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Home Of Kirstie Davis

# Annual festivities get underway today

Towle Park is quickly stirring to life as food and commercial vendors were busy this morning setting up tents and booths in preparation for Snyder's annual Independence Day celebration.

Booths will open at 4 o'clock today, and several activities are planned for this evening including music in the Cottonwood Flats area of Towle Park beginning at 5 p.m. and an ice cream social at 7 p.m. at the Dodson House located on the Scurry County Coliseum grounds.

Also, the Halbrook's will be performing "Branson-type" music and dancing in the Cottonwood Flats area beginning at 9 p.m.

The real emphasis, however, is on Saturday's all-day celebration which gets underway at 8 a.m. with the Prayer Breakfast, conducted again this year by First Baptist Church.

The traditional event will be held at Towle Park Pavilion and will cost $3 per person or $5 per couple. The program will begin at 8:20 a.m. and the activity is free to those who do not wish to partake of the meal.

The Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 8231 will conduct a flag raising ceremony at 9 a.m. in front of the National Guard Armory.

Booths will open at that time also.

Food booths will be offering a medley of goodies including fajitas, barbecued chicken, smoked turkey legs, brisket, sausage on a stick, corn on the cob, hamburgers, beef jerky, tacos, home-made ice cream and a variety of other food items.

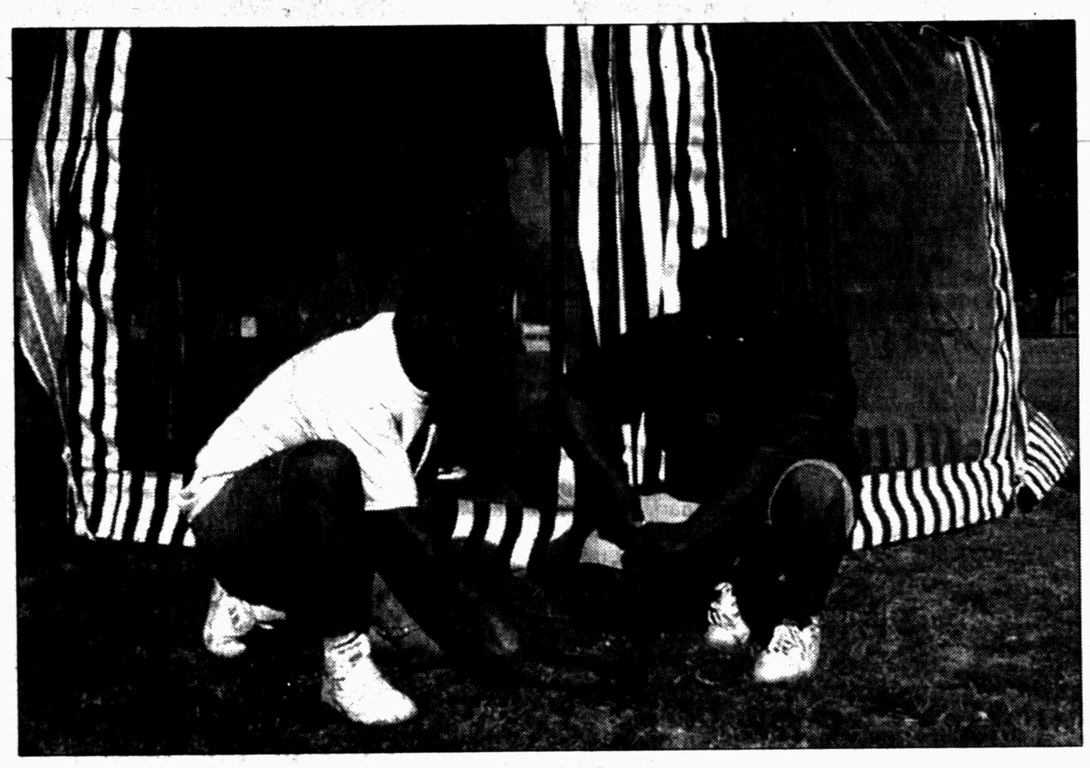
Commerical booths will be open in the Armory offering such items as jewelry, clothing, wooden items, photo albums, miniatures, knicknacks and the wildly-popular Beanie Babies.

Retired Snyder High School baseball coach Albert Lewis is scheduled to be the Grand Marshal of the annual parade which gets underway at 10.

Prizes will be awarded for the most patriotic, most original and best all-around floats.

Parade participants will begin organizing in the Moffett Field

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SETTING UP — Oscar Garcia (left) and Johnny Hermosillo were busy Friday morning setting up the tent for Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic church's food booth. A smorgasbord of food will be offered throughout Towle Park Friday evening and all day Saturday. (SDN Staff Photo)

## PD urges park safety

The Snyder Police Department is urging citizens celebrating in Towle Park this Fourth of July to play it safe.

