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Ballots go out Friday...

Midwest co-op members to vote on consolidation

Members of Midwest Electric Cooperative should begin receiving ballots early next week for the proposed consolidation of the company with Stamford Electric Cooperative. Ballots go in the mail Friday.

Ballots must be back in the Midwest or Stamford office by 5 p.m. Aug. 13.

Midwest general manager Jerry Stapp and the board of directors from each company are urging members to return their ballots.

"We do encourage everyone to vote. We want a large turnout," Stapp said. "That is the reason we have the ballots fixed the way they are, so members can mail them or bring them back."

A special meeting is called for 2 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 15, in Roby, and Midwest members will have the opportunity to vote in person at that time.

Results of the vote will be announced after 3 p.m. that afternoon. Stamford will follow the same time format.

Stapp said a series of community-wide meetings were held, and generally folks seemed positive.

"Of all the meetings, we only had one person that was negative, everyone else was positive," Stapp said.

"I think the membership is letting the board of directors do their jobs."

Stapp further explained that in order for the consolidation to go through, a simple majority of 50 percent plus one is required.

Also, at least 150 members of each company must vote in order to have a valid election.

The board of directors from each cooperative is recommending the consolidation.

"We are growing by getting them. This is a growth deal for us and Stamford too," Midwest board president Carl Williams said earlier this month at Snyder's community-wide meeting.

Information released from the two cooperatives stated that an estimated $2.5 million annually could be saved if consolidation is approved.

According to Stapp, that would not happen overnight. But, if the consolidation is approved, over time the company would cut down to one general manager, one computer system and one audit. All of these things, Stapp added, would all lead to savings.

If the consolidation is approved, a new company called Big Country Electric would be formed.

All of the board members of the present cooperatives would be on the 16-member board and the new entity will have offices in Roby, Snyder and Stamford — with corporate headquarters located in Roby.

Stapp would continue as general manager and Vesta Orr, interim manager at Stamford, will serve as executive assistant.

THE .SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "Just got my water bill. That's all we need is one more problem — a lawn with a drinking problem."

There's few places to hide from the heat. We were watching the water sprinkler the other evening and figured the best place would be to lay on the grass under it — but it's hard to get room service.

But some people are making the most of the dry weather. Rana Williamson has just finished a new book, "When The Catfish Had Ticks, Texas Drought Humor."

The book is full of amusing drought stories from sources all across the state.

A guy in Weatherford reported, "It's so dry the cows are giving evaporated milk, and the chickens just plucked themselves to escape the heat.

--A lady in Brady said it was so dry and the corn so poor, that Papa ate 14 acres for supper all by himself.

--A woman told a friend that her son still believes in Santa Claus. The friend replied, "That's nothing, my Johnny still believes in rain."

--A retired Lamesa doctor mused, "It's so dry that when you spit, it evaporates before it hits the ground."

--In the '30s a farm wife grew so weary of fighting the dust storms that she served her family's dinner under the tablecloth. After the blessing, each person raised the edge of the cloth, ducked under and started to eat.

Here's some more drought observations from the book:

--It's so dry we had to run the well through the wringer on the washing machine to get water to cook with.

--It's so dry the jackrabbits are carrying canteens.

--It's so dry I saw two trees fighting over a dog.

--It's so dry I saw an armadillo hitchiking to Arizona.

--It's so dry I had to vacuum my pot holes four times before I could get the poles in.

--It's so dry we have to soak the pigs before they'll slop.

--It's so dry the weeping willows can't. They just look despondent.

--It's so dry I've got bullfrogs three years old that ain't been wet.

--It's so dry you've got to sneeze to get the relative humidity up to zero.

--It's so dry I saw a dog chasing a rabbit — and they were both walking.

--It's so dry a fellow caught a catfish that had ticks on it.

Voters picking up pace in school bond election

Early voting in the $20.4 million Snyder Independent School District bond election is picking up some steam as 70 people cast early ballots Wednesday.

Fifty people voted early Tuesday and the previous high number of voters was Monday when 66 ballots were cast.

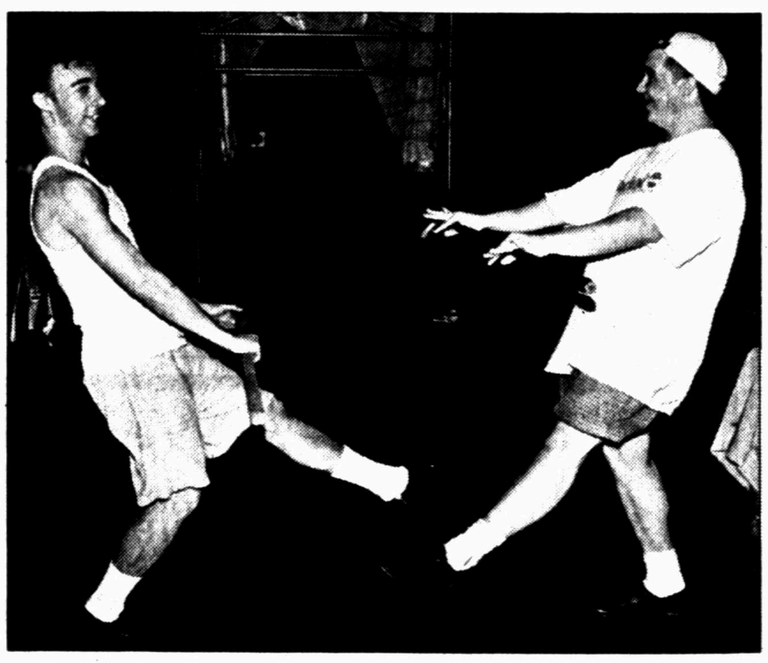
A total of 307 early votes have been recorded.

SISD residents are voting on a $20.4 million bond issue for improving the district's aging facilities and to bring the buildings up to current electrical and plumbing codes.

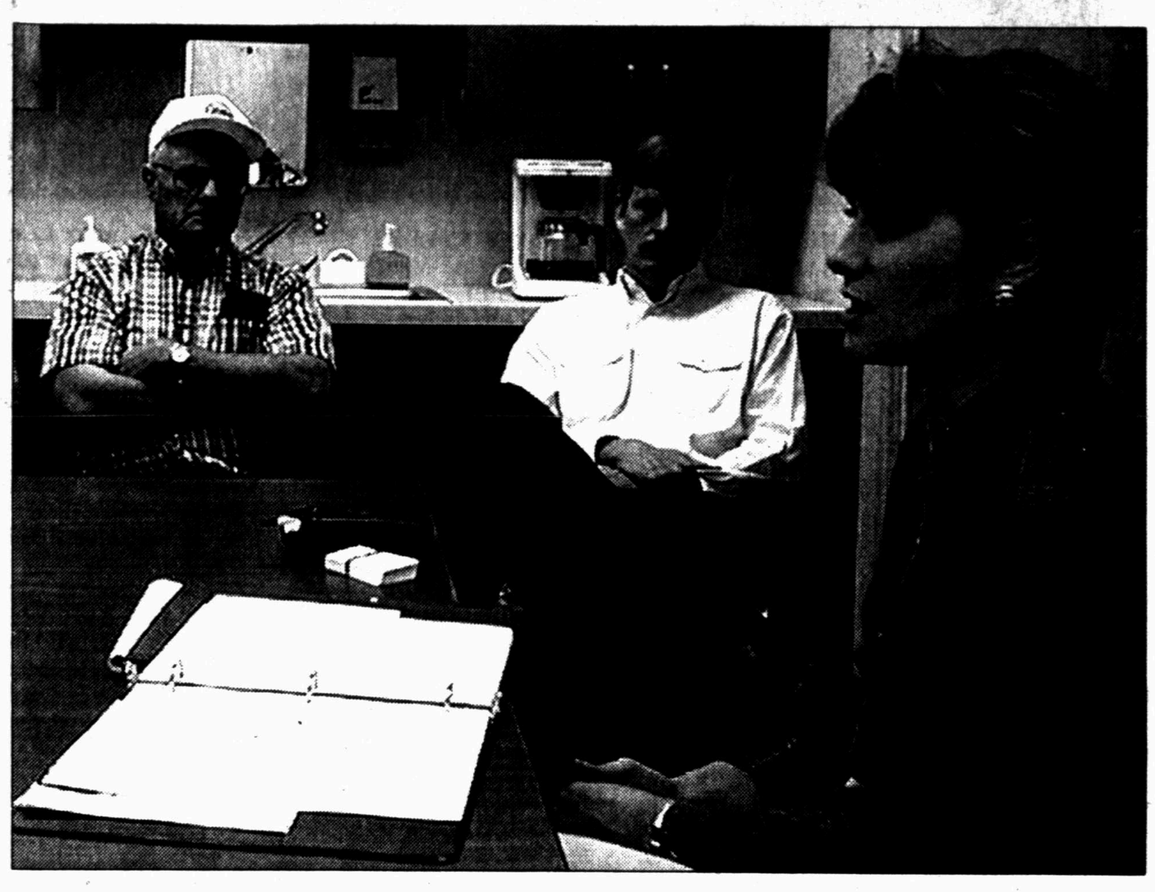
The election is set for Aug. 8.

Citizens who reside in the school district may vote early through Tuesday at the administration building between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4 p.m.

The proposal calls for major renovations on all the district's campuses with the exception of Central Elementary. Plans call for the district to close the 50-year-old structure if the bond issue passes.



JUST PRACTICING — Two of the members of the troupe which will present GODSPELL at The Ritz Theatre beginning Friday night practice one of the songs. David McConnel, left, and Randy Hatfield, will perform at 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, plus at 2:30 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)



GRAMM AIDE IN TOWN — Sondra Ziegler, director of U.S. Senator Phil Gramm's office in Lubbock, was in Snyder this morning to hear how the drought is affecting the local economy. Among those meeting with Ziegler were John Short, left, and Joe Hefner of the Farm Service Agency. (SDN Staff Photo)

Heat death toll rises; tempers flare with hot temperatures

FALFURRIAS (AP) — Texas' heat-related death toll rose again today, with South Texas authorities confirming that two residents perished in temperatures that have soared above the century mark.

The torrid weather has now been blamed for the deaths of at least 98 Texans, including 25 people in Dallas County, since June 1.

Fifty-one of the victims were undocumented immigrants found along or near the U.S.-Mexico border.

Anastacio Hernandez, 65, of Falfurrias died from coronary artery disease complicated by heat stroke, Brooks County Sheriff Balde Lozano said today.

Hernandez was found dead on July 27 in his mobile home, which did not have air conditioning.

Guadalupe Roeles, 75, was found dead on a ranch near Encino on July 6. The sheriff said Roeles' pickup had broken down in a deserted area and he had collapsed while walking in the heat in an attempt to find help.

Today, Dallas was poised to overtake the area's second longest streak of consecutive days at 100 degrees or above. Readings have already met or exceeded 100 for 24 consecutive days — just short of the 25-day record set in 1952.

The late-morning reading at Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport was already 93 degrees, the National Weather Service said. It was 95 at Fort Worth.

No rain is likely for at least another week. The latest heat-related death in Dallas County was reported Wednesday.

Tommy McDeane, 48, died Tuesday at Mesquite Community Hospital, where he had been taken after suffering apparent heat stroke at his Dallas home July 13, said Bill Lene, chief investigator for the Dallas County medical examiner's office.

