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Appraisal protests will begin with oil, property

By Joyce May
SDN Staff Writer

The number of oil, mineral and real estate valuation protests filed at the Scurry County Appraisal District office has dwindled dramatically in the past week, according to Chief Appraiser Larry Crooks.

Appraisal Review Board (ARB) hearings will begin Wednesday in the Scurry County Appraisal District office for persons protesting appraised oil and mineral values.

Real estate hearings will begin Thursday, and agriculture hearings will begin July 29.

Originally, some 35 individuals and entities had filed oil and mineral valuation protests. Several have now settled or withdrawn their protests, bringing the number down to 23.

Wednesday's hearings get underway at 8:45 a.m. beginning with Victor Cargile followed by Ann Odom Davis, Walter Hill, Machine Tech Company, Johnson Royalties, Mitchell Energy Corporation, Union Oil Company of California, Mid Coast, Omni Operating Company and Apache Corporation.

Hearings are also scheduled for Champion Technologies Inc., S&S Oil Company, Petrolite Corp., Texas Secondary Oil Corp., Xeric Oil & Gas Company, Raymond A. Bryant, BJ Service Company USA, BJ Titan Service Company, Unichem Division of BJ Services, Western Company of North America, Oil City Ventures, LLC and Marian Germain.

The original number of real estate valuation protests was 25, but now has dropped to 10. Most have settled, but some protests were withdrawn, Crooks said.

Real estate hearings are scheduled to begin at 8:45 a.m. Thursday beginning with Mark and Kathy Holdren followed by Laney Ashworth, Meyer & Meyer Investments, Kathy Scott and Lavada D. Brown, Song Hui Finger (Willow Park Inn), George G. Vaught Jr., Adam Carrasco, Primestar/TCI Digital Satellite and Hut Inc.

Crooks said he expects to have several other settlements.

"I feel like once they get here and talk to the engineers several more will probably be settled."

He also said his office tries to settle protests without going before the board.

"I believe we will have a decent number of oil representatives show up, but I don't think there will be many go to the board. They will show up and we will talk about it. If we can't reach an agreement, then they will go to the board.

Crooks said his office attempts to contact taxpayers before the hearings to discuss the protested values.

"Sometimes they never come in (to discuss it), they just go to the board. Some just like to go before the board."

Taxpayers will sometimes send in letters of protest, Crooks said.

"The taxpayer does not necessarily have to be here. Occasionally, we will have a person protesting by letter who wants the letter presented before the board. It will be read before the board and if they have evidence to show we are in error the board will consider it."

There are also the occasional no-shows.

"If they don't show up, we will not consider the case," Crooks said. "No action is taken because in most cases, we have already examined the property, checked it out and see no reason for the value to be cut."

During the hearings, both the protesting taxpayer and the Appraisal District will present sides.

"We present our information and the taxpayer presents their information," Crooks said. "We are not here to gang up on the taxpayer. If an adjustment is due, we will correct it."

If an agreement cannot be reached, the next option a taxpayer has is to take the protest to district court.

"We hope it does not come to that, but, if the taxpayer still disagrees, it can actually end up going to district court," Crooks said. "We try to stay out of the courthouse - we don't like to waste taxpayers' money."

Crooks also noted that anytime the office changes a value or does not change a value, taxpayers will be notified in writing.

Rodeo week begins

Books open at 8 a.m. Monday to enter the 64th annual Scurry County Rodeo set for Thursday, Friday and Saturday at the rodeo grounds on Gary Brewer Rd. Contestants can enter until 5 p.m. Monday.

Contestants can also enter on Tuesday by calling 573-8592, or the rodeo secretary at 573-0627 or 573-3005. The annual rodeo parade is set for 10 a.m. Saturday.

In warm-up action, Rodeo Association stockholders have a roping scheduled to begin at 7 p.m. Saturday.

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "It's up to you whether 'be yourself' us actually sound advice."

We're sorta' relieved. The guy tried a good defense, but he still got convicted for killing his wife.

We've been told on more than one occasion that if ole what's-her-name ever does us in, any jury would let her off.

Since the guy in Phoenix came up with sleepwalking as a defense in the trial for the murder of his wife, we figured we might have to start sleeping with one eye open.

Odd things happen during the night at our house. Like the time the bedspread was draped over the TV. She had no memory whatsoever.

And some time later, it was a pounding with a shoe. Again, total lack of recall. And more recently, it was her glare that waked us up in the middle of the night.

Our roommate remembered the stare, but couldn't recall the reason. The old gal mused that whatever it was about, it was likely deserved.

The guy in Arizona admitted to stabbing his wife 44 times, but he claimed during his trial that he was walking in his sleep and did not remember anything about the incident.

We don't know about sleepwalking, but our roomie has one airtight defense. Our demise could never be blamed on home cooking.

Heard about three guys who died under unusual circumstances. They each related their story to St. Peter.

"I came home, found a guy leaving my apartment, carrying his shirt in one hand and shoes in the other. I got so mad I threw the ice box at him, then fell off the balcony and woke up here."

The second man said, "I woke up from my nap and realized I was late for work, so I grabbed my shirt and shoes and ran to meet the bus. Somebody threw an ice box down on me, so here I am."

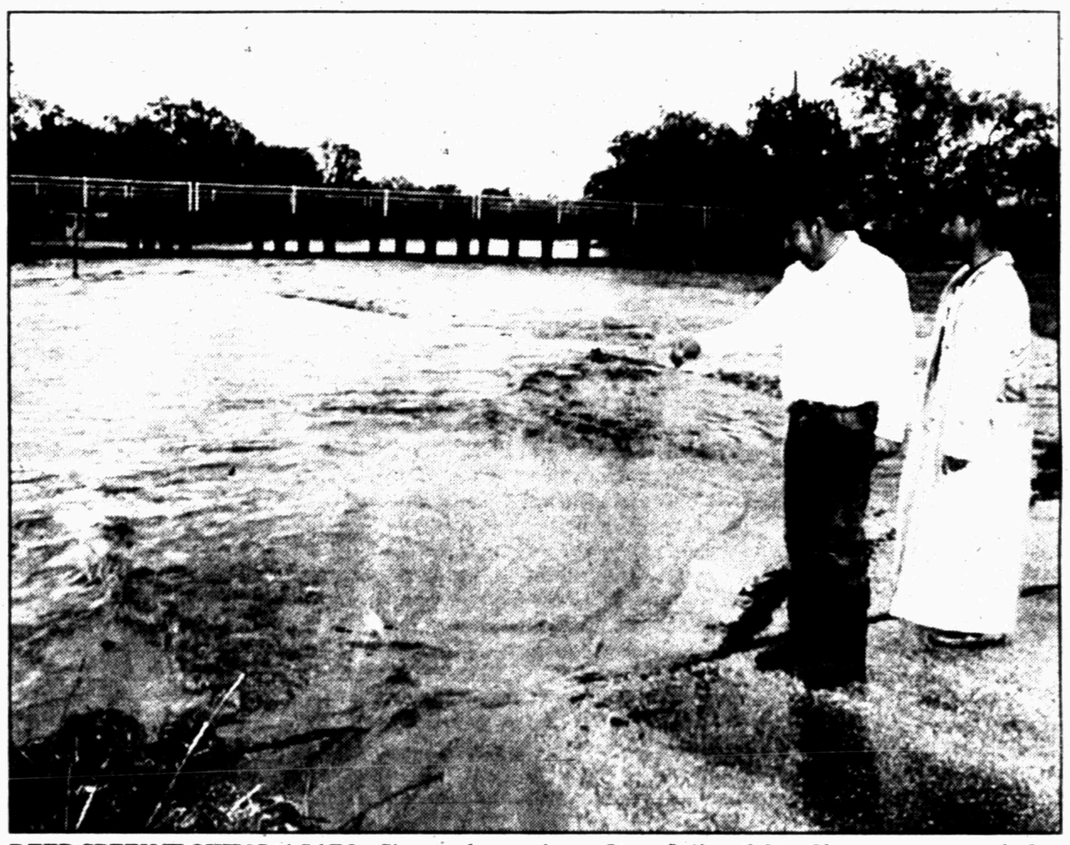
The third fellow revealed, " I was visiting my neighbor's wife when her husband came home early. I ran and hid in the refrigerator. Next thing I knew, I woke up here."

This judge is bound to have a sense of humor.

A judge in Houston reversed the rules for two probationers. Normally, people placed on probation are barred from associating with others on probation.

In one case, however, the judge allowed the two probationers to get married – and even performed the ceremony.

We'd have to call that a life sentence.



DEEP CREEK FLOWING, AGAIN - City employees Anson Luna (left) and Curt Sharp were out early Saturday placing barricades at low-water crossings due to the heavy rains that fell early Saturday. Here, workers view the low-level crossing on 28th Street which was underwater by 5:30 Saturday morning. (SDN Staff Photo)

Saturday morning's rainfall totals over 5 inches in Union

A cold front collided with an abundance of moisture as it moved across Scurry County early Saturday morning and as a result, a reported 5.2 inches of rain fell at Union.

Scurry County Sheriff Department dispatcher Jeanette Claxton said city patrolmen reported rain falling in Snyder shortly before 4 a.m. Saturday.

At 5:33 a.m., the National Weather Service in Midland issued a flash flood warning for the county.

Claxton said Deep Creek was flowing above six feet around 6 a.m., a rise of some 18 inches in about 30 minutes.

City crews were out early Saturday placing barricades at low-water crossings and Claxton said the Texas Department of Transportation was checking on low level areas of Highway 180 west of Snyder as reports indicated water was over the road in some areas.

Greg Murdoch, senior forecaster with the National Weather Service in Midland, said an unstable atmosphere in West Texas could cause showers most of Saturday.

There were no severe weather alerts issued, Murdoch said.

There were also no reports to the sheriffs' office concerning power failures within the city, and Big Country Electric personnel stated only one person had contacted their office concerning a brief outage.

Snyder's water treatment plant recorded 2.43 inches of moisture to bring the yearly total to 16.04. At this time last year, the city had received only 5.57 inches.

The Camp Springs area received 3.2 inches Saturday morning, while 3.1 inches were recorded southwest of Union.

The area northeast of Hermleigh received 1.8 inches, while Fluvanna residents reported 2.2 inches.

A Dunn resident reported one inch while 1.8 inches was recorded at Ira.

It is expected that Lake Thomas will not benefit greatly from the rainfall, as only .4 of an inch was measured at Gail.

By C-City residents...

Drilling rig fire results in lawsuits being filed

Two men who were injured in an oil rig fire near Ira on April 20 have filed suit against six companies in 32nd District Court in Colorado City.

Larry Keen and Rene Garcia, who were both burned in the accident, are seeking unspecified damages for bodily injury, physical pain, suffering and mental anguish in the past and in the future.

Keen suffered burns over 36 percent of his body and injuries to his eyes, while Garcia was burned over 10 percent of his body, according to legal documents filed in Mitchell County.

Keen and Garcia are suing Sharp Image Energy Company of Big Spring, Mitchell Energy Company of The Woodlands, West Texas Energy Services of Big Spring, Rig Testers, Inc. of Abilene, Stivers Consulting, Inc. of Graham and their supervisor on the rig, Danny Parham of Colorado City. Parham was the drilling foreman at the time of the accident and also suffered minor burns in the incident.

The two plaintiffs are represented by Sweetwater attorney Thomas L. Rees Jr. and Burt Burnett of Abilene.

Defense attorneys are from Abilene, Lubbock, Dallas, Big Spring and Houston.

Responses received from defense attorneys, so far, indicate they will seek a change of venue from Mitchell County to Scurry County.

Remodeling, expansion nixed...

Postal Service to seek new location

United States Postal Service officials have posted a solicitation for proposals for a new site for the Snyder post office.

In effect, this posting rules out the postal service expanding or remodeling its present facility at 2312 Ave. R, and instead will consider proposals for remodeling an existing facility or the construction of a new facility.

This particular posting is for existing space that can be remodeled to meet the needs of the U.S. Post Office.

The postal service site selection prefers location in an area bounded on the north by 23rd Street and on the south by 45th Street. The eastern-most boundary is Ave. Q, and the west boundary is Ave. Y.

The total site size is required to be 75,000 to 85,000 sq. ft., and have site measurements of 250 feet frontage and 300 feet in depth.

However, the service will consider either smaller or larger tracts, particularly with a corner location.

The existing building must contain at least 8,200 square feet and provide parking for 68-78 vehicles.

Snyder Postmaster Dale Lipsett first announced the postal service was seeking a new facility in a town hall meeting last May.

The next step in the process, said Lipsett, is for the service to view all proposals for a remodeled facility. If no suitable site is found, then the postal service will solicit proposals for building a new facility which the postal service would then lease.

It is expected to take at least three weeks for the postal service to receive proposals for a remodeled facility, said Lipsett.

The decision on the entire process should take about 90 days, with construction of the facility expected to be completed within one year after a decision is made.

Lipsett said the postal service employees 25 people locally, plus two contract delivery persons. The payroll for the Snyder facility is $1.2 million annually.

TAAS testing set

Enrolled students and out-of-school examinees who have not met minimum standards on all sections of the TAAS test may take the necessary sections this week.

This also applies to students who were absent during the spring testing period.

Students who were enrolled in grade 12 during the spring are considered enrolled students.

The writing section of the test will be given Tuesday, while the math section will be given Wednesday. The reading section will be administered on Thursday.

All summer examinees, both enrolled and out-of-school, must present picture identification before taking the test.

Students must report to the Snyder Junior High snack bar at 8 a.m. each day if they plan to take the test.

ASK US

Q—I got a "City of Snyder Public Drinking Water Quality Report" in the mail. Was this mailed because something is wrong with our water?

A—No. The report is part of new federal guidelines that cities have to follow. It will be mailed out yearly.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Area Forecast: Saturday night, mostly cloudy, 40% chance of storms, heavy rain possible. Lows, mid 60s. Sunday, mostly cloudy, with 30% chance of storms. Highs, mid 80s.

Snyder Temps: High Friday, 98 degrees; low, 69; 7 a.m. Saturday, 69; 2.45 inches of precipitation; total for 1999, 16.04 inches.

Adam Calvert
Showers

Sunset: 8:51 p.m.
Sunrise: 6:47 p.m.
Of 190 days in 1999, the sun has shone 183 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

In the long run, we only hit what we aim at.

-Thoreau

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'Outreach' health fair slated here Tuesday

Beat the heat and help keep your children healthy this summer by attending the Outreach Health Services' Health Fair Tuesday at its clinic located at 5305 Trinity Blvd., suite A, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

OHS is sponsoring the Health Fair as part of an effort to encourage families to bring their children to the clinic for a well-child exam. A well-child exam is a comprehensive and periodic evaluation of a child's health, developmental, nutritional status, immunization record, vision and hearing. It is designed to catch minor health problems before they turn into major ones.

"We want as many families as possible to take advantage of this opportunity to make sure their child is healthy," said Ellie Medrano, a clerk for OHS. "It should only take about an hour to complete a well-child exam, and parents can walk away with peace of mind regarding their child's health."

Medrano added that well-child exams are not just for infants and small children. Your child can be a newborn who needs his first immunization, or he can be a high school student who needs an annual physical to play sports. It doesn't matter. All children, infants through age 21, are eligible for well-child exams.

According to Lana Chambers, a nurse practitioner for OHS, children need regular health checkups even if they are rarely sick. Childhood illnesses can go undetected for a long time and lead to further complications and serious consequences. Why take a risk when a well-child exam can help maintain your child's health, she added.

"If any problems are detected or we have concerns, parents are immediately referred to a local physician who can provide them with the specialized care they need," Chambers said.

Medrano recommended that all parents who are interested in bringing their children in for a well-child exam call the clinic to make an appointment, but walk-ins are welcome. Well-child exams are available to all children who are eligible for Medicaid. All parents must bring their Medicaid ID card and current shot record.

In addition to offering well-child exams, OHS will be holding drawings for special door prizes throughout the day. The local Wal-Mart donated a variety of toys for all age groups

"We might not have enough toys for every child, but each child and parent who attends the Health Fair will be a winner for taking a step towards staying healthy, Medrano said.

In addition to well-child exams, Outreach Health Services also offers a variety of other health services that include Women Infants and Children (WIC), nutrition education, breastfeeding peer counseling, women's health exams, immunizations, family planning counseling, maternity care and pregnancy tests.

If you would like to make an appointment for a well-child exam or find out more information about OHS, call the clinic at 915-573-1945.

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Ten reasons to bring your child to OHS for a well-child exam

1. All children deserve to stay healthy.
2. Well-child checkups are free to Medicaid children.
3. Parents and children will learn how to prevent injury and disease.
4. Checkups help keep kids from getting sick, and kids need checkups to help find medical problems early.
5. If any medical problems are detected kids can receive the care they need before health problems become chronic or irreparable.
6. Your kids may be overdue for shots. OHS helps parents keep track and stay current with all immunizations.
7. Regular dental screenings will help to keep smiles bright and teeth strong.
8. Children will understand the importance of maintaining their health with regular checkups.
9. It is the first step towards a healthier future.
10. Your family's health is a top priority.

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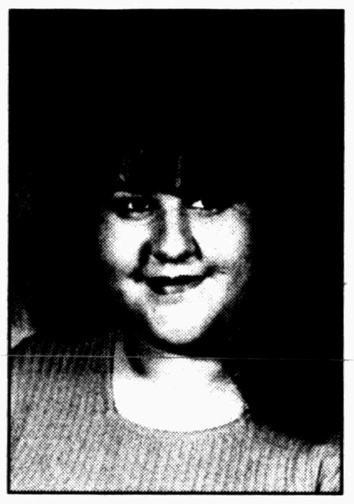
Garza picked for Who's Who

Jennifer Isabell Garza has been nominated to be included in the 33rd annual edition of Who's Who Among American High School Students.

She will be a junior at Snyder High School in the fall.

Garza is the daughter of Edward and Rita Yruegas Jr. of Snyder and Fermin Garza of San Antonio.

Grandparents include Mr. and Mrs. Cayetano Medrano, Mrs. Alicia Garza and Mr. and Mrs. Edward Yruegas Sr., all of Snyder.



Jennifer Isabell Garza

Separated at birth...

Twin brothers are reunited

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — One glance at Thomas Patterson told Steven Tazumi everything he needed to know: This stranger, from whom he'd been separated for nearly a lifetime, had to be his twin brother.

The identical twins, now 40, were reunited Friday night at Philadelphia International Airport amid a crush of friends and relatives.

Born in 1958 in a Japanese orphanage on the island of Kyushu, the two were adopted as babies by different families and raised in the United States.

Patterson lives in Liberal, Kan., in that state's southwest corner, while Tazumi lives in Harrison Township, N.J., not far from the New Jersey town where he was raised.

Tazumi's 20-year search for his twin ended last month when he found Patterson's adoptive father, Claude Patterson, in Liberal, and the two brothers quickly made plans to meet.

At the airport Friday night, Tazumi began laughing loudly when he saw his likeness walking toward him — and he couldn't stop.

"I'm so excited, it's wonderful," Patterson said. "I didn't realize he looked that much like me."

Claude Patterson was an Air Force sergeant stationed in Japan in the late 1950s and early 1960s. He and his wife, Fujie Tomita, wanted to adopt both boys, but Thomas' brother had already been adopted.

While Thomas was growing up in a Christian household in Liberal, where he was the only Japanese-American resident, Steven was growing up as a Buddhist, the adopted son of Tatsuo and Terry Tazumi of Bellmawr, N.J.

Both twins knew about the other. Patterson and his wife, Carla, made several attempts over the years to locate his brother but had no success. They were told the orphanage had been destroyed in a fire and records were lost.

Things changed last week when Claude Patterson received a letter requesting information about a Thomas Patterson of Japanese descent, who was born Nov. 25, 1958. "His brother is desperately trying to locate him," the letter said.

That letter came from Shelley Engel of Huntington Valley, Pa., twin sister of Gail Geonnetti of Voorhees, N.J.

Geonnetti, a fitness-training client of Tazumi, had decided to help Tazumi search for his twin, and enlisted her own twin in the effort. It worked.

Tazumi, a weightlifter, is not the only one in the fitness business. Patterson was a fitness trainer who owned a Liberal gym for 15 years.

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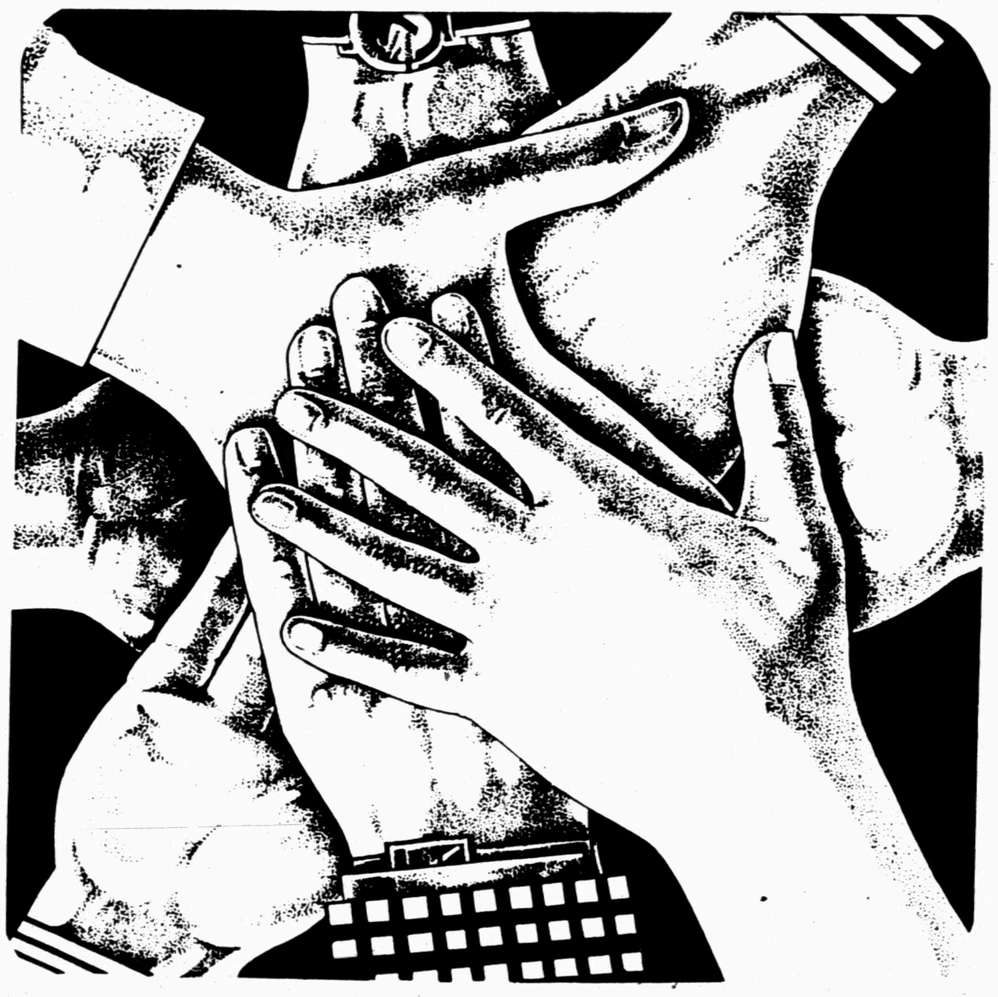

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Famous lighthouse reaches new home away from the ocean

BUXTON, N.C. (AP) — To the cheers of hundreds of tourists and the relief of those who have lived in its long shadow, the Cape Hatteras Lighthouse was gently nudged over the threshold of its new home.

The nation's tallest brick lighthouse arrived at its new concrete foundation Friday afternoon after months of preparation work and a three-week journey that covered almost 2,900 feet.

The 208-foot-tall tower, which was just 150 feet from the crashing Atlantic surf a few weeks ago, is now 1,600 feet from the ocean's edge — the same distance from that shoreline that it was when built 129 years ago.

National Park Service officials say the black-and-white striped tower should be safe from erosion for at least a century.

"There's some that will say we've destroyed history," said Park Service spokesman Bob Woody, referring to those who opposed the move and advocated groins to protect the lighthouse at its original location. "The people who will visit this lighthouse 100 years from now will give us the answer."

The lighthouse began its journey on June 17, resting on a nest of steel beams mounted on rollers as it was pushed along rails by seven hydraulic jacks. Originally expected to take four to six weeks, the $10 million move took three.

Jerry Matyiko of Expert House Movers of Virginia Beach, Va., the moving subcontractor, exchanged high fives and handshakes with surveyor John Mayne when the tower came to a stop Friday.

The Park Service later tested the lighthouse's twin beams, which were extinguished March 1 for the first time in 50 years. They are scheduled to be lighted on Labor Day, and officials plan to reopen the lighthouse to visitors next Memorial Day.

Stephen Ryan, a ranger with the Cape Hatteras National Seashore, jokingly gave the movers phony tickets for failure to stop and for exceeding speed for a lighthouse.

FCC grants application

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Federal Communications Commission has given permission to a U.S.-Japanese consortium to build and operate an undersea fiber optic cable between the United States and Japan.

The Japan-US Cable Network, or JUS, had amended its construction and maintenance agreement to address concerns that the undersea cable would have an anti-competitive effect on the industry, the FCC said Friday. Those amendments included a provision that grants each of the consortium's members, including AT&T, the right to provide connections between the cable and public networks.

The FCC also decided that the growing amount of trans-Pacific cable traffic outweighed any anti-competitive risks.

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L.A. jury places GM liability at $4.6 billion

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A 1973 study that coldly calculated the cost to General Motors of settling claims for fatal crashes was key to a jury that awarded the largest products liability verdict in U.S. history — $4.9 billion to six people badly burned in a collision.

"We figured that if they had no regard for the lives of people in their cars, they should be held liable for it," jury foreman Coleman Thorton said after Friday's verdict.

The jury awarded Patricia Anderson, her four children and family friend Jo Tigner $107 million in compensatory damages and $4.8 billion in punitive damages for injuries they suffered when their Chevrolet Malibu exploded in flames when it was rear-ended in 1993.

GM spokesman Terry Rhadigan said the verdict will be appealed, and legal experts predicted it will be overturned.

"This crash was not GM's fault and we are disappointed the conduct of this trial did not let the jury fairly evaluate the claims," Rhadigan said.

The verdict came after a 10-week state court trial focusing on internal GM documents about fuel tanks in its various models.

Although the documents do not specifically mention the 1979 Malibu driven by the plaintiffs, their lawyers said GM knew for years its gas tanks were unsafe.

Rather than pay for a recall, they argued, GM found it cheaper to settle lawsuits.

"GM had numerous failures in their crash tests, but chose to leave the tank where it was because changing it would have cost $8.59" per car, said Brian Panish, lead attorney in the case.

In the 1973 study, part of a general analysis of gas tank safety, GM design engineer E.C. Ivey — who testified at the trial — estimated it would cost the company $200,000 to settle legal claims from each fire-involved fatality, or about $2.40 for each GM vehicle on the road.

"Obviously Ivey is not an individual whom we would ever, in any conceivable situation, want to be identified to the plaintiffs in (an accident) case," said a 1981 Oldsmobile memo introduced as evidence along with the study. "The documents he generated are undoubtedly some of the potentially most harmful and most damaging were they ever to be produced."

Jurors concluded GM knew it should have made its gas tanks safer.

"From the beginning I was surprised that Mr. Ivey was evasive of the questions the plaintiffs asked. He was quite cooperative with the defense. That got me to wondering," Thorton said.

Rhadigan said the accident's severity wasn't the fault of the Malibu's fuel system, but of a drunken driver who plowed into the vehicle at a red light.

Plaintiffs argued the gas tank was too close to the rear bumper and better designs would have placed it over the axle or incorporated a shield.

Thorton said the panel calculated its award based on the amount GM spent advertising cars with similar gasoline tanks.

Tom Harrison, publisher of Lawyers Weekly USA, said the enormous punitive portion of the award is unlikely to stand on appeal.

Walter Olson, a fellow at the Manhattan Institute, was critical of juries that seek to punish companies with verdicts that threaten their financial stability.

"The idea is, 'How shameful for an American manufacturer who would build a car that could not withstand being hit from behind at 70 mph,'" he said. "There is a word for that kind of car: a tank."

Investigators examine slaying and fires at three synagogues

REDDING, Calif. (AP) — The investigation into arson fires at three Sacramento-area synagogues is focusing on two brothers suspected in the slayings of a gay couple, a sheriff's official said.

