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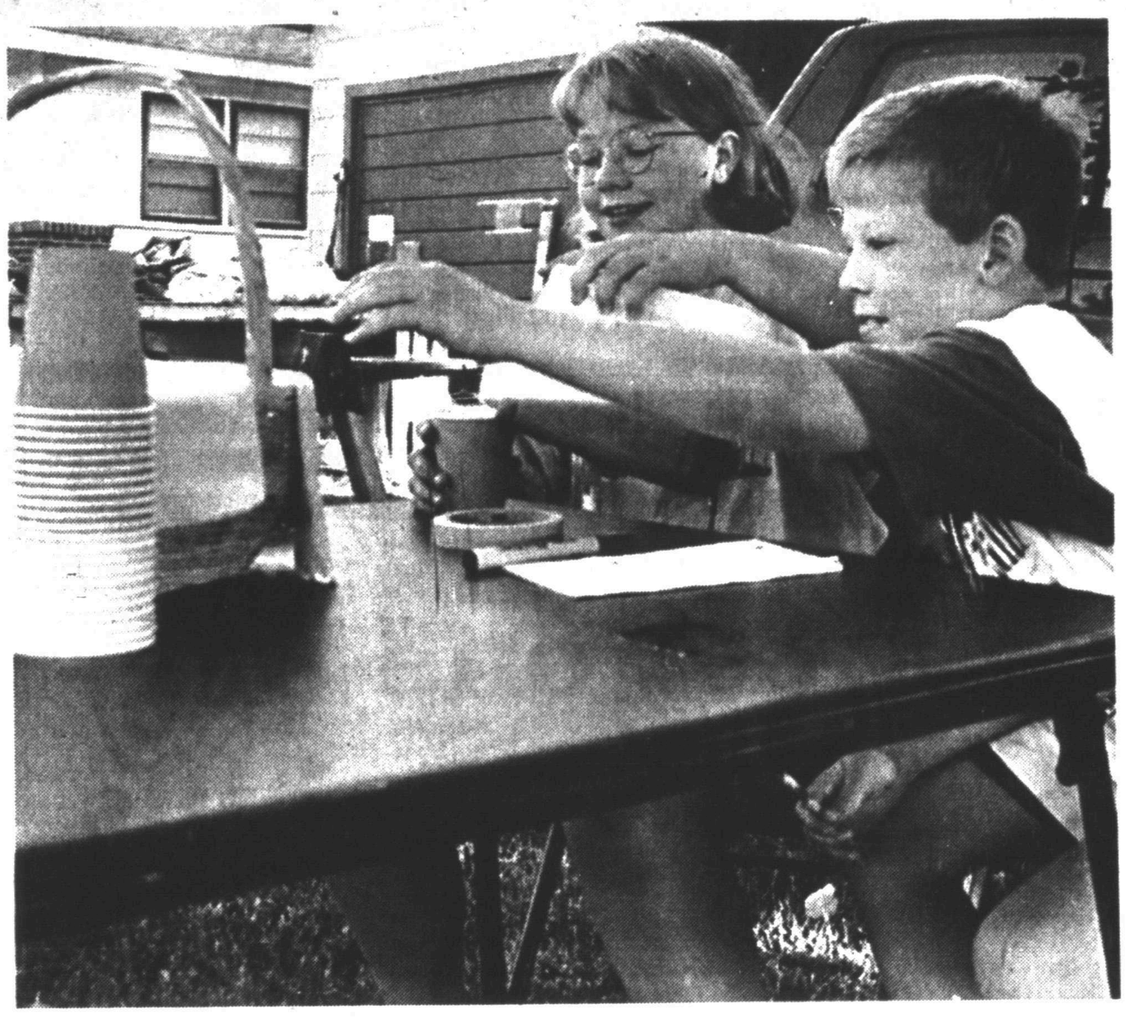

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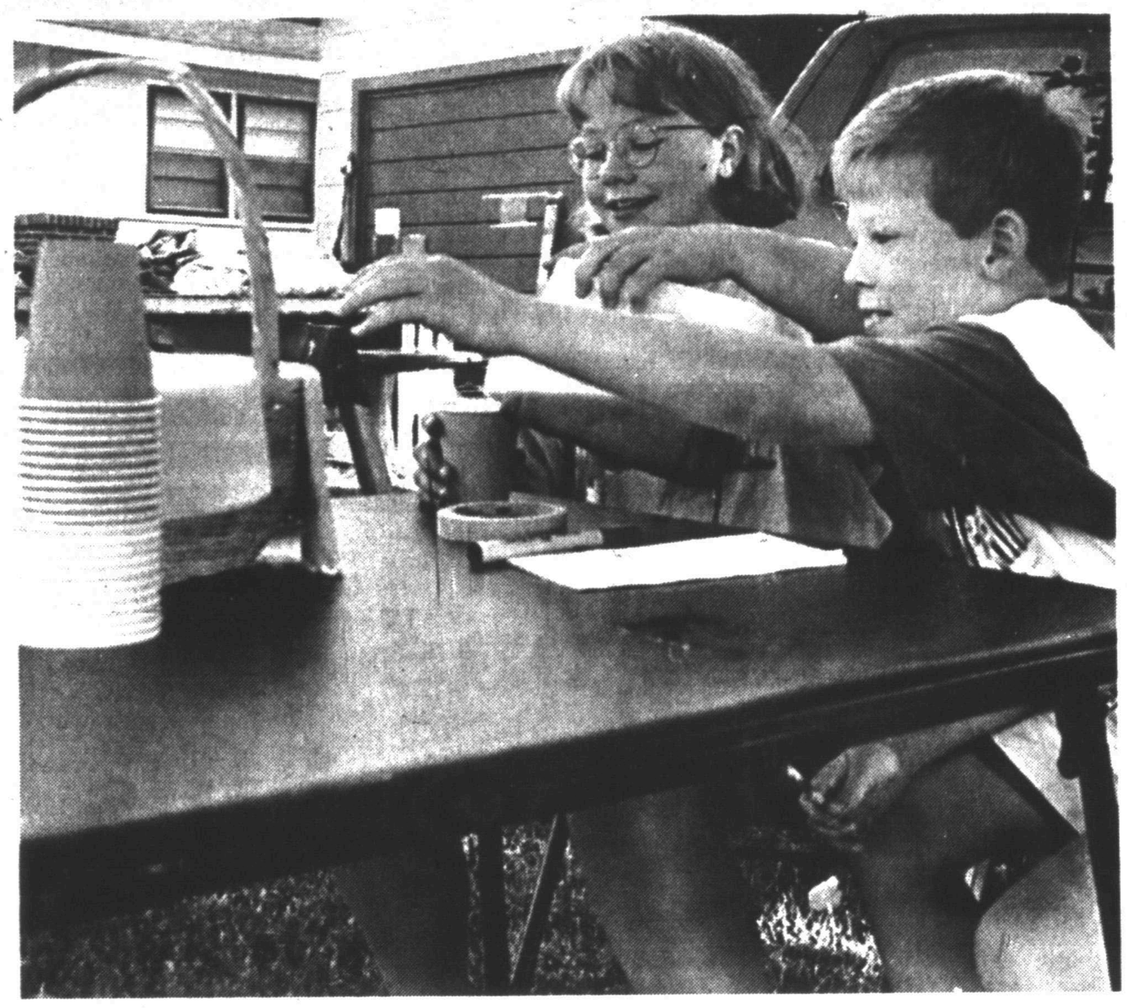

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"The argument that the burden of DSH cuts falls squarely on the backs of high-DSH states cannot be denied," they wrote. "These cuts are arbitrary and unfair."

The letter was circulated by three Texas congressmen: Houston Democrats Ken Bentsen and Gene Green, and Republican Joe Barton of Ennis.

Republican authors of the plan defended the cuts as necessary to achieve a balanced budget. There also has been concern that some high-DSH states have abused the program by shifting funds for other uses.

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Cuts could prompt higher local taxes in counties with public hospitals, and in other cases result in reduced service or denial of care, some predict. Unreimbursed costs also could be shifted to insured patients, they say.

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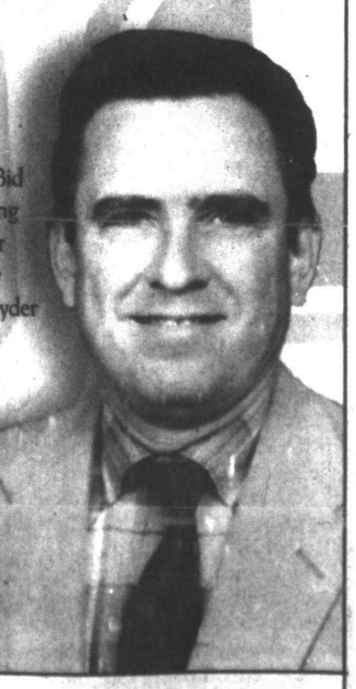

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Few blacks enrolled in Texas, UC law schools

BERKELEY, Calif. (AP) — Sometimes in her classes at the University of California's Boalt Hall law school, Jennifer Madden would find herself catching the eye of a fellow black student.

"We could just look at each other and we'd have the same look," said Madden, one of 31 blacks who enrolled at Boalt in 1994.

She can't imagine what it's going to be like this fall, when only one black student is expected in the incoming class of 270 — the first group admitted since the University of California ended affirmative action.

"Being one of 31, I still felt that I had support and I had guidance. One — there's definitely a lot of implications," said Madden, who graduated this spring.

The vanishing black law student was a phenomenon at two other major law schools that dropped affirmative action this year — the University of Texas and the University of California at Los Angeles. As of July, Texas was expecting four black students compared with last year's 31; UCLA was expecting 10, down from 19.

Hispanic enrollment dropped from 28 to 14 at Boalt, 42 to 21 at Texas and 45 to 41 at UCLA.

In addition to the higher admissions standards, officials blamed the decrease on better offers from private universities, student concerns that they weren't welcome at the affirmative action-free campuses and fear of being stranded in a sea of white.

For a while, it appeared Texas would have just one black student this fall. But then Malcolm LaVergne withdrew his deposit and decided to go to Cornell University. Other blacks have since decided to enroll at Texas.

LaVergne, a Houston-area native who is graduating with honors from Stephen F. Austin State University, said the media scrutiny at Texas would have been too much to endure during the typically hellish first year of law school.

"The situation I was going to be coming into was going to be cameras in my face, probably. Reporters all around asking all these questions, 'What's it like being the only black?'" he said. "It's not a situation I wanted."

Race-based admissions at the Texas law school were banned by a federal appeals court ruling, while the University of California system voted in 1995 to eliminate racial preferences. The policy first took effect with graduate students entering in 1997. It won't apply to undergraduates until 1998.

With race disallowed as a consideration in admissions, Texas and the University of California are free to take into account such factors as a student's socioeconomic background or any individual hardships.

Nationally, law school applications from all races dropped about 9 percent. But the drop-off was steeper for blacks and Hispanics.

At Boalt, 27 percent fewer blacks applied, 304 vs. 414, and 24 percent fewer Hispanics, 355 vs. 467. Of those, 14 blacks were admitted, down 81 percent from 1996, and 39 Hispanics, down 50 percent.

This fall, 38 percent fewer blacks applied to UT's law school, 225 vs. 361, and 14 percent fewer Hispanics, 306 vs. 354. Of those, 11 blacks and 34 Hispanics were admitted, down from 65 blacks and 70 Hispanics last year, drops of 83 percent and 51 percent.

Enrollment is not complete, so the makeup of the classes could change.

At Boalt, all 14 of the black students admitted declined to attend. The one black student who is coming had deferred enrollment from the year before.

Texas and the University of California would not release the names of any of the blacks admitted.

Behind the statistics is the question: How will this play out in the classroom?

Boalt third-year law student Marvin Peguese said he believes everyone loses. He recalled one class discussion about the family of a domestic violence victim that had tried to sue the city for not providing adequate police protection but was stymied by a court ruling that the city was not liable.

School sued over son's death

BEAUMONT (AP) — The parents of a Lamar Academy student who hanged himself have sued Lamar University and academy administrators, contending that psychological abuse by academy employees contributed to the boy's death.

Gabriel Kelly's parents, Mark and Carol, received a temporary restraining order Friday preventing Lamar from destroying, altering or censoring any records dealing with their son. The hearing for the restraining order was held before District Court Judge James Mehaffy. The lawsuit was filed Thursday.

Kelley, 17, was found hanging by a lamp cord on April 30 in Brooks-Shivers Hall on the university's Beaumont campus.

Fernando C. Gomez, vice chancellor and general counsel for the Texas State University System, said the suit is unfounded and the university is not responsible for the boy's death.

"I believe this lawsuit is an unfair attempt to blame the university and individuals without basis in fact for a very tragic incident," Gomez said. "It's the sort of thing that the university regrets, but emphatically denies legal liability."

Kelly's parents believe the harassment stems from a World Wide Web Internet site that their son was creating that was critical of the school.

They allege that the school created false disciplinary notices and informed Kelly that he had to show them to his parents.

The suit also contends that Lamar officials knew as early as December 1996 of policy violations and problems with administrators in the academy.

A committee of Lamar professors reported four months before Kelley's death that "extreme changes are indicated if the University is to avoid a lot of bad publicity and perhaps a tragic event," according to the suit.

The Texas Academy for Leadership in the Humanities allows academically talented high school juniors and seniors to complete their final two years of high school while taking college classes at Lamar. Academy administrators Jean LaGrone and Dorothy Sisk are also named in the lawsuit.

Darren Umphrey, an attorney representing Kelley's parents, said his clients' are trying to prevent another tragedy.

"It's about ensuring that certain changes are put in place at Lamar University so something like this doesn't happen again," Umphrey said.

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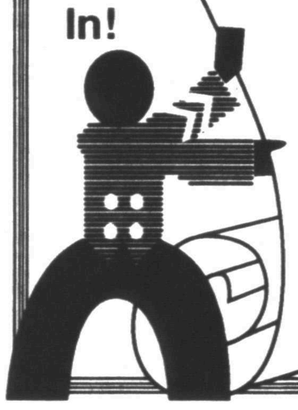

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Paid For By Ruth Shaw

Clinton, GOP bicker over higher Medicare premiums

WASHINGTON (AP) — A Senate-approved plan to increase monthly premiums for the most affluent Medicare recipients is hitting political turbulence as President Clinton and Republicans argue over how to carry it out.

In addition, White House chief of staff Erskine Bowles predicted Friday that the eligibility age for the health-insurance program for the elderly would not be raised in any budget-balancing measure signed by Clinton.

Both ideas for revamping Medicare are included in budget-balancing legislation being negotiated by lawmakers and White House officials. Bargainers hope to complete compromise versions of that measure and an accompanying tax-cut bill by Aug. 1.

Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss., on Friday opposed administration demands that higher premiums for the most affluent beneficiaries be processed by the Internal Revenue Service. The reason: It would make the increased monthly payments look like a tax increase, political anathema to most Republicans.

"That's kind of a poison pill that would turn it into a tax," Lott told reporters.

The Senate bill would increase the current $43.80 monthly Medicare premium for people earning $50,000 a year or more. To avoid the perception of a tax increase, the Senate would have the Health and Human Services Department administer the higher Medicare premiums.

Clinton has said he is willing to consider raising those premiums for the most affluent, which is overwhelmingly popular in public opinion polls. Administration officials say running it through the IRS would double the expected $3.9 billion in five-year savings because that agency already tracks people's income.

Chief White House lobbyist John Hilley told lawmakers that with the extra savings from using the IRS, the increased premiums could start at a higher income level and be raised each year to account for inflation, congressional aides said.

Despite the dispute, Senate Minority Leader Tom Daschle, D-S.D., predicted the final budget-cutting bill would raise premiums for the most affluent elderly, but that changes would be made.

Bowles made his comment on raising the Medicare eligibility age during a private meeting with House Democrats, according to participants in the session who spoke on condition of anonymity. Speaking briefly to reporters later, he went almost as far when asked if the proposal was dead.

"From the president's viewpoint, we don't see how it makes any sense whatsoever to create a whole new class of uninsured people, so I would guess it is," the chief of staff said.

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Trucker missing for four days found dead in C. Texas ravine

GATESVILLE (AP) — After four days of searching, authorities have found the body of a missing truck driver who apparently died when his rig veered off the road and into a deep ravine.

The body of Raymond E. Swindle, 61, was retrieved Friday morning, ending an intensive search between Waco, where he picked up a load of concrete Monday, and his hometown of Sweetwater.

Swindle, 61, left a Waco loading dock around 12:15 p.m., witnesses said. Authorities theorize he crashed about 45 minutes later along U.S. Highway 84, about six miles east of Gatesville. Gatesville is 45 miles west of Waco.

His truck ran off the left side of the road, through a fence and down a gully, making it invisible from the highway, Texas Department of Public Safety spokeswoman Sherri Deatherage Green said Friday.

The truck struck several trees as it careened into the gulch, she said.

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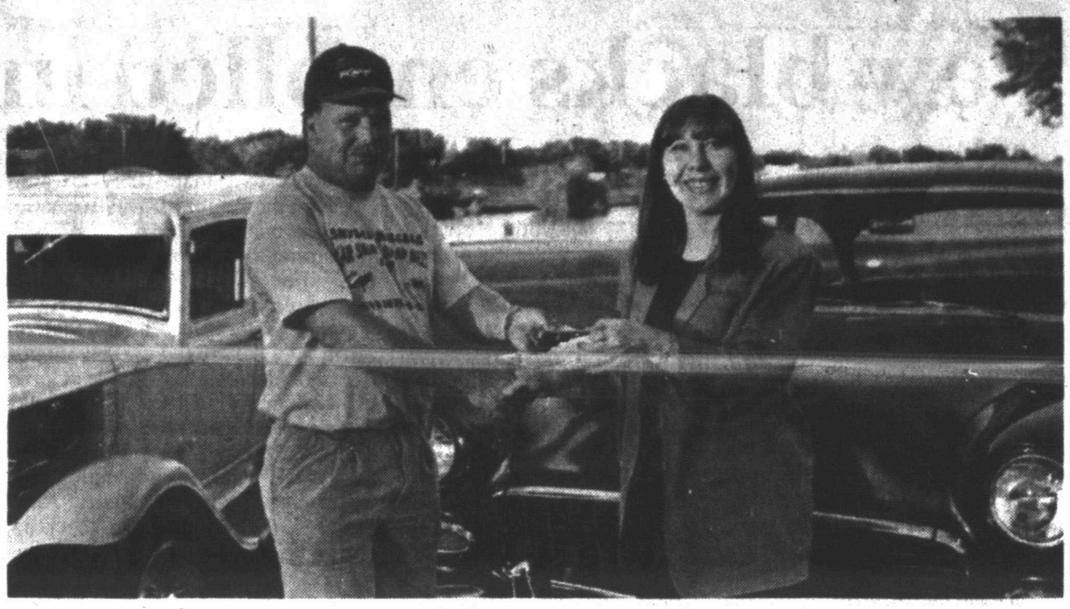

DONATION — David Cain, president of Snyder Wheels Club, recently presented a monetary gift to Noah Project-West, represented by Dee Wilson, right, service area director. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Ex-Navy worker gets 9 years for passing classified papers

WASHINGTON (AP) — A former Navy computer specialist was sentenced to nine years in prison for passing classified materials to officials in his native South Korea.

At his sentencing Friday before U.S. District Judge Leonie Brinkema in nearby Alexandria, Va., a tearful Robert C. Kim, 57, contended that his actions never amounted to espionage and blamed what he did on "stupidity and naivety."

"I am not and was not a spy for South Korea," Kim said, reading a prepared statement. "I'm quite cognizant of the fact that I crossed a line that I wasn't supposed to cross."

But prosecutors told Brinkema that Kim, who became a U.S. citizen in 1974, was hardly a victim. Assistant U.S. Attorney Robert Chesnut pointed to audio and video tapes that show Kim negotiating with South Korean officials.

"He owed us his complete loyalty and fidelity, and he betrayed us," said Chesnut.

One hundred members of the South Korean legislature, of which Kim's brother is a member, sent a petition to the judge asking leniency. So did 23,000 Korean citizens.

Only Kim and his attorneys spoke on his behalf at the sentencing, although Kim's family — including his brother — were present.

Authorities arrested Kim last September after they said he gave the classified information to a South Korean naval official. In a plea agreement, prosecutors agreed to drop charges of giving defense information to a foreign government, and Kim pleaded guilty to the lesser charge of conspiracy to commit espionage.

Date Book

July 12, 1997

Today is the 193rd day of 1997 and the 22nd day of summer.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1957, Dwight Eisenhower became the first U.S. president to ride in a helicopter.

On this day in 1977, President Jimmy Carter defended the U.S. Supreme Court decision to limit government payments for abortions.

On this day in 1984, Walter Mondale named Geraldine Ferraro as his presidential running-mate.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Gaius Julius Caesar (100 B.C.-44 B.C.), Roman statesman; Henry David Thoreau (1817-1862), writer-naturalist; R. Buckminster Fuller (1895-1983), architect-writer; Pablo Neruda (1904-1973), poet; Milton Berle (1908-), comedian, is 89; Andrew Wyeth (1917-), artist, is 80; Van Cliburn (1934-), pianist, is 63; Bill Cosby (1938-), comedian-actor, is 59; Richard Simmons (1948-), fitness advocate, is 49.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1949, the first integrated baseball all-star game included Jackie Robinson and Roy Campanella.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Don't fight forces; use them." — R. Buckminster Fuller

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1989, 67 beef cattle were killed when lightning struck the tree under which they were standing.

SOURCE: 1997 Weather Guide Calendar; Accord Publishing, Ltd.

TODAY'S MOON: First quarter.

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July 13, 1997

Today is the 194th day of 1997 and the 23rd day of summer.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1837, Queen Victoria became the first monarch to occupy Buckingham Palace.

On this day in 1939, Frank Sinatra made his first record with the Harry James Orchestra.

On this day in 1960, John F. Kennedy won the Democratic presidential nomination.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Nathan Bedford Forrest (1821-1877), Confederate cavalry general; Edward Flanagan (1886-1948), Catholic priest; Jack Kemp (1935-), football player-politician, is 62; Harrison Ford (1942-), actor, is 55; Roger McGuinn (1942-), musician, is 55; Cheech Marin (1946-), comedian-actor, is 51; Spud Webb (1963-), basketball player, is 34.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1943, the American League defeated the National League in the first night-time all-star game.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Get there first with the most men." — Nathan Bedford Forrest

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1993, Barrow, Alaska, (America's northernmost town) hit a record high temperature of 79 degrees.