Jason Jordan, a meteorological aide with the Weather Service in Fort Worth, said there is a slight chance the heat wave will break in August, when the high-pressure ridge moves slightly to the west.

"We're keeping our figures crossed," Jordan said.

That's what ranchers and farmers have been doing for months.

Energy assistance workers available in county next week

Representatives of People for Progress, Inc., will be in Snyder next Thursday to assist local citizens with problems associated with the extreme heat wave in this area.

The representatives will be at the Snyder Park Club at Winston Park from 10 a.m. until noon, and from 1-4 p.m.

They will be available in Snyder for at least once a week through August.

The Sweetwater agency received a grant earlier in the week in the amount of $126,636 to be used to help people weatherize their homes, pay utility bills and obtain air conditioners.

The money is part of $32.7 million in federal funds that have been earmarked for low-income families in Scurry, Mitchell and Nolan Counties.

Gladys Gerst, executive director of the agency, said there are guidelines that must be met before an individual or family can receive benefits.

"People meeting the income guidelines are eligible for help in paying their utility bills. Households that meet the income guidelines and the residents are either elderly, handicapped, a family with children under the age of six-years, or meet certain medical conditions, are eligible to receive an air-conditioner that will cool one room of the home," Ms. Gerst said.

Olga Banderas, director of energy programs for the agency, explained the process for receiving assistance.

"People need to call us at our toll-free number of 1-800-592-7433 to set up an appointment for Thursday. A person will need to bring a copy of the social security cards for everyone who lives in a residence, copies of utility bills for the previous 12 months and copies of the most recent income tax returns," Banderas said.

"I know people are suffering in this heat. We are here to help as quickly as possible," Banderas added.

The agency has been collecting donated fans and providing them to homes who did not have any source of cooling, added Ms. Gerst.

Gerst said the agency will continue that program in order to provide some relief to families who do not meet the federal guidelines for the energy assistance program.

Income Guidelines For Receiving Assistance

Family Size	Maximum Annual Income
1	$10,063
2	$13,563
3	$17,063
4	$20,563
5	$24,063
6	$27,563
7	$31,063
8	$34,563

ASK US

Q—When will season football tickets for the Snyder Tigers go on sale?

A—Aug. 10. They will remain on sale to last year's season ticket holders until Aug. 21, and remaining tickets will be sold to the general public beginning Aug. 24.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Wednesday, 100 degrees; low, 76; 7 a.m. Thursday, 78; no precipitation; total for 1998, 5.75 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, fair. Low 75-80. SE wind 5-15 mph. Friday, partly cloudy. High around 100. S wind 10-20 mph.

Regina Martinez
Partly cloudy

Sunset: 8:41 p.m.
Sunrise: 6:59 a.m.
Of 210 days in 1998, the sun has shone 208 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

"Sometimes our light goes out but is blown into flame by another human being. Each of us owes deepest thanks to those who have rekindled this light."

Albert Schweitzer

FUNERAL HOME MAKES DONATION — Wright Colonial Funeral Home made a $2,000 donation to Noah Project-West through the York Children's Foundation, a casket manufacturer. Pictured from left are the funeral home staff, Mel Zane Gilbert, Banks Alexander, Brendon McNeil, Marge Anderson, Sandra Roberts, Nathan Zalman, Leslie Wright, owner Kent Wright and Noah Project-West service area director Dee Wilson. Funds are designated to benefit the children at the facility. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Ohio '13' has winning Powerball ticket

WESTERVILLE, Ohio (AP) — A group of 13 machine shop workers calling themselves "the Lucky 13's" hold the single winning Powerball lottery ticket worth a record $295.7 million, their lawyer said today.

"They're in a state of shock," attorney Larry Sturtz said.

The workers at Automation Tooling Systems, which makes industrial parts in an office park just north of Columbus, each kicked in $10 to buy 130 tickets for Wednesday's drawing, Sturtz said. One worker made the 100-mile trip to Richmond, Ind., the nearest location where they are sold.

In Indiana, Hoosier Lottery officials could not confirm who won, but spokeswoman Diane Balk said the winning ticket was sold at the Richmond Speedway, a gas station-convenience store just over the state line from Ohio.

The buyer chose the $161.5 million lump-sum payment rather than the larger jackpot spread over 25 years, she said. That comes to $12.4 million before taxes for each of the 13 workers.

At midmorning, workers outside the plant, which has about 170 employees, could be seen joking around, giving each other high-fives. The manager of a nearby business sent a cake over.

The ATS managers let workers go to lunch early so the 13 could blend into the departing crowd and get past a throng of reporters and photographers.

Jenny Bixler told WCMH-TV that her brother, who has three children, was among the winners. She spoke to reporters near her brother's modest home.

"They're moving, I'm sure," she said.

Hoosier Lottery Director James Maguire said nobody had officially claimed the prize. He said they would have 180 days to do so.

In Richmond, Ind., Debbie Person, manager of the Speedway store, said she didn't believe it at first when a customer said her store had sold the winning ticket. The store gets $100,000 for having done so.

"I didn't know about it at 5 a.m. when I came in. At seven, the police came by and asked if we needed help," Person said.

The previous record jackpot for a single ticket was $195 million, also in the Powerball game, won by an Illinois couple in May.

The huge jackpot in Wednesday's drawing, swelled by repeated drawings in which no one won the top prize, created a sensation in the 20 states and in Washington, D.C., where Powerball tickets are sold — and in neighboring states where hopefuls sometimes drove for hours for a chance at the big one.

So many tickets were sold, lottery officials had said there was a 90 percent chance there would be more than one winner.

"We certainly expected two or three (tickets). But this stuff happens," said Chuck Strutt, executive director of the Des Moines, Iowa-based Multi-State Lottery Association, which oversees the game.

Strutt said the winning numbers drawn Wednesday night — 8, 39, 43, 45, 49, and Powerball 13 — were less likely to be chosen.

"Human beings tend to pick numbers that mean something to them — birthdays, which would of course be 31 or less — and things like that," he said today.

Lottery players snapped up $210.8 million worth of tickets for the drawing. That had Powerball's inventor questioning whether it had gotten too big.

Settlement okayed for those illegally denied benefits

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — A federal judge has approved a settlement that could return millions of dollars in Social Security benefits to thousands of disabled and homeless people whose claims were wrongfully denied.

U.S. District Judge Tena Campbell signed the settlement order Wednesday, saying the process of locating those who could receive retroactive benefits should start right away.

"It's very clear the longer this matter goes on, the more these people suffer," Campbell said.

The settlement will also fund a search for some 5,000 people, some of them homeless, who were denied benefits between January 1991 and February 1994. The settlement allows the plaintiffs to have their claims reviewed.

A government attorney said paying them could take years.

The Social Security Administration has estimated the retroactive payouts may total $22 million, an estimate plaintiff's attorney Brent Manning said was low.

"We have been inundated by requests and questions on the settlement," Manning told the judge.

He said some plaintiffs could be owed as much as $170,000.

All were denied Social Security benefits for mental disabilities which kept them from easily finding jobs.

The lead plaintiff, David Goodnight, was in a powered wheelchair and needed oxygen when he was denied benefits and told to find a job as a security guard.

"That's what got this started," said Barbara Toomer, a disabled rights activist. "We were just appalled."

Goodnight died four months ago. Outside the courthouse, Kari Faerber wept as she contemplated receiving benefits. Faerber, 33, of Salt Lake City, has multiple sclerosis and is expected to qualify for a re-examination of her rejected application.

"I hear about all of these medications they've discovered and I don't have the money to pay for them," she told The Salt Lake Tribune. "I'll be more able to take care of myself."

The lawsuit was filed in 1992 against the Utah Disability Determination Services, the Social Security Administration and various officials with both agencies, alleging that overworked and unqualified clerks instead of physicians were denying claims.

A physician's review is required under federal law. But plaintiffs' attorneys said at least two doctors admitted they never reviewed some claimants' files before deciding whether to approve benefits.

"Frankly it appears what happened was they were trying to deal with a huge workload in an entirely inappropriate way," Manning said.

Justice Department John Niemeyer said the problem was not as widespread as the plaintiffs contended and the government was poised to go to trial to prove its point.

Settlement talks narrowed the number of people considered eligible for claims to 5,000 from 8,000. Niemeyer said the size of the case was rare.

Davis named chief inspector

Agriculture Commissioner Rick Perry announced Wednesday that Shawn Davis has been named new chief inspector for pesticides for the Texas Department of Agriculture's West Texas region.

Davis' responsibilities will include supervising, coordinating and conducting pesticide inspections within an 83-county region.

TDA is the lead state agency responsible for enforcing federal and state pesticide laws in Texas.

Counties in TDA's West Texas region include Scurry, Borden, Fisher, Garza, Haskell, Howard, Jones, Kent, Lubbock, Mitchell, Nolan and Taylor.

Davis, a Stephenville native and 1993 graduate of Tarleton State University, will assume the post beginning Mondav.

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Fraternization throughout military banned

WASHINGTON (AP) — Vice Adm. Dennis Blair says it's easy to see why the military doesn't want officers to be close friends or lovers with those they command.

"In war, they send them out to die," which a leader might hesitate to do with someone he or she knows too well, Blair said Wednesday as the Pentagon announced prohibitions on close or intimate relationships between officers and enlisted troops throughout the military.

And in peacetime, as in the civilian workplace, a superior's decisions could "make the difference" between professional success and failure, Blair added, resulting in an unfair playing field for the rest of the troops.

Officers "have to be fair and impartial, and they have to be perceived to be," said Blair, director of the Joint Staff, which coordinates work of the military services.

After a yearlong review, Defense Secretary William Cohen ordered the ban on fraternization throughout the 1.4-million strong military as more women join the armed forces, making up 14 percent, compared with 1 percent 30 years ago.

The Army, where superiors and subordinates in many cases may now date, marry or even go into business together, will be affected the most. The Marines, Air Force and Navy already ban most relationships between officers and those they command. The hundreds of existing officer-enlisted marriages won't be affected by the change.

Army Col. John Smith said "it will take some time for the Army to make this change to its 20-year culture while being fair and sensitive" to soldiers, but the service would submit a plan within 30 days and training material within 60 days as ordered.

Fraternization is punishable by a maximum of two years in prison and a dishonorable discharge for enlisted personnel and dismissal from the military for officers.

The Pentagon also issued new guidelines for handling cases of adultery, telling commanders that although the behavior is "unacceptable conduct" they shouldn't seek criminal charges unless the activity disrupts or discredits the armed forces.

"In today's military environment, we owe it to our forces to eliminate as many differences in disciplinary standards as possible and to adopt uniform, clear and readily understandable policies," Cohen wrote to military leaders.

Critics contend that officers are not always punished for affairs, including those with subordinates, while those in lower ranks are prosecuted. And the different Army, Navy, Air Force and Marines rules led to charges of unfairness.

Cohen ordered the review in June 1997 after the uproar over the dismissal of Air Force 1st Lt. Kelly Flinn, the first female B-52 bomber pilot, for lying about an affair she had with the husband of an enlisted woman.

In the aftermath of that, the nomination of Air Force Gen. Joseph Ralston to be chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff was derailed after disclosure of an extramarital affair he had years before, and criticism of Pentagon reluctance to punish him.

Defense Department officials refused to speculate about what might have happened in those cases under the new instructions. But commanders are being instructed to take into account whether an alleged affair occurred long ago or is ongoing.

