School bells being tuned and polished

New students register Tuesday at Snyder High School

It seems like the last day of school was only yesterday, but it is almost time to start the new school year.

New student registration at Snyder High School will be Tuesday from 8:30-11:30 a.m. and from 1:30-4 p.m.

Ninth grade and new student orientation will be Wednesday at 1:30 p.m., said Debbie Phillips, SHS counselor.

Registration in all five elementary schools will be conducted Thursday from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. at the respective campuses.

This registration time applies to all pupils from pre-K through the sixth grade.

Pre-kindergarten students will register at Stanfield and Northeast elementaries, while bilingual pre-K and bi-lingual kindergarten will register at Central Elementary.

Students in regular kindergarten and regular first grade will register at the campus of their school attendance zone.

Bilingual first grade will register at Central, as well.

Second grade students will register at Stanfield Elementary, while third graders will register at Central.

Fourth grade students will hold registration at East Elementary, while fifth graders will register at Northeast Elementary.

Sixth graders will register at West Elementary.

To be eligible in a pre-kindergarten class, a child must be four years of age as of Sept. 1, and must be unable to speak and comprehend the English language, or from a family whose income is at, or below, subsistence level.

To be eligible for enrollment into kindergarten, a child must be five years of age on, or before Sept. 1. To enroll in the first grade, students must be six years of age on or before Sept. 1. Registration times for students whose last names begin with A-D are from 8-9 a.m., while students with last names beginning with E-H is from 9-10 a.m.

I-L students will register from 10-11 a.m., and M-P students will register from 11 a.m. until noon.

Students whose last names begin with Q-T will register from 1-2 p.m., and U-W last names will register from 2-3 p.m.

X-Z students will register from 3-4 p.m.

School officials are requesting parents follow the above schedule to avoid unnecessary waiting during registration.

All students who are entering Snyder schools for the first time must bring a birth certificate, social security card and a record of immunization.

If parents are going to be out of town on Thursday, they are urged to register their children earlier.

All elementary students must officially register and be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian.

High school students and junior high students who attended school in Snyder last year are pre-registered and do not have to register again.

Junior high students new to Snyder will register between Monday and Aug. 11.

The first day of school in Snyder will be Aug. 14.

In preparation for the start of school, SHS band director Donnie Reston has set meetings for band members beginning on July 31.

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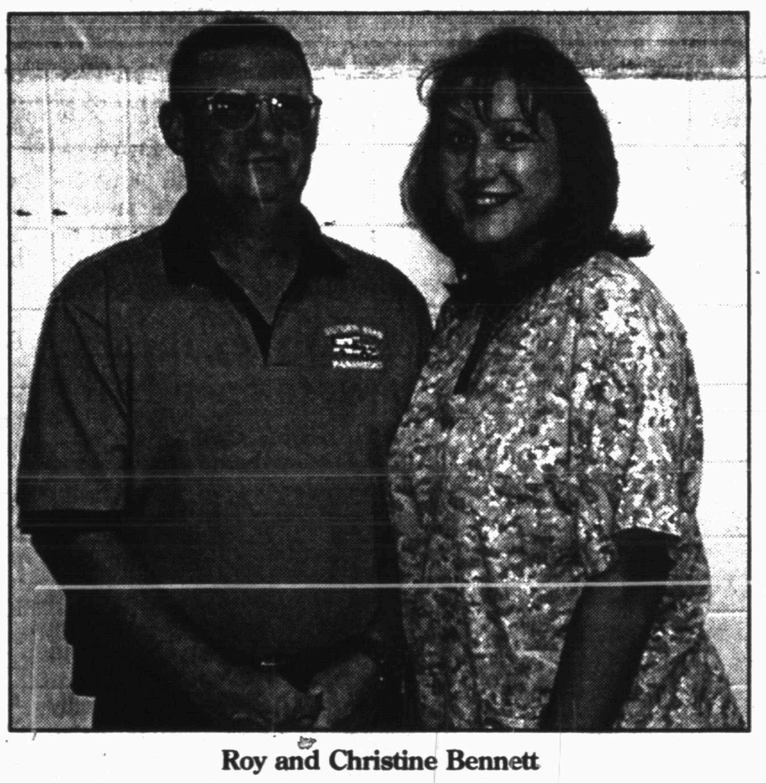
Home Of Bryan Huddleston

Couple tries to get away from work, but can't; man says, 'thank goodness'

By Joyce May
Staff Writer

It was not exactly the way Roy and Christine Bennett expected to begin their cruise to the Bahamas.

The couple had planned the getaway to do just that — get away from the stresses of their medical-related careers. Both are LVNs and Roy is also a paramedic. He works full time for Snyder EMS and on an as-need basis for Cogdell Memorial Hospital while Christine works full time at the hospital.



Roy and Christine Bennett

The eventful start to their June vacation began just down the road at the Lubbock International Airport where the two were waiting on a delayed flight.

"The plane was supposed to leave at 5:30 a.m., but they cancelled that one until 8:30 a.m.," Roy said. "So we were just sitting there."

Christine said she was looking around when an elderly couple about 20 feet from where they were sitting happened to catch her eye. She said she noticed the woman was hovering over the man, touching his face and calling his name as if she was trying to awaken him. The man's back was turned to her, so she couldn't see him clearly.

"I could tell something wasn't right with her husband," she said.

She also noticed that another man had come up to the couple and then ran away. Christine then suggested Roy go over and see what was happening.

"Christine told me he didn't look right, so I walked over there," Roy said. "I ask that lady, 'Ma'am, is he okay?' She said, 'I don't think so.'"

Roy said the man, who is 78, was gray-colored and covered in sweat. "He was sitting in the chair slumped over. He wasn't breathing and I checked his neck. He didn't have a pulse."

Christine, knowing for sure at this point that something was wrong, started heading that way as Roy went into action to begin CPR on the man.

"Roy had this horrible look on his face," she recalled. "He put the man on the ground and did mouth-to-mouth."

The couple worked together, Roy doing the breathing and Christine doing chest compressions, until the man was revived. Meanwhile, the paramedics had been called.

"They were there within 10 minutes, but it seemed like a lot longer," Roy said. "But the man had a pulse and was breathing by the time the paramedics got there."

The couple said the man also had his spirit back.

"He wanted to go ahead and leave on the plane, but his wife said, 'no way.'"

The Bennetts said this is the first time anything of this nature has occurred away from work.

"We've been nurses for 12 years and that's the first time anything out of the hospital has happened to us," Christine said.

The couple learned that the man had known cardiac problems.

"His wife said this was the second time it had happened to him," Roy said.

Christine said it was amazing that she even noticed the couple since they were sitting at a distance with their backs to her.

"It was odd that I even noticed or paid attention to them," she said. "It was meant for us to be there."

Other than that, the couple said their vacation went well.

"We thought it was a heck of a start, but everything after that was pretty cool," Christine said.

The Bennett's experience highlights the importance of everyone learning life support techniques.

Cogdell Memorial Hospital will be offering to the public a basic life support course and a pediatric CPR course on Aug. 19.

The basic life support course will be from 9 a.m. to noon on that Saturday at a cost of $5 while the infant/child portion will be held from 1 to 4 p.m. at a cost of $10.

Attendants do not have to pay until the day of the course, but they are asked to pre-register.

To reserve a spot in either or both classes or for more information, contact Wilma Dillard at 574-7467.

Write-in is the only hope for GOP in Pct. 1

The Scurry County Republican Party will not be able to name a replacement for Ray Courtney, candidate for Precinct 1 Commissioner, who withdrew Tuesday and announced that he was moving from the county.

"The secretary of state's office did call back and we won't be able to replace Ray on the ballot," Drew Bullard, Scurry County GOP chairman, said.

Bullard said the only way the party could name a replacement would be if Courtney withdrew due to a major illness.

"When he just withdraws you can't replace him with someone else," he said.

Courtney was challenging Democrat incumbent Ralph Trevey for the post.

"Ray is a really good candidate, but I guess he got an offer he couldn't refuse. That's the way it goes sometimes," Bullard said.

Courtney announced Tuesday that he is selling his home and ranch and is moving from the county.

"This all happened in the last 2 ½ days," Courtney said Tuesday afternoon. "We signed the papers at noon and we have to be out by Aug. 22 for the new occupants to move in."

"I really hate it that I have to withdraw because I think I would have done well," he said.

Courtney is the second Republican to withdraw from the race as Carl Burleson formally withdrew his name after finding he could not draw retirement benefits from 23 years at Cogdell Memorial Hospital if he had been elected commissioner as he would still be an employee of the county.

Cogdell board conducts two interviews, more set

Cogdell Memorial Hospital board of managers have interviewed two candidates for the chief executive officer's post, and three more are expected to be interviewed this week.

"Depending on how these interviews go, we may or may not schedule more interviews," said board president Jim Bob Cave.

"I was impressed with the first two candidates," said Cave.

The hospital administrator's position will officially become vacant on July 31 when the resignation of Jeff Reecer becomes official.

The board will meet in executive session beginning at 1 p.m. Wednesday to interview the three candidates.

Thursday morning, the board will hold its regular board meeting and will then hold another closed session at the conclusion of the meeting.

"I expect at this meeting we will decide if we need to interview other candidates, or go with someone we have already talked with," said Cave.

Reecer was actually an employee of Covenant Healthcare Systems, and Cave said he did not know if the new administrator would be an employee of that firm or not.

"Either way, he'll report directly to the Cogdell board," said Cave.

On the board's agenda Thursday is the approval of the new contract with Covenant. The board has been operating on a month-to-month contract for several months with the Lubbock healthcare system.

"The new contract is basically a black-and-white management contract," said Cave. "Both parties have a 30-day out and there is no money involved as far as profit and loss to be paid by either of us."

The previous contact called for Covenant to share both in profits and loss at the local hospital.

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "The human race has been able to improve everything but itself."

It's called marketing, a way to get consumers interested in the product.

Now, marketing is getting into religious circles as well.

A church in Bryan is actually paying people to attend its services. According to a wire story, it works like this:

Every Sunday morning the Rev. Rick Sebastian cruises around the missions, cheap motels and housing projects in the Bryan and College Station area in a big blue bus.

Emblazoned on the bus is this sign: "We will pay you $10 to come to church on our bus."

The preacher admits that the message is a gimmick, but feels strongly – and sincerely – about his cause.

"It gets them into church, and if we can get them into church where they can hear the word of God, their lives can be changed."

The congregation has a choir that is made up of his wife and two other women. They're backed up by the church orchestra composed of a youth minister on the guitar and one drummer.

He got the pay-to-pray idea while preaching in Florida. Back then, the reward was only five bucks. Some folks have been skeptical, but the preacher counters that many churches spend a lot of money advertising, and giving the downtrodden $10 simply meets certain needs.

And the bus is air conditioned.

That may lead to an even better incentive on these triple digit summer days.

One can just imagine the nifty advertising slogans or even sermon topics that could be developed comparing the heat to the place of fire and brimstone.

"You just think it's hot here."

Or some church could swell its attendance by bragging on the new air conditioning system. "Our preacher is long-winded. But that means you get to remain in the constant, 68-degree sanctuary just that much longer."

Or, "We have the coldest hands, but the warmest hearts."

And after dinner on the grounds, one can return home and try a scientific experiment.

We have heard for years that hot water freezes faster than cold water. Simple logic, however, would refute that claim since "hot" water must first reach the temperature of "cold" water before it turns into ice.

And if you try this experiment at home, be sure to do it indoors – with the cooler turned down low.

ASK US

Q—Are there any Bealls stores in this area that are going to be closed?

A—The Haskell store, as well as one in Odessa.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Friday, 98 degrees; low, 71; 7 a.m. Saturday, 72; no precipitation; total for 2000, 14.77 inches.

Area Forecast: Saturday night, partly cloudy. Low, mid 70s. SE wind 5-15 mph. Sunday, partly cloudy, 20% storms chance, high, mid to upper 90s, SE wind 10-20 mph.



Britney Webb
Partly Cloudy

Sunset:
8:46 p.m.
Sunrise:
6:56 a.m.

Of 203 days in 2000, the sun has shone 200 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

What you declare, you will achieve.

Texas town amazed at help offered to end water woes

THROCKMORTON (AP) — The afternoon sun beats down and crickets leap each time 68-year-old Don Peck takes a step along the length of a 4-foot-deep trench dug into the parched landscape. He knows the crew he's been working with for days has 7 miles of pipe down and another 14 miles to go before reaching what everybody has been waiting for — water.

This burned up, cactus-covered West Texas town is facing its worst drought since the 1950s. Mayor John Kunkel says without rain, all the drinking water will be gone is less than 60 days.

Peck is one of the many volunteers from rain-blessed areas who have come forward to help Throckmorton with its water woes. Together, they hope to build a pipeline into a water treatment plant 21 miles away.

"It's a chance to help other people when you know they really need it," said Peck, a retired chemical engineer who drove 260 miles from Longview to lend his expertise to the project.

"Without water, you can't do much of anything."

Those who live in Throckmorton know that well. Many residents began buying water from other sources and hauling it to their homes months ago. Others have had to sell off or keep moving their cattle because there just isn't enough water or green pasture to keep the livestock healthy.

"People in the city turn on their faucet and the water works and they take it for granted," resident Byron Parrott said. "We have families out here using the same water to take baths in."

The pipeline project began this week, days after Throckmorton reached an agreement with nearby Graham for an emergency backup water supply. Since then, about 100 volunteers have showed up daily to help the town connect, with Graham's water treatment plant in Elbert.

A recently approved $800,000 grant from Texas' Small Towns Environment Program is being used to pay for the pipeline, which Kunkel hopes to complete in the next three weeks. What the grant doesn't pay for is the manpower to get the job done.

Kunkel says that's what has made the volunteers so vital to Throckmorton's well-being.

"It's all been overwhelming," he said. "We're working out here in 105 and 106 degree temperatures and it's not easy, but all of us feel real good about what we're doing. As a town, it's renewed our faith in people and that when you're in trouble, people are going to come help out."

Kunkel hopes hooking into Graham's water supply will allow Throckmorton to extend its own supply long enough to take care of its 1,036 residents until it rains.

"Throckmorton is really a lesson in planning ahead," Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission spokesman Tom Kelley said. "We've had above normal temperatures and below average rainfall and it is really beginning to show in these small and rural systems without much backup."

Throckmorton is one of 129 Texas towns and cities with water restrictions. In February, the state declared Throckmorton County and 94 others drought disaster areas.

"I don't think there's anybody in this county who could have predicted how bad this West Texas drought has been," Kunkel said.

National Weather Service Meteorologist Steve Fano said the between March and June, records show that Graham, which sits in Young County, received about 6 inches of rain each month compared to about an inch or two of rain in neighboring Throckmorton County.

"It definitely looks like there was some sort of dividing line of precipitation between the two counties," Fano said.

Despite the blistering heat, new volunteers keep turning up each day to lend a hand to Throckmorton.

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English poet Percy bvysshe Shelley died in 1822.

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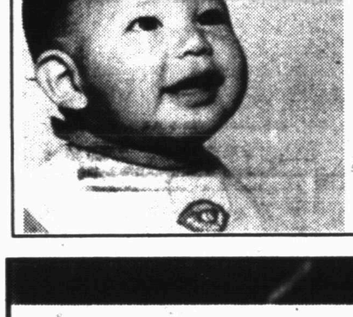
Grandson held in baseball bat attack

FORT WORTH (AP) — A 29-year-old man was in custody in connection with the beating death of his 71-year-old grandmother and injury to his 75-year-old grandfather, inflicted with a baseball bat.

Ernest Sanchez was being held Friday on charges of murder, attempted murder and assault by a threat. Bond was set at $750,000.

Fort Worth police Lt. David Ellis said the grandson reportedly was upset about a scheduled appointment at a mental health facility.

Crescencio Ortiz was hospitalized in good condition. His wife, Anna Ortiz, died from her injuries in Friday's attack.



Lordy Lordy
Look Who's Forty!
HAPPY
BIRTHDAY
Love,
Mom & Dad
Mary Ann



Ken Robinson

Aramark gets new director

Ken Robinson is the new director of food services for Aramark, the company that Snyder ISD contracts to run its food service program.

Robinson will also be overseeing the company's accounts with Colorado ISD and Roscoe ISD.

A 1983 graduate of Coronado High School in Lubbock, Robinson earned his bachelor's in restaurant, hotel and institutional management from Texas Tech in 1990.

He began his career with Aramark in 1990 in the area of hospital food service management. His experience includes being a part of the administrative team for University Medical Center and Methodist, now Covenant, in Lubbock and The Institute for Research and Rehabilitation in Houston.

In 1993, he transferred into school support services for Aramark. Robinson was assistant food service director in Frenship and New Deal before becoming a director for the company's account in Breckenridge.

He most recently has been Aramark's food service director in Lamesa.

His duties locally will include hiring and training employees, creating and analyzing menus and purchasing. In addition, he will take care of the governmental documents involved with the free and reduced lunch program.

"I basically manage every aspect of food service for the district so they can focus on educating kids," Robinson said.

While at Tech, Robinson marched in the "Goin' Band from Raiderland" and now serves on the board of directors for the Tech Band Alumni Association.

He was an active member and served on the board for the Kiwanis Club in Lamesa.

He is a Church of Christ member.

Tot's parents did not seek med care

GRAND JUNCTION, Colo. (AP) — Authorities were investigating the death of a 2-day-old boy whose parents belong to a religious group that does not believe in medical intervention for illnesses.

It was the second time in six months that a child has died in the care of parents who are members of General Assembly Church of the First Born. Six other children in the church have died after medical treatment was withheld.

Danforth probe blames Koresh for Waco deaths

ST. LOUIS (AP) — After a 10-month independent investigation, a former senator has concluded that the blame for the catastrophe at Waco that killed 80 people rests solely with Branch Davidian cult leader David Koresh.

"There are no doubts in my mind," Special Counsel John Danforth said Friday. "This is not a close call."

Danforth concluded with "100 percent certainty" that federal agents did not start the fire or shoot at cult members during the 1993 inferno. The government also did not improperly use the military and did not engage in a major cover-up, Danforth said.

While the 152-page preliminary report marked the second time in a week that federal agents were exonerated, Danforth said he was still investigating the decision of an unnamed FBI agent and lawyers to deny for six years that three pyrotechnic tear gas canisters were used on the final day of the 51-day standoff.

The longtime Republican senator from Missouri was appointed by Attorney General Janet Reno last September to investigate the siege after the government acknowledged, following years of denials, that it used pyrotechnic tear gas canisters during the final assault.

"Although the government did nothing evil on April 19, 1993, its failure to fully and openly disclose to the American public all that it did has fueled speculation that it actually committed bad acts on that day," Danforth said in his report.

He concluded that the pyrotechnic devices were fired four hours before the fire and had nothing to do with the destruction of the Branch Davidian complex in Texas.

"The blame rests squarely on the shoulders of David Koresh," Danforth said.

Also unresolved is what happened to the shells and pyrotechnic projectiles that are missing from evidence. Danforth said he would continue to investigate those questions and did not rule out the possibility of criminal charges after his final report is issued, in about 31/2 months.

Danforth cleared Reno and other top government officials of any responsibility for the tragedy.

In Washington, Deputy Attorney General Eric Holder said: "Today's independent review sheds further light on the truth and discredits many of the unsubstantiated allegations that have skewed the public's perception of the events of April 19, 1993."

Similarly, FBI Director Louis Freeh was heartened by the findings.

"The simple truth, as the FBI has maintained since April 19, 1993, has been unmistakingly confirmed again today — the FBI fired no shots on that day and the Davidians started the fire that ultimately engulfed the compound," he said.

Most of the Danforth investigation was done by 17 private lawyers and 38 postal investigators to make sure it was independent of the Justice Department.

Danforth said he expects to spend $11 million to $12 million. About 900 witnesses were interviewed, and 2.3 million pages of documents were examined.

On July 14, a five-member jury in a civil trial in Waco decided that the government was not responsible. The ruling came in a $675 million wrongful-death suit brought by surviving cult members and the victims' families.

Ramsey Clark, who represented several survivors and relatives at the trial, said the Danforth report "failed to address the obvious."

"If their conduct was so right," Clark asked, "how did it end so very wrong, with so many deaths?"

Clark added that Danforth's report, along with the jury verdict, only reinforces dangerous law enforcement practices.

Danforth did not address whether government agents used poor judgment. "This was an investigation into bad acts, not bad judgment," he said.

The siege began Feb. 28, 1993, when Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms agents tried to arrest Koresh. A gunfight broke out, leaving four ATF agents and six Davidians dead, and the standoff began.

It ended April 19, 1993, when tanks driven by FBI agents pumped tear gas into the compound. A fire broke out and nearly all of the Davidians, including Koresh, died, some from the fire, some from gunshots.

3rd Disney theme park to open 2010

ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP) — A third Disney theme park is in the works here.

The still-unnamed park would be built on 89 acres next to 45-year-old Disneyland, on property already controlled by the Walt Disney Co., Cynthia Harriss, president of The Disneyland Resort, said Friday.

The park, scheduled to be fully completed by 2010, may house water rides based on the movies "The Little Mermaid" or "Winnie the Pooh." It will also have a shopping mall and hotel.

According to the Los Angeles Times, the cost may rival the $1.4 billion spent on Disney's California Adventure, a 55-acre theme park adjacent to Disneyland scheduled to open in February 2001.

Senior Menu

Monday
Ground beef and spaghetti, green beans, whole kernel corn, tomato wedges, apple cutie pie, garlic toast

Tuesday
Taco salad in a shell, red beans, Spanish rice, sopapilla, chips and salsa

Wednesday
Chicken patty w/cream gravy, scalloped potatoes, green peas, tossed salad, peanut butter cookies

Thursday
Braised ham, sweet potatoes, chopped broccoli w/cheese, Waldorf salad, white cake w/cream cheese frosting

Friday
Fried fish, tater tots, stewed squash, creamy coleslaw, cheese apple crisp

PUBLIC HEARING

CITY OF SNYDER

TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

The City of Snyder will hold a public hearing at 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, July 26, 2000 at City Hall in regard to the submission of an application to the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs for a Texas Community Development Program (TCDP) grant. The purpose of this meeting is to allow citizens an opportunity to discuss the citizen participation plan, the development of local housing and community development needs, the amount of TCDP funding available, all eligible TCDP activities, and the use of past TCDP funds. The City encourages citizens to participate in the development of this TCDP application and to make their views known at this public hearing. Citizens unable to attend this meeting may submit their views and proposals to City Hall. Persons with disabilities that wish to attend this meeting should contact City Hall to arrange for such assistance. Individuals who require auxiliary aids or services for this meeting should contact City Hall at least two days before the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made. *Para residentes necesitados de interpretes, favor de comunicarse con la municipalidad antes de las audiencia publica.*

For further information, contact Carolyn House, Community Services Director, at the City Hall at #573-4957.

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Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Divorcee still proudly displays her wedding picture at home

DEAR ABBY: I have been divorced for three years. My ex-husband and I remain on good terms. Our 13-year-old son lives with me.

I was wondering, Abby, if it is appropriate to display a wedding picture of my ex and me in the living room. — **JANICE IN MASSACHUSETTS**

DEAR JANICE: If looking at the wedding picture gives you and your son pleasure and brings back memories of the "good times," there's certainly no harm in displaying it. However, if and when you begin a serious relationship, I'd recommend putting it away — or giving it to your son for his room.

My instincts tell me you still have romantic feelings for your ex. If he feels the same way, get joint professional counseling and see what develops. It is not unheard of for people to remarry.

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DEAR ABBY: My fiance and I are planning a small, intimate wedding in September. He's one of three children. One of his sisters is planning an October wedding. His other sister is being married next month.

His parents have asked us to put our wedding plans on "hold" until both of his sisters are married because 1) they are older, 2) they were engaged first, and 3) three weddings in one year is a lot for one family to handle. Incidentally, Abby, we do not live together and we're paying for our own wedding.

We do not want to wait until 2001 to marry. Are we selfish to want our wedding the way we want it? I'd appreciate your perspective. — **UNCERTAIN IN THE MIDWEST**

DEAR UNCERTAIN: Since you're planning and paying for your own wedding, and the groom's family has limited participation in most weddings, I see no reason to postpone the happy event. To put a positive spin on it, your future in-laws will probably refer to the year 2000 as "The Year of the Weddings" in their family.

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DEAR ABBY: Please print "Ten Commandments for a Mother-in-Law." They have been a guiding light for me for years. Actually, the title should probably be "Ten Commandments for ALL In-Laws." — **GRATEFUL MOTHER-IN-LAW**

DEAR GRATEFUL: You could be right. They contain much wisdom. Read on:

TEN COMMANDMENTS FOR A MOTHER-IN-LAW by Iola M. Irwin

Thou shalt love, honor and respect the new couple.

Thou shalt allow them complete independence.

Thou shalt speak only kindly and loyally about them.

Thou shalt not find fault.

Thou shalt not visit them too frequently, and never enter their home without knocking.

Thou shalt not expect them to visit you too often.

Thou shalt not give advice unless requested.

Thou shalt not mention how much you look forward to grandchildren.

Thou shalt respect their taste in home decorating, though it differs from your own.

Thou shalt petition daily the Heavenly Father, in whose love they abide, for their happiness.

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For an excellent guide to becoming a better conversationalist and a more attractive person, order "How to Be Popular." Send a business-sized, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for $3.95 ($4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby Popularity Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Postage is included.)

DEAR ABBY: I met a really nice guy at a child's birthday party. About a week later we ran into each other at a museum. We talked and exchanged e-mail addresses. A week later I e-mailed him and the conversations began. I found out he was unhappily married.

We continued to e-mail each other. During every conversation, he told me how much he wanted to remove himself from his marriage; however, he didn't want to leave his children. He asked several times to take me to lunch or dinner. Because he was married, I refused.

Then last January, he asked if he could take me out for my birthday. I agreed to lunch. We had a wonderful two hours, and I kissed him at the end of lunch. What a great kiss it was! In March, he moved out of their home and into his own place. Then he filed for legal separation. (I saw the paper with both signatures.)

Since his move, his wife has begun to question him about seeing other people. According to him, she doesn't want him back, but she doesn't want him with anyone else. She insists he keep the children every weekend and any evening he isn't working.

Over the past month, our communication has declined. He's exhausted from working two jobs and spending every non-working moment with the children. He says repeatedly that he wants us to continue seeing each other, but he no longer has the time to see me or even e-mail me. Frankly, I don't see his wife changing her pattern anytime soon.

Last weekend, he told her he couldn't pick up the children on Friday night because he had "other plans." When he arrived at his apartment, she was sitting in the parking lot and insisted he take the children. He refused; she became angry and violent. He did not pick up the children that evening, but picked them up bright and early Saturday morning. What do you think is best for everyone involved? — **HIS FRIEND IN VIRGINIA**

DEAR FRIEND: Right now, your new friend is in "no man's land." He's not exactly married, but he's not free either.

What's best for everyone involved? Marriage counseling for the man and his wife to see if they can resolve their differences. If they can't be resolved, then a divorce.

As for you, keep your distance and stay out of the line of fire. He may be separated, but he's still a married man. If you're looking for a future with him, it could be years — and a lot of frustration and heartache — away.

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DEAR ABBY: What do you think of a woman who accepts a marriage proposal at her deceased fourth husband's memorial luncheon? And are we, her circle of friends, wrong to be shocked, scandalized and disapproving of this? She says it's "God's will." Does God run a dating service? Please advise. — **ASTONISHED IN GOODYEAR, ARIZ.**

DEAR ASTONISHED: Unless the man who made the marriage proposal was one of the waiters, it's safe to assume that the grieving widow and the suitor are well acquainted. Have you never heard of a "match made in heaven"? If you are truly her friends, try to be less judgmental and happier for her.

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Anderson resigns 37th Street pulpit

In consultation with the elders of the church, on July 12 Homer Anderson submitted his resignation as pulpit minister of 37th Street Church of Christ, to become effective when he can relocate to another congregation.

Anderson told the Snyder Daily News, "My wife, Maxine and I have enjoyed working with the good people of 37th Street Church of Christ since moving here nine years ago. Also, we have enjoyed the people of Snyder. The people at 37th Street and of Snyder are some of the best on earth. We will continue to serve the church as its minister for a few months until we can relocate."



Homer Anderson

Seven die in crash

WAILUKU, Hawaii (AP) — Police teams planned to rappel down a steep valley wall Saturday to recover the bodies of six tourists and a veteran pilot killed when their sightseeing helicopter crashed on the island of Maui during a tour.

The AS355 twin-engine aircraft operated by Blue Hawaiian Helicopters failed to return from the 35-minute flight Friday and an air search of the rugged terrain revealed the wreckage hours later.

There were no survivors, said Patti Chevalier, who owns the tour company with her husband, Dave, a former Vietnam scout pilot.

"We're crushed, we're devastated, and our hearts go out to the families," she said.

Chevalier would not identify the passengers, but said they were all tourists. She said the pilot had more than 11,000 hours of flying experience and had been with the company for more than a year.

Coast Guard spokeswoman Jacquelyn Zettles said there were low clouds at the time of the crash. Those are normal conditions for the lush, misty valley that is home to Iao Needle, a grassy, narrow mountain that is a popular tourist attraction.

This was Hawaii's third notable aircraft crash in 11 months. On Sept. 25, a tour plane crashed on the slopes of Mauna Loa on the Big Island, killing all 10 people on board.

On May 10, a private jet slammed into a hillside while approaching an airport on Molokai, killing all six people on board.

Maui Police Chief Thomas Phillips said the wreckage will be tough to reach, and recovery crews may have to rappel down a cliffside.

Administration mulls waiving rights restrictions

WASHINGTON (AP) — For Colombia to get fresh U.S. drug-fighting aid, President Clinton likely will have to exempt the country from fine print that ties the money to improvements in its poor human rights record.

While no decision has been made, Clinton administration officials are signaling that human rights provisions in the Colombia package won't delay the aid, even though the State Department rates Colombia's human rights record as poor.

"You don't hold up the major objective to achieve the minor," said Brad Hittle, an official with the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy.

Human rights advocates, who pressed to get the language in the Colombia aid legislation, are braced for the setback of a presidential waiver.

"If they want the aid to go — and there's a lot of pressure for it to go — the only way they can do that is by invoking the waiver," said Andrew Miller of Amnesty International USA.