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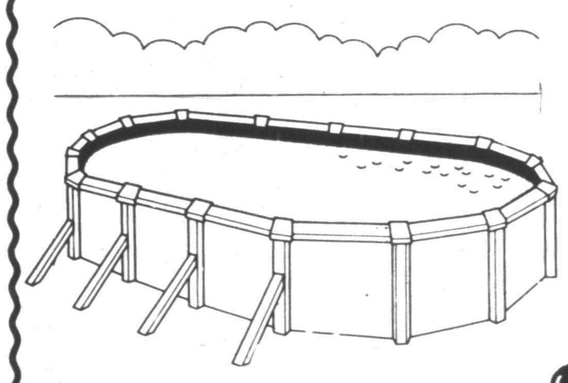

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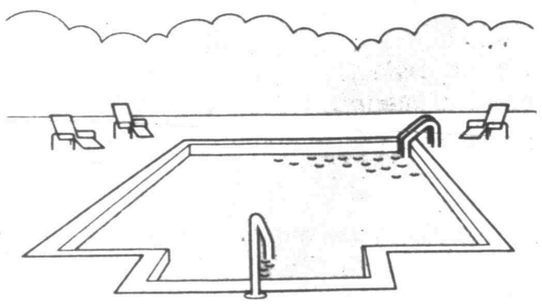

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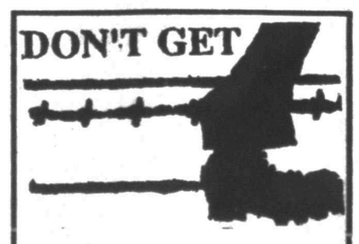

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Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Sunday, July 13, 1997

In the year ahead you could be successful in two unrelated areas, provided you manage your time and efforts wisely. Learn how to walk between the two narrow lines.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Serving as an arbitrator might not be the best of notions today. Do not put yourself in the middle between two warring factions. Cancer, treat yourself to a birthday gift. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead by mailing $2 and SASE 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) Appreciative friends will try to help you today. If you put down their efforts, when next needed, you might be told to fend for yourself.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Be extremely prudent in joint endeavors today, especially if you are linked up with someone who tends to be a bit impractical.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) It is imperative today that you are very selective about whom you go for counsel. A poor choice could get you more confused than when you started.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Too much valuable time might be wasted today worrying about things that may never happen. Act first, then fret later if you feel you need an outlet.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) When handling the resources of another today, treat it as a sacred trust. Make every effort to live up to the esteem in which you're held.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Protect your self-interests today, but do so in ways that do not take advantage of your associates. Be sure there is parity for all concerned.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Take care to discern between your hunches and feelings of apprehension today. Do not treat negative thoughts as intuitive perceptions.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Do not be taken in today by a friend who never seems to have money on his or her person when the check is due. Slip away from the table first.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Do not put yourself in a position today that allows others to make important decisions for you. You know what's good for you, but they may not.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Put your total focus on your work today, even if you're merely performing mundane tasks. Mistakes are likely if your mind is allowed to wander.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Try to avoid situations today where you have to make a decision in opposition to your mate. If it is done in public view, hostile reactions may follow..

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Your Birthday

Monday, July 14, 1997

Even though many new and exciting involvements will attract your attention in the year ahead, personal gratification will come from completing projects you initiated in the past.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) A business matter could take a turn for the better today, provided you don't muddy the waters. Do not interfere if you begin to sense that things are running smoother. Major changes are ahead for Cancer in the coming year. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions today. Mail $2 and SASE 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) Cooperative endeavors have much better chances for success today than things you attempt to do alone. Find competent allies to work with you.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Something beneficial is starting to brew for you now where your career is concerned. It is likely you will become more aware of it today.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Associates who have treated you fairly in the past might make a different pledge to you today. They are sincere and will try to fulfill their promise.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) You stand to gain more than you realize regarding an involvement that is coming to a close. Make haste slowly and profit from all of its ramifications.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) You might get caught in the middle of adversity today. Keep your cool; things should work out to your advantage through unique developments.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You stand to benefit abundantly today if you maintain a positive attitude and ignore the negative comments and contributions of co-workers.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) This could be a rather fortunate day for you, with friends playing key roles in your affairs. Lady Luck may smile upon you in the social realm.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) In several situations where you previously suffered rejection, positive forces are operative. You are on a roll, so make it count.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Today, your efficacy in dealing with clubs or large organizations could be superb. These are the critical areas where Lady Luck might intervene.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Pigeonhole your least significant objectives today and dedicate your efforts to those that are unquestionably important.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Substantial support can be generated today to help you with an idea you cannot develop unaided. Start talking to the right people as soon as possible.

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TRIVIA

Scriptwriters **Dean Devlin** and **Roland Emmerich** hatched the idea for *Independence Day* while promoting *Stargate*.

WAL-MART MATCHES FUNDS — Snyder Lady Tigers, 14 years old and under, received bake sale matching funds from Wal-Mart, presented by manager Mark Henson. The $300 check was accepted by (from left) Kristin Murray, Katie Voss, Whitney Webb, Morgan Clements and their coach, Jackie Murray. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Several arrested for selling victims' names

HOUSTON (AP) — A Houston Fire Department clerk and two law firm workers have been charged in a bribery scheme to sell confidential accident victim information to law firms.

Data entry clerk Lacoxie Mitchell Mask was charged with bribery for selling names of patients picked up by ambulances to law firms in June, said Jim Mount, an assistant district attorney for Harris County.

James Okolo, part owner of the Medlock & Associates law firm, was also charged with bribery. Okolo is not an attorney.

Herschel Butler, who is associated with Wilkins & Associates, was also charged with bribery.

The three, among six people arrested Thursday in the case, face between two and 20 years in prison if convicted.

The other three people arrested in the case were not immediately charged and their names have not been made public.

According to Mount, Okolo and Butler each paid fire department employees in June for the names of about 100 accident victims.

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Cogdell Memorial Hospital

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Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

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Leaving Abusive Relationship Is Harder Than It May Seem

DEAR ABBY: I work in a domestic violence/sexual assault center in Pennsylvania. After reading the letter from "Sick and Tired of Voluntary Victims in Oregon," may I offer some facts?

Women who are in abusive relationships are not "stupid." Abuse is sinister and can sneak into a relationship. Getting out is difficult because many women have strong emotional attachments to their partners, and don't want to acknowledge that they are being abused. Abusers are highly manipulative. They may repeatedly promise never to do it again, threaten suicide if the woman leaves, threaten to harm the kids if she leaves, or not allow her to hold a job so she cannot save money to escape. They also may deny her access to transportation.

Sometimes the abuse begins when the woman becomes pregnant. Many women in abusive relationships have no choice about whether to use birth control, especially if the man controls the finances and doesn't allow her enough money to purchase birth control. Also, women in abusive relationships may not have the option to say no to sex.

As for the women who manage to leave — a few statistics:

Studies in Philadelphia and Chicago reveal that almost one-fourth of women killed by male partners were separated or divorced and 28.6 percent of the women were attempting to leave the relationship.

According to the Pennsylvania Coalition Against Domestic Violence, 75 percent of domestic violence homicides occur *after* separation. Also, women who call police may encounter responses such as, "Be a better wife and he won't have to hit you."

Abuse is about power and control — keeping the woman from having freedom of choice. I suggest that "Sick and Tired" look into the issue. Go to the library and check out the women's studies section. It will provide current information about violence against women. Better yet, call your local domestic violence shelter and volunteer.

IN THE TRENCHES
IN PENNSYLVANIA

DEAR IN THE TRENCHES: I agree. Volunteering in a shelter would be an excellent way to learn firsthand about the fear, intimidation and self-esteem issues that thousands of women are facing, usually alone with no support.

I received a barrage of responses after "Sick and Tired's" letter and poem appeared in my column. About 20 percent were from individuals congratulating the writer for having "told it like it is," regardless of the political correctness of her opinion. The other 80 percent came from women who had experienced domestic violence, deploring the judgmental and insensitive attitude of the author.

According to Haven House in Pasadena, Calif., the first battered women's shelter in the United States, 21 percent of all women who use hospital emergency surgical services are battered; 6 million American women are beaten each year by their husbands or boyfriends and 4,000 of them are killed. Battering is the single major cause of injury to women — more frequent than auto accidents, muggings and rape combined.

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DEAR ABBY: My purse, containing all my personal identification, was recently stolen. Without my ID, trying to prove I exist has been a frustrating experience.

I was unable to convince the Motor Vehicle Bureau and must go through the whole application process again. I notified the police department about my loss, closed my checking account and canceled all my charge cards.

Also in my purse was a booklet that is vital to my health. On the cover it stated, "If lost, by your mercy, please drop in any mailbox and the family will gladly pay the postage." It has not turned up. As an active octogenarian, my faith in common decency is shaken.

The Social Security office insisted on past medical records, which required my making two trips. My Social Security card and Medigap cards will arrive in due time.

Abby, perhaps your readers can learn from my experience. Tell them to photocopy all charge cards, front and back, and also their car registration and license, a voided check, their Social Security cards, health cards and health records. It can save them untold time and frustration in case there's a loss or theft.

BELLEFONTE, PA., READER

DEAR READER: It's not necessary for me to tell my readers. You have done it, and very succinctly. However, I'd add one more suggestion: Keep the photocopies in a secure place such as a safe-deposit box.

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DEAR ABBY: It gripes me that there's a continuing tendency in the movies and on television to misrepresent the South. Our part of the country seems to be a favorite lampoon target. If we can't laugh at ourselves, we have no right to laugh at anyone. But there are several common portrayals of Southern life that sho' 'nuff rile me!

A common mistake that's made by actors and actresses impersonating Southerners is to use the term "y'all," while speaking to and about only one person. Abby, everyone should know that "y'all" is a contraction of "you all," and obviously is plural. If we say "y'all" to an individual, we are referring to that person and at least one other.

We realize y'all like our accent, and we appreciate it. But a fake Southern accent is like fingernails on a chalkboard. Do it right or don't do it! Hire a true Southerner to advise.

We really can pronounce the letter "r" at the end of a word. We seldom use the phrase "li'l ol'." Few of us go by a double first name, such as "Jim Bob" or "Billy John." Some of us have never tasted a mint julep or sat in a magnolia tree. A number of us regularly wear shoes, at least in winter, and hardly anyone wears overalls anymore (not to church, anyway). Indoor plumbing is almost common now, and inbreeding is actually frowned upon in most circles.

I heard of a woman not far from Birmingham who scored above average on an IQ test! Not to brag, but I, myself, can correctly identify either of those letters three times out of four! Some Southerners don't even like grits. Usually, such people are accepted by society anyhow, except at really important affairs.

I hope this helps you Yankees, etc., to understand us ignorant Southerners a little better. After all, we can't all be fortunate enough to be born north of the Mason-Dixon line. So go ahead and laugh at us. But please do it with respect. Remember that we're trying to understand you, too. And we often do. Except when you talk.

Y'all come!

BAMA BUBBA

DEAR BAMA BUBBA: You have stated your case very well — and you have an excellent sense of humor. I'm reminded of the lyric from an old Phil Harris song: "And that's what I like about the South ..."

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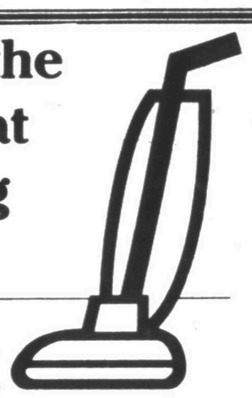

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Juiced-up orange juice may be wake up drink

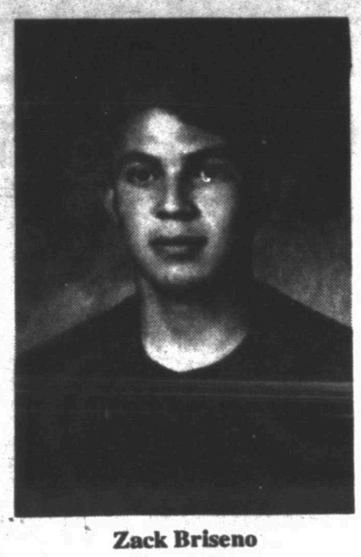
DALLAS (AP) — Feeling a little sluggish in the morning, but don't have time to put on a pot of coffee?

The quick pick-me-up you need could be orange juice with a jolt of caffeine. At least, that's what creators of a new drink are banking on.

Jim Hines, an executive with the Hailey, Idaho-based Diehard Beverage Co., said he came up with the idea while sitting in a coffee shop one morning. He figured that he and others around him were drinking "exotic" flavored coffee because they didn't like the taste of regular Joe.

"I really drank it just to wake up," said Hines, the Dallas-based senior vice president of sales and marketing.

He says he realized some people who drink coffee do it for the caffeine boost, even when it's hot outside or the middle of the afternoon.



Zack Briseno

Zack Briseno at LEAD camp

Zack Briseno is attending a LEAD Program at the University of California at Los Angeles (UCLA) which began July 5 and will conclude July 31.

Briseno is one of 330 juniors chosen from 2,000 applicants.

LEAD is an all-expenses paid summer experience that introduces minority high school juniors who qualify to the world of business.

Successful applicants live on a college campus, attend business classes and visit local corporations.

ULCA's LEAD Program is offered through its Anderson Graduate School of Business. The program includes a rigorous academic courseload and learning experiences outside of the classroom.

LEAD utilizes a three-phased selection process. All candidates are assigned a composite score based on class rank and standardized test scores.

A selection committee reviews the credentials of the applicants with the highest composite scores.

The committee considers academic performance, leadership ability and quality of written materials.

The LEAD application is comprised of several parts including biographical questionnaire, two original essays, and official high school transcript and two letters of recommendations.

African Americans, Hispanic American and Native American students in their junior year of high school are eligible to apply.

Eleven schools, including UCLA, host the institutes.

Briseno is the son of Joe and Eloisa Briseno. Maternal grandparents include Miguel and Eva Moreno and the late Joaquin Garcia. Paternal grandparents are Juanita Briseno and the late Eloy Briseno.

Secretary named

COPENHAGEN, Denmark (AP) — President Clinton promoted a senior Defense Department aide, John J. Hamre, to be the Pentagon's No. 2 official.

Hamre, nominated to be deputy secretary of defense, has been comptroller of the Pentagon since 1993.

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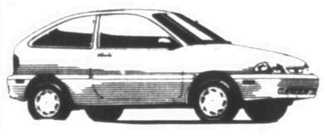

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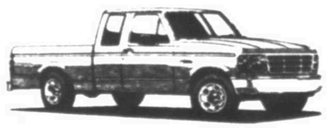

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Bombing case 'winnable,' investigator says

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (AP) — An investigator whose work yielded the only conviction in a 1963 church bombing that killed four girls says it will be tough for a renewed probe to yield more guilty verdicts.

But tough isn't the same as impossible, Bob Eddy said Friday.

"You can still build a good circumstantial case based on documents and people who are still around," he said. "I think it's winnable."

Eddy was commenting on the Justice Department's confirmation this week that it had reopened an investigation into the racist bombing of the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church.

Now retired, Eddy declined comment on whether he was now involved in the new probe. But he said new charges can be filed if the right people talk.

One of those may be Bobby Frank Cherry, a one-time Ku Klux Klansman long identified as a suspect in the bombing.

Cherry, 67, of Mabank, Texas, met this week with authorities working on a case that was renewed after black leaders in Birmingham urged a newly arrived FBI official in 1993 not to let the case die.

The agent, Robert Langford, said he found the FBI had "a huge amount of information." He said the FBI felt it could be "a prosecutable case" and that Eddy, who helped win the lone conviction in the bombing case in 1977, was brought in to assist.

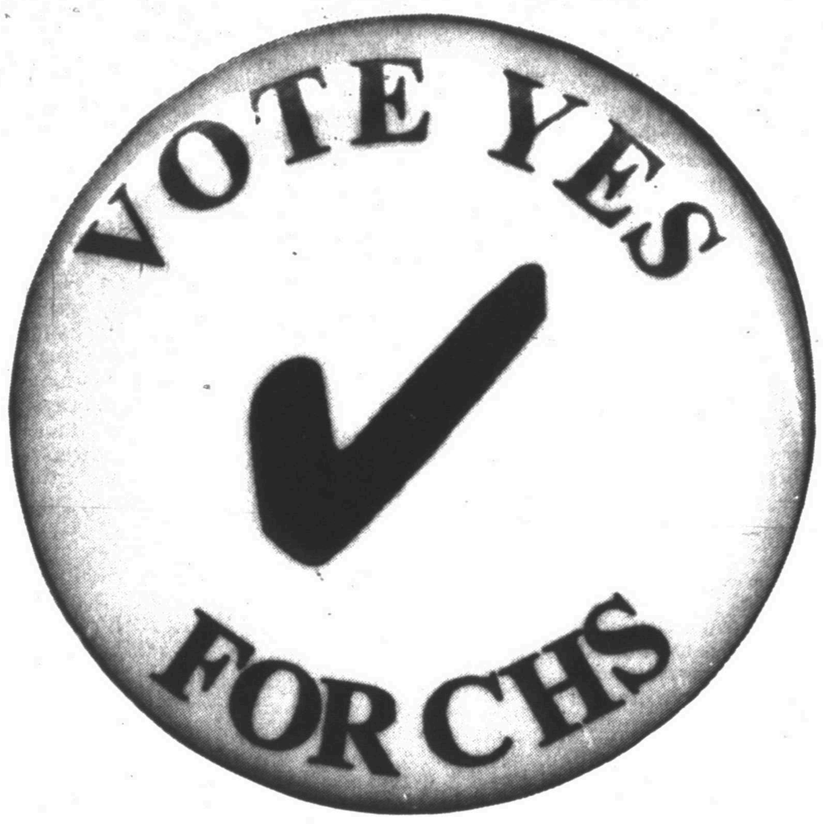
Cherry was interviewed by at least one investigator near his home in Henderson County, Texas, Chief Deputy Ronny Brownlow said Friday.

"I'm almost sure he came in on his own," said Brownlow, whose department provided a meeting room. "We know very little about it."

Cherry did not return telephone messages left at his home over two days.

But numerous news accounts of the bombing have quoted him as denying accusations he planted the bomb while others waited in a car outside the church.

A powerful dynamite blast ripped through an outside wall of the building on Sunday morning Sept. 15, 1963.



The decision about whether to lease Cogdell Memorial Hospital to Community Health Systems (CHS) will be made after polling Scurry County through public referendum. Here are some key issues concerning CHS' proposal to lease Cogdell:

** CHS commits to at least $4 million in enhanced services, upgraded technology and other projects to expand local healthcare delivery.

** CHS will recruit physicians as determined by the need of the community residents. The objective will be to keep healthcare right here in Snyder.

** CHS is based in Brentwood, Tennessee, and St. Mary's is based in Lubbock, but sponsored by St. Joseph Health System in Orange, California. Neither organization could survive over the long-haul if it were to lose money. No matter what you call it, both organizations need to operate a "profitable" hospital.

** CHS is successful because of its focus on the communities we serve. The only way to be profitable is to have satisfied customers. We know it takes good service to build business and that's what we provide at 38 other communities around the country.

** To raise the money for needed improvements, local residents may need to consider a $6-$8 million bond issuance if the hospital continues to operate as a non-tax paying community entity.

** CHS is a private company that spent $52 million last year on upgrades for their 38 hospitals and recruitment of needed physicians for our communities. We plan to spend about $60 million in healthcare improvements in our communities next year. (And that's over and above what CHS pays to buy the hospitals.)

** CHS will pay Scurry County $8 million in upfront lease payments for a 30 year lease of Cogdell Memorial. Amortized over 30 years, that's $46 million.

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SPORTS

DUGOUT FUN — Three Snyder All-Stars share a light-hearted moment in the dugout during their 5-1 victory over Merkel. Pictured are, left to right, Bradley Price, Garrett Pinson and Jeremy Lopez. (SDN Staff Photo by Eric Drennan)

Astros take one-game lead with 10-0 victory

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Everything that was going wrong for the Houston Astros before the All-Star break is going right. Everything that was going right for the Pittsburgh Pirates is going wrong.

The Pirates were one of baseball's biggest first-half surprises, unexpectedly seizing the NL Central lead at the break despite a $9 million payroll that is less than some teams pay out in incentive clauses.

But just when the Pirates were daring to dream the impossible dream — winning a division title in a season they were expected to lose 100 games — the Astros have brought them back to reality.

Houston got shutout pitching and across-the-board hitting for the second night in a row Friday to beat Pittsburgh 10-0 and open a one-game lead over the Pirates and St. Louis, a 7-1 loser in Chicago.

The Astros, winners of four in a row, have waited all season for a breakout series in which their inconsistent hitting and on-and-off pitching finally came together. They seem to have picked the right weekend to do it.

The Pirates, outscored 17-0 over the opening two games of what was billed a showdown series, were coming off sweeps of three games over the Chicago White Sox and four games over St. Louis.

"We're soon going to have to put on football helmets," Pittsburgh's Kevin Young said. "Those are a couple of football scores."

So far, the Pirates have been about as productive offensively as Albert Belle was in the All-Star game. They have been limited to 11 hits in two nights by Darryl Kile (11-3), one of the NL's most dominating pitchers, and Mike Hampton (5-7), who usually struggles to win anywhere outside of the Astrodome.

Hampton, who pitched a five-hitter, had been 0-7 on the road this season and 0-2 in 10 career appearances against Pittsburgh.

"Baseball is such a weird thing," said manager Larry Dierker, whose Astros lost two of three to Pittsburgh in the Astrodome June 23-25. "I've got to believe the Pirates played a lot better in St. Louis than they did the last two nights. Suddenly, we've got more than one or two guys hitting at the same time."

Derek Bell homered and drove in two runs during a 3-for-4 night, giving him five hits and three RBIs in the series. Craig Biggio had two more hits — he has six in two games — and Sean Berry contributed a double and a two-run single.

"The one thing we've talked about all year is we can't keep depending on (Jeff) Bagwell and Biggio game after game. They're not going to get it done every night," Dierker said. "So it's encouraging to see Bell and (Sean) Berry contribute. ... It's the kind of thing we've been waiting for all year long. You'd like to keep it going for a week or so and start to play with some confidence."

For the second night in a row, the Astros gave their starting pitcher a big advantage by jumping out to an early lead. They opened a 3-0 lead in the second Thursday against Jason Schmidt, who was coming off consecutive complete-game victories, then scored twice in the first inning Friday night against Esteban Loaiza (6-6), a winner only twice in his last 11 starts.

Bell had a run-scoring single in the inning, but the damage might not have been so bad if Young, making an infrequent start at third base, hadn't committed a run-scoring throwing error on Bagwell's grounder.

Pittsburgh had numerous chances to get back into the game, but Hampton retired three in a row after Jose Guillen singled and Kevin Polcovich walked to start the third, including Tony Womack on a hard-hit liner to short.

"That ball goes in the gap, maybe it's a different game," Pirates manager Gene Lamont said.

"We're just not swinging the bats well, and I don't know why," Young said. "I just know we need to pick it up with the sticks."

Enron head to aid effort for ballpark

HOUSTON (AP) — The chairman of one of the nation's largest energy companies will help Houston Astros owner Drayton McLane Jr. raise up to $5 million in private funds to help cover an expected shortfall in financing for a new downtown ballpark, the Houston Chronicle reported Saturday.

The newspaper quotes unidentified sources as saying Enron Corp. Chairman Ken Lay already had gotten guarantees from businesses for $33 million. Of that, $15 million would go toward land and site preparation, the rest toward construction.

But Lay has indicated he will try to squeeze more from big business after concerns arose last week that ballpark construction costs could exceed McLane's original $250 million estimate by $23 million, the sources said.

Lay could not be reached for comment Saturday. His Houston residential telephone number was not published.

Astros executive president Bob McClaren said he had not heard of Lay's renewed commitment, but he welcomes it.

"It would certainly bring down the contribution the public or the Astros would have to make," McClaren said. "It gives both parties more money to address other issues."

Last summer, Lay persuaded business leaders to contribute to the project as a way to build spur downtown revitalization.

Clueless in Seattle

Texas drops 6th straight to Mariners with 8-7 loss

SEATTLE (AP) — After watching their bullpen blow a four-run lead in the ninth inning, the Seattle Mariners felt ill.

"I think it made everybody sick," Russ Davis said. "Anytime you feel you have a game won and something like that happens, it's a sick feeling."

Still, Texas couldn't beat Seattle on Friday night. So what's new?

With Davis singling in the winning run with one out in the the ninth, the Mariners beat Texas 8-7 for their sixth win in a row and seventh in eight games against the Rangers.