Adultery will remain a crime under the Uniform Code of Military Justice, but commanders are now instructed to pursue courts-martial only when adultery, defined as sex with a currently married person, hurts "the good order and discipline in the armed forces or was of a nature to bring discredit upon the armed forces."

Also to be considered is the marital status of both parties, including legal separation; whether the service member's lover is in the military; whether there is misuse of government time or resources; and whether the activity was flagrant, resulting in notoriety.

Punishment for adultery will continue to range from dishonorable discharge, which costs all benefits and up to one year in prison, to a bad-conduct discharge.

Commanders will maintain ultimate discretion because they know the facts of each case, said Judith Miller, the Pentagon's general counsel.

Simpson's former mansion demolished

LOS ANGELES (AP) — As bulldozers reduced his former Brentwood estate to rubble, O.J. Simpson proclaimed himself indifferent to the demolition and said he had thought of doing the same thing.

"It's not my house and I could care less," Simpson told The Associated Press by telephone Wednesday. "It's part of my past."

Simpson spoke from a rented house a few miles away as the dust of destruction settled on his former home of 20 years on Rockingham Avenue.

The property became infamous after Simpson was accused of killing ex-wife Nicole Brown Simpson and her friend, Ronald Goldman, on June 12, 1994.

It was where the infamous slow-speed Bronco chase ended, where Detective Mark Fuhrman said he found a bloody glove that matched one left at the crime scene, where house guest Brian "Kato" Kaelin heard thumps on the wall and where Simpson said he was chipping golf balls, taking a shower or napping at the time of the stabbings.

Simpson was evicted last year after defaulting on the mortgage. The 6,200-square-foot mansion, with its waterfalls, tennis court, swimming pool and guest quarters, was bought by an investment banker for nearly $4 million. It was demolished to make way for a new home.

Simpson was notified of the demolition but shrugged it off.

"I am a sentimental guy," Simpson said. "But there's things you've got to compartmentalize. You take them and file them away. I've always tried to live my life forward and not backward.

"Rockingham is history. I walked out of that door and I've never been back."

Simpson said he probably would have demolished the home himself if he still owned the place.

"I remodeled the house twice and I said one day if I had the money, I'd probably tear it down and start over," Simpson said.

Denise Brown, sister of Nicole Brown Simpson, was on hand as the home was destroyed.

"The years of abuse that my sister had to endure in that house, it's like finally put an end to it and I'm so, so happy," she said.

The Brentwood estate property owner watched the demolition but refused to answer questions. Said Simpson: "I hope they save some of the trees and the roses we planted."

Neighbors were glad to see the home go.

"Maybe they can take the roadblocks down, people can just go about their lives in the area without the helicopters, the camera people, the interviewers, the tourists," Susan Foster said.

Simpson said he was always amazed that tourists flocked to his house rather than to the Bundy Drive condominium where Ms. Simpson and Goldman were stabbed to death.

"Nothing bad happened at Rockingham," he said.

Simpson spent 474 days in jail before he was acquitted of murder. A civil jury later found him liable for the slayings in a wrongful death lawsuit.

Abercrombie & Fitch will remove article

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — Abercrombie & Fitch is going on the wagon.

The clothier is retrieving unsold copies of its catalog A&F Quarterly to cut out an article dubbed "Drinking 101" that infuriated anti-drunk driving groups.

The article included charts with drinking games and recipes for concoctions like Woo-Woos and Brain Hemorrhages, mixed drinks that it suggested students substitute for the "standard beer binge."

Catalogs have been removed from Abercrombie's 160 stores so the two-page article can be cut out and the catalogs returned, company spokesman Lonnie Fogel said Wednesday.

Future issues that have stories on alcohol will urge readers to "be responsible, be 21 and don't ever drink and drive," Fogel said.

The response was praised by Mothers Against Drunk Driving.

"We're pleased that they're taking action at what truly was a mistake and doing something right. We commend them for what they're doing," MADD President Karolyn Nunnallee said. "For a catalog this popular to put out a message every American should adhere to is a big step to saving lives and preventing injures."

Michael Jeffries, Abercrombie's chairman and chief executive, said: "We want to plug our readers in to what's new and what's coming. We don't want to lose anybody to thoughtlessness and stupidity.

"Our company does not support irresponsible or underage drinking and we want to make that clear to our customers and the general public."

Anyone who received a copy of the magazine in the mail will be sent a postcard that says the article appeared to some readers to encourage underage drinking or binge drinking.

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By Phillip Alder

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♥ Q J
♦ A 7 2
♣ A 10 7 4 2

West
♠ A J 8
♥ 8 7 4 3
♦ J 10 5 4 3
♣ 6

East
♠ K 10
♥ 10 6 2
♦ Q 9 8 6
♣ K Q 8 5

South
♠ Q 9 7 6 2
♥ A K 9 5
♦ K
♣ J 9 3

Vulnerable: Neither
Dealer: East

South	West	North	East
			Pass
1 ♠	Pass	3 ♠	Pass
4 ♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♦ J

You must be watchful

By Phillip Alder

While watching the honors, you must also pay careful attention to the spot-cards. Often, they tell as valuable a story. And if declarer tries a false-card, sometimes partner's card will expose the subterfuge.

Today's deal occurred during the European Mixed Championships, held last March in Aachen, Germany.

North's three spades was a limit raise, showing 10-12 support points.

West led the diamond jack, which ran to declarer's king. South played a heart to dummy's jack, followed by the spade three: 10, two, eight. East switched to the club king: jack, six, ace. Next, South called for dummy's club two. Thinking South's jack had been a singleton, East played low. West ruffed South's nine and continued with a diamond. However, declarer won with dummy's ace, discarding his remaining club, and played a trump, claiming when the king and ace fell together. South had lost only three trump tricks. Any thoughts?

In the bidding, North's three-spade response was wrong. With only three-card support, he should have started with two clubs, supporting spades on the second round. South's raise to game was aggressive.

In the play, West missed a difficult chance. At trick five, he must ruff South's club nine with the spade *ace*, then return the spade jack. East will win with the king and cash the club queen. But East should have noted West's club six. Would he have played the six from 9-6-3? No — he would have dropped the three. So, it was clear South had another club. East should have gone in with the club queen at trick five.

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Community Calendar

THURSDAY

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

Horseshoe Pitching For Fun; Horseshoe Courts located at the coliseum; everybody welcome, for further information call 573-9762; 7 p.m.

Just for Today NA; Park Club; for information call 573-0949, 573-4238 or 573-8018; 6 p.m.

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

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

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

FRIDAY

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

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Scurry County AA open meeting; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-8626, 573-9458 or 574-1292; 10 a.m.

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

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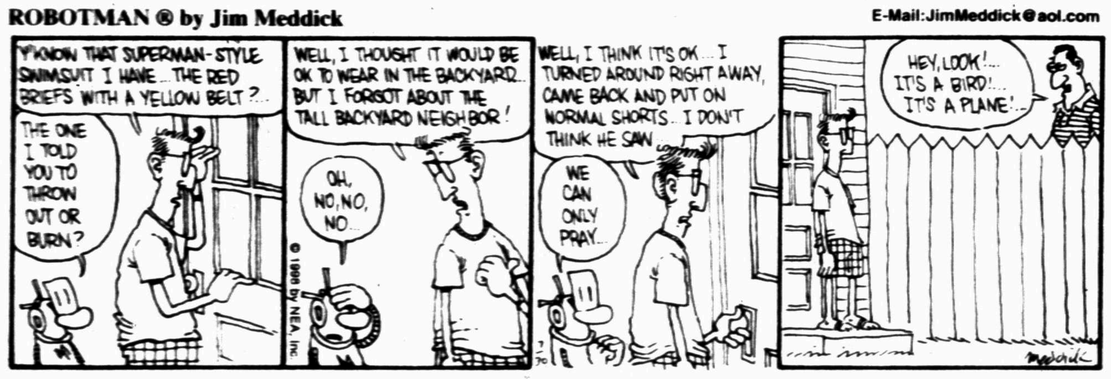

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ACROSS

1 Used a keyboard
6 Apportion
10 Ship's kitchen
12 In abundance
14 Big lizard
15 Have high regard for
16 Pear-shaped fruit
17 Actress Basinger
19 Or — (threat words)
20 More suspect
23 Mary — Moore
26 Cong. member
27 Gear tooth
30 Restaurant worker
32 Remington —
34 Designer Giorgio —
35 Bicycle for two
36 Nahoor sheep
37 Trade agcy.
39 Thoughts
40 Teachers' workplaces
42 Dame — Hess
45 Explosive inits.
46 Harem room
49 In good working order
51 Corsage flower
54 Biography of a sort
55 Brought in, as salary
56 Appraise
57 Horn sounds

DOWN

1 Weekend-welcoming abbr.
2 TV antenna type
3 Tub stopper
4 Guido's high note
5 Cozy room
6 Crazy
7 — Gantry
8 Work hard
9 Makes a mistake
11 Gabs
12 Most ill-smelling
13 Wide shoe size
18 Christian monogram
20 Greek cheese
21 Conducive to peace
22 Involve
23 — the night before Christmas
24 Knitter's need
25 Kind of bean
27 Relinquish
28 Olive genus
29 Jewels
31 — Scale (for earthquakes)
33 Companion of odds
38 Jail occupant
40 Peasant's shoe
41 Plains Indian
42 Silent
43 River in Belgium
44 Incarnation of Vishnu
46 Words of surprise
47 Eat to lose weight
48 Puts 2 and 2 together
50 Fib
52 Large rodent
53 — -Magnon man

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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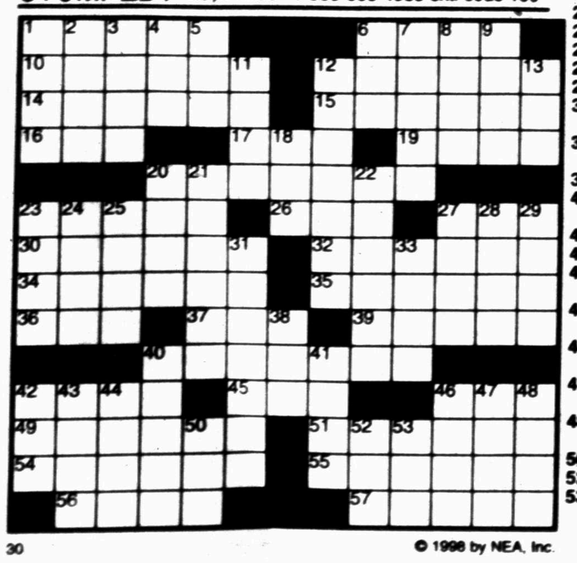

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SPORTS

9-6 over Toronto...

Rodriguez helps Rangers snap 4-game losing streak

TORONTO (AP) — The way Ivan Rodriguez was hitting, the Texas Rangers hardly missed Juan Gonzalez.

Rodriguez drove in three runs as the Rangers snapped a four-game losing streak with a 9-6 victory over Toronto on Wednesday night.

Rodriguez went 2-for-4 with a double, triple and a walk. After Toronto starter Chris Carpenter (6-5) loaded the bases with three walks in the third inning, Rodriguez hit a three-run double to put the Rangers ahead for good, 4-3.

