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Haz-Mat invasion...





WE COME IN PEACE — Snyder firefighters braved the summer heat in full-body plastic suits recently during a Haz-Mat training exercise. The firefighters were learning how to handle chemical spills and several other hazardous situations. Specialists from Texas A&M University were in Snyder to assist with the training. The firefighters learned how to contain flowing chemicals, how to identify hazardous situations and what to do if such a situation presented itself in Snyder. (Staff Photos by Brian Brisendine)





Loses Scurry County...

Rep. Counts blasts redistricting plans

From Local, Wire Reports

Calling it the worse case of gerrymandering he has ever seen, State Rep. David Counts blasted the Legislative Redistricting Board plan approved Tuesday that would see Scurry, Howard and Nolan Counties dropped from his district.

"I'm not a lawyer, but I don't think this is the way things are going to end up," Counts said this morning.

"David Dewhurst, John Cornyn and Carole Keeton Rylander used partisan gerrymandering and brought it to a new low," Counts added. "They violated several parts of the constitution in the process.

"What they left us with were districts that are not compact, and they have destroyed communities of interest."

"For all practical purposes, Snyder would pretty much lose its voice in the Texas House because of Tom Green County's huge population base," Counts said.

Currently, Rep. Rob Junell represents Tom Green County.

Cornyn's earlier plan placed Scurry County in a district with represented by Pete Laney of Hale Center.

According to the proposal, Counts' new district would include some counties north along the Red River all the way to Gainesville.

"This just leaves me with one or two percent of my base due to the small population in the counties I'm left with," said Counts.

Despite this change, Counts said it is his intent to run again for the Texas House regardless of the plan.

"I think it would be wise for everyone in Scurry County to e-mail, write letters, or call Dewhurst, Cornyn and Rylander," said Counts.

"These three are trying to further their political future at the expense of West Texans," said Counts.

On the Senate side, Scurry County would be placed in the district represented by Sen. Robert Duncan.

The county was represented by the late Sen. Tom Haywood of Wichita Falls. He died earlier this month.

In Austin Tuesday, three of the state's highest-ranking Republicans voted together as the five-member redistricting board approved redistricting plans heavily favoring the GOP in the House and Senate.

Democrats cried foul.

If it survives court challenges, the Senate plan could give Republicans an even bigger hold on the Senate while the House plan could give the GOP control of the House for the first time in generations.

Board members signed the plans today. House Speaker Laney, the lone Democrat on the panel who was repeatedly overrun by Republican votes, said he would file a minority report.

The panel took over redistricting this year because the Legislature failed to do the job. Redistricting, the redrawing of political boundaries, is done every 10 years based on new census figures.

The redistricting board's action does not require legislative or gubernatorial approval.

The House plan, approved 3-2 by the five-member board, was the one proposed by Cornyn, who said he wasn't interested in an "incumbent protection plan" but one that was fair to all citizens and adhered to federal law.

Laney offered his own unsuccessful House plan. He called Cornyn's House plan "an incumbent punishment plan for Democrats." Laney said he and some of his committee chairmen were targets.

Cornyn's plan could give Republicans as many as 88 seats in the 150-member House. That means Laney might not win re-election as speaker in 2003.

Currently, Democrats control the House 78-72.

The panel also adopted Land Commissioner Dewhurst's Senate plan on a 3-2 vote, with the same GOP bloc — Republicans Dewhurst, Cornyn and state Comptroller Rylander — voting in favor. Dewhurst's plan could give Republicans as many as 21 seats in the 31-member Senate.

Right now the Republicans control the Senate 16-15.

Laney and acting Lt. Gov. Bill Ratliff, a Republican, both voted against the two legislative plans that were adopted.

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "There's a big difference in keeping your chin up and sticking your neck out."

As we wrote yesterday, we liked the ole-time country editors.

They basically worried about things inside their circulation area which usually was the county in which a weekly paper was produced – the tough way - using hot-metal type.

Times were simpler in some ways – no drive-by shootings, no mothers drowning their children and no terrorism in the name of religion.

Sometimes the most important thing that went on in a small town was the local football team. James Roberts, the late editor of the Andrews County News, traveled to Fort Stockton one Friday night to cover his beloved Andrews Mustangs.

After a dismal performance he wrote:

"The following space would have contained the account of the game against Fort Stockton, had the Andrews Mustangs showed up to play." He then left about 10 inches of blank space.

Another fiery editor used to put out the Ralls Banner. We can't recall his name, but the entire community would show up at the post office on Thursday afternoon – and be relieved when they didn't find their name in the weekly edition.

And the tough ole editors weren't all men. Agnes Head, infamous editor of the Hobbs Flare in New Mexico, took on the establishment each and every week.

One time a local banker filed a libel suit against Agnes and the Flare after she accused the banker of being a drunk and a womanizer.

The judge awarded the banker $1 and explained, "That's all the damage that Mrs. Head can do to anybody."

Mrs. Head sold that paper on at least three occasions. And each time the new owner would attempt to be a main-stream publication, circulation would hit rock bottom.

After getting the paper back, Mrs. Head would then return to her investigative-style reporting, and newspaper sales would again soar.

Here's what Will Rogers said about the hometown press:

"Any person that don't read at least one well-written country newspaper is not truly informed. But with all its faults, the old paper is our daily bread. Sometimes it's burned, and sometimes not cooked to suit us, but we got to have it every day."

You tell 'em, Will.

Management contract on agenda...

Cogdell board to meet

Cogdell Memorial Hospital board of managers will consider renewal of the management agreement with Covenant Healthcare Systems when it meets at 8 a.m. Thursday.

Cogdell CEO George Parsley said the proposed contract is similar to the one signed last August.

The contract basically gives CHS the authority to conduct the day-to-day operations of the hospital under the guidelines set by the local board.

Parsley is actually an employee of Covenant and his salary is paid by Covenant, but the hospital reimburses CHS for his salary, payroll taxes and fringe benefits.

Prior to last year, CHS had agreed to share in losses at the county-owned hospital up to $200,000, and in profits by the same amount.

The contract last year did not contain those clauses, nor does this year's proposed contract.

In addition to the management contract, the hospital board also will consider giving the CEO authority to seek bids for employee health insurance.

This action comes as a result of the hospital's health insurance premiums increasing by some 30 percent for the coming year.

The board also will hear a report on the health information management policy, and hear the monthly medical report and Parsley's monthly report.

The board also will review the monthly financial report and the certification of accounts payable.

The meeting will be held in the hospital's board room.

Museum receives $4,800 NEH grant

Scurry County Museum is the recipient of a $4,849 grant from the National Endowment from the Humanities (NEH).

Announced Tuesday, the grant will provide funding for a training workshop for the museum's staff and volunteers and for the purchase of materials to preserve the museum's textile collection.

The director of the project is Sue Goodwin.

In all, the NEH announced grants of $20.9 million.

Charlene Akers, museum director, said the funds will be used to "purchase conservation supplies and acid-free material to rehouse 444 textile items linked to individuals who have occupied and developed the plains of West Texas.

"A conservator will guide the staff and volunteers from six small museums within 75 miles of Snyder in the examination, replacing and reshelving of the textiles."

Inmates from Price Daniel Unit will remove the old wooden cabinets and assemble new shelving unit, Akers added.

She noted that rehousing will afford more space for acquisition of artifacts to support long-term galleries and story lines involving larger trends on the semi-arid treeless plains and the human responses to these trends with ensuing consequences.

Akers said this was the "key" to getting the grant, which she applied for in March.

ASK US

Q—How much money does the county collect each year from the road and bridge tax?

A—In 2000, the county collected $445,000.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Tuesday, 100 degrees; low, 75; 7 a.m. Wednesday, 76; no precipitation; total for 2001, 9.44 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, mostly clear, low mid 70s, SE wind 5-15 mph. Thursday, mostly sunny, high near 100, SE wind 10-20 mph. Thursday night, mostly clear, low mid 70s.



Gus Gonzales
Hot

Sunset:
8:44 p.m.
Sunrise:
6:58 a.m.
Of 205 days in 2001, the sun has shone 193 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

When the days are too short, chances are you are living at your best.
—Earl Nightingale

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Inmate receives stay of execution

HUNTSVILLE (AP) — A death row inmate has won a stay of execution as part of a ruling that will allow the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals to consider its first appeal under a law allowing DNA testing.

Richard Kutzner, an air-conditioning repairman, had been scheduled to die by injection at 6 p.m. Wednesday. The appeals court issued the stay Tuesday evening.

The case could help determine how the DNA testing law should be applied in lower courts, Rick Wetzel, the court's general counsel, said in Wednesday's editions of the Houston Chronicle. The law, which went into effect April 5, allows convicts to seek state-funded DNA testing in an effort to exonerate themselves.

Kutzner, 58, earned death sentences for two slayings, 17 days apart, in early 1996.

He was set to die Wednesday for the second of those killings, the strangling of a 59-year-old woman working at her real estate office in Montgomery County, north of Houston.

With his punishment looming, Kutzner's attorneys went to the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals to appeal their requests for DNA testing, denied twice by the trial court.

No DNA evidence was used in the original case.

Kutzner would have been the 11th inmate executed this year in Texas, where a record 40 condemned prisoners were put to death last year.

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On The Net:
Death Penalty Information Center:
http://www.deathpenaltyinfo.org

Routier appeal suggests husband's role

DALLAS (AP) — Attorneys for convicted killer Darlie Routier have filed an appeal that raises questions about whether her husband had a role in the 1996 slayings of their two sons.

The appeal alleges that Darlie Routier deserves a new trial because her trial attorney had a conflict of interest because he had previously represented Darin Routier, the only other suspect in the crime.

Darlie Routier's appeal, sent to the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals on Monday, has been held up for four years by a faulty transcript. The appeal says that no record exists of whether the trial judge conducted a pivotal pretrial hearing after prosecutors filed allegations identifying Darin Routier as a suspect in the slayings.

The appeal cites 13 other claims of trial error.

Chief felony prosecutor Greg Davis, who handled Darlie Routier's case, said he didn't recall whether a conflict hearing was conducted. He said that the point is moot because no conflict of interest existed because Darin Routier was "never developed as a suspect."

Routier was arrested two weeks after her sons Damon, 5, and Devon, 6, were stabbed to death in their upscale Rowlett home on June 6, 1996. Routier was tried only for Damon's death because it qualified as a capital murder case.

Routier, who was convicted by a Kerrville jury and sent to death row in 1997, has maintained her innocence. She blames the stabbings on an intruder.

Appellate attorneys Stephen Cooper and Steven Losch said in the appeal that because lead defense attorney Doug Mulder had represented Darin Routier in a gag-order hearing related to the criminal case, the court should have addressed the matter on the record.

The hearing on whether Darlie Routier waived any conflict concerning her husband and Mulder is not found in the transcript. The appeal says the hearing is noted in a docket sheet as having occurred and that attorneys are quoted later in the transcript as saying it had happened.

Darin Routier maintains that neither he nor his wife committed the crime.

Darlie Routier's direct appeal doesn't blame the crime on her husband but notes that the conflict may have prevented Mulder from raising issues about "inconsistencies" in Darin Routier's account.

Company that promotes psychic accused of fraud

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. (AP) — Missouri's attorney general has filed lawsuits against a television psychic hot line for violating the state's no-call law and consumer fraud.

Attorney General Jay Nixon filed two suits Tuesday against Access Resources Services Inc., a Florida company best-known for promoting Miss Cleo's tarot psychic reading.

Speaking with a Caribbean accent, Miss Cleo appears in national television commercials promising insights into love, money and other personal matters.