The Rangers finished the game with Henry Mercedes as their catcher. All-Star Ivan Rodriguez left the game because of a mild sprain of his right ankle in the second inning.

The Rangers don't know how long he'll be out, but Rodriguez walked out of the dressing room after the game without a limp.

In the bottom of the ninth, Xavier Hernandez (0-3) walked Dan Wilson after striking out Jay Buhner. Amaral ran for Wilson and Paul Sorrento singled him to second before Davis' singled on Hernandez's first pitch to him.

The Mariners came back to win after a nightmarish ninth in which the bullpen couldn't hold a 7-3 lead for Jeff Fassero. In eight-plus innings, Fassero allowed five runs on nine hits and one walk, striking out eight.

Norm Charlton gave up a run-scoring single to Cedeno, and Bobby Ayala walked Mark McLemore with the bases loaded.

After allowing two inherited runners to score, Ayala (6-2) got the final three outs for the victory. After striking out Henry Mercedes, Ayala gave up a two-run single to Rusty Greer that tied the score, but got Juan Gonzalez to hit into a double play.

Fassero failed for the third time this month to get his ninth victory. He is 0-2 with a no-decision in July after going 4-1 in June.

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Snyder and Lone Star to play again for title

ABILENE — There is going to be a showdown Saturday night.

Lone Star defeated Snyder, 10-7, Friday night, forcing a rematch for the championship of the District 5 Little League All-Star Tournament.

Both teams will send their aces to the mound in the second meeting.

Billy Pena draws the start for Snyder and his counterpart will be Adrian Hernandez.

Lone Star began the scoring Friday night, sending three men home in the top of the first.

But Snyder answered back in the bottom of the inning.

With one out, Pena drew a walk from Lone Star pitcher Tommy Garza.

Then, with a stiff breeze whipping across from right field, Brady Reed blasted a 2-1 fastball over the center field fence.

Joseph Martinez tied the score at 3-3 for Snyder after reaching base on an error and scoring on a fielder's choice.

In the second, Lone Star's Marcus Johnson reached base on an error and moved to second on a single by Caleb Smith.

Two batters later, D.J. Sigala drove in Johnson with a base hit to center and Lone Star took the lead, 4-3.

With runners on second and third, Snyder pitcher Chance Greenwood retired the next two batters on a strikeout and a pop-up to the second baseman.

Jed Martin led off Snyder's half of the second with a walk.

Eric Dickerhoff then laid down a bunt-single, advancing Martin to second.

Two batters later, Greenwood knocked a two-RBI single to left. Greenwood eventually scored on an error, putting Snyder back on top, 6-4.

Lone Star added two runs in the third and two in the fifth, grabbing the lead, 8-6, entering the final inning.

With two away in the top of the sixth, Lone Star's David Brown reached base on a fielder's choice, bringing Hernandez to the plate.

With the count even at 1-1, Hernandez belted a towering home run, giving Lone Star a four-run cushion for the last half-inning.

Snyder tried to rally as Greenwood scored to bring them within three of the lead.

But the Lone Star defense was solid, keeping Snyder at bay and holding on for the 10-7 victory.

Saturday's game is scheduled for 7:30 at Abilene's Dixie complex. The winner will earn a trip to Ft. Worth for next week's sectional tournament.

Lone Star 10, Snyder 7

Lone Star: Hernandez, home run, triple and single; Israel Contreras, triple and double; D.J. Sigala, two singles; Demotric Sanchez, Anthony Sigala, Richard Garcia, Johnson and Smith, single. **Snyder:** Reed, home run and single; Greenwood and Dickerhoff, single.

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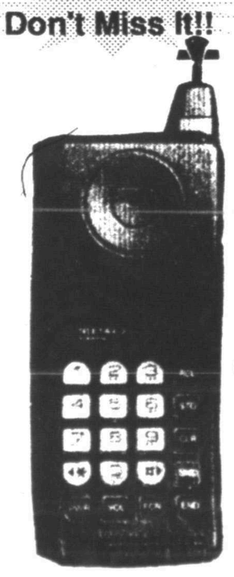

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First "Nomo Mania" swept LA now "Typhoon Irabu" hits NY

NEW YORK (AP) — On Day 2 of his New York Yankees experience, Hidèki Irabu was just like any other rookie pitcher, taking batting practice, checking out Monument Park.

The only differences were two dozen Japanese reporters and the pregame news conferences.

"The experience I received yesterday from my team is something I can never forget in my life," he said before Friday night's 3-0 victory over Detroit. "I became part of the team. I was overwhelmed by it."

In his major league debut, he struck out nine in 6 2-3 innings against the Tigers on Thursday night. He allowing two runs, five hits and four walks in the 10-3 victory before a sellout crowd to Yankee Stadium.

"Even Reggie and Catfish didn't have that kind of pressure, because they'd already been in," owner George Steinbrenner said as he walked through the clubhouse, referring to the Yankees' debuts of Jackson and Hunter.

Irabu arrived at the ballpark shortly after 4 p.m. in a casual shirt and jeans, changed into his uniform and took batting practice under the hot late-afternoon sun. Asked about his hitting, he shook his head to each side, then laughed.

"If I had to hit during a real game, the ball is going to disappear. I wouldn't see the ball at all," he said through interpreter Kota Ishijimi, who also dressed in a Yankees uniform Friday.

Much of New York was fixated on Irabu's debut. The New York Post greeted his arrival with its usual understatement:

"BANZAI!" screamed the banner headline on the front page. "BEAST OF THE FAR EAST" blared the back page in red kanji (Chinese calligraphy).

Thursday night's game, broadcast in New York on WPIX, got an 11.2 rating and 19 share (752,000 households), nearly double the Yankees' average of 6.6 on WPIX this season and the highest for the team in nearly nine years. The last Yankees game to rate that high was against Roger Clemens and the Boston Red Sox on Sept. 15, 1988, a 14.5.

About 4,000 "Typhoon Irabu" T-shirts were sold at Yankee Stadium during the game against the Tigers at $20 each, Steinbrenner said. To encourage sales, banners displaying a toll-free telephone number were hung in front of the box seats down each foul line.

Irabu took a stroll out to Monument Park, the area behind the left-field fence devoted to Yankees greats.

"All the players with the plaques out there, they are the legends, part of the tradition and history," he said, adding that it still was a shock to actually be wearing the famous pinstripes.

As he changed in the clubhouse and on the field, dozens of tiny bandages were visible, securing small magnets over pressure points on his body. There also was a tattoo on his right lower back.

He wouldn't reveal his activities after the game or during the day Friday, saying, "It's a personal matter." But he did say people are starting to recognize him around the city.

There also was debate on how to pronounce his last name. While it is "E-ra-boo" in Japan, with the accent on the first syllable, he's changing it to accommodate Americans.

"In the States, let's go with 'ihr-RAH-boo,' " Ishijimi said after consulting with the pitcher.

In Japan, the public broadcast network NHK televised the game on 52 billboard-sized screens in 26 Japanese cities starting at 8:35 a.m. local time.

Though rain kept the crowds thin, hundreds of fans settled in front of a 46-foot outdoor screen in Shinjuku, an area of downtown Tokyo filled with modern skyscrapers.

"He did a great job," said Katsuyoshi Suita, a clerk in a shop that sells dried seaweed. "It makes Japanese baseball look good when players raised here make it to the majors."

Irabu's next start will be at home Tuesday against Cleveland, third in the AL in hitting at .288.

"I'm not looking for him to pitch a no-hitter or a shutout every time out," Yankees manager Joe Torre said.

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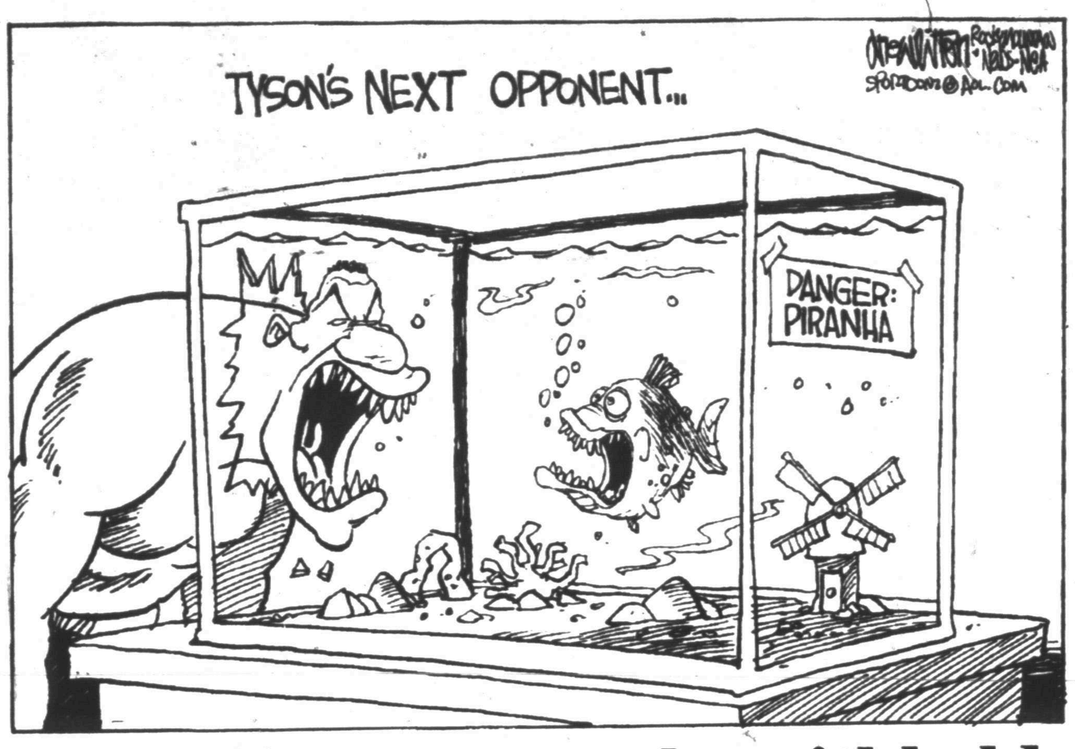

Boxers' purses can be withheld

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Stung by the fallout from the Mike Tyson-Evander Holyfield fight, Nevada officials put the boxing world on notice Friday that it better behave or be prepared to pay.

Gov. Bob Miller signed into law a bill that would allow the state to seize the entire purse of boxers guilty of unsportmanslike conduct in the ring.

The Nevada Legislature passed the bill following the June 28 heavyweight title fight between Holyfield and Tyson, who was disqualified for biting the champ's ears.

The Nevada State Athletic Commission on Wednesday revoked Tyson's boxing license and fined him $3 million, 10 percent of his purse. That was the maximum allowed to be seized under the old state law.

If Tyson could have lost all $30 million, he might have thought twice about biting Holyfield, Miller said.

"Someone should not be able to walk in the ring and walk away with $30 million after two rounds and two bites of ear," said Sen. Mark James, a Las Vegas Republican who sponsored the bill.

As originally drafted, the bill would have allocated any fines to domestic violence and child abuse programs. Instead, the new bill calls for payments to be made to the state's general fund. Miller said there were concerns about how the fines could be allocated to the various violence programs and which ones would benefit.

Miller said he decided to rush the signing of the bill when he realized another heavyweight championship fight was scheduled Saturday at Lake Tahoe, Nev. In that bout, Lennox Lewis defends his WBC title against Henry Akinwande.

Fergus goes for his first win in 14 long years at Quad City

COAL VALLEY, Ill. (AP) — In 1987, Keith Fergus gave up competitive golf. Seven years later, at age 40, he resumed his career. Now he's leading the Quad City Classic after two rounds in a bid for his first PGA Tour victory in 14 years.

Fergus shot a 6-under-par 64 Friday to go 9-under for the tournament. He has a one-stroke lead over Ed Dougherty and Robert Gamez. Russ Cochran, David Toms and former University of Iowa standout Sean McCarty were another shot back.

"I played on tour and had some success, winning three times, but I wasn't enjoying it any more. I wanted to see my kids grow up," said Fergus, who coached the University of Houston golf team during his sabbatical.

"A few years ago, I felt I wanted to play again — just to see if I could do it. And my kids are teen-agers now; they don't want to be around me. So I said, 'To heck with this, the clock is ticking.' This is what I was meant to do."

Fergus, who had four birdies and an eagle in his bogey-free round at Oakwood Country Club, said coaching at Houston helped his game because he had to constantly give his players positive reinforcement.

"I've mellowed," he said. "I'm not quite as hard on myself. This game is hard enough without belittling yourself."

Fergus' three tour wins were the 1981 Memorial, 1982 Atlanta Classic and 1983 Bob Hope Desert Classic. He competed on the Nike Tour in 1994 — twice winning tournaments that included young pros he coached against in college — and regained his tour card by again passing qualifying school.

"I don't know if it's any easier," he said. "But I do know I'm enjoying golf again."

Dougherty, who has won once in 23 seasons, outperformed playing partners Scott Hoch and Jeff Sluman — the top two money-earners in the field. Hoch, who just made the cut at even-par 140, is ranked sixth. Sluman is 24th.

Rangers sign draft choice

ARLINGTON (AP) — The Texas Rangers on Friday signed their top draft pick Jason Romano, a high school third baseman from Florida, and assigned him to their rookie league team.

Romano is expected to join the Gulf Coast Rangers in Port Charlotte, Fla., in the next few days.

Romano was taken 39th overall in the June amateur draft with a sandwich pick between the first and second rounds. Texas received the pick as compensation for the New York Yankees signing free-agent pitcher Mike Stanton.

Romano, 18, hit .459 with 14 doubles, four triples, nine home runs and 40 RBIs and 22 stolen bases as a senior at Hillsborough High in Tampa, Fla.

SDN Local Sports Briefs

Tennis mini-clinic

A tennis mini-clinic will be held each Friday from 8 to 10 a.m. and from 10 a.m. until noon. The clinic is for junior high and older. Cost is $5 per two-hour session. Class sizes are limited to six. Call Alan Lee at 863-2305.

Athletic physicals

All incoming 7th and 9th graders, and all students new to SISD who plan to participate in athletics must take a physical. Students not participating in sports last year, or who answered yes to questions 1, 4, 5, 6 or 7 on medical history forms, will need a physical.

Anyone needing a physical should schedule an appointment before Aug. 5. The school will pay for exams through Aug. 5 only.

Participating doctors are Drs. Burleson, Cooper, Thompson, Nussey and Pierce. Anyone not needing a physical must return all forms filled out to the athletic department.

Golfers' Memorial Partnership

The 1997 Golfers' Memorial Partnership will be held at Snyder Country Club July 19-20. The format will be a two-man scramble and there will be a practice round on July 18.

Only the first 60 paid entries will be accepted. The cost of the tournament is $150 per team, plus cart fee. For more information call SCC pro shop at 573-7101.

Junior Club Championship

Snyder Country Club will host its Junior Club Championship, July 25 at 8 a.m. Entry fee is $10. For more information call the SCC pro shop at 573-7101.

Parent-Child golf tournament

A parent-child golf tournament will be held at Snyder Country Club, July 26 at 8 a.m. Entry fee is $20 per team, including hamburgers for all players. Parents may play with more than one child and grandparents or other adults may be substituted. For more information call the SCC pro shop at 573-7101.

Snyder Tiger Tennis Camp

A tennis camp for incoming 7th through 12th graders will be held July 28-Aug. 1 from 8-4 each day. For more information call 573-9064.

Junior golf clinic

WTC will hold a jr. golf clinic July 21-25. All skill levels are welcome. Cost is $75 for the week and only the first 35 entries will be accepted.

Instructors will be Rick Kahlich, Matt Glenn and Primo Gonzales. For more information call the WTC pro shop at 573-9291.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Eastern Conference				
New York	8	2	.800	-
Houston	5	4	.556	2½
Charlotte	3	5	.375	4
Cleveland	3	5	.375	4
Western Conference				
Phoenix	5	2	.714	-
Sacramento	4	4	.500	1½
Los Angeles	4	5	.444	2
Utah	2	7	.222	4

Thursday's Games
Cleveland 77, Sacramento 61
New York 62, Charlotte 48
Friday's Game
Los Angeles 75, Utah 68
Saturday's Games
Sacramento at Houston, 2 p.m.
Cleveland at Charlotte, 5 p.m.
Phoenix at Utah, 9:30 p.m.
Sunday's Game
Phoenix at Los Angeles, 9:30 p.m.

SNYDER SLOWPITCH SOFTBALL

Men's Slowpitch Softball

July 8: Earnest Upholstery 15, T.J.'s Latinos 8; Lobos 20, Westbrook Well Service 14; Snyder Iron & Metal 8, Texas Finance 7.

July 10: Snyder Iron & Metal 37, T.J.'s Latinos 6; BJ Services Bad Boyz 7, Martinez Plumbing 0; Southern Electric Cubs 9, Lobos 8.

Standings

A League: Snyder Iron & Metal, 3-0, 12-0; Texas Finance and Earnest Upholstery, 2-1, 9-3; Pennzoil, 1-2, 5-7; T.J.'s Latinos, 0-4, 6-7.

B League: Southern Electric Cubs, 2-1, 5-7; BJ Services Bad Boyz and Lobos, 2-1, 4-8; Westbrook Well Service, 1-2, 4-8; Martinez Plumbing, 1-3, 3-10.

Women's Slowpitch Softball

July 8: Rookies 12, Outsiders 9.

July 10: Red Hots 15, 12 Gauge 14.

Standings

Outcast, 10-0; 12 Gauge, 7-4; Rookies, 6-5; Red Hots, 3-8; Outsiders, 1-10.

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

American League

East Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Baltimore	55	31	.640	-
New York	50	37	.575	5½
Toronto	41	44	.482	13½
Detroit	41	46	.471	14½
Boston	39	49	.443	17
Central Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Cleveland	45	37	.549	-
Chicago	45	42	.517	2½
Milwaukee	40	44	.476	6
Minnesota	38	49	.437	9½
Kansas City	36	48	.429	10
West Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Seattle	51	38	.573	-
Anaheim	46	42	.523	4½
Texas	43	44	.494	7
Oakland	37	54	.407	15

Friday's Games
Toronto 8, Boston 4
New York 3, Detroit 0
Milwaukee 3, Baltimore 1
Cleveland 5, Minnesota 1
Chicago White Sox 6, Kansas City 2
Seattle 8, Texas 7
Anaheim 14, Oakland 4

Saturday's Games
Detroit (Lira 5-5) at N.Y. Yankees (Cone 8-4), 4:05 p.m.
Anaheim (Finley 5-6) at Oakland (Prieto 6-5), 4:05 p.m.
Texas (Burkett 6-7) at Seattle (Lowe 2-3), 4:05 p.m.
Toronto (Clemens 13-3) at Boston (Sele 10-6), 5:05 p.m.
Milwaukee (Eldred 7-8) at Baltimore (Erickson 11-4), 7:05 p.m.
Cleveland (Hershiser 7-5) at Minnesota (Tewksbury 4-7), 8:05 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Darwin 3-6) at Kansas City (Belcher 8-7), 8:05 p.m.

Sunday's Games
Toronto (W.Williams 3-8) at Boston (Wakefield 3-9), 1:05 p.m.
Detroit (Blair 6-4) at N.Y. Yankees (Gooden 3-1), 1:35 p.m.
Milwaukee (D'Amico 6-4) at Baltimore (Mussina 10-2), 1:35 p.m.
Cleveland (Wright 1-0) at Minnesota (Hawkins 1-3), 2:05 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Baldwin 6-9) at Kansas City (Pittsley 2-6), 2:05 p.m.
Anaheim (Springer 4-3) at Oakland (Oquist 2-2), 4:05 p.m.
Texas (Witt 10-4) at Seattle (Johnson 12-2), 4:35 p.m.

National League

East Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Atlanta	57	32	.640	-
Florida	51	37	.580	5½
New York	50	38	.568	6½
Montreal	48	39	.552	8
Philadelphia	25	62	.287	31
Central Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Houston	45	45	.500	-
Pittsburgh	43	45	.489	1
St.Louis	42	46	.477	2
Cincinnati	38	49	.437	5½
Chicago	38	51	.427	6½
West Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
San Francisco	51	38	.573	-
Los Angeles	47	42	.528	4
Colorado	44	46	.489	7½
San Diego	39	50	.438	12

Friday's Games
Chicago Cubs 7, St. Louis 1
Houston 10, Pittsburgh 0
Philadelphia 13, Florida 3
Montreal 5, Cincinnati 2
N.Y. Mets 9, Atlanta 7
Colorado 6, San Diego 5, 11 innings
Los Angeles 6, San Francisco 2

Saturday's Games
N.Y. Mets (Clark 7-5) at Atlanta (Maddux 11-3), 1:15 p.m.
St. Louis (An.Benes 6-3) at Chicago Cubs (Mulholland 6-9), 1:15 p.m.
San Diego (Hamilton 6-3) at Colorado (Swift 4-1), 4:05 p.m.
Philadelphia (M.Leiter 4-9) at Florida (A.Leiter 7-6), 7:05 p.m.
Montreal (Perez 8-5) at Cincinnati (Smiley 6-10), 7:05 p.m.
Houston (Holt 7-5) at Pittsburgh (Cordova 6-5), 7:35 p.m.
San Francisco (Gardner 9-4) at Los Angeles (Candiotti 5-2), 10:05 p.m.

Sunday's Games
Houston (Garcia 3-7) at Pittsburgh (Lieber 6-8), 1:35 p.m.
Montreal (Martinez 10-4) at Cincinnati (Morgan 3-5), 2:15 p.m.
St. Louis (Stottlemyre 7-6) at Chicago Cubs (Trachsel 4-6), 2:20 p.m.
San Diego (Bergman 2-3) at Colorado (Wright 4-5), 3:05 p.m.
San Francisco (Estes 12-2) at Los Angeles (Reyes 0-0), 4:05 p.m.
Philadelphia (Green 0-0) at Florida (Fernandez 9-7), 4:35 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Jones 12-5) at Atlanta (Neagle 12-2), 8:05 p.m.

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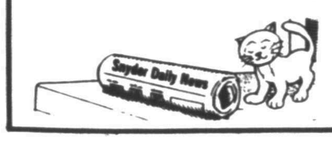

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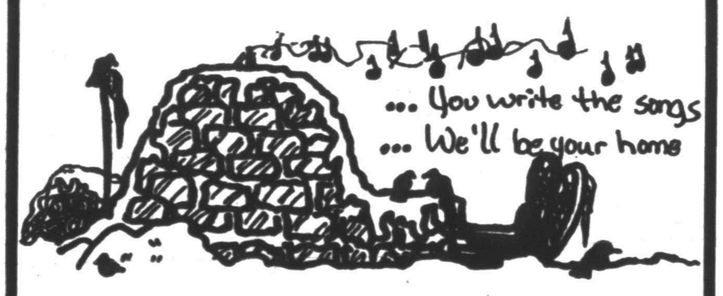

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We take this means to express our sincere thanks to our many friends who were so kind to us in our darkest hour of sorrow (when our loved one was called away.) We deeply appreciate the kind words and beautiful flowers that were sent; also the food that was prepared. May you have just such friends if such sorrow ever visits your home. May Heaven's richest blessings fall on each of you.

A special thank you to Dr. Melnyk, Dr. Heavens, and Dr. Solanki all of Abilene. A special thanks to Hospice of the Big Country in Abilene, Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home, Rev. Shawn Fouts, and Church of the Nazarene.