Hittle said the administration wants to comply with "the spirit of the law" and work with Colombia on human rights, but the top priority is "to get the aid flowing" to help Colombian authorities stop violence by guerrillas and paramilitaries.

He noted the aid includes about $50 million for human rights programs.

Colombia is receiving the bulk of a $1.3 billion aid package aimed mostly at helping its forces wrest control of cocaine-producing regions from leftist guerrillas and, to a lesser extent, right-wing paramilitaries protecting the drug trade. Colombia is the world's leading producer of cocaine and a growing supplier of heroin.

Rights groups have opposed the aid, fearing it will escalate the conflict and help paramilitaries tied to the Colombian army. The paramilitaries are accused of being the worst violators of rights in Colombia's civil war, torturing and killing civilians they believe linked to guerrillas.

Because of that, the anti-drug aid legislation requires the State Department to certify Colombia's progress in specific areas of human rights, such as whether soldiers accused of rights violations were being promptly suspended and whether paramilitary leaders were being vigorously prosecuted. The certification must be made 20 days before money is spent.

Rights advocates say Colombia isn't close to meeting those conditions.

"There's just no way that the administration can certify them with a straight face," said Lisa Haugaard, legislative coordinator for the Latin American Working Group, a coalition of more than 60 organizations.

The State Department's 1999 human rights report, released in February, described the Colombian government's rights record as "poor." It said serious abuses by government forces had not improved over the previous year, security forces were rarely held accountable for rights violations and members of security forces sometimes collaborated with paramilitaries.

"Paramilitary forces find a ready support base within the military and police, as well as local civilian elites in many areas," the report said.

The waiver clause allows Clinton to bypass the certification requirement if he considers it to be in the interest of U.S. national security.

Two Democratic senators, Edward Kennedy of Massachusetts and Patrick Leahy of Vermont, wrote Clinton this week urging him not to waive the requirement, saying the conditions "go to the heart of (Colombia's) human rights crisis."

Some rights groups suggest the State Department might avoid using the waiver by certifying Colombia, based on President Andres Pastrana's commitments to improve human rights.

Pastrana has fired several top generals and recently signed legislation making genocide and forced disappearances crimes for the first time.

The groups see those as token measures.

"This is not a matter of discourse. This is not a matter of good will or nice attitudes or the right speech on human rights. It's a question of facts," said Jose Miguel Vivanco, executive director of the Americas Division of Human Rights Watch.

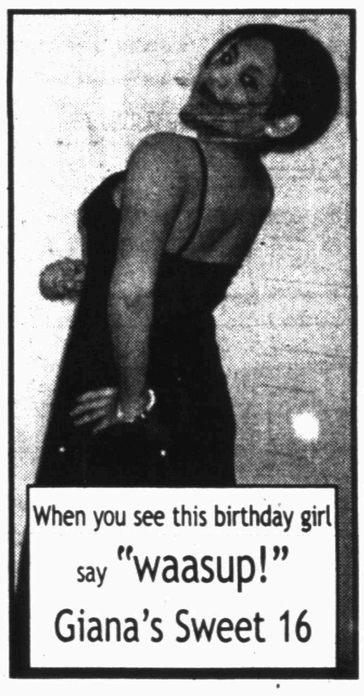
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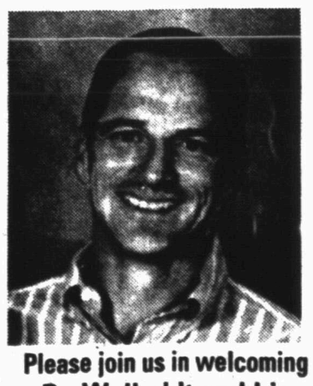
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Money funneled through states to buy TV ads

WASHINGTON (AP) — Seizing another loophole, Democrats and Republicans are funneling money through state parties to buy their television ads in a tactic that preserves the limited dollars they can spend directly on candidates in the fall.

If the national parties had bought the ads themselves, they would have been required by federal regulations to use mostly "hard money" — the limited contributions that can be spent directly in support of candidates.

But by routing dollars first to state affiliates, the parties can use a greater portion of "soft money," the unlimited donations from unions, corporations and wealthy individuals that are easier to raise and cannot be directly used to help elect candidates.

So while the ads star Al Gore and George W. Bush, are produced by creative minds in Washington and paid for with money raised by the national parties, as far as election law is concerned, it's the state parties who are behind them.

"We don't think this is in any way undermining the letter or the spirit of the law," said Joseph Sandler, general counsel for the Democratic National Committee, which pioneered this technique in 1996. "This is like the tax code. You don't pay more taxes than you owe."

Republicans say the same. "There are laws and there are rules and we're very careful to comply with them fully and completely," said Cliff May, spokesman for the Republican National Committee.

The Federal Election Commission has said it's all perfectly legal, and that disturbs those who advocate changes in campaign finance law.

"There are really no rules," said Larry Makinson, executive director of the Center for Responsive Politics, which monitors political fund raising. "You can spend just about anything just about anywhere as long as you dot your i's and cross your t's. And both parties are doing plenty of it."

And even some of those involved agree that the system is bizarre.

"This is the end result of an antiquated and archaic federal election law that needs to be seriously revamped," said David Leland, chairman of the Ohio Democratic Party. "But these are the rules that everyone is playing with, and so be it."

These rules mean that a dollar spent for an ad in Oregon travels across the country at least three times before it arrives at the TV station.

The money is raised by the Democratic and Republican national committees in Washington, and when they are ready to run an ad, they electronically transfer it to the state political parties.

The states then transfer the money back to Washington, into the accounts of ad buyers.

On the Net:
Democratic National Committee:http://www.democrats.org/
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Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.



Why am I spitting stones?

DEAR DR. GOTT: For the past four years, I've had a weird problem. Every few months, one of my saliva glands (usually in the cheek) swells, gets sore, then bursts. A stone pops into my mouth. No physicians have been able to explain this situation or cure it. Can you?

DEAR READER: I'll give it a shot.

Saliva, which is produced in and drains from glands located around the cheeks and lower jaw, contains small amounts of calcium. For unknown reasons, some people have a tendency for this calcium to precipitate or crystallize, causing stones. When a salivary stone blocks the duct leading into the mouth, back-pressure of fluid builds up; the gland itself will swell and become painful, until proper drainage can be re-established. Sometimes, the stone pops out spontaneously, as in your case; at other times, the stone may have to be surgically removed if it is wedged and too large to pass.

Any fluid-filled organ — including the gall bladder, kidneys or urinary bladder — can be the site of stone formation. While the cause of this phenomenon is not clearly understood, some experts hypothesize that changes in fluid acidity will enhance or deter stone formation. Check with an oral surgeon for advice about your salivary stones. In the meantime, drink 8 to 16 extra ounces of fluid a day to dilute the calcium in your saliva.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I'm a 20-year-old, 5-foot-tall woman who frequently dates tall men. I wear 5-inch heels or 7-inch platform heels all day. Will this harm me?

DEAR READER: The use of platform shoes will make your footing unsteady. You may fall easily or twist your ankles. To my knowledge, there are no other hazards from platform shoes.

Spike heels are another matter. I've often said that high heels were invented by men; no sensible woman would subject herself to this uncomfortable style if it were not considered to be sexy. When a woman wears such foot gear, her posture is affected; her weight is thrown forward onto the balls of her feet. This requires unconscious adjustments to correct her balance. In particular, the lower-back muscles must compensate for this abnormal alteration in posture. Therefore, women who constantly wear high heels often experience low back and hip pain. These shoes can also cause shortening of the calf muscles, leading to calf pain and leg cramps whenever low-heel (or no) shoes are worn. Such discomfort ordinarily disappears once the woman changes to flat-bottom shoes ("sensible walking shoes," as British women would say) or to standard heels. In this way, the woman becomes accustomed to the greater "stretch" they provide in the calf muscles.

DEAR DR. GOTT: My 82-year-old husband frequently bruises, without obvious trauma. A dermatologist and our family doctor tell him to live with it, but he finds it embarrassing. Can you explain this condition?

DEAR READER: Blotchy bruising of the skin is a common consequence of the aging process, when the skin becomes thin and vulnerable and the surface blood vessels become weakened and bleed easily. This age-related process even has a name: "senil purpura."

Of course, bleeding into the skin may have other causes, some of which are serious. These include vitamin deficiencies, disorders of blood coagulation and the use of many medications, including aspirin and ibuprofen. Therefore, before assuming that your husband's problem is, indeed, senil purpura, I'd have to make sure that there is no other, treatable ailment causing his bruising tendency. For instance, if your husband were prescribed Coumadin, an anticoagulant, for heart problems, this drug could certainly cause bleeding.

It's not clear from your question whether your husband's doctor has carried out necessary tests, such as a coagulation profile, a platelet count or a Rumpel-Leede test (an old but simple maneuver to measure the fragility of the skin's capillary blood vessels). If not, these tests should be considered. In any case, it probably makes sense to discuss this with your husband's physician, the doctor who is most familiar with your spouse's health problems. To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Blood — Donations and Disorders." Other readers who would like a copy should send $2 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to P.O. Box 2017, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to mention the title.

DEAR DR. GOTT: Does stress cause disease?

DEAR READER: As a culture, we seem to be preoccupied with something called stress, which is exceedingly difficult to define. It's like something caught between your teeth or, perhaps, more like bad breath: Other people have it, we hope we don't, but it may be inescapable. Medical scientists have trouble agreeing on what stress is. For example, they can identify certain obvious forms, such as destitution, starvation, threat to life, domestic violence, child abuse or loss of a loved one. But more subtle forms do not lend themselves to scientific scrutiny and analysis. For instance, many folks appear to thrive on marital discord, work pressures, decision-making and deadlines. Some investigators shrug their shoulders and conclude that stress is more a state of mind than a physical condition. Nonetheless, there is a genuine interest today in discovering whether stress (by any definition) affects health — and if it does, how?

The most well-documented relation between the brain and body functions is probably the neuroendocrinal pathway, a collection of pituitary hormones and neuropeptide chemicals that are manufactured in the central nervous system but produce effects elsewhere in the body. In stressful circumstances, parts of the brain secrete corticotropin-releasing factor, which, in turn, stimulates the pituitary gland to release adrenocorticotropic hormone (ACTH) that causes the adrenal glands to squirt glucocorticoids (cortisone-like compounds) into the bloodstream. Cortisone reduces the body's immunologic response by suppressing the function of disease-fighting cells called lymphocytes. It also prepares the body for battle.

However, the pituitary/adrenal relation isn't sufficient to explain the effects of stress on the complex stew of chemicals that makes up our immune systems. In addition to lymphocytes, we are blessed with a veritable vegetable soup of macrophage killer cells, lymphokines, interleukines, cytokines and immune transmitters. To date, scientists don't have a handle on the precise physiological mechanisms of modulated immunity. However, there are clues.

For instance, studies performed on medical and dental students under examination showed a decline in lymphocyte efficiency, cell division, and the production of gamma globulin, a protein that protects us against disease. American researchers have confirmed the results of an Australian study that showed immunological impairment in men whose wives had recently died. Further, scientists in New York discovered that depressed patients showed more stress-induced immune changes than did age-matched control people without depression.

Researchers have also documented that stress may affect the levels of growth hormone and thyroid hormone; some stressed patients had alterations in the brain's production of optoid peptids, natural narcotics. Finally, it is well known that some adults are able to change their immune reactions through meditation and biofeedback.

Although some doctors poohpooh the relation between stress and disease, an increasing number of skeptics are beginning to realize that complicated biochemical reactions — involving the bone marrow, the thymus gland and the blood cells — may be triggered by emotional discomfort.

Stress is hardly new to the human race; it just comes with the territory. The threat of losing one's job at the factory is no more intense than the ancient menace of losing a patch of ground to the armed invader or lord of the manor. People have lived with stress since the Fall. However, we are paying much more attention to it than ever before.

Scientists remain eager to discover why seemingly identical situations cause different reactions in apparently similar people. Truly, what is stress to one man or woman may be simply invigorating to another. Perhaps this consistent inconsistency is what makes the subject seem so "soft," so unscientific.

Were I to have written this column 20 years ago and based it on information then available, I'd have labeled the topic "folklore." Today, however, the real question is less likely to be "Is there a relation between stress and disease?" than "How does stress cause disease?"

Make no mistake about it. We're moving ahead onto new ground, into an uncharted wilderness, traveling the overgrown and unexplored pathways of feedback regulation and neuroendocrinology. Clearly, future studies will blaze trails into the forests of mind over matter: how we can think our way to health, and the physiological basis of prayer, meditation and a positive attitude. Our control over ourselves and our destinies through our immune systems may, in fact, lie in our minds — as the greatest world thinkers have repeatedly emphasized. What a splendid epiphany.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I want to get some sand for a child's sandbox. How can I make sure that the sand is free of contamination by resins and pesticides?

DEAR READER: Your municipal health department should be able to direct you to a supply of sand that is free of contaminants.

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Financial Focus

"Old Economy" Stocks borrowing "New Economy" Ideas

You've probably heard or read something about "new economy" stocks. But what exactly are they? Is "new economy" just a fancy term for companies that have something to do with the Internet? And what about "old economy" stocks? What are their prospects for the future?

To begin with, new economy stocks are basically defined by their chief asset, which is intellectual capital. The general public typically defines new economy stocks as technology stocks. In contrast, old economy companies are those brick-and-mortar firms that either produce tangible products or deliver services through traditional means.

For the past couple of years, new economy stocks, particularly the "dot.com" companies, have been grabbing headlines — and attracting a lot of notice from investors. This surge of interest reflects the public's accurate perception of the increased importance of the Internet in many aspects of our lives. However, in their eagerness to "catch the technology wave," some people may be over weighting their portfolios in new economy stocks. Many of these companies are trading at extremely high price/earnings (P/E) ratios, which means that investors are paying a very high premium for these stocks, in the hope of significant price appreciation. Yet, some of these companies have yet to show a profit.

All the attention being paid to new economy stocks, have somewhat diminished investors' interest in old economy companies. For at least part of the investing public, these old-line firms are strictly yesterday's news. But many of these firms have been around for decades — which means they know something about survival.

Now, some of them are actually borrowing a few tricks from the new economy upstarts — and it's paying off.

Here's one example: Walgreen's, the giant drug store chain, is now positioning itself as a "multi-channel" retailer by offering prescriptions and general merchandise over the Internet. Of course, customers can still fill their prescriptions in person or over the phone, but now they also have another convenient option.

Other old economy companies are taking full advantage of new economy techniques. Major banks, mortgage bankers, utilities and phone companies are all suing the latest technologies for electronic bill paying to improve their profitability. And there are many other "old-meets-new examples out there. Furthermore, these companies aren't just using the Internet to conduct retail operations — they are also going online to expedite their business-to-business transactions. The end result? Increased efficiency and greater profit potential. In short, the older, established firms that can use new technologies to their advantages should be able to compete — and thrive — in today's new economy. In addition, these older firms have proven track records of earnings — an element that's missing from many of the cutting-edge new economy stocks.

So, when you're thinking about where to put your investment dollars, look for the best of what's "new" and what's "old."

Labor unions to fete GOP lawmakers

WASHINGTON (AP) — Three Republican congressmen will be feted at the GOP convention next month by an unlikely source — 16 labor unions.

Ranging from the Air Line Pilots Association to the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners, the unions, joined by the AFL-CIO's Building and Construction Trades Department, are honoring Reps. Jack Quinn of New York, Frank LoBiondo of New Jersey and Ray LaHood of Illinois.

At the same time, the AFL-CIO has begun its election-year TV campaign with ads in five key districts held by congressional Republicans facing tight races. The AFL-CIO is targeting them for failing to support a Medicare prescription drug plan backed by the White House.

All three GOP lawmakers to be honored Aug. 2 sit on the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee. Half of the unions sponsoring the reception represent transportation industry workers.

The three congressmen "have been very good on labor transportation issues," said Jeff Zack, a spokesman for the Association of Flight Attendants, one of the unions sponsoring the reception. "We support politicians who support issues important to flight attendants."

Zack said the lawmakers helped push through provisions that gave increased protection for flight attendants.

Bucking Republican leaders, Quinn played a key role in 1996 in the successful effort to raise the minimum wage. The AFL-CIO has given him a lifetime pro-labor voting record of 55 percent. LoBiondo's lifetime record is 46 percent. LaHood has a much lower rating, 26 percent.

"If labor unions want to get together in support of Republicans, we're all for it," said National Republican Congressional Committee spokeswoman Marit Babin.

Despite this show of support for some GOP lawmakers, organized labor is still firmly planted on the Democratic side. Since Jan. 1, 1999, unions and their members have given $40.2 million to Democratic candidates and party committees, compared with $3.1 million given to Republicans, according to the Campaign Study Group, a nonpartisan consulting firm that analyzes campaign finance data.

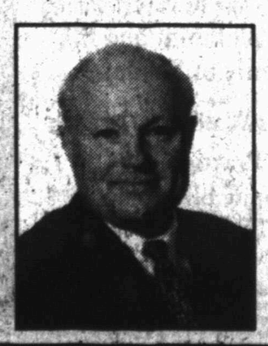
And when the AFL-CIO's 30 transportation unions met on Thursday and Friday, they heard from Vice President Al Gore, Senate Democratic leader Tom Daschle and House Democratic leader Dick Gephardt. Their Republican counterparts were not invited.

Meanwhile, the AFL-CIO is spending "a couple hundred thousand dollars" for ads in the five congressional districts, spokeswoman Denise Mitchell said. The commercials began airing this week in the districts of Republican Reps. Charles Bass of New Hampshire, Ernie Fletcher of Kentucky, Don Sherwood of Pennsylvania, and Jim Rogan and Steve Kuykendall of California.

"We're very focused on trying to be sure working family issues get elevated in the debate," Mitchell said. "Obviously members (of Congress) who are more sensitive are people who are in marginal races."

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Date Book

Saturday, July 22, 2000
Today is the 204th day of 2000 and the 33rd day of summer.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1896, the Silverites, a party favoring the use of silver to back the currency of the United States, held its first convention. The party nominated William Jennings Bryan for president and Arthur Sewall for vice president.

On this day in 1933, A.J. Mollison, the first woman to fly across the Atlantic from east to west, took off from Pendine, Wales.

On this day in 1955, Vice President Richard Nixon became the first U.S. vice president to preside over a Cabinet meeting.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Gregor Mendel (1822-1884), geneticist-monk; Emma Lazarus (1849-1887), poet; Edward Hopper (1882-1967), painter; Alexander Calder (1898-1976), sculptor; Robert Dole (1923-), U.S. senator, is 77; Margaret Whiting (1924-), singer, is 76; George Clinton (1940-), musician, is 60; Albert Brooks (1947-), actor-director, is 53; Danny Glover (1947-), actor, is 53; Don Henley (1947-), musician, is 53; Willem Dafoe (1955-), actor, is 45.

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

TODAY'S QUOTE: "I paint with shapes." — Alexander Calder

TODAY'S MOON: Between full moon (July 16) and last quarter (July 24).

Sunday, July 23, 2000
Today is the 205th day of 2000 and the 34th day of summer.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1715, the Province of Massachusetts authorized the construction of the first lighthouse in North America. The lighthouse was constructed on Little Brewster Island at the entrance to the harbor of Boston.

On this day in 1945, the first railroad car with an observation dome went into service. It was used by the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad.

On this day in 1994, Amy Osmond, niece of Marie Osmond, was crowned Junior Miss America.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Raymond Chandler (1888-1959), writer; Michael Wilding (1912-1979), actor; Coral Browne (1913-1991), actress; Harold "Peewee" Reese (1919-1999), baseball player; Gloria DeHaven (1925-), actress, is 75; Don Drysdale (1936-1993), baseball great; Anthony Kennedy (1936-), Supreme Court justice, is 64; Woody Harrelson (1961-), actor is 39; Gary Payton (1968-), basketball player, is 32.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1964, Bert Campaneris of the Kansas City Athletics hit two home runs in his first major-league game.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "There's no money in poetry, but then there's no poetry in money either." — Robert Graves

TODAY'S MOON: Day before last quarter (July 24).

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AG cracking down on Medicaid fraud

HOUSTON (AP) — Texas Attorney General John Cornyn is spearheading a crackdown on people defrauding Medicaid, which has led to a glut of the cases in state district courts.

"I've been in the major fraud division since 1995 and never heard of Medicaid fraud being filed like this before," Harris County Assistant District Attorney Terry Jennings told the Houston Chronicle in Saturday's editions. "All these cases we have now have been brought in the last year and a half and more cases are pending. This is just the tip of the iceberg."

In fiscal year 1999, Cornyn's office found $7.6 million in Medicaid overpayments prompting investigators to open 260 fraud cases, 71 which where presented to federal and state prosecutors, said Scott Stephenson, director of the attorney general's Medicaid fraud control unit.

Prosecutors won 38 convictions for $5.2 million fines and restitution, although not all the cases went forward, Stephenson said.

This fiscal year, almost $8 million in overpayments have been found, 118 cases opened and 48 presentations have been made to prosecutors.

"Cornyn wants us to pursue these things and that's what we're trying to do. I think the timing is just right and the mood in society and state and federal government is just perfect (for pursing these kinds of cases)," Stephenson said.

Although Cornyn has put the cases on the top of his list, prosecutors may be reluctant to prosecute the complex, time-consuming cases involving the $10 billion system that provides a variety of services to the poor and disabled.

"A lot of prosecutors don't want to handle them. They're just afraid of them," said Bob Carlisle, a senior investigator for Cornyn's Medicaid fraud unit.

Vending machines having trouble processing new bills

WASHINGTON (AP) — Without special software, vending machines aren't processing the new $5 and $10 bills.

Of an estimated 6 million food and beverage vending machines in this country that accept $5 and $10 notes, only 1 million have been modified to recognize the bills, said Larry Felix of the Treasury Department's Bureau of Engraving and Printing.

The new bills, bearing portraits of Abraham Lincoln and Alexander Hamilton, were redesigned to thwart high-tech counterfeiters.

Vending machine owners are working to modify their machines to accept the new bills, Felix said Friday. He said the process will likely take some time, but he is confident the changeover will go smoothly.

Brian Allen, a spokesman for the National Automatic Merchandising Association, said: "Some of the equipment is very simple to change. Other machines need more major modifications. Generally speaking, we are working as fast we can."

The government supplied some of the new notes to vending equipment companies late last year to give them time to develop software to recognize them and test it on vending machines.

"One of the things industry asked us to do was to introduce the new $5s and $10s together," thus allowing companies to make modifications for both at the same time and cut costs, Felix said.

Some vending machines take $20 bills, which got a facelift in 1998, but many more take $5 and $10 notes, Felix said. "That's a large leap — a much bigger job" for the industry, he said.

Felix said only about 10 percent of the new $5 and $10 notes are in circulation. The old bills will continue to be accepted and recirculated until they wear out.

Allen said some vending machine operators were waiting to phase in the changes as the new bills come into wider circulation. "It's an expense and business decision on their part," he said.

The new $5 and $10 bills include a number of new features, but it's the big, and slightly off-center portraits of Lincoln and Hamilton that people will notice first.

In May, the notes joined an oversized Andrew Jackson on the $20 bill, Ulysses S. Grant on the $50 and Benjamin Franklin on the $100 in makeovers designed to trip up counterfeiters.

Other new features of the redesigned $5 and $10 notes include watermarks that are visible when held up to a light; embedded polymer security threads that glow blue on the new $5 bill and orange on the new $10 bill when exposed to an ultraviolet light; and very tiny printing, visible with a magnifying glass.

Over the years, counterfeiters have graduated from offset printing to color copiers, computer scanners, color ink jet printers and publishing-grade software — technologies that are all readily available.

EPA acknowledges shelving abestos report, NYT says

NEW YORK (AP) — The Environmental Protection Agency is investigating why officials ignored for 18 years a study that showed W.R. Grace and Co. was using ore laden with asbestos in insulation and other building products, The New York Times reported Saturday.

The agency shelved a 1982 study which found alarming levels of cancer-causing asbestos in ore that Grace had said included harmless amounts of the material, The Times said it was told by EPA officials. The agency also scuttled follow-up studies and continued to accept the company's lower figures, the officials said.

As a result, Grace, a maker of specialty chemicals and building materials, was allowed to largely avoid government scrutiny and use the ore in products, like fireproofing, that the company promoted as asbestos-free, the newspaper said.

In 1983, an agency official misrepresented the report and downplayed its findings in responding to congressional inquiries about the level of asbestos in the ore, known as vermiculite, the officials told the newspaper.

The report resurfaced after the EPA began an investigation in December into a health crisis at Libby, Mont., where Grace mined vermiculite until 1990. Workers and residents there have died and are dying from lung disease at rates far above the national average.

The report, letters and other records have been sent to the EPA inspector general, who plans to begin an inquiry on Monday, the officials said.

"We don't ask our inspector general to do an investigation lightly," said Steve Johnson, deputy assistant administrator of the office of prevention, pesticides and toxic substances. "We want to know precisely what did happen."

The widely used fireproofing materials, as well as attic insulation and other products, largely remain in thousands of homes and offices. But the health risks are unclear, because it is not known how much asbestos may be present in the products. Grace said it had tried to remove as much asbestos as possible during processing, and contended that the products contained only trace amounts of asbestos.

EPA officials are advising homeowners to call the agency for more information if they are concerned that they may have Grace's loose-fill insulation, known as Zonolite, which it sold until 1984.

On Friday, Grace officials did not dispute the 1982 EPA report, but said their own studies have consistently shown much smaller amounts of asbestos.

Grace has maintained that its products contain only trace amounts of asbestos, far below the 1 percent level at which the EPA restricts its use.

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Eight Texas counties eligible for loans

Washington (AP) — The U.S. Department of Agriculture on Friday declared parts of eight states agricultural disaster areas, making 90 counties eligible for emergency low-interest farm loans because of drought and severe storms.

Due to severe storms, the department declared Duval County as the primary county in Texas.

Also eligible for emergency low interest loans are family-sized farm operators in seven Texas counties surrounding Duval — Brooks, Jim Hogg, Jim Wells, La Salle, Live Oak, McMullen and Webb.

The remaining 82 counties are in Colorado, Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska, South Dakota and Wyoming.

Farmers in these counties have eight months to apply for loans.

USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) will consider the extent of the farm's losses, available security, repayment ability and other eligibility requirements.

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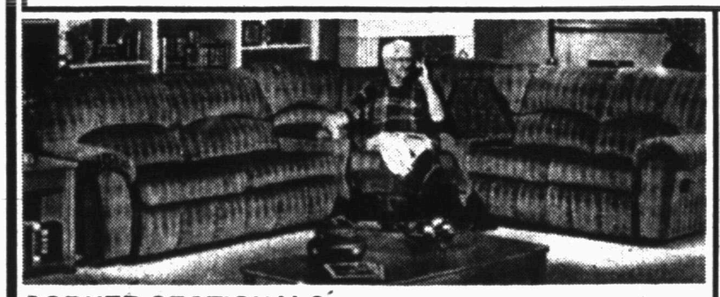
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WGA LADIES MATCH PLAY — Cynthia Jackson, Carolyn Greene, Anita Talbott and Vivian Norwood (from left) place clubs in the cart after teeing off at the sixth hole in the WGA Ladies Match Play tourney Saturday at Snyder Country Club. Lunch and awards was to follow play. The annual Raggedy Ann and Andy Tourney is set for Aug. 11-13. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

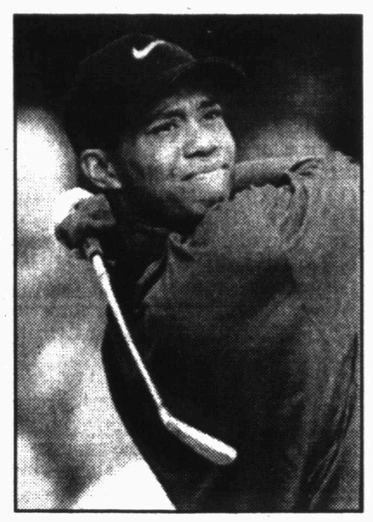
Big news: Tiger makes a bogey, but still leading Open

ST. ANDREWS, Scotland (AP) — Tiger Woods made his first bogey in 64 holes of major championship golf Saturday, and just like that the British Open became a lot tighter than anyone expected.

Woods' 4-foot par putt on No. 2 rimmed out, ending a streak that began on the 11th hole of the third round of the U.S. Open at Pebble Beach last month.

His closest pursuer, David Toms, birdied the 2nd hole to pull within a shot of the lead. David Duval also moved up the leaderboard, going out in 4-under 32 to get within two shots of Woods.

On another sunny day with little wind and lots of birdies,



Tiger Woods

Bernhard Langer and Bob May set the early pace in the third round with 6-under 66s, tied for the best round so far.

Langer, who has been runner-up twice at the Open, pulled within five shots of leader Woods and would have been even closer if not for a bogey on No. 17.

"The conditions are perfect," Langer said. "I haven't given up hope yet."

But he admitted, "It's going to be hard to make up the distance."

A day earlier a sun-splashed Old Course turned gloomy for a lot of players who still harbored hopes as Woods strolled to an effortless 66 for a three-shot lead. That was half the lead Woods had last month at Pebble Beach.

With Woods playing so well, it appeared somebody would have to shoot a pair of career rounds to pass him.

"Anybody who plays mistake-free golf is going to be tough to beat," Tom Lehman said.

Woods was rarely in trouble. Some 112 treacherous bunkers guard the Old Course, but he had not touched sand once with his wedge.

Woods seemed destined to add the only major championship he lacks to the U.S. Open title he won last month by 15 strokes. At 24, he would become the youngest player to complete the career Grand Slam.

It's enough to get his competitors thinking, though Woods isn't sure about what.

"I am not in their shoes," he said. "It is hard for me to understand what they're thinking and what they're feeling and what their thought process is.

Woods that they can only speak of hope.

All except the 20-year-old Garcia, of course. He relishes a chance to catch Woods, as he did last year when Woods held him off in the PGA Championship.

"I would love to play with him on the weekend," Garcia said. "It would be something special."

Els had the best chance to be close, but squandered it even before Woods got to the first tee. After a 66 gave him the first-round lead by a stroke, Els had to play the back nine 2 under to shoot even par.

"That's not the start you need," Els said. "I went right back into the pack."

