North's assurances.

The talks are considered crucial to resolving the dispute over North Korea's nuclear program.

The North's refusal to allow full U.N. inspections as required by treaty has heightened suspicions it is producing atomic warheads and had set off a confrontation that led to a U.S.-led threat of international sanctions.

Illness forces Cliburn to cut concert short

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Reclusive pianist Van Cliburn, beginning his first concert tour in 16 years, fell ill halfway through the performance and was forced to cut it short.

Cliburn apologized to the Hollywood Bowl audience Monday night for what he called a dizzy spell. He scrapped plans to play the Rachmaninoff Piano Concerto No. 3 and ended the program with four short pieces by Liszt, Chopin, Schumann and Debussy.

"I can't begin to tell you how much you've inspired me and thrilled me this evening," Cliburn said as he left the stage.

The abbreviated program ended on a light note as singer Johnny Mathis and producer David Foster placed a Stetson hat on Cliburn's head and led the audience in a chorus of "Happy Birthday." Cliburn turned 60 today.

Ernest Fleischmann, managing director of the Los Angeles Philharmonic, said Cliburn's forceful rendition of his signature Tchaikovsky Piano Concerto No. 1 early in the performance had simply overwhelmed the pianist.

"He was very faint when he came off. I think it was amazing that he was able to come out at all in the second half," Fleischmann said.

Cliburn, who began his career 36 years ago by winning Moscow's prestigious Tchaikovsky Competition, has been in semi-retirement since 1978. He has called it an "intermission."

In 1987, he performed at the White House for President Reagan and Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev. Since then, he has performed only eight times.

Isabella Sverdlova, who was among 12,000 fans at the Hollywood Bowl, remembered listening to Cliburn's Tchaikovsky Competition performance on a radio in her Leningrad apartment.

"He made a very, very strong impression. We thought it was remarkable that he was an American and that he so deeply understood splendid Russian music," she said.

He made a strong impression Monday night, as well.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

NORTH 7-12-94
♠ A Q 10 6
♥ K 10 4
♦ Q 10 8 2
♣ J 5

WEST
♠ K 9 4
♥ 9 8 7
♦ 5 3
♣ K 10 8 6 3

EAST
♠ J 3
♥ 5 2
♦ K J 7 6 4
♣ A Q 9 2

SOUTH
♠ 8 7 5 2
♥ A Q J 6 3
♦ A 9
♣ 7 4

Vulnerable: East-West
Dealer: East

South	West	North	East
			1 ♦
1 ♥	Pass	2 ♦	Pass
2 ♥	Pass	4 ♥	All pass

Opening lead: ♠ 3

Popular manager dies

By Phillip Alder

One of the busiest bridge clubs in the world is the Beverly in New York City. From a small beginning in 1975, it has grown to a weekly average of some 460 tables. Last May the club's founder, Jim Becker, died at the age of 57.

Becker was an excellent player and teacher. In 1991 he won more masterpoints than anyone else: 2,914. And his lifetime total of some 18,700 points places him 14th on the all-time list.

Becker was good at capitalizing on opponents' errors, as he did in today's deal.

He was an ardent supporter of the Precision Club system, in which a one-diamond opening doesn't guarantee length in diamonds. So against four hearts, West, Becker's regular partner, Howard Chandross, opted to lead the club three, third- or fifth-highest by partnership agreement. After winning with the ace, Becker returned a club to his partner's king. West switched to the diamond five: two, jack, ace.

Declarer drew trumps ending in hand. Now South should have finessed dummy's spade queen. Instead, he led the diamond nine.

Becker made no mistake. He won with the king and returned a *diamond*, not a club. If declarer discarded two spades on dummy's winning diamonds, he would have to lead away from dummy's A-Q of spades. So South was forced to ruff and play a spade to dummy's 10, hoping West had the jack and king. No luck — Becker won with the jack: one down.

Perhaps Becker's outstanding attribute was his friendliness. In a world full of jealousy, no one ever seemed to resent Jim Becker.

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Ex-Red Cross director on trial for mail fraud

SAN ANGELO (AP) — A former employee of the American Red Cross has testified that vouchers that were supposed to be used for disaster victims were used to purchase various articles for the local office's former executive director and other chapter employees.

The testimony came Monday in the federal court trial of Germon Smith-Bowman, former executive director of the now defunct Concho Valley Chapter of the American Red Cross, on charges of defrauding the agency.

Former employee LaShawna Wilson testified that Smith-Bowman used a credit card to purchase various items that were not for disaster victims.

Smith-Bowman, 40, is accused of engaging in a mail scheme to defraud the agency by applying for and using a credit card without permission of the Board of Directors, and then paying for charged personal items with American Red Cross funds.

Smith-Bowman also is accused of using a Red Cross credit account at a Wal-Mart store to buy personal items. The account is alleged to have then been billed to the local office and paid with American Red Cross funds.

A U.S. Secret Service agent assigned to the case has said the money in question totaled about $72,000.

Shortly after the scheme was discovered, the United Way of San Angelo discontinued funding the agency and the office closed.

Wilson testified that Smith-Bowman used the credit card to purchase identification bracelets for the cast of "The Wiz."

Wilson, who was responsible for assembling credit card statements and vouchers and receipts, also said she came across receipts from Hollywood Portraits and said, as far as she knew, portraits of Smith-Bowman weren't used for Red Cross business.

While vouchers normally were used to assist disaster victims, Wilson told the court she and several members of Harambe Dance Troupe used them to buy clothing even though they had not suffered any disaster. Wilson also said the sister of the chapter's secretary also used a voucher.

Shown a list of 25 people recorded as having received disaster assistance, Wilson acknowledged knowing 13 or 14 of them, including herself.

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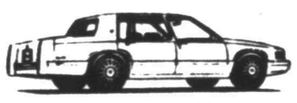
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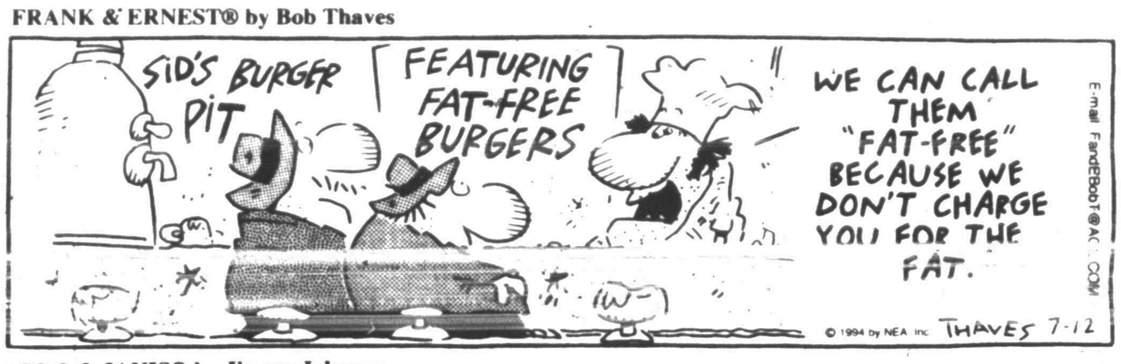

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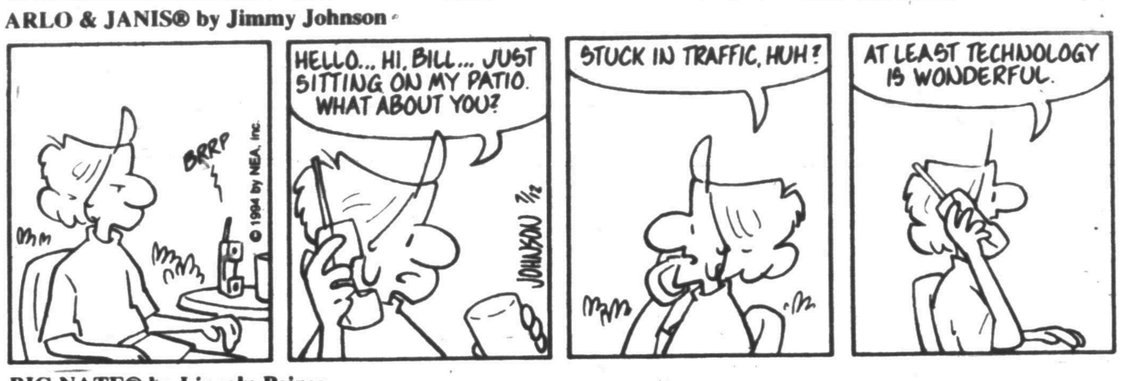

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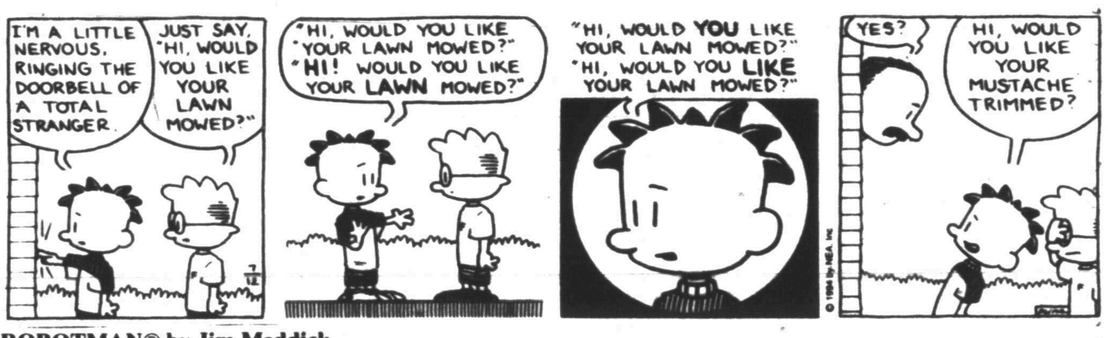

