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Ask Us

Q—Is there any fee to enter the bike decorating contest or the parade on July 4 in Towle Park?

A—No. The bike decorating contest begins at 9 a.m. and the parade gets underway at 10. Starting point for both will be the Moffett Field area.

Local

Civil defense

Snyder's civil defense sirens will be tested Monday, weather permitting.

Lions Club

Snyder Lions Club will hold its annual banquet and installation of officers tonight at 7 o'clock at Martha Ann Woman's Club.

Youth Center

Scurry County Youth Center board of directors will meet at 7 this evening in the Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse office.

VFW 8231

Members of Snyder's Veterans of Foreign Wars' Post #8231 will meet at 6 p.m. Friday at the VFW hall. This is a men's only meeting as the Auxiliary will not meet.

Class of '84

Snyder High School Class of 1984 will hold an organizational meeting at 7 this evening at the Amoco Pipeline Co. building, 2311 Ave. K, to plan an upcoming reunion.

All '84 exes are encouraged to attend.

Class of '69

Snyder High School Class of 1969 will have its 25th reunion Friday and Saturday at Snyder Country Club. Invited are former teachers and classmates from 1969 as well as those from other classes. For further information, contact Dorthy Lloyd Beaty at 573-8877.

All-Sports

Snyder All-Sports Booster Club will raffle a 1994 red Chevrolet S-10 extended cab pickup beginning Saturday.

Five hundred tickets will be sold at $50 each. The drawing will be held on "Meet the Tigers" night, which is yet unscheduled. The pickup can been seen at the booster club booth in the park over the holiday weekend.

Weather

Snyder Temperatures: High Wednesday, 104 degrees; low, 74 degrees; reading at 7 a.m. Thursday, 75 degrees; no precipitation; total precipitation for 1994 to date, 5.32 inches.

Snyder Area Forecast: Tonight, fair. Low in the mid 70s. South wind 5-15 mph. Friday, mostly sunny. High around 105. South wind 10-20 mph. Fourth of July weekend forecast, mostly sunny days and fair nights. Highs 100-105. Lows in the mid to upper 70s.

Almanac: Sunset today, 8:51. Sunrise Friday, 6:42. Of 180 days in 1994, the sun has shone 173 days in Snyder.

Sante Fe to merge with Burlington

Rail officials say impact on county is unknown as yet

From local, wire reports

Burlington Northern Inc. and Santa Fe Pacific Corp. announced today they will merge, creating the nation's second-largest rail network covering the western two-thirds of the United States.

The merger, subject to approval of the Interstate Commerce Commission (ICC), would give the two companies a combined 33,000 track miles in the Midwest, Southeast and West, the longest network in the United States. In terms of sales, it would be the second largest company behind CSX Corp.

The effects of the merger on freight rail service to Scurry County will not be known until the full merger application is completed and filed with the ICC, a spokesman for Burlington Northern's Washington, D.C., office said today.

"Until this merger is approved by the ICC, it is premature to speculate on the impact on Scurry County," echoed Philippa Dworkin, manager of public affairs for Santa Fe Railway in Schaumburg, Ill.

Dworkin expressed confidence that the merger, expected to more than quadruple the total railway service provided to current freight customers of Santa Fe Railway, will permit more efficient, more continuous service for customers. "I think the customer is going to benefit very much if this merger goes through," she said.

Burlington Northern's current freight service includes track in Canada, Dworkin said. Santa Fe currently offers 7,800 miles of freight railway service to customers, she said.

Under the merger, Santa Fe shareholders would receive 0.27 share of Burlington Northern common stock for each Santa Fe share they own. Burlington Northern shareholders would benefit from increased revenues, which presumably would mean a higher stock price, a spokesman said.

Santa Fe stock closed 13 cents higher Wednesday on the New York Stock Exchange at $20.38 a share. Burlington Northern closed unchanged at $53.50.

Burlington Northern, based in Fort Worth, already is the nation's largest railroad and specializes mainly in hauling grain, coal, cars and timber. Santa Fe, based in the Chicago suburb of Schaumburg, is a pioneer in intermodal shipping, which is hauling merchandise in stackable containers.

"This merger will create a strong, new rail carrier with a diversified traffic base and excellent financial prospects," said Robert

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BOLD BICYCLIST — Jeremy Blagg, 15, an incoming ninth grader at Snyder High School, performs a stunt with his bike on a culvert along College Avenue on Wednesday. (SDN Staff Photo by John McMillan)

July 4 prompts closings

Scurry County residents gearing up for Independence Day and the annual Fourth of July Celebration here are reminded that city, county, state and federal office buildings will be closed Monday.

One exception is Scurry County Museum, which will feature the Houston Water Color Exhibit from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday. The museum will also be open from 1-4 p.m. Sunday.

Scurry County Library, normally open on Saturday, will close after business Friday and not reopen until Tuesday.

The courthouse, county extension offices, the Senior Citizens Center and the health unit will all be closed Monday, as will City Hall.

Snyder Post Office will deliver mail as usual Saturday but will be closed Monday. Mail will not be put up and the counter will not be open. No mail will be delivered that day.

All local financial institutions will also be closed.

Positive operational report reviewed by Cogdell board

A positive financial report for May and a brief update on the Joint Commission survey held this month were key items for Cogdell Memorial Hospital's board of managers this morning.

May's financial operations report indicated a net income for the month of $77,558 and income for the year at $205,016. Income for the same period a year ago was a negative $47,210.

Hospital utilization statistics for May indicated an average daily census of 12.9 patients, 1,251 home health visits, 105 surgeries, 7 newborns and 705 emergency room visits.

Hospital CEO Jeff Reecer gave a brief report on this month's Joint Commission survey. He reviewed a list of 11 recommendations made by surveyors pertaining to the hospital, most of which dealt with documentation or policies the commission felt were not extensive enough. Surveyors also made six recommendations involving long term care and three involving home health.

"I know (preparing for) this takes a tremendous amount of work but I think this allows us to find better ways to do better things," said G.A. Parks Jr., board chairman.

Reecer said that despite the effort involved in preparing for the Joint Commission survey, it helps keep the hospital employees more aware of duties and policies and ensures that Cogdell is providing the best health care possible.

Reecer said the survey team takes its findings and submits them to a review board for accreditation. The review board will announce its findings in about 90 days.

In other action, Cogdell board members approved an automobile/mileage policy designed to save the hospital an estimated $7,700 annually.

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Two join Windam staff at prison unit

By JOHN McMILLAN
SDN Staff Writer

For two new instructors at the Snyder-area Windham School, working at a state prison unit is proving to be a liberating experience.

"It really has been interesting and challenging, and a change from the public school system," said Brandye Hughey, who began duties this month as a full-time computer lab teacher at Windham School. The school serves inmates at the Price Daniel Unit.

"I've really enjoyed it," echoed Syd Pipkin, who has joined Windham as a full-time instructor in English, math, science, and social studies. "It's interesting and it's a challenge. It's a change from 13 years in the public school system, and I also think that it's a rewarding job."

Pipkin, 46, previously was employed for 13 years in public schools, having taught home economics, reading, fourth grade, and English as a Second Language, and having coached tennis for a school district.

Pipkin received a B.S. degree in home economics in 1969 from Texas Tech University. As part of her degree, she also earned certification from Texas Tech to be an elementary-school instructor.

Pipkin was born and raised in Lubbock. She is married and has two children.

Hughey, 27, previously taught for two years at Grady High School in Lenorah. During her tenure at the school, she taught English and coached junior high- and high school-level girls' basketball as well as track.

Hughey received an Information Processing Degree in 1988 from Texas State Technical Insti-

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BRANDYE HUGHEY



SYD PIPKIN

Economic workshop planned for 7 o'clock

A public workshop to discuss business development and physical assets of Scurry County is set for 7 this evening at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church.

The workshop is the second of four being held to set priorities and develop working plans for economic development.

Last week, a workshop was held on recreation, arts and culture and on safety and security.

Future workshops and their topics are July 7 at Lincoln Community Center, focusing on education and youth; and July 14 at East Elementary, focusing on basic needs and health care.

The workshops were scheduled following a strategic planning meeting held recently by the Development Corporation of Snyder. The public is encouraged to attend any or all of the workshops.

The DCOS has also scheduled a final workshop for 7 p.m. July 28 in the park barn to present findings from the four workshops to the public.

The SDN Column — By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "A clear conscience is nothing more than a bad memory."

There's more evidence that the summer heat may be taking its toll on local citizens. You'll have to decide for yourself.

Three Snyder residents recently went up to Tulia in Swisher County to see cotton trash burn. Doug Hutchinson, DCOS executive director, took along Roy Baze, one of his board members, and Max von Roeder, chairman of the BCD.

In getting to the cotton bur fire, the trio reported little traffic congestion. What was significant, however, was lunch — or who paid for it.

We've never known Baze to tell even a white lie, but for him to report that von Roeder volunteered to pick up the tab for lunch is suspect. As Harold Denson would say, "Maybe not a lie, but somebody may be handling the truth a little recklessly."

Baze does stand by his story. Even before they picked the restaurant, and long before looking over the menu and placing an order, von Roeder offered to pay for lunch.

Von Roeder, the classic tightwad, even owns up to the story. And since there was no expense account involved, there's only one explanation — it must be the heat.

And while you're making plans for another torrid month, July has the following to offer. It's Anti-Boredom Month, National Ice Cream Month and National Hot Dog Month.

July 3 is stay out of the sun day, and July 4 marks the opening of nude recreation week.

But our favorite comes on July 27. It's Take Your House Plant for a Walk Day."

And please, in this heat, no jogging.

Process gives little hope to refugees

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AP) — President Clinton says it's as easy for Haitians to win political asylum from the United States in Haiti as it is to take to the seas. Diceurou Senat begs to differ.

Senat was among 400 people lined up Wednesday hoping to get one of the 60 applications for political asylum available that day.

But he was too late. He arrived at 4:35 a.m.

Thousands of Haitians suffering under a military-dominated government Clinton has criticized as brutal have turned to the sea for relief since June 16, when U.S. policy changed to ensure them hearings for political asylum.

About 3,500 Haitian boat people have been intercepted at sea since Friday, and diplomats say there are enough boats in Haiti for as many as 100,000 people to try to escape.

"I cannot live with the system, with this government," Senat said as he sat on the front steps of the downtown Rex Theater, which the U.S. government rents during the week for the refugee program. Behind Senat was a poster for the movie "Sleepless in Seattle."

The 25-year-old musician said he was detained from May 28 to June 22 for political activism.

"If they don't give my asylum, I plan to go by boat," he said.

Refugee advocates and even some American officials acknowledge privately that Senat's chances are better at sea, despite what Clinton has asserted in his effort to stop the surge of U.S.-bound refugees.

An application is only the first step for Haitians trying to get out Clinton's way. About 58,000 Haitians have filled them out since 1992, but only 14,000 had been interviewed by American immigration officials as of June 21, said Alf Cooley, director of the U.S. refugee program in Haiti.

Only 1,370 cases, 2.3 percent of the 58,000 total, have been approved for asylum. About 30 percent of Haitian boat people have had their claims accepted at a processing center off Jamaica.