The family of W.A. (Ed) Edwards

010 Legal Notice

ADVERTISEMENT AND INVITATION FOR BIDS
CITY OF SNYDER, TEXAS
WATER WORKS IMPROVEMENTS

Sealed proposals addressed to the Honorable Mayor and City Council of the City of Snyder, Texas will be received at the office of the City Manger, City Hall 1925 24th Street, Snyder, until 2:00 p.m., Wednesday, July 30, 1997, for furnishing all necessary materials, machinery, equipment, superintendence and labor for constructing certain Water Works Inprovements.

Immediately following the closing time for receipt of bids, proposals will be publicly opened and read aloud at Ciy Hall. Any bid received after closing time will be returned unopened. Bids will be tabulated and presented to the City Council for award at a later date.

The principal items of works in the base bid and alternates are as follows: Water Works Improvements approximately 6,215 linear feet of 8" approved type water mains including the necessary valves, fire hydrants, iron pipe fittings and appurtenances. Also included is approximately 100 linear feet of 24" water line and related appurtenances at the City's water treatment plant.

Bidders must submit a Cashier's or Certified Check issued by a bank satisfactory to the Owner, or a Proposal Bond from a reliable Surety Company, payable without recourse to the order of the City of Snyder, Texas, in an amount not less than five percent (5%) of the largest possible bid submitted as a guaranty that the Bidder will enter into a contract and execute bonds and guaranty in the forms provided within ten (10) days after notice of award of contract to him. Bids without the required Check or Proposal Bond will not be considered.

The Successful Bidder must furnish a Performance Bond and Payment Bond on the forms provided in the amount of 100% of the total contract price from a Surety Company holding a permit from the State of Texas to act as Surety, or other Surety or Sureties accepted to the Owner. If the total bid is less than $25,000, Performance and Payment Bonds will not be required.

All lump sum and unit prices must be stated in both script and figures. the owner reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive formalities, and to accept the bid which seems most advantageous to the City's interest. In case of ambiguity or lack of clearness in stating the prices in the bids, the Owner reserves the right to consider the most advantageous construcion thereof, or to reject the bid.

Attention is called to the provisions of the Acts of the 43rd Legislature of the State of Texas, page 91, Chapter 45, (Article 5159A Civil Statues 1925) concerning the wage scale and payment of prevailing rates of wages as established by the Owner. Said scale or prevailing minimum rates of wages is set forth in the specifications

Copies of the Plans and Specifications are on file in the office of the City Manager, City Hall, 1925 24th Street, Snyder, Texas, and are on file and may be secured rom Parkhill, Smith & Cooper, Inc., Consulting Engineers, 4010 Avenue R, Lubbock, Texas, 806-747-0161, upon a deposit of $50.00 as a guarantee of the safe return of the plans and specifications. The full amount of the deposit will be returned if a bona fide bid is submitted and Plans and Specifications are returned within ten (10) days after receipt of bids, or in case no bid is submitted, if plans and specifications are returned on or before the date of receipt of bids; otherwise, the deposit is forfeited.

SAMPLE

NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION
(AVISO DE ELECCION ESPECIAL)

To the registered voters of the County of SCURRY, Texas:
(a los votantes registrados del Condado de SCURRY, Texas:)

Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed below will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., on AUGUST 9, 19 97, for voting in a special election to ADOPT OR REJUECT THE PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT AS SUBMITTED BY THE 75TH LEGISLATURE, REGULAR SESSION, OF THE STATE OF TEXAS. (PARA ADOPTAR O RECHAZAR LA ENMIENDA PROPUESTA CONSTITUCIONAL ASI COMO FUERON SOMETIDAS POR LA 75A LEGISLATURA SESION REGULAR, DE LA ESTADO DE TEXAS
(Notifíquese, por las presente, que las casillas electorales sitados abajo se abrirán desde las 7:00 a.m. hasta las 7:00 p.m. el 8-9 de 19 97 para votar en la Elección Especial para _____)

LOCATION(S) OF POLLING PLACES
(DIRECCION(ES) DE LAS CASILLAS ELECTORALES)

Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at:
(La votación adelantada en persona se llevará a cabo de lunes a viernes en:)

COUNTY COURTROOM, SCURRY COUNTY COURTHOUSE, SNYDER, TX
(location) *(sitio)*

If the county clerk is not the early voting clerk, the information in the block is required.

between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. beginning on JULY 21, 1997 (date)
(entre las 8 de la mañana y las 5 de la tarde empezando el JULY 21, 1997 (fecha))

and ending on AUGUST 5, 1997 (date). *(y terminando el AUGUST 5, 1997 (fecha))*

Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to:
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COUNTY CLERK
(Name of Early Voting Clerk)
(Nombre del Secretario de la Votación Adelantada)

1806 25TH STREET S. 300
(Address) *(Dirección)*

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Felony DWI arrest made

Deputies arrested one person for felony driving while intoxicated late Friday night while city officers are investigating numerous reports of vandalism on 28th Street.

Jerry Clyde Collins, 51, of 99 South FM 1673 was arrested at 10:57 p.m. Friday just outside the city limits on U.S. Highway 180 for felony driving while intoxicated. A passenger in the vehicle, a 40-year-old female, was arrested for public intoxication.

An officer was requested in the 600 block of 28th Street at 1 a.m. Saturday in reference to a person seeing several juveniles walking by his pickup and when he checked it, he discovered a flat tire.

Officers received three other calls about flat tires between 2:45 and 3:05 a.m. Saturday from callers in the 700, 800 and 1300 block of 28th Street. Offense reports for Class B criminal mischief were submitted in each case.

At 3:15 Saturday morning, officers investigated a report of a prowler in the 3700 block of Highland Drive.

One arrest was also made early Saturday as a 21-year-old male was taken into custody in the 2600 block of College Avenue at 12:21 a.m. on city warrants for possession of alcohol in a park and failure to appear, and justice of the peace warrants for speeding and failure to appear.

More changes in boundaries are requested

HOUSTON (AP) — The Republican voter group that campaigned for last year's redesign of Houston-area U.S. House districts urged a panel of federal judges to make more changes.

The group said Friday that rulings in other election cases make it no longer necessary to preserve a Houston-area district where Hispanics are the largest ethnic group. The Republican group, led by Houston investment broker Edward Blum, also called for considerable boundary changes in northeast and West Texas, the Houston Chronicle reported.

Like last year, local Democratic congress members, legislative leaders and minority activists are opposing the request. They contend that more radical changes would confuse voters in the 1998 congressional elections and interfere with the state's right to draw the boundary lines.

The arguments and counter-arguments were made in numerous documents requested by the judges, Edith Jones, Melinda Harmon and David Hittner.

When they installed new lines for the 1996 elections, the judges ordered the Legislature to come up with a new map before adjourning in June. Lawmakers failed to do so, stalemated by a fight in the Senate over districts in the Midland-Odessa area.

Now the judges are asking all sides in the case to recommend the next step.

The Republican group of Houston and Dallas residents, which sued in 1994 for "color-blind" districts drawn without regard to ethnic population, essentially argued that last year's redesign should be only the beginning.

Blum's group said two of Harris County's seven U.S. House districts should have black pluralities while none should have Hispanic pluralities. The argument is based on court rulings interpreted to mean that only Hispanic citizens, rather than all Hispanic residents, should be counted in the process.

U.S. Rep. Sheila Jackson Lee represents the 18th District, where blacks are the largest ethnic group at 45 percent. In U.S. Rep. Gene Green's 29th District, Hispanics are the plurality at 45 percent. Before last year's court order, the districts were majority black and Hispanic, respectively, as drawn by the Legislature.

Births

Rachel Elliott of Snyder announces the birth of her twin daughters, Alicia Nicole, weighing four pounds, 11 ounces, and Elexis Leeann, weighing four pounds. They were born at 3:56 and 4 a.m. on July 12 in Abilene Regional Hospital.

Grandparents are Ronnie and June McNiel of Snyder.

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.

Why antibiotics don't cure viruses

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I've read that there are no medicines to halt virus infections, in contrast to antibiotics which can be used to treat bacterial infections. Is this true?

DEAR READER: Yes and no.

There is no antidote for most viral infections, such as influenza and the common cold. This is the reason why doctors discourage the use of antibiotics for relatively trivial viral infections.

Nonetheless, some viral infections — notably herpes and shingles — can be successfully treated with anti-virus drugs, such as Zovirax and Famvir.

Although bacterial infections can usually be cured with antibiotics, virus infections — except for the types I mentioned — do not respond to this anti-microbial therapy.

In general, physicians treat the symptoms of viral infections (fever, malaise, achiness, congestion, cough, and so forth) and let the disease run its course, usually in about a week.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I have had pain for about three years that travels down my back and arms. At 71, I'm otherwise in good health. I've seen several neurologists and have been told the problem is in my thoracic spine and that I have a pinched nerve. Chiropractic manipulation isn't lasting, nor are injections. Do you have any recommendations?

DEAR READER: Pinched nerves in the thoracic spine (upper chest) are unusual, yet certainly can occur. In my experience, the resulting back and arm pain do not respond to chiropractic attention or steroid injections.

You may require surgery to repair a probable herniated disc.

However, no one wants to undergo major surgery until other, less drastic options have been considered. Therefore, I recommend that you undergo a trial period of physical therapy under the supervision of a physiatrist (specialist in rehab medicine).

Perhaps this strategy will solve your problem. If not, you may have to see a neurosurgeon or orthopedic surgeon for definitive therapy.

To give you more information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "An Informed Approach to Surgery." 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: Please let me know what address to use to write to you. My newspaper in Helena, Mont., doesn't publish the address.

DEAR READER: You can send questions to me c/o United Media, 200 Madison Ave., New York, NY 10016. Remember, however, that due to the volume of mail, I cannot answer all letters. Appropriate questions of general interest will be addressed in the column. Anonymity is guaranteed.

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DEAR DR. GOTT: After experiencing chest pain and shortness of breath, my 71-year-old husband underwent heart catheterization that showed one severely blocked artery. This was followed by two angioplasties, because the first one failed.

The doctor said that blocked coronary arteries are irreversible and placed my husband on prescription medicines. Isn't there something we can do with diet and exercise?

DEAR READER: Yes, there is.

People with coronary artery disease usually have high blood levels of LDL (low-density lipoproteins, the "bad" cholesterol). Several studies have proven that a low-fat diet, in conjunction with cholesterol-lowering drugs (Mevacor, Zocor and others), may not only retard the progression of arteriosclerotic plaque but may also reduce deposits that have already blocked the arteries, leading to angina and other symptoms.

I don't agree with your husband's cardiologist, because — although not a universal cure by any means — a low-fat diet clearly helps many patients. Given your husband's situation, such dietary modification certainly won't hurt. In addition, a closely supervised exercise program would probably improve his health.

Here is what I suggest he do:

• Follow a strict low-fat diet. He will need a licensed dietitian to help him plan nutritious meals that are also appetizing.

• Consider taking a cholesterol-lowering drug. By using the medicine and the diet, your husband should aim to lower his LDL level to at least 130 milligrams per deciliter. If he can get the level below 110, so much the better.

• Strive to maintain appropriate control of the blood sugar. As a ballpark figure, he should try to keep his fasting value less than 120 mg/dL.

• Lose weight. Many older diabetics are overweight. This can contribute to coronary blockages, as well as making exercise too strenuous.

• Exercise regularly in a monitored program. Such a program can be devised by the doctor or by specialists in a coronary rehabilitation unit. These units are available in many hospitals, both large and small.

• Continue to take the drugs prescribed by the doctor and to follow his specific instructions, particularly with respect to taking daily aspirin.

Your husband's progress can be assessed in several ways.

First, after several weeks of therapy, he should feel better.

Second, his blood cholesterol levels should be monitored every few months. A falling LDL will be proof that the strategy is working.

Third, periodic stress tests may also indicate objective improvement. As time passes, he should be able to exercise more strenuously without the stress cardiogram showing heart malfunction.

Finally, after several months in the new program, your husband may choose to have another heart catheterization which, I hope, will prove that the blockage in his artery has regressed.

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Sojourner rolls away from awkward position on Mars

PASADENA, Calif. (AP) — After delays caused by human error on Earth and a software bug on Mars, the Mars Pathfinder rover Saturday finally backed away from its awkward parking spot against the martian rock named Yogi.

The six-wheeled Sojourner was expected to begin sniffing the rock's chemical composition with its alpha proton X-ray spectrometer — if no other computer problems crop up.

The most serious glitch occurred late Friday when the bug in software that controls communication between the rover and the Pathfinder lander caused a computer to reset.

That triggered the probe to automatically search for instructions from Earth using its low-gain, or slow-speed, antenna. Scientists, who were focusing on the spacecraft's high-gain antenna, were briefly disconnected.

"Not knowing what's going on makes you a little bit nervous," said Brian Muirhead, deputy project manager at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory.

"When your baby's not talking to you and you think she might be sick, you worry," he said. "She's just fine now, but we do have this software problem that we will have to get to the bottom of."

Contact was re-established through the antennas.

The whole mess began two days earlier as Sojourner moved toward Yogi. It ended up with one of its wheels partly up the side of the rock, its spectrometer too far away to touch the rock.

Scientists ordered Sojourner to back away from the rock and approach it again, but the commands never got to Pathfinder. Its radio receiver had been turned on 11 minutes too late because of a human error.

The receiver, which relays signals to the rover, is turned off at times to conserve energy. Scientists have one chance each day to radio commands to Mars.

The error delayed the collection of a full day's worth of data from Mars, including landscape pictures, weather and atmospheric data. All that came down was confirmation that the spacecraft was operating and healthy.

No data was lost because it was stored in the spacecraft's memory, said mission manager Richard Cook.

A computer reset similar to the one Friday occurred on the first night of the week-old mission.

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Snyder cheerleaders win awards at camp

Snyder cheerleaders won several awards during the National Cheerleading Association Camp, held June 30-July 3 at Texas Lutheran University at Seguin.

Cheerleaders attending included:

Varsity: Starla Davis, Ashley Grimmett, Shannon Hall, Mary Hollis, Lila King, Michelle Lewallen, K.K. McClain, Brooke McGuire, Jill Willingham, mascot.

Junior Varsity: Janette Allen, Amy Brooks, Debbie Foster, Tessa Hildebrand, Jennifer Mayer, Lindsey Nicholson.

Freshmen: Jennifer Bryan, Leslie English, Lisa Hall, Stacy Olson, Tara Price, Kristin York.

Awards included:

Varsity: three spirit stick awards, two stunt smart awards, two team awards, six All-American nominees — Starla Davis, Ashley Grimmett, Shannon Hall, Lila King, K.K. McClain, Brooke McGuire.

They also won four blue ribbons — two for cheers and two for chants; two red ribbons, one for cheer and one for chant, one blue ribbon on home cheer evaluation.

The mascot received a spirit stick award and was named All American.

Junior varsity: one spirit stick award, two All American nominees — Tessa Hildebrand and Lindsey Nicholson; four blue ribbons — one for cheer and three for chants; two red ribbons for cheers; one red ribbon on home cheer evaluation.

Freshmen: 31 spirit sticks, five blue ribbons, three for cheers and two for chants; one red ribbon for chant; one red ribbon on home cheer evaluation.

Sponsors who attended included Kaye Carter, Debra Davis, Neika Porter.

Hare-rising adventure ends with arrest of raging rabbit

ASHLAND, Mass. (AP) — Snowball, a pet rabbit that escaped from its cage and terrorized this Boston suburb for two weeks, was back behind bars Friday and facing execution for a rabies test.

"Society is safe again," Ashland Police Officer William Foster said.

The cwazy wabbit stalked the neighborhood, attacking three adults and a 2-year-old child.

The bunny was nabbed Friday by one of its victims, a 76-year-old man who caught it in a long-handled net he and his grandson use for fishing.

"I'm definitely very happy it's been caught," said Diana Morrison, who was scratched by the rabbit and whose husband and young daughter also were attacked. "But I've always loved bunnies all my life."

Morrison said she was upset that the rabbit, which is white with brown ears, would be killed so that a sample of its brain tissue could be tested for rabies.

"I thought they would just draw blood or something," Morrison said after learning the unhappy fate of the ballistic bunny. "But they have to chop its head off."

The Morrisons also own a pet rabbit, a female, which lives in a homemade hutch behind their house and is believed to be the reason the potentially rabid stalker took such an interest in their yard.

Police were called in Thursday when the energized bunny attacked Morrison while she and her children were walking from her car to her back door.

Pre-emptions OK'd

WASHINGTON (AP) — Federal regulators told the big three broadcast networks Friday that for one year they may preempt educational children's shows for live sports events as long as the shows are rescheduled.

The Federal Communications Commission's action gives ABC, CBS and NBC the discretion to reschedule the educational children's shows as they best see fit. Each of the networks had asked the commission for guidance.

FCC rules requiring broadcasters to air three hours of "regularly scheduled" educational children's shows a week take effect in September.

Broadcasters weren't sure whether they would comply with the FCC's three-hour rule if they pre-empted a regularly scheduled educational show for a live sports event.

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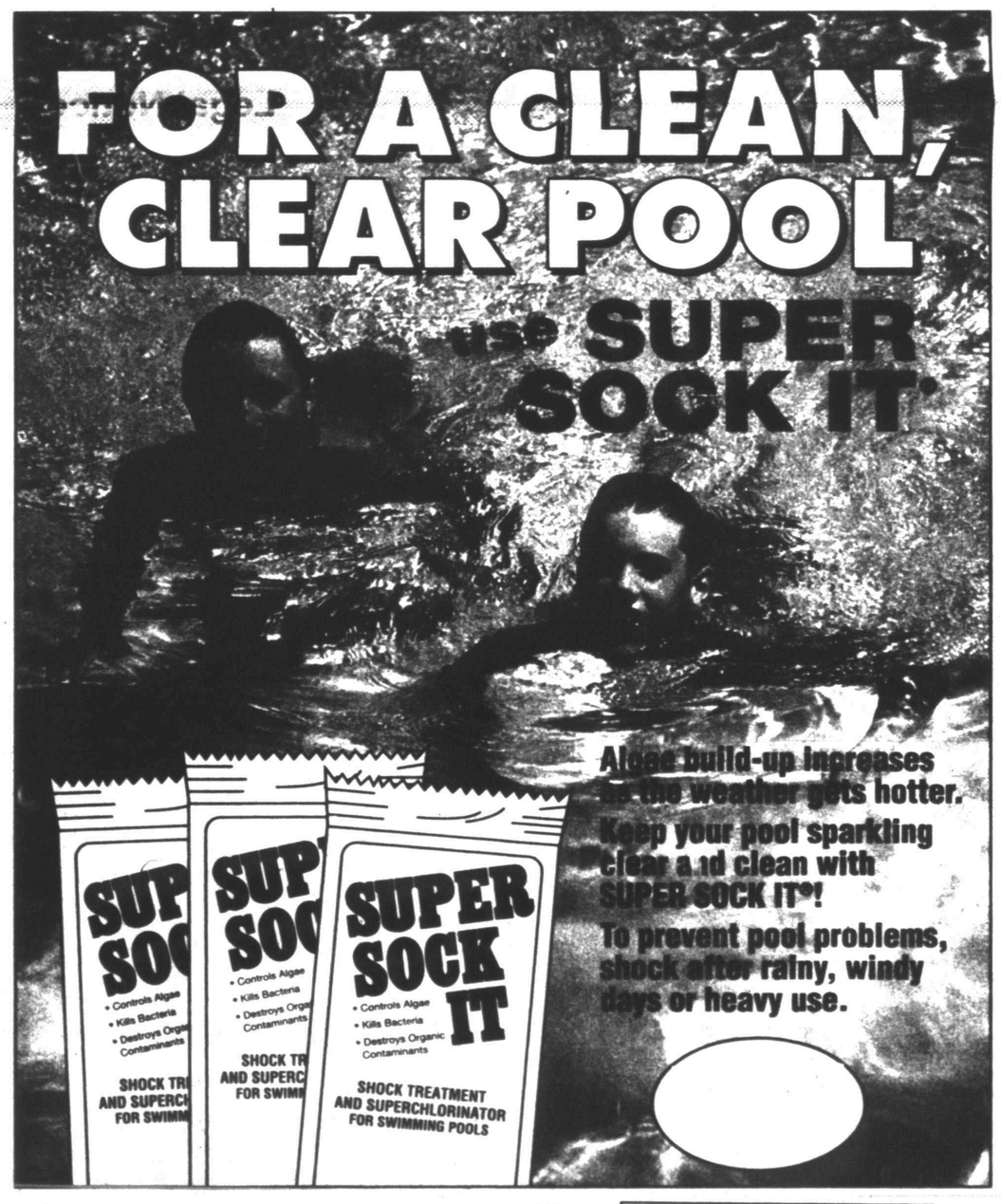

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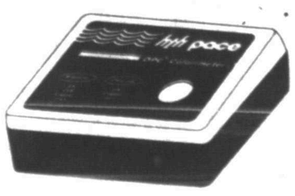

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Clinton visiting Denmark

COPENHAGEN, Denmark (AP) — Ending a weeklong trip that he hopes reshaped Europe, President Clinton Saturday looked to Congress to bless NATO expansion and "close history's divide" between East and West.

In a city square jammed with tens of thousands of cheering Danes, the president said adding Poland, Hungary and the Czech Republic to the Western alliance would help guarantee "a continent free, undivided, at peace and full of hope."

He headed back to Washington shortly after the speech, knowing U.S. lawmakers are skeptical of the expansion's $200 million-a-year price tag and fear Russia's reaction to Western advances. NATO's plans are little known by American voters, and Clinton hopes to begin the public relations battle when he returns.

Looking out over a crowd that local police estimated at 80,000, the president said, "Saturday, I ask all of you assembled here, throughout this land, across Europe and in America: Let us all keep freedom's bright light and advance the work of the extraordinary Atlantic community."

"Let us bring down the barriers to a better future for all the people on this continent. Let us close history's divide. Let us create a 21st century of opportunity, security, peace and freedom for the children of Denmark, Europe and the United States," he said.

"It can be the greatest time in all human history."

Clinton arrived here after a rousing address in Bucharest, where he assured Romanians massed in a city square that they are on the track to NATO membership. In a Warsaw town square Thursday, the president celebrated NATO expansion with giddy Poles.

Obituaries

Hubert Gregory

1920-1997

Longtime Snyder resident Hubert W. Gregory died at 5:05 a.m. Saturday, July 12, in St. Mary Hospital in Lubbock. He was 76.

Funeral service will be held at 2 p.m. Monday in the Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home Chapel. Tom Holcomb will officiate and burial will follow in the Hillside Memorial Gardens.

Born on Dec. 24, 1920 in Hood County, he married Thelma Sturdivant on Nov. 17, 1945 in Snyder. He was a member of the East Side Church of Christ.

Mr. Gregory retired as plant operator for Standard Oil Co. after 25 years. A veteran of the U.S. Air Force, he served in the Asiatic-Pacific Theatre during World War II, enlisting on Oct. 14, 1940. He was captured in 1942 and endured the Bataan Death March. He was released on Sept. 4, 1945.

He earned the Phillipine Defense Ribbon, with one star; the American Defense Ribbon, with one star; the Presidential Citation, with two Oak Leaf Clusters; the Good Conduct Metal; and seven overseas stripes. He also received the Bronze Star and Purple Heart.

Survivors include Thelma Gregory of the home; one son, Larry Gregory of San Angelo; one stepson, James Bowen of El Paso; three sisters, Vinita Trevino of Virginia, Faye Miller of Earth and Irene Gregory of Rotan; one brother, Don Gregory of Amarillo; four grandchildren; Jamey Gregory of Lubbock, Sharylon Whitesell of San Angelo, Kevin Bowen and Christopher Bowen, both of El Paso; and three great-grandchildren.

