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$30 billion debt load led WorldCom into bankruptcy court

NEW YORK (AP) — Hours after filing the largest bankruptcy in corporate history, WorldCom Inc.'s chastened but optimistic chief executive said today that the company hopes to emerge from court protection within a year with a shrunken debt load and fewer peripheral assets.

"We fought hard and frantically to avoid this, but ultimately the board thought that taking this action was the best way to help the greatest number of people," CEO John Sidgmore said during a news conference. "Frankly, it became the only way to provide for our company's future."

Sidgmore said WorldCom's staggering $30 billion debt load had forced it to seek Chapter 11 protection in federal bankruptcy court, and hoped a more streamlined company would emerge by next year.

"We don't really believe our competitors would be smart to relax during this period," Sidgmore said.

Tottering under debt, the telecommunications giant filed for bankruptcy protection Sunday night, nearly a month after it disclosed almost $4 billion in deceptive accounting.

With $107 billion in assets reported in its filing, WorldCom's bankruptcy was twice as large as Enron's record-setting filing and four times as big as Global Crossing's in January. WorldCom reported liabilities of more than $65 billion.

Sidgmore said WorldCom hoped to emulate the successful emergence from bankruptcy protection of U.S. corporations such as Continental Airlines, Texaco, Federated Department Stores and Southland Corp.

Chapter 11 protection would allow WorldCom to operate its business as normal, paying employees and suppliers while providing service to its Internet access customers and the 20 million long-distance telephone subscribers of its MCI unit.

Sidgmore said the company had been assured up to $2 billion in emergency financing to help it with "cash flow problems" during the bankruptcy process.

The company's international operations are not affected by the filing, he noted.

Sidgmore also announced the election of two new members to WorldCom's board of directors, former U.S. Attorney General Nicholas Katzenbach and Dennis Beresford, an accounting professor at the University of Georgia.

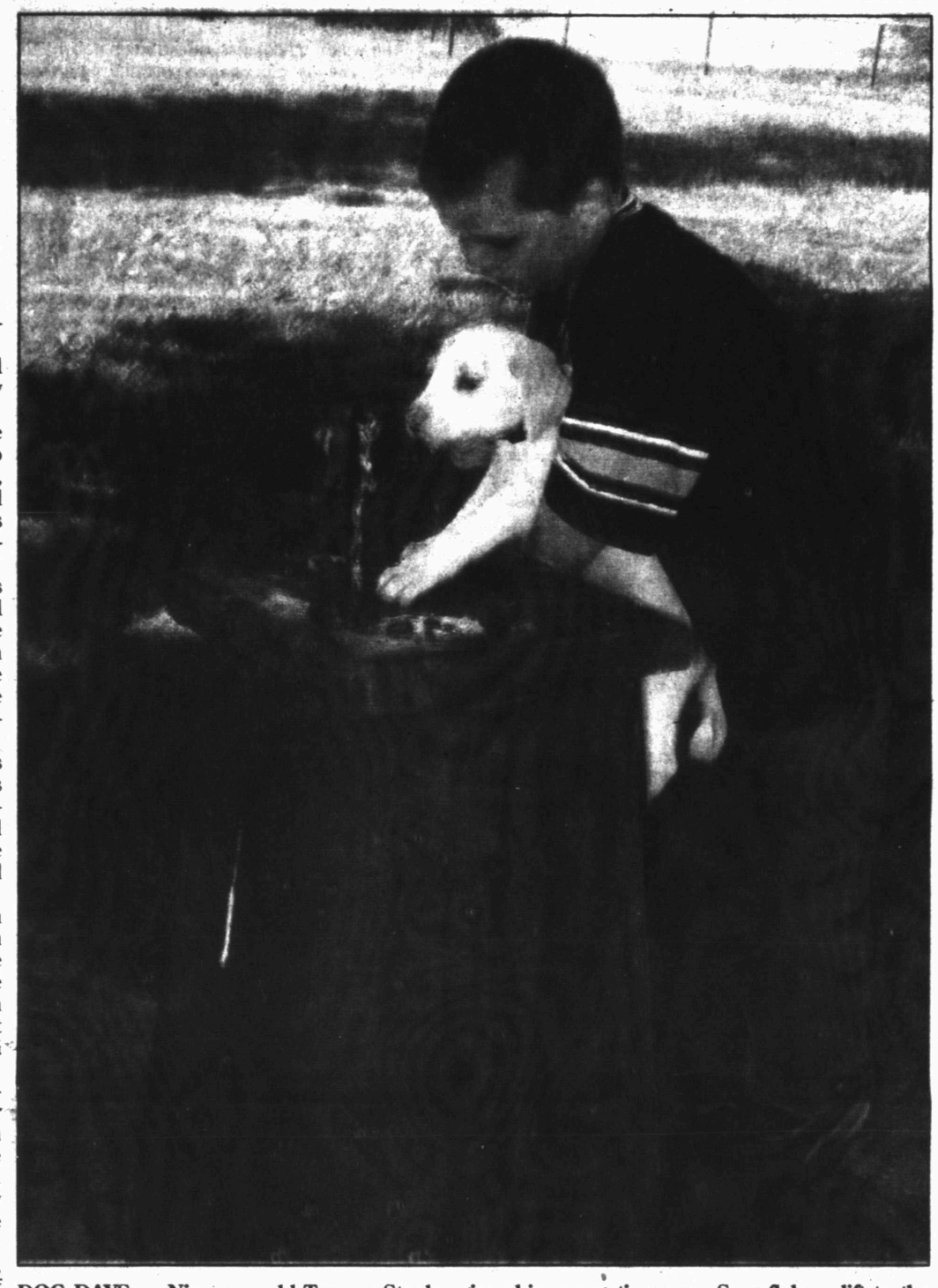
Federal Communications Commission chairman Michael K. Powell said he believed the bankruptcy wouldn't lead to "an immediate disruption of service to consumers or threaten the operation of WorldCom's Internet backbone facilities."

But the bankruptcy threatens to scare off anxious customers who have been approaching competitors like Sprint, AT&T and SBC Communications since news of the accounting scandal broke.

Drake Johnstone, a telecom analyst with Davenport & Co. in Richmond, Va., said the hope among the banks providing the new money is that WorldCom will be able to restructure its debt and emerge from Chapter 11 as a viable enterprise.

"My concern with that scenario is it's unclear what other surprises WorldCom has in store," Johnstone said. "The (internal) audit is not complete. At this point we don't know how much revenue or cash flow the company has."

The deceptive accounting, investigations and collapse of WorldCom follow costly scandals at other big-name companies, including Adelphia Communications, Global Crossing and Enron.



DOG DAYS — Nine-year-old Tommy Stanley gives his energetic puppy Snowflake a lift to the water fountain at Towle Park. (SDN Photo by Brian Brisendine)

Assembly of God members taking beds to orphanage

The Snyder Lighthouse Assembly of God is undertaking an ambitious mission, but it has nothing to do with its new building.

The church is currently building beds and buying blankets and pillows to take to Juarez, Mexico in August to help an impoverished orphanage. The orphanage was initially a boys home, but has since taken in 48 girls in addition to the 48 boys.

Connie Williams, wife of Pastor Danny Williams, said the orphanage does not have enough funds or supplies to properly house all the children. "The girls are sleeping on piles of rags," she said.

"We found the orphanage in January," Williams said. "A church in El Paso told us about it, and our church got a bug for it."

She said the church initially planned to send just the unfurnished wood, but later decided to assemble the furniture before donating it.

Williams said the church's men's club volunteers have constructed 50 bunk beds and are getting sheets, blankets and pillows for the girls' side to take with them. She said next Wednesday, kids from the church will make nametags for each child in the orphanage, and the church will give each one a stuffed animal.

The inner rail of each bed will have a scripture written in Spanish, said parishioner Rebekah Franklin, who is decorating each headboard with images of bees and flowers.

Williams said the church has almost everything they need, but are short on mattresses and labor.

"We need about 14 more mattresses, which are $35 apiece, and we need able-bodied men."

Williams said the reason for the mission is a simple one. "We just wanted to do something for someone else."

FINISHING TOUCH — Rebekah Franklin paints colorful designs on the headboard of a bed constructed by members of the Lighthouse Assembly of God. The beds are scheduled to be delivered to a Juarez, Mexico orphanage at the end of August. (SDN Staff Photo by Brian Brisendine)

East Texas wreck kills 7

LONGVIEW (AP) — A head-on collision along a deadly interstate highway has killed seven people, including six family members from Louisiana. Two of the dead were toddlers.

A third toddler, critically injured in Sunday's crash, was flown by helicopter to Children's Medical Center in Dallas. She remained in critical condition early today.

The impact of the collision, after the driver of a sport utility vehicle crossed over an Interstate 20 median and struck a minivan carrying seven passengers, reduced both automobiles to crumpled heaps of metal, lying upside down near a jackknifed tractor-trailer rig which was swerving to avoid the wreck when it was struck.

"It was a tragic scene," said Justice of the Peace Arthur Fort of Longview. "I haven't seen this much damage and this many fatalities in my 30 years."

Wrecks along I-20 have killed at least 33 people this year. The latest occurred at 5:45 p.m. Sunday on a stretch of I-20 near Longview in Gregg County, about one mile west of Farm-to-Market Road 2087 between Longview and Kilgore.

Victims killed in the minivan were from Shreveport, about 60 miles east of Longview. They were identified as Ira J. Salone, 62; Shanae Jackson, 10; Marisha Jackson, 14; Belinda L. Jackson, 48; Tevin Jackson, 3; and Tyler Jackson, 3.

Texas Department of Public Safety Sgt. Richard Brown said a third triplet, 3-year-old Tatyana Jackson, was flown by helicopter to Children's Medical Center with severe head and chest injuries.

Salone had custody of the five youths, Brown said. The children's mother lives in California. He said he believed Salone and Belinda Jackson were sisters.

The female driver and sole occupant of the Ford Explorer, 54-year-old Kyong Leingang of Addison, was westbound when her SUV crossed the median, said DPS Trooper Carl Davis. Leingang died at Mother Francis Hospital in Tyler.

It could not immediately be determined why the woman crossed the median, but speed was listed as a factor in the DPS report.

The driver of the semi-tractor trailer, Charles Deich of Marshall, told law officers that he was traveling east on the highway next to the 1993 Chrysler Town and Country van when he saw the Explorer cross the median. The trucker said he went off the right side of the road to avoid the collision, but the force of the impact pushed the van into his vehicle.

The 18-wheeler, which was not transporting any oil, was hit by the Chrysler van.

Jury selection underway for assault trial

Jury selection was underway this morning in the trial of a 32-year-old Snyder man charged with sexual assault of a girl younger than 17.

A panel of 142 prospective jurors reported at 8:30 a.m. today in 132nd District Court in the trial of Gonzalo Lara of 1005 26th Street.

Lara was indicted by a Scurry County grand jury for an incident that occurred last Dec. 1.

District Judge Ernie Armstrong is presiding.

District Attorney Dana Cooley will present the state's case and defense attorney is Pete Greene of Snyder.

ASK US

Q—Has the official temperature reached 100 degrees yet this summer?

A—No. The high this year is 96 degrees, recorded June 24-26.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Saturday, 93 degrees; low, 70; high Sunday, 95; low, 70; 7 a.m. Monday, 70; no precipitation; total for 2002, 13.71 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, partly cloudy; low lower 70s. Tuesday, partly cloudy; high mid 90s; S winds 5-15 mph. Tuesday night, partly cloudy; low around 70.

Priscilla Molinar
Partly Cloudy

Sunset:
8:46 p.m.
Sunrise:
6:54 a.m.
Of 202 days in 2002, the sun has shone 195 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

Life is an exciting business and most exciting when lived for others.
—Helen Keller

Donors can give blood two days

July's community-wide blood drive will be from 10 a.m. until 7 p.m. Tuesday at the First Baptist Church Family Life Center.

The Cogdell Memorial Hospital drive is Wednesday from noon until 5 p.m.

Rhonda Teal, United Blood Services community relations representative, said everyone donating blood would receive one pint of Blue Bell ice cream and a T-shirt.

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Russell Yates visits Garden of Angels

EULESS (AP) — Russell Yates joined relatives of murder victims Sunday at the Garden of Angels for the first time since his wife drowned their five young children in their Houston home last summer.

But some families whose slain relatives are remembered in the garden with white crosses say they have mixed feelings about Yates, who still supports his mentally ill wife now serving a life prison sentence.

"I think we all feel empathy for him," said Stacey Hasher, whose 21-year-old daughter Summer Little was murdered in 1999. "If he's come here to drum up support for Andrea, he's come to the wrong place."

When Hasher told the crowd that there had recently been a conviction in her daughter's death, it prompted applause from the three dozen or so who were there.

The group also clapped when Barbara Salter, whose 22-year-old son Keith was shot to death in 1986, said the justice system has become tougher on criminals than it was on her son's killer, who received probation.

Yates said he wanted to see the memorial and may like to erect crosses in memory of his children, Noah, 7; John, 5; Paul, 3; Luke, 2 and Mary, 6 months.