"Miss Cleo should have seen this coming," Nixon said. "It doesn't take a crystal ball to realize that ripping off consumers isn't without consequences."

The lawsuits filed in St. Louis Circuit Court allege 94 violations of the state's no-call list. The company faces fines of up to $5,000 per violation if found liable for calling people who requested privacy.

Sean Moynihan, a New York City-based attorney representing Access, said the state has no basis for suing the company.

"We strongly disagree with the contentions that are raised in the lawsuits," Moynihan said. "We are very anxious to work with the attorney general to demonstrate that the business practices of Access are proper and do adhere to the law."

Nixon said Missourians were billed for free services and that the company misrepresented reduced rates and waiver fees. For example, customers spent three minutes on the phone providing information including a name, address and phone number then were charged for time spent on hold waiting to speak with a psychic.

Missouri residents who never requested the service, including deceased people, have received bills for Miss Cleo's services, Nixon said. Moynihan said telephone companies are responsible for billing, not the company.

The company also charged consumers for calls made by minors who did not receive parental consent, Nixon said. Moynihan said the company has safeguards to prevent minors from calling, and only those who lie about their age can get through to the psychic.

Mark Pryor, Arkansas' attorney general, last year sued Access for fraud, saying the company had "used just about every trick in the book to mislead and overbill consumers."

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On the Net:
Missouri Attorney General:
http://www.ago.state.mo.us
Miss Cleo: http://web8.mindandspirit.com/perl/nav.pl

Shaquille O'Neal cooks omelet on show

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Shaquille O'Neal whipped up his favorite sausage omelet on a cable cooking show, then talked about retirement.

"I will be giving up (basketball) when I am 32," the 29-year-old Los Angeles Lakers center said. "I want to go into law enforcement after basketball."

Last year, O'Neal signed a six-year contract extension for $152 million. The biggest chunk of that, $32.5 million, would come in the 2005-2006 season.

A call Tuesday to his agent was not immediately returned.

O'Neal taped the appearance last week on "Half Baked," a Burly Bear Network cable show that caters to a national college-age audience. It will be shown in September.

The 7-foot-1, 315-pound basketball star, who wore a chef's hat, admitted that he prefers meals prepared by his personal chef.

"I have a chef at home that cooks me sausage omelets and little pancakes every morning," he said.

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The first Jewish member of the British House of Commons was Lionel Nathan Rothschild (1808-79).

events

TEXAS LOTTERY

RESULTS

Texas Two Step

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Texas Two Step numbers drawn Tuesday by the Texas Lottery:
1-16-18-19
Bonus number 5
Estimated jackpot: $200,000

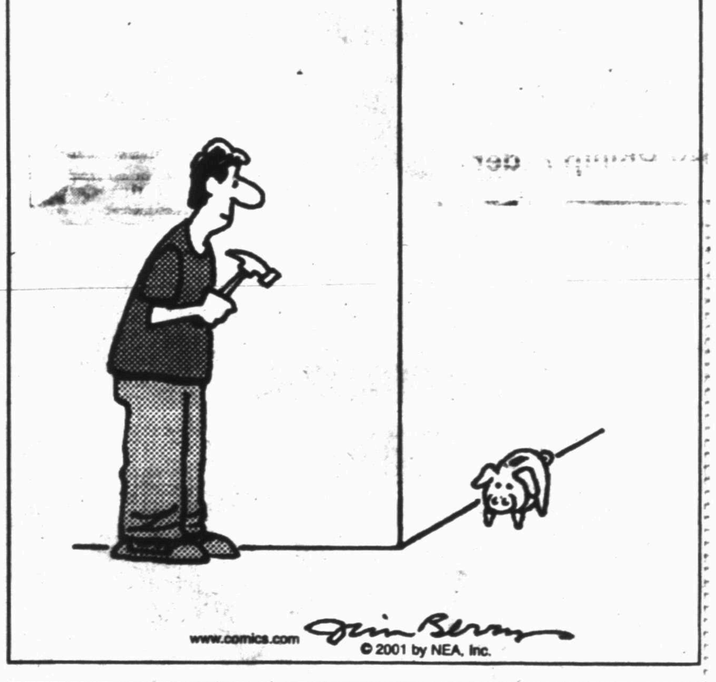
Cash Five

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Tuesday by the Texas Lottery:
9-14-20-27-29

Pick 3

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Tuesday by the Texas Lottery, in order:
3-0-4

Berry's World



Date Book

Wednesday, July 25, 2001

Today is the 206th day of 2001 and the 35th day of summer.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1854, New Yorker Walter Hunt received a patent for a stain-resistant paper collar he invented.

On this day in 1934, Franklin D. Roosevelt became the first president to visit Hawaii while in office when he arrived in Hilo, Hawaii, aboard the USS Houston.

On this day in 1952, Puerto Rico became a commonwealth of the United States. Residents of Puerto Rico possess all the rights of U.S. citizens except the right to vote in federal elections.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Thomas Eakins (1844-1916), artist; Maxfield Parrish (1870-1966), artist; Walter Brennan (1894-1974), actor; Jack Gilford (1907-1990), actor; Estelle Getty (1924-), actress, is 77; Nate Thurmond (1941-), basketball great, is 60; Walter Payton (1954-1999), football great; Steve Podborski (1957-), skier, is 44; Thurston Moore (1958-), musician, is 43.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1969, Pancho Gonzalez defeated Charlie Pasarell in what was the longest match to date in Wimbledon history.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "If your outgo exceeds your income, then your upkeep will be your downfall." — Bill Earle

TODAY'S MOON: Between new moon (July 20) and first quarter (July 27).

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Key figure in LA police corruption released from jail

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The former officer who triggered the city's largest police corruption scandal was freed from prison after less than three years in custody, frustrating authorities who think he didn't pay enough for the crimes.

Rafael Perez, whose allegations of police brutality and lies brought the scandal to light, was released from the California Correctional Institution at Tehachapi on Tuesday morning, said spokeswoman Margot Bach. He was taken by Department of Corrections officials to an undisclosed location to be set free.

Perez, 33, had been in custody since his arrest on Aug. 25, 1998, for stealing $1 million worth of cocaine from an evidence room. He initially faced 12 years in prison, but after a trial that ended in a deadlock he pleaded guilty in exchange for a lighter sentence and began to cooperate with the government.

Perez told investigators about corruption in an anti-gang unit that patrolled Los Angeles' gritty Rampart area. He alleged that officers beat people, planted evidence and perjured themselves. He admitted his own involvement in crimes including planting a rifle on a man who was paralyzed in an unjustified police shooting.

Perez's confessions resulted in more than 100 tainted convictions being thrown out. The city has paid millions of dollars to settle dozens of lawsuits, 65 officers have faced or will face administrative action, and the department is operating under a consent decree with the federal government.

Perez was sentenced in February 2000 to five years in prison and was credited for time served. Prosecutors and Perez's attorneys argued over how much time off for good behavior he had earned, a dispute Superior Court Judge Robert J. Perry resolved Monday by freeing him.

Perez will be on parole for three years. Because of safety concerns, Perry said Perez will be permitted to seek parole arrangements out of state. Bach declined to say where he was taken after his release, and Perez's attorney, Winston Kevin McKesson, also refused to say.

"What he wants to do, essentially all I know is that he wants to spend his life doing God's will, being a productive citizen, and being a good man," McKesson said.

Perez wept as Perry handed down his order. But his claims that he has reformed have drawn scorn from some. Jail informants say he bragged about "making stuff up" to get back at officers he did not like and about landing a book or movie deal. Many former colleagues dismiss him as untrustworthy and blame him for bringing the entire force under a taint of scandal that has hurt morale.

"It's hard to imagine that Rafael Perez could ever fully serve his debt to society," said Peter Repovich, a member of the board of directors of the Los Angeles Police Protective League.

On three-year anniversary of Capitol shootings, U.S. Capitol more secure

WASHINGTON (AP) — Most visitors won't notice the changes, but the U.S. Capitol is much more secure than on the dark day of July 24, 1998, when a gunman burst through an entrance and killed two policemen.

At 3:40 p.m. Tuesday, the exact moment of the shootings, a crowd of lawmakers, victims' relatives and Capitol Police officers gathered at the scene — bowing their heads in memory of Jacob J. Chestnut and John M. Gibson.

Nearby was an X-ray machine that can clearly delineate the items in someone's bag or briefcase, as well as a metal detector with a display that shows what part of someone's body set off an alarm.

The security upgrade inside and outside the Capitol has cost $126 million. The most visible improvements are the cast-iron posts now being installed around the outside perimeter to stop any truck laden with explosives.

Even these posts, more than a yard tall, look innocuous. They're emblazoned with eagles and painted forest green.

The 1,200-member congressional police force has more powerful guns, better bullet-stopping vests, guard posts with bulletproof glass, night-vision equipment and devices to detect and combat chemical or biological attacks.

Still, they say the need to keep the Capitol open and accessible comes with some security trade-offs. Just a few feet from lawmakers, millions of tourists a year come to get a glimpse of democracy in action.

"There's an inherent vulnerability in the Capitol complex because of the openness we have to maintain," police Lt. Dan Nichols said. "Our job is to do the best we can to manage this threat."

The accused shooter from three years ago, Russell Eugene Weston Jr., is being held in a federal mental facility, too ill to face trial.

The Capitol is just part of a broad and expensive effort by the government to better protect its buildings and workers from attacks like those that struck Oklahoma City in 1995, a military barracks in Saudi Arabia in 1996 and U.S. embassies in Africa three years ago.

The State Department has spent $3 billion to better secure its embassies overseas. The General Services Administration, the government's landlord, has spent $1.2 billion since 1995 to improve security in federal buildings nationwide.

Hataway in play at Post

Emily Hataway of Snyder will appear in *A Tribute to Harley Sadler* in Post's Garza Theatre that will continue to run for the next two weekends.

The show includes the old fashioned comedy *Too Poor to Paint, Too Proud to Whitewash*, plus a candy sale, prizes and musical performances between acts. Hataway portrays "Ma Slater" in the play and sings several songs.

Dates for remaining shows are Friday and Saturday with curtain times set for 7:45 p.m. and 2:30 for the Sunday matinee.

Adult tickets are $8, children's tickets are $5. For reservations, call the box office at 806-495-4005, 12:30 to 5 p.m. and noon until curtain time on weekends.

Ira Einhorn is taken off suicide watch

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Returned fugitive Ira Einhorn is no longer on a suicide watch at a Philadelphia area prison, although he remains in solitary confinement, his lawyer said.

"He's fine," attorney Norris E. Gelman told The Philadelphia Inquirer in today's editions. "He has the kind of personality that adjusts well to solitary (confinement)."

Einhorn, 63, a former counter-culture activist convicted in absentia of the 1977 death of girlfriend Helen Holly Maddux of Tyler, Texas, has been at Graterford Prison since he was extradited from France on Friday.

Einhorn cut his throat last week after French authorities decided not to block his extradition. He was not seriously hurt.

Gelman said he doesn't think his client will try to hurt himself again.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder



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♣ J 2

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♦ A J 3
♣ 8 7 5 4

Dealer: South
Vulnerable: East-West

South	West	North	East
1 NT	Pass	2 ♣	Pass
2 ♥	Pass	4 ♥	All pass

Opening lead: ♣ K

Wednesday, July 25, 2001

The best concert performer

By Phillip Alder

Who is the best singer-songwriter in modern country music? My answer is Mary Chapin Carpenter. I saw her in concert on 08-01-97, 08-01-98 and 07-04-99. The performances were wonderful, especially considering that Mary Chapin used to have stage fright. And each was different. Mary Chapin's lyrics are so imaginative. The one closest to bridge is a song called "House of Cards."

