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THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "In today's technology, the geek have already inherited the earth."

The census comes around every 10 years. Just think what was on the minds of Americans 100 years ago.

These tidbits came from the Association of Professional Genealogists.

—100 years ago, the average life expectancy in the U.S. was 47 years.

—Only 14 percent of homes had a bathtub.

—Eight percent of homes had a telephone, and a three-minute call from Denver to New York cost $11.

—In the U.S., there were only 8,000 cars and 144 miles of paved roads.

—The maximum speed limit in most cities was 10 mph.

—Alabama, Mississippi, Iowa and Tennessee were more heavily populated than California.

—The tallest structure in the world was the Eiffel Tower.

—Average wage in the U.S. was 22 cents an hour. The average annual pay was $300 a year.

—A competent accountant could expect to earn $2,000 annually, a dentist $2,500, a vet up to $4,000 and a mechanical engineer could make $5,000.

—More than 95 percent of all births occurred at home.

—90 percent of all physicians had no college education. Instead, they attended med schools which were condemned in the press and called substandard by the government.

—Sugar cost four cents a pound, eggs were 14 cents a dozen and coffee sold for 15 cents a pound.

—Canada passed a law prohibiting poor people from entering the country for any reason, even as a traveler.

—The leading causes of death in the U.S. were, in order, pneumonia and influenza, tuberculosis, diarrhea, heart disease, stroke.

—The American flag had 45 stars. Arizona, Oklahoma, New Mexico, Hawaii and Alaska had yet to be admitted to the union.

—The population of Las Vegas, Nev. was 30, inhabited only by a handful of ranchers and their families.

—Plutonium, insulin and antibiotics had yet to be discovered. Scotch tape, crossword puzzles, canned beer and iced tea had yet to be invented.

—There was no Mother's or Father's Day. One in 10 U.S. adults could not read or write and only six percent of all Americans had a high school diploma.

—Some medical authorities warned that professional seamstresses were apt to become sexually aroused by the steady rhythm of the sewing machine's foot pedal. They recommended slipping bromide – which was thought to diminish desire – into the seamstress' drinking water.

—There were about 230 reported murders in the U.S. annually.

Surely one of the victims was the person who spiked the drinking water with bromide.

Jeff Reecer leaving...

Cogdell administrator resigns

Jeff Reecer, chief executive officer of Cogdell Memorial Hospital since March 1994, told his administrative staff Wednesday afternoon that he has submitted his resignation to the hospital board and would be leaving his position around Aug. 1.

"We're going to the Metroplex," Reecer said this morning.

"I have a couple of things I'm looking into there, and there will be more opportunities for Dena also," said Reecer.

Reecer's wife, Dena, is an attorney.

"She needs a bigger market for her work," said Reecer.

Reecer also said that both he and his wife have family in the Dallas-Ft. Worth area.

"I think the move will be good for all of us,' Reecer said.

The couple have two children, Chloe who is seven, and Aaron, three.

On why he resigned, Reecer just said it was time to move on and he had no regrets.

"I think I am leaving Cogdell Hospital better than I found it," said Reecer. "This is certainly not saying anything bad about Tom (Tom Hochwalt was the previous administrator), because the next administrator will leave it better than how I am leaving it."

"I feel good about what we have accomplished here," said Reecer.

Reecer is a native of Lockney and served as administrator of his hometown hospital before moving to Snyder.

He is a graduate of Texas Tech with both undergraduate and advanced degrees. Besides the Lockney W.J. Mangold Memorial Hospital, Reecer has also worked at the Sierra Medical Center in El Paso.

His wife is a graduate of the University of Texas and the Texas Tech Law school.

Jeff Reecer

Cave says board will be in no great hurry to find replacement

Cogdell Memorial Hospital board president Jim Bob Cave said this morning that the board would be in no great hurry to replace hospital administrator Jeff Reecer.

"We'll take whatever time we need to get the right person and find one the board is really enthused about," said Cave.

Cave said the hospital is on a month-to-month basis with the management contract with Covenant Healthcare Systems and if necessary, an interim administrator would be provided by Covenant.

Cave emphasized that regardless of whether Cogdell continues with a management contract with Covenant or not, the selection of a new administrator will be made by the local board.

"Our board is the one that will select the next CEO," said Cave. "Covenant will not be making the decision of who the next CEO will be."

"We appreciate what Jeff has done for the hospital," said Cave. "He has overcome a lot of obstacles in his time here."

Cave said the hospital has enjoyed recent success in recruiting two physicians, and had excellent scores on the joint commission survey.

"We wish him the best and now the board will look at his replacement as another step forward for the hospital."

County Judge Ricky Fritz said he did not feel the commissioners court would give any input as to a new administrator.

"That is a function of the hospital board," said Fritz.

Jim Bullard, vice president of regional operations for Covenant, said in the opinion of Covenant, Reecer has done an excellent job at Cogdell.

"This is a tough time in the health industry and not just in Snyder," said Bullard, noting that an Abilene hospital has discontinued its helicopter ambulance service and curtailed expansion plans.

"We're still ready to help Snyder in any way possible," emphasized Bullard.

BCD agrees to fund survey

The Board of County Development during its quarterly meeting Wednesday, granted a request from the Development Corporation of Snyder for funding to conduct a labor survey in a three county area.

The action authorized John DeLille, DCOS executive director, to spend up to $14,500 for the labor survey, which will be conducted in Scurry, Mitchell and Nolan counties.

The actual cost could be less, depending on whether Mitchell County chooses to participate in the funding.

DeLille said Nolan County has committed to participate, but Mitchell has not.

He noted that the labor survey would be a valuable recruiting tool and was needed to determine skill levels of the counties' labor pool and to assure industrial prospects that the area has an available labor force.

DeLille explained that if all three counties participated in the funding that the survey would consist of random telephone calls to 500 people in each county.

If Mitchell chooses not to participate, 200 telephone calls would still be made to the county, along with 400 calls each in Scurry and Nolan, but the data gathered would not be shared with Mitchell County.

In other business, Scurry County Judge Ricky Fritz administered the oath of office to reappointed members David Kattes, David Koonce and Jerry Martin.

BCD board members also approved the financial statements and one bill for payment.

Board president Tony Scott presided and all members were present including Kattes, Koonce, Martin, and Terry Hefner.

Inspectors gunned down

SAN LEANDRO, Calif. (AP) — A man who protested government inspections of his sausage factory was in custody today after allegedly shooting three inspectors to death and chasing a fourth with a gun after they showed up for a visit.

The Santos Linguisa factory had recently reopened after being closed for health violations. Its owner, Stuart Alexander, is a former mayoral candidate in this Bay Area community with a history of legal and financial problems.

The bodies of the three victims — two inspectors for the U.S. Department of Agriculture and a state meat inspector — were found in a corner office Wednesday. They had multiple gunshot wounds.

A FRIENDLY ROUND — Long-time friends Bob O'Day (left) and Sammy Baugh enjoy a round of golf at Western Texas College. O'Day is a tournament director of the Slingin' Sammy Baugh Celebrity Classic, which tees off at 10 a.m. Friday and Saturday. A total of 37 celebrities will be on hand for the event, including Darrell Royal, Spike Dykes, Walt Garrison, John David Crow and Jack Pardee. (SDN Staff Photo)

Bush not budging on Graham execution in spite of protests

AUSTIN (AP) — After days of being heckled by death penalty opponents, Gov. George W. Bush was retreating to the quiet of his Capitol office to await a state board's decision on whether convicted murderer Gary Graham should die by lethal injection Thursday.

He refused to bow to protests that followed him throughout a three-day tour of the West Coast, and shrugged off any consequences the execution could pose to his bid for the White House.

"I'm going to uphold the law of the land. And if it costs me politically, it costs me politically," the Republican presidential contender told reporters Wednesday in California.

Bush also repeated his belief that none of the 134 Texas prisoners put to death during his 5 1/2 years as governor were executed in error.

But a majority of Texans — 57 percent — believe their state has put an innocent man to death, a new poll found. Still, the death penalty is favored by 73 percent, said the Scripps Howard Texas Poll released Thursday. The survey of 1,000 people, May 22-June 16, has an error margin of plus or minus 3 percentage points.

Vice President Al Gore, Bush's likely Democratic opponent, entered the debate for the first time during the campaign Wednesday, suggesting Bush wasn't being entirely straightforward.

"If you are honest about the debate you have got to acknowledge there are always going to be some small number of errors," Gore, a death penalty supporter, said en route to Minnesota aboard Air Force Two. He added that the goal of both sides of the issue should be getting erroneous executions "down to the virtual zero point."

Other issues pressed Bush on his campaign swing, including the newly announced Federal Trade Commission probe into soaring gasoline prices. Bush, a former oilman whose family has strong political ties to the industry in Texas, voiced support for the investigation. But he put most of the blame on what he said was the Clinton administration's failure to convince foreign crude producers to "open the spigots."

"I do think it's fair to have the FTC (Federal Trade Commission) investigate," Bush said Wednesday, adding that the results would be "healthy" for the debate about prices that have climbed above $2 per gallon in Chicago and Milwaukee.

Gore said Bush had come late to the issue.

"Big oil may have gotten too big. The competitive pressures may not be what they used to be," Gore said The vice president quickly added he was not calling for a breakup of any oil companies.

Meanwhile, a new national poll shows Bush gaining popularity among voters.

An NBC-Wall Street Journal poll released Wednesday showed Bush with 49 percent support and Gore with 41 percent support among registered voters. Last April, the same poll had Bush ahead, 46 percent to 41 percent.

Support decreased for both candidates when Green Party candidate and consumer activist Ralph Nader and Reform Party contender Pat Buchanan entered the picture. In a four-way matchup, Bush polled at 43 percent, Gore 38 percent, Nader 7 percent and Buchanan 4 percent.

ASK US

Q—Will live bands be allowed to play during the July Fourth festivities at Towle Park?
A—No.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Wednesday, 89 degrees; low, 72; 7 a.m. Thursday, 72; no precipitation; total for 2000, 11.75 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, partly cloudy. Low, upper 60s. S wind 5-15 mph. Friday, partly cloudy. High, lower 90s; S wind 10-20 mph.

Consuelo Acosta
Partly Cloudy

Sunset: 8:52 p.m.
Sunrise: 6:41 a.m.
Of 173 days in 2000, the sun has shone 174 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

Words that do not match deeds are not important.
—Che Guevara

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Jurors choose lesser charge

BELVIDERE, Ill. (AP) — A young woman who admitted she abandoned her newborn in a neighbor's snowy backyard and kept the secret for more than three years was convicted Wednesday of involuntary manslaughter.

Jurors rejected a first-degree conviction against Kelli Moye, now 20, despite the prosecution's contention that she knew the little girl was likely to die when she left her outside hours after giving birth on Feb. 9, 1996.

Moye looked up at the ceiling as Judge Rosemary Collins read the jury's verdict and breathed deeply. Relatives hugged and wept in relief. Jim and Sue Moye expressed hope their daughter would be home soon.

"I think the jury did a great job and they chose the right verdict," her father said.

The discovery of the body, two days after she was left outside, stunned residents of Poplar Grove, a town of about 750 people surrounded by farmland 70 miles northwest of Chicago. They named the baby Angelica Faith and gave her a proper burial, but the mystery of her birth and death persisted until Moye was arrested last fall after a fight with Michael Mirshak, the child's father.

Prosecutors said Moye didn't tell anyone about the birth — not even Mirshak — because it didn't fit in with her plans to keep him as her boyfriend.

Defense attorney Debra Schafer said prosecutors were trying to put a sinister spin on the actions of a scared teen-ager who couldn't bring herself to tell her parents and did tell her boyfriend — only to be told to get rid of the baby.

Lawsuit claims bank using the Internet to discriminate

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — In a new twist on a familiar allegation against home lenders, Wells Fargo & Co. is accused of using the Internet to discriminate against minorities and encourage racial segregation.

The allegations center on Wells Fargo's "Community Calculator," an online search tool designed to help prospective home buyers shop for suitable neighborhoods.

The problem, according to a federal lawsuit amended Wednesday, is that the search tool uses racial descriptions to categorize neighborhoods depicted as downtrodden.

Those descriptions include "low income" neighborhoods, defined as an area where 86 percent of the residents are blacks who "tend to purchase fast food and takeout food from chicken restaurants."

"They are including some of the worst racial stereotypes possible," said Michael Daniel, an attorney who filed the amendment on behalf of the Association of Community Organizations for Reform Now, or ACORN, a nonprofit group.

The lawsuit also alleges that the Community Calculator steers people of the same ethnic background to similar neighborhoods.