Andrea Yates, 37, was convicted of two counts of capital murder in March. The charges covered the deaths of three of the five children who were drowned in the family bathtub last year.

Russell Yates, who talked with several families Sunday, said the garden was a poignant memorial.

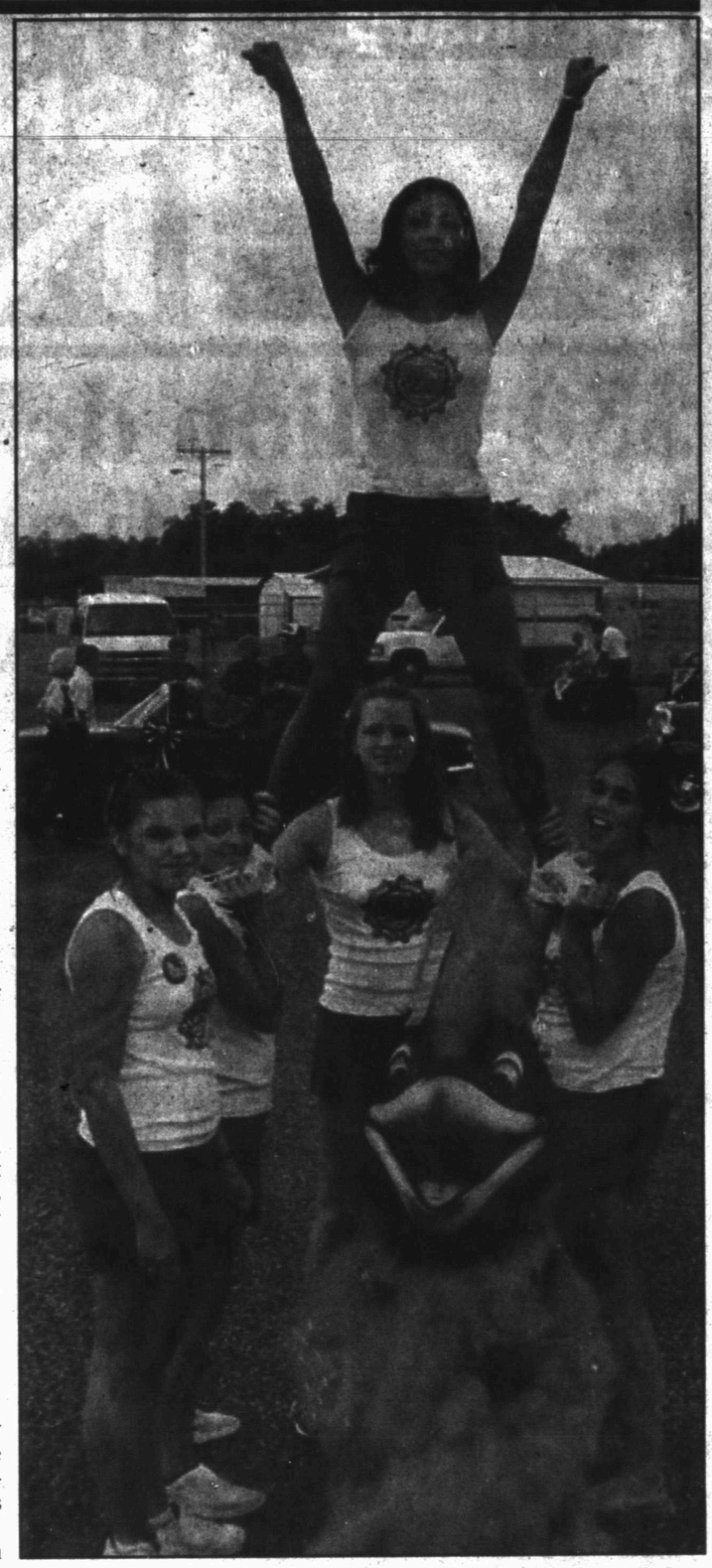
"Each of those crosses is a life, and it represents a tragic loss of life," he said. "I do think the focus is on children's lives. It's an unwritten rule in the garden that you don't talk about the tragedy of how they died, but you talk about the kids' lives. I think that's a good rule."

He didn't speak about Andrea Yates or her legal case during the event, but answered reporters' questions beforehand.

She sees a psychiatrist once a week and is isolated most of the time because prison officials fear other inmates might harm her, he said. Russell Yates visits her every few weeks and continues to raise awareness of mental health issues.

"People come up to me and say, 'If it weren't for your case, we'd have never sought treatment,' ... and they possibly averted tragedy," Yates said.

Many of the relatives of slain victims gather every few months at the garden, located about 15 miles west of Dallas, to talk with each other as part of their ongoing healing process.



HERMLEIGH CHEERLEADERS — Hermleigh cheerleaders for 2002-2003 who recently attended an NCA-NDA Cheerleading Camp include top clockwise, Reecie Sauceda, Alana Culp, Brittainy Jones, Valerie West (mascot), Cassie Harbin and Misty McClure. (Contributed Photo)

Ships with foreign flags are causing air pollution in U.S.

HOUSTON (AP) — The thousands of ships flying foreign flags as they enter and leave the Port of Houston are a major source of pollution and there are few answers on how to solve the problem.

According to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, oceangoing ships each year emit 273,000 tons of nitrogen oxide, a key contributor to smog.

Foreign-flagged ships constitute 90 percent of traffic in and out of the Port of Houston.

Collectively, these ships comprise the fastest-growing unregulated source of air pollution in the nation, the Houston Chronicle reported in Sunday's editions.

While state and federal officials struggle to regulate sources of pollutants from factories to lawnmowers, foreign tankers and cargo ships befoul the air with impunity in major port cities such as Houston and Los Angeles.

If a solution isn't found soon, Houston could be cut off from federal highway funds. The federal government mandated that the Houston-Galveston region reduce nitrogen oxide emissions 75 percent by 2007.

Charged with the task is the state government, which has direct authority over sources producing about two-thirds of nitrogen oxide emissions, mostly industrial sources.

But it can't touch mobile sources such as locomotives, airplanes, trucks, cars, construction and agricultural equipment and large, oceangoing ships.

While these ships give off just 7 percent of nitrogen oxide sources, their 35 tons-per-day rate of emission is significant since Houston's air falls short of federal requirements by 56 tons of nitrogen oxide per day.

The federal government is having trouble tackling the ship-pollution problem at a national level.

After an environmental group filed suit against the EPA, the agency in May proposed a set of regulations that, if enacted, would apply only to U.S.-flagged ships, about 10 percent of oceangoing traffic in American harbors.

But the Bluewater Network and Earthjustice, which brought the suit, said the regulations were a "sham" because they exclude foreign ships.

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HHS cheerleaders receive donation and attend camp

The American Legion recently presented a check to the Hermleigh High School Cheerleaders to be used for various expenses.

AL members Valton Buchanan and Shirley Minyard were present for the presentation.

The cheerleaders also attended McMurry NCA NDA Cheerleading and Mascot Camp June 26-29. The squad earned the most improved award and both the cheerleading squad and mascot were nominated for All-American recognition.

The cheerleaders also won superior and excellence awards as a squad and as individuals.

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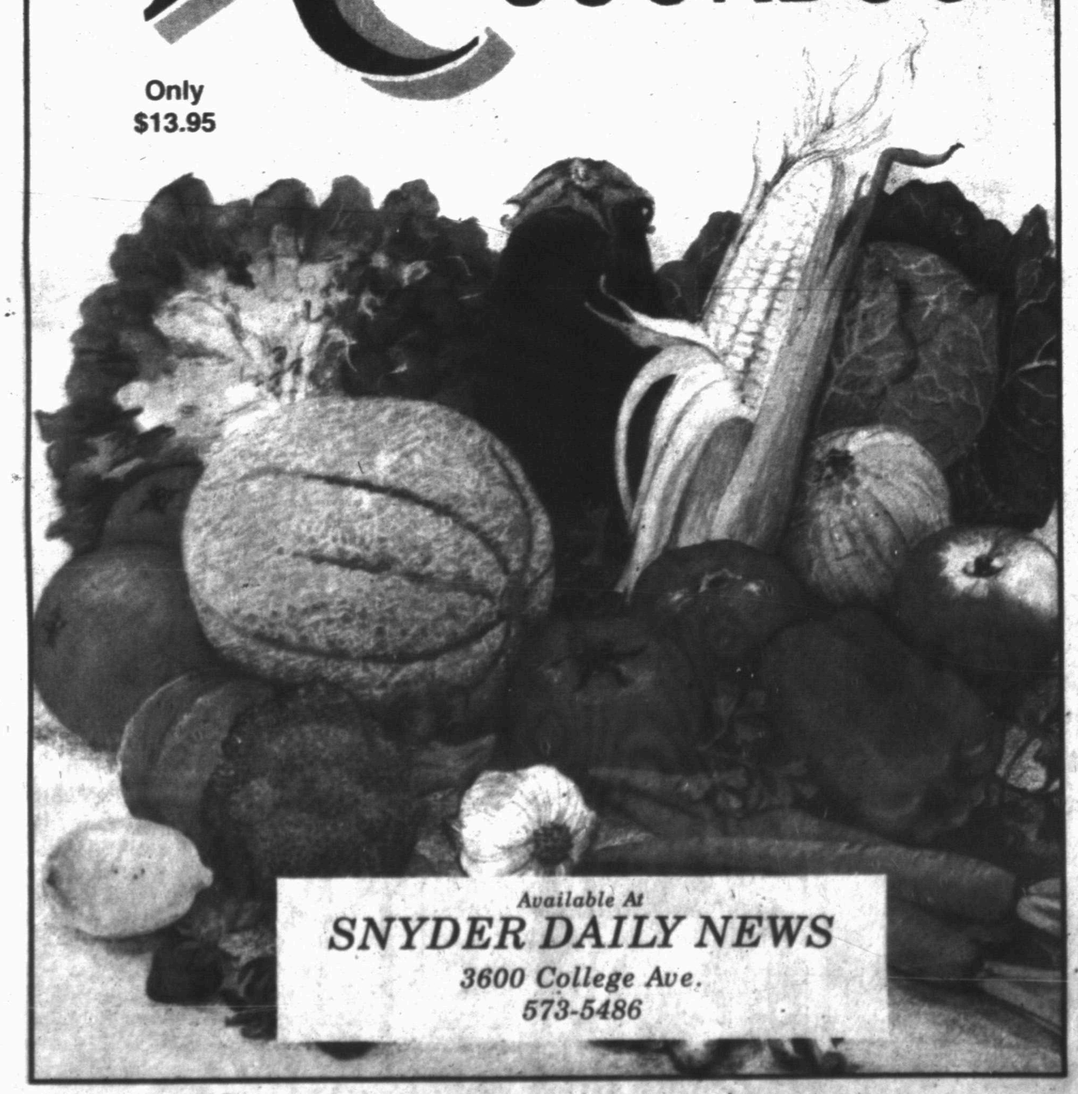
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Lotto Texas

AUSTIN (AP) — No ticket correctly matched all six numbers drawn Saturday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials said.

The ticket was worth an estimated $4 million.

The numbers drawn Saturday night from a field of 54 were: 2-14-23-41-49-50.

Wednesday night's drawing will be worth an estimated $6 million.

Pick 3

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

2-0-6

Galveston's vibrations caused by cruise ship

HOUSTON (AP) — Tenants of a downtown Galveston buildings are reportedly getting bad vibrations from a cruise ship operating out of the city.

Sources told the Houston Chronicle that the 1,486-passenger Carnival cruise ship Celebration has undergone tests before and after a scheduled weekend departure that confirmed one of the vessel's engines caused the vibrations at the Moody National Bank building.

The ship, which has operated four- and five-day sailings from Galveston to the Yucatan Peninsula of Mexico, produced 20 minutes of vibrations today at Moody Foundation offices on the bank building's seventh floor as it powered up, left the dock and left the Galveston Ship Channel for open sea.

The sources who spoke on condition of anonymity told the Chronicle that test startings of separate engines before the Celebration's scheduled departure Saturday showed the bank building began to vibrate when a particular engine was turned on.

Before mid-May, the ship was in drydock for repairs. Passengers who have since taken cruises have complained that a constant vibration shook cabins and furniture in the aft half of the ship and made it difficult to sleep at night.

Port of Galveston general manager Steve Cernak said Sunday he has not been briefed on results of the Carnival vibrations tests.

"They sent two of their top technical guys out," Cernak told the Chronicle. "The word that I got through the grapevine was that they were going to try some adjustments."

He said he was in Carnival's Miami offices Friday on other business but discussed the building vibrations issue with Carnival officials as well.

"They were going to try to see if they could figure out what was going on and, if they saw anything, they would possibly try to adjust their operations to see if that helps," said Cernak.

The Galveston port's cruise terminal manager, Mike Mierzwa, was reportedly present at Saturday's tests. Cernak said that, by policy adopted by the port's board of trustees, only he and board Chairman Don Shattel are allowed to comment to the media on port business.

