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Fourth of July activities up in the air

Chamber of Commerce soliciting ideas to improve attendance at annual event

Disappointed with the attendance at the Fourth of July activities Tuesday in Towle Park, the Snyder Chamber of Commerce is exploring ways to bring the celebration back to its former glory days in Snyder.

"The Fourth of July has gone down so much in the last four years," said Donna Fowler, executive director of the sponsoring Snyder Chamber of Commerce.

Fowler said she felt a number of factors have contributed to declining attendance.

"One of the main factors is that people can't camp in the park anymore," said Fowler. "Camping out had to be stopped because of the trouble just a few people caused."

Fowler said the fact that people were throwing firecrackers into other's people's tents, plus alcohol and drug-related problems caused the county to ban camping in the park altogether.

"It's always the same thing...a few people acting irresponsibly ruins things for the majority," Fowler said.

Not having live music in the park also hurt attendance, Fowler agreed.

"Some of the previous bands playing at the park had songs with foul lyrics, and this caused problems with families with children. So we just decided to not have any bands."

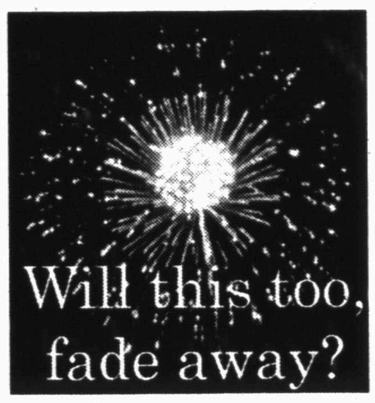
Fowler said she had the thought at one time during this past holiday for the chamber to stop sponsoring the Fourth of July festivities, but later changed her mind.

"I hated to add this to the list of other things that have faded here over the years," Fowler said. "I think I had a change of heart during the parade Tuesday morning."

"I think half the town participated in the parade, either riding, walking or watching."

"The people were waving, laughing, having a good time. I turned to Sandra (chamber executive secretary Sandra Barboza) and said, 'how can we take this away from people?"

"If just for one day, if people here can get together and forget their troubles, whatever we have to do to keep it going, we will."



"Our job at the chamber is to improve the quality of life in Snyder, and I think the Fourth does just that."

The attendance during the day was low, and Fowler recognizes that.

"We had a lot of people at the parade, and a lot of people at the fireworks. But very few at the park during the day," said Fowler. "The number of vendors were way down for the arts and crafts, but I can't blame people for not exhibiting if no one comes to buy their crafts."

"That hurts because each vendor pays from $45 to $55," said Fowler.

Fowler did say that 1,700 people paid a $1 each to walk through the National Guard armory where the arts and crafts show was being held.

"People just did not buy much, and this will have an effect on who comes back next year."

"Paying for the fireworks is always a worry with us," said Fowler, noting that the chamber was over $3,000 in the hole the day following the event.

"The Snyder Lions Club sponsors the carnival and they donated $2,000 for the fireworks from their take," said Fowler. "And the carnival company donated another $500."

That leaves the chamber about a $1,000 short on its fireworks bill.

"We had a jar in the craft show that took in $476 in ones and fives," said Fowler. "Plus we sold $147 in soft drinks and popcorn to add to the fireworks money."

"We had $1,100 in donations this year, and we normally receive $3,000."

In order to keep the festival successful and out of the red ink, Fowler had several suggestions.

"I would like to get more civic clubs involved and be more supportive," said Fowler, noting the chamber inherited the Fourth of July festival when the Snyder Jaycees disbanded.

"I would really like to know if people are really interested in having the Fourth of July activities continue, and I welcome any and all suggestions," said Fowler.

She said one option might be to have the festival at the Scurry County Coliseum.

"We have plenty of room for camping-out, plus the arts and crafts show and food vendors could be inside where it is cool," said Fowler.

"Another option is to have the festival only when the Fourth falls on a Saturday or Sunday in order to attract more out of town folks," said Fowler.

If this came to being, the next festival would be on Saturday, July 4, 2004.

"We really want to know the community's feelings on this, and welcome any and all suggestions," said Fowler.

Either E-mail ideas to the chamber at snychcom@snydertex.com, or fax them to 573-9721.

Wagon Wheel Ranch has expansion plans

By Wade Warren
SDN Managing Editor

Glancing around the office walls of nationally-known guitar picker Tommy Allsup, one sees a picture of Clint Eastwood as they appeared together in **Honky Tonk Man**, an impressive record and album display from Kenny Rogers for the guitar-playing on **The Gambler** soundtrack, and other treasured memorabilia.

A Grammy awarded just this past spring is no where to be seen, and neither is Allsup.

Maybe he has gone to his house to get it so he can display it while he and Billy Ray Browning talk about major expansions at the Wagon Wheel Ranch.

Nope. Allsup is out digging prickly pears in an area where an amphitheater is going to be built at the guest ranch, only a few minutes from downtown Snyder.

Apologizing for being late and certainly not donned in his best guitar-picking duds, Allsup quickly gets into the expansion plans.

"The Wagon Wheel is now incorporated under the name of Wagon Wheel Guest Ranch Inc.," Allsup explained.

"By incorporating, we think we can fund a $3.5 million expansion out here over five years."

The expansion is planned in nine phases, and the first includes a music theme park.

"We're clearing out space now for the 10-acre park that will be ready in September," Browning said, who will serve as chief executive officer and chairman of the board.

"We're constructing a state-of-the-art amphitheater that will include a 15 x 30-foot stage, and a 60 x 70-foot slab for seating or dancing," Allsup said.

"This will be used for a wide variety of music, including gospel, blue grass, western swing and country music." added Allsup.

"This will be a great place for major artists to perform, as well as local performers," said Allsup.

The first phase also includes adding more than 100 spaces for RVs that will have electricity and water.

The second phase will include expanding a lake that is now located behind where the stage will be located.

"We're extending an invitation to all local and area churches to hold sunrise or sunset services at this spot," said Browning. "This will be an excellent gathering place for gospel music, weddings, and chuck wagon meals."

The group has a unique plan for the lake, as it will be the end of a quarter-mile inner-tube ride from a large tank above the lake.

"We have an engineer coming out to draw up plans on how to pump water from the lake to the tank to allow inner-tube riders to 'shoot the rapids' in West Texas," Browning grinned.

The group also has plans for a rodeo arena, trap shooting area, a 4,000-foot landing strip, and an additional 20 guestrooms.

Presently, the ranch can accommodate 68 guests nightly.

The Rusty Spur Café is open Friday, Saturday and Sunday. A new offering on the first Friday of every month at the Rusty Spur is Allsup and others picking their guitars on the front porch.

Other plans for the present facilities include supervised teen dances, music workshops, fishing tournaments for parents and children, and the first Cowboy Christmas Ball in December.

There are currently 18 employees at the Wagon Wheel.

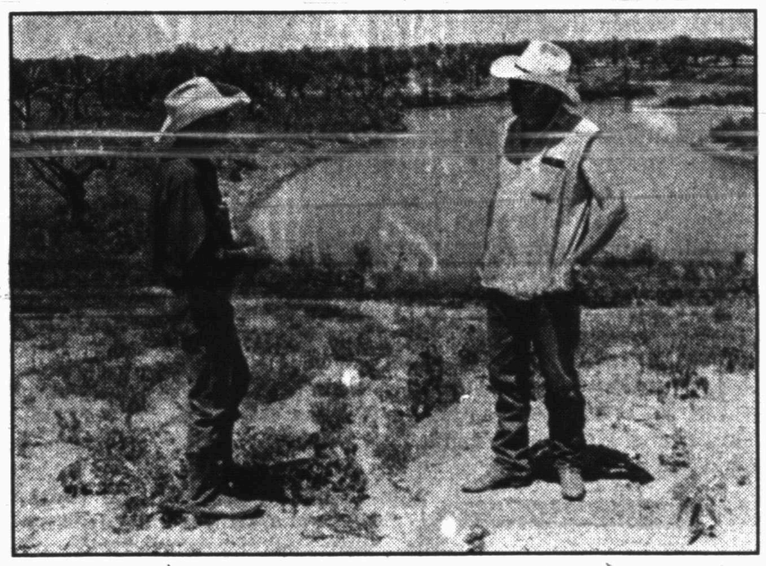
"With our expansion, I think we will end up with a total of 100 employees," Browning projected.

Browning also said notice of a stock offering would be made later in the summer.

"We've got a lot of work to do," Allsup said. "This will help all the businesses in Snyder and Scurry County."

Allsup and Browning are also going to seek the paving of CR 2105 from Highway 84 to the entrance of the ranch.

"There's a ton of tour buses that come down 84," said Allsup. "If we make it accessible for them to stop here, no telling what star from Nashville will be here to play a gig for the people of the community."



BIG PLANS — Billy Ray Browning, left, and Tommy Allsup stand in one area of the Wagon Wheel Guest Ranch that will see major improvements. (SDN Staff Photo)

Four cowgirls competing for annual rodeo queen crowns

Advance ticket sales are underway for the annual Scurry County Rodeo that begins a three-day run Thursday at the rodeo arena on Gary Brewer Road.

Advance tickets are available from the queen candidates at $4 each, and they will cost $5 at the gate.

Competing for Miss Scurry County Rodeo Queen are Randi Herrington, a 2000 Hermleigh High School graduate, and Brandy Shafer, a sophomore at Snyder High School. Competing for Little Miss Scurry County Rodeo Queen are Ciara Latta and Cassie Mhoon.

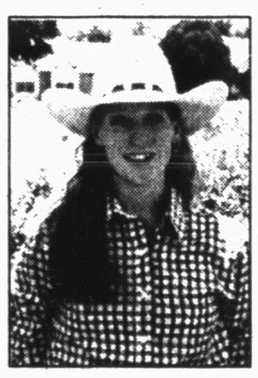
Herrington is the daughter of Mike and Lavon Herrington, while Shafer is the daughter of Bodie and Sheila Shafer.

Latta is the daughter of Sherry Latta and Mhoon is the daughter of Richard and Shannon Mhoon.

The rodeo events will begin at 7:30 nightly, and the books will be open Monday and Tuesday for contestants.

The rodeo parade will be held Saturday morning at 9 a.m. The parade will start at the Hair Station on 26th Street, and continue southward on College Avenue to MD Laundry in the 3500 block.

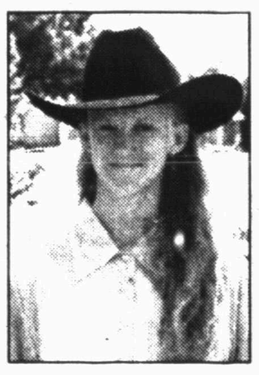
There will be a dance Friday and Saturday night at the rodeo ground pavilion following the rodeo. "Muddy Creek" will play each night.



Randi Herrington



Brandy Shafer



Ciara Latta



Cassie Mhoon

THE SDN COLUMN
By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "Money may not go far, but it goes faster."

If one excuse doesn't wash, you can always blame it on the summer heat.

You may remember a few months ago, when a guy at the local laundromat was arrested for indecent exposure.

We felt confident that a compassionate Scurry County jury would buy a defense about needing to wash and not having a change of clothing.

A similar incident occurred in Chippewa Falls, Wis. While caught nude in a laundromat with a newspaper as his only covering, the man explained to police that he only owned two sets of clothing and that to wash them separately would require two trips to the local washateria.

The police chief felt sorry for the man and let him go after giving him a bag of used clothing that the officer had planned to throw away.

But later in the day, the man was arrested at a nearby fast-food restaurant for indecent exposure His excuse was he didn't want to get food on any of his clean clothes.

This time, the excuse didn't wash.

That item sent us digging to an article we had seen earlier about prudish and nudist behavior.

In 1876, a woman in Paris died and left behind a strange bequest.

She left her fortune of 125,000 francs to the city so that all of the naked snowmen in Paris could be properly clothed. The courts upheld her wishes and the snowmen in Paris, France became the world's best dressed.

Edgar Allen Poe, the writer, was at the military academy at West Point when he was told to appear for a military parade wearing "white belts and gloves under arms."

He decided to take the invitation literally, appearing in nothing but white belt and gloves with a gun perched on his bare shoulder.

State police in New York arrested a burglar at a local greenhouse. They also charged him with indecent exposure.

Apparently, the robber reasoned that if he committed the crime without any clothes, it would be more difficult for witnesses to give police a good description.

And a 47-year-old Australian man was arrested for streaking down a street in Melbourne.

He was released by police once they realized he was running from a mortuary where he had officially been pronounced dead.

ASK US

Q—When will repairs be made to the fence at the entryway on the Big Spring highway?

A—The Texas Department of Transporation is in the process now of awarding an emergency bid for the repairs.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Friday, 94 degrees low, 71; 7 a.m. Saturday, 72; no precipitation; total for 2000, 14.24 inches.

Area Forecast: Saturday night, clear, low 70-75, SE wind, 5-15 mph; Sunday, mostly sunny, high mid 90s, S wind 10-20 mph, gusty.

Brittany Mitchell
Sunny

Sunset:
8:51 p.m.
Sunrise:
6:48 a.m.
Of 189 days in 2000, the sun has shone 186 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

Insist on miracles. You can make them come true.

19 FFA members in Snyder picked for state FFA Chorus

At the 72nd Annual State FFA Convention to be held July 9-14 in Corpus Christi, the state's finest FFA singers will perform for an audience of more than 7,000 people.

This convention will be the largest annual youth convention and 19 local FFA members will get to share the spotlight in vocal performances.

The following students have been selected to represent Snyder's FFA in the chorus: Cliff Beights, Casey Blackard, Shana Blackard, Cassie Callaway, Shannon Chambers, Robert Early, Johnna Ferris, Rachel Fritz, Jacinda Judah, Malorye Miller, Jenna Neff, Adam Owen, Brodie Pierce, John Ryan Rasmus, Zach Rollins, Dana Stribling, Russell Wall, Mary Wesson and Alicia Wittie.

They will join many other FFA members from across the state in providing musical entertainment for FFA members and guests at the convention.

Chorus members were selected from applications from across Texas to be part of the 2000 State FFA Chorus.

Participants are recommended for the chorus by their local FFA chapter, and agricultural and music education instructors. They are selected on the basis of those instructor recommendations, an audition tape, and past choral experience.



WEEK ONE — Back row: Heather Iglehart, Adrienne Garcia, Aaron Lindsey, Briana Burk, Nallely Garza, Alexis Dupree, Eric Carranza, Rebecca Pavlovsky. Front row: Tasha Gutierrez, Stephanie Williams, Missy Vasquez, Desiree Braziel and Kerissa Shipp. (Contributed Photo)



WEEK TWO: Back row: Jason Hook, Hayley Grant, Emily Long. Middle row: Patrick Jones, Hadley Hirt, Dominique Braziel. Front row: Paula Carranza, Nathan Graves, Meagan Langham. Not pictured: Paul Haines, Heather Zajicek and Jennifer Martinez. (Contributed Photo)



WEEK THREE — Back row: Katie Bryant, Jessica Hallford, Daniel Burton, Matthew Morris, Katie Haggard, Lucy Amarillas. Front row: Ryan Ward, Corie Hernandez and Brandon Bragg. (Contributed Photo)

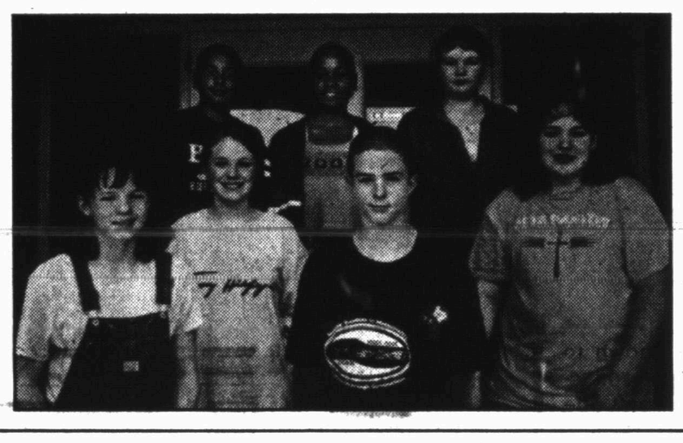
SJHS students takes STEPS

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 business partners in the STEPS Program are American State Bank, Cogdell Memorial Hospital, Countryplace, Friendly Flower Shop, KSNY, Scifres Tires and Auto, Scurry County Courthouse, Senior Citizens Center, Snyder Daily News, Snyder Police Department and Y-Z Industries.



WEEK FOUR — Back row: Ricky Rios, Nicki Traylor, Mandy Burns. Front row: Paige Anderson, Amanda Whisehunt, Thomas Hefner and Brandi Russell. (Contributed Photo)

Pleasure's Mine, Hallmark team up for special event

Some think of it as Christmas in July. It's the day millions of consumers have been anticipating since last year's holiday ornaments were packed away, and it's almost here.

Next Saturday, The Pleasure's Mine, along with Hallmark Gold Crown Stores across the country, will unveil more than 200 new collectible ornaments during the Keepsake Ornament Premiere, an annual holiday party that gives consumers a first glimpse at ornaments from Hallmark Keepsake Ornaments' year 2000 line.

The Pleasure's Mine, located at 2502 Avenue R, joins nearly 5,000 Hallmark Gold Crown Stores nationwide participating in the Keepsake Ornament Premiere, hosting in-store activities and other fun. But for ornament enthusiasts, the event's primary appeal is the early opportunity to see this year's version of a favorite collectible series, snag the first ornament in a brand-new series or find a special ornament.

Of special note this year is a "Premiere Exclusive" ornament from the popular *Frosty Friends* series. The special ornament features favorite characters from the enduring series portrayed in pewter, accompanying a porcelain igloo that is the basis of the series, now in its 21st year. An additional pewter character — a miniature husky dog — is a special gift for Hallmark Keepsake Ornament Collector's Club members attending the event. The Premiere Exclusive *Frosty Friends* is available only on July 15, only while supplies last, and only at the Pleasure's Mine and Hallmark Gold Crown Stores.

The first Ornament Premiere of the century will introduce several new options including ornament charms and a silver Millennium Time Capsule ornament containing a scroll.

Key To The Kingdom
Why Did God Seperate The Jews From The Gentiles?
In Search of the Lord's Way
What Is Your Life?
Cox Cable TV Channel 2,
July 10, 7:00 pm

Space station part prepared for launch

MOSCOW (AP) — The Russian-built module that is to house astronauts on the International Space Station was fueled and connected to its rocket Friday as the long-delayed launch moved forward smoothly, officials said.

The 24-ton module, named Zvezda (Star), is scheduled to head into space Wednesday from the Baikonur launch complex in the former Soviet Central Asian nation of Kazakstan.

The Zvezda is going into space unmanned, but after it connects with other pieces of the space station already in orbit, it is to become the human hub of the project. It includes the space station's initial living quarters and its steering facilities.

"The module is the main part of the International Space Station," said Capt. Michael Baker, the U.S. space agency NASA's director for space operations with Russia.

Crews could blast off for the ISS on Oct. 30 "if all goes successfully and the United States is confident in this," the news agency ITAR-Tass quoted Baker as saying.

The United States has often been less than confident about its work with Russia on the station over the past several years.

NASA invited Russia into the space station project in 1993 in hopes of saving time and money. Frequent delays in construction and launch of the Zvezda are estimated to have cost the project as much as $3 billion.

Construction was delayed by chronic cash shortages in the Russian space program, and criticism arose that Russia was more interested in allocating its attention and money to keeping aloft its troubled space showpiece, the Mir space station.

The Zvezda module was finally completed last summer, about a year behind schedule. The launch was further postponed after two crashes of Proton rockets, the kind of booster that is to lift the Zvezda into orbit.

Subsequent successful launches using Protons put the Zvezda launch back on active status. Nonetheless, concerns about Zvezda remain.

The General Accounting Office has warned that station crews will face increased risk and noise because of Russia's failure to meet NASA safety standards. It says the module's aluminum and magnesium skin doesn't offer strong enough protection against collisions with space junk and its equipment will fail if cabin pressure is lost, jeopardizing the entire station.

Russia is regaining some of the space confidence it had lost during the troubles of recent years, especially after a successful two-month mission to Mir that ended in June.

The Mir mission "is a victory for all of us," Mir cosmonaut Alexander Kaleri said Friday at a ceremony honoring the recently returned crew.

Police officer pleads guilty to failing to file income taxes

DALLAS (AP) — A Dallas police officer pleaded guilty Friday to seven counts of failure to file his income taxes between 1991 and 1997.

Nixon Wayne Mixon, 40, is a narcotics detective with the Dallas Police Department and had worked with federal agents, including the Internal Revenue Service, on joint investigations.

He claimed the IRS did not have the constitutional authority to collect taxes.

As part of a plea agreement, U.S. Attorney Coggins said, Mixon must resign from the police force.

He faces seven years in prison, a $700,000 fine.

WTC registration dates announced

Registration for the second summer session at Western Texas College will be from 8 a.m. to noon and from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

ASSET testing (TASP equivalent) will be at 1:30 p.m. on Monday and Tuesday in the Counseling Center.

Various classes in mathematics and psychology will be offered. For more information, call the counseling office at 573-8511, ext. 313 or toll-free at 1-888-GO TO WTC (468-6982).

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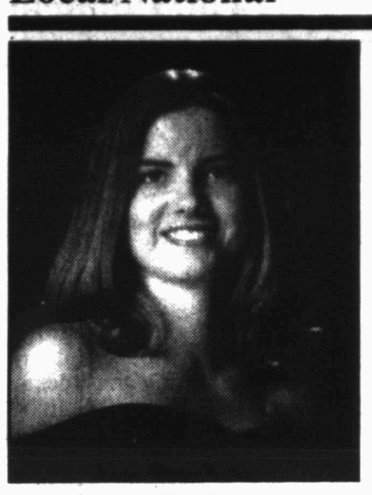
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Joni Hembree

Hembree named collegiate scholar

Joni Hembree, a Western Texas College student, has been named an All-American Collegiate Scholar by the United States Achievement Academy.

Scholars must earn a 3.3 or higher grade point average.

Hembree is the daughter of Leon and Susan Crenshaw of Hermleigh. Grandparents include Rosalee Melton of Hermleigh and Lena Crenshaw of Snyder.

Two SHS grads become Marines

(FHTNC) — Two Snyder High School graduates recently completed Marine basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego.

Marine Corps Pvt. Christopher D. Clayton is the son of Iva G. and David E. Haywood of Snyder.

Marine Corps Pvt. Quinten G. Wells is the son of Connie G. and Victor G. of Snyder.

Clayton graduated in 1991 and Wells is a 1997 graduate.

They successfully completed 12 weeks of training and ended their training phase with the Crucible, a 54-hour team effort, problem solving evolution which culminated with a ceremony in which the recruits were presented the Marine Corps Emblem, and were then addressed as "Marines" for the first time since boot camp began.

Cara Belcher on WBU Dean's List

PLAINVIEW — Each semester, Wayland Baptist University recognizes students who achieve academic excellence while handling a class load of at least 12 semester hours.

Students who maintain a 3.5 grade point average make the Dean's List.

For the spring semester, Cara Belcher, daughter of Clay and Cathy Belcher of Hermleigh, made the Dean's List.

Clay graduates

AUSTIN — Nearly 7,000 students received undergraduate and graduate degrees from the University of Texas at Austin in ceremonies this spring. The May 20 evening commencement celebration marked the 117th observance of UT spring graduation and drew 26,000 people to the campus.

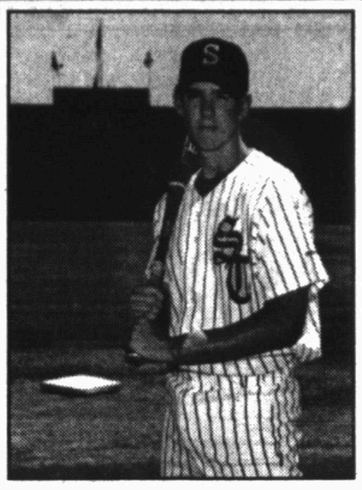
Veana Vichelle Clay, a graduate of Snyder High School, received a bachelor of arts degree in microbiology.

Clarady completes half of deployment

Navy Ensign Robert A. Clarady, son of Glen and Esther Clarady of Snyder, is halfway through a six-month deployment to the Mediterranean Sea and Arabian Gulf while assigned to the amphibious transport ship USS Trenton, home ported in Norfolk, Va.

During the first half of the deployment, Clarady's ship participated in a close-in rig refueling and Exercise Dynamic Response.

Clarady visited several ports of call including cities in Greece, Italy and Spain. While in Barcelona, Spain, sailors trimmed hedges and performed routine maintenance at the Chesire Home for the Handicapped.



Kyle McLendon

McClendon gets Who's Who honor

Kyle McClendon, who will be a senior this fall at Snyder High School, has received the Multiple Year Award for being included in "Who's Who Among American High School Students" for consecutive years.

He is the son of Roy and Sheryl McClendon of Snyder.

Kiwanis topic will be lawsuit reform

Jay Lawrence, an adviser to Texans for Lawsuit Reform, will speak to the Snyder Kiwanis Club regarding lawsuit reform initiatives at noon Wednesday, July 19, at the Golden Corral.

Lawrence's presentation will be on the issue of the civil justice reform in Texas. He will speak on the impact of frivolous lawsuits and there affect on the Texas economy.

The presentation will concentrate on recent legislative measures designed to address lawsuit abuse in Texas and outline future legislative priorities for Texans concerned about the issue.

Surveillance video will not be copied

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. (AP) — A school surveillance tape that shows a 13-year-old boy shooting his teacher on the last day of school will be shown to the public once and reproductions of the tape won't be allowed.

Circuit Judge Richard I. Wennet said Thursday that the video is a public record, but he barred the media from taking photographs or making copies of the tape at a public viewing to be held at the county courthouse. No date has been set.

Wennet wrote that it was "an appropriate remedy to see that both the rights of the media ... and the rights of the accused in being able to receive a fair trial can be accomplished."

A lawyer for Lake Worth Community School seventh-grader Nathaniel Brazill, charged with murder in the May 26 shooting death of teacher Barry Grunow, called Wennet's ruling wise. "He thought of a great resolution I wasn't bright enough to even think of or suggest," attorney Robert Udell said.

The Palm Beach Post and Sun-Sentinel of Fort Lauderdale argued at a June 30 hearing that the surveillance tape is public record and should be released to the media. Udell said allowing the media to show images from the videotape would prejudice the case.

In the 1990 killings of five University of Florida students, the judge took a similar route, allowing the public to view crime scene photos at a county courthouse but barred the media from taking photos. Miami lawyer Tom Julin said about 900 people showed up to see the pictures.

In the case of the Columbine shootings last year, video surveillance tapes from the Colorado high school were made public and copies can be purchased by anyone. Jefferson County began selling the tapes after a judge ordered they be released to victims' families who are suing the sheriff's department.

Father, nine sons are all Eagle Scouts

GRANTS PASS, Ore. (AP) — When Pearl Ann Riordon pinned the silver Eagle Scout badge on her 17-year-old son, Mosiah, it marked the end of an incredible run — nine sons following in their father's footsteps to earn the Boy Scouts' highest rank.

"If that isn't a record, it's awful darn close," Boy Scouts of America spokeswoman Renee Fairrer said from the group's national headquarters in Irving, Texas. "We don't have any demographic records here on Eagle rankings. But I've never heard of anything like that."

The achievement was even a surprise to the Riordans.

"I thought it was pretty cool, but I didn't think it was too unusual," said the eldest son, John. "I guess when you have that many kids in the family, you get used to the numbers."

His father, Ken Riordon, started the run in Kansas City, Mo., in 1957, becoming an Eagle Scout at the age of 14. When he married Pearl Ann in 1965, they figured all their sons would follow in their father's scouting footsteps.

Ken, a handyman, and Pearl Ann, who runs an elderly care home, have lived all over the country, but said they always found strong scouting programs in their Mormon Church.

To wear the silver Eagle, a scout must earn 21 merit badges, complete 12 hours of community service for the Life badge, then do an Eagle project involving 100 hours of community service.

Consulting a book to help her memory, Pearl Ann goes down the list: John, 34, was the first. After starting in scouts in Grants Pass, he earned his Eagle in Hawaii in 1984. Nephi, 30, got his in Hawaii the same year. Both are now chiropractors.

Next was Moroni, 29, who got his Eagle in Kansas City in 1988 and now works at a Hawaiian resort. Enoch, 27, earned his in Chicago in 1991. He works at a copy shop in Oregon. Ammon, 25, got his in 1994 in Grants Pass and attends college in Hawaii.

Aukai, 23; Joseph, 22, and Lamoni, 20, all received their Eagles in the same Court of Honor in Grants Pass in 1996. After a stint as an Army Ranger, Aukai is on a Mormon mission to Guatemala. Joseph just got married and moved to Alaska. And Lamoni is on a mission in New York.

To earn his Eagle, Mosiah organized a blood drive that brought in 50 pints for the American Red Cross. He said he spent four years working toward the top rank.

"Knowing all my brothers could do it made me think that I could do it too," said Mosiah, who still lives at home.

John renovated a trail to a waterfall on the Hawaiian island of Oahu for his Eagle. And Joseph, Ammon, Lamoni and Aukai all did projects at a wild animal rehabilitation center, building cages for various animals, from birds to bears, and working on a bridge.

In addition to the nine Eagle Scouts in the family, there are two sisters, Celestia, 32, and Nialani, 12, who never took part in Girl Scouts, and two younger boys, Ezra, 15, and Christopher, 8, who are developmentally disabled and won't be able to take part in scouts, Pearl Ann said.

"We feel very grateful," she said. "We never had any trouble with drugs. Not even smoking or alcohol. They just kept busy with activities with scouting. Most of them were home-schooled."

That doesn't mean they didn't get into trouble, though. John recalls toilet-papering his scoutmaster's car.

"We got caught and had to scrape it off in ice-cold weather," he said. "I never toilet-papered again."

John said he was inspired to pursue the Eagle Scout honor by his father's Boy Scout sash filled with merit badges, but he said couldn't have achieved the goal without committed scout leaders.

"You've got to have good leaders, or it doesn't happen," he said.

At a family reunion planned for next year, John hopes to get everyone in their scout uniform for a group picture, and he said he and his wife look forward to a new generation of Eagles.

"We just adopted a little boy," he said. "He'll definitely be in scouts."

On the Net: Boy Scouts: http://www.bsa.scouting.org

FTC wants to block Heinz, Beech-Nut merger

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Federal Trade Commission will attempt to block the proposed $185 million purchase by food giant H.J. Heinz Co., of Milnot Holding Corp., owner of Beech-Nut brand prepared baby foods, the agency said Friday.

The merger would create a company that would control about a quarter of U.S. prepared baby food sales, compared to industry leader Gerber, which has 70 percent of the market.