In a statement, Wells said that the bank is only trying to help home buyers find the right place to live.

The Community Calculator "is designed to help customers make informed buying decisions using criteria such as education levels, housing characteristics, household by type, crime index and population," the lender said. "The Community Calculator is not designed to use race as a tool to guide home buyers' decision making."

Other neighborhood categories include "Middle Class Urban Families," where 90 percent of the residents are black and wine coolers are popular, and "West Coast Immigrants," where 70 percent of the population is Hispanic and speaks Spanish at home.

In a sample submission made by The Associated Press on Wednesday, these three categories also appeared next to "distressed neighborhoods," where 40 percent of the residents receive some type of public assistance and 25 percent are unemployed.

"With all the fuss about police profiling, can you imagine what would happen if this sort of thing were on a cop Web site?" Daniel asked.

The original lawsuit was filed in April in Dallas federal court by a woman who alleged Wells' lending practices discriminated against minorities.

Daniel amended the lawsuit Wednesday to include ACORN, which has 125,000 members, as a plaintiff and introduce the allegations that Wells is using its Web site as a discriminatory tool.

The amended lawsuit alleges violations of the Fair Housing Act and seeks a court order forcing Wells to remove the racial descriptions from its Web site and "any other appropriate relief."

On the Net:
http://www.wellsfargo.com
http://www.acorn.org

War heroes receive Medals of Honor from the president

WASHINGTON (AP) — Some 55 years after World War II ended, 22 Asian-American veterans received the nation's top honor for bravery on the battlefield. "Their motto was 'Go for broke!' President Clinton told them in a somber White House ceremony. "They risked it all to win it all."

Seven living veterans — one hobbling on a single crutch, others stooped with age — walked to the center of a stage under a tent on the White House South Lawn and faced the current commander in chief. After a story was read about their heroism, Clinton leaned over and secured a blue ribbon around their necks, the golden Medals of Honor dangling on their chests.

"They risked their lives above and beyond the call of duty and in doing so, they did more than defend America," Clinton said. "In the face of painful prejudice, they helped to define America at its best."

Relatives accepted framed medallions for the 18 heroes in Akaka's colleague, Sen. Daniel Inouye, D-Hawaii, who lost his right arm in combat in Italy. After struggling to secure the medallion around Inouye's neck, Clinton grasped the senator's left arm and patted him on the back.

Prejudice against Japanese-Americans was slow to ebb, Clinton said.

Back from the war as a highly decorated soldier, Inouye tried to get a haircut, but was told: "We don't cut Jap hair," Clinton said.

Long-lived 'Blondie' comic strip honored by 'Library'

WASHINGTON (AP) — Not far from the display case of the revered 500-year-old Gutenberg Bible, the Library of Congress is opening a show Thursday devoted to one of the oldest surviving American comic strips — Chic Young's "Blondie."

Blondie Boopadoop, the dizzy flapper of the 1930s, remains as slim and pretty as ever 70 years later, though she's been the mother of two teen-agers for decades and now is the proprietor of a prosperous catering business.

The exhibit, called "Blondie Gets Married!" features one of Young's earlier and favorite strips. It shows bridegroom Dagwood Bumstead dragging her off to Niagara Falls.

"You'll help me with the dishes, won't you darling?" she asks demurely.

"Yeh, but we'll worry about the dishes after we get back from our honeymoon," replies the panting Dagwood.

That's about as daring as the strip gets. Its innocent-looking teens, Alexander — ex-Baby Dumpling — and Cookie, rarely get into any trouble.

Dagwood, originally a playboy disinherited by his millionaire father, has evolved into a wimpish office worker who can never get a raise from his cantankerous boss, Mr. Dithers. This week he was slam-dunking bits of paper into a wastebasket while his colleagues were closing big contracts.

Murat Bernard "Chic" Young died in 1973 after drawing Blondie seven days a week for 43 years, producing more than 15,000 strips. His daughter Jeanne Young O'Neil, has given 150 originals to the library.

"My father would emerge from his studio each afternoon with the penciled proofstrips in hand and run them by my mother Athel Lindorf ... to get her expert opinion and, if necessary, spelling corrections," she wrote in a brochure to go with the show.

Of the library's collection, 27 will be displayed in its ground floor Swann Gallery, devoted to cartoon and illustration.

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Klaus from Germany, 15 yrs. Loves camping and playing soccer. Klaus dream has been to spend a school year in North America.

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Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Friday, June 23, 2000

In the year ahead there's a good chance your career can take substantial steps forward due to what you know, as opposed to who you know. Your education is about to pay off.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Promote a personal cause today in the same manner you would market a product. People will be willing to help you once they believe it's worth their efforts. Get a jump on life by understanding the influences that'll govern you in the year ahead. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions by mailing $2 to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to state your Zodiac sign.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Properly applied, your probing mind can get pass the obvious. Separate the wheat from the chaff today, and find the facts that lie beneath the surface. Research is what's important.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Discussion preceding action can prevent wasted time and effort coming up with an agreement that might affect a number of people. Once you achieve a mutual understanding, you can then proceed.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Because you'll know how to logically utilize developments as they occur today, your chances for fulfilling your ambitious objectives are excellent.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Should you want to promote a relationship today, being sincerely interested in learning more about that person is the way to go. Interest in another arouses interest in you.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) A family problem can be resolved today to everyone's satisfaction by sitting down with all and openly discussing the situation. Talking things out gets people working together.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Should someone come to you for advice today, chances are you'll have a number of constructive things to offer that could be extremely helpful. Don't hesitate to speak up.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Provided your aspirations don't exceed your grasp today, your financial aspects look extremely encouraging. Operate sensibly and gains can be made.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Others might be talking about you today, but not to worry, because it's all flattering. Chances are you'll hear about the conversation from a close pal who was there.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Again today you could have a tendency to spill the beans concerning something you know about a friend, but to your credit, you'll not give in to this inclination and will hold your tongue.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Call on a pal today whose ideas you respect. You could learn more about life from a minute with wise friends than you can get from hours of reading books.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Don't hesitate to brainstorm with associates about attempting to clearly define your muddled aims. Once you start talking, everything get fall into place.

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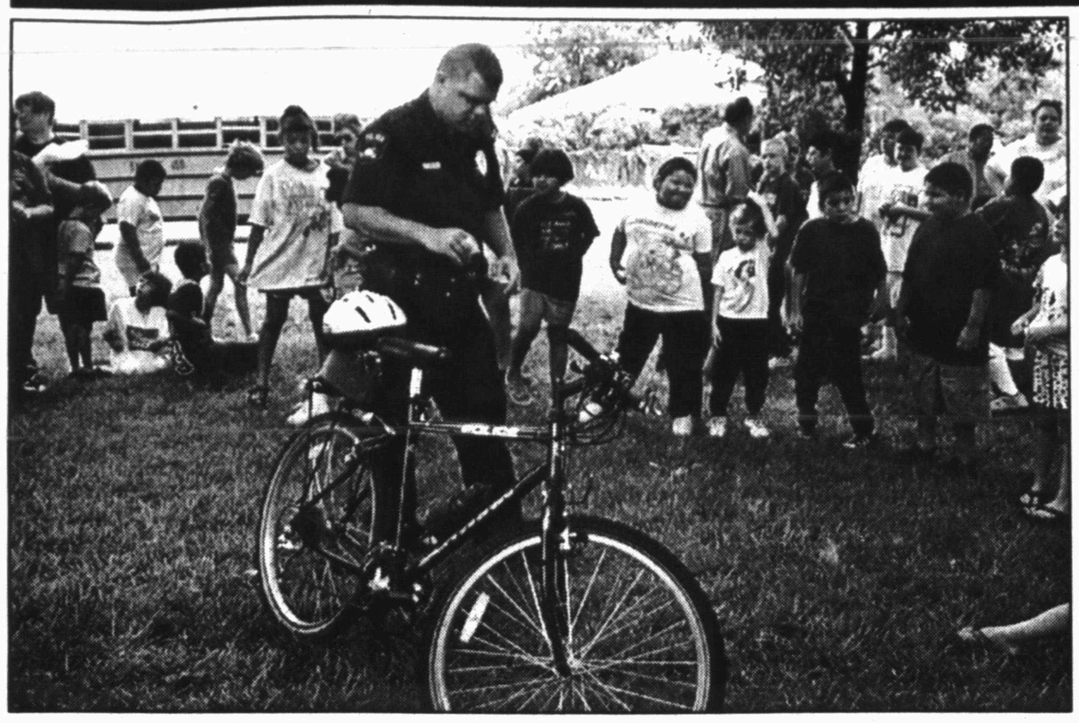

BIKE SAFETY PROGRAM — Interested children gathered around Officer Kyle Haley as he talked about bicycle safety at the Scurry County Library Wednesday morning. Next Wednesday, Capt. Steven Myers from Dyess Air Force Base in Abilene will present the program. The Wednesday programs for K-6 graders begin at 10 a.m. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

SHOWER HONORS AUGUST BRIDE — A wedding shower was held Monday in the Colonial Hill Baptist Church for Kim Jones, bride-elect of Christopher Cunnington. They are planning an Aug. 19 wedding in the Central Church of the Nazarene in Flint, Mich. From left are Patricia D. Cunnington, sister of the future groom; Pat Cunnington, his mother; Kim Jones, the honoree from Flint; Chris Cunnington, the prospective groom from Burton, Mich., and David Cunnington, his father. (Contributed Photo)

Dark-skinned infants more susceptible to rickets

Dark-skinned infants who are primarily breast-fed are at increased risk of contracting the serious bone disease rickets even if they live in warm climates with abundant sunshine, according to an article published in the June issue of *Texas Medicine*.

In their article, researchers from The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center, Children's Medical Center and Texas Scottish Rite Hospital in Dallas concluded that primary care physicians should recommend vitamin D supplements for all infants with increased skin pigmentation, especially those who are primarily breast-fed. *Texas Medicine* is the official newsmagazine of Texas Medical Association.

Rickets is a deficiency disease resulting from a lack of vitamin D and from insufficient exposure to sunlight. It occurs mainly in children and is characterized by defective bone growth.

The authors looked at eight cases of rickets referred to the Metabolic Bone Clinic at Texas Scottish Rite Hospital and Children's Medical Center between October 1997 and October 1998, plus an additional case diagnosed in June 1995. In all nine cases, the children were dark-skinned infants and toddlers who had been primarily breast-fed without vitamin D supplementation. Eight of the children were African-American and one was Hispanic.

Despite its numerous advantages, breast milk is deficient in vitamin D, the authors said.

Breastfeeding, without dairy products or vitamin D supplementation, remains the main risk factor for the development of nutritional rickets in these children," the authors wrote.

Exposure to sunlight is critical to proper skeletal development in children. When the skin is exposed the sun's ultraviolet-B rays, it naturally produces vitamin D. through a light-induced chemical reaction. Dark-skinned children are at a higher risk of contracting rickets because they have higher levels of melanin in their skin, which blocks the ultraviolet-B photons and vitamin D production. Those chiddren need increased exposure to sunlight, vitamin D supplements or diets higher in dairy products—which are an abundant source of vitamin D to avoid development of rickets.

"North Texas has relatively short winters with plenty of sunshine, yet nutritional rickets can still afflict children who live in this region," the authors said. "Our findings emphasize further the role of vitamin D supplementation in dark-skinned children irrespective of their geographical location."

Authors of the article were Dr. Mehul Shah, a pediatric nephrologist at UT Southwestern; Nina Salhab, a renal dietitian at Children's Medical Center; Diane Patterson, a registered nurse at Texas Scottish Rite Hospital; and Dr. Mouin G. Seikaly, associate professor of pediatrics at UT.

Births

Brent and Kellie Babb of Snyder announce the birth of their son at 5:39 p.m. on June 21 in Cogdell Memorial Hospital. He weighed seven pounds, four ounces.

Hospital

ADMISSIONS: Silverio Guerrero, Glenna Bane, Liandra Carrillo, Mamie Patterson, Mike Rodriguez, Kelly Bab and Victoria Torres.

DISMISSALS: Leda Beck and Mamie Patterson.

CENSUS: 36 (Med./Surg.-10, Long-term Care-24, OB-1 and Nursery-1)

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

North 06-22-00
♠ A 5 4
♥ 7 5 2
♦ 8 3
♣ Q 10 6 4 3

West
♠ 10 9 7
♥ A Q 4
♦ K 7 6 4
♣ K 8 2

East
♠ J 8 6 3 2
♥ 8
♦ Q J 10 5
♣ J 9 7

South
♠ K Q
♥ K J 10 9 6 3
♦ A 9 2
♣ A 5

Vulnerable: North-South
Dealer: North

South	West	North	East
		Pass	Pass
1 ♥	Pass	2 ♥	Pass
4 ♥	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♦ 6

More confessions from the table

Anatole France claimed that "all the good writers of confessions, from Augustine onwards, are men who are still a little in love with their sins."