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When ace might not

By Phill

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Industrial pollution posible cause of famine

By The Associated Press

A new study says pollution from industrial nations was one of the possible causes of a devastating African famine that left 1.2 million people dead.

The starvation brought on by the 1970-85 drought stretched from Senegal to Ethiopia until rains finally returned. It produced images that haunted people across the world: skeletal mothers staring vacantly, children with bloated bellies lying in the sand, and vultures lurking nearby.

A group of scientists in Australia and Canada say the drought may have been triggered by tiny particles of sulfur dioxide from factories and power plants thousands of miles away in North America, Europe and Asia.

Researchers said the short-lived pollution particles, known as aerosols, didn't have to travel to Africa to harm the environment there. The particles were able to alter the physics of cloud formation miles away and reduce rainfall in Africa by as much as 50 percent, say the researchers, who used a computer to simulate the atmospheric conditions.

The process, known as teleconnection, continues in the atmosphere today. Some scientists suspect it might help explain the drought gripping parts of the United States, although that question has not been specifically examined.

And while pollution may affect the behavior of rain clouds, scientists stopped short of solely blaming industry's effluent for the famine and starvation that wracked the region of Africa called the Sahel.

"It's more subtle than that," said atmospheric scientist Leon Rotstayn, lead author of the study on the subject.

"The Sahelian drought may be due to a combination of natural variability and atmospheric aerosols," said Rotstayn, of the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organization, a government research agency in Australia. The CSIRO study will be published in the August Journal of Climate.

Over the years, the disastrous lack of rainfall over the Sahel has been blamed on everything from overgrazing to El Nino. Many scientists still argue those are chief culprits.

One interesting clue: In the 1990s, rain returned to the Sahel. During the same period, emissions laws in the industrialized West reduced aerosol pollution. A coincidence? Scientists don't think so.

"Cleaner air in the future will mean greater rainfall in the region," Rotstayn said.

Some researchers say the CSIRO study is intriguing, but that the computer simulation is too simple to solve the mystery by itself.

"It is quite a plausible argument," said atmospheric scientist V. Ramanathan of Scripps Institute of Oceanography in La Jolla, Calif.

Last year, Ramanathan co-authored a global pollution study examining an industrial haze that covered nearly 4 million square miles and upset the water cycle over the Asian subcontinent.

He said similar processes appeared to be at work over the Sahel, but the CSIRO model must be sharpened to prove it.

Until then, "I would be cautious about overextending these conclusions," Ramanathan said.

Other scientists were even more guarded. Teleconnection is a reasonable, but complicated, explanation, they said.

"Rotstayn focuses on an indirect effect of aerosols that is really hard to quantify," said Philip Rasch, senior scientist at the National Center for Atmospheric Research in Boulder, Colo.

Some scientists complained that the global rainfall pattern simulated by the computer model does not match up with actual rainfall observed at weather stations around the world during the drought. This lack of a neat correlation makes the study's Sahel conclusions "highly speculative," they said.

For example, the real weather observations and those generated by the computer model correspond for the Sahel, Senegal and parts of Brazil, said Yogesh Sud, senior research meteorologist at NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center in Greenbelt, Md.

"But in India and Australia, there is absolutely no match" between recorded rainfall and the simulated conditions, Sud said.

Choosing final WTC design may take longer

NEW YORK (AP) — Officials handling the redevelopment of the World Trade Center say they may take longer than planned to choose a final design because of complaints about the six existing proposals for the site.

Many of the 4,000 people who attended a town hall meeting Saturday said the plans put too much emphasis on commercial space. Architecture critics have also derided the proposals.

"It is rather like taking the downtown skyline of some average American burg and plopping it in one of the most prominent and symbolically important sites of our times," said Benjamin Forgey of The Washington Post.

Each proposal for the 16-acre site includes a memorial to the victims of the Sept. 11 attack, 11 million square feet of office space and 600,000 square feet each of retail and hotel space.

"The goal is to get it right," Matthew Higgins, a spokesman for the Lower Manhattan Development Corp., said Sunday. "Now that we've received public input we have to evaluate how to refine the plans to better reflect what people hope to see in Lower Manhattan."

The development corporation and the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, which owns the land, have insisted that intensive commercial development was required under the Port Authority's lease with developer Larry Silverstein and his partner, mall operator Westfield America.

But Port Authority Executive Director Joseph Seymour said Saturday that the agency would re-examine its agreement.

The development corporation and the Port Authority had set a deadline of September for narrowing the six plans to three and a final deadline of December for choosing a single land-use plan. Those dates may now be pushed back.

"We have to see if that next phase of the timeline is realistic," said Louis Tomson, the president and executive director of the development corporation. "We have to make this work, and if it takes a month or two in a different direction, then it takes a month more, or two or three."

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

North 07-22-02
♠ J 10 7 6
♥ A 9 3
♦ 9 7 6 4 2
♣ 4

West
♠ 5 4 2
♥ —
♦ Q J 10 8 5
♣ K 8 6 5 2

East
♠ —
♥ 8 7 6 5 4 2
♦ A K 3
♣ J 10 9 7

South
♠ A K Q 9 8 3
♥ K Q J 10
♦ —
♣ A Q 3

Dealer: South
Vulnerable: East-West

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

Opening lead: ♦ Q

Monday, July 22, 2002

When ace-asking might not help

By Phillip Alder

First, two sentences from "Night and Silence, Who is Here? — An American Comedy" by Pamela Hansford Johnson: "You slam a politician, you make out he's the devil, with horns and hoofs. But his wife loves him, and so did all his mistresses."

Now look at the North-South hands in the diagram. You and your regular partner would love to reach the seven-spade grand slam, but could you do it with confidence? And if you did, how would you plan the play after West leads the diamond queen?

Using Blackwood with a void is almost always useless. Over North's four-club splinter bid announcing good spade support with at most a singleton club, if South bids four no-trump, he receives a one-ace reply. Is that the valueless diamond ace or the invaluable heart ace? South does not know. Instead, he should resort to control-bidding (cue-bidding). Four diamonds announces a first-round control in that suit. And when North control-bids four hearts, promising the vital first-round control, South leaps majestically to seven spades. (If you do not use splinters, North raises to three spades, then the auction might continue four clubs — four hearts — five diamonds — six clubs — seven spades.)

Declarer has two club losers to ruff in the dummy. But he must be careful to return to hand safely with either a trump (best) or by ruffing a diamond, not via the heart suit, which carries an unnecessary risk that one opponent is void.

The play goes: diamond queen ruffed, spade ace, club ace, club ruff, trump to hand, club ruff, diamond ruff, draw West's last trump, and claim.

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Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

Triplet longs to break free from her sisters

DEAR ABBY: I am one of identical triplet girls. We're seniors in high school and experiencing some identity problems.

My sisters and I are good at many of the same things. We all play varsity field hockey, are on the cheerleading squad, take many of the same classes and share the same circle of friends.

My problem is I'm sick of being one of the "O'Sullivan triplets." I want to be just "Caitlin." Sometimes boys call our house and ask the sister who happens to answer the phone for a date, because going out with a triplet is a novelty.

Other boys who specifically want to go out with me become intimidated by my two sisters — so they get cold feet about asking me. Only one boy ever wanted to date me because I'm me — and he moved out of state.

Teachers keep asking which triplet I am. Coaches sometimes yell at me when their intention is to yell at one of my look-alike sisters. I'm so tired of people referring to us as a threesome.

My fear is that this won't end with high school graduation, because for financial reasons, we're all going to the same college.

Don't get me wrong, Abby, I love my sisters dearly — but I'm ready to be my own person. How can I accomplish this without quitting the sports I love, giving up the friends I share with my sisters, or switching schools? Sign me ... **JUST WANNA BE "ME" IN MARYLAND**

DEAR JUST WANNA BE "ME": Discuss your feelings with your sisters. You may be surprised to learn they feel the same way you do. Next, look for ways to "individualize" yourself — hair color, hair length, style of dress.

When you get to college, enroll in different classes at different times. You may discover you have separate interests. Make an effort to widen your circle of friends. Establishing yourself as an individual may take time, but a college campus is usually larger than a high school campus, so I'm betting your efforts will be successful. Good luck!

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DEAR ABBY: My son is married to the most terrific woman in the world. The problem is he spends hours on the computer. The other day I visited a singles site and his name popped up. He had changed his last name, but he posted his picture on the site so I know it's him.

I'm extremely worried that he may be cheating on his wife, and it would kill her if it's true. Should I confront him? — **CONCERNED MOM IN COLORADO**

DEAR CONCERNED MOM: By all means confront him. It won't be pleasant, but it might save his marriage. Give him a deadline to tell his wife what has been going on. If he has been fooling around, they both need to be examined for STDs. Her fertility, or even her life, could be at risk.

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DEAR ABBY: I hope you can stand another story about the uses of pantyhose:

Three years ago I watched a bird building a nest in an evergreen tree outside our family room window. After a couple of windy days, I noticed the nest had tipped and the eggs had fallen out when a supporting branch broke.

I grabbed a pair of control-top pantyhose, tied the legs around the trunk of the tree and fastened the panty part to two small branches, forming a hammock for the nest to rest in.

I am happy to report that four dove families have used our pantyhose nest each year. And I have doves in my pantyhose as I write this. — **SALLY IN CLOVIS, CALIF.**

DEAR SALLY: It's better than bats in your belfry or mice in your rice (to quote an old jingle I haven't heard in years!).

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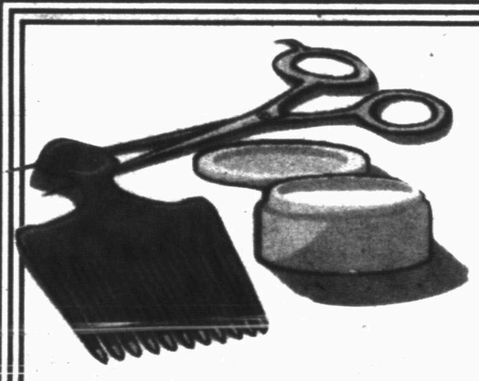

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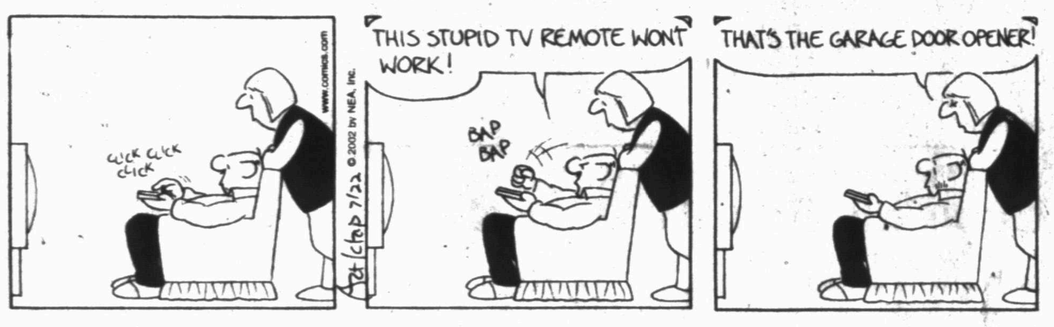

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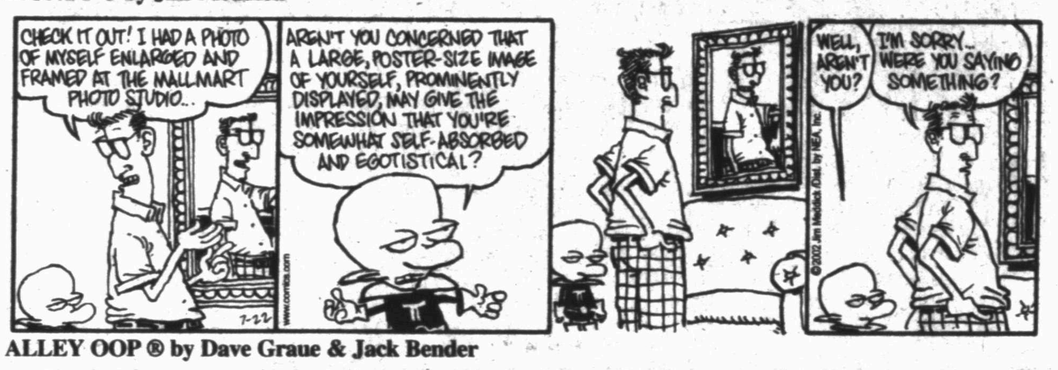

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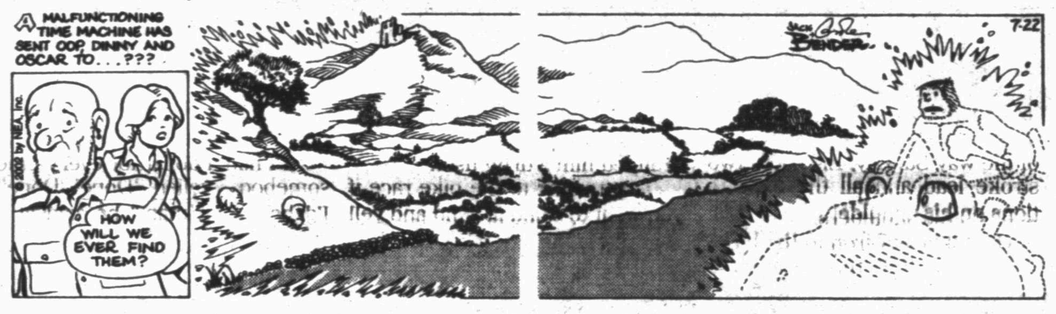