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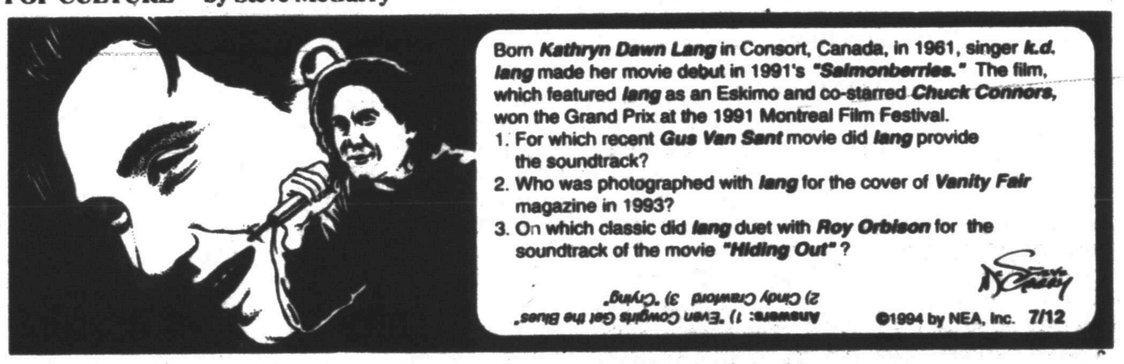

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7 Prepared according to Jewish law
13 Space between veins of leaf
14 Imitation gold
15 — Peak, Calif.
16 Sneaks around
17 Otherwise
18 Drinking vessel
20 Adventurous deed
21 Tear
23 Sweet snack
27 Omission of a sound
32 Sea
33 Brazilian dance
34 Intended
35 Willow
36 Unpaid debts
39 Friend of Peter Pan
40 Rare gas
42 Whizzes
46 Facsimile machine
47 Gusto
51 Citrus fruit
53 Straw hat
55 Long and narrow
56 Decorative
57 Items of property
58 Ambush

DOWN

1 — Evans
2 By mouth
3 Not so much
4 Fail to win
5 Ginger —
6 Cattle farm
7 TV's Ted —
8 Hockey great Bobby —
9 Smoke and fog
10 Hockey player Gordie —
11 Cloth measures
12 Iron coating
19 Actress Mary —
21 Grammarian's concern
22 Renounce
23 Unconscious state
24 Maple
25 Close
26 Native of Copenhagen
28 Return envelope (abbr.)
29 — — the Mood for Love
30 King David's grandfather
31 — a: not any
37 Alludes
38 Wild sheep
41 The — - — Incident (1943 movie)
42 Author Emile —
43 Goddess of the rainbow
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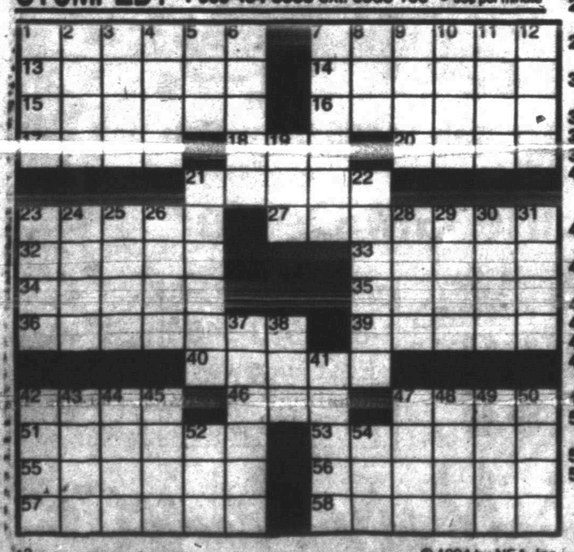

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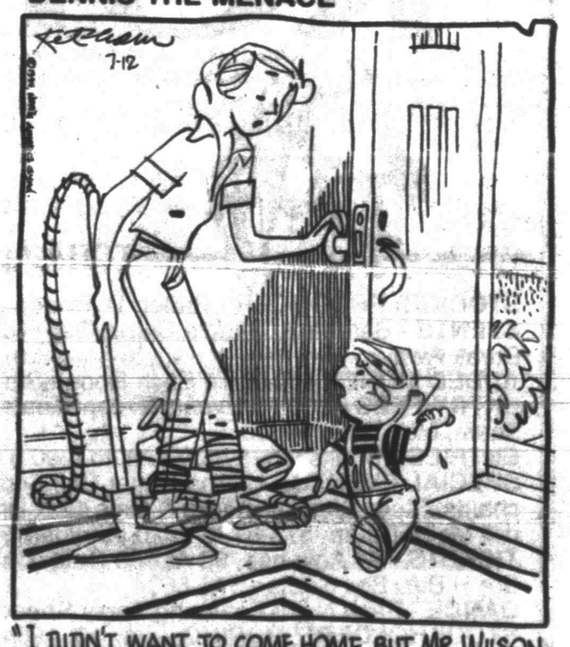

"I DIDN'T WANT TO COME HOME, BUT MR. WILSON MADE ME WANT TO COME HOME!"

Long-ball duel staged by American Leaguers in Home Run Derby

PITTSBURGH (AP) — With each swing, Ken Griffey Jr. and Frank Thomas made Three Rivers Stadium look like a Little League park.

They both hit balls where none had traveled Monday, leading the American League to its fourth straight win in the All-Star home run derby.

Griffey won the contest, but Thomas hit the longest drive, a 519-foot shot that struck a black-and-gold banner bearing Will Clark's name in the upper deck in left-center field.

When Thomas was done — he hit another homer that went more than 500 feet — he was met by a bowing Griffey in the dugout.

Griffey, however, topped Thomas' four homers in 14 swings by hitting seven home runs in 17 tries. He also sent shots into the upper deck, his longest being a 512-footer to right field.

"I thought, maybe, I might hit two out," Griffey said. "I can't even think about upper-deck shots here. It's a long way off."

Only 11 balls have been hit into the upper deck in regulation play since the stadium opened in 1970. Jeff Bagwell hit the longest drive, a 483-footer in 1991.

"Dude, did you ever see one hit up there before? Never!" former Pirates star Barry Bonds said to Pittsburgh coach Rich Donnelly, the batting practice pitcher. "They make this stadium look like it didn't exist. It was awesome."

Griffey, who lost last year's derby in a playoff to Juan Gonzalez in Baltimore, hit five balls into the upper deck.

While he and Thomas dueled for the longest balls and loudest cheers, they joined with Albert Belle and Ruben Sierra for a 17-11 edge over the National League team of Fred McGriff, Mike Piazza, Dante Bichette and Bagwell.

McGriff led the NL with five homers and his longest was 473 feet. Of the 10 longest balls, nine were hit by AL players.

The AL has made the power exhibition a no-contest for four years, combining for an 85-43 edge. Griffey has hit seven homers in each of the last three events; no NL player has ever hit seven since the event started in 1985.

Matt Williams, tied with Griffey for the major league homer lead with 33 this season, might've been able to match Griffey. But Williams declined to participate, believing it might mess up his swing.

"Home runs aren't important to me," he said.

The derby allows players to hit as many home runs as possible until they've made 10 outs. Any swing that does not result in a homer is counted as an out.

Earlier in the day, during a celebrity home run challenge, no one threatened to break any records. Actors Michael Keaton, Tony Danza and Danny Glover, Miami Dolphins quarterback Dan Marino and singer Meat Loaf took turns hitting popups and grounders.

"I'm a contact hitter," Keaton offered. "That's my game. Put it in play, not hit for power."

Then again, Piazza did not do much better. For the second straight year, he was shut out.

Snyder Stars blank Coleman

Cumbie tosses one-hitter, adds pair of homers in 24-0 win

ABILENE — Coleman's Little League All-Stars will have nightmares about Sonny Cumbie for years to come.

The Snyder 12-year-old, a two-time all-star, pitched a one-hitter and hammered two homeruns to lead Snyder to a 24-0 shellacking of Coleman in a Monday elimination game at the District V Little League Baseball Tournament here.

Cumbie ripped his first dinger, a solo shot, to open the Snyder third inning and expand the All-Stars' lead to 5-0.

His second round-tripper was a two-run blast, giving Snyder an 18-0 margin in the fourth.

Cunbie wasn't the only stick in the Snyder lineup. In all, the Stars lifted four homers, including a two-run shot each from Matthew Grimmett and Bebos Martinez in the second inning.

Cumbie led the 14-hit offensive attack with his two homers, a triple and a single in four at-bats. Grimmett was 3-for-5 on the night, adding a double and a base rap, and Garrett Luft was 3-for-3 with a double and an RBI.

Cumbie pitched five innings, fanning eight Coleman batters, walking four and allowing just a leadoff single from Rusty Croft in the first inning.

Andy Parker came on to mop up, tossing a perfect inning of relief.

Snyder bolted to a 4-0 advantage in the second on the homers by Grimmett and Martinez, but the big damage came in the third when 16 hitters stepped to the plate in a 12-run explosion.

The locals added three more in the fourth and five in the sixth.

With the win, Snyder stays alive in the double-elimination tournament. The next opponent for the All-Stars will be Anson, a 13-3 loser to Abilene Dixie on Saturday, today at 6 p.m. at Southern Field.

Other games tonight pit Abilene Northern against Abilene Western in the 6 p.m. game at Dixie Field, Abilene Key City vs. Abilene Dixie at 8 p.m. at Southern, and the 8 o'clock nightcap at Dixie, Abilene Eastern vs. Wylie.

Abilene Western eliminated Dyess AFB, 21-6, and Colorado City was ousted from the tourney with a 10-2 loss to Abilene Southern in Monday games.

The champion of the district tournament, which winds up with the July 19 final, will advance to the state Little League tournament in Waco.