Well, I'm not in love with my defense in this deal; it's just that it supplied me with column material.

Late in April, I played in a duplicate at Stuart, Fla., with Carol Rostad, from New York City. We had a reasonable game, with the most culpable error occurring in this deal. How should the play and defense proceed in four hearts?

After some thought, I led the diamond six. (We were using third- and fifth-highest leads, which are popular in the tournament world.) Declarer won Carol's 10 with her ace, unblocked the king-queen of spades, and continued with the heart nine.

I went in with the queen and continued with a low diamond to Carol's jack. She switched to a club, but declarer rose with the ace, ruffed her last diamond in the dummy, discarded her club loser on the spade ace, and conceded one more trick to my heart ace — contract made.

If I had ducked the heart nine at trick four, in theory declarer has had it. However, when she exits with a diamond, I must go in with the king and continue with the ace and queen of hearts! Still, my main crime was not counting declarer's tricks. If, after winning with the heart queen, I cash the heart ace and exit with my last heart, true, declarer wins with dummy's seven and cashes the spade ace, but that is only her ninth trick. Getting no diamond ruff, South still loses two hearts and either two diamonds or one diamond and one club.

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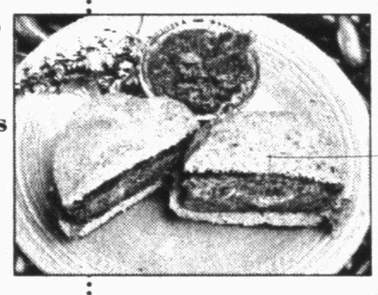
Early access to care — Early access means immediatly engaging the emergency system. In most communities, dialing 911 activates the emergency medical system, which dispatches the appropriate emergency personnel to the scene

Cookout Texas

Jumpin Jalapeno Burgers



Prep and Grill: 30 minutes
Serves: 4
1 pound ground beef
1 small onion, diced (about 4 tablespoons)
1 tablespoon cream
1 clove garlic, crushed
1¼ teaspoon salt
1¼ teaspoon pepper
4 teaspoons salsa picante
4 teaspoons jalapeno, chopped
1¼ cup cheddar cheese, shredded lettuce and tomato, optional

1. Mix ground beef, onion, cream, garlic, salt and pepper and form into 8 thin patties.
2. Top 4 patties with 1 teaspoon salsa picante, 1 teaspoon chopped jalapeno and 2 tablespoons cheese.
3. Top with remaining 4 patties and press edges to seal in toppings.
4. Grill over medium fire for 12 minutes, turning once after 7 minutes.

See Grilling Hints for useful tips.

Serve on your favorite bun. Spread with or dip in extra salsa.

Grilled Potato Wedges

Prep and Grill: 45 minutes
Serves: 4
1¼ cup butter or margarine, melted
1 teaspoon cider or white vinegar
3-4 teaspoons red pepper sauce
1¼ teaspoon salt
4 medium potatoes, unpeeled
1 cup blue cheese dressing

1. Mix butter or margarine, cider or vinegar, red pepper sauce and salt in shallow bowl.
2. Cut each potato lengthwise into 4 wedges and pat dry with paper towels. Dip wedges into butter mixture.
3. Grill potatoes 25-35 minutes, brushing occasionally with remaining butter mixture. Turn once or twice, until tender.
4. Serve with dressing.

Grilling Hints

Backyard grilling and hamburgers go together. Burgers are economical and everybody loves them. Cook with real wood for a flavor you won't find at the drive-through. Let the kids help so they can carry on the family tradition.

Try mesquite or hickory wood cooking chunks. Get them ready faster with a chimney fire starter. For gas grills, put a tray or aluminum foil pouch of wood chips on the cooking grid and start grilling when they begin to smoke.

Either wait till the cooking chunks are coated with ash, or hurry things along by closing the grill lid till the flames and heavy smoke subside and adjusting the vents to suppress the flames. A spray bottle of water is handy, too.

Don't overcook the burgers. For less than $20, you can make yourself a better cook with a thermometer fork.

Questions, hints or recipes? Send them to the Cookout Council, P. O. Box 562, Pleasanton, Texas 78064. Or e-mail to: Recipes@CookoutCouncil.org.

If your recipe is used, you'll receive a six-month's supply of cooking chunks, so be sure to include your name and address.

Community Calendar

THURSDAY

Rock and Roll Quilting Club; Hermleigh Community Center; for more information call 863-2426; 6:30 p.m.

Horseshoe Pitching For Fun; horseshoe courts located at the coliseum; everybody welcome, for further information call 573-9762.

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

Scurry Charter Chapter ABWA; MAWC; 7 p.m.

New Horizons AA, closed meeting; for information call 573-8268, 573-9458 or 574-1292; 8 p.m.

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

FRIDAY

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

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

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

Cornelius-Dodson House; open by appointment, call 573-0538 or 573-0770.

Scurry County AA closed meeting; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-8268, 573-9458 or 574-1292; 8 p.m.

Al-Anon open meeting; Park Club; 8 p.m.

SATURDAY

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

SUNDAY

Scurry County AA open meeting; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-8268, 573-9458 or 574-1292; 10 a.m.

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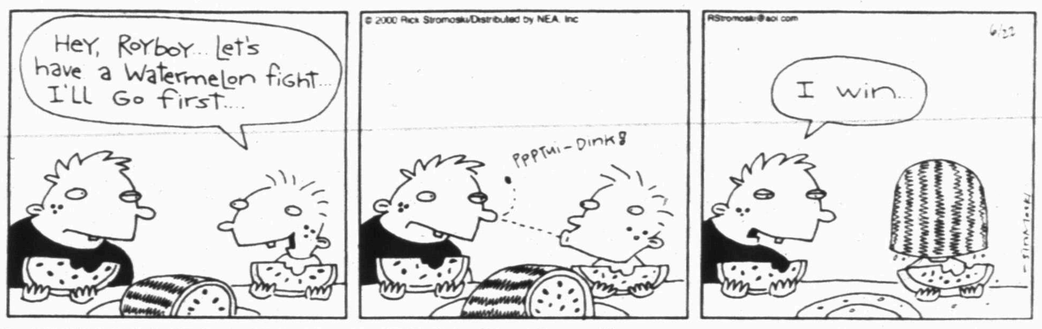

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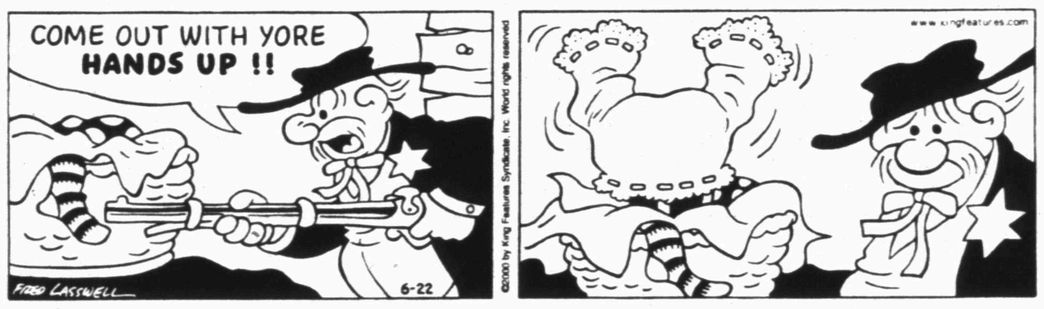

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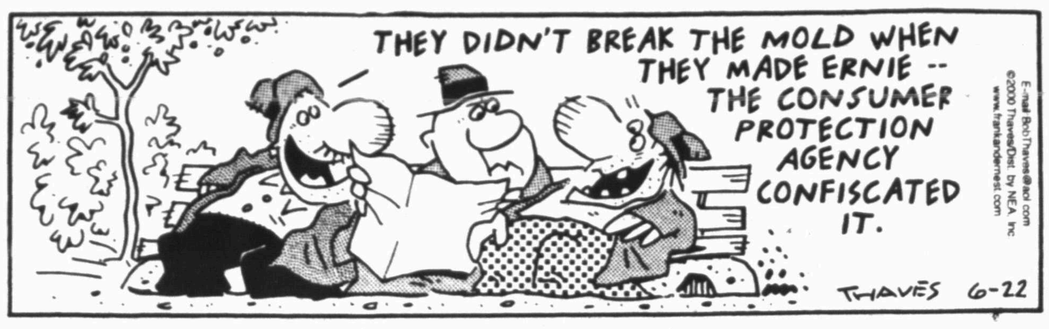

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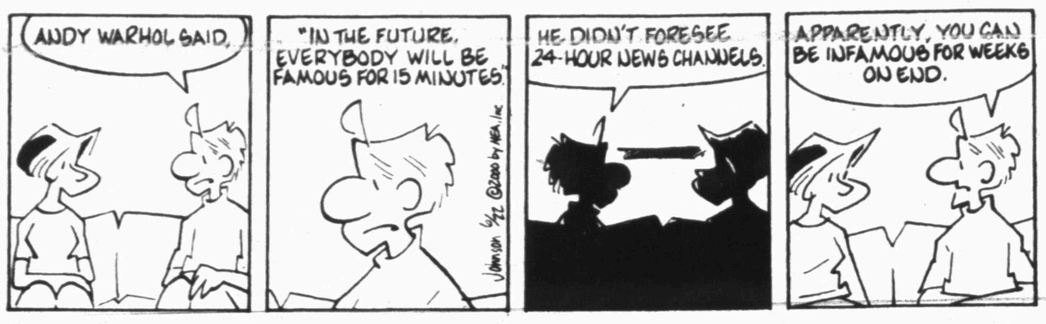

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16 Highest card
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26 Wife of Geraint
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30 Female horse
31 Wrestling holds
33 Early 20th-century literary movement
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42 Curtain fabric
44 The (Ger.)
45 Wooden tub
46 Republicans (abbr.)
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57 Author Joyce Carol —
58 Equipped

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1 School org.
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4 Neighbor of Kan.
5 Sibling's daughter
6 Placid
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8 Blood pigment
9 Timber tree
10 After deductions
11 Fruity drink
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18 "The Twins"
19 Glossy paint
20 Heated discourse
22 "Wizard of Oz" character (2 wds.)
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25 One who goes by
27 B.A. or Ph.D.
32 Bartender Malone
34 Disregards
35 Most cunning
39 GI's ID (2 wds.)
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45 Golfer Ballesteros
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Answer to Previous Puzzle

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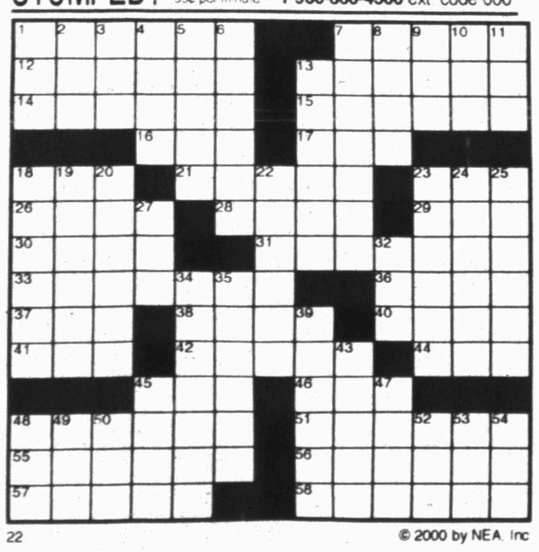

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SPORTS

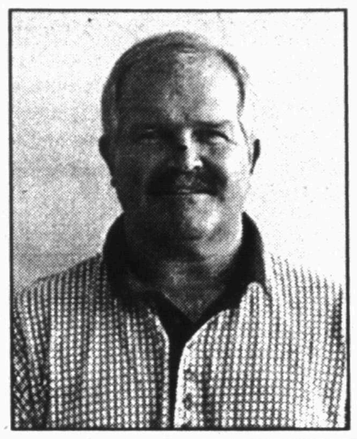
Snyder softball coach resigns after one year

After one year at the helm of Snyder High School's softball program, Robbie Dickenson is headed home again.

Dickenson turned in his resignation Wednesday to accept the head coaching job at Coahoma High School.

For Dickenson, who led the Lady Tigers to the playoffs last season, it will be his second stint in Coahoma, after earning a state title with the Lady Bulldogs in 1997.