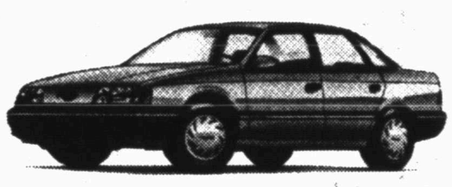
Officials of the Pittsburgh-based Heinz Co., and St. Louis-based Milnot, have maintained the merger is needed to compete with Gerber, but FTC lawyers believes the combination could lead to reduced competition and higher prices.

"Today's commission action seeks to ensure that families are protected from a loss of competition that may lead to significant price increases for baby food," said Richard G. Parker, director of the FTC's Bureau of Competition.

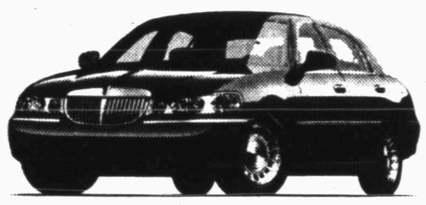
The FTC planned by July 14 to ask the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia to issue an injunction, blocking the proposed merger.

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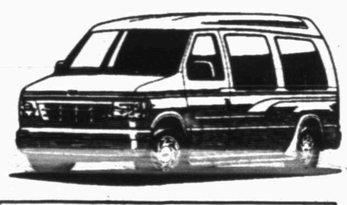
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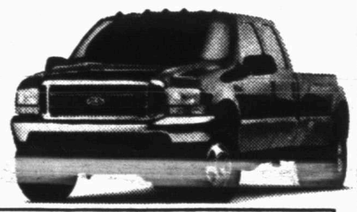
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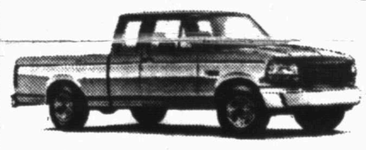
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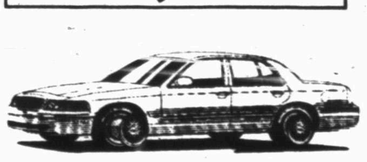
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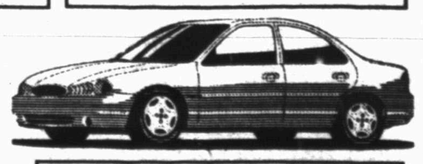
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Gore sees trouble in key states even with big ad buying

WASHINGTON (AP) — Third-party candidates and a rift with organized labor are hurting Al Gore in key states, and a recent multimillion dollar ad campaign has made little difference.

The latest bit of bad news is from Michigan, where a statewide presidential poll of 600 likely voters showed Republican George W. Bush with 46 percent, Democrat Gore 34 percent, Green Party candidate Ralph Nader with 8 percent and Reform Party hopeful Pat Buchanan with 3 percent.

A May survey by the same pollster had Gore up 46-45, but in that version voters were not asked about third-party candidates.

Between those polls, the Democratic National Committee spent more than $1 million on TV ads in Michigan to promote Gore. The vice president himself launched a "prosperity tour," announced a retirement savings plan and began an offensive on Midwest gas prices as part of a message makeover — only to see his ratings fall in Michigan, a top target for both Bush and Gore in their search for state electoral votes and the presidency.

"Bush's number remained unchanged. The only drop has been from Gore, and those votes went to Buchanan or Ralph Nader," said Ed Sarpolus, who conducted the poll for the Detroit Free Press. "Gore has a lot of work to do."

Democratic activists predict the vice president's fortunes will change after voters return from summer vacations and begin paying more attention to the election campaigns. Yet even these allies concede Nader could be a problem.

"Ralph Nader is not going to win the election, but he can help Gore lose it and George Bush win it," said Debbie Dingell, chair of Gore's campaign in Michigan.

A recent California poll showed Nader votes coming at the vice president's expense. Gore advisers are also worried about Nader in Oregon and Washington, where some environmentalists question the vice president's commitment.

In the Midwest, labor leaders upset with Gore are giving Nader a look.

The Teamsters and the United Auto Workers have openly considered backing Bush or Nader. The powerful AFL-CIO endorsed Gore, only to be angered by his choice as new campaign chairman: free-trade backer Bill Daley.

Organized labor provides money and manpower critical to Democratic candidates.

Some 22 percent of Michigan union members polled by Sarpolus said they agreed with their labor organization's consideration of Nader. Half as many said they would vote for Nader if given a chance.

Gore's allies say tensions will ease once the Senate votes this month on a China trade bill supported by the vice president. In addition, Dingell said Nader has yet to prove himself a credible candidate and "people supporting him have to think about how it will effect their lives if George Bush wins."

Still, Michigan Gov. John Engler, a Republican and a Bush ally, said the survey highlights Gore's weakness.

"I don't think it's certain at the end of the day that voters will stay with Nader and Buchanan, but to the extent that people want to make a statement that's one way to do it. And it also exposes one other factor: People don't want a third Clinton-Gore term," Engler said.

In a sign that Clinton's impeachment is still a problem for Gore, one in six Michigan respondents rated family values as a top issue. Bush had their support by a huge margin.

As in Michigan, Gore's efforts have not paid off in Kentucky or New Jersey. Polls conducted in those battleground states show no improvement since the TV ad offensive. Bush leads by a wide margin in Kentucky and the race is tight in New Jersey.

Gore advisers say their internal polls show progress in battleground states, but they offer no specifics.



FINAL PERFORMANCE – The final performance of "True West" will be at 8 p.m. Saturday at Worsham Auditorium. Tickets are $5 each and proceeds will benefit the Jerry Worsham Scholarship Fund. In this scene, Carl Strelecki, left, who plays a Hollywood producer named Saul, is trying to persuade Austin, played by Stephen Taylor, to write his (Austin's) brother Lee's screenplay. Lee is portrayed by Kevin Alejandro. "True West" is the first play produced by Alejandro's and Taylor's company, Kast Productions. Both are Snyder High School graduates. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

Demos favor death penalty, education reform, open trade

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Pushing a centrist agenda, the Democrats' platform committee drafted a statement of principles calling for open trade, teacher certification and continued support for the death penalty despite objections from liberal, education and labor interest groups.

The policy positions dovetail with the agenda of Vice President Al Gore, the Democratic presidential candidate who also supports capital punishment despite growing debate nationwide about its fairness.

Meeting Friday, the committee added an amendment to the death penalty plank in the party platform, calling for DNA evidence to be used when appropriate and for efforts to ensure defendants effective legal counsel, which is in line with Gore's view.

"Some believe serious consideration ought to be given to repealing the death penalty," said Gerald Shea, assistant to the president for government affairs of the AFL-CIO, citing differences of opinion on the committee. "I think the party is committed to being tough on crime."

The Democratic Party spent the past decade trying to shake a soft-on-crime image that Republicans promoted.

Texas Gov. George W. Bush, Gore's Republican opponent, has come under fire for heading a state with the nation's highest number of executions: more than 130 since Bush took office in 1995.

North Carolina Gov. Jim Hunt, who oversees the draft committee, said he believes Democrats will support the stand.

"There are differences in the party about the death penalty," he said. "But the vice president and I support it in certain cases."

The draft committee will submit the document to the platform committee on July 29 in Cleveland. Democrats will weigh final approval during their national convention, Aug. 14-17, in Los Angeles.

"I believe it's a platform the Vice President Gore can run on, and it's a platform he can win on," said Hunt.

Specifically:

—On trade, the proposed policy does not address the issue of favored trade status for China, which has been a source of contention within the party and among big labor. But it encourages the need to "aggressively open new markets in which to sell our goods — at home and abroad." Major industrial unions have opposed the context and tone of such language.

Democrats included a pledge to educate American workers so that they can compete for jobs in a global economy. The platform also vows to protect human rights and the environment.

"It's not the kind of document we would write," said the Shea of the AFL-CIO, which has endorsed Gore. "But in the context of it being an outside group's document, we believe our issues were addressed."

—On education, the draft calls for federally required teacher certification and a "rigorous test" for all new teachers despite opposition from some teachers organizations.

"Teachers should be answerable for what goes on in the classroom," the draft states. "Bad teachers who are out there should not be allowed to sully the reputation of the teaching profession."

Randi Weingarten, president of the United Federation of Teachers, said teachers need to be treated fairly and ensured of due process.

"We're not shying away from accountability," she said. "What we're trying to do is to make sure that the field we are playing on is level and that we have the tools to do the job."

The committee also included language requiring schools that fail to improve to be shutdown or placed under new leadership.

Mary Elizabeth Teasley, director of government relations for National Education Association, offered an amendment to ensure that schools and teachers are rewarded for making positive differences in the classroom.

Finally, Democrats reaffirmed their commitment to abortion rights. But Minneapolis Mayor Sharon Sayles Belton, a co-chair of the platform committee, said the party should work to reduce the numbers of abortion in America.

"This is a debate within our party," she said. "We could go in the back room and hide it. But we're putting it out on the table, just like trade."

Permission to protest rescinded

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The Los Angeles City Council on Friday rescinded its earlier approval for demonstrators to use a downtown square during the upcoming Democratic National Convention.

The decision came just two weeks after the council members approved a request to make Pershing Square available to the protesters. One of the council members, Jackie Goldberg had refused to support a request by convention organizers for $4 million unless council members made the square available.

But the council voted 12-1 — with Goldberg casting the only negative vote — to reverse the decision after police and business owners complained that businesses might be vulnerable if the demonstrations turned violent.

Demonstrators may still obtain permits and assemble at Pershing square, but Goldberg had hoped a special designation would create "a cooperative and not a confrontational" atmosphere.

Protesters tied strips of cloth around their mouths as the City Council debated the issue on Friday, although at another point the meeting became raucous as some protesters shouted at council members.

"We feel its a free speech issue," said Brett Doran, a member of the activist coalition Direct Action Network.

Activists have said as many as 50,000 people may engaged in protests during the Democrats' convention Aug 14-17. Some activists already have complained about law enforcement authorities' decision to establish a wide buffer zone around the convention site, keeping protesters far from earshot of delegates.

Activists also have criticized the designation of a parking lot near the Staples Center, site of the convention, as the official protest area, complaining that it is too far from the site and from delegates.

Police have said protesters are free to demonstrate elsewhere, outside the buffer zone, as long as they don't break any laws. A coalition of activists sued the city and Police Department one week ago for greater access to the event site.

The lawsuit seeks an injunction to prevent the city and police from restricting protesters' movement. The suit argues that the designated protest zones are in areas where convention delegates will not see them.

Michael Everett, a protester who attended Friday's meeting and who works with the protesters coalition known as the D2K Network, said the vote would not affect him.

"We will go on with our protest, and we'll march to Staples Center," said Michael Everett, who works with a coalition known as the D2K Network. "Nothing's changed. We're going to be in Pershing Square."

Financial Focus

Investment Rules You Won't Want to Break

Second in a two-part series. Last week's article looked at general investment guidelines.

To achieve financial security throughout life, you don't have to be born rich — although that would help. And you don't have to be a financial genius — although that would help, too. So what do you need" You need to avoid breaking some specific rules of investing.

Let's examine a few of them:

***Don't ignore asset allocation** — You've no doubt heard about the importance of diversification in investing. And it's true that proper diversification is essential to investment success. But just how, exactly, should you diversify?

One proven diversification strategy is called *asset allocation*. To follow this technique, you need to systematically spread your dollars among an array of investment vehicles — stocks, bonds, mutual funds and other securities — to create a portfolio that matches your tolerance for risk, your time horizon and your overall investment goals. A qualified investment representative can help you determine which mix is appropriate for your individual situation.

***Don't chase last year's "hot" stock or mutual fund** — by the time you get around to buying a "hot" stock or fund, it may already be cooling off.

***Don't try to "time" the market** — If you knew when the market peaks and valleys were going to occur, you'd quickly become rich. But you don't have this knowledge — and neither does anyone else. Instead of trying to time your buy-and-sell by decisions with the cycles of the market, you'd be much better off by making regular purchases in those investments that you believe have a solid, long-term future.

***Don't take your profits too early, and don't wait to cut your losses** — These are really two sides of the same coin. Too many people are satisfied to sell their stock or mutual fund shares on any sort of "upstick." Had they stuck with the investment for the long term, they might have ended up doing much better. Conversely, some investors *never* want to unload a stock, even if it has lost money consistently and its prospects are dim. Instead of waiting for a turnaround, the investors could be using the money for a more promising opportunity.

***Don't overlook the need for investment income** — As the stock market has exploded over the past few years, many investors have focused only on achieving as much *growth* of capital as possible. Sooner or later, you also will need your investments to provide you with *income*. And when that happens, you might want to consider high-quality bonds, which can help preserve capital and provide you with a current income stream. If you're in a high tax bracket, you may want to receive your income from tax-exempt municipal bonds.

Ultimately, there are no short cuts to investment success. That's why you need patience, discipline — and the willingness to follow some tried-and-true investment rules.

4 Houston area men charged in money laundering scheme

HOUSTON (AP) — Four Houston area men were charged Friday with money laundering after a check to the Internal Revenue Service for more than $200,000 was stolen and counterfeited, authorities said.

The four, along with other conspirators, took a check for $240,000 from a Palo Alto, Calif., taxpayer that was payable to the IRS in Los Angeles, according to a news release from U.S. Attorney Mervyn M. Mosbacker of Houston.

They are accused of then counterfeiting and forging a copy of that check in the same amount but payable to Meyerland Auto, a Houston business. It was deposited into Citizens National Bank of Texas in Bellaire.

When it cleared, one of them withdrew the proceeds and divided it with the others, the release says.

The four were indicted by a federal grand jury of charges that include bank fraud, conspiracy to launder monetary transactions, engaging in monetary transactions in property derived from unlawful activity and laundering of monetary instruments.

If convicted, Sion Hassan, 45, Jackie Wilson, 39, Richard Iyamu, 48, and Adewale Okunubi, 32, face 30 years in prison and fines of $3 million.

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By age 15, most U.S. kids enter work field

WASHINGTON (AP) — Half of American 12-year-olds hold informal jobs like baby-sitting or yard work, and by age 15, nearly two-thirds are employed, according to a new Labor Department report.

"The American work ethic starts at an early age," said Labor Secretary Alexis Herman of the findings about young Americans' working habits, released by the Bureau of Labor Statistics on Friday.

Still, the study found that a smaller percentage of the teenage population held jobs in the late 1990s than two decades earlier, in the late 1970s.

During the period from 1977 to 1979, an average 30 percent of 15- to 17-year-olds held jobs during the school year and 43 percent did in the summer. By comparison, from 1996 to 1998, an average of 25 percent in the same age group held jobs during the school year and 34 percent in the summer.

The BLS study combined findings from annual government surveys of American households with in-depth interviews conducted in 1997 with 9,022 young men and women who were between the ages of 12 and 16 on Dec. 31, 1996. Findings were focused on kids 15 and younger.

The 1997 interviews revealed that about 50 percent of kids had worked in informal jobs at age 12. By age 14, the share of kids working rose to 57 percent.

About 43 percent of 14-year-olds were still doing only odd jobs like neighbors' yardwork or baby-sitting, while 24 percent had formal, ongoing employment, and some did both kinds of work.

By age 15, 64 percent of teenagers were working — 38 percent in formal, ongoing employment arrangements, and 31 percent in formal jobs that included hours worked during the school year — not just over summer vacation.

The average weekly hours worked by employed 15- to 17-year olds were 23 in the summer and 17 during the school year.

White teen-agers are more likely than minorities to work, the study found.

Nearly two-thirds — 64 percent — of white teen-agers did some type of formal or informal work by age 14, compared with 43 percent of black teen-agers and 41 percent of Hispanic teens. Similar disparities persisted among 15-year-olds.

Girls were just as likely to be working by age 15 as boys, but were apt to be doing different types of jobs. Girls were more likely to hold informal jobs, like baby-sitting, for example.

Among 15-year-old boys, about 42 percent were formally employed while only 34 percent of girls were.

For 15-year-old boys, the top three formal jobs were cook, janitor or cleaner, and miscellaneous food preparation. Girls of the same age were most likely to be cashiers, waitresses or general office clerks.

U.S. child labor laws allow 14- and 15-year-olds to do some types of work — such as agricultural, retail and food service jobs — but limit the hours they can work. Children under age 14 may not be formally employed but can perform informal jobs, such as baby-sitting, on an occasional basis.

The BLS study looked separately at agricultural work, finding that teen-agers between 14 and 17 made up 7 percent of U.S. farm workers between 1993 and 1998. About half of the estimated 126,000 minor farm workers live and work away from their parents.

On the Net: Bureau of Labor Statistics Study: http://www.bls.gov, click on "Publications and Research," then, "Special Publications."

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Common sense tips guarantee family fun in the mountains

DEAR ABBY: Summer is here. Many people are planning vacations in the Rocky Mountain West. On behalf of emergency response personnel, I offer the following tips when visiting Colorado, Wyoming, Montana, the Dakotas, Idaho and Utah:

1. Dress in layers and always have a medium-weight jacket. In elevations over 5,000 feet, it can snow during the summer, and nights can drop into the 30s.

2. Drink lots of water. Not sodas, coffee, etc. This will prevent dehydration.

3. Summer winds can reach 75 miles an hour. If you see trucks pulled over to the side of the road because of the wind, consider stopping yourself.

4. Be respectful of summer thunderstorms. Several people are killed each year by lightning. If you plan on hiking, leave early in the morning and be off the mountain after lunch. If you get caught in a storm, seek shelter immediately.

5. Children should carry a simple emergency kit in a fanny pack. It should include a snack, garbage bag (with a hole cut in the bottom) that can be used for shelter and warmth, a small bottle of water and a whistle. If they become separated from the group, instruct them to hug a tree and blow the whistle.

6. Use the "slip, slap, slop" technique for sun protection. Slip on a shirt, slap on a hat and slop on the sunscreen.

7. Never approach or feed any wildlife. They are not pets!

Use common sense. Follow these tips, and you should have a great vacation experience in the Rocky Mountain West! — **A WESTERNER**

DEAR WESTERNER: Thank you on behalf of all my readers who plan to visit some of the world's most majestic scenery. It's important to be reminded that Mother Nature can turn treacherous if you are not prepared.

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DEAR ABBY: I'd like to say something about computer-answered telephones.

Everywhere you call, you get a recording saying, "Punch one for this, punch two for that ..." and most of the numbers they tell you to punch have nothing to do with what you called about.

Grocery stores, utility offices, the telephone company, banks and Lord knows how many more businesses have machines to answer their phones. I wouldn't be surprised to hear a recording should I call for an ambulance or the police. It seems that every business in the world now uses recorded answering services.

I would like to know how many people would prefer that every business return to having live telephone operators or receptionists. I also think that everyone who becomes irritated by those recorded-menu answering machines and all those numbers to push should write to their governor, the president, congressional representatives or SOMEBODY to complain. — **TIRED OF PUSHING NUMBERS IN MARYSVILLE, TENN.**

DEAR TIRED: Not a week goes by that I don't receive one or more letters with the same complaint. I have been known to ask my assistant to make calls for me because I get so frustrated with pushing "one for this" and "two for that." Although I understand why businesses have resorted to this impersonal answering method, the "personal" touch is far more conducive to a pleasant business experience.

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DEAR ABBY: I'd like to pose a question. A man is dying. If I went to visit him, he would be delighted to see me. Even though I haven't seen him in years, it would bring back happy memories for him. Neither his wife nor his children know that I exist.

After much soul-searching, I have decided that I won't go. I came to the conclusion that a visit would be disruptive and cause the family pain and suffering, as well as warping their memories of a wonderful man. But as I pondered this question, I wondered how many wives might accept such a visit, knowing that it would provide some solace to a man whom they both love. — **THE MISTRESS**

DEAR MISTRESS: Probably not many. If the family resided in Europe, where mistresses are more common, such a visit might be welcomed. However, in the United States, we have a more disapproving attitude about extramarital relationships, and wives of dying husbands are not likely to appreciate a visit from a secret "admirer." Better to let lying dogs sleep.

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DEAR ABBY: I recently lost a friend to complications of testicular cancer. As a health-care worker and his grieving friend, I find it frustrating that there isn't more education and information available about this disease.

An entire month is dedicated to breast cancer — which I think is wonderful — but teaching young men about self-exams for testicular cancer is just as important.

Testicular cancer primarily affects males between the ages of 15 and 40. Symptoms are often chalked up to hormones or "growth changes" until it has spread to other parts of the body.

Testicular exams are simple to perform and take only a few minutes once a month. The best time to do them is after a warm bath or shower. Roll each testicle gently between the thumb and fingers of both hands. If you find ANY hard lumps or nodules, see your doctor promptly! With early detection and treatment, the chances of a complete recovery are excellent. — **CONCERNED IN EUGENE, ORE.**

DEAR CONCERNED: I offer my sympathy for the loss of your friend. Men's health is certainly as important as women's, and I'm certain many of my male readers will thank you for taking the time to explain the examination and warning signs of testicular cancer. Men should also have periodic prostate and breast examinations.

The American Cancer Society is an excellent resource for cancer education, information and locations that offer emotional support.

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DEAR ABBY: My sister "Fay" is 20 years older than me, and we were once very close. She was like my second mom.My husband, "Jerry," has been successful in business. Over the past few years we have been able to buy a beautiful new home and cars. My sister, on the other hand, has to struggle to pay her monthly bills.

Jerry is our family's main source of income, and I am not comfortable asking him to lend or give money to my sister.

Fay is resentful that we're doing better than she is. She picks fights, insults us and criticizes everything we own, including our family dog. I take her out to dinner and nice places, but she even resents that.

I miss the relationship Fay and I once had. How can I mend the fences so things can be like they used to be? — **PERPLEXED IN PEORIA**

DEAR PERPLEXED: You'll be happier if you stop trying to cling to the past and accept the fact that sometimes people and relationships change. The problem is not yours — it's your sister's. You can't buy her love or "make" her let go of her jealousy. Only she can do that.

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Good advice for everyone — teens to seniors — is in "The Anger in All of Us and How to Deal With It." To order, send a business-size, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for $3.95 ($4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby, Anger Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Postage is included.)

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Medicare lawsuit rejected

ST. PAUL, Minn. (AP) — A federal judge has dismissed a lawsuit filed by Minnesota that claimed Medicare funding unconstitutionally favors bigger states over smaller ones.

U.S. District Judge Donald Alsop ruled late Thursday that the system is unfair but does not violate the Constitution. He also said Congress, not federal courts, must resolve the issue.

"It is to be hoped that those with ultimate authority to remedy this wrong — indeed those who created it — will promptly recognize the injustice they have created and enact legislation to correct it," the judge wrote.

Medicare, which was created in 1965, is funded through payroll taxes and provides health insurance for 39 million senior citizens and people with disabilities. Minnesota has approximately 600,000 Medicare recipients.

Premiums vary across the country because the federal government bases Medicare reimbursements to managed care organizations on medical costs in the region.

In places where medical costs are high, reimbursement rates are high enough that Medicare HMOs can offer their plans without a premium. In lower-cost areas, such as Minnesota, the payments are not sufficient, requiring the HMOs to raise additional money by charging premiums.

In parts of rural Minnesota, federal payments are so low that Medicare HMOs aren't offered. Attorney General Mike Hatch estimates that the system costs Minnesota — which has to spend state money to cover the funding gap — $1 billion every two years.

The lawsuit did not seek money, only to force Congress to develop a funding system that would dispense equal benefits regardless of geography.

Hatch said he was not optimistic that Congress will fix the system anytime soon because states with the highest reimbursement rates have the most representation in Congress. "It was a long shot," he said.

Hatch said Minnesota will not appeal.

Elementary teachers stick with students

WORTHINGTON, Ohio (AP) — Elementary school teachers are trying a variation of the one-room schoolhouse by sticking with their students through two or three grade levels.

Educators say the teaching method — called looping — provides a stable learning environment in the critical years of development by allowing students to keep the same instructor.

"Teachers increasingly are trying looping as they become aware of the benefits to students," said Sylvia Seidel, director of the National Education Association's Teacher Education Initiative.

Schools nationwide, including some in Attleboro, Mass., Colorado Springs, Colo., and Sacramento, Calif., have reported positive looping results.

Some Ohio districts, including Worthington and East Cleveland, also are trying the practice.

"Kids need a lot of stability in the younger grades as they develop mentally. Change is very disruptive," said Rich Bates, principal at Worthington Park Elementary in this middle-class Columbus suburb. "This is a way to make sure kids have some continuity in those years."

Educators say looping also brings parents into the teacher-student relationship.

"It's really an extended partnership between the child, the parents and the teachers to make sure the child gets a solid education. It brings back an element I believe today's children are missing — family structure and stability — because it involves the parents," said Frederick Hampton, an associate professor of education at Cleveland State University who studied the use of looping in East Cleveland, a low-income Cleveland suburb.

However, as with any teaching method, looping has some potential drawbacks, educators say.

An instructor's teaching style might not work with a given student, a personality clash between a student and teacher might be prolonged, and students might not be exposed to as many adult viewpoints as they would be in a traditional class.

But both supporters and critics say that because of those drawbacks, parents always have the option of putting their children in a traditional class.

Several groups of teachers at Bates' school have used looping for the past four years. When Iris Morris moves her class from first grade to second grade, Kathy Schmidt takes over at first grade.

The two say they are able to use class time more productively in the second year because they can jump right into teaching.

"By eliminating the six weeks of get-to-know each other time, there is more time for instruction," Morris said.

Teachers already know each child, as well as each child's learning style, ability and competency. Likewise, students already are comfortable with the teacher and know the teacher's teaching style, expectations and rules.

That's what Jonathan Katz, 8, of Worthington, liked about having Morris as a teacher for two years.

"I was really happy about it because I knew everybody in our class and I knew her," he said.

However, he will start third grade in the fall with a new teacher.

"It will be weird, but I'll be fine. And I'll still see her (Morris) around," he said.

On the Net: National Teacher's Association: http://www.nea.org

Unhealthy smog readings recorded

HOUSTON (AP) — The first "very unhealthy" smog reading of the year was recorded Friday at a state monitoring site in the center of the city.

The measurement of ground-level ozone — smog's main ingredient — triggered the first purple-level alert since a color-coded warning system was introduced this spring.

State officials also issued an "ozone watch" for Saturday, meaning more high ozone levels were expected.

The ozone reading of 206 parts per billion (ppb) exceeded the national health standard for ozone of 125 ppb. Ozone can become a respiratory irritant that forms when other pollutants mix.

In addition to the 206 ppb reading, ozone measurements ranging from 131 to 201 ppb were recorded at six other Houston-area sites Friday.

The area's highest ozone reading last year — also the nation's highest — was 251 ppb.

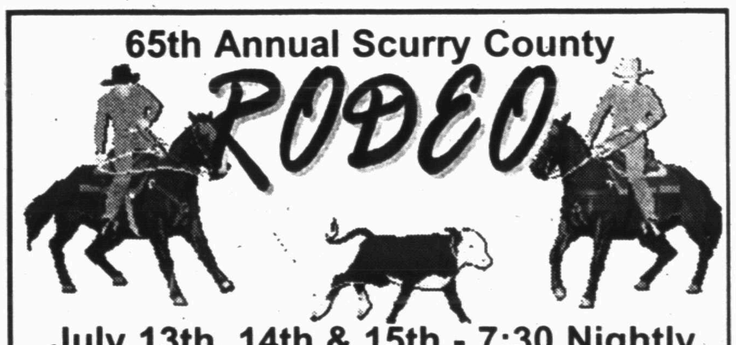
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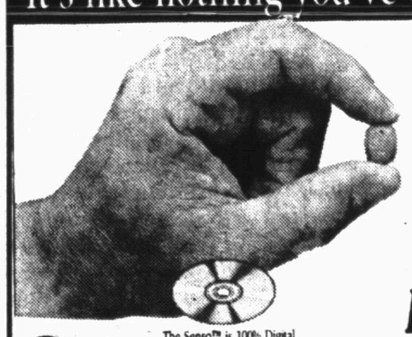


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SPORTS

Snyder holds off C-City, 5-4

ABILENE — Facing the live arm of Colorado City pitcher Tino Silva, Snyder's 15 and 16-year-old all-stars had to employ some patience to pull out a first-round win.

Snyder overcame a 2-1 deficit and a 12-strikeout performance by Silva Friday night to knock off Colorado City, 5-4.

The victory keeps Snyder in the winner's bracket where it will face Abilene North at 6 p.m. Tuesday.

Against Colorado City, Snyder grabbed a 1-0 lead in the bottom of the first on back-to-back singles by Ralph Ramon and Chris McLeod.

But Silva quickly settled down, limiting Snyder to only one hit over the next two frames, before Colorado City's bats came to life in the top of the fourth.

On the mound for Snyder, Ramon had cruised through the first three innings, not allowing a hit and striking out five.

Silva broke up the no-hitter with a leadoff double in the fourth, followed by a Snyder error and two more Colorado City base hits for a 2-1 C-City advantage.

Silva finished the game with three of his squad's seven hits, while registering 12 strikeouts and six walks from the hill.

The Colorado City lead was short-lived, as Snyder answered in the bottom of the frame.

A leadoff single by Logan Hill was followed by a sacrifice bunt from Riki Dorsett and a walk to Billy Pena.

One out later, Brooks Nunley belted a single into center field to drive in Dorsett and Pena, and regain Snyder's lead at 3-2.

Colorado City knotted the tally once more with a run in the fifth, before Snyder closed the door with a pair of runs in the sixth.

After Silva handed out two base on balls, Ramon blasted a double into left field, plating two runs to give Snyder the lead for good.

Ramon finished with a double, a single and two RBIs at the plate, while surrendering seven hits and posting six strikeouts and four walks from the mound.

McLeod, Hill, Nunley and Tyler Pollard all had singles for Snyder.

In other all-star action, Snyder's 9 and 10-year-old squad faces Abilene Lone Star at 7:30 Saturday night in Merkel. A victory would put Snyder up against the champion of the Albany bracket, with the winner advancing to the next round.