"First of all, there will be a lot of people in the park and we ask that for their safety, people remember that there is a city ordinace against fireworks and to not discharge them in the park," Sgt. Trevlyn Pitner said.

Pitner also reminded citizens that it is illegal to possess alcoholic beverages in the park.

"We will be watching for these violations."

Pitner said the department will have extra patrol at the park, including bicycle patrol.

And according to chamber manager Donna Fowler, the Towle Park Barn will serve as a "rest and relaxation" center for folks needing to get out of the sun.

She also reminded everyone that there will be plenty of cold

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## July 4th Celebration

**Friday, July 3rd**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 4:00 | Booths open to public | Armory & Park |
| 5:00 | Music begins | Cottonwood Flats |
| 7:00 | Ice Cream Social at Dodson House | Coliseum Grounds |
| 9:00 | The Halbrook's "Branson-type" entertainment | Cottonwood Flats |
| 10:00 | Booths Close | |

**Saturday, July 4th**

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| 8:00 | Prayer Breakfast | Pavilion |
| 8:00 | Horseshoe pitching registration | Tennis Courts |
| 8:00 | Washer pitching registration | Below Pavilion Hill |
| 9:00 | All booths open | Armory & Park |
| 9:00 | Flag-raising ceremony | Armory |
| 9:00 | Horseshoe tournament begins | Tennis Courts |
| 9:00 | Volleyball tournament | SHS Practice field |
| 9:00 | Parade line-up begins | Moffett Field |
| 9:00 | Bicycle Decoration Contest | Moffett Field |
| 9:30 | Bicycle and Float judging | Moffett Field |
| 10:00 | Parade begins | Moffett Field |
| 10:00 | Museum opens | WTC Campus |
| 10:45 | National Anthem | Cottonwood Flats |
| 10:50 | Joy Ministry Clowns | Cottonwood Flats |
| 11:30 | Tae Kwon Do exhibition | Cottonwood Flats |
| 12:00 | Snyder Springers exhibition | Cottonwood Flats |
| 12:00 | Washer Pitching Tournament | Towle Park |
| 1:00 | Reid Johnson's Magic Show | Cottonwood Flats |
| 1:30 | Towle Park Pool opens | Park |
| 1:30 | Music begins | Cottonwood Flats |
| 2:00 | Dodson House opens | Coliseum Grounds |
| 8:30 | The Halbrook's "Branson-type" entertainment | Cottonwood Flats |
| 9:00 | Booths Close | |
| Dark | Fireworks Display | |

Lions sponsored carnival Wednesday through Saturday

## THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

**The feller on Deep Creek says, "Time is what keeps things from happening all at once."**

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Keeping tabs on our neighbors:

The Big Spring Herald reports that Howard County is one of more than 30 counties in Texas to ban fireworks during the July 4th holiday.

The ban, however, will not affect the city's planned Independence Day celebration.

In another Howard County matter, it was reported that a projected loss of $25 million in mineral values means the county will again be facing the dilemma of either raising taxes or cutting expenses. Howard County's current tax rate is 44.5 cents.

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The Lovington Daily Leader reports that its hospital, Nor-Lea, has awarded another four-year contract to Lubbock Methodist Hospital.

The agreement will now be part of the merged hospital system in Lubbock, now known as Covenant Healthcare Systems.

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And on a lighter note from Danny Andrews in the Plainview Daily Herald. He provided a couple of puns, the first for Aggies.

He told about a ship that ran aground carrying a cargo of red and black paint.

Shore 'nuff, the whole crew was marooned.

And then a woman had twins and gave them up for adoption.

One of them went to a family in Egypt and was named 'Amal.' The other went to a family in Spain and was named 'Juan.'

Years later, Juan sent a picture of himself to his birth mom. Upon receiving the picture, she told her husband that she wished she also had a picture of Amal.

Her husband responded, "But they are identical twins — if you've seen Juan, you've seen Amal."

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Have a good holiday weekend!

*During budget workshop...*

# City council views 'wish-list'

By Wade Warren
*Managing Editor*

Snyder city council members heard capital expenditure requests from various city departments Thursday night as the council conducted its first budget workshop for the city's 1998-99 fiscal year.

Proposed expenditures total $1,371,605, and items requested range from a couple of chairs for the waste-water treatment plant to $325,000 for a scraper for the landfill.

And while the total budget was not discussed, it is expected that it will be slightly higher than last year's $8.1 million budget.

Also, no increases in resident's water, sewer and sanitation costs are projected.

Snyder Police Chief Lannie Lee has proposed $82,740 in capital expenditures for the coming year, which would include the purchase of three new patrol cars.

Lee said two of the vehicles would be used to replace high-mileage cars presently in use.

"One of the vehicles has over 116,000 miles on it, and the other has over 93,000," Lee said.

Lee said both of the vehicles,"look good," but the problems were under the hood.

"We have spent over $37,000 on maintenance on these vehicles," Lee said.

The other vehicle would be used for an additional public school resource officer, he added.