"I'm coming back to Coahoma more for family reasons, than for career reasons," Dickenson said. "My wife is a teacher in Coahoma, and my two oldest kids are going to be juniors this year, and I wanted to be closer to them. I really liked Snyder, and everything was great there. I did this for my family, and I hope I made the right decision."



Robbie Dickenson

In addition to his softball duties, Dickenson will also coach football and girls' basketball.

"I also get to coach football again, and that's something that I've always enjoyed," he stated. "I'll be varsity assistant for football, and I'll coach either freshman or JV basketball.

"Things in Coahoma are a lot more stable than when I left. It's a better situation, and hopefully it's the right situation for me."

Snyder girls' athletic coordinator Sam Tipton will begin the search for a new coach immediately.

"We're going to look for the best possible person for the job, just like we did when we hired Coach Dickenson," said Tipton. "We hate to see Robbie go, because he was a great coach and worked well in our program."

WATCHING IT FLY — Bobby Joe Conrad, a standout at Texas A&M in the mid 50s, tees off during last year's Slingin' Sammy Baugh Celebrity Golf Classic. Conrad will be joined by 36 celebrities for this year's event, which tees off at 10 a.m. Friday and Saturday at Western Texas College. (SDN Staff Photo)

Sports Briefs

Jr. tennis camp scheduled

The Tiger Junior Tennis Camp will begin Monday and run through June 30 at Snyder Tennis Complex behind the junior high.

All incoming sixth through ninth graders are eligible to participate, and cost of the camp is $100.

For more information, call Brad Wikse at 573-5420.

Snyder volleyball camp set

Snyder Volleyball Camp will be held July 17-20 at the SHS gym. All incoming fifth through ninth grade girls are eligible.

The camp will meet from 9 a.m. until noon each day, and will cover technique, drills and team volleyball skills.

Cost is $40, and includes a camp T-shirt. Registration deadline is July 15. To sign up call Patty Grimmett at 573-9416.

Basketball tourney slated

The Boys and Girls Club will host a 5-on-5 basketball tournament July 14-15. Incoming seventh, eighth and ninth graders are eligible to participate.

Format will be double elimination, with teams divided into boys' and girls' divisions. Entry fee is $100 per team. Registration deadline is Tuesday.

For more information call the boys club at 573-3344.

Dates set for basketball camp

The Bubba Edwards Basketball Camp will begin Tuesday and run through June 30 for incoming third through seventh grade boys and girls.

The camp will meet from 9 a.m. until noon each day at the Ira High School gym. Cost is $40 and includes a camp T-shirt.

For more information, contact Coach Edwards at 573-2628 or 573-2227.

Ladies' Pumpjack upcoming

The Ladies' Pumpjack Golf Tournament will be Tuesday at Snyder Country Club.

To register call the SCC pro shop at 573-7101, or Martha Fagin at 573-2545.

SCC holds weekly events

The Men's Golf Association of Snyder Country Club will hold a Tuesday evening scramble and a Thursday MGA event. Play starts at 5:30 both days.

Horseshoe pitching held weekly

Snyder Slingers Horseshoe Club has league play at 7 p.m. Thursdays at the courts adjacent to the coliseum.

For more information, call T.C. Nunn at 573-6710 or Terry Duncan at 573-5589.

Volleyball event set four July 4th

A co-ed volleyball tournament will be held on July 4th. Teams will consist of eight players, and entry fee is $70 per team. For more information, call Louis Alaniz at 573-7321, or Chad Welch at 573-6058.

Raptors hire Wilkens

TORONTO (AP) — Lenny Wilkens, the winningest coach in NBA history, was hired by the Toronto Raptors. The 62-year-old coach replaces Butch Carter, who was fired June 13 despite leading the team to the playoffs. Wilkens quit as coach of the Atlanta Hawks after the season.

Wilkens becomes the fourth head coach in the team's five years. He has coached in Seattle, Portland, Cleveland and Atlanta. He has a record of 1,179-981, and in seven years with Atlanta had a mark of 310-232. He has guided a club to 50 or more regular-season victories nine times and in 1979 led the SuperSonics to their lone NBA title.

Sasser withdraws from draft

DALLAS (AP) — Southern Methodist guard Jeryl Sasser decided to withdraw from the NBA draft and return to school for his senior season. Sasser maintained his amateur status by not signing with an agent.

Penguins name head coach

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Ivan Hlinka, the former Czech Republic Olympic coach was hired as the Pittsburgh Penguins' head coach.

Ordonez out for season

NEW YORK (AP) — Rey Ordonez, the New York Mets' three-time Gold Glove-winning shortstop, is out for the season because his broken left forearm is not healing properly.

Umpires at odds over walkout

NEW YORK (AP) — The leadership of the old umpires union wants the new union to be careful about calling for a walkout.

John Hirschbeck and Joe Brinkman, AL umpires who head the new union, have said the thought of striking has crossed their minds, but they have not called for an authorization vote. The new union, the World Umpires Association, includes only about 45 of the 71 major league umpires.

Most NL umps are still loyal to Richie Phillips' Major League Umpires Association, replaced by the new union in an election during the offseason.

"They would have a difficult time convincing the umpires who remained loyal to the MLUA that they had the solidarity to pull it off," MLUA lawyer Pat Campbell said Wednesday. "I'm not saying it's impossible. I'm saying they would have some convincing to do because of the way it went down last time."

The MLUA called for mass resignations last July, but the effort collapsed when many AL umps refused to go along. That led to 22 umps losing their jobs last Sept. 2.

As part of negotiations for a labor contract to replace the one that expired Dec. 31, owners have told the new union it would rehire some of the 22, but haven't specified how many.

Meanwhile, the old union's grievance to force baseball to rehire the 22 resumes Thursday before arbitrator Alan Symonette. Two days of testimony are scheduled this week and two more next week, and it's possible it could conclude by the end of the month.

Rangers put losing streak behind them

ARLINGTON (AP) — Like the entire Texas Rangers team, Esteban Loaiza might be headed back in the right direction.

Loaiza pitched six innings and won for the first time in five starts as the Rangers, who have won three of four after a nine-game losing streak, beat the Minnesota Twins 7-5 Wednesday night.

"This helps a lot, not just for me but the whole team," Loaiza said. "Everybody has their heads up and they're talking and being the way they used to. We had a bad road trip, now we are coming back."

The Rangers have won both games at home since their worst road trip in 14 years. They went 1-8, dropping the two-time defending AL West champions into last place.

Loaiza (4-5), 0-3 with a no decision in his previous four starts, allowed four runs on eight hits in six innings, beating Minnesota for the fourth straight time, three against Brad Radke (4-9).

John Wetteland allowed one run in the ninth, on Matt Lawton's infield RBI single after Cristian Guzman's major league-leading 12th triple, before recording his 18th save in 22 opportunities.

Texas went ahead to stay in the fifth when Dave Martinez snapped an 0-for-20 slump and a 3-3 tie with a two-run double, on a hard-hit grounder that ricocheted off the foot of Minnesota shortstop Cristian Guzman into the outfield.

"I knew I hit it pretty hard, but I thought it was going to be one of those right-at-them hits. I'll take a hit like that any day," Martinez said.

Martinez was thrown out trying to stretch his hit into a triple, but only after Rafael Palmeiro and David Segui scored. His slump began after he went 5-for-9 after being acquired by Texas from the Chicago Cubs in a three-team trade June 9.

Radke, 2-8 in his career against Texas, allowed five runs on eight hits in five innings.

The Rangers got an unearned run in the sixth off Bob Wells, who set an AL record for a pitcher with four fielding chances in an inning. He made two errors — half of the four by Minnesota — and had assists on the only two outs he recorded.

Wells dropped an infield popup by Gabe Kapler, the first batter he faced. While he got the next two batters on 1-3 groundouts, he also threw a ball into center field while trying to pick off Kapler at second with nobody covering. Wells was pulled after an RBI single by Ivan Rodriguez.

"I wasn't a pretty thing out there. They were my mistakes, I screwed up," Wells said.

The Rangers benefitted from another error in the eighth. Royce Clayton was credited with a stolen base after he was almost picked off and first baseman Butch Huskey made a bad throw. Rusty Greer then hit an RBI single.

Segui also had two doubles, scoring the first two Texas runs.

Home runs lift LA past Houston, 7-6

HOUSTON (AP) — Gary Sheffield doesn't need any advice on how to hit home runs. So why is Jeff Bagwell giving him pointers on Enron Field?

Sheffield hit two homers, including a tiebreaking solo shot in the eighth inning that lifted the Los Angeles Dodgers over the Houston Astros 7-6 Wednesday night.

"I talked to Bagwell when we first got here and he told me this park can hurt you if you try to pull the ball," Sheffield said. "So I tried to forget about that wall and just trust my hands and let it pull naturally."

Sheffield, who went 4-for-5, had his third multihomer game of the season and 18th of his career. He has 23 homers, third in the NL behind Barry Bonds (26) and Mark McGwire (25).

"You almost expect that from him (Sheffield) every time up," Dodgers manager Davey Johnson said.

Jose Cabrera (0-2) gave up Sheffield's game-winner just hours after arriving from Triple-A New Orleans.

"I think the only thing you can do is hit him," Cabrera said. "You try to go inside, but unless you're right on top of him, he hits it. That was high and he hit it very hard. I don't know how you can go more inside without hitting him, but I guess that's what you have to do."

Sheffield, who has three homers in two nights, scored four runs, tying his career high, set Sept. 16, 1995, at Colorado.

Sheffield's game-winning homer hit a left-field light post 406 feet away and careened out of the ballpark.

"I've seen him hit a ball farther, but that definitely was a bomb," Astros second baseman Craig Biggio said. "The way he's swinging the bat, you just close your eyes and hope to catch a break because he can hit anything."

Matt Herges (5-0) pitched three hitless inning to win for the second straight night.

"Not much is expected of me, maybe that helps me sneak up on people," Herges said. "I know the league doesn't know me and I know that helps me."

The Astros, whose 25-45 record is the worst in the major leagues, dropped to 3-16 in one-run games and 12-21 at Enron Field.

Game time changed for UT, A&M

AUSTIN (AP) — For the first time since 1996, the annual Texas-Texas A&M football rivalry will kick off after lunch.

After four years of 10 a.m. game starts, ABC Sports has announced the Nov. 24 game will kickoff at 2:30 p.m. It will be the second game of a Big 12 doubleheader. Colorado plays at Nebraska in the first game.

The Texas-Texas A&M matchup will be the 106th meeting between the schools, the third-longest rivalry in NCAA history.

Major League Baseball

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East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
New York	36	30	.545	—
Boston	36	31	.537	½
Toronto	38	34	.528	1
Baltimore	30	39	.435	7½
Tampa Bay	28	42	.400	10

Central Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Chicago	45	26	.634	—
Cleveland	37	31	.544	6½
Kansas City	34	35	.493	10
Minnesota	30	42	.417	15½
Detroit	27	39	.409	15½

West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Oakland	42	29	.592	—
Seattle	39	30	.565	2
Anaheim	36	34	.514	5½
Texas	33	36	.478	8

Wednesday's Games

Toronto 6, Detroit 0
Boston 9, N.Y. Yankees 7
Cleveland 8, Chicago White Sox 6
Texas 7, Minnesota 5
Seattle 8, Tampa Bay 5
Oakland 10, Baltimore 3
Anaheim 3, Kansas City 1

Thursday's Games

Detroit (Nomo 2-6) at Toronto (Wells 11-2), 7:05 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Westbrook 0-1) at Boston (R.Martinez 5-4), 7:05 p.m.
Cleveland (Finley 5-4) at Chicago White Sox (Eldred 8-2), 8:05 p.m.
Minnesota (Mays 3-9) at Texas (Perisho 2-0), 8:35 p.m.
Baltimore (Johnson 0-5) at Seattle (Moyer 5-2), 10:05 p.m.
Kansas City (Witasick 1-6) at Anaheim (Belcher 1-0), 10:05 p.m.
Only games scheduled

Friday's Games

Detroit at Cleveland, 7:05 p.m.
Boston at Toronto, 7:05 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees at Chicago White Sox, 8:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Texas, 8:35 p.m.
Baltimore at Seattle, 10:05 p.m.
Kansas City at Oakland, 10:05 p.m.
Minnesota at Anaheim, 10:05 p.m.