"I certainly didn't want him taking a walk," Rangers manager Johnny Oates said. "Pudge is hitting sixth. I want some damage there."

Gonzalez, leading the majors with 116 RBIs, missed his second straight game with tightness in his right hamstring. Oates expects him to miss three to five more games.

Darren Oliver (6-7) gave up two earned runs on six hits and four walks with two strikeouts in 6 1-3 innings as he avenged two early-season losses to the Blue Jays.

"I went out there and gave them some innings and I kept us in the game and the offense was able to come through," Oliver said.

John Wetteland pitched the ninth for his 28th save.

Jose Canseco put the Blue Jays up 1-0 in the first with an RBI single, but Kevin Elster's sacrifice fly tied it in the bottom of the inning.

The Blue Jays took advantage of a throwing error by Elster at short and scored twice in the second before Texas went ahead for good.

After Rodriguez put the Rangers up 4-3, the Rangers added four runs in the fourth. Luis Alicea hit an RBI ground-rule double, Rusty Greer followed with a two-run double over the head of center fielder Shannon Stewart and Roberto Kelly hit an RBI single to make it 8-3.

Mike Stanley cut the lead to 8-6 in the seventh with a three-run homer, and Elster had an RBI single to finish the scoring for Texas.

"It was one of those starts where I didn't have my control," said Carpenter, who allowed four walks in the third inning. "It was a terrible outing. The team got me the lead but I go out and give up three runs in the third."

Weaver is 7 strokes out

ABILENE — It was not where she expected to be to start the final round, but Snyder's Daysha Weaver is still in contention.

Instead of a state tournament replay with Maiko Senda of Dallas, two Austin-area golfers are in the championship picture of the American Junior Golf Association West Texas Junior tourney being played at Abilene Country Club.

Trailing Senda by just one stroke after Tuesday's first round, Weaver carded a 79 Wednesday and dropped into the fourth slot.

Kristin Dufour of Austin fired an even-par 71 Wednesday and combined it with Tuesday's 74 for a two-stroke lead of 145 going into today's final round.

Kristin Tavcar of Austin and Senda are tied for second with a 147. Tavcar had a 73 Wednesday after a 74 in the opening round. Senda had rounds of 72 and 75.

Seven strokes behind the leader, Weaver has posted rounds of 73-79 for a 152.

Weaver was the leader of the SHS's girls golf team that finished second in the Class 4A state tournament last spring. Weaver has signed to play golf with the University of North Texas.

Another Snyder teammate, junior Randi Reed, posted rounds of 86 and 96 for a 182 in the Abilene tournament.

Alou powers Astros past Marlins, 10-6

HOUSTON (AP) — There's something about facing his former teammates that gets Moises Alou going. But lately, it hasn't mattered who he's faced.

Alou hit his fourth homer in as many games and Craig Biggio and Derek Bell had three hits apiece to lead the Houston Astros to a 10-6 victory over the Florida Marlins on Wednesday night.

The Astros, beating the Marlins for the fifth time in as many meetings this season, sent Florida to its 14th loss in 16 games.

"I'm feeling a little stronger and I think I've got my swing down," Alou said. "I haven't been hitting home runs consecutively like this since 1993 and 1994. It's a good feeling to be able to drive the ball and have it go out."

Since he was traded to the Astros prior to this season, Alou is hitting .625 against the Marlins. In the past 13 games, Alou is hitting .320 with six homers and 15 RBIs.

"I've been lifting a lot of weights," Alou said. "I feel a lot stronger this year than I did last year. Last year I didn't hit them out of the park to the opposite field like I am here."

Bell drove in two runs and Biggio one in Houston's 14-hit attack.

The Astros overcame a four-RBI performance by Derrek Lee, who had a three-run double and solo homer to extend his hit streak to a career-high nine games.

"He's swinging the bat well," Marlins manager Jim Leyland said. "He looks good, real good. He's playing with more confidence."

Lee said that confidence is helping him with the streak.

"I'm feeling pretty good at the plate, very relaxed," Lee said. "I've got more experience, more at bats, I'm getting more comfortable and that comes with playing more."

The Astros greeted Andy Larkin (2-6) with five consecutive hits to start the first inning. Biggio and Bill Spiers had singles, Bell singled home Biggio and Jeff Bagwell hit an RBI double prior to Alou's homer, his 28th of the season.

"That's one outstanding offensive team in my opinion," Leyland said.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION

Women's NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
Charlotte	14	7	.667	-
Cleveland	12	8	.600	1½
NewYork	12	9	.571	2
Detroit	11	10	.524	3
Washington	2	18	.100	11½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	19	1	.950	-
Phoenix	12	8	.600	7
LosAngeles	7	13	.350	12
Utah	7	13	.350	12
Sacramento	6	15	.286	13½

Wednesday's Games

Los Angeles 77, Washington 68
Cleveland 75, Sacramento 67

Thursday's Games

Cleveland at Charlotte, 7:30 p.m.
Utah at Houston, 8:30 p.m.

Friday's Games

Sacramento at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
Phoenix at Los Angeles, 9 p.m.

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

National League

East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Atlanta	71	37	.657	-
NewYork	56	48	.538	13
Philadelphia	55	50	.524	14½
Montreal	41	66	.383	29½
Florida	38	70	.352	33

Central Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Houston	64	43	.598	-
Chicago	61	47	.565	3½
Milwaukee	55	52	.514	9
Pittsburgh	50	58	.463	14½
St.Louis	49	57	.462	14½
Cincinnati	47	61	.435	17½

West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
SanDiego	69	38	.645	-
SanFrancisco	57	50	.533	12
LosAngeles	55	52	.514	14
Colorado	48	60	.444	21½
Arizona	38	69	.355	31

Wednesday's Games

Montreal 6, San Francisco 0
Atlanta 11, Cincinnati 5
Philadelphia 8, Los Angeles 3
N.Y. Mets 7, San Diego 6
Houston 10, Florida 6
Milwaukee 2, St. Louis 1
Pittsburgh 12, Colorado 1
Chicago Cubs 7, Arizona 3

Thursday's Games

Atlanta (Neagle 10-9) at Cincinnati (Krivda 0-1), 12:35 p.m.
Florida (Hernandez 8-7) at Houston (Reynolds 12-6), 1:35 p.m.
San Francisco (Gardner 8-4) at Montreal (Thurman 1-0), 7:05 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (Tapani 12-6) at Arizona (Daal 4-5), 7:35 p.m.
Los Angeles (Park 9-5) at Philadelphia (Beech 3-6), 7:35 p.m.
San Diego (Hitchcock 7-4) at N.Y. Mets (Jones 7-6), 7:40 p.m.
Milwaukee (Karl 8-4) at St. Louis (Morris 1-1), 8:10 p.m.
Only games scheduled

Friday's Games

Colorado (Wright 5-9) at Chicago Cubs (Wood 10-5), 3:20 p.m.
San Diego (Brown 12-3) at Montreal (Pavano 3-4), 7:05 p.m.
Cincinnati (Tomko 9-7) at Florida (Sanchez 4-6), 7:05 p.m.
Houston (Hampton 8-5) at Pittsburgh (Cordova 9-8), 7:05 p.m.
San Francisco (Ortiz 0-1) at Philadelphia (Schilling 10-10), 7:35 p.m.
Los Angeles (Dreifort 6-9) at N.Y. Mets (Yoshii 4-6), 7:40 p.m.
St. Louis (Stottlemyre 9-9) at Atlanta (Maddux 14-4), 7:40 p.m.
Arizona (Benes 7-11) at Milwaukee (Juden 7-9), 8:05 p.m.

American League

East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
NewYork	74	27	.733	-
Boston	62	43	.590	14
Baltimore	54	53	.505	23
Toronto	53	55	.491	24½
TampaBay	42	63	.400	34

Central Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Cleveland	61	45	.575	-
Minnesota	50	55	.476	10½
Chicago	46	60	.434	15
KansasCity	46	60	.434	15
Detroit	44	61	.419	16½

West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Anaheim	58	48	.547	-
Texas	57	49	.538	1
Seattle	48	58	.453	10
Oakland	46	60	.434	12

Tuesday's Games

Baltimore 6, Detroit 5
Toronto 8, Texas 3
Minnesota 3, Kansas City 0
Chicago White Sox 4, Tampa Bay 1
Cleveland 4, Seattle 3
Boston 8, Oakland 4
N.Y. Yankees 9, Anaheim 3

Wednesday's Games

Baltimore 14, Detroit 2
Texas 9, Toronto 6
Minnesota 5, Kansas City 3
Tampa Bay 7, Chicago White Sox 2
Cleveland 8, Seattle 7
Boston 10, Oakland 2
Anaheim 10, N.Y. Yankees 5

Thursday's Games

Baltimore (Key 4-3) at Detroit (Thompson 9-8), 1:05 p.m.
Minnesota (Serafini 4-3) at Kansas City (Belcher 9-8), 2:05 p.m.
Boston (Avery 7-3) at Oakland (Rogers 10-4), 3:15 p.m.
Texas (Loaiza 0-1) at Toronto (Guzman 5-12), 7:05 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Pettitte 13-6) at Anaheim (Finley 8-5), 10:05 p.m.
Cleveland (Burba 10-8) at Seattle (Swift 9-6), 10:05 p.m.
Only games scheduled

Friday's Games

Detroit (Griesinger 1-5) at Tampa Bay (Santana 2-2), 7:05 p.m.
Baltimore (Erickson 11-8) at Kansas City (Rosado 5-8), 8:05 p.m.
Toronto (Williams 9-5) at Minnesota (Rodriguez 0-0), 8:05 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Snyder 2-0) at Texas (Burkett 6-10), 8:35 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Irabu 9-4) at Seattle (Fassero 10-6), 10:05 p.m.
Boston (Saberhagen 10-5) at Anaheim (Oliveras 5-7), 10:05 p.m.
Cleveland (Colon 11-5) at Oakland (Candiotti 5-13), 10:35 p.m.

Sports Briefs

Raggedy Ann & Andy

The Raggedy Ann & Andy Couples Golf Tournament will be held at Snyder Country Club Saturday and Sunday. Format will be a scramble. Teams will be divided by handicap into two divisions, then flighted after the first round.

Entry fee is $200 per team. Shotgun starts will be at 8:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. both days.

For more information, contact the SCC pro shop at 573-7101.

Ragball tourney

Ira senior class is sponsoring a co-ed ragball tournament beginning Friday. Entry fee is $10 per person and deadline for registration is Wednesday.

For more information, contact Chesta Schneider at 573-8694 or Toby Goodwin at 573-3196.

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 who did not participate last year, or who answered yes to questions 1, 4, 5, 6 or 7 on their medical history form, will also need a physical.

All appointments should be made prior to Aug. 3. The school will pay for exams through Aug. 3 only.

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

Kiwanis tournament

The Kiwanis Golf Tournament, benefitting the Hubert and Mary Cargile Scholarship Fund, will be Aug. 8 at Western Texas College.

Format will be a four-person scramble with cash prizes awarded to the top four teams. Entry fee is $30 per person and the field is limited to 24 teams.

There will be closest to the hole a d longest drive contests, as well as a $10,000 prize for a hole-in-one.

For more information, contact Russell Fisk at 573-3438 or 573-3267, or call Melanie or Linda at 573-4041.

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Cowboys happy to be facing Ricky Watters

WICHITA FALLS (AP) — Former Philadelphia Eagle Ricky Watters will run for the Seattle Seahawks against Dallas in a preseason game on Friday night.