Lee is also requesting $10,000 for three additional mobile video cameras for patrol cars.

Currently, three of the department's vehicles have the cameras, and the council was shown a demonstration of their useage during the session.

Interim fire chief Perry Westmoreland presented the fire department's capital requests, and it includes $31,000 to replace the department's Chevrolet Suburban, and some $20,000 for air packs, hoses, exhaust fans and other items used in fighting fires.

"Our 1992 Suburban also looks good, but it is costing us money for repairs," said Westmoreland.

Westmoreland said the vehicle had well over 100,000 miles on it, but added it spends a considerable amount of time with the engine running while at fire locations.

City engineer Beverly Coots presented proposed expenditures for the water, sewer and sanitation departments.

Water and sewer proposed expenditures total $628,625, with the sanitation department's expenditures set at $516,000.

Coots showed videos of two proposed projects, including a pre-treatment program for the waste water treatment plant, and a compost and sludge program.

With these two proposals, those two departments show an increase over last year of almost a quarter of a million dollars.

Coots said both programs should save the city money in the long run, and that the pre-treatment program is necessary if the waste water plant is expanded to meet industrial growth.

Thursday night's presentations drew limited comment from council members, by design.

Mayor David Holt prefaced the presentations stating the council would listen, and then ask questions later.

Some 2 1/2 hours into the meeting, Holt said the council would continue discussing the capital budget items in its workshop following Monday's regular council meeting set at 6:30 p.m., and a Tuesday workshop, as well.

"There are some areas, such as sludge-handling, which are major, long-term projects," said Holt.

"We'll need to know the costs and benefits of these programs which are new to the council," said Holt.

Councilman Dayton Robertson said he felt the city had to take a total approach to the waste water treatment plant.

"We can't piece-meal it together," said Robertson.

Holt presided at the workshop and council members in attendance included Robertson, I.E. Martin, Vernest Tippens and Jerry Webb.

Terry Martin was absent.



SPINNING COTTON — Lorber Industries' shift supervisor Don Tindol explains part of the plant's spinning process to Bobby and Sue Goodwin. Members of Snyder's Rotary Club and guests toured the plant on Thursday. (SDN Staff Photo)

## ASK US

**Q—Why do we have firework stands when we have a ban in town and in the county?**

**A—It is against the law to discharge fireworks in the city, but not in the county, unless they are aerial fireworks.**

## FORECAST - ALMANAC

**Snyder Temps:** High Thursday, 99 degrees; low, 72; 7 a.m. Friday, 72; no precipitation; total for 1998, 5.57 inches.

**Area Forecast:** Tonight, cloudy. Lows around 75. SE winds 5-15 mph. July 4th: Partly cloudy. Highs, upper 90s. S winds 10-20 mph. Rest of weekend: Partly cloudy; slight storms chance. Lows, mid 70s. Highs, upper 90s.



William Greenwood
**Partly Cloudy**

**Sunset:** 8:52 p.m.
**Sunrise:** 6:44 a.m.
**Of 183 days in 1998, the sun has shone 181 days in Snyder.**

## TODAY'S THOUGHT

**Humankind has not woven the web of life. We are but one thread within it. Whatever we do to the web, we do to ourselves. All things are bound together. All things connect.**

**Chief Seattle**

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# Top Freemen convicted; jury must resume work Tuesday

BILLINGS, Mont. (AP) — A federal jury returned 35 guilty verdicts against leaders of the anti-government Montana Freemen, nearly two years to the day after their 81-day standoff with the FBI ended without a shot being fired.

But the jury declared Thursday that it was deadlocked on remaining counts, and U.S. District Judge John Coughenour rejected defense motions for a mistrial. He ordered jurors to resume deliberations Tuesday.

The key undecided charge — that 11 of the 12 defendants allegedly launched a massive assault on the nation's banking system — is the basis for prosecutors' claim that the anti-government Freemen perpetrated "a fraud of epic proportions."

U.S. Attorney Sherry Scheel Matteucci and lead defense counsel Tony Gallagher both declined comment, saying that the jury still is considering the case.

The jury convicted the Freemen's principal leader, LeRoy Schweitzer, 59, of Belgrade, Mont., of 20 counts, far more than any other defendant. He is named in 10 of the undecided charges.

Schweitzer's convictions involve bogus "checks" that he scattered around the country as valid documents in a conspiracy to defraud banks between June 1993 and June 1996.

The standoff began after FBI agents arrested Schweitzer and Daniel Petersen in a sting operation that lured them from the sprawling foreclosed farm in eastern Montana they called Justus Township. The FBI hoped that the Freemen, minus their top leaders, would then surrender peacefully. They did — but not for almost three months.

About two dozen heavily armed Freemen kept hundreds of FBI agents at bay until the standoff ended peacefully as the remaining two dozen people in the remote farm compound surrendered on June 13, 1996.