Benjamin Matthew Williams, 31, and James Tyler Williams, 29, were arraigned Friday on charges of receiving stolen property, which prosecutors said was linked to the killings of Gary Matson and Winfield Scott Mowder.

Literature espousing white supremacist beliefs was found by deputies at the brothers' home outside Redding in northern California, said Shasta County sheriff's Capt. Ron Richardson.

Matson, 50, and Mowder, 40, were found shot in their bed July 1 in their Happy Valley home about 180 miles north of San Francisco. Richardson said the department hopes to file murder charges against the brothers next week.

The FBI said Friday that two men possibly connected to the synagogue fires had been arrested by Shasta deputies. It did not identify the men.

Late Friday, the sheriff's department issued a statement saying the Williams brothers were "the two individuals that the FBI in Sacramento are focusing on in their investigation."

FBI spokesman Nick Rossi declined to confirm the connection Friday night.

The Sacramento Bee reported today that the Williamses' arrest led officials to discover a list of 32 names linking the siblings to the synagogue fires.

James Maddock, head of the FBI's Sacramento office, had said in the earlier FBI statement that the unidentified men had access to "substantial armament and ammunition" and kept a list of names of people associated with the synagogues.

"At present we don't know the purpose of collecting these names but obviously we are concerned about their safety and the public safety," he said. "We have no evidence of any specific plan of any violent action against any specific individual or group."

Maddock declined to say whether the men would be charged in the arsons.

"Those arrests led to additional searches which were monitored by this task force," Maddock said. "Those searches yielded evidence of potential involvement in or knowledge of the arsons."

The fires, set within minutes of each other early June 18, caused more than $1 million in damage at the Congregation B'nai Israel near downtown Sacramento, the Congregation Beth Shalom in suburban Carmichael and the Knesset Israel Torah Center in northeastern Sacramento County.

A leaflet blaming the "International Jew World Order" for the war in Kosovo was left behind at one of the synagogues.

Rabbi Marvin Hier, dean and founder of the Simon Wiesenthal Center in Los Angeles, called the list of names an ominous discovery.

"That follows a pattern of the original haters of the 20th century," he said. "When the Nazis came to power, they took with them lists of names and addresses of key personnel of various synagogues."

Investigators are examining whether the case is part of a wide hate-crime conspiracy and whether the Williams brothers were linked to the anti-Semitic World Church of the Creator, based in East Peoria, Ill.

Mayor challenges suggested closure

NEW YORK (AP) — The show can go on this New Year's eve, despite a police department recommendation that theaters stay dark on the last night of the millennium.

"You have to allow the signature entertainment for New York — Broadway — to take place that night," Mayor Rudolph Giuliani said Wednesday.

The police department, fearing that overflowing Times Square crowds could create problems, said Broadway theaters should shut down Dec. 31.

"This was a recommendation that was made to the league of directors, because of safety concerns," police spokeswoman Marilyn Mode said.

Police estimate some 2 million people could pack Times Square to ring in 2000. The theater crowd could add another 40,000. Giuliani said a more sensible plan would be to limit the number of people allowed into Times Square.

Shadowing program completes second year

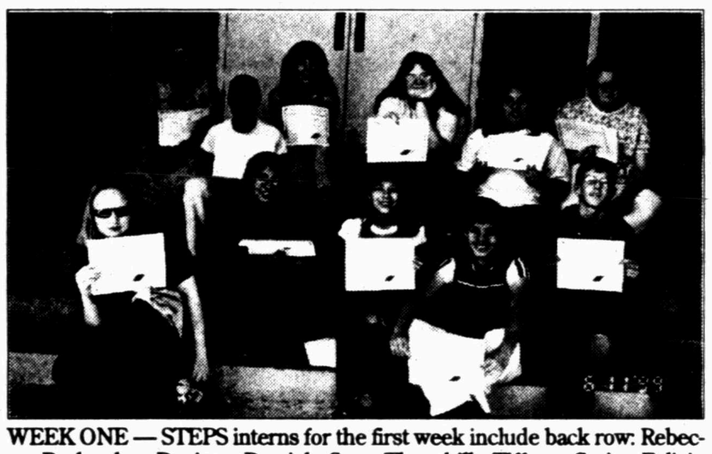
Several Snyder Junior High School students have just completed their internships in the STEPS (Striving To Experience Positive Shadowing) Program.

In cooperation with area businesses, students spend one week of their summer vacation learning about various jobs and careers through hands-on experiences.

The program is funded through a grant from the West Central Texas Council of Governments.

Coordinators of the program are Linda Huestis and Margaret Corkran.

Participating partners in the STEPS Program include American State Bank, Lang Tire and Appliance, Snyder Daily News, KSNY, Scurry County Courthouse, Senior Citizens Center, Snyder Police Department and YZ Industries.



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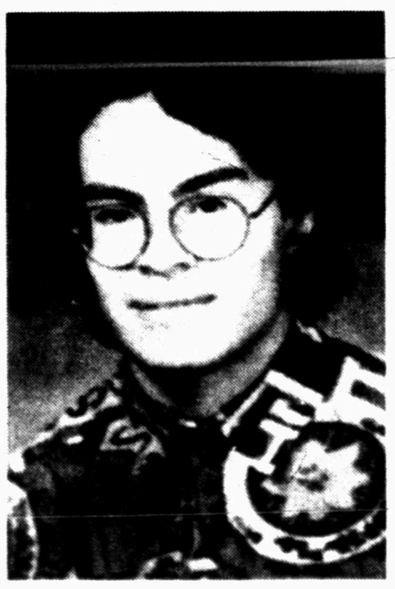
George Molina is 25 years old. He and his wife, Rosie, have lived in McAllen for the last six years. At a young age of 16 years, God called George into His ministry. George has had the privilege of working along side his father, who is now a retired Baptist pastor, at Iglesia Bautista Emmanuel in Baytown, Texas. He has also served under the ministry of Juan DeLaGarza at Iglesia del Pueblo in Mission, Texas. God has allowed George to minister at various revivals, retreats for singles and married couples, youth camps and youth rallies throughout parts of the United States and in Mexico. The Lord has gifted George with talents in music and in preaching. God has also given George a strong desire to encourage everyone he meets to have a deeper and more meaningful relationship with the living God.

Daniel Hernandez is 24 years old. He is a Graduate of Snyder High School. He and his wife, Tonya, have one child, Joseph, who is 3 years old. He is a member of Primera Iglesia Bautista where Rev. Leandro Gonzales is now the Pastor. Daniel has worked as a Youth Director for several years. God called Daniel to Pastoral Training at the age of 23. In the fall of 1998, he started attending Liberty Bible institute in Lynchburg, VA. Jerry Fallwell, Pastor of Thomas Road Baptist Church, founded the institute. Daniel also attends this church. Daniel will be speaking on Sunday night focusing and encouraging the youth for Christ.



Daniel Hernandez
Youth Minister

Tom Revilla
Praise & Worship

Tom Revilla is 36 years old. He and his wife, Pilar, have lived in Midland, Texas for the last eight years. They have two children, Nicholas, who is 4 years old and Nathan, who was born in June of 1999. Tom was called by God into the ministry at a tender age of 17 years. Tom completed a Religious Education degree at Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene and went on to attain a Master's in Education at the University of Texas at the Permian Basin. Tom has served in various ministries including leading the music at evangelistic meetings. Tom has a strong background in the banking and education fields. Just recently, In August of 1997, God called Tom to serve in full time ministry. Currently Tom serves as an associate pastor of Midland's Second Baptist Church, where he directs the music ministry.

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White House calls summit on broadening hate crimes law

WASHINGTON (AP) — Supporters of legislation that would expand federal civil rights law to cover gay people believe Congress may be more receptive to the idea now, a year after a similar bill died.

A string of tragic incidents, including a white supremacist's weekend shooting spree, has increased the pressure on the federal government to act, they said. Representatives from dozens of civil rights groups plan to meet at the White House on Monday to plan strategy.

"I think the prospects for the bills are better now. These regrettable incidents demonstrate why they are necessary," said Richard Socarides, President Clinton's civil rights adviser. "With each publicized incident more and more pressure is put on the opposition and those who say that this is not a problem."

"The federal government can't continue to sit on the sidelines," said Sen. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass., who is sponsoring a bill with Sen. Arlen Specter, R-Pa. "With each new tragedy, it becomes more and more difficult for Congress to claim there's no problem."

Two people were killed and nine others injured in Illinois and Indiana during the Fourth of July weekend, apparently by a white supremacist who committed suicide Sunday after a police chase.

Socarides said planning for the meeting began before the shootings, and the push for the law was inspired by a string of incidents, including the dragging death of a black man in Texas and the fatal beating of Matthew Shepard, a homosexual Wyoming college student who was lashed to a fence in October.

Bills introduced in the House and Senate would give the federal government a stronger hand by adding acts of hatred motivated by sexual orientation, gender and disability to the list of hate crimes already covered by federal law — acts sparked by prejudice based on race, religion, color or national origin.

The change would allow states and local governments to ask the federal government to help in investigating and prosecuting those crimes. Federal officials also would be able to intervene if they believe that a state or local government is not pursuing a hate crime.

The bills also would expand the definition of hate crimes. Under current law, the federal government may step in only if the crime in question occurred on federal property or during a federally protected activity, such as while a victim was voting or going to school.

Legislation now moving through Congress would loosen that definition to include any incident with a connection to interstate commerce — use of a gun manufactured in another state, for example.

Opponents say the bill is unnecessary because states have not avoided prosecuting such crimes.

Critics also say the bill itself would discriminate by creating special classes of victims such as gays, would greatly expand the federal government's power and jurisdiction and would have a "chilling effect" on free speech.

Speech prepared in case man got stuck on moon

WASHINGTON (AP) — The first moon landing 30 years ago went triumphantly right. But had it gone terribly wrong, President Nixon would not have been at a loss for eloquent words.

A memo tucked away in the National Archives contains a contingency speech to have been delivered if the two men who stepped on the moon could not get off.

It was written to be used if they were doomed, but not yet dead.

"Fate has ordained that the men who went to the moon to explore in peace will stay on the moon to rest in peace," begins the speech, incorporated in a memo entitled "In Event of Moon Disaster."

It ends with the thought that people will always gaze at the moon knowing "there is some corner of another world that is forever mankind."

The memo is dated July 18, 1969, two days before the moon landing by Neil Armstrong and Edwin Aldrin.

If disaster struck, Nixon was advised to call each of the "widows-to-be" before reading the statement to the nation.

NASA would cut off communication with the stranded astronauts and a clergyman would "adopt the same procedure as a burial at sea, commending their souls to 'the deepest of the deep,' concluding with the Lord's Prayer."

But Armstrong and Aldrin made it safely off the moon, back into the command module with Michael Collins, and home. The words were drafted by William Safire, then a Nixon speechwriter and now a columnist for The New York Times.

Safire did not return a phone call Friday.

It has long been rumored that astronauts landing on the moon carried suicide capsules in case their return became impossible.

The Apollo 11 astronauts spent more than 21 hours on the moon, as untold millions around the globe watched on live television during the 2¼ hours they actually spent outside the lunar module, on the moon's dusty surface. Collins orbited above in the command module.

The memo did not deal with what to do if disaster struck after Armstrong and Aldrin had joined Collins for the return voyage. It was geared to the moon visit watched by the world.

The plan and speech were passed on to H.R. Haldeman, Nixon's chief of staff, by an aide, along with drafts of statements for a successful flight. The aide told Haldeman: "As for the disaster contingency statement, we suggest that you hang on to it personally to hand to the President if it becomes necessary."

As it was, Nixon had the happy duty of putting in a call to Armstrong and Aldrin while they stood on the moon. "Because of what you have done, the heavens become a part of man's world," he said.

Financial Focus

Annual Reports Contain Valuable Information

Looking for a good read? How about the annual reports of your stocks and mutual funds?

Many people limit the study of their investments to watching market values fluctuate. But if you want to know why your stock or mutual fund performs the way it does, check out its semiannual or annual report.

The first thing to look for is the report to shareholders. This is a "state of the company" address by the CEO or president explaining to you, a shareholder and owner of the business, events that influenced your company's performance in the past year. The report typically relates economic and political conditions to the investment, attempts to explain why the market reacted in the way it did and compares your investment's performance to that of similar investments.

For example, the annual report of a typical bond mutual fund might discuss how the currency crisis in Southeast Asia helped keep inflationary pressures in check and U.S. interest rates low. It might further examine how the concerns about world stock markets increased the demand for domestic bonds. Finally, it would probably compare the fund's results to the recognized bond indexes.

Reports to shareholders not only review past and current conditions, they also discuss circumstances that may affect your investment's future performance. These valuable discussions allow you to evaluate the reasoning and thought process of management.

In a mutual fund annual report, the Statement of Investments provides a detailed list of financial holdings, organized by asset category: common stocks, corporate bonds, government securities, etc. These categories are usually divided by industry. Here you can see the names of all the individual securities, the number of shares held and the market values at the end of the reporting period. This section reveals exactly what you own and illustrates the diversification you enjoy from your investment.

Similarly, company annual reports include a section called "Products and Subsidiary Business." Here you can see the diversity of your company's products, and you may even discover profitable subsidiaries you might not have been aware of.

Finally, look for the performance summary. This section provides the dollars and cents on company performance and investment value. Mutual fund annual reports offer an easy to read summary of their average annual and cumulative total returns over different time periods. Typically, there's also a line graph comparing your fund's performance against one of the widely accepted benchmark indexes.

Companies spend a lot of time and effort to keep shareholders informed through their annual reports. They may not make the Book-of-the-Month Club, but annual reports are a must-read for any investor serious about financial success.

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

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College students who won't quit face future full of pain

DEAR TEEN-AGERS — and if you who are reading this are beyond your teens, clip it and give it to a young person. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: Yesterday, my family and I laid my father to rest. He was a mere 57 years old, but fell victim to lung and brain cancer because he was unable to overcome his addiction to cigarettes. Although not a heavy chain-smoker, he did smoke nearly every day for more than 40 years. It was not until a quadruple bypass in 1996 that my father quit smoking.

Unfortunately, by then the foundation had been laid for further complications. My father was diagnosed with lung cancer in 1998 and underwent successful, but complicated, lung surgery that July. He was steadily improving, even talking of returning to work, when it was revealed on Feb. 22, 1999, that the cancer had metastasized to his brain and left lung. Dad lived another 22 days.

I write this letter not from the perspective of a grieving son who will forever miss his father, but in response to an article I read in USA Today shortly after my father's funeral. The front-page article highlighted the increase in tobacco usage among college students across the country, with cigarette smoking at its highest for this age group in the last 20 years.

I address this letter to all those young men and women who will face the same challenge my father faced in trying to quit. Cigarettes cost him his life. I know the trauma; I've seen the scars, both physical and emotional, that cigarettes left on my father and on my family. I spent nearly every day with my dad during the last 22 days of his life. I watched his strength, balance, mental capacity, mobility and communication skills diminish before my eyes.

I will forever cherish the time I spent with my father throughout my life, and will be forever indebted to him for all he gave to me. I can only hope that one day I will be the kind of father that he was. He told me, just 10 days before he was taken into God's hands, that his only regret was that he started smoking as a teen-ager. He knew it had cost him his life.

I hope you'll print this, Abby, and that I'm able to convince just one person to take the necessary steps to "kick the habit." I do not wish upon any person the pain and suffering I saw my father endure and succumb to as a result of the cancer he developed from smoking.

SEAN W. KING,
PORTERVILLE, CALIF.

DEAR SEAN: Please accept my condolences for the loss of your father. I'm glad you wrote, because I'm sure your words of warning will make many people of all ages stop and think before lighting up. We all know that using tobacco in any form is hazardous to our health. It causes cancer of the mouth, tongue, throat, lung, pancreas and bladder, as well as heart disease and emphysema.

My male readers tell me that they started smoking as teen-agers to "prove" they were "a man." It's ironic that 30 years later they try to quit for the same reason! I hear from women that they smoke to control their weight. I recently attended the funeral of a lovely young woman who was a good friend. She lost weight, all right (by smoking) — but she also lost her life.

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DEAR ABBY: This is for "Pestered Wife in Phoenix," whose 68-year-old husband had a penile implant and now wants sex four or five times a week, when once a week is all she can handle.

I was a "pestered" wife for many years, until it occurred to me to turn my head around and temporarily become an insatiable sex kitten. I became the one to make the first move as soon as the lights went out. If I awoke in the middle of the night, I made a move that produced the desired effect while he slept — and made insistent demands against his sleepy protests.

Please assure "Pestered" that it will take only about two weeks before her aging stud starts feigning sleep before the lights go out. It worked for me.

ANOTHER WIFE IN PHOENIX

DEAR WIFE: I hope "Pestered" sees your remedy and finds it helpful. (It may require her to start napping in the afternoon, but she has nothing to lose.) It would be terrific if the couple could work out a compromise other than sending him to visit the widow next door, which I'm convinced would be the beginning of the end of her marriage. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: This letter is for "Pestered," who was willing to let her friend have sex with her husband because he wanted more than she wanted to give, and her friend was a widow in need. She said she wasn't afraid of losing her husband because her friend wasn't very good-looking and was a terrible cook.

You advised her that if she allowed her husband and friend to start "cooking in the bedroom," she might be surprised to find he'd be less preoccupied with what was coming out of the kitchen. You also reminded her that Benjamin Franklin said, "All cats are gray in the dark."

Your advice was right on the money. For a woman who has lived 65 years, "Pestered" is very naive. I'm finally divorcing my spouse after 25 years of marriage because of his countless affairs. Beauty was not a priority to him. His only criterion for cheating was a ready and willing partner. Their talent in the kitchen had nothing to do with it, and he was getting plenty of sex at home.

Sign me, soon to be ...

FREE AT LAST

DEAR FREE AT LAST: It takes courage to end a marriage after 25 years, even if the spouse is a compulsive cheater or a sex addict, as your husband obviously was. Permit me to offer you my good wishes; I predict your self-esteem will skyrocket.

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DEAR ABBY: I recently met the woman of my dreams. She replied to a personal ad that I placed on AOL. She's everything I ever wanted in a woman and more. We've been discussing marriage in the year 2000, and I am probably going to have my dad as my best man. He's been there for me when I needed him, and he's never really acted like a "dad."

Is it a good idea that I have my father as my best man at my wedding?

CHAD IN LAKE ST. LOUIS, MO.

DEAR CHAD: I wouldn't call it a "good" idea — I'd call it a *great* idea. I'm sure he'll be thrilled when you ask him because it's high praise indeed.

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Gephardt withdraws Muslim leader's name

WASHINGTON (AP) — House Democratic leader Dick Gephardt has withdrawn his appointment of a Muslim leader to a congressional panel assigned to review U.S. policy on terrorism. Jewish groups and several members of Congress said the nominee had justified acts of terror against Israel and the United States.

In a letter to House Speaker Dennis Hastert, R-Ill., Gephardt said Salam Al-Marayati, director of the Muslim Public Affairs Council in Los Angeles, had been recommended to him as having extensive public service experience and being involved in interfaith dialogue.

The Missouri Democrat said, however, the appointment was subsequently questioned and since a security check could take a year, twice as long as the life of the commission, he was withdrawing the nomination.

"Despite these circumstances, Mr. Al-Marayati is prepared to provide input to the commission on matters of interest and concern to the American Muslim community," Gephardt said in the letter, obtained by The Associated Press.

Gephardt told Hastert he hoped the panel would "listen to the voices of this community and address the issues of civil rights for all Americans consistent with a strong U.S. anti-terrorism policy."

Seven House members wrote FBI Director Louis Freeh they had received information of statements by Al-Marayati justifying terrorism against Israel and the United States.

"These assertions cause us great concern as it is essential that all members of the commission be unequivocally committed to the prevention and prosecution of terrorism directed at the United States or our ally Israel," they said.

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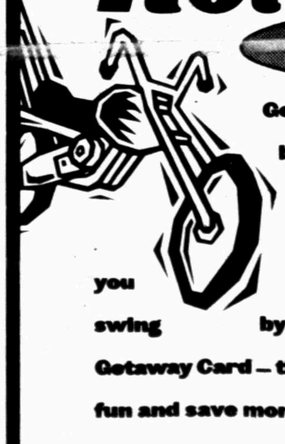

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Babbitt:

Troubled Indian account requires oversight

WASHINGTON (AP) — Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt said Friday he would welcome a court-appointed advisory committee to oversee reforms in the troubled Indian trust funds accounts.

But he added that responsibility for the accounts should not be taken away from his department's Bureau of Indian Affairs.

Babbitt testified in a class-action suit brought by a group of Indians who claim the government has deprived them and other Indian trust account holders of billions of dollars in trust fund proceeds over many years because of shoddy and incomplete recordkeeping.

Appearing as the government's closing witness in the month-long trial, Babbitt defended his efforts to overhaul management of the trust fund and to straighten out the quagmire of shoddy and incomplete records used to keep track of the more than 300,000 personal Indian trust accounts valued at more than $500 million.

When questioned by the plaintiffs' lawyer, Babbitt acknowledged that his plan, unveiled a year ago, would not resolve all of the problems with the complex trust fund accounting system. "It's a working document," he said, although insisting, "If all of these things get done, we're almost there."

The trial, limited to issue on how to correct problems in the trust fund system, is winding toward conclusion with Babbitt expected to be questioned further in an unusual Saturday session. Final arguments are likely next week, although it's uncertain when a ruling will be made.

A separate trial will address the issue of whether the government must reimburse Indians any money.

Congress directed in 1994 that the management problems be corrected. Babbitt said despite past problems he is "confident we are heading toward a safe harbor of compliance" and vowed to have a better accounting system in place when he leaves office in January, 2001.

But the plaintiffs in the class-action lawsuit are asking U.S. District Judge Royce Lamberth to appoint a special master to take over the program long run by the Bureau of Indian Affairs, and eventually turn management of the accounts over to a private corporation.

"The BIA has a poor track record," Elouise Cobell, a member of the Blackfeet Nation and the lead plaintiff in the case, said during a break in the trial Friday. She said that she has no confidence in Babbitt moving aggressively to correct the problems.

Cobell said that the government, in addition to straightening out the trust fund records should reimburse Indian account holders the money that has been lost over the years because of the poor record keeping. "It's at least into the billions of dollars," she maintained, although the government has argued such estimates are broad exaggerations.

Babbitt, wrapping up his testimony before cross-examination, urged that the court "not run the (trust fund) system" but still assert some involvement through a court-appointed "advisory committee that would resolve disputes. Lamberth did not respond to the suggestion.

The government has acknowledged the Indian accounts are in disarray. Incomplete receipts and disbursement records are scattered in more than 100 BIA offices and many of the accounts are only a few dollars — a few pennies in some cases — because holdings over the years have been splintered as inheritances moved through generations of Indian families.

The money comes from rent, royalties and other income from 11 million acres of land owned by individual Indians, many of whom are very poor. The lawsuit address only accounts held by individuals. The BIA also controls an additional $2.5 billion in trust funds that belong to tribes, but that is not at issue in the case.

Babbitt has argued that the problems with the trust accounts go back decades and that he has made progress in correcting the problems. Recently the Interior Department installed a $60 million computer system aimed at better management of the accounts.

Babbitt in daylong testimony outlined how he had attempted to deal with the vexing problems with the trust fund accounts, but maintained he was stymied because of friction between a special trustee for trust fund reform and the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

The trustee, Paul Homan, resigned last January after Babbitt moved to reorganize his office.

Treasury officials say...

Find a penny, pick it up, recirculate it

WASHINGTON (AP) — Some financial institutions and commercial banks are pinched for pennies these days.

"Demand for pennies has increased dramatically in 1999, which has led to instances of temporarily low local penny inventories at commercial banks and financial institutions in several regions of the nation," from Pennsylvania to Missouri, the U.S. Mint and the Federal Reserve Board said in a joint statement Friday.

Shipments of pennies from the Mint to the Federal Reserve are running 33 percent higher than last year, they said.

From January through April, the Mint shipped 3.6 billion pennies, up from 2.7 billion shipped during the same period last year, the Mint and Federal Reserve said.

Neither agency could provide detailed information on regions of the country where spot shortages of the one-cent coins have been reported.

But there's been published reports over the last several months of businesses temporarily running short on pennies in such places as the Philadelphia area, Charlotte, N.C., and Cape Girardeau, Mo.

"We know that some banks have had long-standing customer service policies to accept coins from the public," the Mint-Federal Reserve statement said. "During this period of high demand we want to encourage additional banks to adopt policies to facilitate recirculation of pennies by accepting coins from the public."

Puerto Rico seeks halt to island shelling

WASHINGTON (AP) — Puerto Rico wants the Navy to stop shelling an outlying island where 9,000 people live, and the Pentagon opened hearings Friday to decide what to do about it.

The Navy contends Vieques Island "is of vital importance to our national defense policy and impacts Navy readiness," a vital Atlantic military training facility.

But to Puerto Rico Gov. Pedro Rossello, Friday's first witness before a four-member special commission examining the Navy's use of the island and alternatives, "The issue is the impact that these exercises have on a community of U.S. citizens."

Navy officials are to present the sea service's position to the special commission on July 23 after completion of a separate review ordered by Navy Secretary Richard Danzig. The commission's recommendations to Defense Secretary William Cohen are due in six weeks.

The current crisis over the island was sparked by the April 19 death of a Puerto Rican security guard for the Navy, David Sanes Rodriguez, who was killed when two bombs dropped by an F-18 fighter missed their target within the Navy range.

About 30 protesters are occupying a live-fire area to demand that the Navy get out. The Navy has imposed a moratorium on live-fire exercises on Vieques after the bombing accident.

The Navy says Sanes was the first casualty in more than 50 years of training exercises on the 51-square-mile Vieques. The Navy controls about two-thirds of the island, which lies eight miles east of Puerto Rico.

The protesters, whose numbers swell on weekends and include children, are occupying an area littered with unexploded shells, Navy spokesman Brian Cullin said.

"It is an extremely dangerous situation," he said. The Navy has no plans to forcibly remove the protesters, he said, although "ultimately, they will have to leave."

Rossello and Norma Burgos, Puerto Rico's secretary of state, presented the Pentagon panel a report by a Puerto Rican commission that concluded the Navy must leave and turn over the territory for use of Vieques residents.

Rossello, whose party favors statehood for Puerto Rico, said the demand for the Navy to leave has near-unanimous support among the territory's usually divided political groups. He supported a continued military presence in Puerto Rico, whose 3.8 million residents have U.S. citizenship and may serve in the military but have only a nonvoting representative in Congress and have no vote in presidential elections.

The governor earlier had demanded only an end to live-fire exercises but has now adopted the commission's conclusions as Puerto Rico's official position. Claiming that Vieques residents are denied "life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness," he said the Navy also is destroying the island's ecology and economic potential.

Navy spokesman Cullin said the Puerto Rican study was "skewed against the Navy." He released a Navy "fact sheet" that accused some Puerto Rican politicians of undertaking a campaign to discredit the Navy and Puerto Rican media of publishing misleading reports on the controversy.

He said the Navy was proud of its efforts to protect the environment on Vieques and its safety record on the island.

"Since the 1940s, the civilian population off the range has never been at risk," the Navy said in response to the Puerto Rican commission's conclusions.

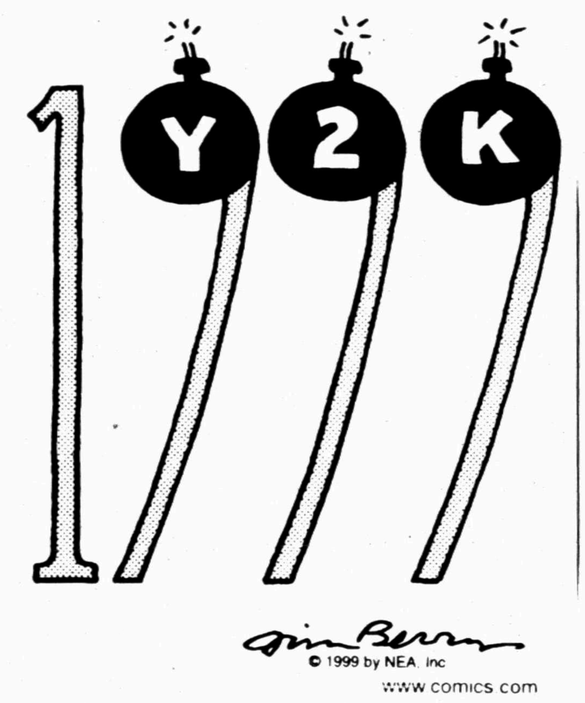
Training on the island is unique, allowing combined air, land and sea training for Navy and Marine forces, Cullin said. But he said the Navy wants to cooperate with Puerto Rican officials and Vieques residents in deciding the island's future use of the island.