In this deal, South thought he had a sound foundation for his contract, but a surprise move by East caused a strong puff of wind through the room, and the house of cards collapsed. How did declarer fold in four hearts?

After a standard Stayman sequence, West led the club king. Correctly, East overtook with the ace and returned his remaining club. After winning with the queen, West continued with the club 10, declarer ruffing with dummy's heart seven.

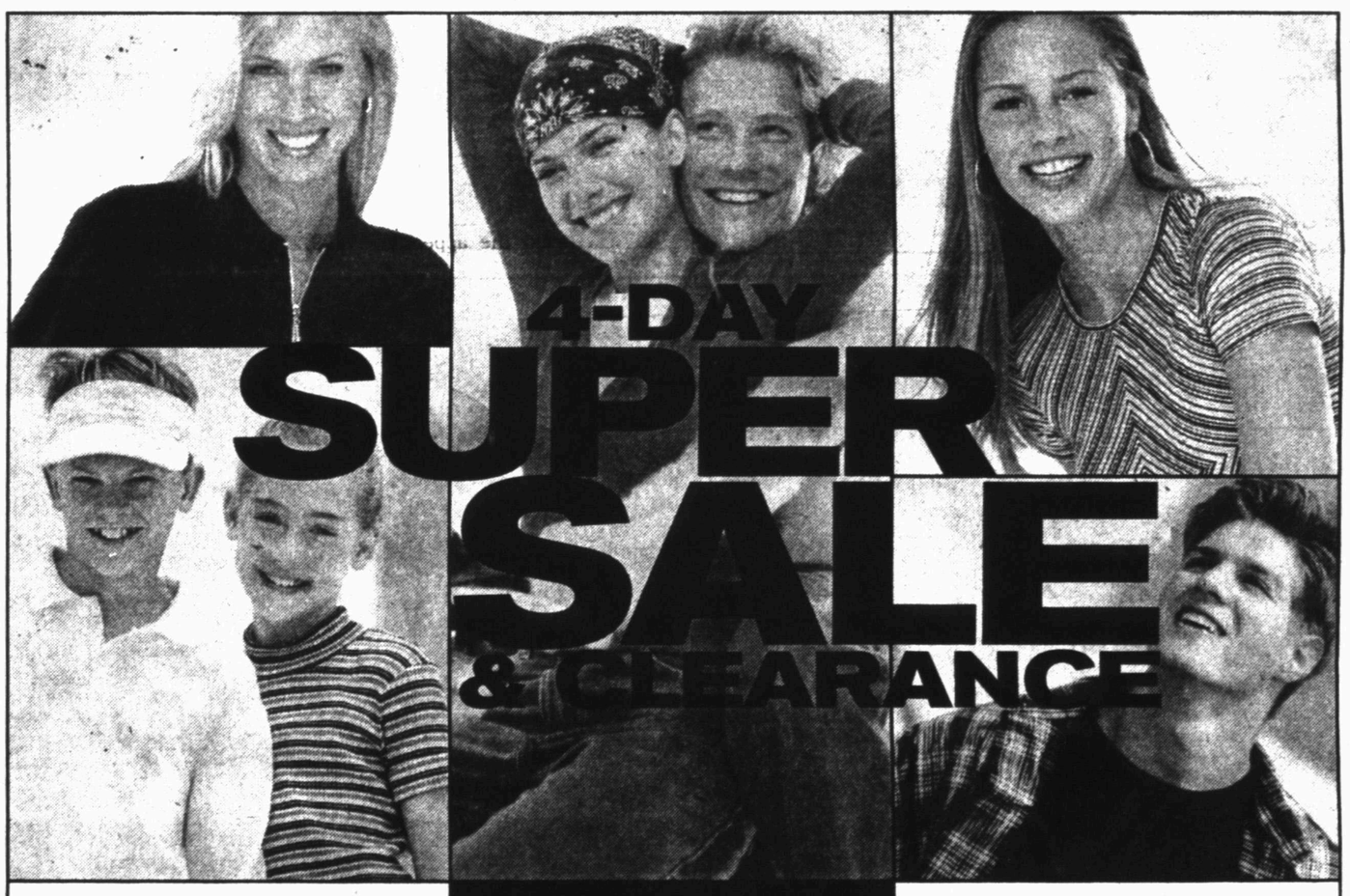
If East had overruffed with the jack, declarer would have taken the heart finesse and got home. (Playing West for a singleton king would be way against the odds.) Better is for East to discard. Then, declarer might play a heart to his ace, placing West with the king and jack. Best, though, was when East overruffed with the king. East exited with a spade. Assuming that West had the heart jack, declarer's next move was to cash the heart ace, and now he had to lose a second trump trick: one down.

Mary Chapin's new album is called "time*sex*love," the themes of the songs. And John Jennings, one of her band, said, "Time is the great gift; sex is the great equalizer; love is the great mystery."

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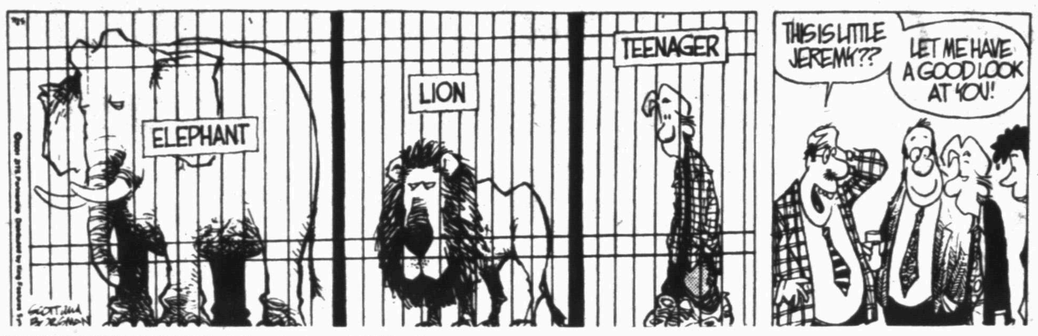
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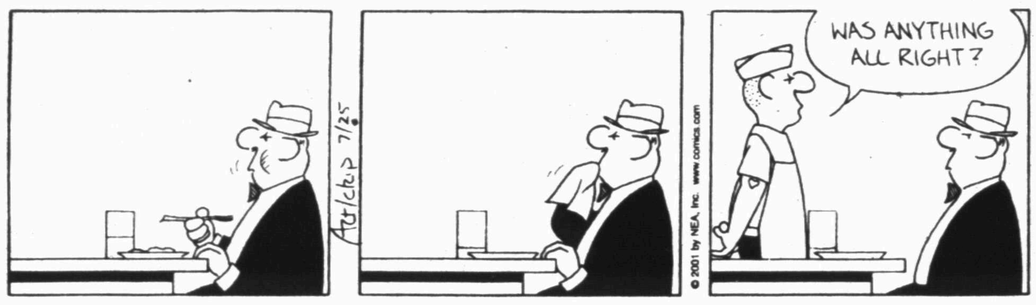
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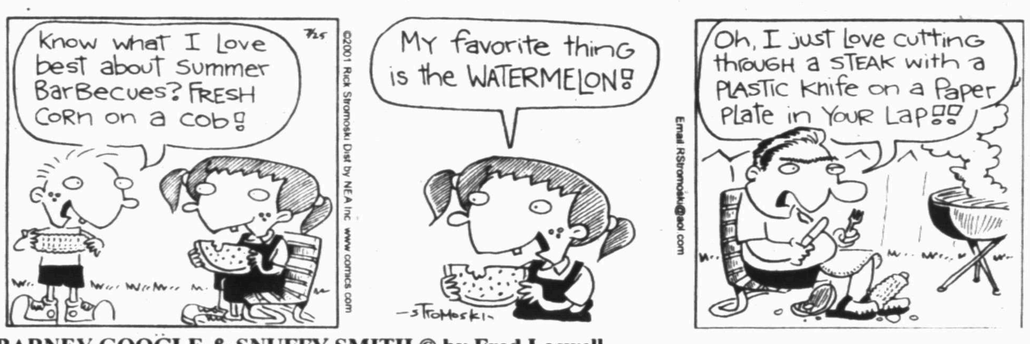
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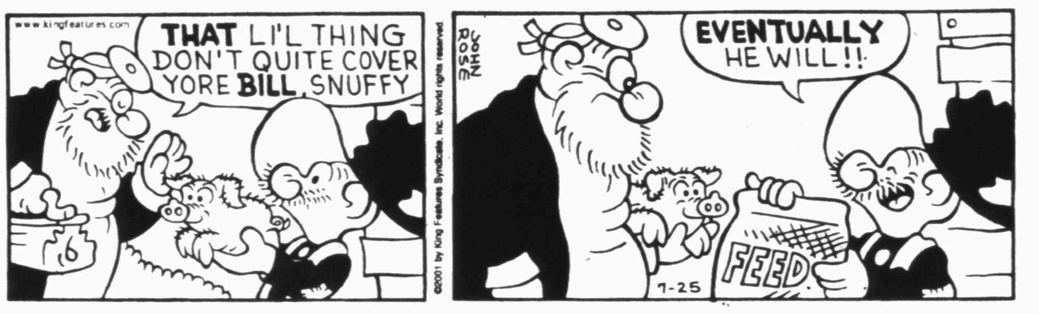
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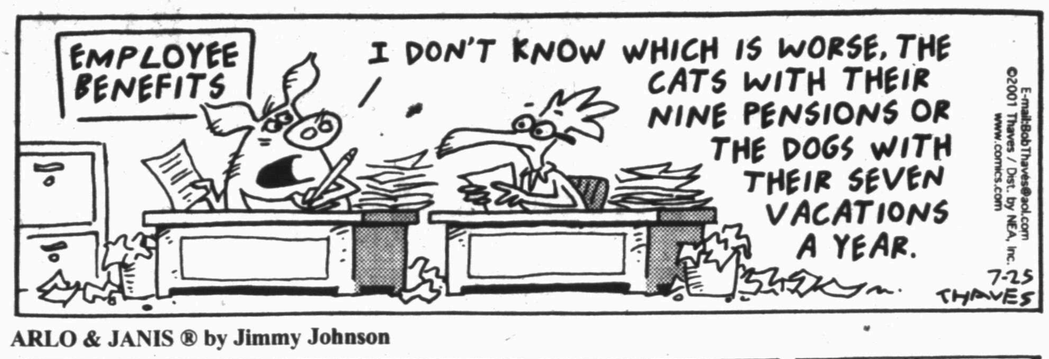
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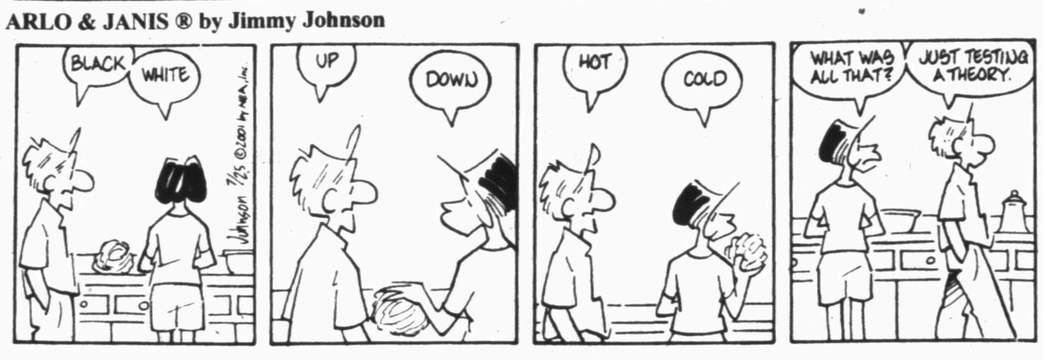
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16 Baltimore symbol
17 Waiter's reward
18 Choose
20 Gums
21 Cut
23 Crony
24 Not new
25 Acquire by labor
27 Fenced
29 Above (poet.)
31 House pet
32 Edgar Allan —
33 "Gram" start
34 "90210" twin
37 Sea pheasant
40 Cake layer
41 "Auction" finish
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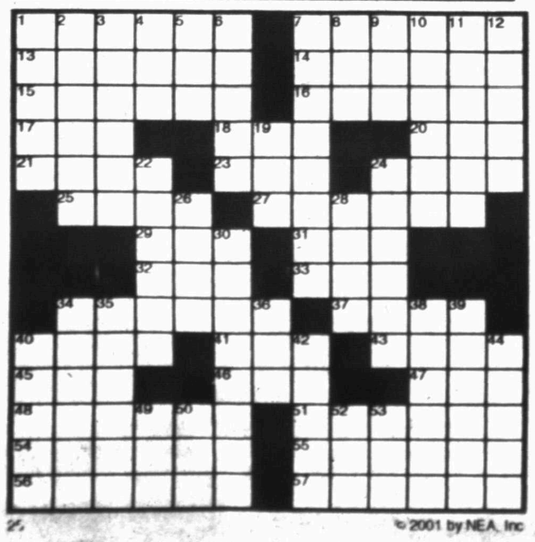
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SPORTS