Cowboys linebacker Randall Godfrey is glad for such a stern test.

Godfrey, a third-year outside linebacker from Georgia, admitted the Cowboys were miserable at run defense last year.

"We've got to stop the run this year," he said. "Last year we had the best secondary in the league but couldn't keep teams from moving the ball on the ground. We'll focus on Ricky Friday night. We want to see how much we have improved."

Godfrey said there will be one big, big reason why the Cowboys should be a lot better.

"We only had Leon Lett for three games last year," Godfrey said. "You can see in training camp what a big difference it means to have him back. We gave up a lot of yards last year but with Leon in the line that's going to stop."

Lett missed 13-games for an NFL-mandated drug suspension.

Godfrey, a second-round pick in 1996, said he had an OK season last year but added, "I have to get more consistent in my play. I was kind of on and off last year. I can do better than that."

Godfrey worked at middle linebacker in minicamps and early in training camp here trying for Fred Strickland's job. However, a season-ending injury to another outside linebacker, Broderick Thomas, put the experiment on hold.

"I thought I was doing a good job of making plays in the middle but Thomas got hurt and I was moved back outside," Godfrey said. "That's fine with me. Fred's doing a good job and I think I'm playing well on the outside."

Stopping the run will be a big focus for the Cowboys on Friday night in their debut under Chan Gailey.

1998 will be last year for "Oilers"

NASHVILLE. (AP) — For everyone who thought Tennessee Oilers sounded a little weird, be patient a few more months. When the 1998 season ends, the Oilers' nickname will become a piece of NFL history.

Owner Bud Adams announced Wednesday he had decided to bow to the fans wanting a new nickname and will rename his team in time for the 1999 season.

"We'll play the 1998 season as the Hou ... Tennessee Oilers," said Adams, momentarily slipping and referring to the team's former home of Houston. "But as we start 1999 in our new stadium our team will have a new name.

"It will truly be Tennessee's team."

Adams, who had promised fans a name contest three years ago when he signed a relocation deal, had a hard time deciding to go ahead with a name change. He heard from former Oilers players like Earl Campbell and was personally attached to Oilers since both his father and grandfather were oilmen.

But NFL Commissioner Paul Tagliabue may have helped Adams' decision by offering to retire the Oilers' nickname permanently. No other NFL team will be able to resurrect the nickname, which will remain a part of the team's history.

"The 40-year tradition of this franchise, it stays intact," Tagliabue said during a visit to Nashville on Wednesday.

Still, Adams looked wistful during a news conference announcing the name change. He smiled when asked how tough it was making his decision.

"The emotional part is all over now," he said. "I'm looking forward to the future."

An advisory council made up of people from around Tennessee will be appointed to sort through suggestions from fans. NFL Properties and Tagliabue will be involved, but Adams will make the final decision.

His previous refusal to change the name has been cited by fans as a reason not to support the team last year following the move from Houston. In a disastrous public relations move, the team practiced in Nashville but played home games 200 miles away in Memphis where they had the NFL's worst attendance.

This year the Oilers will play at Vanderbilt University in Nashville, but they have yet to sell out any games despite a stadium that seats only 41,000. Their new stadium in downtown Nashville will be ready by the start of the 1999 season.

SNYDER SOFTBALL

Men's Softball

"A" League

Team	W	L
Snyder Iron & Metal	16	2
Martinez Plumbing	13	5
Velasquez Plumbing	12	6
Earnest Upholstery	9	9
Westbrook Well Service	5	9
"B" League		
The Team	7	11
Westbrook Well	7	11
Pennzoil	4	14
Patterson's Used Cars	4	14

July 20 results: Martinez Plumbing 16, Earnest Upholstry 6; Patterson's Used Cars 19, Westbrook Well Service 13; Pennzoil 14, The Team 10.

July 21 Results: Westbrook Well Service 14, Pennzoil 7; The Team 10, Patterson's Used Cars 8; Snyder Iron 15, Martinez Plumbing 5; Earnest Upholstery 10, Velasquez Plumbing 7.

July 22 Results: Pennzoil 17, Patterson's Used Cars 15; The Team 13, Westbrook Well Service 12; Velasquez Plumbing 20, Martinez Plumbing 14; Snyder Iron 7, Earnest Upholstery 0.

July 23 Results: Earnest Upholstery 14, Snyder Iron 4; Westbrook Well Service 15, The Team 5; Patterson's Used Cars 14, Pennzoil 13; Martinez Plumbing 15, Velasquez Plumbing 5.

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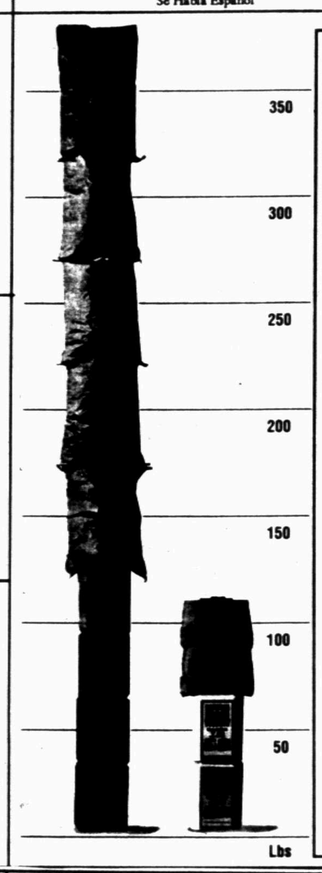

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CFSA Report

By Joe Hefner, CFSA Executive Director

WASHINGTON — President Clinton has announced that disaster assistance will be available throughout Texas for agriculture producers suffering losses because of this summer's drought. Secretary of Agriculture Dan Glickman has designated the entire state of Texas as a disaster area due to drought and excessive heat.

The drought has damaged most Texas crops to the extent that many fields may not be worth harvesting. Crops adversely affected by the dry, hot conditions include cotton, sorghums, popcorn, forage and corn. Many areas of Texas have received less than a third of the annual rainfall, and soil conditions in the state are classified as "severely" to "extremely" dry. The National Weather Service predicts a high probability of continued drought throughout the rest of the 1998 growing season.

"We can't make it rain, but we can extend help to farmers who are suffering losses through no fault of their own," said Clinton. "This administration will move as quickly as possible to get assistance to qualifying agricultural producers."

Under this designation, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Farm Service Agency (FSA) makes available low interest loans to eligible farmers who have suffered a loss of 30 percent or more on any single crop. Qualifying producers must be creditworthy, unable to obtain credit elsewhere, and have adequate collateral to secure the loan.

USDA's Risk Management Agency estimates that more than 14 million acres of insured crops have been damaged by the drought, and that total insurance claims for crops covered by federal crop insurance could reach as high as $700 million.

USDA expects a large number of requests for assistance under the Non-insured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP). This program which is administered by FSA, provides payments to growers of crops damaged by a natural disaster when crop insurance is not available. To help handle the heavy load of NAP requests, FSA has approved a Critical Loss Designation for Texas. The designation allows the agency's county office employees to carry out preliminary inspections to clear pending notices of loss under this program. Because such duties normally are performed only by contractors, this will allow for quicker response times.

FSA also authorized emergency haying and grazing of Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) acreage in counties with significant losses in hay and pasture production. Producers cannot both hay and graze the same CRP land. USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) is providing haying and grazing plans for producers.

Farmers and ranchers can request that the NRCS state conservationst give them an emergency waiver for Envionmental Quality Incentive Program (ERIP) cost share contract applications before they are approved by the FSA committee. This waiver will allow specific farmers to start their conservation practices such as livestock water pipelines, irrigation systems, etc., immediately to save crops or livestock, without becoming ineligible for the contract, if selected.

"We're going into action to make sure that Texas farmers have access to assistance as soon as possible," Glickman said. "USDA employees and all administration officials will do everything they can to save agricultural producers in Texas with speed and effectiveness."

Farmers and ranchers who have suffered damages are encouraged to contact their local USDA Service Centers or FSA county offices for further information. These are listed in telephone books under U.S. Government, Department of Agriculture. Farmers who have crop losses should notify their crop insurance agent immediately.

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Fire standards for kids' sleepwear debated

WASHINGTON (AP) — To some critics it's a case of cotton industry profits being placed above child safety, but federal regulators insist safety is not being compromised by new sleepwear regulations.

A controversial change in the federal flammability standard for children's sleepwear is raising questions over whether the Consumer Product Safety Commission has weakened the federal requirements, while providing a boon to cotton garment manufacturers.

The issue surfaced Wednesday as part of a congressional debate over the safety agency's budget. The House on a voice vote approved a measure that — if the Senate goes along — would bar the CPSC from spending money on a revised flammability standard imposed two years ago.

"This is a choice between profits for the cotton industry versus the health and safety of American kids," insisted Rep. Rosa DeLauro, D-Conn., a sponsor of the measure.

The 1996 standard broadens the federal flammability standard.

While the old standard required that any garment deemed to be children's sleepwear must be treated with a flame retardant chemical, the new standard classifies cotton children's nightclothes to be acceptable without treatment as long as it fits snugly.

Opponents of the new standard — including a number of fire safety officials and medical groups — contend the change amounts to less protection for children. While snugly fitting clothing has been proved to be much less of a fire threat, many parents buy clothes large so kids can grow into them, they argue.

"The old standards protected our children for more than 25 years," said DeLauro.

The commission has defended the change in the standard and disputes suggestions that it put children at greater risk.

The change was made, according to Russ Rader, a CPSC spokesman, because it had been determined that many parents were not using the garments treated with a fire retardant — mostly polyester blends — because they preferred cotton.

More importantly, often they were using loose-fitting T-shirts and similar clothing as sleepwear even though these garments did not come under the flammability rule because they are not technically sleepwear.

"We didn't relax the standard," Rader continued. "We added a new piece to it to give parents another choice, another safe alternative to the polyester and treated cotton sleepwear."

Rader said the CPSC knows of no fire injury or death to a child wearing a snug-fitting cotton garment allowed by the 1996 standard, although there are 200 to 300 burn injuries a year to children wearing loose-fitting cotton clothing while they sleep.

But DeLauro called the 1996 rule a clear weakening of the old standard that required all sleepwear for babies 9 months or younger and children's clothing up to size 14 to be treated with a flame retardant.

DeLauro, along with Reps. Rob Andres, D-N.J., and Curt Weldon, R-Pa., had sought a requirement that the CPSC be directed to return to the old standard imposed in the 1970s. That provision, however was stripped from the bill at the request of Rep. Henry Bonilla, R-Texas. It had been opposed by the cotton industry.

Bonilla said the Congress shouldn't move to overrule the consumer safety agency without congressional hearings to more closely examine the new standard. "This is not a question of not being concerned with children," he said.

Rader of the CPSC said the amendment approved by the House would "make it impossible to enforce the existing sleepwear standard" or the earlier standard, "and it would put children at risk."

Cattlemen may face herd liquidation

NAVASOTA (AP) — Rancher Matt Moore gestures at the dusty line of bawling cattle moving across one of his pastures, ground that should be lush with grass — but is instead crunchy dry and woefully short due to drought.

"Basically what they're getting is just a little pickings off the grass," said Moore, 29, whose family has raised cattle on this land near the Brazos River for five generations. "We're not able to feed the cattle we have been."