Earl Browning

1909-1997

Service for Earl G. Browning, 88, of Fluvanna has been set for 2 p.m. Sunday in the chapel of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Mr. Browning died Friday, July 11, in Cogdell Memorial Hospital after a lengthy illness.

Born on April 17, 1909 in Scurry County, he married Jewel Lavender on Nov. 26, 1935 in Scurry County. He was a farmer and rancher, and a member of the Church of Christ.

He was preceded in death by one brother, Albert Browning.

Survivors include his wife, Jewel Browning of Fluvanna; two sons, Don Browning of Carrollton and Morris A. Browning of Snyder; and four grandchildren.

J.P. Sandefur Jr.

1920-1997

James P. "Pat" Sandefur Jr. of Hermleigh died at 6:30 a.m. Saturday, July 12, in the Veteran's Administration Hospital in Big Spring.

Service for Mr. Sandefur, 77, is set for 4 p.m. Monday in Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home. Burial will follow in the Pyron Cemetery. Officiating will be the Rev. Loren Gardner of Anson and the Rev. Rex Reynolds.

Born on March 4, 1920 in Haskell County, he had lived in Hermleigh since 1952. He married Eril "Ducks" Bolding on July 22, 1939. He was a U.S. Army veteran.

Survivors include his wife, Eril Sandefur of Hermleigh; a daughter, Denise Compton of Colleyville; a son and daughter-in-law, James Burton and Debbie Sandefur of Roscoe; two sisters, Nan Stephens of Lubbock, and Dorothy Dean of Angleton; three brothers, Haskell Sandefur of Killeen, Vic Sandefur of Alvarado and Glenn Sandefur of Fort Worth.

William Stokes

1932-1997

TEMECULA, Calif. — William R. Stokes of Temecula, Calif., brother of Durelle Gorman of Snyder, died Thursday, July 10, in Temecula. He was 64.

Graveside service is set for 3 p.m. Tuesday in the Riverside National Cemetery near Temecula.

He was born on Sept. 15, 1932 in Snyder.

Retiring from the U.S. Navy in 1971, Mr. Stokes was a former resident of Abilene. He had lived in Temecula for three years.

Other survivors include two sons, Martin E. Maggiolli of Temecula and Marco E. Maggiolli of Las Vegas; and two nephews, Jack Gorman of Snyder and Richard Gorman of Post.

Fred Hawkins

1915-1997

ROSCOE — Fred H. Hawkins Jr. of Post, the brother of Lou Wiman of Snyder died Friday, July 11, at his home. He was 82.

Service will be held at 2 p.m. Sunday in the Roscoe First Baptist Church. The Rev. Malcolm Brown and Dr. Rick Willis will officiate. Burial will follow in Roscoe Cemetery, directed by McCoy Funeral Home.

Mr. Hawkins, born in Cumbie, married Esta Lee Dement in 1936 in Roscoe. He served with the U.S. Army during World War II and worked for Ashland Oil Co. in Illinois and Kentucky for many years until his retirement. Later, he was a self-employed plumber. Moving to Roscoe in 1978, he had recently moved to Post. He was a former member of the Roscoe Lions Club and a member of the Roscoe First Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Esta Lee Hawkins of Post; another daughter, LaVera Alexander of Big Spring; four grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

Ask Us

Q—In the hospital election, who must file a campaign and expense report?

A—According to the Texas Ethics Commission, any individual or organization, working in concert with others and which receives or spends more than $500 in a campaign. An individual or company working alone who exceeds $100 must file a report. The reports are filed with the county clerk's office.

Cuban plane crashes with 44 aboard

ATLANTA (AP) — A Cuban plane with 44 people on board crashed into the ocean about three minutes after taking off from Santiago de Cuba on its way to Havana, CNN reported Saturday.

The Atlanta-based cable network said the Russian-made AN-24 plane belonged to the Cuban airline Cubana de Aviaciaon. Airport officials told the network that there were 39 passengers and a crew of five. There was no word on fatalities.

CNN said eight of the passengers were non-Cubans. The plane took off about 9:55 p.m. Friday night.

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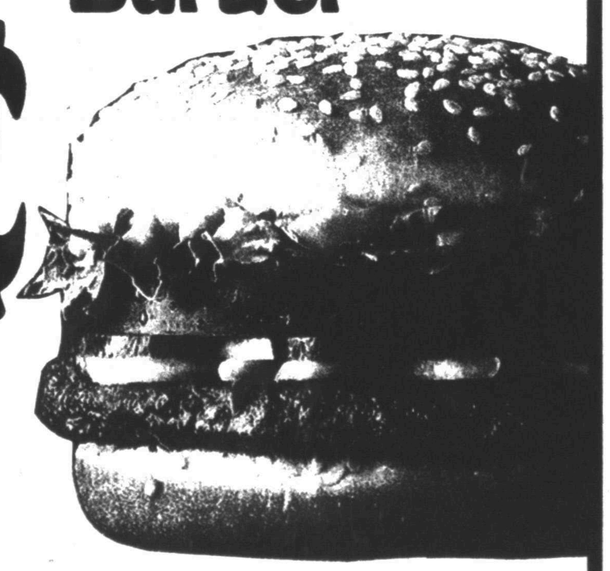

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What's Up?

Class of 1972

Snyder High School Class of 1972 is holding its 25th reunion at the Wagon Wheel Ranch. "The Shades" will be playing for a dance set for 10 p.m. Saturday. Non-class members are welcome. Cost is $15 per couple.

MAWC Sunday lunch

Martha Ann Woman's Club will hold a Sunday lunch from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Price is $8 for adults and $4 for children age 6 and under. For reservations, call 573-3427. Tickets will be delivered by calling 573-6443.

Vacation Bible School

First Baptist, Hermleigh
July 14-18, 7-9 p.m., all ages. Call 863-2484 for information.

Hermleigh Central Baptist
July 21-25, 8:30 a.m.-noon, grades K-5. There will be a parade at 9 a.m. July 19. Call Alan Lee, 863-2305, for information.

37th St. Church of Christ
July 28-30, 7 o'clock nightly, all ages, including adults. "Take a Ride Through the Bible With Us" is the theme. Call 573-0143 to enroll.

Bible study series

Bible study video tapes are airing on TCA Cable Channel 2. They are followed by a series of tapes titled "Archaeology and the Bible." The next tape, "God Hates Divorce," will air at 7 p.m. Monday, followed by "The Life of Christ."

Canyon Community reunion

Anyone who has lived or is now living in the Canyon Community and would be interested in having a community reunion is invited to a meeting at Snyder National Bank at 7 p.m. Tuesday. Officers will be elected. For more information, call Dayton McCarter, acting president, at 573-3093.

Summer exit-level TAAS

Enrolled students and out-of-school examinees who have not met minimum requirements on all sections of the TAAS test or who were absent during spring testing may retake the necessary sections next week. The writing section will be given Tuesday, the math section Wednesday and the reading session Thursday. All summer examinees must present picture identification. Report to the Snyder Junior High School snackbar on the appropriate morning at 8 o'clock.

Hearing of appraisal protests

Scurry County Appraisal District review board will meet at 9 a.m. Tuesday to hear scheduled mineral, industrial and real estate protests. Hearing of real estate protests will continue at 9 a.m. Wednesday, followed by approving appraisal records.

Parade line-up announced

Line-up for the Scurry County Rodeo Association parade will be at 4 p.m. July 17 at 26th Street and Avenue X. The parade will begin at 5 o'clock. For more information call Molly Tatum at 573-8180 or Lauri Kincheloe at 573-8421.

Snyder Bowhunters raffle

Snyder Bowhunters are holding a raffle for a new 4-wheel drive Honda four-wheeler to be given away Aug. 3. Tickets are $10 each. To purchase tickets, contact Steve Hand at (915) 556-3313 or 573-0257; Dale Putnam at (915) 634-9589 or 572-2420; or Woody Wooddell at 573-8566.

G-20 to help museum

G-20 Club members are painting street numbers on curbs. Donations will be given to the Scurry County Museum. If you are not contacted and wish to have the painting done, call 573-6107 from 8-5 p.m. Monday through Thursday.

Class of 1987 reunion

The Class of 1987 invites all Snyder High School teachers and administrators (1984-1987) to join them for their class reunion, Aug. 2, at the National Guard Armory from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. A barbecue lunch will be available for those who wish to purchase it.

Lord's Acre garage sale

First United Methodist Church will hold a Lord's Acre garage sale at 1712 27th St. on Aug. 2, beginning at 8 a.m. Funds will benefit the youth.

Pick 3

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Friday by the Texas Lottery, in order:
8-7-9
(eight, seven, nine)

Cash Five

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Friday by the Texas Lottery:
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Kidnapped Basque politician found shot in head Saturday

BILBAO, Spain (AP) — A kidnapped Basque politician was found with a bullet wound in his head on a roadside Saturday, less than an hour after the deadline for his threatened execution had passed, news reports said.

Government officials could not confirm immediately if the man was alive or dead.

Citing unidentified judiciary sources, the private Europa Press news agency said Miguel Angel Blanco, a 29-year-old town councilman and a member of the ruling Popular Party, was found shortly before 5 p.m. (11 a.m. EDT) tied up and with a bullet in his head.

Blanco had been kidnapped by the armed separatist group ETA on Thursday. The group said it would kill him if their long-held demand that some 450 ETA prisoners in jails throughout Spain be transferred to Basque prisons was not met by 4 p.m. (10 a.m. EDT) Saturday.

Before the deadline, Prime Minister Jose Maria Aznar led a rally of some 500,000 in this northern Basque city to demand Blanco's unconditional release.

Riley Tatum ending reign as Miss Scurry County Rodeo

Local teen-ager wins Miss Congeniality trophy

By Shirley A. Gorman
News Editor

Riley Ann Tatum recently returned from San Antonio with a glass trophy for being named Miss Congeniality at the Miss Rodeo Texas Pageant where she competed in the teen division June 23-27.

Riley qualified because she was named the 1996 Miss Scurry County Rodeo a year ago.

Riley's participation in the pageant netted her many new friends. She also gained poise and self confidence through speaking in public.

Perhaps one of the greatest benefits of the pageant, Riley said, is the realization that "No matter where you come from or where you have been you can do anything you want to do in life."

Riley's mother, Molly, one of several family members who attended the pageant, also described the annual event as "very rewarding."

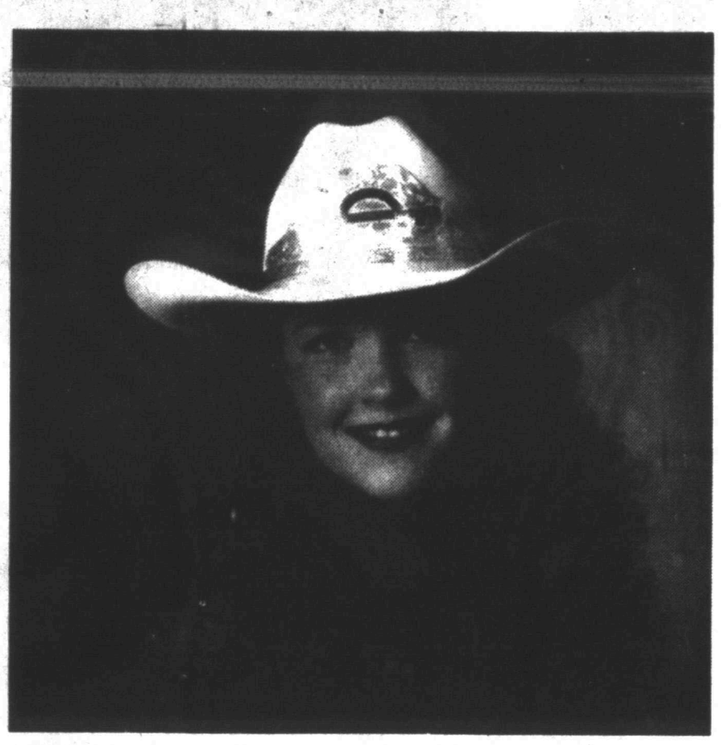
Riley and the other contestants were judged according to personality, appearance, horsemanship and congenialty.

The winners received scholarships, saddles, two-horse trailer, Wrangler jeans, jewelry and many other items.

For one week in June, all of the entrants competed in various categories including horsemanship, interview and impromptu questions, as well as word association. They also learned a dance routine which they performed on coronation night.

In addition, they prepared and delivered speeches about why their hometown is so special.

And they had to know the rules and regulations of rodeo competition and complete two American Quarterhorse Association (AQHA) reigning patterns. They each drew their horse's name from a hat and none knew which pattern they would ride until the competition.



MISS CONGENIALITY — Riley Ann Tatum, 14, was named Miss Congeniality at the Miss Rodeo Texas Pageant held last month in San Antonio. She competed in the teen division. Riley has just ended her reign as the 1996 Miss Scurry County Rodeo as well. (Photo By Karen Wadleigh)

Contestants wore western attire — leather outfits that were color coordinated.

While in San Antonio, Riley said she stayed so busy, "That I didn't have time to be nervous." She was so busy in fact, that Molly said, "We only got to see her about 15 minutes each day."

Riley and the others represented the western heritage in the U.S. and were goodwill ambassadors to promote the professional sport of rodeo.

Both Molly and Riley said the response from the community has been overwhelming. They have received support from businesses and individuals as well as anonymous donations. While in San Antonio, Molly said local people called with verbal encouragement.

Judges came from out-of-state as well as throughout Texas. Miss Rodeo Texas, who is also the first runner-up to Miss Rodeo Ameri-

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Glenda Johnson...

Hermleigh's new Methodist pastor serves two churches

By Shirley A. Gorman
News Editor

Glenda Johnson, the new pastor at Hermleigh United Methodist Church, isn't your average, everyday minister.

Appointed to her first church in January, she pastors Methodist churches in Loraine, where she resides in the parsonage, and Hermleigh, where she was assigned last month.

Johnson's background is varied. She and her late husband, Lloyd, shared a music ministry for several years. Prior to that she trained and handled drug-detection dogs. Before that, she was a court clerk for a judge and a homemaker.

Johnson is excited about her latest appointment because "Hermleigh seems to be a working church," she said. Since the two churches must share her, Hermleigh changed their fellowship and worship time on Sunday to 9:30 a.m. so Johnson will be able to return to Loraine for the 11 a.m. service.

In addition, the Hermleigh church also conducts prayer meetings on Wednesday evenings.

Johnson said the church members have been "understanding and gracious" about the time change.

She and her late husband formed their music ministry in 1987 and during the next five years they traveled all over Texas and New Mexico appearing at revivals and providing music for walks to Emmaus on the weekends.

The couple even brought their musical programs to Australia.

Their ministry was a cooperative partnership. They both sang and Johnson said her husband was a "gifted guitarist."

NEW PASTOR — Glenda Johnson is the new pastor at Hermleigh United Methodist Church. Appointed in June she also pastors the Loraine United Methodist Church. (Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

She said their music ministry kept them on the road a lot. But they enjoyed it because "The Lord gave us so many people to love." Those people continue to touch her life today.

"If you do it for the Lord, then the ministry becomes positive," Johnson said.

Their music ministry ended when Lloyd answered the call to become a pastor. After he was ordained, he served in Colorado City and Silverton before his death 2½ years ago.

Ironically, Johnson said that she and her husband used to wonder why they stayed with so many pastors during their music ministry.

She said they later laughed when they realized that was God's way of showing them the positive as well as negative sides of pastoring.

The pastors had told them that if they could do anything else don't go into the ministry. In later years, what the pastors meant became clearer to them. If they were really being called then the Lord would "keep working on us." In retrospect, Johnson said they realized,

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Mr. and Mrs. Troy Bentley
(Contributed Photos)

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

North 07-12-97
♠ 10 3
♥ 8 4 3
♦ 10 5
♣ A Q J 9 8 6

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

East
♠ 9 7 5 4
♥ K 9 7 2
♦ K 3
♣ 5 3 2

South
♠ K Q J 2
♥ J 10 6
♦ A Q 7 4
♣ K 10

Vulnerable: North-South
Dealer: South

South	West	North	East
1 NT	Pass	3 NT	All pass

Opening lead: ♦ 6

Beware the strange play

When you are defending and the dummy has been tabled, you should do some assessing. Check dummy's point-count, and use it to get an idea of partner's power. Then decide how you think the play will go. If declarer's approach looks obvious, be particularly suspicious if he does something unexpected. If he is a competent performer, there will be method behind his apparent madness.

West never asked himself what South was doing on this deal.

In jumping to three no-trump, North hoped that his partner could run six club tricks.

West started with the diamond six: five, king, ace. Now South led the spade two from his hand. Almost by reflex, West played low, allowing dummy's 10 to win the trick. South promptly claimed nine tricks: one spade, two diamonds and six clubs.

If West had had to guess the declarer's play at trick two, he would have gone for something featuring clubs. Predicting that South would run dummy's lovely suit would hardly be a long-odds suggestion. The lead of the spade two, though, wasn't even on the betting card. This should have made West pause.

There is a reliable guideline: If declarer doesn't immediately play on dummy's long and strong suit, that suit is solid.

So, it should be apparent that South, who has eight known winners (six clubs and the ace-queen of diamonds), is trying to sneak his ninth trick. West should win the second trick with the spade ace and switch to the ace, queen and five of hearts, hoping partner started with at least king-fourth. With this layout, the defenders run a quick five tricks for one down.

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NEWLY ELECTED OFFICERS — Officers for the Scurry Charter Chapter of the American Business Women's Association were installed at a recent meeting at the Martha Ann Woman's Club. From left are Carol Young, president; Vern Beasley, vice president; Betty Boyd, secretary; and Sally Herrington, treasurer. At the meeting, Pat Faver gave the program on officer orientation and Lucy Dennis gave the vocational talk. (SDN Staff Photo)

VFW OFFICERS — The 1997-98 officers for VFW Auxiliary Post 8231 are (from left) front row, Sandra Chambers, senior vice president; Kary Moses, president; Bernie Sealy, junior vice president; back row, Jan Thomas, treasurer; Earlene Brooks, conductress; Minnie Swint, chaplin; and Geneva Buchanan, secretary. (Contributed Photo)

Ask Anne & Nan

By Anne B. Adams and Nancy Nash-Cummings

Beware of tempting mail offers

DEAR ANNE AND NAN: In early February I received an unsolicited card that said "You Are a Winner!" I supposedly had won a camera with various attachments. To claim my prize, all I had to do was send a check for $4.95, plus shipping and handling. I did and three weeks later they wanted $14.95 for a flash adapter, which I was supposed to get in the first place. I sent my first check on Feb. 25, but did not send any more. To date, I have received nothing. I suppose this is another rip-off. — ROBERT RICKER, Owendale, Mich.

DEAR ROBERT: Sure sounds like one to us. We called information in the Dallas-Fort Worth area, where this company is located and were surprised that they were listed. Unfortunately, when we called the number, all we got was an answering machine. We then called the Dallas Better Business Bureau and learned that they had received no reports on the company.

The reason might be that one is charged 95 cents a minute for calling this particular BBB; one is advised that the average call costs over $3, so registering a complaint other than by mail can be costly.

We then called the U.S. Postal Inspection Service in Dallas. They said they had received only two complaints, which is not a sufficient number for them to take action.

We guess in a case like this, the old adage "If it sounds too good to be true, it probably is" goes for the offer to which you replied. You might have asked yourself the question: "Why do these folks want to send me a free 35-mm camera with all the attachments? What's in it for them?"

Finally, they are teetering on the very edge of the law. If you had ordered and paid for the camera and attachments, and they had not been delivered within 30 days (unless otherwise noted) the company would have been guilty of mail fraud.

As you didn't pay for the merchandise up front (of course, since it was free) and just paid for postage and handling costs, you did not yet legally "own" the merchandise but were instead paying for a service. Your only recourse is to demand a refund of your $4.95. We suggest you not hold your breath waiting for a response.

We strongly suggest to our readers that they NOT respond to this kind of offer. But if they do, save copies of ALL the paperwork involved. If you feel you have been scammed, take the paperwork you have saved to the Post Office, and they'll forward it on to the U.S. Postal Inspection Division.

FEEDBACK: MORE ON UNSHRINKING WOOLEN GARMENTS — Betty Vlasin of Hayes Center, Neb., writes: "Make a solution of 2 tablespoons of synthetic detergent shampoo and 1 gallon of warm water. Read the shampoo label to make sure it contains detergent and not soap and avoid dandruff and beauty-salon formulas.

"Dip the clean woolen garment in the solution and gently squeeze out the excess moisture. Do not rinse. Place the garment on a flat surface and gently pat back into shape. Let it dry, turning it over once."

Many deep-sea animals can glow in the dark, which helps attract prey or mates.

Reception to honor couple on 50th wedding anniversary

Troy Bentley and Margretta Thompson were married 50 years ago on July 20, 1947. Their sons will honor them on Sunday, July 9, with a reception from 2 to 4 p.m. in the Union United Methodist Church.

Their sons and their spouses include David and Suzanne Bentley of Bulverde, Tex., and Joe and Beth of San Angelo. Mr. and Mrs. Bentley have five grandchildren.

Bentley, born on April 16, 1921 in Snyder, and his wife, born on Feb. 2, 1922 in Ira, met in 1946 in El Reno, Okla. They married in Snyder. Both worked for Straus-Frank, inventory team, and lived in several Texas towns. Bentley retired in San Antonio in December of 1986 and Mrs. Bentley in February of 1987.

They are members of the Union United Methodist Church. They ask friends to join them in celebrating their special occasion and "your presence being your only gift.

Bridal Registry

Kathy Limmer and Jayson Limmer
Amy Eicke Ellis and Scott Ellis
Cinimin Carney and Jeremy Paden
Berri O'Neal and Heith Hodges
Michele Pilgrim and Gary Martin
Marisa Barrera Clement and Richard Clement
Cecelia Costello and George Alvarado
Lena Atkinson White and Stacy White
Monica Guzman and Israel Ortegon
Emily King and A.J. Beaver
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Green Beans & Tomatoes
Heavenly Delight Salad
Refrigerator Cookies

TUESDAY
Meatloaf
Spinach
Buttered Sliced Potatoes
Tossed Salad
Pineapple Pudding

WEDNESDAY
Grilled Ham
Steamed Cabbage
Golden Hominy
Tomato Wedges
Pecan Pie

THURSDAY
Country Fried Steak
Cream Gravy
Mashed Potatoes
Boiled Okra
Jellied Citrus Salad
Cutie Pie

FRIDAY
Fried Fish
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Scurry County Library News and Views

The Summer Reading Club theme for the coming week is "Dinosaur Dreams." Monday, our "Dinosaur Dreams" will be shared through stories, fingerplays, a craft, and a flannelgraph story.

A "Dinosaur Dig" is scheduled for Wednesday. Children should come prepared to dig, and they will get to keep the dinosaur treasurers they find.

NEW CHILDREN'S NON-FICTION

"Fast, Strong and Striped," by Moira Butterfield.

"Punia and the King of Sharks," by Lee Wardlaw.

"Waterfalls: Nature's Thundering Splendor," by Jenny Wood.

"Science on Ice," by Michael Woods.

NEW YOUNG ADULT FICTION

"Trout Summer," by Jane Leslie Conly.

"Kokopelli's Flute," by Will Hobbs.

"Ice," by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor.

"The Bomb," by Theodore Taylor.

LIBRARY HOURS

10 a.m. to 6 p.m. — Mon., Wed., Fri. & Sat.

10 a.m. to 9 p.m. — Tues. & Thurs.

Reminder: Friday is the last day to turn reading time in at the library for members of the Summer Reading Club.