Jurors heard from 90 witnesses, including an Internal Revenue Service investigator who testified that Schweitzer scattered $15.5 billion worth of his checks — 3,432 of them — to followers around the nation.

The jury said it was deadlocked on 11 counts in the indictment.

Jurors found Petersen, 55, of Winnett, Mont., treasurer of Justus Township, guilty on five counts; Russell Dean Landers, 46, of Four Oaks, N.C., and Dale M. Jacobi, 55, of Thompson Falls, Mont., on three; and Rodney Skurdal, 45, of Roundup, Mont. and Richard E. Clark, 49, of Grass Range, Mont., on two apiece.

Schweitzer, Petersen, Skurdal and Clark were convicted of two counts of threatening to kill U.S. District Judge Jack Shanstrom and mailing a threatening letter to him. Shanstrom had foreclosed on some of the Clark families' ranches in eastern Montana.

Schweitzer, Petersen and Landers also were convicted of threatening to kill Shanstrom with a poster that announced Shanstrom was "Wanted: Dead or alive."

Schweitzer also was convicted of counts including bank, wire and mail fraud, interstate transportation of stolen property and possession of firearms while a fugitive or under indictment.

The jury found only Jacobi guilty of robbing an ABC-TV news crew in October 1995.

Only three defendants — Agnes Stanton, John Patrick McGuire and Cherlyn Petersen — attended the trial. The others, unwilling to recognize the federal court's jurisdiction, refused to participate.

At first, they were dragged to a holding cell to watch the proceedings on closed-circuit television. But they staged a hunger strike, and the judge said they would not be required to watch.

## *10th annual MS bike tour slated July 18-19*

Ten years ago a group of FINA employees planned the first Cactus & Crude MS 150. Since then, this two-day, fully catered bike tour has become a "one of a kind" tour for the West Texas area.

The 10th annual FINA/7-Eleven Cactus & Crude MS 150, one of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society's major fund-raisers, is set for July 18-19.

Conoco is sponsoring four Olympic cyclists from the Shaklee Team to ride the tour with area riders, as well as putting on a Rider's Clinic on Saturday afternoon.

Cyclists from throughout the region will depart from Claydesta at 7 a.m. on Saturday, July 18. With rest areas spaced along the route, riders will be provided with refreshments such as Powerade, water from Sierra, fruit from Albertson's and ice from Host Ice.

The first day will conclude at Howard College in Big Spring with lunch provided by Outback Steakhouse.

The Big Spring Volunteer Fire Department and FINA will prepare and serve dinner for cyclists on Saturday evening, which will conclude with a 10-year birthday celebration with awards.

After breakfast, cyclists will hit the road for another 50 miles to Snyder where BJ Services will be serving another meal. All meals and transportation are provided so the riders can enjoy a being pampered by volunteers.

Participants are required to raise a minimum of $150 in pledges to the National MS Society; however, most riders raise significantly more.

In addition to meals, refreshments, and other support, riders will be awarded prizes based on the amount raised. A new addition to the 1998 tour is the "Tour of Champions" through the wine country around Kerrville for all cyclists raising over $5,000.

Other prizes range from bike shorts and jerseys to gift certificates from the MS Society's official bike shops — Peyton, Bicycle's Etc. and South Plains Cycles.

Cyclists may also join the Mission Possible Club by raising $750 — one dollar for each person with multiple sclerosis living in the area. These club members will receive a special T-shirt and a chance to ride in the FINA stunt plane.

Quentin Contreras is the capatin of Snyder's team which has three members, several of which are Lifetime Riders or cyclists who have ridden in three or more MS 150 tours.

Multiple sclerosis is a disease that randomly attacks the nervous system, wearing away an individual's control over his or her body.

Symptoms may range from numbness and paralysis to blindness. The progress, severity and specific symptoms of the disease cannot be foreseen.

Attacks may occur at any time with varying degrees of severity and duration. Most people are diagnosed between the ages of 20 and 40 but the unpredictable physical and emotional effects occur throughout an individual's life.

In recent years, major advances have been made in the treatment of this disease due in large part to contributions made through the local NMSS fund-raisers such as the FINA/7-Eleven Cactus & Crude MS 150.

For more information or to register, call the NMSS office at 792-0708.

## Terese Milton in Who's Who

Terese L. Milton wil be included in the 1998 edition of "Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges.

She is the daughter of Lucile Beuerlein of Snyder and the late Louis Beuerlein.

## Oscar Haney SDN winner

Oscar P. Haney, 321 23rd St., is the June winner of a free year's subscription to the Snyder Daily News. Each month a drawing is held from the names of those who have either subscribed or renewed for six months or more.

## Garza's ship in 'BALTOPS'

Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Torrence L. Garza, son of Amanda Herrera of Snyder, recently participated in Baltic Operations '98 while assigned to the guided missile cruiser US Vella Gulf, homeported in Norfolk, Va.