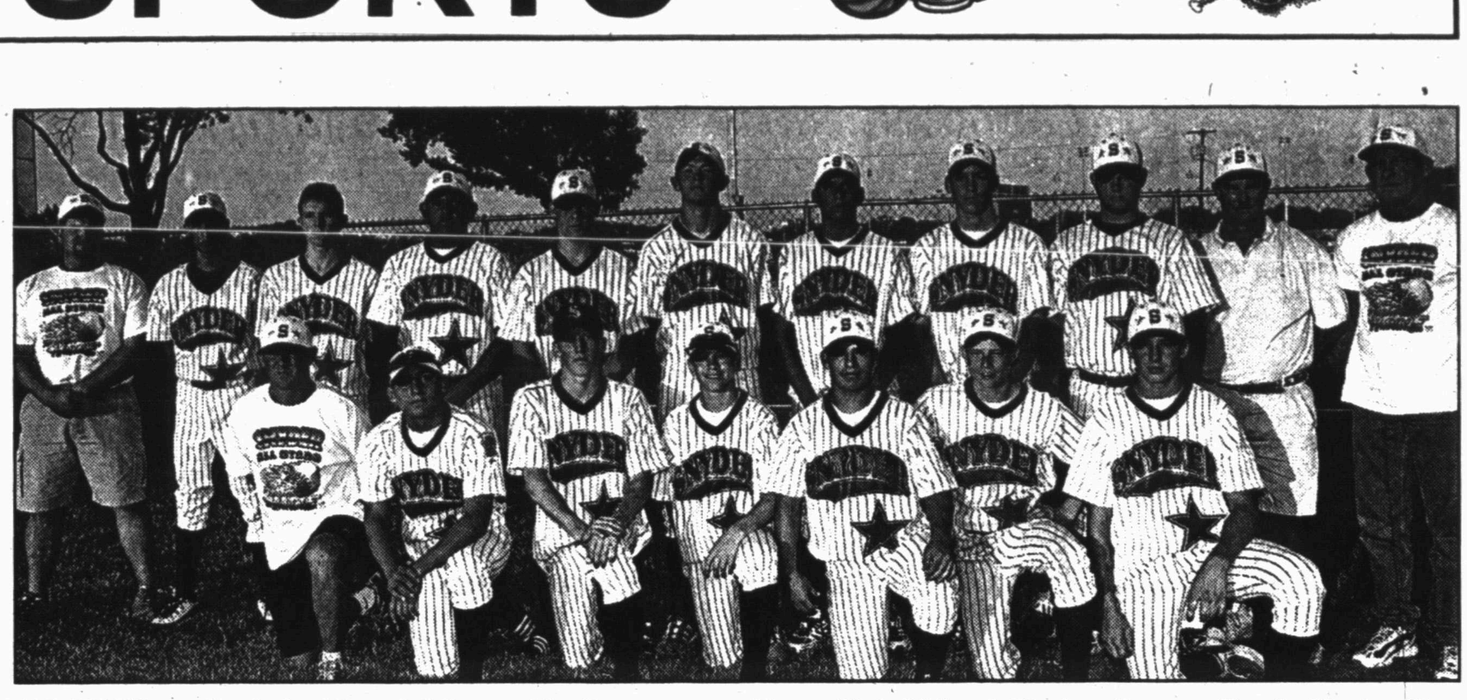
Snyder's 11 and 12-year-old team came out on the short end of a slugfest with Colorado City on Thursday, falling 15-12 to end Snyder's run.

C-City led by eight runs heading into the bottom of the sixth, before Snyder made a push.

Home runs from Chris Smith and Eric Martinez, combined with singles by Jay Weaver, Cale Lancaster and Orlando Vasquez, plated six runs before Colorado City notched the final two outs to preserve the win.

Martinez and Vasquez each finished with a home run and a single, while Smith had a homer, and Wade Pinson and Cade Simpson both posted doubles.

Weaver slapped a pair of singles, with Lancaster, Dustyn Williams and Caleb Gutierrez knocking one single apiece.



ALL-STARS — Snyder's 15 and 16-year-old all-star team knocked off Colorado City on Friday, 5-4. Members of the team are, front row from left, Coach Chad Welch, Ralph Ramon, Riki Dorsett, Shawn Roemisch, Billy Pena, Chance Greenwood and Logan Hill. On the back row are Coach Brad Hinton, Jase Olvera, Chris McLeod, Stephen Ortegon, Brooks Nunley, Shay Franks, Tito Alaniz, Tyler Pollard, Heath Conner and Coaches Ray Hill and Jay Roemisch. Snyder will be in action again at 6 p.m. Tuesday against Abilene North in Abilene. (SDN Staff Photo)

Body of Cory Erving recovered

SANFORD, Fla. (AP) — After weeks of searching and a nationwide plea for clues, investigators found the body of the missing son of basketball star Julius "Dr. J" Erving less than a mile from his home.

An autopsy Friday confirmed 19-year-old Cory Erving's identity, but the cause of death will not be determined for a few weeks, Sheriff Don Eslinger said.

Investigators said that no foul play was suspected and that Erving, who was known to drive fast, may have died in an accident.

Erving family members said they were grateful to know what happened to the teen-ager, who had been missing for 40 days before searchers with the Seminole County Sheriff's Office found his car and body late Thursday at the bottom of a murky retention pond.

"We are thankful to the Seminole County Sheriff's Office for bringing Cory back to us. We now have resolution. Getting closure was very important to the family in coping with our loss," Julius Erving said in a statement Friday.

Divers had searched 36 bodies of water in central Florida during the investigation. Searchers even flew over the 8-foot-deep retention pond June 20 but saw nothing.

Erving's car was found 20 yards from shore, less than a mile from the Erving family's home in a gated community near Orlando. The windows were up and Erving's seat belt was not fastened.

The sheriff said that while Erving had on the same clothes he was wearing the day he disappeared six weeks ago, investigators are not sure how long the car was in the water.

Toxicology tests, which usually take weeks, could determine whether he was on drugs at the time of his death. Erving had had a history of drug and alcohol abuse and run-ins with the law, and investigators had raised the possibility during the search that he had gone off on a crack binge.

"It's not the news they wanted. They were hoping to find him alive," said Pat Williams, senior vice president of the NBA's Orlando Magic and a spokesman for the Ervings. "The unknown was what was hardest for them."

Fight at youth hockey game results in death

READING, Mass. (AP) — It began as a fight about fighting.

Two fathers, upset about rough play in their sons' youth hockey game, came to blows, police say.

One of the fathers was beaten into unconciousness — in front of some children — and died a day later. And a man who faced a misdemeanor charge of assault and battery for the fight now might be charged with something much more serious.

Michael Costin, a 40-year-old single father of four from Lynnfield, was on the ice Wednesday afternoon at the Burbank Ice Arena with a group of kids, including two of his own. Thomas Junta, 42, was in the stands.

The hockey game was supposed to be non-contact, but Junta got agitated when things got rough and some players began checking.

"Somebody may have struck or run into somebody on the ice," Lt. Detective Kevin Patterson said.

Junta and Costin began arguing with one another, and a rink manager threw Junta out because of the shouting, police said. But by the time Costin took off his skates and left the ice, Junta was back in the building.

Junta, who police said is 6-foot-1 and weighs 275 pounds, knocked Costin to the floor and with his fists pummeled Costin in the head, police said. Another adult broke up the fight, but Costin was unconscious. He died Thursday night.

Junta had already faced charges of assault and battery.

Middlesex district attorney Martha Coakley said it is possible that new charges will be filed once investigators have received results from an autopsy scheduled for Saturday.

"We are now treating this death as a possible homicide," she said.

The National Youth Alliance for Youth Sports, which teaches parental ethics and monitors behavior at sporting events, said it had never heard of a death resulting from a fight involving parents at a youth sporting event.

Richard Lapchick, director of the Center for the Study of Sports and Society at Northeastern University, said he hears or reads at least once a month about parents picking fights at their children's games, either with referees, coaches or other parents.

He said fighting has become more common over the past 5-10 years as parents put increasing pressure on their children to succeed at sports, particularly as a way of paving their way to college and other achievements.

"It sadly does not come as a surprise that something like this would happen," Lapchick said.

After the fight, the rink announced it was closing until July 8, but since the death, the rink is closed indefinitely.

Henninger fires 63, takes one-shot lead

LEMONT, Ill. (AP) — Brian Henninger was sick of missing cuts.

For weeks it seemed like the same story: shoot in the low to mid-70s and miss the cut by a stroke. Finally, after shooting a 77 in the first round of the U.S. Open, he'd had it.

"I just really started to relax my body," he said. "I think I was really uptight. I just tried to be free and a little bit looser, and it's carried over."

Any looser, and Henninger might need some No-Doze.

He became the third person this week to tie the Western Open record with a 9-under-par 63 Friday as he took a one-stroke lead with an 11-under 133.

Franklin Langham, who took a month off after tying for second in the Kemper Open, was one stroke behind Henninger after shooting a 65. Stephen Ames, Nick Price, Fred Couples, Stuart Appleby and Steve Flesch were two strokes back at 9-under 135.

Sports Briefs

Baseball tryout

The San Diego Padres will hold a tryout next Saturday at Mofett Field. Players aged 15-22 are eligible to participate.

Registration will be at 8 a.m., with testing beginning at 9. American Legion players must have a permission letter from their commander.

For more information, contact Leroy at (409) 836-7651, Boots at (214) 328-6595, or Roland Herrera at 573-1355.

Golfers' Memorial Tournament

The Golfers' Memorial Tournament at Snyder Country Club is scheduled for next Saturday and Sunday. The event will be a two-man scramble, pre-flighted by lowest handicap of the two partners.

Entry fee is $150 per team, and includes a buffet dinner. To register, call the SCC pro shop at 573-7101.

SCC Junior Club Championship

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

Adult-child tourney

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

WGA weekly play day

The Women's Golf Association of Snyder Country Club will hold its weekly play day at 9 a.m. Tuesday. Format will be competition against the 1999 club champion.

Athletic physicals

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

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

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

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

Snyder volleyball camp

Snyder Volleyball Camp will be held July 17-20 at the SHS gym. All incoming fifth through ninth grade girls are eligible.

The camp will meet from 9 a.m. until noon each day, and will cover technique, drills and team volleyball skills.

Cost is $40, and includes a camp T-shirt. Registration deadline is next Saturday. To sign up, call Patty Grimmett at 573-9416.

Horseshoe pitching

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

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

Henninger leads by a stroke

LEMONT, Ill. (AP) — Brian Henninger tied the Western Open record with a 9-under-par 63 and took a one-stroke lead with an 11-under 133.

Henninger was the third player to tie the record in the first two rounds of this year's Western Open. Stephen Ames did it earlier Friday, and Nick Price did it Thursday.

Italian retains Tour lead

LIMOGES, France (AP) — France's Christophe Agnolutto led for more than 75 miles in winning the seventh stage of the Tour de France, while defending champion Lance Armstrong hung back.

The AG2R rider battled through driving rain to win the hilly 127-mile race from Tours to Limoges in 5 hours, 11 minutes, 41 seconds.

Agnolutto, the first French winner of a Tour leg since 1998, made a solo burst to the front in mile 48 and held off his rivals the rest of the way.

Germany's Marcel Wust finished second, 1:19 behind, with countryman Erik Zabel third.

In the overall standings, Italy's Alberto Elli retained the yellow jersey.

WNBA Glance

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EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
Orlando	11	6	.647	—
Cleveland	8	8	.500	2½
New York	9	9	.500	2½
Washington	8	8	.500	2½
Detroit	8	9	.471	3
Miami	6	11	.353	5
Indiana	3	13	.188	7½
Charlotte	3	14	.176	8

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	17	2	.895	—
Los Angeles	15	2	.882	1
Sacramento	12	6	.667	4½
Phoenix	10	6	.625	5½
Minnesota	10	7	.588	6
Utah	9	9	.500	7½
Portland	4	12	.250	11½
Seattle	3	14	.176	13

Friday's Games

Miami 49, Cleveland 46
New York 76, Minnesota 70
Houston 86, Charlotte 71
Detroit 73, Utah 69
Sacramento 63, Portland 60

Saturday's Games

Phoenix at Indiana, 2 p.m.
Miami at New York, 7:30 p.m.
Cleveland at Charlotte, 7:30 p.m.
Seattle at Orlando, 7:30 p.m.
Washington at Sacramento, 10 p.m.

Sunday's Games

Orlando at Detroit, 6 p.m.
Houston at Minnesota, 6 p.m.
Utah at Los Angeles, 9 p.m.
Washington at Portland, 10 p.m.

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SPORTS

Rodriguez, Rangers slip past Padres, 5-4

ARLINGTON (AP) — Ivan Rodriguez got Texas off to a good start, with a grand slam in the first inning. Nine innings later, the Rangers got another run and the victory.

Texas loaded the bases with no outs, and almost wasted that opportunity before David Segui came through with a two-out RBI single to lift the Rangers to their fourth straight victory, 5-4 in 10 innings against the San Diego Padres.

"It was a roller coaster of a game," Texas' Frank Catalanotto said. "We started off great, but later on things didn't turn out the way we thought. But David came through for us. We feel fortunate to win it."

Catalanotto got the Rangers in the 10th, opening with a pinch double off Matt Whiteside (2-3).

After Luis Alicea walked, San Diego shortstop Kevin Nicholson dropped a throw from second baseman Bret Boone for an error on an attempted forceout at second on Rusty Greer's grounder.

The Padres got one out when Nicholson threw to the plate to force out Catalanotto on Scarborough Green's grounder. Rodriguez then popped to second for the second out.

"With Pudge up, I turned to their third baseman and said, 'Do you believe in miracles? Because that's what you'll need,'" Alicea said. "But then Pudge popped out. I said, 'I guess miracles can happen.'"

Segui won the game, slapping a two-strike, high and outside pitch to right to drive in Alicea for the Rangers' first extra-inning win in five tries this season.

"I couldn't believe he hit that pitch," Catalanotto said. "He tomahawked it. I think Whiteside got the pitch he wanted, up and out of the zone, but David got on top of it and hit it in the right place."

Doug Davis (3-1) pitched a perfect 10th for the victory, the Rangers' fourth straight.

The Padres lost for the fifth time in six games, and are 1-9 when tied after eight innings.

"It's disheartening," Padres manager Bruce Bochy said. "You can look at it as just another one-run loss, but these guys really battled back."

Bochy said Whiteside was trying to throw a waste pitch to Segui on the game-winning hit.

"We get a two-strike count on Segui, and he just gets it through on the ground," Bochy said. "Segui was just able to get his bat on it."

Texas loaded the bases in the first inning against Woody Williams on a single by Alicea, a walk to Greer, and a single by Rafael Palmeiro.

Rodriguez just missed a homer on the first pitch, hitting a drive a few feet foul of the right-field pole. He then hit Williams' 0-1 pitch 442 feet into the left-field seats for his second career grand slam and 26th homer of the season.

After allowing Rodriguez's homer, Williams gave up only three more hits, retiring 11 straight from the third through the sixth.

Major League Baseball

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East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
New York	43	37	.538	—
Toronto	46	41	.529	½
Boston	42	40	.512	2
Baltimore	37	47	.440	8
Tampa Bay	34	49	.410	10½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Chicago	55	30	.647	—
Cleveland	43	41	.512	11½
Kansas City	38	45	.458	16
Detroit	37	45	.451	16½
Minnesota	37	51	.420	19½

West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Seattle	49	35	.583	—
Oakland	47	37	.560	2
Anaheim	45	41	.523	5
Texas	41	42	.494	7½

Friday's Games

Chicago White Sox 4, Chicago Cubs 2, 12 innings
N.Y. Yankees 2, N.Y. Mets 1
Pittsburgh 8, Minnesota 6
Baltimore 2, Philadelphia 1
Atlanta 5, Boston 3
Tampa Bay 8, Florida 3
Montreal 10, Toronto 5
Cincinnati 2, Cleveland 1
Milwaukee 4, Detroit 3
Houston 9, Kansas City 5
Texas 5, San Diego 4, 10 innings
Anaheim 12, Colorado 4
Oakland 5, Arizona 4, 11 innings
Los Angeles 3, Seattle 2, 11 innings

Saturday's Games

Chicago White Sox (Baldwin 11-3) at Chicago Cubs (Lieber 7-5), 1:15 p.m.
Cleveland (Davis 0-1) at Cincinnati (Parris 4-11), 1:05 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Gooden 2-3) at N.Y. Mets (BJ Jones 3-3), 1:15 p.m.
Colorado (Bohanon 4-5) at Anaheim (Hill 4-5), 4:05 p.m.
Atlanta (Mulholland 8-8) at Boston (R. Martinez 6-4), 5:05 p.m.
Toronto (Wells 14-2) at Montreal (Armas 4-5), 7:05 p.m.
Baltimore (Mercedes 3-3) at Philadelphia (Ashby 3-7), 7:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Trachsel 6-8) at Florida (Cornelius 3-2), 7:05 p.m.
Minnesota (Milton 8-3) at Pittsburgh (Benson 7-6), 7:05 p.m.
Detroit (Nomo 3-7) at Milwaukee (Snyder 3-3), 8:05 p.m.
Kansas City (Suzuki 3-3) at Houston (Miller 0-0), 8:05 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Rusch 6-6) at N.Y. Yankees (Clemens 5-6), 8:05 p.m.
San Diego (Eaton 1-0) at Texas (Helling 9-7), 8:35 p.m.
Los Angeles (Gagne 1-4) at Seattle (Sele 10-3), 9:05 p.m.
Arizona (Anderson 8-3) at Oakland (Appier 8-5), 9:05 p.m.

Sunday's Games

Atlanta at Boston, 1:05 p.m.
Cleveland at Cincinnati, 1:15 p.m.
Baltimore at Philadelphia, 1:35 p.m.
Minnesota at Pittsburgh, 1:35 p.m.
Toronto at Montreal, 1:35 p.m.
Detroit at Milwaukee, 2:05 p.m.
Chicago White Sox at Chicago Cubs, 2:20 p.m.
Kansas City at Houston, 3:05 p.m.
Arizona at Oakland, 4:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Florida, 4:05 p.m.
Los Angeles at Seattle, 4:35 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees at N.Y. Mets, 8:05 p.m.
Colorado at Anaheim, 8:05 p.m.
San Diego at Texas, 8:05 p.m.

National League
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East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Atlanta	51	35	.593	—
New York	47	36	.566	2½
Montreal	42	40	.512	7
Florida	43	43	.500	8
Philadelphia	38	46	.452	12

Central Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
St. Louis	50	35	.588	—
Cincinnati	42	43	.494	8
Pittsburgh	37	47	.440	12½
Milwaukee	36	50	.419	14½
Chicago	33	51	.393	16½
Houston	29	56	.341	21

West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Arizona	50	36	.581	—
Colorado	45	38	.542	3½
San Francisco	45	38	.542	3½
Los Angeles	44	40	.524	5
San Diego	37	48	.435	12½

Friday's Games

Chicago White Sox 4, Chicago Cubs 2, 12 innings
N.Y. Yankees 2, N.Y. Mets 1
Pittsburgh 8, Minnesota 6
Baltimore 2, Philadelphia 1
Atlanta 5, Boston 3
Tampa Bay 8, Florida 3
Montreal 10, Toronto 5
Cincinnati 2, Cleveland 1
Milwaukee 4, Detroit 3
Houston 9, Kansas City 5
San Francisco 4, St. Louis 2
Texas 5, San Diego 4, 10 innings
Anaheim 12, Colorado 4
Los Angeles at Seattle (n)
Los Angeles 3, Seattle 2, 11 innings

Saturday's Games

Chicago White Sox (Baldwin 11-3) at Chicago Cubs (Lieber 7-5), 1:15 p.m.
Cleveland (Davis 0-1) at Cincinnati (Parris 4-11), 1:05 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Gooden 2-3) at N.Y. Mets (BJ Jones 3-3), 1:15 p.m.
Colorado (Bohanon 4-5) at Anaheim (Hill 4-5), 4:05 p.m.
San Francisco (Estes 7-3) at St. Louis (Stephenson 9-4), 4:10 p.m.
Atlanta (Mulholland 8-8) at Boston (R. Martinez 6-4), 5:05 p.m.
Toronto (Wells 14-2) at Montreal (Armas 4-5), 7:05 p.m.
Baltimore (Mercedes 3-3) at Philadelphia (Ashby 3-7), 7:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Trachsel 6-8) at Florida (Cornelius 3-2), 7:05 p.m.
Minnesota (Milton 8-3) at Pittsburgh (Benson 7-6), 7:05 p.m.
Detroit (Nomo 3-7) at Milwaukee (Snyder 3-3), 8:05 p.m.
Kansas City (Suzuki 3-3) at Houston (Miller 0-0), 8:05 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Rusch 6-6) at N.Y. Yankees (Clemens 5-6), 8:05 p.m.
San Diego (Eaton 1-0) at Texas (Helling 9-7), 8:35 p.m.
Los Angeles (Gagne 1-4) at Seattle (Sele 10-3), 9:05 p.m.
Arizona (Anderson 8-3) at Oakland (Appier 8-5), 9:05 p.m.

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Williams grabs Wimbledon title



Williams

WIMBLEDON, England (AP) — Venus Williams overpowered Lindsay Davenport 6-3, 7-6 (3) Saturday in the Wimbledon final to win her first Grand Slam title and the second for the Williams sisters.

The 20-year-old Williams displayed power, pace and athleticism to defeat the defending champion in the first all-American women's final in 10 years.

Williams became the first black women's champion at Wimbledon since Althea Gibson, who won the title in 1957 and 1958.

Eighteen-year-old Serena Williams, who lost to sister Venus in the semifinals, won last year's U.S. Open.

It's the first time in tennis history that two sisters have each won a Grand Slam.

Davenport, winner of three Grand Slams, looked confused and overwhelmed. While she normally dictates points with her booming serve and groundstrokes, Davenport was left dazed and flat-footed as Williams cracked searing winners all over the court.

Davenport, wearing a wrap around her left thigh, appeared slighly restricted in her mobility.

This was the ultimate performance on the sport's grandest stage by the Venus Williams the tennis world has been hearing about ever since she emerged as a child prodigy in Compton, Calif.

Not only did she dominate with her power from the baseline, she also beat Davenport with putaway volleys, overheads and deft drop shots.

Williams received the appropriately named Venus Rosewater Dish, the sterling silver salver that goes to the women's champion.

The victory was worth $650,000 for Williams, while Davenport received $325,000.

After Davenport pushed a forehand into the net on the second match point, Williams leaped high into the air, her arms outstretched. She skipped and bounded five times to the net, her face contorted in glee.

Williams climbed into the stands and ran up the steps to the guest box, where she fell into a long embrace with her sister. Her father, Richard Williams, wiped away tears with a towel.

"It's really great because I've worked so hard all my life to be here," Venus said after accepting the winner's plate from the Duchess. "It's strange. I always dream I win a Grand Slam. When I wake up, it's a nightmare. Now that I've got it, I don't have to wake up like that any more."

As for the family celebration, she said, "I can't hold back. That's just the way I am. I don't like to miss a celebration or a great laugh."

Holding the plate, Williams said, "It's better than the men's cup in my opinion."

Astros end losing skid at Enron

HOUSTON (AP) — Someone forgot to tell Scott Elarton that tiny Enron Field isn't a good place for pitchers.

Elarton won his fourth straight decision, improving to 5-0 at home this season, as the Houston Astros stopped their six-game home-losing streak, defeating the Kansas City Royals 9-5 Friday night.

"I can't explain it other than when he goes to the mound he has an aura about him," Astros manager Larry Dierker said. "Pitchers who had it are in charge. They can find a way to win.

"He's not afraid to throw strikes. He goes after the batters and he expects success."

The Astros have won only four of their last 17 games, and Elarton (8-3) has been the winning pitcher in each of those victories. The last time another pitcher won a game was Jay Powell on June 18 against San Francisco.

"This is a relief," Elarton said. "Now I can go into the (All-Star) break, rest my arm and come back for the second half. I didn't feel good at the start. I didn't have rhythm. Finally, I got my rhythm about the fifth inning."

Elarton gave up four hits in 7 1-3 innings and struck out eight. He left in the eighth, when three Astros errors led to four unearned runs, two of them coming on Mark Quinn's single.

"He doesn't walk many guys and he uses both sides of the plate," Jeff Bagwell said. "He mixes the ball in and out which is what you have to do anywhere. He's not afraid to pitch here. He does that every time."

Bagwell, Craig Biggio and Mitch Meluskey homered as Houston ended its longest home losing skid since a seven-game slide in 1995.

Elarton didn't allow a hit until Jorge Fabregas homered with one out in the fifth.

"He shut us down for the first seven innings except for the home run," Royals first baseman Mike Sweeney said. "We couldn't do much against him. "He mixed his pitches real well. He had four pitches and he threw them all for strikes."

Biggio hit a two-run homer in the third off Blake Stein (0-1). Stein's wild pitch made it 3-0 later in the inning.

Bagwell added a three-run homer, his 23rd, in the fifth. Meluskey hit a solo homer in the sixth.

There have been 135 homers at Enron Field this season compared to 118 for the entire season in the Astrodome last year.

Stein made his first appearance in the majors this season and pitched five innings. He missed the first half of the season with a fractured right forearm after being hit by a batted ball in a simulated spring training game Feb. 29.

Sampras, Rafter meet in final



Sampras



Rafter

WIMBLEDON, England (AP) — With all the talk about injuries, you might think Pete Sampras and Patrick Rafter belonged in a hospital ward rather than the men's final at Wimbledon.

Sampras said he would have pulled out of any other tournament because of the tendinitis above his left ankle that has been hobbling him for the past 10 days.

Rafter says it's a "big shock" that he's gotten this far after his career-threatening shoulder injury.

Yet, these two walking wounded warriors will battle on Centre Court on Sunday for the biggest prize in tennis.

The top-seeded Sampras beat Belarussian qualifier Vladimir Voltchkov in straight sets Friday to earn a shot at his seventh Wimbledon title and a record 13th Grand Slam championship.

"I'd love to break it here," Sampras said. "I'm not looking at it as pressure. I'm looking at it as a great moment for tennis, a great moment for me."

The 12th-seeded Rafter overcame Andre Agassi in five sets, becoming the first Australian to reach the Wimbledon final since Pat Cash won the tournament in 1987.

Sampras holds a 9-4 edge in matches against Rafter, but the Australian has won three of the last four. They've never met on grass — a surface which suits the serve-and-volley games of both players.

Sampras, who reached the final without facing a seeded player, can reach two milestones Sunday: He can equal William Renshaw's record of seven Wimbledon singles titles, set in the 1880s, and surpass Roy Emerson for sole possession of the all-time Grand Slam mark with 13.

"My legacy is really the last thing on my mind Sunday," Sampras said. "When you're going through the battle, you can't think of your place in history or your legacy. It's the match at hand."

While Sampras is playing for history, Rafter is playing against it.

No player has ever beaten both Agassi and Sampras at the same Grand Slam tournament. Eight players have beaten one, but lost to the other.

"You don't want to play Pete at any time, but especially not at Wimbledon," Rafter said. "If I can play like I did against Andre today, I think I have a chance."

Sampras hasn't practiced between matches this week in order to rest his sore ankle. He's limped at times during matches, and had a trainer come out Friday to apply spray and ointment on the tendon.

At Wimbledon, Sampras can get through matches with his big serve and a few good returns.

Rafter, a two-time U.S. Open champion, underwent rotator cuff surgery on his right shoulder in October and was sidelined for five months. He fared poorly when he re-turned to the tour but began rounding back into form when he won a Wimbledon warmup tournament.

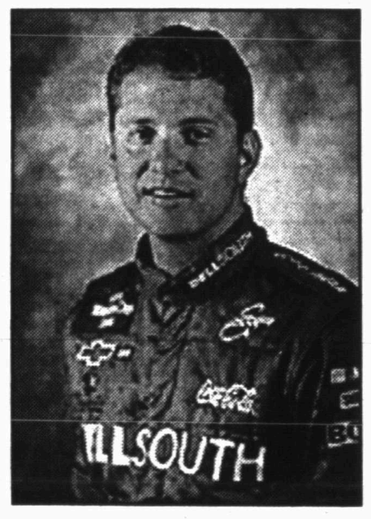
Against Agassi, the game's best returner and counterpuncher, Rafter played a masterful grass-court match, mixing his shots to complement his swashbuckling serve-and-volley game.

There will be no such contrast of styles with Sampras.

"There will be no baseline rallies," Rafter said. "I won't be able to chip and charge."

"It really comes down to who returns better," Sampras said.

Irwin dies in crash similar to Petty's



Kenny Irwin

LOUDON, N.H. (AP) — For the second time in two months, a driver is being mourned at New Hampshire International Speedway.

Kenny Irwin's death cast a pall over the track on Friday and stunned other auto racers preparing for the New England 300.

"It's bad to even be here, but we have to do our business," said Jeff Burton, the three-time defending champion of the event.

Jimmy Spencer doesn't feel like driving, either.

"Every person in this garage area feels like the best thing we can do is load up and go home," he said. "But we know we can't do that."

Irwin was killed after his car crashed into the third-turn wall during practice for Sunday's race and flipped. On May 12, Adam Petty died after crashing at nearly the same spot while practicing for a Busch Series race.

"These are the days that make you really sit back and look at yourself in the mirror and ask, 'Why do I do this?'" Rusty Wallace said after winning his series-best seventh pole of the year with a record qualifying run of 132.089 mph.

As Irwin was being mourned, NASCAR began investigating.

Operations director Kevin Triplett said the sanctioning body immediately began looking at the twisted wreckage of what once was Irwin's sleek Chevrolet, hoping to learn what went wrong. Told of driver criticism of the track, including the need for higher banking in the turns, Triplett said NASCAR would listen all suggestions.

"But it's really too early to say what happened here," Triplett explained.

There was speculation that the accelerator on Irwin's car stuck, prohibiting him from slowing enough to make the turn. That also was believed to be the reason for Petty's death, but NASCAR has not been able to verify that.

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Court: Detroit papers did not commit unfair labor practices

DETROIT (AP) — A federal appeals court in Washington ruled Friday that Detroit's daily newspapers did not commit unfair labor practices leading to the 19-month strike that began in 1995.

The three-judge panel of the U.S. Court of Appeals overturned a 1998 National Labor Relations Board finding against the newspapers.

A finding that the strike resulted from unfair labor practices could have required The Detroit News, the Detroit Free Press and their joint business agency, Detroit Newspapers Inc., to pay millions in wages and benefits to striking workers retroactive to the day in 1997 when they agreed to return to work.

It also could have required the newspapers to bring back former strikers immediately, even if that meant displacing replacements hired during the strike. The newspapers have been bringing workers back as jobs become available.

The unions will appeal to the full appeals court and then to the Supreme Court if necessary, said Lou Mleczko, president of the Newspaper Guild of Detroit, Local 22.

"The ruling today does not resolve anything," he said. The court, he said, "is sending a signal across this country that by relying on the legal system, there's not a guarantee of your rights under collective bargaining."

Detroit Newspapers executives hailed the ruling and encouraged union negotiators to continue bargaining.

"We've felt all along that we bargained in good faith, leading up to the walkout, and we're pleased that the court upheld our belief," Frank Vega, Detroit Newspapers' president and chief executive, said in a statement.

"We're ready to move forward and hope the unions are, too, by ending the legal proceedings and getting back to the bargaining table."

Tim Kelleher, Detroit Newspapers' senior vice president of labor relations, said the ruling "will allow us to stop focusing on legal procedures and focus on the bargaining process."

"We'll also continue to call back the 250 or so employees who remain on the preferential hire list."

Mleczko said that figure was "ridiculously low" but would not provide the union's estimate.

The News is owned by Gannett Co., the Free Press by Knight Ridder.

Six union locals representing about 2,500 workers walked out in 1995. The unions offered to return to their jobs and end the walkout in 1997. The newspapers accepted the offer five days later.