National League
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East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Atlanta	43	28	.606	—
New York	37	31	.544	4½
Montreal	35	33	.515	6½
Florida	35	37	.486	8½
Philadelphia	29	40	.420	13

Central Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
St. Louis	40	30	.571	—
Cincinnati	33	36	.478	6½
Pittsburgh	31	39	.443	9
Chicago	30	40	.429	10
Milwaukee	29	42	.408	11½
Houston	25	45	.357	15

West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Arizona	41	30	.577	—
Colorado	38	28	.576	½
Los Angeles	38	31	.551	2
San Francisco	34	33	.507	5
San Diego	31	39	.443	9½

Wednesday's Games

Pittsburgh 8, Montreal 3
Chicago Cubs 8, Atlanta 1
Florida 5, Milwaukee 4
Colorado 6, Cincinnati 4
Philadelphia 10, N.Y. Mets 5
Los Angeles 7, Houston 6
San Francisco 4, St. Louis 1
Arizona 11, San Diego 8

Thursday's Games

Chicago Cubs (Downs 3-1) at Atlanta (Mulholland 6-6), 1:10 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Ritchie 4-3) at Montreal (Hermanson 5-4), 7:05 p.m.
Milwaukee (Snyder 2-2) at Florida (Sanchez 4-5), 7:05 p.m.
Philadelphia (Politte 1-1) at N.Y. Mets (Rusch 4-5), 7:10 p.m.
Colorado (Jarvis 2-1) at Cincinnati (Villone 6-4), 7:35 p.m.
Los Angeles (Dreifort 4-5) at Houston (Elarton 4-3), 8:05 p.m.
San Francisco (Estes 6-3) at St. Louis (Hentgen 6-6), 8:10 p.m.
Only games scheduled

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Chicago Cubs at Florida, 7:05 p.m.
Pittsburgh at N.Y. Mets, 7:10 p.m.
San Diego at Cincinnati, 7:35 p.m.
Milwaukee at Atlanta, 7:40 p.m.
San Francisco at Houston, 8:05 p.m.
Los Angeles at St. Louis, 8:10 p.m.
Colorado at Arizona, 10:05 p.m.

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EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	6	3	.667	—
Washington	5	4	.556	1
Detroit	5	5	.500	1½
Orlando	5	5	.500	1½
Miami	4	6	.400	2½
New York	4	6	.400	2½
Indiana	3	6	.333	3
Charlotte	2	8	.200	4½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	9	2	.818	—
Los Angeles	7	2	.778	1
Phoenix	6	3	.667	2
Minnesota	6	4	.600	2½
Sacramento	6	4	.600	2½
Utah	7	5	.583	2½
Seattle	2	8	.200	6½
Portland	1	7	.125	6½

Wednesday Games

Miami 57, Washington 55
Detroit 67, New York 63
Sacramento 70, Indiana 58

Thursday's Games

Phoenix at Charlotte, Noon
Cleveland at Orlando, 7:30 p.m.
Utah at Minnesota, 8 p.m.

Friday's Games

Sacramento at Washington, 7 p.m.
Los Angeles at Miami, 7 p.m.
New York at Indiana, 8 p.m.
Houston at Utah, 9 p.m.
Seattle at Portland, 9 p.m.

High Plains Junior Rodeo

High Plains Junior Rodeo at Muleshoe

8-under age group — Garrett Hale: sixth place, goat tying; eight place, barrel racing.

9-12 age group — Hadley Hirt: second place, calf touching; ninth place, breakaway roping. Kelbi Pitner: fifth place, pole bending. Ciara Latta: fifth place, barrel racing; eighth place, goat tying.

13-15 age group — Tyler Riggan: first place, tie down roping; second place team roping.

16-19 age group — Stoni Riggan: second place, goat tying and breakaway roping; third place, barrel racing. Jake Alexander: third place, saddle/bareback riding. Darcee Purcell: sixth place, barrel racing; eighth place, pole bending. Tiffany Stroud: 10th place, pole bending.

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AMR Corp s	27 13-16	27¼	27⅜	— 9-16
AT&T Corp	35 7-16	34 13-16	34⅞	— 1-16
Albertsons	34 13-16	33¾	34 13-16	+ 9-16
Alltel	66½	65 13-16	65⅞	—11-16
AmerOnline s	58⅝	57	57⅞	+ 11-16
AndarkPtr	51 9-16	50 5-16	50 5-16	—11-16
ATMOS Egy	20 1-16	20	20 1-16	+ 1-16
Aviall	5⅝	5¾	5⅞	+ 1-16
BP Amoco s	59 5-16	58¼	58⅜	+ 1⅝
BakerHughes	35 13-16	35	35⅛	— ⅛
Bank of Amer	47½	46⅛	46 9-16	— 7-16
BellAtl	57¾	56 15-16	57½	+ 11-16
BellSouth	45¼	44	44¼	— 9-16
Beth Steel	3¾	3⅝	3 11-16	— 1-16
BurlNoSFe	22⅜	22 3-16	22 3-16	— ⅛
Caterpillar	35⅜	34¾	34 13-16	— 5-16
Chevron	92 9-16	90 11-16	90 11-16	— 9-16
Citigroup	62 15-16	62	62¼	— ¾
Coastal	58⅜	57⅛	57 11-16	—15-16
CocaCola	53⅞	53	53¾	+ ¼
ColgatePal	57	55 13-16	55⅞	— 1⅛
ComclMetals	27⅛	26 7-16	26 15-16	+ 1-16
CooperIn	31⅞	31⅛	31⅝	— 3-16
DaimlrChry	52 5-16	51 13-16	51⅞	—1 9-16
DallSemicn s	44 7-16	43 1-16	43 1-16	— 3-16
DeltaAirl	50⅞	50¼	50¼	— 9-16
Dillards Inc	13 5-16	13 1-16	13¼	— ⅛
DowChem s	33 11-16	33 1-16	33¼	— ⅛
DuPont	46 9-16	45 13-16	46 3-16	+ 9-16
EastmanChem	46 5-16	45 13-16	45 13-16	— ⅛
EstKodak	58 13-16	58	58	— 7-16
EDS Corp	40⅛	39⅝	39¾	— ¼
Entergy	30	29 5-16	29 7-16	— ½
ExxonMobil	84¾	82¾	83	—15-16
Flowers	19¾	19 3-16	19⅜	— 5-16
FordMotor	44¼	43 11-16	43 11-1	
GTE Cp	70 1-16	69	69⅝	+ 9-16
GenDynam	53¾	52	52 1-16	—1 1-16
GenElec s	50	48 1-16	48⅜	—1 1-16
GenMills s	37⅞	37 1-16	37⅜	— 7-16
GenMotors	62	60⅜	60½	—1 13-16
GaPacGP	27 3-16	25 13-16	26⅝	—13-16
GlobalMar	30	29	29⅞	+ ⅝
Goodrich	35 11-16	34½	34 9-16	— 1⅜
Goodyear s	23⅛	22 5-16	22½	— ½
GtAtlPac	17¾	17 7-16	17⅝	+ 3-16
Halliburtn	50 5-16	49⅛	49⅞	+ ⅛
Hanson ADS	38⅝	36⅜	36 11-16	+ 1¼
HarteHanks	25 9-16	25 3-16	25½	+ 3-16
HomeDepot s	48 3-16	46 15-16	47½	—13-16
HoneywellIntl	37½	34 15-16	34 15-16	—1 13-16
IBM	114 5-16	112½	113 1-16	—1 7-16
IntlPaper	31 13-16	30⅞	31½	+ 1-16
JohnsonJn	89¾	88½	88¾	— 1⅛
K mart	7¼	7⅛	7⅛	— 1-16
Kroger Co	20 7-16	19⅝	20⅜	+ ¾
Litton	45 11-16	44⅝	44 13-16	— ¼
LockheedM	24 3-16	23⅝	23 11-16	— 9-16
Lowes Cos	42½	41 15-16	42⅛	+ ⅝
Lubys	8 7-16	8	8⅛	— 5-16
LucentTech	62 13-16	61 7-16	62 5-16	+ 7-16
MayDeptStr	25 11-16	25 3-16	25 7-16	— ⅛
Medtronic s	50 1-16	49 7-16	49 11-16	— ¾
MorganJP	119	117	117⅞	+ 3-16
Motorola s	35 3-16	33 15-16	33 15-16	— ¾
NCR Corp	41⅜	40 11-16	40¾	— 1-16
Navistar	31 7-16	30⅝	30 11-16	— ¾
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PhilipPet	55⅛	54⅞	54⅞	— 5-16
PilgrmPrd B	7⅜	7 3-16	7 5-16	+ 1-16
Polaroid	18⅜	17⅞	17⅞	—11-16
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Unocal	36 1-16	35 1-16	35⅛	— ⅜
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Murder rates up in American cities

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — A week after Mayor Marc Morial received a national award for overhauling the city police department and a coinciding drop in crime, two teen-agers were murdered after leaving a weekend party in an upscale neighborhood.

Four more people have been killed since then, the latest victims in a disturbing trend: There have been 110 murders in New Orleans this year, compared with 80 by the same time a year ago.

The bad news isn't limited to New Orleans. Selected checks of major cities, including Baltimore, Boston, Dallas, Los Angeles, New York and Philadelphia, found that murders are up over last year.

The increases follow a substantial drop in murder rates across the country during most of the last decade.

In May, the FBI said murder and other serious crimes reported to the police dropped for an eighth consecutive year in 1999, by far the longest-running crime decline on record. Murder was down 2 percent in cities over 500,000 and 8 percent overall.

Several leading criminal justice experts agreed that the public should no longer expect to see the same significant drops in the rate of violent crimes that occurred in the 1990s. But they were unsure whether this year's murder upswing is temporary or whether America's violent crime rate has reached its low point and will now increase.

"I call it the criminal justice limbo stick; at some point you can't go any lower," said James Alan Fox, a criminal justice professor at Northeastern University in Boston. "Certain types of murder are way down ... but the issue of thrill and revenge motivation is still here and remains as American as apple pie and we have not seen an abatement of this type of violence."

Steve Levitt, a University of Chicago economics professor who specializes in criminal justice issues, actually expects a long-term drop in violent crime. He said unabated prison growth has removed violent offenders from society and is serving as a deterrent.

Not all the news so far this year is bad. The murder rate for the first half of the year has dropped in some large cities, Denver and Phoenix among them, by as much as 28 percent.

But other experts aren't as optimistic as Levitt.

"Demography is working against us," said Fox, noting the number of people between 14 and 20 — considered crime-prone ages — is growing. "If we don't pay attention, we could see youth violence so bad we'll look back on the 1990s and say, 'Those were the good old days.'"

When Morial took office in 1994, New Orleans had the nation's worst murder rate. That has fallen more than 50 percent since then, with 162 murders last year. At the U.S. Conference of Mayors in Seattle on June 10, Morial received the City Livability Award for turning things around.

But now New Orleans is on pace for 230 murders this year, the total in 1998. Police Superintendent Richard Pennington has blamed most of the killing on drug gangs.

The real question may be why the city's 1999 rate was so low, according to Al Blumstein, a criminal justice professor at Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh. He said last year's tally was an anomaly.

Unlike Fox, Blumstein sees less of a threat posed by the growing population of young people. The crime rate for that age group has been falling at about 5 percent, he said, and he expects violent crime rates to level off.

Hint of surface water on Mars

WASHINGTON (AP) — A sharp-eyed spacecraft camera orbiting Mars has spotted v-shaped gullies and trenches that appear to have been carved by fast-flowing water, say experts familiar with a new study of the Red Planet.

While the finding by the Mars Global Surveyor spacecraft is tentative, experts said Wednesday that the presence of liquid water would profoundly improve the chances of life existing on Mars.

"Life tends to like liquid water," said Dr. Hugh H. Kieffer, a planetary scientist with the U.S. Geological Survey in Flagstaff, Ariz. "Lots of people are searching very hard and would like to find water."

In a study to be published next week, scientists Michael Malin and Ken Edgett report that high resolution photos from Surveyor clearly show channels heading steeply downhill on the interior walls of craters gouged from the Martian surface by impacting asteroids.

NASA scheduled a news conference Thursday to announce the findings. Science, a leading peer-reviewed journal, advanced by a week the embargo on the study, but did not plan to release the paper until Thursday.

Malin and Edgett, both staff scientists for Malin Space Science Systems in San Diego, are said to report that the Surveyor photos suggest strongly that there is liquid water in the upper crust of Mars and that it has flowed in relatively recent times.

"Their interpretation of the photos is that these (the channels) are signs of water seepage and runoff," said an expert familiar with the study who asked not to be identified. "The key finding is that the photos give evidence of water in the Martian crust."

"If you saw these channels on Earth, you would know they were cut by water," added a second source familiar with the study.

This source, speaking on condition of anonymity, said there are very few craters and other erosion features near the water flow channels. This smooth surface indicates that the water flow was "very recent in geologic time."