On Sunday, thousands of Puerto Ricans protested at another Navy facility in Puerto Rico, Roosevelt Roads Naval Station in eastern Ceiba, to demand the Navy abandon Vieques.

The Pentagon panel appointed by Cohen is led by Frank Rush, acting assistant defense secretary; former Rep. Lee Hamilton, D-Ind.; retired Marine Gen. Richard Neal; and retired Navy Vice Admiral Diego Hernandez. It is to study environmental, health and economic impact of the Navy's operations on Vieques and recommend to Cohen whether the range is needed and whether viable alternatives exist.

President Clinton will decide the island's immediate future.

Berry's World



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SPORTS

Astros fight off Kansas City rally...

Double play thwarts Royals, preserves win

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Kansas City's hottest RBI man was facing a pitcher with a 1-9 record.

The bases were loaded in the ninth. There was only one out.

Then, much to Mike Sweeney's consternation, there was only one pitch.

Swinging at a low breaking ball, Sweeney grounded to second baseman Craig Biggio, who started an easy 4-6-3 double play that preserved Houston's 6-5 victory over the Royals Friday night and gave Chris Holt his first career save.

"One pitch is all it takes. Strikeouts are overrated," Holt joked.

Holt, a starter who was sent to the bullpen on strictly a fill-in basis for this final three-game series before the All-Star break, was summoned after Carlos Beltran and Joe Randa, who went 5-for-5, hit RBI singles and Johnny Damon walked.

"I went in there and tried to throw the two-seamer down and got the ground ball I needed," said Holt. "That's what we had to have. It's a big win for us."

Holt also pitched an inning of hitless relief against Arizona the night before, but he has no plans to start a new career as a reliever.

"Absolutely not. I'm a starting pither," he said. "I'm not a 1-9 pitcher. I'm just going to start the second half 0-0."

He was facing the Royals' hottest hitter. Sweeney had already driven in two runs Friday night and earlier in the week tied an AL record by getting an RBI in 13 straight games.

"Sure he's hot. But it was the right time for us to maybe cool him down," said Holt. "It wasn't a particularly good situation for us."

Sweeney swung at the low breaking pitch and bounced it to second.

"I swung at probably a bad pitch," said Sweeney. "Unfortunately, I didn't get the job done. I'm willing to take that loss on my shoulders. If I'm a betting man, I get the job done more times than I don't."

Royals manager Tony Muser said Sweeney may have been over-anxious.

"I think Michael swung at a borderline pitch," he said. "He's a gamer. He wants to be the guy."

Jose Cabrera (1-0), called up from Triple-A New Orleans earlier in the day, got his first major league victory by getting three outs in the eighth as the Royals lost for the seventh time in 10 games.

Bill Spiers hit a tie-breaking double off Jeff Montgomery in the Astros ninth and Carl Everett added a two-run single.

Montgomery (1-4), the Royals' career saves leader who has fallen upon hard times at the age of 37, started the ninth and walked Biggio on four pitches.

Biggio stole second and took third on an infield out before Jeff Bagwell, who had hit his 28th home run, was intentionally walked. Spiers followed with a double on a ball that Beltran failed to make a shoestring catch on in center field.

BASEBALL SIGNEE — With Snyder head coach Roland Herrera (right) looking on, ex-Tiger Clint Hook signs a letter of intent to play baseball at College of the Southwest in Hobbs, N.M. (SDN Staff Photo)

SHS player signs with NM college

After a senior season with the Snyder Tigers, which saw him start every baseball tilt, Clint Hook will now take his game to a higher level.

Hook has signed a letter of intent to play baseball for the College of the Southwest in Hobbs, N.M.

The '99 SHS graduate hit .321 and batted in 23 runs for the Tigers this past season, while also handling some mound duty.

Hook pitched 42 innings for Snyder, recording 68 strikeouts with an ERA of 3.67.

The ex-Tiger, son of Joel and Brenda Hook, garnered all-district honors for his efforts in '99.

Snyder falls to Key City

ABILENE — Snyder's minor all-stars ran up against a trio of strong pitchers on Friday.

Abilene Key City had three hurlers combine for a two-hit performance to capture a 10-1 victory over Snyder.

The setback is the first for Snyder in the minor league tournament, forcing it into an elimination game Saturday at 6 p.m. against Colorado City.

It was a seesaw battle for the first three innings Friday night, with the tally knotted at 1-1 entering the fourth.

Pedro Villa brought home Snyder's only run in the third inning. Snyder left the bases loaded in the opening frame and again in the third and fifth innings.

Key City broke the game open in the fourth, scoring four runs on a double, two singles and an error.

Levi Stahl worked the first four innings on the mound for Snyder, with Ryan Mitchell and Jesse Conner throwing the final two in relief.

Villa and Corbin Clements accounted for Snyder's two hits, both singles.

A victory Saturday night would put Snyder in the quarterfinals Monday against the winner of the Abilene Western-Merkel match-up.

Along with President Clinton...

Jets receiver helps urban community

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Tall and dapper in a tan business suit, Keyshawn Johnson stood quietly at the back of the crowd, listening to President Clinton talk about the need for inner-city investment.

Then the New York Jets wide receiver heard his own name uttered alongside Magic Johnson's as an example of someone effecting positive change on the rundown streets of south-central Los Angeles.

Keyshawn Johnson is poised to launch a $53 million commercial retail center on 23 acres of neglected land. Along with his partners in Capital Visions Corp., Johnson has worked on the project in relative secrecy for months and plans to unveil it July 20.

"That's the only time I'll have a break," he explained. Before long, his football career will beckon.

"In South-Central L.A., this hasn't been done in decades," Johnson said, a diamond earring glistening in his left ear. "I'm doing it because it needs to be done. And I know what it takes to get this thing done. I was born and raised here."

Clinton said athletes also should be encouraged by the example of former All-Pro football star Mel Farr, now a Detroit car dealer who is helping create other minority-owned dealerships.

Anchored by nationwide companies such as Home Depot and McDonald's, Keyshawn Johnson said his proposed Chesterfield Square will bring 300 jobs to an area where the young people are especially hungry for opportunities.

"I know what those kids are feeling like, what those kids are feeling inside," Johnson said, pointing to the 18- to 23-year-old single mothers and former gang members participating in a panel discussion with Clinton. He's experienced those same hard knocks they were describing to the president.

What they feel, Johnson said, is isolation from the mainstream of American life. He said they have a sense that nobody cares about their futures and are frustrated over not finding work that pays livable wages. They also want the nicer simplicities of life — Starbuck's Coffee, for example — without having to go all the way to the suburbs to find them.

So Johnson set out to give that to them. He cobbled together a bank loan, private funding, a government-backed loan from the Small Business Administration and some of his own money, then began dreaming about major retailers — grocery stores, pharmacies, restaurants, coffee shops — with small stores sandwiched between them, serving his home community.

"I don't want just anybody coming here. I want to take what's in the suburbs and put it there," Johnson said. "I mean, what's wrong with our dollars, you know?"

World Cup Final

United States vs. China...

National team brings respect to women's soccer in America

PASADENA, Calif. (AP) — On the eve of the most anticipated game in women's soccer history, several players felt it was time to sit back, look around and give their impressions of the incredibly successful Women's World Cup.

The United States meets China on Saturday at the Rose Bowl for the third women's world championship. A sellout crowd approaching 90,000 and including President Clinton will be there. Many of the fans will have painted faces or will be wearing U.S. flags. Or both.

Television ratings should be strong, even on a Saturday afternoon and considering this is women's soccer, after all. With the exception of the 1996 Olympics, mainstream America generally has ignored the sport.

This U.S. team, with lots of help from China, Brazil, Nigeria, Norway and the other nations in the tournament, has created something very special out of the World Cup. The Americans recognize that.

"I am proud of this team and the way we have handled ourselves since Day 1 in residency camp," star forward Mia Hamm said as she sat with her left leg wrapped in ice and leisurely spoke with the mass of media in a Rose Bowl locker room. "The way we have carried ourselves on and off the field has been awesome.

"We have been asked to do a lot off the field, and we've pretty much done all of it with the understanding of how important it is for women's soccer. We've pretty much done it with a smile and, in the same arena, we have been trying to prepare to play the best teams in the world."

They've prepared well enough to have gone 5-0 and allowed only three goals while scoring 18. China has been even more impressive, scoring 19 and yielding two.

And now, fittingly, the two best teams in the world meet for the crown.

"We are still getting better," China coach Ma Yuanan said. Then he got mystical.

"They've learned the meaning of soccer. Soccer itself has its own nature.

They have mastered the nature of soccer. They have confidence, which comes from the three games with the USA and winning two."

While China's journey has been longer in miles, U.S. forward Tiffeny Milbrett doesn't think anyone has spent more time or more effort getting this far than the Americans. Nor has anyone spent more time or effort in helping this World Cup exceed all expectations.

On Saturday, though, things change.

"We felt that pressure of getting to the final and what it would mean for the tournament. We did that for America, for the fans," Milbrett said.

"This is all about the players now. This is our trophy, it's for us. Hopefully, we can allow Americans to share it with us.

"Getting to the finals was for the fans. This is for us."

Will it be victory for them? While that has been the goal all along and a defeat will be a bitter disappointment, the Americans comprehend just how much good work they have done — and how much goodwill they have created.

"I don't think if we win or lose will have that much of an impact, because this tournament has been a tremendous success already," Hamm said. "And this team has been able to bring about a lot of excitement and recognition for women's sports.

"But I think people also realized how well the other teams play and how entertaining our game is. The World Cup has achieved what all of us wanted it to."

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SPORTS

Senior Open field chasing Dougherty

WEST DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) — Dave Eichelberger plans to fire at the pins and hope it's enough to catch Ed Dougherty.

They'll be in the final pairing today at the Senior Open. Eichelberger and everyone else will try to reel in Dougherty, who holds a three-stroke lead after the first two rounds at 7-under-par 137.

"If he finishes 14-under for the tournament, that is going to be really tough," said Eichelberger, who is at 140 after shooting a 69 with only one bogey in Friday's second round.

"I'm just going to keep grinding along, playing the same thing I have been playing and hope for the best," Eichelberger said.

Dougherty led by two strokes after Thursday's first round and stretched it with three birdies on the back nine Friday.

"I have led tournaments the first, second and third round," Dougherty said. "I ended up finally winning one, but I don't think I have ever led four days."

Leonard Thompson, Gil Morgan and Bob Duval were tied for third at 141. Thompson and Duval shot 68s, matching Jim Colbert for the best rounds of the day, while Morgan had a 71.

"You take what the golf course gives you," said Duval, whose son, David, is the leading money winner on the PGA Tour. "I mean, even though 7-under is leading, I think par is still a good score come Sunday afternoon."

Elsewhere, an insurance agent from Texas hit a hole-in-one and Arnold Palmer publicly pondered his golfing future, missing the cut at the Senior Open for the first time since 1991.

Palmer, 69, started with a double-bogey at the par-4 first hole and shot an 84 after Thursday's 81. The 84 included a two-stroke penalty for an improper putting stance and gave him his worst score in the Senior Open.

"This is terrible, the last two days," Palmer said. "I don't know that I will play much more competition like this. I may play a few tournaments, a Masters or something like that. But unless I start hitting it a lot better in Latrobe, I am not going to take it anywhere else."

Hank Cooper, an insurance agent from Sanger, Texas, hit a one-hopper into the cup with a 4-iron on No. 3, a 172-yard par-3. He finished with a 74 to make the cut at 147.

Defending champion Hale Irwin had a 72 and was six strokes back at 143. J.C. Snead, Bruce Summerhays, Joe Inman, Tom Wargo, Jose Maria Canizares and Joe Inman also were at 143.

Among other prominent names who missed the cut, which came at 6-over 150, were Bruce Fleisher, the Senior PGA Tour's leading money winner; Vicente Fernandez, last year's runner-up; Hubert Green and Chi Chi Rodriguez.

STILL GOT IT — Former WTC and SHS golf coach Bob O'Day tees off, while Sammy Baugh (back right) and the brother-in-law of San Antonio Spurs asst. coach Paul Pressey look on. O'Day and Baugh, along with numerous sports legends, will team up Friday in the Slingin' Sammy Baugh Classic in Colorado City. (SDN Staff Photo)

In senior all-star action...

Snyder topples Sweetwater, 3-2

ABILENE — Friday night's senior all-star game between Snyder and Sweetwater was a typical battle of two long rivals.

Snyder broke a 2-2 tie with a run in the fifth, then Josh Arizmendi sat down the Mustangs in order in the sixth to keep Snyder in the winners' bracket with a 3-2 victory.

Snyder's next match-up will be a semifinal duel with Abilene Senior at 8:30 Monday night at Rose Park.

In the quarterfinals, Snyder left runners at second and third in the opening frame, before Sweetwater took a 1-0 lead in its half of the inning.

Snyder knotted the tally in the third when Ralph Ramon belted a double to drive in Marcus Diaz.

Sweetwater took a 2-1 advantage in the bottom of the third, before Snyder returned the favor in the fourth. Singles from Tovarez Brandon and Pat Vantine, combined with two wild pitches, allowed Snyder to pull even.

The winning run came in the top of the fifth off base hits from Arizmendi and Shay Franks.

In the sixth, Arizmendi fanned two Sweetwater hitters and got the other to fly out to preserve the win. The Snyder hurler finished the night with eight strikeouts.

A victory Monday would propel Snyder into Wednesday's championship game at 7:30. A setback would drop Snyder into the losers' bracket where it could still advance to the title tilt with a win on Tuesday.

In minor league all-star action Friday night, Snyder suffered its first loss of the tournament, falling 10-1 to Abilene Key City.

Snyder Minor will be back on the diamond Saturday at 6 p.m. in an elimination game against Colorado City in Abilene.

Snyder 3, Sweetwater 2

Snyder: Ralph Ramon, double; Josh Arizmendi, Shay Franks, Tovarez Brandon and Pat Vantine, single.

At Milwaukee Open...

Maginnes leads event by one shot

MILWAUKEE (AP) — With his game in perspective and a dear friend on the mend, John Maginnes is playing some of the best golf of his life.

After taking the tournament lead with a 7-under-par 64 Friday in the second round of the Greater Milwaukee Open, Maginnes headed down the freeway to see his longtime caddie. Garland Dempsey is recovering in a Chicago area hospital after collapsing during last week's Western Open.

Maginnes holds a one-stroke lead over Jerry Kelly and Carlos Franco, but is more concerned about the man who first began carrying his bag in 1992 on the Nike Tour.

"Golf is where I went when my father died," he said. "It's where my world is ... (and) it's where Gar wants me to be right now."

Maginnes briefly considered skipping the GMO before doctors assured him Dempsey is no longer in life-threatening danger. It still isn't clear what caused the 51-year-old caddie's heart to stop on the 15th hole during the third round last Saturday.

Dempsey was in stable condition Wednesday, and he chatted with Maginnes before Friday's round. Maginnes finished sixth last week and has played two strong rounds in Milwaukee, but is reluctant to connect his play to Dempsey's troubles.

"After the kind of week I've had, you could say it takes your mind off other things like your game," Maginnes said.

Patrick Fitzgerald, an ABC spotter and former caddie, took up Maginnes' bag for the Western Open and is working for him this week.

Home runs power Texas' win

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Woody Williams is on a pace no pitcher wants to be on.

The San Diego Padres right-hander allowed three more home runs in Friday night's 7-2 loss to the Texas Rangers. He's now given up seven in his last two starts and 19 in 18 starts.

Last year while with Toronto, he allowed a franchise-record 36 homers in 32 starts, the second most in the AL.

After the game, Williams (4-7) sat at his locker with his head in his hands, staring at the floor for about 20 minutes

"It's a low point in my pitching and it's bringing everyone down around me," Williams said. "Every time I make a mistake it's pretty much pounded. There's no quality in anything I'm doing right now."

Last Saturday, Williams allowed four homers in the first game of a doubleheader at Colorado as the Padres' 14-game winning streak ended.

Ivan Rodriguez, Ruben Mateo and Royce Clayton homered to back Aaron Sele, who won for the first time in four starts and

Rodriguez, voted the AL's starting catcher for Tuesday night's All-Star game, hit a solo shot with one out in the first inning, his 15th. Mateo, who came off the disabled list earlier in the day, homered leading off the fourth and Clayton hit a two-run shot with two outs in the sixth.

Mateo homered on an 0-2 curveball.

"I tried to throw it in the dirt but it just didn't happen," Williams said. "It's just bad pitching on my part."

Sele, meanwhile, escaped bases-loaded jams in the second and fourth innings, which allowed him to take a shutout into the seventh.

The Padres loaded the bases with none out in the second and failed to score, as rookie Ben Davis struck out and Damian Jackson hit a comebacker to start a 1-2-3 double play.

"The most important out was the catcher, Davis, because now you've got the chance to get the double play," Sele said. "Then you have to try to pitch to get one of those and I was fortunate enough to do that."

Sele (8-6) got Jackson to hit into his first double play of the year.

WNBA Glance

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	8	4	667	—
Orlando	6	5	545	1½
Charlotte	5	6	455	2½
Detroit	5	7	417	3
Washington	3	9	250	5
Cleveland	2	12	143	7

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	12	2	857	—
Sacramento	10	4	714	2
Los Angeles	3	5	643	3
Minnesota	6	5	545	4½
Utah	5	6	455	5½
Phoenix	3	9	250	8

Friday's Games

Orlando 66, Charlotte 61
Houston 71, Phoenix 70
Sacramento 77, Los Angeles 72

Saturday's Games

Washington at Detroit, 1 p.m.
Charlotte at Cleveland, 7 p.m.
Utah at Orlando, 7:30 p.m.

Sunday's Games

Minnesota at New York, 4 p.m.
Phoenix at Los Angeles, 4 p.m.
Sacramento at Houston, 8 p.m.

Major League Baseball

American League
East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
New York	51	33	607	—
Boston	49	37	570	3
Toronto	45	43	511	8
Tampa Bay	38	48	442	14
Baltimore	34	51	400	17½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Cleveland	55	30	647	—
Chicago	42	41	506	12
Kansas City	35	50	412	20
Detroit	35	51	407	20½
Minnesota	33	51	393	21½

West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Texas	48	37	565	—
Oakland	42	43	494	6
Seattle	42	43	494	6
Anaheim	40	44	476	7½

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East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Atlanta	53	34	609	—
New York	49	38	563	4
Philadelphia	46	38	548	5½
Montreal	33	49	402	17½
Florida	31	55	360	21½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Cincinnati	48	35	578	—
Houston	48	37	565	1
Pittsburgh	42	43	494	7
St. Louis	42	44	488	7½
Milwaukee	41	43	488	7½
Chicago	39	44	470	9

West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
San Francisco	49	37	570	—
Anzona	47	40	540	2½
San Diego	41	43	488	7
Colorado	39	45	464	9
Los Angeles	37	47	440	11

Friday's Games

Milwaukee 4, Detroit 1
Florida 11, Tampa Bay 4
Montreal 4, Toronto 3
Cincinnati 3, Cleveland 2
Philadelphia 4, Baltimore 2
Boston 5, Atlanta 4
N.Y. Mets 5, N.Y. Yankees 2
Minnesota 5, Pittsburgh 4
Chicago White Sox 3, Chicago Cubs 2
Houston 6, Kansas City 5
Anaheim 9, Colorado 6
Texas 7, San Diego 2
Los Angeles 5, Seattle 0
Oakland 5, Anzona 2
San Francisco 5, St. Louis 4, 11 innings

Saturday's Games

Cincinnati (Villone 4-2) at Cleveland (Candiotti 4-5), 1:05 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (Lieber 7-3) at Chicago White Sox (Navarro 6-7), 1:05 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Pettitte 5-7) at N.Y. Mets (Reed 6-3), 1:15 p.m.
Boston (Portugal 5-6) at Atlanta (Glavine 7-8), 1:15 p.m.
Texas (Morgan 9-6) at San Diego (Ashby 8-4), 4:05 p.m.
Oakland (Hudson 4-1) at Arizona (R.Johnson 9-6), 4:05 p.m.
St. Louis (Jimenez 5-8) at San Francisco (Ortiz 10-5), 4:05 p.m.
Milwaukee (Abbott 2-7) at Detroit (Thompson 7-8), 5:05 p.m.
Toronto (Hentgen 6-6) at Montreal (Hermanson 3-7), 7:05 p.m.
Baltimore (Mussina 10-4) at Philadelphia (Byrd 11-4), 7:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Rekar 5-4) at Florida (Springer 3-9), 7:05 p.m.
Anaheim (Olivares 7-6) at Colorado (Astacio 8-7), 8:05 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Schmidt 8-6) at Minnesota (Hawkins 5-8), 8:05 p.m.
Houston (Hampton 10-3) at Kansas City (Appier 8-6), 8:05 p.m.
Seattle (Halama 7-2) at Los Angeles (K.Brown 9-6), 10:10 p.m.

Sunday's Games

Cincinnati (Tomko 3-5) at Cleviand (Wright 7-5), 1:05 p.m.
Milwaukee (Nomo 6-2) at Detroit (Moehler 7-8), 1:05 p.m.
Boston (Cho 2-1) at Atlanta (Maddux 9-5), 1:10 p.m.
Toronto (D.Wells 8-6) at Montreal (Pavano 6-7), 1:35 p.m.
Baltimore (Erickson 3-8) at Philadelphia (Ogea 4-8), 1:35 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Irabu 5-3) at N.Y. Mets (Hershiser 9-5), 1:40 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Ritchie 8-6) at Minnesota (Mays 1-2), 2:05 p.m.
Houston (Lima 12-4) at Kansas City (Suppan 4-4), 2:05 p.m.
Anaheim (Fyhrie 0-0) at Colorado (BM.Jones 4-7), 3:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Alvarez 4-5) at Florida (A.Fernandez 3-5), 4:05 p.m.
Oakland (Haynes 6-6) at Arizona (Daal 7-5), 4:05 p.m.
Texas (Burkett 2-4) at San Diego (Boehringer 5-2), 4:05 p.m.
St. Louis (Bottenfield 13-3) at San Francisco (Gardner 3-6), 4:05 p.m.
Seattle (Fassero 4-8) at Los Angeles (Dreifort 6-8), 4:10 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (Trachsel 2-12) at Chicago White Sox (Baldwin 4-8), 8:05 p.m.

SDN Sports Briefs

WGA play day and couples play

The Women's Golf Association of Snyder Country Club will hold its Tuesday play day at 9 a.m. Format will be competition against the 1998 club champion.

Athletic physicals

All athletes needing to take a physical should do so prior to Aug. 3. SISD will pay for physicals through Aug. 3 only. An appointment must be made with one f the following doctors: Burleson, Cooper, Thompson, Nussey or Rakov.

Athletes requiring physicals include all incoming 7th and 9th graders, students new to SISD, students wishing to participate 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, athletic director's office, or Steve Krueger.

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

WTC junior golf clinic

A junior golf clinic for ages 10-17 will be held at Western Texas College July 26-30. Cost is $75 per student for the week.

Covered during the clinic will be the short game, putting, trouble shots, etiquette and rules, with video swing analysis also provided.

The first 50 golfers to register will be accepted. For more information, call the WTC pro shop at 573-9291.

Tennis camp

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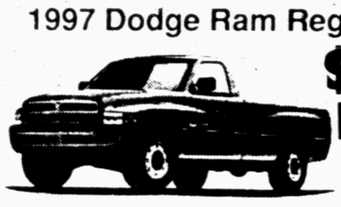

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Dr. Gott

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DEAR DR. GOTT: My husband is 26 and weighs 148. He is a ski instructor, neither drinks nor smokes, and is in fine health. In spite of this, I worry that he could develop heart disease. Although he eats a balanced diet and has a normal cholesterol level, he loves butter, eats a dozen eggs a week, drinks three cups of coffee a day and loads up on cookies.

DEAR READER: Congratulations on being this week's recipient of the Healthy Spouse Award. About the only suggestions I can make are: back off and consider switching your husband to corn oil margarine. Healthy men, such as your husband, are more likely to experience difficulty on the ski slopes than at the breakfast table. If he continues to keep fit, he will probably be around for years.

DEAR DR. GOTT: My grandmother has Alzheimer's disease. My family and I can hardly cope with the heartbreak of watching this active, life-loving woman withdraw into a world we cannot enter. Although she no longer responds to most external stimuli, she does occasionally show some facial expression when she is gently touched. Is this a common phenomenon?

DEAR READER: If your grandmother truly has Alzheimer's disease and not some other form of dementia, she may still — at times — respond to touching and caressing. But these welcome interludes will become increasingly rare as the disease envelopes her. Recognition of and reaction to loved ones are attributes of most dementias in their mild or moderate forms. Unfortunately, Alzheimer's patients inexorably retreat into private, withdrawn worlds of their own — and the disorder is, by modern medical methods, untreatable. Enjoy your grandmother while you can and give her as much kindness as you can muster. Soon it will be too late.

To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Alzheimer's Disease." 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: Is vitamin C of any value in fighting a cold?

DEAR READER: No studies have shown that vitamin C affects the viruses that cause colds. In one experiment, however, researchers found that cold sufferers who took vitamin C felt better than those who did not. So there may be some justification in taking the vitamin if it will reduce symptoms. But, vitamin or not, the cold will run its course.

DEAR DR. GOTT: Can vitamin E prevent heart attacks?

DEAR READER: I am unaware of any consistent and valid evidence that vitamin E helps to prevent heart attacks. True, some studies have suggested that it may play a role, but the effects of the vitamin are incompletely understood and the genesis of heart attacks is still unclear. There is ongoing research to delineate further the relation of vitamin E to cardiovascular disorders.

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DEAR DR. GOTT: I've read that exercise may, in some instances, be more harmful than beneficial. How much exercise is required for optimum health before it becomes counterproductive?

DEAR READER: Exercise is beneficial for everyone, even patients with heart disorders. However, as you point out, the question is how much is enough. I cannot give you a specific answer.

People who were active in their younger years seem to enjoy ongoing exertion as they age. Some adults continue to ski, run and play tournament tennis well into their 80s and 90s. On the other hand, a backhoe couldn't move some middle-age folks from their favorite recliners in front of the television.

Exercise is a very individual matter. In general, you may safely exercise to the point of fatigue at any age. Dangerous physical activity consists of sudden, strenuous exertion performed intermittently or on rare occasions. A perfect example is snow-shoveling, an activity that can trigger heart attacks. Any exercise is beneficial if it makes you feel good, but you have to be sensible. If you are basically sedentary, take it easy at first. Work into an exercise program gradually.

Walking, swimming, bicycling and golf are safe and healthful hobbies, especially for people who do not engage in regular sports. A brisk hour's walk, enjoyed several days a week, can tone up any cardiovascular system and produce other favorable results.

Moderate exercise is different from training, which leads to more striking physiological changes, but may not be everyone's cup of tea. My rule for exercise is: Do it, but start slowly and listen to your body when it tells you that you've had enough.

I do not believe that every person over 40 requires a special cardiac evaluation before beginning an exercise program. Because I am in the minority, you may want to ask your doctor before simply committing to regular exercise. However, the only problems I have encountered are in adults who impulsively begin strenuous activity without first warming up and starting slowly. This holds true for aerobics as well as for serious running, skating and so forth. Your body is the best judge of how far you should extend yourself; pay attention to what it has to say.

Two further comments: Some post-exercise stiffness and muscle pain are common consequences of early exercise programs and will usually disappear once a level of activity has been achieved. Continuing symptoms can reflect so-called over-use syndrome, meaning that the participant should rest for a day or so or cut back on the degree of physical activity.

Second, any chest pain, indigestion, chest pressure, jaw or arm pain should not be ignored, particularly if such symptoms occur during the exercise itself. People who experience these symptoms should seek medical attention and, in my view, undergo cardiac evaluation.

To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my new and completely updated Health Report "Understanding Heart Disease." 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: My 4-year-old accidentally swallowed a penny and, when we took him to the emergency room, the doctor asked us what year the penny was produced. Was he on the level or just pulling my leg? (Fortunately, the penny passed the next day without harm.)