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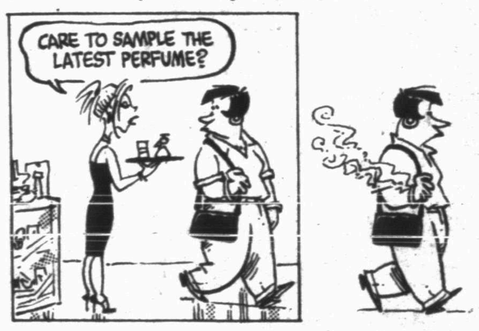

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17 Maxims
19 Uproars
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22 Vigor's partner
23 Parachute fabric
26 Mounded up
30 Director — Reitman
31 German name part
32 Japanese "yes"
33 Business VIP
34 Actor — Wallach
35 Starr and Kyser
36 Attempted
39 Center
40 Dandy
41 "Wham!"
42 Succulent
45 Masculine
48 Approves
49 Some exams
51 Riviera summer
53 Barbie's friend
54 Fence steps
55 Miscellany
56 NYC setting
57 Loop trains
58 Soft touch

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1 Big fuss
2 Kinks' song
3 Old
4 Not flat
5 Henri's islands
6 Youngster
7 Brand for Bowser
8 Bog stuff
9 Lampreys
11 Light bulb filler
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18 Amenhotep's god
20 Mischief-maker
22 —, vidi, vici
23 Good-natured
24 — St. Laurent
25 Vietnam neighbor
26 Grasp
27 "If — — a Hammer"
28 Votes not in favor
29 Essence
31 Running mate
35 Green-fleshed fruit
37 Broncos' div.
38 Toys on strings
39 Telegraph code
41 Disagreeable people
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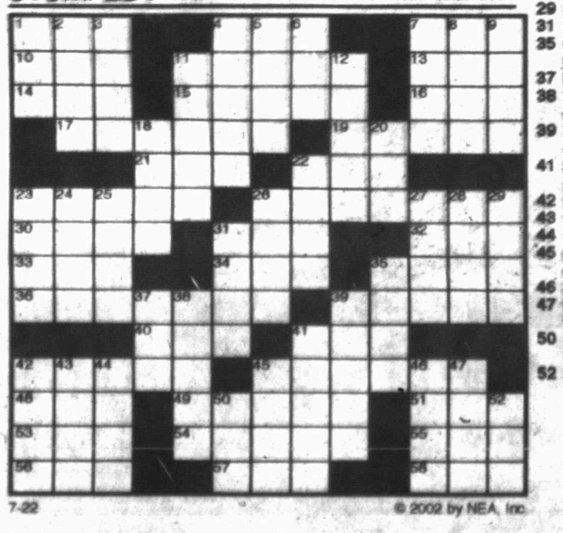

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SPORTS

Els claims Open title in four-man playoff

GULLANE, Scotland (AP) — The major championship Tiger Woods needed to win was the one Ernie Els wanted the most.

On the verge of blowing the tournament and with doubts again flooding his mind, Els regrouped on Sunday to win the British Open.

As the sun faded on a Scottish summer day, he held the claret jug that had his name engraved on it, fighting his way through a tangle of emotions to try and describe just how much it meant.

"People have lost here before and some people just never recover," Els said. "I wouldn't say I would have been one of them, but I would have really been a different person."

Woods already was jetting across the Atlantic when Els finished off Frenchman Thomas Levet, the last of four playoff contenders, with his third par of the day on the 18th hole.

He didn't face down Woods, whose chances of a third straight major championship ended with a fat 81 on Saturday.

But Els did finally confront the self doubts that have haunted him and threatened to ruin his career. After years of questioning his ability and wondering out loud if he could ever beat Woods, that may have been just as good.

"Now I'm back on track. I can now legitimately try and win the majors," he said.

Els was good enough on Saturday when he played his way to a masterful 72 in the driving rain and wind that took Woods' game apart. And with Woods safely out of the way Sunday, Els had a two-stroke lead and all the expectations on his shoulders.

Then a poor 7-iron to the left of the green on the 16th hole brought back the negative thoughts Els can seemingly never shake. He chipped over the green and back on, missing a putt and making double bogey.

With two holes to go, he was one down. Now he couldn't afford to get any more down on himself.

"Walking off 16, a lot of things went through my mind. I was like, 'Is this a way to lose another major. Is this the way you want to be remembered by, screwing up in an Open championship?'" Els said. "I'm pretty hard on myself as it is, and that wasn't one of my finer moments. Somehow I pulled myself together and made some good shots again."

Els hit a driver down the middle of the par-5 17th, carved a 3-iron onto the green and made birdie. On the final hole he had a 20-foot birdie putt to win outright, but missed it.

Els found himself in a four-man playoff over four holes. He was playing with Stuart Appleby, while up ahead Levet and Steve Elkington played as a twosome.

First, though, Els huddled with his psychologist, Jos Vanstiphout, as he tried to compose himself. Negative vibes were coming in again, this time about previous failures in playoffs.

Els was about to play for the title of his career. And he was down in the dumps again.

"He just basically agreed that I had four more holes to play," Els said. "And those four holes were the most important holes of my career. I was going to give it 100 percent."

His mind fortified, Els drank an orange juice and grabbed a sandwich. He stood on the first tee chewing it down, then promptly blasted his drive down the middle of the fairway.

Els made four straight pars and, when Levet bogeyed the 18th after making a long birdie putt two holes earlier, he and Levet went head to head in the first sudden-death playoff in the 142-year history of the British Open.

It didn't last long.

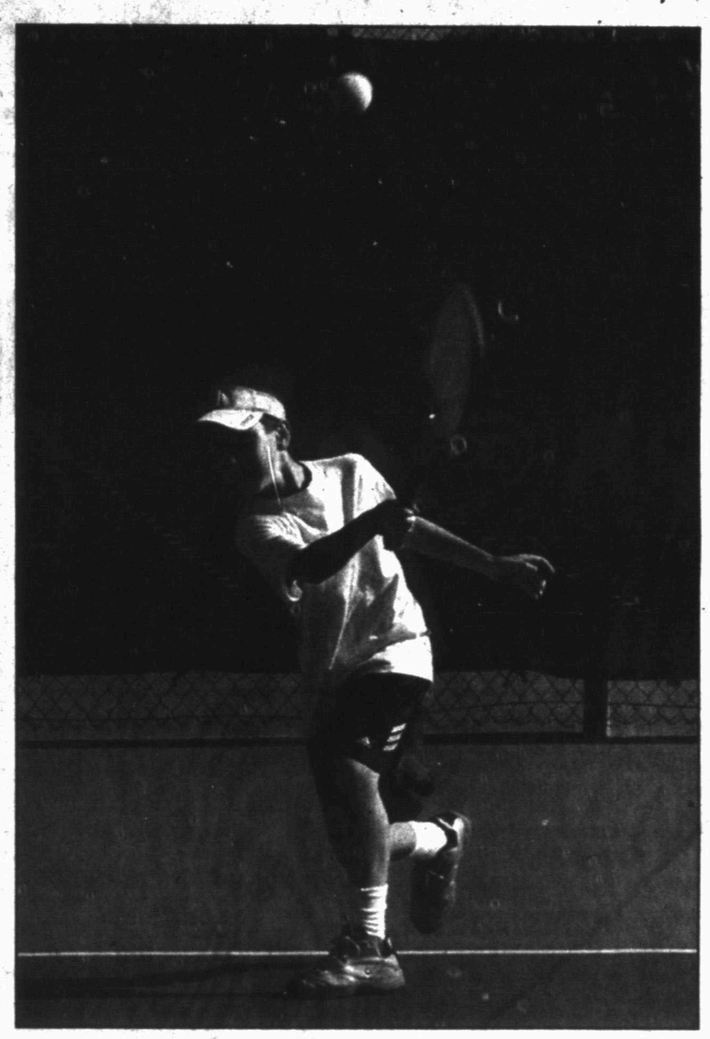
Levet hit his drive into a fairway bunker and laid up short of the green. Els had a 7-iron in his hand and the Open in his grasp, only to pull it into the greenside bunker left of the hole.

From there, he played an excellent bunker shot, bracing himself with his right leg outside the bunker and flopping the ball within five feet. When Levet missed his 30-footer for par, Els stepped up and made his putt.

Relieved and exhilarated, Els took off his cap and tossed it in the air. A moment later, Levet hoisted him in victory.

"I lost to a great player. He's a big man, very talented," Levet said. "That bunker shot at the last was a piece of nerves. It could have gone anywhere."

That could easily have been said about Els' career had he lost this tournament.



LEARNING THE BASICS — Dylan Bunch, 12, works on his forehand this morning during the Snyder Tennis Camp. The camp, hosted by SHS coach Ted Phillips, continues through Thursday at the SHS tennis complex. Dylan is the son of Travis and Joan Bunch. (SDN Staff Photo)

Armstrong extends lead on steep climb

MONT VENTOUX, France (AP) — Lance Armstrong drew closer to a fourth straight title at the Tour de France, then lashed out at fans along the route who branded him a drug user.

"Don't come to the bike race if you want to stand around and yell at cyclists," Armstrong said. "Stay at home."

The Texan finished third Sunday in a stage won by Frenchman Richard Virenque, who was cheered by compatriots in his first victory since returning to the Tour from a drug ban.

In the climb to the top of the formidable Mont Ventoux, Armstrong extended his lead in the overall standings. He is ahead of Joseba Beloki of Spain by 4 minutes, 21 seconds.

Armstrong of Austin looked tense after the 14th stage, upset at the response of some spectators.

"If I had a dollar for every time somebody yelled 'Dope! Dope!' I'd be a rich man," he said at a news conference. "The people are not very sportsmanslike, some of them."

Armstrong has never failed a drug test and has repeatedly denied taking banned substances. A 20-month French investigation into his U.S. Postal Service team has revealed no evidence of wrongdoing.

Armstrong has many supporters among the thousands lining the stage route every day, but they are few compared to the fans of European riders. Armstrong thinks the fans demean themselves with their taunts.

"I think it's an indication of their intelligence," he said. "It's an issue of class: Do you have class, or do you not have class? That's not the way a classy person acts."

Virenque is one of the most popular French cyclists despite his scandalous history.

Now a rider for the Domo Farm Frites team, he was a member of the Festina squad when it was thrown out of the 1998 Tour after banned drugs were found in a team car.

In a trial that grew out of the affair, Virenque admitted he was involved in widespread drug use within the team. He was cleared of charges he helped supply drugs to teammates, but was handed a nine-month ban from cycling.

The Frenchman won Sunday's stage in 5 hours, 43 minutes, 26 seconds. He led for the last 125 miles of the 137-mile leg.

Armstrong had an excellent run up Mont Ventoux, but started accelerating too late to beat Virenque and was 2:20 off the pace. Still, he finished far in front of his biggest rival — Beloki.

Today is a rest day, with racing to resume Tuesday — a 140-mile leg from Vaison-la-Romaine to Les Deux-Alpes in the Alps.

Rangers down A's, end skid

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — In 12 frustrating innings, the Oakland Athletics wasted more scoring opportunities than some teams get in an entire series.

The A's lack of punch allowed the Texas Rangers to escape the Coliseum with an end to their eight-game losing streak — and a bit of optimism.

Ivan Rodriguez drove in the go-ahead run with a bases-loaded single in the 12th as the Rangers survived three straight innings of peril before rallying for a 7-3 victory over the A's, who stranded 16 runners — nine in the final four innings.

Gabe Kapler had a two-run single and Alex Rodriguez hit an RBI triple in a five-run burst in the 12th as the Rangers earned just their second victory since the All-Star break.

"It's an opportunity that slipped by," Oakland manager Art Howe said. "We had a lot more chances than they did, but they did a better job when they had the chance."

Oakland squandered another strong start by Mark Mulder for its fourth straight victory. The A's stranded two runners in the ninth and left the bases loaded in the 10th and 11th.

"It felt so good to sneak one out," said Alex Rodriguez, who went 3-for-5. "I think we've hit rock-bottom. Hopefully, we're on the way up now. This could change a lot of things for us."

In the 12th, Jim Mecir (3-2) allowed Ivan Rodriguez's drive to center field and Michael Young's sacrifice fly before Kapler and Alex Rodriguez put it out of reach.

Jay Powell (2-1) allowed three hits and three intentional walks while pitching out of two jams for the victory, giving Texas a rare dose of resilient relief pitching.

"All it takes is one hit. They got it, we didn't," Howe said. "It looked like we were taking strikes and swinging at balls."

Adam Piatt had an RBI single in the 12th against Todd Van Poppel.