That glaring difference is one reason for the latest flood of refugees.

Even Cooley acknowledges that boat people, who under the new Clinton administration policy are guaranteed a hearing, are a giant step ahead because they don't have to fill out applications.

Applicants inside Haiti must wait months for approval. Even if they get it, with U.S.-Haiti airline service cut since Friday, they have no easy way to leave the country.

More than 1,000 people approved for political asylum are stuck in Haiti, some of them in danger by military-backed terror groups. No one has left since the air ban took effect, Cooley said.

Cooley's office, with five immigration agents, can only interview 30 people each day. Because of widespread falsification of applications, clerks now fill out the petitions — the reason for the 60-per-day limit.

"What can you do about the bottleneck when you have a finite number of people hearing due-process applications?" Cooley asks.

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Prostitution suspect sold computer service, her attorneys explain

HOUSTON (AP) — Attorneys for a 34-year-old businesswoman accused of operating a prostitution ring say those high-profile clients she was serving were buying computer services, not sex.

"Her business was, she had a computer consulting company. Her forte was computer databases," said Michael Peck, one of two attorneys representing Ann Marie Menke.

Houston police arrested Ms. Menke June 10 at a hotel and seized a computer and software at her home. Investigators claim the items they seized included a list of big-name Houstonians, including professional athletes, who were prostitution clients.

Ms. Menke's attorneys confirm there was a customer list that included some well-known names, but they say the clients weren't buying sex. Instead, they say, Ms. Menke owned and operated a computer consulting agency called Computer Contracts Services.

A few names on the list may not be clients, but simply names that the woman had on her computer, Peck said.

But how could the police mistake computer services for bedroom services?

"That's a good question," said Joe Porto, another of Ms. Menke's attorneys.

Police investigators declined comment on the case Wednesday, saying they didn't want to jeopardize an ongoing probe.

Ms. Menke appeared in court briefly on Wednesday, and arraignment was scheduled for July 21. Charges of aggravated promotion of prostitution, prostitution and possession of a controlled substance will be presented next week to a grand jury

For her appearance, she wore a pair of sunglasses, a scarf tied to cover her hair and a straw-brimmed hat pulled down past her nose. Afterward, she ducked into a stairwell and ran from the Harris County courthouse.

To a request for comment, she said, "No, talk to my attorney."

"We're in the process of reviewing (evidence) then deciding what path to take before a grand jury," said Tom Wilson, the prosecutor in charge of the case. He declined to comment on specifics in the case.

Pick 3

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

5-1-1
(five, one, one)

Lotto Texas

by The Associated Press

No tickets correctly matched all six numbers drawn Wednesday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials said.

The numbers drawn Wednesday night from a field of 50 were: 7, 9, 28, 30, 49 and 50.

Lottery officials estimate the jackpot for Saturday night's game will be $17 million.

Dear Abby



Heavyweight Wife Looks For a Little Enlightenment

by Abigail Van Buren

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DEAR ABBY: My husband, who is normally a kind and loving man, recently told me that he finds my body size troubling. I'm 5 feet 3 inches, weigh 204 pounds and have tried every diet under the sun. I doubt if there's a weight-loss plan that anyone could suggest that I haven't tried.

My question, however, is not about another kind of weight-loss program. What I'd be interested in knowing is this: How do other men with fat wives deal with it — especially those whose wives got fat after their marriage?

Are they embarrassed in front of friends? Do they have affairs, or fantasize about thin women? Or do they say nothing and quietly hate their wives? Does criticizing bring a change? Do they decide to resist cultural standards of weight? Or do they ignore it and love the other qualities their wives have?

Please ask your male readers, Abby. I'm very interested in what they might have to say — but they are not the kind of questions you ask some man sitting in the local fast-food restaurant. Thank you!

FAT BUT NOT HAPPY

DEAR FAT BUT NOT HAPPY: In answer to your questions: Not all men are alike. Some are embarrassed about the size of their wives; some are not — just as some wives with fat husbands will tell you. Some have affairs, but husbands with thin wives also have affairs. Criticism will sometimes bring a change, but not always.

A person (man or woman) is more than just a fat or thin person. There's heart, soul and personality inside. A person's value cannot be determined by his or her weight.

* * *

DEAR ABBY: My daughter recently graduated from a very prestigious college. Each graduate was given a limited number of tickets, as there were many graduates in an auditorium with a limited seating capacity.

While I expected to see people of all ages, I did not expect to see small children and infants.

Some parents did not hold the little ones on their laps; they let the youngsters jump around during the ceremony! And some with babies spent the entire time carrying them up and down the aisles trying to calm them.

Let's face it, it is difficult even for a parent to be interested in hundreds of graduates and speakers; how on earth do parents of these children expect them to act?

This is a wonderful moment for the parents and grandparents of graduates — but never on God's green earth would I do something as stupid as bringing an infant to a graduation ceremony.

ANNOYED IN MASSACHUSETTS

DEAR ANNOYED: Congratulations, and hear, hear!

* * *

DEAR ABBY: I have never seen mentioned in your column how women of all ages, shapes and sizes — married, single and widowed — chase after priests and ministers, wanting to physically embrace them.

If a priest rejects them, some of these women make false accusations, ruining the reputations of decent, innocent men.

I have seen some of these women in action, and they are a disgrace. My son is a young priest, and this is his biggest complaint. Can you offer some suggestions that might help him?

HIS MOTHER

DEAR MOTHER: The most effective way to avoid an unwelcome physical embrace is to immediately extend one's hand and initiate a handshake.

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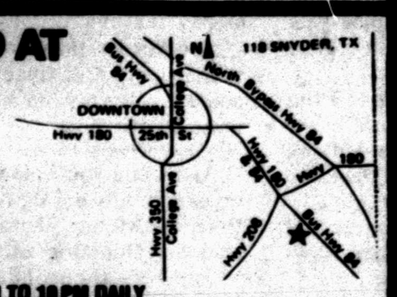
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Pipe bomb narrowly misses car

MIAMI (AP) — A pipe bomb exploded outside rapper Luther Campbell's house, barely missing his $50,000 sports car.

No one was hurt, and Campbell's home and Dodge Viper were unscathed, police said.

Campbell, of 2 Live Crew fame, heard a blast Tuesday night and saw smoke coming from his carport, said Metro Dade police spokesman Pat Brickman.

"A witness said he heard a loud explosion and a squeal of car tires," Brickman said. "He then saw a vehicle drive by very quickly."

Campbell's spokeswoman had no comment.

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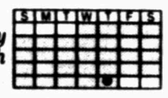
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TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Susan Hayward (1917-1975), actress; Buddy Rich (1917-1987), drummer; Lena Horne (1917-), singer-actress, is 77; Nancy Dussault (1936-), actress, is 58; Mitch Richmond (1965-), basketball player, is 29; Mike Tyson (1966-), boxer, is 28.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1978, Willie McCovey hit his 500th career home run.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "In my early days, I was a sepia Hedy Lamarr. Now I'm black and a woman, singing my own way." — Lena Horne

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1912, Canada's deadliest tornado struck, killing 28 people and destroying some 500 buildings in Regina, Saskatchewan.

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TODAY'S MOON: Last quarter.

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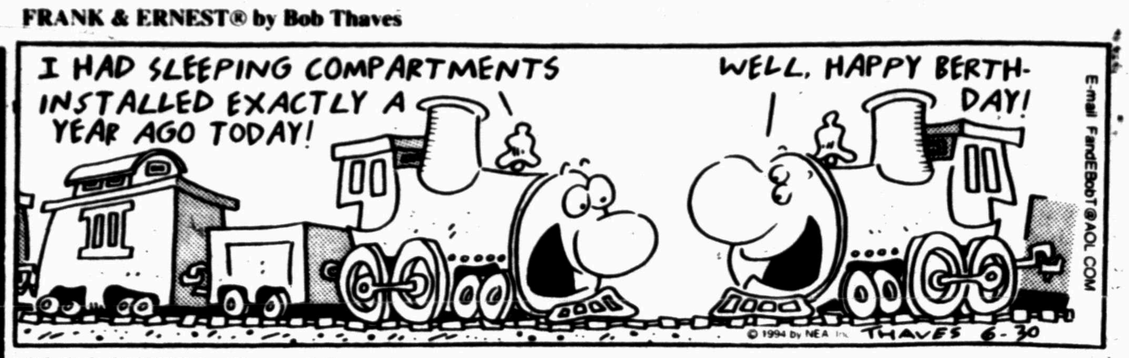
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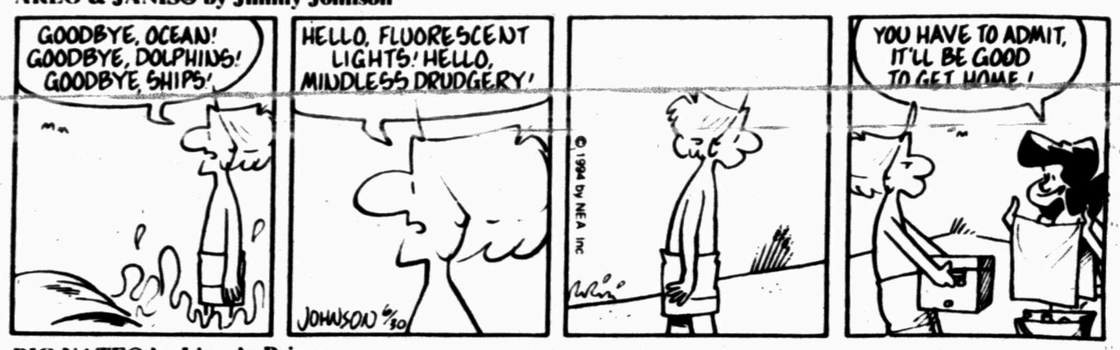
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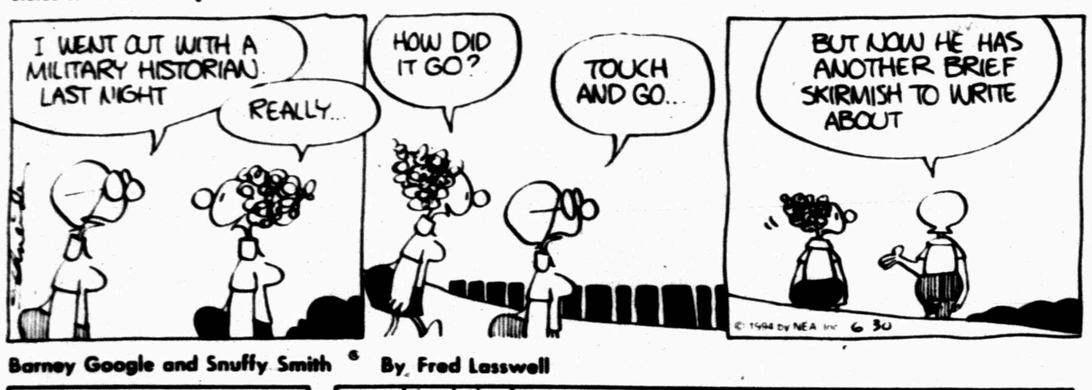
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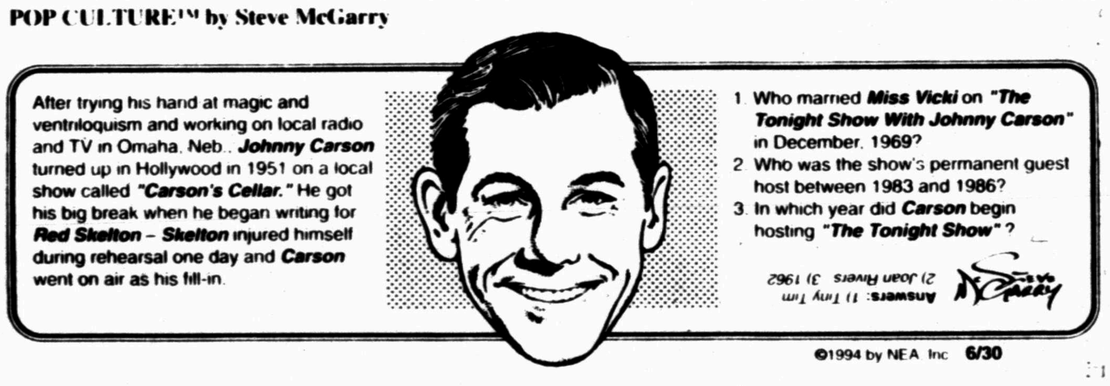
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32 Organ of sight
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45 Bicycle for two
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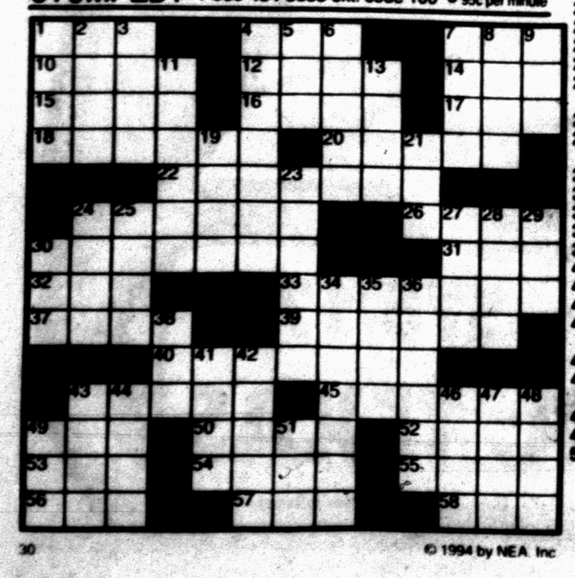
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Pensacola cager signs with Lady Westerners

