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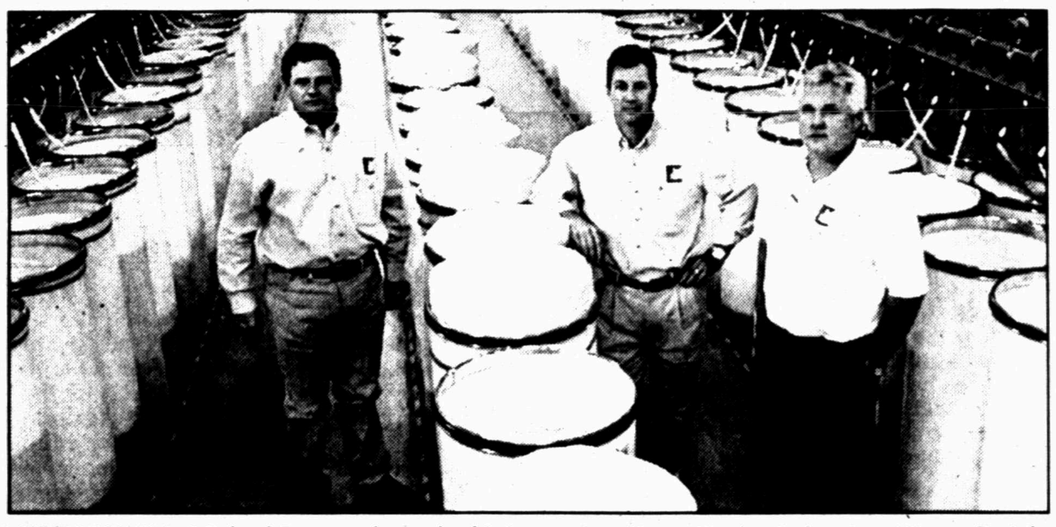

MAKING YARN – Michael Gruener (center), chief executive officer of Lorber Industries of Texas, Dwight Jackson (left) and Jack Whitworth of the local plant, pause on a tour of the local facility. While the yarn market is down at the present, the ultra-modern plant, starting its second year of operation, will be capable of keeping up with the market when demand increases. (SDN Staff Photo)

Lorber adjusts as yarn market slips

By Wade Warren
Managing Editor

While West Texas has seen its share of businesses close due to low oil prices in recent months, other parts of the United States have seen their share of problems, too.

And this is especially true in the yarn market.

In most parts of Texas, the closing of yarn factories might not draw a second glance in a newspaper story, but to employees of Lorber Industries of Texas, that news is as noteworthy as oil news in Odessa, or Snyder.

Right now, Lorber is competing in a world market that is just as tough to compete in as an oil well drilling company searching for oil priced at $10 a barrel.

But despite low yarn prices, Lorber is surviving as the result of hard work, and diversification in its end product, company officials say.

Almost to this day a year ago, Lorber made its first delivery of yarn from their plant at the Snyder industrial park from what was called then, and still is, by industry experts, a "state-of-the-art facility."

Lorber's commitment to using cutting-edge technology in its plants may even have slowed down recently talked-about expansion plans as they await to see what new changes are on the horizon for weaving machinery.

In the meantime, the company is operating in Snyder with some 75 employees on a seven-day, 24-hours-per-day schedule.

Chief Executive Officer Michael Gruener was in Snyder this Friday and he continues to have praise for the work force in Snyder.

"We were actually looking at our Snyder plant through two perspectives," said Gruener. "We wanted to produce a first quality, world class product."

"Without a doubt, that expectation has been met and the quality of our employees has also been met."

"What we didn't expect, and no one else did either, is that the market is at its current level," said Gruener.

Gruener said Asian mills have released a large supply of yarn world-wide, thus driving down prices, plus polyester prices have dropped drastically to make a polyester-blend product attractive to buyers.

Jack Whitworth, Snyder plant manager, said while cotton prices took a plunge, yarn prices fell at even a more drastic rate.

Administrative manager Dwight Jackson added that while U.S. usage of cotton amounted to just over 10 million bales, fabric and yarn amounting to 13 million bales where imported last year.

The question that had to be answered by Lorber was how to react to the low yarn prices and still survive.

"One of the marks of Lorber Industries of Texas is that we are nimble and flexible in what we sell in the market place," said Gruener.

What Lorber did was to send a value-added product out the door by adding knitting to their process in Snyder.

"This strategy has enabled us to weather what is historically the worse yarn market the U.S. has ever seen," emphasized Gruener.

"We have had to produce a value-added product to get the margin we need."

Gruener said the company is 100 percent focused on weathering current low prices, and when that happens, it will look at further expansion of its operation in Snyder.

"When we see an upswing, we'll look at other processes," Gruener said.

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "Push will get you almost anywhere – except through a door marked "pull.'

Found out something else to be thankful for. It's been at least 25 years since we've been stranded on the side of the road with a flat tire.

Actually, it was a blowout. We first thought the sound was a helicopter, probably from the DPS, checking on holiday traffic.

But the smoke from the blown out tire, not to mention the wobbly steering, was a sure sign to pull over to the road's shoulder.

Then the exercise began. First chore was having to unload the trunk. We found good news and bad news.

The good news was a full-sized spare tire that had never been on the ground. More good news: it had some air in it.

Then came the bad stuff. After finally getting the spare unhitched, the search began for the tire jack. Nope, it wasn't readily visible in the trunk, so we looked under the hood for a peek. Again, no luck.

We hate to admit it, but we decided that the owner's manual might provide a clue. Sure, 'nuff, there it was against the right fender, under the trunk's carpet. Fortunately, there were more instructions.

Reading the directions said to pull the jack handle off and use it as a tire tool – one end as a lug wrench and the other to prey off the hubcap. But there was no mention about a security nut and special tool.

After ruining a perfectly good wheel cover, Jay Bearden, a young guy who used to live in Snyder, turned around and offered help. The Mullin resident's best advice was to look for the little tool to remove the security nut.

He didn't say we were stupid, ole what's-her-name beat him to it.

By this time, the temperature had peaked to at least 150 degrees. Despite being blinded by sweat running into the eyes, we kept on the lookout for traffic that never slowed and never pulled into the inside lane to pass.

After getting the jack into the proper position and making those half turns for what seemed like a day, the car was finally high enough to finish the task.

After the better part of an hour in the hot sun, we looked forward to a cool drink of water as we headed into Brownwood to hunt for air. Neither the water nor air was free, but we got even using the soap and water in the bathroom.

In addition to a new tire, we're gonna have to get a new pair of jeans – without road tar.

And just maybe we can go another 25 years without a flat.

John Kennedy Jr.'s plane is missing near Long Island

MATTITUCK, N.Y. (AP) — A small plane carrying John F. Kennedy Jr. to a wedding in Massachusetts was reported missing early today, and a search was under way off the coast of New York's Long Island, Coast Guard officials said today.

The plane took off from Essex Airport in Caldwell, N.J., at 8:45 p.m. Friday and was carrying Kennedy, his wife Carolyn Bessette, and her sister, the Coast Guard said.

The passengers were en route to the Cape Cod-Martha's Vineyard area where the Kennedy family was gathering for a wedding today in Hyannisport, Mass. The Kennedys were due to arrive in Martha's Vineyard at 10 p.m. Friday, a source in Washington told The Associated Press.

Under hot, hazy skies, Coast Guard crews and the Air Force scoured a large swath of sea today from eastern Long Island to Martha's Vineyard, along the presumed flight path of Kennedy's plane.

Government sources said an emergency beeper signal was received at about 2:15 a.m. today off Long Island, and rescue crews were sent to the area off Mattituck. No subsequent signal was heard.

But according to Coast Guard Lt. Craig Jaramillo, the plane was last detected on radar just miles west of Martha's Vineyard.

President Clinton, who is spending the weekend at Camp David in western Maryland, was told about the disappearance of the Kennedy plane by John Podesta, his chief of staff, shortly after 7 a.m. Saturday, the White House said.

Press Secretary Joe Lockhart said the president was being kept informed of the progress of the search for the missing aircraft.

"President Clinton was informed early this morning.

Efforts to cap well results in injuries to two workers

Two workers with Cudd Pressure Services of Odessa were injured Friday afternoon while installing water lines to a Unocal well that had blown out earlier in the day some 35 miles southwest of Snyder in Borden County.

The two were injured by a piece of foam spraying equipment, according to Unocal officials.

Trampus Poldrack of Midland remained in Scenic Mountain Medical Center in Big Spring Saturday morning listed in good condition, while Odessa resident Cary Christenson was treated and released from the hospital Friday afternoon. Their ages were not released by company officials.

The well, Reinecke 287, blew out around 1 a.m. Friday causing residents of the Sour Dough Addition at Lake Thomas to be briefly evacuated.

Unocal reservoir engineer Craig Van Horn said Friday evening that the well had been shut in previously and was being put back into production.

Van Horn said no one was at the well site when it blew out, and the gas emitting from the well was noticed by motorists and they notified authorities in Borden County.

Van Horn said no fire occurred at the well, but gasses and fluids were escaping.

The company has placed H2S monitors and flammable substance monitors in the area in an effort to keep residents safe.

Workers with Cudd Services were at the site Saturday morning continuing with efforts to cap the well.

Tickets now on sale for banquet

Tickets go on sale Monday at the Snyder Chamber of Commerce for the annual banquet to be held Aug. 31 at Scurry County Coliseum.

Texas House Speaker Pete Laney will be the featured speaker and the event will have a Hawaiian theme.

Tickets are $12.50 each.

The chamber office is located at 2302 Ave. R.

Jail air conditioning on county agenda Monday

Scurry County commissioners court will consider only one action item when it meets Monday.

The court will consider bids on completing the air conditioning upgrade at the Scurry County Jail at the 10 a.m. meeting.

The court will also consider line-item transfers and budget amendments if items have been submitted by individual commissioners or department heads.

Solar car racers here on Tuesday

Eight solar-powered vehicles are expected in Snyder Tuesday evening as the community is one of the stops on a seven-day race from Dallas to Los Angeles.

Teams from New York, Connecticut, South Carolina, Indiana, Missouri, California and Texas will participate in the race hosted by The Winston School of Dallas.

A race is held on even-number years at the Texas Motor Speedway, while a cross-country race is held on odd-numbered years.

Pacing the race this year will be *Team Hejios*, the national solar racing team from France.

The 1,600-mile race will begin at 9 a.m. Tuesday as the vehicles will leave the Texas Motor Speedway.

The solar vehicles will stop four times Tuesday with the final stop being in Snyder at the Scurry County Coliseum where the vehicles will be impounded for the night.

The race will again get underway on Wednesday as the race continues from the coliseum.

AWARD WINNER – COWJAZZ band member J.D. Barham holds the award the band received for duo-group of the year during the Will Rogers Cowboy Award show in Fort Worth Tuesday. Barham, and fellow band member Bob Baker, accepted the award in the category which included other nominees such as Asleep at the Wheel, Light Crust Doughboys and the Texas Playboys. In all, the band was nominated for four awards. (SDN staff photo)

ASK US

Q - Is there a place in Scurry County where a person can get tested for HIV at no cost?

A - Yes. Males or females may be tested at the Scurry County Health Clinic.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Friday, 91 degrees; low, 70; reading at 7 a.m. Saturday, 71; no rain; total precipitation for 1999 to date, 17.27 inches.

Area Forecast: Saturday night, partly cloudy with a slight chance of evening thunderstorms. Low in the upper 60s. Rain chance 20%. Sunday, partly cloudy with a slight chance of afternoon thunderstorms. High in the lower 90s. Rain chance 20%.

Vanessa Rayna
Sunny

Sunset:
8:49 p.m.
Sunrise:
6:51 a.m.
Of 197 days in 1999, the sun has shone 190 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

One who fears limits his activities. Failure is only the opportunity to more intelligently begin again.
- Henry Ford

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Compromise reduces size of federal tax cut

WASHINGTON (AP) — House Republicans may reduce their proposed $864 billion tax cut by nearly $72 billion, partly because of tricky Senate budget rules and partly to appease rebellious moderates in their own ranks.

Republican aides said Friday that the plan adopted this week by the Ways and Means Committee may be scaled back to $792 billion over 10 years, the same level as a proposal offered by Sen. William Roth, R-Del.

One key reason, the aides said, is that Senate budget rules apparently will only allow a tax cut of the smaller size to pass the Senate with a simple majority. If the House sent over a larger cut, it might require approval of 60 of the 100 senators.

"We are committed to getting as big a bill as possible," said Trent Duffy, spokesman for the Ways and Means Committee chairman, Rep. Bill Archer, R-Texas. "This is being realistic."

But with a slender majority and Democrats solidly opposed, Speaker Dennis Hastert, R-Ill., met with about a dozen GOP moderates who have objected that the House tax cut is much too large. A GOP aide speaking on condition of anonymity said the lower figure may help bring the moderates on board so the bill can clear the House next week.

In the Senate, Republicans and Democrats outlined competing plans Friday that are some $500 billion apart.

Roth, chairman of the Finance Committee, called his plan an effort to "work in a bipartisan spirit" by targeting income tax cuts at middle-class people, broad expansion of individual retirement accounts and 401(k)s and omission of cuts in capital gains taxes or repeal of estate taxes as sought by the House.

"I'm optimistic that we will have some Democratic support," Roth said. "It embodies objectives shared by Republicans, Democrats and the president."

President Clinton, however, has repeatedly said he will veto any tax cut of the size proposed by congressional Republicans. Clinton contends it will crowd out money from the $2.9 trillion, 10-year surplus he says is needed to ensure the survival of Social Security and Medicare and prevent deep cuts in defense and domestic spending.

"Anything in the $800 billion range fails to meet the president's test of doing first things first," said Linda Ricci, spokeswoman for the White House Office of Management and Budget.

Clinton has proposed cuts of about $250 billion over 10 years, including new government-sponsored retirement investment accounts that would supplement Social Security.

In an early effort at compromise, Senate Democrats proposed splitting the surplus not set aside for Social Security — an estimated $996 billion — into thirds: one for Medicare, one for net tax cuts of $295 billion and one for increased spending.

"It would be unwise to enact into law permanent, huge tax cuts based simply on projections of surpluses," said Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan of New York, senior Democrat on the Finance Committee. "If we enact into law huge tax cuts, a relatively minor economic change would push the budget back into deficit."

The Democratic tax plan would most benefit the middle class by raising the standard income tax deduction by 2007 from $7,200 now to $11,550 for a married couple and from $4,300 to $5,600 for singles.

It would also benefit two-earner married couples by allowing them a new itemized deduction of up to $4,340, if they earn below $95,000 a year.

Some Democrats, however, say the surplus is so large that bigger tax cuts are possible. Sens. John Breaux of Louisiana and Bob Kerrey of Nebraska may offer an alternative in the $500 billion range when the Finance Committee begins work on the tax cut next week.

"The Democratic tax cut is too small and the Republican tax cut is too big," Breaux said. "There should be some figure in between."

Diabetics approved for new treatment

WASHINGTON (AP) — Diabetics have won another treatment that promises to fight their disease with less risk than a popular but sometimes dangerous drug.

Actos, known chemically as pioglitazone, won Food and Drug Administration approval Friday to treat Type 2 diabetes by resensitizing patients' bodies to insulin.

It becomes diabetics' second alternative to the competing diabetes drug Rezulin, which generated huge excitement when it hit the market in 1997 because it worked differently than any previous diabetes treatment. But Rezulin also can cause fatal liver damage, prompting recent government restrictions to limit the number of diabetics who try it.

In May, the FDA approved the first drug that worked like Rezulin but with allegedly lower liver risks, SmithKline Beecham's Avandia.

Actos, made by Takeda Pharmaceuticals and marketed by Eli Lilly & Co., is the newest alternative. It will be available, by prescription, next month. No price was announced.

In studies of over 4,500 patients, there were no signs that Actos damaged patients' livers, the FDA said. However, because Actos is related to the problematic Rezulin, the FDA insisted that as a precaution Actos patients have their livers tested before starting therapy and then every two months for a year. That's the same liver testing the FDA insists Avandia patients get, too, because that drug also is related to Rezulin.

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Fire leaves 108 homeless in Spokane

SPOKANE, Wash. (AP) — A fire destroyed most of a downtown city block early Friday, leaving 108 people homeless. One firefighter was injured.

The fire started in a vacant three-story brick building and rapidly spread to a six-story apartment building with 90 units. Many of the residents, mostly elderly and low-income people, fled in little more than bathrobes.

The buildings that were destroyed date from the turn of the century and are some of the city's oldest.

A column of black smoke hung over downtown well into the afternoon. Charred embers littered streets for several blocks.

Jury will hear Cisneros tapes

WASHINGTON (AP) — The federal judge presiding over former Housing Secretary Henry Cisneros' upcoming conspiracy trial indicated Friday that he's likely to allow jurors to hear evidence at the heart of the government's case: Cisneros' voice on tape recordings surreptitiously made by his ex-mistress.

But U.S. District Judge Stanley Sporkin's comments, which came at the conclusion of a 13-day pretrial hearing on the tapes' admissibility, suggested a qualified victory for prosecutors, who are pressing to introduce into evidence 26 of the 88 tapes recorded by Linda Jones.

Fretting that some of the tapes bear signs they could have been heavily edited, Sporkin told the government's special prosecutors he wouldn't permit the use of all 26 recordings. "Some of this is going out, as far as I'm concerned," he said.

The recordings are central to prosecutors' case that while under consideration for a Cabinet post in the Clinton administration, Cisneros conspired with Ms. Jones and two aides to conceal details of his more than $250,000 in payments to her. The trial is set for September.

Sporkin, whose official decision will come in a written ruling, said he was skeptical of the defense's argument that none of the tapes are admissible because all are copies, in some cases altered, of since-destroyed originals.

"I can't buy your argument in total and I can't buy their argument in total," Sporkin told a prosecutor as both sides wound only two days, Cisneros' legal team labored on several fronts to quash use of the tapes — which lawyer Brendan Sullivan acknowledged Friday might carry special weight with jurors.

"Tapes, as we all know, are very powerful evidence," he said.

The recordings, made as the relationship soured, captured conversations in which Ms. Jones and Cisneros discussed his financial support — and his characterization of those payments to the Clinton transition team and the FBI agents conducting his Cabinet background check.

Cisneros revealed during his background check that he gave Ms. Jones financial support after their extramarital affair became public in 1988, costing her marriage and career as a political fund raiser. But prosecutors contend he falsely told the FBI he never paid her more than $10,000 annually.

The 18-count indictment against Cisneros alleges he paid her more than $264,000 between 1990 and 1993. He has pleaded innocent.

Independent Counsel David Barrett's office has acknowledged that four of the 26 tapes were edited by Ms. Jones, who testified she feared legal repercussions if she didn't scrub the recordings to delete passages where she threatened to expose her financial arrangement with Cisneros if the money flow stopped.

Ms. Jones, who began taping calls with Cisneros as she scrambled for proof of his earlier verbal commitment to support her, said she also deleted some sexually suggestive passages and those dealing with uninvolved parties.

The Cisneros team, which undertook an all-out assault on Ms. Jones' credibility, said the judge should throw out the tapes because he has no independent means of verifying whether her depiction of the editing is accurate.

During a withering cross-examination, the defense elicited numerous admissions from Ms. Jones that she had misrepresented the tapes as unaltered originals to the FBI, Internal Revenue Service, a Texas court and her own lawyers.

NAACP files handgun suit

NEW YORK (AP) — The NAACP has filed suit against nearly 100 handgun makers in federal court, seeking injunctions that would place sweeping restrictions on handgun sales.

The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People contends the industry's marketing practices fuel street violence.

The lawsuit, filed Friday in Brooklyn, alleges that negligent marketing of handguns has "led to disproportionate numbers of injuries, deaths and other damages among those whose interests the (NAACP) represents."

"We are putting the gun industry on notice that it can't be business as usual," NAACP President Kweisi Mfume said in a statement.

The lawsuit seeks to force distributors to restrict sales to dealers who have storefront outlets, prohibit sales to gun show dealers and limit individual purchasers to one handgun a month.

Defendants include industry heavyweights including Smith & Wesson Corp., Sturm, Ruger & Co. and Glock, Inc.

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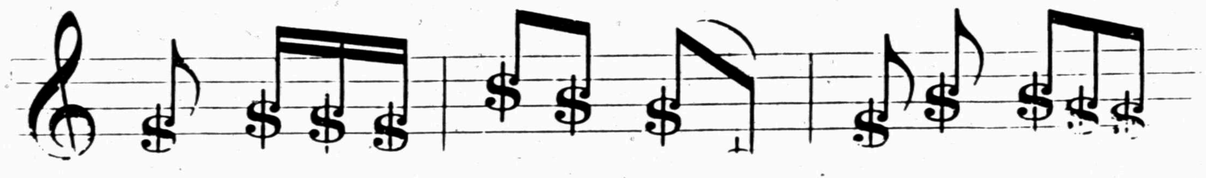

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News Briefs

Yank gay book

WICHITA FALLS (AP) — The city stepped on the First Amendment when it yanked two gay-themed picture books from the children's section of the public library, according to a lawsuit filed on behalf of 19 residents.

"Heather Has Two Mommies" and "Daddy's Roomate" were given a new home in the adult room of the city library this week.

They still can be located, perused and checked out.

But the American Civil Liberties Union said in a federal suit filed Friday that the move violated the rights of children to free expression and to receive materials.

"First Amendment rights do not stop just because of age," ACLU North Regional Director Diana Philip said. "Just like you like to stop and thumb through the pages to see if a book is right for you, kids have the same right."

One of the books tells the tale of a lesbian couple who seek out artificial insemination, then raise a daughter. The other book paints a colorful picture of a man who leaves his wife and son to move in with a boyfriend.

This week, after months of debate and delay, the city pulled the controversial tomes from the children's shelves.

FDA renews warning

WASHINGTON (AP) — Shortages of the clot-busting drug Abbokinase will continue for the foreseeable future. The government issued a stern letter Friday saying maker Abbott Laboratories still has not corrected important safety defects.

Hospitals have experienced shortages of Abbokinase, one of many drugs used to dissolve blood clots, since last fall. That's when the Food and Drug Administration suspended Abbokinase sales, saying Abbott failed to ensure the drug's ingredients — the kidney cells of foreign newborns who died — were free of hepatitis B and other infections.

Subsequently, viral and bacterial contamination has been found in the factory, as well as additional problems with testing the donor kidney cells, the FDA said Friday.

No contamination was found in any Abbokinase sold for patient use — the drug is pasteurized before sale. So the FDA has never ordered a recall of the scarce supplies that some hospitals still have on pharmacy shelves.

But the FDA has urged doctors to use remaining Abbokinase supplies only in emergencies, saying it does have the potential to contain infections.

Coverup is claimed

CLUTE (AP) — Co-workers of a former Brazoria County jailer testified in a Galveston federal courtroom that his rough handling of a Missouri inmate in 1996 was covered up.

One witness, a former nurse at the Brazoria County Detention Center, said her notes on the inmate's injuries vanished from the jail's infirmary, while jailers testified they were afraid to report the incident, The Facts of Brazoria County reported Friday.

Wilton David Wallace, 51, is charged with violating the civil rights of 27-year-old inmate Clarence Fisher. If convicted, he faces up to 10 years in a federal prison and a maximum $250,000 fine.

The episode allegedly occurred two months after a videotaped shakedown at the jail, which also involved Wallace, drew national publicity. He faces trial in September in that unrelated case.

Wallace took the stand in his own defense, testifying Thursday that he was only trying to calm the handcuffed and shackled Fisher by placing him against the wall. But co-workers said the November 1996 confrontation was more violent.

Gays contribute to Gore

WASHINGTON (AP) — In what was billed as the capital's first presidential fund-raiser aimed at gays and lesbians, Tipper Gore scooped up more than $150,000 for her husband's campaign Thursday and promised contributors he would "fight for your dreams."

"All people, regardless of sexual orientation, should be able to be a part of a loving relationship in a family without fear of recrimination or discrimination," Mrs. Gore said.

A Gore administration, she pledged, would "stand against forces of hatred." Her husband, Vice President Al Gore, "will fight for your dreams. He will fight for OUR dreams," she added.

Mrs. Gore did not get into specifics of the gay policy agenda.

The wife of the vice president unflappably dealt with three AIDS demonstrators who, one by one, tried to disrupt her appearance among some 400 in a small hotel ballroom with cries of "Gore's greed kills!"

The protesters, escorted out by Secret Service agents, accused Al Gore of siding with pharmaceutical companies in an international trade dispute and trying to block South Africa's access to cheap, generic AIDS drugs.

"We thought you might be here tonight," Mrs. Gore said. "That's certainly something we all have a great deal of appreciation for — free speech and a passion about issues."

Candidates grasp at straws

WASHINGTON (AP) — Straw polls are won by straw men at least as often as they foretell presidential nominees. But there never has been a straw poll with the buildup and advertised stakes of the vote coming up in Ames, Iowa, next month.

For some of the Republican candidates, it could be the last straw.

For all of the field trying to overtake Gov. George W. Bush — now down to nine — it's an early chance to show the front-runner vulnerable.

For cash-short campaigners, it is an opportunity to demonstrate that donors ought to take another look and send along a check. Or not.

All that for $25 a vote, although the rival presidential campaigns are spending much more — the guessing runs to several million dollars — trying to win, or at least come close enough to claim a measure of success, on Aug. 14. The estimates are that perhaps 12,000 votes will be cast, all for show, binding nothing and nobody.