Mulder and Chan Ho Park staged an impressive duel for 8 1/2 innings, but neither pitchers' teammates gave them any help after the first inning, when each team scored two runs. The A's could have won it in the ninth, but Scott Hatteberg grounded out with two runners on.

The A's left the bases loaded in the 10th when Powell struck out Ramon Hernandez looking.

In the 11th, Texas got a bad break when Mark Ellis reached base on a sacrifice bunt attempt. Rafael Palmeiro, who fielded the ball, didn't attempt to tag Ellis as he ran outside the baseline. The bases were loaded again when Jermaine Dye struck out looking.

"We finally got some big outs when we needed them," Texas manager Jerry Narron said.

Mulder allowed three hits in nine innings.

Sports Briefs

Junior golf tournament

The Western Texas College Junior Golf Championship is scheduled for Aug. 9. Entry fee is $10 for players 11-under and $15 for ages 12-up. For more information, call the pro shop at 573-9291.

Booster club meeting

Snyder Tiger Booster Club meets at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the athletic film room. Parents of all SHS football players are urged to attend.

Cargile golf tournament

The Kiwanis Cargile Scholarship Foundation benefit Golf Tournament is set for Aug. 10 at Western Texas College. Format is four-person scramble and cost is $30 per player.

Cash prizes will go to the top four teams. Contests for closest-to-the-hole, longest drive and hole-in-one will be held. To register, call the pro shop at 573-9291.

SISD athletic physicals

Physicals are required for students wishing to participate in SISD athletics. Those needing physicals are all incoming seventh and ninth grade athletes, students new to SISD athletics, athletes in their third year of high school, and all students who answered "yes" to questions 1, 4, 5, 6 or 7 on their medical history form.

The school district pays for physicals through Aug. 2 with the following doctors: Raykov, Burleson, Cooper, Thompson, Wolboldt and NP Beth Ashley. Incoming seventh and ninth graders can pick up physical forms in the doctors' offices.

Friday swingers

The SCGA Women's Golf Association holds a weekly swingers event at 5:30 each Friday. It is open to all members and prospective members. Cost is $10 per couple and the format is scramble.

Cash prizes go to the top three finishers as well as closest to the hole. For more information, call Barbara Leatherwood at 725-7875.

WGA weekly play day

The SCGA Women's Golf Association holds a weekly play day each Tuesday at 9 a.m. Format is Nassau tournament.

WTC Men's Golf Association

The Men's Golf Association of Western Texas College holds a weekly event Tuesdays at 6 p.m.

SCGA weekly events

The Scurry County Golf Association holds a weekly scramble Tuesdays at 5:30. The Men's Golf Association holds an all-day MGA event each Thursday.

Major League Baseball

National League
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East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	64	35	.646	—
New York	50	48	.510	13½
Montreal	49	49	.500	14½
Florida	48	50	.490	15½
Philadelphia	44	53	.454	19

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
St. Louis	53	42	.558	—
Cincinnati	51	47	.520	3½
Houston	47	50	.485	7
Pittsburgh	46	52	.469	8½
Chicago	42	54	.438	11½
Milwaukee	34	65	.343	21

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Arizona	57	41	.582	—
San Francisco	56	42	.571	1
Los Angeles	56	43	.566	1½
Colorado	48	51	.485	9½
San Diego	41	57	.418	16

Saturday's Games
Houston 3, Chicago Cubs 2
Atlanta 4, Philadelphia 3
Los Angeles 4, San Francisco 2
Florida 3, Montreal 0
Pittsburgh 15, St. Louis 6
N.Y. Mets 8, Cincinnati 7
Colorado 6, Milwaukee 5
Arizona 7, San Diego 1

Sunday's Games
Cincinnati 9, N.Y. Mets 1
Atlanta 2, Philadelphia 1
St. Louis 8, Pittsburgh 4
Chicago Cubs 3, Houston 2
Colorado 6, Milwaukee 4
Florida 4, Montreal 0
San Diego 11, Arizona 9
San Francisco 6, Los Angeles 4

Monday's Games
Philadelphia (Person 4-5) at Chicago Cubs (Wood 8-5), 2:20 p.m.
Atlanta (Maddux 9-2) at Florida (Burnett 8-7), 7:05 p.m.
Montreal (Ohka 8-4) at N.Y. Mets (Trachsel 6-7), 7:10 p.m.
Pittsburgh (J.Anderson 7-10) at Cincinnati (Dempster 5-10), 7:10 p.m.
Milwaukee (Rusch 5-9) at Houston (Miller 6-3), 8:05 p.m.
Colorado (Hampton 5-11) at Arizona (Schilling 16-3), 10:05 p.m.
Los Angeles (Od.Perez 10-6) at San Diego (Lawrence 8-5), 10:05 p.m.
St. Louis (Simontacchi 7-1) at San Francisco (L.Hernandez 7-10), 10:15 p.m.

Tuesday's Games
Philadelphia (Padilla 10-6) at Chicago Cubs (Clement 8-6), 2:20 p.m.
Atlanta (Glavine 12-5) at Florida (Tavarez 7-6), 7:05 p.m.
Montreal (Colon 3-0) at N.Y. Mets (D'Amico 4-8), 7:10 p.m.
Pittsburgh (K.Wells 10-6) at Cincinnati (Haynes 10-6), 7:10 p.m.
Milwaukee (J.Wright 2-9) at Houston (Munro 1-0), 8:05 p.m.
Los Angeles (Ashby 7-8) at San Diego (Tomko 5-6), 10:05 p.m.
Colorado (Thomson 7-8) at Arizona (B.Anderson 5-7), 10:05 p.m.
St. Louis (Morris 11-6) at San Francisco (Schmidt 5-4), 10:15 p.m.

American League
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East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	62	36	.633	—
Boston	57	39	.594	4
Baltimore	47	49	.490	14
Toronto	42	55	.433	19½
Tampa Bay	30	66	.313	31

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Minnesota	59	41	.590	—
Chicago	46	54	.460	13
Cleveland	43	55	.439	15
Kansas City	43	55	.439	15
Detroit	35	62	.361	22½

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Seattle	60	39	.606	—
Anaheim	58	39	.598	1
Oakland	58	41	.586	2
Texas	41	57	.418	18½

Saturday's Games
N.Y. Yankees 9, Boston 8, 11 innings
Toronto 12, Tampa Bay 10
Kansas City 7, Cleveland 5, 1st game
Cleveland 5, Kansas City 3, 10 innings, 2nd game
Minnesota 14, Detroit 4
Baltimore 4, Chicago White Sox 3, 14 innings
Oakland 6, Texas 5
Anaheim 7, Seattle 6

Sunday's Games
Tampa Bay 7, Toronto 5
N.Y. Yankees 9, Boston 8
Chicago White Sox 8, Baltimore 7
Minnesota 4, Detroit 2
Kansas City 13, Cleveland 12, 10 innings
Texas 7, Oakland 3, 12 innings
Anaheim 7, Seattle 5

Monday's Games
Toronto (Halladay 11-4) at Baltimore (Johnson 3-7), 7:05 p.m.
Minnesota (Reed 7-5) at Chicago White Sox (Ritchie 5-13), 8:05 p.m.

Tuesday's Games
Tampa Bay (Sturtze 1-9) at Boston (Wakefield 3-3), 1:05 p.m., 1st game
Tampa Bay (P.Wilson 2-7) at Boston (Lowe 13-5), 7:05 p.m., 2nd game
Toronto (Carpenter 3-1) at Baltimore (Driskill 6-3), 7:05 p.m.
Kansas City (Suppan 8-7) at Detroit (Redman 5-9), 7:05 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Pettitte 4-3) at Cleveland (Baez 7-7), 7:05 p.m.
Minnesota (Santana 4-1) at Chicago White Sox (Buehrle 12-7), 8:05 p.m.
Texas (Valdes 5-7) at Seattle (Moyer 10-4), 10:05 p.m.
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With the stock market in a freefall, investors brace for another hard week

NEW YORK (AP) — With Wall Street on a nine-week losing streak and the stock market at its lowest level in years, investors were girding for more losses this week.

"I don't think we're bottomed out yet. I think we're still in for a long ride down," said Steve Hinkle, 50, a chemist in Bristol, Penn., who has stopped buying stocks out of concern that more declines are ahead. "The stock market is uneven and shaky. I think it's going to get worse."

He could be right. Although stocks were mixed in early trading today, most analysts doubted any gains would last. After the 390-point plunge Friday that took the Dow Jones industrials to its worst close in nearly four years, many market observers said a brief bounce higher on bargain hunting was the best the market could do — and more losses this week are still a strong possibility.

Analysts say lagging investor confidence, already battered after two years of losses in the market, is a key reason for much of the market's poor performance.

Investors have become increasingly disillusioned by the spate of accounting and corporate ethics scandals at companies ranging from Enron Corp. to WorldCom Inc. The market's sharp selloffs have brought the major stock gauges to below their post-Sept. 11 lows, and only increased investors' sense of helplessness.

As a result, many would-be buyers are no longer willing to take any chances and are avoiding stocks and mutual funds. Others are selling, and shifting their money to investments perceived as less risky, such as cash savings accounts or bonds.

Equity mutual funds lost $11.4 billion during the week ending July 17, the largest outflow this year, according to AMG Data Services. And a third of those surveyed in a CNN-Time poll released Sunday indicated recent declines in the stock market have caused them to consider delaying retirement.

Although a rebound was possible simply because of the magnitude of the market's losses last week — 665 points on the Dow, 54 points on the Nasdaq composite index and 73 points on the Standard & Poor's index — few analysts doubt it would last because the prospects for more bad news are significant. Indeed, late Sunday, embattled telecommunications company WorldCom filed for bankruptcy.

"We have more earnings reports coming out, and there's not a lot of optimism," said Bryan Piskorowski, market commentator at Prudential Securities. "Even though the market is very, very oversold here, there's not really a lot of reasons to buy."

The second-quarter earnings reports that have come out so far this month have given investors few reasons to believe an upturn will come anytime soon. Bellwether technology company Intel reported weaker-than-expected results this past week, while announcing more job cuts. Other companies issuing disappointing results included Caterpillar, Siebel Systems and Baxter International. More earnings reports are expected this week, including American Express and Texas Instruments.

At the same time, there have been more questions about corporate bookkeeping — this time at AOL Time Warner and DaimlerChrysler. Many analysts expect the issue to continue to pressure the market until at least mid-August, when the SEC has asked roughly 1,000 top CEOs to certify that their financial statements are accurate. If the process goes smoothly, some analysts say that could reassure the market. Any delays, however, might trigger more declines.

"There is a total lack of conviction in this marketplace, so we are going to remain weak and there is considerable risk for more selling," said Robert Froehlich, chief investment strategist for Deutsche Asset Management. "This is about emotion — the lack of confidence around accounting issues and corporate governance."

Expulsion...

Congressional weapon of last resort

WASHINGTON (AP) — The power to expel a seriously wayward member is a weapon of last resort given to both houses of Congress by the framers of the Constitution.

This week, the House may follow the unanimous recommendation of its ethics committee and use that weapon against Rep. James Traficant, D-Ohio, perhaps its most boisterous member.

That would make Traficant just the second House member to be expelled since the Civil War.

Despite his conviction by a federal jury on corruption charges, Traficant maintains his innocence and plans to run for re-election. He was found guilty in April of taking kickbacks from employees, encouraging the destruction of evidence, soliciting bribes and filing false income tax returns. Sentencing is set for July 30.

The list of expelled House members is short because many members in Traficant's position have chosen to resign. The nine-term congressman has made it clear that he will not go quietly. "I would not resign if my name was resign," he said.

Often shouting, sometimes vulgar, Traficant accused his accusers of lying under oath and contended he is the victim of a vendetta.

"I think they should be handcuffed, chained to a fence and flogged, and all their hearsay evidence should be thrown the hell out," he said after the committee's lawyers presented the case for his expulsion.

The House has used the expulsion power just four times in 200 years, although serious efforts to eject members were made in more than two dozen other cases.

Three of the four expulsions occurred in 1861 when the House unseated members accused of supporting the Confederacy at the outset of the Civil War.

The only expulsion from the House in the 20th century was the ouster in 1980 of Rep. Michael J. "Ozzie" Myers, D-Pa. He was accused of corruption stemming from the so-called Abscam scandal.

Abscam, short for Arab scam, was an FBI sting operation that resulted in several members of Congress being convicted of wrongdoing. Myers was one of five seen on videotape accepting cash or stock from agents dressed in Arab robes. Some resigned, some were defeated for re-election. Myers chose to fight it out.

In a four-hour debate, Myers called his videotaped performance "strictly playacting" and said he had been instructed what to do before the meetings.

But Rep. Charles Bennett, D-Fla., said: "We make our mistakes in life and we have to pay for those mistakes ..."

"I now know what it feels like to sit on death row," Myers said, shortly before the House voted 376-30 to expel him.

The House ethics panel last urged the expulsion of a member in 1988 when it recommended that Rep. Mario Biaggi, D-N.Y., be ejected. He resigned before the House vote.