Duplicate Bridge Scores

FRIDAY
No Game

SUNDAY

Four tables of Duplicate Bridge Club at the Snyder Country Club were directed by Jane Hinton.

1. Dot Casey, J.O. Morrison.
2. Lanette Patterson, Christine Stuard.
3. Rube McKinley, Barbara Yorgesen.

TUESDAY

Four tables, directed by Jane Hinton.

1. Nona Morrison, Maribeth Vestal.
2. Rube McKinley, Shirley Stewart.
3. TIE: Mippy Brownlee, Charlie Blakey and Dora Blakey, Barbara Yorgesen.

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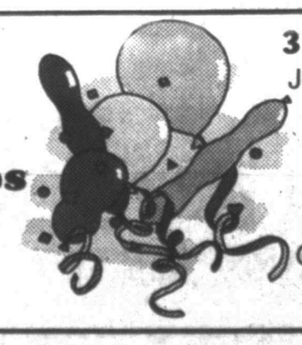

3 OPENINGS! CUBBY BEAR PIANO CAMP
July 21-26, Grades 1-4, w/no Previous Piano Inst.
4 OPENINGS! ROCKIN' RHYTHM CAMP
Aug. 4-9, Grades 4-7, w/n Previous Piano Inst.
SCHEDULE: 9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
SWIMMING 1:15 - 2:30 Lifeguard On Duty
Camp Fees May Be Paid Now Thru Oct. 1, 1997
NO PIANO NECESSARY

Citronella and Tittle Lunsford
(Contributed Photo)

Clowning basics taught to six locals

Mary Ann Beck from Grapevine taught basic clown skills recently to a group interested in using the art of clowning "to present the Good News of Jesus in nursing homes, hospitals, churches and other institutions.

Clown students participated in the Fourth of July festivities in Towle Park.

Citronella (Ms. Beck) has been clowning since she took her first clown classes in 1977. She appears regularly at charity and community functions, as well as at schools, hospitals, nursing homes, restaurants, malls, birthday parties, parades and picnics.

Relating to children is Citronella's favorite phase of clowning and with the aid of magic, songs, stories, games, skits, puppets, face painting and balloons, she delights all little ones.

With a background that includes many awards in TCA and COAI conventions from white face make-up, character, skits and parade-ability to group awards in all these catagories.

She has served several offices since 1982 in the Cowtown Clown Alley in Fort Worth, receiving the Ceslee Conkling Memorial Award in 1996.

In addition, Beck has been a member of the board of directors for the Texas Clown Association. She served as secretary during 1995-96 and was elected as president in October, 1996.

Her judging experience spans from 1992 to 1996 at seminars and conventions in Amarillo, Houston, Odessa, Corpus Christi and San Juan, Puerto Rico.

CLOWN SCHOOL — Shaping balloons is a part of clowning, according to Mary Ann Beck (Citronella), who taught a clowning school in the home of Pearline Nolan. Participants were, from left, Nolan; Nathalie Kelley; Nicholas Means; Beck; Claudia Sanchez; and not pictured, Tittle Lunsford and Charlotte Springer. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Community Calendar

MONDAY

Martha Ann Woman's Club board of directors; MAWC; all members are urged to attend; 10 a.m.

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

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

Defensive Driving Course; Snyder Savings & Loan Community Room, 27th & College; Monday and Tuesday evenings, for more information call 573-2850; 6 to 9 p.m.

American Legion Layne Kite Post 181 and Auxiliary; 7:30 p.m.

White Buffalo Stamp Club; community room of Snyder National Bank; visitors welcome; 7:30 p.m.

Bilingual AA meeting; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; 8 p.m.

Narcotics Anonymous; Winston Park Club; for information call 573-2101, 573-0949, 573-3667 or 573-1579; 6 p.m.

Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; for more information call 573-9458, 573-8626 or 573-8929; 8 p.m.

TUESDAY

Narcotics Anonymous; Winston Park Club; for more information call 573-2101, 573-0949, 573-3667 or 573-1579; 6 p.m.

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

Hermleigh Order of the Eastern Star; Masonic Lodge; 8 p.m.

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

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

WEDNESDAY

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

THURSDAY

Upper Colorado SWCD meeting; country club; noon.

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

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

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

Bilingual AA meeting; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; 8 p.m.

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

New Horizons Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club Addition in Winston Park; for information call 863-2349 or 573-8626; 8 p.m.

FRIDAY

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

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

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

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

NA Anonymous; Snyder Park Club; for information call 573-3667, 573-1579 or 573-0949; 6 p.m.

Hermleigh Community Center Family Night; 6:30 p.m.

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

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

SATURDAY

Horseshoe Pitching For Fun; Horseshoe Courts located at the coliseum; everybody welcome; 3 p.m.

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

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

SUNDAY

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

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

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

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

The first Mexico City newspaper was published in 1541.

Planners need more contacts

Addresses are still needed for the Snyder High School class of 1987 reunion. Anyone having information about the following names are asked to contact Robyn Fambro Wilson at 915-368-4583 or Sherry Brooks, 573-7499.

Planners are asking class members to bring music or any memorabelia from their high school years.

Unavailable addresses include those of Cathy Beets, Alecia Capetillo, Amy Carson, Lee Ann Chaidez, Donnie Chapman, Nathaniel Chavez, Donna Clay, Mark Clemmons, Zeena Cox, Kevin Curfman, Carl Daugherty, Kyle Forga, Christy Gannaway, Jayna Gilbert and David Millhollon.

Others are Lance Harrison, Gloria Jasso, Cindy Martinez, Dennis Martinez, Jesse Oliva, Leon Orasco, Andy Ramirez, John Ramirez, Albert Rodriguez, Jeff Rose, Cheri Rumpf, Simon Sauceda, Willie Talamantez, Sharnette Thompson and Theresa Weir Gonzales.

No peeking

ESTACADA, Ore. (AP) — Don't try to sneak a peek at Kevin Costner during filming of his post-apocalyptic drama "The Postman."

Security promises to be tight when filming begins, possibly Monday: A guard will be posted at the road leading to the set in Mount Hood National Forest.

Video sales and rentals

By The Associated Press

Weekly charts for the nation's most popular videos as they appear in next week's issue of Billboard magazine. Reprinted with permission:

VIDEO SALES

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1."Jerry Maguire," (Columbia TriStar)
2."The Rock," (Hollywood)
3."Lord of the Dance," (PolyGram)
4."101 Dalmatians," (Disney)
5."Riverdance-The Show," (VCI-Columbia Tristar)
6."Dune," (MCA-Universal)
7."Jurassic Park," (MCA-Universal)
8."Happy Gilmore," (MCA-Universal)
9."Playboy's Voluptuous Vixens," (Playboy)
10."Space Jam," (Warner)

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1."Jerry Maguire," (Columbia TriStar)
2."Ransom," (Touchstone)
3."The People vs. Larry Flynt," (Columbia TriStar)
4."Michael," (Warner)
5."Daylight," (MCA-Universal)
6."Mars Attacks," (Warner)
7."Star Trek: First Contact," (Paramount)
8."One Fine Day," (Fox)
9."Beavis and Butt-Head Do America," (Paramount)
10."The Mirror Has Two Faces," (Columbia TriStar)

KID VIDEO SALES

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1."The Hunchback of Notre Dame," (Disney)
2."Bambi," (Disney)
3."The Land Before Time Sing Along Songs," (MCA-Universal)
4."Wallace and Gromit: A Close Shave," (BBC-Fox)
5."Goosebumps: The Werewolf of Fever Swamp," (Fox)
6."Barney's Musical Scrapbook," (Barney)
7."Mary-Kate & Ashley: Case of the Volcano Adventure," (Dualstar)
8."Aladdin and the King of Thieves," (Disney)
9."The Aristocats," (Disney)
10."The Land Before Time IV," (MCA-Universal)

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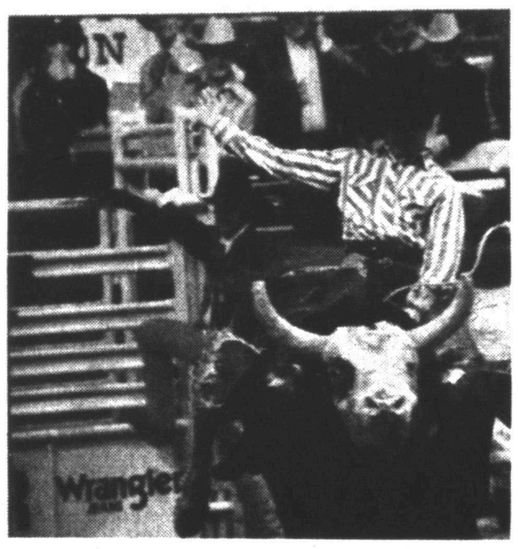

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New Vehicle Registrations

Amy Armstrong, 1997 Ford from Wilson Motors.

LAI Trust, two 1997 Chevrolet pickups from Big Country Autoland.

Snyder Used Cars, 1997 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

Danny J. Curry, 1997 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

George Daniel, 1997 Dodge pickup from Snyder Chrysler.

Sierra Well Service Inc., 1997 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Lynn Bosley, 1997 Dodge pickup from Snyder Chrysler.

Jerold R. and Linda Epperson, 1997 Dodge pickup from Snyder Chrysler.

Robert T. Simon and Russell J. Bentley, 1997 Dodge pickup from Snyder Chrysler.

Ford Motor Credit Corp., 1997 Ford Expedition from Wilson Motors.

Betty Bredemeyer, dba Betty's Bernina, 1997 Jeep from Snyder Chryslery.

D.L. Peterson Trust, 1997 Ford pickup from Williamsburg Motors.

Barbara B. Parker, 1997 Buick from Big Country Autoland.

Keith Collier, 1997 Lincoln from Wilson Motors.

Snyder Chrysler, 1997 Chrysler from Snyder Chrysler.

R. Marshall Erwin, 1997 Buick from Big Country Autoland.

Sam R. Moore, 1997 Chevrolet Suburban from Big Country Autoland.

Sharidge Inc., 1997 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

GECAL, 1997 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

VT Inc., 1997 GMC Suburban from Big Country Autoland.

Filed in District Court

Providian National Bank, fka First Deposit Credit Card Bank, vs. Billy W. Watkins, suit on account.

First Deposit National Bank vs. Ernest O. Randez, suit on account.

Action in District Court

In the marriage of Shelton Hugh Kelley and Magdalena Kelley, divorce granted.

Ellen and William A. Edwards vs. Raymond D. Wood and Powell Box, agreed judgment.

Scurry County vs. Arlie Thomas Eicke, et al, judgment for plaintiff.

Jesus Frank Hernandez Jr. and Alice Soliz Hernandez, individually as parents and heirs of Jesus Frank Hernandez III vs. Amy Luera, Mary Rocha and Pedro San Juan, agreed judgment.

Deed Records

Betty Lee Bowie, Terry Jo Butler, Debbie Lynn Hanks to Joe Velasquez, all of Lot 18 in Block 1 of the Cullum Addition.

Pete and Josephine Olivarez to Dora Oliverez, all of Lot 22 in Block 7 of the Noble Heights Addition.

Henry Floyd Green to Donna M. Koonce, 154.1 acres in the north one-half of Section 36, Block 3, H&GN survey.

Rheta Mae Thompson, Carl Edward Hendrix and Betty Jane Warren to P. R. Warren, Lots 9-12 in Block 22 of the Belmont Park Addition.

Michael L. and Kathlene N. Welsh to Reggie and Tammy Price, Lot 20 of the H&A Addition, a subdivision of 31.974 acres in the southeast one-quarter of Section 207, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Patsy Brumit to Bill Joe and Darla Jean Willis, the south 100 feet of the west 100 feet of Lot 4 in Block 31 of the Blankenship Addition.

Elizabeth Potts to Christy Pratt, individually and dba Christy's, tract one being 0.118-acre tract in Lot 2, Block 7 of the A.D. Dodson Addition; tract two being 0.244-acre tract in the south part of Lot 2, Block 6 of the A.D. Dodson Addition.

Richard Dupree, Trustee under the Will of Walter Jack Dupree, to Richard Dupree, the west 100 feet of Lot 2, Block 46 of the Original Town of Snyder.

Donna Sue Shearer Fowler, individually and as independent executrix of the estate of Bernice Birdwell Parker, et al, to Mollie Love Murr, Lot 3 in Block 27 of the replat of the Colonial Hill Addition.

Donald E. Hanksins to Eldon J. Kirkpatrick, the west 50 feet of the east 100 feet of Lot 4 in Block 11 of the Adams Addition.

Jeraldene Anderson to Jesus and Conception Esparza, all of Lots 3 and 4 in Block 7 of the Noble Heights Addition.

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Apology for slavery could explode

By SONYA ROSS
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — The brutally honest, national dialogue on race that President Clinton wants is under way with a bang — inside Rep. Tony Hall's mail bag.

The Ohio Democrat is being inundated with letters from people who are vehemently opposed to his request that Congress apologize to blacks for slavery.

Hall estimates that, for every letter like this one from West Virginia: "Thank you for your effort to at least start us doing the right thing," there are three like this one:

"Apologize to American Negroes for slavery? You communist, socialist bastards have gone more nuts than I thought you could."

That came from a Texas man who calculated that the government owes him $135 million for the slaves his great-great-grandfather lost at the end of the Civil War.

The response to Hall's bid for an apology is a blunt illustration of what awaits Clinton over the next year as he carries out his plan to get Americans to articulate and resolve their racial differences.

Polls indicate the White House task is daunting. A CBS News poll last month indicated 58 percent of Americans think racial problems are beyond the president's control. A Gallup poll indicated the same percentage believe race relations will always be a problem.

Ronald Walters, professor of political science and African American studies at the University of Maryland, said Clinton should study the dialogue drawn out by Hall's plan because it can help him sidestep land mines in his own initiative.

"The White House may be fooled into thinking that this is just the public's response to a crazy proposal," Walters said. "But what it does say is the people who are in and around this (White House) effort need to be very savvy about this issue or they are going to make a lot of mistakes."

The president has said he would consider an apology. Aides say Clinton would not be surprised if his own plan draws out even more deeply rooted emotion than Hall's has.

"It would not be a surprise that there would be reactions that are deeply felt, strongly held and, in many cases, often not uttered aloud," said White House spokeswoman Ann Lewis. "In the course of the year there may be other examples of this. But once we know about one another that these feelings are there, ultimately it makes it more possible for us to move forward."

Hall said the letters and telephone calls seem to be divided into two distinct misconceptions: that he advocates paying reparations to the descendants of slaves, and that he wants an apology "as an excuse to walk away from the problem."

"A lot of people like to say an apology is a gesture, it's meaningless," Hall says. "If it's a symbolic thing, why do some people cry and other people really get mad?"

Lacking a better outlet, the public has turned Hall's mailbox into a lightning rod for hot emotion.

"You need help Tony," said a letter from North Carolina. "I would like to see our nation return to slavery."

"I say if they want an apology, give them one tongue in cheek, but no money," said a letter from California. "We the taxpayers have given the Negroes billions of dollars."

"This kind of hate has no place in any dialogue," said White House spokesman Joe Lockhart. "While the president is not convinced that now is the most productive time to consider the apology issue, he believes that Tony Hall has brought it up with the best intentions and doesn't deserve the kind of attack he seems to have come under."

Hall says he has not been in contact with the White House. He discussed the idea of an apology only briefly with House Speaker Newt Gingrich of Georgia.

"If I get all these hate calls over a simple apology, we have a problem," he said.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Sonya Ross covers the White House for The Associated Press.

Methodist

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"We definitely had the Lord in our lives."

After the death of her husband, Johnson said she, too, began to feel the Lord calling her to pastor. In 1995, she said she knew "that was what I had to do."

"As soon as I began to make it (the calling) known, it began to happen," Johnson explained.

The Methodist Church has two methods of becoming a pastor — studying at Perkins Seminary at Southern Methodist University or a work/study program which Johnson is following. This allows her to pastor the two churches while she completes her studies, which includes spending four weeks at the seminary each summer.

When she has completed the course study it will be the equivalent of studying at the seminary full-time.

Middle age and second career persons usually follow this method also, Johnson said.

Loraine was her first appointment. She is a member of a growing list of women Methodist pastors who in this area include Bunny Cox in Union, formerly of the Hermleigh church, and Kay Reed in Colorado City.

Johnson said at both the Perkins Seminary at Southern Methodist Church and work/study programs, the mix between men and women is now about 50 percent.

Long before she answered separate calls to the music ministry and pastoring, Johnson lived in Monahans and worked as a clerk for a judge before joining Narcotics Consultants, a company based in Spicewood, Texas.

She trained black labradors as drug-detection dogs for about 5½ years.

She was contracted to work for Monahans and Big Spring ISDs, where she presented programs to young children through high school age, as well as searched for drugs.

Since her children were young at the time, she said she was very interested in the MISD. Johnson said she enjoyed making the presentations, and considered this "one of my most interesting jobs."

She currently lives with Rowdy, one of the dogs she trained who is now retired.

Johnson's previous experience with training horses served her well in training the dogs. She said she quit working with the dogs when she and her husband realized that "the Lord was working on us to form the music ministry."

Born and reared in Odessa, Johnson has six children, 14 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Riley

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ca, assisted with the style show.

Also on hand were other Miss title holders from Idaho, Illinois, Oklahoma and Tennessee.

Molly said observers from pageants from other states attended because Texas sponsors more Miss Rodeo Pageants than any other state and the competition is very tough.

Other family members who attended included Riley's dad, Mike, and brother, Chance. Grandparents were Doug Riley and Modene Konvicka. Other family members were Kevin and Gladys Crouch and their son, Kyle.

Toni Shields, a friend who accompanied Riley to the pageant, helped her coordinate all of her outfits.

Even though Riley had never entered the Miss Rodeo Texas Pageant before, she is no stranger to competition.

Since about the age of 3, she has been competing in horsemanship events and playdays. In 1995, she was named the Scurry County Junior Livestock Association Queen and she has just completed her reign as the 1996 Miss Scurry County Rodeo.

During her reign, Riley rode in parades, decorated floats, promoted the Scurry County Rodeo, was a goodwill ambassador for the community and the rodeo association and helped get local youth involved in rodeo activities.

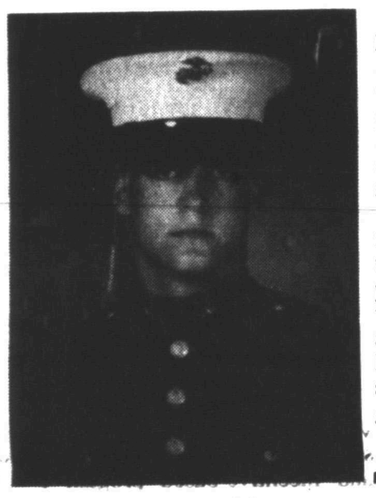
A new queen will be named Saturday night. Contestants are Veronica Williams, Monica Roberson, Shelley York and Darcee Purcell.

Besides a belt buckle and tiara, this year's winner will also be the recipient of the first scholarship presentation.

This year, Riley qualified for state in horsemanship, but will be unable to attend because she is too busy with the rodeo.

Riley is active in 4-H, cooking, sewing and horse shows, and in 1995 received the Outstanding 4-H Girl Award. She said she competes in more horse shows than rodeos.

She will be a freshman at Snyder High School. She was a member of the choir at Snyder Junior High School and helped manage the Show Choir.



Thomas L. Gordy

Gordy promoted to Marine PFC

Thomas L. Gordy was promoted to private first class in the United States Marine Corps on June 1.

He is currently stationed at the Naval Air Station in Pensacola, Fla., where he is studying to be an aviation support equipment technician.

Gordy joined the Marines in December of 1996. He is the son of Billie Gordy of Snyder and Joe Gordy of Midland.

Two charged

MOSCOW (AP) — Security agents arrested two men Friday in connection with the June 1996 bombing of a Moscow subway that killed four people and wounded 12.

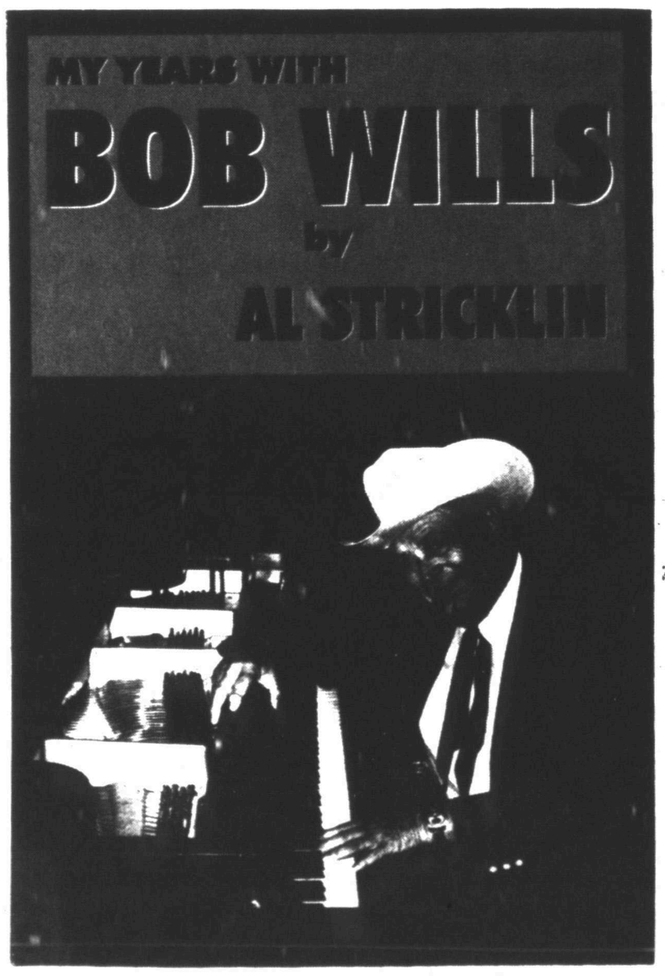
The Federal Security Service gave no details about the suspects.

Top Marine could be discharged

CAMP LEJEUNE, N.C. (AP) — The top Marine videotaped beating gold wings into the chests of paratroopers in 1993 should be discharged from the military, Camp Lejeune's commander said Friday.

The recommended punishment for a gunnery sergeant is the most serious imposed by Maj. Gen. Patrick Howard in connection with the hazing, which involved nine Marines and one sailor still on active duty. The Marines prohibit such hazing activities.

Howard earlier recommended discharging two leaders of a base platoon where a 1991 "blood-pinning" hazing incident took place. "Dateline NBC" aired a videotape of the 1991 incident in January, prompting an investigation.



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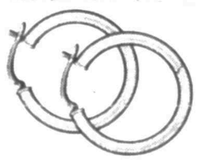

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Fen-phen warning complicates weight-loss battled

By MICHELLE BOORSTEIN
Associated Press Writer

After two months of taking the diet pill combination "fen-phen," Suzanne Levine dropped 30 pounds, rarely thought about eating and felt great. But her doctor's concerns about the drugs gnawed at her.

"I never saw any side effects," said Levine, 56, of Newton, Mass., who went from 176 pounds to 146. "My doctor was just becoming so apprehensive, finally I said, 'Is this really worth it?'"

Levine decided in March to stop taking fenfluramine and phentermine together — a decision that now looms for millions of fen-phen users in the United States after the Mayo Clinic and the Food and Drug Administration announced this week that the drug combination may deform heart valves and cause irreversible lung damage.

The decisions are likely to be complicated. Doctors and patients alike say the desire to lose weight is so personal and so emotionally charged that some may be willing to take calculated gambles to be thinner.