But the newspapers insisted on retaining their 1,200 replacement workers, and called the striking employees back to work only as jobs became available.

In its 1998 ruling, the NLRB said the News violated federal law when it imposed its proposals on merit pay and television assignments, and by refusing to give the union requested information about the proposals.

The NLRB found that the News bargained in bad faith about its merit pay proposal in part by not making some parts clear or detailed, and therefore never reached a valid impasse that would justify its putting the plan into effect.

But the appeals court said the Guild hadn't done its part in bringing counter-proposals and bargaining on the issue. Under the circumstances, the court said, the News was justified in putting the proposal into effect.

"The truth of the matter, which the record clearly reveals, is that the Guild's unit was unalterably opposed to the merit pay proposal from the outset and continuing up to the employer's implementation — not to the details but to the very concept," the court said.

"There was no evidence that the Guild was prepared to engage in real negotiations on the employer's proposals."

The court also said the News' proposal to leave management some discretion in awarding merit pay was legitimate.

"Any merit pay system inherently carries much employer discretion which, of course, is why unions resist them," the court said.

The court called the NLRB's finding of unfair labor practices leading to the strike "legally erroneous and unsupported by substantial evidence."

Of the six unions that struck, only the International Typographers Union Local 18 has reached a new contract, said Susie Ellwood, Detroit Newspapers' vice president of market development.

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Sunday, July 9, 2000

Your best opportunities will continue to reside along familiar lines of operation in the year ahead. Be careful not to give up a bird in the hand in order to pursue a hopeful "maybe."

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Trade on your strengths today, not on your weaknesses. You could easily do something silly you'd later regret if you allow unruly whims or desires to gain the upper hand. Cancer, treat yourself to a birthday gift. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead by mailing $2 and SASE to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper. P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to state your Zodiac sign.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) When seeking advice today, you may have a tendency to listen only to what you want to hear instead of the truth. Why even bother to request guidance if you're closed-minded?

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Insincerity will lessen the respect others have for you, so don't use behavior of this ilk to go after something you want. Your motives will be perceived and your reputation will suffer.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) You'd better get those blinders on when going shopping today, especially if you intend to browse in store that carry merchandise you can't afford. Your resistance is low.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) What can severely impede your progress today is allowing your thinking to be dominated by self-doubts. Bluff your way through if necessary, but do things with confidence.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Finding yourself in a tight squeeze today may be authored by none other than you. A problem or complication will probably be due to a sin of omission or commission.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Even if someone is recommended by a friend, be on guard today when conducting any business negotiations. This individual may not be all she or he is cracked up to be.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Be careful how you behave in public today. Your image could be a trifle fragile and an adversary or someone who might be a bit envious of you could be looking for flaws in your demeanor.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Looking for goblins behind every closed door today would definitely prove to be self-defeating. Be positive in your thinking if you hope to draw success to yourself.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Something quite tantalizing could be dangled in front of you today that probably will be too good to be true. This might be a wise case of looking a gift horse in the mouth.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Do not agree to anything today that does not serve your best interests, especially merely to appease another. You could end up being a big loser.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Common sense is called for today regarding temptations to be extravagant. This does not only involve spending habits, but consuming anything beyond what your system can manage.

Monday, July 10, 2000

Broaden your knowledge base as much as possible in the year ahead, both academically and in the practical living sense. Any newly acquired expertise will prove to be a big asset.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Be extra careful today not to get caught up in an exciting endeavor with risky financial overtones. Much more study is required to be certain it's not a foolish undertaking. Major changes are ahead for Cancer in the coming year. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions by mailing $2 and SASE to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to state your Zodiac sign.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Operate in areas today that offer the greatest promise, even if the are initiated by another. In fact, you're apt to do better following someone else's lead than your own.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Constructive information can be garnered today through good communication with people who have experience in the area in which you're operating. Don't try to wing anything on your own.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) There is a possibility you could give back everything you earn today if you're not careful. Financial negotiations can be both beneficial and hazardous at this time. Know what you're doing.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Your excellent leadership qualities could be put to a severe test today. You're up to the task, so don't let events cause you to lose faith in yourself. Stay focused.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) It's always wise to review all alternatives first, but not to the point of allowing them to stifle your initiative. Sound ideas are useless if they're not implemented.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) When dealing with intangibles, everything should run smoothly for you today. However, this may not be true where your material affairs are concerned. Move cautiously.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Unfortunately, today that which you believe to be adequate could fall considerably short by those using a different yardstick. Especially when working for another, give it your all.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) As long as you remain true to yourself today, you'll be quite successful in all of your dealings. Start to let your imagination run away with itself, and it'll be another story.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) When it comes to making any significant changes today, do so only after sufficient study, and things should work out as you plan. Impulsive alterations, however, could do you in.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) You and your mate will have no trouble talking things out in order to achieve a meeting of the minds. However, allowing an outsider in on the conversations will quickly muddy the waters.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Don't allow yourself to get talked out of doing things today according to your well thought-out plans. Keep your focus on your production procedures and not on someone else's blueprint.

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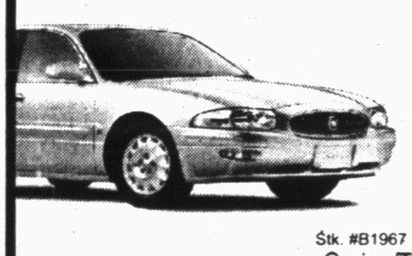
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State may aid city in investigating death

HOUSTON (AP) — The Texas attorney general's office may help the city investigate Houston firefighters who allegedly ignored pleas for medical assistance from a 12-year-old boy who died a few hours later.

Texas Attorney General John Cornyn agreed to look into how his office might participate after he received a telephone call Friday from Houston councilman Orlando Sanchez, according to a copyrighted story in Saturday's editions of the Houston Chronicle.

The city's Office of Inspector General is investigating the actions of firefighters who the family claims didn't carefully check out the boy's chest and back pains when he walked into Station 18 in East Houston on June 17.

The family says the firefighters sent Daniel Lopez away three times. He died that night at Ben Taub Hospital of an aortic aneurysm.

Mark Heckmann, a spokesman for the attorney general's office told the Chronicle that it's too early to say what assistance the agency or other state agencies might provide.

"The (attorney) general has pledged to explore ways his office may assist the city's investigation into the circumstances surrounding Daniel's death," Sanchez said in a prepared statement. "He is distressed, as I am, by this tragedy."

Lester Tyra, chief of the Houston Fire Department, wasn't aware of how the attorney general's office could assist the city in the investigation. Tyra said the Office of Inspector General has competent investigators who fulfill their obligations.

The chief accused Sanchez of "politicizing" the death of the boy by suggesting before the investigation is complete that firefighters were negligent.

Sanchez couldn't be reached for further comment late Friday

Kwan buys house

MANHATTAN BEACH, Calif. (AP) — Michelle Kwan has bought a townhouse in a place where the skating tends to be of the in-line variety.

The three-time world figure skating champion, who turned 20 on Friday, had been leasing the Manhattan Beach home in a gated development before she bought it for $575,000, the Los Angeles Times reported.

Kwan was born and raised in nearby Torrance and attends the University of California at Los Angeles.

Kwan has won three world figure-skating titles.

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INVITATION FOR BIDS

The City of Snyder will receive bids for 1999 TCDP - Water Line Improvements until 10:00a.m., Friday, July 28, 2000, at City Hall 1925 24th Street, Snyder, Texas 79549. The bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at 10:00a.m., Friday, July 28, 2000.

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A bid bond in the amount of 5% of the bid issued by an acceptable surety shall be submitted with each bid. A certified check or bank draft payable to the City of Snyder or negotiable U.S. Government Bonds (as par value) may be submitted in lieu of the Bid Bond.

Attention is called to the fact that not less than the federally determined prevailing (Davis Bacon) wage rate, as issued by the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs and contained in the contract documents, must be paid on this project. In addition, the successful bidder must ensure that employees and applicants for employment are not discriminated against because of their race, color, religion, sex or national origin.

The City of Snyder reserves the right to reject any or all bids or to waive any informalities in the bidding.

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City of Snyder
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NOTICE OF INTENT TO ORDER DEMOLITION

ATTENTION: **William Talamentes Jr.;** I have surveyed the property located at **2506 Avenue X**, (Lot N50' of W100' Lot 4, Block 31, Blankenship Addition of the City of Snyder). I declare the structure to be unsafe as defined by Ordinance No. 324 and intend to order demolition of the structure on or about July 31, 2000. If no objections are received by this date the demolition order will be issued.

Tom Valentine
Code Enforcement Officer
City of Snyder
(915)573-4959

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ORDER DEMOLITION

ATTENTION: **Robert D. Loper;** I have surveyed the property located at **2009 Avenue O**, (N/2 Lot 4, Block 17, Lundy Park Addition to the City of Snyder). I declare the structure to be unsafe as defined by Ordinance No. 324 and intend to order demolition of the structure on or about August 7, 2000. If no objections are received by this date the demolition order will be issued.

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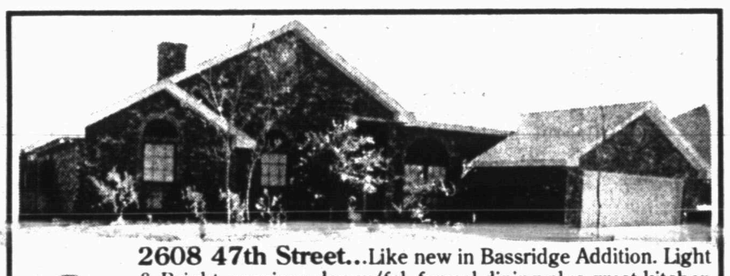
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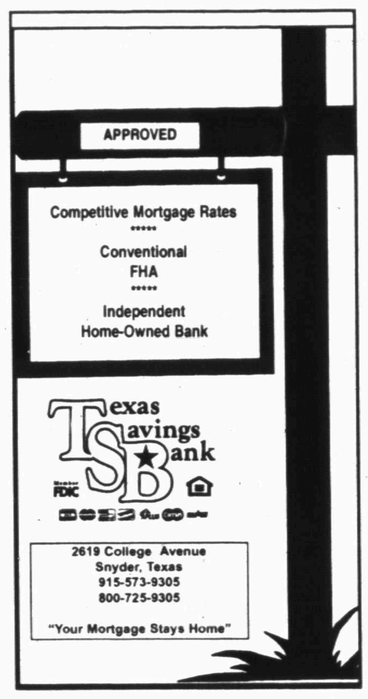
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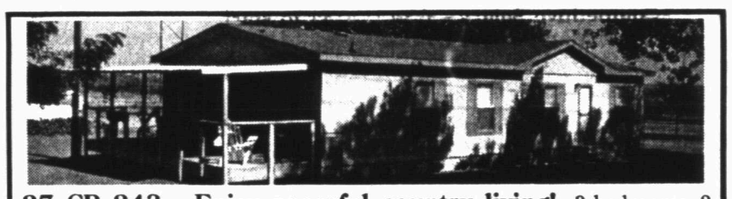
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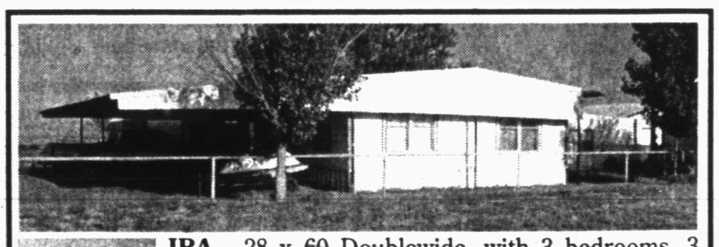

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Fat is actually an essential nutrient

DEAR DR. GOTT: About a year ago, I became afraid of eating fat and eliminated it completely from my diet. Within weeks, my hair and nails stopped growing, my skin became coarse and dry and my knees and elbows felt like sandpaper. When I resumed eating some fat, everything returned to normal. Why did this happen?

DEAR READER: Fat is an essential ingredient in a balanced diet. Our bodies need a regular supply of fat in order to function efficiently. Fat-deprivation often leads to dry skin and other consequences.

Therefore, I endorse your decision to add some fat to your diet. Remember to use polyunsaturated, cholesterol-free fat, such as corn oil and olive oil, because most Americans tend to eat diets that are too high in saturated animal fat.

Experts recommend that about 30 percent of daily caloric intake be composed of fat in the form of unsaturated oils. (The more saturated a fat, the harder it is at room temperature.) Meet with your doctor to discuss a particular diet that would be suitable for your needs.

DEAR DR. GOTT: Since I had one of my upper teeth extracted, I had severe swelling of my left eye and left cheek. What would cause this?

DEAR READER: Tooth extraction is usually advised when the degree of dental damage and infection make restoration impracticable. However, simple removal of a bad tooth may not completely solve the problem if extensive infection persists. Such is often the case with teeth in the upper jaw, because the roots lie very close to the maxillary sinuses, the bone cavities in the cheeks.

Your symptoms suggest that ongoing infection is present in or near your left maxillary sinus. If so, antibiotic therapy and/or further dental surgery may be advisable. Ask your dentist to determine if additional treatment is in order.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I'm a sexually active, 23-year-old woman. I'd like my partner to use a condom — just to make sure that I'm safe from any sexually transmitted disease. Can you suggest a tactful way to ask a man to use such a product, without accusing him (or me) of being diseased?

DEAR READER: This is a good question — and a common one — that many women would like to ask. Each situation must be individualized. For my part, I believe that honesty is the best approach. Although you might want to alter the phrasing to suit your personal needs, I'd address the issue directly by saying: "Look, I care for you a lot and would like to have sex with you. At this point in our relationship, I would feel more comfortable and relaxed if I were sure about protection, so I would like you to use a condom. My preference does not reflect on you as a person; it's just that I care deeply about my health and want to avoid potential problems." I believe that most sensitive partners would respond positively to this statement.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I recently received a bill from a doctor for a "telephone consultation." My insurance won't pay for it. What gives?

DEAR READER: "What's in it for me?" seems to have become the rallying cry of the new millennium. Fewer people are willing to perform services for others, unless doing so might help them get money or power.

I recently received a bill from my attorney for various legal matters. The statement included charges for telephone calls that were billed in tenths of an hour. I calculate that to be six minutes. (Thanks, but I was never great at arithmetic.) I couldn't remember having spoken to the lawyer for as long as six minutes. But, of course, I didn't time our infrequent conversations with a stopwatch, either. Since legal counsel costs me $200 an hour, these damned telephone charges added up. In fact, they added up to a figure I calculated to have exceeded any practical benefits of legal consultation.

I wouldn't have objected to token charges — say, two or three dollars per call — for the type of informal advice given, but I objected to the senseless and pseudoscientific ring of the transaction. A tenth of an hour. Really.

I object even more to this practice when I hear that some doctors, too, are doing it. True, physicians spend a lot of time on the telephone. At the end of a working day, I am deluged with a lengthy list of callbacks to make. In addition, I am in the habit of picking up the phone to inquire how a patient is faring, especially if she or he is elderly and lives alone. The telephone comes with the territory. It is (literally) a physician's lifeline. When it stops ringing, there's major trouble ahead.

However, I do not choose to demean myself by charging for telephone calls. I am convinced that practitioners who give into this penny-ante urge are doing themselves, their patients and their profession no favors. For lawyers, it may be ethical and routine; for doctors, it's just plain tacky.

There's talk these days about how medical practice has lost its allure and pleasure. Maybe it has. M.D.s worry about many problems and, unfortunately, (with the advent of managed care) these problems are often financial. Consequently, medicine has certainly lost much of its luster — if money is the purpose of doctoring. This is reflected by the fact that fewer medical school graduates are entering the field of solo practice, preferring large, multi-specialty groups instead. Solo practice is viewed by young doctors as being less financially rewarding.

However, the real luster of medicine isn't gold. It never has been. The basic and compelling attraction of medical practice has always been service — or should be. And a dedication to service is about as popular among many modern doctors as emptying bedpans.

This trend is a shame. Some time ago — certainly within my memory — practitioners expected and were willing to provide free care for needy patients. This was a principle upon which the great medical centers were based. Doctors examined and treated people for whom no fees were billed and none collected. Well-known practitioners routinely donated several days a month to working, without reimbursement, on the wards of city and charity hospitals. They did this for a variety of reasons: a sense of community responsibility, a willingness to pay back their mentors — most important, it felt good. Such service gave renewed meaning and significance to hard-earned skills.

Few, if any, doctors do it today.

In my opinion, a major portion of this new century's disillusioned doctors has lost interest because the service aspect of medical care has become a poor cousin to financial considerations. More practicing physicians need to justify their careers solely on the basis of income. It's a no-win situation. Wealth isn't what it's about; service is — or, as one of my colleagues succinctly concluded, "It ain't what you got, but what you give."

"What's in it for me?" is the insistent question asked by attorneys, teachers, businessmen, politicians, and money-minded yuppies. But such a question will not improve medical care, the status of the profession, the satisfaction of being a doctor. If, for a change, M.D.s could set an example, we might reverse a trend.

"What's in it for them?" would be a more crucial question for the physician with respect to his patients. Then, perhaps, the tenth-of-an-hour telephone charge would finally be exposed as an obscenity more in keeping with the pecuniary professions than with the healing arts.

Next, we can address the problem of uppity, pompous and reactionary medical writers who yearn to turn the clock back.

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Attorney for Nixon during Watergate dead at 72

AUSTIN (AP) — Charles Alan Wright, an attorney who represented President Nixon during the Watergate scandal and argued against the release of the incriminating Oval Office audiotapes, died Friday. He was 72.

Wright had been hospitalized since mid-June and died of complications from lung surgery, said his daughter, Henrietta Wright of Dallas.

Wright's arguments against releasing the Oval Office tapes in district and federal courts earned Wright national exposure as a constitutional authority and accolades for his courtroom arguments.

But they also brought the pressure of fighting an unpopular battle, and Wright, who served as consultant to the counsel to the president, was assailed with abusive mail and critical newspaper articles.

"I cannot be happy — nobody could be happy — with diminishment of a reputation as an independent legal scholar," Wright said in 1973. "But if tarnishing my reputation is the price for saving the presidency and this president, then so be it.

"I'm not bitter. I have no second thoughts about my role in the tapes case."

The Supreme Court in 1974 accepted the argument that executive privilege was a valid concept but ruled 8-0 that Nixon was not exempt from subpoenas for evidence needed in court cases.

The court ordered Nixon to surrender the tapes, which contained damaging evidence of White House involvement in covering up the 1972 break-in at the Democratic National Committee offices at the Watergate. Nixon resigned two weeks later.

Wright was teaching at the University of Texas Law School when he was first summoned by Nixon to the White House for legal assistance on a busing issue, Henrietta Wright said. He continued teaching while he later assisted Nixon on Watergate, though she said he rarely discussed the case.

Wright was president of the American Law Institute, the nation's leading organization on legal reform, and held several positions with the National Collegiate Athletic Association.

He also wrote the 54-volume Federal Practice and Procedure, a reference that University of Texas Law School Dean Mike Sharlot said "no federal courthouse is without."

Sharlot described Wright as "the greatest legal scholar of my lifetime and perhaps of our century."

Wright taught part-time at the university until his death, and he had been assisting the university in its appeal of a federal court ruling that effectively dismantled affirmative action at the state's public universities.

Prospect for peace grows with arrival of U.N. mission

TESENEY, Eritrea (AP) — Standing in what used to be his clothing shop, Alaizor Nebruhtu says a U.N. peacekeeping force can't come soon enough.

Alaizor, 55, fled Teseney twice when it became a pawn in the two-year Ethiopian-Eritrean conflict. Since Ethiopia launched its final offensive on May 12, Teseney has changed hands three times. Last month, his shop was destroyed by an Ethiopian tank.

"My family are here, but I have no job. I will try to build it up but I have no money, all my money was put into here," he said, pointing to the rubble and charred clothing.

On Friday, the prospect of peace seemed a little closer when a U.N. team arrived in the capital, Asmara, to lay the groundwork for a peacekeeping mission along the disputed 620-mile border.

Ethiopia says it will not withdraw from territory it occupies until peacekeepers are deployed in a 15-mile buffer zone inside Eritrea, as agreed to by both parties in a cessation of hostilities agreement signed June 18 in Algiers.

But with the Ethiopians so near, Eritreans fear that fighting could be sparked anytime and say they will not feel safe until the buffer zone is secured.

The U.N. mission, which arrived after three days of meetings with Ethiopian officials in Addis Ababa, will meet with the Eritrean ministers of foreign affairs and defense.

"We are very happy the way the mission is progressing," said Australian Maj. Gen. Timothy Ford, who is leading the mission. He called discussions in Ethiopia "positive."

The team will look for places for its headquarters and other offices along the border before leaving Tuesday, said Simon Nhongo, the U.N. resident coordinator in Asmara.

Nhongo said the peacekeepers would arrive in the middle of August at the earliest. Ford said he could not comment.

"The tempo of this has been much faster than expected," Nhongo told The Associated Press.

Nhongo said it was still not clear which countries would contribute to the force, which he estimated would number between 3,000 and 4,000.

Once the peacekeepers are deployed in the buffer zone in Eritrea, experts will demarcate the boundary over which an estimated 100,000 people died. Eritrea gained independence from Ethiopia in 1993, and the border was never formally drawn.

An estimated 1 million Eritreans were uprooted in the last two months of fighting. As they slowly trickle back to major towns including Teseney, 140 miles west of Asmara, and Barentu, they say everything has been looted.

The country's 3.5 million people, who endured a 30-year independence struggle and have prided themselves on their self-reliance, are now forced to rely on relief food for at least the next 18 months.

Both Eritrea and Ethiopia, among the world's poorest nations, spent millions of dollars on arms.

The war has delivered Eritrea, Africa's youngest nation, an economic body blow. With most 18 to 40-year-olds at the front, this year's agricultural output with be minimal, the U.N.'s Nhongo said.

The war-ravaged southwest is Eritrea's breadbasket and normally accounts for 60 percent of the country's agricultural output. And presidential spokesman Yemane Gebremeskel said the annual rate of economic growth fell from a prewar 7 percent to 3 percent.

"It's not easy," Yemane said. "Emergencies of this kind are not new, but the scale is extremely big."

College students stole phone access codes

DALLAS (AP) — Hundreds of Texas college students who illegally obtained state agency telephone access codes ran up tens of thousands of tax dollars in long-distance bills, state officials said Friday.

The Capitol Police in Austin, part of the Texas Department of Public Safety, began investigating in November after four state entities reported unexplained increases in their long-distance bills, DPS spokesman Tom Vinger said in Saturday's editions of The Dallas Morning News.

"Somehow these codes have gotten out, have been distributed and primarily college students are using them to access the phone system for free — free to them, not free to the taxpayers," Vinger said.

Using phone records, investigators tracked the calls to hundreds of students at the University of Houston, Prairie View A&M University in Prairie View, Texas A&M University in College Station, the University of Texas at Austin and Sam Houston State University in Huntsville, he said.

"We're talking about college students all over the state," Vinger said. "No one's been arrested at this point. It's still under investigation. People have been interviewed. It appears the Internet played some role — not in obtaining them 1/8access codes, but in the distribution."

Students may have shared the codes with others by e-mail and by word of mouth, he said. The Capitol Police are consulting prosecutors about what charges to file and against whom.

Affected state entities include the Texas Senate and the Adjutant General's Department in Austin, the Texas Agricultural Extension Service in College Station, and Prairie View A&M University, officials said.

The stolen codes normally grant access to the state's Tex-an phone system for state employees who are out in the field and need to call a government office on state business, officials said.

Matt Kelly, a spokesman for the General Services Commission, which administers the phone system, told the newspaper he could not comment because of the ongoing criminal investigation.

Air-quality info heads to pagers

LOS ANGELES (AP) — People in smoggy Southern California can now check their pagers and cell phones to see whether it's safe to venture outdoors.

At least two companies are working with the region's air-quality agency to provide subscribers with five daily updates and a beep when a smog alert is issued.

Stephen Scheel of Sierra Madre, in the smog-laden San Gabriel Valley, has subscribed to Outspoken Industries' Smog-pager for about a week. He said getting paged every day is easier than using Web sites or newspapers.

"I know it's information I can get — I just don't have time to dig it out sometimes," said Scheel, who coordinates ride-sharing programs.

The data offered include smog conditions, weather forecasts, ultraviolet indexes and pollen counts.

Outspoken charges $5.95 a month. It, like competitor PageNet, receives the data free from the South Coast Air Quality Management District.

Outspoken and PageNet refused to say how many subscribers they have yet, noting they are still trying to get the businesses off the ground.

Potential customers include parents, coaches and doctors who treat people with breathing difficulties, said Francis Goh, project supervisor for the air quality agency.

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Missile defense test fails again

WASHINGTON (AP) — The missile interceptor the Pentagon is developing as the key component of a national missile defense not only missed its intended target over the Pacific Ocean early Saturday, it didn't even try to hit it.

In a new twist for the Pentagon's oft-criticized missile defense program, the "kill vehicle" that was supposed to guide itself into the path of a dummy warhead in space — destroying it by the force of impact — never separated from the booster. So it never activated its sensors to hunt for the approaching target.

The interceptor passed harmlessly by the target, and few of the critical technologies of missile defense were put to the test.

The $100 million test was the third to attempt an intercept, and the second to fail. The first failure, in January, was blamed on moisture inside the "kill vehicle" that prevented it from using heat-seeking devices to "see" its target.

"We did not intercept the warhead that we expected to have tonight. We're disappointed with that," said Air Force Lt. Gen. Ronald Kadish, director of the Pentagon's Ballistic Missile Defense Organization.

Kadish said he had never had a concern about the booster properly releasing the "kill vehicle."

"It wasn't even on my list" of potential problems, he said, adding that it had been used successfully on earlier tests. He said the kill vehicle did not separate from the booster because it did not receive the necessary electronic signal. It may take days for officials to understand why the signal was not received, he said.

At an early morning news conference in the Pentagon, Kadish was asked what he learned from the failure.

"What it tells me is we have more engineering work to do," he replied.

Anthony Cordesman, a defense strategist at the private Center for Strategic and International Studies, said in an interview after Saturday's test that, logically, the failure should mean a delay in the Pentagon's fast-track timetable for building a national missile defense. The target date is December 2005, but even the Pentagon's own advisers have acknowledged that this may be overly ambitious.

President Clinton is expected to decide by this fall whether to approve sticking to that timetable. The president will base his decision in part on a recommendation from Defense Secretary William Cohen, who told National Public Radio on Friday that he expected to make his recommendation in three or four weeks.

It remained unclear Saturday whether the Pentagon still believed the missile defense project was ready to move toward deployment.

"Logically, you do regroup after something like this and you don't go forward with the existing schedule," Cordesman said, although he added that pressure from Congress might compel the Pentagon to go ahead.

The next attempted intercept is scheduled for this fall, but that schedule might now be put back. More than a dozen additional flight tests are scheduled before 2005.

If Saturday's test had succeeded, it could have moved the United States a step closer to building a national missile defense shield that Congress says is urgently needed, but that critics decry as unworkable.

Texas Rangers testify in Waco trial

WACO (AP) — Four gas cans and a homemade torch were recovered from what had been the dining room of the Branch Davidian complex after fires consumed it in 1993, Texas Rangers testified Friday.

Bobby Grubbs, one of the Rangers who helped gather evidence including the fuel cans after the deadly fire, testified that Clive Doyle, one of nine people who escaped, told him the blaze was started with Coleman fuel that was distributed throughout the compound.

When asked if he knew who started it, Doyle refused to answer the question, Grubbs testified.

"I felt he had information; he just wouldn't give it to us," Grubbs said.

About 80 Branch Davidians and leader David Koresh died — some from fire, others from gunshots — when their compound went up in flames on April 19, 1993, at the end of their 51-day standoff with federal agents.

Fire investigators have said one of three blazes that day started in the dining room area, and the government was using Grubbs' testimony to support its contention that the Branch Davidians were suicidal and started the fires themselves.

Davidian survivors and relatives of those who were killed in the standoff claim in their $675 million wrongful death lawsuit that federal agents contributed to or caused at least some of the fires.

A fire expert hired by the plaintiffs has testified that tanks used in an FBI tear-gassing operation on the final day turned the compound into kindling by punching holes in the walls, allowing wind gusts to feed the flames.

Plaintiffs also say tanks could have contributed to or caused the flames by knocking over lanterns used to illuminate the compound during the standoff or by tumbling fuel cans used to fill the lanterns. Grubbs said lantern parts were found near the cans.

Grubbs said Rangers interviewed Doyle a day after the fire, as he lay in a burn ward of a Dallas hospital.

Coup supporters take 30 hostages in town in Fiji

SUVA, Fiji (AP) — A second hostage crisis erupted Saturday in Fiji as armed rebels supporting coup leader George Speight seized 30 soldiers, police and government officials in a police station outside the capital.

A defiant Speight said there would be more unrest until the military gives in to his demands.

"It is going to escalate," he said. "I can predict it."

But Speight also predicted the military would back down in crisis that has gripped Fiji since he and six gunmen stormed Parliament on May 19 and took the democratically elected government hostage. The siege was aimed at disenfranchising Fiji's ethnic Indian population and returning power to indigenous Fijians.

"It will be resolved very soon," he told reporters. "The army will see the folly of its ways. They have completely misread a political situation."

As Speight held talks with the military late Saturday, Fiji Radio reported the outline of a plan had been reached that could lead to the hostages' being freed Wednesday, if both sides agree to it.

According to the radio report, Speight's supporters are willing to let Fiji's influential tribal chiefs choose a new president in return for amnesty to all those involved in civil disturbances since the beginning of the coup.

The military has already agreed to most of Speight's demands, including deposing Mahendra Chaudhry, the first Fijian of Indian ancestry to lead the country, and scrapping the multiracial 1997 constitution. But Speight has refused to release the hostages in a dispute over who will lead an all-ethnic Fijian civilian government named by the military.

The chiefs would meet Wednesday and on the same day the rebels would turn in their weapons and free the hostages. It was not immediately possible to confirm the report.

Army spokesman Maj. Howard Politini expressed guarded optimism on a deal. "Both sides — mind you they've said this before — feel they could sign off on this tonight," Politini told The Associated Press.

The new hostage standoff arose Saturday morning, when a man who said he was Speight's cousin led about 100 rebels armed with tire irons, steel pipes and other makeshift weapons and took over a military checkpoint in Korovou, about 40 miles outside Suva. They seized six rifles and stormed the police station, where they gathered their hostages.

Obituaries

Treva Quinney

1935-2000

Treva Quinney of Snyder died Friday, July 7, in Scenic Mountain Hospital in Big Spring.

Graveside service for Mrs. Quinney, 65, was held at 11 a.m. Saturday in the Dorn Cemetery near Colorado City. Arrangements were under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Mrs. Quinney was a Methodist and a homemaker. She married James Quinney on Aug. 24, 1956 in Westbrook and moved from Abilene to Snyder in 1983.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Linda Jarnigan.