District V Little League
All-Star Tournament
Abilene

July 4 games
Cisco 13, Cross Plains 7
Abilene Eastern 7, Breckenridge 1
Dyess AFB 7, Albany 0
Wylie 22, Hamlin 0
Abilene Key City 22, Coleman 7
Abilene Northern 7, Snyder 2
Clyde 10, Baird 9
Anson 13, Sweetwater West 6

July 5 games
Abilene Dixie 11, Abilene Lone Star 2
Sweetwater East 10, Cisco 9
Abilene Eastern 34, Stonewall-Kent 1
Colorado City 9, Dyess AFB 8

July 6 games
Anson 19, Rotan 8
Abilene Dixie 32, Merkel 2
Key City 10, Abilene Southern 7
Wylie 4, Western 1

July 7 games
Abilene Northern 11, Clyde 3
Dyess AFB 11, Sweetwater West 3
Coleman 19, Cisco 3
Snyder 14, Baird 0

July 8 games
Abilene Southern 6, Cross Plains 1 (Cross Plains eliminated)
Clyde 12, Breckenridge 2 (Breckenridge eliminated)
Albany 21, Rotan 6
Merkel 15, Hamlin 2 (Hamlin eliminated)

July 9 games
Snyder 16, Stonewall-Kent 4 (Stonewall-Kent eliminated)
Abilene Western 6, Abilene Lone Star 4
Abilene Southern 8, Clyde 6 (Clyde eliminated)
Albany 12, Merkel 7 (Merkel eliminated)
Wylie 11, Colorado City 1
Abilene Eastern 6, Sweetwater East 4
Abilene Dixie 13, Anson 3
Abilene Key City 9, Abilene Northern 7

July 11 games
Snyder 24, Coleman 0 (Coleman eliminated)
Abilene Western 21, Dyess 6 (Dyess eliminated)
Abilene Southern 10, Colorado City 2 (Colorado City eliminated)
Sweetwater East vs. Albany, nsa

July 12 games
Snyder vs. Anson, 6 p.m., Southern Field
Abilene Northern vs. Abilene Western, 6 p.m., Dixie Field
Abilene Key City vs. Abilene Dixie, 8 p.m., Southern Field
Abilene Eastern vs. Wylie, 8 p.m., Dixie Field

All-Stars down Merkel at Junior League event

CLYDE — Snyder built an 11-3 lead, then held off a late rally to down Merkel 13-10 in Monday action at the District V Junior League Baseball Tournament here.

Snyder, which pounded Merkel pitcher Rusty Holmes for 17 hits, jumped to a 6-0 lead with four first-inning runs and two more in the second. Merkel answered with a pair in the second and a single run in the third.

Merkel erupted for seven runs in the fifth, after Snyder had put five on the board in the top of the inning.

Snyder wound up the evening with a pair of sixth-inning scores.

Brad Roemisch, who was the winning pitcher, was also one of Snyder's offensive catalysts, going 4-for-5 with a double. Johnny Pena, who also slapped an extra-base hit, and Sam Bedell each finished with three hits in five at-bats.

James Shields doubled, Tyler Warren rapped a pair of singles, and Justin McNair, Cory Mandrell, Jacob Hodges and Wesley Wilson each bagged a hit.

Roemisch was relieved by Wilson during Merkel's fifth-inning surge. Wilson was perfect in two innings of work.

Clay Sparks got three of Merkel's seven hits in as many plate appearances. Merkel is eliminated from the tournament with the loss.

The victory puts Snyder in today's 8:30 p.m. battle against either Albany or Abilene Northern.

The champion of the double-elimination tourney will be decided in the July 19 final.

District V
Junior League Baseball Tournament
at Clyde

July 5 games
Abilene Southwest 10, Snyder 9
Coleman 10, Albany 0

July 6 games
Merkel 21, Breckenridge 4
Abilene North 9, Clyde 8

July 7 games
Wylie 9, Abilene Southwest 8
Colorado City vs. Coleman, suspended by rain

July 8 games
Colorado City 10, Coleman 7
Brazos Valley 18, Merkel 8

July 9 games
Abilene Senior 12, Abilene North 11
Abilene Southwest 7, Breckenridge 6 (Breckenridge eliminated)
Coleman 11, Clyde 7

July 11 games
Snyder 13, Merkel 10
Albany vs. Abilene North, nsa

July 12 games
Abilene Southwest vs. Coleman, 6 p.m.
Snyder vs. Albany-Northern winner, 8:30 p.m.

All-Star festivities under pall of expected baseball walkout

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Frank Thomas propelled baseballs into seats so far from the field they usually don't sell them at Three Rivers Stadium. Ken Griffey Jr. pounded ball after ball into territory even Willie Stargell never reached.

A few feet away, Barry Bonds and Gregg Jefferies alternated between astonishment and uneasy anticipation. How could the National League possibly defend against such awesome American League power in tonight's All-Star game?

"I'm going to be in left field, on the warning track with my back up against the wall," Bonds said. "Man, these guys hit them where they've never hit them before."

"We're not playing the same games as those guys," Jefferies said. "I don't think I could do that with an aluminum bat."

Baseball hasn't seen a season like this in years — three sluggers chasing Roger Maris' home run record, the Cleveland Indians in first place, more teams in the pennant race than out. What a season.

No wonder they call it The Show.

But how long will the show go on?

For all of the excitement, high-five slapping and camaraderie at this All-Star game, there's a troubled tension, and it has nothing to do with balls and strikes. And everything to do with strikes.

Just across Pittsburgh's three rivers, not far from where Griffey and Thomas put on a monstrous and momentous home run duel Monday, the players union pondered the first lengthy post-All-Star game shutdown in history.

Just like a rocket-launched Griffey homer, will this season soon be going, going, gone?

"It's an ugly situation, and it's on everybody's mind," Giants reliever Rod Beck said. "It's just kind of looming."

The union's executive board has the authorization to call a strike at any time. The most likely scenario, a mid-August or early September strike, probably would force a season-ending shutdown and the first autumn without a World Series in 90 years.

The players and owners seem so far apart — the players refusing to even consider a salary cap, the unified owners intent on reforming the game's finances — that a season-saving settlement hardly seems possible.

"I'm having a decent year. You think I want to go on strike?" the Padres' Tony Gwynn said. "But some things are more important."

This ominous talk couldn't come at a worse time for baseball, just when America sinks back in its recliner on a jewel of a July night for a one-night panacea for all of baseball's troubles.

The AL, winner of the last six All-Star games, looks as all-powerful and as awe-inspiring as the NL powerhouse that once won 19 of 20 games. Only the names have changed — instead of Mays, Aaron and Clemente, they're Griffey Jr., Thomas and Ripken.

The AL has won seven of the last eight games, outscoring the outgunned NL 22-9 in the last two. Thomas and Griffey gave NL pitchers a menacing preview of what might be coming, combining for eight homers measuring longer than 450 feet in Monday's home run derby.

"I watch that, and I don't even know why we pitchers are even here," the Royals' David Cone said.

Junior golf clinic planned at WTC

Western Texas College golf pro Rick Kahlich and Snyder High School girls' coach Matt Glenn will be instructors at a junior golf clinic, set for July 18-22 at WTC.

Cost to enter is $50 per player.

Golfers from 8 to 12 years-old will meet for the daily 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. session, while the 10 a.m. to noon class will be for 13 to 17 year-olds.

For more information, contact Kahlich at the WTC Golf Shop, 573-9291.

Gant undergoes surgery for hernia

FORT WORTH (AP) — Hernia surgery may force Dallas Cowboys safety Kenny Gant to miss the first month of training camp, Gant says.

The hernia surgery was the third operation he has undergone during the off-season.

"I'm going to be fine, but I know I want to be back on the field for at least a couple of preseason games," Gant, who underwent surgery Friday, told the Fort Worth Star-Telegram. "I have no idea how I did it. It just happened."

Gant, a fifth-year pro who has excelled for Dallas as a special-teamer and a Nickel back, has a reputation as a quick healer. In recent months, he has had operations on his knee and his shoulder.

"We told him operations are four-for-$1, but hopefully, three will be plenty," joked trainer Kevin O'Neill, who said the club hopes Gant will miss only three weeks.

Gant wore a brace while playing much of last season with a separated shoulder.

"Being in a little pain is not a big issue to me," said Gant, who will not use the shoulder harness this year. "With this (hernia) thing, all I can do is get some rest and wait."

World Cup

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QUARTERFINALS
Saturday, July 9
At Foxboro, Mass.
Italy 2, Spain 1
At Dallas
Brazil 3, Netherlands 2
Sunday, July 10
At East Rutherford, N.J.
Bulgaria 2, Germany 1
At Stanford, Calif.
Sweden 2, Romania 2, Sweden won 5-4 on penalty kicks
SEMIFINALS
Wednesday, July 13
At East Rutherford, N.J.
Italy vs. Bulgaria, 4:05 p.m.
At Pasadena, Calif.
Brazil vs. Sweden, 7:35 p.m.
THIRD PLACE
Saturday, July 16
At Pasadena, Calif.
Semifinal losers, 3:35 p.m.
CHAMPIONSHIP
Sunday, July 17
At Pasadena, Calif.
Semifinal winners, 3:35 p.m.

Baseball glance

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American League

East Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
New York	50	35	.588	—
Baltimore	50	36	.581	½
Boston	42	44	.488	8½
Detroit	40	47	.460	11
Toronto	38	48	.442	12½

Central Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Cleveland	51	33	.607	—
Chicago	52	34	.605	—
Kansas City	45	42	.517	7½
Minnesota	42	44	.488	10
Milwaukee	39	48	.448	13½

West Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Texas	42	45	.483	—
Oakland	39	48	.448	3
California	38	51	.427	5
Seattle	37	50	.425	5

Sunday's Games
Boston 9, Seattle 2
Toronto 7, Kansas City 3
Detroit 6, Texas 5
California 9, New York 6
Oakland 5, Baltimore 4
Chicago 7, Milwaukee 2
Cleveland 9, Minnesota 1
Monday's Games
No games scheduled
Tuesday's Games
All-Star Game at Pittsburgh, 8 p.m.
Wednesday, July 13
No games scheduled

National League

East Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Montreal	54	33	.621	—
Atlanta	52	33	.612	1
Florida	41	47	.466	13½
Philadelphia	41	47	.466	13½
New York	40	47	.460	14

Central Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Cincinnati	52	35	.598	—
Houston	50	38	.568	2½
St. Louis	42	42	.500	8½
Pittsburgh	41	45	.477	10½
Chicago	36	50	.419	15½

West Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Los Angeles	46	42	.523	—
Colorado	42	48	.467	5
San Francisco	39	50	.438	7½
San Diego	35	54	.393	11½

Sunday's Games
St. Louis 6, Atlanta 1
Pittsburgh 7, Cincinnati 6, 11 innings
New York 5, Los Angeles 1
Montreal 8, San Diego 2
San Francisco 2, Philadelphia 1, 10 innings
Florida 6, Colorado 4
Houston 5, Chicago 3
Monday's Games
No games scheduled
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Irish cagers join Big East

SOUTH BEND, Ind. (AP) — Tradition, and the right to call the shots, mean a lot at Notre Dame. It wasn't easy to give up either one.