DEAR READER: The doctor was not joshing you. Years ago, pennies were made of copper, a harmless mineral. However, starting in 1982, the government changed the composition of the coins. Most are now zinc with a thin copper coating. If such pennies are swallowed, they can start to dissolve in the stomach. This may release the zinc, which can cause potentially serious consequences in the body and may lead to anemia and damage to kidneys, liver and bone marrow.

Records show that in 1997, more than 21,000 children were seen in emergency rooms because the youngsters swallowed coins. Therefore, this is a common problem. ER doctors pay a lot more attention to this phenomenon than they did 20 years ago.

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Parents jailed on accusation they chained 8-year-old son

HOUSTON (AP) — A couple accused of chaining their 8-year-old son to a bed and not feeding him has been jailed on child endangerment charges.

Christopher Shawn Pope, 34, and his wife, Trina, 35, were denied bail on Friday and placed in jail in suburban Pasadena.

Authorities placed the child in a foster home after receiving a tip on April 12 that Pope was chaining the boy to a bed.

The couple's seven other children — Ages 10, 9, 6, 4, 3, 20 months and 8 months — were also taken into custody, but were returned to their parents after officials found no evidence they had been abused.

The woman is expecting another child in four months, officials said. The father, a mechanic, is said to be the father of four of the eight children, including the abused boy.

The parents remained free for the past three months, police spokesman Sgt. J.M. Baird said, because officers were trying to get statements from the other children. But the parents would not let them speak with police, Baird said.

Baird said Pope was believed to have been chaining the boy to a bed rail for about a year. The four-foot-tall boy weighed 51 pounds when he was taken into custody, Baird said. the boy appeared to be "very neglected and malnourished and had some injuries on him," the officer said.

With Friday's arrest of the couple, the 8-month-old child was placed in foster care, and the six other children were taken to a temporary shelter.

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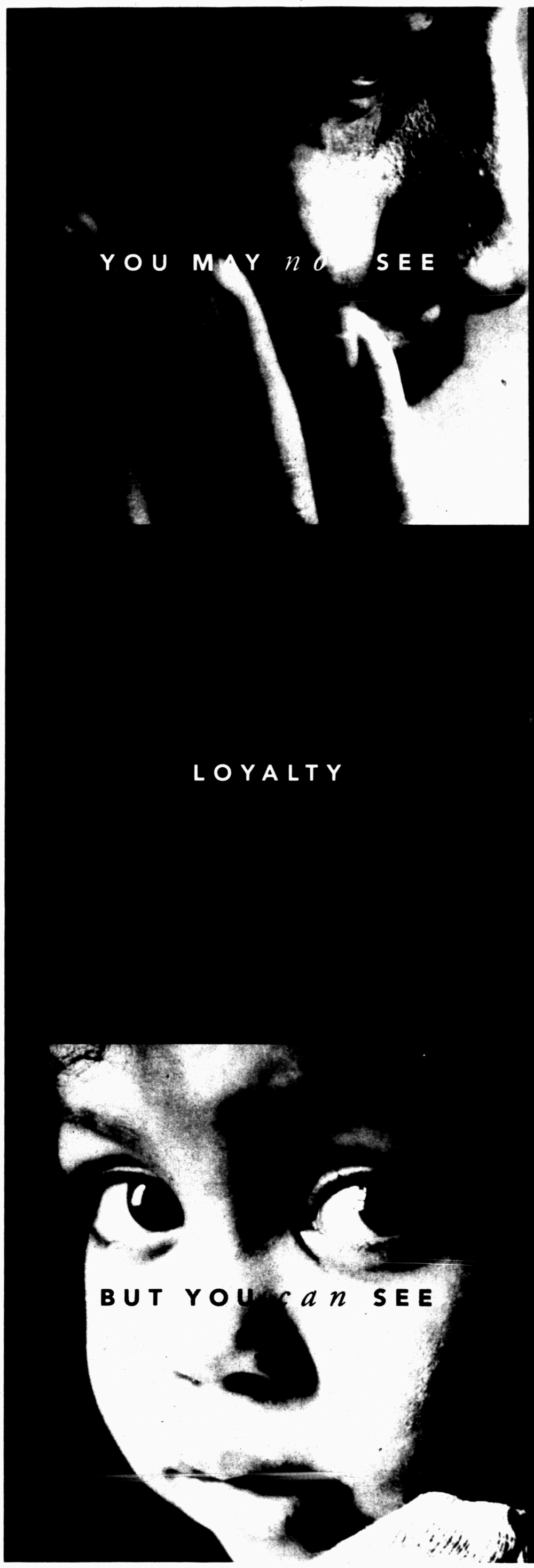

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QUALIFICATIONS: BA preferred. **DUTIES**: assist in the development, coordination, and maintenance of courses for business and industry for Snyder and the college service area, with a concentration on the extension campuses.
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EMPLOYMENT DATE: 9-1-99
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HOUSE FOR RENT: 3700 Noble Dr. 2-1-1 Fully carpeted with applances. $300/month. $150/Dep. CAll Jack 573-3519.

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** HOUSES FOR RENT **
2405 37th Street 2-1.....$300.
2307 40th Street 3-1-cp..$400.
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PUBLIC AUCTION

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2400 S. Hwy 84, Snyder, Texas. Approx. 1 mile South of Rip Griffrin. To be offered at public auction at approximately 12 p.m. on Saturday, August 14, 1999. A truck-trailer and auto repair shop. Consists of approximately 4100 sq. ft. metal building with (5) large overhead doors (2 drive thrus), 3 work bays and work pit. The property consists of approximately 9.71 acres with approximately 1,650 front footage on U.S. 84 with water well and septic tank.

Viewing of this property (Open House) will be Saturday, July 31, 1999 from 2 p.m. - 6 p.m. "Seller will have right to accept or reject bids." Shop equipment will be sold starting at 10 a.m. on August 14, 1999. For more information and terms of auction, call 1-915-728-8292.

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SATURDAY, JULY 17, 1999 * 10:00 A.M.

Ditchwitch 3500 DD Ditcher w/bl (diesel)
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Husquarna 272K Rock Saw - gas pwrd
Craftsman 4 1/8" Jointer/Planer
Sheetrock Jack
Skill Saw (B & D)
Goldblatt Acoustic Gun
4 ft. Cement Float
4-Wheel Dollies
Roberts' Glue Iron
20 Ton Hydraulic Press
Rug Rover Carpet Cleaners
Dayton 100,000 BTU Shop Space Heater
1 Lot Chains & Boomers

Wooden Parts Counter
1 Lot Chrome Wire Display Shelving
New Snapper 20" Lawn Mowers
Craftsman CRT Cultivator-Elect
Utility Cart * Fertilizer Spreader
Craftsman 4 ft Lawn Aerator
20 Asstd Riding Mower Tires
Gaskets * New Weed-eater Line
Ditchwitch 1820 Self-Pro Trencher (gas)
Yazoo MasterMower 48" 20hp Hydro Drive
Snapper Power Plug
Whiteman Cement Floor Finisher
PJ 16' Tandem Axle Equip. Trailer
Power Mate Gas Powered Generator
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Concrete Tools
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Bosch Hammer Drill
Master Set Hilti Gun
Carpet Stretcher
B & D Anglehead Grinder
Craftsman 5.0 hp Wet Vac
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Gardian Power 12spd, 1hp Drill Press
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FOR SALE BY OWNER: Brick 3-2-1, corner Lot. 2601 Ave. W. New Carpet. Custom Blinds. $43,500. Call 573-4755.

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3101 Cherry 3-2-2-LA $48.5T.
2911 Ave. U 2-Story 4-3½ Basement ..... $93T.
2700 46th Immaculate! 3-2½-2-Fml Din-Den ... $135T.
New Listing 3773 Highland 2-1-1cp New Carpet/Tile $39T.
2704 34th 2-2-2 LR/Den & Sprinkler System ..... $75T.
4608 Ave. R 2 Houses $49.5T.
309 34th 3-1- Nice! ... $39.5T.
4509 Garwood 3-2-2.. $98.5T.
2805 El Paso 3-2-2 Shop $86.5T.
New! 3309 Irving 3-2-2 $115T.
4505 Fredonia 3-2-2 Nice $75T.
2811 Ave. U 3-2-1 ..... $56.5T.
3005 Ave U 3-2-4cp..... $65T.
2202 41st Redone 3-1 ... $35T.
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3734 Dalton 2-1-1 .... $18.9T.
4200 Lubbock 3-2-2 + Shop Beautifully Landscaped $72.9T.
2600 35th 3-2-2 Studio $96T.
Com. Bldg. SW Cor. Sq. $35T.
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3-3½-2-2cp 2911 Ave U Basement $93T.
2600 35th 3-1½-1-1cp Updated..... $96T.
Nice Yard 3-1¾-1 2204 44th ..... $48.5T.
4-1¾ Great Storage 3733 Dalton $47.5T.
3-3½-2cp Den*Study*Pool..... $115T.
4-2 3900 Eastridge Dr..... $36T.
228 Acre 3-1 Brick..... $80T.
Cozy Home 2-1-1 2400 Ave. N ..... $36T.
2-1-1 3009 39th ..... $33T.
3-1-1 Plus Apt. 3300 Cherry $52,500.
117 A's Near Ira 3-1¾-1..... $95T.
3 Acres 3-1¾-2 Barns & Stalls..$78,000.
Nice Mobile Home Lot 209 25th..$6,000.
Reduced-Neat 3-1-Det. Gar..... $30,500.
2-1-2+2cp 911 17th Street..... $55,000.
3-2-2cp Nice & Large Hermleigh $52,500.
A-Frame 3-2-1 Shop 11 Acres.... $65,000.
IRA Brick 1¾ New Carpet & Paint $40T.
3-1-3cp-1 Det 2312 27th..... 35T.
Nice 3-1¾-2 4008 Irving..... $63.5T.
2206 42nd 3-1¾ FPL Classic ..... $46.5T.
Corner 3-1¾-1 3702 Ave. V ..... $45T.
3-1¾ 2107 43rd Agency EX. $54,950T.
Cedar Creek 3-2-2 2 Living Areas $95T.
Pict. Perfect 3-2-1-1 Det. 2219 41st $45T.
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20 Acres Pool-Several Out Bldgs $185T.
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New! 3-2-2 3309 Irving..... $115,000.
New! 4-2-2 2700 47th..... $138,500.
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587 A's Approx 8 Mi. W. of Ira $95,000.
3-2-2 Great Area..... $60,000.
W. Hwy. 180 ... 2.13 A's 3-2-cp $39,500.
2-1-cp Fenced 510 28th Street..... $15T.
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Starter Home 2-1½ ..... $20,000.
107 Elm St. 4 Bdrm..... $23,320.
14.49 Ac. 3-2 Hot Tub/Sprk. Syst. $105T.
Reduced 3-2-1 Det+Apt 2215 44th $44T.
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Reduced! 3613 41st 4-2-2 Above Ground Pool, Corner ..... $80's.
2700 47th 4-2-2 Must See! $100's.
3303 Irving 4-2-2 Nice! ..... $100's.
Good Buy! 4101 Jacksboro $50T.
New Home-will consider trade! $90's.
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2206 42nd 3-1½-F Nice!.....$49.5T.
2605 47th 4-2-2 Large! Lots of Extras!
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3750 Sunset 3-1½-2 .....Great Buy.
2607 47th.....Loaded with Amenities!
Comm. Bldg 908 E Hwy 180 Red $55T.
3718 Sunset 3-1¾-cp Neat/Clean $49.5T.

3605 Irving 3-1+Den.....$341 Nice!
2807 Ave. W 4-2½-2.....Elegant.
3009 35th 3-2-2.....Only $77.5T.
218 36th Street 3-1¾-1+Den.....$37T.
2307 41st.....3-1¾-MAKE OFFER!.
2308 42nd 3-1 GREAT BUY!.....$37T.
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The Family of Lucia Molina
Antonio Molina, Sr., Lupe Sauceda
Alice Alderete, Normia Garcia
Tony Molina Jr., Johnny Molina
& families

THANKS!

After 32 years, it's hard to remember everyone to thank, but the thoughtfulness of the students over the years, the school, and the community will always be greatly appreciated. I especially thank the seniors throughout the years for the roses at graduation; the 8th graders this year who gave me the beautiful flowers and bulldog; and the students, faculty, and staff who created the most beautiful quilt I ever saw. The letters on the Internet were so sweet and will help me to remember all of you. For those who contributed to and came to the reception at the school in honor of my retirement, I thank you from the bottom of my heart. You will always be loved and be very special to me. I wish the very best to all of you.

Jerry Stokes

Women inmates connect over Internet

DALLAS (AP) — The Internet personal ad from 26-year-old Pamela, 5-9, 145 pounds, 36-27-37, read:

"I'm a very sensual and erotic person. I've always been one to express myself openly and freely. I am a poet, realist and thrill seeker. I enjoy writing, fishing, painting, camping and yes guys, even golf. I am lonely and would like some nice mail from a nice man. I have made some bad decisions but I am not a bad person. I enjoy all kinds of stimulating conversation and would very much like to get to know you."

Pamela would like to hear from men of any race from 40 to 75, but if you're interested in a relationship, you may have to wait awhile. She has seven more years left on her prison term.

She's one of hundreds of female inmates in the Texas prison system who are making connections to men (and women) outside the wall over the Internet, WFAA-TV reported.

Texas inmates can't connect to the Internet, but forms are circulated behind bars to sign up for pages on a half dozen websites.

Hustler magazine runs one site called JailBabes.com that features seductive personal ads for inmates, along with their pictures and personal data such as their age, height, weight, and prison release date.

JailBabes charges $7 to get the address to write a female inmate. Other sites offer free addresses.

Nancy Botkin, warden of the Mountain View women's prison at Gatesville, says inmates use the Internet for an old lonely hearts con game.

"We have a lot of elderly men that send nearly their entire income to support these females. We have family members that call and beg us to make us stop writing them," she said.

Tony Howard, who investigates crime behind the bars of the Texas prison system, told WFAA that the lonely hearts scam targets Caucasian men 45 to 65, usually widowers. He said inmates call their victims "sugar daddies" or "tricks."

Mardie Swartz said she has received letters from more than 200 men, and 30 marriage proposals.

"I'm probably one of the few that doesn't lie, doesn't commit fraud, doesn't try to run any scams, doesn't ask for money, doesn't solicit," said the 26-year-old, who is serving 90 years for a murder committed when she was 16 and for later escaping from prison.

On the Internet, she sounds like the girl next door. There's no mention of her crime.

It's against prison rules for an inmate to solicit money, but officials say many of them know how to write a letter that doesn't directly ask for money, but gets the idea across.

Yen Nguyen said older inmates coached her on what to write, telling her she could make a lot of money behind bars.

In her first response to a man answering the ad, she said, she'll tell him she's looking for someone special like him.

Texas files lawsuits against owners of four properties

ARLINGTON (AP) — Texas filed lawsuits Friday against the owners of four properties, saying the landholders should be responsible for drug use and prostitution at the sites.

Using a nuisance abatement law, the state is asking for a court order forcing the owners to post a $10,000 bond and keep crimes from occurring at the properties. Otherwise, the facilities would be shut down for one year.

"If you allow your property to be a haven for illegal drug or prostitution activity, we will shut you down," said Attorney General John Cornyn.

When pressed, Cornyn was unable to give specifics on what the property owners should do to remedy the situation. His assistant, T.J. Patterson, said installing lights, hiring security and cleaning the property were some steps that owners can take.

That's what Vikesh P. Patel has done at The Kings Inn Motel of Arlington, his employees say.

Patel, who is lease-purchasing the motel from Prataprai P. Mody, has six security guards on the payroll. A sign posted at the desk says "no loitering, no room jumping, no alcohol outside rooms and no visitors after 9 p.m."

Police say there have been 44 drug arrests in the past two years at the facility and that neither Mody, nor Patel, who started the purchase agreement a year ago, has upgraded the property.

"If someone has painted a picture that these people have cooperated, that's totally false," said Arlington police spokesman Dee Anderson. "No improvements were ever noted."

Employee Michael Green said Patel is trying to meet law enforcement's demands at the motel where rooms rent for $153 a week with kitchenette.

Green said security guards work every night and he also showed reporters a receipt indicating Patel spent $1,748.35 for a fence erected in March.

Civil rights pioneer dies at the age of 79

FREDERICKSBURG, Va. (AP) — James Farmer, who as head of the Congress of Racial Equality led the Freedom Riders and helped end segregation in interstate buses in the 1960s, has died. He was 79.

Farmer, who had been in ill health in recent years, died Friday while hospitalized, said Ron Singleton, a spokesman for Mary Washington College where Farmer was a professor. No further details were available.

Farmer was born in Texas and grew up in Mississippi. He entered Wiley College in Marshall, Texas, in 1934 as a 14-year-old freshman.

The last of the Big Four civil rights leaders of the 1960s, Farmer was blind and had both legs amputated because of complications of diabetes.

"James Farmer helped to make America a better nation, and I was saddened to learn of his death today," President Clinton said in a statement Friday night.

Farmer founded the Congress of Racial Equality in 1942 and in the following decades shared the spotlight with Whitney Young, head of the National Urban League, and NAACP leader Roy Wilkins. All were overshadowed by the Rev. Martin Luther King.

"He is simply irreplaceable," said Kweisi Mfume, president of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. "James Farmer leaves this century as one of a few select men and women to be responsible for great change."

Farmer's most celebrated accomplishment as head of CORE was to lead the Freedom Rides in 1961. It was a nonviolent effort to desegregate interstate buses and terminals, but participants encountered violence.

He helped recruit CORE members James Chaney, Andrew Goodman and Michael Schwerner, all of whom were murdered in Mississippi during the Freedom Rides. Their slayings were the subject to the 1988 movie "Mississippi Burning."

In the early 1960s, Farmer often faced threats of violence himself.

"Anyone who said he wasn't afraid during the civil rights movement was either a liar or without imagination," he said in a 1991 interview.

Division within CORE over leadership and direction led Farmer to resign in 1966. More recently, he has taught, served briefly in the Nixon administration and made an unsuccessful bid for Congress.

In January 1998, President Clinton presented Farmer with a Presidential Medal of Freedom, the nation's highest civilian honor.

"It's a vindication," Farmer said when the award was announced. "I certainly was ignored and forgotten."

Farmer graduated from theological school at Howard University in 1941, and was a conscientious objector during World War II.

After college, he worked for the Fellowship of Reconciliation and started contemplating how to change racist practices in America. He became a proponent of Mohandas Gandhi's nonviolent methods, something King later espoused, and founded CORE while living in Chicago.

In the spring of 1942, Farmer tested Gandhi's vision at the Jack Spratt Coffee Shop near the University of Chicago. The manager there refused to serve Farmer but agreed to serve Farmer's friend, a white man — until Farmer reminded the manager of the state's civil rights law.

"He asked me what I wanted. I ordered doughnuts, my friend ordered coffee," Farmer said. "He told us the doughnuts would be a dollar apiece. When we left, he charged the usual 5 cents per doughnut. We decided to pursue it because, obviously, this gentleman had a problem regarding race."

Farmer and CORE activists followed up with the nation's first sit-in: 26 people hogging the counter and all the available booths. Jack Spratt's managers offered to serve them in the basement.

"I told them we were comfortable where we were. They served us," Farmer said.

Farmer moved to the Fredericksburg area in 1980 to write his autobiography, "Lay Bare the Heart."

Despite his illnesses, Farmer taught a course at Mary Washington College in Fredericksburg on the history of the civil rights movement.

In a 1998 interview, Farmer admitted there had been times over the years when he felt chafed by the lack of universal recognition for his work.

"There've been moments of bitterness. And I simply shrug them aside," Farmer said. "Historians have a way of looking under the headlines, below the headlines, and seeking truth. If they do that, I think I will be given credit for seminal work in civil rights."

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Sunday, July 11, 1999

Although things might not necessarily develop in the ways you'll anticipate in the year ahead, they could be exciting ones for you. After the dust settles, they may look like you engineered them.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) You're up to scoring with the "biggies" in life today, so don't be afraid to think and act on a rather grand scale. Rub shoulders with large groups, major projects or the top bananas. Cancer, treat yourself to a birthday gift. Send the required refund form and for your Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead by mailing $2 and self-addressed stamped envelope to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to state your Zodiac sign.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Because you'll be quite capable of doing so today, pick up the pieces of something another discarded and use your talent and skills to turn it into a thing of beauty.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Even though you're not ready to launch anything at this time, sit down and lay out a sturdy foundation for a project you've been considering undertaking in the future.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Competitive endeavors that offer strong possibilities for gain could be just what the doctor ordered for you today. You'll not only enjoy the action, but the winnings as well.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Don't waste time neglecting a matter that requires a decisive answer. Your reasoning powers are exceptional today and the resolution you're seeking is right in front of you.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Even if it appears that the control of a matter which is important to you rests solely in the hands of others, don't get concerned. The trends are moving in your favor today.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) What will enhance your ability to deal effectively with associates today is your willingness to cooperate and compromise. The example you set will influence your cohorts.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) It'll be the challenging developments that'll offer you the greatest prospects for success today. In things where less effort is required, the rewards could be minimal.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Don't deliberately seek out chancy situations today, but if confronted by any, your judgment will stand the test. It's your logical assessments that'll help reduce any risk.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Set today aside to spend time with the family. The involvements that'll produce the greatest advantages for you will be sharing time with those that you love.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) If you think positive today, you'll lock in on victory. Plus, your enthusiasm will generate a similar response in those whose support is pertinent to your plans. It'll be a winning team.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Post yourself smack in the middle of profit making potentials today and you'll be like a magnet attracting a plethora of material opportunities.

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Your Birthday

Monday, July 12, 1999

Discarding old interests in deference to new ones will greatly enhance your possibilities for success in the coming year. This is because you'll no longer be burdened down with what was unworkable.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Involvements with close friends today could encourage you to undertake something you've been fearful of doing. Their input will give you the courage you need. Major changes are ahead for Cancer in the coming year. Send the required refund form and for your Astro-Graph predictions by mailing $2 and self-addressed stamped envelope to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to state your Zodiac sign.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) What makes success probable for you today will be your ability to fuse together your assertiveness and the necessary know-how you possess to achieve your objectives.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) The most important thing for you to do today is to put into action as early as possible plans you are presently formulating that are sound and capable of producing desirable results.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) You possess the nose today for sniffing out hidden information others would like to hide from you. Friends and associates will quickly realize nothing can be gained by playing coy.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Even though you may have taken a lot of time making a decision about something, a new ray may shed some light on the issue and show you an alternative you previously missed.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Devote your efforts and energies to practical assignments today and much can be accomplished. Make sure it's one of those days where frivolous pursuits take a back seat.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Owing to your unique and innovative touch, everything you do today will be stamped with your own personal imprint. Associates or onlookers will readily recognize your handiwork.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Something fresh and new may pique your interests today and start you on a new endeavor. However, make sure you clear up what you've been working on first so it doesn't get in the way.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Talking your way to success on any issue or promotion you choose could come readily easy for you today. Your greatest attribute right now is your ability to communicate effectively. Use it.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Some information you're recently acquired can be utilized to your advantage today in feathering your nest materially. Turn your thoughts into profit.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Focus on your own concepts rather than on those of associates today, because projects or ventures you either initiate or control have better than usual chances for success.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Should you find yourself smack in the middle of a hotly contested competitive situation today, stay calm. Your abilities to quickly strategize is better than your opponent's.

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PTEN	9 11/16	-1/4
KMG	53 1/4	-1/16
WMT	47 15/16	+15/16
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ENE	86 3/8	+1 7/8
SRV	18 1/8	-7/16
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Crude oil shortage is possible

LONDON (AP) — OPEC's cutback in crude production and a rising demand for gasoline and other refined products could lead this winter to the biggest oil shortage in more than a decade, a respected industry survey warned Friday.

But the report by the International Energy Agency acknowledges that a further spike in prices, which have almost doubled since December, would probably tempt oil-producing countries to break ranks and boost output.

"A more plausible scenario is that, before the end of the year, there will be an 'upward adjustment' of production," the agency said.

Continued economic growth in the United States and the resurgence of activity in Asia should help boost global demand for oil by 1.84 percent in the third quarter of the year and 2.38 percent in the fourth quarter, according to the Paris-based agency. The IEA is part of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, a group of the world's most developed nations.

It predicted slower growth in world oil supplies as a result of OPEC's discipline so far in complying with output cuts agreed in March. The result could be a shortfall of 1.61 million barrels a day in the third quarter.

A shortfall of that magnitude is "unusual," and if current trends continue, it "will trigger one of the biggest quarterly stock draws (shortfalls) in history," the agency said.

Higher oil prices would push up the costs of almost all aspects of daily life, from filling up at the pump to higher shipping costs for groceries and merchandise. Rising inflation would push up interest rates, which could cool off economic growth.

The fourth-quarter shortage could be as large as 3.24 million barrels per day — a level last seen during the exceptionally cold winter of 1987.

Barney Gray, an analyst at the brokerage Williams De Broe, dismissed this forecast as a "scare story."

Members of the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries, who agreed in March to trim output by 4.32 million barrels per day, would probably start cheating if prices rose much higher, Gray said.

"OPEC has been very disciplined since March, with very high compliance. We want it to stay that way," he said.

The price for widely traded West Texas Intermediate crude has been rallying strongly as evidence mounts of OPEC's unusual discipline in production, climbing to 19-month highs this week and flirting with $20 a barrel. The gain in June alone was $2.97 per barrel, the agency noted.

Contracts for August delivery of West Texas Intermediate rose 23 cents Friday to close at $19.94 a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange, almost twice the Dec. 11, 1998 low of $10.65.

The price of North Sea Brent crude increased last month by an even heftier $3.24 per barrel. Brent contracts for August finished trading Friday up 27 cents at $18.51 per barrel in London.

If prices rise beyond $20 per barrel, the temptation could become intense for OPEC members to exceed the quotas of their latest accord, said Mehdi Varzi, an analyst at the investment bank Dresdner Kleinwort Benson.

Higher prices could also mean that non-OPEC exporters with higher production costs will once again find it profitable to pump oil, thereby increasing global supplies and dampening prices.

"It's not all blue sky for OPEC. There are dangers in allowing the price to go too high," Varzi said.

OPEC's compliance rate with its targeted output levels was 91 percent in June, up from 88 percent in May and 82 percent in April, the IEA said.

Saudi Arabia and Iran, OPEC's biggest producers, cut daily production last month by 40,000 barrels and 50,000 barrels respectively. Nigeria, considered one of the group's weaker members in terms of compliance, saw output fall by 30,000 barrels a day due to civil unrest in its oil-rich coastal areas.

Contingent of Russian troops to take up peacekeeping role

LJUBENIC, Yugoslavia (AP) — A contingent of Russian troops left Kosovo's capital Saturday to take up peacekeeping positions in the province for the first time since a dispute with NATO over how they should be deployed.

An advance party of 86 troops and three armored personnel carriers headed for the southeastern sector of Kosovo assigned to U.S. troops, Russia's ITAR-Tass news agency said. It said they would make preparations for the arrival of the 13th Pskov paratrooper battalion.

The Russians will be based in the town of Kosovska Kamenica, 20 miles southeast of Pristina and 10 miles northwest of the U.S. base at Gnjilane.

Deployment of Russian peacekeepers in the province has been a sharp point of contention between Moscow and NATO since about 200 Russian troops sped overland from Bosnia and took over the key airport at Pristina on June 12, beating NATO forces by hours.

Russia demanded its own sector within Kosovo, but NATO refused for fear it might lead to a partition of the province.

Under a deal reached with NATO after the alliance ended its 78-day air campaign against Yugoslavia, Russia will deploy 3,600 peacekeepers in Kosovo. In addition to the Pristina airport and the U.S. sector, they will be deployed in sectors assigned to French forces in northern Kosovo and German troops in the southwest.

NATO plans to deploy 55,000 peacekeepers, about half of which are in place now.

Relations between Moscow and NATO have been strained over the alliance's air campaign against Yugoslavia, which forced Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic to accept a peace deal and pull his forces out of Kosovo.

But the NATO commander in Kosovo, British Lt. Gen. Michael Jackson, has insisted that his relations with Russian forces based at the Pristina airport have been good.

Earlier Saturday, Capt. Bernard Tandretto, a French air force officer in the peacekeeping force's information center, said five bodies were found Friday — three in a house and two in a well — near Djakovica in western Kosovo.

Investigators were hindered by driving rain and rough terrain, along with concern about land mines, Tandretto.