Survivors include her husband, James Quinney of Snyder; a daughter and son-in-law, Debra and Lee Roy Miller of Cuthbert; a daughter and son-in-law, Mark and Beth Quinney of Abilene; two sisters, Metha Rich of Westbrook and Vee Cocke of Allen; and five grandchildren.

Georgia Perez

1919-2000

LOCKNEY — Georgia S. Perez of Lockney, sister of Lucio Soliz of Snyder, died Wednesday, July 5, in Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock.

Funeral service for Mrs. Perez, 81, was set for 2 p.m. Sunday at Power of Praise Ministries in Lockney with the Rev. Manuel Rendon, pastor, officiating.

Burial was set to follow in Lockney Cemetery under the direction of Moore-Rose-White Funeral Home of Lockney.

Born Jan. 14, 1919 in D'Hanis, she married Joe Perez on Oct. 10, 1938 in Kenedy. Mrs. Perez moved to Lockney from Florida in 1952. She was a homemaker and a member of the Power of Praise Ministries in Lockney.

She was preceded in death by a son, Joe Perez Jr.; and a daughter, Connie Perez.

Other survivors include her husband, Joe Perez of Lockney; three sons, Ruben Perez of Ellinton, Fla., Ray Perez of Dade City, Fla., and Daniel Perez of Hot Springs, Ark; five daughters, Fransis Sosa of Ellinton, Josie Talmantez of LaBelle, Fla., Anita Guerrero of Whitesboro, Elvia Rendon of Lockney and Sylvia Perez of Kentucky; two sisters, Junita Casarez and Georgia Casarez, both of Kenedy; 47 grandchildren; and numerous great-grandchildren.

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DISMISSALS: July 6—Fretta Billingsley; July 7—Herminia Arellano of Hermleigh, Dixie Yandrich and son, Joshua Mayes, Bella Riggins, Steve Shoemake, Petra Vasquez, Zella White and Martin Winkler.

CENSUS: 36 (Med./Surg.-7, Long-term Care-25, OB-3 and Nursery-1)

Disturbance call leads to 2 arrests

A disturbance in the 2100 block of 33rd Street shortly after midnight Friday resulted in the arrest of two subjects, including one on a felony charge.

The call came in at 12:03 a.m. reporting subjects yelling in the street. Officers responded and arrested 24-year-old Diana Lynn Mowles of 602 34th Street at 12:25 a.m. She was charged with felony aggravated assault on a public servant in addition to misdemeanor driving while intoxicated and resisting arrest.

A 30-year-old man was arrested for public intoxication.

Three subjects were taken into custody at 3:31 a.m. Saturday in the 2400 block of Avenue G. Two of the subjects, ages 28 and 40, were jailed for public intoxication.

A 31-year-old man was charged with misdemeanor driving while intoxicated, failure to identify, no driver's license on person, no liability insurance and expired driver's license. In addition, the subject had outstanding Winkler County warrants for assault/family violence and failure to appear.

At 5:54 a.m. Saturday, a woman spoke to officers in reference to her 16-year-old daughter not returning home. An offense report for runaway was filed.

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Discovery School fundraiser

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Grand jury

The Scurry County grand jury will convene at 9 a.m. Monday in 132nd District Court.

United Way board

Scurry County United Way board of directors will meet at noon Monday at the chamber of commerce.

Bible study tapes

Bible study tapes air each week on Channel 2. To be shown at 7 p.m. Monday is "Why Did God Separate the Jews from the Gentiles?" followed by "What is Your Life?"

Social Security reps

Social Security representatives will be the Snyder Senior Citizens Center, 2603 Ave. M, on Tuesday. Hours are 10 a.m. until noon and 1-2 p.m.

FBC worship service

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

Lighthouse garage sale

Lighthouse Assembly of God Church is in need of donations of kitchen items, appliances and furniture for a building fund sale to be held next Friday and Saturday. Call 573-5124 or 573-2947.

Texans for lawsuit reform speaker

Jay Lawrence, an adviser to Texans for Lawsuit Reform, will speak to the Snyder Kiwanis Club at noon on July 19.

Class of 1980 reunion

The class of 1980 will have a reunion July 22 at Snyder Country Club. The deadline for reservations is Monday. R.S.V.P by calling 573-1731.

Kings Kids registration

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

LVN class testing

Students wishing to enroll in the fall Licensed Vocational Nursing class at Western Texas College should contact the counseling office to arrange for the pre-entrance exam to be given through July 25. Interviews will be conducted through Aug. 7. For more information, call the counseling office at 573-8511, ext. 313.

GED exams

GED examinations will be administered Thursday and July 27 in the testing center at WTC. Call Emily Hataway at 574-2112 or Molly Kattes at 573-2919 for more information.

Computer courses

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

Cancer treatment transportation

Transportation for cancer patients is available every day free of charge to Lubbock, Abilene or Midland. For more information call Martha Schiebel at 573-8626 or Sammie Jarrell at 573-5993. If not home, leave message on answering machine.

Pick 3

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Friday by the Texas Lottery, in order:
5-2-8

Cash Five

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Friday by the Texas Lottery:
4-9-21-32-39

Texas Million

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Texas Million numbers drawn Friday by the Texas Lottery:
45-50-58-85

Episcopalians move closer to landmark alliance with Lutherans

DENVER (AP) — A vote by the nation's Episcopal priests and lay members Saturday could move the church closer to a landmark alliance with the country's largest Lutheran denomination.

Episcopal bishops at the church's national convention on Friday overwhelmingly approved a plan that would allow their church and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America to share clergy and sacraments.

The measure must now pass the 825-member House of Deputies meeting at the Episcopal General Convention. The chamber, made up of clergy and lay members, was expected to consider it Saturday.

The Lutherans narrowly approved the alliance last year.

The denominations, which together have 7.5 million members, have discussed an alliance for about 40 years. The Episcopal Church has 2.4 million members.

The churches are theologically similar and have a close relationship, with some pastors and priests sharing congregations.

A formal alliance would mean the Rev. Lauren Stanley, an Episcopal priest from Arlington, Va., who has preached to a Lutheran congregation, could "go and serve a Lutheran congregation and I can use the Lutheran book of worship."

"What it finally recognizes is that we are one in the body of Christ," she said.

Date Books

Saturday, July 8, 2000
Today is the 190th day of 2000 and the 19th day of summer.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1879, the first steamboat to use electric lights, the Jeannette, sailed from San Francisco, Calif.

On this day in 1881, Edward Berner, a druggist in Two Rivers, Wis., invented the ice-cream sundae.

On this day in 1983, a plan to break up AT&T into regional monopolies and a long-distance company was tentatively approved.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Jean de La Fontaine (1621-1695), poet; Nelson Rockefeller (1908-1979), U.S. politician; Roone Arledge (1931-), television executive, is 69; Steve Lawrence (1935-), singer, is 65; Cynthia Gregory (1946-), ballerina, is 54; Raffi Cavoukian (1948-), children's singer, is 52; Anjelica Huston (1951-), actress, is 49; Beck (1970-), singer, is 30.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1941, Ted Williams hit a three-run home run with two out in the ninth inning, winning the all-star game. The American League defeated the National League 7-5.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "By the work one knows the workman." — Jean de La Fontaine

TODAY'S MOON: First quarter.

Sunday, July 9, 2000
Today is the 191st day of 2000 and the 20th day of summer.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1847, the first law in the United States to set the duration of a work day at 10 hours was passed by the legislature of New Hampshire.

On this day in 1910, Walter Brookins became the first aviator to fly a plane more than a mile high. He flew a Wright biplane to 6,234 feet over Atlantic City, N.J.

On this day in 1955, "Rock Around the Clock," by Bill Haley and the Comets, reached No. 1 on Billboard's pop chart.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Elias Howe (1819-1867), sewing-machine inventor; John D. Rockefeller (1839-1937), financier; Nikola Tesla (1856-1943), electrical engineer; Franz Boas (1858-1942), anthropologist; David Hockney (1937-), artist, is 63; Brian Dennehy (1938-), actor, is 62; O.J. Simpson (1947-), football great, is 53; Jimmy Smits (1955-), actor, is 45; Tom Hanks (1956-), actor, is 44; Courtney Love (1965-), singer, is 35.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1976, Larry Dierker of the Houston Astros pitched a no-hitter. The Astros defeated the Montreal Expos 6-0.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "If capital an' labor ever do git t'gether it's good night fer th' rest of us." — Frank McKinney Hubbard

TODAY'S MOON: Day after first quarter (July 8).

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American businesses added fewer jobs

WASHINGTON (AP) — American businesses added fewer jobs than expected in June, the strongest evidence yet that the Federal Reserve is succeeding in its campaign to keep the economy from overheating. The unemployment rate fell to near a 30-year low of 4 percent. Markets were lifted by the news.

"This is confirmation that the economy is giving up some of its forward momentum," said economist Ken Mayland of ClearView Economics. "Job growth is moderating, but the labor market remains healthy."

Businesses added 206,000 jobs last month after cutting 165,000 positions in May, the Labor Department reported Friday.

June's gain in private-sector jobs was offset by a loss of government jobs, including the departure of 190,000 temporary census workers. As a result, total employment including government workers rose by only 11,000, the weakest growth in four years. Many analysts were expecting total employment to grow by 293,000 jobs.

On Wall Street, stocks rose as investors considered the report heartening new evidence that the Fed's interest-rate increases — six of them over the last year — are working to slow economic growth to a more sustainable pace. The Dow Jones industrial average gained 154.51 points to close at 10,635.98 and the Nasdaq was up 62.63 points to 4,023.20. Bond prices rose, too.

So far this year, businesses have added an average of 177,000 jobs a month, compared with 202,000 a month for all of 1999, government analysts say.

"It's clear that we are not creating jobs at the same rate, but it's still a healthy pace," said Labor Secretary Alexis Herman. "I think it's fair to say that we are seeing signs of moderation in the economy."

Many economists said the tame employment report increases the odds that the Fed will leave interest rate unchanged at its Aug. 22 meeting, just as it did at its June meeting.

"This report presents the clearest evidence yet that the economy has slowed in response to the Federal Reserve's interest rate increases ... and hopefully will give the Fed a reason to hold off again at its next meeting," said Martin Regalia, chief economist for the U.S. Chamber of Commerce.

Clinton, Gore blamed for higher prices

MADISON, Wis. (AP) — Wisconsin Gov. Tommy Thompson blamed high fuel prices on the Clinton-Gore administration Saturday, saying consumers are being "Gored" at the pump.

"How have we stumbled to this point?" Thompson said in the weekly GOP radio address, taped Friday. "It's quite simple. President Clinton and Al Gore have completely failed to develop an energy policy to lead our nation into the new century, and each and every one of us is paying for it."

Thompson said the Clinton-Gore administration's failure to decrease the country's dependence on foreign oil and open up exploration of domestic oil sources have led to higher fuel prices across the nation.

The soaring prices have been particularly severe in the Milwaukee and Chicago area, where prices peaked at more than $2 a gallon in June.

The high fuel prices have become a favorite political issue in the presidential campaign. Presumptive GOP presidential nominee George W. Bush has started quoting a passage from Gore's 1992 book "Earth in the Balance" in which the vice president states his support for higher fuel taxes.

Thompson, a longtime Bush supporter, struck a similar theme, claiming Gore's support of higher fuel taxes means he supports higher fuel bills that will lead to more expensive summer vacations and higher air conditioning costs.

He also said the only answer to the rising fuel prices is to decrease the country's dependency on foreign oil and open up exploration of domestic oil sources.

"I'll tell you one thing Al Gore did help invent: Higher gas prices," said Thompson, who Bush picked to chair the GOP convention platform committee and has been mentioned as a possible running mate. "Well, it won't work. The American people realize that gas prices won't drop to an acceptable level until we develop a strong energy policy that allows us to deal with foreign nations while taking advantage of our resources at home."

Gore has countered by accusing the Republican-led Congress of sitting on legislation that would improve energy efficiency and conservation. But he has saved his strongest attacks for the oil companies, which he says have been earning huge profits and may be guilty of price gouging.

Mexican riot police clash with ruling party supporters

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Riot police clashed with supporters of Mexico's long-ruling party Friday, kicking and beating protesters after they tried unsuccessfully to storm an electoral office in Mexico state.

The clash in Nezahualcoyotl, the country's fifth-largest city, was one of at least a dozen that have erupted in the state bordering the capital since Sunday's historic elections.

Protesters in Nezahualcoyotl claimed the ruling Institutional Revolutionary Party, or PRI, won the mayoral race despite official results favoring the leftist Democratic Revolution Party candidate.

Police used tear gas to disperse the protesters. Others beat the PRI supporters, injuring several.

"My people were defending themselves, nothing more," said Dr. Aurelio Salinas, the PRI's mayoral candidate for the city of 1.2 million.

The protesters allege Democratic Revolution used fraud to claim the mayoral race and have demanded a second vote.

However, state election officials said Friday they don't plan to call for new balloting in any of the cities where postelection disturbances have erupted.

Other parties also protested elections. Even supporters of Mexico's new president-elect, Vicente Fox, burned ballots in the streets of San Felipe and Ixtlahuaca, alleging fraud by the PRI.

Fox, of the center-right National Action Party, won Sunday's vote, ending the PRI's 71-year lock on the presidency. With all the votes counted Friday, Fox had 42.5 percent; PRI candidate Francisco Labastida, 36.1 percent, and Democratic Revolution candidate Cuauhtemoc Cardenas, 16.6 percent.

Three days later, National Action supporters stormed vote-counting offices in the two towns, setting a total of 85,000 ballots on fire.

All the ballots already had been legally counted in both offices before they were burned, a state election official said on condition of anonymity. Officials of the National Action Party did not return calls seeking comment.

Meanwhile, Javier Calvillo Ramos, mayor of Huixquilucan in Mexico state, was shot at Thursday night when he left a restaurant in Mexico City to make a call on his cellular phone. Calvillo, who was reaching into his car at the time of the shooting, was unhurt.

Geometry added to minimum requirements for graduation

AUSTIN (AP) — The State Board of Education on Friday approved new high school minimum graduation requirements, including mandatory geometry, physics and chemistry for students entering ninth grade in September 2001.

The changes were made to help students pass the 11th-grade exit level standardized tests administered by public schools, said Texas Education Agency spokeswoman Debbie Graves Ratcliffe.

Changes in the tests require students to be tested on geometry and the newly required sciences. The Legislature approved the changes in the tests in 1999.

Although most students take geometry, this will ensure that they are prepared to take the test, Graves Ratcliffe said.

"It's not fair to test a student and have their diploma hinge on subject matter they might not have had," Graves Ratcliffe said. "This will ensure they've had the subject."

The new graduation requirements includes two credits of biology and integrated physics and chemistry. However, a student may be allowed to enroll in either chemistry or physics as a substitute for the combined course.

The new exit-level test requirements will be administered to 11th-graders in the 2002-2003 school year. Students will have to pass the exit-level test and their course work to receive a high school diploma.

If students don't pass one or more parts of the test the first time, they can take that part again, whenever it is given.

Austria OKs compensation fund for WWII slave laborers

VIENNA, Austria (AP) — Austria's parliament unanimously approved a $415 million fund Friday to compensate aging victims who were forced into hard labor by the Nazis during World War II.

Members of parliament from all four political parties expressed their support for the fund. They said it is a gesture but one that can never truly make up for the suffering of the estimated 150,000 people thought to be alive today who worked as slave and forced laborers in Austria.

The restitution law is also "an act of liberation" for Austrians, who shared responsibility with Germany for the events of the past, said Chancellor Wolfgang Schuessel.

Under the law setting up the fund, one-time payments will range up to about $7,250 for slave laborers — those forced to work in Nazi concentration camps.

Those forced to work in factories would receive about $2,420, while agricultural laborers would get about $1,380. Women who gave birth while serving as forced laborers in Austria would receive an extra $345.

Maria Schaumayer, the Austrian envoy responsible for negotiating the establishment of the fund, told the Austria Press Agency she was pleased by the law's passage in the 183-seat parliament.

"The first chapter is closed," she said.

The fund will be financed by both the Austrian government and businesses that profited from the laborers. Officials said they hope the first payments can be made before the end of the year.

On Thursday, the German parliament passed a similar bill, setting up a $5 billion fund to compensate slave and forced laborers who worked on their territory during World War II.

Austria's fund was criticized by American attorney Ed Fagan, who has filed a class-action lawsuit in New York in the name of Holocaust and slave labor victims. He has demanded that Austrian banks and companies pay damages of $18 billion.

Schaumayer defended the agreement, saying, "The reconciliation fund is an instrument to make amends and humanitarian payments to the greatest number of victims possible — according to my intentions 100 percent. That is a number that could never be reached through a lawsuit."

Health officials look for puppies

AUSTIN (AP) — State health department officials are looking for the owners of several puppies given away at a softball tournament in Denton after one of the dogs developed rabies.

The 4-month-old rabid puppy, thought to be a Labrador-collie-heeler mix, was one of possibly nine puppies given away at the May 13 men's softball tournament at North Lake Park in Denton.

The dog tested positive for rabies after biting a woman in Tarrant County on June 30. The woman was pet-sitting for the dog's owner, who lives in Wise County. Fifteen people exposed to the rabid puppy are taking post-exposure rabies shots to prevent the development of rabies.

Health officials are trying to locate the original and current owners of the puppies to determine if the siblings of the rabid puppy are healthy and to alert the owners to the possibility of rabies.

The Bahamas became independent in 1973.

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Scurry County Folks

By Shirley A. Gorman

THE SNYDER DAILY NEWS

Boys State learning experience for SHS student

To learn, one had to participate. That's what most impressed Kyle McClendon about the 58th annual American Legion Boys State session last month in Austin.

He joined more than 950 students who had completed their junior year in high school.

"If you participated, you learned about government. If you did not, then it was just a wasted trip," he said. "I thought we would be told everything to do, but we were allowed to make our own decisions."

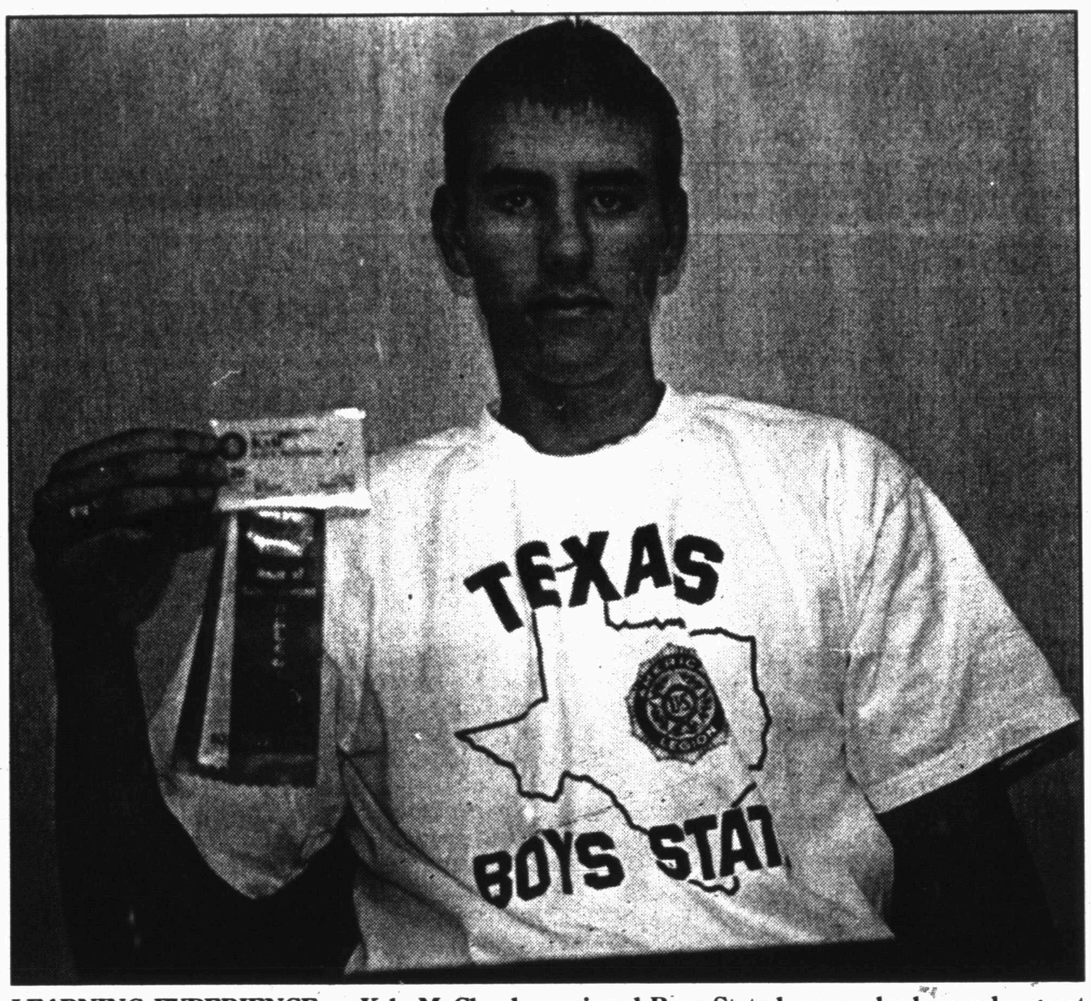
However, responsibility came with the freedom to choose as the participants had to take care of their political business first before participating in the daily recreation.

McClendon was a member of the Federalist Party and he lived in Nami, a city with 40 residents.

One of the first tasks the Boys State participants were given was to elect a mayor and decide what type of government they wanted their city to have.

Nami residents chose to have a weak mayor and a five-member city council that held more authority. The mayor was elected by popular vote, but the city council had to be elected by two-thirds majority.

The mayor's main duties were to conduct city meetings and to escort and introduce the visiting dignitaries, who spoke to the boys each day after the flag ceremony. The dignitaries included a state Supreme Court Justice who was especially inspirational because he is handicapped and used a wheelchair.



LEARNING EXPERIENCE — Kyle McClendon enjoyed Boys State because he learned a great deal about the U.S. government. He is wearing the T-shirt he received and is holding ribbons he earned for participating in activities. (SDN Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

The mayor and city council also named a chaplain, post master, athletic director and color guard.

McClendon was elected to the House of Representatives and he was a member of the Platform Committee of the Federalist Party. The Platform Committee met for three days, two hours each day.

They first elected a platform chairman and secretary. He noted that there was a lot of debate as they tried to decide which issues to include in the platform. Since they had just six hours to complete their work, McClendon said they decided to focus on the ones they had a chance to agree on.

One of the most important lessons McClendon learned working with the Platform Committee was the art of compromise, which allows you to "give a little but still get what you want."

Since the recreation periods were the same time as the Platform Committee meetings, he said he did not get to take part in too many sporting activities, something he missed.

He also ran for precinct chairman, but was not elected. However, the winner then appointed the other candidates for the office to serve as the county and state delegates.

McClendon said the county delegate position was "just a stepping stone to state delegate."

At the state convention, the delegates voted for the chairperson and then everyone voted for governor and lieutenant governor. A question and answer session was held for candidates and the delegates were the only people who could ask questions.

Boys State participants also learned how to get a bill passed. McClendon worked on bills prepared by the education committee. Bilingual education was thoroughly discussed and it was noted that it's easier to learn a new language when you are young.

There was some disagreement over what age bilingual education would begin. Eventually they determined it should be optional with parents deciding if they wanted their child to participate.

Another bill concerned teachers. He said they unanimously agreed that teachers should have the same health benefits as state workers. "Precise wording is very important," McClendon said. "One word might mean different things to different people. One word could keep a bill from passing."

Bar orientations were also held during the first three days. Then "pass/fail" bar exams were given. McClendon said the test was pretty easy because he knew about what to expect.

In all, he said he enjoyed Boys State because he learned a lot and had fun, too. "It was the best learning experience about government I have ever had. I highly recommend it to anyone."

He is the son of Roy and Cheryl McClendon of Snyder.

During his junior year at SHS, McClendon was inducted into the National Honor Society. He also attended the National Youth Leadership Forum in October of 1999.

He participated in speech as a freshman and was involved in drama during the 10th grade. He has played baseball since the 9th grade.

After graduating in 2001, McClendon wants to either attend the Air Force Academy and become a pilot or attend Texas A&M University and study either history or psychology.

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HERMLEIGH CLASS REUNION — The Hermleigh High School Class of 1960 met at the Holiday Inn in Sweetwater on June 24. Attending were Virginia Williams, Sadie Fern (Hillis) Butler, Loretta (Young) Moritz, Beverly (Thomason) Walker, Jane (Beeks) Ramey, pictured from left, front row. And on the back row are Danny Ubando, Bruce Withers, Tommy Frytag, Larry Denson, Larry Darden, Preston Brown and Mickey Winter. (Contributed Photo)

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

North 07-08-00
♠ K J 7 6 4
♥ A Q 5 2
♦ 8 6 5
♣ 4

West
♠ Q 5 2
♥ 9 8 4
♦ 10 2
♣ Q J 10 8 7

East
♠ ---
♥ K J 10 6
♦ 9 7 4 3
♣ K 9 6 5 2

South
♠ A 10 9 8 3
♥ 7 3
♦ A K Q J
♣ A 3

Vulnerable: East-West
Dealer: South

South	West	North	East
1 ♠	Pass	4 ♣	Pass
4 NT	Pass	5 ♦	Pass
5 NT	Pass	6 ♦	Pass
6 ♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♣ Q

July 8, 2000

Trying to cover all the bases

By Phillip Alder

Many contracts require either a little luck or good guesswork. Yet there is something delightful about covering all possibilities, making the contract whatever the lie of the opposing cards.

Looking only at the North-South hands, how would you plan the play in six spades after West leads the club queen?

North's four-club response is a splinter bid, showing game values in spades with at least four trumps and at most one club. South, knowing his partner had to have some high cards in hearts for his bid, launched into Blackwood.

South thought there was no problem: Draw trumps and try the heart finesse for an overtrick. So, he won with the club ace and immediately played a trump to dummy's king. Now, though, he had an unavoidable spade loser. And when the heart finesse lost as well, he was one down.

A little unlucky, it's true, but the contract was guaranteed. It is correct to start with the spade ace from hand. If both opponents follow, you are playing for an overtrick. Here, East discards, so you finesse West out of his spade queen and again are on the heart finesse for seven. But suppose West discards under the spade ace. You are still all right. Ruff the club three in the dummy, cash the spade king, and play on diamonds.

If East ruffs in, he must either lead around into dummy's ace-queen of hearts or concede a ruff-and-discard. If East doesn't ruff, exit with a trump for the same endplay.

Yes, an initial heart lead from West is more testing, forcing declarer to guess the spades.

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Mr. and Mrs. Scotty Keith Leatherwood
(Contributed Photo)

Banks, Leatherwood wed in Lubbock home

LUBBOCK — Christee Ann Banks of Lubbock and Scotty Keith Leatherwood of Snyder were united in marriage at 7 p.m. on June 30 in the bride's parents home in Lubbock.

J.D. Young officiated the double-ring ceremony decorated in a western theme.

Parents of the bride are Mr. and Mrs. J.D. Banks Sr. of Lubbock.

Steven, son of the bride of Lubbock, played wedding music. The bride was given in marriage by her father.

The bride wore a black shirt and white long-sleeved shirt and burgundy vest and black boots. She carried a bouquet of burgundy and white daisies.

Matron of honor was LeeAnn Ramirez of Snyder who also wore western attire and carried a burgundy-colored bouquet. The bride's mother registered guests.

Ring bearer was Matthew Moreno, son of the bride.

Rick Ramirez of Snyder was best man. Male attire was also western, black jeans, cowboy boots, and white shirt and bandana necktie.

The reception was held at the Jerry Banks Sr. home. The bride's table was decorated with white and burgundy flowers and bows. The white wedding cake was two-tiered and decorated with burgundy roses and a western theme cake top.

A chocolate cake was served from the groom's table.

Serving were Delta Hollaway and the bride's cousin, Meshell Myers.

The groom is employed at Patterson Drilling and the bride is a certified nurse's aide.

Malone reunion held in Dublin

Descendants of the late William E. Malone met in the Dublin Community Park in Erath County on June 24-25 with several from Snyder attending.

Officers for this year's reunion were Kenneth Way of Kerrville, president; Cecil Landes of Avondale, Ariz., vice president; and Silva Spiva of Kerrville, secretary/treasurer.

Sunday morning everyone met for a sing-along service led by Brenda Tooley along with Cecil Landes giving a short devotional. Before the noon meal was served, a short business meeting was held and the group voted to have the reunion in Snyder next year. Reservations have been made at the Towle Park Barn for the last weekend in June, 2001.

New officers elected were Curtis Johnson of Colorado City, president; Lola Gosney of Phoenix, Ariz., vice president; and Silva Spiva of Kerrville will again be secretary/treasurer.

Attending from Texas were L.E. and Tommie Nell Malone; Charles and Jean Malone and Halley Morton, Ana Couch, Ada Lee Dellaugher, and Shirley Wuistinger and Jerry; Alfred and Joyce Randolph and Morris, all of Dublin.

Others include Tim and Liz McMillian and Sheila and Norman of Alexander; T.L. Malone of Dallas; Coy and Annette Landes of Crowley; Ken and Lynnette Burleson and Cooper of Arlington; Justin Landes, Brenda Tooley of Fort Worth; Wynama Way and Billie Mildren of Walnut Springs; Tony Way of Austin; Edward Way of Hurst; Kris and Nicole Baker, and Carla Hopson of Mineral Wells.

Also from Texas were Kenneth and Rea Hopson, Kenney Hopson and Debbie Gilmore, Merrie and Sara Hopson of Brownwood; Kenneth and Betty Way, Janie Way and Evelyn Morgan, Sylvia Spiva and Judy Bishop, all of Kerrville; Donald and Sherry James of Gatesville; Travis and Ann Morgan, Lesley and Linda Morgan of Bandera; Inez Whitehead and Tammy Clinard of Temple; Lynn Clark of Troy; Loys and Dorothy Landes of Rotan; Bradley Simmons and Lindsey of Waco; Lawrence and Pat Outlaw and Floye Johnson of Snyder; Alice Starnes of Lubbock; Curtis Johnson of Bryson; Brian, Jessica and Justin of Lingleville.

Attending from out-of-state were Red and Edna Shifflett, Mesa, Ariz.; Lola Gosney, Phoenix, Ariz.; Cecil and Maxine Landes and Kevin Neill, Avondale, Ariz; Deborah, Paul, John and Michelle Blackwell of Tulsa, Okla. A total of 78 registered.

Scurry County Library News & Views

Many of you have enjoyed the children's reading program this summer. Did you know that the summer reading program is a statewide theme each summer for those public libraries belonging to the Texas State Library System? Each year the Texas State Library System staff members develop a reading plan around a specific theme with suggestions to help each individual library in its planning.