Rangers rally twice to top Orioles

ARLINGTON (AP) — The light-hitting Baltimore Orioles scored a bunch of runs. This time it was their fielding that did them in.

The Orioles scored seven runs and had 12 hits, but two outfield miscues allowed the Texas Rangers to come from behind twice Tuesday night to win 8-7.

"To go out and play offensively the way we did and then go out and play defensively and not do the job makes it tougher than normal," Baltimore manager Mike Hargrove said. "You hate to see it happen, but it does."

Baltimore blew a 5-1 advantage when Jay Gibbons misplayed a ball in left, but went back ahead in the eighth. Cal Ripken Jr. had a game-tying RBI single and Tony Batista put the Orioles ahead 7-6 with a sacrifice fly.

But Ruben Sierra had a two-out single in the eighth off Mike Trombley (2-3) and scored on an error by left fielder Mike Kinkade who misplayed a fly ball by Gabe Kapler. Kinkade had pinch-hit for Gibbons in the top of the inning, and scored the go-ahead run after he singled.

Kapler wound up on second and scored the tiebreaking run on pinch-hitter Randy Velarde's double down the left field line.

The Orioles, the worst-hitting team in the AL, loaded the bases on a hit and two walks in the ninth before pinch-hitter Brady Anderson struck out to end the game.

"It's nice to come from behind late in the game and get the win," Rangers manager Jerry Narron said. "We had some clutch hits."

Gibbons had a two-run homer and an RBI double as Baltimore went ahead 5-1 after four innings, but his fielding miscue in the sixth led to three runs.

After Frank Catalanotto reached on a one-out walk in the sixth, Lamb hit a ball that sailed over Gibbons' head after he initially took two steps in. Lamb was credited with a double and Alex Rodriguez followed with a two-run single and scored on a throwing error by second baseman Jerry Hairston.

"I just couldn't catch up to it. I lost it off the end of the bat. It was a misjudge on my part," Gibbons said. "But I should make that play."

Velarde lost his starting job at second base for the Rangers while on the disabled list for seven weeks. By time he returned July 12, the last-place Rangers had opted for a rebuilding and made him a utility player.

"It's something I'm going to have to get used to. That's going to be my role probably for the rest of the year if I'm still here," Velarde said.

Velarde was hitting .331 — eighth in the AL — when he went on the DL May 25 with a pulled left hamstring. When the 38-year-old second baseman returned, rookie Michael Young was playing every day.

"Before he got hurt, he was probably the MVP of our team," Rangers starter Rick Helling said. "Things have changed a lot since he got hurt, and our team was kind of going in a different direction. Being a professional, he understands that."

Velarde also knows he could still be dealt before the July 31 trading deadline, as first baseman Andres Galarraga was Tuesday to San Francisco.

Mike Venafro (2-3) won despite wasting a 6-5 lead in the top of the eighth. Zimmerman got his 17th save in 20 opportunities.

Texas had gone ahead 6-5 when Mike Lamb hit an RBI single in the seventh after Ricky Ledee and Young led off with back-to-back doubles off starter Sidney Ponson.

Cowboys' line nurses injuries

WICHITA FALLS (AP) — Training camp is only a few days old and the Dallas Cowboys' entire starting offensive line is already nursing injuries.

All-Pro left guard Larry Allen, right guard Kelvin Garmon and center Mark Stepnoski came into camp nicked up. Garmon isn't practicing at all, while Allen and Stepnoski are being limited.

Then left tackle Flozell Adams went down in the first contact drill with pads. In the second one, right tackle Solomon Page was hurt.

None of the injuries are major. Adams is the worst off as a sprained knee ligament will keep him out at least three weeks.

"The way he went down, it could've been worse than it was," coach Dave Campo said.

Adams' next practice likely will be in Oxnard, Calif. He'll miss the first two exhibition games.

"Better now than a month from now," offensive line coach Hudson Houck said.

Page's problem is in his knee, but it's not to any ligaments. An MRI was taken Tuesday as a precaution.

"There's not a lot of concern at this point," Campo said.

Garmon has a strained calf and could return any day. He and Al Jackson are fighting for the line spot opened with the release of longtime starter Erik Williams. Jackson also has been fighting an ankle sprain.

Allen and Stepnoski don't need as much work to get into synch, so they're being held out as much to recover as to prevent them from further damage.

Ben Fricke has been working at center. Fifth-round pick Matt Lehr is playing guard and center, with Jason Gamble and Craig Page at the guard spots.

Seventh-round pick Char-ron Dorsey is filling in for Adams, along with Colin Sears and Dan Collins. Should Adams be out longer than expected, Page — once healthy — would shift to the left side. Allen also could be moved there.

Another concern for the line is the continued absence of tight ends David LaFleur and Mike Lucky. Both are on the physically unable to perform list.

LaFleur has a back problem that limited him last season. Lucky is recovering from a knee injury suffered early in last year's training camp.

WNBA Glance

All Times EDT

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	17	5	.773	—
New York	16	8	.667	2
Miami	13	9	.591	4
Charlotte	10	13	.435	7½
Orlando	9	13	.409	8
Indiana	7	16	.304	10½
Washington	6	15	.286	10½
Detroit	6	16	.273	11

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	19	3	.864	—
Houston	15	7	.682	4
Sacramento	13	9	.591	6
Portland	11	11	.500	8
Utah	10	11	.476	8½
Phoenix	9	12	.429	9½
Seattle	9	15	.375	11
Minnesota	7	14	.333	11½

Tuesday's Games

Charlotte 75, Indiana 66
Orlando 71, Washington 63
Utah 76, Houston 67
Seattle 74, Detroit 69, OT
Portland 86, New York 68

Wednesday's Games

Miami at Cleveland, Noon
Sacramento at Los Angeles, 3:30 p.m.

Astros edge Cardinals, 2-1

ST. LOUIS (AP) — The defending NL Central champions are striking out in this year's divisional race.

St. Louis hitters struck out eight times and managed just two hits — one of them Mark McGwire's homer — in a 2-1 loss to division rival Houston on Tuesday night. The loss dropped the Cardinals 81/2 games behind the Chicago Cubs and 51/2 behind the second-place Astros.

Houston's Wade Miller (12-5) struck out seven and walked two in eight innings. Billy Wagner pitched a perfect ninth for his 23rd save and 17th in a row. Over that span, he's allowed just one earned run in 16 1-3 innings.

The Cardinals got good pitching, too. Matt Morris (12-6) allowed just two unearned runs in eight innings, struck out five and walked none, though his error was the key play in Houston's two-run third.

"With a guy like Miller on the mound, you can't give up runs like that," Morris said, "especially the way we're swinging the bats."

In losing three of four games, St. Louis pitchers have allowed just 10 runs.

Major League Baseball

American League

All Times EDT

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	59	41	.590	—
Boston	57	42	.576	1½
Toronto	47	54	.465	12½
Baltimore	42	57	.424	16½
Tampa Bay	32	68	.320	27
Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	57	41	.582	—
Minnesota	58	42	.580	—
Chicago	49	49	.500	8
Detroit	43	54	.443	13½
Kansas City	39	61	.390	19
West Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Seattle	72	28	.720	—
Oakland	54	46	.540	18
Anaheim	51	49	.510	21
Texas	41	57	.418	30

Tuesday's Games

Boston 6, Toronto 4
Chicago White Sox 4, Cleveland 1
N.Y. Yankees 6, Detroit 5
Texas 8, Baltimore 7
Anaheim 9, Tampa Bay 6
Kansas City 6, Seattle 1
Oakland 7, Minnesota 6

Wednesday's Games

Baltimore (Parrish 0-0) at Texas (Duchscherer 0-0), 6:05 p.m., 1st game
Toronto (Loaiza 6-9) at Boston (Arrojo 2-3), 7:05 p.m.
Detroit (Lima 2-1) at N.Y. Yankees (Lilly 3-3), 7:05 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Biddle 2-6) at Cleveland (Westbrook 2-2), 7:05 p.m.
Baltimore (Maduro 0-2) at Texas (Davis 5-7), 8:35 p.m., 2nd game
Tampa Bay (Wilson 2-7) at Anaheim (Wise 1-2), 10:05 p.m.
Kansas City (Byrd 1-5) at Seattle (Sele 12-1), 10:05 p.m.
Minnesota (Mays 11-7) at Oakland (Lidle 4-4), 10:05 p.m.

Thursday's Games

Detroit (Holt 7-7) at N.Y. Yankees (Keisler 1-2), 1:05 p.m.
Minnesota (Johnson 0-1) at Oakland (Heredia 5-7), 3:35 p.m.
Toronto (Halladay 0-1) at Boston (Nomo 10-4), 7:05 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Baldwin 7-5) at Cleveland (Nagy 4-3), 7:05 p.m.
Baltimore (Roberts 7-7) at Texas (Oliver 7-6), 8:35 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Lopez 5-12) at Anaheim (Ortiz 7-7), 10:05 p.m.
Kansas City (Reichert 8-8) at Seattle (Pineiro 0-0), 10:05 p.m.