Previous studies had detected land features on Mars carved by water, but all of those were billions of years of old, the source said.

"The significance of this finding is that it happened within years measured by thousands or millions," he said. All evidence of Martian water flow in the past has been aged at "not less than a billion years," he said.

Earlier studies have found evidence that Mars once had oceans, rivers and lakes and that the planet was warm with a thicker atmosphere. Over time, Mars lost its atmosphere and became very cold. The atmospheric pressure now is so low that liquid water converts directly into a vapor, and it is thought that much of Mars' water has escaped into space in that form.

But there is evidence of water trapped as ice at the Martian poles and experts speculate Mars may have underground lakes and aquifers.

Philip Christensen, an Arizona State University scientist who was only told about the Malin and Edgett paper, said their interpretation of the photos is consistent with water flowing from near the bottom of a deep pit gouged by an asteroid.

Christensen said it is believed that if Mars has water deposits several meters beneath the surface, an asteroid could gouge a crater that dips below the water table. He said this would allow the liquid to flow into the crater.

The second source familiar with the study said that in such an event, the water would freeze when it was touched by the frigid atmosphere and form an ice dam. Eventually the force of the water would smash the dam "and the water would break out in a rush, kind of like a flash flood," the expert said, adding that such a flow would carve channels and gullies like those spotted by Malin and Edgett.

Kieffer, who has not seen the Malin-Edgett paper, said that if the findings are confirmed, it would have a major effect in the search for life on Mars.

"The location of liquid water on Mars is a critical issue related to the likelihood of life on that planet," he said.

Readily available water also would make it easier to colonize the Red Planet.

Stricter limits sought on jobs for teens

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Clinton administration says it will lend its support to legislation that would more strictly limit when American teen-agers can work in agricultural and peddling jobs.

Labor Secretary Alexis Herman sent an endorsement letter to the bill's sponsor, Sen. Tom Harkin, D-Iowa, late Wednesday.

Harkin's legislation is aimed at improving safety among young workers at a time when the United States is pressing other countries to ratify an international treaty to eliminate the worst forms of child labor, such as slavery and prostitution.

The bill would change existing U.S. laws to:

—Increase the minimum age for farm work to 14. Currently 12- and 13-year-olds can hold some agricultural jobs. It would not change rules allowing younger children to work on their own families' farms.

—Allow the labor secretary to set limits on the hours teen-agers can work in agricultural jobs. Current limits only prohibit farm work during school hours, but other types of work are more strictly curbed, for example by late-night curfews.

—Make it illegal for children under the age of 16 to work as commercial street peddlers or in door-to-door sales. Currently some such businesses are exempt from child labor laws and have been accused of using children under age 10.

The peddling prohibition would not affect volunteer fund-raising activities for schools, community and church groups.

—Increase fines for egregious violations of child labor laws, involving fatalities or serious injury.

Separately, the National Consumers League was releasing a ranking on Thursday of the most dangerous work done by U.S. teen-agers. The report said 200,000 workers under age 18 are injured on the job and 70 are killed each year.

The five most dangerous summer jobs commonly held by teen-agers, according to the group, are delivery and other driving, working alone in small retail stores at night, street peddling and door-to-door sales, cooking, and construction work.

Man dies after struggle with Florida police

NORTH PORT, Fla. (AP) — A man running nude around his neighborhood died after police restrained him during a struggle in which he was pepper sprayed and given an injection to calm him.

Police said Brandon M. Jackson stopped breathing shortly after receiving the injection from an emergency medical technician. North Port Fire and Rescue spokeswoman Ellen Kehoe said Jackson didn't have a pulse and wasn't breathing when the rescue unit arrived.

Authorities did not say what the injection contained.

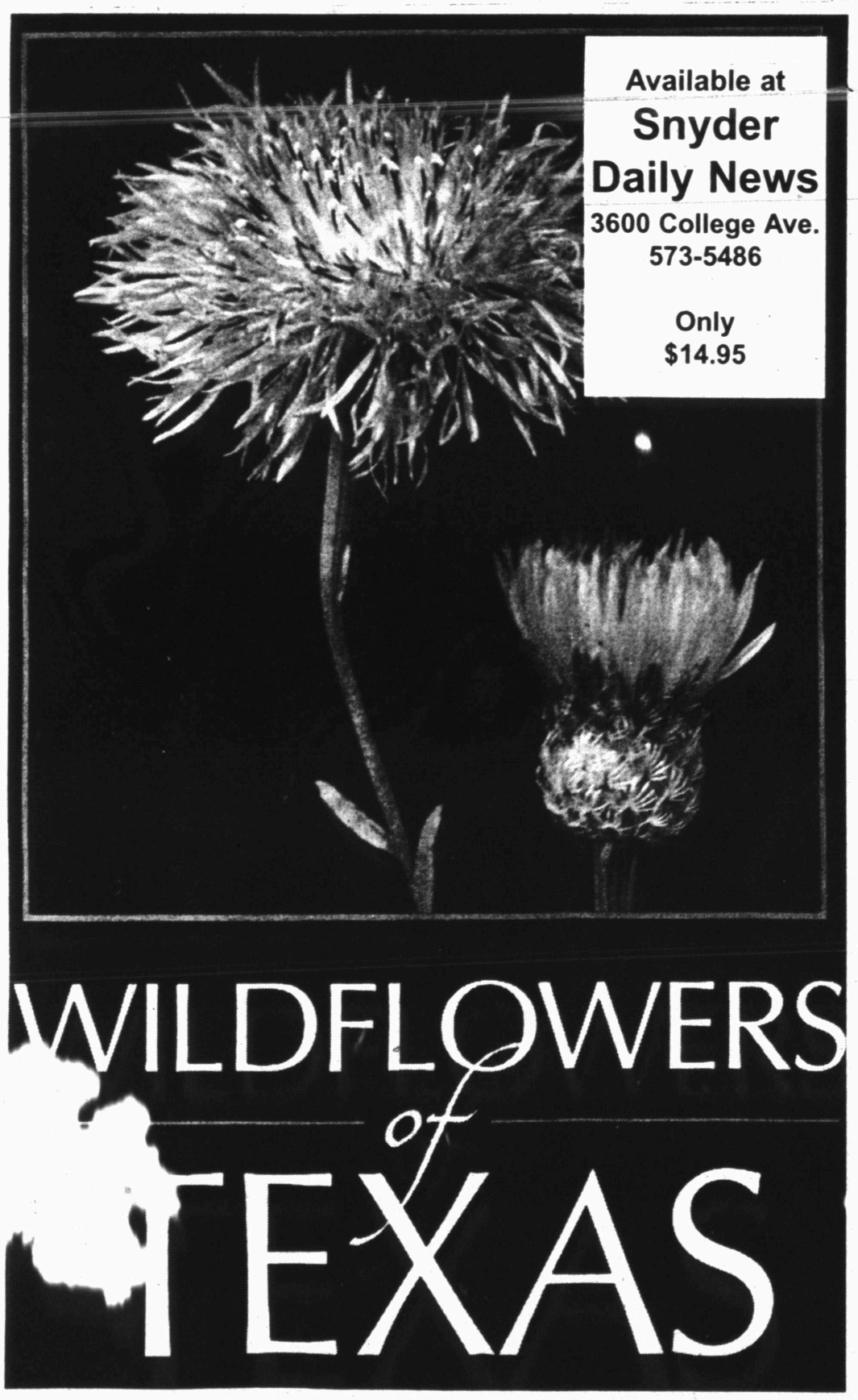
Police responding to a call from the 24-year-old man's mother Tuesday morning found Jackson standing nude in front of the garage door of a house near where he lived in North Port, in southern Sarasota County.

Jackson, who weighed about 300 pounds, was told to lie down. When he began to stand up, three officers decided to restrain him with handcuffs, then pepper sprayed him and used leg restraints after he struggled, according to police reports.

Jackson had informed the officers toward the end of the struggle that he suffered from asthma, police said.

Jackson later was pronounced dead at an area hospital. Results of an autopsy and toxicology tests will not be released for several weeks, authorities said.

"All I know is that his heart stopped beating," said Pam Ocasio, Jackson's mother. "We just got back from a trip to Ohio and he hadn't slept in 24 hours."



Date Book

Thursday, June 22, 2000
Today is the 174th day of 2000 and the third day of summer.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1870, the United States Department of Justice was created.

On this day in 1944, President Franklin Delano Roosevelt signed the GI Bill of Rights.

On this day in 1970, President Richard Nixon signed a bill lowering the voting age to 18.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Anne Morrow Lindbergh (1906-), writer, is 94; Billy Wilder (1906-), film director, is 94; Kris Kristofferson (1936-), actor-singer-songwriter, is 64; Ed Bradley (1941-), broadcast journalist, is 59; Meryl Streep (1949-), actress, is 51; Clyde Drexler (1962-), basketball player, is 38.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1994, the Houston Rockets defeated the New York Knicks 90-84, winning the NBA championship.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "By and large, mothers and housewives are the only workers who do not have regular time off. They are the great vacationless class." — Anne Morrow Lindbergh

TODAY'S MOON: Between full moon (June 16) and last quarter (June 24).

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Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

Teen mom now wishes she had listened to her parents

DEAR ABBY: I just finished reading Roseann Hermann's letter about the importance of parents teaching their teen-agers everything they need to know about birth control so they can make informed choices.

I am the 17-year-old mother of a 4-month-old daughter. I did not listen to my mother and father. They are wonderful parents. They stressed to me the importance of finishing high school, going to college, saving money, getting married and having children. They would tell me this every day. I would give anything to go back and listen to my parents.

But now that my daughter is here, she is the most beautiful thing in my life. I never knew I could love something so tiny so much. I'm getting my GED, working, and taking care of her. I raise her — my parents don't. Things are on hold, but I will go to college.

Why does everyone blame parents, Abby? Mine talked to me, but I disobeyed. My point is: Parents talk; teens don't listen. — **KIMBERLY IN RIVERVIEW, FLA.**

DEAR KIMBERLY: I'm printing your letter with the hope that other teens will read it and heed what you, a contemporary, have to say. I commend you for juggling your GED studies, working and facing all of the challenges of young motherhood.

The fact that you credit your parents with trying their best to communicate their hopes for your future — even though you admit you refused to listen — tells me how much maturity and insight you have gained. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: I am responding to the recent letters in your column about the importance of teaching sex education to children before they become teen-agers.

I am 13 years old. My parents told me everything I need to know about sex. If I want birth control, I can go to them.

Abby, I think you would be one terrible, awful parent not to talk to your children and assure them that you will be there for them no matter what. Children who are not taught by their parents — whom they trust the most — are more likely to get a sexually transmitted disease or become pregnant at an earlier age, if only to get back at their overprotective parents. Trust me, I know because I have talked to my friends — and we do talk about this sort of thing. — **CONCERNED IN RENO**

DEAR CONCERNED: It's heartwarming to read how much credit you give your parents for providing all of the important information necessary to prepare you for future sexual relationships. Although you are a mature young lady at 13, I hope that you are years away from having a physical relationship.

Now that you have the information you need, I trust you will take your parents up on their offer to go to them with any questions or concerns that may arise. Knowing you can talk freely with your mom and dad will give you a definite advantage in making sound choices.

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DEAR ABBY: My father died recently. Am I still a "Jr." or am I required to drop it? — **WONDERING IN WICHITA**

DEAR WONDERING: Please accept my condolences for the loss of your father.

Amy Vanderbilt says that upon the death of the "senior," the "junior" usually drops the "Jr." — unless both he and his late father were well-known and to drop it would cause confusion. However, if you so desire, there is nothing illegal or improper about retaining the "Jr."

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What teens need to know about sex, drugs, AIDS, and getting along with peers and parents is in "What Every Teen Should Know." To order, send a business-sized, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for $3.95 ($4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby, Teen Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Postage is included.)

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Prescription drug plan heads to House floor

WASHINGTON (AP) — Republican legislation to offer prescription drug insurance under Medicare is headed for the House floor after a contentious committee session that underscored the political stakes involved less than five months before elections.

"I'm happy to have you on the record," Rep. Pete Stark, D-Calif., said to Republicans shortly before they advanced the bill on a party-line vote late Wednesday.

"It's a political exercise on your part," he added, and vowed to pay for a campaign advertisement in the district of a committee Republican this fall "saying he doesn't care about seniors."

The Republican whom Stark mentioned, Rep. Clay Shaw of Florida, sat quietly a few feet away on the committee dais in the Ways and Means Committee room. "I guess he hasn't been on the positive side of a vote in six years," Shaw said afterward. "I guess it's getting to him."