Pensacola (Fla.) Junior College sophomore transfer student Diane Ezernack, the latest basketball signee for coach Brenda Welch's Western Texas College Lady Westerners, is expected to provide leadership from her guard position when the 1994-95 season starts in November.

The 5-71/2 guard is a 1993 graduate of East Ascention High School in Gonzales, La., where she competed in tennis and track, as well as basketball.



DIANE EZERNACK

"Diane is a good pure shooter with a quick first step," said Nichols, who coached Ezernack last season at PJC. "She has improved in all phases of her game, and gained valuable experience last season at Pensacola. She will provide the leadership needed at the guard position and in the classroom."

Ezernack, who earned all-district honors as both a junior and senior, averaged 10 points, five boards, eight assists and four steals in her high school career, playing in the district and state tournaments.

Diane was a state tennis tournament qualifier all four years in high school, as well as an all-tourney basketball selection at several sites her senior season.

At PJC, where she maintained a 3.5 grade point average, Ezernack put in eight points, swept three rebounds, and finished with four steals and three assists an outing.

Ezernack, who graduated high school with honors, is expected to major in engineering at WTC.

Dallas chooses new Kidd on the block

Mavericks make California point guard second overall selection in draft

DALLAS (AP) — When Jason Kidd was a senior in high school, he borrowed a Dallas Mavericks hat from a friend. Three years later, he still has the cap, although it's now faded and lying in the rear window of his car.

Kidd received a new Mavericks hat Wednesday courtesy of the team, which made him the second overall pick in the NBA draft after deciding his recent off-court woes were isolated incidents.

"Now I can have a clean, non-faded Dallas Mavericks hat back there," Kidd joked in a telephone conference call from Indianapolis, site of the draft.

The dazzling point guard from California was Dallas' favorite player in this year's draft, a secret they hardly were able to contain May 22 when the lottery pingpong balls gave them the No. 2 pick.

Kidd first shot down criticism about his shooting touch, then showed off some of the moves that have earned him comparisons to his idol Magic Johnson.

The one with the biggest impact on Motta involved Kidd dribbling to the free throw line, doing a crossover dribble when he hit the line and spun around Motta, who was standing a few feet away.

The Mavericks figure moves like that in an offense that also features their last two top picks Jim Jackson and Jamal Mashburn should begin turning around a team that won a total of 24 games the last two seasons.

"We're better now that we were last year simply because of Kidd," Motta said.

Kidd, 21, averaged 14.9 points, 8.4 assists and 5.9 rebounds over 59 collegiate games at the University of California, and he led the nation in assists last year at 9.1 per game.

"The challenge now is to be successful in Dallas like I have been in the past. I think that will happen," said Kidd, who added that he hopes to be signed in time for the opening of training camp next month.

Dallas also drafted Tony Dumas of Missouri-Kansas City with the 19th pick and took 6-9 forward-center Deon Thomas of Illinois with the 28th overall choice, the first of the second round.

Dumas, a 6-foot-6, 190-pound guard, was seventh in the nation in scoring last year at 26 points per game. He was the school's all-time leading scorer with 2,459 points.

Thomas was an honorable mention All-America after averaging 19.6 points and 6.9 rebounds per game his senior year. He was a four-year starter and left as Illinois' all-time leader in points (2,129) and blocks (177).

Spurs select Boston College post

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Despite all the talk about San Antonio's search for a point guard, the Spurs took a big man with their only pick in the NBA draft.

The Spurs used the 22nd pick in Wednesday's draft to select 6-foot-9 forward Bill Curley of Boston College as a backup for All-Star center David Robinson.

Curley averaged 20 points and nine rebounds his senior year, and shot 56 percent from the field. In Boston College's NCAA tournament upset over North Carolina, Curley scored 18 points and had nine rebounds.

Burditt picked first by Rockets

HOUSTON (AP) — The Houston Rockets won their first NBA championship this year with a tenacious defense. Their only draft choice in Wednesday's draft should fit right in.

With the second-to-last-pick in the draft, Houston took Texas forward Albert Burditt, last season's Southwest Conference defensive player of the year.

Burditt, Texas' career leader in shots blocked with 236 in four seasons, said he's ready to show his defensive skills in the NBA.

"That's something I've always prided myself in," said the 6-8, 230-pound Burditt. "I think I can rebound, move the ball down the court and I have athletic ability."

The Rockets lost their first-round pick in the 1990 deal that sent Tim McCormick and John Lucas to Atlanta for Kenny Smith.

Burditt, who averaged 15.7 points and 8.6 rebounds last year, was the second Longhorn chosen in the two-round draft. Guard B.J. Tyler was the 20th pick, going to the Philadelphia 76ers.

Becker back in semifinals

WIMBLEDON, England (AP) — Boris Becker is back in the Wimbledon semifinals for the eighth time in his career, but it's his conduct — not his serve and volley — which is getting all the attention.

The three-time champion, who has always cultivated a positive image at Wimbledon, is having to defend himself against accusations of cheating, gamesmanship and unsportsmanlike behavior.

"I want to make one thing clear: I don't like what's going on for the past two or three days," Becker said. "I'm doing the same thing for the past 10 years. All of a sudden, this is not supposed to be fair play. I'm within the rules ... Maybe the main reason why they speak up is because they lost."

The latest controversy came during Becker's straight-set victory Wednesday over Christian Bergstrom in the quarterfinals. And it happened at a crucial moment — with Becker holding a set point in the first-set tiebreaker.

After Bergstrom hit a smash, Becker returned the shot weakly and held up his left hand to signal he thought the ball was long. Bergstrom, apparently distracted, flubbed the easy forehand volley and shanked it wide.

Bergstrom argued that Becker had stopped playing and the point should be replayed. But the chair umpire let the point stand, giving Becker the set.

There have been no such controversies so far in the women's competition, which features the semifinals today pitting nine-time champion Martina Navratilova against Gigi Fernandez and Lori McNeil vs. Conchita Martinez.

Palmer homer leads Ranger rally

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — All Dean Palmer needed to turn his season around was a few games in the Metrodome.

"I think every player probably has a park where they seem to swing the bat better," said Palmer, who hit two homers in Texas' 11-10 victory over Minnesota on Wednesday night. "I couldn't tell you why. It just happens."

Palmer, who hit his 12th homer off Rick Aguilera (0-2) to tie the game in the ninth inning, has nine homers and 20 RBIs in just 52 at-bats at the Metrodome. He's 6-for-15 with four homers and nine RBIs in his last four games.

"I'm definitely feeling better," said Palmer, hitting .251 after dropping to .221 just 10 days ago. "It's been an all-or-nothing type of year for me."

He has started just 54 of the Rangers' 75 games due to a string of injuries.

"Dino's starting to get to the point where he was last year," Rangers manager Kevin Kennedy said.

Texas, which scored the winning run on Jeff Frye's sacrifice fly, had watched the Twins rally from a six-run deficit.

"We haven't played well in the late innings all season," Palmer said. "Any time you win a game like this, it pumps everyone up."

Chuck Knoblauch's sacrifice fly gave the Twins a 10-9 lead in the eighth.

After Palmer's leadoff homer, Rusty Greer singled and moved to second on a sacrifice. Greer reached third on a passed ball, and after Junior Ortiz walked, Greer scored easily on Frye's fly to center.

Matt Whiteside (1-0) got one out in the eighth for the victory, and Tom Henke got the final two outs for his sixth save.

Kirby Puckett, one of four Minnesota players with two RBIs, had four hits. Puckett leads the AL with 72 RBIs. Shane Mack and Pedro Munoz homered for the Twins and Matt Walbeck added a two-run double.

Palmer and Juan Gonzalez drove in three runs apiece for the Rangers, who had 14 hits.

The teams combined for six homers, six doubles and 27 hits and used 11 pitchers.

Late-inning blast lifts Astros past Cincinnati

HOUSTON (AP) — The Houston Astros were happy to see Jose Rijo leave.

Cinncinati manager Davey Johnson removed starter Rijo for a pinch-hitter with the Reds leading 1-0 in the eighth inning Wednesday.

The Astros took advantage of Rijo's absence to rally for a 3-1 victory.

Kevin Bass' two-run homer was the difference as Houston won two of three to move within 21/2 games of the Central Division-leading Reds.

Rijo has always pitched well against the Astros, holding a 12-6 record. In the first seven innings Wednesday, Rijo shut Houston out on five hits while striking out seven.