Indeed, Moore said Wednesday during a visit by Agriculture Secretary Dan Glickman that he's only fattening about 250 calves this summer instead of the usual 900, because pasture is gone and alternative feed is too expensive or cuts into necessary winter stocks.

Ranchers in the nation's No. 1 cattle state are beginning to liquidate their herds because of the driest Texas midsummer on record.

"We're only starting to feel the effects of this thing," said Curtis Burlin, who runs the Navasota Livestock Auction Co., where auctions are running 30 percent ahead of last summer. "If you have to sell them all, it'll take you five years to grow new cows."

A Texas A&M University study released Wednesday estimated a 50 percent loss in the state's crops and cattle forage at a cost of nearly $1 billion. Cattle losses are projected at $180 million because of premature sales and added feed costs. Both numbers are sure to worsen if the drought persists into August.

"We're sitting on what could be one of the worst natural disasters in Texas history," said state Agriculture Commissioner Rick Perry, who said some auction houses are selling 10 times the number of cattle they did last year at this time.

For consumers, this could mean a temporary drop in beef prices as more cattle are slaughtered. In the long term, however, beef prices at the supermarket could rise as herds are thinned out and some ranchers quit altogether.

While the U.S. Agriculture Department projects crop insurance payouts of up to $700 million in Texas this year — enough to cover maybe half of the farmers' actual losses — that money won't cover scorched pasture, withered hay or underweight cattle.

"The livestock producers are kind of left out right now. They have no protection," Perry said.

Coyote attacks boy on Cape Cod

SANDWICH, Mass. (AP) — Police shot and killed a coyote that attacked a 3-year-old boy playing in his back yard on Cape Cod.

The boy's mother told police she had to pry the coyote off her son Wednesday night.

Daniel Neal suffered scratches and bites, but did not appear seriously injured, Sandwich police Sgt. Daniel O'Connell said. The boy was listed in good condition early today at Children's Hospital in Boston.

Peter Trull, a coyote researcher, said it's the first documented coyote attack on a human in Massachusetts.

The female coyote was shot by a police officer who rushed to the home after a frantic call from the mother. The animal will be tested for rabies.

Police had increased patrols of the neighborhood after receiving about a dozen calls in recent days about an overly aggressive coyote.

Wildlife officials say the state's coyote population appears to be growing steadily. Some wildlife biologists said they have lost their ability to effectively manage the coyote population because a new law bars the use of leg traps. The ban's proponents said the traps were cruel.

Tripp speaking out now

WASHINGTON (AP) -- Her credibility was attacked by the president's lawyer, her government file was leaked to the press, and she endured countless jokes about her appearance from TV comedians.

Wednesday, in the sweltering heat outside the federal courthouse, Linda Tripp broke her silence and struck back.

The Pentagon employee, whose 20 hours of audio tapes triggered the Monica Lewinsky investigation, blasted the "legions of paid prevaricators" who vilified her. Her list included Clinton lawyer Robert Bennett.

She also set the stage for a potential clash with Ms. Lewinsky's testimony by denying she had anything to do with controversial "talking points" — a document given by Ms. Lewinsky to Mrs. Tripp that was designed to sway testimony in the Paula Jones case.

"Imagine how you would feel if your boss' attorney called you a liar in front of the whole country," said Mrs. Tripp after her eighth and final appearance before Independent Counsel Kenneth Starr's grand jury. "Imagine if that boss was the president," Mrs. Tripp said in a reference to Bennett's comments about her credibility.

"Imagine how you would feel if someone you thought was a friend urged you to commit a felony," she said, referring to Ms. Lewinsky, who allegedly asked her to lie to investigators.

"Imagine how you would feel if your employer illegally released your confidential records to the media, then demoted you and cast you aside for daring to tell the truth," she said of the Pentagon's release of information on her failure to list a disputed teen-age arrest on employment forms.

Wearing a black pants suit, her blond hair resting on her shoulders, Mrs. Tripp portrayed herself as an average suburban mom who never asked for the limelight.

Her life changed, she said, when Ms. Lewinsky began confiding in her about an affair the former intern said she had with President Clinton — a relationship he denies.

With her grown son, Ryan, and daughter, Allison, her two lawyers and a press spokesman standing behind her, the 48-year-old Pentagon employee did not discuss details of her grand jury testimony and took no questions.

Left unanswered were why she recorded her talks with Ms. Lewinsky, whether anyone put her up to it and exactly what prompted her to go to prosecutors.

New York book agent Luciane Goldberg has said she urged Mrs. Tripp to start taping after Bennett cast doubt on the credibility of Mrs. Tripp's statements about another woman linked to Clinton, former White House volunteer Kathleen Willey.

"As a result of simply trying to earn a living, I became aware between 1993 and 1997 of actions by high government officials that may have been against the law," said Mrs. Tripp, who worked for White House counsel Bernard Nussbaum and also has testified about the events surrounding deputy counsel Vincent Foster's suicide.

For those five years, she said, she witnessed events that "made me increasingly fearful that this information was dangerous, very dangerous to possess.

"On Jan. 12, 1998, the day I approached the Office of the Independent Counsel, I decided that fear would no longer be my master. This investigation has never been, quote, 'just about sex.' It has been about telling the truth. The truth matters.

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

Miserably Married Parents Provide No Example of Love

by Abigail Van Buren

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DEAR ABBY: This is for all the parents who have stayed together "for the good of the children." I grew up in a household filled with tension and bitterness. It was apparent to me that my parents had a bad relationship. Their misery showed, and I, as their child, suffered from it. Hearing anger and resentment on a daily basis was an awful way to grow up.

I believe the most important thing a parent can show a child is how to love. Children who do not observe this while growing up are deprived of something that is irreplaceable. Parents who are unhappy with their spouse often lack warmth. This lack of warmth is felt by their children, and affects them in a negative way.

I would have much preferred that my parents had separated. They did me no favor by showing me that married life could be miserable. They were distant and cold, and that hurt me worse than a divorce ever could have.

I hope parents who are truly unhappy in their marriages will spare their children the agony of living in such an environment. Parents who do decide to stay together owe it to their children to take measures such as family counseling to improve their relationships and ensure that they do not convey bitterness to their children.

GREW UP SAD

DEAR SAD: You have written an eloquent plea for civility, and one which I hope that couples with troubled marriages will take to heart. A failing marriage does not have to be a "take no prisoners" battleground. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: You have devoted some columns to the effects of divorce on children. Often the letters you print show how parents mess up their children when their own marriages break down. I want you to know there are at least two sane people in the world who didn't do that.

My parents divorced in 1979, when I was a little girl, but they always put me first and never made me doubt that they both love me. Although Dad hasn't been physically with me for day-to-day life, he has always "been there" for me. On my 17th birthday, he drove from Maine to Georgia to surprise me. The next year he came for my graduation and stayed at my maternal grandmother's home.

My parents both told me that many of their friends had used their children as "weapons" in their divorces, and they vowed never to do that. They have kept that vow, and everyone has benefited — most of all me.

While divorce is not something people want to happen, it doesn't have to be the end of the world. You can have — and be — a family, even if it is in two different households. Parents still have a responsibility to their children. Children who have been emotionally scarred by divorce are owed an apology from their parents. There is no excuse for it. Parents who have experienced divorce and have let it affect their children should be ashamed.

I am living proof that people can be good parents even in bad situations. I have never been in jail, had an unplanned pregnancy or spent time in rehab. I am a well-educated, responsible and stable adult.

I sincerely hope that someday there will be more "products of divorce" who can say the same thing. If my letter helps make that possible, its purpose will have been served.

STACI MARSH,
GREAT FALLS, MONT.

DEAR STACI: Thank you for an inspiring letter. Your parents' marriage may have failed, but their divorce was a success. I wish everyone in that situation would follow their excellent example.

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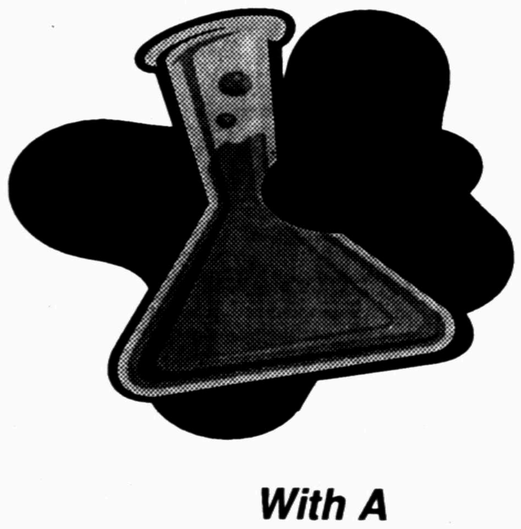

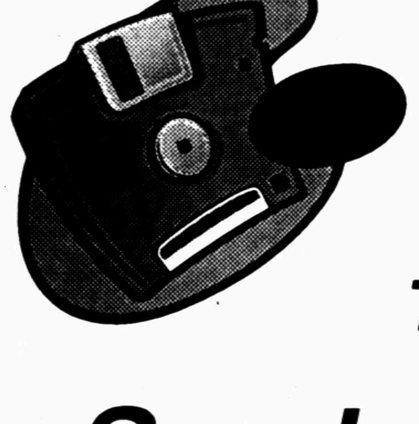

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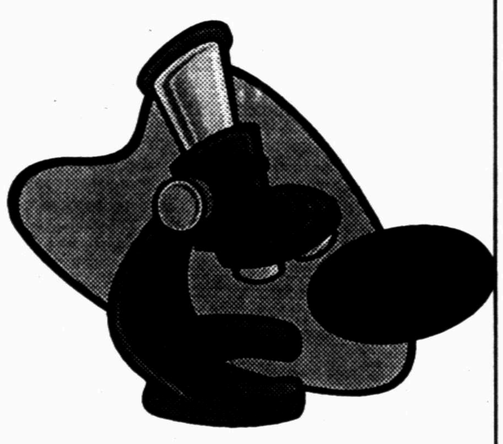

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GM deal doesn't address long-term disputes

FLINT, Mich. (AP) — General Motors Corp. and the United Auto Workers are disagreeing again, this time over whether the deal to end two costly walkouts includes a union pledge not to strike before a new national contract is signed late next year.

GM advised investors Wednesday that the no-strike deal between the automaker and the United Auto Workers was a handshake agreement that bought the company labor peace at least until the current three-year national contract is replaced.

A GM official who spoke on condition of anonymity confirmed the deal.

"Unless something goes seriously awry, they'll have labor peace for the next 18 months until the next national contract is signed, sealed and delivered," said analyst Nick Colas of Credit Suisse First Boston.

However, union officials insisted the no-strike pledge covered only Delphi Flint East and GM's two brake plants in Dayton, Ohio — and that was in writing. In exchange, GM promised not to sell or close those plants before 2000.

"There is no guarantee at any other location that there will be no strikes," UAW Vice President Richard Shoemaker said. "It is our hope there will not be."

Before the settlement, the union had threatened to call additional strikes at the Saturn plant in Tennessee, the Chevrolet Corvette plant in Kentucky and at a plant that makes big sport utility vehicles in Wisconsin.

Striking workers overwhelmingly ratified the settlement Wednesday, ending walkouts that began June 5 and 11 at two aging parts plants in Flint. The first workers returned to their jobs within hours.