Also in the Djakovica area, two civilians, including one child, were killed when an antipersonnel mine they tried to defuse with a knife exploded. Six other people were wounded in the accident and taken to a hospital, he said. The exact location of the incident was not clear.

On Friday, NATO peacekeepers closed off a mountainous region where villagers say Serb security forces killed as many as 350 people in what may be the largest massacre site yet discovered in Kosovo.

Villagers say most of the victims were people who fled into the snow-covered mountains to escape Serb attackers. But bones scattered on the ground in this tiny village showed some never made it to the mountains.

The killers shot some of the victims and hurled others off cliffs into streams below, villagers told reporters. They alleged that hundreds were killed in the mountains just west of Ljubenic, four miles south of Pec in western Kosovo.

As NATO troops unravel the full damage committed by Milosevic's forces in Kosovo, there were more signs of opposition against him Friday in Serbia.

Minimum monthly phone fee probed

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Federal Communications Commission says it will look into the minimum monthly charges that some long-distance companies tack onto the bills of consumers who make little or no use of their services.

In a 4-to-1 vote on Friday, the FCC approved the inquiry, which will begin next week.

"We're trying to be the least intrusive in terms of regulation, but at the same time I would like to be able to protect the low-volume users," said Yog Varma, the deputy chief of the FCC's Common Carrier Bureau.

The charge, typically $3, is tacked on to the phone bills of customers who subscribe to a basic-rate plan but whose long-distance calls total less than $3 a month. The minimum fee does not affect customers who make more than $3 in long-distance calls.

Two long-distance companies that impose the fee, AT&T and MCI WorldCom, told The Washington Post that competition forced them to add the charges.

"The cost of servicing accounts have been increasing over the past few years, to the extent that's happening, we've instituted a minimum usage charge," said Peter Lucht, a spokesman for MCI.

Obituaries

Jeff Lightfoot

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MIDLAND – Jeffrey Todd Lightfoot, the nephew of Bill Bowlin of Snyder, died Saturday, July 3, from injuries suffered in an automobile collision while on vacation with his family in Artesia, N.M.

A memorial service for Mr. Lightfoot, 30, was set for 4 p.m. Saturday in the Midland First Baptist Church.

A long-time resident of Midland, he graduated from Midland High School in 1987.

Mr. Lightfoot had long been involved in church music ministry and was a member of a Christian band, Advocate, which played throughout the state. He was employed as an employment specialist with the Midland Court Residential Treatment Center.

He married Loriann Them on July 20, 1991 in Midland.

Survivors include his wife, Lori Lightfoot of Midland; twin children, Abigail and Caleb Lightfoot of the home, his mother, Mary Blackketter of Midland; his father, Lt. Col. Richard Lightfoot of Newburg, Ore.; his stepbrothers, Ben and David Blackketter of Midland, Charles Comfort and Bryan Comfort; an aunt, Fay Hamilton of Midland; his grandmother, Vesta Fowler of Oklahoma City; and another uncle, Stanley Lightfoot of Oklahoma City.

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Early weekend arrests involve drugs, alcohol

Two felony arrests were made Friday with one involving drugs, and the other alcohol.

At 9:55 p.m., officers executed a search warrant at 315 33rd Street and took 41-year-old Joe Earnest Luera into custody for possession of marijuana, a state jail felony.

Following a report of a possible intoxicated driver, officers arrested a 36-year-old Colorado City man for felony driving while intoxicated and for a parole warrant.

Kirk Kelly Evans of 2490 North Hwy. 208 in Colorado City was taken into custody by officers at 11:59 p.m. in the 2400 block of Avenue M.

Three misdemeanor arrests were also made Friday and early Saturday.

Department of Public Safety troopers took a 34-year-old male into custody at 7:35 p.m. on U.S. Hwy 84 near Hermleigh for misdemeanor driving while intoxicated.

At 11:11 p.m., a 38-year-old female was arrested by officers in the 600 block of 29th Street on a Mitchell County warrant for Class B theft.

Officers took a 39-year-old male into custody at 2:50 a.m. Saturday in the 700 block of North Avenue Q for misdemeanor driving while intoxicated.

In other activity Friday, a clerk at Town & Country on East Coliseum Drive reported a gas drive-off in the amount of $14.50 at 8:19 a.m. Officers were unable to locate the vehicle.

An offense report for Class C theft was filed at 11:35 a.m. Friday in reference to the theft of an American flag and rope from the Pyron Cemetery.

A caller reported possible gunshots in the area of the 2100 block of Avenue N at 9:26 p.m. Officers located juveniles with fireworks and advised their parents of the complaint and the city ordinance.

Snyder Fire Department responded to a storage building fire at 2:02 p.m. Friday at 1365 Andress Avenue. An official report was unavailable Saturday morning.

Births

Tracey Zamora and Doyle Rice Jr., both of Snyder, announce the birth of their daughter, Ragan Maria, at 9:03 p.m. on July 2 in University Medical Center in Lubbock. She weighed five pounds, 10 ounces.

Grandparents include Petty and Doyle Rice and Mary Martinez, all of Snyder, and Albert Zamora Jr. of Grand Prairie.

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Class of '69 reunion

The 1969 SHS Class reunion continues Saturday at Snyder Country Club. For more information, call 573-8877 or 573-5425.

Ritz tickets

Tickets for the Ritz Theatre production of "Tall Tales" can be reserved at the ticket booth from 2 to 5 p.m. daily, or by calling 573-8880. Performances are 8 p.m. next Friday and Saturday and 2:30 p.m. next Sunday.

1989 class reunion

There is still time to RSVP for the class reunion to be held July 24. The public is invited and the charge is $7. For more information, call Christy Smith at 573-8392.

Glory Room

The Glory Room, a non-denominational Christian Library, formerly located at Stewart Insurance, is now housed at Trinity United Methodist Church at 5200 Trinity Blvd. Hours are from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Thursday and anytime during church activities. Everyone is welcome. Call 573-3988 for more information.

Seniors swimnastics

Swimnastics for senior citizens is held from 10 to 11 a.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays at Western Texas College.

Avenue D Baptist VBS

Children who have completed kindergarten though 6th grade are invited to Vacation Bible School at Avenue D Baptist Church from 6-9 p.m. Monday through Friday. Theme is "Mt. Extreme: The Ultimate Good News Challenge." Call 573-0971 for more information.

Sonshine school registration

Enrollment is being accepted for the new Sonshine School for ages 2-5 to begin Aug. 26 at 37th Street Church of Christ. Call Lora Lord at 573-1700 or the church office at 573-0154 for more information or to register. A pre-registration will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday in the church foyer.

Bible study tapes

Bible study video tapes air weekly on cable TV channel 2. The tapes to be shown at 7 p.m. Monday are "Overcoming Temptation by Understanding It," followed by "Till Someone Else Do Us Part."

Patriotic program

Order of the Eastern Star will meet at 8 p.m. Thursday at the Masonic Lodge for a patriotic program.

Midnight madness

Each Friday, the Boys and Girls Club will be open from 8 p.m. until midnight. Activities for teens Friday night include game room tournaments of pool, ping pong, air hockey and fooz ball. The gym also will be open.

Foster parent training

A training session, "Framework for Understanding Poverty," will be presented by the Oil Patch Foster Parent Association from 9:30 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. next Saturday. RSVP to Donna Zalman at 863-2275 or Donna Dickinson at 573-7817. Cost of the workbook is $15.

Donations wanted

Hermleigh Community Center is in need of ceiling fans. Donations in any amount would be appreciated to help with this project. Call Charlene Merritt at 863-2461 or Katherine Wemken at 863-2220.

Garage sale items needed

Lighthouse Assembly of God, 1900 Trinity Blvd., is accepting items for their garage sale to benefit the church building fund. Furniture, clothes, appliances and other items are appreciated. Call 573-5124 or 573-2947 for pickup.

GED testing date

The GED Testing Center on the WTC campus will administer exams at 8:30 a.m. July 24. Any person not enrolled in high school, who has not graduated, who is at least 16 years of age and meets other requirements may be tested for a high school equivalency diploma. The battery of five GED tests costs $60 and takes 7 1/2 hours to complete. Tests need not be taken in one sitting. For pre-registration and additional testing dates, call 573-2973 or 573-8511, ext. 246.

LVN registration at WTC

Students wishing to enroll in the September class for Licensed Vocational Nursing at Western Texas College need to contact the counseling office to arrange to take the pre-entrance exam. Tests will be given through July 27, and interviews will be scheduled through Aug. 9. For more information call 573-8511, ext. 313.

Texas Million

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

3-4-25-98

Cash Five

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

6-14-26-32-33

Pick 3

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

6-0-1

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Park's sewage system overwhelmed

YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK, Wyo. (AP) — Standing on historic Fishing Bridge, Cathy Cooper took in the view — North America's largest mountain lake behind her, the longest undammed river in the country below her and majestic mountains of the world's first national park all around her.

A couple of miles away, hidden along a service road, hundreds of thousands of gallons of treated sewage water were being dumped into a meadow.

"I guess if I was close enough to where they put the sewage out, that would affect me," said Ms. Cooper, a camper from Twin Falls, Idaho. "But it's still Yellowstone — that's why I came here."

Ground water entering aged sewage pipes forced the National Park Service to dump 6.5 million gallons of treated sewage over a 15-day period last month.

The dumping was necessary to prevent failure of a system that treats sewage from crowded campgrounds and other visitor facilities, officials said. Last year, raw sewage leaked into Yellowstone Lake and into a creek near Old Faithful in separate incidents.

Yellowstone's exploding geysers, soothing hot springs, majestic mountains, abundant wildlife and roaring rivers lure 30,000 people a day this time of year.

"The park is one of the biggest towns in Wyoming in the summer," said Tim Hudson, the park's chief of maintenance.

The strain of 3 million annual visitors who create 270 million gallons of waste — and use up to 18 rolls of paper a day per toilet — has overwhelmed Yellowstone's antiquated plumbing system.

On July 2, several thousand gallons of raw sewage spilled into a meadow near Upper Falls. Park staff members discovered the broken line in an unstable geologic slump and shut it down. None of the raw sewage reached any water sources.

"We're always Band-Aiding," Hudson said. "Some of those Band-Aids break, and that's when we have those problems."

The Park Service has identified 142 water and sewer problems in the park that would cost about $30 million to repair — slightly more than the park's annual budget.

"It's probably the best example of how parks are being neglected for their infrastructure and how their infrastructure is falling apart," said Jerome Uher, spokesman for the private National Parks and Conservation Association, which this spring ranked Yellowstone among the top 10 most endangered parks.

Three of the park's six sewage treatment plants need to be replaced. Flush toilets at Norris Geyser Basin are inoperable because the Norris treatment plant has been shut down. Another plant is close to failing and the third, at Old Faithful, is to be replaced by 2003 for about $5 million.

"You think of this as a very natural place, then you hear of things like that and you realize it isn't," said visitor Dina Brennan of Chippewa Falls, Wis. "You would think this would be a top priority."

The Park Service says it has a $5 billion backlog of repairs and maintenance projects at its 378 parks. Besides sewer problems, Yellowstone needs $300 million in road repairs alone.

Uher said there is plenty of blame to go around in Washington: The Park Service lacks the management and business acumen in its hierarchy to detail its needs to Congress; Congress is aware of the general problem but there is no single leader to take up the parks' cause; and the Clinton administration has concentrated on high-profile projects that get headlines while eschewing day-to-day infrastructure problems.

The Park Service says it doesn't have enough money to fix the backlog of problems and maintain a park system that already demands some $1.5 billion in funding.

Rep. Craig Thomas, R-Wyo., said Congress has increased the agency's funding in the last couple of years and it is up to the agency to set priorities on what problems it must fix first.

Yellowstone's sewage problems threaten the very environment it was created in 1872 to preserve, but there are many other parks in need, said David Barna, the Park Service's chief spokesman.

"How are you going to pick between the drums and guns of Gettysburg versus the bells at Independence Hall versus Yellowstone?" Barna said. "They are all in need. It's just very difficult."

Mike Clark, executive director of the Greater Yellowstone Coalition, a conservation group, said Congress should make a special appropriation just to fix Yellowstone's sewage system.

Cigarette makers win verdict

BATON ROUGE, La. (AP) — Two days after a jury in Florida found the tobacco industry responsible for making smokers sick, a Louisiana jury cleared two cigarette makers of any responsibility for the death of a lifelong smoker.

Robert Gilboy's widow and three children claimed that cigarettes are an unreasonably dangerous product and sought $840,000 in damages — $10,000 for every month of the seven years Gilboy lived after being diagnosed with lung cancer.

But the jury rejected the claims against R.J. Reynolds and American Tobacco on Friday after a three-week trial in state court.

"I think the jury just exercised common sense," said Reynolds attorney Ted Grossman. "Mr. Gilboy smoked all of his life, having heard and believed that smoking could shorten his life. And, we proved he didn't develop the disease from smoking."

After the verdict, Gilboy's widow, Toni, walked over to Grossman and said with a smile, "You were my worst nightmare."

She has not decided whether to appeal.

"I don't care what the jury said," Mrs. Gilboy said. "I still think smoking caused his death."

R.J. Reynolds called the verdict a significant victory that "confirms that juries are still able to apply common sense and reasonable judgment regarding tobacco lawsuits."

On Wednesday, a Florida jury handed the tobacco industry a major setback by finding cigarette companies responsible smoking-related illnesses. The industry could be forced to pay billions in damages in the class-action case.

U.S. juries have awarded damages in smoking liability cases only five times — three were overturned on appeal. In the two others, the awards were reduced by judges and the verdicts are being appealed.

In the Louisiana case, Gilboy's family argued that he was so hooked on cigarettes that he kept smoking even after the lung cancer had spread to his brain and he had to use a wheelchair.

"This is not the act of a person in control of his facilities," said attorney Gere Covert. "Cigarettes had control of him."

Tobacco company attorneys said Gilboy knew the risks and chose to smoke. They also said he would have died whether he smoked or not because a scar on his lung caused his cancer — not smoking, as the family contended.

They also said Gilboy was cancer-free when he died in 1993 at age 64.

The judge instructed the jury to consider whether cigarettes caused Gilboy's death — not whether smoking was a factor.

Jury foreman Albert Taylor said the "evidence was too cloudy" to say that cigarettes were the only cause of death.

The setting sun is redder than the rising sun because the air at the end of the day is generally dustier than it is at the beginning.

Datebook

Saturday, July 10, 1999

Today is the 191st day of 1999 and the 20th day of summer.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1928, inventor George Eastman demonstrated color motion pictures.

On this day in 1962, American frogman Fred Baldasare swam the English Channel underwater. He covered the 42-mile distance in 18 hours.

On this day in 1992, Hanna Suchocka became the first woman to serve as prime minister of Poland.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: John Calvin (1509-1564), theologian; James McNeill Whistler (1834-1903), artist; Marcel Proust (1871-1922), writer; Saul Bellow (1915-), writer, is 84; David Brinkley (1920-), broadcast journalist, is 79; Arthur Ashe (1943-1993), tennis great; Arlo Guthrie (1947-), singer-songwriter, is 52; Andre Dawson (1954-), baseball star, is 45.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1928, Milt Gaston of the Washington Senators pitched a 14-hit shutout against the Cleveland Indians.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Happiness is beneficial for the body but it is grief that develops the powers of the mind." — Marcel Proust

TODAY'S MOON: Between last quarter (July 6) and new moon (July 12).

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Sunday, July 11, 1999

Today is the 192nd day of 1999 and the 21st day of summer.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1864, Confederate troops led by Gen. Jubal Early invaded Washington, D.C.

On this day in 1952, Dwight Eisenhower received the Republican presidential nomination.

On this day in 1980, Iran released U.S. hostage Richard Queen when he was diagnosed as having multiple sclerosis.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: John Quincy Adams (1767-1848), U.S. president; E.B. White (1899-1985), writer; Yul Brynner (1920-1985), actor; Tab Hunter (1931-), actor, is 68; Debbie Harry (1945-), singer, is 54; Bonnie Pointer (1951-), singer, is 48; Sela Ward (1956-), actress, is 43.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1985, Houston Astro Nolan Ryan struck out New York Met Danny Heep, becoming the first major-league pitcher to pitch 4,000 strikeouts.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Democracy is the recurrent suspicion that more than half of the people are right more than half of the time." — E.B. White

TODAY'S MOON: Day before new moon (July 12).

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Lewis to be honored

ROME (AP) — It's not just the French who adore Jerry Lewis.

The Venice Film Festival will honor Lewis with a career award and a showing of "The Bellboy," the comic's 1960 film.

Lewis will receive the Golden Lion career award on Sept. 11, the last day of the Venice festival, when his film about a hapless worker at a Miami hotel will be screened, organizers said Friday.

Festival director Alberto Barbera praised Lewis, 73, as an "inescapable point of reference for many comic authors and actors."

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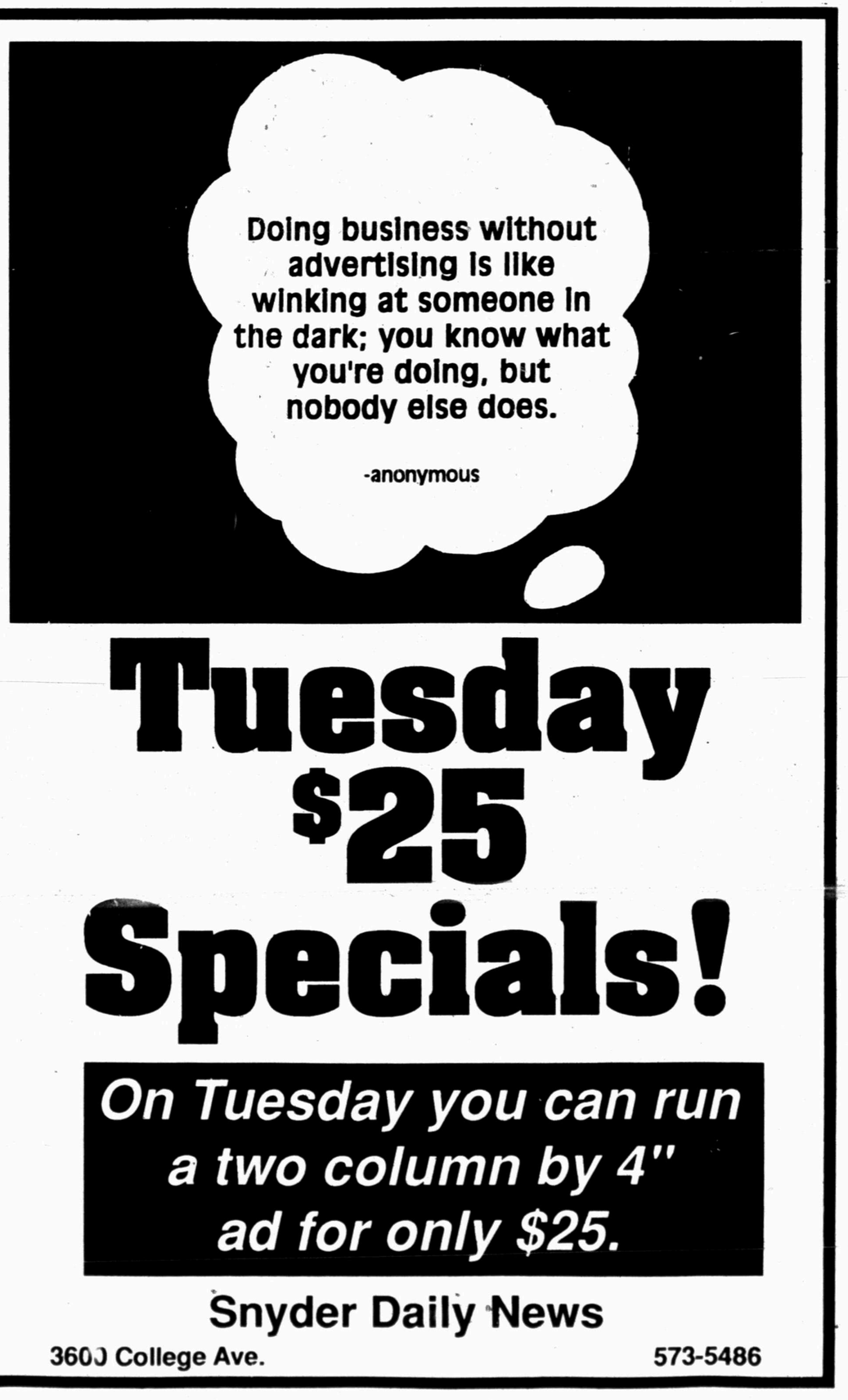

Scurry County Folks

by Shirley A. Gorman

THE SNYDER DAILY NEWS

'Tall Tales' coming to Snyder's Ritz Theatre

Local students join forces to stage Pulitzer Prize-winning play

Patrons of Snyder's Ritz Theatre will be treated to some "Tall Tales" July 16-18, courtesy of a group of 10 college and high school students, all longtime friends who share a deep and abiding love for theatre.

Emily Zeck is directing "Tall Tales," one of nine plays in Robert Schenkkan's "The Kentucky Cycle." "Tall Tales" continues the generational story of three families. The first play begins in the 1700s and the last play takes place in 1970.

"Tall Tales," set in 1885, won a Pulitzer Prize in 1992.

Mac McGraw is cast as the storyteller, a traveler who tells stories to a family and offers them a deal.

Joey Steakley dons two hats for the hour-long production. Besides being assistant director, he also portrays Tommy, the boyfriend of the family's daughter. He's "not really a bad guy," Joey said. "But at 15 he is angry."

Other cast members include Tera Kincaid as Mary Ann; Jack Hedges as Jed and Christina Bullard as Lallie.

Crew members include Emily Vinson who is the stage manager. Brandon McCraw and Jon Hensley operate the light board and Mark Haines is in charge of sound. Sonya Vinson prepared the costumes. She is also in charge of costumes for the Ritz Theatre's community plays.

Emily Zeck said "Tall Tales" will probably appeal to Snyder people because it is about "people who love the land. It's really an excellent play. Good literature and good storytelling."

LISTENING — Joey Steakley, Jack Hedges, Christina Bullard and Tera Kincaid, from left, listen attentively to Mac McCraw tell stories in "Tall Tales," which will be staged at the Ritz Theatre next Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Tickets for the play, a project of local college and high school students, are $5 each. (SDN Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

"Nothing is wasted," Mac added. "Everything is there for a purpose."

"I think people will enjoy the play," Joey said, "It is not too heavy or dark."

The friends who joined forces to produce their first play all have similar theatre backgrounds in that they studied drama at Snyder Junior High School and Snyder High School. But this is their first attempt at producing a play on their own, sans a high school or college drama director.

Emily said their inexperience is both an obstacle and a benefit. "We may not have a lot of experience, but we also don't have any preconceived notions about the way things should be. That frees us to do what we want. And it makes it more of a learning experience for us."

"The most positive aspect," Emily continued, "and one of the reasons we wanted to do it on our own is because it is a growing experience for us. We're under no pressure to have a polished project."

"Yes," Joey agreed. This a chance for us to show what we can do without a teacher or adult director."

"Tall Tales" has been "in the making" for a year. Emily and Joey first discussed putting on a play last summer. In December, they brought the idea to Ellie Dryden, who helped spearhead the Ritz renovation project several years ago. On their behalf, she sought the approval of the Ritz Board of Governors.

The students next step was to raise the $1,000 production costs. Joey said local merchants were very willing to help them.

Emily will be a junior at Mary Mount College in Manhattan this fall. She is majoring in acting and one day hopes to have a career in it. But she is also somewhat interested in directing.

"I think directing benefits acting and adds to my overall knowledge of the craft," she added.

She participated in junior high drama but didn't really "get serious" until high school. She was involved in high school drama and one-act play competition

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Hallmark

KEEPSAKE ORNAMENTS

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ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED — Nancy and Andres Candanoza of Snyder and Amelia and Abel Garza of Lamesa announce the forthcoming marriage of their children, Marissa Ann Candanoza and Jacob R. Garza. They are planning a 4 p.m., July 24 ceremony at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church. (Contributed Photo)

JONES, BULLARD PLAN VOWS — Jack and Barbra Jones of Snyder announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Holly Renee Jones, to Ryan Cole Bullard. He is the son of Dr. Randy Bullard of Lubbock and Darra Bullard of Chickasha, Okla. The couple are making plans for a 4 p.m., Aug. 7 wedding ceremony in the Vandelia Church of Christ in Lubbock with Doug Hale, minister, officiating. (Contributed Photo)

Mr. and Mrs. Edward James Petty
(Contributed Photo)

Dea, Petty pledge vows

Private garden ceremony

Melissa Kaye Dea of Snyder and Edward James Petty of Colorado City were united in marriage at 6 p.m. Friday, June 18, in a private garden ceremony at the home of Richard and Donna Dupree of Snyder. Rev. Rusty Dickerson of Dimmett, formerly of Snyder, and Blake Durham of Abernathy, nephew of the bride, assisted.

The bride wore a tea-length yellow dress with a front button jacket. For something old, she wore a string of pearls given to her mother by her father; something new was her wedding attire; she borrowed pearl earrings from her sister-in-law, Cindy Durham; and blue ribbon and net were intertwined into her bouquet of long-stemmed red roses.

The groom's best man was Rocky Moore of Sweetwater. Jordan Dea, son of the bride, was his other attendant. The bride's matron of honor was Theresa Ervin of Snyder. Other attendants were Jessica Dea, daughter of the bride, Jennifer Petty, daughter of the groom, and Cindy Durham, sister-in-law of the bride. The women carried long-stemmed confetti rose tied with rainbow ribbon. The attendants chose their own attire.

The groom and his attendants entered the ceremony to Maranatha's "Make Your Presence Known." The bride, escorted by her son, entered to "From This Moment On." Following the vows and exchanging of the rings, the bride presented the groom's daughter with a gift and promise of love and nurturing; the groom did the same for the bride's daughter and son. The first act of marriage was a celebration of communion between the bride and groom as Connie Dickerson of Dimmett sang, "How Beautiful." The ceremony concluded with "You Are the Love of My Life."

A reception was hosted by the bride's parents, Bill and Darla Willis of Snyder, following the ceremony. Rainbow colors signifying "Covenant and a New Beginning" were carried throughout. Sandwiches and other snacks were served on Fiesta Ware on a table covered with a cloth of primary rainbow colors.

The reception table, covered with a white cloth and decorated with confetti, candles, multicolored flower arrangement and a picture of the bride and groom, held a cake designed and made by Cindy Durham and served by Donna Dupree. Almond punch with fruit slices, made by Theresa Ervin, was served by Alexis Dupree. A platter of stuffed strawberries, made by Donna, was also served.

A registry table was set up in the entrance of the home. It was decorated with dried red and confetti rose buds that were given to the bride when the groom proposed. Rachael Dupree registered guests as they entered.

The couple left the home under a shower of bubbles. The bottles of bubbles were distributed to guests by Andrew Dupree.

Following their honeymoon in Ruidoso, Santa Fe and Albuquerque, N.M., the couple made their home in Snyder where the bride is the Human Resource Specialist at the TDCJ Ware Unit in Colorado City. The groom is a TDCJ captain of COs, also in Colorado City.

Suit for recovering yo-yo

UNION CITY, Tenn. (AP) — A judge apparently reached the end of his rope over one man's lawsuit to recover his son's confiscated yo-yo from school teachers.

Judge Raymond Morris dismissed the lawsuit Wednesday and ordered the father to pay court costs.

Johnny Johnson of Samburg also must pay the legal fees of the two teachers named in his lawsuit, which Morris called frivolous. Johnson sought $7 for the yo-yo plus $73.25 in court costs.

Black Oak Elementary School Principal Tommy Carpenter said students were told not to bring toys on a field trip in April but several did.

Teachers confiscated four yo-yos and told the youngsters their parents could pick up the toys or they could wait to have them returned at the end of the school year.

Carpenter said Johnson declined the invitation to retrieve his son's yo-yo.

Community Calendar

MONDAY

Al-Anon Snyder Park Club; noon.

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

Defensive Driving Course set Monday and Tuesday evenings at 6 to 9; community room of Texas Savings Bank, 27th & College Ave.; no reservations are needed and for more information call 573-2850.

Just For Today NA, closed meeting; Snyder Park Club; for information call 573-0949 or 573-8018; 6 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 573-8626, 573-9458 or 574-1292; 8 p.m.

Nuestra Vueva Esperanza AA; Park Club; 8 p.m.