Garza's ship participated in the 11-day operation with 52 ships, submarines and aircraft from Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Germany, Latvia, Lithuania, the Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Sweden, Russia, the United Kingdom and the U.S.

BALTOPS '98 was the largest multionational maritime operation in the Baltic Sea and was conducted to demonstrate U.S. interest in the security of Northern Europe.

The annual exercise emphasized regional stability, regional understanding and interoperability among the U.S, NATO member nations and non-NATO nations.

The 1993 graduate of Snyder High School joined the Navy in August of 1993.

## Navy deploys Shields

Navy Petty Officer 3rd class Aaron R. Shields, a 1994 graduate of Jayton High School, recently departed on six months deployment to the Mediterranean Sea and Arabian Gulf aboard the ship which departed its home port of Norfolk, Va., to lead the USS Dwight D. Eisenhower Battle Group.

The battle group is comprised of submarines and will relieve the USS John C. Stennis Battle Group, around the world to maintain a U.S. presence and provide rapid response in times of crisis.

Shields joined the Navy in March of 1996.



Shannon Canada

## Shannon Canada is ASU graduate

Shannon Canada graduated magna cum laude from Angelo State University in a ceremony held on May 15, receiving a bachelor of science degree in computer science with a minor in mathematics.

She was on the Dean's List all four years. She was also a member of Alpha Chi (national honor society), Epsilon Delta Pi (computer science honor society), and Pi Mu Epsilon (mathematics honor society).

Shannon will continue to work in the microcomputer labs at ASU until December.

She graduated from Snyder High School in 1994 and is the daughter of Britt and Tanya Canada of Snyder.

## Nutrition By Ed Blonz, PH.D.

## How closely should you follow RDA?

By Ed Blonz, Ph.D.

DEAR DR. BLONZ: I have some questions about the Recommended Daily Allowance. I am a 28-year-old woman with a family history of osteoporosis. Lately I have been using a computer program to tally up the calories, fat, vitamins, minerals, etc. in my daily diet. I have become concerned because occasionally I have not reached my RDA for some vitamin or mineral. Often, that mineral (lacking by about 10 percent) is calcium. So my question is: Should I be concerned? Should I take a daily calcium supplement? How accurate is the RDA? — K.D., Oceanside, Calif.

DEAR K.D.: The RDAs are based on current research and are revised every few years. The RDAs vary according to age group and sex. This is in contrast to the daily value (DV), a single set of values developed for use on food labels. The RDAs are designed to be average intakes that meet the needs of most healthy individuals.

We think of bones as being "solid," but they are constantly being made and unmade. As a 28-year-old woman, you are in what I call the "investment phase" of bone growth. This is a period during which your body has an ability to increase its total bone mass. This happens, however, only to the extent that the bone-making minerals and other essential nutrients are present. As you enter your 30s, your body slowly begins to shift gears; and by the time you reach 40, the bones are losing more than they gain. The higher your peak bone mass, the longer this process takes.

What this means is that most women will eventually develop osteoporosis — some, however, will show symptoms in their 60s and 70s, while others might not show evidence of the condition before they reach 110 (assuming, of course, they live that long). To stack the odds in your favor, it pays to take in all the calcium the body can use. One important point: It's important to realize that it takes more than calcium to make bones. Although a bone is about 90 percent calcium by weight, other minerals such as magnesium, phosphorus, boron and silicon are needed, as is vitamin D. It is also important to follow a program of weight-bearing exercise, as this helps to slow bone loss.

For your age and sex, the RDA for calcium is 800 milligrams per day, but you don't have to have the RDA every day. Being down 10 percent is not a serious matter, and you are ahead of most people your age. If, however, your calcium intake chronically undershoots the RDA, it would be in your best interest to find a way to take it up a notch — especially in light of your family history. You can take a calcium supplement, but perhaps all that is needed is a glass of calcium-fortified orange juice, a serving of a calcium-containing vegetable such as broccoli or kale, some tofu (made with calcium) or, of course, a serving of a dairy product.

DEAR DR. BLONZ: My question concerns the nutritional analysis that is on most boxes of cereals, breads, pastas etc. Is the nutritional information listed for the whole box or for just one individual? — A.V., Los Angeles

DEAR A.V.: The nutritional information is for one serving, and the nutrition facts panel should list the number of servings in the container.

DEAR DR. BLONZ: The latest information affirms what you have been saying for years, namely, that trans-fats are the worst fats for cardiovascular disease. Do these fats show up on a cholesterol test? — C.B., San Diego

DEAR C.B.: The level of trans-fats doesn't show up on a blood test. This dietary component, however, will have an impact on raising the level of LDL (least desirable) cholesterol and lowering the level of the HDL (highly desirable) cholesterol — two factors that do show up when you have your blood cholesterol measured. The best way to avoid trans-fats is to avoid foods made with partially hydrogenated vegetable oils. Read the ingredient statement of the foods you buy. Also be advised that most of the frying oils used in fast food restaurants are partially hydrogenated. That means that french fries, for example, are loaded with trans-fatty acids.