For that reason, it was a surprise to most observers that Rijo was lifted for pinch-hitter Jerome Walton in the eighth. Johnson said afterward that Rijo was tiring and the question wasn't whether to pull him but whom to use in relief.

Johnson chose Chuck McElroy.

"You're wondering why I went with McElroy," Johnson said. "That's what I want to know myself. He had had the most rest and he has handled right-handers pretty well. He's been my toughest guy in those situations."

He wasn't Wednesday. McElroy was greeted by Craig Biggio's single. Biggio was caught stealing, but Jeff Bagwell hit the next pitch for a home run to tie the score 1-1.

Ken Caminiti singled up the middle and Bass hit the first pitch over the left-field wall.

"I told Jose it would be nice if you could give me a couple more innings," Johnson said. "But he said he'd had enough. He pitched well, but he was starting to lose it.

"I'm just kicking myself because I didn't use (Hector) Carrasco. He had pitched more lately, but he's the guy I should have used. I took a poll of the coaches in the dugout and they all agreed to go with (McElroy)."

Bagwell's home run was a big relief for the National League RBI leader. He was 0-for-4 and had grounded into an inning-ending double play in Tuesday's 5-3 loss and was 0-for-3, all with men on base, before the eighth inning Wednesday.

"Last night I stunk," Bagwell said. "And today I stunk until my final at bat. I've been killing us the last two games. Kevin got the big hit today in my estimation."

Girls' softball results

16 AND UNDER

District 11 ASA Tournament

ABILENE — Snyder's 16-and-Under All-Stars captured a slot at the state tournament in Port Arthur with a runner-up finish in the District 11 tourney here over the weekend. The locals blasted Merkel, 25-3, then fell to the Abilene A's, 7-4, before getting into the title game with a 14-3 whipping of Sweetwater. Snyder was edged, 11-9, in the championship game against Abilene.

Snyder 25, Merkel 3

Snyder posted a 14-run second inning to cruise past Merkel in opening-round action at the tournament, led by Joanie Wemken, who slammed four of the team's 11 hits.

Adrienne Bailey and Mendy Winter each slapped a pair of singles, and Erica Garvin, Julie Lang and Connie Payne each lifted a hit.

Brandy Gill was the winning pitcher. Winter earned the save with a relief appearance.

Abilene A's 7, Snyder 4

Abilene outhit Snyder, 8-7, on its way to a second-round win.

Snyder's attack was paced by Raechele Wemken, who hammered a triple and a single. Mendy Winter chipped in a double, and Brandy Gill and Joannie Wemken each pounded two hits.

Snyder 14, Sweetwater 3

Snyder earned a spot in the championship game with a semifinal victory over Sweetwater.

Winning pitcher Samantha Trevino scattered five hits, while her offense came up with 18 hits in support.

Leading the Snyder charge were Joanie Wemken, who drilled a triple and two singles, Edwina Brooks, who doubled and added two base hits, and Erica Garvin, who slammed three singles.

Raechele Wemken and Mendy Winter, who each singled twice, and Stephanie Hernandez, Haley Ingram, Julie Lang, Connie Payne and Trevino, who each popped a hit.

Abilene 11, Snyder 9

Abilene claimed the division crown at the district tournament by tripping Snyder, 11-9, in the final, in spite of being out-hit, 9-7.

Brandy Gill belted a homerun and Adrienne Bailey doubled to lead Snyder. Erica Garvin and Mendy Winter singled twice, and Joanie Wemken, Raechele Wemken and Samantha Trevino each laced a base hit.



HEADED TO STATE — Snyder's 16-and-Under ASA All-Stars will play in the state softball tournament, July 8-10 in Port Arthur, as a result of their second-place finish at the recent District 11 tourney in Abilene. Team members are, back row from left, Samantha Trevino, Stephanie Hernandez, Connie Payne and Julie Lang. Middle row from left, Edwina Brooks, Adrienne Bailey, Erica Garvin, Joanie Wemken and coach Gary Bailey. Front row from left, manager Ted Winter, Brandy Gill, Haley Ingram, Raechele Wemken and coach Roy Gill. (Contributed Photo)

Tourney tee-off time changed

The recent heat wave has caused Snyder Country Club to change the starting time for its annual July 4 Scramble.

The tournament, originally slated to tee-off at noon on Monday, will start at 8 a.m., according to an announcement by club pro Rick Mammolite.

Stepnoski, Cowboys agree to terms

IRVING (AP) — Because of an injured right knee, Pro Bowl center Mark Stepnoski said he couldn't get what he deserved on the free agent market.

The one-year, $1.2 million contract Stepnoski signed with the Dallas Cowboys Wednesday wasn't quite as much as he'd hoped for, but it did put things in perspective.

"I was somewhat behind the eight ball in this situation because of the injury," he said. "I'm 27 years old and I'm going to be making $1.2 million this year, so it could be a heck of a lot worse."

The deal includes a $500,000 signing bonus, and comes two days after a published report said the San Francisco 49ers were preparing to offer Stepnoski $1.3 million.

With Stepnoski under contract, the Cowboys have 10 returning offensive starters from last year's Super Bowl champions.

Baseball Glance

By The Associated Press
All Times EDT

American League

East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
New York	47	27	.635	—
Baltimore	43	32	.573	4½
Boston	37	38	.493	10½
Detroit	36	39	.480	11½
Toronto	32	43	.427	15½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Cleveland	43	30	.589	—
Chicago	42	32	.568	1½
Kansas City	40	36	.526	4½
Minnesota	39	36	.520	5
Milwaukee	36	40	.474	8½

West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Texas	35	40	.467	—
Seattle	33	44	.429	3
California	33	46	.418	4
Oakland	32	45	.416	4

Wednesday's Games

Oakland 1, California 0
Toronto 5, Milwaukee 0
New York 4, Boston 3, 10 innings
Chicago 7, Kansas City 6
Baltimore 7, Cleveland 6, 10 innings
Texas 11, Minnesota 10
Seattle 9, Detroit 4

Thursday's Games

Texas (Bohanon 0-0) at Minnesota (Mahomes 7-3), 1:15 p.m.
Toronto (Guzman 6-8) at Milwaukee (Wegman 5-0), 2:05 p.m.
New York (Mulholland 6-6) at Boston (Hesketh 4-4), 7:05 p.m.
Baltimore (Moyer 2-5) at Cleveland (Clark 8-2), 7:05 p.m.
Kansas City (Gubicza 5-6) at Chicago (Sanderson 6-2), 8:05 p.m.
Only games scheduled

National League

East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Atlanta	47	28	.627	—
Montreal	46	30	.605	1½
Philadelphia	39	38	.506	9
Florida	36	41	.468	12
New York	33	43	.434	14½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Cincinnati	44	32	.579	—
Houston	42	35	.545	2½
St. Louis	38	36	.514	5
Pittsburgh	37	38	.493	6½
Chicago	32	42	.432	11

West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Los Angeles	40	37	.519	—
Colorado	36	42	.462	4½
San Francisco	33	45	.423	7½
San Diego	31	47	.397	9½

Wednesday's Games

Philadelphia 5, Florida 2
Atlanta 6, Montreal 2
Houston 3, Cincinnati 1
St. Louis at New York, ppd., rain
Chicago 6, Pittsburgh 5
San Diego 10, Colorado 4
Los Angeles 6, San Francisco 2

Thursday's Games

Atlanta (Mercker 6-2) at Florida (Hough 5-6), 7:35 p.m.
Cincinnati (Schourek 3-1) at Pittsburgh (Z.Smith 8-6), 7:35 p.m.
Colorado (Leskanic 0-0) at St. Louis (Palacios 1-6), 8:05 p.m.
Chicago (Foster 2-1) at Houston (Harnisch 2-4), 8:05 p.m.
Montreal (Fassero 5-5) at San Francisco (Torres 2-7), 10:05 p.m.
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Sat. 8:00-Noon
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2 FAMILY GARAGE SALE
4001 Irving
Fri., 8-12; Sat., 8-12
Tandy 1000 EX computer & printer, ($300), toys, books, golf clubs, all sizes clothing. Lots of misc., boys bike.

3 FAMILY GARAGE SALE
4114 Kerrville
Friday 7 a.m.-1 p.m.
Furniture, clothing, baby and toddler items.

GARAGE SALE
312 33rd St.
Friday 7-11
Lots of Everything!

GARAGE SALE
3008 41st St.
Friday 8-12
Furniture, clothing, jewelry, paperback books, misc.

GARAGE SALE
1809 39th St.
Fri.-Sat.-Sun.
Clothes (toddler-adult), toys, gas weedeater, leaf blower, misc.

GARAGE SALE
1910 30th St.
Friday 8:30-?
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541 Locust
(Corner 6th & Locust)
Colorado City
(Follow Snyder Highway to Skinny's on Hickory, turn right go 1 block)
Thurs., Fri., Sat.
10 a.m.-7 p.m. Each Day

MOVING SALE
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Fri., 7 til 7
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Friday & Saturday 8-4
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2 bedroom, 1 bath, carport, CH/RA, 2902 Ave. Z, $300/mo. + deposit. 573-9068.

FOR RENT: 1 bedroom 3 room house, close in, $145/mo. 1111 26th St. Call Pioneer Furniture, 573-9834.

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335 MOBILE HOMES FOR RENT

FOR RENT: Nice mobile Home. No pets, 573-7150.

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$1,200 Down & $242 per month on this '94 model 16x80, 3 bd., 2 bth. Clayton. Free delivery & set up. Bell Mobile Homes, 806-894-7212. 5% DN*11.50 APR*240 months.

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FOR SALE: 3 bd., 1½ bth., on 4 acres, big metal barn, close to town. 817-937-3345.

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HOUSE FOR SALE on East 23rd, 1 block east of Ave. A. 573-5533.

MAKE OFFER! Will sell cheap, 2 bedroom house, 806 33rd St. Call 573-9074.

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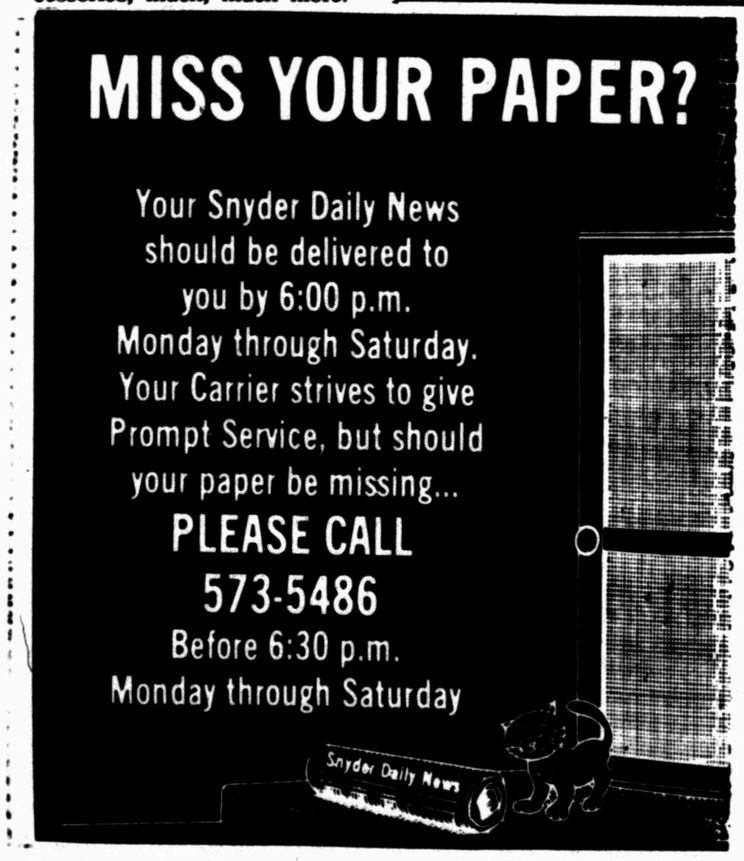
3 bedroom, 2 bath, carport, barns, pens, water wells, also mobile home. Owner 573-6839.