In addition, the regional library systems may have workshops to assist smaller libraries. Not only does the State Library System help with the planning, but they also arrange for the local library to receive discounts of reading program T-shirts and other theme prizes.

Our local library, and the Big Country Library System in Abilene, help by providing financial assistance and by furnishing prizes in cooperation with KTXS and other area businesses.

Each public library may choose to use the state's program or to develop its own theme; however, the assistance given is always so professional, that few decline the help. Each individual library adds personal touches to the theme, and the children's librarian organizes weekly programs around the main theme.

What makes all this possible? Your Texas State Legislature provides funds to assist the public libraries that are part of the Texas State Library System. Next time; you see your representative or senator to the State Legislature, thank them for their support of the Texas public libraries.

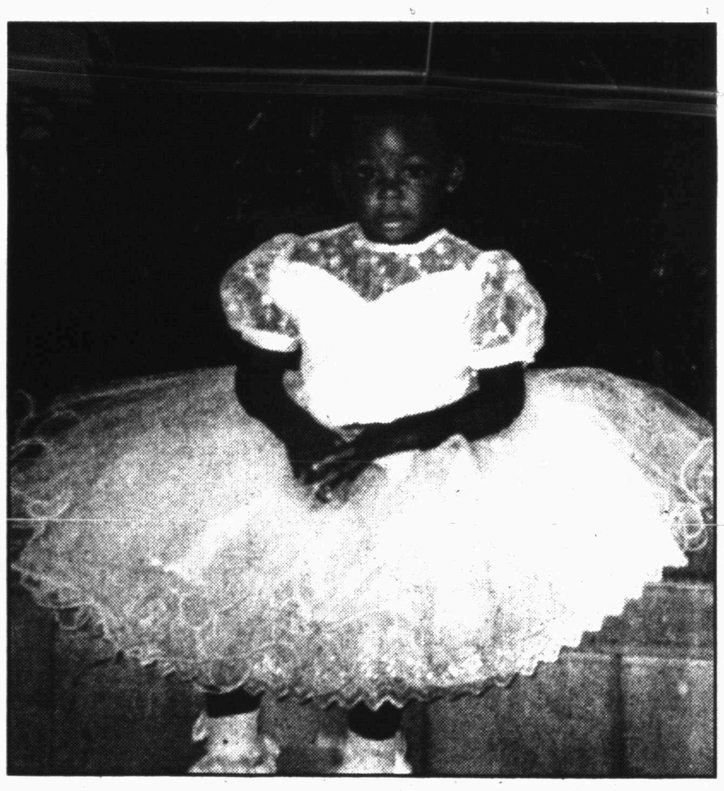
They appropriate funds for not only the maintenance of the Texas State Library System, but also for funds to build the telecommunications infrastructure for the state of Texas. Scurry County has benefited from this by receiving grants at WTC, the Snyder Independent School District, and the Scurry County Library.

The present politicians in Austin are committed to making Texas a greater state by giving each community an opportunity to be the best in literacy and technology.

Enjoy your library this summer, and take advantage of the wonderful resources available at the Scurry County Library. This week on July 10, the preschoolers will enjoy reading about robots and computers.

On Wednesday, July 12, we will have **The Annual Watermelon Seed Spitting Contest** for grades K-6. We will also have chalk art, so kids, be ready to get on your knees!

Come join the fun at the Scurry County Library!



MISS COBB WINS TROPHIES — Shanice Cobb, 2-year-old daughter of Melvin and Shalawn Cobb of Snyder, won two trophies in the 2nd Annual Lubbock Area Baby Pageant. At the coronation ceremony in the South Plains Mall, Shanice was named queen in her age group, and was a first place beauty winner. She also received second place in photography and was given a certificate and ribbon. (Contributed Photo)

Duplicate Bridge Scores

TUESDAY, JUNE 27

Monte West directed game at Snyder Country Club.

A Group
1. Barbara Yorgesen, Dora Blakey.
2. Linda West, Monte West.
3. Ann Davis, Anita Talbott.

B Group
1. Pat Floyd, Robbie Floyd.
2. Betty Courtney, Patsy Williams.
3. Margaret Dillaha, Nonnie Ward.

FRIDAY, JUNE 30

Jane Hinton directed.

A Group
1. Jackie Sonnenberg, Dale Lain.
2. Monte West, Ann Davis.
3. Billisue Stuard, Jane Hinton.

B Group
1. Billisue Stuard, Jane Hinton.
2. Barbara Yorgesen, Martha Fagin.
3. Nina Nesbit, Durelle Gorman.

C Group
1. Nina Nesbit, Durelle Gorman.
2. Dora Blakey, Nona Morrison.
3. Mippy Brownlee, LaVerne Hood.

SUNDAY, JULY 2

Swiss Team
1. Jane Hinton, Nina Nesbit, Margaret Birdwell, Mippy Brownlee.
2. Louise Thompson, Tizzy Hall, Nona Morrison, Barbara Yorgesen.

Birth

Reagan Alyssa Garcia was born to Jennifer Perez and Clinton Garcia at 9 p.m. on July 4 in Cogdell Memorial Hospital. Reagan weighed seven pounds, 11 ounces.

Maternal grandparents are C.R. and Rachel Perez and paternal grandparents are Frank and Trudy Garcia, all of Snyder.

Todd and Resa Weaver of Carrollton announce the birth of their son, Mason James Weaver, at 11:05 p.m. on July 5. He weighed eight pounds and two ounces.

Paternal great-grandparents are Margaret Weaver of Snyder and the late Frank Weaver.

Bridal Registry

Christa Rosson and Brett Littlejohn
Kate Phinizy and Ryan Davis
Angel Scarber and Robert Kee Patterson
Laura Collins and Matthew White
Kathryn Robbins and Scott Hall
Jamie Bass and Daniel Schlumpf
Amy Lewis and Chad Martin
Amanda Keils and Heath Porter
Karrah Griswold and Todd Iglehart
Karan McAnelly and Charles Kittles
Michelle Roemisch and Matthew Byrom
Tabitha Gilbreth and Chad Carter
Jackie Beck and Eric Robertson
Kristi Harris and Jeremy Howard
Felicia Castill and Freddie Martinez
Geneva Martinez and Tracy Loyola
Becky Straut and Brady Collier
Lisa Nix and Chris Bargas
Candace Barrow and Justin Stribling
Kara Gowin and Christopher Fuentez
Karomy Drum and Dave Purkey
Susan Shoults and Wes Everett
Amanda Sorrells and Jeff Streetman
Jennifer Potter and Rene Aguirre
Kimberly A Jones and Christopher D. Cunnington
La Nae Houchins and Koss Hataway
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JUNE SHOWER HELD — LaNae Houchins, bride-elect of Ross Hataway was honoree at a bridal shower held June 18 in the home of Susan Rogers. The couple will marry at 6:30 p.m. on July 22 at Mission Dorado Country Club in Odessa. From left are Rachael Wilson, Shonna Butler, Denise Beck, Gayle Kubena, Donna Fowler, Susan Rodgers, Cindy Nix, mother of the prospective groom, Lanae Houchins, honoree, Kara Wilson, Renetta Collier, Sandra Guynes, LeeAnn Rollins and Donna Wilson. (Contributed Photo)

Rosemary 'Herb of the Year'

'Rosemary has been called "the queen of kitchen herbs." Its fragrance and evergreen beauty make it a desirable house and garden plant. Its assertive flavor adds character to meat, poultry, fish, stuffings and robust vegetables. It's even good for your hair. Steeped in boiling water, rosemary becomes a rinse that will make dark hair shine. No wonder this aromatic member of the mint family is the International Herb Association's millennium "Herb of the Year."

Rosemary's botanical name, *rose marinus*, means "dew of the sea." It is native to the Mediterranean and, well adapted to sea mist, enjoys a good misting wherever it is planted. Rosemary thrives in weather similar to hot, dry Mediterranean summers, making it a natural choice for

Texas gardens.

"Rosemary is easy to grow in Texas, It likes a sunny location, good air circulation and not a whole lot of water. The more sunlight it receives the better. Long hours in the sun produce the oils that give rosemary its unique flavor and aroma," said Brent Wiseman, Texas Department of Agriculture director for Horticultural and Forestry Marketing.

Established rosemary will also winter over in many areas of the state, though it doesn't like sustained temperatures in the 20s and teens. If grown in a pot, it can be taken indoors and placed in a sunny window where its fragrance can be appreciated until spring.

According to tradition, "rosemary is for remembrance." In Greece and Italy, home to abundant wild rosemary, the herb stands for life and death, often showing up at weddings and funerals. But what really makes rosemary memorable is its flavor, especially compatible with lamb, pork, potato recipes and hearty dishes such as stews and bean soup.

If you haven't cooked with fresh rosemary, start with a little and work up. Its bold piney taste will overwhelm some dishes if not used sparingly. If you like rosemary's flavor, add some more.

These easy tips for using rosemary will turn an ordinary dish into something special:

Place the herb and lemon slices in the cavity of a whole chicken with butter, using rosemary sprigs as the brush.

Add chopped fresh or dried rosemary to a skillet of fried potatoes. Add the rosemary when potatoes are almost cooked, about 2 tablespoons fresh or 1 tablespoon dried.

Throw springs on the coals as you grill fish or meat.

Use butter flavored with chopped fresh rosemary on new potatoes, peas, spinach and summer squash.

Place springs on roasts as they cook, removing them when the meat is done.

Rosemary does great things for dough, too. Try stirring a tablespoon of chopped fresh rosemary into your favorite muffin or bread recipe just before adding liquids. Slicing into a warm muffin or bread releases a mouth-watering herbal aroma.

Here are two favorite recipes from notable Texas herbalists, Patricia Johnson of Pearsall and Madalene Hill and Gwen Barclay of Round Top. Rosemary Refrigerator Cookies are easy to make and freeze well. Our Favorite Rosemary Chicken is a crowd-pleasing entrée.

ROSEMARY REFRIGERATOR COOKIES

1 cup flour
½ cup butter
½ cup sugar
1 egg yolk, beaten
½ teaspoon vanilla
1¾ teaspoons grated lemon rind
2 tablespoons fresh rosemary, minced
1/8 teaspoon salt
Confectioner's or granulated sugar

Combine flour and butter with a pastry blender until mixture resembles a coarse meal. Add sugar, mixing well. Add egg yolk, vanilla, lemon rind, rosemary and salt. Blend well and shape into a roll about 1½ inches in diameter. Wrap in plastic wrap in plastic wrap and chill overnight.

Slice into ¼ inch cookies. Sprinkle with sugar. Bake on nonstick cookie sheet at 350 degrees for 10 minutes or until golden and crisp. Makes about 3 dozen cookies.

By: Patricia Johnson, Pearsall

OUR FAVORITE ROSEMARY CHICKEN

1 fryer-broiler, 2½ to 3 pounds, or favorite chicken parts
2 tablespoons vegetable margarine, olive oil or butter
½ - 1 cup sliced green onions
½ - 1 cup sliced celery
1 large clove garlic, mashed
1½ tablespoons chopped fresh basil
1 tablespoon chopped fresh rosemary
½ teaspoon salt
1/8 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
½ cup dry white wine
¼ - ½ cup chicken broth (reserved from deglazing pan)
Chopped parsley (garnish)

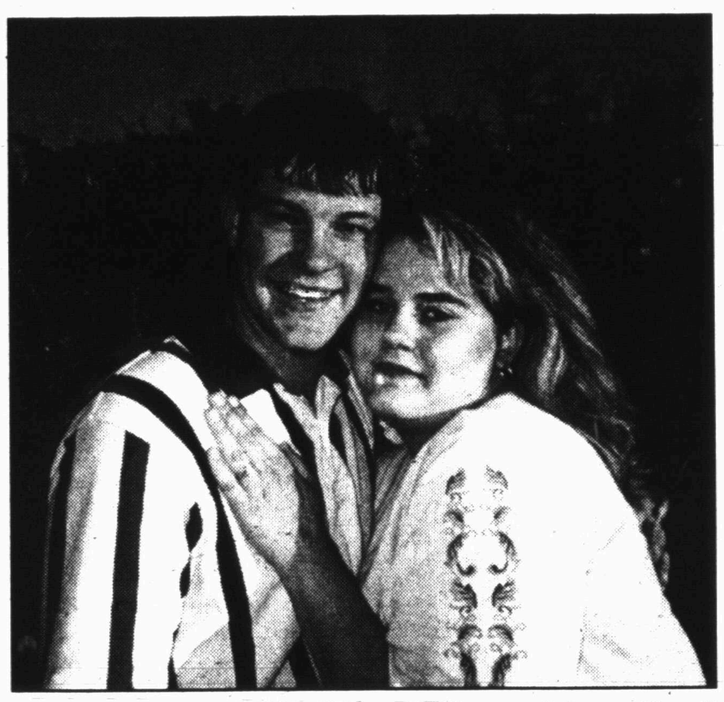
Preheat oven to 450 degrees. Cut fryer into serving pieces. Place chicken on a flat baking pan (with 1-inch sides) and brown in hot oven until lightly colored. Remove from oven and carefully add ½ cup water to deglaze pan. Let stand 5 minutes to cool slightly.

Meanwhile, melt margarine in a large skillet. Add green onion, celery, and garlic, stirring often; cook until vegetables are softened and wilted, but do not brown.

Using a meat fork or tongs, carefully place chicken pieces on top of softened vegetables in skillet. Sprinkle basil, rosemary, salt and pepper evenly over chicken. Add wine to water in pan and finish deglazing, scraping with a rubber spatula to release all browned bits. Pour over chicken. Bring to a boil; reduce heat and cover pan. Cook over low heat for 25 minutes until juices run clear in chicken; baste with liquids in pan every 10 minutes. Add more water to keep liquid from evaporating. Do not add more wine. Sprinkle with chopped parsley to garnish before serving. Delicious with rice, noodles or new potatoes. Makes 4-5 servings.

Note: Chicken may be cooked in oven at 300 degrees. It isn't necessary to pre-cook vegetables. Place chopped vegetables in a baking pan at least 2 inches deep, and add chicken, seasonings, and liquids on top of them to keep moist. Cover and cook 45 minutes to 1 hour, basting several times. Remove cover, and increase heat during last 10 minutes to brown chicken if necessary. This is an excellent method to use when preparing chicken for a very large crowd.

By: Madalene Hill/Gwen Barclay



SEPTEMBER WEDDING SET — William and Laura Powell announce the engagement and Sept. 9 wedding plans of their daughter, Amanda Lea Powell, to Michael Paul Davis. He is the son of Mike Davis and Carla Campbell. The wedding will be held at 7 p.m. at Jack Greene's residence. (Contributed Photo)



DOUBLE CELEBRATION — Karson Botts and his family celebrated his first birthday on July 4th at his grandparents, Troy and Brenda Botts' home. His parents are Brooke and Troy Botts and his maternal grandparents are Glenn and Cindy French. Karson will always get to celebrate his birthday with fireworks, plenty of food and fanfare. (Contributed Photo)

Wedding going to dogs

FAIRFAX, Iowa (AP) — This wedding is going to the dogs.

After all, more than a dozen pooches have been invited for Saturday's ceremony at St. Patrick's Roman Catholic Church. Jessie, a purebred black curly coated retriever, will serve as ring bearer.

"I just thought it would be fun," said Jean Auen, the bride-to-be.

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Missouri became the 24th state in 1821.

Community Calendar

MONDAY

Rock and Roll Quilting Club; Hermleigh Community Center; everyone is invited for free quilting lessons, and special projects are to help someone in need; call 863-2426 for more information; 8 a.m. to noon.

Weight Watchers meeting; Trinity United Methodist Church; for more information call Nathalie at 573-1868 during the evening; weigh-in is at 5 p.m.

Al-Anon Brown Bag Open Meeting, Snyder Park Club in Winston Park; noon.

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

Manic Depression (Bipolar) support group; Family Life Community Church, 904 26th Street; 7 p.m.

American Legion Layne Kite Post 181 and Auxiliary; 7:30 p.m.

White Buffalo Stamp Club; community room at Snyder National Bank; 7:30 p.m.

Scurry County AA; closed meeting; Park Club; for more information, call 573-8268, 573-9458 or 574-1292, 8 p.m.

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

TUESDAY

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

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

AA Beginner's Meeting-Open; Snyder Park Club, 1212 37th Street; 7 p.m.

New Horizons AA, closed meeting; Park Club; for information call 573-8268, 573-9458 or 574-1292; 8 p.m.

Al-Anon; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th and Ave. M; for more information call 573-4203, 573-8626, 573-2101 or 573-0695; 8 p.m.

TOPS TX56 (take off pounds sensibly); weigh-in and meeting 5 to 6 p.m.; 2501 35th. For more information call Phillis Leatherwood at 573-6105.

WEDNESDAY

Storytime at the Scurry County Library for 4- and 5-year-olds; 10 a.m.

Spiritual Solutions for Living Problems Book Study; Snyder Park Club; 6 p.m.

Just For Today NA, open meeting; Park Club; for information, call 574-1292 or 573-8018 p.m.

THURSDAY

LLL Club; fellowship hall of First Baptist Church; 9:30 a.m.

Al-Anon brown bag; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 574-1292, 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.

Rock and Roll Quilting Club evening meeting; Hermleigh Community Center; for more information call 863-2426; 6:30 p.m.

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

Canyon Gun Club; 1910 25th; for information call Bill Tune at 8747; 7:30 p.m.

New Horizons AA, closed meeting; for information call 573-8268, 573-9458 or 574-1292; 8 p.m.

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

FRIDAY

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

Blood pressures will be taken at Cogdell Hospital Home Health Services, 1800 Cogdell Blvd., Suite B; 1-2 p.m.

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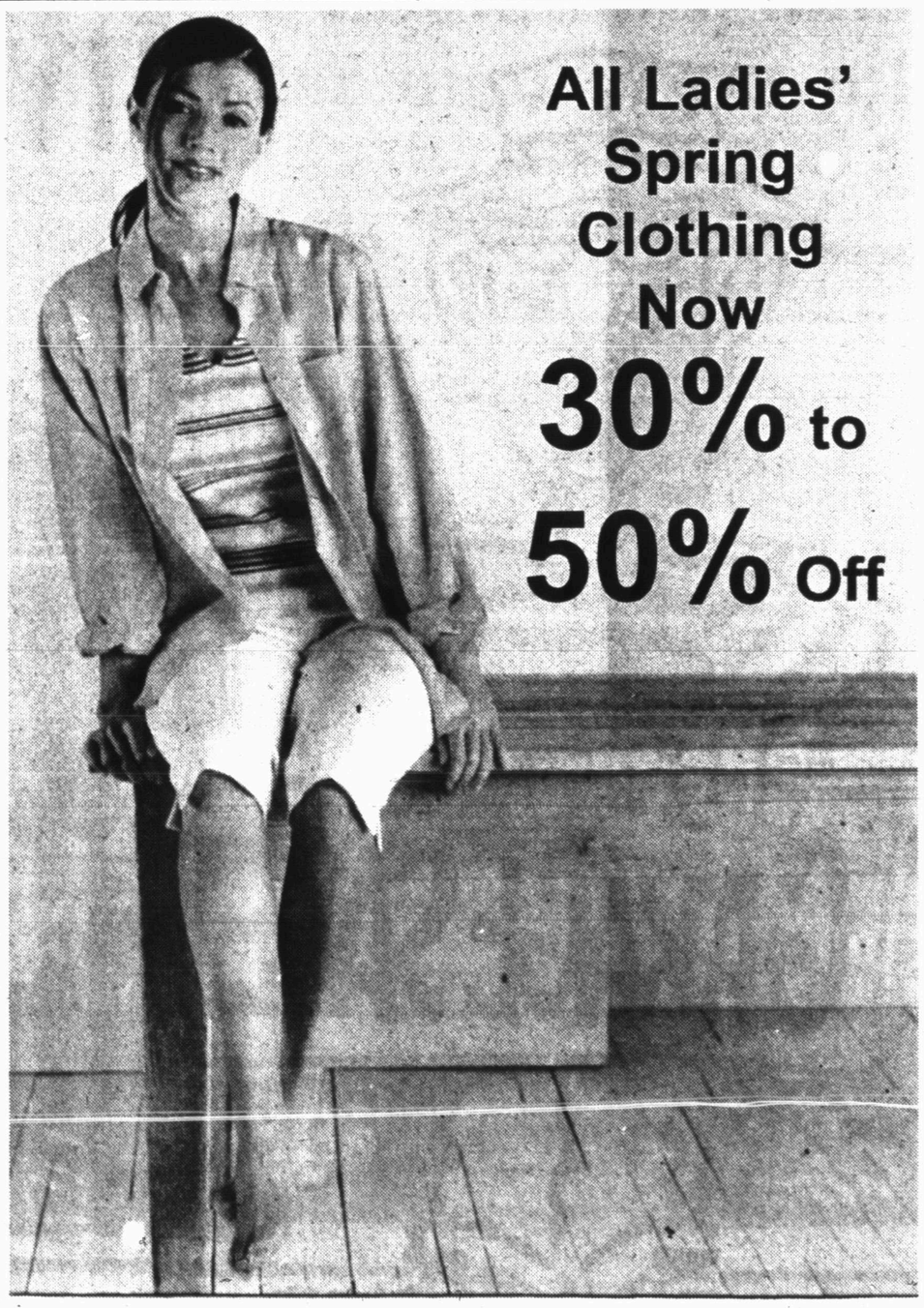
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Paula McWilliams, 2000 Lincoln Navigator from Wilson Motors.

Rodney Deaton, 2001 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

Jeffrey Smith, 2000 GMC Yukon from Big Country Autoland.

W. Ralston Bruce, 2000 Chevrolet Impala from Big Country Autoland.

Kenneth Mayberry, 2000 Chevrolet Suburban from Big Country Autoland.

Snyder Brick and Tile, 2000 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

Vickie Sargent, 2000 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

Tim and Dianna Riggan, 2000 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

James Sinclair, 2000 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Robert M. McCommon Jr., 2000 Chevrolet Suburban from Big Country Autoland.

Patterson Drilling, 2000 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Maria H. Beltran and Manuel Salazar, 2000 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

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Marriage License

Jeffrey Michael Pierce and Susie Machelle Mitchell, both of Snyder.

Action in District Court

In the marriage of Jennifer Carol Northcutt and Charles Anthony Northcutt, divorce granted.

In the marriage of Shanna Nicole Porter and Michael Kayne Porter, divorce granted.

In the marriage of Rodney Dean Mann and Penni Diane Mann, divorce granted.

Providian National Bank vs. Roy M. Collier, judgment for plaintiff.

Providian National Bank vs. Marie H. Clark, judgment for plaintiff.

Providian National Bank vs. Roger D. Lyons, judgment for plaintiff.

Billy Stephens and Kendra Stephens vs. Troy Hunt Homes Inc. and Troy Hunt, individually, judgment for plaintiffs.

Deed Records

T.L. Martin Oil Company Inc. to Stanley L. Martin, 1.0 acre out of the east one-half of the northeast one-quarter of Section 133, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Jeannie Thompson Merrifield to David L. Thompson, tract one being 76 acres out of the northwest one-quarter of Section 125, Block 3, H&GN survey; tract two being 85.85 acres out of Sections 125 and 126, both in Block 3, H&GN survey; tract three being 39.3 acres out of Sections 125 and 126, Block 3, H&GN survey.

Laura M. Hall to Paul Anthony and Regina Jones, 11.734 acres out of the northwest one-quarter of Section 158, Block 3, H&GN survey.

Bill W. and Dale C. Burns to Bill W. and Dale C. Burns Limited Partnership, Lot 3 in Block 49 of the Original Town of Snyder.

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Frank L. and Caddye L. Claborn to Joe Ray and Twila Laverne Liles, 2.95 acres in the southwest one-quarter of Section 244, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Kids line up for new Harry Potter book

LONDON (AP) — While truckloads of the top-secret "Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire" sped along Britain's highways Friday to shops around the land, bookstores invited youngsters to bring sleeping bags and await the first official sale — at midnight.

Hours before Harry Potter's new adventure burst upon a waiting world, it was hard to tell who was more excited — the book industry or the throngs of youngsters whose genuine eagerness to read it created a marketer's dream.

With the hefty new tome firmly in their grasp, the kids will have the edge.

"We're really, REALLY looking forward to it," 11-year-old friends Natasha Cook and Eva Arevuo said almost in unison Friday afternoon at a Books Etc. branch in north London.

"They're not so realistic that they're boring," Natasha said, trying to explain the Potter books' appeal. The adventures of the orphaned wizard, Harry, at Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry are filled with humor, suspense, monsters, ghosts and magical characters.

"It's always got lots of surprises in it," Eva said.

While waiting for the new book to go on sale, children at Waterstone's bookshop in Piccadilly Circus were given an "I waited for Harry" T-shirt and entertained by a magician. Waterstone's shops in Glasgow, Scotland, and Birmingham and Leeds, England, arranged sleepovers, too.

Publicity-shy kids could pick up their books at another of the chain's London shops, in South Kensington, which scheduled a midnight-to-1 a.m. opening without so much hoopla. A stand-in for Harry's owl Hedwig was promised.

Britain's Amazon.co.uk Internet site promised customers their pre-ordered copies would go in the mail Friday, with the goal of getting them delivered by Saturday.

Staff at the company's Milton Keynes distribution center in southern England worked through the night to ensure that about 65,000 copies were ready to ship.

Amazon expects to send 53 tons, or 41.6 million pages worth, of the book to British readers.

Although it may not have the old-fashioned music of cash registers ringing in its ears, the U.S. Amazon.com site had totted up more than 300,000 sales — more than six times the prepublication record set in March by John Grisham's latest novel, "The Brethren."

"Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire" occupied the top spot on the best seller lists of both sites.

The first print run by the book's British and U.S. publishers totaled 5.3 million copies.

Author J.K. Rowling was too busy last year writing this book to do much publicity for "Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban," the third book in the series.

This time, she's doing book signings on a promotional tour that sets off on a Hogwarts Express train from "Platform 9 3/4" at King's Cross station, where the boy wizard and his friends embark each year on their way to adventures.

At 640 pages in Britain and 752 pages in the U.S. edition, the new book is double the size of "Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban," which was greeted with similar excitement when it was released. It sold 64,000 copies in hardback in its first 21/2 days.

In New York, the U.S. bookstore chain Barnes and Noble said it already had 360,000 preorders and expected to break records for first-day and first-week sales for any book in the company's history.

Together, its retail stores and Web site already have received more than 360,000 preorders.

Senior Center Menu

Monday

Chicken spaghetti, green beans, Harvard beets, tossed salad, white cake w/strawberries

Tuesday

Ham & cheese stuffed potato, chopped broccoli, sliced carrots, pineapple w/cheese salad, banana pudding

Wednesday

Beef stroganoff, peas and carrots, tossed salad, Jello w/topping, peanut butter cookies

Thursday

Hamburgers and the fixin's, potato chips, cantaloupes, ice cream sundaes

Friday

Fried fish, parslied potatoes, green bean casserole, strawberries & bananas, chocolate cake w/white frosting

Senior Center News

We have received a Medicare brief stating that the Medicare carrier name has changed. The name TrailBlazer Health Enterprises, LLC replaces the name Blue Cross Blue Shield of Texas on all Medicare communications. Please do not throw away this mail that may contain important information from Medicare.

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The community food pantry is in need of paper and plastic bags. Since the pantry is open on Tuesdays, please bring the bags to the center at 2603 Avenue M.

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The Travis Gym is available for seniors who enjoy walking. Please check in with the senior office before walking.

Monday

Bridge play begins at 9:30 a.m. and daily exercise at 11 a.m.

Tuesday

The swimnastics at West Texas College for senior citizens begins at 10 a.m. This is a one-hour exercise program. Seniors are invited to participate at their own ability level. There is no charge for the course, but seniors must have a parking permit that can be acquired in the administration office. Some 20-25 seniors have been participating.

At the center, seniors may join "88" play beginning at 10 a.m. Golden K Kiwanis meet every Tuesday at noon and welcome any newcomers to their organization. The members enjoy lunch together in the conference room followed by the meeting. Social Security agents will be available at the center from 10 a.m. to noon and from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m.

Wednesday

Daily exercise begins at 11 a.m. Anne Gregory will play in the dining room. Line dancers and cloggers will practice at 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. respectively.

Thursday

Swim at WTC, exercise at the center, and then join us for lunch and ice cream sundae for dessert.

Friday

The blood pressure clinic and the bridge play begin at 9:30 a.m. "88" play begins at 10 a.m. and the sing-along at 11:30 a.m.

Charles Lindberg died at the age of 72 at his home in Hawaii in 1974. He was the first man to fly solo, non-stop across the Atlantic.

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Baseball almost as important as politics to Gov. G.W. Bush

AUSTIN (AP) — Growing up, George W. Bush was a Little Leaguer with infield dirt under his fingernails.

As a teen-ager, he served as "high commissioner" of a stickball league.

He eventually made the majors — as part owner of the Texas Rangers — and helped design their new stadium.

Now, as the Republican presidential contender, the Texas governor scans the daily box scores as carefully as the political pages, and it's hard to tell which he enjoys more.

"I don't know how I fell in love with baseball," Bush said in an interview with The Associated Press. "I love to play it."

Presidents are known for their sporting interests. For John F. Kennedy, it was sailing. For Gerald Ford, it was golf. Ronald Reagan loved horseback riding, while Bush's father had a hankering for horseshoes. President Clinton, an ardent golfer, spends each March glued to the television set during the college basketball tournament.

Should Bush best Democrat Al Gore for the presidency, there's little doubt baseball would reign supreme in the White House.

Both baseball and politics have been part of his life since he was little.

When Bush was born in 1946 — 54 years ago Thursday — his father was a member of the Yale University baseball team. The elder Bush would be captain of the team two years later.

Growing up in Midland, Texas, the younger Bush played Little League baseball and pick-up games from dawn to dusk.

While prepping at Phillips Academy in Andover, Mass., the stickball league he organized briefly became a focal point of campus social life.

Later, in his role as managing general partner of the Texas Rangers, he supervised construction of The Ballpark in Arlington. He also signed off on an infamous deal that traded away Sammy Sosa, who in recent years has emerged as one of the game's premier sluggers.

Now he'll spend a big chunk of a campaign flight lecturing about how the long fingers of Boston Red Sox pitcher Pedro Martinez give him masterful control of the ball.

Whenever he steps off his campaign plane, Bush is preceded by an aide carrying either his business suits in a Texas Rangers garment bag or his workout clothes in a Rangers gym bag.

Back at his office in the Capitol in Austin, Bush has a wall of autographed baseballs. Among his most prized possessions: a ball signed by both Ted Williams and Joe DiMaggio.

Bush remembers childhood days and "my Uncle Bucky taking me to the Polo Grounds to see the great Willie Mays."

He also recalls racing back to Texas from the East Coast one year so his mother could take him to the first game at the Houston Astrodome, which then was a novelty as an enclosed ballpark.