In ticket-vote sales, that turnout would add up to $300,000 for the Iowa Republican Party, which already has auctioned off campaign sites outside the hall to the competing candidates for more than $80,000.

Bush was the high bidder, $43,500 for 60,000 square feet of the lawn outside the coliseum, to entertain straw voters with music and barbecues while the prime candidate works at political persuasion. He overpaid in the blind auction. Steve Forbes got second choice for $8,000.

Since Bush hasn't done as much campaigning for the Iowa caucuses next year as his challengers — he sat out the spring, saying he had to tend to his business with the Texas Legislature — there was speculation he might pass up the straw vote. These faux primaries always are troublesome for the leader, as Bob Dole learned in 1996.

But Bush is not only competing, he alone has said flatly that he's there to win the straw vote. "I think we not only ought to compete, I think we ought to win the Ames straw poll," Bush said, calling it a good test for his organization.

Other candidates stick to the safe claims. Elizabeth Dole, for example, said that she expects to do well but doesn't regard it as make or break.

"I've got to exceed expectations," said Lamar Alexander, campaigning almost full-time in Iowa until the straw vote, in which he hopes to show enough support to persuade contributors to keep him going. Forbes, who doesn't need money but does need to show that he can catch Bush, is campaigning intensively, too.

Pat Buchanan, who ran third in the straw poll four years ago, said this one could be the undoing of candidates who run far behind. "The Grim Reaper is going to be waiting outside the gates of the Ames fieldhouse and about five or six of those fellows may never survive that," said Buchanan.

That sounds like a considerable judgment to be made at an event that is in fact only a preview of a preview. The Iowa Republican caucuses next winter will be the first actual competition of the campaign year, the first time there will be real winners and losers. But even that vote, at the precinct level, just begins the process that will award the state's nominating delegates at the Republican National Convention.

Still, the straw poll is the only contest at hand now. And it is more Iowa-representative than it used to be; at least the voters now are required to show that they're from the state. Four years ago, straw voters were bused in from the rest of the Midwest, notably by Sen. Phil Gramm of Texas, who gained a surprise tie vote with Bob Dole, the early favorite and the eventual nominee. Not that it did Gramm any good. His campaign didn't get as far as the New Hampshire primary.

Straw polls have picked losers about as often as winners. Iowa's, for example, went to then-Sen. Alan Cranston among Democrats in 1983, Pat Robertson in the Republican vote of 1987. Sen. John Ashcroft won one in South Carolina in 1998, and he's long since dropped his GOP presidential bid. On the other hand, Jimmy Carter used a 1975 Democratic straw poll in Ames as a springboard in his winning campaign.

There won't be a Democratic version in Iowa this year. The Democratic National Committee opposes straw polls as "premature and false barometers" of the nominating process.

30th anniversary of moon landing

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — He thought he said it. He meant to say it. But 30 years after he blasted off on Apollo 11, Neil Armstrong can't be certain he inserted an "a" before "man" in his moon-stepping speech.

"That's one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind," is how history has recorded the first words uttered by the first man to tread the lunar surface.

In his first news conference in years, at an anniversary celebration Friday, Armstrong said he came up with the line after he and Buzz Aldrin landed on the moon on July 20, 1969, four days after lifting off from Kennedy Space Center.

Armstrong said his "gut feeling" when he lifted off from Earth with Aldrin and Michael Collins is that they had a 90 percent chance of returning safely and that he and Aldrin had a 50 percent chance of landing successfully on the moon.

"After landing, actually having been somewhat surprised, the fact that we were able to make a successful touchdown, I realized I was going to have to say something," said the 68-year-old Armstrong, who was the mission commander.

"But it wasn't anything very complicated. When you just think about stepping off, why, it seemed to follow."

What didn't follow, at least for those listening back on Earth, was "a" — the subject of decades of debate among space historians and space buffs. Armstrong speculated after the mission that his voice-operated transmitter may not have picked up the word.

"The 'a' was intended," Armstrong explained to reporters. "I thought I said it. I can't hear it when I listen on the radio reception here on Earth. So I'll be happy if you just put it in parenthesis."

The normally reclusive Armstrong, flanked by Aldrin and two other Apollo astronauts, sat on a stool and clasped his hands in his lap as he fielded questions from dozens of journalists. He spoke quietly and with a minimum of emotion.

Would he choose privacy over being the first man on the moon?

"Never," he replied.

Does he think about his moon landing on a daily basis?

"Probably only when you guys remind me," he told reporters.

Should America return to the moon? Society should return, he stressed.

"Yeah, I left a few things up there."

As for the legacy of Apollo, Armstrong said: "The important achievement of Apollo was a demonstration that humanity is not forever chained to this planet, and our visions go rather farther than that."

At a banquet later in the evening at a tourist complex housing a Saturn V moon rocket, Armstrong and Aldrin received standing ovations from the crowd of 1,000, many of them space program retirees who helped send them to the moon. Collins, who circled the moon in the Apollo 11 command module, did not attend.

"It's never too late to say, 'Thanks,' and I could never say, 'Thanks' often enough to those of you who made it possible," Armstrong said.

Apollo 17's Gene Cernan, the last man to walk on the moon, noted that any of the Apollo astronauts could have been first.

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One of the most important services at the Senior Center is the home-delivered meal program. In 10 years, this program has grown from a delivery of around 45 meals per day to about 150 meals each day.

We now have four routes which require seven volunteers each day. But because of the length of routes, we have found it necessary to add a route that will require two additional volunteers.

This means nine volunteers per day or 45 people each week. We need help with this – persons who can work one day a week, one day a month or would like to be listed as a substitute for volunteers that need to cancel. Please call 573-4035.

Monday: Bridge play begins at 9:30 a.m. and daily exercise at 11 a.m. Swimnastics at WTC is each Monday and Wednesday from10 to 11 a.m. AARP members will meet in the Senior Center conference room for a lunch and business session. The cost of the meal is a suggested donation of $2.50 for seniors and a $4 fee for members under 60.

Tuesday: 88 Play begins at 10 a.m. The Hoss Clayton Band will entertain at 11, and the Golden K Kiwanis meets at noon.

Wednesday: Bingo is from 10 to 11:45 a.m. with a short break for exercise. Line dancers and cloggers will practice at 1 and 2 p.m.

Thursday: Daily activities of quilting, exercise, pool and dominoes are available. Join us every day for the fun and a great noon meal.

Friday: The blood pressure clinic and bridge begin at 9:30. 88 Play begins at 10, exercise at 11 and the sing-a-long at 11:30.

Senior Center Menu

MONDAY
Steak Hoagie
Cottage Fries
Stewed Squash
Tossed Salad
Peanut Butter Cookies

TUESDAY
German Sausage
Au Gratin Potatoes
Green Beans
Pickled Beets & Onion
Pineapple Upside-Down Cake

WEDNESDAY
Chicken Salad
Tomato Wedges/Lettuce Leaf
Potato Rounds
Assorted Crackers
Strawberry Shortcake

THURSDAY
Meatballs & Gravy over Noodles
Spinach
Whole Kernel Corn
Tossed Salad
Pineapple Pudding

FRIDAY
Fried Fish
Broccoli/Rice & Cheese Casserole
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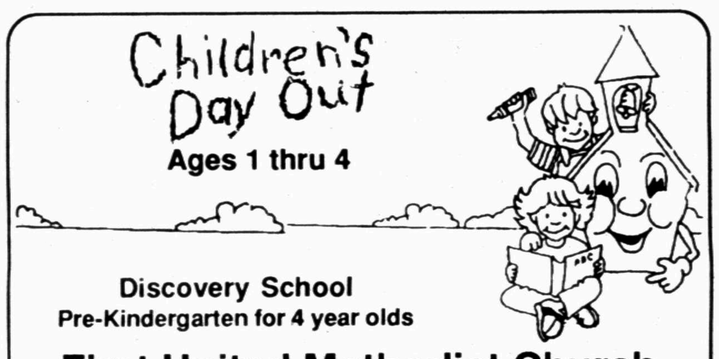
Peach Cobbler



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Financial Focus

Solving the Interest Rate Mystery

Interest rates can be more mysterious than a Stephen King thriller. If the prime rate is 5 percent, why does it cost 10 percent to borrow money?

Cracking the interest rate code starts with understanding two significant short-term rates: the federal funds rate and the prime rate.

Short-term rates are most affected by the federal funds rate. Federal funds are funds such as those in excess of reserve requirements, deposited by commercial banks at Federal Reserve Banks. On the flip side, banks that don't have enough funds to meet reserve requirements may have to borrow from other banks. They can borrow funds deposited by other banks at Federal Reserve Banks, and the amount of interest they pay is the federal funds rate. These borrowing transactions are generally overnight.

The federal funds rate is volatile because it's calculated on a day-to-day basis. Economic and technical factors influence its direction. By increasing or decreasing the federal funds target rate, the Fed can orchestrate the flow of money into the economy. A lower federal funds rate makes borrowing more attracative for banks and their customers, thereby increasing the flow of money into the economy. A higher federal funds rate tightens the flow. These moves by the Fed are generally cautious, avoiding knee-jerk reactions to breaking news of the economy. The federal funds rate is the benchmark for pricing other short-term securities.

The more widely publilcized prime rate is the interest rate banks charge to their most credit-worthy customers, typically only blue chip corporations. Rates on loans to less credit-worthy customers (which generally include most individuals and businesses) are tied to prime rate.

Prime rate is determined by the market forces affecting a bank's cost of funds and the rates borrowers will accept. Because Fed funds are the source of funds to a bank, the prime rate set by a bank must be higher than the federal funds rate the bank pays. The difference, or spread, reflects the amount of risk the bank is willing to take in assuming a customer loan, plus a reasonable profit for the bank and its shareholders. When the Federal Reserve raises or lowers its rates, the prime rate follows.

The next time you're mystified by rates on short-term securities, remember these two clues: prime rate and federal funds rate.

Student News

Mandy Hess

Hess named Who's Who

Mandy Hess, a 1999 graduate of Snyder High School, has been named to Who's Who Among American High School Students for the fourth consecutive year.

Hess, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Hess, currently is enrolled the nursing program at Angelo State University.

Hess graduated in the top 19 percent of her class and was a member of the National Honor Society her junior and senior years. She also was a member of the SHS girls varsity basketball team four years.

McFarland is inducted

SAN ANGELO — Jaime McFarland of Snyder was recently inducted into the Angelo State University chapter of the Order of Omega, a national Greek honor society.

McFarland, the recipient of a bachelor's degree in psychology in May, and a member of the Sigma Kappa Sorority, was one of only six ASU students selected for membership in the society this year.

To qualify for membership, a student must be an active member of a social fraternity or sorority that is recognized by the National Interfraternity Conference or the National Panhellenic Conference, have earned a minimum of 60 hours credit and maintained a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or better.

Burleson on honor roll

DALLAS — Jamie Leigh Burleson, a sophomore at Southern Methodist University, is included on the undergraduate honor roll for the spring semester.

To be listed on the SMU honor roll, students must achieve a 3.5 or higher cumulative grade point average, which places them in the top 20 percent of all SMU undergraduate degree students.

Wilson is honor student

Molly A. Wilson of Snyder has been named to the dean's list for the spring semester at the University of Vermont.

Students with a grade-point average of 3.0 or better and who are in the top 20 percent of their class qualify for the dean's list.

Two make honor roll

Two Southern Methodist University students from Snyder were named to the undergraduate honor roll for the spring semester.

The honor roll students were Chris Post, a junior economics and finance major, and Jack Hedges, a sophomore.

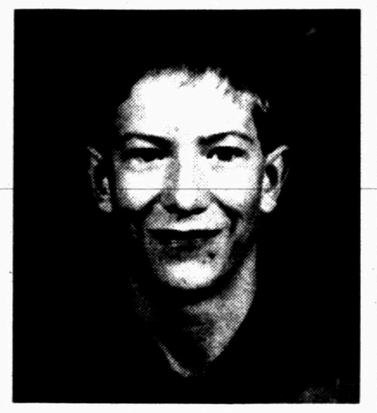
Post, a member of the SMU football team, is the son of Mike and Kathy Post of Snyder. Hedges is the son of Byron and Brenda Hedges, also of Snyder. Both are graduates of Snyder High School.

With a spring enrollment of 5,105 students, an honor roll requirements includes a 3.5 or higher cumulative grade point averages, which places them in the top 21 percent of all undergraduate students.

Pair given scholarship

ALPINE – Two students from Snyder have been awarded scholarships at Sul Ross State University.

Robert Nin has been awarded the Amacker Scholarship and Brandi Wolf is the recipient of the Bill and Elizabeth Winter Scholarship.



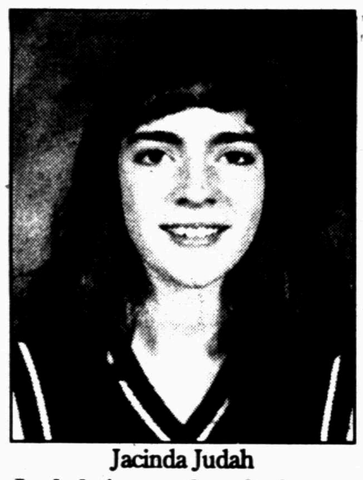
Jason Guynes

Guynes is All-American

Jason Guynes, son of Lynn and Pat Guynes of Snyder, has been named an All-American scholar by the United States Achievement Academy.

All-American Scholars must have a 3.3 or higher grade-point average and be nominated by a school instructor or counselor. He will attend Snyder High School this fall.

Jason is the grandson of James and Shirley Miller and Walter Guynes, all of Snyder.



Jacinda Judah

Judah is math scholar

Jacinda Judah, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Judah of Snyder, has been named an All-American Scholar in mathematics by the United States Achievement Academy.

She was nominated by Theresa Vest, a teacher at Snyder Junior High.

Miss Judah's grandparents are Nolan and Frankie Jo Toole of Port La Vaca and Johnny and Geneva Judah of Causey, N.M.

To Bush...

Texans contribute almost $12 million

AUSTIN (AP) — Texans are playing a major role in Gov. George W. Bush's record-setting contribution haul, giving him $11.6 million since his presidential quest began — more than any other state.

Bush reported Thursday that he took in $7 million from his home state from April through June, the latest reporting period. Previously, he reported collecting more than $4 million from Texans during the January through March reporting period.

"I think what the report shows is that the people of Texas are proud because they know what a great leader he has been for them and know he would make a great president," Bush spokeswoman Karen Hughes said Friday.

Of the 10,269 Texas contributions of more than $200, $1 million came from donors who described themselves as homemakers and $458,293 came from retirees, according to an Associated Press analysis of Bush's contributions from April 1 to June 30.

"I think that many women who work at home are strong supporters of Governor Bush because of his strong support of those issues that are most important to them like education for their children and family values," Ms. Hughes said.

West Texans Linda Neal and her husband, Bobby, each contributed $500. It wasn't their first political donation, but their heftiest.

"I think Governor Bush will do a good job," said Mrs. Neal, who has been a homemaker for 39 years.

"I always liked his dad. I always liked the moral values they set forth," she said. "Putting family out front, working towards values that make for a better ... life, that's important to me."

Mrs. Neal of Whiteface said such moral leadership is particularly important in the wake of the political scandals that have plagued President Clinton's time in office.

"We definitely need a strong change, someone that can lift America back up morally as much as anything," she said.

Even the legendarily broke found some spare cash for the governor — 44 Texas students contributed $40,750, according to the records.

Also among his Texas contributors were four horse breeders ($4,000), nine artists ($5,000), one etiquette consultant ($1,000) and one disc jockey ($1,000). Perhaps because his wife, Laura, is a former librarian, Bush also received five contributions from people in that profession totaling $3,000.

Of the state's largest cities, Dallas barely topped Houston with 2,004 contributions of more than $200, totaling $1.48 million. There were 1,993 contributions from the Houston area, which brought in $1.47 million.

Austin came in third with 491 contributions totaling $367,058.

The Bush campaign has raised more than $37 million overall. With $30 million in cash on hand, Bush says he'll do without federal matching funds and their accompanying spending limits.

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Sunday, July 18, 1999

The infusion of several new people into your social sphere could have a positive influence in furthering your personal ambitions in the year ahead. Welcome all candidates.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Because you might be equally intuitive as you are logical today, this combination could spell gain of some kind, even when you don't go looking for it. Cancer, treat yourself to a birthday gift. Send the required refund form and for your Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead by mailing $2 and self-addressed stamped envelope 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) Although you're not likely to do anything out of the ordinary today, you'll not go unnoticed even when in a large crowd or a strange group. Your natural charisma will get you far.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Do not feel obligated to discuss your plans today with persons who are not key players in your life. You'll be more effective when you simply go about your business without kibitzers.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) When you speak today, people will sit up and listen. Because of the respectfulness you show others, they'll trust your input and want to hear what you have to say.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) You could be most creative today in ways to further your ambitions or add to your resources. This may influence you to aim for several different, yet related targets.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Not because of heroic deeds or revolutionary thoughts, but because of the acts of kindness and charity you display is why you'll make an indelible impression on others today.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Don't hesitate today to attempt to copy a successful venture of another. You have the talent and ability to figure out on your own how to accomplish the feat.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) What you do in concert with others today could turn out to be quite fun for you and all concerned, so it behooves you not to spend your time on solo activities.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Something of beauty that could have permanent value may be your pet project today. Your artistic and creative juices are running strong and vying for ways to express themselves.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) The need for exercise is prevalent in you today, but your best selection of activities are those that require both mental and physical agility. An element of competition would also be good.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Owing to the good auspices of others, your possibility for some kind of material gain looks good. Those with whom you'll be involved today are persons with generous natures.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Paint pictures with your words today if there is something important you're trying to promote. Others can more readily visualize what you say through colorful scenes.

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U.S. will intervene in peace plan

WASHINGTON (AP) — Clearly pleased with Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak's promises to get on the land-for-peace track with the Arabs, Secretary of State Madeleine Albright said Friday the Clinton administration intends to intervene if there is any faltering.

"It is important that we take the time that is necessary and calibrate our role to what is clearly called for," Albright said after a strategy session with Barak at her home in the Georgetown section of the capital.

Albright, who is planning to travel to the region in August, said her aim was "to do what I believe is necessary to make the peace process work."

Until now, Albright has spent little time in the Middle East, in contrast to most of her predecessors since Israel crushed the Arabs in the 1967 Six-Day War and captured territory on all fronts.

With the election of Barak, who came here as a self-described "messenger of peace," the Clinton administration sees a new opportunity to promote Israeli pullbacks in exchange for promises of peace from the Arabs.

"What I will do is what is needed and what I am asked to do," Albright said as she stood with Barak in a backyard garden after they conferred over breakfast.

On his way here, the prime minister said he would not want the United States to act the "judge" and "arbiter" of Israel's negotiations with the Arabs. But once here, he gave no indication he wanted the United States to keep its distance.

Barak on Friday promised to implement all agreements reached with the Arabs, including a pullback on the West Bank that was halted seven months ago on the grounds the Palestinian Authority had not done all it could to uproot terrorist cells in areas already under its control.

"I reaffirmed to the secretary our commitment to abide by international agreements signed by our government, including our determination to move forward on all tracks," he said.

Barak had already told President Clinton on Thursday that in the next few weeks he would pursue with Syria prospects for what would be a "painful compromise" for Israel. This suggested a willingness to turn over most or even all of the Golan Heights to Syria.

According to a senior Israeli official, Barak said he wanted to make a fresh start in the negotiations that were suspended three years ago.

Syrian President Hafez Assad hopes to recover the strategic border enclave that Israel captured in the 1967 war. And he wants the negotiations to pick up with an offer from a previous Labor government to meet his demand if the terms were right.

Before entering politics, Barak had insisted Israel needed to retain the Golan Heights for security reasons.

"There is no doubt that we are facing very important decisions that will impact the fate of the state of Israel," he said Friday at a joint news conference with Albright.

Emerging from the solitude of Camp David, Md., where a landmark Mideast peace treaty was forged 21 years ago, Barak echoed Clinton's view that Israel's security is best served with land-for-peace accords with the Arabs.

At Camp David, Clinton brainstormed with Barak for 3 1/2 hours Thursday night over how to revive long-stalled Arab-Israeli peace talks. They continued their talks over breakfast Friday.

In an unusual gesture, Clinton drove Barak around the grounds in a golf court and took him to the villa where Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin and Egyptian President Anwar Sadat in 1978 initialed what was to become the first peace treaty between Israel and an Arab country the following year.

Barak was the first Israeli leader to be a guest at Camp David since Begin. The breakfast with Albright was a further gesture designed to make the prime minister comfortable with the active role the United States is taking in the Middle East.

Mexican officials will act as advisors for suspected killer

HOUSTON (AP) — Mexican officials say they will only act as an advisor for a suspected serial killer linked to nine slayings in three states, including six in Texas.

"He specifically requested for us to collaborate with his attorneys We will be available with his attorneys to provide any information he would need," said Jose Mendoza Caamano, Mexico's deputy consul general in Houston. "We have to conform to the rules of the American system."

Mendoza Caamano made the statements Friday after visiting 39-year-old Angel Maturino Resendiz for two hours at his jail cell, where he is being held without bond for last year's burglary of a slain Houston-area physician.

If Maturino Resendiz's DNA matches samples taken from Dr. Claudia Benton's home, the burglary charge will be upgraded to capital murder, punishable in Texas by either life in prison or execution.

The envoy said he and the defendant discussed the illegal immigrant's life in Mexico and the possibility of the death penalty being imposed if the former fugitive is convicted of capital murder in Texas. He declined to disclose the conversation's details.

At least one of the suspect's family members believes his brother was duped by Texas authorities during negotiations for the fugitive's surrender Tuesday in El Paso.

Florentino Maturino, the brother who walked the alleged killer across an El Paso border bridge, says his family was told that Maturino Resendiz would not face a death sentence on any of the Texas murders linked to him.

"That wasn't the intention, to give him the death penalty," said Florentino Maturino.

But Texas officials say the ex-convict's sister — Manuela Maturino, of Albuquerque, N.M. — knew she risked seeing her brother executed in Texas when she brokered his surrender to authorities.

"We only negotiated with the sister," said Tom Vinger, spokesman for Texas Department of Public Safety. "Whatever anybody else understood is not something we have control over. With the sister, the death penalty was discussed. She understood it was a possibility. And there were no promises made."

Vinger confirmed that Ms. Maturino never had an attorney present during meetings with Texas Rangers but that she was well informed about the possibility that her brother might face an execution in Texas if convicted in any of the six murders he's now suspected of committing.

Settlement in arsenic suit

DALLAS (AP) — Two companies will pay more than $16.5 million to partially settle a class-action lawsuit stemming from arsenic plant contamination in northeast Texas, a lawyer for the plaintiffs said Friday.

Bonham-based Voluntary Purchasing Groups Inc. and Phoenix-based Chickasha Cotton Company will pay the money, which will go to 2,500 claimants for personal injuries and property damages, attorney Windle Turley said in a release.

Several other companies remain as defendants, with a trial set for January 2000.

The companies' dispute with the state has lasted nearly 40 years. VPG operated an arsenic processing plant near Commerce during the 1950s, '60s and '70s, and Chickasha ran a cotton gin that burned arsenic-defoliated cotton burrs.

Earlier this month, VPG agreed to pay $2.5 million to the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission to settle the state's case.

In a class-action lawsuit, residents claimed that arsenic contamination caused illness and deaths, lowered property values and created emotional distress.

The $16.5 million will go mainly to individuals who lived in the Commerce area, lawyers said.

Ag assistance is stalled in senate

WASHINGTON (AP) — Lawmakers sharpened their rhetoric Friday over the crisis in the agricultural economy, even as it appeared increasingly unlikely that Congress would take up the issue before this fall.

Farm-state Democrats led by Senate Minority Leader Tom Daschle of South Dakota said Congress should rush through $10 billion in emergency assistance, $3.5 billion more than they proposed just a month ago, and also overhaul goverment farm policy.

"We warned that it would get worse and it has," said Daschle. "This is an emergency. It must be addressed in July."

But Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott said there is no need for Congress to act before harvest time this fall and accused Democrats of playing up the issue and fattening their aid request for political reasons.

"The Democrats, in an effort to buy votes, will run it up as large as they can," said Lott, R-Miss.

Democrats want to attach the farm aid to an Agriculture Department spending bill pending in the Senate, but Lott said he may not even bring it to the floor until September because of filibuster threats over an unrelated dairy issue.

Congress will be in session for three more weeks before taking its long August recess.

Lott also ruled out overhauling the 1996 farm law, popularly known as "Freedom to Farm." The law was designed to phase out government support for farmers and encourage them to plant according to market signals rather than federal dictates but has become increasingly controversial as the farm recession has lingered.

"We have to change policy," Daschle said. "We have to ensure that this Freedom to Farm law is changed, gets fixed."

Lott said the slump in commodity prices was caused by poor exports, not government policy. A worldwide grain glut has pushed the prices of some commodities such assoybean and corn to their lowest levels since the 1970s and 1980s.

The 1996 law "has been helpful in many parts of the country, and I think it's the right way to go in the future," Lott said.

As for emergency aid, Lott said there is no need for Congress to act before September or October, when it will be clearer how much help farmers will need.