"With any drug there's a risk, but because this is weight, it's much more volatile," said Dr. James Hill, an obesity researcher at the University of Colorado Health Sciences Center in Denver and the president-elect of the North American Association for the Study of Obesity (NAASO).

"The drugs may be a health risk, but obesity is a health risk," Hill said Thursday. "I think it's weighing the cost vs. the benefit."

Mayo researchers identified 24 women who took both drugs to lose weight and later developed deformed heart valves; eight developed pulmonary hypertension, a potentially fatal lung disease.

Deaths from heart failure have been linked to the diet prescription. None of the women in the study died, though five underwent heart surgery.

Manufacturers of the drugs have called the research inconclusive, and even the clinic and the FDA stopped short of telling people to stop taking the drug mixture. But they urged patients to get their doctors advice on whether to continue taking fen-phen.

The warning fueled an already simmering debate about the drugs, which have been around since the 1970s and have been used together since the late 1980s. Prescribed 18 million times as a mixture in 1996, each drug has been approved separately by the FDA but not as a combination.

Doctors said worried patients have been calling with questions — but they doubted most will stop using fen-phen.

"It's always going to happen to someone else, it's not going to happen to them. That's human nature," said Dr. Michael Myers, a family physician from Los Alamitos, Calif., who specializes in weight loss and believes fen-phen is dangerous.

"When it comes to obesity, everyone wants the magic answer," he said. "I think there's a desperation ... it opens people up to treatments that aren't necessarily good for them."

The fen-phen combination has been banned in Sweden, and fenfluramine maker Wyeth-Ayerst Laboratories Inc. has warned doctors that taking it with the competing phentermine is "not recommended."

Still, many physicians aren't prepared to say fen-phen is unsafe.

After the warning, the National Institutes of Health said only that fen-phen should be used with caution until more data is available. The NAASO declined to take a position at all.

"I'm not saying the findings are false, but to draw any conclusions when they don't know whether" it's the levels of the drugs or the combination is sensationalism, said Dr. William Schwartz, a family doctor in Philadelphia who specializes in diet.

He called fen-phen "a godsend."

That's how Michael Wegener views the drugs, which he said rescued him from being "an obese slob." After hearing his doctor describe the possibility of headaches, depression and sleeplessness, the 41-year-old graphic designer in Pasadena, Calif., signed on last July at 336 pounds.

Amber Dawn Duncan

Duncan is grad of U.S. Navy RT

Amber Dawn Duncan of Snyder graduated from U.S. Navy recruit training in June 27 ceremonies at Great Lakes, Ill.

She is currently attending Naval Hospital Corps School in Great Lakes.

Duncan is a 1995 graduate of Snyder High Scool. She also attended Howard College in Big Spring.

She is the daughter of Terry and Angel Duncan of Snyder.

Michael L. Patterson

Patterson earns Marine title

DALLAS — Michael L. Patterson of Snyder officialy earned the title "United States Marine," during Marine Corps Recruit Training graduation ceremonies held in June at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot in San Diego.

After returning home for a few days, he will attend the School of Infantry at Camp Pendleton for school in the infantry military occupational specialty field.

Pfc. Patterson, who graduated from Snyder high School in 1993, enlisted through the Marine recruiters located in Abilene.

He is the son of Lynda Patterson of Snyder and Jerry Patterson of Pecos.

Woman charged with cruelty to animals

HARRISONBURG, Va. (AP) — Bettie Phillips thought the zircon-studded earrings she put on a baby deer were fashionable.

Police said it was criminal.

Mrs. Phillips, 54, of Hiddenite, N.C., was charged with animal cruelty and illegally possessing a wild animal after officers found the fawn in the back of her four-wheel-drive Sunday with cross-shaped earrings in its pierced ears.

She said she rescued the fawn from a busy road on July 3 as she drove to Harrisonburg to visit her daughter. Later that day, she said, she pierced its ears by hand, pushing the posts of the two earrings through the flesh.

The 2-month-old deer was seized and taken to a wildlife center, its ears inflamed and infected. Antibiotics were used to treat the mild infection.

"I thought it would be pretty," Mrs. Phillips said Thursday. "You can get a little kid's ears pierced. What's the difference between a person's and a baby deer's?"

The housewife could get up to a year in jail and $3,000 in fines.

Gores' daughter will marry

WASHINGTON (AP) — Twenty-seven years after his wedding at Washington National Cathedral, Al Gore is preparing to walk down the same aisle again — this time as father of the bride.

Karenna Gore, 23, eldest of the vice president and Tipper Gore's four children, is marrying Dr. Andrew Schiff, 31, Saturday evening at the cavernous neo-Gothic cathedral.

More than 300 guests are invited. Cards sent with the invitations grant admission to a black-tie reception on the sweeping lawns of the vice presidential mansion a short distance away on Embassy Row.

"Tipper and I are very happy and very proud of Karenna and thrilled about her marriage to Drew," Gore told The Washington Post in an interview published today. "It's my first time to be father of the bride, and I'm seeking advice by watching the Steve Martin movie 'Father of the Bride,'" he joked.

The couple, introduced last year by mutual family friends, will live in New York City. Ms. Gore is entering law school this fall at Columbia University. She got her bachelor's degree at Harvard and has been working in Seattle as an editorial assistant at Microsoft Corp.'s online magazine, Slate.

Shortly before her engagement was announced in March, the bride-to-be wrote an article about how to use the Internet to plan a wedding. Her favorite wedding Web site, she said, was "The Virtual Bride."

"It recommends packing the 'Bride's Emergency Kit,' whose 30-plus items include smelling salts, a small flashlight, directions to the reception and masking tape," she wrote.

White House aides have said that President Clinton, due to return from the NATO summit on Saturday night, would try to attend the reception, but Hillary Rodham Clinton will still be in Europe.

The groom, a primary care physician at New York Hospital, was educated at Brown University and Cornell Medical School. His father, David Schiff, is managing director of the investment banking firm Kuhn, Loeb & Co.

The Schiffs are playing host at a rehearsal dinner tonight at Meridian House, a replica of an 18th-century French town home with a hilltop terrace, view of the nation's capital and a grove of linden trees in the back. Though the Schiffs are Republicans, they reportedly get along well with the Gores.

Other details of the weekend's festivities are a closely held secret — caterers and other help reportedly have had to sign confidentiality agreements.

Aretha Franklin will sing at the cathedral ceremony, and dinner is to include a favorite of the bride — minted lamb in tomato cups, the Post said.

Sandra Gosser earns degree

Sandra Peralez Gosser, daughter of Antonio and Rebecca Peralez, received a bachelor of science nursing degree (BSN) from Oral Roberts University in Tulsa, Okla. on May 3.

Gosser is a 1991 Snyder High School graduate and she attended Western Texas College for three semesters

She is a registered nurse (RN, BSN) at St. Francis Children's Hospital in Tulsa. Gosser is a member of Pediatric Nursing Consultants for Atraumatic Care (PNCAC), a group of professional nurses dedicated to fostering the highest quality health care for children and families.

In October of 1996, Gosser married Jason Douglas Gosser, son of Pastor Roger and Connie Gosser. He has a degree in business administration and is currently employed as a specialist II for World Comm Communications in Tulsa.

Sandra Peralez Gosser

AARP Corner

By M.J. Merrit, Community Coordinator

AARP is deeply troubled by recent Senate action on the budget.

Just last month, AARP applauded Congress and the president for their fair and historic bipartisan budget agreement, but the Senate recently radically veered off that course.

Instead of voting for a bill that fairly leads the nation to a balanced budget and a strong health care system for Americans as they age, the Senate chose to target the most vulnerable in our society.

We need to find equitable ways to curb rising health care costs rather than these red meat proposals that endanger Medicare, sharpen dissent among the economic classes and undercut America's social pact to protect the basic health care needs of people who've contributed to this nation.

The Senate bill stands in stark contrast to the more balanced and judicious approach taken in the House. The House bill shows that proposals to undermine Medicare such as those in the Senate version are unnecessary, short-sighted and counter-productive.

The recent Senate vote — intended to strengthen Medicare — does just the opposite. It contains three harmful provisions that could jeopardize Medicare's future: raising the eligibility age from 65 to 67; imposing new co-payments on the oldest, poorest and frailest in society who rely on home health care services; and rapidly increasing the Medicare premiums of individuals with more than $50,000 income and couples with $75,000 in yearly income.

This bill will increase the cost of health care for many Americans and put affordable health care out of reach for millions more. It places a harsh burden on families who will be left to make painful choices between helping a parent or grandparent with their health care needs or spending money on the other necessities of life. Ironically, while many Americans will face these kinds of decisions, Senators enjoy taxpayer subsidized health care coverage without these restrictions.

AARP continues to believe that solutions must be enacted this year to ensure Medicare's short-term solvency. We stand firm in our commitment to work with the Congress and the president to ensure the final package is in keeping with the spirit of the original bipartisan budget agreement. We have promised our members that we will continue our vigorous advocacy efforts for as long as it takes to ensure economic and health security for all Americans.

Take a minute to call Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison's toll free number at 1-800-361-5222 to let her know how you feel.

Stenholm recommends CRP program changes

WASHINGTON, D.C.— Congressman Charlie Stenholm is urging U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Secretary Dan Glickman to make changes in the management of the next Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) sign-up. The CRP is a voluntary and incentive-based progam to reduce soil erosion, improve water quality, and enhance wildlife habitat.

Under the CRP, which was reauthorized in the 1996 Farm Bill, landowners enter into contracts with the USDA to place environmentally sensitive cropland in long-term conservation practices for periods of 10 to 15 years. In exchange, landowners receive annual rental payments for the land and cost-share assistance for establishing those practices. Of the 32.9 million acres currently enrolled nationwide, 22 million acres will expire Sept. 30.

"Concerns have been raised about determining the scoring for the current or intended cover on the acreage submitted during the next sign-up."

Stenholm made the following recommendations to Secretary Glickman as the USDA established policy for the 16th sign-up:

1. Consider allowing a portion of a field to be planted in strips to enhance wildlife benefits, as opposed to requiring 51 percent of the existing cover to be destroyed in all cases.

"In addition to ensuring wise use of the taxpayers' dollars utilized in establishing or enhancing cover, sound conservation practices dictate that you seriously consider some flexibility in this area," advised Stenholm.

2. Consider allowing the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) to make field visits to determine the actual established number and types of species contained in the fields in question.

3. Fully inform current landowners of the options they have to enhance their cover.

4. Be flexible in making determinations regarding what types of practices or actions landowners can take in their efforts to enhance the benefit of their cover crop.

"In addition to these concerns, I cannot emphasize strongly enough the need for a timely announcement of the next CRP sign-up," added Stenholm.

Landowners who were not successful in re-enrolling acreage in the 15th CRP sign-up, and are still interested in remaining in the program, are encouraged to await the release of the new eligibility requirements for the next sign-up before deciding whether to destroy their cover.

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Letters to the Editor

Fairness expected

Dear Editor:

This letter is in reference to the Senior Little League All-Star game between Snyder's team and Abilene's team played Tuesday night, July 8, at Moffett Field. The article in SDN's paper of July 9, is a very accurate, well written description of the events which took place.

Abilene's team was undefeated and Snyder's team had one loss (that was to this Abilene team) and had to win to keep playing.

The Snyder team was ahead and playing one of the best games that they had ever played. Abilene had two outs, runners on first and second. A fly ball was hit towards center field. Everyone thought the ball was caught for out three. The umpire playing that part of the field called an out, his arm up showing the call. His call was overruled by another official, playing the other side of the field way over by first base. It was a very controversial call, causing a lot of havoc.

You could say it was the turning point of the game. Snyder fought hard, but Abilene won by one run.

Those fourteen boys on Snyder's team played an awesome game, and should have won. The play mentioned above and the run that came in during this chaos and was allowed to score probably cost Snyder the game.

Officials play a huge role in all baseball games, and especially in All-Star games where the stakes are higher. That is probably why there were three officials at this particular game.

Something very confusing is that one of the officials used at this game was not used locally because of how he called games. Why was he brought in to call a game of this importance?

The only ones hurt by poor calls are the players, and in this case the fourteen boys who worked so hard to prepare for the game, and played their hearts out against a very good Abilene team.

Officials should be schooled in all rules, should be impartial, professional, and try to be as fair as possible. Snyder teams do not expect favoritism from Snyder officials, they only expect fairness. If an official cannot call it as they see it and then stand by what they call, they need to find another sideline to work at. If an official does not see the actual play, then they should play no part in making a call on something that they did not see, or in reversing a call.

If these officials had been more professional in the calls that they made, then maybe they would not have needed a police escort off the field. Again Snyder does not expect, nor want favoritism from local officials. Fairness is all that is expected.

What about the center fielder who made this diving catch? He knows that he caught the ball. He got the correct call from the closest official, only to have it reversed by one across the field.

Again the only losers in this were the fourteen players on Snyder's team, not the fans, or anyone else, just fourteen boys who played their hearts out only to have a win taken from them. Abilene, enjoy your gift!

Frankie Grimmett, Israel Hinojos, Curt Rinehart and Larry Braziel did a great job coaching these boys. Thank you for your time and dedication!!

Gwen Cumbie
Snyder

Coming back!

Dear Editor:

What a great Western Swing Festival. The Woods and the Miers put on a great show. They work so hard for us Western Swingers.

We have followed them since Canton, but so far, the greatest place has been Snyder!

The whole town is so courteous. The Wagon Wheel Ranch was great, the food excellent.

We enjoyed the dancing and the coliseum is the best place to do it in. Larry Scott is the best emcee. He is "The Throat."

The chamber of commerce is excellent. They are nice and Donna deserves an award for the kindness and promptness.

Thanks again for a wonderful time in Snyder. We already have our reservations for next year.

Your friends,
Ray & Beth Willingham
Angleton

Thanks, Snyder!

Dear Editor:

On behalf of all the Western Swing performers and fans who attended the 10th Legends of Western Swing Music Festival in Snyder June 18-21, I wish to extend my heartfelt appreciation to the wonderful people of Snyder and surrounding areas for their hospitality, helpfulness and friendship.

See Ya next June,
Chuck Woods
President,
Western Swing Promotions

For the record

Dear Editor:

Just for the record:

In the July 9 and 10 Sports Edition of the Snyder Daily News, the sports writer reported on the Championship Game of the Senior Little League All-Star Tournament.

In both articles he made reference to a play in the fifth inning which resulted in 2 runs being scored by the Abilene All Star Team. In paragraph two of the first article, he stated a controversial call changed the momentum of the game. At the start of the fifth inning Snyder was ahead 3 to 1, but Abilene had already scored 2 additional runs to tie up the game at 3 each before the play in left center field. Two runs to tie the game sounds like pretty good momentum to anyone who knows anything about baseball at all.

As far as the safe or out call referred to in column six of the first article, it stated the Snyder center fielder leapt to his feet holding his glove in the air, signaling he had caught the final out of the inning.

It then stated the umpire closest to the play raised his fist and called the batter out. An out on any play is not out until one of the umpires raises his entire arm above his head and verbally shouts out or catch. Many umpires will start up with both hands clinched and extend the arms to indicate fair or live ball. This is exactly what happened on the play in question and no out or catch call was made verbally by any of the umpires on the field.

The Abilene coach saw the safe signal and continued sending his runners around the bases. There wasn't any doubt in his mind what the call was!

When the dust settled after the play, the runner at second had left his base and the defensive players had abandoned their positions. During a meeting between the umpires it was decided by rule and mechanics procedure to count the two runs (since no official out call had been made) and put the runner back on second base and place the defensive team back on the field.

It was my judgement as chief umpire to put everything back in the same order it was when play was halted. If the roles had been reversed, the outcome would still be the same.

As for the Snyder Coach being visibly upset and protesting the call, yes he was upset and yes I listened to what he had to say. During games of any kind emotions can and do run high. Coaches are not ejected for not liking a call. They are usually ejected for what they say when leaving the playing field. There is nothing personal in it at all. They have a job to do and so do we as umpires.

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Great blessings

Dear Editor:

I work in a place of deep pain and sorrow and regret. Where I work loneliness has closed in around almost every person. Sometimes it's hard for them to see any light at all.

I am Chaplain at the Price Daniel Prison Unit. Many of these inmates about whom I'm speaking are good men who have come to Jesus and whose lives are changing. Oh yes, like the rest of us, they have a way to go to reach the spiritual maturity they desire but they are growing.

Last Monday evening a singing group came from Abilene to sing and preach to our inmates. This group was excellent in every way. Our men were blessed greatly. After singing for awhile they invited us to join in. They led in some familiar songs with an up tempo. Our guys always get into that kind of singing.

I was standing at the back watching and singing when I realized what God was doing at that moment. Every man was clapping and swaying and singing at the top of his voice. And there, for just a few moments, the loneliness was gone. God's Spirit filled the hurting hearts of these men. It was like rain in a dry place. God, through those caring volunteers, was giving a beautiful gift to these incarcerated men.

For a few moments, thoughts about home and regrets about bad choices were

forgotten as these men felt the presence of a God who loves them. I couldn't sing anymore. My tears wouldn't let me.

You ask why I'm sharing this in a letter to the editor? It's because I want you to love these guys too. They need to see Jesus in the form of folks like you who will come on the unit and minister the love of God. They need you.

The second reason I share this is that I'd like you to have one of the greatest blessings of your life. If you will come out to one of our worship times, you'll see what I mean. God will bless you too!

Finally, I just want Snyder folks to know that there are real people incarcerated in this prison. Men with wives and children just like yours. Men with hurts and fears just like yours.

My phone number is 573-1114, ext. 173.

Grace and Peace,
Wayne Horton
Chaplain
Hebrews 13:3

Support appreciated

Dear Editor:

To the citizens of Snyder and Scurry County:

As youth, parents and staff of Colonial Hill Baptist Church, we would like to thank the people of Snyder and Scurry County for their support and patronage of our youth projects and ministries.

This July 4th holiday once again showed what a kind and supportive community you are. So, whether you enjoyed some of our Colonial Hill fajitas, sat in the shade and visited with friends, or gave us a word of "howdy" as you came by, we want you to know we appreciate you.

May God bless you and our community

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Snyder High School promotions policy noted

Dear Editor:

Please allow me to use this letter as a means to contact the businesses of Snyder and Scurry County that so generously support Snyder High athletic teams.

Some of you are being contacted by promotional companies to purchase the small footballs, volleyballs and basketballs that the cheerleaders throw to the fans at the games. Last year, it was decided by the administration to go with one company rather than several different ones. This company is Star Athletics, Inc. out of Decatur, Geo., whose representative is Keith Rogers. Any other company is working independently of Snyder ISD.

I would also like to make you aware that no one at Snyder High School, including the athletic teams and the cheerleading squads, receives any money from the promotional company. We only receive the balls to throw in order to raise crowd involvement and overall spirit at the games. This is not a fund-raising activity for any group.

At this time, we do not need anymore footballs or volleyballs. We have enough for the coming school year. Also, the administration has decided not to allow basketballs to be thrown anymore, so we do not need any basketballs at all.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Mr. Scott or myself at the high school. We, at Snyder High, appreciate all the various forms of support that you, the businesses of our community, continue to give our athletic teams. We look forward to the athletic seasons in the 1997-98 school year.

Kaye Carter
Varsity Cheerleader Sponsor

Some sound advice: Never wrestle with a pig

Bill McClellan

I went over to Smithy Thompson's place the other day to help him paint his house.

I'm not a painter and I usually end up with more paint on myself than whatever it is I am trying to touch up. In this case though, I was there to give moral support as much as anything else. Besides, Uncle Elber asked me to and there was free barbecue involved.

"The job is more dog than that flea can bite," said Elber, meaning, of course, that Smithy couldn't handle it alone.

Buckets, brushes, rollers and ladders in hand, me, Elber, Smithy, Slappy Bottoms and Joe Wardwell stood in front of the house, wondering how to go about this. It is said that indecision is the key to flexibility, and we were certainly flexible.

Should we start at the middle of the front porch and work clockwise around the house? Start at the corner? Work side by side? Or should everyone just go off and start painting anywere?

"Oh, let's jest git started," said Joe. "You can't tell which way the train went by lookin' at the tracks nohow."

That's a pretty profound statement coming from Joe, who marks his socks "left" and "right" so he won't put them on the wrong feet.

But his comment about the train tracks and Elber's remark about dogs and fleas got me to thinking about stuff people say. Sometimes it's the way words are said; other times it is what they mean, or the idea behind them that is important.

Here's a couple:

"The trouble with life is that you're half way through it before you realize that it's a 'do-it-yourself' thing."

And one of my personal favorites: "Never wrestle with a pig. You both get dirty and the pig likes it."

Slappy, part-time judge and full-time mechanic, is as big as a house. He's almost as big around as he is tall, but he doesn't let that bother him. He jokes about his size. Slappy is fond of saying, "All things being equal, fat people use more soap."

I had a college English professor once, who fancied himself to be a philosopher. He lectured his students more than once on studying, working hard and being prompt, punctual and prepared. Those were his exact words, "prompt, punctual and prepared." Professor Paul's Ps, they were known as.

When someone didn't turn in an assignment or couldn't answer a question when called on, Professor Paul was likely to say, "There is absolutely no substitute for a genuine lack of preparation."

He was being sarcastic, see.

Have you ever made plans to do something later, and when later got there everything had changed? Say you wanted to buy something, but it cost $300 and you only had $200. So you decided not to put it on the credit card, but wait until you came up with another hundred dollars in cash. By the time you did, the price had gone up to $350.

I think the saying for that is "By the time you make ends meet, they move the ends."

Anyway, we got the house painted in no time and enjoyed some great ribs afterward. Smithy had forgotten napkins, so we were a sight, all covered in white paint and red barbecue sauce. But no one cared.

It's not an original sentiment, I'm sure, but as Uncle Elber says, "There ain't no evidence supportin' the notion that life is all that serious, anyhow."

I think he's right.

Moms and sons can be soulmates

Deanie Francis Mills

I can't imagine that there can be very many things tougher in this world than for a mama to raise a son to manhood ... and then let him go.

The relationship between a mother and son, if it's good, is not like any other. There is often a relaxed camaraderie between moms and sons that father and sons rarely experience. This is because fathers feel such an overwhelming responsibility to raise a son tough enough to handle the challanges of manhood that they fear if they let down their guard too much, he'll grow soft and vulnerable. Witness how few fathers continue to embrace their sons after they reach a certain age. They resort instead to that silly handshake, as though a hug would be a sissy thing to do.

But moms can always hug, even as they are sending their boys off to war.

Some of the most powerful and influential male figures in our history were known to be exceptionally close to their mothers all of their lives. The name Franklin Roosevelt comes to mind, for one.

Boys often talk to their mothers about things they would never confess to anybody else. It's a scary thing to be a man in a man's world, and the pathway to manhood can be fraught with demons. Boys can often tell their moms about these demons without fear of being called weak. Inevitably, the mom will talk it over then with dad, who will impart his manly wisdom, which she will then pass on to the son. In this same way, mothers are usually family mediators in the father-son battles which are a routine part of growing up.

So mothers and sons can very often be soulmates of a very special kind. And then she has to push him out of the nest and refrain from flying after him to break his fall. I can't think of many things harder for her to do.

I've been thinking about this recently because of two significant events which occurred within our family. My husband has a brother who is a colonel in the U.S. Army Special Forces. He has twin boys who are studying ROTC in college and intend to follow in their father's footsteps. This includes jump school, where the boys learn to be paratroopers.

A few weeks ago, one of the twins, who at 20 years old was completing his training, had a terrifying bad jump when neither of his chutes opened. He had to fight all the way down, in freefall, and barely escaped death when the chute opened at 75 feet from the ground. Miraculously, he landed in a swamp and was spared injury.