"She said, 'I've got the best seats in the house for us.' I said, 'Great, Mom. I can't wait.' She said, 'They're called skyboxes.' We got up in the skybox. It was the very top of the Astrodome. The players looked like ants.

"I said, 'Mom, these may be wonderful seats, but where are the players?'"

This April, Bush tailored a campaign trip so he could make it back to Houston for opening day at the Astros' new stadium, Enron Field.

Arriving well before the game, Bush worked out in the stadium gym before heading over to the clubhouse to meet the players. When it was time for the opening pitch, Bush sat in the stands with his wife and his parents.

At another campaign stop, Bush bragged to a group of grade-schoolers that he was once Nolan Ryan's boss. The remark fell flat. They were fans, too, but of players, not bosses.

On the May morning that Bush had his ballyhooed meeting with former presidential rival John McCain, he was thrilled to find out that New York Mets Manager Bobby Valentine was staying at the same Pittsburgh hotel.

The two ended up exercising and eating lunch together — even though Bush had once fired Valentine as the Rangers' manager.

On another occasion, during an idle moment on his campaign plane, Bush played stump-the-reporters. Who, he asked, could name an All-Star team composed of players who won most-valuable-player trophies two straight years.

"Mickey Mantle" said one participant, correctly. "J e Morgan" said another, right again. The guesses eventually filled out about three-fourths of the roster.

Bush, the would-be president, rattled off the rest.

Scurry County Service Men & Women

(Editor's Note: Citizens are invited to write their servicemen and servicewomen stationed stateside and overseas. Anyone having additions, changes or corrections to the list should submit them in writing to the Snyder Daily News, P.O. Box 949, Snyder, TX, 79550, or bring them by the office at 3600 College Ave. Sorry, no addresses will be accepted over the telephone.

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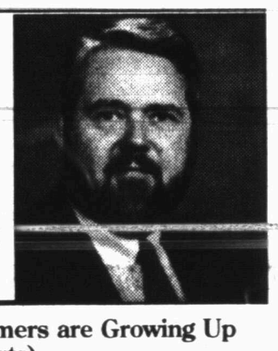
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Minding Your Own Business

By Don Taylor



Mature Marketing: The Baby Boomers are Growing Up (First of Two Parts)

I've watched smart marketers create fortunes by following the life cycle of the baby boomer generation. Boomers are the first generation born after World War II. Officially they span the years from 1946 to 1964.

They are growing older, maturing and hitting their peak earning years. They are a unique generation. For example, they are more likely to have dependent children living at home than families during the Great Depression. More than six million of them are already grandparents, while others are giving birth to their firstborns.

They are still strong individualists with an inward focus. They are skeptical of, and still reject most authority. They are highly educated and own more computers per capita than any other group. They love to spend, use great amounts of credit and are a marketer's dream.

Savvy companies have been reaping the profits from their sheer numbers for more than five decades. It began in the 1940s and 1950s as baby furniture, formula and toy manufacturers hit full production. In the 1950s and 1960s booming industries included rock and roll records, muscle cars — and automobiles in general — and illegal drugs. They overcrowded colleges and universities in the 1960s and 1970s and drove up the price of housing in the 1970s and 1980s. They began the technology boom in the 1980s and are still driving it today. Collectively no generation has had more marketing clout.

It's a numbers game.

Consider this: The number of adults 35 years old or less declined by more than 8 million between 1990 and 2000. In the same time period, adults older than 50 increased by more than 12 million. One third of the U. S. population will be 50 or older by 2010.

If you were marketing successfully to a 50-plus audience in the 1990s, you're going to love the next 20 years. Based solely on population growth trends, if you maintain your market share, you could see sales increases of 30 to 50 percent.

On the other hand, if your products and services are aimed at young adults, a good portion of your market is aging away. You may expect flat or declining sales.

What's a marketer to do?

If I were building a company today, I'd still bet on the boomers. Though Generation X and Y are both emerging and interesting future markets, the boomers are going to offer fantastic potential for the next two or three decades.

The question may be "what will they be buying?" I'm not certain I can answer this question with complete accuracy because of all of the variables involved, i.e. the economy, global unrest, politics, etc. However, there are some conclusions we can draw. Let's begin this process by examining some growth areas where we can already see trends emerging.

...Medical. Boomers are rebelling against the aging process. They'll spend big on health food, exercise, cosmetic surgery and preventive medicine. They plan to enjoy their older years.

...Technology. They started with black and white TV's then moved to video games. Now they're surfing the Internet while talking on their cell phones as they check their palm-top computers for e-mail.

...Education. Though they're a highly educated generation, many boomers are still learning. They're getting MBA's, Ph.D.'s and specialized training. This trend will continue as long as they're healthy and can learn.

...Luxury spending. Boomers are good spenders. As they enter their peak earning years, look for booms in high-end items like motorcycles, cars, homes and technology. Show them the value, they'll spend the money.

Next week in part two I'll give you several marketing strategies you can use to position your business for boomer success. Don't miss "Mature Marketing," Part Two.

Don Taylor is the co-author of Up Against the Wal-Marts. You may write to him in care of Minding Your Own Business, PO Box 67, Amarillo, TX 79105.

If elected, VP Gore would be against extending patents for high-profit pills

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Vice President Al Gore said Friday that as president he would oppose efforts to extend drug companies' patents on high-profit medicines.

"I'll expose them for what they are, bad medicine for the American people," Gore said in remarks prepared for delivery to senior citizens in suburban Pittsburgh.

Gore, capping a two-week effort to energize core Democrats, focused on women's health care Friday. He said women pay more for prescription drugs, live longer and earn less than men, and have higher overall health costs.

"I will fight to see that every woman in the land has access to the quality health care she deserves and can afford the prescription medicine she needs," he said.

He said congressional Republicans have been pushing for legislation that would protect $2.4 billion in revenues for big drug manufacturers, including patent extensions "on highly profitable brand-name drugs in order to boost profits and stifle competition"

In Pittsburgh, he also was promoting his proposal for $3,000 tax credits for the 9 million women caring for sick or disabled relatives.

Gore is wrapping up the fourth week of his "prosperity and progress tour" where he's sought to claim credit for the nation's robust economy while also seeking to reshape the campaign debate into a discussion of how to spend the projected budget surplus.

He's used the week to tout his $339 billion, 10-year proposal to bolster Medicare, including the addition of a prescription drug benefit, and has sought to energize key Democratic voting blocs by drawing a contrast with Republican rival George W. Bush.

Gore has touted his health plan to Hispanics in California, African-Americans in Ohio, teachers in Illinois and Pennsylvania, and returns to that key battleground to make his appeal to women.

A new survey of Michigan voters shows Bush leading Gore in a state that should be in the vice president's column. The survey of 600 likely voters, published Friday in The Detroit Free Press, showed Bush ahead, 46 percent to 34 percent, with the Texas governor apparently benefiting from the campaign of consumer advocate Ralph Nader, the Green Party candidate for president.

Nader drew 8 percent support in the poll, which was conducted June 28 through Wednesday and has a margin of error of plus or minus 4 percentage points. Nader was not included in a similar survey in mid-May that showed Bush and Gore in a statistical tie. It was 45-40 in favor of Bush in the new poll when Nader was not included.

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Saints and Sinners

By George Plagenz

Clergy are valuable resources

Is our nation wasting one of its most valuable resources — its clergy? Have we relegated pastors to pulpit duty, visiting the sick and overseeing the church's housekeeping chores?

As I mentioned in a recent column, President Franklin D. Roosevelt believed ministers played a more vital role in the country's wellbeing. In the midst of the Depression in 1935, Roosevelt called on the clergy for their advice.

"Because of the grave responsibilities of my office," Roosevelt wrote to the ministers, "I am turning to clergymen for counsel and advice, feeling confident that no group can give more accurate or unbiased views."

Roosevelt later remarked on how helpful the ministers' replies had been — although it is hard to say how much of their advice he actually used.

Other leaders have sought out the clergy when faced with insurmountable problems. President Nixon once played host to 71 clergy members at a White House seminar on drug use.

"In the final analysis," Nixon told the assembled ministers, "if there is an answer to the drug problem, you have it. You can give the people something to believe in, something to turn to when life doesn't come out as they want."

Nixon said he had spoken to many groups about the drug problem and had concluded that the men and women of the cloth were best equipped to find the solution.

Are the clergy wise enough in the ways of the world to advise the president of the United States on the momentous matters of state?

The late Rabbi Rudolph Rosenthal once served on the mayor's crime commission in Cleveland with four other clergymen. They were ridiculed as the "God squad." Critics said, "What do they know about crime — these preachers who have led sheltered lives?" It amused Rosenthal to be characterized as a "naive clergyman in a naughty world."

"I studied in New York under Rabbi Stephen Wise," Rosenthal recalled. "When Mayor Jimmy Walker was turning the city over to the political vultures, Wise denounced him, causing Walker to observe wryly, 'When Wise attacks the politicians, the steamship business to Europe picks up.'"

It was better not to be around to face the wrath of Wise!

Moral corruption is not the only sin plaguing our country: Low morale is an equally serious problem. Despite a robust economy, life, for many, has lost its zest. What we may need to get us out of the doldrums is a Clergy Commission on the Good Life.

Meeting four or five times a year, this informal cabinet would serve as the president's eyes and ears, focusing on the people's hopes, fears, dreams and insecurities.

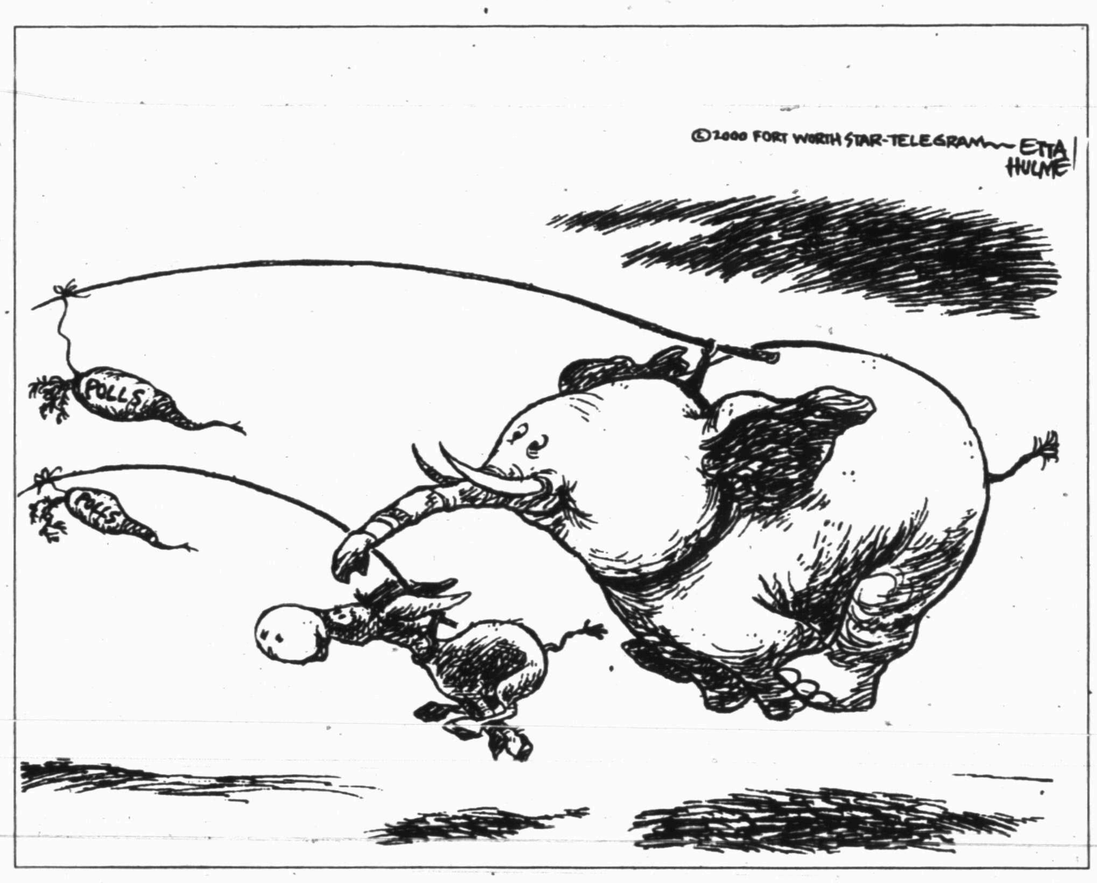
Religious leaders and educators once defined the country's values, but today, the media shape our agenda.

As author Eric Alterman says, "These pundits are largely divorced from the travails that make everyday life in the U.S. such a struggle. They live in neighborhoods like Georgewood or Chevy Chase, with green lawns, safe playgrounds, good schools and an extra room for the maid. Their biggest problem in life is the traffic."

The clergy would make better monitors of life in the United States. Their observations and recommendations would remind us of what the good life is and how to achieve it.

Have we been neglecting this valuable national resource at a time when we most need it in our lives?

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EDITORIAL COMMENT

Lubbock Avalanche-Journal

Writing laws from the bench

Justice O'Neill is absolutely correct. Legislators are elected to make the laws, and judges are elected to interpret those laws. When a court makes laws from the bench — as the Texas Supreme Court did on occasion many years ago — it is a great problem for the citizens.

Her opinion was written regarding a parental notification law that took effect on Jan. 1. The law allowed for teen-agers under certain circumstances to judicially bypass notifying their parents of an intent to have an abortion. Nine state senators and 47 representatives filed briefs with the Texas Supreme Court explaining that they intended when they passed the law last year that such bypasses would be rare, made only under exceptional circumstances.

The proper way for legislators to address a law that is being interpreted in a way that they did not intend is not to approach the state's highest bench with an explanation of intention but to rewrite the law in such a way that leaves no doubt of the intention of the law.

The court's opinion was correct — legislators need to amend the law if they think the bypasses are being given too freely. Let the legislative branch make the laws, and let the judicial branch interpret those laws.

Wichita Falls Times Record News

Supreme Court decisions

Most Americans don't follow the decisions made by the Supreme Court on a daily basis. After all, the justices often pass judgment on cases where the constitutional issue at stake is minor, or where precedent is left intact or is pushed only by an iota in one direction or pulled slightly in another.

These past two weeks, culminating in the end of the Supreme Court's session on Thursday, have been a different story entirely. Last week, the high court ruled in a Texas case that school-sanctioned student-led prayer before high school football games was unconstitutional — because it was school-sanctioned.

The blockbuster rulings continued this week:

— On Monday, the justices ruled 7-2 to uphold the "Miranda warning," which was produced by a landmark 1966 Supreme Court decision. When police take a suspect into custody, they must tell him that he can refuse to talk, that what he does say can be used against him in court, that he has a right to an attorney to be present during questioning and that the state will provide him with an attorney if he can't afford one. Not everyone knows their rights of course, and many people — whether they be accused of capital murder or just ferrying drugs in their car — feel they must cooperate completely with police, simply because they are the police. So they answer any questions posed to them, even though the Constitution's Fifth Amendment prohibits compelled self-incrimination in criminal cases. The Miranda warning serves not only as an indication to people that they are being taken into police custody, but also as a simple reminder that they do not give up their rights because they are in custody. The Supreme Court made the right call in upholding Miranda.

The Dallas Morning News

Concerns now that gene is mapped

This week's joint public-private announcement of the breakthrough in deciphering most of the human genetic code itself was a study in evolution. The publicly funded Human Genome Project had been chugging along for several years when the privately financed company Celera entered the track. Suddenly the public consortium of scientists speeded up its target date. Competition, as Charles Darwin recognized, can be healthy for the species.

Although general euphoria over the scientific breakthrough will be replaced with the realization that benefits will likely be many years away, public discussion will need to continue apace.

Some universal concerns include:

The protection of individual privacy. This is not limited to concerns about insurance companies restricting or pricing health insurance based on an individual's genetic risk factors. Auto insurers could increase premiums for people with a genetic propensity to taking risks. Employers could use genes as an employment screening mechanism much as they now use pre-employment testing. To what extent should such gene discrimination be accepted?

The extended life spans afforded by medical applications of gene therapy would likely not be available to all. Like the avant garde medicines of today, new genetics would primarily be available to those affluent enough to afford them. The compassionate pricing issues currently under debate will be taken to whole new levels. National health care and rationing could well be the debate in the 2008 presidential election.

The ethical questions of breeding for success will have to take its place next to the abortion debate. If you would abort a fetus with Tay-Sachs, isn't it more ethical to prevent the disease? But what about the parental requests for height and intelligence in fertility clinics today, which could be even better controlled tomorrow with genetic tinkering?

What extended life spans mean to the planet will have to be considered. Concern for population control and environmental safeguards will have to increase as our numbers do.

Fort Worth Star-Telegram

Distracted drivers

Keep your eyes on the road, your mouth shut and your mind sober.

Jugglers pull off some amazing feats of hand, eye and foot coordination.

Some can keep several different sets of objects like balls, bowling pins, knives and plates flying and spinning at the same time because of their marvelous ability to focus on several tasks simultaneously.

As a rule, though, jugglers don't attempt to do any of those things while driving.

Too many drivers, however, try to juggle a broad array of other activities while behind the steering wheels of their vehicles — things like eating, applying makeup, reading, shaving, dancing, talking on the telephone and even brushing their teeth.

Such juggling while driving, says the Network of Employers for Traffic Safety, causes between 4,000 and 8,000 accidents a day. And that translates into about half of all the collisions that happen in this country.

NETS conducted a random telephone survey of 1,056 drivers and found that 85 percent of those drivers regularly split their attention between driving and other actions that take their minds and eyes off the road for long or short intervals.

Traditionally at this holiday time, when larger-than-usual numbers of Americans take to the highways, some newspapers issue caveats to motorists about the perils of driving while under the influence of alcohol. Such a warning is as much in order this year as ever.



North of forty

By Red Green

The argumentative stage

Middle-aged guys will argue about absolutely anything. Even stupid stuff they cannot possibly know about. Like is Batman taller than Superman, or does Cher wear a wig. Guys over 40 just cannot let anything drop.

Most wars are started by some midlife guy who doesn't know when to keep his mouth shut. And here's a warning for you married guys: If you're going to argue with your wife — about anything at all — be absolutely certain you're right before you start.

Arguing with your wife is kind of like poker. The more you dig in your heels, the higher the stakes, and the longer you're sleeping on the sofa after you find out she was right.

But it's easier if you learn how to lose. Practice this phrase, "Honey, I was wrong." And you have to say it without adding anything on the end like "I guess" or "this time" or "for a change." Just say it and get it over with. Don't argue with me.

THE DEAFENING SILENCE

You sure told a lot of people at the party about your wife's snoring. And your colorful choice of images sure got a lot of laughs. A rubber elephant coming down a waterslide. And you were justified in a way. You listened to her complain about your snoring for years.

Mind you, she never brought it up at a wedding. Like you did. As part of a toast to the groom. At the head table, through a public address system. That was a work of real courage. Now you can't tell if she's snoring or not because you're sleeping in the back seat of the car.

You need warmth and companionship, but don't even think about apologizing. You can't begin to afford the flowers it's going to take to make this right. Wait until morning. Ring the doorbell. Try to look ashamed and keep your head down until the storm blows over. And don't mention how quiet it was in the car.

SIGNS THAT YOU'VE MESSED UP

One of the downsides to being insensitive is that you're not always aware when you've done something wrong. And that can waste a lot of time, because the sooner you know you've erred, the sooner you can begin making restitution and get your life back to where it was always intended to be. So here are the warning signs that signify you are guilty of a faux pas:

— The yellow pages have been left open at the Marriage Counseling page.

— The yellow pages have been left open at the Household Poisons page.

— Your power tools are in the rain barrel.

— Your supper is in the dog dish.

— Your underwear is in the freezer.

— The locks on your house have been changed.

— There is no pillow on your side of the bed.

— There is another man on your side of the bed.

A PENNY SAVED IS A WASTE OF TIME

OK, we've all been watching the price of gas and bread and milk and gum and matches and parking meters, and I think it's time for somebody to say it: Abolish pennies now. They're worthless, they wear holes in our pockets and our recliners, they jam the tumbler in our clothes dryers. We can't even use them as fuses anymore.

So instead of dropping them into UNICEF boxes at Halloween, let's recycle the copper and donate electricity to the Third World. Besides, it would be so ironic to picket the government with signs that said "Stop Making Cents."

Quote of the Day: "I'm getting shorter every year, but my toes seem farther away than ever." — **Red Green**

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Candid videotapes of former President Nixon are released

ATHENS, Ga. (AP) — Even in a relaxed interview conducted by a friend in 1983, Richard Nixon had no patience for soft-hearted self-reflection.

The interviewer, writer and historian Frank Gannon, asked the former president if he had had a good life. Nixon paused for a second and then blurted: "I don't get into that kind of crap."

The exchange is part of more than 33 hours of videotaped interviews with Nixon donated to the University of Georgia Media Archives. The school recently made the tapes available to the public.

Some excerpts were aired on The History Channel in 1994 as part of a documentary called "The Real Richard Nixon," but most of the tapes have been seen only by the group that produced them.

Nixon touches on the major events of his presidency during the interviews, but also tells stories about growing up in California, meeting his wife-to-be for the first time and his favorite pastimes, especially poker.

He said his "most vivid experience" as a poker player was drawing a royal flush in a single hand of five-card stud.

"Many of the things you do in poker are very useful in politics," Nixon said. "I knew when to get out of a pot. I didn't stick around when I didn't have the cards. I didn't bluff very often."

Jesse Raiford, president of Raiford Communications, said he decided to give the tapes to the UGA Library because the school could protect the tapes and still make them available to the public.

Fred Guida, professor of mass communications at Quinnipiac College in Hamden, Conn., appraised the tapes at $900,000 and called them "a major untapped resource" for scholars.

After Nixon resigned the presidency in 1974, he rarely made any television appearances or gave interviews to reporters, whom he scorned and distrusted.

Nixon appears comfortable during the 1983 interviews with Gannon, who served as special assistant to Nixon and was on board Air Force One when he flew home to California after his resignation. Gannon was also Nixon's principal assistant in writing his memoirs.

"These interviews present a Nixon that is several layers of the onion skin closer to the core than the guarded, paranoid, media-hater that we know from television," Raiford said.

Nixon told Gannon it was love at first sight when he met his wife-to-be during rehearsals for a community theater production in Whittier, Calif.

"She was a beautiful girl and striking and vibrant, and there was no question about her being the dominant force as far as that play was concerned, and as far as my life was concerned," Nixon said.

Nixon said he asked Pat Ryan out on a date and tried to convince her that he was going to marry her someday.

"It was very uncharacteristic of me to say something so impulsive," Nixon said. "But like most successful politicians, I have intuition."

He bristled at questions designed to explore his feelings. At one point, Gannon told Nixon that some historians say he resented his mother for leaving him for three years to take care of his tubercular brother in a sanitarium.

"That's just nonsense," Nixon retorted. "You know, these psychohistorians are psychos. That's all I can say about them."

Lawsuits filed over high cost of calling

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Inmates in seven states are suing over the high cost of making phone calls from prison.

They are challenging the deals under which a state or county government gets as much as 60 cents on the dollar from a telephone company that is given exclusive rights to handle all calls from behind bars.

AT&T Corp. spokesman Tom Hopkins said that the highinmate rates — in Indiana, $3.95 for the initial long-distance hookup, plus 69 cents a minute — are necessary to pay for the accompanying security measures.

Critics consider the leasing commissions legalized kickbacks and point to Nebraska, where inmates' long-distance collect calls cost just 19 cents a minute while being subject to similar security controls.

"It's gouging and profiteering," said Stephen Seliger, a Chicago lawyer involved in class-action lawsuits against three states and Corrections Corp. of America, a company that runs 70 prisons nationwide.

Nashville-based CCA declined to comment.

Class-action lawsuits have been filed in Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, New Mexico, New York, New Hampshire and Wisconsin.

The contracts have become a significant source of revenue for states. Indiana took in $6.3 million last year from all state pay phones, most of them in prisons. New York made $25 million; California $24 million; and Illinois $12 million.

While some states, including Oregon, Florida and New York, require that at least some of the state's profits pay for inmate-related programs, others do not. The 53 percent cut of revenue that Indiana gets under its contract with AT&T goes into the state's general fund to pay for everything from renovations to the Statehouse to Y2K computer compliance.

Nebraska has never accepted commissions. It has a contract with Sprint that allows for the same security measures common in other states — including prisoner ID numbers, pre-approved call lists and monitoring of the calls, all of which must be collect.

"We decided that we didn't want to make money at the expense of the inmates," said Steve King, a Nebraska Corrections Department spokesman.

In Indiana, 38-year-old Selena Kingsley racked up $7,000 in phone bills during the four years her husband was imprisoned on drug charges. She said she still owes the phone company, and the costs ruined her financially.

"They espouse this theory of wanting to keep families together, and the only way we had to keep in contact was the telephone," she said.

Q & A

Parenting tips for fathers

(In response to a growing concern among parents, educators and other members of the community, Snyder Daily News, in cooperation with Al-Anon support groups and the Snyder Area Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse, are devoting this column to your questions about the increasing threat of substance abuse.)

Parenting Tips For Fathers

A recent study by the National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse shows that 42 percent of teens who don't use marijuana credit their parents for that decision over any other influence. Clearly, kids not only will listen to parents, they want their parents to share their values with them. As a father, YOU MATTER.

The following tips can help you talk to your children about drugs:

1. **Start:** It is never too early to prevent your child from trying drugs. Building protective factors, such as letting your child know you care, plays an important role in protecting even the youngest children from drugs.

2. **Connect**: Take every opportunity to build lines of communication with your children. Do things as a family. Spend time together - eat dinner as a family, read together, play a game, attend religious services. Show that fun doesn't involve drugs.

3. **Listen**: Take an active interest in what is going on in your child's life. Listen to their cares and concerns. Know what they are up to - what parties they are going to, with whom, and what will be served or available.

4. **Learn**: Children today are sophisticated. In order to educate your child about the danger of drugs, you need to educate yourself first. In many cases, you and your child can learn side by side. Sit down together and lean about the risks drugs pose.

5. **Educate**: Spend at least thirty minutes with your kids every month explaining, with simple facts, how drugs and alcohol can hurt youngsters and destroy their dreams.

6. **Care**: Spend at least a few minutes each day telling and showing your children that you care. Make sure they know you care that they are drug-free. Explain to your child that you will always be there for them – no matter what happens. Make sure they know to come to you first for help or information. The extended family plays a major role in influencing a child's life.

7. **Be Aware**: Look for the warning signs that your child may be developing substance-abuse problems and get help before the problem occurs. Your pediatrician can help.

8. **Set Limits**: By setting limits on what is acceptable behavior, you show your children you care and help guide them to a safer, drug-free future. Declare limits: "This family doesn't do drugs. This family doesn't hang around people who do drugs." Enforce these limits. If you say no to drugs or not drinking and driving the rule applies to the parent, too. Be consistent.

9. **Get Involved**: Effective prevention extends beyond the home into the community. Get involved in your community. Ensure that your community's streets, playgrounds, and schools are safe and drug-free. Start or join a community watch group or community anti-drug coalition. Become active in the PTA. Get involved in your church, synagogue, or faith.

10. **Lead**: Young people are as aware of what you do as much as what you say. Don't just say the right things; do the right things. Set a good example. If you, yourself, have a substance abuse problem, get help.

The Texas Commission on Alcohol and Dug Abuse provided the above information.

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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Nutrition By Ed Blonz, Ph.D.

Can kids take adult dosages?

DEAR DR. BLONZ: My question is, how old would a person have to be to be considered an adult for taking vitamins? My daughter is 16, and I would really like her to take vitamins because I know she doesn't always eat right. I don't know if she would be considered a child and take children's vitamins or an adult and take adults' vitamins. She is 5 feet 10 inches tall and weighs about 145 pounds. I'd appreciate it if you could answer this question. Thank you. — **F.M.**

Dear F.M.: Regarding medicinal dosages, there isn't any one age at which a child magically becomes an adult. During the adolescent years, ages 13 through 17, the child makes the transition into an adult body, but the rate varies from individual to individual. Some medications direct you to use adult dosages from age 12 and up, while other medications might have separate guidelines for children up to age 18. That is why it is important to always follow directions. A child is not a miniature adult, and pharmaceutical dosages are based on the way the drug reacts to people in each given age group.

In so far as vitamins and minerals are concerned, food labels' "daily values" are set for adults and children over the age of 4, which would indicate that your daughter is most definitely an adult. Do your best to educate her regarding the importance of good food and good nutrition, especially in regards to the need for calcium. Young women need to appreciate that the first 35 years of life is the critical period during which the bones gain more mass than they lose. If your daughter is not going to be getting all she needs in her diet, a multivitamin/mineral supplement sounds like a reasonable alternative.

DEAR DR. BLONZ: I am writing a paper on breast cancer awareness, and I would like your commentary on the potential role of dietary fats and oils in the risk of breast cancer. — **J.B.**

Dear J.B.: I think that the connection between the consumption of fats and oils and the risk of breast cancer is complicated, to say the least. It is difficult to point to this one nutritional component as being the defining element in the assessment of risk.

I just attended a conference on the health effects of fats, put on by the American Heart Association and co-sponsored by Oldways Preservation and Exchange Trust, and the scientists in attendance came to a similar conclusion.

This being said, however, I think that it would be in everyone's best interests to reduce or eliminate partially-hydrogenated vegetable oils and to make sure that the dietary fats contain a good proportion of monounsaturated fats (olive oil) and the omega-3 fats (fish, flax, etc).

Saturated fats are a mixed bag, and some are worse than others. While I do not encourage their intake, there is no need to get frantic about their presence if you have a good intake of greens, fruits and fiber.

Eating should be enjoyable — not considered a prescriptive or simply a means to satisfy hunger. And finally, I always encourage people to get into the kitchen and cook!

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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Aug. 5 execution of fed inmate postponed

WASHINGTON (AP) — The White House said Friday that President Clinton is postponing the Aug. 5 execution of a federal death row inmate — the first since 1963 — until the Justice Department updates federal clemency guidelines.

Juan Raul Garza was convicted in August 1993 in Brownsville, Texas for killing three men between April 1990 and January 1991. A 10-count indictment named him as the boss of a drug ring that imported tons of marijuana into the United States between 1983 and 1993.

He is one of 21 federal prisoners awaiting execution, including Oklahoma City bomber Timothy McVeigh.

President Clinton has been a death-penalty supporter since his days as governor of Arkansas.

White House spokesman Jake Siewert said the Justice Department is expected to complete work on the clemency guidelines within a week or so.

"Given that time line, we expect the president will stay Mr. Garza's sentence to make sure that process has an opportunity to play itself out," Siewert said. "We want Mr. Garza to have an opportunity to submit a request for clemency. We want to make sure that there are firm guidelines in place."

On May 26, U.S. District Judge Filemon Vela set the execution date for Garza, ordering the 43-year-old inmate to be executed by injection at 6 a.m. Aug. 5 in the federal death chamber in Terre Haute, Ind.