Ninety-six years after the university played its first men's basketball game, it finally has joined a conference. Notre Dame traded autonomy — a cherished institution under the Golden Dome — for what could be a fast track back to national prominence as the 13th member of the Big East.

The Fighting Irish will compete in the Big East in every sport except football, beginning in 1995. As the only big-money sport involved and the only Notre Dame sport not currently tied to a conference, basketball was the obvious focus of the move announced Monday.

Surrendering its independent status long has been a sore subject for Notre Dame. While basketball coach John MacLeod cheered the lifting of his biggest recruiting barrier, athletic director Dick Rosenthal bristled at the notion that Notre Dame had been forced into a league.

"Clearly, we didn't join the Big East because we wanted to cease being independent," said Rosenthal, in Colorado for what he said was his first real vacation in seven years. "I think Notre Dame could have stayed very well as an independent."

The main reason Notre Dame sought out the Big East last November was to enhance its non-revenue sports, many of which have climbed to national prominence, Rosenthal said.

That opportunity seemed to have been missed just four months ago, when the Big East passed up Notre Dame to concentrate on self-preservation.

The conference expanded to 12 full-time members March 9, adding football-only schools Rutgers and West Virginia but denying the same status to Temple and Virginia Tech, also football-only members.

There never was talk about including Notre Dame's football team.

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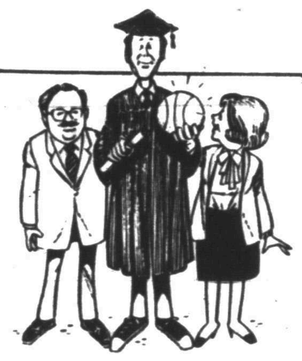

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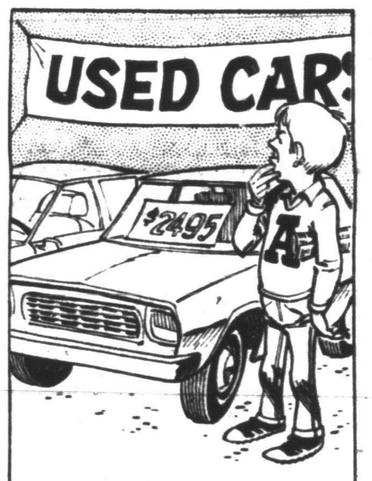

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2301 43rd, 3-2, 2 lv. ar.	65T
40th Pl, 3-2, ws, lg. m/b.	57.5T
2018 37th, 2 story, 3-3-2 sep. apt.	
Westridge, 4-3½, gamerm., pl.	
Lg. Country Home, 5 ac.	110T
202 Birch, 4-2, own. fin.	
218 36th Pl. 2-1, cnr. lot.	
313 33rd, 3-1	27T
2218 Sunset, 2-1	23T
2 comm. lots 1500 College.	5T
1401 Ave. K, 3-2-2.	35T
2701 Ave. G, Duplex.	21T
3112 Ave. C 4-1-2	39T
E 3-2, ch/a, jac. & shop.	25.9T
Own. Fin., 1010 30th	13.5T
3007 40th, 2-1	18.5T
3405 44th, 3-2-2.	55T
2301 43rd, 3-2, 1 liv. ar.	65T
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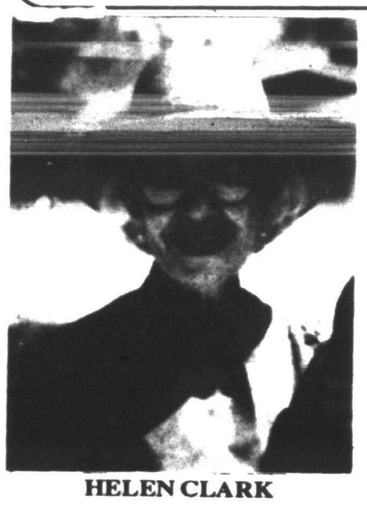

HELEN CLARK

Helen Clark

1909-1994

Helen Boren Clark, Snyder's first public school music teacher, died Monday in Cogdell Memorial Hospital after a long illness. She was 85.

Funeral service for Mrs. Clark is set for 4 p.m. Wednesday in the First Christian Church. Officiating will be Dr. Tim Griffin, pastor. Burial will follow in Hillside Memorial Gardens under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Born May 5, 1909 in Kent County, she married Novis N. Rogers, a Scurry County rancher, on June 18, 1933. He died in 1963.

She married G.B. Clark Jr., owner of Clark Lumber Co., on Jan. 7, 1974. Mr. Clark died in 1980.

She attended West Ward grade school in Snyder and began taking piano lessons at the age of five. She graduated from Snyder High School and then enrolled in Texas Christian University on a music scholarship. She earned a bachelor of music degree from TCU in 1929 and taught piano at TCU from 1927 to 1928. She also graduated from the Fort Worth Conservatory of Music and further studied with Josef Lhevinne at the American Conservatory and the Chicago Musical College with Mosaye Bogulowski.

She was a judge for the National Piano Guild, taught private piano lessons in Snyder and also taught public school music at Fluvanna.

Mrs. Clark was a member of the First Christian Church where she served as organist from 1950 to 1990. She was a member of the Martha Ann Woman's Club, Daughters of the American Revolution and the Alturian Daughters Study Club.

Survivors include and daughter and son-in-law, Nonnie and John Ward of Snyder; a brother, Hugh Boren Jr. of Snyder; and two grandchildren, Leslie Ward of Snyder and Lesa Ward of Lubbock.

Pallbearers will be Sid Johnson, Sonny Harrell, Ray Courtney, John Reed, John Fagin, Ted Crenweige and Travis Hatter.

Ida McElyea

1904-1994

Graveside services are set for 2 p.m. Wednesday in the Snyder Cemetery for Ida Mae McElyea. Officiating will be Homer Anderson, minister of the 37th Street Church of Christ.

Mrs. McElyea, 90, died at 9:35 a.m. today in Snyder Oaks Care Center after a lengthy illness.

Born April 6, 1904 in Lyndale, Tex., she married Audie N. McElyea on Aug. 15, 1922 in Anson. He died in 1988.

She was a long-time resident of both Snyder and Lamesa and had lived in Snyder the last time since 1988. She owned and operated Ida Mae's Beauty shop in both Snyder and Lamesa, and she was a member of the North 14th Street Church of Christ in Lamesa.

Survivors include a daughter and son-in-law, Anna Jo and Hoot Gibson of Lamesa; two grandsons, Joe Gibson of Seminole and Roy Gibson of Jacksonville, Ark.; a brother, Lee Ward of Abilene and four great-grandchildren.

Visitor from LA dies at residence

A 30-year-old visitor from Los Angeles died early this morning at 1007 29th St.

Justice of the Peace Wanda Rushing pronounced Gwen Elizabeth Davis dead at 8:35 a.m. Natural causes was the preliminary ruling, Mrs. Rushing said. The death is believed to have occurred about 6 a.m.

Miss Davis, who had a history of health problems, was visiting her grandmother, Jessie Mae Ewing.

Three arrested for cocaine theft

EL PASO (AP) — Three men have been arrested by federal agents in the theft of 356 pounds of confiscated cocaine stolen from a U.S. Customs warehouse.

Michael LappeD, special agent-in-charge of the El Paso U.S. Customs office, said Monday, "It was good old-fashioned gumshoe investigation" that led to the arrests in the theft of cocaine with an estimated street value of as much as $30 million.

"We anticipate additional arrests," he said.

LappeD identified those arrested as Keith Rudolph Ludwig, 33, of El Paso; Nicholas Henry Ludwig, 37, of Tampa, Fla.; and John Patrick Gordon, no age available, of Largo, Fla.

All were arrested last week. LappeD said the two Ludwigs are brothers. Keith Ludwig is in El Paso County jail, LappeD said. The others are awaiting transfer to El Paso from Florida.

The three are charged with conspiring to steal and distribute cocaine stolen from the warehouse. He would not reveal how the men knew the cocaine was in the warehouse near El Paso International Airport, but he said none of the men worked for the federal agency.

The agent also said he doesn't know what happened to the cocaine. At the time it disappeared some of the drug was awaiting shipment to an undisclosed site in Arizona where it was to be destroyed.

The cocaine was evidence in three separate drug-trafficking cases.

Information received from the public helped solve the case, but LappeD wouldn't be more specific.

"We had a lot of cooperation. There's a lot of good, honest people out there who have their ears to the ground," he said.

Wayward tabby finally found in belly of 747

NEW YORK (AP) — A wayward tabby cat, lost in the bowels of an often-airborne 747 plane for 12 days, was found safe this morning after Tower Airlines agreed to ground the plane for a thorough search.

A smiling Carol Ann Timmel carried her 3-year-old finicky feline, Tabitha, off the plane at Kennedy Airport at 9:15 a.m. after the skittish animal was finally lured by food and her owner's voice from a space beneath the cargo floor.