The deal does not resolve long-term problems between the company and its biggest union. And the short-term pledge of peace came at a stiff price: an estimated $2.6 billion in lost profits.

"I can't find much of anything that GM management got out of the settlement that they couldn't have gotten back in June," said analyst David Healy of Burnham Securities Inc. "There's certainly nothing worth $2.6 billion."

Harley Shaiken, a labor professor who follows the UAW from the University of California at Berkeley, said GM miscalculated the union's resolve.

"The strikes antagonized the union and may have damaged the company in the marketplace," Shaiken said. "I suspect that while the corporation knew there would be a strong response, it underestimated the intensity."

Analysts had endorsed GM's effort to fight the strikes, hoping it would spur the world's largest automaker to initiate deep cuts they believe are needed to make GM more productive and profitable.

GM remains the least productive of the major automakers, relative to its declining market share. While it has trimmed its work force, analysts say it still needs to cut 50,000 jobs to match competitors.

But as more jobs have gone unfilled at many plants, the number of GM-UAW confrontations has escalated. The union has hit GM with 22 local walkouts since 1990, while Ford Motor Co. and Chrysler Corp. have enjoyed nearly strike-free relations with the union.

Wall Street will be looking to Monday's meeting of the GM board for some sign that the company is serious about cutting costs and restructuring its vast North American operations. Plant closures and killing off slow-selling model lines are among the topics expected to go before the board.

The strikes cut off the supply of critical parts to GM's North American assembly plants, bringing its North American production to a virtual halt.

GM said the first assembly plants will be reopened Friday.

Bypass operation riskier for woman

WASHINGTON (AP) — Heart bypass surgery is significantly riskier for women than men, says a massive study that found women die from the operation up to twice as often as men who are just as old and sick when they go under the knife.

Now doctors must figure out why.

"I don't know the answer, and I don't think anyone does," said Dr. Fred Edwards, a cardiothoracic surgeon at the University of Florida, who reported the bypass findings Wednesday in the Annals of Thoracic Surgery. Now he's preparing to research just what kills these women so that perhaps it can be prevented.

The risk of death from bypass surgery, immediately or within a few days, is very low for both men and women, so the study shouldn't scare anyone away from what often is a lifesaving operation, said Dr. Sidney Smith, past president of the American Heart Association.

But Smith said the finding that women fare worse is disturbing and must be explored quickly. Bypass surgery may not be the only problem: Doctors are finding early signs that women also do more poorly after angioplasties, in which a balloon clears clogged arteries, he said.

"The next step is very much to understand whether the cause of death is different, because that could hold the clue as to why it's occurring," said Smith, cardiology chief at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. "Heart disease in women is an issue we need to take very seriously, and we really need to understand a lot more about it."

Women's survival of heart bypasses has long been a thorny issue. Some studies indicate they do as well as men, while others conclude women are twice as likely to die because they're older and sicker than the average male patient by the time they have surgery.

Heart disease is the leading killer of U.S. women, but it typically strikes women 10 years later than men.

To clear the confusion, Edwards tapped the Society of Thoracic Surgeons' national database for the medical records of 344,000 patients — 97,000 of them women — who had heart bypasses between 1994 and 1996.

Some 4.5 percent of the women died from surgery compared with 2.6 percent of the men, Edwards concluded.

Overall, the women were older, had a higher incidence of diabetes, high blood pressure and other complicating illnesses, and were less likely to have undergone elective surgery — when patients have a choice between bypass and less invasive treatments.

But unlike previous research, the database was big enough so that Edwards could test whether any of those risks explained women's vulnerability. When he compared men and women with identical risk factors, more women died each time, sometimes twice as often as men.

Take one of the least risky groups: people under 70 having their first bypass as elective surgery. Some 2.2 percent of the women died vs. 1 percent of the men, the study found. In cases where a first bypass was required for people older than 70, about 4 percent of the women died vs. 3 percent of the men.

In a riskier case, when an elderly patient required a repeat bypass, 16 percent of women died vs. 14 percent of men.

Even the strength of youth didn't help: 2.4 percent of women under 50 died vs. 1.1 percent of men, the study found.

The only time women didn't have a significantly greater chance of death was among patients whose risk from operating approached 30 percent, Edwards concluded.

His next step is to look at the actual causes of death. If women appear more prone to die of specific problems — say, irregular heartbeat — after bypass surgery, then doctors could look for ways to protect them.

Smith says the study indicates that women should understand the risks of heart disease sooner, so they can take steps to prevent ever needing bypass surgery. The American Heart Association is starting a campaign to do just that.

But one question Edwards' study did not address is whether estrogen helped women survive bypass, Smith said. Women become more at risk for heart disease after menopause, when their estrogen levels plummet, and taking hormone supplements helps stave off the disease. But no one knows if it helps women who ultimately need heart surgery anyway.

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Friday, July 31, 1998

Be patient with new endeavors in the year ahead. If your enterprises are sound and well-constructed, the results should be favorable.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) If this isn't a rewarding day for you, it could be because you haven't explored all of your opportunities. Don't be afraid to blaze new trails in unfamiliar territories! Get a jump on life by understanding the influences that'll govern you in the year ahead. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions by mailing $2 to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) It's possible you'll receive excellent suggestions from a friend regarding ways to resolve a problem. Don't let his/her ideas go in one ear and out the other.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) This can be an outstanding day for achieving your goals, provided you work hard. Do not dilute or put limitations on your aspirations.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) You may be a topic of discussion today, but don't let it intimidate you. What people are saying would make even a mother-in-law proud.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Today's events should please you, as they'll be based on what you do or have done to help others. Joy is the only payment you'll seek for services rendered.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) An opportunity to acquire a new ally may develop today. This person could be of political assistance to you in situations which are vital to your interests.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Don't be overly influenced by associates today; what doesn't work for them could work for you.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) A change of attitude and behavior on the part of someone you love could result in a better understanding and a happier day for both of you.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) If you have time on your hands today, busy yourself domestically. Your efforts to produce dramatic changes in your household could be impressive.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) A compromise can be reached between you and your mate today. Each of you must be willing to bend a little.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Conditions affecting your financial well being continue to look hopeful, even if you think otherwise. Get in step with positive energy and an open mind.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Your objectives are achievable today, but use common sense. For example, don't risk a lot in order to gain a little.

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Date Book

July 30, 1998

Today is the 211th day of 1998 and the 40th day of summer.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1942, President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed into law a bill creating a women's auxiliary branch of the Navy, the Women Accepted for Volunteer Emergency Services ("Waves").

On this day in 1975, former Teamsters leader Jimmy Hoffa was last seen outside a restaurant in Detroit, Mich.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Emily Bronte (1818-1848), writer; Henry Ford (1863-1947), auto manufacturer; Casey Stengel (1890-1975), baseball manager; Paul Anka (1941-), singer-songwriter, is 57; Arnold Schwarzenegger (1947-), actor, is 51; Chris Mullin (1963-), basketball player, is 35.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1982, the Braves mascot Chief Noc-A-Homa and his tepee were removed from the left-field bleachers in Atlanta to make room for more seats. The Braves lost 19 of their next 21 games, blowing a 10-1/2-game lead. When the tepee was returned, the Braves regained first place.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "There comes a time in every man's life and I've had many of them." — Casey Stengel

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1973, a church bus carrying 36 people was washed off a road by floodwater near Davis, Okla. All the passengers were rescued.

SOURCE: 1998 Weather Guide Calendar, Accord Publishing, Ltd

TODAY'S MOON: Day before first quarter (July 31).

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Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.

Is foot numbness related to weight?

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I'm a 61-year-old woman who weighs 260 pounds. I take medicine for high blood pressure and have arthritis in my knees, but my sugar and cholesterol levels are normal.

For the past few months, my feet have felt hot and numb. I went to a vascular surgeon who checked my circulation and pronounced it normal. He said I should lose weight. I think that he should have done more testing.

DEAR READER: I think that you should lose weight.

All too often, people with medical problems are convinced that their doctors should do more to help them, when — in reality — the issue has more to do with people taking responsibility for their own health.

The classic example is the cigarette smoker with lung and heart disease. He expects medical miracles but refuses to stop smoking.

In a sense, you may fit into this category, because you are clearly overweight and suffer some of the predictable consequences of obesity, including hypertension, arthritis and circulatory deficiency. While it's true that your surgeon performed a vascular study, all this did was show that the major arteries to your feet are open and functioning. The test is not sensitive enough to diagnose "small vessel disease," blockage in the tiny arteries feeding the skin and muscles of your feet.

In my opinion, this entire experience ought to be a wake-up call. Instead of expecting a cure from your doctors, you might achieve more benefit by taking responsibility for your own health. Get serious about trimming down, ask your doctor for a diet, and join a weight-reduction support group.

I'll bet that if you lost even 50 pounds, your blood pressure would fall like a stone, your knees would stop hurting and your feet would feel more comfortable.

Furthermore, this option is a lot less expensive than hopelessly subjecting yourself to involved, painful and sometimes dangerous testing that can cost an arm and a leg.

I do not mean to come down excessively hard on you, but I suspect that many of your problems are weight-related, and you need to know that and do something about it. Unfortunately, no one can lose weight for you, but there is help available.

Here's the deal. Lose 50 or 60 pounds and let me know how you feel. If you've improved, I'll give you all the credit. If not, I'll print a retraction and personal apology. Now, get with the program.

To give you more information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Winning the Battle of the Bulge." 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.

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Patient protection bill stalls in Senate

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate probably won't vote on patient-protection legislation before September, and Democrats and Republicans are blaming each other for the legislative gridlock causing the delay.

"It is their fault," said Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott.

The Democratic leader, Tom Daschle, warned: "We'll come back in September with a major orchestrated battle on HMO reform."

Lott, R-Miss., said Wednesday he is still offering a limited debate and votes this week on competing GOP and White House-backed proposals for new laws regulating health insurance.

"We want to do health care now," Lott said. "In order to do that we're going to have to have ... some reasonable limit on amendments."

Daschle said he will not agree to restrictions Republican leaders want.

"On a bill of this magnitude we shouldn't be limited," the South Dakota Democrat said. "What are they afraid of?"

Aides of Republican leaders said more than 50 of the 55 GOP senators have committed to vote for legislation GOP leaders proposed just two weeks ago to rival the "patient bill of rights" that has become an election-year crusade for Democrats.

If the prediction of a majority is true, the Democrats could not win in a showdown of floor votes and would have to offer floor amendments to remold the Republican bill more to their liking. And because the Republicans lack the 60 votes needed to circumvent the need for cooperation, which Lott admitted, gridlock has resulted.

Lewinsky gives Starr dress she says was from encounter

WASHINGTON (AP) — In two boosts for his investigation, prosecutor Kenneth Starr has a dress from Monica Lewinsky that could be a key piece of evidence, legal sources say, and President Clinton has agreed to testify in the probe of an alleged presidential affair and cover-up.

The sources said attorneys for Ms. Lewinsky turned over a dress that she says was stained from an encounter with the president.

One source familiar with the garment, speaking on condition of anonymity, said prosecutors likely would run forensic tests on the dress, examining it for evidence to corroborate Ms. Lewinsky's claim that she and Clinton had sexual relations.

The sources provided several new details of Ms. Lewinsky's proffered testimony, saying she has told prosecutors she discussed with the president the possibility of returning gifts he gave her to presidential secretary Betty Currie.