National League

All Times EDT

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	56	44	.560	—
Philadelphia	55	45	.550	1
Florida	52	48	.520	4
New York	45	56	.445	11½
Montreal	44	57	.436	12½
Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	58	41	.586	—
Houston	55	44	.556	3
St. Louis	49	49	.500	8½
Milwaukee	43	56	.434	15
Pittsburgh	38	60	.388	19½
Cincinnati	38	62	.380	20½
West Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Arizona	58	42	.580	—
Los Angeles	58	43	.574	½
San Francisco	52	49	.515	6½
San Diego	49	52	.485	9½
Colorado	43	57	.430	15

Tuesday's Games

Florida 4, N.Y. Mets 3
Philadelphia 10, Montreal 2
Houston 2, St. Louis 1
Chicago Cubs 10, Pittsburgh 2
Cincinnati 11, Atlanta 3
Los Angeles 7, Milwaukee 2
Colorado 6, San Francisco 4
Arizona 11, San Diego 0

Wednesday's Games

Cincinnati (Acevedo 2-2) at Atlanta (Millwood 1-4), 1:05 p.m.
Montreal (Thurman 5-6) at Philadelphia (Person 8-5), 1:05 p.m.
Houston (Redding 3-0) at St. Louis (Hermanson 7-8), 1:40 p.m.
Los Angeles (Prokopec 6-5) at Milwaukee (Sheets 10-7), 2:05 p.m.
Pittsburgh (D.Williams 1-2) at Chicago Cubs (Lieber 12-5), 2:20 p.m.
San Francisco (Jensen 0-2) at Colorado (Bohanon 5-5), 3:05 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Rusch 5-6) at Florida (Dempster 11-8), 7:05 p.m.
San Diego (Hitchcock 2-0) at Arizona (Batista 5-6), 10:05 p.m.

Thursday's Games

St. Louis (Smith 2-0) at Chicago Cubs (Tapani 8-7), 2:20 p.m.
Atlanta (Marquis 2-3) at Montreal (Munoz 0-0), 7:05 p.m.
Houston (Micki 1-0) at Pittsburgh (Schmidt 6-5), 7:05 p.m.
Philadelphia (Wolf 5-10) at N.Y. Mets (Trachsel 4-10), 7:10 p.m.
San Francisco (Hernandez 8-11) at Arizona (Schilling 14-4), 10:05 p.m.
Colorado (Neagle 6-4) at Los Angeles (Gagne 3-4), 10:10 p.m.

Sports Briefs

SHS golf qualifying rounds

Qualifying for Snyder High School golf teams will be held after school Aug. 15-18. For more information, call Coach Ricky Hunter at 573-0239.

SCC golf tournaments

The Snyder Country Club Junior Club Championship will be held at 8 a.m. Friday. Entry fee is $10.

The SCC parent-child tourney is scheduled for 8 a.m. Saturday. Cost is $20 per team. Call the SCC pro shop at 573-7101 to register.

High school football

All Snyder High School football players will receive their equipment at 7 a.m. Aug. 6 at the SHS field house.

Kiwanis golf tournament

Snyder Kiwanis Club will host the annual Hubert and Mary Cargile Memorial Scholarship Tournament Aug. 4 at Western Texas College.

Entry fee for the four-person scramble is $120 per team, with shotgun starts at 8 a.m. and 1 p.m. Cash prizes will be awarded to the top four teams. Hole-in-one prize is $10,000.

Call the WTC pro shop at 573-9291, or Russell Fisk at 573-3438 to register.

Tennis meeting

Snyder High School tennis players will meet with Coach Ted Phillips at 6 p.m. Aug. 2 at the field house film room to plan the upcoming season.

Tuesday scramble and all-day MGA

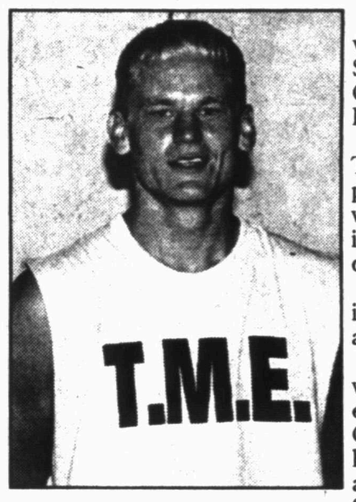
The Men's Golf Association of Snyder Country Club holds its weekly scramble at 5:30 p.m. each Tuesday.

Also, an all-day MGA event is held each Thursday.

Junior high football

All Snyder Junior High football players will pick up their equipment Aug. 14. Eighth graders will be from 3-5 p.m., followed by seventh graders from 5-7.

Ex-Tiger QB earns scholarship at Tech



Sonny Cumbie

After a solid year of hard work, former Snyder High School quarterback Sonny Cumbie has proven he can play Division I college football.

Cumbie, who walked on at Texas Tech a year ago, will be placed on scholarship this week. The 2000 SHS graduate is third on the Red Raiders' QB depth chart.

Tech head coach Mike Leach informed Cumbie of the scholarship Tuesday.

"It feels great. I don't know when I've ever been this excited," said Cumbie. "I talked to Coach Leach in the spring, and he had said that he could guarantee me a scholarship for the 2002 season, but he wasn't sure about this year.

"Then Coach (Art) Briles told me I should go talk to him again. When I did, he told me that I had earned a scholarship."

Cumbie, who holds most SHS passing records, could have signed with a smaller college coming out of high school. Instead, the strong-armed signal caller opted to try and make it with the Red Raiders.

"Coach Leach told me I probably should have been on scholarship last year, but that there wasn't any way they could get me one," Cumbie stated. "And I understand that.

"I know college football is a business, and I wasn't highly recruited my senior year. But now I've proven I can play at this level."

The ex-Snyder Tiger, son of Bobby Jack and Gwen Cumbie, will be a redshirt freshman this fall, serving as a back-up to junior Kliff Kingsbury and sophomore B.J. Symons.

"I have to keep working hard and do the things I've been doing," said Cumbie. "I'll be a junior the year after Kliff graduates, and I think B.J. and I could have a good battle for the starting job.

"Last year was always an uphill battle. I felt like I was on the outside, trying to get in. Now I'm on the inside. Now I'm an investment, so the coaches will put more stock in my performance."

The Red Raiders begin workouts Aug. 15.

TCU runner remains unsigned

By The Associated Press

It took just one day for Robert Edwards' knee to look much better.

The Patriots running back passed a conditioning test Tuesday after failing it the day before and was cleared to practice.

Edwards, New England's first-round draft choice in 1998, has been trying to get back into the NFL since wrecking his left knee in a 1999 beach football game in conjunction with the Pro Bowl.

The injury left Edwards with nerve damage, in addition to the severe knee trauma.

The conditioning test consists of 20 sprints covering 60 yards each. On Tuesday, he did each of them in 8 seconds or less, the target set by the coaching staff. On Monday, he needed more than 8 seconds to complete several of the sprints.

According to Edwards, being overanxious was his biggest problem Monday, not the knee.

The Patriots dished out some bad news to another running back when they released Larry Bowie.

Bowie, 28, signed as a free agent Feb. 1 after four seasons with Washington.

Chargers

LaDainian Tomlinson's bargaining position with the San Diego Chargers just got a whole lot stronger.

While Tomlinson is holdjng out, the Chargers are running out of running backs.

Jermaine Fazande hurt a groin muscle and Mukala Sikyala pulled a hamstring Tuesday, leaving the Chargers with only one healthy running back, fullback Terry Witherspoon, to get them through Wednesday.

The Chargers would like to make Tomlinson their featured tailback, but his agent and the Chargers appear far apart in contract talks.

Quarterback Drew Brees, the first pick of the second round, also remained unsigned. Tomlinson and Brees have the same agent, Tom Condon.

Terrell Fletcher, who led the Chargers with 384 yards last year, underwent surgery to fix a hernia on Monday and is expected to be out until mid-August.

Bucs

Next time, Tampa Bay quarterback Brad Johnson will probably hire professional movers.

Johnson is expected to miss the start of training camp this weekend after cutting his left leg in an accident at his Tallahassee home. The quarterback was moving furniture when he was hurt.

The Buccaneers described it as a minor injury that required 15 stitches above the left knee, but did not damage any muscles or tendons.

Falcons

Coach Dan Reeves cut practice short and took the Falcons bowling.

After special teams practice, Reeves told the team that if placekickers Jake Arians and Jay Feely each were successful, they could adjourn to the bowling alley.

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But city officials insisted, as they have all along, that the train wreck caused the water main to break. Their data shows a surge in water movement at a nearby reservoir after the derailment, which officials said suggested the water main break followed the accident.

At issue is whether the city or railroad is responsible for the damage, the cleanup, overtime for police and firefighters, and business losses.

"It's clear that there's a lot at stake," said Tony White, spokesman for Mayor Martin O'Malley. "It's premature to say how much, but it's safe to say it's of a very large magnitude."

O'Malley said he would have estimates of the overtime costs by today.

The National Transportation Safety Board reviewed city public works department records to help learn whether water gushing from the broken main damaged the track in the tunnel and caused the 60-car CSX train to derail on June 18.

The aide also noted that an inspection of the track by CSX on the day before the accident showed no problems.

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	High	Low	Last	
AMR Corp		35.98	35.57	35.80
AOL TimeWrn		43.45	42.10	42.41	—.29
AT&T Corp s		20.03	19.67	20.01	+.55
Albertsons		32.45	31.95	32.25	+.29
Alltel		61.73	60.85	61.73	+.71
AmEl Pw		42.70	41.50	42.18	+.08
AndarkPtr		53.25	52.05	52.20	—.19
ATMOS Egy		19.95	19.65	19.82	+.03
Aviall		10.75	10.66	10.66	—.05
BP PLC		47.66	47.20	47.54	+1.14
BakerHughes		33.70	32.85	33.10	+.04
Bank of Amer		62.53	61.61	61.74	—.27
BellSouth		40.59	39.90	40.55	+.78
BurlNoSFe		26.62	25.80	26.50	—.74
Caterpillar		53.60	53.09	53.10	+.20
Chevron		87.10	86.30	87.06	+1.88
Citigroup s		49.22	48.55	48.77	—.20
CocaCola		44.78	44.01	44.60	+.40
ColgatePal		54.60	53.95	54.30	+.15
ComclMetals		31.98	31.90	31.92	—.07
Cooperin		39.04	38.65	39.03	+.29
DaimlrChry		49.46	49.18	49.20	+.40
DeltaAirl		45.28	44.60	45.20	+.45
Dillards Inc		14.53	14.10	14.48	+.21
DowChem		34.99	33.53	34.58	+.70
DuPont		43.83	42.11	43.40	+.48
EastmanChem		44.67	43.21	44.51	+1.24
EstKodak		44.37	43.81	44.00	—.19
EDS Corp		64.35	63.52	64.11	+.79
Entergy		35.99	35.11	35.12	—.40
ExxonMobil s		41.65	41.15	41.55	+.58
FstBksAm		27.60	27.50	27.60	+.25
GenDynam		80.00	78.75	79.92	+.03
GenElec		44.40	43.15	43.94	—.06
GenMills		44.84	44.15	44.80	+.50
GenMotors		62.65	61.40	62.40	+.32
GaPacGP		35.46	34.44	35.43	+.85
GlobalMar		17.71	17.10	17.40	+.29
Goodrich		36.00	35.68	35.91	+.24
Goodyear s		28.37	27.56	28.30	+.32
GtAtlPac		15.50	15.10	15.44	+.44
Halliburtn		33.24	32.40	32.67	+.23
Hanson ADS		36.11	36.00	36.02	+.26
HarteHanks		23.65	23.14	23.25	+.11
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Kroger Co		25.55	25.31	25.43	+.18
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Navistar		31.66	31.12	31.82	+.29
Penney JC		27.25	26.57	27.13	+.01
PepBoys		13.08	12.45	13.05	+.15
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Pharmacia		42.22	41.71	41.88	—.12
PhelpDodge		40.45	39.29	40.16	+.35
PhilipPet		53.60	53.05	53.56	+.59
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Textind		39.20	38.54	39.00	—.04
Texasinst		30.70	29.48	30.50	+.30
Textron		54.14	53.56	54.00	+.47
TriconGlbF		44.82	44.25	44.41	—.64
TrinityInds		21.50	20.96	21.42	+.47
TritonEngy		44.75	44.70	44.72	+.01
TylerTech		2.50	2.40	2.40	—.06
USX-Marathn		28.06	27.70	28.05	+.41
USX-USS		19.30	18.60	19.15	+.45
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UnitedTech		74.85	73.90	74.00	+.13
Unocal		33.79	33.20	33.41	+.31
Viacom Grp		15.62	15.35	15.39	—.28
VerizonComm		55.55	54.30	55.33	+1.27
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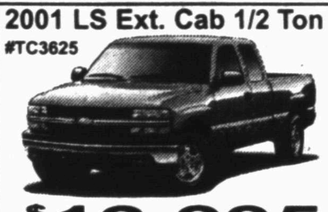


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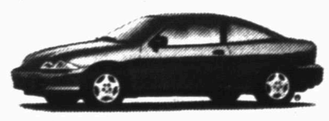


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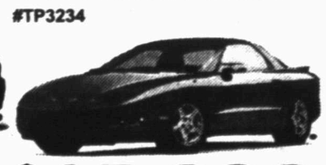


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By Greg Gruben, County Extension Agent

Tree Pruning
DON'T

• Do not top your tree. Topping is unfortunately a common practice designed to encourage vigorous new growth. While that is achieved, the overall strength and structure of the tree is sacrificed. The limbs that are forced from latent buds are very often weakly attached which makes them susceptible to wind damage. Pollarding is often confused with topping, but this practice is followed by thinning and is more technically demanding. Many Europeans use this practice to dwarf their trees.