OWNER FINANCE, brick, 2100 sq. ft., 1 acre, ½ mile, good location, large trees. 573-9853.

TWO ACRES 2 miles east, beautiful location. Good well and septic tank. Owner finance. 573-0548.

362 FARMS & RANCHES

FOR SALE: 80 acre cotton farm, good cotton yield. Owner Finance. 915-784-5256.





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Securities regulators warn of robbers on information highway

MONTPELIER, Vt. (AP) — Say you're cruising the information superhighway from the comfort of your home computer and come across what appears to be private, inside information on a hot new company.

You spend $10,000 on stock — and lose your money.

You've just become a victim of what securities regulators say is the latest trend in investment scams: frauds perpetrated over computer networks or bulletin board services by hard-to-track hucksters.

Call it I-way robbery.

Regulators in Vermont and several other states have issued warnings due to the growing number of scams perpetrated via connected computer networks, called the Internet, and the booming computer bulletin board services.

The scams have just begun to spring up in the past year or two as on-line computer services have become more popular.

People worldwide use these services and the Internet to conduct conversations via their personal computers, and many conversations are available for all to read. Con artists often stage "private" conversations that they intend to be read by others.

"We are just now starting to get complaints, and a growing number of states are in the first stages of focusing on this latest variation on the unending theme of investment fraud and abuse," said Craig Coettsch, Iowa's superintendent of securities and the president of the North American Securities Administrators Association.

Some recent scams:

— Missouri regulators say a stockbroker not licensed to do business in that state marketed dubious stock deals, implying in one case that Donald Trump was a major, behind-the-scenes player in a tiny cruise line. The firm that employed the broker said he advertised the deals from his home computer.

— The New Jersey Bureau of Securities filed a cease-and-desist order against an electronic mail chain letter promoted by a San Antonio, Texas, man and other people around the country. The letter asked for $5 in return for information about investment opportunities.

— The Texas State Securities Board was investigating a case in which a retiree sent $10,000 to an out-of-state man who promoted himself on a major bulletin board service as a skilled money manager. The mutual fund he touted didn't exist and he apparently pocketed the money.

— Investigators reported two "pump-and-dump" schemes in which Canadian companies were heavily hyped on computer bulletin board services. Their stock prices tripled or more in a short period of time, then collapsed. One of the companies was said to have won a major housing contract in the former Soviet Union; the other was said to own a diamond mine in Zaire where a major strike had been made.

The Internet is seen as fertile ground because people have been discouraged from sending advertising or other commercial information over it. That makes discussions about companies and their stock appear all the more objective and reliable to the unsuspecting, said Richard Cortese, deputy commissioner of Vermont's securities agency.

Those who travel the information highway frequently go to specific subject areas, and one popular site is investments, securities regulators say. Cortese said the Prodigy online service saw 5,600 messages on investment topics posted during a recent two-week period.

Scam artists frequently use aliases and they can live anywhere in the world.

"Regulators are not going to be able to police these networks any time soon," Cortese said.

Cattle producers blame meat packers, federal rules for price woes

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — Steve Bohr of Holdrege, Neb., pulls no punches when he talks about his frustration with the meatpacking industry.

Bohr was among nearly 1,000 cattle producers from around the Midwest who gathered Wednesday in Omaha to discuss cattle prices that have plummeted 15 percent in the last two months. Producers from Kansas, South Dakota, Iowa, Oklahoma, Minnesota and Texas were in attendance.

Bohr asked the Nebraska Cattlemen group to request a federal Justice Department investigation of the industry to look for unfair trade practices and antitrust violations.

"This industry is just stifling the small packers," he said Wednesday. "It's something we've got to look into."

Representatives of the meatpacking industry were barred from the meeting.

The frustration was dished out to everyone. In addition to Bohr's successful motion, the group also called for limits on futures market trading by large meatpacking companies and for a congressional investigation of the U.S. Justice Department and the Commodities Futures Trading Commission.

Many producers said the lack of competition in meatpacking industry was ruining their livelihood.

"If we sit on the cattle, we get beat to death," said Wes Nelson, a cattle feeder from Holdrege. "They just get fatter and fatter."

Nearly 76 percent of the fed cattle in the United States are purchased by IBP Inc., Monfort, an operating company of ConAgra Inc., and Excel, a subsidiary of Cargill of Minneapolis, said Clem Ward, a professor of agricultural economics at Oklahoma State University.

The lower prices paid to cattle producers and ranchers have been blamed by economists on an oversupply of heavier cattle. In May, the number of cattle on feedlots in the nation's seven leading beef producing states was at its highest level in 21 years.

Last month, the price of cattle sent to slaughter averaged $68.12 per hundred pounds — down from the May 1993 price of $80.40, according to the Denver-based research firm Cattle-Fax. Last month's price was the lowest for May since 1986.

Producers also said they are losing money because federal beef inspection rules instituted in December have slowed production at packing plants.

The so-called "zero tolerance" rules, put in place following a deadly outbreak of E. coli bacteria contamination in the Pacific Northwest in 1992, allow no contamination of raw beef once it leaves the packing plant.

Angry producers said poultry industry contamination standards aren't as stringent; they also said the industry relies on water wash and spray techniques to clean carcasses.

Billy Lloyd, a member of the National Cattlemen's Association's beef quality assurance committee, said two studies are in the works on whether wash and spray sufficiently cleans beef carcasses.

One study, expected by this fall, already indicates the spray wash can adequately clean beef carcasses, Lloyd said.

"It's not a question of zero tolerance going away. That's going to be the goal, no matter what," Lloyd said. "But it's how we get there."

The rules also call for time-consuming hand trimming of contaminated meat. Producers said that probably has backed up production and left cattle in feed pens.

The oversupply of beef is financially tough on cattle producers, but consumers haven't seen big savings either, said Roy Frederick, a professor of agricultural economics at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

"The retailers want to make money and when there's an oversupply, they have that much more margin to make a profit," Frederick said prior to the meeting. "There's nothing sinister about it. It's how business works."

Markets Midday Stocks

NEW YORK (AP)

	High	Low	Last	
AMR Corp	601/4	591/2	597/8	+1/8
AT&T Corp	545/8	54	541/2	
AirTouch n	245/8	241/8	241/2	+5/8
Albtsn s	277/8	275/8	273/4	-1/8
Alldsignal s	351/2	343/4	347/8	-5/8
Alltel s	253/8	251/4	253/8	-1/8
AmStores s	243/4	241/8	241/4	-1/2
Ameritech	391/4	381/4	381/2	-3/8
Amoco	573/4	571/4	575/8	+1/8
AndarkPtr	521/8	515/8	513/4	+1/2
Armcolnc	51/2	53/8	53/8	-1/4
AtlRichfld	1013/4	1011/4	1013/4	+1/4
AtmosEgy s	185/8	181/2	181/2	-1/4
Aviall n	87/8	81/8	83/8	-3/8
BakerHughes	203/4	203/8	201/2	-1/8
BellAtl	561/2	551/8	551/4	-1/8
BellSouth	62	611/8	611/4	-7/8
Beth Steel	19	183/4	187/8	-3/8
Borden	121/2	121/4	121/4	-1/8
Brit Pet	721/2	713/4	72	—1
Caterpllr	1031/2	1015/8	1017/8	-1/4
CenSoWst	211/4	207/8	21	
Chevron s	421/2	421/8	421/4	-1/8
Chrysler	473/4	471/8	473/8	
Coastal	28	271/4	271/4	-3/4
CocaCola	413/8	403/4	41	+1/8
ColgatePalm	531/4	53	531/8	+1/8
ComlMetl s	257/8	253/4	257/8	-1/8
Cooperln	355/8	353/8	353/8	-1/4
CyprusAmax	295/8	291/4	291/4	+1/8
DallSemicn	181/4	181/4	181/4	
DeltaAirl	453/8	443/4	451/8	
DigitalEq	193/4	191/2	195/8	-1/4
Dillard	313/4	31	311/8	-5/8
DowChem	661/2	653/8	655/8	-5/8
DresserInd	207/8	203/4	203/4	+1/8
DuPont	591/4	583/4	59	-1/8
EastmnCh n	475/8	471/4	471/4	-3/8
EstKodak	485/8	481/8	481/4	-1/8
Enserch	141/4	141/4	141/4	
Entergy	251/8	247/8	247/8	-1/4
Exxon	567/8	561/2	567/8	+3/8
FlowerInd	18	173/4	18	+1/8
FordMotor	60	591/4	593/8	
FordMotor wi	30	297/8	297/8	
GTE Cp	301/2	301/8	301/4	
GenDynam s	411/4	405/8	41	-1/8
GenElec s	473/4	47	473/8	-1/4
GenMills	547/8	545/8	543/4	
GenMotors	503/4	50	501/4	-1/8
GenMotors E	345/8	341/4	341/2	+1/8
GaPacif	603/4	595/8	593/4	-5/8
GlobalMar	43/4	45/8	45/8	
Goodrich	435/8	433/8	433/8	
Goodyear s	363/4	361/4	363/8	
GtAtlPac	221/8	215/8	213/4	-1/8
Haliburtn	341/4	337/8	34	-1/8
Hanson ADS	183/4	183/8	181/2	-1/2
HoustInd	327/8	325/8	325/8	-1/8
IBM	601/2	591/2	597/8	-1/2
IntlPaper	67	657/8	661/8	-7/8
JohnsnJns	433/4	431/8	431/4	-1/4
K mart	153/4	151/2	151/2	-1/8
Kroger	233/8	231/8	231/4	-1/8
Litton	333/4	335/8	333/4	-3/8
Lowes s	341/2	337/8	341/8	+1/8
Lubys	225/8	223/8	223/8	-1/8
Maxus	47/8	43/4	47/8	
MayDeptStrs	397/8	393/8	393/4	+3/8
Medtronic	801/4	793/4	797/8	-5/8
Mobil	825/8	821/8	823/8	+1/4
Monsanto	773/8	761/4	761/4	—1
Motorola s	457/8	45	451/8	-3/8
Nationsbk	523/8	52	52	-1/2
Navistar s	131/2	133/8	131/2	+1/8
NoramEngy	6	57/8	57/8	
Nynex s	377/8	371/2	375/8	+3/4
OryxEngy	151/8	147/8	151/8	+1/8
PacTelesis	311/2	303/8	303/8	-1/8
PanhECp	197/8	195/8	195/8	-1/8
Penney JC	531/4	527/8	53	+1/4
Pennzoil	513/4	511/2	511/2	-1/8
PepBoys	313/4	311/8	311/8	-5/8
PhelpDodge	575/8	571/4	571/4	+3/8
PhilipPet	313/8	307/8	311/4	
PilgrmPrd	63/4	63/4	63/4	
Polaroid	317/8	315/8	317/8	+3/8
Praxair	197/8	193/4	193/4	
ProctGamble	543/4	541/8	541/4	-3/8
PubS NwMx	111/2	113/8	113/8	
RoyalDutch	1051/4	1045/8	1047/8	-1/8
SFePacCp	22	21	211/4	+7/8
SaraLee	213/8	211/8	211/4	-1/4
SearsRoeb	483/8	475/8	477/8	
SherwinW	311/4	303/4	31	
SmthBchADS	311/2	31	311/4	-1/4
SmthBc eqt	281/4	277/8	277/8	-5/8
SouthCo s	19	183/4	19	+1/4
SwAirlines s	26	257/8	26	
SwBell	427/8	421/8	421/2	-5/8
Sprint	353/4	35	351/8	+1/8
SterlingChm	91/2	93/8	93/8	-1/8
SunCo	267/8	263/4	267/8	+1/8
TNP Ent	151/4	151/8	151/8	-1/8
Tandy	341/2	34	341/4	-1/4
TemplInl	481/4	477/8	477/8	-3/8
Tenneco	467/8	457/8	461/8	-3/4
Texaco	611/8	605/8	605/8	-1/2
TexasInd	333/4	331/2	331/2	-1/4
TexasInst	811/8	795/8	801/8	-3/8
Tex Util	311/4	311/8	311/8	
Textron	523/8	517/8	521/8	—11/8
Travelers s	331/2	323/4	323/4	-5/8
Trinty s	347/8	343/4	347/8	-1/8
TritonEngy	337/8	333/4	333/4	-1/8
Tyler	5	5	5	-1/4
US West	413/4	413/8	415/8	
USX Delhi	141/4	137/8	141/8	+1/4
USX-Marathn	167/8	163/4	163/4	
USX-USS	341/4	333/4	333/4	-1/2
UnCarbde	27	263/4	267/8	+1/8
UnPac	573/4	57	57	-1/2
UnitedTech	645/8	635/8	633/4	—1
Unocal	29	285/8	283/4	-3/8
WalMart	243/4	241/4	241/2	-1/8
WstnGasRs	265/8	261/2	265/8	+1/8
WestghEl	113/4	111/2	115/8	-1/8
WinnDixie	437/8	435/8	435/8	
Woolworth	16	153/4	153/4	-1/4
Xerox Cp	983/4	977/8	977/8	-7/8
ZenithE	87/8	85/8	87/8	+1/4