Republicans also are wary of getting into a bidding war with Democrats. Last fall, they proposed a $4 billion bailout only to have it vetoed by President Clinton. The package eventually ballooned to $6 billion.

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

Churchgoers in Casual Attire Get Reader's Dressing-Down

by Abigail Van Buren

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DEAR ABBY: Periodically you invite your readers to "dump on Abby." My beef might seem trivial to many, and if that's the case, "Sorry about that!" but I am tired of seeing tourists in my hometown church dressed in sweatshirts, blue jeans, even shorts! Some might praise the fact that these ill-dressed folk bother attending church while they're on vacation, but why do they slight we year-round residents with their ultra-casual mode of dress?

I recall church at East Coast resort areas when some visitors, the famous among them, dressed casually — but where most of the congregation were respectfully attired. The issue has reached the point where I, in nifty outfits, feel almost embarrassed for myself. Heaven forbid I should abandon my finery to blend in with the tourists!

At one packed August service last year, a woman with a head of cascading hair wore a halter top, giving the impression to those in pews in back of her that she was topless! Male, female, huge legs, shapely legs, hairy legs — shorts are the "norm." Lack of consideration for year-round parishioners in resort communities is a sin. Please, dear visiting worshippers — God loves you all, but give the locals a break. Dress with respect. AMEN!

AIN'T NO SAINT IN OREGON

DEAR AIN'T NO SAINT: I, too, come from a generation where we were taught to dress up when visiting a house of God. However, in the last few decades, the old "rules" have relaxed considerably. People come to church to heal their souls and gain inspiration for living, and if you are focusing on what you and the other worshippers are wearing, I respectfully suggest that you are focusing on the wrong thing. REPENT!

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DEAR ABBY: My 50th wedding anniversary is coming up in August and my children want to give us a grand party, but there is a problem: After 50 years of verbal, physical and mental abuse from my husband, I refuse to be a party to this hypocrisy. My husband, who is a retired professional man, is highly respected. However, we have not lived as man and wife for many years. He is an alcoholic, an adulterer, a wife-beater and a churchgoing hypocrite. He has ruined my life, and as a result, I have no use for him. I stayed with him over the years for the sake of the children when they were young, my religion (Catholic), and because of his threats.

We are both in our 70s now and we just tolerate each other. Never once has he shown any regret for his treatment of me and the children, who love us both but have no respect for their father. My children are not aware, as far as I know, of his adulterous womanizing over the years. Celebrating a life of hell is just more than I can take. What now?

NO NAME, NO CITY

DEAR NO NAME: If your children are not aware of your husband's adulterous behavior, I see no reason to bring it up now. However, it would be impossible for them to have been unaware of the physical, verbal and emotional abuse you have suffered. Just tell them that under the circumstances, 50 years of the kind of marriage you have endured is nothing to celebrate, and ask them to please abide by your wishes.

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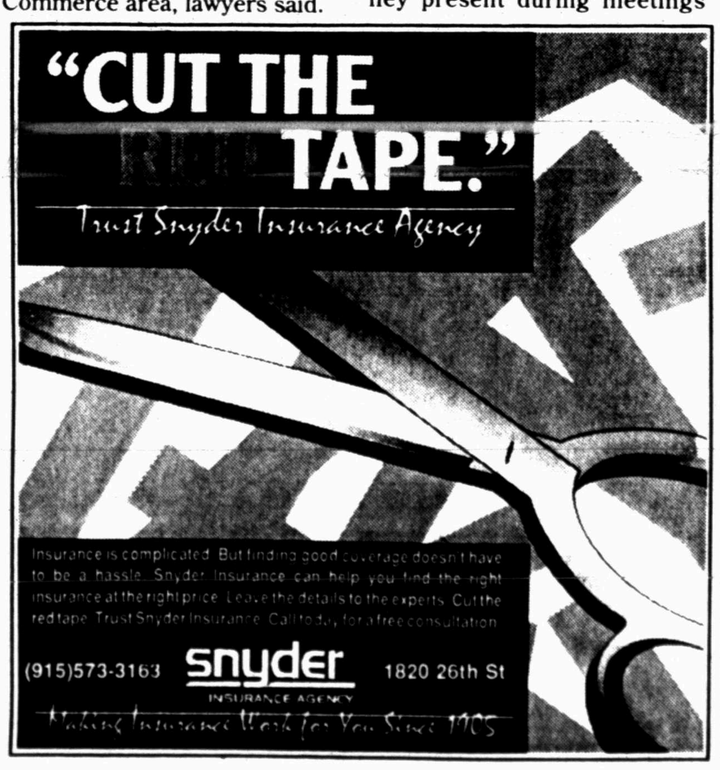

In Loving Memory of
Lisa M. Sandoval & Gerard A Sisneros

Don't Cry For Me

I see you standing over the shell I used to be,
I see you shedding bitter tears and hear you call to me.
I know that you are hurting; I see it in your eyes.
It seems to me, oh such a waste, to grieve when someone dies
Don't cry for me.

I know that I'm watching now has been my fate before.
Yes, I reacted just the same as others went through that door.
But, they would tell you just as I am trying to relate,
It has to be our lot in life, to meet our earthly fate.
Don't cry for me.

Don't cry for me, because you see I'm better off than you.
Don't cry for me, there is no need, my sky is always blue.
Don't cry for me, I'm not alone, I do not hurt or ache.
Don't cry for me, I have gone home and there is no mistake.
Don't cry for me.

So, as you stand there in your pain and wonder what to do.
As you think of times gone by and the love I had for you.
Remember, no one's ever gone if they are in our hearts.
This is not the ending, but where the story starts.
Don't cry for me.

Though memories may fade away like words in shifting sand,
Take comfort, we will meet again and hold each other's hand.
We'll stroll along that peaceful path that leads to one accord
And there take comfort in the fact that we are with the LORD.
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SPORTS

COMING TO THE RESCUE — Pick-up men come to the aid of Miami cowboy Ike McClendon during action at the Scurry County Rodeo. The event, being held at the rodeo grounds on Gary Brewer Rd., wraps up with the final round Saturday night at 7:30. Look for final results in Monday's edition of the Snyder Daily News. (SDN Staff Photo)

At rugged British Open...

Stars fail to make cut

CARNOUSTIE, Scotland (AP) — At times, it was hard to tell who was happier after two days of carnage at Carnoustie — those who made the cut in the British Open or those who got to go home.

At one end of the scale was Greg Norman. At the bottom of the other was Sergio Garcia.

"It will always be the greatest golf championship you could ever play in because we get to play under these conditions," Norman said.

Those conditions embarrassed Garcia, the 19-year-old Spanish sensation.

"It's the first time in 10 years I won't watch the British Open on TV because I don't think it deserves it. I just think it's not good," Garcia said.

Offered by British bookies as one of the open favorites, Garcia crashed in spectacular fashion on the overgrown links course, shooting 89-83 to finish dead last in the 156-man field.

Norman, on the other hand, was enjoying a rebirth of sorts at the age of 44, getting in contention despite an embarrassing moment of his own when he completely missed a ball he was trying to hit.

"We'll probably wake up Monday morning and say, "God, I had a lot of fun that week,"' Norman said.

If fun is playing golf with disaster lurking at every shot, there was a lot of it going on again Friday at the windswept Carnoustie Golf Links.

Frenchman Jean Van de Velde was certainly having the most fun of his modest career, shooting a tournament-best 68 to get to 1-over-par 143 and take the lead midway through the tournament.

Van de Velde's only pro win came in the Masters in 1993 — the Roma Masters, that is.

"You know, it is just a golf game," Van de Velde said. "I'm going to go out there and try to enjoy. I know it's a major championship, but it's just a golf tournament."

Don't say that to Norman, who would love nothing more than to win his third British Open — the only major he has won. Or to Tiger Woods, who sits with Norman at 146, only three shots behind, in search of his first major since the 1997 Masters.

And don't suggest that either of those two should intimidate Angel Cabrera, an Argentinean who is a shot back of Van de Velde and was in the final group in today's third round.

"I play my game the same no matter who I play against," Cabrera said. "I play against the course. It doesn't bother me to be out here playing against the big names."

Baseball looks to avoid halt, as umpires turn in resignations

NEW YORK (AP) — Just like the major leagues, the minors will keep on playing if their regular umpires walk out.

The resignations of most major league umpires were received late Thursday by the American and National leagues, and minor league umpires held a conference call Friday with Richie Phillips, the lawyer for the Major League Umpires Association.

Phillips says minor league umpires have voted to form a union. But it hasn't been recognized by the National Association of Professional Baseball Leagues, the governing body of the minors, or the Professional Baseball Umpire Corporation, its subsidiary that hires umpires for 16 minor leagues.

Pat Campbell, an assistant to Phillips, said Thursday night a minor league walkout could "happen sooner rather than later." The minor league umps have another conference call scheduled for Monday.

"PBUC suspects that Phillips wants to use minor league umpires as pawns in his ongoing battles with the major leagues," the National Association said in a statement. "We can't predict what the umpires will do, but we owe it to our fans to be prepared. Minor league baseball will be played as scheduled."

The resignations of major league umpires take effect Sept. 2, and major league officials seem prepared to accept them.

On Friday, meanwhile, players union head Donald Fehr sent a memo to all player representatives regarding the umpires.

"You have probably already heard or read reports about the actions the umpires are taking," the memo said. "It is my strong recommendation that no player make any public comments at this time. We will keep you informed."

If the major leagues don't bring up umpires from the minors, they would hire college and high school umpires. Phillips said 220 of 228 minor league umpires voted to form the Minor League Umpires Association, with two abstaining.

"They can resist it if they want," Phillips said, "but these guys have 220 of the 228 votes."

Rangers rescue win again, 9-8

ARLINGTON (AP) — The Texas Rangers' marketing department is doing all it can to make life at the ballpark more exciting for fans. The players are doing an even better job.

The Rangers beat the Arizona Diamondbacks on the last pitch for the second consecutive game Friday night, this time winning 9-8 when Todd Zeile drew a bases-loaded walk from Dan Plesac with none out in the ninth inning.

"It says a lot about a club when you can win late," Texas' Royce Clayton said. "You have a lot of confidence when you know you're never out of a ballgame."

The last-gasp heroics were needed again because starter Aaron Sele couldn't handle a 7-2 lead, then All-Star closer John Wetteland failed to protect an 8-7 lead.

Wetteland (3-3) came in for the ninth and gave up a leadoff single to Tony Womack and a two-out, RBI single to Matt Williams that tied it at 8. It was his fourth blown save in seven chances, and it cost unbeaten rookie All-Star Jeff Zimmerman his ninth victory.

Texas answered quickly in the bottom of the inning, getting singles by Rusty Greer and Juan Gonzalez off Bobby Chouinard (2-1), then loading the bases when Plesac intentionally walked Rafael Palmeiro. First base was open because of a passed ball by Kelly Stinnett on Plesac's second pitch.

Zeile had a 1-1 count, then took three straight balls — none of which were close enough to be called strikes on a night when home plate umpire Durwood Merrill had a rather large strike zone.

"It was a fastball. Before that, all sliders," Plesac said of the final pitch. "The last thing you want to do is get a ball up in that situation."

As Greer trotted home with the winning run, fireworks exploded high above center field. The pyrotechnics are one of several new "fan friendly" features the team has added in hopes of boosting attendance. Other stunts include T-shirts launched into the stands and having the team run onto the field to start the game through two rows of Little Leaguers.

But nothing makes fans happier than winning. And this was the 12th time the Rangers have won in their last-at bat, the fifth time they've won in the bottom of the ninth or later at home.

"Any time you win a game late, it can be a momentum-builder," Greer said.

The flip side is how devastating it is to lose late. This was the 12th time the Diamondbacks have been left stranded on the field watching the other team celebrate a last at-bat victory.

"Tying is not done," Arizona manager Buck Showalter said. "You have to take the next step."

Biggio's single fuels Atros' win

HOUSTON (AP) — Doug Brocail wanted to pitch to Craig Biggio. Unfortunately for the Detroit Tigers, manager Larry Parrish let him.

And that proved to be a serious strategic error that enabled Houston to beat Detroit 2-1 as Biggio hit a game-winning single in the bottom of the ninth inning Friday night.

Biggio came to the plate with Glen Barker on second, and Parrish went to the mound to talk with Brocail.

Parrish asked Brocail whether he wanted to pitch to Biggio or walk him intentionally. Brocail knew that Biggio was 0-for-6 against him. So the Tigers reliever wanted to pitch to the seven-time All-Star.

"We didn't have anything on the scouting reports on Russ Johnson (the next Astros hitter) and I knew Biggio struggles with sliders and fastballs away," Brocail said.

"So I liked that matchup because I felt I knew how to pitch him. But then I gave him a hanging curveball. I have no idea why."

Afterward, Parrish was kicking himself for allowing Brocail to pitch to Biggio.

"I've got no excuses," Parrish said of not walking Biggio. "I know what kind of hitter Biggio is. He's been a good hitter for a number of years.

"I screwed up. There's no way I should let that guy beat us in that situation. It's a situation where I've got to walk the guy. I shouldn't have even gone to the mound. I should have made the call from the bench."

Astros manager Larry Dierker agreed, although he didn't think it was necessarily a foregone conclusion.

"I'm never surprised in baseball," Dierker said. "There are so many options in certain situations. I always expect that they would do what we would do. We would have put him on."

Dierker said he didn't know what Parrish told Brocail.

" I'm sure he said don't throw him a strike, make him chase something out of the zone," Dierker said. "But operator error is involved. I'm sure he didn't mean to throw him a high curve."

WNBA Glance

EASTERN CONFERENCE	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	8	5	.615	—
Orlando	7	7	.500	1½
Detroit	7	8	.467	2
Charlotte	6	8	.429	2½
Washington	5	10	.333	4
Cleveland	4	13	.235	6

WESTERN CONFERENCE	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	14	2	.875	—
Sacramento	11	5	.688	3
Los Angeles	10	5	.667	3½
Minnesota	7	6	.538	5½
Utah	5	9	.357	8
Phoenix	4	10	.286	9

Friday's Games

Detroit 78, Washington 68
Charlotte 56, Orlando 50
Sacramento 85, Cleveland 71
Houston 88, Utah 84, OT

Saturday's Games

New York at Minnesota, 3:30 p.m.
Los Angeles at Phoenix, 4 p.m.
Washington at Charlotte, 7:30 p.m.
Cleveland at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
Sacramento at Orlando, 7:30 p.m.

Sunday's Games

Utah at New York, 4 p.m.
Houston at Los Angeles, 8:30 p.m.

Major League Baseball

American League
All Times EDT

East Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
New York	52	36	.591	—
Boston	50	40	.556	3
Toronto	47	45	.511	7
Tampa Bay	39	51	.433	14
Baltimore	38	51	.427	14½

Central Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Cleveland	57	32	.640	—
Chicago	43	44	.494	13
Kansas City	36	53	.404	21
Detroit	36	54	.400	21½
Minnesota	34	54	.386	22½

West Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Texas	50	39	.562	—
Oakland	45	44	.506	5
Anaheim	42	46	.477	7½
Seattle	42	47	.472	8

National League
All Times EDT

East Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Atlanta	57	34	.626	—
New York	52	39	.571	5
Philadelphia	47	41	.534	8½
Montreal	33	53	.384	21½
Florida	34	56	.378	22½

Central Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Houston	52	37	.584	—
Cincinnati	50	37	.575	1
Pittsburgh	44	45	.494	8
Chicago	43	44	.494	8
St. Louis	44	46	.489	8½
Milwaukee	43	45	.489	8½

West Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
San Francisco	50	40	.556	—
Arizona	48	43	.527	2½
San Diego	45	43	.511	4
Colorado	41	47	.466	8
Los Angeles	40	48	.455	9

Thursday's Games

Kansas City at Milwaukee, ppd., accident
Cincinnati 10, Colorado 7
Boston 6, Philadelphia 4
Florida 8, Toronto, 6
Cleveland 2, Pittsburgh, 0
Baltimore 8, Montreal 2
N.Y. Mets 8, Tampa Bay 7, 10 innings
Atlanta 6, N.Y. Yankees 2
Chicago Cubs 9, Minnesota 3
Houston 8, Detroit 6
Texas 3, Arizona 2
St. Louis 3, Chicago White Sox 2, 13 innings
San Diego 3, Seattle 2
Anaheim 7, Los Angeles 6, 10 innings
Oakland 11, San Francisco 9

Friday's Games

Chicago Cubs 11, Minnesota 10
Milwaukee 2, Kansas City 0, 1st game
Kansas City 12, Milwaukee 10, 2nd game
Colorado 6, Cincinnati 2
Florida 4, Toronto 2
Pittsburgh 11, Cleveland 3
Baltimore 9, Montreal 4
Philadelphia 5, Boston 4
N.Y. Mets 9, Tampa Bay 7
Atlanta 10, N.Y. Yankees 7
Houston 2, Detroit 1
Chicago White Sox 9, St. Louis 8
Texas 9, Arizona 8
Los Angeles 3, Anaheim 1
San Diego 2, Seattle 1
Oakland 4, San Francisco 2

Saturday's Games

Atlanta (O.Perez 4-5) at N.Y. Yankees (Pettitte 5-7), 1:05 p.m.
Detroit (Borkowski 0-0) at Houston (Lima 13-4), 1:10 p.m.
Colorado (Bohanon 9-7) at Cincinnati (Tomko 3-5), 1:15 p.m.
Cleveland (Nagy 11-4) at Pittsburgh (Benson 6-7), 1:35 p.m.
Minnesota (Mays 1-3) at Chicago Cubs (Mulholland 4-5), 4:05 p.m.
Philadelphia (Wolf 4-0) at Boston (Portugal 5-6), 4:05 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Hershiser 9-6) at Tampa Bay (Alvarez 4-6), 4:05 p.m.
Florida (A.Fernandez 4-5) at Toronto (Wells 9-6), 4:05 p.m.
Los Angeles (Park 5-7) at Anaheim (Sparks 4-5), 4:05 p.m.
San Francisco (Reuter 7-4) at Oakland (Hudson 5-1), 4:05 p.m.
San Diego (Williams 4-7) at Seattle (Garcia 9-5), 4:05 p.m.
Arizona (Benes 5-9) at Texas (Burkett 2-4), 4:05 p.m.
Montreal (Hermanson 3-7) at Baltimore (Erickson 4-8), 7:05 p.m.
Kansas City (Rosado 5-6) at Milwaukee (Nomo 7-2), 8:05 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Baldwin 4-9) at St. Louis (Bottenfield 14-3), 8:10 p.m.

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Chicago White Sox at Milwaukee, 2:05 p.m.
Minnesota at St. Louis, 2:10 p.m.
Kansas City at Chicago Cubs, 2:20 p.m.
Cleveland at Houston, 2:35 p.m.
Colorado at Oakland, 4:05 p.m.
Anzona at Seattle, 4:35 p.m.
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N.Y. Mets at Baltimore, 8:05 p.m.
San Francisco at Texas, 8:05 p.m.
San Diego at Anaheim, 8:05 p.m.

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Despite age, injuries...

Ryan continues to cruise along

ALVIN (AP) — Visitors are greeted at the museum entrance by a larger-than-life-sized poster of Lynn Nolan Ryan. A few feet away, in large red type, is his philosophy about himself.

"I know who I am," the inscription begins. "I'm a country kid from Texas with the ability to throw a ball and the dedication to keep myself in shape. I'm just a man."

It's easily the most understated comment about the soon-to-be Hall of Fame pitcher that echoes through the Nolan Ryan Museum.

No one else would call Ryan "just a man."

Next Sunday, Ryan will be inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, N.Y. He was elected on his first try, making it with the second-highest percentage of all time.

Throughout Texas, Ryan already has been enshrined as a local treasure.

A section of highway leading into in his hometown of Alvin — a relaxed town of 20,000, about 35 miles south of Houston — is called the "Nolan Ryan Expressway." The Texas House of Representatives made him an official Texas hero in April 1989.

The Nolan Ryan Historical Foundation constructed the 12,000-square-foot Nolan Ryan Center for Continuing Education on the campus of Alvin Junior College.

About one-third of the building is dedicated to the city's most famous resident. It opened in April and has quickly become a popular attraction.

One of Ryan's prized possessions, his first glove, is among the memorabilia available for viewing.

"I remember going to Alvin Hardware with my dad and being the last of six kids, to pick out, for the first time, anything new for myself and it not being a hand-me-down," Ryan said. "I go by that display and see that glove and that's one of the things I think about. That was a real high spot in my life."

Many of Ryan's favorite memories are from his childhood, like when he earned a spot on his first team.

"To make that team, go out and try out, that was a big event in your life," Ryan said. "I look back at that and those days were some of my fondest memories in baseball, being on Little League teams and just playing the game for the enjoyment of playing and feeling no pressure whatsoever."

Guests can tour Ryan's museum amid the sounds of baseball. Press a button and a different slice of Ryan's unmatched career will appear on one of six video screens.

The first video recounts Ryan's early years with the Alvin Yellowjackets, and his discovery by scout Red Murff.

Other videos recount his career stops with the New York Mets, California Angels, Houston Astros and the Texas Rangers.

Familiar quotes about Ryan dot the exhibit walls.

— Dave Duncan: "A good night against Nolan Ryan is going 0-for-4 and you don't get hit in the head."

— Rickey Henderson, Ryan's 5,000th strikeout victim: "If you haven't been struck out by Nolan Ryan, you're nobody."

— An unidentified fan at Arlington Stadium: "Ryan is more popular here than a pickup truck with a gun rack."

— Hall of Famer Don Sutton, after watching Ryan's fifth no-hitter: "I'm going to pitch tomorrow with an inferiority complex."

All this for just a man?

Age finally tapped Ryan on his right elbow on Sept. 22, 1993. Pitching in Seattle, he let rip a fastball and tore a ligament.

Ryan retired with 5,714 strikeouts, seven no-hitters and 324 victories. The strikeouts and no-hitters are major league records, two of the 53 times his name is in baseball's record book.

Ryan has kept busy the last five years, expanding his cattle and banking businesses, holding a state office and investing in a minor league baseball team.

The team, which will fittingly be called the Express, will play in Round Rock, near Austin. It will be a Class 2A affiliate of the Astros.

SDN Sports Briefs

Couples golf tourney

The 25th annual Raggedy Ann and Andy golf tournament will be held July 31 and Aug. 1 at Snyder Country Club. Entry fee is $200 per team, not including cart.

Prizes, based on a full field, will be $500 for first place, $400 for second and $300 for third in each pre-flighted division. Free food and beverages will be provided on the course, with a dinner slated for Saturday night.

Only the first 60 paid teams will be accepted, and deadline to enter is July next Wednesday. For more information, contact the SCC pro shop at 573-7101.

WTC junior golf clinic

A junior golf clinic for ages 10-17 will be held at Western Texas College July 26-30. Cost is $75 per student for the week.

Covered during the clinic will be the short game, putting, trouble shots, etiquette and rules, with video swing analysis also provided.

The first 50 golfers to register will be accepted. For more information, call the WTC pro shop at 573-9291.

Tennis camp

The Snyder Tiger Competitive Edge Tennis Camp will be held July 26-30 for junior high through college-level athletes.

Allen Lee and selected instructors will train players in mechanics and strategies. Registration is limited to the first 40 entries. To register, contact Alan Lee at 863-2305.

Athletic physicals

All athletes needing to take a physical should do so prior to Aug. 3. SISD will pay for physicals through Aug. 3 only. An appointment must be made with one of the following doctors: Burleson, Cooper, Thompson, Nussey or Rakov.

Athletes requiring physicals include all incoming 7th and 9th graders, students new to SISD, students wishing to participate in athletics for the first time, and any student whose medical history form requires them to do so.

All athletes not needing a physical must return all completed forms to their coach, athletic director's office, or Steve Krueger.

Incoming 7th and 9th graders can pick up physical forms in the doctors' offices.

WGA play day and couples play

The Women's Golf Association of Snyder Country Club will hold its Tuesday play day at 9 a.m. Format will be queen of the hill.

The WGA will also hold a mixed foursomes event Friday evening at 5:30.

Kiwanis golf tourney

The Snyder Kiwanis Club Hubert and Mary Cargile Memorial Golf Tournament will be held Aug. 7 at Western Texas College. All proceeds will benefit the Kiwanis Cargile Scholarship Foundation at WTC.

There will be drawings for merchandise, and cash prizes for the top four teams. Hole-in-one prizes are $10,000 and Top-Flite Tour Irons.

Entry fee is $120 per team. Players can register by calling Brenden McNeil at 573-1432, Russell Fisk at 573-3438 or 573-3267, and Melanie or Linda at American State Bank, 573-4041. Sign-ups will also be taken at the WTC pro shop.

Armstrong extends his lead at Tour de France

SAINT-FLOUR, France (AP) — American Lance Armstrong managed to take it easy during a stage race, finished in a modest position and still extended his lead at the Tour de France.

After grueling rides through the Alps, the main contenders sat back for the next two stages before next week's crucial climb through the Pyrenees on the Spanish border.

On Friday, yellow jersey holder Armstrong finished 19th, yet still gained a couple of seconds over his nearest rival, Spaniard Abraham Olano.

Surprisingly, none of the riders needing to cut into Armstrong's 7-minute, 42-second lead have been attacking through the French countryside.

Instead, the Texan, who has staged a remarkable recovery from cancer, has twice led the main pack alongside his U.S. Postal teammates, keeping a close eye on rivals behind him, while lesser names have won the stages.