• Do not make sub cuts. Do not leave a portion of the branch sticking out; this will allow rot to enter more easily.

• Do not remove all of the lower limbs on newly planted trees. This is sometimes referred to as 'limbing up.' Some of the lower branches should be left intact for a period of time to encourage caliper growth. No more than one-third of the top growth on younger trees should be removed.

• Do not make cuts flush with the trunk or adjoining limb. The proper cut is made flush with the collar at the base of the branch. The collar is the somewhat raised area surrounding the branch union will the parent or trunk. This zone contains chemically protective issues: if it is cut off or severely cut into, proper natural 'healing' cannot occur. And, once this area is damaged, it is damaged for good. Trees have the unique ability to compartmentalize or surround injured issues with a protective barrier.

• Do not cut large limbs with a one-cut method. This will surely result in bark peeling from the weight of the cut limb. Rather, use the three-cut method.

• Do not use pruning paints or dressings. They do not encourage 'healing,' nor do they prevent pathogens from entering the tree. Although they will not damage the tree, they will certainly prove to be an unwarranted cost. Painting could be justified where aesthetics are concerned. A dark paint can hide the glaring spots made from fresh wood being exposed from a recent cut.

DO

• Do approach the tree, and look for any limbs that might be a hazard to someone underneath it or to a building or structure nearby. Broken or weak branches, narrow croten angles, and other obvious faults should be identified. First and foremost, thee limbs should be taken care of.

• Do remove any dried or dead materials on the tree.

• Do remove limbs that are rubbing each other or cross over one another. Limbs that rub will develop wounds that attract insects and diseases.

• Do remove excess vertical sprouts. Some may need to be left in place to encourage caliper growth.

• Do prune to encourage fruiting. In the case of fruit trees, thinning out of limbs will allow allocation of nutrients, etc for fruit production. In addition, practices such as open-center pruning allow sunlight penetration for fruit ripening.

• Do choose to keep branches with wide crotch angles. Wide crotch angles are generally from 40 to 90 degrees, and are very strong as a result of being composed of solid wood. Narrow crotch angles are less than 40 degrees and contain a bark inclusion that causes them to be very weak. Narrow crotch angles should preferably be pruned out while the tree is still young. In older, established trees, bracing and cabling may be the only resort.

• Do prune the tree to your liking. There are many different ways that one particular tree may be pruned. Even experts will have different opinions on which branch to remove. The bottom line is: whatever you like is what you should do, so long as you utilize proper cutting techniques and pruning methods.

• Do keep in mind that you should always have a reason for every cut that is made.

Information taken from Horticulture Update, July 2001

Markets

Colorado City

The Colorado City Livestock Auction had a run of 969 head of cattle for the Saturday, July 21, sale. Compared to last week: Feeder steers and heifers were steady to $4 higher. Slaughter cows were steady to $1 higher, and bulls were steady. Bred cows and pairs were steady in a light test. Trading was active and demand good.

Feeder steers:
200-300: 116-125
300-400: 110-118
400-500: 99-105
500-600: 90-95
600-700: 79.75-84.50

Feeder heifers:
200-300: 104-111
300-400: 96.50-104
400-500: 89.75-96
500-600: 84-89
600-700: 80-84
700-800: 70-75

Replacement cows
Older cows: 550-630
Younger cows: 465-560
Pairs: 680-730
Aged: 625-640

Slaughter cows:
Breakers: 1000-1250 Lbs. 3042
Boners: 1000-1200 Lbs. 38-44
Lean: 900-1200 Lbs.: 36.50-42
800-1000: 33-37.50
Slaughter Bulls: 1300-2100 Lbs. 52.50-57.75
Low Dressing: 1000-1300 Lbs. 49-54

Lubbock

The Lubbock Stockyards, Inc. had a run of 958 head of cattle for the Thursday, July 19, sale. Cows were $2 to $3 cheaper. Calves and yearlings were steady. Trading and demand were good.

Slaughter cows
(High dressing — cutters — utilities: 40-48
Canner and low cutters: 35-41
Slaughter bulls: 50-58
Feeder steers — choice:
300-400: 105-125
400-500: 90-108
500-600: 85-100
600-700: 85-92
700-800: 77.50-84
Feeder heifers:
300-400: 100-115
400-500: 85-105
500-600: 85-92
600-700: 75-83
700-800: 72-81
Feeder Bulls — good and choice:
500-600: 83-93
700-800: 70-77
Cow and calf pairs:
Good: 650-775
Grade: 550-650
Springers: 425-710
Baby calves: 75-210
Doodlers: 150-240

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Conditions that are not of your making could have an affect upon your career, status or ambitions. They may show a marked improvement in the year ahead. The important thing is to make the most of them.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — A promise to do something you've been hoping would come about may come from a very unanticipated source today. You'll be able to count on this person's word. Know where to look for romance and you'll find it.

The Astro-Graph Matchmaker instantly reveals which signs are romantically perfect for you. Mail $2.75 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — An opportunity that normally isn't open to you might drop in your lap today, just when you're not looking. It will be instrumental in helping you fulfill a career ambition.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — If things haven't been too nifty lately for you in the romance department, hold onto your hat. Dan Cupid is shooting his arrows today, and you could get swept off your feet.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — A plan you have in mind to help enhance your material security appears to be right on target, but execute it quickly, because it may be fleeting.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Chances are your first thoughts will be your best ones today, so should you have to make a snap decision, trust your judgment, even if you think it's a bit risky.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — The financial winds are blowing pretty strong in your direction today, but they could shift without warning. Take quick advantage of anything that comes your way.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Even though you might meet someone today through abnormal circumstances, any social contacts you make could end up having greater significance than usual.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Not one, but two possible rainbows may be on the horizon today, with each carrying a pot of gold for you at its base. Claim them quickly before someone else spots the loot.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — An associate may surprise you today by making something possible for you that you couldn't do on your own. You'll recognize that he or she is a better friend than you realized.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — A financial situation that comes into being today strictly by chance is going to work out to your advantage. It may make it possible for you to purchase something nice for yourself.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Members of the opposite gender are likely to find you far more appealing today than usual. If you're unattached, a romance could even be in the winds at this time.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — More than one person with whom you are involved today could unexpectedly do something nice for you, purely on impulse. It'll be because of the pleasant manner in which you conduct yourself.

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Rodriguez wants to work behind cameras

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Michelle Rodriguez, one of the stars of "The Fast and the Furious," also would like to work behind the cameras.

"I really don't feel that for the rest of my life ... I'm going to be satisfied just being an actress," Rodriguez told reporters.

She made her film debut in last year's "Girlfight."

"I have to be part of both worlds because I want to see, you know, how these people handle it." She'd also like to write a screenplay.

Yates is moved from isolation

HOUSTON (AP) — Although she is still under suicide watch, the Houston woman accused of drowning her five children is no longer being held in isolation at the Harris County Jail.

Andrea Yates, 37, has been moved to a cellblock with other psychiatric inmates. Yates is charged with capital murder of sons Noah, 7, and John, 5.

They, along with siblings Paul, 3, Luke, 2, and Mary, 6 months, were found dead June 20 in the Yates' Houston home. Each had been drowned in the bathtub.

A spokeswoman with the Harris County Mental Health/Mental Retardation Authority, which oversees the jail's psychiatric unit, said the unit Yates is in is a cellblock where psychiatric inmates have contact with each other.

Yates was moved Sunday night or Monday, the Houston Chronicle reported in its today editions.

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Helpful note becomes hurtful when delivered annonymously

DEAR ABBY: Over the years, you have recommended to readers that they clip one of your columns and show it to a particular person who may need to be made aware of some character flaw.

May I ask that you recommend to your readers that they not send these columns anonymously?

A dear friend of mine received a column of yours by mail with no return address or postmark. My friend was very hurt because she didn't feel the column applied to her — and after having read it, I agree with her.

After receiving that column, she has missed at least one social event because she was afraid of offending someone. It is very sad.

I understand that in some circumstances, someone might think an anonymous note is in order, but I urge your readers to stop and think before sending one. The recipient is placed in the awkward position of knowing that someone she knows is annoyed with her, but doesn't know who. — **SCARLETT IN SAN DIEGO**

DEAR SCARLETT: When I tell people to "clip this column and share it" with someone, what I have in mind is a face-to-face conversation — using the column as a tactful way of showing that the breach of etiquette is common. For someone to send it anonymously is cowardly, unkind and cruel. For shame.

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DEAR ABBY: I got chills when I read the letter from Dave Brown about how he found a brand-new 2001 penny in his car.

That very day I, too, found a brand-new shiny 2001 penny in my truck. I thought of my dad the instant I saw it. He has been gone more than 12 years. I still have it; I carry it in my wallet. — **B.D., ORANGE, CALIF.**

DEAR B.D.: I'm glad the discovery of a penny makes "cents" to you. Since you find it comforting — that's terrific. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: I loved the stories about the pennies from heaven. To my chagrin, my late husband would pick up any and all loose change he found on the ground, proclaiming himself to someday be rich because of what others threw away. Even if it was just one penny he would stop, bend over and pick it up. He has been gone just over a year, and whenever I saw a coin on the ground I would think of him and be a bit sad.

No more! After reading your interpretation of what these coins could mean, I smile each and every time I see a shiny penny. Thank you, Abby, for taking a sad memory and turning it into a happy one. — **RICHER BECAUSE OF PENNIES FROM HEAVEN**

DEAR RICHER: You're welcome. The "pennies from heaven" letters were a subject that many people have taken to heart and commented upon. I catch myself singing "... and if it keeps on thundering, don't run under a tree, there'll be pennies from heaven for you and for me" in the mornings when I'm taking my shower. (The acoustics are great in there.) Read on:

DEAR ABBY: Recent letters in your column about the symbolism of finding pennies prompt my own.

I am 74 years old. Every time I see a penny on the ground I bend down to pick it up and say to myself, "99 more bends and I'll have a buck!" — **OL' MAN TOM IN LONG ISLAND, N.Y.**

DEAR OL' MAN TOM: You are indeed penny-wise. However, if you crouch down to pick up a dollar's worth of pennies, you won't have to spend them on medication to relieve the pain in your lower back you'll get from bending.