Tabitha, looking thinner but appearing to be otherwise healthy, was promptly locked in a carrier.

Timmel was moving from New York to Los Angeles on June 30 when Tabitha somehow escaped from her cargo crate. Tabitha's "sister," Pandora, remained in her box.

Tabitha had logged some 25,000 miles since June 30 and became a kitty cause celebre — with everyone from the ASPCA to psychics joining in the search.

The day before Tabitha was found, Tower spokeswoman Carol Dowling said airline officials doubted the cat was still on the plane. Periodic searches had been made, including one by a professional animal rescue company using sophisticated equipment.

Last week, Tower conducted an overnight search at Kennedy Airport to no avail. On Monday, after Timmel filed a lawsuit in state court in Manhattan, the airline grounded the plane for 24 hours to conduct the more thorough search.

Timmel's attorney, Donald David, said the plane was moved to a quieter area of the airport so searchers could listen for meows.

Arafat returns to Gaza Strip

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip (AP) — Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat returned to the Gaza Strip with his wife, Suha, today to take up permanent residence and run the Palestinian self-rule government.

Arafat, president of the new Palestinian National Authority, entered Gaza at the Rafah crossing from Egypt to a more muted reception than for his historic return to the strip after 27 years on July 1.

Small knots of people gathered along the main road to Gaza City to clap, but there were no celebrations and few flags or banners. Sparse crowds greeted the PLO chief when his motorcade whisked into the downtown police headquarters.

At the dusty Rafah border crossing into Gaza, only two members of the new autonomy government and the Palestinian police chief met him.

Israel turned over power in Gaza and the West Bank town of Jericho to the Palestinians in May. The autonomy accord is seen as a five-year interim settlement pending negotiations for a final peace agreement.

Arafat came to the Palestinian homeland earlier this month for a five-day visit, and tens of thousands of people greeted him on his return from 27 years in exile. Afterward, he flew to Paris for a summit with Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin of Israel and to Tunis, where the Palestine Liberation Organization was based for more than a decade, for an official farewell.

In making the permanent move to the autonomous zones today, Arafat faces a transition from guerrilla chief to government leader. He faces enormous problems, such as widespread unemployment in Gaza and a Muslim fundamentalist movement waiting in the wings if he fails.

The subdued greeting he received reflected the widespread skepticism among Palestinians, who have had a steady diet of speeches and televised ceremonies but little meaningful increase in job prospects or housing.

Majed Abu Salem, 22, owns a restaurant at the Shati refugee camp only a few hundred yards from the Palestine Hotel where Arafat was staying.

"This is the best thing for us, to have our president with us, but the streets are unpaved, and there is a housing crisis," he said.

Yusuf Salud, 30, of the Khan Yunis refugee camp, complained that he had not had regular work since losing his job in Israel two years ago.

"What did Arafat bring us? He didn't bring anything new to rejoice over. There should be projects before his arrival," he said. "It is a very sad situation that most people here are unemployed."

Arafat's spokesman told reporters one of the PLO leader's first tasks would be to find a simple place to live for his wife and 50 Palestinian orphans who will come Friday.

The orphans are from the Sabra and Chatilla refugee camps in Beirut, where their parents were massacred by Israeli-backed Christian militiamen. Five have been adopted by Arafat.

Arafat and his entourage arrived from the Egyptian capital, Cairo, after a brief stopover at El Arish in the Sinai desert. More than 1,000 PLO officials were expected to follow them from Tunis.

Arafat was accompanied by his 30-year-old wife and her sister Hala.

County

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ference: None.

—**County Welfare:** Requested: $224,615; Current: $224,458; Difference: +$157.

—**Building Maintenance:** Requested: $250,951; Current: $245,101; Difference: +$5,850.

—**Child Welfare:** Requested: $13,580; Current: $14,000; Difference: -$420.

—**District Court:** Requested: $89,870; Current: $120,070; Difference: -$30,200. The decrease is due to no major capital cases pending.

—**District Judge:** Requested: $7,475; Current: $6,925; Difference: +$550.

—**Justice Court:** Requested: $8,780; Current: $8,780; Difference: None.

—**County Judge:** Requested: $77,100; Current: $75,948; Difference: +$1,152.

—**Tax Assessor:** Requested: $198,830; Current: $198,061; Difference: +$761.

—**Treasurer:** Requested: $78,241; Current: $80,073; Difference: -$2,632.

—**Sheriff:** Requested: $302,824; Current: $309,932; Difference: -$7,108.

—**Jail:** Requested: $490,610; Current: $457,386; Difference: +$33,224. The increase is primarly due to inmate medical expense.

—**Peace Justice 1:** Requested: $80,106; Current: $77,626; Difference: +$2,480.

—**Airport:** Requested: $55,600; Current: $57,100; Difference: -$1,500.

—**Extension Office:** Requested: $64,530; Current: $67,549; Difference: -$3,019.

—**Parks Department:** Requested: $264,811; Current: $265,451; Difference: -$640.

—**Library:** Requested: $189,657; Current: $182,179; Difference: +$7,478.

—**Coliseum:** Requested: $263,888; Current: $267,281; Difference: -$3,393. This includes deletion of a $20,500 grounds maintenance contract, offset by other expense requests.

—**Work Center:** Requested: $7,290; Current: $7,430; Difference: -$140.

—**Health Unit:** Requested: $225,099; Current: $95,369; Difference: +$129,730. The increase is due to the addition of maternal and child healthcare, some $116,672 of which is provided through two grants. The difference, $13,058, is expected to be paid through revenue generated by the new health programs.

Uvalde man is freed

UVALDE (AP) — A man imprisoned for a 1990 rape has been freed because his conviction was based on false testimony by Fred Zain, a fired Bexar County chief serologist.

Gilbert Alejandro, 39, a former football star at Uvalde High School, claimed he was innocent in the sexual assault of a Uvalde County woman. But he was convicted and sentenced to 12 years in prison for the crime.

"It was hard. They had no right to come to my home and arrest me," Alejandro said Monday in the office of lawyer Emmett Harris.

"They said, 'Go ahead and just admit it,' but I didn't let up. I didn't rape the lady, and I'm not going to say I did something when I did not," Alejandro was quoted as saying in Tuesday's San Antonio Express-News.

Alejandro was freed Monday on supervised release by a state district judge pending a hearing.

Dr. Vincent DiMaio, the Bexar County medical examiner, said the case was the first in an ongoing review of Zain's Texas work that indicates his trial testimony conflicted with tests of the evidence.

"Mr. Zain implicated this guy, but the test results excluded him," DiMaio said. "Essentially, the DNA tests were done correctly, but the results reported by Mr. Zain were incorrect."

Zain worked for the medical examiner's office in San Antonio from 1989 until last summer, when he was fired after questions arose about the reliability of his work. DiMaio ordered a review of all cases handled by Zain after a West Virginia investigation.

That probe, ordered by the West Virginia Supreme Court, concluded last year that Zain committed perjury and falsified evidence in numerous cases as a state police technician before coming to Texas.

Marijuana found

CORPUS CHRISTI (AP) — A Corpus Christi man found more than caked mud, oil and grease when he looked under the van his son had purchased at a police impound lot.

The 65-year-old retired bricklayer, who was not identified, said Monday he was working on a brake line when he discovered 14 bundles of marijuana in van's frame.

Markets Midday Stocks

NEWYORK(AP)