Friday's winner was Spain's David Extebarria, who said he hoped the victory would help his ONCE team give Spanish cycling a timely boost.

The 29-year-old Basque was the first Spaniard to win here in two years.

"This victory is very satisfying from a personal point of view, but also for the team," Extebarria said. "This shows we have a place on the tour, and maybe will even get one on the podium."

This time last year, all four Spanish cycling teams angrily withdrew midway through the race to protest the way police were handling the doping scandal.

Extebarria dedicated the win to a Frenchman — teammate and world No. 1 Laurent Jalabert — who boycotted this year's tour because of the doping scandal.

Jalabert was angered at how ONCE team director Manolo Saiz was banned from participating.

Stars sign deals with draft picks

DALLAS (AP) — The Dallas Stars signed centers Pavel Patera and Roman Lyashenko, a pair of draft picks who played overseas last season.

Stars general manager Bob Gainey announced Friday that Patera signed a one-year contract with an option for the 2000-01 season. Lyashenko's contact is for three years.

Patera, 27, was drafted by Dallas in the sixth round of the 1998 draft. He played in the Czech League last year, posting 16 goals and 37 assists in 52 games. He led Vsetin in scoring and assists to lead the team to the league title.

The 6-foot-1, 186-pound Patera was a member of the Czech Republic's gold medal team in the 1998 Winter Olympics.

Lyashenko, 20, was drafted by the Stars in the second round of the 1997 draft. He played the past three seasons in the Russian League, where he had nine goals and nine assists in 42 games last year.

The Stars, the defending Stanley Cup champions, begin training camp on Sept. 4. They open their 1999-2000 season on Oct. 1 against Pittsburgh.

Snyder Speed nabs berth at regionals

ABILENE — With a trio of victories last weekend, Snyder Speed has earned a spot in the ASA Regional Softball Tournament.

Speed, an 18-under girls softball team, bounced back from an opening round loss to post a 3-2 mark at the Texas State Class B Tournament. The ninth place finish secured the squad a spot in the regionals which begin Friday in Fort Worth.

Snyder knocked off Breckenridge, Galveston and Corpus Christi, while falling to Midland and Corsicana.

After the 4-3 opening-round loss to Midland, Speed fell behind early to Breckenridge. Trailing 2-0 in the fourth, Courtney Rinehart and Cameron Mackey slapped a pair of singles to start the rally.

Back-to-back doubles by Whitney Webb and Jennifer Newman in the fifth tied the game at 3-3. Newman slid home with the winning run on a passed ball.

After notching its first win of the event, Snyder kept its momentum with a 6-3 decision over Galveston.

Speed took the early lead when Kristin Martinez knocked in Webb and Newman. Mackey then drove in Martinez for a 3-0 advantage.

A Mackey double in the third was followed by a Brandi Holloway base hit to extend the margin. Webb and Brandi Wood rounded out the scoring.

For its third consecutive victory, Snyder knocked off Corpus Christi, 4-1.

Snyder posted eight hits for the third time in the tourney, with Amber Haarmeyer belting a double.

Speed was eliminated from the tourney in its next contest, a 4-1 setback to Corsicana. A Holloway double drove in Mackey for Snyder's only run. Corsicana scored three runs in the third on an error and three hits.

On the mound for Snyder, Martinez posted a perfect 2-0 mark with victories coming over Breckenridge and Corpus Christi. Rinehart managed a 1-2 record for the event, with the two hurlers combining to surrender just 15 runs through the five-game span.

At the regional tourney, Speed will be trying to lock up a spot at nationals, which will begin July 30 in Southaven, Miss.

Gullikson draws fire after poor showing

BROOKLINE, Mass. (AP) — The heat on U.S. captain Tom Gullikson was almost as high as the temperature on center court at Longwood Cricket Club, where the American Davis Cup team tumbled into a deep hole.

With Pete Sampras sitting out Friday's action, Australia won both singles matches and had a chance to wrap up the best-of-5 quarterfinal with a victory in today's doubles match.

That might not have been the case had Gullikson chosen Sampras to play singles. But Sampras, who recently won his sixth Wimbledon title, said he did not want to take the place of Todd Martin or Jim Courier, who have been with the squad longer.

The more likely candidate to be replaced was the 29-year-old Martin, who seemed to suffer more in the heat than 18-year-old Lleyton Hewitt, making his Davis Cup debut. Temperatures reached 126 degrees at courtside.

The result? A 6-4, 6-7 (1-7), 6-3, 6-0 win for Australia.

Gullikson made no apologies for choosing Martin.

"I feel very comfortable. Winning and losing doesn't change that," said Gullikson, whose job could be in jeopardy if the Australians win the quarterfinal. "The decision is a very good decision."

Martin agreed.

"If Pete weren't comfortable with his position on the team, it would put pressure on me," he said. "But we are all where we feel like we should be."

Except on the scoreboard.

"I do actually like the team concept a lot," said Jim Courier, who lost to Patrick Rafter 7-6 (7-5), 6-4, 6-4. "It is a lot of fun. It is more fun when you are sitting up here 2-Love."

Especially since the Americans have very little chance of winning the quarterfinal, which ends with two potentially meaningless singles matches Sunday. The United States is 1-28 when it has lost the first two matches of a Davis Cup tie, with the only victory coming in 1934 against Australia.

"We had a tough day," Courier said, "but we're still breathing."

For the Americans to stay that way, Sampras and Alex O'Brien had to beat Mark Woodforde and Sandon Stolle in doubles today. On Sunday, Martin is scheduled to face Rafter before Courier meets Hewitt. The only way Sampras could play singles is if Martin or Courier is injured, although neither complained of a problem. The Australians weren't complaining after sweeping both matches on the first day at Longwood, where the first Davis Cup competition was held 100 years ago.

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Former University of Texas coach Darrell Royal (left) visits with ex-Longhorn QB and Texas Tech AD T. Jones.

Former Texas A&M great John David Crow (second from right) draws a crowd as always.

Former NFL referee Red Cashion shows his approval for the tournament. Cashion was best known for his familiar "First Down!" cadence.

Snyder's Dutch Stehley (right) and Royal ponder the upcoming round, prior to teeing off.

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— Darrell Royal to T. Jones

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— David Baugh about Walt Garrison

"First Dowwwwn!"
— Red Cashion's team following a birdie

"What's he doing, holding Aggie Muster?"
— T. Jones about John David Crow's group of listeners

Snyder native and current Arizona Cardinals defensive coordinator David McGinnis eyes his drive on the 8th hole.

David McGinnis (left) talks with John David Crow.

Jim Parmer, a former fullback of the Philadelphia Eagles, takes a break while waiting to hit.

Dick Compton (left) catches up with T. Jones and Jim Parmer.

Community Calendar

MONDAY

Rock and Roll Quilting Club; Hermleigh Community Center; free quilt lessons, everyone is invited; 8 a.m. to 12 every Monday.

Martha Ann Woman's Club; board of directors meeting; 4 p.m.

Al-Anon Snyder Park Club; noon.

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

Defensive Driving Course set Monday and Tuesday evenings at 6 to 9; community room of Texas Savings Bank, 27th & College Ave.; no reservations are needed and for more information call 573-2850.

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

Stargazers Family Community Education Club; 7 p.m.

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

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

Nuestra Vueva Esperanza AA; Park Club; 8 p.m.

TUESDAY

Weight Watchers; Trinity United Methodist Church, 5200 Trinity Blvd.; for more information call for Nathalie at 573-0015; 5 p.m. weigh-in.

Plainview Family Community Education Club (FCE); 2 p.m.

Snyder Shrine Club; call 863-2702 for meeting place; 6 p.m.

Just for Today NA, closed meeting; for information call 573-0949. 573-4238 pr 573-8010; 6 p.m.

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

New Horizons 12 & 12, closed meeting; Park Club; 7 p.m.

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

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

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WEDNESDAY

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

Just For Today NA, open meeting; Park Club; for information, call 573-4203, 573-8018 p.m.

THURSDAY

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

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

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

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Snyder Chapter 450 Order of the Eastern Star; patriotic program, Masonic Hall; 1912 35th Street; 7:30 p.m.

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Growth of Internet smut seen

WASHINGTON (AP) — Some of the newest addresses on the Internet may soon be along the lines of wash-your-mouth-out-dot-com.

Because of recent changes to the way addresses are assigned, people have been permitted to register dozens of Web sites this week with names previously deemed too objectionable by the government's exclusive contractor.

The contractor, Network Solutions Inc., decided it will no longer accept responsibility for rejecting vulgar names from the world's master list of Internet addresses ending in "com," "net" and "org," which the company controls from its offices near Washington.

The company is under orders from the White House to begin letting consumers sign up for Web addresses with other companies, too, but it's decided to require its competitors to develop their own vulgarity filters.

The vulgar Web addresses could be another boon for the world's pornography industry. Although some adult sites disguise themselves — one's Web address is almost identical to the White House's — many pornographers are taking steps to identify their content more explicitly, fearing new regulations from lawmakers to avoid accidental visits to the sites by children.

"It's outrageous this is happening," said Monique Nelson, chief operating officer of Enough is Enough, a group pushing for protection of children on the Internet. "It will make it easier and easier for children to find these types of sites."

But advocates of the new smutty Web addresses praised the move to relax restrictions, arguing that the global nature of the Internet makes it impossible to impose local standards of propriety.

"They can't police the world," said Gary Cohn of Northbrook, Ill., who previously registered for a Web address so filthy it can't be printed here.

The obscenity controversy is the latest flap in what has become a tumultuous transition as the federal government largely hands over management of the Internet to a nonprofit group, the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers.

"ICANN is not in the censorship business," President Michael Roberts said. But the group's lawyer accused Network Solutions of inciting trouble over losing its lucrative contract as the exclusive company registering addresses.

"A cynical person might say they saw this as another opportunity to portray this as complicated and messy if opened to competition," lawyer Joe Sims said. "If NSI was trying to do the right thing, as opposed to creating as much commotion as possible, it would have simply maintained its old policy until or if an ICANN policy was adopted."

Network Solutions spokesman Chris Clough said the company still won't sell Web addresses it considers objectionable. But it won't prevent other companies from doing so, either.

"There's confusion out there. No direction," complained Ken Stubbs, executive chairman of the Council of Internet Registrations. "They've pushed dealing with the problem out to each and every registrar everywhere in the world."

Earlier this week, one of the newest companies to register sites acknowledged it inadvertently allowed customers to buy roughly three dozen filthy Web addresses before it realized Network Solutions was no longer filtering them out.

N. Korea will release woman

WASHINGTON (AP) — An American woman taken into custody a month ago in North Korea will be released in a few days, Sen. Robert Torricelli said Friday after being notified by Pyongyang's U.N. ambassador.

Karen Han, who has homes in California and New Jersey, was detained near North Korea's borders with Russia and China on June 17.

The State Department was unable immediately to confirm the report of Han's release.

Torricelli, D-N.J., had pressed for the release of Han, a Korean-American, during a visit to North Korea last weekend.

"I am sincerely gratified that North Korean leaders responded favorably to my request," he said.

State Department spokesman James P. Rubin had said last month the American was in North Korea on a trip related to an effort to build a hospital and a garment manufacturing business. But Torricelli said she was there to provide medical care as part of a humanitarian program.

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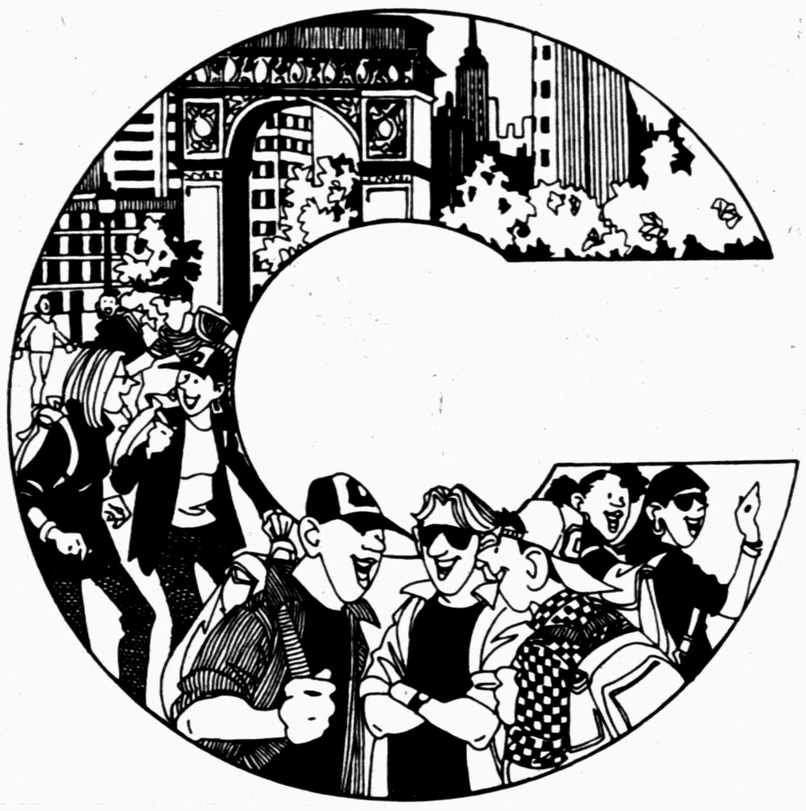

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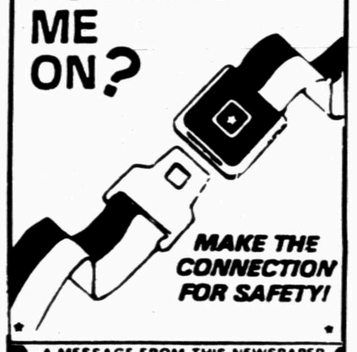

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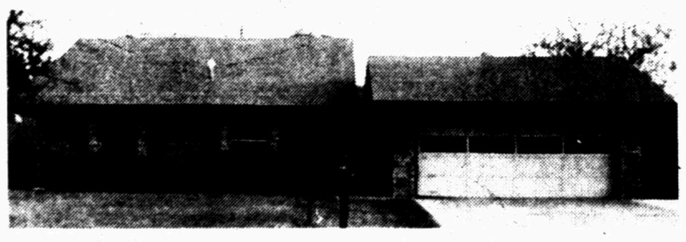

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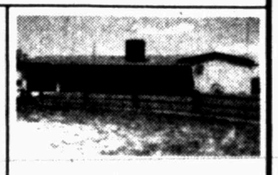

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By virtue of an Order of Sale issued out of the 340th Judicial District Court of Tom Green County, Texas, on a Final Judgment rendered in said Court on April 14, 1999, in favor of Geosite, Inc., Plaintiff, and against Better Energy Sources and Technology, Inc. dba Best Resources and Juan A. Navarro, Defendants, in the case of *Geosite, Incorporated vs. Better Energy Sources and Technology, Inc. dba Best Resources and Juan A. Navarro*, No. C-98-0537-C in said Court, the undersigned did on the 19th day of April, 1999, at 10:00 o'clock A.M. levy upon the following described property lying and being situated in Scurry County, Texas, as the property of said Better Energy Sources and Technology, Inc. dba Best Resources:

All oil, gas, or mineral; oil or gas pipelines; oil or gas pipeline rights-of-way; buildings and appurtenances located on the property; and all equipment, material, machinery, and supplies located thereon under and by virtue of the below described oil, gas or mineral lease as to the interest of Better Energy Sources and Technology, Inc. dba Best Resources, Defendant, or used in operating the leasehold or land and minerals produced from or upon leasehold or the property described in a certain oil and gas leasehold estate dated June 17, 1996, leased by Lester E. Smith, et al, Trustees of Shannon Memorial Hospital, recorded at Vol. 339, Page 269, Official Property Records of Scurry County, Texas covering the lands in Section 347, Block 97, H & TC RR Co. Survey Abstract 2296, Scurry County, Texas.

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Many in Taiwan look for way out of China crises

TAIPEI, Taiwan (AP) — President Lee Teng-hui's bold declaration on Taiwan's statehood may have been a well-calculated move, but many in Taiwan are now calling for a face-saving way out of the predicament after an infuriated China threatened to attack.

The Straits Exchange Foundation, the semiofficial Taiwanese group that handles dealings with China, said today that its chairman, Koo Chen-fu, was preparing a response to Beijing's demand for an explanation.

Lee set off the uproar last week when he told a German radio interviewer that Beijing should deal with Taiwan on a "state-to-state basis." Lee and other officials quickly clarified that the new stance is not a step toward formal independence and that Taiwan still adheres to a goal of reunification with the mainland.

But China said Friday it would cancel the planned autumn visit to Taiwan by its top negotiator, Wang Daohan, unless it receives a satisfactory clarification from Koo.

Taiwan's government was tight-lipped about what Koo will say. If any Taiwanese leader can pacify the mainland leadership, it likely would be Koo, a well-respected politician who met Wang in Singapore in 1993 in a watershed formal negotiation.

China regards Taiwan as a breakaway province that must eventually be reunited with the mainland. China and Taipei separated amid a civil war 50 years ago, but Beijing has vowed to retake the island by force if it ever declares independence.

Hong Kong newspapers reported today that China has stepped up military exercises along its southern coast. In the coastal city of Quanzhou, about 150 miles west of Taiwan, officials mobilized forces for 12 hours of drills using more than 100 civilian vessels Thursday, the pro-Beijing daily Wen Wei Po reported.

Officials from the military command in the southeastern city of Nanjing and Fujian province also jointly ordered province-wide exercises, the newspaper reported.

Large scale army, navy, and air force joint drills were also being planned along the coast in Zhejiang province and the city of Shanghai, the independent Chinese-language daily Ming Pao reported, quoting unidentified sources. Chinese President Jiang Zemin was to decide on the type of exercises and when they would take place, the report said.

Taiwan's Defense Ministry reiterated today that it had detected no unusual Chinese military maneuvers.

In 1995-96, the last time relations between China and Taiwan broke down, Beijing test-fired missiles off its coast in a show of force after Taipei tried to gain international recognition.

China also stepped up its verbal tirade today. The official Xinhua News Agency called Lee a "sinner in history" attempting to split the motherland.

Taiwanese commentators are urging the government to take care in crafting its response to China.

"Beijing sees Lee's statehood claim as a formal declaration of Taiwanese independence, and will by no means accept it," said Lu Ya-li, a prominent political analyst.

If Koo fails to modify Lee's declaration, Lu said Beijing will cancel Wang's visit and step up its efforts to isolate Taiwan diplomatically.

Reports of Chinese military maneuvers have pushed Taiwan's stock market into a tailspin.

Hispanic in White House is predicted

CORPUS CHRISTI (AP) — There soon could be a Hispanic in the White House, U.S. Secretary of Energy Bill Richardson predicts, while downplaying speculation that he will seek the Democratic vice presidential nomination in 2000.

Richardson, who spoke Friday to about 800 people at the League of United Latin American Citizens annual convention, is the highest-ranking Hispanic in the Clinton administration.

Although he said he would consider running for governor in his home state of New Mexico in the future, Richardson would only say that he was "flattered" by talk that he will serve as Al Gore's running mate in next year's presidential race.

"I think someday in the not-too-distant future, there will be a Hispanic presidential or vice presidential candidate," Richardson said. "I don't want to center it around myself."

Richardson also told LULAC members that the Hispanic community is a growing power that "still needs to define itself."

Cards Of Thanks

Thank You

To the host of friends who came to us with love and sympathy, to those who could not come but sent flowers or messages of condolences; we want to express our deepest appreciation, we are indeed grateful for the beautiful flowers and for the food that was served. May God's blessings be upon you is our prayer.

The family of Mack Warren

The family of Lorna Reed

wishes to express its sincere appreciation for your kindness, thoughtfulness and most of all your prayers during this time of our great loss. Thanks to Dr. Thompson and the staff of the fourth floor at Cogdell Hospital and a very special thank you to Homer Anderson and Bill Looney for the beautiful service. Thanks to all who sent flowers, food and cards and to the many friends and relatives who helped us through this difficult time. May God bless each of you.

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Thank You

The members of Knapp Baptist Church wish to thank the members of the churchs of Ira and Snyder and other people of both communities for all the food brought for the meal served the family of Pat Phillips. We also appreciate the help given by the women and men who served the food and who cleaned the community center afterwards.

Knapp Baptist Church

Housing costs rise in Austin

AUSTIN (AP) — When Shelly Davis moved to Austin last year the reality of finding a one-bedroom apartment hit hard.

"One bedroom is totally out of the question," said Ms. Davis, a doctoral student in marine biology at the University of Texas. "It's like four times the amount it was in Michigan, I was ready to move back."

At first, Ms. Davis says she shared a two-bedroom apartment with three other people. Now she rents a three-bedroom apartment with two roommates, but has a 30 minute commute to work. Her portion of the rent is $315 a month.

Austin's economic opportunities are drawing a steady influx of newcomers to the area, giving the city of the one of the tightest apartment markets in the nation. More than 97 percent of the area's 87,574 units are full, according to Capitol Market Research, an Austin real estate market research firm.

Rent has jumped 21 percent over the past five years, according to the Austin American-Statesman.

In some of the cities' most upscale areas, rent can be $2,500 a month, more than a mortage payment for a $350,000 house, the American-Statesman reported. That doesn't include a down payment.

Many complexes have waiting lists of two or three months and people are showing up at rental offices with check in hand, signing leases for units sight unseen.

Rent hit an average of $880 for a 1,000-square-foot unit during the second quarter, up $20 over the past three months, according to Capitol Market Research. That makes Austin's average rental rates the highest in Texas.

Austin is behind Washington, D.C. and South Florida as the most expensive rental market in the South.

Some renters have struggled to find any apartment — affordable or otherwise.

"It's tough as hell," said Patricia Lucero, who has lived with her parents for the last two months while she looked for a place to live.

Unless the economy stumbles, renters may face even more increases.

For some business leaders already struggling to find workers in a tight job market, the rising rents are reason for alarm. There are stories about job applicants who turned down jobs because of the high cost of living.

This is the most difficult time in Austin history for working people to find an affortable apartment or house, said Kerry Tate, a leader in the movement to create more affordable housing.

"If the issue goes unaddressed, we will lose the Austin we have loved," said Ms. Tate, president of TateAustin, an advertising and public relations firm. "In its place will be a city that is home to only the rich who can afford the higher cost of living and the poor who cannot afford to escape it."

Lubbock denies Hampton charges

LUBBOCK (AP) — The city has denied in court documents that police were racially biased when they arrested a Hampton University basketball coach, her husband and an assistant coach.

Further, the city says in documents filed Thursday, Hampton basketball coach Patricia Bibbs and two others brought the arrests on themselves with their conduct when questioned by officers.

"This defendant denies any behavior that was constitutionally deficient for racial or other reasons," the filing says.

Ms. Bibbs, her husband, Ezell, and former assistant coach Vanetta Kelso were arrested in Lubbock last year on suspicion of committing a money scam in the parking lot of a Wal-Mart. They sued the city, Police Chief Ken Walker, five officers and unnamed EMS medics for $30 million, claiming discrimination. All three plaintiffs are black.

The city's filing is a response to the lawsuit.

The coaches' lawsuit and the city's answer agree on some points but offer vastly different accounts of several events that unfolded Nov. 16, 1998.

When police attempted to pull over the coaches' van, the plaintiffs describe the distance they drove before pulling over as "very short." The city says they drove three-quarters of a mile while being followed by two marked patrol cars with emergency lights flashing.

According to Patricia Bibbs, she immediately told officer David Houser that she was Hampton's basketball coach and that her team was in town for a game with the Texas Tech Lady Raiders.

The officers say Ezell Bibbs first revealed the information as Sgt. Roger Hearron arrested him.

"Mr. Bibbs stated to Sgt. Hearron, 'I hope you all know, you've just arrested the head coach of Hampton University,'" the city's answer says. "Plaintiffs chose to be deliberately evasive in their answers to police officers at the scene of the initial stop."

The lawsuit also claims that Ms. Kelso, who was pregnant, received inadequate medical care. According to Ms. Kelso, officers ignored her pleas for help when she vomited inside a police car.

But according to the city's account, Ms. Kelso refused to answer officers who asked if she needed help and instead repeatedly said, "You're killing my baby." Officers immediately called an ambulance for her, the city says.

With the city's filing, U.S. District Judge Sam Cummings indicated he will rule within 10 days on whether the civil case may proceed. Cummings has issued a gag order for all parties in the case.

Shooting ends violent ordeal

GOODRICH, Tex. AP) — A deputy shot a 50-year-old man at a busy truck stop early Friday, ending a rampage that crossed four counties and left the man's wife and a convenience store clerk dead.

Larry Allen Hayes, 50, was in good condition at a Houston hospital Friday afternoon with a single gunshot wound.

He is charged with capital murder in the slaying of 18-year-old store clerk Rosalyn Ann Robinson of Conroe. Montgomery County Sheriff's Lt. Ted Pearce said prosecutors will ask a grand jury to return murder and capital murder charges against Hayes for the slaying of his wife, Mary E. Hayes.

The couple's 9-year-old daughter was in their Woodloch home when the slaying occurred about 11 p.m. Investigators said Hayes had learned Thursday afternoon that his 47-year-old wife was seeing another man.

"It seems both of these people had been having an affair," Pearce said. "He had been having an affair for quite some time and somewhere down the road she started having an affair."