Hospital Notes

ADMISSIONS: Walter Banks, 3615 41st; Gelene Blagg, 3402 43rd; Petra Martinez, 2507 Ave. X; Cinnia Torres Cabrera, 2905 Ave. G; Juanita Trejo, Snyder Healthcare Center; Eric Lindsey, P.O. Box 451.

DISMISSALS: Eric Lindsey.

Census: 59(Med.-16, Long-Term Care-34, CCU-2, OB-4, Nursery-3).

Births

Hilario and Cinnia Torres Cabrera announce the birth of their six-pound, 15-ounce daughter born at 4:21 p.m. on June 29 at Cogdell Memorial Hospital.

Petra Martinez of Snyder announces the birth of her son born at 10-31 a.m. on June 29 at Cogdell Memorial Hospital. He weighed seven pounds, 6½ ounces.

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Fiske report: Foster committed suicide

WASHINGTON (AP) — Whitewater special prosecutor Robert Fiske reported today that Clinton administration officials committed no crimes when they discussed a politically sensitive savings and loan investigation. His first report to the public also reaffirmed the police conclusion that Vince Foster killed himself.

The news was welcomed by the White House, where officials are preparing for a congressional inquiry while trying to dispel the public perception they tried to meddle in the Whitewater-related S&L case.

"After a review of all the evidence we have concluded that the evidence is insufficient to establish anyone within the White House or the Department of the Treasury acted with the intent to corruptly influence" the investigation, according to a statement accompanying Fiske's report.

Seeking to dispel speculation about Foster's death, Fiske's report said forensic evidence showed that the White House aide committed suicide at the park where he was found last July.

The finding reaffirms an earlier report by U.S. Park Police that Foster killed himself.

It also said he "found no evidence" that issues involving Whitewater contributed to the suicide.

Fiske said his report on another aspect of his Washington investigation — the removal of documents relating to Whitewater from Foster's office after his death — will not be released for about another 10 days.

The report comes as the special counsel is wrapping up the Washington phase of his investigation and turning full attention to the Arkansas phase of his probe, which will focus on Whitewater and other business dealings involving President Clinton and Hillary Rodham Clinton.

The contacts resulted in the White House learning that confidential criminal referrals — written by federal S&L investigators and forwarded to prosecutors — had named the Clintons as possible beneficiaries of illegal activities at an Arkansas S&L owned by their Whitewater business partner, James McDougal.

But Fiske's statement said the "evidence does not justify a criminal prosecution of violation of any other federal strategy."

Key House committee slated to approve new health plan

WASHINGTON (AP) — Health reform legislation is on the brink of approval in a key House committee as Democrats struggle to deliver on President Clinton's cherished goal of insurance coverage for all Americans.

"We're providing a health care opportunity for every American from birth to death, including prenatal health" and it cannot be canceled, Rep. Sam Gibbons, acting chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, said Wednesday as the panel neared a final vote. Approval was set for today, capping months of strenuous efforts.

Over unanimous Republican opposition, the measure would require businesses to pay the bulk of premium costs for their workers, and would expand Medicare to offer coverage for the unemployed, the self-employed and workers in small firms. Government price controls would restrain costs beginning early next century if other measures in the bill failed to do so.

Approval by the Ways and Means Committee would virtually conclude committee action in the House on the top issue confronting Congress this year and lead to an expected vote on the House floor in August.

A second committee earlier sent legislation to the full House patterned after Clinton's proposal; a third abandoned efforts earlier this week, unable to resolve a deadlock over whether to require businesses to pay for coverage.

In the Senate, one committee has completed action.

A second, the Finance Committee, was embarking on a series of votes on a bill that declares universal coverage to be a "national goal," but is expected to fall short of realizing it.

Shortly after rapping the chairman's gavel on Wednesday, Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan, D-N.Y., said the panel should be guided by a creed for physicians: "First, do no harm."

Within moments, Senate GOP leader Bob Dole of Kansas offered his own prescription: "No price controls, no mandates and no taxes."

Senators in both parties predicted the panel would agree on a plan that relied on subsidies and insurance changes — not requirements on businesses or individuals — to spread coverage more broadly.

"America and Americans can ill afford new and higher taxes, new mandates and new bureaucracies," said Sen. Bill Roth, R-Del. "The bureaucratic age is over."

Clinton's Senate allies, led by Majority Leader George Mitchell of Maine, will seek stronger steps toward universal coverage when the bill reaches the floor.

While the committees labored, Dole announced agreement by nearly all Senate Republicans on a plan

Police note theft report

Snyder area peace officers filed reports for theft and criminal mischief and made one arrest Wednesday.

Dale Herrington contacted police at 2:25 p.m. to report the theft of an undetermined amount of currency from a residence. A report for Class A theft was filed.

Hershel Cross contacted sheriff's deputies at 9:20 p.m. in reference to some criminal mischief done to a pumping unit in the Fluvanna area. A report for felony criminal mischief was filed.

Snyder police arrested a 30-year-old woman on a warrant for Class A theft at 3:39 p.m. at the Park Village Apartments.

A woman contacted police at 9:31 p.m. in reference to someone shooting her cat with a arrow. An offense report for cruelty to animals was filed.

At 10:22 p.m., a woman contacted police to complain that anothr woman was driving by her Avenue F residence shouting obscenities. A report for disorderly conduct, language, was filed.

Snyder police investigated a one-vehicle accident in the 3200 block of 32nd Street at 11:52 a.m. A 1990 Mazda pickup driven by John Michael Purcell Jr. of 3509 Jacksboro struck a utility pole.

Koslow trial...

Teen-age girl may get death penalty

FORT WORTH (AP) — However grotesque the crime, will a jury condemn a teen-age girl to death by injection?

Specifically one with no criminal history?

That was the issue today as attorneys resumed a legal battle to decide if teen-ager Kristi Koslow should die for the murder-for-hire slaying of her stepmother, oil heiress Caren Koslow.

The defense thinks not, of course. The state says it is a tough sell.

Prosecutors called no witnesses when the punishment phase of the trial opened this morning.

Norma Sue Cook, a Tarrant County jail supervisor was the first defense witness. She described Miss Koslow, who has been under her supervision for 14 months, as "an excellent inmate, one of the most respectful and considerate people I've ever known in my life."

The panel of six men and six women convicted Miss Koslow Wednesday of capital murder, ruling in effect that she orchestrated a savage 1992 attack on her father and stepmother.

She wanted her inheritance prematurely, prosecutors said.

Jack Koslow, 51, survived but his 40-year-old wife, beaten with a pry bar and her throat cut with a knife, died in the couple's Rivercrest home.

Koslow told the court previously his daughter deserves the death penalty.

"That's what she gave Caren," he said.

Miss Koslow's attorney, Tim Evans, was asked Wednesday evening what could save his client from such a fate.

"This is just not the kind of person juries generally sentence to death," he replied. "She is a young girl with no past criminal history and there is a lot of mitigating evidence that has come out during this trial."

Chief prosecutor Alan Levy, who is 10-for-10 in capital cases, was asked if he felt it would be difficult to convince a jury to order the execution of a teen-age girl.

"Sure," he replied. "It's always hard to sell a jury on the death penalty. And it should be."

He said, however, without elaborating, that this case has a lot of "disturbing ramifications."

Miss Koslow was the third and final co-conspirator to face Texas justice.

Windham

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tute in Sweetwater. In 1991, she earned a B.S. degree in physical education, with a minor in English, at Angelo State University.

Hughey was born in San Angelo and raised in Maryneal. She is married to Doug Hughey, a correctional officer at the Price Daniel Unit, and they have one son and two daughters.

In other personnel news relating to Windham School, three of its instructors were transferred effective June 6 to the Wallace Unit of the state prison system, located in the Colorado City area.

The three transferred instructors are Mary Rose Bowen, computer lab instructor; David Denison, counselor; and Clayton Finch, Project RIO technician.

Merger

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Krebs, Santa Fe chairman and chief executive. "For example, Santa Fe's strength in intermodal traffic will complement BN's strength in coal and grain. This will benefit employees, customers, shareholders and the communities where both railroads operate."