TUESDAY

Weight Watchers; Trinity United Methodist Church, 5200 Trinity Blvd.; for more information call for Nathalie at 573-0015; 5 p.m. weigh-in.

Plainview Family Community Education Club (FCE); 2 p.m.

Snyder Shrine Club; call 863-2702 for meeting place; 6 p.m.

Just for Today NA, closed meeting; for information call 573-0949. 573-4238 pr 573-8010; 6 p.m.

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

New Horizons 12 & 12, closed meeting; Park Club; 7 p.m.

New Horizons AA, closed meeting; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-8626, 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.

Just For Today NA, open meeting; Park Club; for information, call 573-4203, 573-8018 p.m.

THURSDAY

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Bridge

By Phillip Alder

	North		07-10-99
	♠ 6 4		
	♥ Q J 8 7		
	♦ K Q J 10		
	♣ A J 10		
West		East	
♠ 9 2		♠ A K Q 7 5 3	
♥ 10 9 5 4 2		♥ 6 3	
♦ 8 7 5 4 2		♦ 9 6	
♣ 2		♣ Q 9 8	
	South		
	♠ J 10 8		
	♥ A K		
	♦ A 3		
	♣ K 7 6 5 4 3		

Vulnerable: East-West
Dealer: West

South	West	North	East
	Pass	1 ♦	1 ♠
2 ♣	Pass	3 ♣	Pass
5 ♣	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♠ 9

The lowest is strong enough

By Phillip Alder

Octavio Paz claims, "Solitude lies at the lowest depth of the human condition. Man is the only being who feels himself to be alone and the only one who is searching for the Other." Do you agree with that? I do. Although some can be happy living alone, most people find it extremely painful.

Today, let's finish our look at the uppercut, when a defender's ruff forces an overruff, which promotes a trump trick, usually for the ruffer's partner.

After a straightforward auction, South is in five clubs. (South might have done more, in case his partner had the hand to make six clubs desirable.) West leads the spade nine in answer to his partner's overcall. East wins with the queen, then cashes the spade ace. Fine, but where is the third defensive trick?

Probably you are thinking that East will also score his club queen. With nine trumps, the percentage play for declarer is to cash the ace and king. However, left to his own resources, South might well guess who holds the club queen because of East's overcall. (Without the club queen, East might have made a two-spade weak jump overcall.)

Also, East can be confident from the point-count that West doesn't have a winner. So, there is only one choice. Continue with a *low* spade, which West ruffs with the club two. When declarer overruffs with dummy's 10, East's trump holding has grown into a trick: one down.

When did you last see an uppercut with the trump *two*? Sometimes the lowest card in the deck is enough to generate the setting trick.

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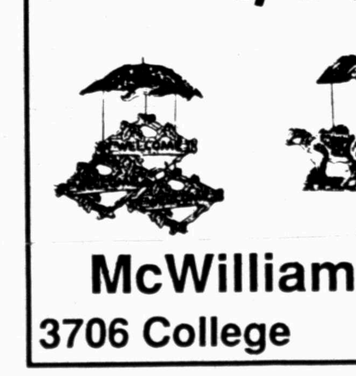

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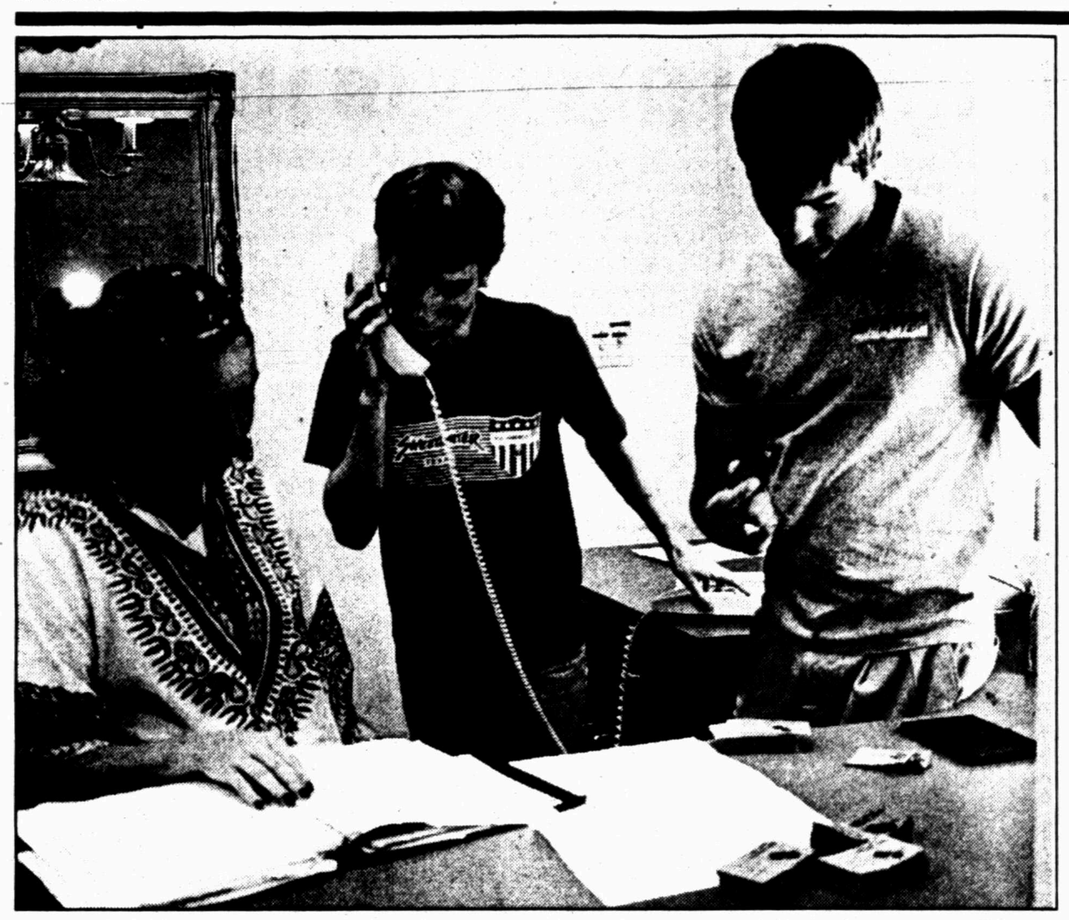

GETTING READY — Emily Zeck, Joey Steakley and Mac McCraw, from left, are discussing "Tall Tales" which will be performed at the Ritz Theatre next Friday, Saturday and Sunday. (SDN Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

'Tall Tales' to open Friday

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under the direction of Jerry Worsham, long time SHS drama instructor.

"I grew to love it (drama) so much in high school that I wanted to study it later," she said. She graduated from SHS in 1997.

Mac, a 1998 SHS graduate, attends North Texas State University in Denton where he will be a sophomore in the fall.

Though he also studied acting in junior high and high school, he said he is not interested in pursuing it as a career. He enjoys watching theatre productions and would one day like to take part in community theatre.

Joey, who will be a sophomore at Southern Methodist University in the fall, wants to pursue an acting career. He said working with different directors is beneficial to actors. Christina will be a sophomore at SMU. She is enrolled in the honors program but has not decided on her major yet. She graduated from SHS in 1998, and studied drama since junior high, including three years of one-act competition.

Jack, who will also be a sophomore at SMU, is majoring in broadcasting. He participated in drama and one act for three years, graduating from SHS in 1998.

Tera will be a senior at SHS. She has studied drama since the eighth grade.

Emily Vinson will be a senior at SHS in the fall. She first became interested in drama in junior high.

Other high school students include Brandon, a junior, Mark, a sophomore and Jon, a senior. Drama has played a part in Mark's life since the seventh grade. Jon and Brandon both have two years one-act play experience.

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Tickets for "Tall Tales" will be $5 each and reservations can be made by calling the Ritz Theatre at 573-8880, daily from 2-5 p.m.

Performances are set for 8 p.m. on July 16 and 17 and at

Talk magazine party on track; site changes

NEW YORK (AP) — The party's back on for Talk magazine.

The city torpedoed plans to hold the magazine's coming-out gala at the Brooklyn Navy Yard, in part because the first issue's cover might feature Hillary Rodham Clinton, a potential rival for Mayor Rudolph Giuliani in next year's Senate race.

Now the event has been moved to Liberty Island, federal property that is home of the Statue of Liberty.

"We're thrilled to have the Statue of Liberty," said Tina Brown, editor of the magazine owned by Miramax Films and Hearst Magazines.

Officials for the National Park Service said a permit for the Aug. 2 party would be issued in about five days.

"There are a couple of things that need to be finalized, like timing and assurance that the event won't impact the regular visitor experience," said Michael Conklin, events coordinator for Liberty Island.

The 800-person guest list will include Giuliani, a Miramax spokeswoman said. The mayor has not said whether he will attend.

The original party plans were denied primarily because the Brooklyn Navy Yard is unsuitable for such an event, Deputy Mayor Randy Levine said last month.

But he admitted that Mrs. Clinton's involvement also played a part. "There was the possibility that this thing would turn into a circus," he said.

Miramax has said no decision had been made about who would be on Talk's inaugural cover.

This was not the first time the Giuliani administration has tussled with a magazine. In 1997, the city yanked ads from city buses that said New York magazine was "Possibly the only good thing in New York Rudy hasn't taken credit for."

City lawyers cited a state law preventing people from having their names or faces in ads without their permission. The magazine sued, saying its free speech rights were violated. Courts sided with the magazine.

CREW AT WORK — Members of the crew for "Tall Tales" are from left, Mark Haines, Emily Vinson, Emily Zeck, who also directs; Brandon McCraw and Jon Hensley. (SDN Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

Jury clears two tobacco firms

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They also noted that Gilboy was cancer-free when he died at 64.

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Scientists discover mystery of speedy winds

WASHINGTON (AP) — For 37 years, solar physicists have wondered how charged particles streaming from the sun could reach a speed of almost 2 million mph. A new study solves the puzzle: The particles catch a magnetic wave and surf across space.

Existence of a high speed flow from the sun, called the solar wind, was first confirmed in 1962, but experts were startled at the wind's velocity. They had expected it to poke along at a mere 1 million mph, and the higher speed has been a puzzle.

New measurements by two satellites have provided the answer, researchers said Thursday, by showing that the solar wind's speed is boosted by magnetic waves that spiral out from the sun.

"The solar wind is accelerated out of the sun by magnetic waves in much the same way a surfer rides the waves to the shore," said John L. Kohl of the Smithsonian Astrophysical Observatory.

"These findings have revolutionized our understanding of the sun's outer atmosphere and the solar wind," said George Withbroe, a director in the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's office of space science.

The solar wind is composed of electrically charged particles — atoms and electrons — constantly flowing from the sun's outer atmosphere, or corona. The 1 million to 2 million degree heat of the corona strips electrons from oxygen and hydrogen atoms, creating the charged particles. The stream of gas and electrons streak across the solar system, blasting unprotected planets, and racing outward into deep space, reaching a point, experts say, about 9 billion miles from the sun.

A magnetic field surrounding the Earth protects it from the erosion of the solar wind, but most other planets are not as lucky. For instance, scientists believe it was the solar wind that stripped away any atmosphere from Mars.

"The solar wind is staggering in size. Every eight hours, the sun puts out gas equal to all of the gases in the Earth's atmosphere," said Kohl.

Scientists had speculated about the solar wind, but its existence was not confirmed until the Mariner spacecraft took measurements in 1962, the same year that John Glenn made his first spaceflight. But the discovery raised the question about why the wind was moving faster than experts say was possible from ordinary solar radiant energy.

Ironically, the high-speed mystery was solved with the help of a robot spacecraft hauled into orbit aboard the space shuttle that returned Glenn to space last October.

The solution came from measurements taken by the Spartan 201 spacecraft, carried into orbit by the shuttle, and by the SOHO, a sun-observing spacecraft jointly owned by NASA and the European Space Agency.

The Spartan and SOHO instruments detected oxygen and hydrogen atoms spiraling along vibrating magnetic fields that stream out from the corona. The atoms pick up speed from the push of the wavelike motion of the magnetic fields, Kohl said.

Two solar diameters out from the sun's outer atmosphere, the oxygen atoms are traveling at more than 1 million mph, said Leonard Strachan, an astrophysicist at the Smithsonian Astrophysical Observatory. He said the hydrogen atoms travel at a lower speed, about 600,000 mph.

By the time the solar wind reaches the vicinity of the Earth, he said, it is traveling at more than 500 miles per second, almost 2 million mph.

To illustrate this speed, Strachan said it takes the space shuttle about 90 minutes to orbit the Earth. The oxygen atoms in the solar wind, he said, could complete an Earth orbit in one minute.

House GOP offers plan for tax breaks

WASHINGTON (AP) — Republican tax relief packages are beginning to take firm shape in Congress, with the House GOP offering new tax breaks for education and a key senator preparing to release some parts of his plan.

The Senate's top tax writer, Republican William Roth of Delaware, is scheduled to give this week's GOP radio message and likely will focus on the income tax cuts in his draft bill, estimated at $792 billion over a decade.

House Republicans, meanwhile, have spent this week sketching out pieces of their tax cut estimated at $850 billion over 10 years, but some of the biggest items are yet to come.

The education proposal Thursday from Rep. Bill Archer, chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, sets the GOP on a collision course with Clinton, who vetoed a bill with similar private school benefits last year.

But Archer, R-Texas, said the measure — a priority for Republican conservatives — would "lighten the education tax bite" and give parents "more choices as they design the best education for their children."

The plan, a version of which is already moving in the Senate, would allow private universities for the first time to offer prepaid tuition programs like those currently used by 19 states for public universities. It would also make both types of plans completely tax-exempt instead of deferring taxes, as current law permits.

Archer also wants to expand IRA-like savings accounts for education so that they apply to the costs of public or private elementary and secondary schools, not just higher education. The maximum annual amount that could be contributed would rise from $500 to $2,000.

In addition, the proposal would change rules for revenue bonds so that state and local governments could more easily raise money for public school construction projects.

All told, the three proposals would cost about $8 billion over 10 years.

Democrats said the private school benefits would divert too much federal money away from public schools and would do less than a Clinton alternative to help needy public schools modernize or replace dilapidated buildings.

"While they purport to provide assistance to millions of families, the benefit is a pittance to all but the very wealthy," said Rep. Charles Rangel of New York, top Democrat on the Ways and Means Committee.

Archer has previously announced plans to cut top capital gains rates from 20 percent to 15 percent and create new tax breaks for people who care for an elderly relative at home.

Still to come are some of the most costly pieces of the plan, including a broad reduction in income taxes, cuts in inheritance taxes and elimination of the "marriage penalty" in which millions of two-earner couples pay more tax than if they were single.

Aides say Archer is considering three alternatives for the cut in income taxes: adjusting one or more brackets so that more income is taxed at lower rates, an across-the-board rate reduction that would gradually reach 10 percent over a decade and a "bottom-line" cut in which taxpayers could take a certain percentage off their taxes on Internal Revenue Service forms.

The Ways and Means Committee plans to begin moving its tax package next week. Its greatest significance may be as a Republican political statement, since Clinton is unlikely to sign it into law and wants some of the money used for Medicare and increased spending.

Public Records

New Vehicle Registrations

John S. and Pamela S. Fenton, 1999 Chevrolet from Big Country Autoland.

Jim Smith, 1999 Pontiac from Big County Autoland.

Aline Parks, 1999 Mercury from Wilson Motors.

Jamie Hall, 1999 Ford Explorer from Wilson Motors.

Lawrence Jaramillo, 1999 Ford from Wilson Motors.

John R. Boren, 1999 Ford from Wilson Motors.

Paul and Patsy Condit, 1999 Chevrolet Suburban from Big Country Autoland.

Donnie Gilbreath, 1999 GMC Yukon from Big Country Autoland.

Albert J. and Gladys Kuss, 1999 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

Debra Jenkins, 1999 GMC Jimmy from Big Country Autoland.

Tony Terry, 1999 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

Thomas W. Galyean, 1999 Chevrolet Blazer from Big Country Autoland.

Niles Foster, 1999 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

Jana Dickey, 1999 Chevrolet Suburban from David Stanley Chevrolet.

Marriage License

Michael Chon Rodriguez and Jennifer Susan Barnes, both of Snyder.

Estevan G. Hernandez and Ramona Olivio Dobson, both of Snyder.

Erick Von Lewis and Robbi Nikkole Mason, both of Snyder.

David H. Butler of Harker Heights and Terry Lynn Brown of Reidsville, N.C.

Filed in District Court

Scurry County vs. Freddie Hull, et al, delinquent tax suit.

Action in District Court

In the marriage of Laurie H. Grinslade and Dewey Keith Grinslade, divorce granted.

Scurry County vs. Felipe Estrada, et al, notice of non-suit.

Scurry County vs. Wade Choate, et al, notice of non-suit.

Deed Record

Southern Cotton Oil Company, a division of Archer-Daniels-Midland Company, to Scurry County Gin Inc., 21.73 acres out of the southeast one-quarter of Section 250, Block 97 J H&TC survey.

Charles and Donna Broadwater to Jack and Rana Anderson, all of Lot 2 in Block 10 of the Park Place Addition.

Linda Lee Dunn, individually and as independent executrix of the estate of Inez Wilson, to Jimmy Ward Wilson, 6.150 acres in the northwest one-quarter of Section119, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Linda Lee Dunn, individually and as independent executrix of the estate of Inez Wilson, to Jimmy Ward Wilson, 2 acres in the northwest one-quarter of Section 119, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Dennis and Rhonda Taylor to Donald H. And Marie F. Dollins, 2 acres out of the southeast corner of the west one-half of the southeast one-quarter of Section 134, Block 97, H&TC survey.

W.L. and Sue Rawlins to Fae E. Rinker, the south 19.35 feet of Lot 6, all of Lot 7 and the north 7.15 feet of Lot 8, all in Block 1 of the Colonial Hill Addition.

Kent Horsley, Vicki Jean Craig, Jerry Don Horsley and Darla Diane Wittie, to William Albert Dotts Jr., all of Lots 14 and 15 in Block 1 of the Kittrell Heights Addition.

Brenda Gayle Morris to Patsy Jane Jones, all the east one-half of Lot 4 in Block 32 of the Blankenship Addition.

Jerry Ince, Trustee for Linda Compton, to Michael L. Seale, the east one-half of Lot 3 in Block 24 of the Blankenship Addition.

Jennetta Bailey, independent executrix of the estate of John Bailey, to Jennetta Bailey, tract one being the west 25 feet of the east 125 feet of the south 100 feet of Lot 2 and the west 25 feet of Lot 2 and the north 45 feet and east 75 feet of Lot 4 in Block 22 of the Blankenship Addition; tract two being the south 96 feet of the east 75 feet of Lot 4 in Block 33 of the Blankenship Addition.

Nazario Ramirez Juarez to Gregoria Juarez, the north 50 feet of Lots 7-9 in Block 6 of the Wilmeth Addition.

Q&A

Ephedrine

Ephedrine

Ephedrine is a naturally occurring central nervous system stimulant obtained from several plant species of genus Ephedra. It is now also produced by chemical synthesis, and is marketed in the form of its salt, ephedrine sulfate (a white crystalline powder with a bitter taste, soluble in water and very soluble in alcohol). Ephedrine is closely related in structure to methamphetamine.

Oral ephedrine is approved for over-the-counter use as a bronchodilator in individuals who have been diagnosed with mild asthma for short-term use and under medical supervision. Since more effective drugs are now available with fewer side effects, ephedrine is no longer the drug of choice for reversible airway obstruction. The recommended over-the-counter dose for adults is 12.5-25 mg. every four hours, not to exceed 150 mg. in 24 hours. If symptoms are not relieved or worsen within one hour, medical assistance should be sought immediately.

Side effects of ephedrine include stimulation of the central nervous system, with anxiety, nervousness, sleeplessness, tremor, dizziness, headache, confusion, delirium, hallucination, and dilated pupils. With prolonged abuse, there can be symptoms of psychosis such as paranoid schizophrenia and psychological dependence.

Another side effect is cardiovascular stimulation with skin flushing, tachychardia, palpitations, increased blood pressure (which may cause cerebral hemorrhage), and cardiac arrhythmia's and angina in patients with coronary insufficiency.

Urinary retention can occur, especially in males with prostatism, and gastrointestinal side effects can include nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, and constipation. It also stimulates contraction of the uterus.

Ephedrine is the primary precursor used in the clandestine production of methamphetamine and methcathinone, a methamphetamine analog known on the street as "Cat." Methamphetamine is synthesized from ephedrine or phenyl-2-propane (p2p). l-Ephedrine is the preferred and most often used precursor since it produced d-methamphetamine, the more potent optical isomer.

Ephedrine is the oral form of Epinephrine, or adrenaline. It was once a commonly prescribed drug for asthma, but newer drugs in the xanthine class and more selective beta-2 agonists have less side effects. Ephedrine is chemically related to pseudoephedrine, which is approved as a decongestant. Pseudoephedrine has a different side effect profile the ephedrine, with less cardiovascular and central nervous system stimulant effects. It is widely available in the over-the-counter cold and allergy medicines in pharmacies.

In addition, ephedrine products are sold in truck stops and convenience stores with the FDA-required asthma and bronchodilator labeling, but they are marketed in a manner to imply their effectiveness as stimulants or for weight loss. One form of "truck stop" ephedrine is Mini-Thins. Texas authorities continue to receive reports of the abuse of these drugs, particularly by young teenagers.

Another form of ephedrine is the naturally occurring ma huang. A major concern is the prevalent use of marketing terms such as "all natural" or "all herbs" and the use of common names for ingredients which are not known by the general population and most healthcare professionals to contain active drug ingredients. In addition, some of these products are "spiked" with synthetic ephedrine and caffeine

Health authorities are concerned about products which contain ma huang extracts or concentrates, which are 6.0 to 8.0 percent ephedrine, as compared to naturally occurring levels of 0.5 to 2.0 percent.

There are also problems with the marketing of ephedrine products as legal or "natural" versions of illicit hallucinogenic substances. These products are labeled as dietary supplements and marketed as being safe and "all natural," although the may contain 50 to 100 mg. of ephedrine in combination with caffeine

This information was provided by the Texas Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse. Needs Assessment Research Dept.

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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Political pressure may insure drug coverage

WASHINGTON (AP) — Intense political pressures leading to the 2000 elections are making it more likely that Congress will help older Americans pay for their drugs, a Medicare goal since LBJ's day.

The pressure to get something done "could crush a diamond," said Carl Feldbaum, president of the Biotechnology Industry Organization, which lobbies for drug makers.

Whether all or just some retirees will get help paying their drug bills, and how much, will depend on how disagreements between Democrats and Republicans are resolved.

As lawmakers look for ways to strengthen cash-strapped retirement programs for aging baby boomers, politicians of both parties say they want to improve access to new drugs that can slow the progress of many diseases and help keep older people out of hospitals and nursing homes.

The idea also appeals to lawmakers as a bauble to display before some of the nation's most active voters: the older generation.

President Clinton wants to add a new drug benefit to Medicare, the health insurance program for the elderly and disabled founded in 1965 as part of President Johnson's 1960s Great Society initiative.

Under Clinton's proposal, drug benefits would be available as an option for all 39 million Medicare beneficiaries starting in 2002. Initially it would provide 50 percent government coverage of prescription costs up to a $1,000 annual cap in exchange for a $24 monthly premium paid by enrollees.

Republicans say direct Medicare drug subsidies are needed only for the poorest beneficiaries, while others could be helped through the private sector. Tax breaks for those who buy private Medigap insurance that covers drugs are among alternatives GOP leaders are considering.

The latest projections for government surpluses, totaling close to $1 trillion over the next decade, have made it easier for even conservative lawmakers to contemplate creating an expensive new government benefit for the elderly.

The bigger-than-expected surplus "makes fixing the prescription drug part of Medicare a reality," Senate Budget Committee Chairman Pete Domenici, R-N.M., has said.

Speaker Dennis Hastert, R-Ill., has said he believes the House will approve some help with drug costs for the neediest retirees this year. And Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss., has asked the Finance Committee to send Medicare overhaul legislation to the Senate that would improve retirees' access to prescription coverage.

An optimistic Clinton has invited leaders of both parties to meet to talk about how to move forward once Congress reconvenes next week from its Independence Day recess.

"I think it's a good sign that we have the Republican leadership with the door open," Clinton said.

Medicare's potential power as a political weapon still threatens to spoil chances for a deal.

"Both parties feel they want to do something, and both want to take credit, but neither party trusts one another," said Democratic Party consultant Victor Kamber. "This could just be a political football where both talk about it and blame the other one come election time."

But pressure to compromise will be strong on both Democrats and Republicans.

Lawmakers know from mail and town meetings that expensive prescriptions rank high on the list of retirees' wish lists, said John Rother, public policy director for AARP, the nation's largest organization of older adults.

"Once the expectation is raised that they're going to do something about it, I think it's going to be very hard for them not to follow through," Rother said. "This is going to be a voting issue in the next election if they don't do it."

Back in their congressional districts this week, Democrats have tried to raise such expectations by blanketing the country with news conferences staged outside hometown drug stores and meetings at senior citizens' centers.

But while adding drug coverage to Medicare is "popular on the surface," GOP pollster Ed Goeas said, "polling show people are concerned ... that it may cause a runaway cost."

Republican lawmakers will have some strong back-up in their argument that that Clinton's plan would overdo it.

Hospitals and other health care providers are mobilizing to protest the president's scheme to get much of the $118 billion needed to pay for his drug benefit from curbs on Medicare payments for other kinds of care.

The Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America, meanwhile, has already run newspaper ads cautioning that government involvement in the drug market could result in price controls that would mean less choice for retirees and dry up investment dollars for biomedical research.

FBI agent investigating any link to white supremacists

PEORIA, Ill. (AP) — Federal agents are investigating whether a white supremacist group and its leader helped Benjamin Smith carry out his shooting attacks last weekend against minorities.

Attorney General Janet Reno said Thursday it is too soon to tell if the probe will lead to charges against the World Church of the Creator or its leader, Matt Hale.

Prosecutors said they could find no other links between extremist groups and Donald Fiessinger, the man authorities say illegally sold Smith his weapons.

Federal agents wanted to know whether Fiessinger, 64, sold Smith the guns as part of an effort to supply firearms to racist extremists.

Fiessinger faces a charge of selling firearms without a federal permit. He was freed after meeting a $10,000 bond Thursday.

Smith is believed to have used the guns on a three-day killing spree through Illinois and Indiana that targeted blacks, Jews and Asians. Two people were killed and nine others injured before Smith apparently shot himself and bled to death after a police chase.

Smith may have seen Fiessinger's classified ads in a local newspaper, said prosecutor Tate Chambers. Fiessinger had no knowledge of Smith's racist beliefs when he sold Smith a .308-caliber handgun on June 26 and a .22-caliber handgun on June 29, Chambers said.

Investigators say Smith bankrolled his rampage by cashing investments of $10,000 to $20,000 in the last 30 days, the Chicago Sun-Times reported today.

"It looks like he was going on a road trip," said Skokie police Lt. Barry Silverberg. Earlier this week, authorities said they would investigate the source of Smith's cash to help determine if he acted alone. Investigators said they have not turned up evidence anyone assisted Smith.

Authorities are examining Smith's personal computer, which was found in a storage locker he shared with Hale, Silverberg told the newspaper. Authorities say they also found hate literature, a Nazi flag and an armband.

Police reopen investigation

BOSTON (AP) — Police are revisiting the case of the Boston Strangler, who killed more than a dozen women and terrorized the city in the early 1960s until a factory worker confessed to the crimes.

The Boston Police Department's Cold Case Squad is hoping to use DNA technology to analyze evidence from the crimes in order to prove once and for all whether Albert DeSalvo was responsible for the killings, The Boston Globe reported today.

Authorities lacked evidence to try DeSalvo on murder charges, but he was convicted in 1967 of sex offenses, assaults and armed robberies and sentenced to life in prison.

He was stabbed to death in his cell in 1973, and second-guessing about his claims — and even the theory that one man was responsible for the killings — began almost immediately.

A 1995 book by Susan Kelly claimed that DeSalvo could have learned all the details about the killings — information with which he impressed investigators — by reading the newspapers. Kelly also said DeSalvo could have learned the information from the real killer in prison.

"The Strangler case is one of the most notorious in the country," police Capt. Timothy Murray told the Globe. "If we can solve this, it might spark other cities to use DNA to solve old crimes. There's no statute of limitations on murder."