Barbara Minton will direct Methodist Discovery School

First United Methodist Church in Snyder and Children's Day Out Discovery School announce an addition to its staff.

Barbara Minton has joined the staff as minister to children with responsibilities to include facilitating children's education for the church and director of Children's Day Out.

Children's Day Out and Discovery School provides Tuesday and Thursday care for children ages one to four. Pre-kindergarten activities are provided in Discovery School for children who are four.

The church recently honored its former director, Melissa Anderson, for her nine years of service to the children and staff.

Mrs. Minton has experience in both education and ministry. Before moving to Snyder with her husband a year ago, she served as chaplain with the Hospice of Kentucky River in Richmond, Ken., and as a hospital chaplain in Lexington.

She earned a master of arts degree from Asbury Theological Seminary and a master of divinity from Lexington Theological Seminary.

As a certified elementary teacher holding a degree in education from Abilene Christian University, "Barbara knows the importance of encouraging the natural curiosity of children," said Dr. Craig Curry, minister of First United Methodist Church.

"To facilitate this kind of learning, the curriculum of Children's Day Out and Discovery School will be expanded to include an area for practical living experiences as well as music and art in specially designated rooms.

Barbara Minton

Once each week, classes will also gather for a chapel service. A new curriculum integrates pertinent Bible stories into traditional thematic units such as community helpers, animals, the five senses, health and others. Teachers and support staff will continue to be especially sensitive to the intellectual, social, emotional and spiritual development of each child.

Several new spaces are being created for children outside of their classrooms. These include an art room, music room and proposed dining area, in addition to the chapel.

Children's Day Out and Discovery School starts Aug. 10.

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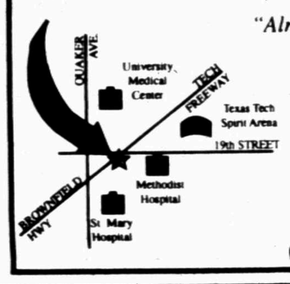

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U.N. convenes in peace talks

PRISTINA, Yugoslavia (AP) — Despite the absence of well-known leaders, Kosovo's Serbs and ethnic Albanians, as well as Yugoslavia's splintered opposition, are coming together to work toward change.

The United Nations convened the first meeting of an interim advisory council including Serb and Albanian representatives, although moderate ethnic Albanian leader Ibrahim Rugova did not attend.

The group has only consultative powers, but it is the first step toward returning political power to Kosovo's population.

On Friday, the participants agreed to form a delegation that will visit the towns of Gniljane in eastern Kosovo, Kosovska Mitrovica in the north and Orahovac in the southwest. All three towns have been plagued by ethnic clashes since the end of NATO airstrikes.

While Rugova had promised the previous day that he would attend Friday's meeting as long as all "credible" parties were included, he left shortly thereafter for Macedonia. He reportedly felt the number of seats his party was allotted was unfair. He was traveling to Italy to pick up his family and will return to Kosovo next week.

In an interview with the British Broadcasting Corp., U.S. Ambassador to Macedonia Christopher Hill, who worked closely with Rugova throughout last year, warned that the leader of the Democratic League of Kosovo, or LDK, faces some tough decisions.

"I think that the main concern there is that the LDK for years and years had really a monopoly on political institutions in Kosovo and now it's very clear that they're going to have to share political power with other groups," Hill said.

Hill, who spent most of last year shuttling between Rugova and the Serbs in hopes of brokering a peace deal, also noted that Hashim Thaci, who leads the Kosovo Liberation Army and attended Friday's talks, has done "an excellent job of coming forward and saying all the right things" and can't be ignored.

"I think that Mr. Rugova is going to have to make a very hard decision ahead about what he wants to do," Hill said.

In Serbia on Friday, the leading Alliance for Change signed an agreement on joint action with another opposition coalition, the Union of Democratic Parties. The opposition is trying to forge a united front after failing so far to capitalize on growing public discontent with Milosevic because of its leaders' inability to work together.

Vladan Batic, a spokesman for the Alliance, said at the signing that the two groups will try to "channel in a right way the dissatisfaction of Serbs against the current regime."

Speaking at a rally in the central Serbian town of Kraljevo, Zoran Djindjic, head of the Democratic Party, warned that time for change is running out, but clashes in Serbia must be avoided.

"We have a month or two to carry out changes," he said. "We must avoid clashes by having millions of people out in the streets. Serbia must be brought to a halt. It is now or never," he declared.

Some 10,000 people gathered at the rally late Friday, before it disbanded without incident.

In other central Serbian towns, hundreds of angry Yugoslav army reservists blocked traffic, demanding long-overdue pay for their service in Kosovo during NATO airstrikes.

Local media reported 400 reservists blocked the central square in Nis, Serbia's third-largest city, for an hour. In Krusevac, 90 miles southeast of Belgrade, about 200 reservists staged a similar protest, the private Beta news agency reported.

The reservists' protests are considered even more dangerous for Milosevic than calls for his ouster at daily opposition rallies over the past two weeks, since the soldiers still carry their weapons and could trigger a mutiny.

Most candidates racking up debt

WASHINGTON (AP) — Months before the first primaries, four Republican presidential candidates are in debt, their campaigns devising strategies to enable them to stay in the race and compete with George W. Bush and his $30 million bankroll.

Former Tennessee Gov. Lamar Alexander, conservative activist Gary Bauer, former Vice President Dan Quayle and publisher Steve Forbes all report owing more money than they held in their campaign bank accounts.

Bauer and Quayle are each $500,000 in debt.

Forbes, a millionaire who is largely financing his own campaign, can simply write a personal check and pay off his $221,555 debt. The other three candidates are in a more precarious position. But officials at each campaign say they have a plan for financing their efforts until they begin receiving matching funds from the government next January.

Bauer and Quayle have met the threshold for receiving the funds, collecting $5,000 in contributions of $250 or less in 20 different states. Alexander has yet to be certified to receive the federal money.

Based on what they have raised so far, Bauer is to receive $2.5 million and Quayle $1.8 million in federal funds.

"That's real money," Bauer campaign manager Frank Cannon said. "It's going to be spent on TV commercials and on communications in the early caucus and primary states. It's just not as visible to people because there isn't a line that says, 'Matching funds accrued.'"

Forbes — like Bush — has said that he will not accept matching funds.

With Bush vacuuming up so much money, it will be even more difficult for the other candidates to raise enough to pay their debts and continue their campaigns through next winter's Iowa caucuses and New Hampshire primary, said Herbert Alexander, professor emeritus of political science at the University of Southern California.

"People who know that they're in debt would have to be especially dedicated to their candidates to continue at this point," he said. "They probably have already hit the cream of their support. Now it's going to be harder and harder. Six months is an awfully long time to stick in there and accrue even more debt. I don't see how a candidate can really do it."

On the other hand, Sen. John McCain and former American Red Cross President Elizabeth Dole both reported having more than enough money in the bank to pay off their debts.

"We think this is another sign that this race is heading toward a two-person contest between Gov. Bush and Elizabeth Dole," Dole spokesman Ari Fleischer said.

With an eye toward next month's Iowa straw poll, the other candidates said they will have enough money to continue.

"What we have to do is keep current with our payables and continue to raise money," said Brian Kennedy, campaign manager for Alexander, the former Tennessee governor who earlier laid off staff in order to conserve funds. "We'll be able to fully compete in Iowa and New Hampshire and the other early contests."

Alexander raised $2.5 million through June 30, and was $143,373 in debt. At this period four years ago, he had raised three times that amount, $7.5 million.

Both Bauer and Quayle are relying heavily on expensive direct mail; Cannon said the campaign is spending 50 cents of every dollar raised to raise more money. The result is a bank of 65,000 contributors — Bush has 74,000 — with an average donation of $56 (as compared to Bush's $467).

Since so many of Bauer's contributors have not given the maximum contribution of $1,000, the campaign can ask them again and again for another donation, which would be matched with federal funds.

"It matters how many contributors your have, how willing they are to contribute to you again and again, and whether or not you're going to get a check from the federal government for a sizable amount next year," Cannon said. "In all those categories, we're in strong shape."

Like Bauer, Quayle has a lengthy list of small donors that cost a lot of money to assemble. He spent $1.9 million on fund-raising, 57 percent of the $3.4 million he has spent on his campaign during the first six months of the year.

"Dan Quayle enjoys the loyal support of dedicated conservative activists across the country," spokesman Jonathan Baron said. "Those contributions are very often matched with federal funds. That gives us an added fund-raising punch.

Local officers investigate cases of criminal mischief

Snyder police officers investigated several reports of criminal mischief Friday and early Saturday morning.

Officers were called to 3203 Irving at 6:45 a.m. Friday as Linda Strong reported her vehicle and house had been egged.

Larry Lee told officers at 7:49 a.m. Friday that someone had thrown a rock through his business in the 300 block of Coliseum Drive.

At 8:17 a.m., Lisa Steadham reported her vehicle had been egged in the 3400 block of 44th Street.

Officer Mike Duddleston located several vehicles unlocked at Patterson's Used Cars at 11:27 p.m. Friday. He advised the vehicles appeared to have the dashes taken apart and the stereos removed.

Officers were called to B&F Well Service at 5:45 a.m. Saturday in reference to rocks being thrown into the business.

An offense report for Class B criminal mischief was filed at 5:58 a.m. Saturday at G&L Tools in reference to someone throwing rocks and damaging a glass door at the business.

Four arrests were also made Friday.

Deputies took a 31-year-old male into custody at 10:39 a.m. in the 1900 block of Garden Lane on a warrant for criminal nonsupport.

A 45-year-old female was taken into custody at 1:33 p.m. at the driver's license office on outstanding Department of Public Safety warrants for speeding and expired license plates.

At 2:07 p.m., deputies arrested a 20-year-old male at the Western Texas College apartments on a capias warrant for public intoxication.

DPS troopers took a 39-year-old male into custody at 7:43 p.m. at the intersection of 27th Street and Avenue O for misdemeanor driving while intoxicated.

In other activity, an offense report for assault/family violence was filed at 4:33 p.m. Friday.

Obituaries

Ann Tajchman

1937-1999

ABILENE – Helen "Ann" Tajchman, the sister of Dolly Dodgen of Snyder, died Friday, July 16, in an Abilene hospital.

Mass for Mrs. Tajchman, 61, is set for 10 a.m. Monday in the Holy Family Catholic Church with Fr. Frederick Nawarskas officiating. Burial will follow in the Fort Phantom Hill Cemetery.

Born in Jones County, she graduated from Lueders High School and received a degree in business administration from McMurry University. She married Clarence Tajchman on June 7, 1968 in Abilene.

Mrs. Tajchman was named teacher of the year in 1996, She retired from public school teaching in 1999 after 30 years.

Survivors include her husband, Clarence Tajchman of Abilene; two daughters, Clarissa Kapke of Abilene and Angela Friedrichsen of Wichita, Kan.; her mother, Dolly Keesee of Abilene; three brothers, George Keesee, Bob Keesee and Mac Keesee, all of Abilene; three other sisters, Emma Lee Middleton of Hawley, Maudene Gilbreath of Abilene and Patsy Fuqua of Arlington; and two grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to the American Cancer Society.

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ONGOINGS

Youth rally revival

Primera Iglesia Bautista Church, 2007 Ave. R, will conduct a youth rally at 7 p.m. Saturday. Sunday services will be at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.

Scout family night

All Scurry County Boy and Cub Scouts are invited to a family night from 6 to 8:30 p.m. Saturday at the Towle Park swimming pool. For more information call 573-3310.

1989 class reunion

There is still time to RSVP for the 1989 SHS class reunion to be held next Saturday. The public is invited and the charge is $7. For more information, call Christy Smith at 573-8392.

Cheerleader camp

Registration for the 11th annual SHS Cheer camp will be from 10 a.m.-noon and 5-6:30 p.m. Monday through Wednesday at Stars-R-Us. Camp cost is $0 and incoudes camp T-Shirts and halftime performance. For more information call 574-1293 or 574-1993.

AARP meeting

The AARP Chapter 2063 will meet at noon Monday at the Senior Center. A representative of Home Medical Equipment will be the guest speaker.

Bible study tapes

Bible study video tapes air weekly on cable TV channel 2. The tapes to be shown at 7 p.m. Monday are "A Father's Responsibility to His Children," followed by "Hope for Single-Parent Families."

Rock and Roll quilting club

The quilting club meets every Monday from 8 a.m. until noon at Hermleigh Community Center for free quilting lessons. Everyone is invited Call 863-2426 for more information.

Seniors swimnastics

Swimnastics for senior citizens is held from 10 to 11 a.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays at Western Texas College.

Lions White Elephant sale

Snyder Lions Club has rescheduled its White Elephant sale for noon Tuesday at Martha Ann Woman's Club.

Head Start registration

Scurry County Head Start will conduct registration from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday at Snyder Day Care Center, 2800 2nd Street. The program is for children three years old on or before Sept. 1 and for four year olds. Birth certificates, immunization records and proof of income will be required. Call 573-7403 for more information.

Diabetes support group

The Snyder Diabetes Support Group will have a cookout at 6 p.m. Tuesday at Towle Park Pavilion. Cost is $2 per plate. RSVP to Stephanie Highfield at 573-2950 by Monday.

Parkinson's support group

The Parkinson's Disease support group will meet at 10 a.m. Tuesday in the Cogdell Hospital board room Joye Loyd and Jacque Chorn will report on the National Parkinson Foundation meeting and a film, "Wonders of the Brain" will be shown.

King's Kids registration

First Baptist Church is currently registering for King's Kids, ages 1-5, and for Mothers' Day Out, six months to five years old. Call 573-2631 for more information.

Sonshine school registration

Enrollment is being accepted for the new Sonshine School for ages 2-5 to begin Aug. 26 at 37th Street Church of Christ. Call Lora Lord at 573-1700 or the church office at 573-0154 for more information or to register.

Midnight madness

Each Friday, the Boys and Girls Club will be open from 8 p.m. until midnight. Activities for teens Friday night include a block party, outside volleyball and sack races, three-legged races, a lock-in, spot and free-throw tournament, a 45-second drill, game-room tournaments, movies and refreshment.

Healing clinic

A healing clinic will be held at 7 p.m. Friday at the Union Community Center, sponsored by the Road Back Ministries.

Pre-registration

Pre-registration for Children's Day Out and Discovery School at First United Methodist Church will be held from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. July 27 at the church. The program is for ages one through four.

Garage sale items needed

Lighthouse Assembly of God, 1900 Trinity Blvd., is accepting items for their garage sale to benefit the church building fund. Furniture, clothes, appliances and other items are appreciated. Call 573-5124 or 573-2947 for pickup.

Pick 3

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

3-6-7

Cash Five

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

1-9-16-25-35

Texas Million

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Texas Million numbers drawn Friday by the Texas Lottery:

8-17-37-76

MARRIED IN PLANO — Kelly Pace of Snyder became the bride of Gary Zimmerman of Plano in a double-ring ceremony at 2 p.m., June 12 in Plano's Abundant Life Church. Robert and Clydine Hinkle of Snyder and Wayne and Marilyn Pace of Midland are parents of the bride. Mel and Mary Zimmerman of Allen are parents of the groom. The couple lives in Plano where the groom is employed with Eastman Kodak and Mrs. Zimmerman is a music teacher. She is a 1991 Snyder High School graduate and a 1997 graduate of West Texas A&M with a master's degree. A reception was held in the fellowship hall at the church. (Contributed Photo)

Library News and Views

The Summer Reading Program is almost over. Scurry County Library staff reminds children to turn their hours in by Friday. This will be the last day to turn in hours and earn prizes.

A certificate ceremony will be held at 10 a.m. July 28 where Donna Fowler, executive director of Snyder Chamber of Commerce, will hand out the certificates to children who have at least three hours reading time. We will also be drawing for and awarding some prizes.

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For 4- and 5-year-olds Storytime set for 10 a.m. Monday, the theme will be monkeys. A story will be read and children will make monkey faces. The staff reminds parents that Storytime is a year-round activity.

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The program for Wednesday will be the annual watermelon seed-spitting contest. This is for the pre-school children as well as grades K-6. It will begin at 10 a.m. Sidewalk chalk decorating is also included in activities.

Delapa, Fairchild married in West Hills Baptist Church

AKRON, Ohio — Nicole Lynn Delapa of Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, and Brian Patrick Fairchild of Midland were married at 11 a.m. on July 3 in West Hills Baptist Church in Akron.

Pastor Verl Gunter of Midland officiated .

Parents of the bride are Mr. and Mrs. Jack Nearhoof and Mr. and Mrs. Don Delapa, all of Cuyahoga Falls. The groom's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Fairchild of Midland. Her grandmother is Marilyn Ford of Florida.

The groom's grandparents are Mrs. Charles (LaRue) Hyatt of Snyder and the late Charles Hyatt, Bettie Fairchild of Austin and Leo Fairchild of Houston.

Maid of honor was Monica Allen and bridesmaids were Angie Fohner, Jenny Lehecka, Shay Delapa, Mary Nearhoof and Jenni Brooke Fairchild. Flower girls included Cody Davis and Emma Stumpf.

Best man was Pat Fairchild. Attendants were Cole McLeod and Beau McLeod, cousins of the groom from Snyder, Jason Kopp, Brian Bledsoe and Jim Dillow. Ushers were Bobby Nearhoof and Bill Ruffner.

After a wedding trip to Captiva Island in Fort Myers, Fla., the couple reside in Kansas City, Mo.

The bride attended Pensacola Christian College and the groom, a graduate of Midland Christian High School and Pensacola Christian College, earned his bachelor of Bible degree in December, 1998, and will attend Heart of America Theological Seminary in Kansas City, Mo.

Mr. and Mrs. Brian Patrick Fairchild
(Contributed Photo)

Black bear lured back home with snacks

BUFFALO, N.Y. (AP) - Bella inched closer to the trap, devouring the trail of potato chips along the way. The 120-pound yearling put one paw inside the cage, eyeing an apple pie - and then backed away.

Thus ended one more close encounter with the wayward black bear that has eluded authorities in the Buffalo suburbs for a week.

"These are pretty smart animals," Gerry Mikol, regional director of the state Department of Environmental Conservation, said Wednesday. "And they're pretty wary of humans."

The humans have tried everything.

They've lured it tantalizingly close to captivity with mouthwatering treats, scoped it with a tranquilizer gun and chased it on foot across southern Erie County. They just can't catch up with Bella.

They want to send Bella back to the wild, but the bear won't go. And with all this great food around, would you?

"Probably not," Mikol said. "It's warm, it's sunny. No reason to move."

But officials fear for Bella's safety if they don't nab the bear or it doesn't find its way back to the deep woods. They're concerned Bella could be hit by a car or shot.

A third possibility is that the bear would have to be destroyed.

"He could become a nuisance," Mikol said. "This is a wild animal and a risk to people and their pets, although not a great risk. But if he shows up on somebody's front porch, he's in trouble."

'Mud Decathlon' cools Pittsburgh children

PENN HILLS, Pa. (AP) - Some kids pop open fire hydrants to cool off in summer. In suburban Pittsburgh, they play in the mud.

About 140 children got dirty Wednesday in the 24th Mud Decathlon at Duff Park in Penn Hills.

"It doesn't get any better than this," Kevin Belies said after covering himself from head to toe.

Each year, the community sets up a muddy obstacle course including plastic slides, tires filled with muddy water and two mud bogs - one to be crossed on stomachs, the other on backs. Racers had to do push-ups and sit-ups in mud and then roll over a bale of hay.

Most finished the course in less than 90 seconds. Brittany Wilmer was named Muddiest Girl, Joshua Casey the Muddiest Boy.

Tracy Roman issued a "no T-shirts, no socks" rule for her 10-year-old son, J.T. "Once you get socks messy, you never get the white back," she said.

After the race, 6-year-old Alexa Jones waited in line to get hosed down and reported that she felt heavy from all the mud on her hair and face.

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Mr. and Mrs. Kent Smith
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Willey, Smith pledge vows at First United Methodist

Katherine Willey became the bride of Kent Smith in a ceremony Saturday afternoon, June 5, in the First United Methodist Church. Luther Laster, pastor of Joy Fellowship Church in Amarillo, officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Joe and Teresa Willey of Plainview and the granddaughter of Oscar Green of Plainview and Jane Willey of Stratford

Smith is the son of Jerry and Donna Smith of Ira.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a traditional white gown featuring a sweetheart neckline and sheer lace sleeves on a lace bodice beaded with sequins and pearls. A basque waistline held the full skirt and semi-cathedral train.

She carried a bouquet of white roses surrounded by Monte Casino.

Christi Wood, the bride's sister from Comanche, Okla., was matron of honor. She was attired in a satin gown with an empire waist and capped sleeves. She held a spray of white daisies and Monte Casino, tied with sheer white ribbon.

Flower girls were Mistie Smith of Sweetwater, the groom's daughter, Cali Wood of Comanche and Tyler Willey of Plainview, the bride's nieces.

Suzy Smith and Lindie Willey were candlelighters.

Tim Hogan was best man and ushers included Travis Willey and J.D. Smith.

Musical selections were presented by Karen Sandlin, Marci Aguilera, Kristen Killough and Christina Mitchell.

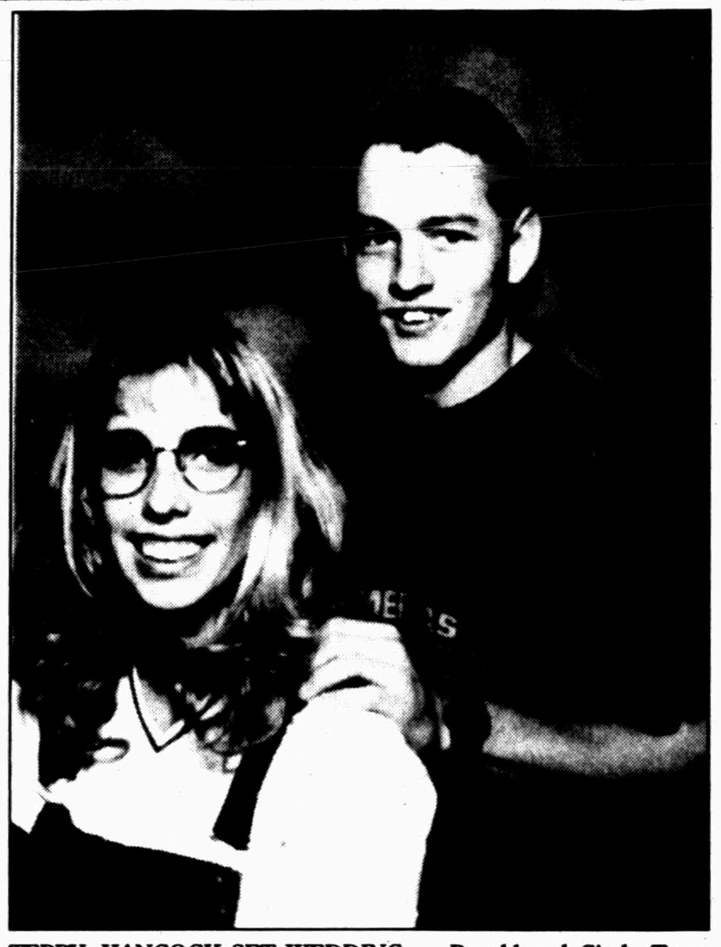
A reception was held in the parlor of the church.

Following a wedding trip to San Antonio, Mr. and Mrs. Smith made their home in Plainview.

The bride, a graduate of Plainview High School, is a music education major at Wayland Baptist University. She is employed by Ramsower-Hembree Furniture.

Smith is a graduate of Ira High School and is a police officer for the City of Plainview.

A rehearsal dinner was held at Furr's Cafeteria. A bridal shower was given at The Cotton Patch by Nanci McClung, Janis Loafman and Paula Williams.



TERRY, HANCOCK SET WEDDING — Ronald and Cindy Terry announce the engagement of their daughter, Miranda Terry, to Kenny Hancock, son of Brenda Worthington and Kenneth Hancock. They are planning a ceremony for 10 a.m. on Aug. 28 in Towle Park.
(Contributed Photo)

Mr. & Mrs. Hollingsworth
(Contributed Photo)

Couple wed in garden rites

Shannon Payne and Dakon Hollingsworth of Ira were united in marriage at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, July 3, in a garden ceremony at the Eagle Mountain Lake home of Mickey and Lisa Walker, uncle and aunt of the groom. Rev. Bob Harper of Irving, formerly of Snyder, officiated the double-ring ceremony.

The bride wore a tea-length ecru linen dress, featuring an empire waist, ecru lace accented the jewel neckline and hemline. She carried the groom's great-grandmother's lace handkerchief around a bouquet of long-stemmed pink roses and alstroemeria lilies.

The bride's maid of honor was Janet Botts of Hermleigh. The bridesmaids included Connie Payne and Michelle Gonzales, sisters of the bride, and Barbara Bridgewater, sister-in-law of the bride.

Bethany Bridgewater, the groom's niece, was flower girl and ring bearer was Brian Bridgewater, the groom's nephew.

The groom sang "Stay Forever" to his bride as she was escorted down the aisle by her daughters, Brittany and Tina Fisk. Serving as best man was Chris Denson of Fluvanna. Groomsmen were Derek Hollingsworth, brother of the groom; Clint Walker, the groom's cousin; and Robert Palacious.