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Dear Abby is written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanne Phillips.

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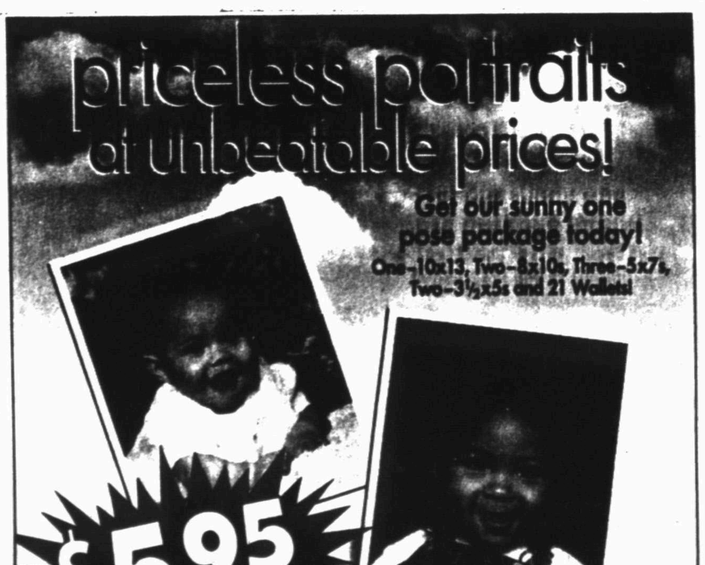
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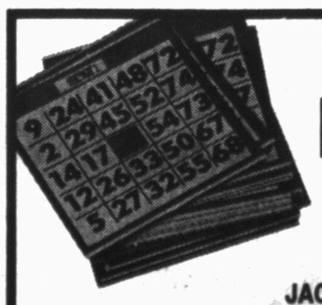
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Poll shows Laura Bush very popular

WASHINGTON (AP) — The public has a positive impression of first lady Laura Bush after her first six months in the White House, a new poll says, even though many say they don't know a lot about her.

"She seems low-key, but she seems to have some steel to her. Unlike other first ladies, there's not that much in the press about her personal life," said federal worker Robert Little as he took a lunch break on the National Mall. "I don't know that much about her."

Mrs. Bush has made a positive impression on the public during her six months in the White House. Sixty-four percent have a favorable view, according to the poll by the Pew Research Center for the People & the Press. And she isn't running into the resentment faced by Hillary Rodham Clinton in the 1990s.

"Laura Bush has got very wide acceptance ... she's almost the anti-Hillary," said Carroll Doherty, editor of the Pew poll. "She's not nearly as divisive, broadly accepted, but she hasn't yet made a strong impression on the American people."

When people were asked which presidential wife has embodied the role of first lady, they were more likely to mention Nancy Reagan, Barbara Bush or Hillary Rodham Clinton than the current first lady. Political analysts suggest this may reflect a lack of knowledge about Mrs. Bush.

She plays host to a White House summit on early learning at Georgetown University later this week, and to the National Book Festival in September — highlighting her interest in education and reading.

Men were just as likely as women to have a positive view of Mrs. Bush. One-fourth of Democrats saw her unfavorably in the poll. Half of Republicans viewed Mrs. Clinton unfavorably early in her husband's term and more than a third of men viewed her unfavorably.

The poll about Mrs. Clinton came in May 1993, after the public had been adjusting for more than a year to several different styles by Mrs. Clinton. First, she was an assertive campaign spouse who seemed to be almost a political partner to her husband, then she scaled back her campaign style to a more traditional role. Once in the White House, she again took on a very high profile as leader of a commission on health care reforms.

"She carried the disadvantage of that transformation during the campaign," said political analyst Kathleen Hall Jamieson.

"People who were upset with Mrs. Clinton in the political world ... recognized her as a strong, intelligent, highly educated woman, but many didn't agree with her policy positions," said Jamieson, dean of the Annenberg School for Communication at the University of Pennsylvania.

The poll of 1,003 adults was taken July 2-12 and had an error margin of plus or minus 3.5 percentage points.

Mrs. Clinton, now a New York senator, had plenty of supporters as well, with six in 10 viewing her favorably at the start of her stay in the White House, and almost that many view her favorably now.

When people were asked what word best describes Mrs. Bush, they offered such responses as "nice," "lady," "classy," "intelligent," "quiet" and "good." The same question about Mrs. Clinton drew such answers as "intelligent," "smart," "bossy," "good," "aggressive" and "domineering."

People seem to view Mrs. Bush as personally consistent — from her low-key campaign personality to the private role she now plays in the White House.

"People seem to recognize Mrs. Bush as somebody being genuine," said Ruth Mandel, director of the Eagleton Institute of Politics at Rutgers and an expert on women in politics.

Those under age 30 were less likely to view Mrs. Bush favorably (53 percent) than citizens over 50 (73 percent).

Katherine Harris eyes bid for Congress

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (AP) — Secretary of State Katherine Harris, Florida's best-known female politician after the five-week recount that sent George W. Bush to the White House, apparently wants to join the president in Washington.

Harris' political advisers are "trying to put together the best campaign team that they can" for a congressional run in 2002, state GOP executive director David Johnson told The Associated Press.

Harris, who has nearly a year to formally enter the race, refused Tuesday to confirm she was running, but added she's confident she can "make a difference" in Congress.

"People have been extremely encouraging and supportive," said Harris, who would will seek the 13th District seat being vacated by Rep. Dan Miller, a Republican who has said he plans to retire after his fifth term.

Even with adjustments under next year's reapportionment, the district would favor a Republican candidate, especially one with Harris' name recognition and wealth. She listed her net worth at $6.5 million in her most recent financial disclosure.

"She's going to have name recognition beyond reason," said Ed Moore, president of the James Madison Institute, a conservative public policy research group in Tallahassee. "Anybody that doesn't know the name Katherine Harris in the state of Florida has been asleep the last 12 months."

Adam Goodman, a veteran GOP media adviser, would handle Harris' campaign advertising. Goodman served as Harris' media adviser in 1998 when she ran successfully for secretary of state after one term in the Florida Senate.

Harris, 44, became a favorite target of Democrats and took a drubbing in the media, but won praise from Republicans for her handling of the recount. She also helped push through an election reform package to quiet critics.

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Depression may require specific treatment

DEAR DR. GOTT: For eight years, I've been treated for depression with Librium, without any improvement whatsoever. I'm wondering if I'm depressed because I have depression, if you see what I mean. How long will this go on?

DEAR READER: I do see what you mean. It's true that some patients are made more depressed by their depressions. However, I doubt that this is your problem.

Most forms of depression are now recognized to result from a chemical imbalance in the brain. I'm not referring to the obvious causes of depression, such as loss of good health, a job or a loved one. In these instances, there is reason enough to be depressed. Moreover, the passage of time, coupled with counseling and support from friends and family, is usually enough to cure the depression. Unfortunately, typical depression does not usually have such an obvious "external" cause.

I suspect that you have had a "chemical" depression for several years and haven't improved because your doctor is not treating the affliction. Librium is a tranquilizer used to treat anxiety. It is not an anti-depressant and will not be particularly effective in relieving your symptoms.

In my opinion, you need a prescription medicine that specifically corrects the chemical imbalance in your brain. Several such drugs are now available and can be astonishingly effective. They include Prozac, Wellbutrin, Zoloft, Paxil and many others. If your doctor is chary about prescribing such antidotes - and he may well be because this is a complicated new specialty called psychopharmacology - ask him to refer you to a practitioner who is more familiar with this field. Your depression will probably continue until you are given the proper anti-depressant therapy.

To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Medical Specialists." 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: Our son was prescribed Dilantin for several years. He stopped taking it when he married. When we talk with him on the phone, we can tell he is not thinking right. He is in the armed services, and we're not sure what to do.

DEAR READER: Dilantin is customarily given to people who have had seizures; it is an anti-convulsant for patients with epilepsy and other similar neurological disorders. If your son were prescribed the drug for this reason, he should not have discontinued it without being under the supervision of a neurologist.

Patients requiring Dilantin may have seizures if they stop the medicine, so your son may have placed himself at real risk when operating a motor vehicle, swimming or engaging in dangerous activity. Also, some forms of epilepsy can adversely affect thought processes.

Fortunately, not all patients given Dilantin for convulsions will have to continue treatment indefinitely. If a person has been seizure-free for a year or more, a neurologist might elect to discontinue the drug or reduce its dose to see if the patient has difficulty without it. However, this period requires close monitoring, hardly the kind of follow-up a serviceman is likely to receive.

I urge you to share this information with your son and encourage him to consult with the proper medical authorities. Not only his life, but the lives of his comrades-in-arms may be in jeopardy.

If your son refuses this advice, I think that his civilian doctor should write the physician assigned to your son's military unit and explain the medical history. In this way, both your son and his fellow soldiers will be protected.

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Senate spars over Mexican trucks

WASHINGTON (AP) — Senate Minority Leader Trent Lott accused Democrats today of an anti-Hispanic attitude as the fight intensified over proposed safety standards for Mexican trucks entering the United States.

"I don't think it should be an ugly debate," responded Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle, D-S.D.

With the Bush administration already having issued a veto threat for provisions it considers too harsh, Lott said efforts to impose restrictions on Mexican trucks that would be tougher than requirements for Canadian trucks were a double standard. President Bush wants to let Mexican vehicles drive throughout the United States beginning Jan. 1 under the 8-year-old North American Free Trade Agreement, and wants more lenient regulations.

"It bothers me that there's an anti-Mexican, anti-Hispanic, anti-NAFTA attitude among Democrats that says, 'We really don't want to allow Mexican trucks to come into this country,'" Lott said in a written statement.

Daschle challenged Lott to present evidence to back up that assertion, and told reporters that supporters of the stronger requirements merely want to ensure that Mexican trucks are held to high safety standards.

He also noted that the House — with the support of many Republicans — voted overwhelmingly last month to block Mexican trucks from entering the United States under any circumstances. He said Lott should check with those House Republicans "to see whether they're anti-Mexican and anti-Hispanic."

At a White House meeting, Bush told lawmakers: "I believe strongly we can have safety measures in place that will make sure our highways are safe. But we should not single out Mexico — Mexico's our close friend and ally, and we must treat them with respect and uphold NAFTA and the spirit of NAFTA."

Lott's comments underlined that some Republicans see the issue as one that could prove politically potent among Hispanic voters.

His remarks came as the Senate resumed work on a $60.1 billion measure — financing transportation programs for fiscal 2002 — that contains the disputed language. Work on the legislation ground to a near halt Tuesday as opponents of the truck safety requirements promised to drag out debate in an effort to soften them.

Wall Street watchers fear more trouble for market

NEW YORK (AP) — Even after the painful second-quarter earnings season ends for Wall Street, investors shouldn't expect any relief for their battered portfolios, market watchers say.

It is very likely that the coming weeks will bring more losses because investors, despairing amid poor earnings and an even poorer outlook for the future, simply have more incentive to sell rather than buy. That was quite evident Tuesday, as the Dow Jones industrials had their second straight triple-digit decline.

The market rebounded slightly today, with the Dow rising 71.61 to 10,312.73, the Standard & Poor's 500 index gaining 5.67 to 1,177.32 and the Nasdaq composite index also up 5.67 at 1,964.91. But, overall, the market's mood was nervous at best.

Births

Allen and Helen Fox of Monahans announce the birth of their daughter, Helen Julia Fox, at 4:05 a.m. on July 21 in Odessa Medical Center. She weighed seven pounds, and seven-tenth of an ounce. Her brothers, Charles, Todd and Joseph Fox, welcomed Helen Julia home.