The Republican bill would rely on private insurance companies, aided by government subsidies, to offer prescription drug coverage to seniors nationwide. It carries a price tag of $40 billion over five years.

"We don't want the government to control health care," Rep. Jim McCrery, R-La., said in response to one of numerous Democratic objections to the GOP proposal. "They haven't done a particularly good job. We want to try the private marketplace."

The Republican bill includes subsidies for low-income senior citizens that would reduce or eliminate monthly premiums and deductibles. Co-payments also would be reduced for the less well-off, although never eliminated entirely.

There are additional subsidies to cover catastrophic costs for all seniors who purchase insurance, regardless of their financial well-being.

The measure is penciled in for a floor vote next week, an ambitious schedule given the complexity of the issue and the political jockeying under way. A tough fight is expected, with Democrats laboring to hold down defections in hopes of denying Republicans a bipartisan victory they can trumpet in their campaigns this fall.

At the last minute Wednesday night, Democrats sweetened their own competing bill with $21 billion in new spending for hospitals, home health providers, medical schools and others in the regular Medicare program. The money has no direct bearing on drug insurance, but could well give some wavering Democrats a reason to oppose the GOP bill.

On prescription drugs, Democrats backed an alternative for a uniform government-defined Medicare prescription drug benefit. They said repeatedly that Republicans couldn't guarantee their legislation would live up to its claim of offering all senior citizens a choice of two plans.

"There is no guarantee of any particular benefit," said Rep. Ben Cardin, D-Md. "Let's at least guarantee to our citizens there's a benefit."

Cardin's proposal to authorize the federal government to offer an insurance plan of its own in competition with private companies was rejected — as were all Democratic attempts to make fundamental changes in the bill.

Final passage came on a party-line vote of 23-14. The outcome was the reverse on the Democratic alternative.

The current effort to provide prescription drug insurance results from a combination of economic and political factors.

The economic expansion has caused budget surpluses to swell beyond expectations, freeing funds for new programs. And in political terms, pollster Glen Bolger advised the GOP last week in a closed-door meeting that passage of a prescription drug bill was a "political imperative."

Republicans sought to blunt one Democratic charge in the committee deliberations — that private insurance companies would not offer policies for sale. Rep. Bill Thomas, R-Calif., the chief architect of the bill, circulated a letter from a top official at Merck-Medco, a provider of pharmaceutical benefits to health plans. "We would work to develop a prescription drug-only plan ... nationwide in competition with others in what we expect will be a highly competitive market," it said.

Deductibles, co-payments and other out of pocket charges would vary under the GOP bill. Under a draft standard policy, officials estimated monthly premiums of up to $40 and a $250 annual deductible. Policyholders would pay half the cost of each prescription, until they reach a $1,050 annual benefit limit. Coverage would then stop, but any costs over $6,000 would be covered in full.

In contrast, the Democratic alternative envisions a monthly premium starting at $26, no deductibles, a 50 percent co-payment for each prescription and an annual benefit limit of $1,000. Democrats also would provide financial assistance to those with low incomes. Their plan for catastrophic insurance provides greater coverage than the Republican bill, but the overall price tag is much higher, roughly $100 billion.

Richardson's two worst fears coming true

WASHINGTON (AP) — For Bill Richardson, his two worst nightmares have come true: $2 gasoline and another security scandal at a nuclear weapons lab.

In a span of 10 days, President Clinton's affable and ambitious energy secretary has gone from someone viewed as a Mr. Fix It — and possible Democratic vice presidential candidate — to being the target of unusually angry congressional attacks.

And Richardson is getting singed by Republicans and Democrats alike.

"You've lost all credibility," Sen. Richard Shelby, R-Ala., chairman of the Senate Intelligence Committee, told Richardson on Wednesday as he appeared to answer questions about the latest security breakdown at the Los Alamos nuclear weapons lab.

While Richardson sought to convince senators that he had worked feverishly over the past year to fix security shortcomings in his department, Shelby shot back that it was Richardson who was part of the problem.

"Look in the mirror," the senator fumed.

It was almost expected from Shelby, a conservative who had made clear he believes Richardson should resign. But a broadside from Sen. Robert Byrd, the West Virginia Democrat with 48 years in the Senate, stunned the hearing room.

"You have shown an extreme contempt ... of this Congress," Byrd lectured Richardson, who had spent 14 years as a congressman from New Mexico before becoming ambassador to the United Nations and two years ago energy secretary.

Byrd told Richardson he had made numerous assurances, but had not followed through. Another rub: Richardson didn't show up for a hearing on the Los Alamos problem last week, angering senators.

"You've had a bright and brilliant career. But you will never again receive the support of the Senate of the United States for any office to which you might be appointed. It's gone. You've squandered your treasure," Byrd said.

Flanked by three of his top assistants, Richardson sat quietly, taken aback by the intensely personal tone of Byrd's words. Although at times combative, Richardson was mostly subdued, knowing that for all purposes he was in the dock and nothing he might say would help.

"In two years I've done more on security than has been done in the last 20 years," he told the senators. But they were in no mood for such explanations.

It was in stark contrast to a year ago when Richardson trekked regularly to Capitol Hill to try to explain another security flap, one also involving nuclear secrets at Los Alamos and one of its scientists, Wen Ho Lee.

Back then, one senator after another praised the fledgling energy secretary for trying to get to the bottom of the mess and noted it was not his doing. He was one of their own. It was Richardson's credentials as a lawmaker and his reputation as an unorthodox diplomatic troubleshooter that helped ease his task of convincing Congress that the nuclear security mess would be taken care of.

But now it has happened again. "Your assertion that you've been attempting to address this problem rings hollow," said Sen. Olympia Snowe, R-Maine, summing up the views of many.

It is not only the Los Alamos problem that has made this a summer of dread for Richardson, but also soaring gasoline prices. An astute politician, Richardson was quick this week to declare that he would spend all his time focusing on two issues: Los Alamos and bringing down the price of gasoline.

But on neither is he likely to have much control over what happens in the months ahead.

The two issues in tandem may already have sunk any chance that Richardson, the administration's top-ranking Hispanic, has of becoming Al Gore's vice presidential running mate, something Richardson privately is known to covet. His name on the ticket surely would make campaign issues out of gasoline prices — should they remain high — and nuclear weapons security.

Gregarious and smart, Richardson, 52, has over the years shown a knack for meeting tough situations head-on. "I will keep tackling the tough problems," he said following Wednesday's hearing. That's why as a congressman he made a name for himself, traveling to countries like Sudan, North Korea and Iraq and through his own style of diplomacy managing to rescue Americans held there.

"He's very used to walking into a room and having everybody with their swords drawn," a longtime friend, Earl Potter, said not long ago. But that was before the latest Los Alamos security scandal and the gasoline price spike.

On Wednesday in the Senate, the swords were especially sharp.

After listening to Byrd, Richardson said, "I hope to earn Senator Byrd's trust again, maybe not," and then mused over his own career.

"I was in Congress for 14 years," he said. "I am a man of the people, and that's the Congress. And, in fact, after I look at my career, being a congressman was the best job I ever had."

On the Net: the Energy Department: http://www.doe.gov

Search underway for killers of 2 deputies

HUNTSVILLE, Mo. (AP) — A man and woman opened fire in a county jail early Thursday, killing the supervisor and a jail guard before fleeing, authorities said.

The man and woman rang the overnight buzzer at the Randolph County Jail about 12:30 a.m. and began shooting when a guard opened the door, said Lyndell Roth, a spokesman for the Missouri State Highway Patrol.

Leon Egle, the supervisor of the jail, and Jason Acton, a jail guard, were killed, Sheriff Don Ansell said. Their ages were not immediately available.

Roadblocks were set up around the county as authorities searched for the suspects.

A woman was arrested around dawn in nearby Moberly, Roth said, but she was later released when authorities concluded she was not the suspect.

Huntsville is about 110 miles east of Kansas City.

RC wants to seal abandoned oil, gas wells

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Texas Railroad Commissioner Tony Garza wants to seal abandoned oil and gas wells using money typically reserved by the state's water board to build wastewater plants.

Using the Oil Field Cleanup Fund, the state can seal about 1,600 deserted wells a year. But Texas must seal as many as 25,000 in upcoming years, the San Antonio Express-News reported in Thursday's editions.

The excess of abandoned oil and gas wells could result from a measure the Railroad Commission tentatively approved that would require oil and gas producers with non-producing wells to post large bonds.

Oil and gas producers may opt to go out of business rather than pay for their abandoned wells.

To stop the looming glut of abandoned wells, Garza is seeking a loan under the Clean Water State Revolving Fund, managed by the Texas Water Development Board.

Abandoned wells could leak and contaminate aquifers and surface water, and the loan wouldn't increase fees or taxes, Garza said.

So far, negotiations between the two agencies are going well.

Texas Water Development Board spokesman Leonard Olson said federal rules governing the loan program recently were changed to permit paying-for programs that address widespread contamination.

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.

Daughter decides sleeping arrangements

DEAR DR. GOTT: Am I a prudish grandmother? My daughter allows her 8-year-old son and 6-year-old daughter to sleep in the same room in bunk beds. Although my granddaughter, who is quite a flirt, has her own room, she prefers to sleep with her brother. My daughter laughs off my concern and reassures me that her daughter will let everyone know when she no longer wants to sleep in her brother's room.

I'm concerned because modern child-rearing philosophy leaves too much to the child's judgment — what they wear, eat, think. Am I being paranoid?

DEAR READER: A little, perhaps. And maybe somewhat prudish, too. However, these are not necessarily inappropriate feelings for a grandmother, whose upbringing and life experiences may, indeed, cast doubt on modern child-raising practices.

Your daughter seems to me to be on top of the situation. Remember that, in rural America a century or so ago, bundling was common. This practice permitted children and young adults to share (scarce) beds, as long as there was a board separating them. (This may have been grossly naive. In my experience with teen-agers, a board in a bed wouldn't have made an iota of difference; adolescents are both flexible and imaginative.)

However, your grandchildren do not share a bed, so I think that as long as your granddaughter requests her present sleeping arrangements, this is OK. Once one or both children begin puberty, they will probably opt for a different situation. If not, then I would share your concerns.

I should add that many families do not have the luxury of separate sleeping quarters. In such instances, adults and children sleep in the same room, even in the same bed. This is reality, and I am not aware of any studies showing that this arrangement is associated with unacceptable sexual practices. So I advise you to leave the decision to your daughter. I welcome any comments from readers, either pro or con.

DEAR DR. GOTT: Four years ago, I had bone spurs removed from my neck. I was then placed on Fosamax because of osteoporotic spinal fractures. Now my spurs have returned. Is the Fosamax to blame?

DEAR READER: No, it isn't. Bone spurs, which are ordinarily a consequence of arthritis, are not affected by medication to treat osteoporosis. To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Osteoporosis." Other readers who would like a copy should send $2 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to P.O. Box 2017, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to mention the title.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I've heard of a new, disposable hearing aid, called Songbird. With most similar devices costing several hundred dollars, how can this company justify disposability?

DEAR READER: I don't know. Songbird hearing aids, which will soon be available through licensed professionals, cost about $40 and deliver about a month of service (when used 12 hours a day). According to the manufacturer, the device is equivalent to standard hearing aids. Because this product is so new, experience with it is very limited, so I cannot comment on it. For more information, call (800) 201-2076.

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Liggett chief can testify in Florida trial

MIAMI (AP) — The chief executive of Liggett Group Inc. will have wide latitude to testify about his early break with the rest of the tobacco industry on the dangers of smoking, a judge ruled Thursday.

"He's entitled to say something in his defense," said Circuit Judge Robert Kaye in the case of 300,000 to 700,000 sick Florida smokers seeking punitive damages. "He's here to plead his case."

Philip Morris attorney Dan Webb had asked the judge Wednesday to sever Liggett and its witnesses from the punitive-damage phase of the case and tried to limit the appearance by Bennett LeBow, Liggett's CEO.

Kaye rejected the severance request and said LeBow could cover the subjects he wants as long as he doesn't "get into a diatribe," noting three other tobacco CEOs already have testified at length.

LeBow was to begin his testimony after attorneys completed arguments on unrelated motions to exclude other tobacco witnesses.

He broke ranks with the rest of the tobacco industry three years ago to say smoking is deadly and addictive, disclosed years of internal industry documents and stopped all company advertising.

The smokers are seeking a potential multibillion-dollar punitive damages verdict to punish Liggett and four other tobacco companies for decades of misconduct.

The industry has argued no money should be awarded based on changes adopted by cigarette makers under a $254 billion commitment to settle state lawsuits.