*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.*

*Ed Blonz, Ph.D., is the author of the "Your Personal Nutritionist" book series (Signet, 1996).*

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NUTRITION



ED BLONZ, PH.D.

## WTC offers two classes

Western Texas College is offering two workforce education classes through its continuing education division: Introduction to the Internet and Microsoft PowerPoint 97, Basic, which are scheduled on Tuesdays and Thursdays, July 14, 16, 21, 23.

The Internet course's LRC Computer Lab will be from 2-4 p.m. Microsoft's Workforce Computer Lab, LRC 101, will be from 4:30-6:30 p.m.

Terri Racher will be the instructor. Each course will cost $49. Pre-registration is required. To pre-register or for more information, call 573-8511, ext. 390.

Racher is from Lubbock. She worked as a User Support Specialist for American State Bank in Lubbock and Western Farm Bureau in New Mexico.

After moving to Justiceburg in June, Racher went into business for herself providing personal computer training, both in the classroom and on an individual basis, for most major software programs.

She plans to do many more classes ranging from Windows 95 to web design with Microsoft FrontPage in the fall. She will also teach some credit courses for the Computer Science Department at Western Texas College.

The official name of Vietnam is Cong Hoa Xa Hoi Chu Nghia Viet Nam, which in Vietnamese means Socialist Republic of Vietnam.

The manufacture of a new car requires more than 39,000 gallons of water.


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# Government case against Marines in doubt

CAMP LEJEUNE, N.C. (AP) — Though he recommended courts-martial for two aviators whose plane clipped a ski gondola cable and killed 20 people, a military judge says the outcome of any trial isn't certain.

Lt. Col. Ronald Rodgers recommended trials for the pilot and navigator of the Marine EA-6B Prowler involved in the Feb. 3 accident. He also said charges against two backseat crewmen should be dropped.

Yet in the summary of his report, obtained Thursday by The Associated Press, Rodgers said the outcome of the pilot's trial is in "substantial doubt."

The pilot, Capt. Richard Ashby, 30, of Mission Viejo, Calif., was recommended for court-martial on charges of involuntary manslaughter, negligent homicide, damage to military property, damage to private property and dereliction of duty.

The navigator, Capt. Joseph Schweitzer, 30, of Westbury, N.Y., was recommended for trial on charges of negligent homicide, damage to military property and dereliction of duty.

Lt. Gen. Peter Pace, commander of Marine Forces Atlantic, is expected to decide whether to order the courts-martial later this month.

Rodgers, who presided over investigative hearings in May and June, said in his report there was doubt about the outcome of Ashby's case because of "systemic errors for which none of the mishap crew can be held accountable."

Defense lawyers argued during the hearings that the cable wasn't marked on charts of the area around the Aviano, Italy, air base where the Prowler was based for missions over Bosnia. Information about altitude restrictions for the area also was confusing, they said — the U.S. minimum altitude was 1,000 feet and the Italian minimum was 2,000 feet.

To win a conviction against Schweitzer, prosecutors must offer expert testimony indicating his performance was "seriously deficient" in not calling for Ashby to slow down and climb.

"It may be that the government has such evidence in its arsenal; however, it was not offered for my review," Rodgers wrote.

Evidence showed the jet, on a low-level training mission, struck the cable when it was flying too fast and that it had flown below 400 feet for several miles before the accident.

In his summary, Rodgers said besides the systemic problems uncovered in Ashby's case, there was "evidence of non-criminally negligent pilot behavior" brought to light by Col. Thomas Blickensderfer, the flight crew's squadron commander.

Blickensderfer testified Ashby hadn't flown the route for seven months, and maps possessed by the crew did not show towers and cables in the Italian Alps. He also said Ashby might have suffered from an optical illusion that caused him to think he was higher than the cable.

# Medicaid must cover cost of Viagara

WASHINGTON (AP) — Despite concerns by some states about cost, the federal government says state Medicaid programs must pay for Viagra, the popular but expensive new impotency pill.

Use of the drug will be closely monitored, however, and abuse could land it on a list of drugs states can choose to exclude from coverage by the health insurance program for the poor.

"The law requires that a state's Medicaid program cover Viagra when medical necessity dictates" said Medicaid administrator Nancy-Ann Min DeParle in a letter Thursday to the National Governors' Association.

However, DeParle said that Health and Human Services Secretary Donna Shalala "is greatly concerned about the potential for clinical or financial abuse of Viagra."

State Medicaid programs that include prescription drug coverage are required to pay for any drug prescribed for purposes approved by the FDA. The Health and Human Services Secretary can add to a list of exceptions only when there is evidence a drug is subject to inappropriate use, such as with some diet drugs.

DeParle said pointedly that Medicaid "intends to establish a rigorous system to monitor utilization of Viagra."