The ease at which Woods made it through two rounds under major championship conditions might make Garcia think again.

Woods has birdied nearly one hole out of every three and rarely strayed into any semblance of difficulty. When he finally did appear to be in trouble on the Road Hole on Friday, he pulled off a spectacular shot off a tight lie to make par.

Everything looked easy, though Woods said it was not.

"That's a nice compliment," he said. "When you're playing well, and when anyone is playing well, the game seems a little bit easier. But, I guarantee it, it's not."

Tryouts for golf team announced

Snyder High School golf coach Matt Glenn announces that tryouts for the SHS golf team will be Aug. 10-11 at the Western Texas College golf course.

"Try outs will begin at 9 a.m. on that date and this includes the boys and girls team," said Glenn.

Glenn will be looking for replacements for graduates Lacey Kidd, Sally Barham and Randi Reed off the girls team.

All the boys team is returning, said Glenn.

Cowboys' draft choice can talk the talk; can he play too?

WICHITA FALLS (AP) — If rookie cornerback Mario Edwards can cover as well as he entertains, the Dallas Cowboys will have the steal of the draft.

The sixth-round pick from Florida State is continuing the loud-talking, showboating ways of another former Seminoles cornerback, Deion Sanders.

He's dared Troy Aikman to throw his way and begged to cover Joey Galloway and Raghib Ismail. Shoelaces dangle from the waist of his shorts to his knees, symbolizing the lassos he hopes to throw around receivers.

"When I came to Texas, some people told me I was going to have to learn how to be a cowboy and rope steer," Edwards said. "That don't work out for me too good, so I thought I'd bring them out here for these wide receivers."

Everything Edwards does is in the name of fun. He insists he's not trying to offend anyone, just pump himself up and keep things lighthearted for those around him.

"Early on, T.A., Troy Aikman, told me to tone it down a little bit," Edwards said. "But I told him I don't mean nothing personal by it; it's just my way of motivating myself. Since then, they just let me go with it.

"If I'm playing well that way, I've got to keep it going. It's what works for me."

Edwards has repeatedly been told that his antics are fine as long as he can back it up on the field — like Sanders.

"If he's going to do all the talking, he better do the technique and fundamentals my way and do it correctly each and every time," said defensive coordinator Mike Zimmer. "If not, he's going to have problems because then he's just out there talking."

None of the cornerbacks have been very impressive the first week of training camps. From Edwards and fellow draftees Dwayne Goodrich and Kareem Larrimore to free-agent signee Ryan McNeil, everyone has struggled, no matter whether passes are thrown by Aikman or fourth-stringer Clint Stoerner.

"When we line up in preseason games, that's when we'll get the true evaluation," Zimmer said.

Edwards has shown flashes of talent and plenty of personality in one-on-one drills.

After tipping a pass from Jason Tucker, Zimmer screams advice. Edwards nods several times, then cuts him off, saying, "I gotcha coach, I gotcha."

"You're going to get more of me than you want," Zimmer growls back.

On his next try, Edwards is left a step behind when Wane McGarity breaks inside. The pass is a bit beyond McGarity's reach and Edwards ensures the receiver won't snag it by grabbing the back of his jersey.

"Get on his upfield shoulder," Zimmer says.

"Yeah, yeah," Edwards answers.

The last play is a deep route by Ismail. Edwards stays with the speedster step for step down the sideline, leaps and tips the ball away cleanly. Ismail shoves Edwards in the back as the other cornerbacks clap and cheer.

Edwards celebrates by yelling, "There ain't no tax on European dollars!" which he later explains is an inside joke between him and Zimmer about the high tax rate in this country.

Edwards' style is contagious. Several other cornerbacks have copied the shoelace trick and Goodrich, Dallas' top draft pick, marvels at his new friend's confidence. Even Aikman admires the kid's spunk.

"That kind of enthusiasm is good for those of us who have been around for a while," Aikman said. "But sometimes when he's trying to do that, Joey's running by him. So there's a little give and take."

At 6-foot and 190 pounds, Edwards is lanky like Sanders yet not as fast. His cockiness and tendency to get beat for big plays caused him to slide in the draft, but Edwards treats the snub with the short memory needed to excel at cornerback.

"I you get beat, you've got to line back up and play again," he said. "It's like taking a foul in basketball; the guy lines up and shoots free throws, then you play the game all over again."

The Cowboys are going through major changes in the secondary, starting with the loss of Sanders. Neither starting job is set and Zimmer has even talked of using a rotation.

"I consider myself very fortunate," said Edwards, who was proud to be the first of Dallas' six draft picks to sign his contract. "I'm in a great position. I've just got to capitalize on it."

Armstrong impressive in winning third stage

BELFORT, France (AP) — For two grueling weeks along sun-baked country lanes and steep mountain passes, Lance Armstrong built a daunting lead over his chief Tour de France rivals.

Yet, most everyone wondered, would the defending champion actually win a stage?

The dogged Texan answered his doubters, including himself, with Friday's impressive victory on the third-to-last stage of the 2,250-mile cycling epic.

With just Saturday's long but generally unchallenging course to go before a ceremonial swing into Paris, Armstrong is indisputably on target to become the first American to repeat as Tour champion since Greg LeMond in 1990.

Yet to hear him talk about it, Armstrong almost sounds like he wouldn't have deserved to retain the championship if he couldn't manage a first-place finish in at least one of the 21 stages.

"I had an empty feeling up until now. And now it's complete," he said, noting that he had suffered "a lot of stress, a lot of pressure" over having failed to finish first in any of the first 18 stages.

He managed four first-place finishes in 1999 against a field missing key competitors, a fact that niggled at the champion's competitive streak and left him feeling he had something more to prove this time around.

And from the moment he rolled down the starting ramp during Friday's individual time trial, Armstrong never let up. He averaged a breathtaking 33.471 mph during the 36-mile journey from Freiburg, Germany, to Mulhouse, France.

It was the fastest pace ever recorded at that distance throughout the 87-year history of cycling's most prestigious event. Only LeMond, America's first Tour champion, had ever fared better — 33.818 mph during a 1989 time trial — but on a course less than half Friday's length.

"I was a little bit surprised that I won," said a visibly relieved Armstrong, who got a big hug from his wife, Kristin, at the Mulhouse finish line.

Armstrong overcame a roadside crowd that, particularly on the German side of the border, was rooting heavily for Armstrong's nearest challenger, 1997 Tour winner Jan Ullrich of Deutsche Telekom, who finished in second place, 25 seconds behind Armstrong's time of 1 hour, 5 minutes, 1 second.

"You could really feel that it was an Ullrich crowd, with all the German flags and his name written all over the road," said Armstrong who, perhaps with visions of tennis star Monica Seles, feared that a deranged fan might try to leap out into the road and knock him down.

"It only takes one crazy guy to do something devastating," said Armstrong, who credited the German fans with "real class" for showing him respect even though he was riding directly behind Ullrich.

Before the race, Armstrong had confided that he would push for victory only if he stayed close to Ullrich at the first time measurement a third of the way into the race.

At the 12-mile point, the earpiece in Armstrong's helmet reported surprisingly good news. Far from being tied or behind Ullrich, he was already 5 seconds ahead.

And the gap grew once Ullrich and Armstrong, the final two of 129 riders still in the field, crossed the border into France. By the finish line, Armstrong was standing on his pedals, stamping furiously for each agonizing split-second.

But he insisted the breakneck speed he set, which will go down as the second-fastest time trial performance next to LeMond, was a sidelight.

"I didn't know the average speed, and it doesn't really matter," he said.

Afterward, Armstrong did have Champagne on his mind — because Saturday's race concludes in the heart of the bubbly-producing region east of Paris. He wasn't particularly interested in actually toasting his latest victory, even though champagne is traditionally taken by Tour stage victors.

"I'm not a big champagne guy," he said.

Jr. Classic set

The Western Texas College Junior Classic golf tourney is set for Friday, Aug. 11 at the WTC golf course.

The event will get underway at 9 a.m. with three divisions participating.

Age divisions are 10 and under, 11-14, and 15 years and up.

The 10 and under group will play nine holes.

Entry fee for the 10 and under group is $10, while the fee for the other groups is $15.

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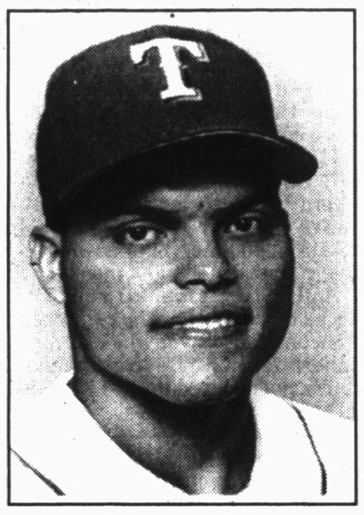
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Seattle strikes early and wins

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Pudge Rodriguez
...did not play

"I thought, 'Are we going to use the tarp today?'" Mariners starting pitcher Paul Abbott said.

He was kidding, of course. Ahead 7-0, the Mariners closed Safeco's retractable roof and wound up beating the Texas Rangers 12-3 Friday night.

Carlos Guillen singled twice in the first and, Jay Buhner and Mark McLemore homered in a five-run third as Seattle built up a 12-0 lead for Abbott (6-3), who had a shutout until Frank Catalonotto led off the sixth with a homer.

The Mariners combined four hits, four walks and an error in knocking out Matt Perisho (2-3) in the opening inning.

Abbott did more than pinch himself during his team's seven-run first. He picked up a bat and started swinging it.

"I went inside and did some stretching. Then I went and hit off the tee," he said.

Hitting off the tee? Abbott had two hits, including a double, in interleague play, but he won't hit again this season unless the Mariners get into the World Series.

"I just needed to stay focused," he said with a smile. "I just needed to stick with my game plan."

"The only problem with getting seven runs in the first inning is there's a chance your starting pitcher loses his concentration," Mariners manager Lou Piniella said. "If that happens, he can let the other team back into it."

Texas played without catcher Ivan Rodriguez. Manager Johnny Oates decided his slumping All-Star needed a night off. The last-place Rangers are 10 1/2 games back of division-leading Seattle in the AL West.

Rickey Henderson and Guillen started the Mariners first with singles, and Edgar Martinez and John Olerud added RBI singles. After Jay Buhner flied out, Perisho walked three straight batters.

Doug Davis relieved and walked Henderson with the bases loaded to put Seattle ahead 5-0. Guillen singled home a run and another scored on the play on second baseman Catalonotto's throwing error.

"I just lost my cool," Perisho said. "Against a first-place team in the situation we are in, it wasn't a very good time for me to lose my cool."

The Mariners got a two-run homer from McLemore and a three-run homer from Buhner, his 16th, off Davis in the third to go ahead 12-0.

McLemore signed with the Mariners as a free agent this winter after playing in Texas from 1995-99. With the Rangers, he played on three division-winning clubs.

"I'm very intense every day," McLemore said. "I like to win. I like to play the game hard. The only way I know how to play is to win. We've got a lot of guys on this team who are very intense, too."

Notes: Rodriguez has a five-game hitting streak, but is 6-for-31 on Texas' current road trip. He played in 88 of the Rangers' first 93 games, and Oates said the catcher will play Saturday and Sunday. "He's played almost every game for us," Oates said. "And he's been dragging a little bit." ... All-Star SS Alex Rodriguez is close to getting back in the Mariners' lineup. Rodriguez, who is on the DL with a sprained right knee, took ground balls, and did some hitting and some running before Friday night's game. Afterward, Rodriguez and trainer Rick Griffin agreed that Rodriguez has a chance to play at home Monday night against Oakland. "By Monday, I'll be in the lineup," Rodriguez said.

Hunter education class set

A course in hunter education will be held July 29-30 by instructors Gene and Nancy Bowlin.

According to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department's mandatory requirements, every Texas hunter born on or after Sept. 2, 1971 must successfully complete a Hunter Education Training Course.

"However, any individual may take the course on a voluntary basis and is encouraged to attend, regardless of the requirements," added Gene Bowlin. "The course is open to adults and youngsters, and will include many different aspects of hunting."

The course will include instruction in firearms and archery handling and safety; outdoor responsibility and ethics; laws and regulations; conservation; hunting traditions; wildlife identification; field care of game; and wilderness first aid and survival.

Upon successful completion of the course, students 12 years of age or older will be issued a hunter education certificate from the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department.

Students under the age of 12 will receive a certificate of attendance, but must take the course again for proper certification.

Cost of the course is $10, and class size is limited. The class will run from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on July 29, and from 1-5 p.m. the following day.

For more information, or to pre-register, contact Gene or Nancy Bowlin at 573-2323.

By 12-1...

Cardinals win big over Astros

HOUSTON (AP) — Rick Wilkins returned to the majors just in time for Rick Ankiel.

Wilkins, recalled from Triple-A Memphis earlier Friday had a calming affect on the rookie Ankiel, who pitched perhaps his finest game of the season to lead the St. Louis Cardinals to a 12-1 victory over the Houston Astros.

Ankiel (7-5) tied his career high with 11 strikeouts and allowed only three hits over seven innings as he ended a personal two-game losing streak.

"It's kind of hard to remember sometimes how young he is," manager Tony La Russa said. "He is still learning and improving.

"With him it's all about command. Wilkins did a real good job of getting him to use his curve ball and mixing in a couple of changeups."

Ankiel walked only three as he won for the first time since June 20 against San Francisco.

"I think this was close to my best game," Ankiel said. "I was able to keep my rhythm and throw strikes. I've worked with (Wilkins) before. He did a good job of helping me keep my focus."

Wilkins, a veteran of 10 years who signed a minor league contract with the Cards in the off-season, was impressed with the 21-year-old left-hander.

"He stayed aggressive and was throwing strikes," Wilkins said. "He was hitting his spots with his sinker and giving those guys fits.

"All I was doing was helping him with some minor mechanics and slowing him down a little, keeping him in rhythm. He gets revved up in a hurry and wants to go get the batters. You've just got to calm him down a little."

It wasn't calming for the Astros.

"He had great stuff and he had the luxury of getting a lead," Houston manager Larry Dierker said. "Even when he walked a few guys, he didn't have to get upset with that lead."

"He hit his spots and he threw well," Astros second baseman Craig Biggio said. "He has a good future. He's got some good stuff.

"He threw a lot harder tonight than he threw (against us) in St. Louis. Tonight he was throwing 95 and 96 and was hitting his spots and he was getting ahead."

Edgar Renteria drove in four runs to pace the offense for the Cardinals, who stopped a three-game losing streak.

Scott Elarton (9-4) had a five-game winning streak snapped, losing for the first time since June 16. Elarton allowed five runs, only three earned, on seven hits and three walks with no strikeouts in 3 1-3 innings.

The Cardinals scored first when Fernando Vina led off the game with a single to right and scored on Thomas Howard's double to left-center. Fernando Tatis' single drove in Howard for a 2-0 lead.

Jeff Bagwell hit his 24th home run to make it 2-1 in the bottom of the first.

The Cardinals chased Elarton in the fourth when Edgar Renteria drove in Ankiel, who reached on an error by Biggio, with a single. Jim Edmonds doubled to right to drive in Vina.

Jeff Slusarski relieved and Renteria scored on an infield out by Howard to make it 5-1.

In the fifth, Ankiel's single off the left-field wall drove in Eduardo Perez. One out later, Renteria's three-run homer — his career-high 12th — made it 9-1.

Perez led off the seventh with a first-pitch home run, his third of the year. After Wilkins walked and Ankiel singled, Vina doubled, making it 11-1.

Notes: Bill Spiers leads the Astros with eight pinch-hits and is hitting .348 (8-for-23) as a pinch-hitter ... Friday's attendance of 42,811 was the largest ever at Enron Field. It also was the fourth consecutive home sellout and 19th this season ... Renteria, who tied a career-high, also had four RBIs April 11 against Houston. ... Ankiel also struck out 11 on May 25 against Florida and June 4 against Cleveland. ... The loss was the most-lopsided this season for the Astros.

MAJOR LEAGUE STANDINGS

American League Glance
At A Glance
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East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
New York	49	41	.544	—
Toronto	52	45	.536	½
Boston	49	43	.533	1
Baltimore	41	53	.436	10
Tampa Bay	37	56	.398	13½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Chicago	60	35	.632	—
Cleveland	49	45	.521	10½
Detroit	43	49	.467	15½
Kansas City	43	50	.462	16
Minnesota	42	56	.429	19½

West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Seattle	55	39	.585	—
Oakland	51	43	.543	4
Anaheim	52	44	.542	4
Texas	45	48	.484	9½

Saturday's Games

Kansas City (Witasick 2-8) at Detroit (Mlicki 4-9), 1:05 p.m., 1st game
Anaheim (Cooper 4-3) at Oakland (Zito 0-0 or Prieto 1-1), 4:05 p.m.
Baltimore (Mercedes 4-4) at Toronto (Loaiza 5-6), 4:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Rupe 1-4) at N.Y. Yankees (Cone 1-8), 4:35 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Garland 1-1) at Boston (Fassero 6-3), 5:05 p.m.
Cleveland (Drew 1-0) at Minnesota (Lincoln 0-3), 7:05 p.m.
Kansas City (Durbin 2-4) at Detroit (Sparks 0-1), 7:05 p.m., 2nd game
Texas (Glynn 1-0) at Seattle (Halama 8-5), 9:05 p.m.

Sunday's Games

Kansas City at Detroit, 1:05 p.m.
Baltimore at Toronto, 1:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay at N.Y. Yankees, 1:05 p.m.
Chicago White Sox at Boston, 1:05 p.m.
Cleveland at Minnesota, 2:05 p.m.
Anaheim at Oakland, 4:05 p.m.
Texas at Seattle, 4:35 p.m.

National League Glance
At A Glance
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East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Atlanta	58	38	.604	—
New York	52	42	.553	5
Florida	48	47	.505	9½
Montreal	44	48	.478	12
Philadelphia	43	51	.457	14

Central Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
St. Louis	54	41	.568	—
Cincinnati	48	47	.505	6
Chicago	40	54	.426	13½
Pittsburgh	40	54	.426	13½
Milwaukee	40	56	.417	14½
Houston	33	62	.347	21

West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Arizona	55	41	.573	—
San Francisco	52	41	.559	1½
Los Angeles	49	45	.521	5
Colorado	47	46	.505	6½
San Diego	42	53	.442	12½

Saturday's Games

N.Y. Mets (Reed 4-2) at Atlanta (Maddux 12-3), 1:15 p.m.
Arizona (Guzman 2-0) at Cincinnati (Luebbers 0-1), 1:15 p.m.
St. Louis (Hentgen 9-6) at Houston (Miller 0-2), 1:15 p.m.
Milwaukee (Bere 6-7) at Chicago Cubs (Downs 4-3), 4:05 p.m.
San Francisco (Hernandez 8-7) at Los Angeles (Gagne 1-5), 4:05 p.m.
Montreal (Johnson 4-4) at Florida (Cornelius 3-3), 7:05 p.m.
Philadelphia (Person 5-2) at Pittsburgh (Arroyo 0-3), 7:05 p.m.
San Diego (Clement 9-8) at Colorado (Jarvis 2-4), 8:05 p.m.

Sunday's Games

Arizona at Cincinnati, 1:15 p.m.
Philadelphia at Pittsburgh, 1:35 p.m.
Milwaukee at Chicago Cubs, 2:20 p.m.
St. Louis at Houston, 3:05 p.m.
San Diego at Colorado, 3:05 p.m.
Montreal at Florida, 4:05 p.m.
N.Y. Mets at Atlanta, 8:05 p.m.
San Francisco at Los Angeles, 8:10 p.m.

Sports Briefs

Kiwanis Club tournament
Snyder Kiwanis Club will host the Cargile Scholarship Foundation Benefit Golf Tournament Aug. 5 at Western Texas College.

Format will be a four-person scramble, and entry fee is $30 per person. Cash prizes will be awarded to the top four teams, along with prizes for closest-to-the-hole and longest drive. $10,000 will be awarded for a hole-in-one.

To register, call the WTC pro shop at 573-9291, or Russell Fisk at 573-3438 or 573-3267.

Men's blowout partnership
The 12th annual Blowout Partnership will be held Aug. 25-27 at Snyder Country Club. The field will be limited to 60 teams, pre-flighted by combined handicap.

A practice round will be held Aug. 25. Saturday's format will be scramble, and Sunday's will be lowball.

Entry fee is $310 per team. Deadline to register is Aug. 18.

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

Ranch hand competition
The second in a series of four ranch rodeos will be July 28-29 at the Rotan Sheriff Posse Arena. The top three teams from each rodeo will advance to the finals, to be held Oct. 6-7 in Snyder.

Events include team doctoring, team mugging, team penning, wild cow milking and calf branding. Other rodeo dates are Aug. 18-19 and Sept. 16-17.

For more information, call Terry Fowler at (915) 735-2989, Glen Overby at (915) 735-3669, or Larry Nachlinger at 573-2039.

SCC Junior Club Championship
The Snyder Country Club Junior Club Championship will be July 28. Entry fee is $10. Players must be 18-years-old or younger, and must be a member of the club. To register, call the SCC pro shop at 573-7101.

Adult-child tourney
An adult-child golf tournament will be held July 29 at Snyder Country Club. Cost is $20 per team, and includes a hamburger lunch. Players of all ages are welcome. To register, call the SCC pro shop at 573-7101.

Athletic physicals
All athletes needing to take a physical must do so by Aug. 4. An appointment must be made with one of the following doctors: Burleson, Cooper, Thompson, Nussey or Rakov.

Athletes requiring physicals include all incoming 7th and 9th graders, students new to SISD, students participating in athletics for the first time, and any student whose medical history form requires them to do so.

All athletes not needing a physical must return all completed forms to their coach, the athletic director's office, or Steve Krueger.

Incoming 7th and 9th graders can pick up physical forms in the doctors' offices.

WGA play day, swingers
The Women's Golf Association of Snyder Country Club will hold its weekly play day at 9 a.m. Tuesday. Format will be play the pro.

Also, the Friday mixed-foursomes event will begin at 5:30 p.m.

Horseshoe pitching
Snyder Slingers Horseshoe Club has league play at 7 p.m. Thursdays at the courts adjacent to the coliseum.

For more information, call T.C. Nunn at 573-6710 or Terry Duncan at 573-5589.

Raggedy Ann and Andy Tourney at Country Club
The tournament will be Aug. 11-13.

U.S. Davis Cup team playing for pride

SANTANDER, Spain (AP) — The goal of the U.S. Davis Cup team now is simple: Make the score respectable.

There are no illusions among John McEnroe and his merriless men that they have a realistic chance of beating Spain after losing the first two singles matches Friday.

A loss in the doubles Saturday or either of the singles matches Sunday and it's all over. Spain would be in its first final in 33 years and going for its first Davis Cup title ever against Australia in Barcelona in December.

"This isn't going to get easier, this is going to get tougher," McEnroe said after watching Alex Corretja wear down Jan-Michael Gambill in four sets and Albert Costa take Todd Martin in three.

"Tomorrow they're just going to go for broke. This (doubles) is the match they least expected to win. This would be like gravy if they win. So at least we have to get on the board," said McEnroe.

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FTC announces settlement against Internet toy retailer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Owners of defunct Toysmart.com can sell its customer list, but only if the buyer abides by the terms of the Web site's privacy policy, the Federal Trade Commission said Friday in announcing a settlement with the e-company.

In a complaint filed earlier this month in U.S. District Court in Boston, the FTC said Toysmart's proposed sale of its customer list violated its own assurances to customers that their registered information would "never be shared with a third party." Under the complaint, the FTC could have asked a bankruptcy judge to block the sale of the company's assets.

"Customer data collected under a privacy agreement should not be auctioned off to the highest bidder," Jodie Bernstein, director of the FTC's Bureau of Consumer Protection, said Friday.

Toysmart attorney Harry Murphy called the settlement "a fair balancing of the needs of creditors with the needs of the customers, protecting the confidentiality of their information."

The educational toy company, majority-owned by Walt Disney Co., closed down in May and filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection in June, soliciting bids for its assets that include about 250,000 customer names, addresses and credit card numbers.

Privacy advocates feared the sales could encourage a wave of other failing dot-coms to abandon privacy assurances in return for cash, since customer lists can often be among the most valuable assets failed Internet retailers can sell off.

Under Friday's settlement, the Waltham, Mass.-based Toysmart is prohibited from selling the customer list as a "stand-alone" asset. The list may be sold only in a package that includes the entire Web site — and only to a "qualified buyer" in a related market.

The buyer also must abide by the terms of Toysmart's posted privacy statement. If the buyer wants to change the policy, it must tell consumers and obtain their consent, the FTC said.

If the Boston bankruptcy court doesn't find an approved buyer, Toysmart must destroy the consumer information, the FTC said.

The FTC said it will file an amended complaint with the court alleging that Toysmart collected personal information from children under 13 in violation of the Children's Online Privacy Protection Act of 1998 and its regulations, which took effect April 21. The revised complaint alleges that Toysmart collected names, e-mail addresses and ages of children without their parents' consent.

Legislation introduced in the Senate would bar the sale of personal information.



Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Sunday, July 23, 2000

A more bolder and enterprising you might emerge in the year ahead, making it possible for you to successfully add greater depth to your affairs. The harder you work, the more you'll gain.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Keep your opinions or suggestions to yourself today in all matters that do not directly affect you. Your input will not be welcomed and could even cause an incident to occur. Leo, treat yourself to a birthday gift. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead by mailing $2 and SASE to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper. P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to state your Zodiac sign.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Chances are you'll easily spot the shenanigans today of one who would like to put obstacles in your path. However, they can be dealt with if you don't let this person know you're on to him or her.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Be especially careful not to antagonize an already reluctant ally whose support could be crucial to you. Be tactful in whatever is said or done. It'll be worth it.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Trouble on the job today stems more from lack of concentration than from anything else. Keep your mind on what you're doing and don't let anybody who isn't knowledgeable tinker with your tools.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Being too possessive or aggressive with those with whom you have an emotional attachment will drive them away, not draw them to you. Don't jeopardize your relationships.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Be respectful of the points of views of everyone in your family today. If you are inconsiderate, especially about something another feels strongly, a rather bad argument could ensue.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) When working on tasks that require dangerous tools, do not let people or circumstances rush you beyond a reasonable pace. It isn't worth risking getting hurt.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Try to manage your resources today with the same aplomb you do your health. If you're careless or extravagant, the recovery from it could be slow and restrictive.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) You'll be the one writing today's script of behavior. The example you establish will be what everyone with whom you're involved will follow. If you're nice, they'll be nice — and vise versa.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Smolder in silence today should someone anger you. By keeping quiet instead of attempting to singe the offender with harsh words, the person's actions will be meaningless.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Poking your nose in someone else's financial affairs or allowing them to get involved in yours will cause problems, not solve them. In either case you can end up getting mugged.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Do not attempt to improvise on any instructions given to you today, either from a superior or written directions on a product. Serious complications could arise if something goes awry.

Monday, July 24, 2000

Although your route may not be an easy one in the year ahead, chances are your rewards could be outstanding. Don't be afraid to take on an endeavor that may be very demanding.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Holding back your true feelings could cause a misunderstanding today with someone important to you. Find a way to express your thoughts in a kind but honest manner. Major changes are ahead for Leo in the coming year. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions by mailing $2 and SASE to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to state your Zodiac sign.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Stay totally focused today when working with unfamiliar materials or tools. Daydreaming or allowing your attention to wander could produce undesirable results.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Sometimes it's okay to take a calculated risk in your commercial dealings, but today may not be one of those times. The gambles you make might cost you more than you bargained for.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) You can bank on the fact that people you're with today will emulate the example you set — especially family members. If you're abrasive or difficult, expect the same from them.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Should you find yourself involved today with someone whom you feel has previously wronged you, don't resurrect the issue. Harboring ill-will will create more animosity, not less.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Be particularly careful about whom you turn for advice today. You're unusually gullible and could accept ill-founded, unknowledgeable counseling without question.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Recall how you felt in the past when someone treated you in a less than honest fashion. Be careful that you're not accused of being deceitful today.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) You're highly imaginative to begin with, and today this ability could be in high gear. Unfortunately, you might view life more negatively than positively, causing you great discomfort.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Be careful how you treat an associate today if you find yourself being a trifle envious and jealous of this person. Rise above these feelings and be a booster, even if it's painful.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Associates could become frustrated with you today if you fail to stand up for an issue important to them as well as to yourself. To be respected, you need to show concern and courage.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Usually, you're the type of person who overlooks the faults in others, but today you could be uncharacteristically negative and hypercritical of those you encounter.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Purely wishful thinking could cause you to be a bit too gullible for your own good and motivate you to get involved in something today that would go against your own best interests.

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Electronic cards trim, but haven't eliminated fraud

WASHINGTON (AP) — Criminals are still swindling $660 million a year in food stamp benefits from the government, despite the widespread use of electronic debit cards in place of the traditional, easy-to-traffic paper coupons, federal officials say.

Still, the amount of federal money stolen each year by criminals has decreased 19 percent, from $815 million in 1993 to $660 million annually from 1996-98, Agriculture Department officials say.

And the trafficking rate — which compares dollars trafficked to benefits issued — dropped 8 percent from 3.8 cents per dollar in 1993 to 3.5 cents in 1998, according to a new department report released last week.

"Food stamps are intended for food and we do not and we will not tolerate fraud and abuse in the Food Stamp Program," said Shirley Watkins, the Agriculture undersecretary of food, nutrition and consumer services.

Using electronic benefit transfer (EBT) cards instead of paper coupons was supposed to help fight food stamp fraud and cut down on government paperwork. Currently, 37 states and the District of Columbia are using EBT cards for their statewide systems. All states have to be using the system by 2002, officials said.

But even though three-fourths of all American families using food stamps now use a card instead of coupons, criminals are still getting access to federal dollars, said Roger Viadero, the Agriculture Department's inspector general.

Just as they did with the paper coupons, recipients are selling their debit cards and personal identification numbers for drugs and money to traffickers, he told the House Budget Committee's welfare task force on Wednesday.

The street level traffickers may be having more difficulty using the cards, but "large-scale trafficking by retailers continues to be widespread," Viadero said. "Again, those involved often traffic in immense quantities of benefits, have large organizations and often use sophisticated schemes to carry out the crimes and conceal their illegal activities."