Webb had warned Wednesday of "an end-of-the-world scenario" if LeBow was allowed to testify broadly about his change of attitude.

Webb suggested keeping Liggett witnesses off the stand for now, having the jury reach a verdict on the other four cigarette makers and bringing the jury back to hear from people like LeBow.

Smokers' attorney Stanley Rosenblatt called it "one of the worst suggestions I've heard in a long time."

Clinton promises probe into higher gas prices

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton, confronting a political firestorm over soaring gasoline costs, said Thursday "there is no economic explanation I can think of for the run-up in the prices." He promised the government would wage an aggressive inquiry.

Wholesale gasoline prices have dropped more than 25 cents a gallon over the past week in cities where prices at the pump are still over $2 and rising. The industry says retailers just haven't yet caught up to the decline.

High gasoline prices became an issue in the presidential race, with Vice President Al Gore blaming the oil companies while his Republican rival, George W. Bush, accused the Clinton administration of failing to persuade oil exporters to increase production.

Although he blamed poor diplomacy, Bush, the Texas governor and a former oilman, also said it was fair and healthy for the government to investigate the price spike.

Gore suggested price gouging. "Big oil may have gotten too big," he said Wednesday. He quickly added he was not suggesting a breakup of oil companies.

Clinton expressed concern that higher gas prices would "rifle throughout our economy," suggesting that oil prices ideally should be "somewhere in the neighborhood of $20 to $25 a barrel." The main U.S. crude oil, West Texas Intermediate, rose 72 cents Wednesday on the New York Mercantile Exchange, where contracts for August delivery closed at $31.37 a barrel.

Clinton said Congress needs to help the administration combat higher prices by passing his proposals to encourage more stripper-well production.

Obituaries

Chigger Bruton

1926-2000

Funeral service for Chigger Jordan Bruton of Fluvanna is set for 10 a.m. Saturday in the Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will follow in the Fluvanna Cemetery. Roland Bruns, pastor of the Fluvanna United Methodist Church, will officiate.

Mrs. Bruton, 74, died Wednesday, June 21, in Scenic Mountain Hospital in Big Spring following a lengthy illness.

Born Feb. 26, 1926 in Cherokee, Okla., she married Allen Bruton on June 26, 1952 in Lovington, N.M. She was a Methodist.

Survivors include her husband, Allen Bruton of Fluvanna; a daughter, Lana Renee Harden of Amarillo; a son and daughter-in-law, Greg Allen and Lisa Bruton of Bangkok, Thailand; three sisters, Lou Etta Turner of Fluvanna, Lee Anna Schaper of Carlsbad, Calif., and Jeanene Carmichael of Georgetown; a brother, Bob Jordan of Fluvanna; and a grandson, Cody Bruton of Bangkok.

Candelario Aguilar

1908-2000

SWEETWATER — Service for Candelario Aguilar, father of Anita Hernandez of Snyder, is set for 10 a.m. Friday at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church. Burial will follow in the Sweetwater Cemetery directed by McCoy Funeral Home. Rev. Mike Goode will officiate.

Rosary will be held at 7 p.m. today at the McCoy Chapel of Memories.

Mr. Aguilar, 91, died Tuesday, June 20 in Sweetwater retirement center.

Born in El Paso, he had lived in Sweetwater since 1912. Mr. Aguilar was a member of Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church and had worked for the Dorbant family for several years. He had done construction work for the government at the airport under the W.P.A. and was a member of the Santo Nombre Holy Name Society of Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church.

He married Ramona Robledo in 1933. She died in 1994.

Survivors include three sons, Pete Aguilar, Daniel Aguilar, both of Sweetwater, Luis Aguilar of Midland; another daughter, Rosa Perez of Sweetwater; 13 grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren.

Alma Newman

1922-2000

ROBY — Alma Jeroline Newman of Roby, former Snyder resident, died Wednesday, June 21, in Abilene Regional Hospital following a lengthy illness.

Funeral service is set for 2 p.m. Saturday at the Menard Church of Christ in Menard. Burial will follow in the Menard Cemetery.

Born April 21, 1922, near Whitney, she was preceded in death by her parents, Wylie and Myrtle Parham of Menard. Mrs. Newman had also lived in De Leon.

Survivors include her husband, Floyd Newman of Roby; two daughters- and sons-in-law, Kathleen and David Davis of Giddings and Jeanie and Johnny Pilgrim of Mustang, Okla.; a son and daughter-in-law, Bucky and Lynda Crisp of Sour Lake; one stepdaughter and her husband, Patsy and Leon Ashworth of Snyder; two stepsons and their wives, Donnie and Shirley Newman of Snyder and Floyd Wayne and Nancy Newman of Dallas; a brother and sister-in-law, Marshall and Sue Parham of Snyder; 18 grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

Alberta Dennington

1912-2000

CLOVIS, N.M. — Funeral service for Alberta Pearl Sheridan Dennington, 87, is set for 2:30 p.m. MDT Saturday at W. 21st St. Church of Christ. Virgil Webb will officiate, assisted by Hoyle Welch and Sam Billingsley. Burial will follow at Melrose Cemetery, Melrose, N.M., under the direction of Steed-Todd Funeral Home.

Mrs. Dennington died this morning. She was born Dec. 29, 1912 in Greer County, Okla. She married Joe Phil Dennington on Nov. 11, 1929. He died in 1982.

She was preceeded in death by her parents, Walter and Pearl Stout Sheridan.

She is the grandmother of Barbara Eicke of Snyder. Other survivors include two children, Joe Carrel and Murl Dennington of Clovis, and Roy and Wenona Martin of Warner, Okla.; two brothers, Floyd Sheridan of May, Tex. and Garland Sheridan of Killeen, Tex.; two sisters, Fannie Anderson and Bertha Welch, both of Clovis, N.M.; 10 grandchildren, 22 great-grandchildren, and two great-great-granchildren.

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Concerns raised over Chinese news agency's quarters

WASHINGTON (AP) — The State Department says the Chinese news agency Xinhua failed to get required permission when it purchased a seven-story building for news offices and living quarters close to the Pentagon.

The Washington Times had reported some private China analysts were concerned that Xinhua could spy on the Pentagon from its new quarters. the paper reported Thursday that some officials now want to block the sale of the Arlington, Va., property on national security grounds.

Xinhua's bureau chief denied the agency is engaged in spying, and Chinese Embassy spokesman Zhang Yuanyuan said Xinhua was advised by its American lawyers that it had followed U.S. laws.

The State Department, in a position statement prepared for its daily briefing with reporters Thursday, said the Chinese were notified in 1985 that they would have to obtain prior authorization for any purchase or sale of real property by Xinhua, a government-affiliated news agency.

"The restriction remains in place today, and Xinhua is aware of it," the department said. It said there is no record that Xinhua notified the department of plans to purchase the Arlington property. The building is just under a mile from the Pentagon, with a distant view of some of the Pentagon outer wall.

Theft, burglary reports filed

Two reports for theft and one for burglary were filed Wednesday.

Officers were called to Quick Auto Service and Sales at 811 25th Street at 7 a.m. in reference to the theft of a tool and several auto repair supplies from a service repair truck. The theft reportedly occurred while the vehicle was parked at an employee's residence in the 2300 block of Avenue M. An offense report for burglary of a vehicle was submitted.

Keith Matthies contacted officers at 8:30 a.m. to report the theft of approximately 22 boxes of roofing nails from 1607 30th Street. A report was taken for burglary of a building.

An offense report for state jail felony theft was filed at 4:47 p.m. at Colortyme Rent to Own, 2503 College, in reference to a missing bank bag.

Officers also took three subjects into custody Wednesday.

At 9:22 p.m., a 21-year-old man was taken into custody at 26th Street and Avenue H for Class A misdemeanor violation of a protective order.

Two subjects were arrested at 11:48 p.m. in the 2900 block of Avenue B. A 37-year-old man was jailed for driving while intoxicated and driving while license suspended and a 41-year-old man was jailed for public intoxication.

Officers investigated two accidents Wednesday.

A one-vehicle accident occurred at 12:22 p.m. in the 1700 block of 25th Street. Involved was a 1999 Ford F-150 pickup driven by Ronald Ray Rogers, 58, of 209 Westland in San Angelo that struck a light-pole.

At 1:22 p.m., officers worked a two-vehicle mishap in the 2000 block of 26th Street. Involved were a 2000 Chevrolet C-1500 pickup driven by Zella White, 70, of 101 26th Street and a 1994 Pontiac Firebird driven by Ramon Morales Arriega, 47, of 2807 Avenue U.

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Head start registration

Registration for Scurry County Head Start, for children 4-years-old and also 3-years-old before Sept. 1, is being held until 4 p.m. today at the Snyder Day Care Center, 2800 2nd Street. Certified birth certificate, immunization records and proof of income are required. For information, call 573-7403.

The Continentals in concert

The Continentals, a Christian music group, will be in concert at 7 this evening at Colonial Hill Baptist Church.

Long-term care meeting

Cogdell Memorial Hospital long-term care family members are urged to attend a meeting at 6 tonight in the hospital's board room to elect family council officers.

Northeast reading night

Northeast Elementary will host a parent-student reading night from 6:30 to 8 each Thursday throughout the summer. There will be refreshments and door prizes. Spanish classes also will be available. All students and families are welcome.

Queen candidate fund-raisers

Christina Arellano, Our Lady of Guadalupe Church queen candidate, will have a bake sale starting at 8:30 a.m. Friday at Wal-Mart. Bonnie Pesina, also a queen candidate, will have two fund-raisers at Our Lady of Guadalupe Center, 1311 Ave. K. The first one is a tamale sale set Friday, from 3-6 p.m. The second one will be brisket dinner plates to be sold Saturday from noon to 5 p.m. Adults cost $5 and children $3.

Ira class reunion

Ira's classes of 1954 through 1957 will have a reunion Friday and Saturday. The exes will meet Friday evening at the Lota' Burger and at the Ira school at noon on Saturday. For more information, call Carolyn Cox at 573-7577 or Franklin Bryant at 573-2008. All exes and friends are invited to attend.

Museum exhibits

Scurry County Museum will display the Nolan von Roeder African exhibit as well as Kids College projects Sunday through Wednesday night. A reception is planned Sunday afternoon from 1-3 at the museum.

First Baptist VBS

"Ocean Odyssey" is the theme for vacation Bible school at First Baptist Church. VBS will be held from 9 a.m. until noon June 26-30 and is for grades K through 6th. The public is invited to family night on Wednesday.

American Legion officers

American Legion Post 181 will elect officers on Monday.

Volunteer training

Gateway Family Services will be offering a volunteer training class from 6-9 p.m. Monday at Gateway Family Service (formerly Noah Project). Please RSVP at 573-1822.

Bible study tapes

Bible study tapes air each week on Channel 2. To be shown at 7 p.m. Monday is "Bearing One Another's Burdens," followed by "Jews and Gentiles are One in Christ."

Genealogy meeting

The Scurry County Genealogy Society will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the Scurry County Library.

MAWC game day

Martha Ann Woman's Club luncheon and game day will be held Wednesday. Serving will begin at 11:30 a.m. and games of choice will follow. Reservations are needed by Tuesday. Call 573-3427.

FBC worship service

The First Baptist Church Sunday morning worship service airs at 3 p.m. each Thursday on TV Channel 2.

55 Alive defensive driving

A state certified 55 Alive defensive driving course will be offered at the Senior Citizens Center June 29-30 from 8:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. Call 573-4035 to pre-register.

Rotary installation

Snyder Rotary Club's officer installation and awards banquet will be held at 6:30 p.m. next Thursday, at the Wagon Wheel Ranch.

Joint Masonic installation

All Scurry County Masonic Lodges – Ira, Hermleigh and Scurry – will hold a joint installation of officers following a 5:30 p.m. meal of hamburgers and ice cream on Saturday, July 1, at the Scurry Lodge Hall.

LVN class testing

Students wishing to enroll in the fall Licensed Vocational Nursing class at Western Texas College should contact the counseling office to arrange for the pre-entrance exam to be given through July 25. Interviews will be conducted through Aug. 7. For more information, call the counseling office at 573-8511, ext. 313.

GED exams

GED examinations will be administered June 29 in the testing center at WTC. Call Emily Hataway at 574-2112 or Molly Kattes at 573-2919 for more information.

Pick 3

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

6-4-0

Lotto Texas

AUSTIN (AP) No ticket correctly matched all six numbers drawn Wednesday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials said.

The ticket would have been worth an estimated $12 million.

The numbers drawn Wednesday night from a field of 50 were: 17-27-32-35-41-47.

Saturday night's drawing will be worth an estimated $16 million.