A barbecue buffet was hosted by the groom's parents, John and Glenda Hollingsworth of Snyder. Shannon is the daughter of Buddy and Kathy Payne of Arp, formerly of Snyder.

The couple made their home in Ira following their honeymoon to Cancun, Mexico.

Ask Anne & Nan

By Anne B. Adams and Nancy Nash-Cummings

Finding a "rescue" poodle

DEAR ANNE AND NAN: I'll bet anything you have a cat or dog or both. My little poodle died in December. She was a month short of 15 years old. I live by myself and I miss her so much. I've decided it's time to get another little companion. Since I'm a senior, I don't know if I could survive puppyhood again. I know there are organizations that rescue certain breeds of dogs — German shepherds, golden retrievers, etc. I'm sure there must be a group which rescues poodles, but I have no idea how to locate them. It would have to be here in the San Gabriel Valley. I know I should go to the pound and look for a dog, but my heart won't let me. I would want to bring them all home. I hope you'll consider my request and ask your readers for a poodle rescue group in the San Gabriel Valley. — **MARJORIE BALDWIN, La Puente, Calif.**

DEAR MARJORIE: We sympathize with your loss; we are quite devoted to our four-footed friends. There are several poodle rescue groups all over the country. Now, here's our suggestion: Trot down to your local library. We bet they have a computer with an Internet connection; here in Vermont, almost all of our libraries do. Anyway, go to the library and ask the staff to help you check out www.barkbytes.com/rescue/poodle.htm and www.page-web.com/vipoodle/rescon.htm — these are two Web sites which list poodle rescue groups in California. You'll be able to figure out which organization is nearest to you; we weren't able to do that. Additionally, you might want to consider looking for rescue groups for small or "toy" dogs, regardless of breed. We are great believers in the Internet and we especially want to encourage seniors to explore cyberspace. Good luck, and we'd love to hear if this works for you — or even if it doesn't.

DEAR ANNE AND NAN: I have an ironing board that was made many years ago. It is rectangular in shape, with a spring mechanism at the front that drops down so you can make the typical triangle for ironing shirt arms, etc. My problem is that I am unable to replace the ironing board's cover. I have checked with Seymour, which makes several ironing board covers. They no longer make the one I need, nor did they have a recommendation as to where a cover could be purchased. Any leads? — **JEAN BACK, West Chester, Pa.**

DEAR JEAN: We can do better than a lead — we have a source for all ironing board covers! There's a company called Material Things in Manchester Center, Vt. It's a cottage industry that has been in business for 16 years. They use designer quilted Waverly fabric to custom-make ironing board covers. The covers are washable, Scotchguarded and have nylon drawstrings.

Here's the scoop on custom made covers: Tape two or three pieces of newspaper together and then trace around the outside of the board onto the newspaper. Send in the pattern (don't add anything for seams). Be sure to tell them whether you want floral, striped or plaid fabric, and what color(s) you prefer. Anne Pivirotto, the proprietress of the business, says the cost is between $18 and $20 and postage is about $3.20.

For those of you with a standard-size ironing board (54 inches) a cover is $18; a table-top model size to fit boards that sit on a table or counter top is $8; the wall size (44 inches) fits wall models (or those boards that convert to stools that are popular at craft shows) is $12. For more information, write to: Material Things, 541 New Ireland Rd., Manchester Ctr., VT 05255-9420.

STUMPED: WOODEN HANGERS WITH OR WITHOUT A REVOLVING HOOK — The folks at Material Things are looking for these. They use them for quilted clothespin bags. They can't use the type with a bar across for suit pants. Used ones will suit them just fine. Get in touch with them at the address above if you have a slew of these!

Write to "Ask Anne & Nan" at P.O. Box 240, Hartland, VT 05048. Questions of general interest will appear in the column. Due to the volume of mail, personal replies cannot be provided.

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Jessica: Are you a mouse?
Brittany: No. Didn't I just tell you I was a lion?

Bridge By Phillip Alder

North 07-17-99
♠ 9 3 2
♥ 4
♦ 9 7 6 4 2
♣ 7 5 3 2

West
♠ 8 7 6 5 4
♥ 7 3
♦ 8 5
♣ A K 9 8

East
♠ ---
♥ 9 8 6 5 2
♦ J 10 3
♣ Q J 10 6 4

South
♠ A K Q J 10
♥ A K Q J 10
♦ A K Q
♣ ---

Vulnerable: East-West
Dealer: South

South	West	North	East
2 ♣	Pass	2 ♦	Pass
2 ♠	Pass	2 NT	Pass
3 ♥	Pass	4 ♠	Pass
7 ♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♣ A

Save the toughest for last

By Phillip Alder

For my final example of maintaining trump control, here is a very difficult deal. If you see the right play, you deserve a loud round of applause.

You reach seven spades. West leads the club ace. You ruff and cash the spade ace, preparing to claim until East discards a club. After groaning about your bad luck, how would you continue?

As this is so tough, here's a hint: How would your line of play be different if the dummy had four diamonds and five clubs?

If I were sitting South, I would be nervous that partner would drop me in a forcing bid. North jumped to four spades because he had already shown pitiful weakness by making two negative replies. As he had three trumps and a singleton, his hand was far from useless.

After finding out that West has all five missing trumps, your basic plan is to lead side-suit winners through West. If he ruffs, you overruff with dummy's nine, draw his remaining trumps, and claim. However, if West is clever, he will discard diamonds while you are cashing hearts. If dummy has four diamonds and five clubs, you can just play hearts from hand without worrying. After five rounds of hearts, dummy will be out of diamonds. So, if West ruffs the diamond ace, you overruff, draw trumps, and claim.

With this layout, though, when you switch to diamonds, West will ruff: one down. As you can discard only *four* of dummy's five diamonds on the hearts, you must cash *one* diamond trick first. Then play the hearts. Eventually, West will concede.

Isn't that just yer average, everyday deal?!

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Jennie: I just knocked down the ladder that was standing up against the side of the house.
Mom: Go and tell your father.
Jennie: He already knows about it. He's hanging onto the roof!

Bridge Scoreboard

Jane Hinton directed bridge games at the Snyder Country Club.

FRIDAY

July 9

1. Charles Grimes, Barbara Yorgesen.
2. Doyle Fowler, Christine Stuard.
3. Mippy Brownlee, Shirley Stewart.
4. Jane Hinton, Maribeth Vestal.

SUNDAY

July 11—Swiss Team

1. Margaret Birdwell, Jane Hinton, Christine Stuard and Nona Morrison.
2. Louise Thompson, Mippy Brownlee, Barbara Yorgesen, Shirley Stewart.

TUESDAY

1. Dora Blakey, Barbara Yorgesen.
2. Ann Davis, Louise Thompson.
3. Nina Nesbit, Shirley Stewart.
4. Doyle Fowler, Christine Stuard.

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Mr. and Mrs. Art Kidd
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Nichols, Kidd marry in June in garden setting

LUBBOCK — Art Kidd and Tracy Nichols exchange nuptial vows in a Lubbock garden setting on June 26 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Barry Brown. Mr. John Donnerberg officiated the double-ring ceremony.

The bride's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Olen Arnold of Odessa. The groom's parents are Dr. and Mrs. R. J. Kidd of Snyder.

Vows were pledged before an archway of white netting with pink, mauve and cream colored roses with greenery. The bouquet was of the same colors. Tracy was given in marriage by Shane Nichols, her son, and maid of honor was Chelsea Nichols, her daughter.

Music was by Melanie Kidd, the groom's niece from Snyder. She sang "Love of a Lifetime" and "You Light Up My Life."

A reception followed the ceremony.

Mr. and Mrs. Kidd have made their home in Lubbock where Mrs. Kidd is employed by the U.S. Postal Service and Mr. Kidd is employed by Texas Lighting Sales.

UPCOMING WEDDING ANNOUNCED — Leonard and Carla Matthews announce plans for an 8 p.m., July 24 wedding of their daughter, Angela Matthews, and Robin Schulze. He is the son of Richard and Donna Schulze and Debbie Elder. The ceremony will be held in the Apostolic Faith Church in Snyder. (Contributed Photo)

Davis, McCoo say marriage still healthy after 30 years

LOS ANGELES (AP) - Marilyn McCoo and Billy Davis Jr. say they're still going strong after 30 years of marriage.

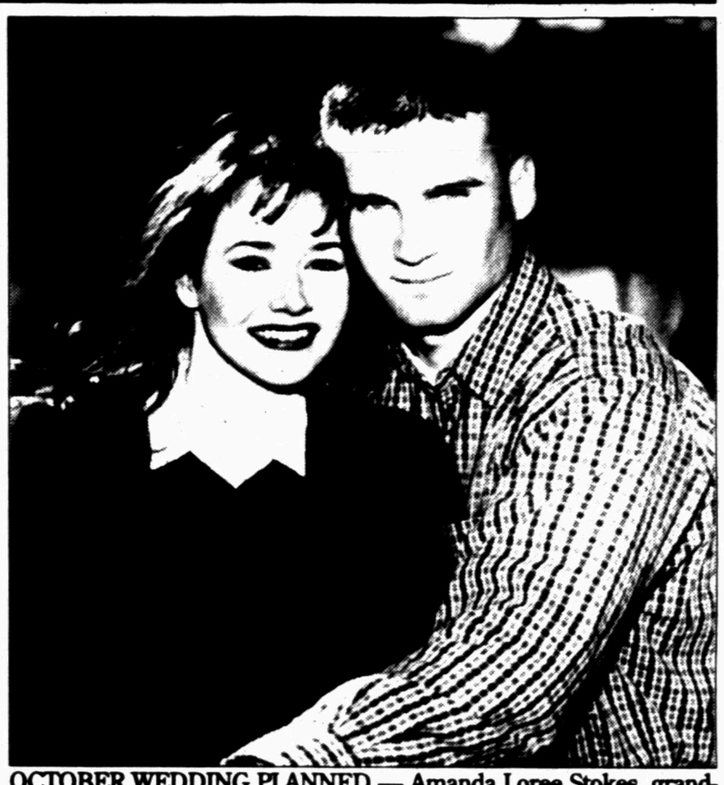
The couple, who met as members of The Fifth Dimension in 1967 and later won a Grammy as a duo for "You Don't Have To Be A Star," celebrate their anniversary on July 26.

"I credit our friendship. We went into this marriage like everyone else - we loved each other, we were friends, we fought and we had emotional problems," Davis said Wednesday.

"But our commitment to each other was so strong that we just didn't want to do it without each other. Plus, we have the Lord in our lives, and that's an important part of our relationship."

Ms. McCoo said starting off as friends was a big part of their success.

"You can't spend this many years with another person if you don't like them," she said.



OCTOBER WEDDING PLANNED — Amanda Loree Stokes, granddaughter of Dot Stokes of Snyder, and the late Carl Stokes, is engaged to Francis G. "Beau" Barker Jr. The future bride, a 1999 graduate of Northeast Louisiana University, is the daughter of Larry and Judy Stokes of Shreveport, La. Beau, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Francis Gilbert Barker of Bossier City, is a graduate of Louisiana State University. They will marry Oct. 2 at Calvary Baptist Church in Shreveport. (Contributed Photo)

Shhh! It's a secret!
We need your help!

Don and Vera Harless, former Snyder residents, will celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary soon.

A memory book is being compiled. Please send memory letters ASAP. Deadline is September 1. Photos that we can copy will be appreciated.

Spread the word!

Harless Memory Book
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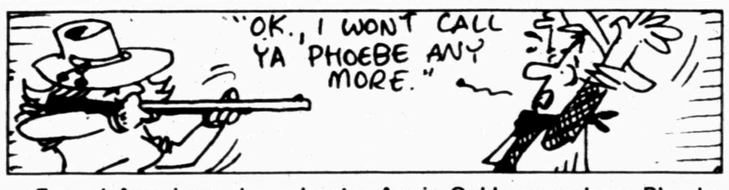
Abilene, Texas 79606

MAWC SETS LUNCHEON — Sandra Brace, caterer at the Martha Ann Woman's Club, checks the glassware for an upcoming luncheon. The board has scheduled a fundraising luncheon for Sunday, Aug. 1, at 11:30. Boneless chicken or brisket will be the entrée and tickets are $8.50 each, children under 10 are $4 each. Reservations are being taken until July 30 by calling the clubhouse at 573-3427, Jan at 573-6443, Jane at 573-5586 or Francene at 573-6717. (SDN Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)



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Teams walk 23,000 miles during eight week period

Thirty-two teams competed in the "Walk Across Texas" health fitness program. The goal of each team was to accumulate 800 miles per team of eight members during an eight-week time period.

A total of 275 individuals participated in the event and accumulated 23,000 miles.

Two special awards were presented. The Misfits, lead by team captain Joan Bunch, reached the 800-mile mark first.

Team members included Cynthia Jackson, Lana Peterson, Travis Bunch, Donna Greene, Abelia Espinosa, Julie Bearden and Terry Williams.

The second team award was presented to the Road Warriors, lead by team captain Dave Hanes.

The road warriors accumulated the most miles during the eight-week walking period. Total mileage for the team was 1,376.6

Team members included LaDonna Hanes, Carla Nunley, Britt Canada, Cindy Fritz, Kevin Fritz, David Kattes, Molly Kattes, Kathy Tran and Carrie Fincher.

The Misfits followed behind with 1,360.7 miles.

An awards event was held May 20 to celebrate and recognize "Walk Across Texas" participants. Participants who walked 50 miles or more were presented a "Walk Across Texas" t-shirt.

Other participants received a drinking mug.

Health and emotional benefits cited by participants included: an accomplished goal, purpose to exercise, increased energy, time spent with friends and family, weight loss, stress reduction, and better physical shape and help develop an exercise routine.

T-SHIRT DESIGNER — Donny Brown designed the t-shirt for the "Walk Across Texas" program. Shirts were given to participants who walked 50 miles or more. (Contributed Photo)

MISFITS — "The Misfits" were the first team to reach the 800 mile destination in the "Walk Across Texas" health and fitness program. Members pictured include Donna Greene, Lana Peterson, Joan Bunch, Cynthia Jackson and Julie Bearden. Not pictured are Abelia Espinosa, Terry Williams and Travis Bunch. Joan Bunch was team captain. (Contributed Photo)

ROAD WARRIORS — "The Road Warriors" team collected the most miles, 1,376.6, in the eight-week health and fitness program "Walk Across Texas." Pictured front, from left, are Molly Kattes, LaDonna Hanes, Dave Hanes and Cindy Fritz. Back row are Britt Canada, Carla Nunley, David Kattes and Kevin Fritz. Not pictured are Kathy Tran and Carrie Fincher. (Contributed Photo)

"The Misfits" reached the 800 mile plateau first in the program sponsored by the Texas Extension Office.

Business highlights of the week

WASHINGTON (AP) — Consumer prices remained frozen in June for the second straight month, the best showing on inflation in 13 years, as energy costs and airline fares dropped sharply while food prices held steady.

The Labor Department said Thursday that its Consumer Price Index — the most closely watched gauge of inflation — was flat in June, as it was in May.

The last time prices showed no increase for two straight months was in 1986, when for three consecutive months the CPI actually fell.

ATLANTA (AP) — The Coca-Cola Co. reported its second-quarter earnings fell 21 percent as lingering economic problems and the discovery of contaminated Coke products in Europe depressed the soft drink maker's sales.

Thursday's earnings report, which met Wall Street's expectations, closed out a difficult quarter for Coke. But analysts noted that the company nonetheless made nearly $1 billion in the three months ending June 30 and said the Coke brand is still a world power.

Net income for the three months came to $942 million, or 38 cents per share, down from $1.19 billion, or 48 cents per share, in the same quarter a year earlier.

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The veteran co-leaders of the Warner Bros. movie and music studios, Robert Daly and Terry Semel, plan to leave their posts by the end of the year, the company announced Thursday.

Daly and Semel, who have worked for Warner Bros. for about 20 years, gave no specific reason for their departure except to say it is an appropriate time to leave.

The news follows Time Warner's strong second-quarter earnings report and a string of box office successes such as "The Matrix" and "Austin Powers: The Spy Who Shagged Me." However, the departures also came amid reports of friction between Daly and Semel and Gerald M. Levin, chairman and chief executive of the studio's parent, Time Warner Inc.

LONDON (AP) — As it announced a major oil discovery in the Gulf of Mexico, BP Amoco PLC unveiled plans to shed $10 billion in underperforming assets over the next three years.

And while the company aims to boost capital spending by $26 billion by 2001, it also said Thursday it would slash expenses by 20 percent over the same period.

BP Amoco's ambitious cost-cutting strategy, including plans to eliminate an additional 3,000 jobs, offers a sign of what may be ahead for other oil companies seeking to boost profits by merging.

WASHINGTON (AP) — The government acknowledged for the first time Thursday that thousands of workers were made sick while making nuclear weapons and announced a plan to compensate many of them for medical care and lost wages.

Congress must still approve the compensation, which would end years of litigation over claims by the workers that they became sick while employed by private contractors at federal nuclear weapons facilities during the Cold War.

The administration's plan would initially limit compensation to workers who became ill from exposure to beryllium, a chemical element that was used as a strengthening alloy in atomic weapons. The cost of such compensation was estimated at $13 million a year over 10 years.

NEW YORK (AP) — A British drugmaker sought U.S. approval for a new combination vaccine for five childhood diseases — diphtheria, whooping cough, tetanus, polio and hepatitis B — which would reduce the number of shots babies need in their first year of life.

SmithKline Beecham asked the federal government on Thursday for an expedited review for its combination vaccine, which already is available in Europe.

Infants now need nine shots during their first 12 months of life to gain protection against the five diseases. With SmithKline's new combination vaccine, 1-year-olds would only need a total of three shots to be protected against the five diseases. Other shots would still be necessary to protect children against measles, mumps and other diseases.

WASHINGTON (AP) — ATM fees charged by banks and savings and loans increased significantly from 1997 to 1998 as did the number of institutions offering free checking, the Federal Reserve said in a report to Congress.

The central bank, which compiles a similar report on fees imposed by banks and savings and loans every year, found substantial increases by banks in: overdraft charges for checks, fees that banks charge their customers for using another bank's automated teller machine, and ATM surcharges, which banks charge people to use their ATMs if they are not customers of that bank.

The Fed found that in 1998, as in previous years, most of the fees charged by big banks operating in several states — including those created by mergers — were significantly higher than those levied by smaller banks.

BERLIN (AP) — The chief banker of the 11-nation euro zone reaffirmed his faith in the sinking European currency and hinted at higher interest rates, sparking a small rally just as crisp, new euro banknotes start rolling off printing presses around Europe.

Wim Duisenberg, president of the European Central Bank, emphasized Thursday that improvement in the European economy, along with the bank's anti-inflation stance, should help the euro regain some of the 12 percent in value it has lost against the dollar since its Jan. 1 introduction.

While governments and corporations use the euro for financial transactions, bills and coins won't enter circulation until the euro becomes legal tender on Jan. 1, 2002.

WARSAW, Poland (AP) — British Aerospace PLC and Saab AB of Sweden fired the first salvo in what is sure to be a fierce battle for a $1.5 billion-defense contract from NATO's expansion into Central Europe.

The British-Swedish consortium announced the offer to sell 60 Gripen jet fighters to Poland just hours before a French delegation of defense contractors and Prime Minister Lionel Jospin flew in for talks likely to include the airplane deal on Thursday.

Such high-level lobbying is part of a European push to make its defense industries more competitive against U.S. giants such as Boeing Co. and Lockheed Martin Corp., whose equipment supplied NATO's air campaign in Kosovo.

Mutant gene linked to back pain

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Researchers have identified a mutant gene that may be responsible for some cases of sciatica, a sometimes severe and chronic type of back pain.

The finding could help doctors identify other people at risk.

Back pain has long been one of the most poorly understood disorders, though it affects most adults at some point in their lives.

Sciatica is most often caused by a slipped or ruptured disk, which occurs when the soft material in the center of a disk protrudes from its cartilage container and pinches the sciatic nerve in the spine.

Scientists still believe that obesity, smoking and occupational factors put people at higher risk for sciatica, but this gene may be another factor in about 5 percent of sufferers, said biochemist Dr. Leena Ala-Kokko of MCP Hahnemann University in Philadelphia, who led the study.

"Knowing that you carry this mutation, I would advise these people to avoid these other possible risk factors," Ala-Kokko said. "In finding this gene, we may have put the missing piece in the puzzle."

The research was published in Thursday's issue of the journal Science.

Another far more common gene defect has also been found that may be responsible for a higher percentage of sciatica sufferers, Ala-Kokko said, though that research has yet to be published.

The mutated gene alters part of an important structural protein inside the disk called collagen IX, preventing it from forming into the correct shape. This makes the disk material too soft and less capable of absorbing the shocks placed on the spine during movement, researchers said. Over time, it begin pressing against the nerve.

"If genetic factors are found to underlie some substantial fraction of cases of sciatica, clearly that would be important," said Dr. Richard Deyo, a University of Washington professor of medicine specializing in managing back problems. "It would change the way we think about the disease and think about risk factors and occupational causes. And hopefully someday help treat it or prevent it."

The study, conducted with scientists at the University of Oulu in Finland, analyzed the DNA of 180 Finnish patients with sciatica. Nine patients were found to have the mutation, and none of 230 patients in a control group without back pain had it.

Follow-up with four families of the nine patients with the defect revealed a total of 23 relatives with the mutation, all of whom suffered disk problems.

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Oldest solon dead at 79

WASHINGTON (AP) — Rep. George E. Brown Jr., the oldest member of the House of Representatives, died overnight after a lengthy hospitalization for treatment of an infection, congressional officials said today. The California Democrat was 79.

Brown, serving his 18th term, was the senior Democrat on the House Science Committee.

Brown represented California's 42nd District, which includes the city of San Bernardino and other towns lying east of Los Angeles. He was first elected in 1962 after working 17 years for the city of Los Angeles.

He used his post on the Science Committee to support space exploration, both manned and unmanned.

Brown had heart valve replacement surgery on May 3 at the Bethesda Naval Hospital in the Washington suburbs. He recovered well, and returned to work part time about a week later.

In mid-June, he was readmitted to the hospital with what his office said was a postoperative infection.

Brown was elected to Congress in 1962 and quickly became a foe of the war in Vietnam. As he aged, the cigar-smoking Brown cut a rumpled presence in the Capitol, and he spent his career using his influence for science and space exploration.

In 1970, he gave up a safe seat in the House to run for the Senate, but was defeated in a primary by Sen. John Tunney. Two years later, he won his old seat back.

In recent elections, Republicans made him a perennial target for defeat. They came close numerous times — Brown won with 51 percent of the vote in 1992, 1994 and 1996 — but never were able to dislodge him.

A special election will be held to fill the remaining 18 months in the current Congress. Republicans are expected to make a vigorous effort to capture the seat.

There was no immediate word on funeral arrangements. His office had no official announcement on Brown's death, but several lawmakers said they had been informed that he had passed away.

Man pleads guilty to Internet fraud

SANTA ANA, Calif. (AP) — A man could be sentenced to 15 years in prison for bilking more than $37,000 from customers who bid on items with the eBay online auction site.

Robert J. Guest, 31, of Blue Jay, pleaded guilty Wednesday to one count of mail fraud and one count of illegally obtaining a credit card, the U.S. Attorney's office said.

Prosecutors said Guest — who also used the name Darren Jay Farmer — posted phony listings with eBay in May 1998.

Q & A

Texas Senate Bill 55 Summery
1997 FINAL ENROLLED VERSION

Texas Senate Bill 55 offers a comprehensive approach to reducing minor's access to tobacco products, and provides for educating the public regarding the dangers of tobacco use. The bill includes the following provisions:

1.Continue the existing penalty for the store clerk who sells tobacco to a minor which is a Class C misdemeanor. (Effective 9/97)

2.Requires tobacco retailers to verify the age of purchasers younger than 27 years of age through the use of photo identification. (Effective 1/98)

3.Existing signage is amended to include that it is BOTH illegal to sell to minors and illegal for minors to buy tobacco products. The sign will say:
PURCHASING OR ATTEMPTING TO PURCHASE TOBACCO PRODUCTS BY A MINOR UNDER 18YRS OF AGE IS PROHIBITED BY LAW; SALE OR PROVISION OF TOBACCO PRODUCTS TO A MINOR UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE IS PROHIBITED BY LAW. UPON CONVICTION, A CLASS C MISDEMEANOR IMPOSED. VIOLATIONS MAY BE REPORTED TO THE TEXAS COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE. (Effective 1/98)

4.Vending machine and self-service tobacco sales are restricted except in places not open to those under 18 years of age or in places used as cigar humidors. (Effective 1/98)

5.Giveaways of free samples and coupons to anyone under 18 is prohibited. (FDA regulations prohibit sampling of products to anyone.) (Effective 9/97)

6.Sales of cigarettes of less than 20 per package (Kiddie Packs) are prohibited. (Effective 9/97)

7.A retail permit fee of $125 for 1998-99 and $180 for 2000-01 is assessed (a permit is required now but no fee is attached), and the fee funds administration of the bill and enforcement and awareness programs.