Part of the problem is that storeowners who willingly participate in fraud schemes are not being forced to pay the financial penalties they were assessed for trafficking, said Larry Dyckman, director of food and agricultural issues for the U.S. General Accounting Office, Congress's watchdog arm.

From 1993-98, stores were assessed $78 million in penalties but only $11.5 million was collected — about 13 percent, he said. Fifty-five percent — $49 million — was written off as "uncollectable" and the rest was pending collection, he said.

"According to agency officials, this small percentage of fines collected reflects the difficulties involved in collecting this kind of debt, such as problems in locating debtors as well as their refusal to pay," he said. "However, weaknesses in the agency's debt collection procedures and practices also contributed to low collections."

In addition, most states with EBT systems aren't analyzing the data to find criminals, Dyckman said. As of last April, only Florida, Missouri, South Carolina and Texas were independently analyzing their electronic databases to identify suspect recipients, and Agriculture's inspector general provided 34,000 suspects to Maryland as well, he said.

"During 1998 and 1999, these five states were responsible for disqualifying about 99 percent of the 6,873 individuals nationwide who were removed from the Food Stamp Program for trafficking," Dyckman said.

The Agriculture Department has its own anti-fraud computer system called "ALERT" which records EBT transactions and looks for trafficking patterns, Watkins said.

On the Net: House Budget Committee welfare task force: http://www.house.gov/budget/hearings/taskforce—welfare.htm
USDA Food and Nutrition Service: http://www.fns.usda.gov/fns/

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POOL COMPANY TEXAS Ltd.
A Nabors Industries Company

Pool Company, a subsidiary of Nabors Industries and an industry leader in oil field services, has immediate openings in the Snyder Area for experienced Crew Chiefs. Crew Chiefs must have experience operating a rig and a current CDL driver's license.
Pool offers an excellent wage and benefit package including medical/dental insurance, paid vacation, holiday premiums, 401-K, and retirement.
Qualified applicants should apply at:
Pool Company
2857 US Hwy. 180 West (Lamesa Hwy)
Snyder, Texas 79549
EEOC-M/F/D/V

Associate Clinical Psychologist II
Price Daniel Unit, Snyder, TX

Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center is accepting applications for an Associate Clinical Psychologist II at the Price Daniel correctional facility. Position requires Master's in psychology or related field or Doctoral intern student. Also requires passing TDCJ security clearance.
For application call (806) 743-2865 or pick up application at TTUHSC Office of Human Resources, 3601 4th Street, Room 1B110, Lubbock, TX or 800 W. 4th Street, Odessa, TX.
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Rolling Plains Memorial Hospital
is currently seeking Registered Nurses for the following positions:

Intensive Care Unit
7p.m. – 7a.m.
ACLS certification and previous ICU experience required

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Clean your garage, attic, old estate or house. For estimates call Tim **573-3047.**

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Call Comptex 2000.
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$15 for an hour
Call Ryan Gibson
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Employment

Applications are being accepted for R.N. for PRN position PT/FT for night shift. Competitive salary and benefits available. Interested parties contact Lavona Brown, D.O.N., Fisher County Hospital, M–F, 8–5. 915-735-2256.

ATTN: Own a PC?
$25–$75/hr. PT/FT
1-888-890-3481
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Children's Ministry Director needed! Person with a gentle heart and a love for children. Fifteen hours a week. Please inquire at First United Methodist Church, 2700 College Ave., Snyder, TX or call 573-4770.

Custodian position available. Approx. 30 hrs. weekly. Pick up applications: WTC, 6200 College Ave, 7D Bldg, Rm. 115.

Dave's Tubing Testing is now accepting applications. Competitive pay with hourly wages depending on experience. 50 hour guarantee. Must have CDL. Call 263-1747.

Experienced cooks & experienced wait-staff needed, full or part-time. Apply in person at White Buffalo Cafe & Snyder One Stop.

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Employment

DIRECTOR OF HOME HEALTH

Rolling Plains Memorial Hospital, Sweetwater, TX, is currently seeking a Director of Home Health. Successful candidate must be a Registered Nurse with at least 5 years previous experience in Home Health and 2 years management experience.

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Sweetwater, TX 79556
or Fax to:
915-235-1783

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CDL Class A ONLY
Owner Operators Also Welcome
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FULL TIME TANK CLEANERS NEEDED: Midwestern Services, Inc. in Snyder is currently accepting applications for tank cleaners. Will train. Crews average 50–55 hours per week. 70% travel required, transportation provided to and from the job site. For information call (915)-573-6385. **Hourly wage + bonuses.** 100% drug free. EOE

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MAINTENANCE POSITION AVAILABLE
The Colorado River Municipal Water District, immediate opening, for a maintenance worker for Lake Thomas area. A CDL license and mechanical experience helpful. Company benefits include paid vacation, sick leave, retirement plan, group insurance, and paid holidays. The District is an equal opportunity employer.
Applications are available at the District's office located at 400 East 24th St., Big Spring, TX. Or call (915)267-6341.

Night Clerk needed 11pm–7am 4 nights, including Friday & Saturday. Uniforms provided, insurance available. Must be non-smoker & have transportation. Apply in person, Purple Sage Motel.

NIX'S CAFE
Help wanted, apply within.
1510 College *No phone calls*

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Employment

Now hiring Convenience store attendants for Plaza Truck Stop and The Handi-Mart. Apply at National Fuel, 2208 Ave. R.

Opening for LVN. Vacation, retirement, sick time, holidays, health insurance. Contact: Elia Gonzales D.O.N. 915-728-2634

RN'S, LVN'S AND HOME HEALTH AIDES NEEDED IMMEDIATELY!!
Receive **TOP PAY** for part time work doing home health visits in Snyder and surrounding area. Please call **1-800-950-0786** today! **Girling Health Care, Inc.** EOE

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Child Protective Services
Specialist II-IV
C-02-00-540
Provides generic child protective services to include investigating reports of child abuse and neglect. Position requires frequent travel between communities, must reside within county served, must be able to work after hours and holidays. Minimum Qualification: Graduation from an accredited four year college or university. Monthly Salary: $2,295.00 – $2,589.00. Vacancy Location: Snyder, TX (Scurry County).
For a copy of the complete job announcement or an employment application you may visit our web site at **www.tdprs.state.tx.us** or call (512)719-6135. Interested applicants should submit a State of Texas Application for Employment to the address below or fax the application to (512)719-6180.
The Texas Department of Protective & Regulatory Services
Human Resources Office, Suite 450
8100 Cameron Road,
Austin, TX 78754

The City of Big Spring will be testing for the position of Certified and Non-Certified Police Officer at 8:30 a.m. on Wednesday August 2, 2000 at the Police Training Center on 307 E. 4th. Applications are being accepted through Monday July 31, 2000. For further information contact City Hall Personnel at 310 Nolan, Big Spring, TX 79720 or call 915-264-2346. The City of Big Spring is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

Welder/Sandblaster Helper
Must have clean driving record.
Rhodes Welding Co., Inc.
3220 W. Hwy-180 573-2861

Employment

WEEKEND RN'S NEEDED IMMEDIATELY!!
Part-time RN's needed in the Snyder, Sweetwater and Stamford areas to take call and do visits. Excellent pay. Call today at **676-2668 or 1-800-950-0786.**
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$500 – $1500 per month PT
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Woman's Column

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Complimentary Facial or Reorders! Call Geraldine Thames, 915-573-9433, 1812 38th St. Snyder.

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Alfalfa Hay for Sale
Crenwelge Farms
Scott 573-5356 Ted 573-5586
Mobile 575-3207

Young Fryer Roosters for sale. $1.00 each. Call 573-4108.

Boats

1983 Crest Pontoon, 25 ft., Evinrude 80hp, $4,000. Call 573-7922

Merchandise

5 piece drum set, $450. Ludwig snare kit, $125. Lots of old fishing gear, $225. Call 915-573-0902 after 3:30.

Antique trunk, $275. Curio cabinet 2–shelf lighted w/wall mirror, $295 or make offer. 573-5463

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20% – 75% Off
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3706 College 573-7582

Electric stove, 1 year old, almond. $75 Call **573-9986**

Merchandise

DEAL OF THE YEAR IS BACK!!!
Direct T.V. with **FREE** Professional Installation. Excellent Channel Choice. Best digital picture– $89.00 plus tax. Offer ends August 2nd. Call **573-6269** for details.

Flats fixed and used tires for sale. 573-1596, ask for Jr.

For Sale: Ladies gold wedding band, 14 diamonds. Call after 6:00p.m., 573-4276.

For Sale: Several decorative shelves (wicker, brass/glass, wood). Also redwood patio furniture (5pcs.) **573-5525**

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King-size mattress & foundation. Great condition! Call 573-5356 or 575-5356.

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Short-bed camper shell for 1999 Chevy pick-up. Asking $750. Call 573-5599 leave message.

Building Materials

New Steel Building in Crate. 40x30 was $7,212 now $3,890. Must sell!!! 1-800-292-0111

Dogs, Pets, Etc.

CRITTER CORNER!
Small Animals, Birds
Cages, Fish, Aquariums
POND SUPPLIES **573-0990**
M-T-W-Sat. 2608 College Ave.

Found: Small female dog with blue collar. Injured right paw. Found near Jr. High. 573-6543

Free to good home, 2 year old female Border Collie mix. Call 573-2277

Miniature Dachshunds, female & male, long-haired, 9-weeks old, no papers. $100 each. **573-1617**

Garage Sales

BIG INSIDE SALE
3107 Ave. T
Fri., Sat. & Sun. 11a.m. – ??
Jukebox, Furniture & lots of odds & ends. Everything, including the house at a reasonable price!!! Come & See!!

GARAGE SALE
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Fri. 1 – ?? & Sat. & Sun. 8 – ??
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For 1 Cashier & 1 Housekeeper

Benefits Offered, Training for all positions. Employee Discounts, Uniforms, Health Insurance w/$15,000 Term Life, Additional Life Insurance Available. Dental, Vision and Cancer Insurance Available. 401(k) Savings Plan, Up to 3 Weeks Paid Vacation.

Apply In Person Monday July 24th
From 11:00a.m. – 5:00p.m.

FULL-TIME OPENINGS at COGDELL MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

RN'S	House Supervisor	Flexible evenings/nights, weekends and holidays
	Med/Surg	Day & Night charge positions
	OB	Nights for Labor & Delivery
LVN's	Med/Surg	Day & Night positions
	Long Term Care	Nights

PRN openings for RN's LVN's and CNA's in all areas

Contact Norma Adams, Nurse Executive, 915-574-7123 or apply through the Human Resources office at 1700 Cogdell Blvd., Snyder, TX 79549, 915-574-7282 or by fax, 915-574-7433 EOE

JOB VACANCY
WESTERN TEXAS COLLEGE
SNYDER, TX 79549

POSITION: TECHNOLOGY ASSISTANT SALARY: College Scale. **DUTIES:** Staff support for hardware and software in distance learning and multimedia classrooms, central computer lab and on campus network. **EMPLOYMENT:** Full-time, 12-month position. Afternoon and evening work required (Noon til 9:00 p.m.) **QUALIFICATIONS:** High School diploma or GED equivalent required. Knowledge of major software packages including MS Office, Internet Explorer, Netscape navigator and Power Point. Ability to communicate technical information and work under pressure. Good communication skills. Flexible and works well with the public. **APPLICATION DEADLINE:** July 31, 2000. **SEND APPLICATION/RESUME TO:** Human Resources, Western Texas College, 6200 College Avenue, Snyder, TX 79549-9502. **DATE OF EMPLOYMENT:** September 01, 2000.

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POOL COMPANY TEXAS Ltd.

A Nabors Industries Company

Pool Company, a subsidiary of Nabors Industries and an industry leader in Oilfield Services is accepting resumes for the following position in Snyder, Texas:

TRUCK SUPERVISOR

The position requires a minimum of five (5) years experience as a Supervisor or equivalent postion and a thorough knowledge of the oilfield activities within the Well Servicing Industry, and associated equipment. Candidates must have Good Management and Communication skills as well as a High Prioity for Safety and Quality. Applicable D.O.T. and OSHA regulations knowledge requiered, along with applicable State and Federal Regulations. Candidates must be willing to relocate to the Snyder Area.
Pool Company offers an excellent salary and benefit package including medical/dental insurance, paid vacation, retirement, 401k Plan, Safety Awards, and other offtin.e benefits.
Resumes should be mailed to: Pool Company
P.O. Box 889
Snyder, TX 79550
Attn: Felix Puente
Sr. Safety/Training Specialist
POOL COMPANY EEO/M/F/D/V

JOB VACANCY
WESTERN TEXAS COLLEGE
SNYDER, TEXAS 79549

POSITIONS: **SECRETARY DEPARTMENT: CONTINUING EDUCATION–CORRECTIONAL OFFICER TRAINING DEPT. SALARY:** College Scale **DUTIES:** Typing, filling, record keeping, correspondence, reports (organization and submission to State agencies), related office duties as required. Work schedule may include some evening work. **EMPLOYMENT:** Full-time. **QUALIFICATIONS:** High School diploma or GED required, AA degree preferred. Evaluation by the Work Assessment Center required. **SPECIAL SKILLS:** Ability to effectively deal with the public. Good communication skills. Microcomputer experience required, knowledge of Windows 98 and Microsoft Office minimum. **DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF APPLICATIONS:** Open until position filled. **SEND APPLICATIONS/RESUME TO:** Ms. Pam Murray, Director of Human Resources, Western Texas College, 6200 College Ave., Snyder, TX 79549-9502. Applications are available at the Human Resources Office and the Switchboard Operator's Office in the WTC Administration Building. **NO PHONE CALLS PLEASE. DATE OF EMPLOYMENT: August 1, 2000 or earlier if individual available.**

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JOB VACANCY
WESTERN TEXAS COLLEGE
SNYDER, TEXAS 79549

POSITION: PART-TIME LIBRARY TECHNICIAN (2 POSITIONS AVAILABLE) SALARY: College Scale **Duties:** Perform circulation duties (checking books in and out), help students with library research, light clerical work, operation of copy machines, collection of money for fines, aid students with computers. **EMPLOYMENT:** 17 hours per week including evening hours during Fall and Spring semesters. **QUALIFICATIONS:** High School Diploma or GED equivalent. **SKILLS:** Clerical and computer skills. Ability to work well with the public. **APPLICATION DEADLINE:** July 28, 2000 **SEND APPLICATION/RESUME TO:** Human Resources, Western Texas College, 6200 College Avenue, Snyder, TX 79549-9502. **DATE OF EMPLOYMENT:** August 21, 2000.

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All Pro Source, Inc. employees receive a great benefits package:

* **Competitive Salary – $34,000 yr to start**
* **Major Medical and Dental**
* **401K Plan**
* **Paid Vacation and Holidays**
* **Life Insurance**
* **Short Term Disability**

Please call Troy @ 806-495-3254

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1605 8th St.
All Week Sun. – Fri.
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Lots of good back to school clothing (all sizes), Shoes and lots of misc.

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Apartments For Rent

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1 bedroom/1 bath - $265
(very big bedroom)

2 bedroom/1+bath - $285

* **$100 security deposit**
* **We pay water**
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Stay Cool in the Pool this Summer
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at the same time you can take advantage of the **Sizzling Hot Everyday Low Prices**
+ Many More Amenities
Office Located at 3901 Ave. O
573-1488

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2310 Sunset Ave., 2 bedroom 1 bath, carpet, CH/A, dishwasher, stove, laundry connections, garage, covered patio, fenced back yard and big pecan trees. $350/mo., $350 deposit. 573-0073

2 bedroom house for rent. CH/A, 2907 Ave. V. 573-9068

3-1½ for rent or lease. Fenced back yard, no pets. 2803 Ave. X. References required. 573-8739

For Rent: 2 bedroom, brick duplex w/appliances & CH/A. 573-1012.

House for Rent: 3-1-carport. $300/mo., 100 35th St. Call 573-9812.

HOUSES FOR RENT
Country.....3-2-2.....$300
3011 40th.....4-2.....$425
Sarah Jamison 573-4028
Elizabeth Potts Realtors 573-8505

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Mobile Homes

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Mobile Homes

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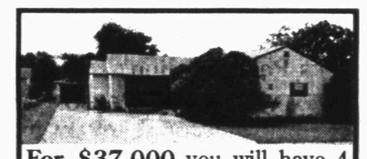
Mobile Home Lot(s) for Sale

OWNER FINANCE
(2) Lots, Corner of Green & Q, plumed & ready for owner + a renter. **573-7354**

Want To Rent

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Real Estate



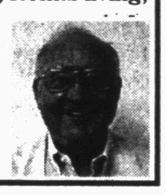
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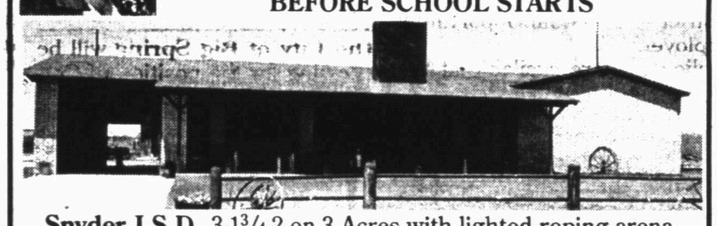
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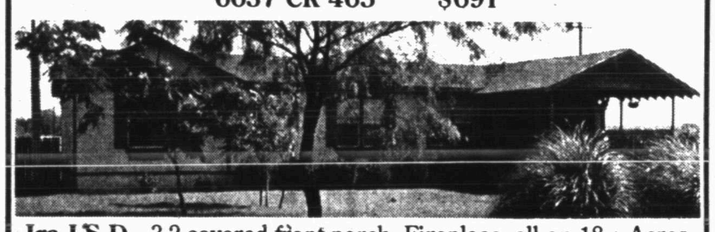
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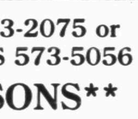
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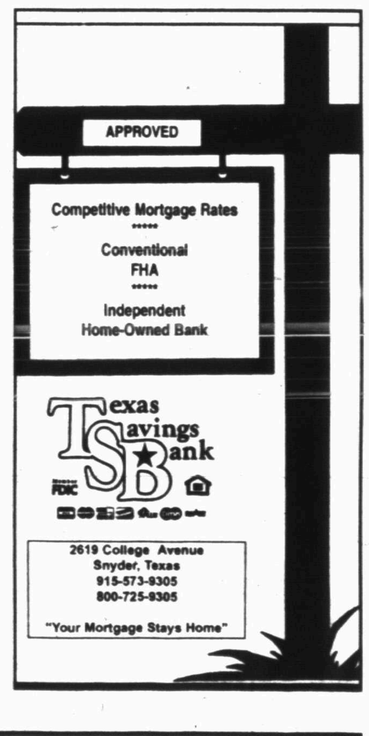
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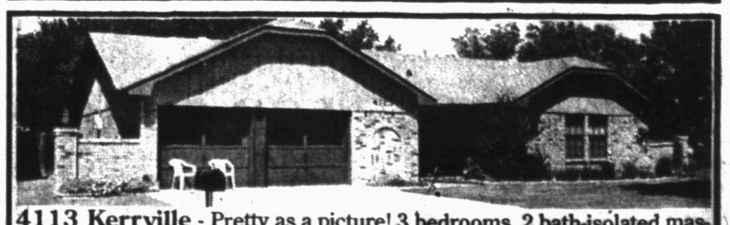
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2 workers freed from collapsed trench

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — After almost nine hours, rescue crews Friday night freed two construction workers who were trapped in a collapsed trench behind a high school.

Some 60 firefighters and 25 construction workers worked to pull Raul Gonzales free about 10:15 p.m. and David Howe around 40 minutes later, fire department spokesman District Chief Carl Wedige said.

Gonzales was taken by ambulance to University Hospital and Howe was airlifted to Brook Army Medical Center, he said. It was unclear the extent of injuries to the two, though Wedige said Howe may have had a broken leg.

Both workers were alert and able to talk during rescue efforts that began shortly after the cave-in about 2:15 p.m. Friday, he said. One was trapped up to his upper chest and the other to his neck.

Rescue workers gave them water throughout the 100-degree afternoon, plus oxygen, since their bodies were being compressed, limiting blood flow and the ability to breathe.

The two workers became trapped in the 12- to 14-foot-deep trench after the earth around it became unstable while they were digging behind San Antonio MacArthur High School, Wedige said.

"They were in there when the bottom portion of the trench collapsed, which covered them," he said.

While trying to dig out the men, rescue crews worked to shore up the trench by building a wooden frame around it to prevent it from caving in again.

"You have to be very careful in a situation like this that the rescuers don't become a part of the problem," Wedige said.

$56.3 billion surplus posted by the government in June

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Treasury, thanks to a flood of individual income tax receipts, posted a surplus of $56.3 billion in June and is on track to produce another record bounty for the entire fiscal year.

The government's surplus last month, announced by the Treasury Department on Friday, was 5.1 percent larger than the $53.6 billion surplus recorded in June 1999.

Last month's surplus was in line with the $55 billion surplus many analysts were expecting, and the $56 billion anticipated by the Congressional Budget Office.

Revenue for June totaled $214.9 billion, while expenditures came to $158.6 billion.

For the first nine months of fiscal 2000, which began Oct. 1, the government is running a surplus of $176.6 billion — far surpassing the record $124.4 billion surplus for all of fiscal year 1999.

Revenue for the first nine months came to $1.53 trillion, while spending totaled $1.36 trillion.

With the expected surplus for fiscal year 2000, which ends Sept. 30, it would be the first time the government has reported three consecutive surplus years since 1947, 1948 and 1949.

The Clinton administration is predicting a $224 billion surplus for fiscal 2000, while the CBO is projecting a slightly larger $232 billion.

In June, the biggest spending categories were: interest on the public debt, $75.9 billion; Social Security, $43.1 billion; programs at the Health and Human Services Department, $36.3 billion; and military spending, $28.5 billion.

Revenues from individual income tax payments totaled $100.5 billion in June, compared with $93 billion for the same month last year. Payments from corporate taxes came to $40.5 billion, up from $39.3 billion in June 1999.

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Senate approves first black female judge for W. circuit

WASHINGTON (AP) — Days after accusations flew in the Capitol of racism and sexism in judicial selections, the Senate has approved the first black female judge for a powerful appellate circuit.

Senators approved Johnnie Rawlinson by voice vote Friday for the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, which covers Alaska, Arizona, California, Hawaii, Idaho, Nevada, Montana, Oregon and Washington.

The court's caseload is almost double the average number of cases handled by any of the 12 other circuits.

When Rawlinson was sworn in a U.S. District judge in Nevada in June 1998, she was the first black woman to hold a position on the U.S. District Court in Nevada. Before becoming a judge, she spent 18 years with the office of the district attorney.

Her 9th Circuit nomination had been pending since February. Appellate judges receive lifetime appointments.

Rawlinson was approved Friday along with four U.S. District judges, Dennis Cavanaugh of New Jersey and three judges from Florida: John Steele, James Moody and Gregory Presnell.

This comes after members of the Congressional Black Caucus asserted in a statement circulated Wednesday that delays in approving minority and female judges showed racist and sexist tendencies in Senate.

Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee, denied the accusations and said more minority and female judges have been approved by the Senate under his chairmanship than ever before.

The committee voted out Rawlinson's nomination Thursday. She was approved the next day.

Tommy Hilfiger's marriage ripped

NEW YORK (AP) — The fabric of Tommy Hilfiger's marriage has come apart.

The clothing designer, whose regatta-bright apparel turned his name into a public icon, announced Friday that he and his wife, Susie, are splitting up.

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My thanks to Bell-Cypert Seale for their sweet smiles and soft ways of helping me through this time again.

Thank you to Tom Holcomb for his kind words at the service and to East Side Church of Christ for their members that brought food and the special ladies that served us the noon meal.

To the men that served G.W. as pallbearer, I appreciate your kindness.

Again we say Thank You as to what ever you did for us.

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Some Demos jittery over new budget

AUSTIN (AP) — Days of reassurances about the state's surplus have done little to ease the concerns of some Democratic lawmakers who will return in January to write a budget covering the state's bills for the next two years.

Sen. Mario Gallegos, D-Houston, stood by his claim Friday that state officials have cooked the books. He said nothing he heard this week eased his suspicions.

Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander had a news conference Thursday to announce the state has a $1.4 billion surplus, but Gallegos said he is still waiting for a detailed briefing on the $610 million budget overruns.

"There is a smell over there and (Gov. George W.) Bush or Rylander don't want to talk about it," said Gallegos, a retired firefighter who serves on the Senate budget-writing committee. "They will tell you with balloons and streamers about the surplus, but they are not telling you exactly what we have to owe going in" to the 2001 legislative session.

What began as a debate over whether the state had a deficit soon became a political battle in the presidential race and whether the Bush administration was playing with state budget numbers to help Bush's campaign.

Vice President Al Gore, the presumptive Democratic Party presidential nominee, abruptly changed his travel plans and scheduled a campaign stop in San Antonio to accuse Bush of squandering a state budget surplus in favor of special interests.

Gore criticized Bush for pushing a tax cut when all the state's needs had not been met. The Legislature in 1999 approved a collection of tax cuts totaling $1.7 billion, including relief for oil and gas companies. Bush originally had advocated nearly $3 billion in tax cuts.

Rylander called Gallego's assertion that the books have been cooked "hogwash."

Rep. Garnett Coleman, D-Houston, also criticized the numbers this week. On Friday, he said the estimate is incomplete because the budget staff excluded a $90 million Medicaid payment that was due this year. The state will put off paying it this fiscal year and cover in its next budget.

The state has put off such payments before, Coleman said, but usually that happens when there are squeezes on the budget.

"The difference here is we had money to make the budget balance," he said. "What was the impetus for deferring that payment when we could have used $100 million from the tax cut to pay it?"

Their criticisms conflict with the perspective of Democratic Rep. Rob Junell, chairman of the House budget writing committee, who this week called the budget overruns a regular occurrence in the two-year budgeting process.

Bush mulls Cheney as his running mate

WASHINGTON (AP) — Turning to a respected Washington insider in the final days of his search, George W. Bush is seriously considering former Defense Secretary Dick Cheney as his Republican running mate, two highly placed GOP officials say.

Cheney, a former House member, White House chief of staff and defense secretary — and head of the vice presidential search team — changed his voter registration Friday from Texas to Wyoming to ensure he is eligible for the job if the governor decides to offer it, said the officials, speaking on condition of anonymity. One said he is the leading contender.

Bush said he has not made his decision but will do so this weekend, promising to ponder "long and hard" in the privacy of his Texas ranch. "The days of speculation a e over," Bush said, and aides indicated an announcement could come as early next week, just days before the July 31 opening of the Republican National Convention in Philadelphia.

The emergence of Cheney serves to shift focus away from a campaign by at least 60 House lawmakers to get Arizona Sen. John McCain on the ticket. Bush advisers say he has shown no inclination toward selecting his vanquished rival, and the lobbying effort is viewed as an unwelcome distraction at Bush's headquarters in Austin, Texas.

Others who have figured prominently in the speculation include Govs. Frank Keating of Oklahoma, Tom Ridge of Pennsylvania and George Pataki of New York; Rep. John Kasich of Ohio and Sens. Chuck Hagel of Nebraska and Fred Thompson and Bill Frist, both of Tennessee.

A respected public figure with a long record of service, Cheney would be a low-risk choice, something Bush signaled this week he wants.

At 59, he is just five years older than Bush but would bring a range of experience and stature lacking in the presumptive nominee. Bush has tried to close the gravitas gap with Vice President.

Seven people enter guilty pleas Friday

Seven people entered guilty pleas in 132nd District Court this past week with one plea netting a man 25 years in prison.

Robert Vincent Ruback, 35, of Tyrone, Oklahoma, pleaded guilty to the Dec. 20, 1999 offense of burglary of a habitation. He was sentenced to 25 years in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

Orlanda Castelan, 17, of 1303 18th Street pleaded guilty to the May 23 offenses of burglary of a building and was sentenced to two years in TDCJ on both counts. He was also ordered to make $143.78 restitution to Whataburger and $216.05 to The Store in Fluvanna.

In addition, Castelan's probation on a Oct. 1, 1999 conviction for injury to a child was revoked and he must now serve that five-year sentence. The three sentences will be served concurrently.

Addie Lee Jackson, 33, of 1244 East Lake Drive in Hamlin was sentenced to one year in a state jail facility and ordered to make $200 restitution to Lawrence IGA after she plead guilty to an April 10, 1999 offense of forgery.

A 26-year-old man was given eight years in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice after pleading guilty to an assault/family violence charge. Brian Dewayne Jackson of 3700 Noble Drive was sentenced and ordered to pay court costs for the May 14, 2000 offense.

Jackson also had a June 1998 conviction of assault against a family member and a November 1993 conviction for burglary of a building.

A plea of guilty for a May 20th offense of engaging in organized criminal activity netted a 19-year-old man 5 years probation. Jeffrey Lee Hernandez was sentenced to two years in TDCJ, probated for five years. He was also assessed a $750 fine and ordered to make $1,069.45 in restitution to Wal-Mart and pay court costs.

Wade LaQuinn Littlejohn, 38, of Terrell received a 10-year probated sentence for an Oct. 7, 1998 offense of driving while intoxicated. He was also assessed a $1,500 fine, sentenced to 240 hours in the Scurry County Jail and ordered to participate in a substance abuse treatment program.

Littlejoh has two prior DWI convictions — for an offense in Ward County in January 1990 and for an offense in Callahan County in November 1996.

Diana Luna Sosa of 2405 30th Street plead guilty to a charge of delivery of a controlled substance, a March 17 offense. She was sentenced to 10 years in prison, probated for 1[illegible] years. The 41-year-old was also ordered to pay court costs and assessed a $1,000 fine.

Officers handle various reports

• ***Criminal mischief***

Amy Braziel reported at 7:46 a.m. Friday that someone had damaged her Chevrolet pickup while it was parked at the Eastridge Apartments. A report was taken for criminal mischief.

• ***Concerned girlfriend***

At 7:27 p.m. Friday, a man contacted officers in reference to his girlfriend not letting him leave the residence because he was intoxicated. Officers spoke to the man and advised him of the consequences of drinking and driving. He agreed to stay at the residence for the remainder of the evening.

• ***Stolen vehicle***

Raul Rodriguez told officers at 8:47 p.m. Friday that his 1993 White Honda Accord had been taken from the parking lot of Lorber Industries. A report for unauthorized use of a motor vehicle was taken.