Several obstacles stand in investigators' way. Police know evidence exists — case logs describe sperm samples swabbed from some of the victims — but have been unable to locate the items. And they think the knife used to kill DeSalvo was preserved, but they haven't been able to find it, either.

The knife could provide a clean DNA sample, so investigators wouldn't have to exhume DeSalvo's body. But police say they're willing to dig up the body if they find DNA samples that need to be matched.

Senior Center Menu

Monday

Chicken spaghetti, vegetable sticks, Harvard beets, tossed salad, bread pudding

Tuesday

Grilled ham, scalloped potatoes, green beans, carrot/raisin salad, banana pudding

Wednesday

Meat loaf, peas and carrots, tossed salad, Jell-O w/topping, chocolate chip cookie

Thursday

Pork roast w/gravy, mashed potatoes, Brussel sprouts, peaches & cottage cheese, spice cake

Friday

Fried fish, vegetable medley, macaroni and tomatoes, cucumber/onion salad, pineapple flop cake.

Senior Center News

Monday

Bridge play begins at 9:30 a.m. and daily exercise at 11 a.m. Swimnastics at Western Texas College is on Mondays and Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Tuesday

88 play begins at 10 a.m. and the Golden K Kiwanis meet at noon.

Wednesday

The AARP Board will meet at 10 a.m. Anne Gregory will be playing the piano in the dining room beginning at 11:30 a.m. Line dancers and cloggers will practice at 1 and 2 p.m. respectively.

Thursday

The fabric painting class begins at 9 a.m. and seniors are invited. The volunteer in charge of this activity will be glad to teach newcomers this craft.

Friday

The blood pressure clinic and the bridge tournament begin at 9:30 a.m. 88 play begins at 10, exercise at 11, and the sing-a-long at 11:30 a.m.

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The Kitchen Band is on summer break until Aug. 4 and the Sunshine Choir is on summer break until September. Transportation is available for seniors Monday-Friday from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Call 573-4035 the day before you need the ride.

Seniors who enjoy walking are urged to be cautious of the heat and be reminded that Travis Gym is available for seniors who walk for exercise.

Seniors are encouraged to join the daily activities of quilting, dominoes and pool. The 88 and bridge rooms are available every morning Monday through Friday for those activities.

Volunteers are encouraged to help with the quilting program, home-delivered meals, the congregate meals and various activities throughout the community.

Some of the organizations that benefit from seniors who work are the Noah Project, ARC garage sale, the Food Cupboard and the Senior Center.

Volunteers are asked to record their hours on a master sheet at the site where they volunteer or at the center. The Senior Center honors these volunteers at a banquet in the spring.

Hours are tabulated in two ways: the number of hours per person for one year and the accumulated hours from year to year per person. For more information call 573-4035 or comer by at 2603 Avenue M.

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Despite verdict, tobacco industry lawyers still have many options

MIAMI (AP) — Tobacco industry lawyers still have many options in their attempts to fend off what could be a huge penalty in a lawsuit holding them responsible for making thousands of Florida smokers sick.

Tobacco company lawyers could try to argue that smokers bear personal responsibility for lighting up even though they knew the health risks, legal experts said Thursday.

Another option would be to question whether a lawsuit filed by nine people should cover as many as 500,000 sick smokers.

The fight could push back any final ruling from the jury on monetary damages for weeks or even months.

In the first class-action lawsuit by smokers to go to trial, the jury on Wednesday said the nation's five largest tobacco companies engaged in "extreme and outrageous conduct" in making a defective product that causes emphysema, lung cancer and other illnesses.

In the next phase, the jury will decide how much to award the lawsuit's nine original plaintiffs. The judge also must deal with claims of the other members of the class-action suit, which could number up to 500,000 sick smokers.

"There's a lot of complicated stuff here," said Stephan Landsman, a law professor at DePaul University.

Perhaps the biggest threat to the lawsuit is the industry's demand that the class-action be decertified, meaning that the nine smokers who have sued would be barred from representing thousands of others.

Circuit Judge Robert Kaye, who presided over the trial, will hold a hearing on the issue later this month, but is not expected to dissolve the class. That means an appeal to higher courts is a near certainty.

Most courts thus far have rejected such class actions, saying that the reasons for smoking and the diseases are too different to bundle all smokers together.

SNYDER I.S.D. SCHOOL REGISTRATION

Tuesday, July 20, 1999
8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
in each of the five elementary schools.

Back to School

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, 1999, 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, 1999
in order to enroll in Kindergarten, and 6 years of age on or before
September 1, 1999, 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 20, 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 19 and August 11, 1999, at the Jr. High School. Students are asked to bring Grade Records, Student Social Security CARD, Birth Cretificate 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 27, 1999. 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 28th 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 Wednesday, August 11, 1999

Persons with questions may call their respective schools after July 14, 1999.

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Country Life

by Deanie Francis Mills

When I walked into the Ritz Community Theatre here in Snyder this week for a special viewing of the play, "Tall Tales," I knew I was in for a treat. Not just because "Tall Tales," which is a part of the epic "The Kentucky Cycle" by playwright Robert Schenkkan, had won the Pulitzer Prize for Drama in 1992. And not just because "Time" magazine had stated in its review of "The Kentucky Cycle," that, "What makes the work so hauntingly memorable is a poetic impulse, not a prosaic one ... The play strives for mythic power and attains it."

No, I knew I was in for a treat because this play is being staged, directed, and acted entirely by students, all of whom either attend Snyder High School now, or have come back from college on summer break after having graduated from SHS. Not all of the college students are theatre majors, but they are all enrolled in top universities. The director, Emily Zeck, is a junior at the prestigious Marymount College of the Performing Arts in New York City. Joey Steakley, who plays Tommy Jackson, is a theatre major on an acting scholarship to Southern Methodist University. Christina Bullard, who plays Lallie Rowen, is also a scholarship student at SMU, and Mac McCraw, who plays J.T. Wells, is attending the University of North Texas. The part of Mary Ann Rowen, who narrates the play and presents its point of view, is played by SHS' own Tera Kincaid.

Technical support is also rendered by students. Brandon McCraw and Jon Hensley handle lights, Mark Haines does the sound. Sonya Vinson provides costumes, and Emily Venson serves as stage manager.

What I love about this play is that not only did students select the play to be performed, cast it, and all the rest, but students tracked down funding, (which is minimal), and students made up fliers and students did it all! And why do they do this? Are they being paid? Certainly not. In fact, most of them are juggling rehearsals around summer jobs. Are they getting extra class hours for college? Nope.

They're doing it because they love it. They love using the magic of theatre to tell a story, and they have chosen a story especially for Scurry County, because they thought folks here would relate to it and appreciate it.

"Tall Tales" is set in 1920, in the Appalachian area of Eastern Kentucky. It's about a family, the Rowens, who love the land that has been in their family for generations. Mary Ann Rowen begins the play with a narrative on how springtime would explode in the woods when she was a little girl, about the big oak tree that she believed "held up the sky."

And then one day a "storyteller," J.T. Wells, pays a call on the simple country family. A storyteller was someone who, before the days of radio and television — especially in an area like the Appalachians, which didn't yet have electricity — would travel from homestead to homestead and entertain the family with stories in exchange for a meal and a bed. Most of the mountain folk could not read or write, so even the joy of books was denied them. Storytellers were much revered for the hours of entertainment they could provide.

Everyone is smitten by the handsome, smooth-talking man in his big-city clothes — especially Mary Ann, who is 14. Everyone, that is, except for her 15-year-old boyfriend, Tommy Jackson. Tommy is so threatened by the slick number from the big city that he pulls a shotgun on him. Mortified, the Rowen family sends Tommy packing.

The storyteller spins his tales, and the family warms to his wit. They have stories, too, of how Jed Rowen had been a Civil War hero, among others. Old Jed feels comfortable enough to even bring out a shot or two of his prized White Lightning moonshine. But before the friendly stranger leaves, the timbre of the evening undergoes a subtle change. It seems he has something more on his mind that simply spinning tales.

He wants to buy the mineral rights to the Rowen's land for 50 cents an acre. He tells the illiterate Jed that "minerals" just refers to the rocks Jed himself has to pry out of the soil. He promises that the people he represents won't harm the land when they come to dig those "rocks" out. He doesn't say anything about coal mining.

Mary Ann's mother, Lallie, has strong instincts against such a deal, even though she can't explain why. But to Jed, who had a few pulls on the moonshine bottle and has warmed to his guest, there is a deal to be made. The chain of events he sets off by putting his "X" to the deed held out by J.T. will reverberate to the end of the century.

"Tall Tales" is about the difference between stories and lies. It's about the land, those who love it and those who would destroy it, and about myths that can arise over it. As playwright Schenkkan puts it, "It's about America."

And for those of us lucky enough to see it, it's about young people, and how hard they will work to tell stories. "Tall Tales" is showing at the Ritz Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m. and on Sunday at 2:30 p.m. You can call for reservations from 2-5 p.m. at 573-8880.

Letters to the editor

Save WTC Girls' Basketball

Dear Editor

This is to address the administrative staff of WTC. In last week's budget talk it was proposed that the WTC girls basketball program be eliminated. During the Fourth of July festival at the park, we should note all of the time and effort put forth for the three-on-three basketball tournament for all ages by Coach Jackson and her basketball girls. If this community is to thank her by putting her job and career along with these hard working girls in jeopardy, then they need to look up the definition of community.

If one were to have driven by the park last Saturday, they would have noticed the large crowd of present and former Snyderites at the tournament. Some really great players of the past like Joe Taylor, Kevin Jones, Elliot Cox and Trent Driggers showed some young players what it is going to take to play ball at the next level. The future players also got some time to show their talents to some of the older players. If one cannot see what a great program Jackson is getting started, then we as a community do not deserve her and her wonderful team. For our sake and our children's, I hope you will make the right choice and support the WTC girls basketball program, if not for them, be selfish and do it for our own children.

If we look only at the budget of WTC basketball and golf programs, it would appear they are costly. If we look at our own budget, we can cut costs by getting rid of our kids. This is exactly what you will accomplish by canceling these programs. Some people leave Snyder every week because it is so boring. Eliminating the activities will further this boredom. Being a close friend of a person that works in the athletic department at Texas Tech, I can tell you none of their programs make money by ticket sales alone. Even their beloved Lady Raiders basketball operates "in the red." Coach Jackson has raised the Dusters from the ashes — don't sell her short.

Doing away with the programs will make WTC exactly like Sweetwater's TSTC. How many people do you know call their alma mater TSTC: For all the bean counters, let's do one better and close the college, move the high school out there, then it would be more convenient to have our own high school golf course, swimming pool, air-conditioned gym plenty of classrooms. Me - not being a bean counter - I think the basketball and golf programs should stay. Maybe our board members (bean counters) should visit other colleges to learn of other ways to get more revenue.

Concerned Citizen,
Rick Schwertner
Snyder

STEPS Program

Dear Editor:

We have just completed our second summer as coordinators of the STEPS Job Shadowing Program. As coordinators of the program, we feel that this is a wonderful opportunity for Snyder Junior High students to learn about the workplace and demonstrate their own skills.

We would like to give special thanks to the following business partners for being so positive and supportive of our STEPS Program: American State Bank, Cogdell Memorial Hospital, Countryplace, Friendly Flower Shop, Lang Tire, KSNY, Scurry County Courthouse, Senior Citizens Center, Snyder Daily News, Snyder Police Department and Y-Z Industries.

We would also like to compliment all our students who eagerly volunteered to participate — we are so proud of them. Finally, thanks to all the parents who supported their children as they took on new responsibilities in the STEPS Program.

Sincerely,
Margaret Corkran
Linda Huestis

Thanks For Support

Dear Editor:

The board of directors of the Scurry County Boys and Girls Club would like to express our appreciation to the community for the tremendous support of our "Trash to Treasure" fundraiser.

This event was a big success thanks to the many who were involved in various ways. Numerous business and individuals donated funds, goods or services and a large number of buyers supported the silent auction, craft show, garage sale and auction.

We would especially like to thank Key Brothers Implement and the entire Key family for allowing us to use the Key Brothers Lawn and Leisure building free of charge for our event.

In addition, special thanks to auctioneer Grady Morris who volunteered his services, to the chamber of commerce who helped us coordinate this event with the Western Swing Festival and to Snyder Daily News and KSNY for their coverage prior to our fund-raiser.

Special thanks also to Joey Roland for his assistance and to the many others who helped in so many ways.

Having held a successful fundraiser, the Scurry County Boys and Girls Club is now eligible for additional funds through certain grants. These resources will enable us to expand programs for teens in our community while maintaining and continuing to improve services for younger children.

We hope to make this an annual event and look forward to the continued support of our community. On behalf of the board of directors as well as the children who benefit from Scurry County Boys and Girls Club services, we thank you.

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Lamenting the decline of decency

By George R. Plagenz

When William Moon was traveling the back roads of the country gathering material for his best-selling book on rural America. "Blue Highway," he came across an old farmer.

During their conversation, the farmer said to Moon, "Mind if I swear?" Score it as a victory in decency in a world that seems to have lost its sense of taste and common courtesy.

Before smoking became unfashionable, it was the polite thing to ask "Mind if I smoke?" If you were about to light up in the company of others.

Do you think it would dispel the swirls of profanity engulfing our society if, like the farmer in Moon's story, we asked permission before cutting loose with a string of profanity?

In Michigan, there is an 1897 law still on the books that makes it illegal to swear in front of women and children. The law was recently tested in the courts when a 25-year-old factory worker was found guilty of breaking the law.

The man lost control of his tongue when his canoe overturned and dumped him in the river. A sheriff's deputy, seeing women and children in a nearby boat being subjected to the barrage of obscenities, arrested the wet and irate boater.

Of course, the American Civil Liberties Union was in court to defend the man with the foul mouth on the grounds that the Constitution's guarantee of free speech gave the man the right to say what he pleased. The jury disagreed and rendered a guilty verdict.

My only fault with the Michigan law is that it doesn't include men in the list of those protected from profanity.

When he was commissioner of baseball, the late Judge Kenesaw Mountain Lanedis had patrons thrown out of the ball park on their ear for shouting obscenities — and not only on Ladies Day! There are many men who object to being subjected to dirty talk.

With profanity as widespread as it is — swearing has lost much of its impact through overuse. No longer effective as a tool of speech, it lingers on mainly as a bad habit.

Isn't this one of the things wrong with swearing that it adds nothing — not even an emphasis or shock anymore?

It is hard to believe that "darn" was once considered a swear word. There is a comedy skit on an old Victrola record called "Uncle Josh and Aunt Nancy Put Up the Kitchen Stove."

He wants to go fishing, she wants him to put up the stove. Finally, Uncle Josh says, "All right, if someone will help me, I'll put up the darned old stove."

Aunt Nancy replies, "I'll help you, but you needn't swear about it."

Those people who say they "see nothing awfully wrong" with swearing may be right. But can't the decline of standards and the virtual disappearance of good taste in our society be traced to the habit of ours to accept anything as long as there is "nothing awfully wrong" with it?

The fact that there is nothing awfully wrong with something doesn't mean it is elevating, and until we are more concerned than we are with elevating our speech and actions, our civilization will continue its downward slide.

To make matters worse, this cultural depravity we are wallowing in doesn't stop with swearing. We soil everything we touch. A 1995 book by Christopher Hitchens about the sainted Mother Teresa is titled "The Missionary Position." There is no longer any hallowed ground.

EDITORIAL COMMENT

Free Trade

Odessa American

Free trade, one of the essential ingredients of economic growth, won an important victory last week.

The U.S. Senate defeated a House-passed bill, House Resolution 975, that would have imposed quotas on steel imports, rolling levels back to before the 1997 Asian economic crisis began.

Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott joined with the Clinton administration in pushing the measure to defeat. The protection was needed, proponents said, to battle alleged "dumping" by Russia, South Korea, Japan, China and other countries.

Protectionist presidential candidate Pat Buchanan, who had dubbed the House legislation "the Buchanan Bill," fumed after the Senate vote, "I profoundly regret that the Republican establishment is so frozen in the ice of free trade dogmatism that it would turn a stone face to the legitimate request of American steelmakers and steelworkers for protection against illegal foreign dumping. The globalist ideology of Clinton/Gore may be triumphant in the Senate today, but tomorrow economic patriotism will again prevail in America."

But there's nothing unpatriotic about promoting free trade. Indeed, America's economy depends on lowering trade barriers, not raising them.

"Most of the countries that are accused of dumping are in Southeast Asia," Esmael Adibi, director of the Anderson Center for Economic Research at Chapman University in California, said. "Those countries buy our products. If there's retaliation against U.S. steel quotas, we're going to get hurt. Exporters ... create high-paying jobs in such high-tech industries as computers and instruments."

He pointed out that "the only winners of the quotas would have been the steel mills. But they can't see that they have to become more efficient" in the face of the foreign competition.

Cheap steel, he said, actually benefits producers of other goods, such as the car companies, which see their steel expenses drop, and consumers, who can purchase cheaper goods.

Finally, there are some indications that the industry's problems of the past two years exist only in the old, rust-belt steel mills being overtaken not only by foreign competition, but by homegrown American "minimills" modern, computerized plants that produce specialty steels.

"Output from minimills has surged in the 1990s," reported The New York Times, because of new techniques of steel-making. "As a result, minimills, which had a fraction of domestic output when founded in the early 1980s, now account for almost 50 percent of domestic steel output."

Although some old steel mills have closed, The Times report continued, "most American steel mills have been running nearly flat out, at up to 95 percent of operating capacity easily outpacing the rest of manufacturing. And that still is not enough to meet the demand." Hence, the need for imports to meet the demand of American's steel-using industries.

America's future, in steel as well is in high-tech production, lies in free trade and more efficient production, not in self-defeating protectionism.

Vitamin Prices

The Victoria Advocate

Given the growing focus on healthy lifestyles in the 1990s, vitamins have enjoyed popularity among Americans.

What Americans didn't know was that five large companies had formed a cartel that set artificially high vitamin prices. Those colluding companies now will have to pay one of the largest federal fines in history.

The case is reminiscent of the late 19th-century robber barons who became fabulously wealthy by taking unfair advantage of high consumer demand for oil, steel and railroads.

Such behavior is a corruption of capitalism by companies that find ways to create market inequality whereby they control prices and supply. Consumers in a high-demand period are at their mercy.

Executives from the large price-fixing firms admitted to having regular meetings about how to control the vitamin market and maintain their cartel.

Swiss pharmaceutical company F. Hoffman-LaRoche has agreed to pay a $500 million fine. The German company FASF AG will pay $225 million. Two U.S. firms, UCAR International and Archer Daniels Midland, along with a German company, SGL Carbon, will each pay about $100 million in fines.

Every American consumer was impacted because the price fixing not only affected vitamins in pill form, but also in the form of additives to other products, such as milk and bread.

If prices reach a fairer level in the wake of this trust-busting, the resulting benefits could be enormous in their scope. Vitamins will be more accessible to Americans and perhaps in other countries as well, which may result in healthier people. That could also lead to lower infant mortality rates, longer lives and a better standard of living.

Lower prices will leave Americans with more money to spend on things other than high-priced vitamins.

Collusion is bad business. The companies involved were rightfully forced to swallow a bitter pill, and the judgment, we hope, will serve as a warning to other would-be cartels.

Political Gender Gap

Denton Record-Chronicle

Sen. Ted Stevens, a Republican from Alaska, has whale blubber where his brains ought to be.

He said this week that women want to spend money on "touchy feely" things and that makes them less supportive of defense spending than men, which is bad for the country.

Has Sen. Stevens ever run into Madeleine Albright or Kay Bailey Hutcheson during his stint in Washington? We're not going to argue with Sen. Stevens' premise if, by "touchy feely," he means such frippery as health care, education, quality of life for the elderly, and civil rights.

It is true that the majority of women do exhibit an interest in topics relating to the health and welfare of individuals, families and communities. And that's just why we need them active at all levels of public life. The feminine point of view has been almost entirely absent from the power groups that directed most of human history, and we haven't been better for it.

The balance of male and female energy works in mankind's favor and not just for populating the world. Men who instinctively use their power to protect and provide for their families and clansmen at whatever cost keep the human race alive. Women who instinctively use their power to promote the health and quality of life of their families and clansmen at whatever cost give the human race something to live for.

The halls of government have been dominated for too long by people whose primary satisfaction in life comes from competing and winning. The fact that such a powerful man as Sen. Stevens can trivialize the concerns of women as "touchy feely" nonsense getting in the way of the world's real business is evidence of how many more woman need to be involved in public policy making at every level of government.

Some video retailers rely on X-rated movies

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The marketing onslaught of big chains such as Blockbuster has forced many small video stores to fall back on films tucked away in their "dirty little rooms" — X-rated movies.

Retailers at the three-day Video Software Dealers Association convention, which opened Thursday, say adult videos that chain stores refuse to stock are shoring up business and, in some cases, keeping their doors open.

With national stores popping up all over, and industry deals that allow Blockbuster to stock big new releases in huge quantities, independent retailers are focusing on more eclectic inventories, with pornographic videos an increasing part of their bottom lines.

Some outwardly mainstream retailers say adult videos make up a third or less of their film titles while accounting for more than half of their rentals. Porn video viewers tend to be more regular customers and check out multiple titles at a time.

"I've got nobody who comes in and takes out 12 classics, but I do have people who come in on a weekend and rent 12 porns," said Jerry Neeley, who owns Jerry's Video Reruns in Los Angeles. "I joke with customers that those videos pay for me having the classics on hand."

Neeley said X-rated movies account for about 10 percent of his 30,000 titles, but 40 percent of his business.

Paul Kobierecki, who operates five video stores around Scranton, Pa., said adult films make up about a third of his titles, up from 10 percent five years ago. Those movies account for 60 percent of his business, he said.

If not for his adult-movie customers, Kobierecki said, his stores would have closed by now.

Retailers relying more on pornography say they have to be careful not to push those film stocks too high or they might run afoul of local obscenity laws and find themselves classified as adult businesses.

Landall Goolsby, who owns a video store in Portales, N.M., said he keeps his adult stock at about 10 percent of his inventory of 16,000 titles, but the rentals off those movies is on the rise.

Goolsby said he has been promoting his adult section more heavily because Blockbuster does not carry such movies. His newspaper ads include the line, "all ratings available."

"Before we had the dirty little room with our adult stuff," Goolsby said. "Now we market more aggressively that we have adult movies. The dirty little room's becoming more profitable."

Red Board Video of San Francisco, which distributes adult films, has had more queries about titles from smaller video stores over the last six months, said sales director Duck Dumont.

"They're looking at expanding what they have to offer," Dumont said. "People get hungry, and when they do, you look under different rocks."

Consumers spent $4.1 billion on adult video rentals and sales in 1998, down from $4.2 billion a year earlier, the first drop since tracking began eight years ago, said Paul Fishbein, editor of the trade publication Adult Video News. Adult sales and rentals make up about 20 percent of the video market.

While X-rated movies are becoming more important to many independent stores, adult videos also can boost mainstream business by increasing foot traffic, Fishbein said.

Nutrition by Ed Blonz, Ph.d

Are supplements better than food?

By Ed Blonz, Ph.D.

DEAR DR. BLONZ: I have a question about vitamin B-12. I read that it is actually better for seniors to have vitamin B-12 as a supplement than to rely on foods. I had always thought that foods were best, and reading this threw me for a loop. Can this be true? — D.T., Arlington, Ill.

DEAR D.T.: Seniors are at high risk for a vitamin B-12 deficiency, and an estimated 10 percent of all elderly have inadequate blood levels of this nutrient. Such a deficiency, surprisingly, can even develop when there's an adequate dietary intake. The problem relates to the fact that, oftentimes, seniors have an insufficient production of digestive acid in the stomach. This is especially possible when antacid medications are routinely used. The lack of acid means that the body will not be as efficient in digesting the foods and releasing the vitamin B-12 inside. In such cases, taking vitamin B-12 as a supplement can be "more efficient" than having it in foods.

DEAR DR. BLONZ: My husband works the graveyard shift, and he takes melatonin to help him sleep on a daily basis. He takes anywhere between 3 and 6 grams each time. I told him that I wouldn't personally take it every day, but he said that otherwise he wouldn't get sufficient sleep. The type of job that he holds requires 100 percent alertness, which makes getting enough sleep extremely crucial. What do you think or recommend? I have researched melatonin use, but the studies give conflicting information. — J.K., Nashville, Tenn.

DEAR J.K.: I question the use of melatonin on a regular basis, especially if your husband's shift does not change appreciably, i.e., he "attempts" to go to sleep at the same time most nights. Melatonin is less a sedative and more a hormone of "re-education" in which you chemically alert/reset your body to a new sleep time. Once that time is established, I don't know what more this hormone would do. That's the other key point: Melatonin is a hormone. I am not sure it is wise to be taking a hormone as a part of one's daily regimen.

Melatonin is naturally released by the pineal gland after we go to sleep. The body is tuned to respond to daylight and darkness. Seeing as your husband will be sleeping during the daylight hours, the room where he sleeps should be completely dark. If he routinely wakens from sleep to visit the bathroom, it should — if possible — be dark as well. When he wakes up at the end of sleep, he should go out into the sunlight. If there is no sunlight, he might consider buying a full-spectrum light. The idea here is that he wants to educate his body that the graveyard shift is the reality, and it should fall in line. It can be done.

You mention 3 to 6 grams — I assume you mean 3 to 6 milligrams — but even this is probably too much. There are 0.5 to 3 milligram lozenges that you might want to try. Check with your physician to make sure that this or any other product will not represent a problem with your husband's health profile. But again, taking this product on a daily basis is questionable.

Other factors to consider: Having a good diet and regular exercise habits also helps with sleep. These not only help to decrease stress, which is a potent sleep robber, but exercise can also help tweak the body toward a regular activity/regeneration cycle. Also, there are a number of relaxation techniques and tapes that may be of help.

As for sleep aids, a warm glass of milk (flavored or not) before bedtime, and/or a warm bath, are tried and true remedies. Tryptophan is an amino acid which serves as the precursor to a key brain chemical (neurotransmitter) called serotonin that encourages relaxation. Because there were some safety questions connected with its manufacture, tryptophan is unavailable commercially. One of its metabolites called 5-HTP is available, but I would not recommend using this product on a regular basis either. This product should come from a natural source, called the griffonia bean — check the product description before you buy. Then there are many herbal options; most reliable would be valerian and possibly kava-kava.

Send questions to: "On Nutrition," Ed Blonz, c/o Newspaper Enterprise Association, 200 Madison Ave., New York, NY 10016. For e-mail, address inquiries to: ed@blonz.com. Due to the volume of mail, personal replies cannot be provided.

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For sleeping...

Utah man gets 10 year-term

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — A judge on Friday sentenced a prominent polygamist to up to 10 years in prison, the maximum sentence, for having sex with his 16-year-old niece.

Third District Judge David S. Young ordered David Ortell Kingston, who is thought to be a leader in Utah's most prominent polygamist clan, to serve two consecutive terms of up to five years each on conviction for incest and unlawful sexual conduct with a minor.

Young also fined Kingston $10,000 and ordered him to pay court expenses. Kingston, 33, mouthed "I love you" to his legal wife and five children as he was led out of the courtroom in a red prison jumpsuit and handcuffs.

He was convicted June 3 after his niece testified that she married him in a secret ceremony complete with a wedding dress, ring and a honeymoon at a Park City hotel. She said that she was his 15th wife and that they had sex four times.

During the trial, Young tried to keep polygamy out of the case. But Friday he changed his tune.

"In this sentencing, polygamy is an issue," he said. To deny that is "sort of like saying that we can ignore the 500-pound elephant in the living room."

The case thrust polygamy back into the Utah spotlight and already sent Kingston's brother — the girl's father — to jail. John Daniel Kingston is serving 28 weeks for beating his daughter for running away from her uncle. He pleaded no contest to reduced charges of child abuse.

The two brothers are sons of John Ortell Kingston, the late leader of the Latter Day Church of God, a Mormon splinter group with about 1,000 members and a $150 million business empire in six Western states.

Kingston's attorney Susanne Gustin-Furgis said her client is not a typical sex offender. She asked the judge to ignore the prosecution's recommendation for the maximum, suggesting five months of jail time, followed by two years of supervised probation.

"If he is a polygamist, as has been alleged, this is really a religious practice," she said. "This is not a compulsion."

But the judge soon interrupted her as she tried to compare Kingston to other sex cases.