As the record indicates, the framers of the Constitution did not intend to make easy work of expelling a duly elected legislator.

Debating the issue in August 1787, James Madison said expulsion was "too important to be exercised by a bare majority," which might use the power to rid itself of troublesome minority members.

The other delegates agreed, requiring a two-thirds vote.

Expulsion is not the only recourse. The House also can vote to censure or reprimand the conduct of its members or "exclude" those found not to meet constitutional standards for House membership.

Since the first exclusion case in 1789, 10 people have been denied seats after winning election in House districts.

Four were accused of disloyalty to the Union during the Civil War, one was said not to be a resident of the district in which he was elected and one, a Mormon, was accused of violating laws against polygamy.

Socialist Victor Berger of Wisconsin was twice excluded, in 1919 and 1920, for publishing anti-war statements.

Berger was re-elected both times. After the Supreme Court reversed his conviction, Berger was sent back to the House three more times and was seated each time.

The stormiest exclusion case in the 20th century occurred in 1967 when the House voted 307-116 to exclude Rep. Adam Clayton Powell, D-N.Y. The flamboyant congressman was trailed by a cloud of allegations.

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Ask Hollywood by Holly Wood

Was Stowe in 'Cowboy' with Travolta

Q: Recently, I saw a movie with Isabella Hofmann. Who is she, and where has she been? Also, was Madeleine Stowe the girl who starred in "Urban Cowboy" with John Travolta and Debra Winger? — **S.W., North Little Rock, Ark.**

A: Hofmann starred in "Homicide: Life on the Street" and, more recently, the 2001 film "Touched by a Killer." She has a son with Daniel Baldwin, whom she met on the set of "Homicide."

Stowe did not star in "Urban Cowboy." You're probably thinking of Madolyn Smith-Osbourne. But Stowe did star with Travolta in "The General's Daughter."

Q: Can you help me and my husband resolve an argument we've been having? He says that Linda Lavin played Alice on "Mel's Diner" and that Valerie Harper played Rhoda on "The Mary Tyler Moore Show." I say Harper played Alice and Lavin played Rhoda. Who is right? We have a $10 bet riding on this. Please help us. — **G.H., McRae, Ark.**

A: Your husband is sort of right. Harper played Rhoda on "The Mary Tyler Moore Show" (and later on the spinoff, "Rhoda"), and Lavin played Alice, but the show was called "Alice," not "Mel's Diner." You'll have to decide if the 10 bucks is worth nailing him on a technicality.

Q: Was there a movie or TV series called "The Rhinemann Exchange" back in the 1970s? If so, who starred in it? — **V.B., Porterville, Calif.**

A: Yes, there was. It was a miniseries that aired in 1977, and it starred Stephen Collins, Lauren Hutton, Claude Akins and Vince Edwards.

Q: Can you tell me whatever happened to John Kerr? He was quite a heartthrob in the 1950s or '60s, appearing as the young Navy lieutenant in "South Pacific" and the prep-school kid in "Tea and Sympathy." I believe he was a Harvard graduate, but after the above films, I don't know what became of him. Is he still living? Still acting? Was he in any other important movies? — **G.D., Waterloo, Iowa**

A: Kerr is still alive, but he is no longer acting. He appeared in a few more feature films and TV movies after "South Pacific," but nothing that got him as much notice as the two movies you mention. You're right: He did graduate from Harvard. He went on to get his law degree from UCLA, and he became a practicing attorney.

Q: I would like to know how to get in touch with Catherine Bell from "JAG." It think she is the most beautiful creature on Earth. I watch the show all the time, and I am no pervert, believe me. I would just like to write to her and tell her how fine she is. By the way, I am married with four children, seven grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. — **W.A., Slidell, La.**

A: Congratulations on your extended family, and I have no reason to think you're a pervert. You can write to Bell through United Paramount Network at 11800 Wilshire Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90025.

TRIVIA: Madeleine Stowe is married to actor Brian Benben, and they own a working cattle ranch in Texas.

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ExxonMobil		32.70	31.36	31.49—.91
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Lowes Cos		35.85	35.23	35.54—.49
Lubys		5.70	5.60	5.60—.07
LucentTech		2.17	1.94	2.08 + .08
MarathonOil		23.14	22.28	22.37—.43
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Medtronic		35.96	34.00	35.56—.62
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NCR Corp		31.38	29.86	30.04—1.03
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SprintPCS		5.20	4.66	5.02 + .16
Sunoco Inc		34.40	33.29	33.30—.51
TXU Corp		39.13	38.30	38.87 + .22
TempleInland		50.56	49.89	50.15—.20
Texind		26.20	25.70	25.70—.20
TexasInst		25.02	23.70	24.11—.74
Textron		37.85	36.49	37.75 + 1.32
TrinityInds		18.40	18.10	18.10—.01
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UnitedTech		63.15	61.21	62.27 + .63
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VerizonComm		32.95	27.98	28.01—4.49
WalMart		47.21	46.13	46.28—.22
WellsFargo		45.35	44.33	45.10 + .07
WstnGasRs		30.30	28.91	28.91—1.09
WinnDixie		15.25	14.85	15.15 + .21
Xerox Cp		6.20	5.61	6.00 + .21
YumBrands s		25.33	24.39	24.55—.21

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Iran may have organized bombing

NEW YORK (AP) — A secret deposition obtained by The New York Times asserts that Iran organized and carried out the bombing of a Jewish community center in Buenos Aires that killed 85 people in 1994.

The sealed testimony of a high-level defector from Iran's intelligence agency also alleges that Iran paid Carlos Saul Menem, Argentina's president at the time of the bombing, $10 million to deny Iran's involvement, the newspaper reported today.

The report comes ahead of a December primary ballot that will pick candidates for Argentina's presidential election next year.

Although officials considered a possible Iranian connection early in the investigation, Iran has repeatedly denied such charges and few leads have been reported in the years since.

Menem, still an influential figure in the Peronist party system, is considered a leading presidential contender who has promoted his ambitions for a third term. He governed Argentina from 1989 to 1999.

Menem's former chief of staff, now a key campaign adviser, denied the allegations in the report, calling them politically motivated.

"Every intelligence agency in the world had free passage in Argentina to investigate this case," Alberto Kohan told the newspaper. "We would all like to know who did it."

Eighty-five people were killed and more than 200 injured in the July 18, 1994, car bomb attack on the Jewish Community Cultural Center, one of two such attacks in Buenos Aires in the early 1990s. In March 1992, a blast destroyed the Israeli Embassy, killing 28 people. Jewish leaders have criticized authorities for failing to apprehend those responsible.

An Iranian defector to Germany identified as Abdolghassem Mesbahi asserts in a 100-page transcript of a secret deposition that planning for the attack on the community center was led and supervised by officials inside Iran's intelligence agency and its embassy in Buenos Aires.

Mesbahi alleges that Menem received a $10 million deposit into a numbered account to "make declarations that there was no evidence against Iran that it was responsible," the newspaper reported.

In his testimony, Mesbahi said Menem benefited for years from his ties to Iranian intelligence officials, the newspaper reported. They courted him because of his political power, Muslim ancestry and connections to Argentina's small but influential Syrian-Lebanese community, he said.

U.S. and South American authorities have long warned that the so-called "Triple Border" region, where Argentina, Brazil and Paraguay meet, could make an appealing harbor for terrorists because of its porous borders, its concentration of Arab-Muslim immigrants and lax passport controls.

Last year, the State Department warned in its annual report on global terrorism that the region — already known as South America's contraband capital — "remained a focal point for Islamic extremism in Latin America."

Oil well blaze continues burning

WARTBURG, Tenn. (AP) — Members of a Texas crew expect to extinguish a stubborn oil well fire today or Tuesday that made smoke visible for 30 miles in some directions.

The fire has been burning in Morgan County since Saturday morning, when crews attempting to clean up an oil leak from the well apparently started the blaze.

"We think it was sparks from a bulldozer trying to keep the oil out of a (nearby) creek," said Scott Gilbert of Highland Drilling of Kingston, Tenn., which owns the equipment on the well.

One minor injury was reported. A sheet of flames more than 100 feet high flickered against the sky Sunday while a boiling column of black smoke rose over the East Tennessee mountains.

More than 200 barrels of oil an hour has been shooting up from a hole in the ground seven inches in diameter, authorities said.

Specialists from a Houston-based company, Boots & Coots International Well Control Inc., were called to the scene to extinguish the fire and control the well today or Tuesday.

Bill Goodwin, president of the Tennessee Oil and Gas Association, said Sunday night that there is no danger of the fire spreading to other wells or the surrounding fields and forests.

Date Book

Monday, July 22, 2002

Today is the 203rd day of 2002 and the 32nd day of summer.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1893, in Colorado Springs, Colo., professor Katharine Lee Bates wrote the poem "America the Beautiful." Her inspiration was the sight of Pike's Peak.

On this day in 1933, aviator Wiley Post completed the first solo airplane flight around the world. The trip took him seven days, 18-3/4 hours.

On this day in 1978, a performance by the Royal Ballet was transmitted by satellite from London to New York City. It was the first ballet to be relayed by satellite.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Gregor Mendel (1822-1884), geneticist and monk; Emma Lazarus (1849-1887), poet; Edward Hopper (1882-1967), painter; Alexander Calder (1898-1976), sculptor; Bob Dole (1923-), U.S. senator, is 79; Margaret Whiting (1924-), singer, is 78; Albert Brooks (1947-), actor and director, is 55; Willem Dafoe (1955-), actor, is 47.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1963, Sonny Liston knocked out Floyd Patterson in the first round.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Irreverence is in my blood." — Bob Dole

TODAY'S MOON: Between first quarter (July 17) and full moon (July 24).

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Mother held in death of baby

INDUSTRY, Calif. (AP) — A mother has been arrested for investigation of killing her 4-month-old son, whose body was left in a car at a church parking lot for three days.

Roxanne Rodrigo, 23, allegedly left the infant, Christian, in the car for seven to eight hours Wednesday, said sheriff's Lt. Larry Lincoln.

The baby was dead when she returned, though she never reported it to anyone, Lincoln said.

On Saturday, Rodrigo was behaving bizarrely while at a carwash with friends, who called her father. When he arrived, Rodrigo said she had something to tell him, and led him to the car in the parking lot of a church in Hacienda Heights.

The baby was in the back seat, Lincoln said. The father then called police.

"He opened the back door and just broke down in tears," Beto Luna said. "Deputies were just patting him on the back."

The cause of the child's death was under investigation.

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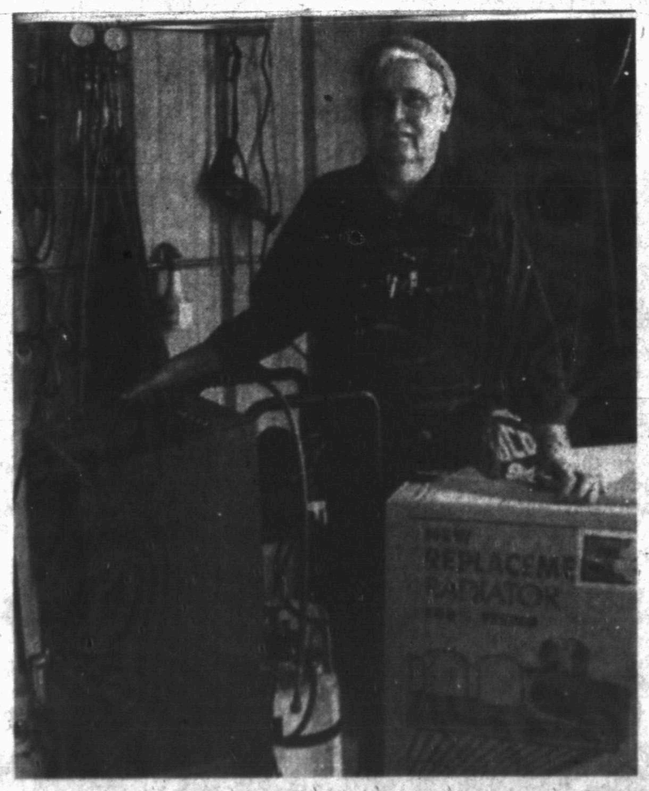

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Drought forces early sale of cattle

FORT PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — Leaning against a wall at the Fort Pierre Livestock Auction, third-generation rancher Bernie Lauing watches as pen after pen of young calves are steered into the auction ring and sold — two or three months ahead of time.

Summer usually is a slow time for cattle sales. But this summer, very little rain and day after day of searing heat have left about 70 percent of South Dakota's rangeland and pastures in poor condition. That means little for cattle to eat or drink, and it's prompting a huge sell-off from herds, mainly to buyers in states where drought isn't a problem.

So many cattle were trucked in for a recent sale at Fort Pierre that the auctit's a man's livelihood right there," Johnny Smith, a partner in the auction, says as he points to a batch of cows and calves awaiting sale. "God willing and a good banker, and he'll be back in business again someday."

Prices haven't been bad, although Lauing says he got $145 less for each calf because it was 160 pounds lighter than it would have been if sold this fall.