• ***Assault***

A woman came to the police department at 3:59 a.m. Saturday to file assault charges on her ex-boyfriend.

• ***Four taken into custody***

A 35-year-old woman was arrested by Department of Public Safety troopers at 5:37 p.m. Friday on a Nolan County warrant for theft by check.

A 44-year-old illegal alien was detained for the Border Patrol at 6:16 p.m. Friday.

Misdemeanor driving while intoxicated sent a 34-year-old man to jail at 1:58 a.m. Saturday.

At 3:08 a.m. Saturday, a report was received of a man laying on a car on the side of the road three miles south of Snyder on Highway 208. A DPS trooper and two city officers responded and a 37-year-old man was arrested for public intoxication.

Blood drives slated here

United Blood Services, the Scurry County Advisory Council and the Cogdell Memorial Hospital Auxiliary is asking all eligible blood donors to donate the gift of life on Tuesday, Wednesday or Friday.

The drives will benefit two Snyder residents who are currently using blood products.

On Tuesday, the drive will be at the First Baptist Church Family Life Center from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

It moves to Cogdell on Wednesday and blood donations will be taken from noon until 5 p.m.

The mobile donor coach will be at Walls Industries on Friday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Donors will have the opportunity to credit their donation to Carol Garza and Joe Michie, two Snyder residents who are currently using blood products.

This credit may be applied to that portion of the blood processing fees not covered by insurance.

Blood donors will receive a mini-physical including checks on blood pressure and iron levels. Coupons will also be given to every donor from many area businesses.

Obituaries

Bob Williams

1933-2000

MULDROW, Okla. — Bob Williams of Muldrow, Okla., Scurry County native, died Thursday, July 6, at Snake Creek Lake in Tenkiller, Okla.

Service for Mr. Williams, 66, was held July 10 at the Agent Funeral Home Chapel in Muldrow, Okla. Burial was at the Cottonwood Cemetery outside of Muldrow.

Officiating were the Rev. Dwayne Anderson of Muldrow and the Rev. Tommy Williams of Belgrade, Mont.

Born on Nov. 20, 1933 in Hermleigh, Mr. Williams married Cale Van Zant on Feb. 14, 2000. He was founder of Williams Tool Co. in Fort Smith, Ark.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Ross and Delia Williams; a sister, Mary Lee Williams; and two brothers, G.B. and Roscie Williams Jr.

Survivors include his wife, Gale Williams of Muldrow; one daughter and son-in-law, Shelia and Greg Cluck of Salisaw, Ark.; three sons and daughters-in-law, John and TJ Williams of Fort Smith; Shane and Erin Williams of College Station, and Vinson and Susan Williams of Muldrow; four sisters, Loreta Hallman of Inadale, Sybil Minyard and Juanita Grover of Snyder and Izora Browning of Midland; a sister-in-law, Faye Williams of Snyder; six brothers, Aubrey Williams of Hermleigh, Wint Williams and Fred Williams of Odessa, F.R. "Bear" Williams of Snyder, Ted Williams of Post and Tommy Williams of Belgrade, Mont; 10 grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Lena Keisler

1910-2000

SWEETWATER — Lena Keisler, mother of RaVona Glover of Snyder, died Thursday, July 20, at a Roscoe nursing home.

Service for Mrs. Keisler, 90, is set for 2 p.m. Monday at the Crossroads Baptist Church. Burial will fo''ow in the Sardis Cemetery, directed by Weathersbee Funeral Home in Rotan.

Born in Rayburn, Ark., she worked for W.A. Hancock as a farmer and a cotton ginner in the Sardis community. Mrs. Keisler was a longtime resident of Sweetwater and was a Baptist.

She was preceded in death by her husband, E.S. Keisler, in 1961.

Other survivors include three grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

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Dance slated Saturday

Dance to the rhythmical sounds of Zabor Saturday at the Latin American Center. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. Admission is $5 per person and $8 for couple. Kids 12 and under are free. Proceeds will benefit Our Lady of Guadalupe.

SHS 1980 class reunion

Snyder High School's class of 1980 will have a homecoming dance from 8 p.m. to 11 p.m. Saturday at the Country Club. Classmates, teachers and friends invited. Admission is $5 each.

Sources management services

Sources Management Services will offer welfare-to-work and public computer classes starting Monday, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at 4201 ½ College Ave. (former Bill Early insurance building). Call 574-1944 for more information.

Colonial Hill concert

Enoch will appear at Colonial Hill Baptist Church at 1:30 p.m. Sunday, July 30. For more information call 573-8596.

Medical Funds set up

Medical funds have been established at American State Bank and West Texas State Bank for Jamie Justiss to help defray medical expenses. He is the son of Matt and Barbara Arnett of Fluvanna and the grandson of Robert and Mary Langford of Snyder.

Genealogy Society meeting

Scurry County Genealogy Society will elect officers at its meeting, Tuesday at 7 p.m. at Scurry County Library. Visitors are always welcome and members are encouraged to attend this meeting.

Kings Kids registration

Registration for Kings Kids and Mothers Day Out is underway for next school year at First Baptist Church. The program is for children one to four-years-old, and pre-K. Call 573-5683 or 573-7401 or come by 1701 27th St. for more information.

Joy School pre-registration

Pre-registration for Joy School is now underway. Joy School will be accepting infants through pre-K five days a week. For more information, call 573-3554.

Sonshine School registration

Pre-registration for Sonshine School at 37th Street Church of Christ is in progress. The classes begin Aug. 15 for ages two to five and will be held Tuesday and Thursday. For more information, call Lora Lord at 573-1700, or the church office at 573-0154.

Bible study tapes

Bible study tapes air each week on Channel 2. To be shown at 7 p.m. Monday is "Responsibilities of a Father," followed by "Great Is Our God."

GED exams

GED examinations will be administered Thursday in the testing center at WTC. Call Emily Hataway at 574-2112 or Molly Kattes at 573-2919 for more information.

FBC worship service

The First Baptist Church Sunday morning worship service airs at 3 p.m. every Thursday on TV Channel 2.

SHS class of 1975 reunion

Members of the class of 1975 are urged to send in reservations for the class reunion to Karen Wadleigh at 1906 30th St., or call 573-8455, by July 28. The reunion is Aug. 5.

Bible Club

Northside Missionary Baptist Church will be having a Bible Club for grades 1-6 from 1-3 p.m. July 31-Aug. 4. The church is located at 1909 16th St. For more information, call 573-7105.

Holiday poems sought

Mesquite Country Writers Guild is soliciting original, short holiday poems for its quarterly poetry newsletter, "Bards of A Feather." The deadline is Aug. 15. Submissions may be mailed to 9221 S. Hwy. 208 in Hermleigh, 79526, or e-mailed to dade@bigcountry.net.

Northeast Elementary cookbooks

Copies of the Northeast Elementary millennium cookbook are still available for $7. Call Diane Arnold at 573-2159.

Computer courses

A variety of computer courses are being offered this summer by the Continuing Ed division of WTC. Call 573-8511, ext. 390, for a list of classes.

Pick 3

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

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Texas Million

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Texas Million numbers drawn Friday by the Texas Lottery:

16-31-50-57

Cash Five

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Friday by the Texas Lottery:

3-6-9-23-33

Law enforcement veteran to head SPD

SEATTLE (AP) — A 28-year law enforcement veteran now working for the U.S. Justice Department is Mayor Paul Schell's choice to head Seattle's police department, the Seattle Post-Intelligencer reported Saturday. Schell is naming a replacement for Chief Norm Stamper, who resigned after riots during the World Trade Organization meeting last fall overwhelmed police and left the city with more than $2.5 million in property damage. Gus Kerlikowske's appointment is expected to be announced Monday, the newspaper said. The other two finalists for the job are Richard Williams, the police chief in Madison, Wis., and William McManus, an assistant chief in the Washington, D.C., police department.

Hopi traditions conflict with federal laws

WASHINGTON (AP) — Every spring for centuries, Hopi Indians gathered fledgling golden eagles from nests perched on the red-hued cliffs of what is now northeastern Arizona and used them in religious ceremonies.

Wupatki National Monument officials stopped the practice last year, saying it violated federal laws prohibiting taking wildlife from national parks.

The case is the latest in a string of disputes involving Indian cultural and religious traditions, the government and environmentalists.

To the Hopi, what's at stake is the essence of their religion, which is older than the 12th-century ruins their ancestors built at Wupatki.

"The practice of eagle-gathering is central to Hopi religion and cultural life," tribal chairman Wayne Taylor Jr. said. "The Hopi regard the eagles as embodying the spirits of their ancestors."

Interior Department lawyers have been considering the issue for nearly a year and hope to have a ruling before 2001, said Patricia Parker, the National Park Service's Indian liaison.

Critics say the Park Service cannot give the Hopi an exemption without giving all other tribes the same rights in other national parks and monuments.

"If the long-standing prohibitions of taking animals from parks can be waived for religious purposes of the Hopis, then how can you not waive it for the religious purposes of Navajos or Blackfeet or Quinault, or other tribes that claim they want to take wildlife from parks for traditional ceremonial, religious or even subsistence purposes?" asked Frank Buono, a retired Park Service official.

Buono is a board member of Public Employees for Environmental Responsibility, one of the environmental groups pressing the Park Service to stop the Hopis from gathering the eagles.

Some Indian leaders complain that environmentalists show ambivalence toward tribes. For example, they joined with the Hopi and other tribes to try to block mining on the San Francisco Peaks in Arizona, but opposed the Makah tribe's whale hunts in Washington state.

"There is still an anti-Indian bias about traditional native religions among a lot of people in environmental groups the same way there is generally," said Suzan Shown Harjo, a Cheyenne-Muskogee and director of the Morning Star Institute, an Indian rights group based in Washington.

"You find a lot of environmentalists who are only too happy to appropriate the words of Chief Seattle, or take the thinking of other great people of native history about the environment," she said. "There are people who are only too happy to adopt those trappings as their own and continue to disregard the living people who are related to that legacy."

The Hopi have permits from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to gather 40 golden eaglets a year for use in religious ceremonies, during which the birds are killed. The ceremonies are exempt from the 1962 federal law protecting golden eagles, which are not listed as threatened or endangered under the Endangered Species Act. The permits do not specify where the eagles can be taken. The U.S. Forest Service allows them to be gathered in federal forest land.

Wupatki Monument Superintendent Sam Henderson said he intervened because federal law does not exempt Hopis or other Indians from the ban on killing or capturing wildlife in the monument.

Parker said the prohibition was enforced last year because it was the first time the Hopi made a formal request to gather eaglets in the monument.

Harjo, who helped write a White House report on Indian religious freedom in 1979, said federal law has plenty of exemptions for capturing or killing animals in parks for religious, scientific, safety or other purposes. For example, Sioux tribal members are allowed to hunt for religious and subsistence purposes on part of Badlands National Park in South Dakota. They are the only people allowed to hunt there.

"Allowing an Indian religious taking, especially on lands that are only under federal ownership because they were stolen from Indians, that's the least they could do," Harjo said.

Buono said the issue is broader than Hopis and eaglets.

"I think it's important for the Americans of the future of all races to be able to go to places and see wild animals that are not being pursued, hunted, trapped, captured or killed," he said. "If they want to capture eagles and sacrifice them for their religious purposes, fine, but don't come into the parks and do it."

On the Net:
Wupatki National Monument:
http://www.nps.gov/wupa/
Hopi Tribe Cultural Preservation Office:
http://www.nau.edu/(tilde)hcpo-p/
Public Employees for Environmental Responsibility:
http://www.peer.org/

Talks break down in actors' strike

NEW YORK (AP) — Talks between two actors' unions and the advertisers they've been on strike against since May broke down Friday with no reported progress and no new sessions scheduled.

The Screen Actors Guild and the American Federation of Television and Radio Artists announced the stalemate just a day after federal mediators sought to jump-start the negotiations.

"SAG and AFTRA brought their full 26-member negotiation team back to New York in hopes that substantive discussion could begin on the many issues between the unions and the ad industry in this contract," John McGuire, SAG's chief negotiator said in a statement.

"The unions significantly modified their key cable proposal. The advertisers refused to make any changes in any of their demands."

Ira Shepard, a top negotiator for the advertisers, did not immediately return a telephone message left at his Washington office.

SAG and AFTRA went on strike May 1 against the advertising industry, seeking to protect residuals, or fees paid each time a radio or television commercial is broadcast on a major network. Advertisers want to replace residuals with flat-fee payments.

The two unions have a combined membership of 135,000.

"It's clear to us that the ad industry feels no remorse about putting so many thousands of our members and so many thousands of people ... out of work," said AFTRA President Shelby Scott.

The strike is the first major Hollywood walkout in 12 years. It affects only radio and TV commercials, not movies or television series.

The unions have signed interim agreements with some organizations making commercials during the strike, with the businesses agreeing to pay actors on a "pay-per-play" basis.

On the Net:
http://www.sag.org
http://www.aftra.org
American Association of Advertising Agencies:
http://www.aaaa.org
Association of National Advertisers:
http://www.ana.net

Merger offer extended to drkoop.com

AUSTIN (AP) — A Virginia company that sells medical equipment and provides online health news said Friday it has offered to merge with ailing drkoop.com Inc.

MillenniumHealth Communications Inc., based in Reston, Va., would not disclose details of its offer. However, drkoop.com said in a statement that the offer was a stock-for-stock transaction; a spokeswoman declined to elaborate.

"We are in negotiations," said MillenniumHealth spokeswoman Alina Mesenbourg. "We think they have a great Web site. With restructured board and management, we can be a refreshing voice for their company. We think we can go in there and turn it around."

Drkoop.com officials said the two companies had met once but called the merger offer announcement "highly premature." Drkoop.com said in the statement that company officials have told MillenniumHealth they would consider the offer.

The offer also requests from drkoop.com a binding no-shop agreement and a $1 million breakup fee.

Drkoop.com, a provider of online health information cofounded in 1997 by former Surgeon General C. Everett Koop, has been limping along financially. The stock, which sold as high as $45 shortly after its initial public offering last July, has lately fallen to the $1 range.

In trading Friday, drkoop.com shares jumped 55 percent, or 56.3 cents, to $1.594.

Analysts questioned whether the proposed merger would provide the necessary lifeline to keep drkoop.com alive. MillenniumHealth is a low-profile company and not the kind analysts expected to scoop up drkoop.com, said Rachel Terrace, health care analyst for the Internet research firm Jupiter Communications.

"It's a marriage of a content site and content site," Terrace said. "It's not like they're getting a huge cash infusion from a company like AOL. It's an infusion of money, but whether it would work as a long-term strategy remains to be seen."

The announcement came a day after a federal lawsuit, which seeks class-action status on behalf of shareholders, was filed in Austin alleging that drkoop.com issued a misleading prospectus before its initial public offering of stock.

Drkoop had no comment on the suit, a spokeswoman said.

Drkoop.com has been seeking new financing since April, when it announced it only had enough cash to survive until August. That came after the company disclosed in March that its auditors had cast doubt on its ability to remain in business.

On Monday, two top executives resigned as the company warned that it will post a larger-than-expected loss for the second quarter.

On the Net:
http://www.drkoop.com
MillenniumHealth Communications sites:
http://Health24News.com and
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Visiting Washington Capital can be fun for whole family

WASHINGTON (AP) — Dad wants to introduce the family to senators, Mom would like to revisit Arlington Cemetery and 8-year-old daughter Jordan likes music and dance.

How to make everybody happy when the Pelavin family visits Washington? The best known attractions — museums and stately monuments — may not be the best answer.

Tour organizer Sandra Dee Hoffman thinks too many parents visiting the capital want to do things that bore kids — looking at monuments or old Dutch paintings in the National Gallery, for example, when their offspring really want to see the zoo.

Often-overlooked attractions may appeal more: The 60-foot model of the White House at the National Building Museum, complete with tiny twinkling TVs, or the little-known National Cryptologic Museum of code-breaking that the once super-secret National Security Agency has opened to the public in suburban Ft. Meade, Md.

If parents want to see art, there are ways to get young children interested in paintings, Hoffman said, like devising games — count how many of the men in the pictures have mustaches, for example, or see how often the painters use orange, the Dutch national color.

Families planning their visits can get a free booklet, "Family Fun in Washington D.C.," from the District of Columbia Chamber of Commerce. The White House has its own visitors center in the Commerce Building, three blocks away, that also dispenses free information.

Hoffman's service, called "Children's Concierge," gives families long questionnaires on what their children like to do and produces colorfully illustrated, personalized schedules, one for each family member. She charges $65 per planning hour.

Mark Pelavin, associate director of the Washington office of the Reform Jewish Movement, knows his way around Congress but needs some help finding fun sites for his children.

"They both like playing in the dirt and getting dirty," mother Lori Morris Pelavin told Hoffman in a recent teleconference to plan their trip.

"Have you ever visited a dig for dinosaur bones?" suggested Hoffman.

Mom liked the idea.

On the Net:
District of Columbia Chamber of Commerce:
http://www.dcchamber.org
White House for kids:
http://www.whitehouse.gov/WH/kids/html/home.html

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Scurry County Folks

By Shirley A. Gorman

THE SNYDER DAILY NEWS

Man sells guns he collected for forty plus years

Larry Hall likes to collect things, especially firearms. Hall, who served in the infantry during the Korean War, has a special affinity for the guns and rifles that have a documented history.

Over the past 40 years, he put together a collection of about 65 pistols and 75 rifles, many circa 1800s; plus an assortment of other items from spurs to saddles. The retired pharmacist also has early day pharmacy equipment and supplies salvaged from Hermleigh's drug store.

While some people knew of his interest in guns, Hall said he never wanted to advertise he was a collector for fear his guns might be stolen. Now that he has sold his collection to an out-of-state buyer, he said he was ready to talk about them.

Hall likes talking about guns as much as he enjoyed collecting them. Putting the collection together was fun, but he said, the real thrill was learning the history of each firearm. He said he always preferred an old gun with a history, rather than a new one.

While in pharmacy school in Birmingham in 1958, Hall said a professor got him interested in collecting guns. But it was a couple of years before he went "hard at it." The first gun he acquired was a .41-caliber Derringer that had belonged to his grandmother Hall.

Another gun came from a woman in Clairemont who sold Hall a gun that had belonged to her uncle who had been a territorial marshal in Oklahoma. The first time Hall handled the gun, he heard a rattling sound. Then he discovered that it contained .38-.55-caliber bullets rather than the .44-.40s it had been made for.

He surmised that the marshal must have run out of ammunition and substituted the smaller size. "I bet it blew black powder in his face, every time he fired," Hall said.

Hall acquired most of his guns through "word of mouth." He sometimes teamed with Dr. Bill Pierce, also an avid gun collector who has since sold his collection. Hall also acquired some guns owned by Dr. Harry Ward who died in 1973.

Hall admits to chasing down many leads in his zeal to add to his collection, including a trip to Burkburnett to acquire a "buffalo gun." It was after hours, but he persuaded the shop owner to open. Then he swapped him a new gun for the 1876 Winchester, which shot .40-.60-caliber bullets. It was used to kill big game, and even though they were very heavy rifles, the Mountain Men carried them all day long.

Hall also had a gun that John Wesley Hardin had won in a card game in Fort Phantom Hill. It was a .44-caliber cap/ball pistol but Hardin had not killed anyone with it. At one time, Hall had a research paper, prepared by a Hardin-Simmons University professor, explaining the gun's history. But the paper has been misplaced and that's all he can remember about the gun.

One of the oldest rifles Hall had was "Yellow Boy," aptly named for its brass plating. He said the rifle is the second Winchester to be built. The first one was called Henry. The Spencer carbines are featured in many Hollywood westerns. He noted that the 1873 Winchesters are considered to have "won the West." The Winchester and Henry, circa 1865, were repeating rifles and the Spencer was a five-shot repeater. The Springfield shot 45-70 and was Army issue stock. It also had a bayonet.

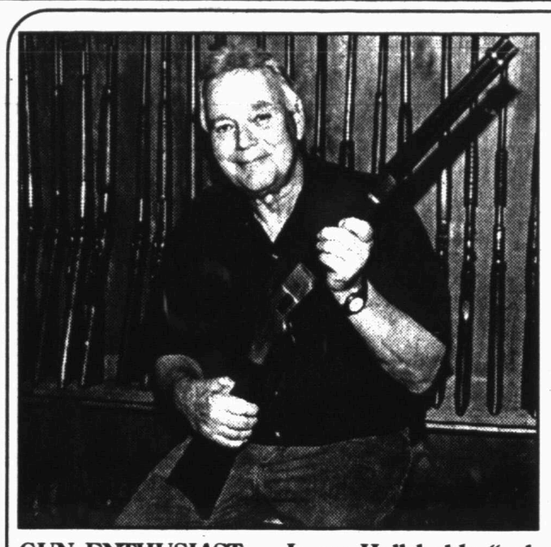
He had a single shot MX Remington .50-caliber rifle used by Mexican soldiers. The weapon had had been found on a cave ledge, along with a cache of dynamite.

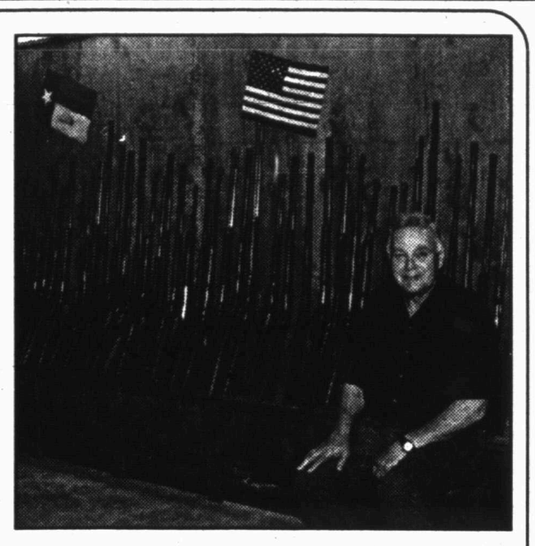
Another was a rifle and carbine like the ones used by Teddy Roosevelt during the Spanish-American War. While the rifle was the one "carried up San Juan Hill," Hall called them "pretty ineffectual" because even one grain of sand could hang up the breech and block the rifle from firing.

Roosevelt liked the 1895 Winchesters and had a whole collection of them, Hall said.

Another gun Hall owned was a Derringer, nicknamed "knuckle buster." The Derringers were either .32 or .22-caliber and were

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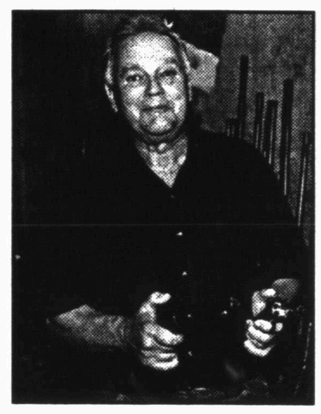




GUN ENTHUSIAST — Larry Hall holds "yellow boy," (top left) one of the oldest rifles he had in his gun collection. He stored the guns (top right) in a special room.



SADDLE AND MORE SADDLES — Larry Hall also collects saddles. One belonged to Pearl Nance who used it to ride sidesaddle for weekly mail pick ups.



PISTOLS — Larry Hall holds two of the pistols he had in his gun collection before he sold it. The one in his left hand is a cap and ball conversion model converted to .36 caliber metallic shells, and the other one is a standard .44-caliber cap and ball Remington.

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Rosson, Littlejohn repeat wedding vows

Christa Marie Rosson of Lubbock and Brett Lane Littlejohn of Clovis, N.M., were united in marriage at 2 p.m. on Saturday, June 10, in Colonial Hill Baptist Church. Dr. Tommy Culwell officiated the double-ring ceremony.

Parents of the bride are Jim and Melissa Rosson of Snyder. The bridegroom is the son of Robert and Jan Littlejohn of Clovis. Her grandparents are R.J. and Dorothy Rosson of Snyder and George and Carolyn Witten of Colorado City. His grandmother is Pat Littlejohn of Clovis.

Haley Shurtleff, cousin of the bride from San Angelo, greeted guests. The registry table was attired with an arrangement of orchid and white mums with English ivy. Guests received a program as they registered and were seated.

The setting for the vows in the sanctuary was decorated with white silk and tulle bows with a touch of orchid roses along the pews. The bride's grandmother, Carolyn Witten, made the bows.

An arc candelabrum with votive candles stood in the center of the altar with tapered candelabras to each side of the arc. The three candelabras were all dressed with floor-length tulle and satin bows, which were tied under the candles and draped gracefully to the floor. They were made by the bride's cousin, Linda Richardson of Carlsbad, N.M. A large floral arrangement of white mums with orchid gladiolas and greenery added a lacy elegance to the altar setting. The unity table was draped with a white doily cloth and a framed wedding prayer was placed beside the candles.

Candlelighters were Scott Squiers of Lubbock, a close friend of the bride and groom, and Chad Helmer, a longtime friend of the groom from Clovis. They lit candles as a medley of songs were played by Triesta Lilly, which included "Ballade Pour Adeline," "Hymne," "Thread of Love" and "Wind Beneath My Wings."

As the parents lit the unity candle, "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring" was played. Ellen Strayhorn, longtime friend of the bride and her family, sang "The Rose." Bridesmaids entered from the rear of the church as the groom and groomsmen entered the front to "Pachelbel's Canon in D."



Mr. and Mrs. Brett Lane Littlejohn
(Photo by Harley Bynum)

The bride was escorted down the aisle by her father to the traditional wedding march. She wore an elegant gown of white Italian satin designed by Private Label. The strapped bodice was accented with soutache lace in a floral pattern encrusted with sequins and pearls. It was further enhanced with a band of scrollwork at the top and waistline. The Basque waist allowed the full ball gown skirt to fall gracefully to the floor and sweep into a mid cathedral train. The hemline was finished with a band of scrollwork that echoed the look of the bodice. To complete her ensemble, she wore a wreath of delicate flowers and pearls finished with white illusion. She also wore a pearl necklace, bracelet, and earrings belonging to her mother. Her bouquet of long-stemmed white roses and freesia was draped and wrapped with an elegant bow of satin and tulle.

Matron of honor was Monica Rosson Squiers, cousin of the bride from Lubbock. Bridesmaids were Brooke Wright, cousin of the bride from San Marcos, Carol Littlejohn, the groom's sister-in-law from Lubbock, and Erin Littlejohn, the groom's sister from Clovis. Flower girl was Kinsey Holt of Lubbock.

Attendants wore orchid floor-length sleeveless dresses of crepe with a jewel neckline. Pearls adorned the neckline and bodice of the empire waisted gowns. Each carried a single long-stemmed white rose adorned with freesia and greenery and tied with an orchid and white silk bow.

Best man was Cade Monroe, a cousin of the groom from Clayton, N.M. Groomsmen were Blake Littlejohn, brother of the groom from Lubbock, Seth Rosson, brother of the bride from Snyder, and Brad McConnel, a friend of the groom from New Mexico. Ringbearer was Tanner Monroe, a cousin of the groom from Clayton, N.M. Ushers were Levi Lay, Chad Helmer, Justin Rosson, cousin of the bride, and Scott Squiers. Male attendants were dressed in black coat tail tuxedos with black vests and ties. Each had a white rose in his lapel.

During the double-ring ceremony, Seth Rosson read 1 Corinthians 13. Vows were exchanged and the couple lit the unity candle while Ellen Strayhorn sang "Standing Right Next to Me." The declaration of marriage was given and the wedding party adjourned to the reception in the fellowship hall.

The bride's table featured a four-layered wedding cake adorned with white roses, orchid mums, and greenery around the base of the cake and separating the tiers. The wedding cake, a gift from Patty Hillock, longtime friend of the groom, was decorated with a similar floral pattern and scrollwork found in the bride's dress. White pearls were draped along the lacework of the cake to further enhance this effect. The cake was topped with white butterflies with gold rims resting on a platform of lace and bows.

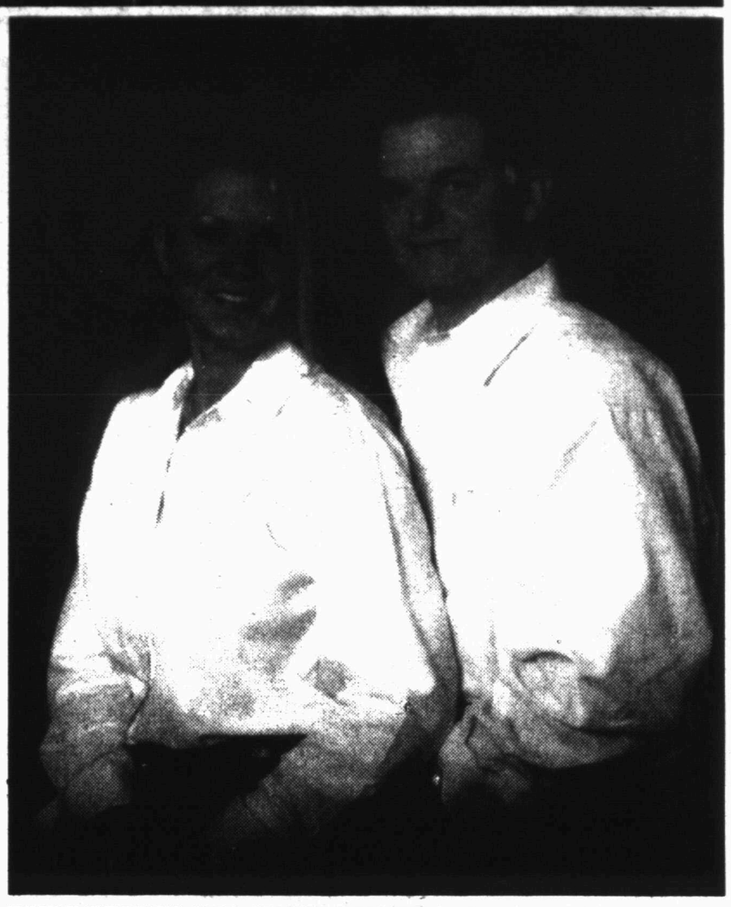
The table was also decorated with two sterling silver candelabras and a wedding prayer plaque given to the bride by her cousin, Michelle Rheeten. The bridal bouquet and bridesmaid's bouquets completed the floral arrangement of the table. Serving the wedding cake were Audra McAteer and Amy Choate from Lubbock who are longtime friends of the bride.