That night, badly shaken, he called home to ask his parents what he should do. Should he quit, or continue his training and win his wings? His father told him that such a decision was his and his alone to make, "but if you don't overcome this fear right now," he added, "you never will, not for the rest of your life."

So then the boy asked to speak to his mom.

"More than anything in the world," she said, "I wanted to tell him to walk out of there and never risk his life again, to come home where it is safe. But I didn't. I said, 'You're a big boy now, and you have to make this decision on your own. But your dad is right.'"

Deeply worried about their son, ("I've seen men crack up over this," said the colonel), they left and drove all night to get to Fort Benning, where they learned to their mixed relief that he had indeed gone back out for another jump. And he definitely earned his wings.

I can't imagine what must have been running through my sister-in-law's mind as they made that long journey to Georgia. Some times our little boys become men gradually. Other times it happens in a heartbeat.

Our own 19-year-old son had recently been given a job-related opportunity to go to Philadelphia for a few weeks this summer, which would mean he would be unable to attend college summer classes down in Bryan. When he called, his voice trembling with excitement, I was afraid for my boy to venture off into the big bad city all the way across the country, but I couldn't let him see that. "It will be a great adventure," I said. "You can take summer school next year."

I had already watched him reach manhood overnight with the death of his best friend earlier this year. I had watched him struggle his way back from hell with courage and heart and common sense. How could I hold him back now?

When we mothers put our arms around our sons and hold them tight, if even for a moment, it's not because we want to clip their wings and keep them in the nest forever. It's because we know how far they are going to have to fly, and how even when they soar through the clouds, we will always be watching with our hearts in our throats.

In the Aug. 9 election

Letters to the Editor

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At this point the score was 5 to 3 in favor of Abilene and the inning would have ended if a fly ball had been caught by one of the fielders which was misplayed (fact, not opinion). That would have been the third out and the other three runs would not have happened. Which, by the way, was not mentioned for some unknown reason in the article on July 9.

As for the following statements in the July 10 article, the writer referred to a statement by myself stating that unless an umpire can see the action himself, he cannot make a ruling. If he does, then it is just bad officiating. That comment was made in reference to a clipping penalty in football, not baseball. The quote was put in his words, not mine!

The term officiating is used in basketball and football. Anyone with any sports knowledge at all should know that! In baseball an umpire has to make an instant judgement call. He doesn't have time to form an opinion either way. Right or wrong on any call, that's the way it is and we as umpires do it day in and day out with no regard to who's playing the game.

The writer also stated he went back to the ball park and measured the distance from where (in his opinion) the play happened from the wall. Quoting from the article, "I measured it myself and it is thirty seven and one half feet from where Grimmett fell, to the fence." He said he only found two cleat prints in the perfect outfield grass of Moffett field and that's where he measured from. I find it hard to believe that in seven innings of baseball there would only be two cleat marks in an entire outfield. What happened to the rest of the people playing out there? To coin his phrase, I'm not a physicist but I do know that is highly improbable. I guess those other kids didn't have any shoe's on.

Fact, not opinion, the person who wrote the articles was sitting behind the fence at a table helping broadcast the game on the radio. I didn't take time to measure how far it is from where he was sitting to where the play happened, but I doubt he could see exactly what happened and where from that angle and in an outfield that isn't exactly the best lit field in America.

The fact of the matter is, the writer admits he's not a scientist, he's apparently not a basketball or football official, and he's definitely not qualified to be an umpire.

Members of the press should stick to reporting the facts of what happens instead of printing their own opinions. You as an individual should make your own opinion and not be swayed by biased people who want to force their ideas on you.

If you read between the lines of any article, you will find the truth. Remember the word controversial only appears in the media when something happens that they don't agree with!

Sincerely,
Bobby Foust

Best year of life

Dear Editor:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the people of Scurry County for making this the best year of my life.

My reign as Miss Scurry County Rodeo has been wonderful. I could not think of a better place to call home than Snyder.

This year would not have been possible without the help and support of this community.

To my sponsors Bar-H-Bar, Karen Wadleigh Studio, Shawn Hays and the Scurry County Rodeo Association: Thank you for believing in me and for sponsoring me in the Miss Rodeo Texas Teen Pageant. I will always remember my trip to San Antonio and the people that made it possible.

I would like to express my appreciation to the Scurry Co. Rodeo Assn. for the many hours they spent in parades this year, riding in floats and helping me in everyway. All of them will always be special to me.

Most of all, I would like to thank my friends and family for all of their love and the time they gave up to help me. Thanks to my grandparents for helping with my clothes, my speech, and for all of the encouragement they gave me.

I'm looking forward to seeing each and everyone of you at the Scurry County Rodeo this week.

Good luck to all of the contestants and may God keep you in his care.

Riley Ann Tatum
Miss Scurry County Rodeo
Snyder

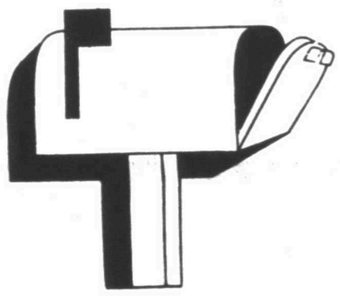
Thank you

Dear Editor,

I would like to thank each and every one for their support for the Hoop It Up basketball tournament in Dallas. We took fourth place.

Thanks to Wilson Motors, Big Country Chevrolet, Snyder Savings and Loan, Snyder National Bank, West Texas State Bank and our coach, Ramon.

Thank you kindly,
Tramaine Len Johnson



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Investigators continue TWA 800 probe

WASHINGTON (AP) — Federal investigators, still unable to say for certain what brought down TWA Flight 800, will attempt to duplicate the conditions of the doomed flight through tests on a Boeing 747 in New York City.

The officials told a congressional subcommittee Thursday that the tests might reveal why Flight 800's nearly empty center fuel tank exploded in midair shortly after takeoff from New York Kennedy Airport last July 17.

Jim Hall, chairman of the National Transportation Safety Board, said fuel-vapor tests on the leased plane will begin within the next two days. The tests will start at Kennedy Airport and continue over the ocean along the Long Island coast.

Temperature and pressure sensors along with vapor sampling equipment have been installed to help investigators monitor the center tank and fuel system. To ensure safety, officials are eliminating any possible ignition sources.

Hall, testifying before the House Transportation aviation subcommittee, said the NTSB has conducted numerous experiments in its search for answers to the crash.

Investigators still do not know what caused the explosion of the Paris-bound jumbo jet that killed all 230 people aboard, but said the three theories — mechanical, bomb and missile — remain under consideration.

James Kallstrom, who is heading the FBI's probe into the disaster, told subcommittee members that the law enforcement team hopes to complete the final stages of its analysis within the next 60 to 90 days.

"We have several lines of inquiry left to complete so that we can ensure we have covered every base," Kallstrom said. "We want the families of the victims and the American people to be confident that our ultimate determination, whether this is a criminal act or not, is based on the most thorough, exhaustive and finest investigative effort the FBI can produce."

He said scientists are examining some 200 holes and punctures in the fuselage of plane, which has been reconstructed in a Long Island hangar. They are also analyzing statements from witnesses who reported seeing "something ascending into the sky followed by an explosion."

To date, Kallstrom said, they have found no evidence of a bomb or missile.

Bernard Loeb, the NTSB's Director of Aviation Safety, said the accident would not have occurred if the aircraft's center fuel tank had been full. He said vapors inside the tank became overheated, making it ripe for any ignition source — bomb, missile or mechanical malfunction.

The NTSB recommended changes in December to reduce the temperature inside center fuel tanks by either keeping them filled with fuel or cooling the fuel inside.

Guy Gardner, associate administrator for the Federal Aviation Administration, told the subcommittee that the FAA has not implemented those recommendations because it's unclear whether they would make a difference.

"Our technical data indicates that adding fuel will not eliminate the volatility," said Gardner. The FAA has focused instead on eliminating the ignition sources.

The NTSB and FAA have been locked in a debate over how best to protect against center fuel tank explosions.

"We believe it is imperative to initiate steps toward the reduction of explosive vapors in fuel tanks," said Hall.

Victims' family members urged the subcommittee to support a bill that would eliminate aviation accidents as a category from the Death on the High Seas Act. The act, passed in the 1920, applies to air disasters which occur more than 3 miles out to sea and prevents family members from seeking compensation unless the victim was the primary breadwinner of the family.

William Rogers, whose daughter was one of 16 members of a Montoursville, Pa., high school French club to be killed in the crash, made an emotional plea to change the law.

"Our daughter, Kim, was a human being, not a ticket stub," said Rogers. "I ask all of you to honor her accomplishments as a human being."

Senior Center News

Outreach Services will present a program on advanced directives at 11:30 a.m. Monday. This is a new procedure through which seniors are able to make advanced decisions about the extent of the care that they would expect in critical situations.This is more extensive than the living will, so seniors are encouraged to attend.

The Hoss Clayton Band will be performing on Tuesday at 11 a.m., and the Senior Saints will be here at 11 a.m. on Thursday.

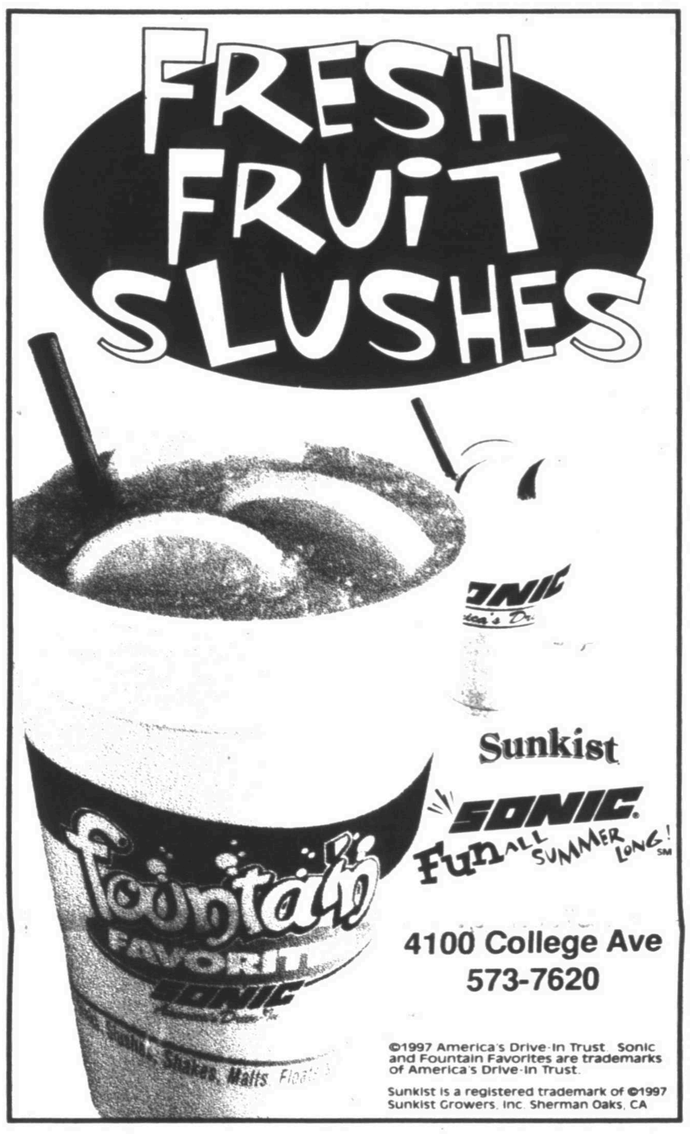
Bridge is scheduled for Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings at 9:30 a.m. The monthly tournament is slated Friday. Any senior who wants to learn to playe bridge is encouraged to join the group.

42 and 88 are scheduled on Tuesday mornings at 10. Bingo begins at 10 a.m. on Wednesday.

An outgoing member of the Advisory Council who has served for many years will be recognized at 11:45 a.m. Monday.

The center serves the community in many ways, one of those being the Emergency Response System. For more information, call 573-4035 and ask for Margie.

The center strives to serve seniors in the community and that requires an army of volunteers. Volunteer to help with home-delivered meals, congregate meals, quilting, clerical and other areas.



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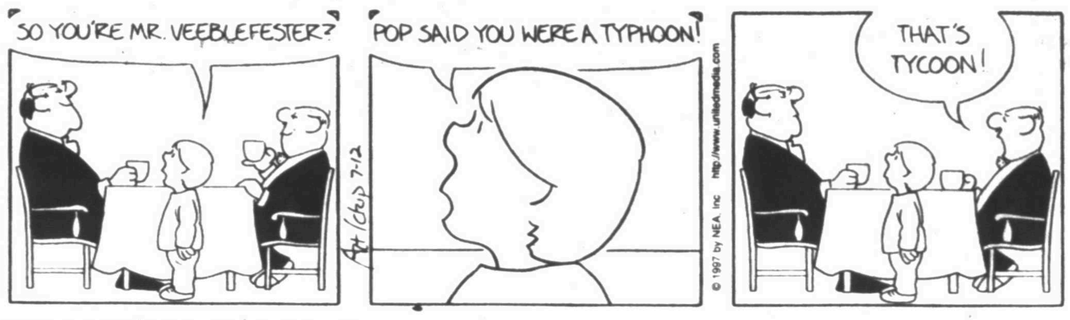

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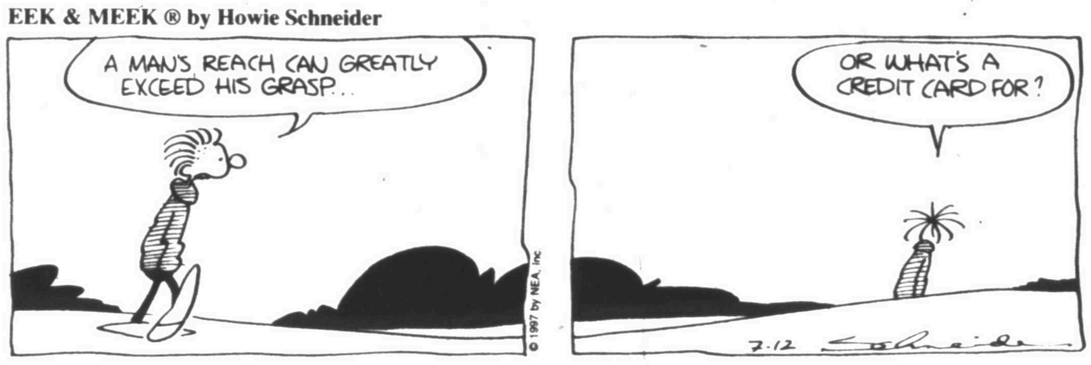

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14 Somewhat elderly
15 Part of U.S.
16 Inert gas
17 Diving bird
19 Son of Jacob
20 Biblical strong man
23 Dakota Indian
24 Fruit spread
27 Marathoner
29 Grassy areas
31 Flower holders
35 Jack at cards
36 Literary genre
37 Actress Bergman
40 Tennis-court divider
41 Poke
44 Miner's tool
46 Once — a time
48 Sixth sense (abbr.)
49 Center of shield
53 Greatest numbers
55 Make precious
57 Adjusted beforehand
58 Violent
59 Asian attire
60 Jaunty

DOWN

1 — National Park
2 Not working
3 Fashionable beach resort
4 Nickels and dimes
5 Brit. Navy abbr.
6 Buddhism type
7 Dye
8 Bury
9 Actor Christopher —
10 Comedian Murphy
12 Private eye, slangily
13 River in Alaska
18 Naval abbr.
21 Passionate
22 Western state
24 Pres. initials
25 Own (Scot.)
26 — culpa
28 Large rodent
30 Roman 56
32 Transgression
33 Before, to a poet
34 Collection
36 Straw user
38 Super!
39 Legal matter
41 Springs
42 Armadillo
43 Mike Tyson, e.g.
45 Push gently
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51 Type of book or card
52 Wild party
54 Intermediate (pref.)
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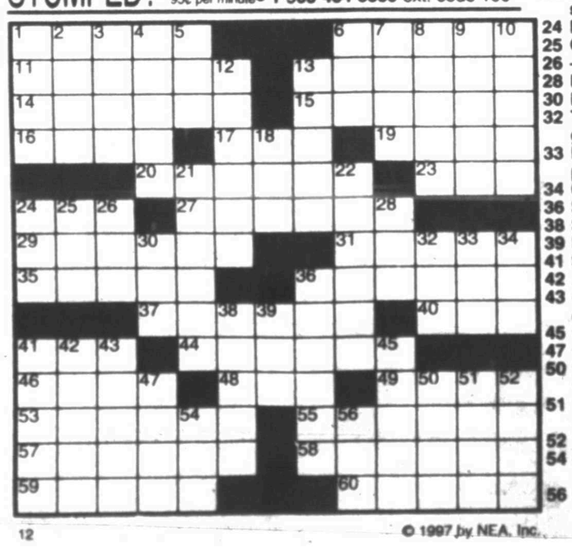

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"IS THAT YOUR 'LITTLE HOUSE ON THE PRAIRIE'?"

New gene found gene that may unlock secret

WASHINGTON (AP) — Government scientists have found a gene that causes a rare but always fatal cholesterol disease in children. The discovery eventually could unlock the secret of how cholesterol causes heart disease in millions of Americans.

But the gene discovery may not come in time to save sisters Christa and Marcia Parseghian, whose grandfather, former Notre Dame football coach Ara Parseghian, raised millions to help pay for the gene hunt. Their 9-year-old brother just died of Niemann-Pick type C disease, and at ages 6 and 8, the girls now show early symptoms, too.

"I hope that this finding has an impact on our girls' lives, but I have to be realistic," said their mother, Cindy Parseghian, who knows creating a treatment from the gene finding will take time. "We just keep our hopes up and don't look too far down the road."

The disease hits about 300 U.S. children, but understanding it could help scientists battle the nation's chief killer: heart disease caused by artery-clogging cholesterol, said the American Heart Association's Dr. Ed Fisher.

The gene is "an important finding," agreed cell biologist Yvonne Lange of Rush-Presbyterian-St. Luke's Medical Center in Chicago.

In Niemann-Pick, cholesterol builds up in storage compartments of cells called lysosomes. Eventually, the buildup kills the cells, starting in the brain. The first symptoms, occurring between ages 5 and 10, are problems in seeing, walking and talking — like Christa's slurred speech and Marcia's stumbles during ballet class.

Patients try low-fat diets and anti-cholesterol drugs, but most die before age 20.

Today in the journal Science, National Institutes of Health scientists announced they discovered the gene NPC1, along with eight different mutations, that can cause the disease.

When copies of a healthy NPC1 gene were inserted into skin cells taken from patients, the cells began processing cholesterol properly, wrote lead authors Peter Pentchev and Eugene Carstea of the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke.

That means it may be possible one day for gene therapy to cure the disease.

Scientists have a "mouse model" of the gene ready to test immediately in a search for other, easier treatments, another NIH group reported in Science. Usually scientists spend months after discovering a human gene to breed test animals with the same defect. But molecular biologist William Pavan found the defective gene in a strain of diseased mice even as his colleagues found it in humans.

The body needs cholesterol to function, but the substance also causes atherosclerosis, a dangerous cholesterol buildup in arteries that leads to heart disease. Nobody understands how cholesterol moves within cells, but the protein that the NPC1 gene makes could finally help explain that vital process, explained the institutes' neurology director, Zach Hall.

Indeed, researchers say early work suggests the protein could sense a cell's cholesterol level and shuttle the fat out of the lysosome to be used by the body.

Scientists want to send astronauts to Mars

SPACE CENTER, Houston (AP) — Scientists can hardly wait for the day when people instead of robots are bouncing around on the red planet, where rock stars Yogi and Barnacle Bill are proving to be great motivators.

If the Pathfinder mission makes going to Mars look easy, Doug Cooke is the man who wants to make it happen — for humans.

"It's within reach," said Cooke, manager of the Exploration Office at NASA's Johnson Space Center in Houston. "Technically it's something that can be done."

Images beamed back from the dusty planet — home to the hilly salmon-colored landscapes and the rocks that scientists have nicknamed Yogi and Barnacle Bill — have fired the imaginations of Cooke and his 12-member team.

From a cramped Exploration Office on the second floor of the Space Center's Building 17, Cooke and Kent Joosten have been working on ways to fly astronauts to Mars, a place with an eerie resemblance to the Southwest in newly released photographs snapped by the Pathfinder lander and Sojourner rover.

Such a mission could happen as soon as 2010, said Cooke, who finds the Pathfinder results "a real motivator."

Wearing a "Mars or Bust" pin, Cooke said Wednesday that pictures of the hills from the bone-dry planet make him want "to have somebody out there going to look at them."

Robert Zubrin, a scientist with Pioneer Astronautics in Lakewood, Colo., is working on a way to generate fuel on Mars to support a manned mission, and agrees that the red planet is within reach.

"We are much better prepared to send people to Mars today than we were in 1961 when John Kennedy started the moon program," Zubrin said.

Back when Kennedy made that bold proposal, "We had 15 minutes of human space flight experience," Zubrin said.

Now that the $266 million Pathfinder project is showing that "faster, cheaper, better" missions are doable, experts believe human Mars travel could be achieved within limits set by NASA Administrator Daniel Goldin.

On Wednesday, Cooke presented his plan for a 2½-year manned Mars expedition to Goldin.

It would work like this: Two unmanned spaceships would be launched. One would land on Mars and use the planet's mostly carbon dioxide atmosphere to generate fuel for the return trip. The other would remain in Mars orbit.

Astronauts would head out two years later, spend 18 months on Mars, depart in the fueled spaceship, dock with the orbiter and head back to Earth.

Goldin is insisting the engineers figure out a way to send people to Mars for no more than $25 billion. The latest estimate was about twice that.

Cooke's team is trying to slash the price tag by reducing the spaceships' weight, thus saving fuel, and by using Mars' atmosphere to produce fuel for the trip home.

But the engineers still need to resolve safety issues and determine the scientific payoffs of a manned mission, Goldin said.

Among the questions, said Joosten: "How can we make air? How can we make propellant? What's the radiation level for people? Is the dust toxic?"

The engineers will attach instruments for measuring such things to a series of landers to be rocketed to Mars during the next decade. And experiments are under way on the space shuttle Columbia to see if Mars-bound crews could grow their own food.

Cooke's team, meanwhile, hopes to benefit from Pathfinder's success, and the fascination with the red planet.

"The public awareness and support is important to ever really launch into an effort like this," Cooke said. "So it (Pathfinder) really is a big boost."

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Brain can handle 2nd language separately

NEW YORK (AP) — When people think in a language they learned as adults, they employ special brain circuits not used for their native tongue, a study suggests.

But if adults had started learning two languages in infancy, they use the same circuits for both, researchers found.

The difference appeared in a critical language center called Broca's area, which lies near the left ear in right-handed people.

There's no evidence that the study finding explains why kids learn a second language more easily than adults do, cautioned senior author Joy Hirsch of the Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center in New York.

The work appears in the current issue of the journal Nature.

It included six people who'd been exposed to two languages in infancy and six who'd picked up a second language as adults. Their brains were scanned as they silently told themselves what they'd done the previous day, thinking first in one language and then the other.

The finding fits with prior reports that in bilingual people, strokes or brain tumors can hinder ability in just one language, Hirsch said.

Arturo Hernandez, who studies bilingual people at the University of California, Santa Barbara, said it's not clear what it means to show that two languages are associated with different brain circuits.

It could mean the brain stores each language in a different place, or that it gets access to each language through a different circuit, or simply that it works harder to use the language learned in adulthood, he said.

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