"It's amazing that prices are holding up as good as they are," he says.

Although the sale barn is fouled by the smell of sweaty cattle, the air-conditioned building offers farmers and ranchers relief from the searing heat. Men wait in the bleachers as jittery cattle are herded onto the sawdust-covered floor so buyers can get a good look at them. Sellers chat about the dry weather, lack of new grass and the stress on cattle, all the while keeping their ears tuned to the auctioneer's staccato cadence.

Cattle are the mainstay of South Dakota agriculture; normally accounting for about a third of the state's farm income.

Nearly 108,000 cattle were sold at the five largest markets in the western half of South Dakota during May and June, 82 percent above a year earlier, says Dr. Sam Holland, the state veterinarian.

Jerry Vogeler, executive director of the South Dakota Livestock Auction Markets Association, estimates as many as 500,000 of the state's 4 million cattle, or 12.5 percent, may be sold prematurely because of the deepening drought.

"It's gut-wrenching," he says. "It's beyond serious. It's critical."

Some ranchers are selling part of their breeding stock. The drought has forced others to liquidate entire herds, which is akin to selling all the machinery in a factory. Without machinery, there is no income and no business.

"It's a deal where only the tough and rough will survive," Smith says. "Drought makes you stop and figure your hold card."

Even if substantial rains fall soon, it's already too late for many ranchers. Still, many cling to the hope for moisture.

"You'll never see a cattleman who isn't optimistic or he wouldn't be in the business," Smith says.

Seated inside the Fort Pierre sale barn is Mickey Simons of White Owl, about 60 miles east of the Black Hills. The rancher, accompanied by his wife and three children, is selling all 170 of his 1-year-old cattle.

"We've got no grass, and our dams and wells are dry," says Simons, who has ranched for 20 years.

Those who sell more cattle this year will see their incomes rise, but their remaining herds will bring far less income next year, Simons says. He says he might have to sell even more of his herd if rain doesn't come soon.

"It's getting close to being too late," Simons says.

Bud Longbrake, 39, a national saddle-bronc champion who raises cattle in northwestern South Dakota near Dupree, says his ranch may run out of water for cattle before it runs out of grass.

"It's going to break a lot of ranchers," he says of the dry spell. "No ifs, ands or buts."

The lack of water for his cattle is particularly troublesome.

"But it will rain someday," he says. "It always does. All it takes is one good rain, and everybody will be hootin' and hollerin'."

Mary Kay convention brings some 50,000 people to Dallas

DALLAS (AP) — With perfectly styled hair and manicures, thousands of diamond-clad Mary Kay sales representatives gathered in Dallas for their annual convention, the first since the death of their inspirational leader and founder.

About 50,000 women from around the world were expected for "Seminar," which started Thursday and ends Aug. 3. Nearly 10,000 of the beauty consultants will attend each of the five meetings.

Mary Kay Ash, whose pink Cadillacs and business savvy made her famous, died in November at age 83. But as the day began Saturday, an enthusiastic crowd filled an auditorium at the Dallas Convention Center to watch a message from Ash taped in 1994.

"You have made my dream for women come true," said Ash, who wore a bright red suit with matching lipstick and nail polish. Music began at the end of the speech, which was filled with advice like "Remember that anything in this world you can have if you want it bad enough."

Ash, who had a stroke in 1996 that disabled her ability to speak and write, had not attended a convention since 1995. She made an appearance in 1997, a Mary Kay official said.

"This company was always concerned about the eventuality of her passing," said Tom Whatley, president of global sales and marketing. He said the decline of her health gave the group time to get used to the idea carrying on without their founder. Ash's son, Richard Rogers, is the chairman and chief executive officer.

"One of the tenets of our corporate strategy is to amplify her soul through everything we do," said Whatley, who like many others wore an oval-shaped picture of Ash on his lapel.

Mary Kay Inc., which has a sales force of 600,000 in the United States and 350,000 internationally, had more than $2.8 billion in retail sales last year. The convention is held partly to acknowledge the achievements of the sales force with such gifts as diamonds and trips.

Whatley said Ash had a clever response for anyone who might poke fun at the company, known for its practice of awarding pink Cadillacs to salespeople. Whatley said she would ask, "Tell me, what color Cadillac does your company give you?"

Mary Kay isn't afraid of change, though. The well-known light pink cosmetics containers are being phased out to make way for platinum and gold containers, said Diana Gold, manager of global corporate communications.

After earning a college degree and working for a year, 33-year-old Keita Powell Nelson of Bowie, Md., decided to follow her mother's footsteps selling the cosmetics and skin care. It's now her full-time job.

"I mean, to get diamond rings like this for your hard work," said the heavily bejeweled Nelson.

The meeting Saturday included a drawing for one of Ash's purses, choreographed song-and-dance numbers, and talks from top sellers.

Sisters Monique Todd and Lise Clark were among those making their debut as independent national sales directors, the top spots on the Mary Kay career ladder.

Clark, 44, was in her 20s when she embraced a career with Mary Kay. The former beauty pageant contestant who lives in Englewood, Colo., had been trying to make ends meet in Los Angeles with three jobs. She eventually helped persuade her skeptical sister to join Mary Kay, and they both earned six-figure incomes last year.

"We became women in Mary Kay," said Todd, 41, of Colorado Springs, Colo.

Clark said Ash had been preparing the company for the time when she would no longer be with them.

"We hold in our heart her dreams and visions," Clark said.

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Tuesday, July 23, 2002

Those things you thought of as being of considerable importance to you last year may get relegated to the rear ranks in the year ahead. Old targets will be replaced with more exciting and potentially profitable ones.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — It's nice to be a good guy or gal, but be careful today that you don't do so to the point where you are handling so much for others that you neglect your own affairs. Keep everything in balance. Trying to patch up a broken romance? The Astro-Graph Matchmaker can help you understand what to do to make the relationship work. Mail $2.75 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 167, Wickliffe, OH 44092.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Be on guard today not to become so enraptured by someone that you get involved too quickly or too intensely. This person may not be all s/he appears to be on the surface.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Depending on Lady Luck to bail you out today would be a big mistake. In fact, at the time you need her most, she more than likely will be cavorting elsewhere. You're on your own.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — In order to assuage your ego today, you may pretend to be knowledgeable about something you're not. Should you be asked to prove yourself, complications are likely to develop.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Should you team up today with associates who are careless or extravagant about financial factors, you could be asked to ante up for their irresponsible errors.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Great care and skill must be applied toward all agreements or negotiations you enter into today. Future misunderstandings could arise if basic ground rules aren't followed.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — You will not get away with failing to do what you promised for another and then lying about it. Be careful not to ruin your creditability.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — It will be important today to be extremely mindful of what you do or what you say when in a social setting. Someone may misread your intentions and draw you into a scene.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Be careful that impulsiveness or restlessness on your part today does not become a precursor for unsound reasoning. This could cause you to make changes to things that are presently running smoothly.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — If you are desirous of making an impact with your associates today, underplay your triumphs and be humble. Any embellishment of your achievements will make you look bad.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — The aspects are a bit tricky today, so don't count your chickens before they are hatched, especially where money is concerned. Anticipated funds aren't the same as having them in the bank.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Usually you're pretty sharp at discerning between phony flattery and genuine compliments, but today you could let your guard down and be manipulated by a true master.

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Ranch ready to rebuild following fire

DALLAS (AP) — Business is getting back to normal at a North Texas ranch where a raging fire killed eight horses and destroyed four wooden barns last year.

The Wagon Wheel Ranch is awaiting approval from the city of Grapevine to build a new structure to replace the nearly century-old barns that were burned.

"The fire was a huge blow to morale," said Kim Brunson, barn manager and head riding instructor at the family owned ranch. "But at the same time, we got so busy working together to fix everything up again, it's like we were going through a healing process as we did all of that."

Fire officials never determined the cause of the fire.

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.

Does male menopause exist?

DEAR DR. GOTT: What can you tell me about male menopause? Does the syndrome cause men to leave their families, search for new partners or engage in unhealthful sexual activity?

DEAR READER: As men age, they gradually produce less of the male hormone testosterone. This can lead to hot flashes, diminished sexual interest or ability, emotional ups-and-downs, depression and fear of growing older. Men vary considerably in their reactions to decreasing testosterone. Some individuals suffer very few effects, while other men appear to be quite undone by the changes taking place within them. They tend to over-compensate and return to a seemingly adolescent level, sometimes called the "mid-life crisis."

In past years, the medical profession blamed "male menopause" for these attitudinal and behavioral alterations. Treatment consisted of nothing (in most cases), hormone injections (in some) and counseling (in others).

Today, there is serious doubt among experts as to whether male menopause really exists. The bottom line is that it probably doesn't. But how, then, can the mid-life crisis be explained?

No one knows. The reality is that irrespective of hormone levels, many men in their 40s and 50s are attracted to alternative lifestyles. They may search out eager, younger companions to make the men themselves feel younger and more desirable. They often discard careers, undergo personality changes, yearn for new and exciting experiences and become more interested in sexual experimentation. Obviously, these changes can fracture a marriage and devastate a family. Hormones are probably not to blame. I believe that a significant factor is panic — about growing older and becoming less "a man" — boredom, familiarity, and dissatisfaction with the status quo.

Such men have confided to me that they want to feel alive, vibrant and engaging again. They have become tired of the mere predictability of their lives.

Because this is a family newspaper, I had to edit your letter extensively. You mentioned a concern that your husband has let his hair grow, wears a necklace and wishes to engage in a not-so-complicated tryst with you and your sister. This profile indicates to me that he is desperately searching for vitalizing experiences and some sort of meaning to his life. He could probably profit from some counseling, but — if he fits the pattern — that's probably out of the question.

If I were you, I'd seek advice from a marriage counselor. At this point, your primary responsibility is to yourself and your children. You need to put your proverbial ducks in a row by protecting your self-esteem and learning ways to handle an extraordinarily difficult situation.

In short, take care of yourself and the family, suggest crisis-intervention for your husband, and don't blame male menopause.

DEAR DR. GOTT: Did you really mean that 100 to 150 milligrams of Benadryl is a safe way to treat insomnia?

DEAR READER: Yes, I did. Benadryl, an antihistamine that causes sleepiness, is one of the safest medicines on the market. I once injected 1000 mg intravenously into a patient with a profound allergic reaction; he did fine, without any significant side effects whatsoever.

My usual recommendation is 100 mg at bedtime, followed by another 50 mg later if needed.

To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Sleep/Wake Disorders." Other readers who would like a copy should send $2 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to Newsletter, P.O. Box 167, Wickliffe, OH 44092-0167. Please be sure to mention the title.

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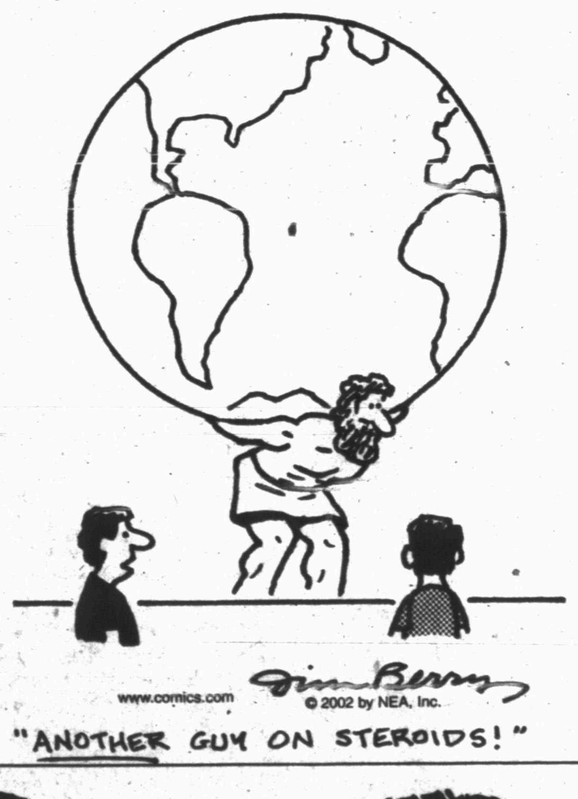

Oil Patch News

Garza County

Shenandoah Petroleum will drill the No. 121 Lott Trust in the Lazy JL field, 14 miles south of Post. Planned for a depth of 6,200 feet, location is in Section 21, Block 1, Jasper Hays survey.

Three R Oil Company has completed the No. 2-20 Post-Montgomery in the H& field, eight miles northeast of Post. The well was completed to produce four barrels of oil and 179 barrels of water. Perforations were from 3,403-408 feet, and location is in Section 20, Block 4, K. Aycock survey.

Fisher County

Sinclair Oil Corp. will drill the No. 1 Ballenger in the Rough Ride field, 11 miles southwest of Roby. Planned for a depth of 6,350 feet, location is in Section 56, Block Y, T&P survey.

Sinclair Oil has completed the No. 1 T.L. Dickerson in the Rough Ride field, 11 miles southwest of Roby. The well was finaled to produce 71 barrels of oil and 35 barrels of water. Perforations were from 6,072-084 feet, and location is in Section 56, Block Y, T&P survey.