Coffee was served from a silver service belonging the bride's great aunt, Dorothy Rosson. The punch bowl of sterling silver and matching cups belonged to Judy Moss. Punch and coffee were served by Michelle Martin, longtime friend of the bride from Dallas. Ivy entwined with orchid ribbon circled the punch bowl and silver service.

The groom's table was covered with a floor-length burlap-colored cloth. The western theme of the table was enhanced by a hexagon shaped red velvet chocolate covered cake. On top of the cake was the groom's brand. The table was decorated with a wildflower arrangement in a western boot make of mesh wire. Spurs and a lariat belonging to the groom helped to conclude the table theme. Chocolate covered strawberries, nuts and mints were also served to guests. Krissy Bruton, friend of the bride and groom from Dimmitt, served cake.

The wedding coordinator was Linda Cozart. Reception coordinator was Judy Moss, and hostesses included Carolyn Hamby, Vina Strayhorn, Molly Kattes and Kathy Post.

After the reception, the couple left in a 1930 Model A Ford belonging to Linda Greene of Snyder. Following a honeymoon to Cancun, Mexico, the couple has made their home in Dimmitt. The groom, a graduate of Texico High School, is employed by Nutt Cattle Co. He attended Eastern New Mexico State University in Portales and will attend West Texas A&M University in Canyon. The bride, a graduate of Snyder High School and Texas Tech University, received her degree from College of Human Sciences in early childhood education. She is employed by Dimmitt Independent School District and will be teaching first grade.



BURT-REEVES SET AUGUST VOWS —Gary and Anita Burt of Snyder announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Annie Burt, to Tommy Reeves. He is the son of Tom Reeves of Midland and Becky Reeves of Snyder. A 2 p.m. wedding ceremony is being planned for Aug. 26 in Victoria's Wedding Chapel in Las Vegas, Nev. (Mr. Geez's Photograph)

Bridal Registry

CHRISTA ROSSON AND BRETT LITTLEJOHN
KATE PHINIZY AND RYAN DAVIS
ANGEL SCARBER AND ROBERT KEE PATTERSON
LAURA COLLINS AND MATTHEW WHITE
KATHRYN ROBBINS AND SCOTT HALL
JAMIE BASS AND DANIEL SCHLUMPF
AMY LEWIS AND CHAD MARTIN
AMANDA KEILS AND HEATH PORTER
KARRAH GRISWOLD AND TODD IGLEHART
KARAN MCANELLY AND CHARLES KITTLES
MICHELLE ROEMISCH AND MATTHEW BYROM
TABITHA GILBRETH AND CHAD CARTER
JACKIE BECK AND ERIC ROBERTSON
KRISTI HARRIS AND JEREMY HOWARD
FELICIA CASTILL AND FREDDIE MARTINEZ
GENEVA MARTINEZ AND TRACY LOYOLA
BECKY STRAUT AND BRADY COLLIER
LISA NIX AND CHRIS BARGAS
CANDACE BARROW AND JUSTIN STRIBLING
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KELLY HART AND REID STUITZ
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Riley family reunion held at Wagon Wheel

The family of James Valentine and Sarah Elizabeth Parker Riley gathered at the Wagon Wheel Ranch July 15.

The Rileys arrived in Scurry County in June 1891 from Mills County, Tex. With four young children, Anon, Emma, Minnie and Ira, they traveled by covered wagon drawn by two big oxen. Mr. Riley moved his 96 head of cattle along with the wagon. They ranched in the Ennis Creek area, later moving near the Kent County line. Four more children were born in Scurry County, Margia, Bessie, Ada and Effie.

Descendents of Anon Riley attending the reunion were Torrence Riley of Clovis, N.M., Randall Riley of Levelland, Doug and Ellen Riley of Hermleigh, Mary and Roger Batchelor of Snyder, Weldon, Reanna, Morgan and Wesley Riley and Tanner McCrea of San Angelo, Tommy and Johnie Riley of Snyder, Clayton, Jeri, Magen, and Jake Riley of Snyder, Kenny, Jeana and Erin Riley of Tulsa, Okla., Gaylon and Tom Neatherlin of Abilene, Bill and Billie Aucutt, Frank and Jan Aucutt of Clovis, N.M., Eulene and Art Cronk of Lubbock.

Descendents of Emma Riley Meyers were Zada Bea Singer of Salt Lake City, Utah, Carolyn Stevens of Holden, Utah, Francine, Patrick and James Moore of Killeen.

Descendents of Minnie Riley Burnett Whatley attending were Dorothy, Bob, Christian and Chrissy Le Pere of San Antonio, Mickey Clark of Austin, Faydene and Rufus Hart of Snyder, Betty Hodgson of Winnsboro and Patsy Barnett of Wilson.

Descendents of Ira Riley were Lanham Riley of Aledo, Dorothy, Jimmie Randals, Jina and John Vick, Richard, Donna and Anna Randals of Tucumcari, N.M.

Descendents of Bessie Riley Miller were Elizabeth and Excel Smith of Trinchera, Colo., Jo Beth Steward of Paradise, Jonnalea, Jessica and Jaylynn Tortorelli of Branson, Colo., Mary Bess, Bonnie and Gage Murphy of Dalhart, Riley and Mary Miller of Justiceburg, Jenny Smith of Justiceburg, Colt Miller of Fluvanna, Ralph and Dewey Fay Miller of Fluvanna, and Vivian Miller of Red Owl, S.D.

Also attending the reunion were descendents of Effie Riley McGlaun. They included Loyd McGlaun of Big Spring, Doug and Jean McGlaun of Fort Worth, Sheri and Lynn Fuller of Willow Park, Debbie and Regan McMahon of Kingwood, Gerald, Pam and Kent McGlaun of Aledo, Devin, Nancy, Nick and Jake McGlaun of Arlington, Joy McGlaun, Jack and June McGlaun of Snyder.

Cows cause havoc

OWENSBORO, Ky. (AP) — Pamplona has got nothing on this western Kentucky town.

A quartet of cows escaped from the back of a truck and dashed through the streets of downtown Owensboro on Wednesday, smashing into police vehicles and frightening residents.

Three bovines fled the scene. The fourth — which didn't respond when a bystander called it "Bessie" — stared down police officers before it was ushered into a nearby fenced area.

Another cow was corralled after it vaulted over the trunk of the police cruiser and dented the car, while a third was captured outside a night club, The final beast was lassoed by an animal control officer when a tranquilizer gun had no immediate effect.

"Every day, you never know what you're going to start out with, but you have to be prepared to deal with anything," Sgt. Lonnie Schwindel.

Lloyd reunion set for August 5-6

Descendents of J.V. and W.W. Lloyd will meet on Saturday afternoon, Aug. 5, and Sunday morning, Aug. 6, at Day's Inn in Snyder.

Friends of the family are invited to attend.

For more information, call Wernette (Lloyd) Smith at 915-573-1415.

Hospital

Dayton and Bettsey, and Blake and Craig Robertson announce the birth of Brett Elizabeth at 9:18 a.m. on July 17 in Covenant Hospital in Lubbock. She weighed seven pounds, five ounces.

Grandparents are Sam and Beverly Robertson and Pat and Faye Patterson, all of Snyder.

Child Welfare ends inquiry of Hatch

MIDDLETOWN, R.I. (AP) — State child welfare officials have ended their inquiry of "Survivor" contestant Richard Hatch, who's accused of abusing his 10-year-old son.

The state Department of Children, Youth and Families would not comment on the case Wednesday. Hatch's lawyer, Christopher Behan, would say only that the agency will have no more involvement with the family.

A criminal charge of felony second-degree child abuse is pending.

Hatch, a 39-year-old corporate trainer, was among a group of 16 people left on a remote tropical island off Borneo in March for the hit CBS TV show.

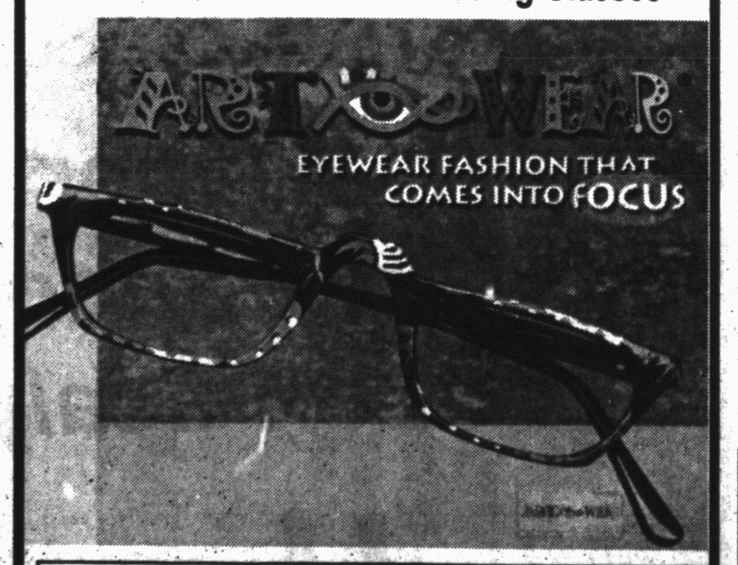
After returning home, his adopted son said Hatch grabbed him around the neck when the boy tired on a run meant to help him lose weight. Hatch said his son concocted the story because he was angry.

On the show each week, contestants vote to eject someone from the island. The last one remaining wins $1 million. Hatch survived Wednesday night's episode.

Meanwhile, police in Greensboro, N.C., said another surviving contestant — Kelly Wiglesworth, 23 — is wanted on a five-year-old warrant for allegedly using a stolen credit card to buy a restaurant meal.

"She was involved in stealing a credit card and using it," Sgt. K.D. Meredith said Thursday.

Hand Painted Fashion Reading Glasses

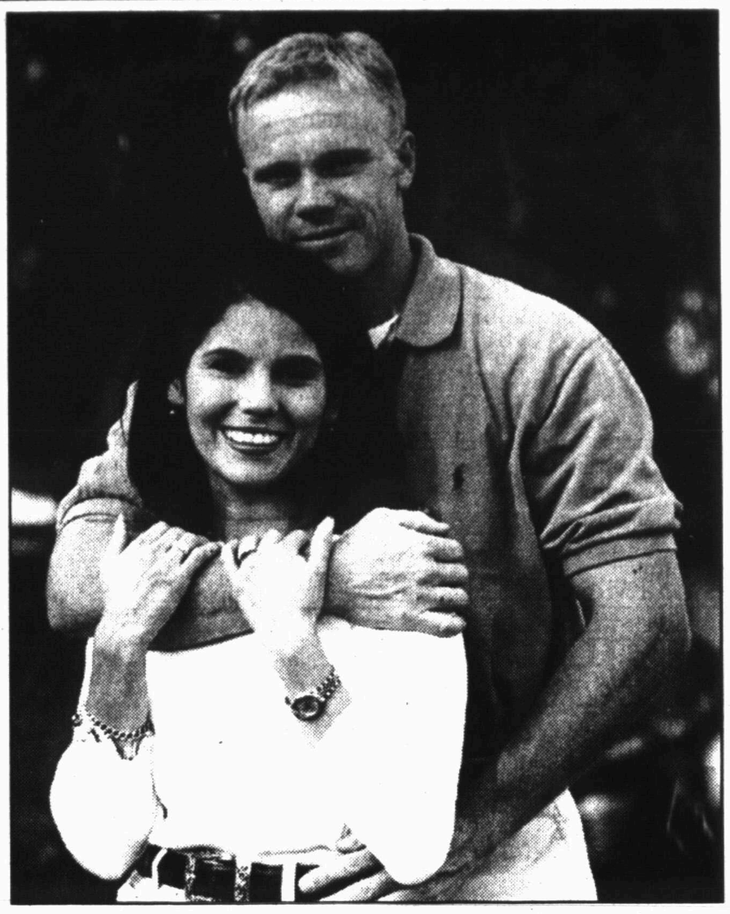


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FIFTY-YEAR REUNION — The Snyder High School Class of 1950 met at the Wagon Wheel Ranch on May 26-27, exactly 50 years to the date of their graduation. Sixty-eight classmates graduated in the class and 35 attended the reunion, coming from the state of Washington to New York City. On the front row are-Earlene Grimmett Gray, Dewey Fay Everett Miller, Dorothy Taylor, Pat Lloyd Cornett, Frances Billingsley Scarbrough, Frankilene Arnett Hoffman, Hope Thompson Lewis, Betty Beavers Brown, Trellice Eicke Perry, Billy Cogdell; 2nd row, James Weathers, Mickey Sterling, Christal Sellars, Robert Minton, Janita Riley Altaffer, JoAnne Martin Terrall, Ann Bucy Shinn, Hollis Scarborough, Peggy Lynch Medford, Frieda Davis George, Keith Allen, James Bowers, Billy Joe Brown, Max von Roeder, Elois McDow Pruitt; 3rd row, Tracy Bill Early, Norman Inman, Rip Boss Charles Goodlett, Jimmy Evans, Earl Madding, Donald Bransom, James Boyd, Gene Browning and not pictured, Nancy Hill Fehleison. Another reunion is being planned in 2005. (Photo by Wadleigh Studio)



ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED — Mr. and Mrs. Robert P. Reyes announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Theresa Marie Reyes, to Danny Ray Thomason. His parent's are Luann Grice and Moody Thomason. A 1 p.m. ceremony is being planned for Aug. 26 in the Holy Angels Catholic Church in San Angelo. (Contributed Photo)

Community Calendar

MONDAY

Rock and Roll Quilting Club; Hermleigh Community Center; everyone is invited for free quilting lessons, and special projects are to help someone in need; call 863-2426 for more information; 8 a.m. to noon.

Weight Watchers meeting; Trinity United Methodist Church; for more information call Nathalie at 573-1868 during the evening; weigh-in is at 5 p.m.

Al-Anon Brown Bag Open Meeting, Snyder Park Club in Winston Park; noon.

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

Manic Depression (Bipolar) support group; Family Life Community Church, 904 26th Street; 7 p.m.

Scurry County AA; closed meeting; Park Club; for more information, call 573-8268, 573-9458 or 574-1292, 8 p.m.

Nuestra Nueva Esperanza AA; Park Club; 8 p.m.

TUESDAY

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

AA Beginner's Meeting-Open; Snyder Park Club, 1212 37th Street; 7 p.m.

New Horizons AA, closed meeting; Park Club; for information call 573-8268, 573-9458 or 574-1292; 8 p.m.

Al-Anon; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th and Ave. M; for more information call 573-4203, 573-8626, 573-2101 or 573-0695; 8 p.m.

TOPS TX56 (take off pounds sensibly); weigh-in and meeting 5 to 6 p.m.; 2501 35th. For more information call Phillis Leatherwood at 573-6105.

WEDNESDAY

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

Martha Ann Woman's Club luncheon and game day; serving begins at 11:30 and games of choice will be played during the afternoon. Those unable to stay for games may eat. Cost is $7.50 and reservations are necessary by 5 p.m. Tuesday by calling 573-3427.

SC Library News & Views

By Janie Romine

The children's reading program ended on July 19.

We appreciate all the parents who have taken the time to encourage their children to read and to keep their minds active during the summer by coming to the "Invent the Future! Read!" program each Wednesday.

Also, we appreciate the thirty-nine businesses that supported the library summer reading program with food, passes, and gifts for prizes.

Thirty-nine youngsters participated in preschool "Read to Me" program and 153 youth participated in the K-6 reading program. One hundred-ninety people registered in the "Invent the Future! Read!" reading program and 108 received certificates. Twelve programs were presented with 744 persons attending.

For participating children, a total of 2,531 hours were spent reading.

The library staff expressed appreciation to all businesses, special speakers, Snyder Junior High School volunteers, and all who helped with the successful summer reading program.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

North 07-22-00
♠ A J 5
♥ A 6 2
♦ 7
♣ Q 9 8 7 4 3

West
♠ K 9 6 3
♥ J 9 4 3
♦ K J 8 6 2
♣ ---

East
♠ 10 8 7 2
♥ 10 7 5
♦ A 10 9 5 3
♣ 6

South
♠ Q 4
♥ K Q 8
♦ Q 4
♣ A K J 10 5 2

Vulnerable: Both
Dealer: South

South	West	North	East
1 NT	Pass	6 ♣	Pass
6 ♦	Pass	6 NT	All pass

Opening lead: ♠ 3

Placing the cards makes life easier

By Phillip Alder

Joseph Addison, an English essayist, claimed, "Reading is to the mind what exercise is to the body." For a bridge player, reading the deal — working out the locations of the missing key cards — is an important exercise.

This deal occurred during a club game in Mexico City. South was Dr. George Rosenkranz, Mexico's top-ranked player for many years. His one-spade opening bid might look light to your eyes, but ace-king-ace, especially when in long suits, are worth more than 11 points. Over West's weak jump overcall, Miguel Reygadas (North) made a negative double, promising length in both minors and reasonable values — exactly what he had!

West started with his two top hearts. How would you plan the play in both four and five diamonds?

If West had seven points in hearts, East probably had six in clubs. So, after ruffing in the dummy at trick two, Rosenkranz called for a low club. East won with the queen, then continued with the heart jack, ruffed in the dummy. Now came the club king, covered and ruffed, with West contributing the nine.

West appeared to have started with six hearts and two clubs. Since it was unlikely he also held four spades, declarer cashed the diamond ace and played a diamond to dummy's king, getting the bad news. However, Rosenkranz just led out the clubs, making his contract exactly.

To make five diamonds after those first five tricks, declarer must guess the trump position. He plays a diamond to dummy's king, then leads winning clubs. When East ruffs, South overruffs and cashes the diamond ace and spade ace, leaving dummy high.

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Duplicate Bridge Scores

Monte West directed all games at the Snyder Country Club.

Friday, July 14

A group

1. Ann Davis, Monte West.
2. Pat Floyd, ElWanda Nall.
3. Johnye Van Dever, Mary Bast

B group

1. Pat Floyd, ElWanda Nall.
2. TIE: Christine Stuard, Peggy Hardin—Anita Talbott, Suzy Reed.
3. Dorothy Rosson, Martha Fagin.

Sunday, July 16

1. Margaret Birdwell, Jane Hinton.
2. Pat Floyd, Martha Fagin.
3. Shirley Stewart, Dora Blakey.

Tuesday, July 18

A group

1. Ann Davis, Louise Thompson.
2. Dora Blakey, Barbara Yorgesen.
3. Tizzy Hall, Dot Casey.

B group

1. Pat Floyd, Robbie Floyd.
2. Nonnie Ward, Martha Fagin.
3. Mippy Brownlee, Shirley Stewart.



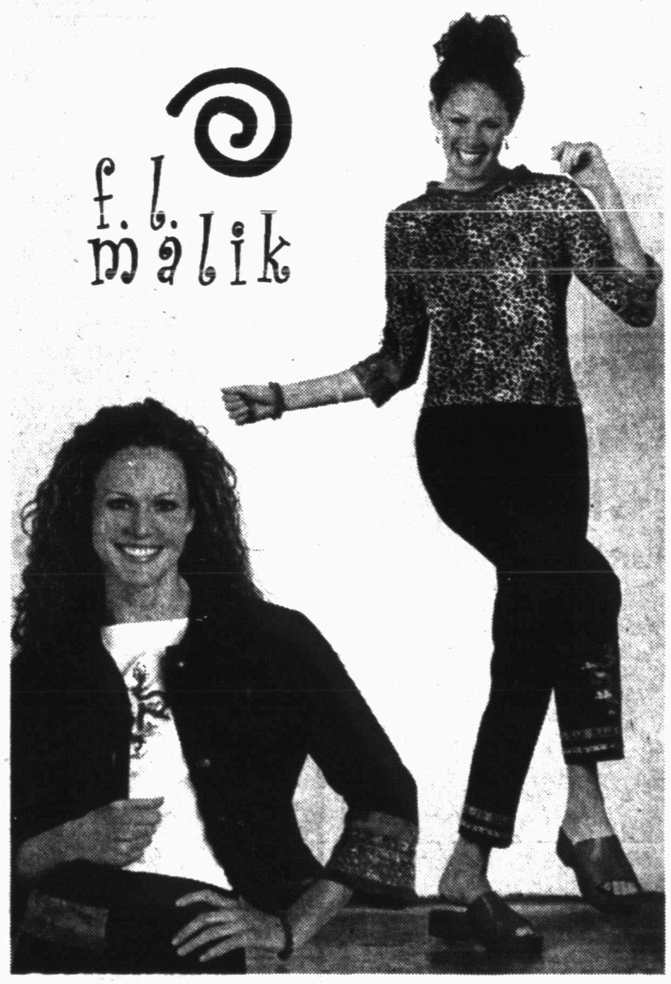
WINS BIKE AT LIBRARY — Wal-Mart donated a bicycle for a drawing at the conclusion of the Scurry County Library's summer reading program. Christopher Kuliga, 11, was the winner of the bicycle. Linda Jones, children's librarian, is shown left and Wal-Mart manager is R.J. Youngclaus, right. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

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Amy Lewis & Chad Martin
Michelle Roemisch & Matthew Byrom
Tabitha Gilbreth & Chad Carter
Karen McAnelly & Charles Kittles
Kathryn Robbins & Scott Hall
Rebecca Ramey & Jeff Whit
Christa Rosson & Brett Littlejohn
Candace Barrow & Justin Stribling
Teri Reyes & Danny Thomason
Jerilynn Tucker & Jeffery Cox
Laura Collins & Matthew White
Angela McLaury & Jason Withers
Jennifer Potter & Ren'e Aguirre
Jill Willingham & Ryan Grinnell
Sahala McCloy & Lance Gaillard
Belinda Preston & Shane Compton
Jackie Beck & Eric Robertson
Susan Sholts & Wes Everett
Amanda Sorrells & Jeff Streetman
Kara Gowin & Christopher Fuentes
La Nae Houchins & Ross Hataway
April Whittenburg & Josh Levens
Leslie Neal & Curtis Clay

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Gun collecting was lots of fun

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the preferred weapon of gamblers on the Mississippi River, Hall said.

Also in Hall's collection, was a double barrel, .20 gauge pistol used by Texas Ranger Jay Banks of Big Spring.

Hall noted that Banks had shot both barrels at the same time, but his arm hurt so bad for three days that he never fired the weapon again.

Hall also had a Union Star Army issue cap and ball pistol which show six .44-caliber slugs. He also had an old cap and ball pistol made around 1925.

Hall's collection included a rare Rutledge Bore that was half rifle barrel and half shotgun He noted that it had been used to train Air Force machine gunners to point and fire without aiming.

One of the more unusual guns in his collection was a bronze deck gun from a 16th century Portuguese war ship. It's engraved with two sea lions.

He said the guns were fired when another ship would try to board them. Hall never polished it because he didn't want to ruin its value.

He noted that a friend who is in the oil business discovered that deck gun in Malaysia and sent it to him.

That same friend later sent him a blowgun that shoots darts and a quiver. He had acquired it from a pygmy family who used it for hunting monkeys.

While Hall enjoyed his gun collection, he also liked to collect other things including saddles. One that belonged to Pearl Nance who used it to ride sidesaddle once a week to pick up mail. Hall almost acquired a similar saddle used by Mrs. Edith McKenna but the Texas Tech Museum "beat me to it," he said.

He has a 1928 kids saddle that had been ordered from a Sears Catalog. He also has another saddle made by Slaton Saddlery.

Hall owned several pairs of spurs. One silver set had been worn by a man who rode with the bandit Poncho Villa. Hall acquired the spurs from the man's nephew.

Hall also has an antique piano stool that dates to at least 1928. The piano was donated to Hermleigh High School and is now used as a prop for one-act play productions.

He also has antique items from Hermleigh Pharmacy such as material to mix medicine, an old powder or chemical scales and the first cash register used at the soda fountain.

From his hunting days, Hall also has a few mounted animal heads hanging on the wall in the room where he kept his gun collection; but these days he said he would rather shoot animals with a camera rather than a gun.

Hall said he sold his gun collection for several reasons. He and his wife, Janet, have sold their home in the country and are moving to Snyder where they will remodel and live in his mother's home, which doesn't have any room for his gun collection. The couple will eventually move to Dallas to be nearer to family.

Since none of his children were interested in maintaining his gun collection, Hall said it was best to sell them now. He always looked upon his guns as an investment, and not just a hobby. He said guns usually gain 10 percent in value every year. He estimates that he sold his collection of guns for about four times what he originally paid for them. He might have made more too if he had sold them individually, but he chose to sell everything to one buyer so the collection could remain together.

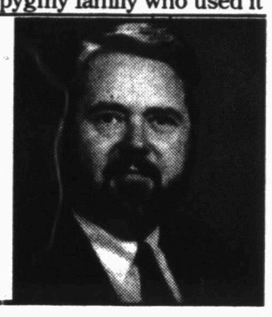
While Hall is an avid collector, his main profession was pharmacy. He and his dad, Emory, owned Hall Drug, which opened in 1949 and closed in 1986 when Hall retired the first time. It was located where Cooper's Appliance is today. Hall later served as the director of pharmacy at Cogdell Memorial Hospital for six years. Then he retired again.

Both Hall and his wife are longtime residents of Scurry County. His mother graduated from Hermleigh High School. He recalled that his maternal grandfather J.J. Henry was one of Hermleigh's early pioneers. He had the Hermleigh telephone exchange and laid the telephone lines which in those days also meant chopping down the trees to make the poles.

One of Janet's interest is genealogy. Through her research, she discovered that some of her husband's ancestors were among the first 300 families brought to Texas by Stephen F. Austin. Hall has received an official certificate from the State of Texas.

Minding Your Own Business

By Don Taylor



Having More Fun, Getting More Done

Your dream was to own your own business, and now you do. Your dream was to be your own boss, and now you are. Your dream was to work fewer hours and have more leisure time, but now reality is setting in.

You've already worked more than 50 hours this week. You wanted to spend Saturday with your family, but you really need to tackle all those things you've been putting off. Just this once, family time will have to wait while you go in and get caught up.

If this sounds familiar, maybe it's time to make a few changes. Changes that can help you enjoy your work more, lower your stress level and get more accomplished. Here are some ways to have more fun and get more done.

Working smarter, not harder

...Realize that you can't do it all. This is a key to reducing the stress that kills productivity. If you find yourself staying awake nights feeling guilty about all of the things you didn't get done, you aren't being selective enough in choosing what you do.

No one has ever gotten it all done, so don't feel guilty about letting some things fall by the wayside. Stay focused on your priorities. Do only those most important tasks.

...Plan and prioritize. From time to time we all get distracted from the important by the urgent. To avoid this trap, plan and prioritize your work. Divide your work into "must do," "need to do," and "want to do."

These questions may help you establish your priorities: **1)** What work will produce the most results in the shortest time? **2)** What work will help me achieve my long-term goals the quickest? **3)** If I don't do this task today, what are the consequences?

...Work at a steady pace. The old fable describing the race between the tortoise and the hare is really very true. You'll get more done if you find a comfortable pace of work and stay at it.

I divide my work into bite size chunks. I promise myself a little break when I finish a portion. That often helps me stay with a project a little longer.

...Know when you do your best work. I recently visited with a young college student who told me she was taking a 7:30 a.m. summer class because that was when she was most alert.

The early part of the day is also when I perform at the highest level. I take on the most challenging tasks when I'm at my peak. Your day may really get started at noon. It doesn't matter as long as you don't waste your peak time on routine phone calls, paper work or follow-up.

...Save some time for yourself. I don't care how full of energy you may be, you still need some time to recharge your batteries. How you recharge will vary from person to person. For example, I work with people all day long. When I recharge, I prefer to be alone. I may go for a motorcycle ride, work in my shop or read a book.

A computer programmer, who spends all of his or her time in a cubicle writing lines of code, may wish to mingle with friends. What you do is up to you, just make time for it.

...Have some fun. You get to choose whether your work is a vocation or a vacation. Most successful people enjoy most of their work. Look for things to laugh about, share a cartoon or funny story. Fill your office with your favorite things. Bring your own music if it makes you feel better. Keep it soft. You don't want to infringe on the rights of others.

Don Taylor is the co-author of Up Against the Wal-Marts. You may write to him in care of Minding Your Own Business, PO Box 67, Amarillo, TX 79105.

Public Records

New Vehicle Registrations

Stephen Sadler and Teresa Spencer, 2000 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Patterson Drilling, three 2000 GMC pickups from Big Country Autoland.

Harvey Pinkerton, 2000 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Terry Massingill, 2000 Chevrolet from Big Country Autoland.

Mary Nolan, 2000 Ford from Wilson Motors.

Mario and Maria Herrera, 2000 Ford from Wilson Motors.

Jeannie M. Hart, 2000 Chevrolet from Big Country Autoland.

James and Monica Mendoza, 2000 Pontiac from Big Country Autoland.

James R. Currie, 2000 Chevrolet from Big Country Autoland.

Vera L. Foree, 2000 Buick from Big Country Autoland.

James D. Munoz, 2000 GMC pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Gayle and Carl Burleson, 2000 Ford from Wilson Motors.

Marriage License

Lothar Siebert Bartels and Judy Diann Bartels, both of Snyder.

Terry Blaine Hildreth and Brandy Leigh Digby, both of Snyder.

Filed in District Court

Scurry County vs. Vivian Benitez Arguello, et al, delinquent tax suit.

Scurry County vs. Delbert R. Foree, et al, delinquent tax suit.

Scurry County vs. Loyd Nichols, individually and dba Nichols Insulation, et al, delinquent tax suit.

Scurry County vs. Snyder Broadcasting Co., et al, delinquent tax suit.

Scurry County vs. David Thompson, individually and dba Taco John's, et al, delinquent tax suit.

Scurry County vs. Toby Zamora, et al, delinquent tax suit.

Scurry County vs. Larry Wayne York, individually and dba York Vacuum, et al, delinquent tax suit.

Darrel Doty and Melissa Doty, as next friend of Bryce Lane Doty, a minor, vs. Gary A. Nussey M.D., suit for damages.

Action in District Court

In the marriage of Arthur F. Feinsod and Helen C. Feinsod, divorce granted.

In the marriage of Shawna Lee Wooldridge and Ronnie Glen Wooldridge, divorce granted.

Deed Records

Mary E. Vestal to Albert DeLoera, Lot 5 in Block E of the replat of the Highland Park Addition.