The companies have not decided where the headquarters of The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Co. will be and had no estimates of the number of employees that might be affected by the move, said Linda Gustis, a Santa Fe spokeswoman.

The companies did say, however, that they will save through operational improvements, increased traffic, reduced administrative costs and elimination of duplicative functions — code words for impending layoffs. Santa Fe has 15,000 employees; Burlington Northern employs 31,000.

Gustis said the ICC likely will not decide whether to approve the merge for 18 to 30 months.

CSX Corp. with $8 billion in sales is the nation's largest railroad. Today's merger would create a company with about $7 billion in sales, surpassing Conrail Inc. with sales of $3.4 billion.

Cogdell

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Approval of bills payable and previous minutes were the only other items on the agenda.

Present were board members Parks, Jimmy McMillan, J.B. Tate Jr., Ted Crenwelge and Sue Mize. Bill Wilson III was absent.

Obituaries

Howard L. Hogue

1909-1994

Services are set for 2 p.m. Saturday in the chapel of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home for Howard Lynn Hogue, 84, of Snyder who died at 6:46 p.m. Wednesday at Cogdell Memorial Hospital after a brief illness. Burial will follow in the Snyder Cemetery.

Officiating will be the Rev. Thomas Taylor of Westbrook and the Rev. Dean Guest of Midland.

Mr. Hogue was born on Nov. 13, 1909, in Montague County and married Faye Lemons on Oct. 17, 1928, in Lubbock. She died on July 13, 1990.

A Scurry County resident since February, 1993, he was a farmer for many years and a member of the Union United Methodist Church.

Survivors are one son, Royce Hogue of Irving; one sister, Mrs. Lura Brown of Brownfield; two grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Isidro C. Garcia

1914-1994

Services are set for 10 a.m. Saturday in the Spanish Church of Christ for Isidro Cortez Garcia, 80, of Twentynine Palms, Calif. Burial will follow in the Snyder Cemetery.

Mr. Garcia died Sunday at HiDesert Medical Center in Joshua Tree, Calif.

Born on May 14, 1914, in Texas, Mr. Garcia moved to Twentynine Palms nine years ago, from Snyder. He was retired from the J.H. Strain and Sons Highway Construction Co. where he worked 15 years.

Survivors include his wife, Anita Garcia of Twentynine Palms; four sons, Frank Rodriquez and Gilbert Garcia, both of Twentynine Palms, Isidro C. Garcia Jr. of White Oak and Joe L. Garcia of Alamorgordo, N.M.; one daughter, Sylvia Loya of Twentynine Palms; one brother, Lupe Garcia of Del Rio; five sisters, Josefina Canales of Snyder, Delfina Lopez of Snyder, Julia Torres of Juliaetta, Idaho; Chana Lopez of Snyder and Paula Pintajor of Idaho; 16 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Christy Hudnall

1954-1994

ROTAN — Services are set for 2 p.m. Friday in the Rotan First Baptist Church for Christy Hudnall, 40, of Rotan. The Rev. Mel Swoyer, pastor of Lubbock Lutheran Church, will officiate. Burial will follow in the Roby Cemetery.

Mrs. Hudnall died at 4:50 p.m. Wednesday in Lubbock's Methodist Hospital following an automobile accident on June 17.

Born on March 22, 1954, in Fisher County, she married David Hudnall on Aug. 5, 1983, in Roby. She was a teacher in the Roby school and previously taught at the Hobbs school.

Survivors include her husband, David Hudnall of Rotan; her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Stuart of Roby; one son, Lance Hudnall of Rotan; one daughter, Kim Hudnall of Rotan; one sister, Tammy Mulanax of Midland; one brother, Gary Stuart of Roby; and grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. L.L. Stuart of Roby and Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Sumerlin of Snyder.

Jury convicts guardian in Alice slaying

BROWNSVILLE (AP) — It took authorities nearly two years to find the skeleton of a 9-year-old Alice girl after her legal guardian reported that she may have been abducted.

But it took a jury less than two hours of deliberations Wednesday to find the guardian guilty of killing Trini Gonzalez and hiding the body.

Frances Smithwick, Trini's great-aunt, sobbed loudly when the jury returned with her sentence: the maximum 99 years in prison and a $10,000 fine.

Special Assistant Prosecutor Charles Barrera blamed Trini's case on unchecked child abuse.

"Everybody thought that it could happen anywhere else except Alice," said Barrera. "But Alice is just like anywhere else."

In every city, Barrera said, children are abused by parents who don't know how to reach out for help. "The day that we stop that cycle is the day that we solve a lot of our problems," he said.

The case was moved to Brownsville because of media attention in Alice, an oil and agriculture community about 35 miles west of Corpus Christi.

The jury found Smithwick, 42, guilty of beating Trini to death in April 1992, dumping the body in a dry creek bed and then setting off a nationwide search by reporting a kidnapping.

Trini's grandmother, Belia Gonzalez, praised the verdict.

"Now Trini can rest well," Mrs. Gonzalez said. "We're never going to forget Trini because she was just a little girl. She wouldn't hurt anybody."

Defense attorney Douglas Tinker had accused the prosecution's star witness, Roger Allen Yarborough, of abducting Trini and pinning the blame on Mrs. Smithwick.

"Roger Yarborough is a liar. He's a murderer. He killed Trini Gonzalez and he is trying to get somebody else to serve his time," Tinker told the jury.

Barrera said Yarborough, 35, was not getting off easy under a plea agreement recommending a 45-year prison sentence in exchange for his testimony. Yarborough pleaded guilty to murder but has yet to be sentenced.

Tinker said he would appeal the verdict, arguing that the state failed to provide evidence backing up Yarborough's testimony, as is required under Texas' accomplice-witness law.

Witnesses testified that Mrs. Smithwick took Trini into her home because the girl had been abandoned as a toddler by her unmarried parents.

Trini's disappearance set off a massive search in Alice and sent investigators tracking leads around the country. In February, two young boys found Trini's skull while playing in San Diego Creek about one-half mile from Mrs. Smithwick's home.

Yarborough, a nursing home employee who had been having an affair with Mrs. Smithwick, confessed a few days after the discovery of Trini's body, prosecutors said.

Yarborough testified that Mrs. Smithwick severely beat Trini because the girl had spilled some of her guardian's cocaine. Yarborough said Mrs. Smithwick then persuaded him to smother the girl with a pillow and help dispose of the body.

But Tinker argued that Yarborough had lied in several previous statements to police. "Not only is he a liar, but he is a practiced liar," Tinker said.

Barrera argued that Mrs. Smithwick showed her guilt when she failed to report immediately to police that Yarborough had been at her house on the night Trini disappeared.

"The state of Texas is asking you to show the same mercy on Frances Smithwick that she showed on Trini Gonzalez," Barrera told jurors. "What did Trini do to deserve the death penalty in this case?"

Prosecutors focused on testimony by state social workers and guests at the house that Mrs. Smithwick was abusive toward Trini.

Man who opened fire at school has been released

HOUSTON (AP) — A man found not guilty by reason of insanity in the 1992 shooting of two police officers at an elementary school has been released from a mental facility.

Calvin Charles Bell, 46, left the Harris County Jail on Tuesday night, just hours after state District Judge Lupe Salinas signed an order submitted to him by prosecutors and Bell's lawyers.

The order allows Bell to remain free as long as he receives outpatient treatment five days a week, takes his medication daily, meets weekly with state mental health case managers and stays away from Piney Point Elementary School, its staff and students.

Bell's attorney, George Parnham, said he feels confident the "safeguards" are in place to prevent further problems for Bell.

Bell, a diabetic with a history of mental problems, had stopped taking his anti-psychotic medication shortly before Sept. 18, 1992.

Testimony from his June 1993 trial showed the genesis for his rampage was when a teacher told him his son Geoffrey, then 7, was not doing well in school.

The Vietnam veteran, a diagnosed manic-depressive, suffered from insomnia and nightmares and had not worked since hurting his back years before. His family said his son meant everything to him.

When Bell stormed the school, he shouted: "What are we running here, a slave ship?"

He fired at least 14 shots as children scrambled for cover.

Houston police officers Lowell Neinast and David Dungan were shot while trying to protect the students. Bell surrendered after police surrounded him.

In 1968, the Methodist Church and the Evangelical United Brethren Church merged in a ceremony in Dallas to form the United Methodist Church.

Sirhan Sirhan was sentenced to death in 1969 for the assassination of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy. The sentence later was reduced to life imprisonment.

Bridge by Phillip Alder

NORTH 6-30-94
♠A K Q 6 3
♥A J 6 5 2
♦Q
♣A 4

WEST
♠7
♥- - -
♦A K 7 5 4 3
♣Q J 10 9 7 3

EAST
♠J 10 8 2
♥Q 8 7 4
♦J 10 9 2
♣6

SOUTH
♠9 5 4
♥K 10 9 3
♦8 6
♣K 8 5 2

Vulnerable: North-South
Dealer: West

South	West	North	East
	1 ♦	2 ♦	3 ♦
3 ♥	5 ♣	6 ♥	Dbl.
Pass	Pass	Pass	

Opening lead: ♦K

Double the joy, double the pain

By Phillip Alder

It is probably true to say that most players don't double enough. How often do the opponents go two or more down undoubled against you? It happened twice against me last night. Once I was "right" not to double, but the other time I was chicken. (That's my euphemism for stupid.)

Many players double when they shouldn't, telling declarer how to make a contract that probably would have died "unaided." Today's deal is a classic example.

North's two diamonds was a Michaels Cue-Bid, showing a major two-suiter.

With West bidding as high as five clubs, East wasn't willing to pass over six hearts, or to sacrifice in seven diamonds. Without East's double, South might have found the right line; with the double, it was easy.

West led a top diamond and switched to the club queen.

East had to be 4-4 in the majors, so, after winning trick two with dummy's club ace, declarer immediately played a heart to his 10. As he was going to have to ruff a spade in hand to establish the suit, South couldn't afford to start with dummy's heart ace.

After West, as expected, discarded, declarer played a spade to dummy's queen, a heart to his nine and a spade to dummy's king, West discarding again. South cashed dummy's spade ace, ruffed a spade in hand, took the heart king, ruffed a diamond to get into the dummy, drew East's last trump and claimed. His 12 tricks were four spades, five hearts, two clubs and one spade ruff in hand.

Before West could criticize the double, East asked, "Why didn't you lead a club, partner?"

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Community Calendar

THURSDAY

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

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

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

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

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

FRIDAY

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

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

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

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

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

SATURDAY

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

SUNDAY

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

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

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

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

Nuclear plant's Unit 2 should be on line today

FORT WORTH (AP) — Comanche Peak nuclear power plant's Unit 2, which was shut down Monday, should be back on-line Thursday, TU Electric officials said.

The unit was shut off because of a burned wire on a main generator and a faulty valve on a backup diesel generator. Workers should have the problems fixed by Thursday, plant officials said.

The unit had been at full power for only six days when a sensor detected a problem Monday with the electrical system on the main generator, and the reactor was again shut down.

Workers fixed the problems, said Kathi Miller, a spokeswoman for TU Electric, which owns and operates the nuclear plant.