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THE SNYDER DAILY NEWS

Death penalty eyed in kidnap-murder

STANTON, Calif. (AP) — A prosecutor said he would meet with the family of 5-year-old Samantha Runnion and attorneys for the man arrested in her killing before deciding whether to seek the death penalty against him.

Alejandro Avila, 27, faces charges of abducting, sexually assaulting and strangling the girl, the Orange County prosecutor's office said. Avila is scheduled to be arraigned today.

Orange County District Attorney Tony Rackackaus said Sunday he would meet with the girl's family and defense attorneys before making the death penalty decision.

"After I review what they have to say with my staff and also review the evidence, then I'll decide whether or not to pursue the death penalty," Rackackaus said on NBC's "Today" show.

Avila's mother, Adelina Avila, told ABC's "Good Morning America" today that she talked with her son before his arrest about the brutality of the killing and how the person who murdered Samantha should suffer in kind.

She said she and her son were watching television reports "when they said that they found the little girl and what they did to her and I just made a comment.

"I said they should get that person and tie him up alive and burn him."

"And then he said, 'What about the electric chair?' And I said no because he's not going to suffer that much."

Choking back tears, she added, "If my son is found guilty and sentenced to the death penalty I could forgive him but it would be hard."

The girl's mother, Erin Runnion, broke a long silence late Saturday night and met with well-wishers in the courtyard outside her home, where they have left flowers, candles, cards and toys.

Israel prepared to withdraw from Bethlehem and Hebron

JERUSALEM (AP) — Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres said today that the army was prepared to withdraw from two West Bank towns occupied for more than a month as long as Palestinian security forces were ready to take over and prevent attacks against Israel.

The Palestinians demanded a full withdrawal from all seven towns and cities Israel has occupied, as well as a full repayment of tax revenues Israel has withheld for much of the nearly 22 months of fighting.

In violence today, two Palestinian militants were shot and killed by Israeli soldiers when they tried to attack a Jewish settlement in the southern Gaza Strip, the army said. Two soldiers were lightly injured in a clash, the army said. The militant Islamic Jihad claimed responsibility for the attack in announcements at Gaza mosques and in a fax sent to The Associated Press in Beirut.

Also, Israeli police reopened the university offices of the leading Palestinian official in Jerusalem, Sari Nusseibeh. Police closed his office two weeks ago, alleging that Nusseibeh, the president of Al Quds University, had violated peace accords by engaging in Palestinian political activity in Jerusalem.

Nusseibeh, who is also the chief representative of the Palestine Liberation Organization in Jerusalem, said he signed a document today agreeing not use the premises for political activity. However, he said he'd conduct his PLO activity elsewhere.

The Palestinians want east Jerusalem for the capital of a future state, while Israel claims sovereignty over the entire city.

Peres confirmed Palestinian reports that Israel has offered to withdraw from the West Bank towns of Hebron and Bethlehem if Palestinian security takes control.

"We really want to get out of there as soon as (Palestinian) security is deployed," Peres told Israel Radio.

Asked if he was confirming reports that the army would withdraw from towns, Peres said "Yes, there are towns that are more quiet than others; Hebron, Bethlehem and Jericho." He did not say when a withdrawal might take place.

Israeli troops moved into seven of the eight major Palestinian cities and towns in the West Bank after two suicide bomb attacks in Jerusalem more than a month ago.

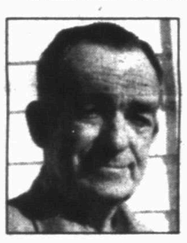
Obituaries

Melvin Lee

1924-2002

Melvin S. Lee, a life-long resident of Scurry County, died Saturday, July 20, in Cogdell Memorial Hospital after a brief illness.

Funeral service for Mr. Lee, 78, is set for 10 a.m. Tuesday in the Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home Chapel. The Rev. Miller Robinson, retired Baptist minister, will officiate. Burial will follow in Hillside Memorial Gardens.



Melvin Lee

Born Jan. 26, 1924 in Scurry County, he was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II and married LaVerne Middleton on Feb. 26, 1950 in Snyder.

Mr. Lee worked in sales most of his life, first for Baldridge Bread Company and then for Borden Milk, selling both wholesale and retail. He then owned and operated Cash Food Market, selling that business in the early 1970s. Mr. Lee then was an automobile salesman at Snyder Motor Company and for Howard Gray Motors, the Oldsmobile, Buick, Pontiac and Cadillac dealerships in Snyder. Mr. Lee was a member of the Colonial Hill Baptist Church.

A brother, Elton Charles Lee, and a sister, Dalphine Hardee, preceded him in death.

Survivors include his wife, LaVerne Lee of Snyder; a son and daughter-in-law, Steve and Carlene Lee of Snyder; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Opal and Jerry Watson of Waco and Billie Mae and Vince Hernandez of Albuquerque; three brothers and two sisters-in-law, J.B. Lee of Snyder, DeWayne and Letha Lee of Rotan and Eschol and Helen Lee of Waco; and two grandchildren, Staci and Cody Lee, both of Snyder.

Frank Gaston

1926-2002

LUBBOCK — Frank Gaston, a native of Scurry County, died Friday, July 19.

Graveside service for Mr. Gaston, 75, was set for 11 a.m. today in the Resthaven Memorial Park with Colquitt Nash officiating.

Born Dec. 12, 1926 in Snyder, he was a 1944 graduate of Lubbock High School. He then attended Texas Tech and earned his law degree from the University of Texas in 1954. He was a U.S. Marine Corp veteran of World War II.

He married Dorothy Wynn on Sept. 5, 1953 in Lubbock and had been a resident of Plainview since 1954. He served as Hale County attorney and also as district attorney. For the past 36 years, Mr. Gaston had been in private practice. He was a member of the Columbia Street Church of Christ in Plainview.

Survivors include his wife, Dorothy Gaston of Plainview; and a brother, Mel Gaston of Plainview.

Deputies investigate cattle theft

Stolen livestock

LaWayne Fagan requested deputies just after 4 p.m. Saturday in reference to 65 head of cattle missing from the Ennis Creek Ranch and Johnson Ranch. Deputies filed an offense report for felony theft.

Arrests

Police arrested a 57-year-old man at 8:30 a.m. Sunday in the 3100 block of 39th Street on city warrants for no driver's license and failure to appear.

At 8:40 a.m. Sunday, officers placed a 22-year-old man in custody in the intersection of 38th Street and College on two city warrants for bail jumping and one for public intoxication.

Police arrested a 42-year-old man in the 1300 block of 26th Street at 9:30 a.m. Sunday on a Taylor County warrant for misdemeanor theft by check.

A 32-year-old woman was arrested in the 1300 block of 26th Street just before 11:30 a.m. Sunday on city warrants for dog at large and failure to appear.

Burglaries

Just before 4 p.m. Sunday, Christy Miller reported a cell phone stolen from her vehicle in the 3000 block of Avenue U.

Jason Hernandez reported at 6:52 p.m. Sunday his vehicle had been broken into in the 600 block of 34th Street.

Brenda Vera requested officers at 1 p.m. Saturday regarding several undisclosed items being taken from her residence.

Domestic violence

A woman requested police Sunday night in reference to her juvenile daughter being assaulted by her boyfriend. An offense report for date violence was submitted.

A woman reported her niece being assaulted by her husband Sunday morning, but she did not wish to file a report.

Accidents

Cindy Garcia reported hitting a deer near Pyron Cemetery at 8:48 p.m. Saturday.

Police responded to a two-vehicle mishap at the intersection of College Avenue and 25th Street at 12:57 p.m. Sunday. Involved were a 1992 Chevrolet driven by Tony Rogers, 20, of 860 S. CR 221 and a 2001 Chevrolet pickup driven by William Umphress, 19, of 6450 FM 1606 in Ira.

Gas drive off

At 3:39 p.m. Sunday, a clerk with Town and Country east reported a gas drive off worth $10.

Births

Marivel and Gabino Martinez of Snyder announce the birth of their son, Jacob Xavier Martinez, at 8:49 p.m. on July 19 in Cogdell Memorial Hospital. He weighed seven pounds, five ounces.

Paternal grandparents are Olga and Rogelio Martinez of Snyder and maternal grandparents are Dora and Juan Martinez of Snyder.

Damian Robert Maresch was born to Robin Maresch at 1:49 a.m. on July 20 in Cogdell Memorial Hospital. Damian weighed seven pounds, two ounces.

Paternal grandparents are Robert and Pam Holden of Ira and maternal grandparents are Pamela and Myron Maresch of Snyder.

events

WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

Museum exhibit

A special exhibit of Harley-Davidson, Indian motorcycles and Cushman motor scooters continues through Aug. 22 at the Scurry County Museum on the Western Texas College campus. The free exhibit is entitled Ready To Roll and all bikes are owned by residents of Scurry County.

Medical fund

A medical fund has been established for James Weldon Buchanan at American State Bank to help with cancer treatment expenses. The account name is James Weldon Buchanan Medical Fund, #4802659.

Adventures with Paul VBS

Adventures with Paul Vacation Bible School is underway from 9 a.m. until noon through Wednesday at 37th St. Church of Christ. It is for ages two years through the sixth grade. For more information, call 573-0154.

Bible study tapes

Bible videos air each week on Channel 2. To be shown at 7 this evening is "The Second Coming of Jesus," followed by "In Remembrance of Me."

Gateway Family Services

Gateway Family Services has a parenting discussion group from 10:30-11:30 a.m. every Tuesday, focusing on parenting issues and special challenges. The family violence support group also meets from 6:30-7:30 p.m. every Tuesday.

GED testing

Mandatory pre-registration for the GED tests is 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday on the WTC campus. Testing begins at 8 a.m. Friday. Call 573-2919, or 573-8511, ext. 297, or 574-2112.

FBC services televised

First Baptist Church services are televised on channel 2 at 3 p.m. each Thursday.

Discovery School garage sale

Discovery School will have a garage sale Friday from 9 a.m. until noon, and 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the youth center (old Lone Star Gas building) at 27th St. and Ave. R. If you have anything you would like to donate, bring it by the Discovery School office or call 573-4770.

Cheerleader fundraiser

SHS freshmen cheerleaders will be selling Krispy Kreme donuts from 7 to 11 a.m. Monday, Aug. 5, at Wal-Mart.

Head Start registration

Head Start registration will be held Aug. 5-9 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Children must be at least three years old and family must meet income guidelines or child must have a diagnosed disability. Birth certificate, current immunization records, Social Security Card and proof of family income are required. For information, call 573-7403.

Fall poetry contest

Mesquite Country Writers Guild is accepting entries for its fall poetry contest. Theme is open and there is a 20-line limit. Deadline is Aug. 15 and entry fee is $2. First prize is $50, second is $30 and third is $20. Mail entries to Yvonne Nunn, 9221 S. State Hwy 208 in Hermleigh, 79526.

Sonshine School registration

Sonshine School for ages two through five, is underway and informational packets are available at 37th Street Church of Christ office weekdays from 8:30 a.m. until noon, and from 1-4:30 p.m. Registration fee is $30 and monthly tuition is $45. Open house and registration is 9 a.m. Aug. 15. Call 574-1960 for more information.

FBC support groups

Support groups dealing with divorce, death, cancer or caring for elderly parents meet at 6:30 p.m. the second Thursday of each month at the First Baptist Church educational building. A special group for students facing these problems is held at the same time.

Cancer treatment transportation

Transportation for cancer patients to Lubbock, Abilene or Midland is available free of charge. Call Sammie Jarrell at 573-5993 or Blakey Fargason at 574-8041. If not home, leave message on answering machine.

Calling all poets

The Mesquite Country Writers Guild is inviting poets to send an original poem to be published in the fall newsletter, "Bards of a Feather." Theme is open with a 20-line limit. Mail entries to Yvonne Nunn, 9221 S. Hwy 208 in Hermleigh, 79526.

Senate Armed Services chairman advises caution on U.S. attacking Iraq

WASHINGTON (AP) — The chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee supports President Bush's determination that Iraqi President Saddam Hussein must go, but he is advising caution.

"We want Saddam to go, obviously, but before there's any kind of an attack, there's got to be a reason for it," Sen. Carl Levin, D-Mich., said Sunday.

A reason, he said, would be either proof that Saddam had a hand in the Sept. 11 attacks or that he was on the verge of using a chemical, biological or nuclear weapon.

And, Levin said, the Bush administration might consider that Saddam "might not use a weapon of mass destruction if we don't attack him."

"As a matter of fact, the intelligence community, I think for the most part, thinks he would not initiate it, because it would lead to his own destruction. And he loves himself more than he hates us," Levin said on CNN's "Late Edition."

"His own survival is first and foremost in his mind."

Another key lawmaker who advocates getting rid of Saddam, Sen. Joseph Biden, D-Del., said he plans hearings by his Foreign Relations Committee to assess the threat level and what should follow any military action.

Biden said he plans to bring in expert witnesses "to lay out the question of 'What is the nature of the threat? How immediate is the threat? What's the threat of inaction?"

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