8.Retailers are subject to the following penalties upon failure to adequately supervise or train an employee. All offenses must be within a 12-month period. (Effective 9/97)
First offense: up to $500 fine
Second offense: up to $750 fine
Third offense: up to $ 1,000 or 3-day permit suspension
Four or more offenses: permit revocation (can reapply after six months)

9.Retailers must inform employees that tobacco sales to minors are illegal. (Effective 1/98)

10.The retailer is protected from permit revocation if his employees attend a comptroller approved training program. There is no protection from permit revocation if a retailer has eight violations within a two-year period. (Effective 9/97)

11.Minors are penalized for purchasing or possessing tobacco products and must attend a tobacco awareness program and do tobacco-related community service. Failure to attend the awareness program or do the community service may result in suspension of the minor's driver's license. A violation is punishable by a fine not to exceed $250. Upon producing evidence of attending a tobacco awareness program or doing the community service, the charge may be dismissed except in the case of repeated offenses. (Effective 1/98)

12.Tobacco-related outdoor advertising is prohibited within 1,000 feet of a church or school. (Effective 9/97)

13.Tobacco-related outdoor advertising will be subject to a fee of 10% of the gross sales price. The funds are to be appropriated for enforcement, education advertising campaign, and youth grant program. (Effective 9/97)

14.Cities may adopt ordinances stronger than the state law.

The following information was provided by the Texas Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse.

Landowner hints that he's sold Bush ranch near Waco

WACO (AP) — A landowner hinted he has sold property to Gov. George W. Bush, but the presidential hopeful's office says land for a Central Texas retreat has not been acquired.

Kenneth Engelbrecht told the Waco Tribune-Herald his family admires Bush.

"I think he'll be an asset to the community and this country," Engelbrecht is quoted as saying in Wednesday's editions. "That's one reason we sold to him."

Engelbrecht refused to say outright that a deal had been closed.

"Well, he has his own timetable for getting things done, and I think he wants to make the announcement, so we'd better just leave it at that," Engelbrecht said.

Bush campaign spokeswoman Mindy Tucker said Thursday no deal is done.

"The governor is interested and has been looking but nothing is final yet," Ms. Tucker said.

Linda Edwards, communications director for the governor's office, told the newspaper that any deal is between the two parties.

"As to whether a deal has closed, that's a private matter and it would be inappropriate for me to discuss it further," Ms. Edwards said.

Bush and his wife, Laura, have confirmed their interest in Waco-area property. The Tribune-Herald reported that sources place the site about seven miles west of Crawford.

Engelbrecht and his 82-year-old father, B.F. Engelbrecht, own land there.

The property in question features rolling pastureland that stretches to the Middle Bosque River, where river-bottom land reminds Kenneth Engelbrecht of Colorado. Bush is an avid outdoorsman.

Since news of the Bushes' interest in land near Crawford broke in late June, the property has become a sort of tourist stop.

"They usually just stop at the house, look a minute and drive on," said Kenneth Engelbrecht. "I haven't seen anyone famous yet."

He wouldn't say how much land Bush is interested in buying.

Former Lt. Gov. Ben Barnes denied a magazine report Thursday that he helped George W. Bush get a place in the Texas Air National Guard at the urging of Bush's father.

Bush, the Republican presidential front-runner, has repeatedly denied that he received preferential treatment in being accepted into the Guard during the Vietnam War.

Rolling Stone cites a source close to Barnes as saying that while George Bush was a Texas congressman, he asked Barnes to place a call to facilitate the younger Bush's acceptance into the Guard. At that time, there was a nationwide waiting list of 100,000, according to the magazine.

Nuts about George W. Bush?

ARLINGTON (AP) — Are you Nuts about George W. Bush?

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GNS Foods unveiled its "Nuts about George" product this week at the Fancy Food Show in New York.

The 2.5-ounce package of peanuts, almonds, pecans and cashews will be marketed nationwide to food retailers, according to a news release from the company.

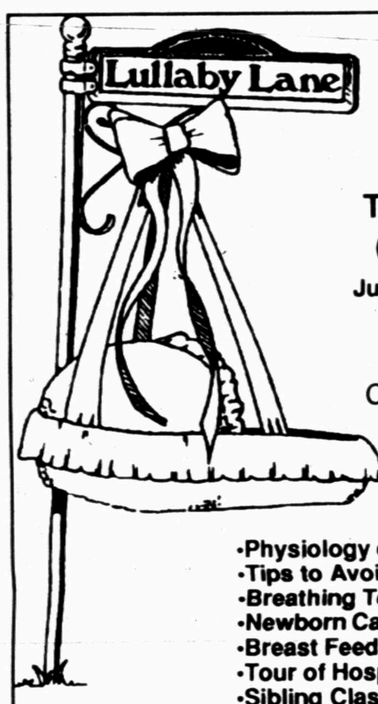
The label on the bag of nuts features a smiling caricature of the Texas governor's face, along with a notice in small print that a portion of profits will go to Republican causes.

The red, white and blue label also includes the "Go Texan" logo, a program by the state agriculture department to market items grown or processed in the Lone Star State.

"This has been a fascinating product to develop," said company president Kim Peacock. "Everyone who has been privy to it during development reacts the same way. It takes a minute for the idea to sink in, and then they get excited and want some."

The company's announcement made no mention of Bush's involvement in the project.

The presidential front-runner likely would extend the expiration date printed on the bag. A sample sent to reporters states: Best by April 2000.



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Letters to the editor

WTC Rodeo Team Praised

Dear Editor:

Count one thousand one , one thousand two, one thousand three and so on until you reach 35 seconds — a little over ½ a minute; that is the combined time it took Jill Childers to tie 4 goats in the National College Rodeo Finals recently in Casper, Wyoming!!! I couldn't fall off a horse in 30 seconds; however she rode into the arena, dismounted tied a goat not one but 4 in a combined time of about 35 seconds. Needless to say, she brought back to Western Texas College, the National Championship Saddle. Congratulations, Jill, we are proud of you.

Western Texas College had 6 outstanding rodeo athletes representing our school at the National Finals: Brandee Brock, Terra Bynum Sequin Downey, Jill Childers, Wes Stevenson and Kyle Bowers. In all, there were 350 athletes from II regions and 89 colleges. Many of the colleges were universities with enrollment greater that 15,000 students and we were able to not only compete but to place 5th in the nation.

Universities such as the University of Nevada at Las Vegas, University of Montana, Cal-Poly, University of Tennessee — could not intimidate our kids from Western Texas College, enrollment of about 1,100 students. These young people represented our town and our college both in and outside the arena in a way that we all can be proud.

Bob and I were fortunate enough to be there for all 5 nights of competition and what an exciting week of rodeo it was. The first week we were asked "Where is Snyder, Texas?" Then as the week progressed, strangers approached us with comments such as "You're the folks from Western Texas College" and complimented our kids and our coach — Greg Rhodes.

I hope that people in Scurry County realize and appreciate the positive impact this program and programs like it add to the diversity of our outstanding community college. We have students that are highly recruited by larger institutions yet chose to come here to make WTC their home for a couple of years. Many are influenced by former students, teachers, coaches or just the friendliness of our town. Nonetheless, I am proud that they chose our school and they seemed proud to represent us and be from Western Texas College. They are great recruiting ambassadors.

Again I want to congratulate Greg Rhodes and the girls' rodeo team for their outstanding 5th place finish and to the 2 young men who also represented WTC, I say "well done" I feel confident that we will be back as strong and even more competitive next year and will continue the winning tradition.

Sincerely
Carolyn Barbee
Snyder, Texas

Seeks Support

Dear Editor:

I am writing to you pertaining to a civil action to be held in the Scurry County Courthouse on Sept. 8, 1999 at 10 a.m.

I am a Native American who has brought this action against Warden Medart and Chaplain Wayne Horton that were formerly assigned to the Daniel Unit here in Scurry County.

Warden Medart and Chaplain Horton denied my access to my religious items (pipes, feathers, medicine bag) to practice my religious ceremonies here on the unit.

I would appreciate it very much if you would print this notice so that my fellow Native American brothers and sisters would show up for the hearing for support in this matter.

There is a constitutional amendment giving everyone the right to practice their religion whether in the free world or an inmate in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice Institutional Division (TDCJ-ID).

Thanking you in advance for your time in this matter, I respectfully remain.

Respectfully written,
Paul Ellis Orozco

Country Life

by Deanie Francis Mills

Although I miss my kids more than mere words could ever express, I must admit that one of the things I love best about the fact that they are grown is that when we go visit them, they immerse us in whole new worlds. These new worlds are their worlds; they constructed them; and every now and then, they let us partake of the wonder and the magic.

Last May, our son invited us to the Texas A&M Corps of Cadets "Final Review." This is when the entire Corps — almost 3,000 strong — marches in review, led by the Aggie band, before a grandstand of military brass and university dignitaries. After the formal pass-by, all the graduating seniors run back to the dorms and change into T-shirts that have been given to them by the juniors, nickname emblazoned on the back. They come back and line up in the center of the field, arm in arm, and the Corps marches one final time past their friends and classmates. It is very moving.

But before that moment, there is much pomp and circumstance. At the beginning of the ceremony we attended, four Navy F-16 fighter jets flew low in close formation over the parade grounds. The announcer mentioned that two of the pilots were A&M graduates, and one was "going to show us what an F-16 can do." The powerful jet made a giant arc in the sky and came back overhead, when suddenly one broke free and flew STRAIGHT UP at least two miles in the air right over our heads. I almost passed out! Then the announcer came on and relayed a message the pilot had sent by radio: "Gig em, Aggies, and fly Navy!"

The sky was crisp and blue, the flags snapping in the breeze, the cadets all razor edges and pivots, the air filled with the growl of jets ... and there wasn't a parent there with dry eyes. Many of them, like my husband, Kent, were veterans and had been in the Corps themselves. There had been other Final Reviews in their own lives, but each one stands alone in its power and glory.

For those of us who were moms, these were our little boys and our little girls, all grown up. They had endured the unimaginable to get where they were; they had survived; they had thrived. They were tough and they were proud. And we, the moms ... wept ... because, in our hearts, we always knew.

And then, this past weekend, Kent and I traveled down to Nacogdoches — some 450 miles — to watch our daughter, Jessica, perform in summer reperatory theatre sponsored by Stephen F. Austin State University. What a treat we were in for. The head of the music department, Dr. Alan Nielsen, had written and directed a melodrama called, "Nacogdoches Nell, Or, An Orphan Girl No More!" Jessica was playing the part of Nacogdoches Nell. This was very exciting for her, because having just completed her freshman year, this was her first lead role in a main stage production.

Rather than putting the play on at the university auditorium, it was being performed at a historical village on the outskirts of town called Millard's Crossing. There, various historical buildings — a church, a gas station, a store, and so on, had been restored. The melodrama was to be performed at the church.

We parked our car and were given a ride to the church in an antique automobile — a 1908 Red. Beneath a gaily-striped canvas canopy on the lawn, we sat at candlelit tables. Ladies in vintage costumes served popcorn and homemade potato chips in red-and-white checked tissue-paper cones. Wine, beer and punch was also served. While we snacked, a barbershop quartet (called the "Gender-Benders" because they had a lady in their group) sang songs like, "Sentimental Journey," "Let Me Call You Sweetheart" and "Wild Irish Rose."

The church had old-fashioned wooden benches, and the melodrama stage was painted up exactly as it might have been a hundred yeas ago. We were given parchment programs filled with humorous ads along the sides. Before the play began, the audience got instructions: we were supposed to boo and hiss whenever the villain, Nasty Norma, came on stage, and to say, "Awwww," whenever Nell showed up. We were also encouraged to throw popcorn at the bad guys, who included Jessica's roommate, Amanda Hodges, as Luscious LaTour, a veeery bad girl appropriately dressed in red satin.

When Nell came out with her romantic interest, Dashing Dan Manley, I hardly recognized her as my own. She had a blonde Shirley Temple wig, and a dress of blue. It made her eyes look like the sky. We said, "Awwww," with everybody else, and spent the next delightful hour laughing and singing and throwing popcorn. At one point, even her daddy was called into service, to go save poor Nell from the buzz saw!

Later, back in Jessica's apartment, we frolicked with her kitten, Cassy, while we talked and laughed with her bright, funny friends, who entertained us with hilarious backstage stories. We met her talented and sweet boyfriend, Todd, who seems as devoted to her as she is to him.

I looked around, and I thought, "This is my daughter's home."

And for the first time since she packed up and moved out ... I had a very good feeling. Our kids grow up and they create other worlds to inhabit. Sometimes those worlds can be very good places indeed.

I'm just glad I get to be a part of them now and then.

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EDITORIAL COMMENT

Campaign issues for the year 2000:

The Dallas Morning News

As summer hits its midpoint, the presidential campaign centers around shaking hands, strolling in parades, eating hot dogs, raising money and showing up in states with early primaries. But the race eventually will turn more pointed as candidates spell out their positions. These issues deserve a prominent place in the agendas that contestants present:

MAKING AMERICA MORE LIVABLE - Ugly yellow and brown rings circle cities like Los Angeles and Dallas. Weather patterns take strange turns around the country. Global temperatures fluctuate. Urban communities chew up more and more green spaces. Families worry that synthetic "Frankenstein foods" could harm them.

America may be prosperous, but bad air, deadly droughts, long commutes, acres of concrete and funny foods also have become staples of American life. Downtowns, edge cities and family farms all feel the stress. Washington need not become a nanny, but the 43rd president can affect these problems.

The Oval Office's next occupant could insist upon serious clean air standards. He or she could urge that federal highway dollars be spent on existing corridors more than on new freeways that spread from horizon to horizon. And the first president of the next century should make food safety a chief priority, just as Theodore Roosevelt pushed to improve America's food stock at the beginning of the 20th century.

IMPROVING HEALTH CARE FOR SENIORS - Devising a plan that helps many of America's 43 million uninsured citizens get health insurance may not be politically feasible. But presidential candidates certainly should offer their ideas for reforming Medicare and helping more Americans afford long-term care for their parents and themselves.

The best solution for Medicare would be to create a more competitive system. For example, why not give beneficiaries an annual choice: They could sign up for a traditional fee-for-service option, or they could enroll in a managed care organization.

The competition would help Medicare control its costs. And it would fit the orientation of the impending wave of retiring baby boomers, many of whom are accustomed to having ample choices.

A tax credit that helps individuals and families afford nursing home insurance would improve matters, too. But that alone will not solve the problem so many families face. Candidates will need to present other ideas about improving the quality of care that seniors receive at the end of their lives. Citizens for Long Term Care already has plans to play a prominent role on the campaign trail.

CLEANING UP CAMPAIGNS - Reforming campaign finance laws will not turn Washington into a land of milk and honey. But it will improve the climate.

A serious reform plan would start with controlling the unregulated contributions that flow from corporations, trade associations and labor unions into political parties. Republicans and Democrats alike use those donations to circumvent campaign finance limits.

A solid reform package also would require candidates to regularly disclose their contributions. It would cap the funds candidates can raise out of state, too.

MANAGING OUR INHERITANCE WISELY - Budget surpluses stretch far into the future. But what ideas do candidates have about managing this inheritance?

The Social Security system needs fixing. The federal debt deserves attention. The tax code needs flattening. And schools cry out for help.

Which of these priorities should come first? What challenges deserve the most assistance from the surplus?

Harry Truman once said that "If you want to get elected, shake hands with about 25,000 people between now and Nov. 7." But along the way, candidates also owe it to voters to spell out their beliefs. These topics especially deserve attention.

Mexican electoral reform

The Monitor

The hopes of many Mexican expatriates were dashed Thursday when that country's Senate declined to consider a bill that would have allowed them to vote in next years presidential elections.

Perhaps most disappointing was the way the status quo was maintained; senators simply chose not to bring the measure onto the floor. Lawmakers said they could not have raised a quorum to debate it.

Whether or not the bill would have passed, it would have been much better for the senators to have presented the issue and debated its merits and problems. Simply avoiding the issue seems a cowardly way to defeat the measure without angering constituents who supported it. People who have seen our own Congress in action are quite familiar with the tactic.

The bill stipulated that it must be in place a year before any elections in which it would be applied. The deadline to pass the measure in time for the July 2, 2000 presidential election was Friday, an off day for the Senate.

Its not like the issue took the Mexican lawmakers by surprise. President Ernesto Zedillo, who has seen through many reforms during his administration that are credited with opening up the electoral system and ensuring more fair and accurate elections, broached the expatriate vote years ago. The Chamber of Deputies, which is controlled by opposition parties, passed the bill amid other reforms in April. The Institutional Revolutionary Party, which has held autocratic control of the country for seven decades, still controls the Senate.

Supporters of the measure say allowing Mexicans who reside in other countries to vote has been discussed since 1929, the year the PRI first took power.

The logistics should not have been a problem. Absentee balloting is common in many countries; U.S. astronauts have even cast ballots from space. A study conducted for the Mexican government a year ago determined that a system allowing Mexican expatriates to vote in their country's elections was viable.

Analysts estimate that as many as 7 million Mexican citizens living in the United States would have been able to vote in next year's elections had the measure gone through. It's impossible to know how many of those U.S. residents would have taken advantage of their new suffrage rights. However, its safe to assume that many of those living in the Rio Grande Valley, which is so close to the expatriates' homeland, would have exercised their new option.

Supporters of the measure swear they will continue the fight to allow absentee voting. Without the added interest of an impending presidential election, however, the ability to maintain public interest remains to be seen.

The ultimate effect of the Senate's inaction could be, however, a deathblow to the PRI. Critics say the party chose to stall the bill because its members feared the expatriates blame the PRI for the national problems that led them to leave the country, and thus they would have voted against the party. However, many people upset about the bill's failure have sworn to take out their frustrations at the ballot box, and support opposition candidates who are more likely to approve the measure when it comes up again.

If all this is true, then the PRI's gambit to retain control of the Senate could backfire, and cost the party enough seats to lose its majority.

Public Records

New Vehicle Registrations

Laredo Paving Co., 1999 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Robert S. Reyes, 1999 Chevrolet Blazer from Big Country Autoland.

Henry Hoyle, 1999 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

James and JoAnn Littlepage, 1999 Buick from Big Country Autoland.

Crosbyton Seed Co. Inc., 1999 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

Shawn Moreland, 1999 GMC Yukon from Big Country Autoland.

Rodney and Jana Glass, 1999 Ford van from Wilson Motors.

William E. and Juanita M. Raborn, 1999 Buick from Big Country Autoland.

Jacky Romine, 1999 Chevrolet Suburban from Big Country Autoland.

Denise Crawford, 1999 Ford Explorer from Wilson Motors.

Harold Malone, 1999 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

Foy Askins, 1999 GMC pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Big Country Electric Cooperative, 1999 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

Alejandro Recio, 1999 GMC Jimmy from Big Country Autoland.

R.E. Glasscock, 1999 GMC pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Clint Doty, 1999 Dodge pickup from Snyder Chrysler.

Exxon Co. USA, 1999 Ford pickup from Rice and Holman Inc.

Burns Bowen, 1999 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

J.D. Barnes, 1999 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Traylor Tractor Service, 1999 GMC pikcup from Big Country Autoland.

Leatha Goldsmith, 1999 Buick from Big Country Autoland.

Saniago Arevedo, 1999 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Billy J. Latimer, 1999 Cadillac from Big Country Autoland.

David Frazier, 1999 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

E.D. Walton, 1999 GMC Yukon from Big Country Autoland.

Mary L. Lynch, 1999 Buick from Big Country Autoland.

Marty Brooks, 1999 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Snyder Chrysler, 1999 Dodge van from Snyder Chrysler.

Alexa M. Collier, 1999 Chevrolet Tahoe from Big Country Autoland.

Marriage License

John Thomas Self Jr. and Jacqueline Hope Fye, both of Snyder.

Donald Dwayne Robertson and Sallie Brown Eime, both of Snyder.

Adrian G. Salazar of Snyder and Elma Sedillo of San Angelo.

Filed in District Court

Teresa J. Seale vs. American Home Products Corp., et al, suit for personal injury.

Scurry County Appraisal District vs. Joe Mireles, et al, notice of non-suit.

Scurry County Appraisal District vs. Allen Louise White, et al, notice of non-suit.

Scurry County Appraisal District vs. David L. Green, et al, notice of non-suit.

Scurry County Appraisal District vs. Raymond E. Kellner, et al, notice of non-suit.

Action in District Court

In the marriage of Larry Ray Wenninger and Martha Ann Wenninger, divorce granted.

Deed Records

Mavis Brumbelow, attorney-in-fact for Lorna Reed, to Vernon and Carol Brumbelow, all of Lot 4, Heath and Harvey Replats of Lots 1-11, Block J of the Towle Place Addition.

Ruben and Guadalupe Munoz to Monica Maria Munoz, all of Lot 3 and 4 in Block 4 of the Chambers Addition.

Irene Zepeda to Johnny Fuentez, the south 40 feet of Lots 5 and 5 in Block 51 of the Wilmeth Addition.

Sherry Haden, David Louis Minton and Cathy Reed, sole devisees under the will of David Alvis Minton, to Jimmy D. and Linda G. Pence, the east 30 feet of Lot 8 and the west 45 feet of Lot 9 in Block 5 of the Park Place Addition.

Mary Brian Tomasin to Mary Brian Tomasin, Trustee of the Mary Bryan Tomasin Trust, Lot 3 in Block 13, Block 4 in Block 28, Lot 3 in Block 4 and Lot 1 in Block 51 of the Blankenship Addition.

B.J. and Darla Jean Willis to Danny and Connie Williams, a tract in the southwest one-quarter of Section 56, Block 3, H&GN survey.

Jim Buck Hood to LaWayne Fagan, Section 154 in Block 3, H&TC survey.

Eloise Farris Myers to Billy W. and Marie Kirkpatrick, Lots 13 and 14 in Block 1 of the Andress Heights Addition.

Tommy Leon Rogers and Ronnie Deon Rogers to Olia Clifton, Lot 3 in Block 34 of the Grayum and Nelson Heights Addition.

Brenda Gayle Morris to Patricia Ann Jones, the east one-half of Lot 4 in Block 32 of the Blankenship Addition.

John A. and Carolyn S. Greene to Darrell C. and Linda Mize, Lot 1 of the Colonial Hill Addition, a replat of 2.2901 acres in Block 11 of the West Side Heights Addition.

Lynn Fenton to Esmeralda Robledo Rivera, the east 50 feet of the north 100 feet of Lot 2 in Block 9 of the W. T. Manry's Addition.

Neil B. and Terri J. Horn to Shawn and Teresa Ragland, Lot 17 in Block 1 of the Wall Addition.

F.L. Eicke, Daphne Eicke Hill, Trellice Eicke Perry, Johnny Joe Eicke, Shahola Eicke Johnson and G.W. Parks to Jesus and Concepcion Esparza, Jesua Esparza Jr. and Joe Esparza, three acres out of the southeast corner of Section 21, Block 3, H&TC survey.

LaWayne and Mary Janet Fagan to Fagan Inc., tract one being 4.875 acres in the northeast one-quarter of Section 152, Block 3, H&TC survey; tract two being all of Section 9, Block 3, H&GN survey; tract three being 99.91 acres in Section 12, Block 3, H&GN survey; tract four being 5.54 acres in Section 12, Block 3, H&GN survey; tract five being 159.2 acres in the southeast one-quarter of Section 98, Block 2, H&TC survey; tract six being 159.4 acres in the southwest one-quarter of Section 98, Block 2, H&TC survey; tract seven being 160 acres in the southeast one-quarter of Section 97, Block 2, H&TC survey; tract eight being 23.52 acres in the northeast one-quarter of Section 74, Block 2, H&TC survey; tract nine being 136.4 acres in the northeast part of Section 74, Block 2, H&TC survey; tract 10 being 100.2 acres in Section 11, Block 3, H&GN survey; tract 11 being all of Section 154, Block 3, H&TC survey; tract 12 being 48.368 acres in the north part of the northeast one-quarter of Section 152, Block 3, H&TC survey; tract 13 being 99.44 acres in Section 12, Block 3, H&GN survey.

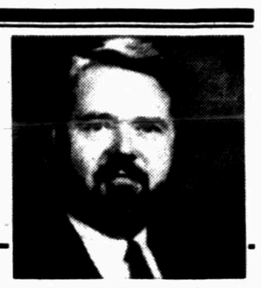
Mary Lou Griffin, independent executrix of the estate of Wayne M. Griffin, to Mary Lou Griffin, the southwest one-quarter and the west one-half of the southeast one-quarter of Section 156, Block 3, H&TC survey.

Lavada Cates McDaniel to Michael F. and Josefina S. Velasquez, Lot 1 in Block 2 of the Davis Subdivision of Block 71 of the Grayum and Nelson Second Addition.

Edward F. and Pauline Fisk to Moody Thomason, all of Lot 3 in Block 4 of the Parkway Addition.

Minding Your Own Business

By Don Taylor



Getting straight As in the school of life

When I started college at age 38, I was certain I'd have trouble making good grades. I wasn't exactly an "A" student in high school.

I found a book titled, "Getting Straight A's." I bought and read the book and graduated with honors. I discovered there were strategies and tactics I could use to improve my chances for academic success. For example, the book recommended sitting in the front row, never missing class completing all assignments before class, taking good notes, starting early and working hard. Using these tips added a full point to my GPA.

Now I wonder why no one has written a book on getting straight A's in life. Maybe someone will. However until someone does, here are a few thoughts for improving your GPA in life. I've divided those tips into two categories of "Do's and Don'ts."