	High	Low	Last	
AMR Corp	611/2	603/4	607/8	-1/2
AT&T Corp	53 51-64	531/4	533/8	-1/4
AirTouch n	241/4	233/4	237/8	-1/4
Albtsn s	271/4	267/8	27	-3/8
Alldsignal s	347/8	34	341/4	-3/8
Alltel	251/4	25	251/8	
AmStoress	241/2	24 7-16	241/2	-1/8
Ameritech	387/8	381/2	385/8	-1/4
Amoco	501/4	491/2	493/4	
AndarkPtr	501/2	493/8	493/8	—11/4
ArmcoInc	61/8	57/8	6	+1/4
AtlRichfld	1051/4	1041/2	105	-1/4
ATMOS Egy s	185/8	181/2	181/2	-1/8
Avialll n	91/8	83/4	83/4	-1/4
BakerHughes	215/8	213/8	211/2	
BancTexas	13/8	11/4	13/8	
BellAtl	551/2	55	551/4	-1/8
BellSouth	601/2	601/8	601/4	-3/8
BethSteel	201/8	193/4	20	+3/8
Borden	123/4	125/8	125/8	
BritPet	725/8	721/8	723/8	+1
Caterplr	1071/2	1063/4	1071/8	-1/4
CenSoWst	213/8	211/4	213/8	+1/8
Chevron s	431/4	423/4	43	
Chrysler	485/8	475/8	477/8	-3/8
Coastal	291/2	291/4	293/8	
CocaCola	42	411/2	415/8	-3/8
ColgatePalm	533/8	523/4	531/8	-1/8
ComlMetl s	243/8	241/8	241/8	-1/2
Cooperln	361/2	363/8	363/8	
CyprusAmax	297/8	291/2	293/4	-1/8
DallSemicn	177/8	173/4	173/4	-1/4
DeltaAirl	475/8	467/8	473/8	-1/4
DigitalEq	195/8	193/8	195/8	+1/8
Dillard	331/4	331/8	331/8	-1/8
DowChem	66	651/2	655/8	-3/8
DresserInd	22	213/4	22	
DuPont	585/8	581/8	581/2	-1/8
EastmnCh n	471/4	461/2	463/4	-3/4
EstKodak	483/8	473/4	48	
EljerInd	65/8	65/8	65/8	
Enserch	15	147/8	15	
Entergy	251/8	247/8	247/8	-1/4
Exxon	581/2	58	581/4	-1/4
FlowerInd	163/4	161/2	161/2	+1/4
FordMotor s	307/8	301/8	303/8	
GTE Cp	303/8	301/8	301/4	+1/8
GenDynam s	403/4	40	401/8	-5/8
GenElec s	471/4	465/8	471/8	-1/8
GenMills	523/4	521/2	521/2	-1/4
GenMotors	511/4	501/4	505/8	-3/8
GenMotors E	35	347/8	347/8	-1/8
GaPacif	621/4	615/8	613/4	-3/8
GlobalMar	45/8	41/2	45/8	
Goodrich	437/8	433/8	433/8	-1/2
Goodyear s	36	351/8	351/2	—11/4
GtAtlPac	217/8	215/8	215/8	-1/8
Haliburtn	34	335/8	333/4	-1/4
Hanson ADS	193/8	19	191/4	-1/8
HoustInd	341/8	333/4	333/4	-1/4
IBM	561/8	551/8	551/4	-3/8
IntlPaper	701/2	697/8	701/8	+3/8
JohnsnJns	431/8	425/8	423/4	-1/4
K mart	157/8	155/8	155/8	-1/4
Kroger	241/2	241/4	241/2	+1/8
Litton	337/8	351/4	351/4	-5/8
Lowes s	353/4	353/8	355/8	-1/8
Lubys	231/2	233/8	233/8	+1/8
Maxus	51/2	51/4	53/8	-1/8
MayDeptStrs	385/8	381/8	381/2	-1/8
Medtronic	823/4	817/8	82	-1/4
Mobil	851/4	845/8	843/4	
Monsanto	771/4	77	771/8	+1/8
Motorola s	471/2	461/4	473/8	+25/8
Nationsbk	531/4	527/8	527/8	
NorfkSouth	77	75 1/2	75 1/2	-1/2
NoramEngy	6	57/8	57/8	
Nynex s	37	361/2	365/8	-3/8
OryxEngy	151/8	147/8	15	
PacTelesis	305/8	301/8	301/4	-1/4
PanhECp	20	195/8	197/8	+1/4
Penney JC	483/8	475/8	475/8	-3/8
Pennzoil	503/4	501/4	501/2	-1/4
PepBoys	321/4	317/8	321/4	+1/4
PhelpDodge	563/4	557/8	561/2	
PhilipPet	323/8	321/8	321/4	-1/4
PilgrmPrd	83/8	81/4	83/8	
Polaroid	341/8	333/4	333/4	-3/8
Praxair	197/8	191/2	195/8	-1/4
ProctGamble	55	541/8	541/4	-3/4
PubSNwMx	111/2	111/2	111/2	+1/8
RoyalDutch	1091/8	1085/8	1083/4	-1/4
SFePacCp	191/4	19	191/8	+5/8
SaraLee	193/4	191/2	195/8	-1/8
SearsRoeb	475/8	471/8	471/4	-1/2
SherwinW	301/2	303/8	301/2	-1/8
SmthBchADS	307/8	303/8	303/4	-1/2
SmthBc eqt	273/4	271/2	275/8	-3/4
SouthCo s	183/4	181/2	183/4	
SwstAirlines	281/2	281/8	281/4	
SwBell	437/8	431/2	433/4	+1/8
Sprint	36	355/8	355/8	+3/8
SterlingChm	93/8	93/8	93/8	
SunCo	271/4	263/4	263/4	-1/2
TNP Ent	155/8	153/8	151/2	
Tandy	337/8	335/8	337/8	
TempInl	473/8	471/4	473/8	
Tenneco	451/8	441/2	45	+1/2
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TexasInd	33	321/2	321/2	-1/2
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Wholesale prices are holding steady

WASHINGTON (AP) — Wholesale prices held steady in June after declining for two straight months as food prices remained flat and energy costs rose moderately, the government said today.

The Labor Department also reported that its Producer Price Index, which measures inflation pressures before they reach the consumer, rose just 1.6 percent at an annual rate for the first half of this year. Wholesale prices for the past 12 months have remained unchanged, the department said.

The inflation performance was better than predicted by most analysts, who say more rapid inflation could lie ahead as the economy continues to expand at a healthy clip.

Most analysts estimated in advance of the report that wholesale prices were up 0.3 percent in June after dipping for two straight months.

The consecutive declines in April and May were the first back-to-back decreases since mid-1991.

Excluding more volatile food and energy prices, the index slipped 0.1 percent in June after rising 0.4 percent in May.

Energy prices rose 0.3 percent last month, led by a 1.5 percent rise in gasoline and 1.6 percent increase in heating oil. Energy prices had dropped 1 percent in May.

The Labor Department is scheduled to announce consumer prices for June on Wednesday.

Despite the good news, analysts are expecting more inflation ahead because some commodity prices already are higher and the latest government figures indicate worker shortages are possible.

Food prices were unchanged after declining 0.9 percent in May.

In June, prices for beef dropped 2.7 percent and pork, 3.4 percent. But poultry prices rose 0.6 percent and fish surged 6.8 percent.

Vegetable prices soared 32 percent, led by snap beans and asparagus. It was the largest jump since October 1992 when vegetables rose 35.1 percent.

But fruit prices declined 10.9 percent in June, the best showing since they were down 12.1 percent in January.

Births

Shannon Messenger announces the birth of a baby girl, born Sat. July 9, at 11:59 p.m. in Cogdell Memorial Hospital. She weighed 7 lbs. and 5½ ozs. and was named Ashton Colby.

Hospital Notes

ADMISSIONS: Stella Billingsley, Hermleigh; Ezell Birmingham, 3304 Ave. J; Weldon Cook, 2334 Sunset; Jina Henderson, 4310 Lubbock; Raymond House, 2806 33rd; Steven Riggs, Irving, TX.

DISMISSALS: Tom Hargrove, Shannon Messenger and baby; Wendy Riffe and baby; Ronnie Rinehart.

Census: Long-term care, 34; Med. 3, 11; Nur., 1; OB, 1; CCU, 1. Total 48.

Area officers are kept busy

Snyder area peace officers made six arrests and investigated cases of family violence, theft and criminal mischief during the past 24 hours.

Sheriff's deputies arrested 30-year-old Randall Free at 3:43 p.m. Monday on a felony probation violation warrant.

At 6:37 p.m., police officers arrested a 21-year-old woman in the 1000 block of 32nd Street on 10 warrants for issuing bad checks.

Officers responded to a dispute in the 3200 block of Avenue L at 11:54 p.m. and arrested a 44-year-old man for assault/family violence.

Police arrested a 19-year-old woman in the 2700 block of Avenue W at 1 a.m. today on charges of public intoxication, minor in possession and permitting an unlicensed driver to drive. Also arrested was a 14-year-old boy for probation violation, operating a vehicle with no license, no liability insurance and minor in possession.

At 2:55 a.m. today, a man contacted sheriff's deputies in reference to a subject taking a .22 caliber rifle from his residence along East Highway 180. The suspect, a 33-year-old man, was arrested at 3:22 a.m. and charged with theft.

A woman came to the law enforcement center at 4:12 a.m. today to complain that she had been assaulted. A report for assault was filed.

Sheriff's deputies were contacted at 3 p.m. Monday in reference to a light missing from a traffic barricade. A report for theft was filed.

At 7:37 p.m. Monday, a caller requested an officer in reference to some criminal mischief done to his property. A report for Class B criminal mischief was filed.

Dr. Gott By Peter Gott, M.D.

Is magnetic therapy a real cure?

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I have used magnetic therapy for over three years with great satisfaction. I have a mattress pad with magnets placed evenly in rows, concentrated more where the body and legs would be most of the time while in bed. What is your knowledge of this therapy and can you explain why it works?

DEAR READER: "Magnetic therapy" is considered by responsible medical authorities to be yet another method of separating naive consumers from their bucks. Proponents of this technique claim that the magnetic forces contained in objects such as copper bracelets and magnets placed against the skin or in bedding will ensure good health and cure an astounding variety of diseases. There are no valid scientific studies supporting these claims.

If you want to sleep with magnets, fine; but see your doctor periodically for routine examinations.

DEAR DR. GOTT: Is it true that women who take additional thyroid medication because it gives them more zip and stamina risk developing osteoporosis?

DEAR READER: Although the precise cause of osteoporosis is unknown, one fact is abundantly clear: Excess thyroid hormone accelerates the loss of calcium from the bones of both men and women, causing a more severe form of osteoporosis to appear earlier. This is the reason that good doctors are so fastidious about monitoring patients who require thyroid supplements. It's vital that such patients not be over-dosed.

In my view, and in the opinion of experts, blood tests of thyroid function performed at least annually are mandatory for good care. Using such blood tests, physicians can adjust the dose of thyroid medication to avoid inducing accelerated osteoporosis.

Thyroid hormone is powerful medicine. It must not be used in a cavalier fashion to provide more "zip" or to lose weight. Thyroid supplements should be prescribed only on the basis of a documented deficiency (as judged by blood tests), for which careful monitoring is available.

The answer to your question is a qualified "yes": Women who need thyroid supplements should take them; women who don't run the risk of accelerated osteoporosis.

To give you more information, I am sending you a free copy of my Health Report "Osteoporosis." Other readers who would like a copy should send $2 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to P.O. Box 2433, New York, NY 10163. Be sure to mention the title.

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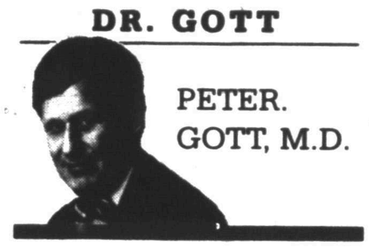

PETER. GOTT, M.D.

Government losing millions on cheap TV tower leases

WASHINGTON (AP) — First it was the ranchers. Now radio and television broadcasters in the West are faced with defending the bargain rents they pay the federal government.

Congressional auditors say broadcasters are paying at least 10 times less than they should for valuable transmitter sites near Los Angeles and other major Western cities.

In a report that mirrors criticism of federal grazing programs, the General Accounting Office said the fees are "significantly below the fair market value."

The report was to be released at a congressional hearing today.