The Bureau of Prisons and Justice Department officials wanted the court to delay scheduling the execution until they could finish reviewing the draft of a technical manual for conducting the execution, including rules for last-minute clemency appeals.

But the judge set execution date anyway.

There are at least three ways the government could stop or delay the execution: Government lawyers could persuade a federal appeals court to delay the execution. President Clinton could commute Garza's sentence to less than death. Or the president could grant Garza a reprieve while his case or his appeal for clemency is further considered.

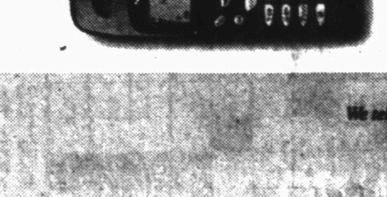
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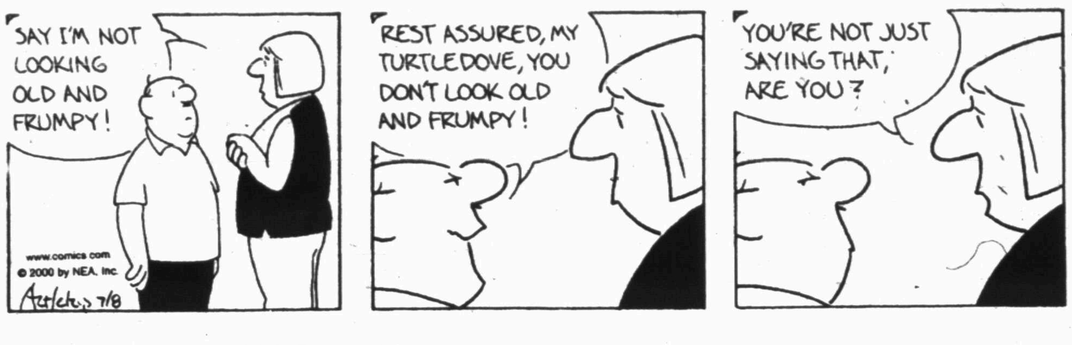
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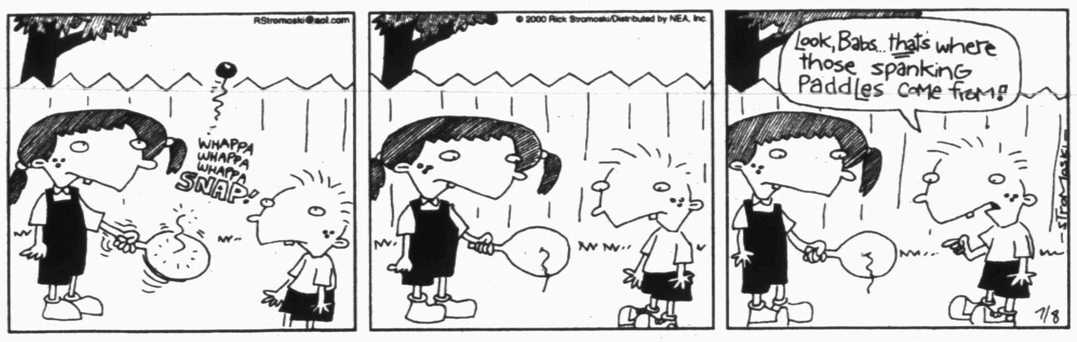
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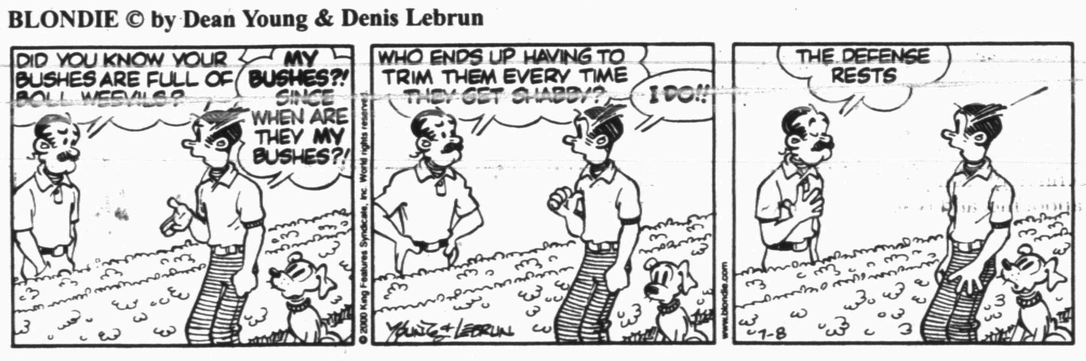
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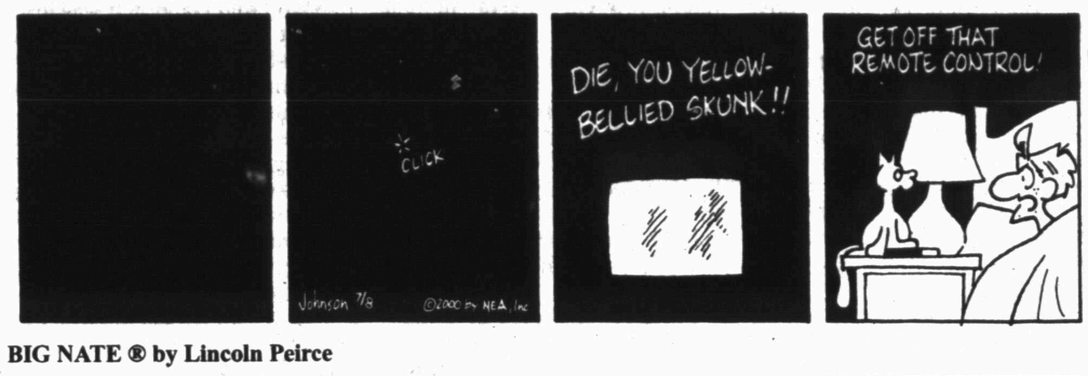
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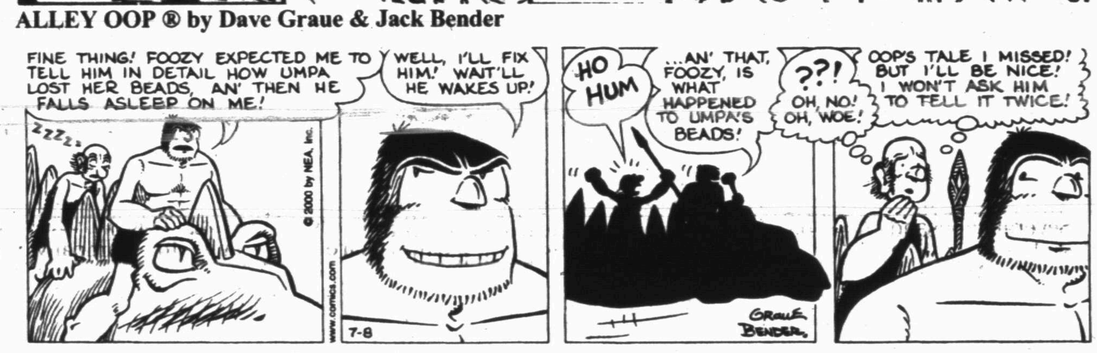
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"Did I say we had to plant them four feet deep? I meant four inches."

NEA Crossword Puzzle

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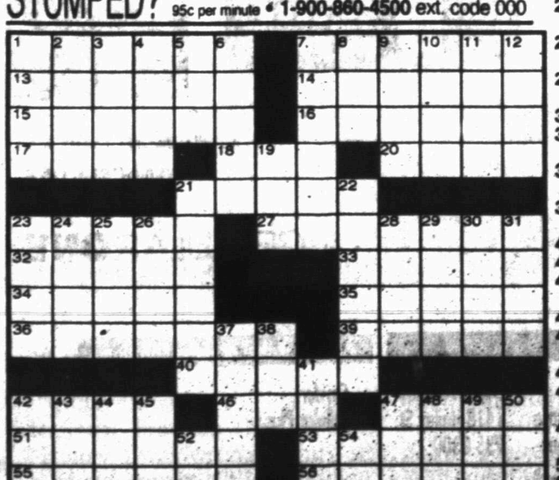
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Bird-rescue effort saving thousands of oiled penguins

CAPE TOWN, South Africa (AP) — The penguins just keep coming..

For two weeks the largest bird-rescue operation ever undertaken has churned along.

More than 10,000 untainted penguins have been evacuated from their island home off Cape Town's coast, driven eight hours east and released into the ocean for the long swim home. Authorities hope the trip will take them at least 10 days — long enough to break up the spill from a tanker that sank off Cape Town on June 23.

Oil-soaked penguins have arrived by the truckload at a warehouse-turned-bird refugee center. By Friday, more than 18,000 traumatized birds had been brought to the warehouse and 4,000 more were being housed in other rehabilitation centers in the city.

The numbers are expected to climb.

"To see the birds in this state is absolutely shocking," said volunteer Craig Viljoen. "The birds are suffering and time is starting to take its toll on them."

The warehouse is abuzz with activity. Volunteers of all ages don bright yellow oilskins and pitch in to care for the birds, which must be watched over for up to two months until their coats have regained the waterproofing destroyed by the oil.

"The response has been incredible. We've had people from all around the world coming to help," said Robin Thompson, a youth hostel owner who is recruiting backpackers to volunteer.

More than 300 blue plastic pools serve as the penguins' homes until their release. For 14 hours a day, volunteers move from pool to pool, coaxing small fish down the throats of the birds, which have no scruples about biting the hand that feeds them. Other workers thaw the several tons of fish the birds consume daily.

An enclosure serves as a nursery for 400 fluffy chicks. Though not tainted by the oil, they were separated from their parents and need to be fed for about a month until they are ready to go to sea.

A separate room houses washing stations, where volunteers scrub wriggling penguins clean.

Viljoen has been constructing an artificial beach and dam outside the warehouse where the penguins will be able to swim for brief periods. Without their waterproof coats, they can't swim for too long without suffering hypothermia.

"When we started out it was chaos, but controls have systematically been put in place," Viljoen said.

Less than 1 percent of the captured birds have died, and veterinarians say the rehabilitated birds have a good chance of survival.

"This operation is incredible. It's fantastic. We're running smoothly," said Steve Sarrow, the curator of birds at Baltimore Zoo, who was helping look after the chicks.

The penguin centers are being run by the Southern African National Foundation for the Conservation of Coastal Birds. A team of more than 40 international experts flown in by the International Fund for Animal Welfare manages the centers.

The bulk of the penguins were captured from Robben Island, home to the world's third-largest penguin colony, which was badly hit by the spill. The island once housed a prison that held political prisoners, including former President Nelson Mandela.

Several thousand more oil-coated penguins were hauled from their burrows on Dassen Island, a nature reserve 40 miles northwest of Cape Town, where an estimated 55,000 birds lived — the world's largest colony of African penguins.

Treasure, the tanker that caused the spill, was carrying 1,300 tons of thick, sticky bunker oil, some of which is still trapped in its tanks.

Cancer treatment helps AIDS patients

CHICAGO (AP) — Adding a cancer-fighting substance appears to boost the effectiveness of AIDS drug cocktails, government researchers say.

The researchers hope interleukin 2 will translate into better survival rates for AIDS patients. The treatment is still experimental.

The findings appear in next week's Journal of the American Medical Association, an AIDS theme issue published to coincide with the 13th International AIDS Conference, which begins Sunday in Durban, South Africa.

Though potent combinations of AIDS drugs in the past decade have made AIDS more manageable by subduing the virus, they are not a cure. Worried about drug-resistant virus strains, researchers tried adding interleukin-2 to the mix.

Interleukin 2 is a protein that regulates the body's immune response. A synthetic version is produced by Chiron Corp. and is federally approved for the treatment of melanoma and kidney cancer, but not AIDS.

The study — funded by Chiron and led by Dr. Richard T. Davey Jr. of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases — involved 78 patients on various combinations of antiviral AIDS drugs. About half also got twice-daily injections of interleukin-2 periodically during the two-year study, which ended in 1998.

The AIDS virus was suppressed in almost twice as many of the interleukin patients, 67 percent versus 36 percent.

The researchers also measured levels of CD4 T cells, disease-fighting white blood cells attacked by the AIDS virus. After one year, CD4 levels among the interleukin group climbed an average of 112 percent, compared with 18 percent for the others. The higher the dose, the better the response.

The researchers did not look at survival rates; two larger interleukin studies are examining that.

In an editorial, two Johns Hopkins University doctors said that additional research is needed to determine if the potential benefits of interleukin outweigh the side effects, which may include fever, fatigue and muscle pains.

JAMA's cover usually depicts a renowned work of art, but this issue's is blank, to symbolize "how much there is yet to do and how much more urgent this task is than ever before," wrote Dr. M. Therese Southgate, JAMA's cover section editor.

The latest issue also includes an Italian study showing that drug combinations that have helped stabilize AIDS in adults also improve survival in children; reports suggesting that while the danger of contracting AIDS through U.S. blood donations is extremely low, high-cost testing of single units rather than pooled blood may be needed to further reduce the risk; and a 1994-98 survey of 3,492 young gay or bisexual men in seven large U.S. cities showing that nearly 10 percent of 22-year-olds were HIV-infected.

The issue follows recent disturbing news about a near-tripling of HIV infections among gay and bisexual men in San Francisco and a U.N. report saying that AIDS is expected to wipe out half the teen-agers in some African nations.

The grim picture is told in a devastating account in the journal from an anguished caregiver in Kenya detailing the final days of his 17-year-old AIDS patient, once "a beautiful young man with stunning eyes," now ravaged by intestinal worms, hideous infections and agonizing pain.

"His tear ducts have dried up, his hair fallen out, his bones are brittle. He has no muscle or fat," writes Michael K. Elmore-Meegan.

On the Net: National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases: http://www.niaid.nih.gov

Creative accounting can mask economic health of companies

SAN JOSE, Calif. (AP) — Creative accounting techniques are adding to the difficulty of evaluating the financial health of technology companies, analysts say. That isn't helping the sector, especially with second-quarter earnings reports around the corner.

A decision by Intel Corp. to include one-time investment gains in its upcoming results has confounded Wall Street insiders and caused investors to howl about the high-tech havoc.

Meanwhile, business software companies Computer Associates International Inc. and BMC Software Inc. warned this week they will fall well short of analysts' expectations, pulling technology stocks lower. Competitor Compuware Corp. followed Friday with its own dismal outlook.

"It's becoming harder to compare apples to apples in the high-tech industry," said analyst Robert Johnson at ABN Amro Inc. in Chicago. "It's just a massive problem for investors today in the technology field to compare company to company. Because of the intellectual capital nature of their products, there are so many questions and more room for flexibility on the reporting side than other industries."

But the ability to show constantly improving quarterly figures appears to be getting harder. More than half of the 300 U.S. firms that have released pre-earnings guidance to Wall Street have issued profit warnings for the three months ending June 30, according to First Call/Thomson Financial.

Analysts already had been expecting a comparison to last year to be difficult. Many companies went on a buying spree in the comparable quarter last year when technology officers took advantage of corporate CEOs issuing blank checks for Y2K preparedness.

Meanwhile, spending on technology in Europe this year has not risen as fast as many had expected, Johnson noted.

Wall Street has come to expect that technology companies will be conservative in their profit forecasts, using legal accounting maneuvers and other means to help match or beat estimates. The entire technology sector is expected to post 37 percent profit growth in the quarter.

Instead, investors returned from the Independence Day holiday weekend to warnings that Islandia, N.Y.-based Computer Associates and Houston, Tx.-based BMC Software will badly miss analysts' earnings expectations.

Both companies cited lower-than-expected demand for the mainframe computers in which they supply software. The trend has affected the entire industry because many customers have delayed new purchases until they hear details on shipments and pricing of a new IBM mainframe expected later this year, analysts said.

Investors responded by pounding shares of both companies on Wednesday, with Computer Associates plummeting 42 percent and BMC off 40 percent. The warning raised fears that other technology companies will also issue disappointing results when the earnings reporting season goes into full gear in the next several days.

The negative outlooks continued Friday, when Farmington Hills, Mich.-based Compuware said that poor sales of software would cause it to miss expectations.

On the opposite end, Intel raised eyebrows late last month after the Santa Clara, Calif.-based chipmaker announced it would include a total of $2.3 billion in investment gains in second-quarter results due July 18.

Many companies and research firms traditionally exclude one-time gains from the sale of investments, but Intel's decision will allow it to report per-share profits doubled in the year-over-year period instead of posting a more modest increase.

"Although we've been including Intel's guidance on investment gains in our estimates, it just doesn't seem right to do so as the number gets to be this obscene," analyst Terry Ragsdale of J.P. Morgan Securities Inc. wrote in a June 21 report.

Still, massaging numbers has made reading earnings reports more difficult for year. Other technology companies, including Yahoo! Inc. and Nortel Networks, have gotten into the practice of excluding costs of acquiring other companies.

Keeping an Eye on Texas

Little league, not so little anymore

Since its inception in 1951, Little League baseball in Texas has grown from 6 leagues, 24 teams with 260 total players, to 521 leagues, 15,000 teams and 225,000 total players in 1999. In fact, Texas has the third largest Little League organization in the country.



1999 top 5 states in Little League participation in the United States

State	# of Leagues	# of Teams	Total Participation
California	854	26,600	399,000
New York	530	16,300	244,500
Texas	521	15,000	225,000
Pennsylvania	436	11,600	174,000
New Jersey	330	9,400	141,000

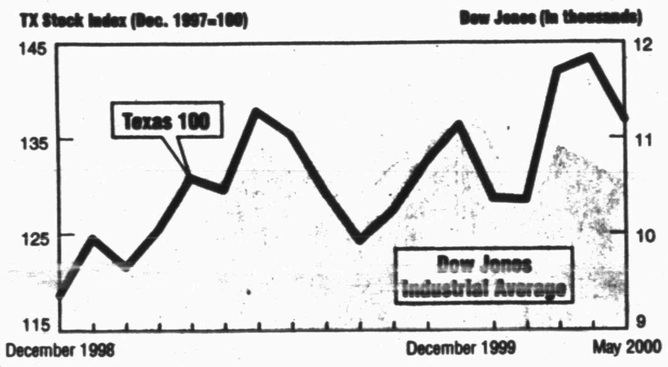
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TEXAS 100 STOCK INDEX

The Largest Publicly Traded Employers in Texas

Texas 100 Stock Index

The Texas 100 Stock Index fell 4.5% in May to a level of 136.9. Over the last 12 months, the Index has risen 5.6% while the Dow Jones 30 Industrials lost 0.4%.



Ups & downs by sector

Largest percentage changes in company stock prices

Energy		**6.5%**
↑	Phillips Petroleum	+20.9%
	Texaco	+16.9
	Halliburton	+15.3
↓	Lyondell Chemical	-9.2%
	Dow Chemical	-5.3
	Schlumberger	-3.9
Other Manufacturing		**2.6%**
↑	American Standard	+12.7%
	PepsiCo	+10.9
	Pilgrim's Pride	+7.6
↓	GM	-24.6%
	Coca Cola Enterprises	-19.6
	Goodyear	-10.0
Entertainment & Travel		**15.1%**
↑	Continental Airlines	+9.5%
↓	Phoenix Restaurants	-38.5%
	Sabre	-17.7
	American Airlines	-16.3
Retail		**8.7%**
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	AutoZone	+22.1
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	Office Depot	-34.1
	Radio Shack	-25.2
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↓	Sitel	-15.5%
	UPS	-10.0
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NOTE: The index reflects how much an investment of one dollar in each company made in December 1997 would be worth today ($136.91).

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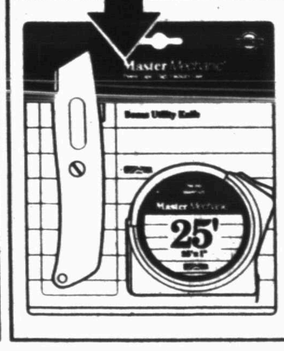
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Fight over rough hockey game ends with man's death

READING, Mass. (AP) — Two fathers got into a fistfight after arguing about rough play in their sons' youth hockey game, and one of the men died from injuries he suffered in the brawl.

Michael Costin, 40, and Thomas Junta, 42, fought at an ice rink in Reading on Wednesday afternoon in front of their sons and other children, who are all around 10 years old, police said.

Costin, a single father of four, was knocked unconscious and was pronounced dead Thursday.

Junta had already been facing charges of assault and battery. Reading police had no comment Friday morning on whether he would face new charges.

A woman who answered the Junta family phone in Reading on Friday morning refused to comment.

Police said the pickup hockey game was supposed to be non-contact, but adults got agitated when play on the ice got rough. Lt. Detective Kevin Patterson said Costin's and Junta's sons may have been involved.

"Somebody may have struck or run into somebody on the ice," Patterson said.

The two men argued, then fought after the game, police said.

Jane Fiore, director of the health department in this town of around 23,000 located 15 miles north of Boston, said counselors, clergy, and others would be available Saturday at one of the town middle schools to help parents or children traumatized by the incident.

"I think people are just horrified by it," said Town Manager Peter Hechenbleikner. "It's just a horrible situation."

The National Youth Alliance for Youth Sports said it had never heard of a fight involving parents at a children's game that resulted in a death.

Dallas man denied new sentencing

DALLAS (AP) — A suburban Dallas man, who confessed to strangling his wife with a lamp cord before almost decapitating her with a pair of scissors in front of their three children, lost his bid Friday for a new sentencing.

Lawyers for Patrick Timothy Richardson told state District Judge Henry Wade Jr. that the convicted wife-killer deserves a new sentencing hearing because of "misconduct" that allegedly took place in the jury room during the trial.

Richardson's attorneys contend in papers filed with Wade's court that jurors discussed how state parole laws would affect Richardson's sentencing — a move that Wade had cautioned them against.

Nevertheless, Wade denied the motion for a new sentencing.

Curtis Kling, a holdout juror who almost caused a mistrial in the Richardson case, told WFAA TV in Dallas that as he began to argue with other jurors, the judge's command was ignored until tempers cooled after lunch.

"My memory is a little hazy, but I think it was the foreman who mentioned it, but it was after lunch when he mentioned that," Kling told the TV station. "We had discussed this; in fact, we had written numbers on the board before lunch."

Kling said he believed defense attorneys' argument that Richardson was provoked into a temporary, insane rage which caused him to first strangle his wife with a lamp cord and then nearly sever her head with a pair of scissors.

Jurors in May returned a sentence of 60 years in prison for Richardson. The jury of seven women and five men agreed to reject defense claims that Richardson killed his wife, Mary Williams Richardson, on Sept. 19 in a fit of passion sparked by an argument.

"To tell you the truth, the other jurors were so closed-minded that I didn't think we were being fair to Mr. Richardson," Kling told the station.

But Kling finally compromised with the other jurors and agreed to the 60-year sentence. He says he still believes Richardson deserved only 40 years in prison.

"Frankly, for a while there, I was hanging out for a hung jury," Kling said. "As I told the jurors, I'd rather have a hung jury than a hanging jury, and I feel like they seeking out to hang him. If there had been a noose nearby, they would have put him on the noose."

Some other jurors were outraged by Kling's actions during jury deliberations on Richardson's fate.

"I think the system did work and, he is now facing a very severe penalty in the Texas penal system for 60 years," Ray Williams, the victim's brother, said. "That's where he needs to go."

Bosnian Serb suspect pleads innocent

THE HAGUE, Netherlands (AP) — The Serb commander of one of the most notorious internment camps in the Bosnian war pleaded innocent Friday to charges of genocide, war crimes and crimes against humanity.

Prosecutors sa Dusko Sikirica was in charge of the Keraterm camp in northwest Bosnia from May-August 1992, when hundreds of people died as a result of beatings, torture and executions.

Standing before the U.N. war crimes tribunal for the former Yugoslavia, the defendant proclaimed "Nisam kriv!" — Serbian for "Not guilty" — as each of the nine counts on the indictment were read by Judge Richard May.

The 36-year-old defendant made his initial appearance at the tribunal with his nose bandaged and left arm in a sling. The arraignment had been postponed a week due to injuries he sustained during his June 25 arrest by NATO troops in Prijedor, Bosnia.

Sikirica is only the fourth person charged with genocide since the U.N. tribunal was set up seven years ago in response to atrocities in the 1992-95 Bosnian war.

None of the 53 suspects detained so far has been convicted of genocide, the most serious international crime.

Keraterm was one of three camps in the Prijedor region seized by Bosnian Serbs. The Serbs detained more than 7,000 people at Keraterm, Omarska and Trnopolje, according to the indictment.

"Severe beatings, torture, killings, sexual assault, and other forms of physical and psychological abuse were commonplace," the indictment says.

Sikirica's wife Mira insisted her husband is innocent. "My husband is a great man," she told Associated Press Television News at her home in Prijedor.

"I don't consider him guilty of any charges. He did not violate any rules. War is war. If people would fight according to peace conventions there would be no wars at all," she said.

Mensur Islamovic, 40, a lawyer detained at Keraterm, said he saw Sikirica kill a prisoner after a failed escape attempt.

"He shot that prisoner in front of everybody and he said: 'Whoever tries to escape, this is what's going to happen to him,'" Islamovic told APTN.

The indictment does not cite that alleged incident. It does charge that in July 1992, Sikirica personally ordered the killing of approximately 20 survivors of a massacre of nearly 200 detainees.

As commander, Sikirica is held responsible for the conditions of confinement and "all of the crimes committed by everyone," said prosecutor Brenda Hollis.

Mushroom poisoning

KIEV, Ukraine (AP) — At least 112 Ukrainians have died this year of mushroom poisoning, with the number of victims growing daily, the Health Ministry said Wednesday.

Some cases involved entire families, such as a seven-member family including four children who died in a village in the eastern Luhansk region, the ministry said.

Mushroom picking is a favorite summer and fall pastime for many people in Ukraine, as well as in other former Soviet Republics.

Indian tribe could get millions in land ruling

ALABAMA-COUSHATTA RESERVATION (AP) — East Texas' only Indian tribe could receive a multimillion-dollar settlement for 2.8 million acres of pine forest they say white settlers stole from them.

About 400 members of the Alabama-Coushatta tribe, who are closely related to the Creek and Cherokee, claim their 4,600-acre reservation 90 miles northeast of Houston is only a fraction of their former tract.

On June 19, a three-judge panel of the U.S. Claims Court agreed, ruling that the tribe had title to land in nine Texas counties, stretching from the Louisiana border to just north of Houston.

Tribal leaders hope the 32-year-old legal battle for the land will be resolved by the U.S. Department of Justice, which is reviewing the federal court claim. Congress ultimately must approve any settlement.

The tribe claims that as well as land, they lost timber, oil, and natural gas reserves, in Polk, Tyler, Trinity, San Jacinto, Walker, Liberty, Montgomery, Hardin, Newton and Orange counties.

The amount of damages will be decided in the next 60 days by the claims court, or in another trial if an agreement can't be reached, attorneys for the Alabama-Coushatta said.

The damages will be based on the value of resources taken from land the tribe claims, along with the fair market rental value of some of the land, said Don Miller, an attorney for the Alabama-Coushatta and for the Native American Legal Rights Fund in Boulder, Colo.

The Coushatta tribe came to East Texas about 1795 and were joined by the Alabama in 1805. The court of claims found that because the tribes' land rights never were severed, the federal government had a duty to protect the tribe.

Tribe members say they are owed money for the 109 years between 1845, when Texas became a state, and 1954, when Congress gave trusteeship of the tribe to Texas.

Miller said the ruling clears up several murky legal issues, including ruling that only Congress could sever the right of the Indians to own the land.

"Once and for all, it disposes of the arguments the government kept raising over and over again to stretch this case out over 16 years," Miller said. "The ruling is important because it will give Congress the right and opportunity to resolve with finality the validity of land titles in eleven Texas counties."

Morris Bullock, chairman of the tribal council, said the court's decision opens the door to settlement instead of another decade of expensive litigation.

Tejano Democrats: Bush falls short among Hispanics

HOUSTON (AP) — Hispanic Democrats are questioning Texas Gov. George W. Bush's commitment to their concerns, citing GOP opposition to an El Paso lawyer's appeals court appointment and continued squalor in border colonias.

Bush, who turned 54 years old on Thursday, received a round-trip bus ticket from Austin to Pharr and two prepaid phone cards from Tejano Democrats.

"We feel he's not done enough for our people, like he claims to," Frumencio Reyes, vice chairman of the Texas Democratic Party and a member of the Tejano Democrats of Harris County, told the Houston Chronicle for Friday's editions.

Tejano Democrats, Reyes said, hope that Bush will use one of the phone cards to call Republican U.S. Sens. Kay Bailey Hutchison and Phil Gramm, and ask them to drop their opposition to Enrique Moreno, a Harvard-educated lawyer whom President Clinton is seeking to seat on the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals.

Bush said during campaigning last week that he would hear both senators' concerns about Moreno, but stopped short of saying he would intervene on Moreno's behalf.

"I am not going to lobby this," Bush said at a campaign stop in Michigan. "I am going to find out what the facts are."

The second phone card, Democrats said, was for Bush to call Texas Health Commissioner Dr. William "Reyn" Archer III to resign. A 1997 Bush appointee, Archer angered Hispanic groups by linking Texas' high rate of teen pregnancy to Hispanic cultural resistance to family planning.

Archer later apologized, and Bush has said he thinks Archer is doing "a fine job."

Democrats said they'd like Bush to use the South Texas bus ticket for his first visit to the border area's colonias with their substandard plumbing and other living conditions.

Bush, on the campaign trail, has taken credit for improving conditions in the colonias and improving access to health care coverage for the poor and uninsured.

"On today of all days, he should be in a good mood and therefore willing to do the right thing on Enrique Moreno, Reyn Archer, and the 400,000 people who live in colonias," Reyes told reporters.

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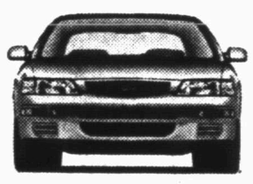
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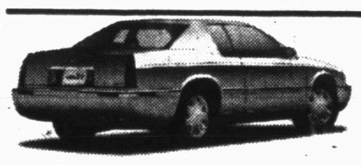
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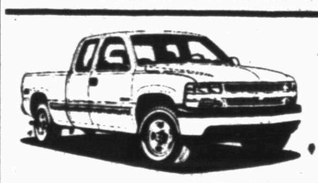
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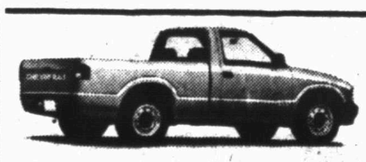
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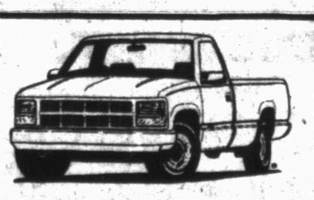
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