"In some respects I believe that Mr. Kingston has been a victim of misguided family instruction," Young said. But, he added later, "He's shown no indication that he knows it was wrong."

Prosecutor Dane Nolan said that he was pleased with the sentence, but insisted Kingston should not be seen as a victim, because "he chose to engage in this lifestyle."

An estimated 25,000 to 35,000 polygamists live in Utah and other parts of the West. Most belong to offshoots of the Mormon Church, which renounced polygamy in 1890 under pressure from Congress and the courts.

The Kingston clan stands apart from other polygamous groups, former members say, in practicing incest.

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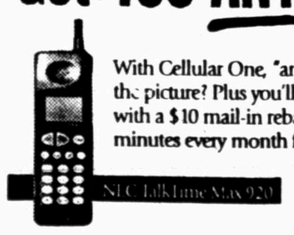

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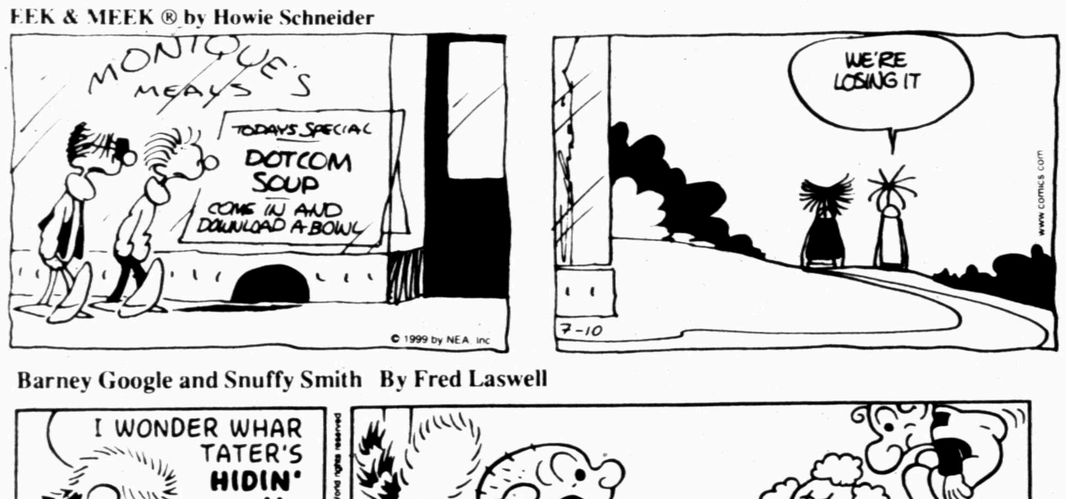

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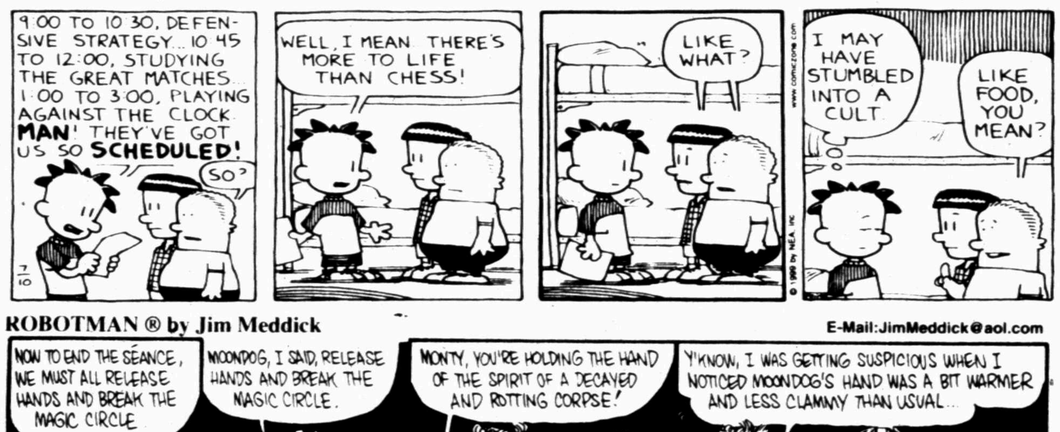

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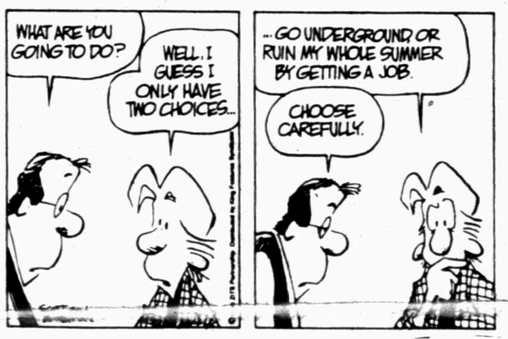

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14 Dishes
15 Foot part
16 Decorated anew
17 Western defense org.
18 Siamese native
20 Practice boxing
21 Sacs
23 "Come Back, Little —"
27 Part of JFK
32 Like some seals
33 Eagle's nest
34 Large antelope
35 — donna
36 Smaller-minded
39 Acts like a model
40 Each
42 Anglo-Saxon serf
46 Timber tree
47 Relieve
51 Saved
53 Added
55 Author Jean-Paul —
56 Inquisitive
57 Gravel ridges
58 Staid

DOWN

1 Rotate
2 Forearm bone
3 Trial
4 "Do — others . . ."
5 Suffer remorse
6 Unoccupied
7 Folklore creature
8 Ending for "glob"
9 Roams idly
10 On the roof of
11 Rockfish
12 River in Belgium
19 Inquire
21 Golf course worker
22 Brisk
23 Ooze
24 — and nearly
25 Part of Q.E.D.
26 Curved
28 Fiddling emperor
29 Goddess of discord
30 Ten-cent coin
31 Positive votes
37 Dodges adroitly
38 Sales agt.
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42 Abstract being
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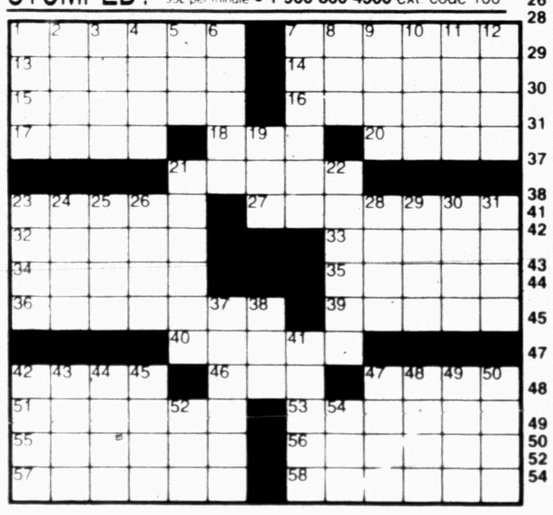

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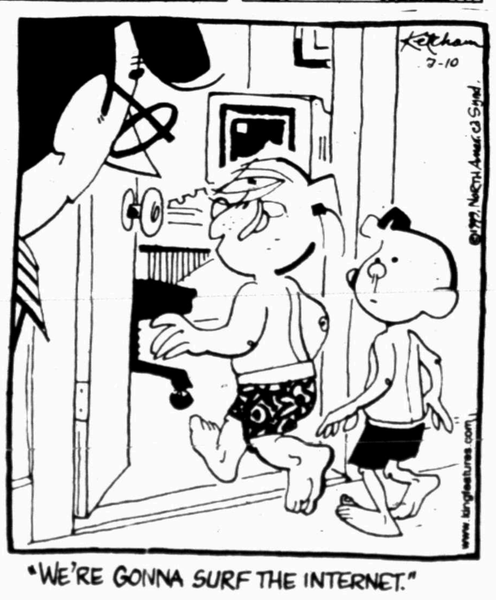

"WE'RE GONNA SURF THE INTERNET."

Child trends mostly going in right direction

WASHINGTON (AP) — Statistically, things are looking up for American kids.

Vaccinations and preschool enrollment are up. Teen smoking, childbirth and youth violence are down, according to a government report.

"The trend is in the right direction. We're sailing with the wind," said Kristen Moore, president of Child Trends, a research group.

Still, Moore notes that there's been no progress in reducing teen alcohol consumption or increasing health insurance coverage, and even the areas that have seen improvement are still disturbing. "We're not where we should be," she said.

The annual report, released Thursday, is designed to be a broad assessment of the state of the nation's children, a collection of statistics from across the federal government. Backers hope it will someday reach the prominence of the annual economic report to the president.

"I would contend that our children are as important to the future of the country as the economy," said Dr. Duane Alexander, director of the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development. "The stock market will never depend on it, but I hope the report will annually at least focus attention on the status and condition of our children."

Among the findings:

—Most children and teens had diets that needed improvement. For instance, in 1996, 24 percent of children ages 2 to 5 had a good diet and 8 percent had a poor diet. The rest needed improvement to meet federal recommendations. Those numbers generally got worse for older kids.

—The number of 10th and 12th graders smoking dropped in 1998 after gradually increasing since 1992. But 22 percent of high school seniors and 16 percent of sophomores still smoked.

—The birth rate for girls ages 15 to 17 fell from its peak of 38.7 live births per 1,000 teens in 1991 to 32.1 percent in 1997.

—Forty-eight percent of 3- and 4-year-olds were enrolled in preschool in 1997, up from 45 percent a year earlier, partly due to welfare reform pushing mothers into the workforce. The most dramatic rise was among black children, with the percentage rising from 45 percent to 55 percent.

—The number of poor kids to get all their vaccines edged up in 1997 to 71 percent, up from 69 percent in 1996.

Lately, much of the attention on teens has dealt with violence, as the nation struggles to understand school shootings in Colorado, Georgia and elsewhere.

But youth violence has actually been dropping since it peaked in 1993.

"The public in general doesn't have a very accurate view of violent crime," said Margaret A. Zahn, a criminologist at North Carolina State University.

In 1997, there were 31 serious violent juvenile crimes committed for every 1,000 children ages 12 to 17. That's down from 52 per 1,000 in 1993.

Middle class also have financial woes

WASHINGTON (AP) — Luanne Shirling didn't think of herself as someone on the financial edge. She and her husband had good jobs and not much debt and were starting to fix up their house.

But she didn't have health insurance, and she unexpectedly became pregnant. She ended up with complications, a Caesarean section and $20,000 in medical bills. Before long, she had missed several mortgage payments and even had to use food stamps for a short while.

She's not alone. Some 49 million Americans — or 20 percent of the nation — had trouble meeting basic needs at least once in 1995. That includes paying rent, mortgages, food and utility bills.

The poorest, of course, were most likely to have trouble. But many, like the Shirlings, are solidly middle class. And 8.1 million were in families earning more than $45,700 a year, the Census Bureau said in a report being released today.

"We were not really saving when all of a sudden — bam! — this hit," said Mrs. Shirling, of Warrenton, Va., whose family income was about $35,000 — putting them near the national average. "I think a lot of people out there think they're getting by and doing fine and don't realize how devastating it can be."

Nationwide, about 19.5 million of those who had trouble meeting basic needs had household incomes in the bottom 20 percent of the nation, meaning less than $16,800 per year. Another 12.2 million were below $30,400.

But 5.2 million people had incomes above $45,700, and another 2.9 million were above $68,700 — in the wealthiest fifth of the nation.

Experts explain that many families with healthy incomes are still living close to the financial edge, without enough saved for an emergency. It's particularly dangerous for families living in expensive cities or carrying large mortgages or personal debt.

That makes them vulnerable to unexpected financial hits — a layoff or large medical bill, for instance. Or divorce can often push a family into financial crisis, with the people who used to pay one rent or mortgage now forced to pay two.

The Census Bureau also asked Americans who would help them if they had trouble. More than three in four said they expected to get help if they needed it, mostly from family and friends.

But only 17 percent of those who ran into trouble actually got help, mostly from family but also from government.

Part of the difference in who needs help may be family stability, said Census demographer Kurt J. Bauman, who wrote the report. He noted that the elderly, who often live near the poverty line, were the age group least likely to report trouble meeting basic needs. But the elderly generally have fixed incomes and stable expenses.

The most vulnerable group was children, who are also the poorest Americans. Nearly 30 percent of children lived in a family that had trouble meeting basic needs. Blacks and Hispanics were more likely to report trouble than whites, as were female-headed families — all groups that are more likely to be poor, as well.

But the report's more surprising findings dealt with those who are not poor, but firmly in the middle class or above.

Few victories in war on poverty in U.S.

WASHINGTON (AP) — Like President Clinton, who has just finished a four-day poverty tour, President Johnson made a swing through the nation in 1964, allowing TV cameras to give comfortable Americans a glimpse of life in the poorest pockets of the country.

He considered the trip in 1964 while on the phone with Alex Rose, a union leader in New York.

"If I could have a tour organized — just go to the most poverty-stricken places in New York and let the press follow me and let me go there and visit with the people," Johnson said, according to transcripts of his White House tapes. "Yeah, maybe I'll go out into Harlem. ... Maybe I'll go somewhere where we have the real slums and the lowest living conditions so we dramatize."

The publicity promoted Johnson's "War on Poverty." But while the anti-poverty programs begun in the 1960s helped lift the incomes of millions of individuals above the poverty line, they and other initiatives since have had less success nurturing economic revival in impoverished places.

That's what Clinton aims to do. But historically, more progress has been made among poor people than poor places.

"There was never a war on poverty," said Housing Secretary Andrew Cuomo, who went with Clinton on his poverty tour. "Maybe there was a skirmish on poverty for a brief period of time. We have done the broad people-based programs — Social Security, Medicaid, welfare. But we have never done intensive geographically targeted work."

Clinton said these ignored areas of America are the untapped markets of tomorrow. He wants Congress to give tax incentives, tax credits and loan guarantees to people who invest there. But the president had barely left Appalachia this week when cynicism began to seep into conversations in Barbourville, Ky.

"I think the Clinton visit took people by surprise that he would come here, but I think now that it's over," said local historian Michael Mills, "there's more people saying now 'What will be the result? Will anything REALLY happen that's tangible because of his visit?'"

No, according to critics of Clinton's poverty initiative.

"You know how many times we've saved Appalachia?" said Robert Rector, analyst at the conservative Heritage Foundation.

Doug Besharov, scholar at the American Enterprise Institute, said government money given to communities is sometimes spent unwisely. If it does improve people's status, they often pack up and move out, he said. "I would aim for a people strategy, not a place strategy," he said.

Poverty experts agree, however, that many programs aimed at helping individuals have worked.

When LBJ declared a war on poverty in his 1964 State of the Union address, 19 percent of the population was living in poverty.

By 1997 — the most recent data available — that number had fallen to 13.3 percent of the population. That's one of every seven Americans.

Social Security drastically reduced the poverty rate among the elderly. Still, the poverty rate for children remains near 20 percent, a bare improvement from Johnson's day.

Former Peace Corps Director Sargent Shriver was Johnson's "Mr. Poverty." Many of the programs launched then remain today — Medicare, Medicaid, Head Start and Job Corps.

Their efforts, however, stalled during the Vietnam War. Confidence in the government's ability to solve social problems waned. By the time Ronald Reagan became president, many Americans agreed with him that the government had gotten too big and solutions should come from the private sector.

"President Reagan said the war on poverty was a failure," Shriver said in an interview. "It was not a great success, that's true, because we didn't have the money. I told Lyndon Johnson myself that we needed two or three times the money we had to overcome the problem."

The problem has been the government's competing agendas, said Peter Dreier, a public policy professor at Occidental College in Los Angeles. While funds are spent to revitalize cities, the government built the federal highway system that made it possible for people and business to move out. The Federal Housing Administration focused its mortgage loans on middle-class homeowners in the suburbs, he said. Tax policies lured shopping malls, manufacturing centers and industrial parks to suburbia.

"All the programs that have sought to bring business and jobs into the poor areas have been swimming against the tide of the federal government's other policies, which have encouraged an exodus of business and middle-class people from those areas," Dreier said.

That's the idea behind Clinton's poverty plan, Cuomo said.

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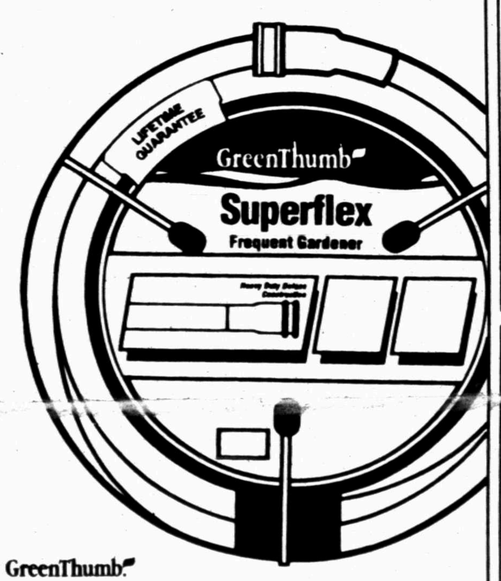

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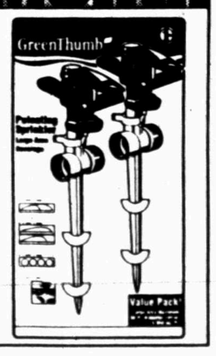

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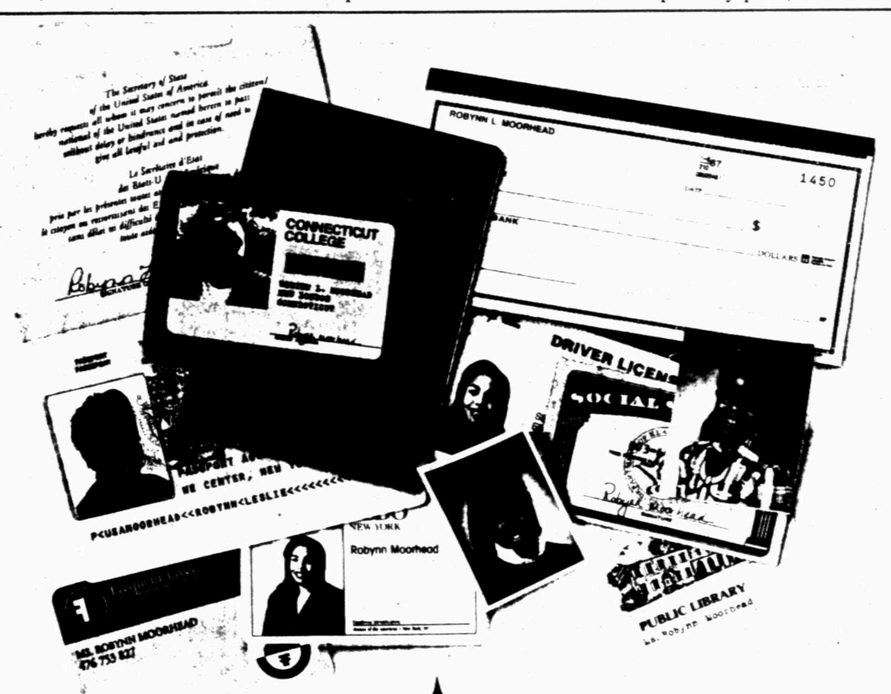

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New medical guidelines easier to understand

WASHINGTON (AP) — It was supposed to be a routine physical, but then Frank Luton's doctor felt the lump. Prostate cancer.

"I'm only 46," Luton thought in a panic. "I thought this was an old man's disease."

But as the shock wore off, the Georgia man faced a more immediate problem: Doctors were racing him from biopsy to treatment decisions, yet he didn't understand his options — often because the doctors used medical jargon that even highly educated laymen, like Luton, don't know.

"It's like somebody picked me up out of my real life and dropped me off on another planet, where I didn't understand the language people spoke," Luton recalled.

That doesn't have to be a man's experience anymore.

The National Comprehensive Cancer Network, a collection of top cancer hospitals, and the American Cancer Society are translating into patient-friendly language the actual cancer testing and treatment guidelines doctors use — so that patients can better understand their care.

Just completed: Prostate cancer guidelines.

They're not only for cancer patients. They also guide healthy men facing prostate checkups.

If I'm a healthy 55-year-old, how often do I need a PSA test? Do I also need a rectal exam?

My doctor ordered a biopsy — does it hurt?

Why did my doctor advise radiation instead of surgery?

The guidelines answer those kinds of questions, offering comprehensive information that experts say men have had to struggle to find until now. The idea is to help men choose their care, and know when they may need a second opinion.

"Any well-informed patient should have access to this information," said Dr. Richard Babaian of M.D. Anderson Cancer Center, who helped write the guidelines.

The cancer groups last spring offered similar guidelines for breast cancer that proved popular with women. Guidelines for other cancers, including colorectal, lung, ovarian and non-Hodgkins lymphoma, are planned.

This year, about 184,000 American men will be diagnosed with cancer of the prostate, a walnut-sized gland that sits under the bladder.

While more than 39,000 of them will die this year, prostate cancer often grows very slowly. So just how aggressively to treat it is a complex decision based on how advanced the cancer is and the man's age and overall health.

Men seldom consider prostate cancer until the day a doctor suggests PSA testing, a blood test that measures a protein that rises when cancer is present.

Annual prostate testing is usually advised for men starting at age 50, although black men, who are at higher risk, and men with close relatives who had the cancer are urged to get tested sooner.

The guidelines stress that men given PSA tests also need a digital rectal exam, where doctors feel the prostate, because the PSA alone isn't perfect.

Abstain from sexual activity for two days before a PSA test, the guidelines advise, because ejaculation could falsely raise PSA levels.

The baldness pill Propecia or the herb saw palmetto could mask PSA results so cancer is missed.

PSA results come in numbers. Less than 4 is normal; higher than 10 requires a biopsy to check for cancer.

But between 4 and 10 has been a gray zone. Often doctors tell men their PSA was slightly abnormal but they'll just retest next year — a discomfiting response, Babaian said. The new guidelines instead suggest these men get an additional test called the "free PSA," which more accurately determines who needs a biopsy and who can wait.

If you do have cancer, the guidelines explain how to pick therapy.

For example, an 80-year-old may be advised not to treat early prostate cancer, if doctors determine he's likely to die of heart disease before ever having cancer symptoms.

Other men might choose surgery, radiation, or hormonal treatments. Each has different side effects and is considered better for different stages of cancer.

"You have some time to do adequate research in understanding what the situation is, and what your options are," advised Luton, the Stone Mountain, Ga., man who has survived prostate cancer for 10 years — and who helped ensure the guidelines are understandable to non-doctors.

For copies of the guidelines, called 1-888-909-NCCN or 1-800-ACS-2345; or check http://www.nccn.org on the Internet.

Proposed new asssignment for VP: Stopping nuclear threat

WASHINGTON (AP) — A government panel proposes yet another role for the vice president — stopping the threat of weapons of mass destruction.

Describing "a chilling new reality" for Americans, the commission set up by Congress to develop a federal response to the threat of nuclear, chemical and biological attack concludes that the federal system of government are "not effectively organized to combat proliferation."

In a report to be issued next week, it proposes a "special role" for the vice president in overseeing federal response to the danger and appointment of a "national director to combat proliferation."

The director would coordinate diplomatic steps to stop the spread of such weapons and direct a high-level, heavily funded program to prevent the targeting of Americans and respond adequately to any attack.

Carefully avoiding criticism of the current or any other administration, the panel headed by former CIA Director John Deutch recommends strong presidential and vice presidential leadership, a single budget for the effort and changes in several federal agencies.

The Commission to Assess the Organization of the Federal Government to Combat the Proliferation of Weapons of Mass Destruction presents its 140-page report to Congress next Wednesday, but commission members discussed their findings in interviews Thursday after press reports on some of their conclusions.

"We think the threat is much more severe than commonly appreciated by the American people, and government is not well-organized to deal with it," Deutch said.

The most critical weakness is the lack of central direction in preparing federal agencies for such a major crisis, he said. "We have to be prepared to deal with it, and we're not."

Sen. Arlen Specter, R-Pa., commission vice chairman, said the report proposes a strong role for the vice president in redirecting funding and authority to combat proliferation. Other panel members suggested, however, the effectiveness of that idea might depend on how much authority future presidents give to their second in command.

"We are discoordinated and unprepared — somewhere between anarchy and bedlam," said Specter. "I think the report is tremendously important and has to be acted upon before we have to react to terrible situations."

Daniel Poneman, former NSC proliferation expert, said the commission stressed the need to have a coordinated effort against proliferation — an effort now divided among several federal agencies, each with separate budgets.

"We would like to see all the budget chunks put in one place, counted up and analyzed to see if they are optimally directed," Poneman said. The vice president would have the influence to do this by dealing directly with cabinet secretaries, he said.

The proposed national director would then coordinate efforts at diplomacy, export control and domestic preparedness with a new Combating Proliferation Council made up of deputy-level officials from various agencies.

A summary of the commission's conclusions calls for "the most effective and efficient organization this country can muster." The law creating the commission, however, prevented it from assessing or recommending specific police and military response capabilities.

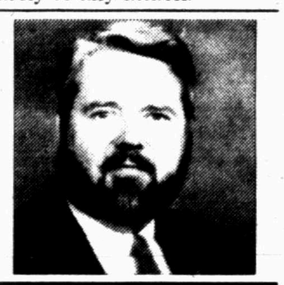
Henry F. Cooper, former head of the Strategic Defense Initiative and a panel member, said he wished the commission could have gone further.

"You can't separate prevention and response," he said. "There's a real deterrent value associated with our ability to deal with these situations."

The proposed national director would coordinate protection of Americans against any attack aimed at causing widespread disruption, destruction and death.

Minding Your Own Business

By Don Taylor



Upside down in life: Ways to waste your wealth

In the used car business, they use a term to describe owing more on an automobile than it's worth. The term is "being upside down."

There are folks who live their entire lives "upside down." They earn a good living, but they spend a little more. They wear expensive clothes, drive ritzy cars and live in expensive homes.

To most folks, they look wealthy. Many people believe these "big spenders" are enjoying the American dream. They seem to have it all.

I guess in a way they do have it all. They have bills, payments, mortgages and long lease contracts. They have huge debt and difficulty in making ends meet. Very few of these "upside down" folks can pay one month's cycle of bills if they didn't get their next paycheck.

Ironically, these folks are growing old, not wealthy. They are depleting their retirement to maintain a showy lifestyle. They are living above their means with the help of liberal credit policies and low monthly payments.

They are trapped in the lifestyle. They love it when someone compliments their new suit or new car. The ego boost they get from other's perception of wealth carries them through the next few payments and into another spending spree.

The sad part is many of these wealthy "wannabes" have little or no net worth. Their retirement portfolios are meager and they have no financial safety net. Both husband and wife must work full-time to survive.

Bubba and Bill

Bubba and Bill are the same age, finished college the same year and work for the same company. Though they work at different jobs, their salaries are similar. Bill actually earns $1,800 per year more than Bubba.

However, no one at work would believe it. Bubba is living the "upside down" lifestyle. He drives a brand new SUV, lives near the country club, spends the weekend on the golf course and owns a motor home and a boat. Bubba wears tailored suits and looks like a millionaire.

Let's take a look at Bubba's personal balance sheet. Bubba has no savings and only enough cash to make it to the end of the month. Bubba's toys would not bring enough to pay them off. Bubba has invested his company retirement account and $38,000 in credit card debt. Bubba's house is worth $60,000 more than the 24 years of mortgage payments he has left. Bubba's total net worth is about $60,000 including household items.

Bill, on the other hand, lives well below his means. He drives a 6-year-old Ford Taurus and has lived in the same house for 14 years. He paid his house off four years ago, and spends most weekends working in the part-time business he started in 1990. This year his part-time business will bring in more than double the income of his full-time job. Bill and his wife have no debt and enough ready cash to cover four month's expenses.

What is Bill's net worth? Bill has $114,000 in his company retirement plan, more than $200,000 in other investments, market value of his real estate, about $85,000 and personal and household items worth nearly $30,000. In addition, he has nearly $140,000 in assets of his part-time business. Total including his four-month cash reserve is $580,000.

Bill has nearly six times the net worth of Bubba. Bill's investments have made him an official "millionaire" before his 60th birthday.

Want to know how Bill did it? Read: "The Millionaire Next Door," by Thomas J. Stanley and William D. Danko. This book will give you the surprising secrets of America's wealthy. You'll want to share a copy with your children.

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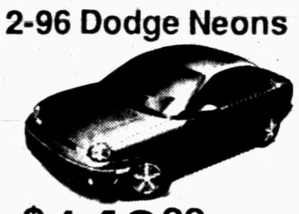
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