"Some communication broadcasters have had a free ride on the backs of the taxpayers," said Rep. Bruce Vento, D-Minn., chairman of the House Natural Resources public lands subcommittee. "All we're asking for is a fair rate of return for the use of public lands."

Broadcasters dispute the government appraisals and the GAO's findings.

"They really printed what they wanted to," said Jerry Danziger, vice chairman of KOB-TV in Albuquerque, N.M. The current fees are too low but the government wants to raise them too much, he said.

The Forest Service estimates it collects just 10 percent of what the leases are worth. The Bureau of Land Management says its fees are 50 to 65 percent of market value.

But as in similar attempts to raise federal grazing fees, congressional actions have so far blocked both agencies from raising the broadcasters' rates.

For the past five years, congressional appropriations bills have limited how much the Forest Service and BLM could raise the fees, GAO said. "As long as these limits are in effect, the fees charged will not reflect the communications sites' fair market value," the auditors said.

The sites are typically small but strategic mountaintop parcels large enough for a building and transmitter tower. Besides broadcasters, the sites are leased for mobile radio and cellular telephone services.

The Forest Service has 6,000 such leases, and BLM has an additional 3,000. The agencies collect about $4 million on the leases.

Perception of flip-flops damage Clinton

By WALTER R. MEARS
AP Special Correspondent

WASHINGTON (AP) — Granted, the Haiti dilemma is not the most important foreign policy problem facing the White House — but it is worsening, it is embarrassing and it may soon be pressing for President Clinton.

It is becoming a test case in the field that has been one of Clinton's most vulnerable. The polls indicate shaky public confidence in the clarity and reliability of his foreign policy decisions.

Now his critics, left and right, complain of inconsistency on the Haiti problem. Republicans contend that will stir doubts as the administration tries to deal with other, more menacing situations abroad.

While the White House played down Haiti as not the most important of foreign policy problems, those impressions are important, and damaging.

The argument can only intensify with Congress reconvening while the defiant military bosses of Haiti expel international human rights observers.

Clinton has reversed himself twice on the handling of Haitian refugees, part of a process that has produced four varying policies in the U.S. effort to dislodge the military rulers and restore the elected government that was ousted in September 1991.

He has reserved the option of military intervention, underscored now by the deployment of 2,000 U.S. Marines in the region and the eight Navy and 15 Coast Guard vessels off Haiti to deal with fleeing refugees and to back the United Nations trade embargo against the current regime.

"There's no invasion imminent, but our military options are now and have been on the table," Vice President Al Gore said Monday.

But the chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Committee said he didn't think a case had been made for military intervention. Rep. Lee Hamilton, D-Ind., said the mood in Congress probably would be against it, unless American lives were in danger.

The public opinion polls show scant support for U.S. military action to put deposed President Jean-Bertrand Aristide back in power in Haiti. A poll published by Newsweek showed two-thirds opposition; it was 54 percent against and 28 percent in favor in an Associated Press survey a month ago.

Awkwardly, though, Aristide has said he doesn't want to be restored to the presidency by the U.S. military. "Well, I think that does pose an interesting question for our policy," William Gray, the former congressman who now is Clinton's adviser-envoy on Haiti, said Sunday.

He didn't answer it. But he said in a CNN interview that a president would have a hard time sending Americans into the line of fire to restore a man who was going to criticize the operation.

Clinton's current formulation relies on the tightened economic embargo, with refugee rules meant to curb the surge of boat people fleeing Haiti, nearly 20,000 of them in the past month before a sudden slowdown over the weekend.

The revised rule was adopted less than a month after the administration began offering political asylum hearings to fleeing Haitians intercepted at sea, instead of sending virtually all of them back.

That direct return policy was George Bush's answer when fleeing Haitians swamped U.S. process efforts. Clinton denounced the policy in 1992, but then adopted it as unavoidable when he became president.

Liberals, the Congressional Black Caucus and an activist's hunger strike all had pressed him to change course. When Clinton did so, he said he wasn't opening the floodgates to refugees. But the exodus that followed led to yet another policy shift.

Now the problem is to find nations in the region willing to provide haven to Haitians, temporarily, pending a change in government in Haiti. U.S. envoys are working on those arrangements.

Panama's president agreed, then reneged. His successor has said he'll do it later this year after he takes office. Gray has said there will be five haven countries.

While that moves in the direction the black caucus was advocating, it hasn't gained Clinton much credit; the chairman of the 39-member group said the policy has been "up and down, back and forth, in and out."

"I think it hurts American prestige and it confuses all Americans," said Rep. Kweisi Mfume, D-Md., head of the organization Gray once led when he was in the House.

EDITOR'S NOTE — Walter R. Mears, vice president and columnist for The Associated Press, has reported on Wahington and national politics for more than 30 years.

Teen-ager in Rwanda waits for rebel soldiers to kill him

GISENYI, Rwanda (AP) — Andyman Wilson Nzabundora swims in Rwanda's Lake Kivu and waits for rebel soldiers to kill him.

In three months of ethnic massacre in Rwanda, the 14-year-old Hutu has already lost his 8-year-old brother to rebel-fired mortar shell, a two-month-old nephew to a machete wielded by a member of the rival Tutsi group, and his home in the capital of Kigali.

He is one of an estimated 1 million members of the Hutu ethnic group who have fled to the Gisenyi district as rebels of the Tutsi-dominated Rwandan Patriotic Front drive relentlessly westward.

"We swim and wait for the RPF. Then they will kill us. All of us," Nzabundora said, dripping wet on the sandy beach of Lake Kivu.

On Monday, RPF fighters were within a mile of Ruhengeri, the country's third-largest city, said a French military source. That gave them only about 40 miles to go to Gisenyi, the Zairean border town where the Hutu-led government set up after being driven out of Kigali.

Foreign Minister Jerome Bicamumpaka says he will not ask for permission for Rwandans to cross the border into Zaire unless they are at risk of rebel attack.

So the refugees that have made it to Gisenyi are stuck there, and conditions grow more grisly as thousands more arrive.

The Hutus are staying along the lakeshore, at schools, in a soccer stadium, and at a town square that stinks of human waste.

The International Red Cross Committee shuttled another 70 tons of food and water to the refugees Monday, but delegation leader Johanna Grombach said much more will be needed.

"The ICRC will not be able to take care of all these people alone, we will need help from other humanitarian groups," Grombach said.

All day Monday, refugees pressed into Gisenyi, where a lakefront of beautiful villas for the rich and for tourists hides an ugly, dusty mishmash of hovels in the hills above.

"We expect a human catastrophe," said Pauline Nyiramasuhuko, families minister of the self-appointed Hutu government. "People are coming from everywhere — Kigali, Ruhengeri, Gitarama, Butare. Gisenyi is too small for all of them."

Disappointment was turning to anger at the stadium.

"We came to Gisenyi because our government is here," said Augustin Ndahayo, 28. "But they are doing nothing for us. The soldiers are here to protect the government from us, not us from the rebels."

"We are doing the best we can. But we have no food, no water, nothing to offer them," said Information Minister Eliezer Niyitegeica, before having a lunch of chicken, french fries and beer at government headquarters at the Meridien Hotel, less than a mile from the stadium.

A recent U.N. report said 200,000 to 500,000 people have been killed since the massacres began after President Juvenal Habyarimana, a Hutu, died in a mysterious plane crash April 6.

Aid agencies say the death toll could be as high as 1 million. Two million people, of a population of 7.4 million, are unaccounted for.

Most of the massacres have been by government-trained Hutu militias against Tutsis.

Webber, Dunaway lawsuit possible

NEW YORK (AP) — Andrew Lloyd Webber to Faye Dunaway: Put up yer dukes!

The impresario said he welcomes the chance to settle his "Sunset Boulevard" problems with the actress in court.

Webber closed the Los Angeles production of his musical last month, short-circuiting Dunaway's debut as silent screen star Norma Desmond. He claimed her voice wasn't up to the demands of the show.

Dunaway hired a lawyer Friday. Webber said good riddance Monday. No legal action has yet been taken.

"No sane man would close a show that in its last month was grossing an average of over $900,000 a week in LA, is the highest grossing show in London, is to open in Toronto and Frankfurt in 1995 and will open to the highest advance in Broadway history, unless there was a very, very good reason," Webber said.

Henry VIII ascended to the throne of England in 1509 after the death of his father, Henry VII.

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Air-conditioners are in short supply

BOSTON (AP) — Americans hoping to buy relief from the heat are finding that cold cash is not enough [illegible] across the country are running out of air conditioners.

Retailers say their inventories were depleted over the winter by customers who learned from last year's heat wave to buy early. Manufacturers say they can't make enough new air conditioners because it takes too long to import the parts.

"Universally, across the board, retailers are having a hard time keeping up with demand," said Julie Mullian, a spokeswoman for the Circuit City appliance store chain in Richmond, Va., where the temperature reached 99 degrees last weekend.

Shelves that usually hold small air conditioners were empty Monday at the Sears in Boston's Cambridge section. A salesman said his department ran out of the units three weeks ago, even though he ordered 30 percent more than last year.

The store hung signs apologizing for the shortage and telling customers, "Sears cannot guarantee the availability of any air conditioner unit in the future."

Circuit City said it had air conditioners available in cities like Dallas, where most buildings and [illegible] systems. The extra inventory was being shipped to places like Philadelphia, where people in older homes rely on window units, Mullian said.

Bob McHenry, a spokesman at Sears, Roebuck and Co. headquarters in Chicago, said the company's warehouses already were empty nationwide. Temperatures were in the 90s and 100s through most of the country last week.

"The heat wave has hit the entire country," McHenry said. "We're a smart company. If we had them we'd be moving them around."

McHenry attributes the shortage to smart consumers who learned to buy ahead during the heat wave last summer. He said strong air conditioner sales between January and April depleted inventory.

Whirlpool Corp. spokeswoman Carolyn Verweyst said the shortage starts in Asia and South America, where factories make compressors, the cooling boxes inside air conditioners.