She also recommended that states take steps to discourage Viagra abuse, such as limiting the quantity of prescriptions or number of refills, requiring documentation by doctors of impotence diagnoses and disciplining those who promote inappropriate use.

The governors' association calculated that covering the $10 Viagra pill would add up to more than $100 million each year, given its immense popularity. In a May letter to Shalala, Govs. Lawton Chiles, D-Fla., and Michael O. Leavitt R-Utah, argued coverage should be an option, not a mandate.

## Bridge

### By Phillip Alder



North 07-04-98
♠ Q 7 4
♥ A 3
♦ A Q 6
♣ A 8 7 5 2

West
♠ 10 2
♥ 9 8 6 5
♦ J 9 3 2
♣ K Q J

East
♠ 9 8 3
♥ J 10 7 4
♦ 10 8
♣ 10 9 6 4

South
♠ A K J 6 5
♥ K Q 2
♦ K 7 5 4
♣ 3

Vulnerable: East-West
Dealer: North

| South Jefferson | West Franklin | North Hancock | East Adams |
|---|---|---|---|
| | | 1 NT | Pass |
| 3 ♠ | Pass | 4 ♣ | Pass |
| 4 NT | Pass | 5 ♠ | Pass |
| 7 ♠ | Pass | Pass | Pass |

Opening lead: ♣ K

### Number two of number two

By Phillip Alder

We are in the second rubber played by our four Declaration of Independence signatories. In the first deal, Benjamin Franklin made three no-trump. In the second deal, Thomas Jefferson had a chance to move his partnership ahead because he was in a grand slam.

North's four-club rebid showed the club ace and a good hand for play in spades. South used the newly invented Independence Bellwood convention, asking for aces.

Declarer had 12 top tricks: five spades, three hearts, three diamonds and one club. The 13th could come from getting a 3-3 diamond split, or by establishing the long club, or by ruffing a diamond in the dummy. Which would you choose?

Playing to establish dummy's club eight is awkward. Not only do you need both the trumps and clubs to split favorably, but there are also communication difficulties.

Instead, after winning with dummy's club ace, Jefferson drew two rounds of trumps using his ace and king. When they split 3-2, he turned to diamonds, playing off dummy's ace and queen. As you can see, another diamond now would result in defeat, East ruffing in. But Jefferson found a better play. He took his three heart tricks, discarding dummy's last diamond. Next, South ruffed his low diamond with the spade queen. Returning to hand with a club ruff, Jefferson drew the last trump and claimed.

"Brilliantly played!" exclaimed John Hancock.

"Well," replied Jefferson modestly, "it just required being careful. Nothing clever."

Franklin and John Adams nodded in agreement.

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## Dear Abby

### By Abigail Van Buren



### Woman's Head and Heart Battle Over 'Wonderful Man'

DEAR ABBY: I have been engaged to a wonderful man for more than two years, and cannot seem to set a wedding date. He loves me and my 9-year-old daughter. He does all of the laundry, the dishes and the cleaning, and he accepts my daughter as his own. He works two jobs so we don't go without anything.

Sounds perfect, right? The problem is, I don't think I love him. I say that I do, but I don't feel it in my heart. He is all a woman could ask for in a husband, but is that enough to replace love? Or have I read too many romance novels?

He wants to get married as soon as possible. I am 29, have never been married, and I feel my daughter needs a father. I am also afraid I won't find a man who will ever love me as much as he does.

Can I find a man whom I love, who accepts my daughter as his own — or should I marry a man I don't love, but who would be a wonderful husband and father?

FOR BETTER OR WORSE

**DEAR FOR BETTER: If you marry this man, knowing in your heart that you do not love him, you will be doing yourself and him a great disservice. Marriage is supposed to last forever. And forever is a long time to live with yourself, feeling that you sold out because you were afraid you wouldn't find a man you can love. Let him go.**

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DEAR ABBY: When I read the letter from "Hurting in Whittier," I had to write. Your response was excellent, but I would like to tell "Hurting" about my mother.

Mother became a widow at 63. She, too, had deep wrinkles on her face, but no one noticed because she always had a smile and was interested in other people.

Mother's life was not without men. After Dad died, she joined a singles group for older people. There, at age 68, she met a wonderful man. He became my stepfather. When he passed away some years later, she grieved for him for a while, but then decided she wasn't going to stay at home and mope, so she rejoined the singles group and met another nice man with whom she kept company for many years. Then he died. Mom used to joke that it was dangerous to date her because she outlived all the men she had gone with.

Shortly before her death at age 79, she had begun dating yet another man from the singles group.

Abby, the reason for her popularity was not her looks. It was her warm and caring personality. She always made everyone feel she was glad to see them. That was her "secret." All her grandchildren (she had 11) adored her and visited her often. My 20-year-old son took her to Disneyland when she was in her 70s. Like all the grandchildren, he loved being with her.