The unit should take 24 to 30 hours to reach full power after it's turned on sometime Thursday, Ms. Miller said.

Unit 2 was put back on-line June 18 after being down since April 21, when it was shut down for scheduled maintenance.

During that maintenance, workers discovered several leaks in a cooling system. The discovery delayed its restart until the leaks could be repaired and tested, and the repairs approved by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

The leaks were caused by vibrations from heavy pumps that keep water supplied to an overhead sprinkler system. The sprinkler system is designed to cool the huge containment building in case high-pressure steam escapes into it, plant officials said.

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'Cool' firms do well in heat

AUSTIN (AP) — Texans are fighting crowds everywhere it's cool — from ceiling fan stores to indoor tanning salons — as three-digit temperatures sear the state.

"It's totally nuts here. Customers are desperate; they'll do anything for ice," said Suzy Barbee, owner of a business called Flash Cube Ice, which has been swamped with calls from restaurants and clubs for emergency ice deliveries.

Even outdoor activities were moving inside to beat the heat.

"People don't want to bake out there in 100-degree weather. They'd rather work on their tan inside," said Daniel Gentry, a salesman at Austin's Tan Club.

"I'd never last an hour in the heat we've had lately. At the tanning salon, you're in an air-conditioned room. It's nothing like being in the sun," said tanner Laura Childers.

The National Weather Service said triple-digit temperatures could be expected around Texas for several days. In Austin, where the high hit 102 on Tuesday, unseasonably high temperatures of 100 to 103 were forecast into the July Fourth weekend.

Mike Clark, warehouse manager for Texas Ceiling Fans in Austin, said folks who couldn't find a cool breeze outside are anxious to create one indoors.

"Everybody wants a ceiling fan, and it's really doing us a good business," he said.

Astrograph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Friday, July 1, 1994

Materially speaking, conditions look rather hopeful for you in the year ahead. In fact, you could make more money than usual in your chosen field of endeavor. Be prepared to work for what you get, however.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Today you might accomplish something that will give you a real sense of achievement and pride. However, you may be disappointed if you expect lavish praise from others. Get a jump on life by understanding the influences governing you in the year ahead. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions today by mailing $1.25 to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 4465, New York, N. Y. 10163. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) You could be extremely popular with friends today, but you must take care you don't do or say something that could offend someone who isn't your friend.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) There's a possibility you could be quite restless today, so you'd better make plans early to do something active. Don't forget to check at home first if you're looking for a companion.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) One of your greatest assets is your ability to see both the pros and cons of an altercation. Today you might have to use this judicial asset to avert an angry argument between two pals.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) A poor mental attitude could severely detract from your productivity and industriousness today. Rather than do a bad job, temporarily shelve undesirable tasks.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Someone with whom you have a very weak rapport in a commercial environment could turn out to be rather friendly and warm in a social situation. Invite him or her out today.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) As soon as you take your mind off yourself and your interests, you might spot a number of opportunities in which you could be included today. Friends are willing to share with you.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) T.G.I.F., because this means you could have a long weekend with lots of social activities, beginning today. Accept invitations where you can meet new people.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Do not make the mistake of trying to impress others today by a display of extravagance. It won't produce the result for which you're hoping.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Although your intentions might be otherwise, you may goad others into competitive responses today. Instead of doing this, focus on areas where you can do something constructive.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Instead of taking your responsibilities and duties seriously today, you might leave them to be taken care of by others. This could cause problems, but fortunately, not too large ones.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Today, if you intend to use your knowledge to impress others, you'd better be sure you're talking about things in which you have some expertise.

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Dr. Gott by Peter Gott, M.D.

Assessing anti-depressant therapy

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: Can you discuss the anti-depressant nortriptyline, its uses and side effects?

DEAR READER: Nortriptyline (Pamelor) is a commonly used anti-depressant that is an effective therapy. However, it produces certain dangerous side effects, including fluctuations in blood pressure, palpitations, heart attack, stroke, confusion, delusions, anxiety, insomnia, agitation, poor coordination, dry mouth, constipation, rash, anemia, and a host of other complications.

Therefore, the drug should be prescribed and monitored only by a professional — preferably a psychiatrist — who is familiar with its benefits and disadvantages. As with any medicine, the risk/benefit ratio must be carefully weighed.

Although drugs used to treat depression all have side effects in some patients, they are generally safe to use under medical supervision.

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

DEAR DR. GOTT: What do you know about Hodgkin's disease with lymphocyte depletion? Very little information is available in my area on this unusual disorder I've been diagnosed with.

DEAR READER: Hodgkin's disease, a form of blood and lymph gland cancer (lymphoma), is divided into four major categories. Your type accounts for about 5 percent of cases and is characterized by fever, night sweats, malaise, swollen glands, weight loss, bone pain, and other symptoms, associated with a reduction in the number of lymphocytes (a blood cell that is part of the immune system). The cause is unknown but lymphomas of various types can be cured, or at least treated, with radiation and chemotherapy.

Because the therapy for lymphoma must be tailored to each individual, depending on type and extent, you should be under the care of an oncologist. With proper treatment, your prognosis should be good.

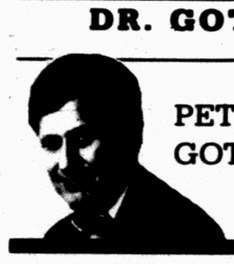
DEAR DR. GOTT: My wife was recently diagnosed with a mid-esophageal carcinoma. We understand that the risk of surgery with its complications is high, and we've been given conflicting mortality rates. A high rate would predispose us to radiation and since we've been procrastinating too long already, we'd appreciate your input.

DEAR READER: Cancer of the esophagus is especially ominous because it's hard to treat: It is often adjacent to vital structures, such as arteries and nerves. Depending on the state of a person's health and the extent of the malignancy, most authorities recommend surgery, radiation or chemotherapy — or a combination of two or more of these treatments.

Because I am not familiar with your wife's case, I daren't guess which therapy would most benefit her. This is a decision she should make with her oncologist. But don't delay. As a general rule, the longer a patient waits to have cancer therapy, the less the chance for success and the fewer the treatment options.

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Shoppers benefit from lower prices

WASHINGTON (AP) — With the July Fourth weekend coming up, look for lots of beef specials at the supermarket.

The lower prices will be the result of a huge oversupply of beef, just in time for the second-busiest cookout weekend of the year. Memorial Day is the busiest.

But the low prices still have far to fall before they get close to what cattle producers are getting.

In a report Wednesday, the Agriculture Department said the June price for beef cattle was $63.60 per hundredweight, the lowest since July 1988. Just last year cattle brought in $74.50.

"There's a tremendous amount of tonnage out there in the market," said David Mehlhaff, spokesman for the National Cattlemen's Association in Denver.

Production so far this year is the highest for a comparable period since 1986, he said. Average weekly beef supplies are 12 million to 25 million pounds greater than last year.

What's happened is the result of too much expansion because of good prices in the past. Trouble started earlier this year.

Until June, the spring feedlots where most cattle are fattened for slaughter were jammed their fullest since the 1970s. In May, red meat production at slaughterhouses reached a 10-year high.

Shoppers have seen some of the results. The organization's monthly survey June 9 found the average price of six cuts of beef had dropped to $3.16 a pound, compared with $3.21 on May 12.

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Texans cheer space station's survival in U.S. House vote

HOUSTON (AP) — Texans cheered the survival of the Houston-based space station Wednesday and expressed optimism that the massive project is building enough political momentum to make it into orbit.

By a 278-155 vote, the House rejected a measure that would have killed the station project and shifted its $2.1 billion in 1995 funding to other NASA programs.

It was a stark contrast to last year's House funding battle, which came within one vote of terminating the station.

For Texas, the victory means that some 10,000 jobs directly or indirectly linked to the project are safe — at least for now.

Rep. Gene Green, D-Houston, said the 123-vote margin "gives some continuity" to the beleaguered station, which has undergone six design changes in a decade on the drawing board.

"We need that," Green said. "You can't build the space station in one year or in two years. It's a long-term project."

The station, which has cost some $11 billion to date with another $17.4 billion or so required for completion, is expected to be ready for occupancy in 2002 with participation by 10 European nations, Japan, Canada and Russia.

Deputy program manager Bill Shepherd, one of about 325 Johnson Space Center employees assigned to the project, said the vote was both surprising and heartening.

"We had preliminary estimates that were not that ambitious, so that was pretty good," Shepherd said. "It's very encouraging to the team here. It will allow us to really start moving and getting the job done."

Jim Reinhartsen, president of the Clear Lake Area Economic Development Foundation, said it was also a victory for the area surrounding Johnson, where some 2,700 station workers live.

"It means a relaxing again of the anxieties about the program," Reinhartsen said. "I'm really confident that we've seen the worst of it and this area can start to worry about other things in life except the annual funding battle for the space station."

Rep. Ralph Hall, D-Rockwall, chairman of the House Committee on Science, Space and Technology, thanked his colleagues and promised to continue close oversight of the program.

"My committee will continue to scrutinize the project and help ensure that it is completed in a timely and fiscal manner," Hall said. "We'll continue to ask tough questions and demand forthright answers as the project develops."

Gov. Ann Richards, who spent the past three days rallying support in Washington, said the vote "provides a clear mandate from Congress for this important scientific project."

"While the project provides thousands of jobs to the people of this nation, its real importance is that it will keep this nation in the vanguard of science and technology," Gov. Richards said.

The next vote for space station funding, in the Senate, comes in the next two months. Boeing Co., the prime station contractor, wasted no time in getting its lobbying effort under way.

"We believe this gives us momentum, but we cannot, and will not, rest on our laurels," said Larry Winslow, a Boeing vice president in Houston who oversees all project contract work.

Mistrial ends second trial in tot's death

BROWNSVILLE (AP) — A mistrial has been declared because jurors could not agree in the case of a teen-ager accused of helping strangle her neighbors' 3-year-old boy.

"We will go on," said Carolina Blanco, the victim's mother. "It will be hard to come back (for another trial), but the most difficult thing for us is that Luis is no longer with us."

Though disappointed in the mistrial, Mrs. Blanco expressed relief Wednesday that the jury did not acquit Veronica Patricia Zavala in the killing of Luis Daniel Blanco.

"Of course she has the opportunity to defend herself, but Luis did not have that," said the boy's father, Alejandro Blanco, speaking calmly in Spanish while embracing his wife.

Alejandro Blanco rejected any notion of a plea bargain. "We don't make deals with killers," he said.

Ms. Zavala contended that a man raped her and then forced her to hold the boy's legs while he strangled the child.

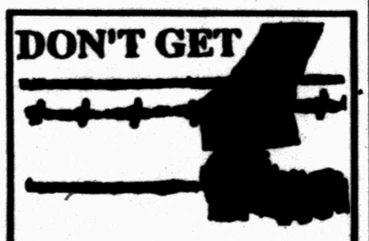
After more than two days of deliberations, the jury foreman told state District Judge Robert Garza that the panel was hopelessly deadlocked.

Prosecutors vowed to try Ms. Zavala again.

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