Maternal grandparents are Loredia Potts and great-grandmother, Opal Jenkins, both of Monahans. Paternal grandparents are Forrest and Julia Fox of Snyder.

Man arrested at Allsup's for possession of controlled drug

•Arrests

Joseph Allen McBee, 41, of 18306 Easy Street in Jonestown, was arrested at the Allsup's in Hermleigh early this morning. McBee was taken into custody for possession of a controlled substance and for an outstanding warrant out of Harris County.

McBee was found with cocaine, less than one ounce. The warrant was for contempt of court, non-payment of child support.

Officers arrested a 44-year-old man in the 1300 block of 26th Street Tuesday on nine outstanding warrants. The warrants included one for displaying an expired license plate, one for no driver license, one for failure to maintain financial responsibility and six for failure to appear before a judge.

A 25-year-old man was taken into custody at 10:30 p.m. on charges of assault, family violence.

Officers were called to the scene by a woman who advised the man came to her residence, busted the door down and started a fight with another man inside the residence. An offense report for assault, family violence was filed.

•Truck fire

9-1-1 dispatchers were alerted to a truck on fire 20 miles north of Snyder on U.S. 84. The 11:15 p.m. call Tuesday advised that only the truck was on fire, not the flatbed it was pulling. The 2000 Freightliner 2½ ton truck was driven by Gary Terpening of Edgewood. He was hauling building materials on a flatbed gooseneck trailer and was not injured. Fire marshal Cy Posey said the cause of the fire was electrical. Two fire trucks and 13 firefighters responded, and sheriff's deputies assisted with traffic.

•Burglaries

Frank Selvera requested an officer at 1104 20th Street at 10 a.m. Tuesday in reference to a possible burglary. Selvera reported a black cordless telephone that was left outside was missing.

Marcus Clay requested an officer at 3412 Ave. M Tuesday afternoon in reference to a burglary of his residence. Clay reported five magazines, an ink pen and some stamped envelopes missing.

•Forgery

C.R. Perez requested an officer at Davidson's IGA in reference to a forgery in the amount of $80. An officer responded and made contact with the owner of the check who advised she did not give permission to the person who passed the check. The woman also requested a close patrol because the man who attempted the forgery also stole a key to her residence.

•Assault

Officers filed an offense report for Class A assault, family violence at 3:15 p.m. Tuesday.

Atlantis returns to Earth

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — Space shuttle Atlantis swooped through the night sky and touched down smoothly, completing its mission to install a new passageway for spacewalkers at the international space station.

The shuttle and its five astronauts landed on the floodlighted runway at Kennedy Space Center late Tuesday after a one-day delay caused by rain.

"Boy, did we have a really good flight," astronaut Janet Kavandi said early Wednesday after emerging from Atlantis.

The space station and its three residents were soaring above the Atlantic when the shuttle ended its 13-day, 5 million-mile journey. The clouds were high and sparse and there was no rain around. A line of showers had prevented the shuttle from landing Tuesday morning.

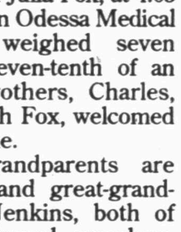
It was only the 18th space shuttle touchdown in darkness in 20 years. Infrared cameras showed the incoming spaceship as a ghostly white blur from as far out as 70 miles.

Obituaries

Opal Evans

1913-2001

Graveside service for Opal Alene Evans, 88, is set for 8:30 a.m. Friday in the Fluvanna Cemetery. Dr. Chris Alltrock, a grandson-in-law and Church of Christ minister, will officiate. Arrangements are under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.



Opal Evans

Mrs. Evans, a former longtime Snyder and Fluvanna resident, died Monday, July 23, in the Oak Ridge Manor Nursing Center in Brownwood.

Born July 18, 1913 in Mena, Ark., to the late James A. and Lenora Barton Gatlin, she moved to Scurry County in 1931. She married Bunyon Evans on Oct. 28, 1933 in Hermleigh. He died Aug. 25, 1996.

She was a homemaker and a member of Trinity United Methodist Church.

Survivors include a daughter and son-in-law, Nelda and Kenneth Hardin of Brownwood; three sons and daughters-in-law, J.V. and Carolyn Evans and Troy and Betty Evans, all of Brownwood, and Ricky Don and Terri Evans of Lorenzo; one sister, Edna Mearse of Snyder; 16 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Friends are contributing to the American Cancer Society, Box 1396 in Snyder; the American Diabetes Association, 2209 N. Big Spring, Suite J, in Midland, 79701; or to the National MS Society, 1031 Andrews Hwy., Suite 201, Midland.

Family visitation will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday at Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Edward Osborn

1909-2001

SNOHOMISH, Wash. – Edward J. Osborn, a former resident of Snyder, died July 17 in a Snohomish nursing home.

Funeral service for Mrs. Osborn, 91, was held Saturday at the Schaefer-Shipman Funeral Home in Marysville, Wash. Burial followed in the G.A.R. Cemetery in Snohomish.

Born Oct. 6, 1909 in Wiggins, Colo., Mr. Osborn had been a resident of Tipton, Iowa, before moving to Snohomish two months. He was a former resident of Snyder and also of Evergreen, Colo., where he managed the Indian Creek Ranch.

Survivors include his wife of 58 years, Laura Jane Osborn; a son and daughter-in-law, Don and Diane Osborn of Longmont, Colo., and formerly of Snyder; two daughters and sons-in-law, Sally and Dennis Cram of Everett, Wash., and Jane and Verne LeRoux of Denver, Colo.; three sisters, Goldie Littrell, Helen Dukeman and Pansy Brant and her husband, Jude; six grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Essie Wood

1915-2001

Essie Bell Rinehart Wood, a former resident of Snyder, died Tuesday, July 24, in Scenic Mountain Medical Center in Big Spring after a lengthy illness.



Essie Wood

Funeral service for Mrs. Wood, 86, is set for 2 p.m. Thursday in East Side Church of Christ with Tom Holcomb, minister, officiating. Burial will follow in the Dunn Cemetery under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Born March 16, 1915 in Comanche County, she married Carl Wood on March 9, 1929 in Snyder. He died Feb. 9, 1989.

A homemaker, Mrs. Wood had lived in Scurry County since 1928. She moved from Snyder to Big Spring about 5½ years ago. She was a longtime member of the East Side Church of Christ in Snyder and was a member of the 14th and Main Church of Christ in Big Spring.

She also was preceded in death by a daughter, Evelyn Meador, on Aug. 9, 1987.

Survivors include three sons and two daughters-in-law, Daryl and Doris Wood of Big Spring, Bill and Barbara Rinehart of Arlington, and Wallace Rinehart of Burleson; 11 grandchildren, including Daryl Meador of Snyder; 17 great-grandchildren; and 9 great-great-grandchildren.

Family visitation is set from 7 to 8 this evening at the funeral home.

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events

WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

Masters Degree

The Masters Degree will be held at 7:30 p.m. Thursday at the Snyder Masonic Lodge.

Car wash

Hermleigh High school cheerleaders will have a fundraising car wash starting at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Wal-Mart. Donations will be accepted which will go to pay for camp and uniforms.

Class of 1966 reunion

The SHS class of 1966 will hold a reunion Friday and Saturday. Anyone with classmates' addresses is asked to contact Janeen Patterson at Box 208, Snyder.

Cisneros family reunion

The Cisneros family reunion will be held Friday and Saturday at the Willow Park Inn. For more information, call 915-263-3430.

Class of 1976 reunion

The SHS class of 1976 will hold its reunion Saturday at Jack Greene's pasture. For information, call Lorinda Hardin at 573-2700 or Sherry Thompson at 338-0026. The website is classmates.com.

Huddleston family reunion

The 57th annual family reunion for the descendants of John and Mollie Huddleston is set Saturday at the Baptist Student Center at Western Texas College. Registration begins at 9 a.m.

Children's Saturday fun time/VBS

Children's Saturday fun time has joined the Vacation Bible School at Avenue D Baptist Church, 324 30th St. Sessions are planned from 9 a.m. until noon on Saturday during July. The VBS is for those who have completed kindergarten through the sixth grade. This year's them is "Truth Trackers." For more information, call 573-6878 or 573-0971.

Appreciation service

The public is invited to an appreciation service in honor of Reid (Magic) Johnson. The service, "Saving the Best for Last," will be held at 3 p.m. Sunday at The Word Is Life Church, 312 Coliseum Drive, to show appreciation for Johnson's stewardship of the Sunday Morning Gospel Program on KSNY.

SHS football booster club

The SHS football booster club will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the film room. "Meet the Tigers Night" set for Aug. 11 will be discussed.

Gateway Family support group

Gateway Family Services will offer family support groups for family violence victims from 6-7 p.m. starting next Wednesday. There will be groups for adults, for children under four and for children four and older. To attend, call 573-1822.

Kids' College project pick-up

All projects from Kids' College summer session need to be picked up next Wednesday at the continuing education building on the WTC campus. Projects may be collected from 8 to 5 p.m. Monday through Thursday.

Certified nurse's aide program

Snyder Oaks Care Center will conduct a certified nurse's aide program starting Sunday, Aug. 5. Classes will be held each weekend, for a total of 75 hours. Call 573-9377 or 863-2426 for more information.

WTC swimming pool

The WTC swimming pool is open for public use. Lap swimming: M-TH 6:30-8 a.m. Open swimming: M-TH 2-5 p.m. Cost is $3 per person or $50 for a semester pass. The pool is also available for parties on Fridays and Saturdays. For more information, contact Mike Harrison at 573-8511, ext. 279.

Free lunch program

The free lunch program at Central Elementary continues through Friday. Meals are served on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from noon until 1 p.m. All children who qualify for free lunches at school may eat. An adult accompanying a child will also be served. For more information, call 573-6915.

Mesquite Country Writers Guild

Mesquite Country Writers Guild invites citizens to send in original poetry to be considered for publication in the newsletter, "Bards of a Feather." The limit is 20 lines and the theme is fall and the holidays. Deadline is Sept. 15 to mail entries to MCWG, Box 237 in Ira, 79527, or e-Mail to dade@bigcountry.net.

Condit to help FBI create a profile of Chandra Levy

WASHINGTON (AP) — FBI agents are sitting down with Rep. Gary Condit to create a profile of Chandra Levy they hope will help solve the former intern's disappearance. Condit, meanwhile, received a sharp rebuke today from a Democratic colleague and friend.

"I will say that through his actions and behaviors, Congressman Condit has brought controversy and discredit to his family, his district and the Congress," Rep. Charles Stenholm, D-Texas, said in a prepared statement.

Stenholm stopped short of calling for Condit to resign, saying "ultimately it remains the prerogative of each congressional district to elect who they wish." The Texan said he is reserving judgment in case the House conducts an ethics investigation and must vote on a punishment.

While police say Condit is not a suspect in Levy's disappearance, he did not admit until his third interview with authorities that he had an affair with the California woman and is currently being investigated for possible obstruction of justice.

Stenholm and Condit have been longtime leaders of the "Blue Dog" conservative Democrats in Congress, who sometimes break with their party on social and fiscal issues.

Meanwhile, lawyers for Condit, D-Calif., agreed Tuesday for their client to speak with FBI profilers after a new agent assigned to the case offered to do it without questions from local police, according to sources familiar with the FBI's contact with the congressman.

The sources, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said the session could occur as early as this week, depending on Condit's schedule.

The sources said the FBI told Condit's lawyers they intended to conduct the session without Washington police present. City police have interviewed Condit three times.