The sources said Ms. Lewinsky would testify that she and Clinton agreed that the gifts, including a book, should be given to Mrs. Currie and that the testimony would help further prosecutors' investigation of possible obstruction of justice.

Ms. Lewinsky gave the gifts to Mrs. Currie after she received a subpoena in December from lawyers in the Paula Jones sexual harassment lawsuit against Clinton that sought her testimony and evidence, sources have said in the past.

In the other major development Wednesday, Clinton agreed to break six months of silence and provide videotaped testimony concerning his relations with Ms. Lewinsky, a former White House intern who claims she had an 18-month sexual relationship with Clinton beginning in 1995.

Under an agreement with Starr, Clinton will answer questions Aug. 17 from inside the White House with his lawyers present.

Senior aides said Clinton is prepared to repeat his denial of any sexual relations with Ms. Lewinsky. If so, his testimony could conflict with Ms. Lewinsky's. Legal sources, speaking only on condition of anonymity, say she told prosecutors this week she and the president had sexual relations and discussed ways of concealing it.

Clinton's arrangement with Starr averted an unprecedented presidential appearance under subpoena before a federal grand jury where witnesses appear without counsel. Starr agreed to withdraw the subpoena to accommodate Clinton, and the president will delay his summer vacation to testify. His testimony, under oath, will be made available to the grand jury.

Regarding the dress, Ms. Lewinsky's new lawyers, Jacob Stein and Plato Cacheris, offered the garment to Starr's office as part of the deal in which Ms. Lewinsky gained immunity from prosecution, the sources said. Ms. Lewinsky's first lawyer, William Ginsburg, did not proffer the dress to prosecutors, according to the legal sources. Ginsburg repeated Wednesday night that he knows nothing about any such clothing.

Starr's spokesman, Charles Bakaly, did not return phone calls late Wednesday. Judy Smith, a spokeswoman for the Lewinsky family, declined to comment.

James Kennedy, spokesman for the White House counsel's office, said, "We're not going to respond to this kind of rumor."

New air bags will protect head area

WASHINGTON (AP) — Air bags already are in front of drivers, and increasingly air bags are beside them. Now auto makers are putting air bags around their heads, and the government wants to make sure the new safety device is safe to use.

Transportation Secretary Rodney Slater announced today that expanded National Highway Safety Administration head protection standards will take effect Sept. 1. They will incorporate revolutionary head air bag designs already being put on the road by car manufacturers.

"These advanced head protection system technologies go beyond padding limits of just three years ago — and they work in real-world crashes," said Dr. Ricardo Martinez, administrator of the safety administration.

Every year, car rollovers kill roughly 7,700 people and seriously injure 9,200 ejected through side windows. The government projects the new technology could save an additional 250 lives.

Mourners pack funeral for slain U.S. Capitol officer

WOODBRIDGE, Va. (AP) — Hundreds of mourners — among them more than 1,000 police officers — packed a suburban church this morning for the funeral of John Gibson, one of the two U.S. Capitol security officers slain last week.

Dozens were forced to stand outside the overflowing St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church, listening to the service by loudspeaker.

"It's a tragic loss," said Cpl. Terry Dolan, a constable for the House of Commons Security in Canada, the counterpart of the U.S. Capitol Police.

Annette Juran was among 30 school crossing guards attending to show support for Gibson's wife, who also is a crossing guard.

"It's sad, it's really sad," she said. "There's no words to describe it."

Although Gibson and Jacob J. Chestnut worked as colleagues to protect the nation's lawmakers, their families never met before the men's deaths brought them together in mourning. The officers were killed by a gunman inside the Capitol on Friday.

The Chestnut family attended Gibson's funeral, and the Gibsons planned to attend services for Chestnut at Ebenezer AME Church in Fort Washington, Md., Friday.

"Together they are making their way through what is a very painful time," Father Daniel Hamilton, pastor of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church, said during this morning's service.

He said officials need to pass laws and people need to act in ways that root out violence.

"I believe Officer Jacob Chestnut and Officer John Gibson would be more proud of that than anything we could do," he said.

Both men will be buried at Arlington National Cemetery.

Mourners filed past Gibson's open coffin on Wednesday. Some knelt to pray in the hushed sanctuary. Others greeted Gibson's wife, Evelyn, with hugs and words of comfort.

Yuliana Delarroyo, a 16-year-old classmate of Gibson's daughter Kristen, presented flowers to her friend. "I'll be there for you," Yuliana said. "I'm sorry for what happened."

Fellow officers from the Capitol provided an honor guard for the 42-year-old Gibson, who was guarding Rep. Tom DeLay of Texas when he was shot.

Sgt. Christopher Givens, a former supervisor of Gibson, said people around the Capitol have been more attentive to the police since the shooting.

"He heard the shots, he could have hid, but he did what he was trained to do," said Givens, his badge partially blocked by a black ribbon.

Hospital

ADMISSIONS: Robert Castor Jr., Donnie Chorn, Lisa Randolph, Allin Tidwell.

DISMISSALS: Billy Lavender, Bill Maddox, Beth Curry, Lois Davidson, John Gomez, Mickey Nunley.

CENSUS: 36 (Med., Surg.-11, Long-term Care-24, CCU-1).

Births

James Jr., Kathryn and Scott Arbuckle welcome the birth of a sister, Sarah Jean Arbuckle, born July 30, 1998 in St. Vincent Hospital in Little Rock, Ark. She weighed 8 lbs., 10 ozs.

Her parents are James Sr. and Melinda Arbuckle of Little Rock.

Grandparents are Bill and Fran Arbuckle of Snyder and Lt. Col. and Mrs. Harry L. Ott of Austin. Paternal great-grandparents are C.A. and Billie McCright of Clyde.

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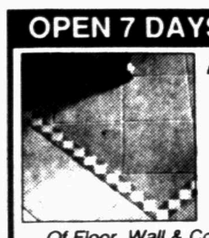

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Two arrested on Wednesday

Two arrests were made Wednesday by area law enforcement personnel, one on felony charges.

Officers arrested 44-year-old Jerry Ausburne of 2600 Avenue F at his residence at 12:04 p.m. on Nolan County warrants for bond forfeiture on an original charge of felony possession of marijuana and a Lubbock warrant for felon in possession of a firearm.

A 27-year-old male was taken into custody by officers at 2:26 p.m. in the 1900 block of 25th Street on outstanding Department of Public Safety warrants out of Del Rio. He was transported to the sheriff's office where he paid the fines and was released.

In other activity, Rick Mammolite requested a deputy at the Snyder Country Club in reference to some damage done to green #8. An offense report for criminal mischief was filed.

An offense report for assault family violence was filed at 9:15 p.m.

Snyder Fire Department responded to a vehicle fire at 11:04 p.m. 11 miles south on Hwy. 208.

According to fire officials, the vehicle, a 1982 Oldsmobile owned by Michael Alewine of San Angelo, was completely engulfed with flames upon their arrival.

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Obituaries

Elva Vizcaino

1958-1998

Funeral service for Elva Vizcaino of Rotan will be held at 10 a.m. Friday in the Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home Chapel. The Rev. Ed Sena, pastor of the Templo Baptist Church in Lubbock, will officiate. Burial will follow in the Rotan Cemetery.

Mrs. Vizcaino, 39, died Tuesday, July 28, in Lubbock's Methodist Hospital after a sudden illness.

Born Nov. 8, 1958 in Rotan, she married Vidal Vizcaino in Andrews. She was a homemaker and a member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Rotan.

Survivors include her husband, Vidal Vizcaino of Rotan; a daughter, Cynthia Vizcaino of Snyder; four sons, Rolando Martinez and Adam Vizcaino, both of Snyder, and Juan Vizcaino and Jaime Vizcaino, both of Rotan; two sisters, Elida Medrano and Diana Zapata, both of Snyder; her mother, Edalia Darlene Amador of Snyder; her grandmother, Lupe Maclas of Snyder; and four grandchildren.

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ONGOINGS

Scrapbookers meet tonight

Snyder Scrapbookers will meet at 7 tonight at Snyder Savings and Loan. All are welcome to bring supplies and work on memory albums. Call 728-5158 for more information.

Ritz Theatre

Reservations can be made through Friday for the Ritz Community Theatre production of "Godspell." It is a musical based upon the gospel according to St. Matthew. Make reservations, or buy tickets at the box office each afternoon from 2-5 p.m. Performances are Friday at 8 p.m., Saturday at 2:30 and 8 p.m. and Sunday at 2:30 p.m.

Elementary school supplies

Pre-ordered school supplies for East and Central Elementaries may be picked up at the school offices. Extra supply packages are available for sale.

Hermleigh VBS

First Baptist Church of Hermleigh is hosting a week-long Vacation Bible School that ends Friday. Times are 7 to 9 p.m. There will be classes for all ages and refreshments will be served. For more information call 863-2484 or 8963-2455.

Children's Day Out

Registration for the fall semester of Children's Day Out at First United Methodist Church will be held today. Classes are for ages 1-4, and are held on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Call 573-4770 for more information.

Izzard at Senior Center

Rudy Izzard, Republican candidate for congress from the 17th District, will hold a town hall meeting on social security at 10:30 a.m. Friday at the Scurry County Senior Citizens Center.

Church garage sale

The First Church of the Nazarene will hold an all-church garage sale Friday and Saturday at 4002 Ave. R. Proceeds will be applied to the church mortgage. Sale starts Friday at 6 p.m. and Saturday at 8 a.m.

Super Saturday

East Side Church of Christ will host a "family vacation" in first century Israel Saturday beginning at 9 a.m. at the church. Families will have a chance to taste recipes from ancient Israel and enjoy several other activities.

Computer club to organize

A computer club for residents of Mitchell and Scurry County will be organized at 7 p.m. Saturday at the Dunn Community Center. No computer knowledge or ownership is necessary. Call 573-1663 for more information.

Class of 1978 reunion

The Snyder High School class of 1978 will hold a class reunion Saturday. There will be a noon luncheon at the Towle Park pavilion with the evening activities at Jack Greene's place at which the public is invited to dance to the music of Blackwater starting at 9 p.m. Admission is $5 per person.

Bible study tapes airing

Bible study video tapes air weekly on cable TV Channel 2. The next tapes to be shown, "Principles from Revelation," followed by "The Quest for Wholeness" will be shown at 7 p.m. Monday.

Through the Bible study

A Bible study with Les Feldick and hosted by Harlan and Darlene Amox is held each Tuesday from 7:30 until 9 p.m. Call 573-2699 for additional information.

Avenue D Baptist Church revival

Ave D. Baptist Church revival will be Aug. 9-14 with evangelist Herman Cramer and music director Robert Haynie leading services. Sunday through Friday services will be at 7 p.m. with a get-acquainted fellowship following each service. A covered dish luncheon and Bible study will be held Monday through Friday at noon.

Joy School registration

Registration for Joy School at East Side Church of Christ will be held from 10 a.m. until noon on Tuesday, Aug. 18. For more information call 573-5927 or 573-3554.

Quarterback Club meeting

Snyder Tigers' Quarterback Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. Monday in the high school student center. All high school football parents and patrons are urged to attend.

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 ticket would have been worth an estimated $4 million.

The numbers drawn from a field of 50 were 7, 8, 18, 21, 26 and 48.

Saturday night's drawing will be worth an estimated $7 million.

Pick 3

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

1-4-3