All-out health reform: no bi-partisan support

WASHINGTON (AP) — Overhauling the entire U.S. health system would be "premature and ill-advised," and President Clinton and Congress should settle for less, says a bipartisan group of former government officials.

"Reforming the health system cannot be achieved in one omnibus piece of legislation," the Committee for a Responsible Federal Budget said in a bluntly worded, 148-page report Monday.

The group predicted that even President Clinton's health plan would cover no more than 95 percent of Americans. Some employers and individuals would find ways to dodge the mandates, it said.

The committee monitors the budget and pushes for deficit reduction. It is chaired by former Rep. Robert N. Giaimo, D-Conn., and former Sen. Henry Bellmon, R-Okla.

Its directors include such former officeholders as Edmund S. Muskie, Warren B. Rudman, David Stockman, Roy L. Ash, William H. Gray III, Robert S. Strauss, Paul E. Tsongas, Peter G. Peterson and Paul A. Volcker.

The group urged Congress and the White House to press ahead with insurance market reforms, cutting red tape, changing malpractice laws and overriding state laws that block managed care. The report concluded that "a strong enough consensus does not yet exist to support changes to our economy of the sheer magnitude contemplated."

It said Clinton's plan and major alternatives were hobbled by "uncertain long-term financing, which raises serious concerns about their long-term viability."

The report did not address specifics of the four bills that emerged in the past month from congressional committees. Three would require employers to help pay their workers' premiums starting in 1998; the Senate Finance Committee plan would not require coverage, but would aim to boost the number of Americans with insurance to 95 percent by 2002.

The budget-watchers criticized the general tenor of the congressional debate, saying more attention has been paid to expanding benefits than to figuring out how to pay for them. That "is a recipe for disaster," it said.

Federal mandates "are taxes and should be treated as such," it said. Employees, not their employers, "will end up paying most of the bill, either in lower cash wages or higher prices."

It called universal coverage "a means to an end — not the end itself."

The report said community rating — charging everyone the same premiums — would force the young to subsidize the old, and the healthy to subsidize the sick. It said the young are being told that their health benefits will be subsidized when they get older.

But that is the same argument made for Social Security, the committee said. Health reform "potentially could exacerbate the problems we will face as the baby-boom generation retires and the ratio of active to retired workers falls," it said.

Democratic leaders are trying to merge the committee-produced health bills and bring them to the floor of the House and Senate for debate and votes over the next month.

Would-be bodyguard sentenced

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — Tonya Harding's would-be bodyguard would not go calmly to prison, disrupting his sentencing hearing with demands for a psychologist and a diatribe against the local prosecutor.

Shawn Eckardt's 18-month sentence for his role in the clubbing of Nancy Kerrigan was determined more than two months ago when he agreed to plead guilty to racketeering.

But before the 310-pound weightlifter left the courtroom in handcuffs on Monday, he fired his attorney, demanded testimony from his psychologist, and complained about Harding's lack of jail time for her role in the affair.

"Mr. Eckardt, you have become a very well-known person," Circuit Judge Philip Abraham said. "There are adjectives that can be added to your name, something like infamous, notorious, greedy, dishonest, even stupid."

Shane Stant and Derrick Smith are already serving 18-month terms for conspiracy to commit second-degree assault. They and Harding's ex-husband, Jeff Gillooly, admitted they conspired to injure Kerrigan to knock her out of the U.S. Figure Skating Championships in Detroit.

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Today is the 193rd day of 1994 and the 22nd day of summer.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1962, the Rolling Stones gave their first performance in public.

[illegible] Caesar (100 B.C.-44 B.C.), Roman statesman; Henry David Thoreau (1817-1862), writer-naturalist; R. Buckminster Fuller (1895-1983), architect-writer; Pablo Neruda (1904-1973), poet; Milton Berle (1908-), comedian, is 86; Andrew Wyeth (1917-), artist, is 77; Van Cliburn (1934-), pianist, is 60; Bill Cosby (1938-), comedian-actor, is 56; Richard Simmons (1948-), fitness advocate, is 46.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1979, a "Disco Demolition Night" promotion between games of a doubleheader at Chicago's Comiskey Park led to a miniriot and the forfeiture of the second game by the White Sox to Detroit.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Beware of all enterprises that require new clothes." — Henry David Thoreau

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1984, lightning three miles distant from the nearest rainstorm struck and killed a golfer in Tucson, Ariz.

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TODAY'S MOON: Between new moon (July 8) and first quarter (July 15).

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NYC cop gets 14 year term

NEW YORK (AP) — When Michael Dowd was arrested in 1992, he did what any suspect might do: He planned his escape.

Dowd, however, was no ordinary criminal. He wore a New York Police Department badge. And according to federal prosecutors, his plot demonstrated the depth of his corruption.

Free on bail, Dowd decided to rob a cocaine "stash house" and kidnap a drug dealer's widow, according to court papers released Monday. Dowd was trying to raise enough cash to flee to Nicaragua with his wife and two sons.

He never made it.

On Monday, U.S. District Court Judge Kimba Wood sentenced Dowd to 14 years in prison on drug and racketeering charges, about two years less than the maximum recommended in his plea agreement.

Wood said Dowd would have received a much harsher sentence had he not cooperated with the Mollen Commission, a mayoral panel investigating the city's biggest police scandal in 20 years.

Before sentencing, Dowd tearfully apologized to his family and "to each and every police officer."

Dowd, 33, joined the force in 1982. He landed in a precinct where supervision was lax, temptations abundant and his decline swift.

Last year, Dowd told the commission about snorting lines of cocaine from the dashboard of his patrol car, organizing "crews" of officers to raid drug dens for cash and narcotics, and selling the stolen drugs on Long Island, where he lived.

Making as much as $4,000 a week in protection money from drug dealers, Dowd drove a sports car, owned four homes and took exotic vacations.

Mail delivery in some cities too slow, new study reveals

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Postal Service has a mixed message for Chicago and other cities plagued by slow mail last winter: Mail moved faster in the spring, but still wasn't up to snuff.

Generally, areas hit hard by snow and ice saw better service when the weather warmed. But for many of those cities, delivery during the most recent postal quarter was down from the same period the year before — a better comparison because it takes into account seasonal changes in mail volume.

Quality of first-class mail service varied greatly from city to city, a Postal Service study released today shows. The survey covers the three-month period ending May 27.

Billings, Mont., and Wichita, Kan., scored highest — 93 percent of test letters mailed within their overnight delivery areas arrived on time, a slight improvement from the year before.

At the bottom of the list, only 62 percent of the letters arrived overnight in New York and Washington, D.C. Both of them slipped from the same period in 1993.

Postmaster General Marvin Runyon has said the general slowdown was the result of his efforts to update the service's management structure and "corporate culture." In remarks prepared for delivery in Boston today, the chairman of the postal board of governors endorses that view.

"Clearly the Postal Service has lost some momentum during the past year as it has sorted out its new operating structure," Sam Winters says.

But the service problems are being fixed, he says, and "the Postal Service is on track."

Nationally, 82 percent of mail slated to arrive overnight made it on time in the most recent quarter, down from 84 percent in the same period in 1993.

Last winter, on-time delivery fell to 79 percent — the lowest quarterly score since the current survey began in 1991.

Chicago came to symbolize the problem: There were reports of thousands of pieces of mail found burning under a viaduct, some 30,000 aging mail pieces hidden in a postal truck, 20,000 more thrown into the garbage and huge piles languishing in back rooms of post offices.

The Postal Service sent a special task force to straighten up the city's problems with a back-to-basics approach that emphasized following standard procedures and treating customers with courtesy.

Chicago's score climbed almost 10 percentage points from last quarter, to 75 percent on time this spring, officials said.

But Chicago still lags behind its performance for the spring of last year, when 82 percent of Chicago's mail was on time.

In the most recent quarter, the lowest-ranking cities for on-time delivery after Washington and New York were: Philadelphia and San Juan, Puerto Rico, 68 percent; Baltimore, 69 percent; northern Virginia suburbs of Washington, 71 percent; the New York City boroughs of Brooklyn and Queens and the southern Maryland suburbs of Washington, 73 percent; and the Virgin Islands, 74 percent.

Top performers, in addition to Billings and Wichita, were Buffalo, N.Y., Manchester, N.H., San Diego and Seattle, all with 91 percent on time.

Five cities scored 90 percent: Des Moines, Iowa; Honolulu; Long Beach, Calif.; Portland, Maine; and Spokane, Wash.

Cisneros not planning venture into politics

FORT WORTH (AP) — When Henry Cisneros picks up a crowbar Wednesday and begins razing boarded-up barracks that once passed for public housing in West Dallas, he also hopes to start tearing down the policies of the past.

It could be another defining moment for the nation's top housing official, a 47-year-old Hispanic politician who rose to the first tier of President Clinton's Cabinet after his role in the Los Angeles earthquake relief effort.

Clinton likes Cisneros' enthusiasm for new ideas, often calling on the secretary of housing and urban development for advice.

"I have no political plan or timetable of any kind," Cisneros told the Fort Worth Star-Telegram in today's editions. "I have no great illusions about the uniqueness of my vision or of my skills."

Gov. Ann Richards said the former San Antonio mayor has any political future he wants, and associates are pushing him to break through the conventional wisdom that Democrats are no longer viable in a Republican-dominated Texas.

"He is far and away the most charismatic Democrat we have in Texas," said Austin consultant Jack DeVore, who served as spokesman for former Sen. Lloyd Bentsen, now the Treasury secretary.

Nonetheless, Cisneros said he's "not thinking about running for anything."

Statewide seats up for grabs in the coming years are the seat held by Republican Sen. Phil Gramm, up in 1996, and the next gubernatorial race in 1998.

Not only has Cisneros come back from a very public marital rift and political exile, he's had other accomplishments as well. In May, he was named one of the world's 50 most beautiful people by "People" magazine.

In Washington, there is no shortage of Cisneros boosterism among officials or housing advocates.

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