Do's

Action. In the game of life there are two main teams: "Doers" and "Takers." Shakespeare said "Action is eloquence. Much of the joy of success comes in doing, not in talking. Find what you love to do, and do it with all you might.

Attitude. You've heard it before, but it's worth repeating. Your attitude determines your altitude, latitude and longitude. In other words, how high and how far you go in this life decided by the attitude you take with you every day.

Ability. Ability is not inherited, God-given or purchased. It is developed one small detail at a time. Ability begins with a desire to learn and achieve, and ends on this earth with death. In between you sharpen the tools you have while continually acquiring new tools (skills).

Advice. Straight-A students learn to listen to good advice. Proverbs 1:5 says, A wise man will learn and will increase learning…? There are two problems with advice. First, the advice we most often need, we choose not to heed, and second, most people would rather talk to a wise person than listen to one.

Abstinence. To abstain, means to deny oneself or to do without. I believe there are areas of life where abstinence — or at the very least moderation — can contribute greatly to our success. Here are some areas when abstinence is best: Alcohol, drugs, tobacco, promiscuous sex, negative thinking, anger, lying, stealing and cheating. I'd recommend moderation in the areas of spending, television, eating and talking.

Advancement. Seek improvement. Acquire new skills. You can build momentum in this life by accumulating small successes. Harry Truman said, "I feel that the men and women who get to the top were those who did the job they had in hand, with everything they had of energy and enthusiasm and hard work.

Don'ts

Apathy. Apathy is the position in life of listless indifference. One of the best ways to fail in life is to lack interest in it. To get straight A's in the school of life you must become interested and passionate about the elements of life that really matter. Your character, your contribution to your fellow man and your relationship with God are important.

Anger. When you become angry once you'll almost always become angry again. The second anger will be at yourself for losing your temper in the first place. Ecclesiastics 7:9 says, "Anger resteth in the bosom of fools," Don't be a fool, hold your temper.

Adversity. Don't let adversity steal your success. Remember the words of Charles R. Swindoll. He said, "The longer I live the more convinced I become that life is 10 percent what happens to us and 90 percent how we respond to it."

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Tuesday, July 20, 1999

8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

in each of the five elementary schools.

Back to School

This registration applies to all pupils from Prekindergarten through grade 6. The registration schedule is as follows:

GRADE	CAMPUS	
Prekindergarten	Stanfield and Northeast	
Bilingual Prekindergarten	Central	573-8592
Regular Kindergarten	School campus for attendance zone	
Bilingual Kindergarten	Central	573-8592
Regular First Grade	School campus for attendance zone	
Bilingual First Grade	Central	573-8592
Second Grade	Stanfield	573-7512
Third Grade	Central	573-8592
Fourth Grade	East	573-1769
Fifth Grade	Northeast	573-2643
Sixth Grade	West	573-3538

To be eligible in a PREKINDERGARTEN CLASS, a child must be 4 years of age as of September 1, 1999, and must be (1) unable to speak and comprehend the English language; or (2) from a family whose income is at, or below, subsistence level. (Family will qualify for the Federal Free Lunch Program; proof required.) Please observe the following schedule for registration. The first letter of your last name will determine your registration time.

LAST NAME	REGISTRATION TIME
A - D	8:00 - 9:00 a.m.
E - H	9:00 - 10:00 a.m.
I - L	10:00 -11:00 a.m.
M - P	11:00 -12:00 p.m.
Q - T	1:00 - 2:00 p.m.
U - W	2:00 - 3:00 p.m.
X - Z	3:00 - 4:00 p.m.

If at all possible, please follow this time schedule so that unnecessary waiting might be avoided.

TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR ENROLLMENT INTO KINDERGARTEN OR FIRST GRADE,
a child must be 5 years of age on or before September 1, 1999
in order to enroll in Kindergarten, and 6 years of age on or before
September 1, 1999, to enter first grade.

ALL STUDENTS WHO ARE ENTERING SNYDER SCHOOLS FOR THE FIRST TIME MUST BRING A:
Birth Certificate, Social Security Number (card) and a Record of Immunization.
If parents plan to be out of town on July 20, they are urged to register their children before that time. All elementary students must officially register and be accompanied by a parent/legal guardian.

Jr. High School and High School Students
who attended last year are Preregistered and need not attend.
Jr. High School students who have recently moved to Snyder are asked to register between July 19 and August 11, 1999, at the Jr. High School. Students are asked to bring Grade Records, Student Social Security CARD, Birth Cretificate and Immunization Records to Registration. (Phone 573-6356)

High School Students Who Have Recently Moved to Snyder
are asked to report to the High School with their parent/legal guardian and register on July 27, 1999. Students are asked to bring grade records and immunization records to registration. New student and 9th grade orientation will be at 1:30 p.m. on July 28th at Worsham Auditorium. Offices will be open Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon and 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. (Phone 573-6301)

The First Day of School for all Snyder students will be Wednesday, August 11, 1999

Persons with questions may call their respective schools after July 14, 1999

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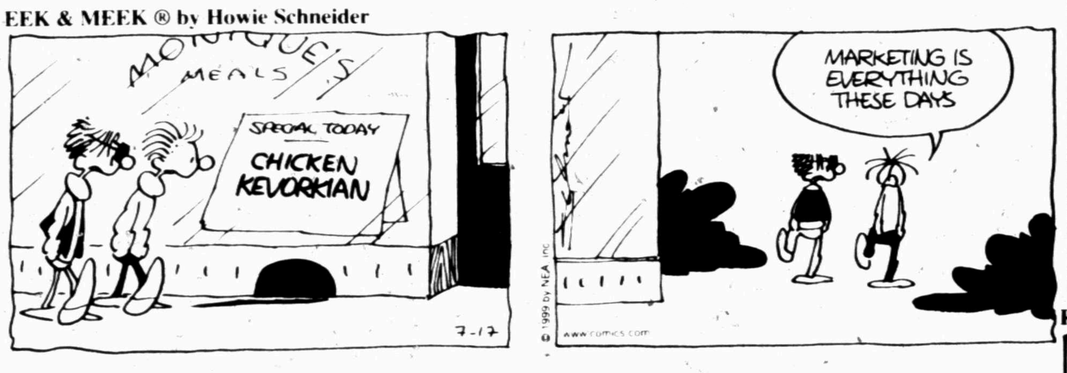

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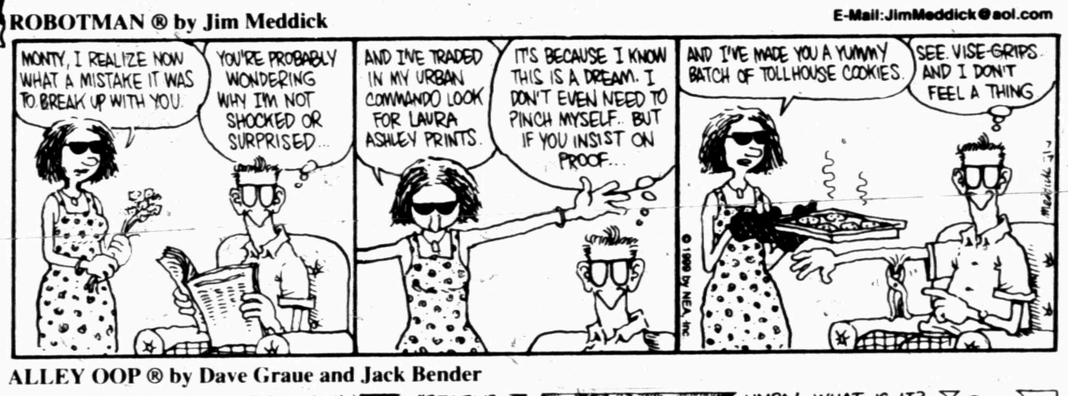

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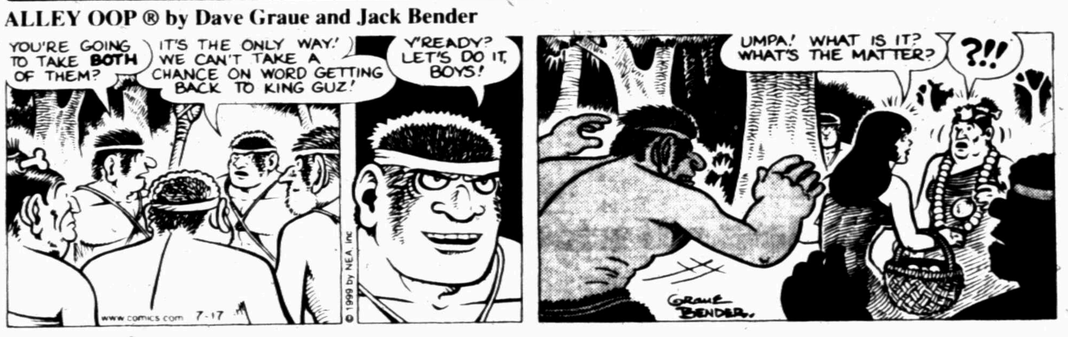

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NEA Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

1 Synthetic fabric
6 Mets' stadium
10 — Hill (Boston area)
12 Insect
14 "Scat!"
15 Dessert-cart choice
16 TV spots
17 Comparative ending
19 Genus of olive trees
20 Least attractive
23 Macaw
26 Map abbr.
27 — -de-sac
30 Kisses
32 Boy Scout units
34 Take a breath
35 Heather, on "Melrose Place"
36 Golf mound
37 Author Fleming
39 "To be — — to be"
40 Deeds
42 Molt
45 Filing aid
46 — Tech
49 Of a son
51 Develop
54 Baltimore bird
55 Flat-bottomed boats
56 Being
57 Lasso part

DOWN

1 Swedish singing group
2 Marsh grass
3 Is a shrew
4 Author Umberto —
5 Actor Chaney
6 Dry, as wine
7 Spartan serf
8 And others (2 wds.)
9 "I cannot tell — —"
11 Playwright Simon
12 Pierce's hair (var.)
13 Time period
18 Goddess of healing
20 Celestial bear
21 Irish language
22 Homily
23 Not much (2 wds.)
24 Ancient writing
25 1975 Wimbledon champion
27 Darien's st.
28 Hair style
29 Future LL.Bs.' exam
31 Washington city
33 Rowers' needs
38 TV's Peeples
40 Goodbye, in Madrid
41 Son of Ruth
42 Calif. airport abbr.
43 Put on the payroll
44 Yale students
46 Muse of history
47 St. crossers
48 — majesty
50 Bar brew
52 Wernher — Braun
53 Spanish gold

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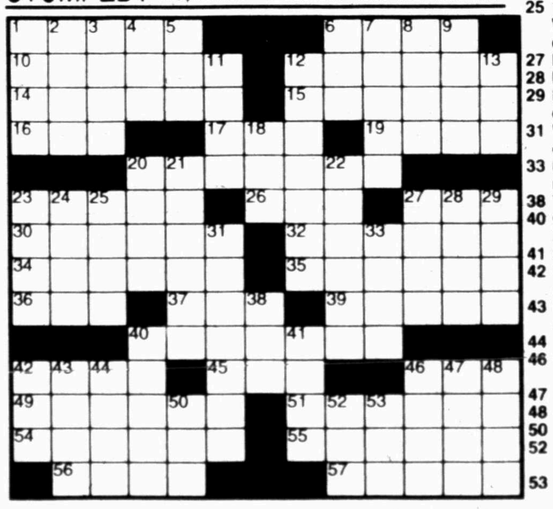

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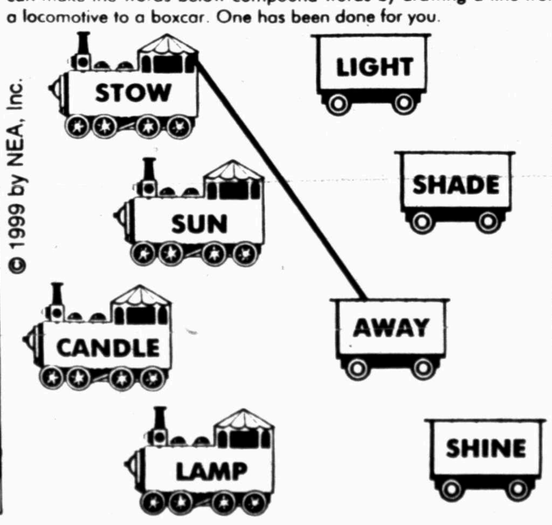

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Answers: stowaway, sunshine, candlelight, lamplighter

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Date Book

Sunday, July 18, 1999

Today is the 199th day of 1999 and the 28th day of summer

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1877, Thomas Alva Edison created the first phonograph.

On this day in 1938, aviator Douglas "Wrong Way" Corrigan arrived in Ireland after a 28-hour transatlantic flight that began in New York City.

On this day in 1976, Romanian gymnast Nadia Comaneci scored the first perfect 10 in Olympic history. She went on to win three gold medals.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: William Makepeace Thackeray (1811-1863), writer; Clifford Odets (1906-1963), dramatist; Hume Cronyn (1911-), actor, is 88; Red Skelton (1913-), comedian, is 86; Nelson Mandela (1918-), South African leader, is 81; John Glenn Jr. (1921-), astronaut-politician, is 78; Dion DiMucci (1939-), singer, is 60; Hunter S. Thompson (1939-), journalist, is 60.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1927, Ty Cobb got the 4,000th hit of his career.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Culture is not life in its entirety, but just the moment of security, strength, and clarity." — Jose Ortega y Gasset

TODAY'S MOON: Between new moon (July 12) and first quarter (July 20).

For schools...

TCA to assist with supplies

TCA Cable is launching a new promotion beginning Monday.

TCA is sponsoring Project SOS (Support Our Students).

Victor Means, general manager in Snyder, said "The project is designed to help students in our community by providing a supply of commonly-used school supplies to our schools." In just a short time, children will be eagerly awaiting the start of a new school year, Means added. "They will be anxious to meet new teachers, find new classrooms, sit in a new desk and maybe even begin the year at a new school."

But for some students, back-to-school time can be a financial hardship. The thoughts of not having new school supplies to begin a new year could spoil a child's fresh start. Project SOS will help children start the school year with the supplies they need.

We need your help by Aug. 20. When new customers donate 10 or more of the specific supplies, they will be eligible to receive installation of cable services for only $6.95. Normally installation cost is $38. Current customers who donate 10 or more specific items will be eligible to upgrade to standard or any premium service for only $2.

The list of school supplies includes paper, pencils, pens, scissors, white glue, pocket folders, facial tissue, paper towels, 24-count crayons, and 24-count map colors.

TCA is going to donate $2 of every $6.95 installation back to the school district in Snyder. Also, all of the $2 upgrade fees will go back to the district. These funds will be used to replenish school supplies later on in the school year.

TCA Cable TV will welcome the donation of school supplies by any individual in the community. Take those supplies by the TCA Cable office at 2211 Ave. R., or call 573-3536 for additional information.

Stenholm announces E-rate funds for Ira ISD

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Congressman Charlie Stenholm has announced that the Ira Independent School District (IISD) has received $3,785 in E-rate funding from the Schools and Libraries Division (SLD) of the United Service Administrative Company (USAC).

This money will be used to help the ISD develop telecommunications services, Internet access and international connections. Since the inception of the E-rate program last year, schools and libraries in the 17th District have received over $3.2 million in E-rate funding.

"I support programs like the E-rate that result in direct services to rural areas." Congressman Stenholm commented. "By helping rural and under-funded school districts provide current technology for their students, the E-rate is helping to ensure that equal educational opportunities are available to students across the nation, regardless of location or income."

Other 17th District school districts and libraries receiving E-rate funding in this funding wave (more waves will follow) include the Alvord Public Library, Aspermont ISD, Abilene ISD, and Morgan Mill Elementary and Junior High.

The E-rate program was created as a part of the federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 to ensure that all eligible schools and libraries in the United States have affordable access to modern telecommunications and information services. Application is open to all public and private K-12 schools and public libraries. Discount funding is calculated according to a school's level of economic disadvantage.

Inmate move angers judge

HOUSTON (AP) — A federal judge has chastized the director of the Federal Bureau of Prisons for transferring a Houston drug dealer to a minimum-security prison camp, from which he escaped last month.

In an angry letter to Kathleen Hawk Sawyer, U.S. District Judge David Hittner wrote it was "highly inappropriate" to place Miguel Rocha in a minimum-security facility.

Rocha, 50, was sentenced by Hittner in 1990 to 21 years, 11 months for importing cocaine and for conspiracy to distribute it.

Rocha walked away from the camp in Oakdale, La., on June 8, and remains a fugitive.

"I think this should be of significant concern to the public," Hittner said.

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.

Resuming relations after heart attack

DEAR DR. GOTT: I had a heart attack six weeks ago. I'm fine now, but too embarrassed to ask my doctor when I can resume sexual relations. I'm 49 and was in good health until the coronary.

DEAR READER: Sex encompasses a broad array of activity, ranging from rather passive ho-hum encounters to vigorously strenuous gymnastics. I believe that if you exercise discretion, you can participate more or less fully from the time you leave hospital. Some medical centers are performing stress tests on their coronary patients before discharge. This activity is not nearly as much fun as sex and is more strenuous.

I recommend to my post-coronary patients that they enjoy sex whenever they feel like it — but please be sensible. Non-coital sex is fine. If the couple chooses intercourse, I suggest the patient be under his or her partner. If chest pain or shortness-of-breath appear, the engagement should be called off and the doctor consulted — the next morning is soon enough, thank you. Most heart patients are able to experience normal sexual enjoyment if they and their partners are willing to modify their behavior temporarily.

The more severe problem that I encounter is with heart-attack victims who are so apprehensive during their recovery that they lose the urge, the ability or both. This is a natural (and usually temporary) phenomenon that may be accentuated by many of the drugs prescribed after a coronary.

Short of a sexual marathon, intimate activity after hospitalizations is an appropriate part of the recovery phase. I'd rather my heart patients fool around in bed than smoke cigarettes. However, if you have a specific question, ask your doctor. You're not assured of a comprehensive answer, however, because many physicians know as much about sex as does the average fifth-grader. Maybe even less. On this issue, you'll probably get more mileage if you simply ask: "Can I have sex?" If your doctor blushes and mutters affirmatively, stop there and work out the details yourself.

After four to eight weeks of uncomplicated cardiac convalescence, the average coronary patient can resume all normal activity, except heavy lifting and straining. Given the lead time on this column and the date of your heart attack, you are now safe to engage in whatever sexual expression you choose — the only limits being propriety and the laws of your state!

To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my new and completely updated Health Report "Understanding Heart Disease." 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'm a healthy 45-year-old man. When I went to my new doctor for an annual exam, she said that it wasn't necessary. Was I brought up wrong to believe that annual exams are prudent for anybody?

DEAR READER: This certainly was the teaching until about 10 or 15 years ago. Now, however, many doctors are acknowledging that a complete annual examination for teens, young adults — even middle-aged adults — is probably an unnecessary waste of time and resources. Although this issue has not been resolved, the numbers give pause. For example, there are about 200 million U.S. citizens 18 years or older. To give each person an annual exam would be a logistical impossibility; doctors wouldn't have time to treat and care for sick patients. Moreover, as stated in a recent medical journal (Archives of Internal Medicine, May 10, 1999), "At least six studies have failed to provide convincing evidence of the value of periodic, let alone annual, examination." Rather, regular exams tailored to the age, sex and risks of each patient are a much more practical approach. What, then, is an appropriate schedule for well-care examinations?

The present rule of thumb is as follows: One exam per decade in the teens, 20s, 30s and 40s; an exam every five years in the 50s; an annual evaluation in people 60 and older.

Now to the caveats: Women during the childbearing years should have yearly Pap tests. Women older than 45 need annual mammograms. Any person with a chronic illness should be checked at a frequency determined by his or her physician. For instance, a 55-year-old diabetic with heart disease and hypertension should be examined several times a year. Patients taking prescription drugs should check with their doctors at least once or twice a year, depending on the stability of their ailments.

If you have no risk factors — such as overweight, smoking, significant alcohol consumption, an unusual family history, an unhealthy lifestyle and so forth — you are probably well-advised to avoid an exam until you approach 50. Of course, should you develop any symptoms or signs of disease, all bets are off; you must seek medical attention for any change in your health status.

I have followed these guidelines with respect to my own examinations, and I can tell you that the strategy works. It's a real pleasure not having to anticipate the inconvenience and unpleasantness of an annual exam. Which reminds me: I think that I am about two years overdue. Oh, well. Next year.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I had a CT scan taken that showed the distal abdominal aorta to be heavily calcified, but it does not appear to be dilated. Is this something I should be concerned about? Does it mean I'm getting too much calcium?

DEAR READER: Calcified arteries do not reflect an excess of dietary calcium. On the contrary, most older people would probably benefit from supplemental calcium, which helps lower blood pressure and treat osteoporosis.

As we age, calcium tends to leach from bones and enter organs where it has no business being. The arterial linings are the classic example, where calcium deposits cause a progressive blockage that eventually may lead to consequences we are all too familiar with: heart attack, stroke and vascular disease in the extremities. The aorta is no exception, but it is the largest artery in the body, so its calcifications often appear quite striking. In fact, I've seen X-rays of the very elderly whose aortas were more heavily calcified than their bones.

I am glad that you don't have an aneurysm (ballooned-out aorta). However, the aortic calcification is progressive so you should follow your doctor's advice about how best to cope with it.

To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my new and completely updated Health Report "Understanding Heart Disease."

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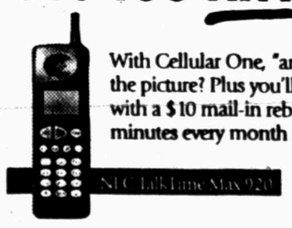

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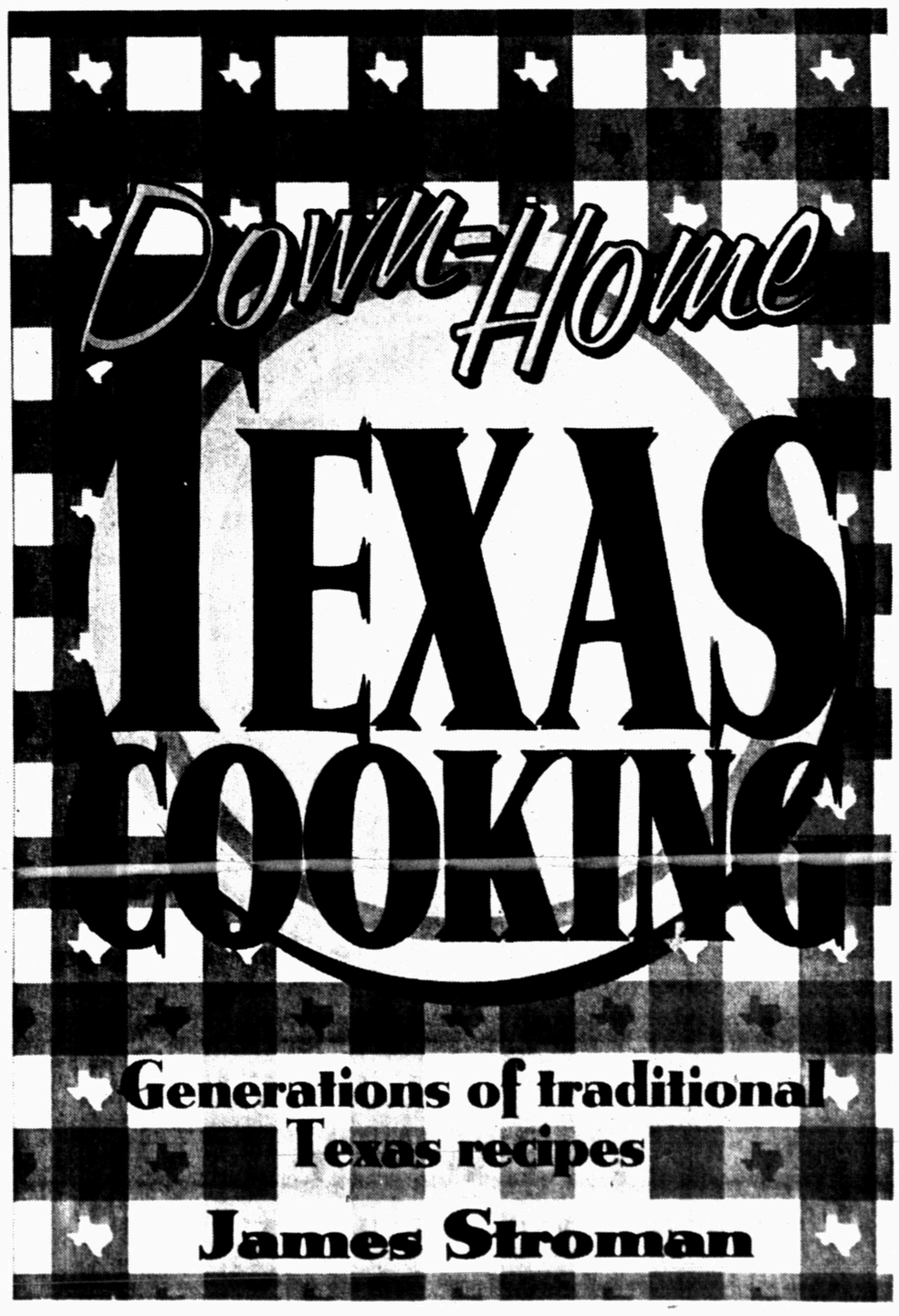

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