Dennis Gartman and Linda Kay Gartman to James B. and Faye W. Patterson, all of Lot 8 in Block A of the replat of the Towle Place Addition.

Lee McNair, Janelle Pollard and Pauline Underwood, co-independent executors of the estate of Vera Periman Holsinger, to First Baptist Church of Snyder, a part of the southeast one-quarter of Section 181, Block 3, H&GN survey.

Texas Savings Bank to Juan Manuel and Sheila Kaye Benitez, all of Block 61 of the Grayum and Nelson Heights Addition.

James Ralph Price, Shirley Lou Price Stephens and Ronnie Lee Price to Betty Lou Price, tract one being 1.2219 acres out of the northwest one-quarter of Section 179, Block 3, H&GN survey; tract two being 3.3 acres out of the northwest one-quarter of Section 179, Block 3, H&GN survey.

Betty Lou Price, James Glen Price and Jerry Frank Price to Bill Price Construction Co., tract one being 1.2219 acres out of the northwest one-quarter of Section 179, Block 3, H&GN survey; tract two being 3.3 acres out of the northwest one-quarter of Section 179, Block 3, H&GN survey; tract three being 4.89 acres out of the northwest one-quarter of Section 179, Block 3, H&GN survey.

Brandon Dubb Tubb Terry to Nelda Belle Reneau, all the undivided interest in 185.3 acres in Section 238, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Barry York Tubb to Nelda Belle Reneau, all the undivided interest in 185.3 acres in Section 238, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Cheyenne Tubb to Nelda Belle Reneau, all the undivided interest in 1985.3 acres in Section 238, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Appeals court backs verdict

THE HAGUE, Netherlands (AP) — War crimes judges Friday upheld a landmark 10-year prison sentence against a Bosnian Croat paramilitary commander convicted of rape and torture for failing to stop a sexual assault by a soldier under his command.

The five-judge appellate chamber at the International War Crimes Tribunal on the former Yugoslavia, a U.N. panel, rejected every ground upon which the defense contested the Dec. 10, 1998, judgment against Anto Furundzija, 31.

The presiding judge, Mohamed Shahabuddeen of Guyuana, said "the appellant was not denied the right to a fair trial," and that "the appeals chamber has not been persuaded as to the existence of any legal errors which require it to intervene."

The appeals ruling serves to reinforce the original 1998 judgment, which broadened the definition of rape as a war crime.

Furundzija, head of the special military police unit calling itself the "Jokers," stood by as one of his soldiers threatened a naked woman detainee and then raped her during interrogation. The soldier has been indicted but not captured.

Furundzija was convicted of rape and torture and sentenced to 10 years in prison for the incident, which happened a year into the 1992-95 Bosnian war during a bloody campaign in central Bosnia to expel Muslims from the Lasva River Valley.

The original conviction, based almost entirely on the testimony of the unidentified victim, contained two important legal findings:

— The witness was deemed reliable even though she suffered from post-traumatic stress disorder to the point that a physician testified she was suicidal.

— The definition of rape was expanded and made more easily punishable as an act of torture.

In the appeal's hearings, defense attorney Luka Misetic maintained that the prosecution failed to prove that the rapist had acted with Furundzija's consent.

Q & A

Straight Talk (second part)

(In response to a growing concern among parents, educators and other members of the community, Snyder Daily News, in cooperation with Al-Anon support groups and the Snyder Area Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse, is devoting this column to your questions about the increasing threat of substance abuse.)

Part 2 of 3

Straight Talk : A guide to discussing alcohol and drugs with your children

Grade four through six: At this age, children can handle more sophisticated discussion about why people are attracted to drugs. You can use traumatic events, such as a car accident or divorce, to discuss how drugs can cause these events. Children this age also love to learn facts, especially strange ones. This age group can be fascinated by how drugs affect a user's brain or body. Explain how anything taken in excess - whether it's cough medicine or aspirin - can be dangerous.

It is essential that your child's anti-drug attitudes be strong before entering junior high.

Before leaving elementary school, your children should know:

The immediate effects of alcohol, tobacco and drug use on different parts of the body, including risks of coma or fatal overdose.

How and why drugs can be addicting and make users lose control of their lives.

The reasons why drugs are especially dangerous for growing bodies.

The problems that alcohol and other illegal drugs cause not only to the user, but the user's family.

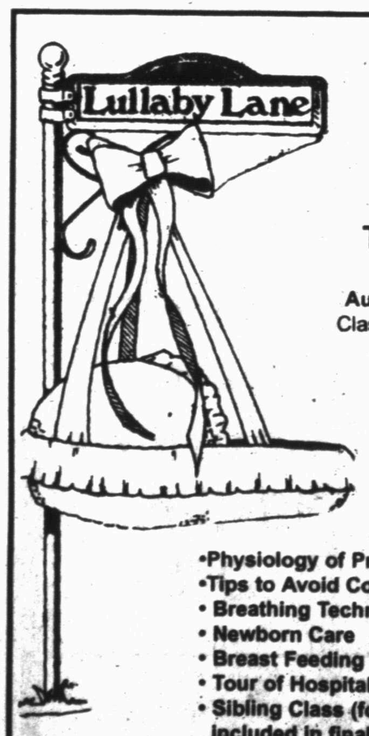
Rehearse scenarios in which friends offer drugs. Have your children practice delivering an emphatic "That stuff is really bad for you!" Give them permission to use you as an excuse: "My mom will kill me if I drink a beer!"

Teach your children to be aware of how drugs and alcohol are promoted. Discuss how advertising, songs, movies and TV shows bombard them with messages that using alcohol, tobacco and other drugs is glamorous. Make sure they are able to separate the myths of alcohol, tobacco and other drugs from the realities, and praise them for thinking for themselves.

Get to know your children's friends, where they hang out and what they like to do. Make friends with the parents of your children's friends so you can reinforce each others' efforts. You'll feel in closer touch with your child's daily life and be in a better position to recognize trouble spots. Children this age appreciate this attention.

In fact, two-thirds of fourth-graders polled said that they wished their parents would talk more with them about drugs.

Please send your questions on drugs or addiction to P.O. Box 695, Snyder, Texas 79550. All questions and personal inquires may be submitted anonymously. Twenty-four-hour confidential information is available by calling (915) 573-1141 or 1-800-658-6722. Information on help groups and individual's phone numbers may be found in the SDN Community Calendar.



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Scurry County Service Men & Women

(Editor's Note: Citizens are invited to write their servicemen and servicewomen stationed stateside and overseas. Anyone having additions, changes or corrections to the list should submit them in writing to the Snyder Daily News, P.O. Box 949, Snyder, TX, 79550, or bring them by the office at 3600 College Ave. Sorry, no addresses will be accepted over the telephone.

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House would free U.S. travel, drugs and food sales to Cuba

WASHINGTON (AP) — Despite a pair of decisive victories in the House, supporters of removing sanctions against U.S. food and drug sales and travel to Cuba say they are unsure what will get through Congress this year.

"This improves the likelihood we'll have some sanction reform," Rep. Jerry Moran, R-Kan., said Thursday after the House voted 301-116 for his language ending enforcement of current restrictions against drug and food sales in the communist nation. "But there are many members of Congress, including people in the leadership, who oppose lifting sanctions this year."

Opponents of lifting four-decade-old trade sanctions against Fidel Castro's regime include House Majority Whip Tom DeLay, R-Texas, and Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss.

The House also voted 232-186 to stop enforcement of restrictions against travel to Cuba. That provision was sponsored by Rep. Mark Sanford, R-S.C.

Rep. George Nethercutt, R-Wash., said the votes "enhance" the chance that a compromise he reached last month with DeLay and House Speaker Dennis Hastert, R-Ill., would become law.

In that deal, food and medicine sales would be allowed to Cuba and four other countries, but Cubans could not pay for the transactions with credit from U.S. banks or the U.S. government. That restriction — which critics have said means few sales to Cuba would take place — is something he might seek to change, Nethercutt said in an interview.

Both sets of prohibitions — along with a ban against trading most products to Cuba — have been in effect since 1963.

Earlier Thursday, lawmakers voted 241-174 to kill a broader proposal by Rep. Charles Rangel, D-N.Y., that would have ended enforcement of U.S. prohibitions against virtually all trading with the Caribbean island nation.

Yet the two approved provisions represented a major victory for farm and business lobbies who want expanded markets and a coalition of conservatives and liberals who argued that increasing Cuban contacts with American products and people would accelerate Castro's downfall.

And they were clearly a blow to the efforts of Lott, DeLay and other leaders to head off some action on the issue this year.

Across the Capitol, the Senate approved a separate spending bill for agriculture that would lift sanctions against food and medicine sales to Cuba. It also would prevent presidents from blocking shipments of food and medicine to any country without congressional approval.

President Clinton has said he favors drug and food sales to Cuba.

The issue also has echoed on the campaign trail.

Texas Gov. George W. Bush, the likely GOP presidential nominee, opposes lifting sanctions. His likely Democratic rival, Vice President Al Gore, has said he does not want to erode the president's embargo authority but also favors increased contacts with Cubans "without helping the Castro government."

During Thursday's floor debate, anti-Castro legislators said allowing Cuba to receive more U.S. trade and tourists would help prop up his regime.

"Stand on the side of the Cuban people and against the oppressor of the Cuban people," said Rep. Lincoln Diaz-Balart, R-Fla., who represents a heavily Cuban district in the Miami area.

Sales of medicine to Cuba have been allowed since 1992, with some restrictions.

As a result of an easing of travel restrictions last year by the Clinton administration for students, athletes, artists and others, the government says about 82,000 Americans flew to Cuba last year. That was a 47 percent increase over the 55,900 who did so in 1998.

Former Hooters waitress awarded $275,000 in suit

NEWPORT, Ky. (AP) — A federal jury has ordered a Hooters restaurant to pay $275,000 to a former waitress who claimed she was the target of unwanted sexual advances and demeaning behavior.

Sara Steinhoff, 24, filed a sexual harassment suit against a Hooters in Newport. The restaurant is part of the Georgia-based chain known for its waitresses, whose uniforms consist of tight orange shorts and low-cut T-shirts.

"I just hope this makes a difference," Steinhoff said after the verdict was announced Wednesday. "I'm happy for the women (who) are not going to be subjected to this type of atmosphere anymore."

Steinhoff, who worked at the Hooters between October 1996 and October 1997, testified that her managers tried to force her to go home with them, and one even threatened to tie her up.

Other former waitresses testified that managers would "discipline" waitresses by forcing them to perform in the restaurant's bikini contest.

The owner of the Hooters, Upriver Restaurant Joint Venture, said it would appeal.

"We will fight this in any legal way we can, because we believe it is wrong," said Shannon Herlihy, Upriver's president.

Labor probes Miss America's allegations of intimidation

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Labor Department is investigating claims by Miss America, Heather French, that a top Clinton administration official tried to intimidate her into changing her congressional testimony in support of a veterans employment and training bill opposed by the administration.

French said in an interview Thursday that Espiridion (Al) Borrego, assistant secretary of labor for veterans' employment and training, "was definitely trying to shake my testimony" the evening before the July 12 hearing.

French never vacillated in her testimony supporting the bill, which top members of the House Veterans Affairs Committee refused to give up despite White House opposition.

Letters from two lawmakers kicked off the investigation last week. Rep. Lane Evans of Illinois, the top Democrat on the committee, demanded Borrego's resignation; Rep. Jack Quinn of New York, the Republican chairman of the benefits subcommittee, sought an explanation from Labor Secretary Alexis Herman.

"The department solicitor (Henry Solano) and ethics officer (Robert Shapiro) are conducting a thorough and efficient review of the matter," said Labor Department spokesman Carl Fillichio. "We take the allegations very seriously and we have been in contact with the members' offices."

Borrego testified at the same hearing that key portions of the legislation were flawed.

French, in the interview, said Borrego "never said, 'I would like to change your opinion,'" but did say the bill "would cause more than 3,000 veterans to lose their jobs and become homeless. I took that as if he was definitely trying to shake my testimony."

She described the conversation as "very uncomfortable. I felt they were trying to intimidate," she said.

While Borrego did not return a call requesting an interview, Fillichio said the official "maintains that he never tried to discourage Ms. French from testifying before the subcommittee. Any misinterpretation of his conversation with Ms. French was regrettable."

French, the daughter of a Marine veteran wounded in Vietnam, has made homeless veterans her cause and testified several times before Congress about their plight.

She said that when a Labor Department official asked to speak with her on July 11, she thought the conversation would be about her appearance with Herman in Cincinnati at the end of last week. Instead, she found herself on the phone with Borrego and two other Labor Department officials, who wanted to talk about the legislation. Fillichio would not identify the two other officials.

French said she has worked with Borrego previously and he knew of her strong support for the legislation.

"He was trying to maybe soften me from my view of the bill" supported by major veterans organizations, she said. "It was to me unspeakable to think I wouldn't be on the veterans' side."

French is engaged to Kentucky Lt. Gov. Steve Henry, a Democrat.

The day after the hearing, Quinn wrote Herman that Borrego tried to persuade French to change her mind "after she had already submitted her written testimony."

Quinn told Herman that the Labor official "misrepresented what the subcommittee's legislation would do, insisted that French furnish him a copy of her testimony in advance of the hearing and told French that since she would be appearing with you at a function ... it would make her support of the ... bill even more problematical."

Evans wrote Borrego the day of the hearing to demand his resignation. Evans said the subcommittee staff informed him that Borrego "suggested" to French "that her appearance before the subcommittee n y not be in her best interest."

Borrego also criticized provisions that already had been removed from the legislation, which is still before the Veterans' Affairs Committee, she said.

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BACK TO SCHOOL

Thursday, July 27, 2000, 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
in each of the five elementary schools.

This registration applies to all pupils from Prekindergarten through grade 6. The registration schedule is as follows:

GRADE	CAMPUS
Prekindergarten	Stanfield and Northeast
Bilingual Prekindergarten	Central 573-8592
Regular Kindergarten	School campus for attendance zone
Bilingual Kindergarten	Central 573-8592
Regular First Grade	School campus for attendance zone
Bilingual First Grade	Central 573-8592
Second Grade	Stanfield 573-7512
Third Grade	Central 573-8592
Fourth Grade	East 573-1769
Fifth Grade	Northeast 573-2643
Sixth Grade	West 573-3538

To be eligible in a **PREKINDERGARTEN CLASS**, a child must be 4 years of age as of September 1, 2000, and must be (1) unable to speak and comprehend the English language; or (2) from a family whose income is at, or below, subsistence level. (Family will qualify for the Federal Free Lunch Program; proof required.) Please observe the following schedule for registration. The first letter of your last name will determine your registration time.

LAST NAME	REGISTRATION TIME
A-D	8:00 - 9:00 a.m.
E-H	9:00 - 10:00 a.m.
I-L	10:00 - 11:00 a.m.
M-P	11:00 - 12:00 p.m.
Q-T	1:00 - 2:00 p.m.
U-W	2:00 - 3:00 p.m.
X-Z	3:00 - 4:00 p.m.

If at all possible, please follow this time schedule so that unnecessary waiting might be avoided.

TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR ENROLLMENT INTO KINDERGARTEN OR FIRST GRADE,
a child must be 5 years of age on or before September 1, 2000 in order to enroll in Kindergarten, and 6 years of age on or before September 1, 2000, to enter first grade.

ALL STUDENTS WHO ARE ENTERING SNYDER SCHOOLS FOR THE FIRST TIME MUST BRING A:
Birth Certificate, Social Security Number (card) and a Record of Immunization. If parents plan to be out of town on July 27, they are urged to register their children before that time. All elementary students must officially register and be accompanied by a parent/legal guardian.

JR. HIGH SCHOOL AND HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS
who attended last year are Preregistered and need not attend.
Jr. High School students who have recently moved to Snyder are asked to register between July 24 and August 11, 2000, at the Jr. High School. Students are asked to bring Grade Records, Student Social Security CARD, Birth Certificates and Immunization Records to Registration. (Phone 573-6356)

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS WHO HAVE RECENTLY MOVED TO SNYDER
are asked to report to the High School with their parent/legal guardian and register on July 25, 2000. Students are asked to bring grade records and immunization records to registration. New student and 9th grade orientation will be at 1:30 p.m. on July 26th at Worsham Auditorium. Offices will be open Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon and 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. (Phone 573-6301).

THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR ALL SNYDER STUDENTS WILL BE MONDAY, AUGUST 14, 2000
Persons with questions may call their respective schools after July 19, 2000.

Distrito Escolar Independiete de Snyder
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Jueves, 27 de julio 2000
8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Para ser eligible en el programa de Prekinder, en el distrito escolar de Snyder, un niño debe tener cuatro años de edad antes de o en el dia 1 de septiembre 2000, y debe ser 1) incapaz de hablar y comprender la lengua Inglesa; o 2) el ingreso de su familia está en, o más adelante, nivel de subsistencia (la familia califica para el Programa Federal de almuerzo gratis, requere prueba.)

Todo estudiante quien entre a las escuelas publicas de Snyder por primera vez debe traer un: certificado de nacimiento, la tarjeta de número seguro social y un registro de immunización. Si los padres no pueden estar presente el dia de inscripción el 27 de julio, ellos se urgen que registren a sus niños ants de ese tiempo. Todos los estudiantes de escuelas primarias deben de registrarse oficialmente y ser acompanados por un padre/guardián.

Letters to the editor

Disturbed

Dear Editor:

I was more than a little disturbed by a recent article on the front page of the July 11 newspaper: "City Council continues budget work; pay raise suggested."

How can the city council not recognize that so many in this town have made drastic adjustments to remain afloat? Our city employees enjoy insurance and other benefits that many others do without. Why should they get a raise (or even a cost of living adjustment) when the budget deficit is so large? And how can the average resident absorb another tax like the proposed "street tax?"

When we moved to Snyder 30 years ago, the town was booming — the oil field was wide open and the community was thriving. It was a nice little town in the 1970s. We've stayed in Snyder through the "crash of '83," the droughts, the decline in so many areas of community assets.

Snyder is no longer an expanding oil town. Our Snyder is in a definite recession no matter what the rest of the USA is doing. In the last three months, many small businesses have closed the doors, larger firms have closed their offices here, cut employees or wages or both.

My money and that of every other hard-working citizen is what pays the salaries of city employees. The business community and the average property owner are already struggling. Our "public servants" should not expect to be better paid than the average citizen of the community they serve.

Sincerely yours,
Carolyn Gulseth

What rules?

Dear Editor:

The City of Snyder wants reasonable, clean rental property to help get people into Snyder. The requirements by the city for this property are for the safety of the tenant, right, (WRONG).

You can have a safe dwelling and the city will break you making you upgrade, change and generally overall showing their authority over water, gas and electric. And then blame the utility company for the required changes. Until the citizens of Snyder get up in arms and fight city hall, this will only get worse.

Example: After a small fire, I called TXU to reset the electric meter. I was informed I had to get the wiring inspected. I called the city inspector. I was told to call an electrician to inspect, so I called an electrician. The electrician came and inspected the wiring and said all was OK. He calls the city inspector and informs him of the findings. The city inspector comes out, tells me TXU requires a meter upgrade before the meter can be reset. I call TXU and ask why I had to pay an electrician to inspect, if they required this. I was informed by TXU all they required was an OK from the city inspector.

All this took a whole day with no electricity in the house yet and tenants with meat in their freezer and 100 degrees plus weather and no air conditioning.

Now tell me something is not wrong with this system. Come on Snyder, where is the line going to be drawn. Where's the humanity.

Alice Daniels

Thanks to Volunteers

Dear Editor:

I would like to take this opportunity to say thanks to several people who participated in the Cogdell Safety/Wellness Week, July 11-14.. During this week we focused on the importance of safety and wellness with the staff and auxiliary staff.

Areas addressed included hazardous surveillance, money management, breast health awareness, diabetes, general cardiology issues, life gift (organ/tissue donation) and food safety.

We also offered lab testing, blood pressure screening, height/weight, TB testing and health screening.

We say many thanks to the following who donated time and money for the occasion.

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I also want to say thanks to the Snyder Daily News for publishing an outstanding section for Cogdell Memorial Hospital, June 16.

You do a great job each and every day.

Sincerely,
Jo Beth Hardegree,
RN, HRM
Director of Quality Management
D.M.Cogdell Memorial
Staff and Auxiliary Staff

Common misconceptions

Dear Editor:

Dr. Gary Nussey recently had a letter in this column in which he brought up some common misconceptions about what biological evolution is, and about what is taught about it in biology courses. I would like to clarify a few points, not as any sort of an expert, but simply as an interested spectator who happens to make his living from science.

Charles Darwin published "The Origin of Species," in 1859, before any real knowledge of genetics, molecular biology, DNA, or even bacteria existed. He was an incredibly acute observer of the world around him and made a brilliant synthesis of his observances to propose simply enough, that organisms which are the most successful at producing similarly successful offspring will tend to crowd out less "fit" organisms. This, with the idea that slight, inheritable changes in organisms should also be propagated if they have a positive effect on this reproductive "fitness," is the basis of everything that came to be known as "Darwin's Theory." Darwin made no speculations on the origin of life, merely on how species changed over time and how new sorts of plants or animals came about.

Darwin's work, and that of others at about the same time, provided a framework for a huge amount of study in the last 141 years. Biologists have made many discoveries, modifying and filling out this framework, arguing back and forth over which hypothesis best fits some piece of data, and inventing amazing new technology to study organisms and how they evolve. Much of this technology has been applied to medicine, as well as to breeding more productive plants and crops. A lot of what Darwin proposed has turned out to be in error or incomplete; for instance, there is considerable evidence that new species do sometimes arise suddenly, at least as far as geological time is concerned. A few examples of new, sudden-origin species are the AIDS virus, mutated from a virus infecting chimpanzees within the last 70 years, the hantavirus that started infecting humans in the last decade; and various new kinds of plants, houseflies, and even mice which look different, have different DNA, and are unable to breed with their ancestral stock. The so-called "superbug" that causes tuberculosis and staph infections, and resists all antibiotics, are well on their way to being new, different species.

Fred Hoyle was a brilliant astrophysicist who is probably best known for his "steady-state" theory of the universe, in which new stars and galaxies are constantly appearing out of "nothingness." Improving telescopes have pushed this idea aside in favor of an expanding, "stretching" universe. I have not read Hoyle's speculations on the probability of random enzymes combining to form a cell, but I am quite sure that the tremendous advances in the chemistry of so-called self-assembling molecules that have been made in the last few years would change his odds considerably.

Dr. Nussey cites an absence of "missing links" in the fossil record. In spite of the obviously fragmentary nature of history as recorded in fossils, there are, in fact, hundreds of "transitional forms." These are very obvious is the microscopic fossils called forams that geologists use in oil exploration, but they are also abundant in, say, the ancestors of horses. These started out dog-sized, with five toes, many millions of years ago, and can be traced through all sorts of modification through time to the horses, donkeys, and zebras we have today. More examples are the feathered bird-like reptiles found recently in China — there are two or three now other than the two fossils combined that embarrassed National Geographic. (Nobody ever said that science always goes smoothly.)

I don't think that anyone is "suppressing" any valid biological information. I have just spent two years in a row, with two of my children, helping them study Advanced Placement biology at Snyder High School. The book they used airs a variety of views as to both the origin of life and as to evolution. It explains the evidence used to arrive at the conclusions it presents, and it certainly makes the student "think the issue through" if they plan on an "A" in the course. All of our lives are more affected by science and technology each year. I feel that our schools should offer our children the best, most accurate science courses possible. They'll need the knowledge in the twenty-first century.

Ed Vinson, Ph.D.
Snyder

Hats off to Snyder

Dear Editor:

Hats off to all of you in Snyder. Last Friday afternoon (sweltering hot) found our church's youth group and a couple of us adults stranded outside your city.

I called one of your churches for help and in a matter of minutes they had a van on the way to pick us up complete with some ice cold water, too! Not only were we helped in locating a mechanic; but we were also fed at a local restaurant and were on the road again shortly after we finished eating.

What a blessing, and what an introduction to Snyder, Texas. It's not every Linda, George and Karen that will do that for a bunch of strangers and we were most grateful! Thanks to Travis and Bruce, too!

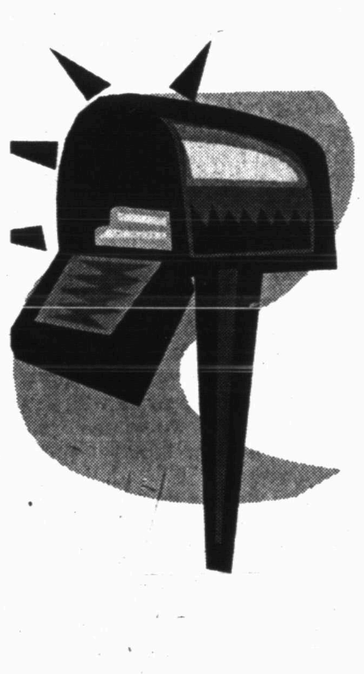
Jack Thompson,
Lubbock

Why Pay increase?

Dear Editor:

How can the city council consider a pay increase and water and sewer increase when businesses are closing and people are out of work and having to move from Snyder? Most live on a fixed income.

Norma Thompson





EDITORIAL COMMENT

San Antonio Express-News

Educating mothers

The birth of a child should be a joyous occasion.

Unfortunately, for some new parents especially those young, unwed and hiding their pregnancy from their families it is a time of despair and desperation.

Last year, 800 newborns were abandoned in hallways, doorsteps and dumpsters in Texas.

To help solve the problem, a bill passed during the last legislative session allows parents to hand over a newborn up to 30 days old to an emergency medical technician at any fire station without fear of prosecution. They do not have to give their name.

Unfortunately, few people know about the law. Not one baby has been left at designated safe havens since the law went into effect last September.

But that does not mean parents have stopped abandoning babies. Infants continue to be discarded without regard to the their well-being.

Texas Land Commissioner David Dewhurst has teamed up with Rep. Geanie Morrison, R-Victoria, who introduced the legislation, to create the Baby Moses Foundation to educate mothers about their options.

Dewhurst, whose official state duties do not include child services, has taken a personal interest in the child abandonment crisis. He is pumping $200,000 of his own money into a public awareness campaign that includes television and radio advertisements.

"If even one life is saved, it would be an investment in which we can all take pride," Dewhurst said.

Abandonment of babies should not be condoned, but mothers need to know there are safe arms in which to they can place their children if they cannot keep them.

Anyone who has young friends or relatives who could place a child at risk should inform them of their options.

It is shocking that so many babies are discarded as trash.

Houston Chronicle

Hard times in Japan

Midway between Japan's recent parliamentary elections and the upcoming meeting of the G7 nations, the world's economic outlook appears encouraging. North American and European finance ministers optimistically predict sustainable growth without inflation or market crashes.

The exception among the world's largest economies is Japan itself, the host of the economic summit to be held in Okinawa July 21-23. At a preliminary meeting, Japanese Finance Minister Kiichi Miyazawa was able to offer evidence of rising industrial output and investment, and Japan's young Internet entrepreneurs are starting to show some muscle, but the nation endures the lethargic legacy of a decade of stagnation.

Even after years of hard times and with the unparalleled unpopularity of Prime Minister Yoshiro Mori, Japanese voters kept in power the Liberal Democratic Party. Although the margin of victory was thin, many Japanese voters expressed discomfort at voting against the LDP, which has dominated the government for most of the last 55 years.

Perhaps the same fear of controversy that keeps pressing issues such as housing shortages and nuclear plant safety out of election campaigns keeps the electorate clinging to the status quo, no matter how unpopular politicians become. Perhaps Japan's political system, which is controlled by and caters to party bosses and machinery more than the electorate, makes the government unable to effect needed changes.

Economic growth is not the highest human value, of course. Japanese society has long asked its members for cooperation and shared sacrifice. In a small nation with the world's second-largest economy, social stability and a quiet life might more than make up for the absence of increasing wealth.

Amarillo Globe-News

Bush woos black vote

Texas Gov. George W. Bush said going into this presidential election that he would run as his own man, that he wouldn't take his cue necessarily from the campaigns that his father, the former president, ran in the past.

Bush's appearance before the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People convention in Baltimore proves the wisdom of that tactic.

The governor's father chose to snub the convention when he ran in 1988 and again in 1992, as did the 1996 Republican nominee, Bob Dole.

The double-whammy sent an implied message that the Republican nominee didn't care about the nation's 9 million black voters, ceding their allegiance to the Democrats.

It was an odd strategy for the "party of Lincoln."

And it is heartening to see the presumptive 2000 Republican nominee take note of the party's failure to lure more black voters.

Polls show Bush garnering about 17 percent of the nation's black vote. It's not a great percentage, but it is far better than Republicans have done in the past.

Some analysts suggest that the Republican nominee could get as much as one-fifth of the black vote by Election Day.

"The history of the Republican Party and the NAACP has not been one of regular partnership," said Bush in his favorably received speech in Baltimore. "But our nation is harmed when we let our differences divide us."

Bush's record as governor has highlighted his instincts toward inclusion. His appointments of African-Americans and Hispanics to key boards and commissions illustrates that commitment.

Longview News-Journal

Politics of heating oil

President Clintons action aimed at stockpiling 2 million barrels of heating oil in the Northeast is a sound idea. It could buffer a repeat of last winters sharp price spike in home heating costs. Now is the time to act; waiting until winter could be tragic.

It also makes sense because heating oil stocks are minimal for this time of year. There are currently 37 million barrels of heating oil in the United States, down from 65 million barrels this time last year. That's because refineries are producing as much gasoline as possible for the summer.

There's no reason for the people who live in the Northeast to face the freezing cold as hostages of outrageous prices. Because people were suffering in January, Clinton authorized $1.35 million in emergency aid and declared a national emergency for the Northeast.

It should be noted that the Republican-led House already has approved legislation to establish a heating oil reserve in the Northeast. The Senate has yet to act on that measure. Unfortunately, the storage tanks wont be filled until Congress passes a long-stalled bill reauthorizing the existing Strategic Petroleum Reserve and setting criteria for "triggering" its use. Thus, his executive order is a loud message to the Congress to move forward.

Nutrition By Ed Blonz, Ph.D.

How can I adjust to night shift?

DEAR DR. BLONZ: I have worked the night shift for over a year, and I never feel rested, no matter how much sleep I get. I started using Synthroid four months ago, and my thyroid levels are normal again, though my fatigue has not abated.

I have three small kids, so sleep is definitely a commodity, though I usually get five to six hours of sleep after working my shifts. I was wondering how my diet might help. Would melatonin do anything for me? I am also on Serzone for depression, which I feel is well controlled at present.

Please don't suggest keeping my night shift schedule on my days off. That is impossible with the kids. Thanks. — **C.V., San Diego**

Dear C.V.: The body's normal patterns of biological rhythms are oriented toward a light/dark cycle, where we are awake and active when it's light out and rest when it is dark. Shift work plays havoc with the system, leaving one disoriented and lagged out — but none of this is a secret to you.

In your particular situation, however, we have other health problems and medications added to the mix, making it difficult to make recommendations with any degree of confidence.

Melatonin, a hormone produced by the pineal gland, is normally released at night after we go to sleep. It is known to play an integral role in the biochemical regulation of the body's light-dark cycle. There is some evidence that taking melatonin supplements can help the body adapt to a new sleep/wake cycle, and this can be of particular value after traveling through many time zones.

Can melatonin, however, help with those involved with shift work?

A number of studies have found that this is indeed a possibility, but one of the factors in the studies is that light and dark cues play an integral role. The body can adapt to sleep during the daytime, but it is important to sleep in a darkened room. Conversely, you can work at night, but if this is to be the norm, it will help if there is bright light in the work environment.

In your particular situation, it might help if you could solidly reserve those five or six hours after your work shift for sleep in a darkened room. After you arise, your "breakfast," ideally eaten in a well-lit room, should contain protein, as this nutrient helps to produce the neurotransmitters associated with alertness. You might also gain some benefits from taking a nap sometime during your waking hours (also, ideally, in a darkened room).

A short course of melatonin taken prior to a desired sleep cycle might seem reasonable, but there are some concerns about taking melatonin and antidepressant medication at the same time. There is some evidence that melatonin can inhibit the thyroid gland's activity.

You say that you have been shift working for a year and that you began taking your thyroid medication (Synthroid) four months ago. Did you have a thyroid problem prior to your shift work? I would advise you to discuss these issues with your physician.

Perhaps you might consider an herbal relaxant, such as valerian, prior to your sleep time. This herb is approved by Commission E, an expert committee on herbal remedies established by Germany's Federal Institute for Drugs and Devices, for restlessness and sleep disorder. Again, because you are on medications, you should talk with your health professional before starting.

Good luck.

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Jewish group decries newly discovered data

WASHINGTON (AP) — Documents unearthed by the Simon Wiesenthal Center indicate that the government of Hungary notified U.S. occupation forces in Germany in 1947 that Nazi war criminal Adolf Eichmann was in the U.S. zone, but U.S. authorities did not respond to the request for his extradition for four years.

Just a year earlier, Eichmann had escaped from a U.S. prison camp. With the help of ex-Nazi officials, he eventually got to Argentina in 1958. But the founder of the Wiesenthal Center believes that if the United States would have taken the Hungarian request seriously, Eichmann, who was in charge of the "Final Solution" to exterminate the Jews of Europe, might have been found far earlier.

"They made it easier for Adolf Eichmann to live in anonymity, and not to worry because no one was looking for him," said Rabbi Marvin Hier.

The letter, addressed to the military governor of the American zone of Germany, requested that Eichmann be delivered to Hungary to stand trial for participating "with the instructions of Himler (sic) SS commander in the liquidation work of the Jews in Hungary." It was sent on April 23, 1947, by Stephan Ries, the minister of justice in Hungary.

A reply to the letter, dated May 15, 1951, was sent by the president of the U.S. extradition board, which was responsible for sending war criminals to other nations for trial.

The response stated that the request for extradition was denied, because a "definite address" was not provided, and more details of the alleged crimes were needed. "The material submitted in this case does not meet the technical requirements required," the letter read.

Hier said the letter showed "callous disinterest" on the part of the U.S. government, and that it was because Hungary was a communist country.

"For the United States to sit on this information," he said, "just because the country was communist, is outrageous."

A Wiesenthal Center historian said that since the Nazi threat disappeared after the war, and the United States was more concerned about the Soviets, American officials "wanted to get out of the war crimes business."

"Had the U.S. issued the equivalent of an all-points bulletin, maybe more people would have been looking for him," said Aaron Breitbart, senior researcher at the center. "The reason we still have the Nazi war criminal issue today is that the job was not properly done a half a century ago."

Another historian disagreed with the center's assessment, saying the U.S. search concentrated on Austria, Eichmann's last known whereabouts, and that several nations, such as France and Greece, asked for Eichmann's extradition.

"The request from Hungary was not very high on the agenda," said Hans Safrian, a former fellow at the National Holocaust Museum in Washington and the author of a book on Eichmann.

Safrian also noted that Nazi war criminals were extradited to and later hanged in several communist nations, including Poland and Czechoslovakia.

"It was a common practice," Safrian said. "The perpetrators didn't like that, because they knew they would get harsher treatment in the East."

Still, Safrian concurred that the long delay of the U.S. response showed that the Americans were "not very forthcoming."

Israeli intelligence agents eventually found Eichmann near Buenos Aires in 1960. He was tried in Israel for his crimes against European Jews, and was hanged in 1962. Simon Wiesenthal, for whom the Los Angeles center is named, was involved in the search for Eichmann and several other suspected war criminals. Wiesenthal currently lives in Vienna, Austria.

"Eichmann deported more than 400,000 Jewish men, women and children just from Hungary to the death camps," Safrian said. "That's the main thing."

On the Net: Simon Wiesenthal Center: http://www.wiesenthal.com/

Nuke scientist to get asylum hearing

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — A Russian nuclear scientist who strongly opposed his government's sale of technology to Iran has legitimate fears about returning home and should be reconsidered for political asylum, a federal appeals panel ruled.

The 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals on Thursday ordered immigration officials to again take up the case of Alexei Chouchkov, who worked for Atom Kor, a government-funded research organization.

In a 3-0 decision, the appeals court found Chouchkov's claims of threats and intimidation to be credible and that they rose to the level of political persecution. The Board of Immigration Appeals cast doubt on whether Russian government officials were behind the harassment.

"Any reasonable finder of fact would be compelled to conclude that Chouchkov was the victim of persecution such that his life or freedom was threatened on account of his political opinion," Judge Milton I. Shidur wrote for the court.

The court noted that the threats — including a car theft and car accident while Chouchkov was still in Russia, and an attack on his mother-in-law once he left — could not be considered coincidental.

Chouchkov was investigated for his job by the KGB, which supervised and proposed the 1993 deal with Iran and all deals involving nuclear power.

Chouchkov said he objected to the Iran deal because Iran is a terrorist country, and being Jewish, he did not want the nuclear technology used against Israel. He said he told his supervisors he would try to stop the deal, and one of them told him he would be "very sorry about this."

Chouchkov, 43, and his wife, Natalia Kondratieva, left Russia on a tourist visa to Germany in 1993, then fled to Argentina, where they stayed for two years.

Chouchkov said his mother-in-law was attacked in Russia by men demanding to know his address after the couple arrived in the United States in 1995. She was hospitalized for several weeks.

Chouchkov's lawyer, Arielle Bases, would not reveal where the couple live.

Mini heart pump transplant goes home

HOUSTON (AP) — The first person to have a miniature heart pump successfully implanted to keep her blood flowing while doctors searched for a replacement is back home after undergoing a heart transplant.

Lois Spiller, a 52-year-old retired financial analyst, spoke between tears Thursday as she described her joy over her improved health.

"I'm just real happy to be here today," she said. "I just knew I had to come through this after all the support my family and the doctors had given me."

To keep her alive until her transplant, the Jarvik 2000 left ventricular assist device was implanted in Spiller's failing heart on April 10, after her physicians gained approval from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration to begin clinical trials with the device.

The battery-operated device is about the size of a wine cork and fits directly into the heart's left ventricle. When the heart can no longer pump properly, the tiny turbine pushes oxygenated blood throughout the body.

The implantation of the device brings scientists closer to the goal of finding an alternative to a heart transplant. For now, the FDA has approved study of the pump only as a bridge to transplant.

Two other patients with end-stage heart failure have been implanted with the device and are waiting for donor hearts to become available. Another two had the device implanted on an emergency basis; both died shortly after the surgery.

Spiller, whose heart trouble dates back to 1987, had the implant in her enlarged heart for 79 days. She received her heart transplant three weeks ago and was released from the hospital July 11.

Spiller said she is getting around just fine, and has even cooked breakfast and washed dishes since leaving the hospital. Before the artificial pump was transplanted, she was so weak that she struggled to even talk.

According to the Texas Heart Institute, about 5 million Americans suffer from heart failure. The ideal therapy is a transplant, but there are only about 2,500 donor hearts available each year. About 6,000 patients annually die before receiving a transplant.

On the Net:
Texas Heart Institute: http://www.texasheartinstitute.org/j2000400.html

Test suggests small part of forebrain is problem solver

WASHINGTON (AP) — A small structure in the front of the brain may be a master problem solver according to a study that found it works the hardest when the mind is confronted with intelligence tests.

The study, published Friday in the journal Science, measured blood flow rates in the brains of test subjects who were required to answer a series of puzzles typical of those in IQ tests.

Dr. John Duncan of the Medical Research Council in Cambridge, England, and his co-authors report in Science that the most active region of the brain during the tests was the lateral prefrontal cortex, a structure in the forebrain just above the eyes. This structure is present in both the left and right hemispheres of the brain.

The brain activity was measured using positron emission tomography, an imaging technique that pinpoints areas with the highest level of activity by measuring the rate of blood flow. A higher blood flow suggests more intensive activity.

When 60 test subjects connected to the scan were asked to perform a series of verbal and spatial puzzles, like those found in IQ tests, the lateral prefrontal cortex was the area that experienced the most blood flow.

Duncan said in the paper that this increased activity occurred for both simple general intelligence puzzles, called "low g", and for more difficult puzzles, called "high g." The same activity was found for tests that required verbal skills and for those requiring spatial understanding.

The study was designed to test two old and competing theories of intelligence. One theory, proposed in 1904, was that there is a single, general structure, called the "g-factor," that was the master problem solver in the brain. The second theory, proposed in 1916, proposed that different parts of the brain were recruited to solve difficult problems.

Duncan and his colleagues said their findings supported the "g-factor" theory.

The findings, the researchers said in their paper, "argue strongly against the possibility that high-g tasks are associated with diffuse neural recruitment."

In a commentary in Science, Robert J. Sternberg of Yale University questioned whether the Duncan results "relate to intelligence as it operates in the everyday world."

"The fact that areas of the brain are activated during some kinds of intelligent thought does not mean that their activation is the cause of these thought processes," said Sternberg.

Although finding the seat of intelligence in the brain has been the "Holy Grail" of many researchers, Sternberg said that the Duncan paper provides "a holey grail rather than a Holy Grail because, as yet, they have not provided the whole grail."

12-year-old tells authorities he stole over 50 cars

MIAMI (AP) — A 12-year-old boy with a fondness for Honda Accords told detectives he's stolen more than 50 cars over the last several years. The detectives are inclined to believe him.

The Broward County Sheriff's Office has confirmed the boy's involvement in 16 thefts and is trying to verify the others.

"He can break into a Honda Accord and start it up faster than you or I can unlock the door with a key," spokesman Kirk Englehardt said Thursday. "At 12 years old, its surprising, but he's an expert car thief."

The boy, who was not identified because of his age, was arrested July 14 after sheriff's officials identified his fingerprints on a white Honda Accord broken into two days earlier in Dania Beach, just south of Fort Lauderdale. He already had a police record stretching back three years.

He was charged with burglary and attempted grand theft, and during questioning, he confessed to at least 50 more car thefts or burglaries in the area, Englehardt said.

"So far, all of the information he has provided has been accurate," Englehardt said.

Although four years from the legal driving age, the boy is 5 foot 7 inches tall and can apparently operate the cars, he said.

A phone message left Thursday at the home of the boy's mother was not immediately returned.

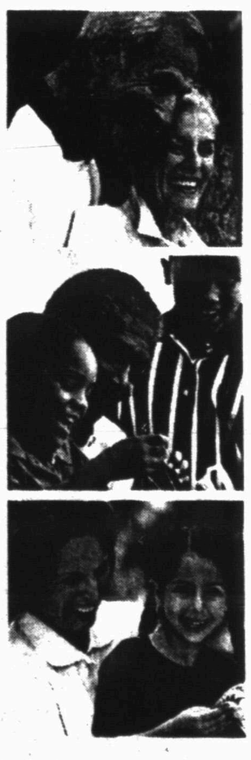
Following his arrest, the boy rode with detectives, pointing out supermarkets, apartment buildings and other areas he said he had targeted.

"We're not used to getting that kind of assistance from somebody who's been charged with a crime," Englehardt said.

The boy was first arrested in 1997, at age 9, for alleged shoplifting. He has been arrested 10 times since on charges including vehicle theft and burglary.

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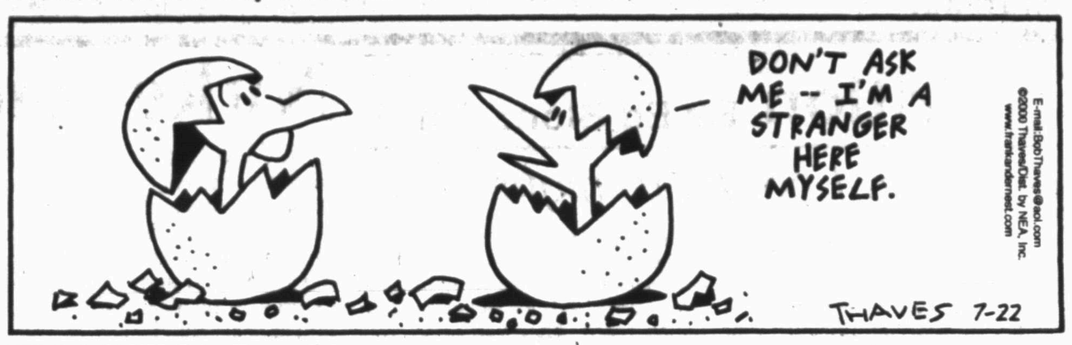
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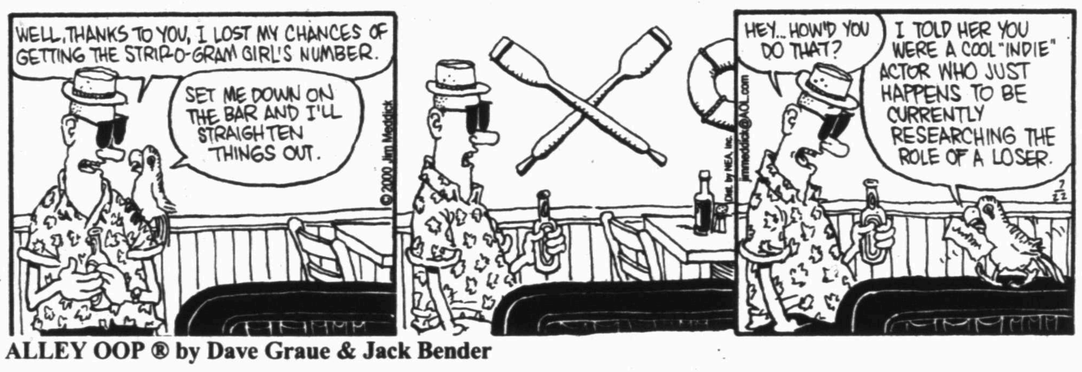
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20 Tina Turner's ex
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23 What tailors do
24 Addict
25 Creme — — creme
27 Lengthier
29 Orthodontists' grp.
31 Mae West role
32 Plating metal
33 J. Edgar Hoover's org.
34 Lacking iron
37 Arid
40 Enzyme suffixes
41 Fem. title
43 Ms. Barrett
45 Ave. crossers
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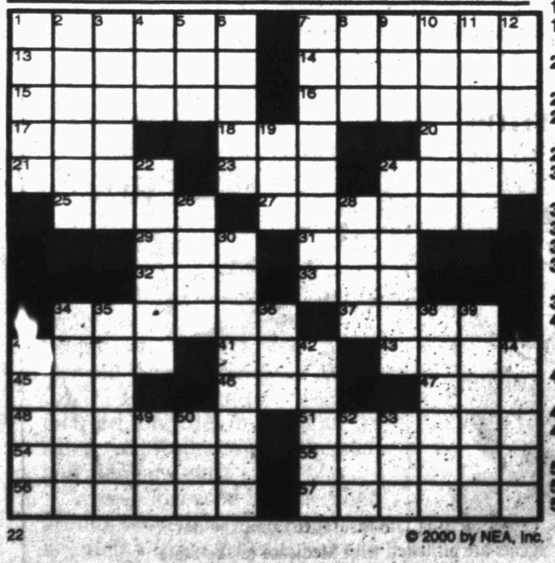
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28 Pen tips
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Teen girl drowns trying to save sister

NEW YORK (AP) — A 14-year-old girl drowned trying to save her 3-year-old stepsister after the wake of a large boat swept the younger girl off a jetty.

Tina Johnson, 14, and Kristie Terlizzi, 3, were sitting on a rock jetty in Great Kills Park on Staten Island Thursday afternoon when the wave swept Kristie out, authorities said. The girls had been watching Kristie's father fish in the Atlantic.

Tina jumped in and tried to save the younger girl, but soon found herself in trouble, said Allen Blanchard, an uncle. Kristie's father, Richard Terlizzi, 35, then tried to save both girls, but was soon overwhelmed in the choppy water, said Sgt. Jim Foley, a police spokesman.

Three people in a small motorboat pulled the 3-year-old and her father from the water, using a fishing net to scoop the girl up.

"She was floating face down in the water," said boat owner Steve Clohessy, who gave the girl CPR.

Police and Fire Department divers and helicopters searched for nearly an hour and a half before finding Tina, who was pronounced dead at Staten Island University Hospital.

The 3-year-old was in critical but stable condition Friday at the hospital. Terlizzi was treated for hypothermia and released.

Officer says shooting was unjustified

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A motorcycle officer who was at the scene when a fellow officer shot and killed a homeless woman testified that he believes the shooting was unjustified, contradicting the police department's official ruling.

"I didn't understand how this whole thing went down the way it did," Officer John Goines said during a deposition. "I didn't see how — how come the lady ended up getting shot, and it was disturbing to me."

The family of Margaret Mitchell is suing the city of Los Angeles and the Los Angeles Police Department for unspecified damages for the May 1999 shooting by Officer Edward Larrigan. The suit also names Larrigan, another officer and Police Chief Bernard Parks.

Parks has said Larrigan shot the 102-pound, mentally ill woman, after she lunged at him with a 12-inch screwdriver. The Police Commission Inspector General's report found that other witnesses did not see her lunge.

Parks ruled the shooting was within department policy but found that Larrigan used faulty tactics. The civilian Los Angeles Police Commission found in February that the shooting violated department policy.

In testimony July 12, Goines said a passing van blocked his view as Larrigan fired the fatal shot, but he witnessed events beforehand and immediately afterward.

Larrigan and another officer were questioning Mitchell, 55, about a shopping cart they suspected was stolen.

Cmdr. David Kalish, a police spokesman, declined to comment on Goines' testimony except to say that much of it was opinion.

"What's important are the facts," Kalish said.

Mural of Harriet Tubman said defaced

BALTIMORE (AP) — Swastikas and racial epithets were spray-painted onto a mural of abolitionist Harriet Tubman.

The Harford County Sheriff's Department had no suspects, and officers were canvassing the area, Lt. Ed Hopkins said.

The 18-foot-by-50-foot painted mural, on the side of the Magnolia Middle School, is one of five works of Tubman commissioned from artist Mike Alewitz for public buildings around the state.

Tubman, known as "the Moses of her people," was born a slave in 1820 and escaped to the North in 1849 on the Underground Railroad, the secret network of safe houses set up to help slaves flee. Over the next decade she led nearly 300 Maryland slaves to safety.

The mural in Magnolia, a Baltimore suburb, depicts Tubman on a computer screen, her hands outstretched across a book. There is a swirling red sea, evoking the biblical story of Moses leading the Israelites out of slavery by parting the Red Sea.

A custodian discovered the damage Thursday morning, school spokesman Don Morrison said. The mural will be repaired.

"Sometimes, it's hard to tell whether someone is acting out of maliciousness or out of hate," Hopkins said. "But given the nature of the defacing, we clearly feel that the remarks were inflammatory, and therefore, are investigating it as a hate crime."

Twenty-five percent of the middle school's students are black. The surrounding neighborhood is closer to 50 percent black, Morrison said.

Man kills wife, himself before concert

EAST HAVEN, Conn. (AP) — An elderly man shot and killed his estranged wife and then himself in front of about 150 people who had gathered for a concert on the town green, police said.

Frank Cosenza, 77, and Josephine Giaimo, 78, had been married less than two years before separating two months ago. Cosenza had been arrested July 12 following a domestic dispute.

On Thursday night, Giaimo was sitting in a lawn chair when Cosenza came up behind her, put his hand on her shoulder and fired one shot from a 9 mm pistol into the back of her head, police said.

He then walked a short distance and shot himself in the head.

Mayor Joseph Maturo called the shootings devastating.

Apache buys Occidental's Gulf assets

HOUSTON (AP) — Apache Corp. says it will pay $385 million for Occidental Petroleum Corp. oil and gas properties in medium to shallow Gulf waters.

Houston-based Apache has made a series of deals to expand its presence in the Gulf, starting with its purchase early last year of Shell Oil Co.'s outer continental shelf properties for $743 million. It also bought Shell Canada's oil and gas properties for $524 million.

The company also said Thursday that it expects to beat analysts' estimates of $1.08 per share earnings for the second quarter. The company said it will post earnings of $1.22 per share when it reports its quarterly results on July 27.

Under the deal with Occidental, Apache will acquire a unit that holds interests in 32 fields on 93 blocks in the outer continental shelf with total proven reserves of 56.8 million barrels of oil equivalent.

Apache will pay $341 million this year and $11 million per year for the next four years. The deal is expected to close by Aug. 15.

Occidental is trying to reduce its $2 billion in debt.

In midday trading Friday, Apache shares fell $2.183/4 to $48.933/4, and Occidental shares were down 25 cents to $19.871/2.

Angela Lansbury withdraws from play

NEW YORK (AP) — Angela Lansbury has withdrawn from a new Broadway musical scheduled to open next spring, saying she's "absolutely shattered" to do so but needs to be with her husband as he recovers from heart surgery.

In a letter to the producers of "The Visit," Lansbury said she needed to be with her husband, Peter Shaw, "day-by-day, hour-by-hour."

"The kind of commitment required of an artist carrying a multimillion-dollar production has to be 100 percent, and in fairness to you, I realize I simply couldn't manage being available to you and the company and fulfill my desire and need to care for Peter," Lansbury's letter said.

Brown said the production, scheduled to open in April, would move forward.

"We are regrouping and discussing other actresses," Brown said Friday.

Greenland ice sheet melting slowly

WASHINGTON (AP) — Ice equal to an 11-mile cube is melting and breaking off of the Greenland ice sheet every year, adding to a global sea level rise that has reached nine inches in the past century, a study shows.

More than 50 billion tons of water a year are eroding away from Greenland annually, according to a NASA high-tech aerial survey of the massive North Atlantic island, home of the Earth's second largest ice sheet.

Water from the ice, some 12.5 trillion gallons, is causing the global sea level to rise about .005 of an inch annually.

"We see a significant trend (in loss of ice mass)," said William B. Krabill, first author of the study. "When we can go back after five years and see 10 meters of glacier gone, there is something happening."

Krabill, a scientist with the National Aeronautics and Space Administration and head of the ice sheet measurement project, said the melting of Greenland ice and the calving of icebergs from Greenland glaciers is responsible for about 7 percent of the annual rise in global sea level.

Over the last century, measurements suggest sea level has risen about nine inches, enough to cause some low-lying areas that were once high and dry to be awash at high tide or during storms. The trend could get worse, said Krabill, if the Greenland ice sheet continues its meltdown.

"The margins of the Greenland ice sheet are undergoing significant thinning, in some places in excess of two meters a year," Krabill said.

Just how much ice is disappearing from Greenland and Antarctica, the world's largest reservoir of ice, has long been uncertain. The NASA survey is the first to give a comprehensive measurement of recent changes in the Greenland ice sheet. Krabill said there is no similar data for Antarctica.

Krabill said the study shows glaciers on Greenland are moving more rapidly to the sea, caused, perhaps, by melt water that coats the base of the glaciers and helps lubricate the downhill slide of the ice rivers.

"We are seeing widespread indications that something like that is going on, causing the glaciers to move faster toward the margins," said Krabill.

Krabill led a NASA team that used an aerial laser survey technique to measure the level of ice on Greenland and compare that with data from a similar survey five years ago.

The technique involves a laser that fires 5,000 bursts of light a second toward the surface from an airplane flying over the ice. The light bounces back to a receiver on the airplane, giving a measure of altitude. The airplane's location and path is measured using the Global Positioning Satellite system. The result is a precise measurement of altitude of the ice covering Greenland. A survey five years ago used a similar technique.

A comparison of the two surveys found there had been severe thinning along the southern and southeastern margins of the Atlantic Ocean island, while there was a slight thickening of ice in the western highlands. But the net effect, said Krabill, was a significant loss of ice from the island.

"What we see happening in Greenland may be an indication of the bigger picture," said Waleed Abdalati, another NASA scientist and a co-author of the study. The Greenland ice sheet, he said, is more sensitive to climate change than the ice in Antarctica because Greenland has a more temperate climate.

The process of losing ice can itself speed up the melting, said Abdalati.

"As ice melts, more solar energy is absorbed, causing the surface to get warmer," accelerating the melt, he said. "This is called a positive feed back."

Temperature measurements along Greenland's east coast show a half degree rise over five years, said Abdalati. Measurements elsewhere on the island show no change or even a slight cooling, he said.

Greenland contains about 8 percent of the Earth's grounded ice. Antarctica, at the South Pole, holds about 91 percent.

Melting all the ice on Greenland — a very unlikely event that would take thousands of years — could raise the world's sea level by about 21 feet, said Abdalati. But long before that happens, a creeping rise in sea level could displace millions of people who now live along the world's coasts.

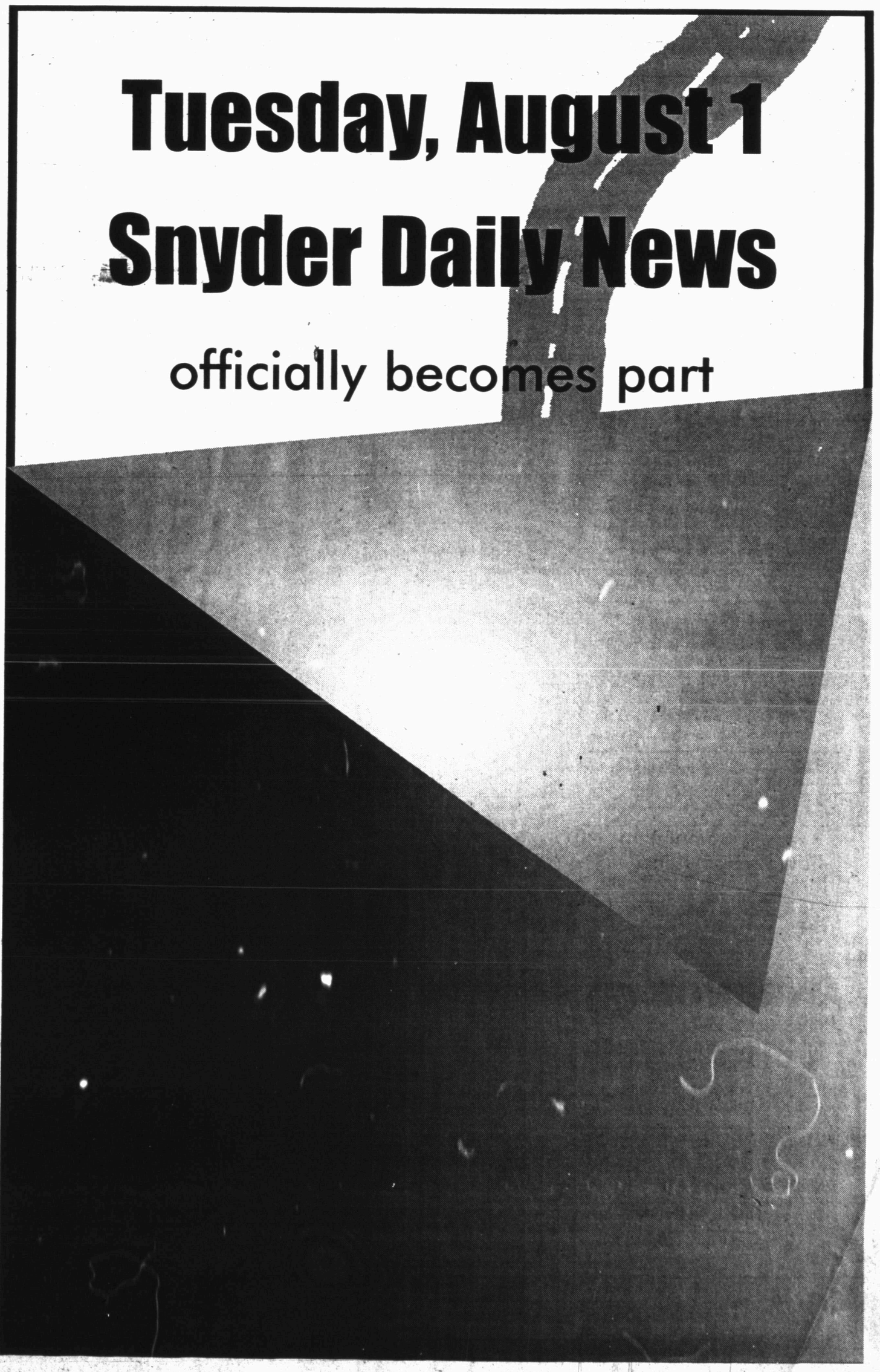
"You would have major effects if the sea level goes up" only a few inches, Abdalati said.

NASA is planning in 2001 to launch a satellite, called IceSat, that will survey the major ice sheets in the world. The satellite will orbit nearly directly over the poles, taking almost constant measurements of the ice and determine how it is changing with time.

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