"Hurting in Whittier" should forget about how she looks and focus on making other people comfortable. She should be glad to see them, offer them a ride, join a club, volunteer for a cause that interests her. She should get out and enjoy life. She may be surprised at the changes that will occur when she changes her point of view.

STILL MISSING MOM

**DEAR STILL MISSING MOM: Your mother exemplified the adage, "It's what's inside that counts." How special she must have been.**

**I've always believed that there are two kinds of people in the world: those who say, "There you are!" and those who say, "Here I am!" Your mother was definitely one of the "there you are" people. That's the kind everyone is delighted to see.**

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## Berry's World




## Community Calendar

**FRIDAY**

Cornelius-Dodson House; open by appointments; 573-9742 or 573-2763.

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

Scurry County AA closed meeting; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-8626, 573-9458 or 863-8018; 8 p.m.

Al-Anon open meeting; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; for information call 573-4203, 573-8626, 573-2101 or 573-0695; 8 p.m.

**SATURDAY**

People Without Partners; Inadale Community Center; games of 42 and dominos; 6:30 p.m.

Just for Today NA open meeting; Park Club; for information call 573-0949, 573-4238 or 573-8018; 7 p.m.

**SUNDAY**

Scurry County AA open meeting; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-8626, 573-9458 or 863-2349; 10 a.m.

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

Just For Today closed meeting; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-0949, 573-4238, or 573-8018; 5 p.m.

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Peggy, you are the most beautiful woman in this world. I am so proud that you are my wife. I take you into my arms, in hopes that our hearts will become closer. You are the best. You are the smartest of us two. I take your hand in mine, in hopes that our feelings will become one. Peggy, I am the luckiest man alive, for you are my wife. I love you with all of my heart. I place you above all others. God brought us together for a reason, and I believe that the reason is for us to grow together and become closer than ever before known to either of us. You will always come first in my life. I bow down in front of you and God to promise this to you - so that I may have God's blessing - no greater gift could he give me, than you, Peggy. Thank you for being a part of my life, you will never know just what you really mean to me, or how much I love you. Thank you for allowing us to grow together, and thank you for loving me. I thank the good Lord each day and each night for you. I am sorry for any trespasses of the past - they will never see light again. I hand you a single rose - for you are like that one rose, unique in every way, no other alike. You are a very special person. Thank you for sticking through thick and thin. All I ask is that we only improve. Thank you for being you. Thank you for showing me the way. Thank you for letting me love you on this and every day.

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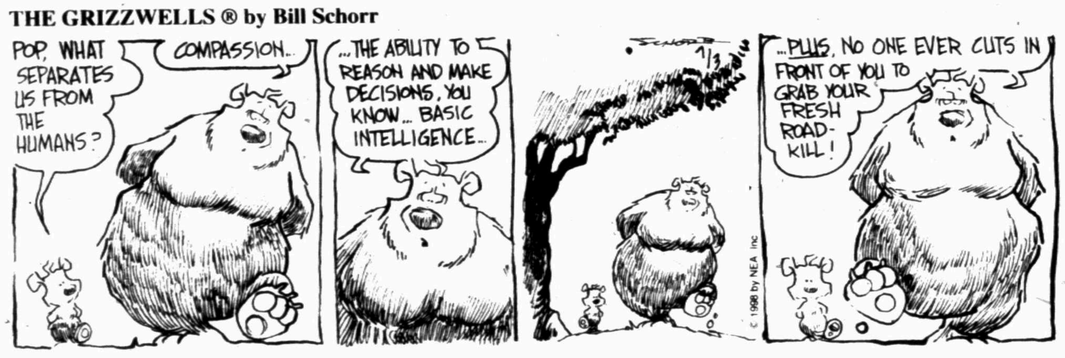

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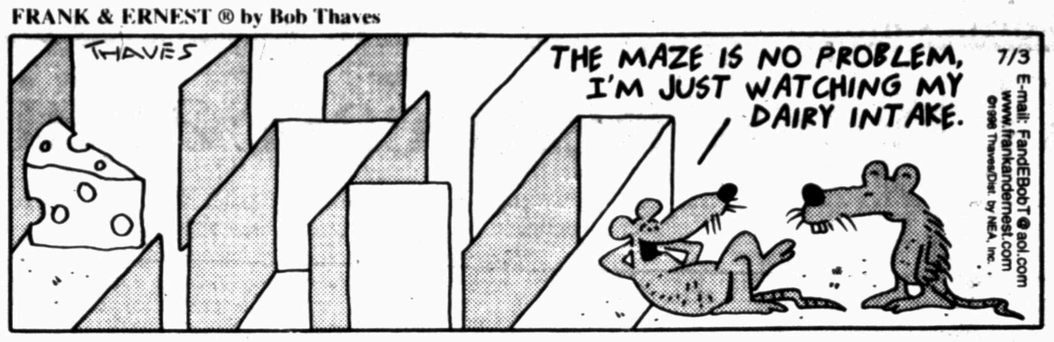

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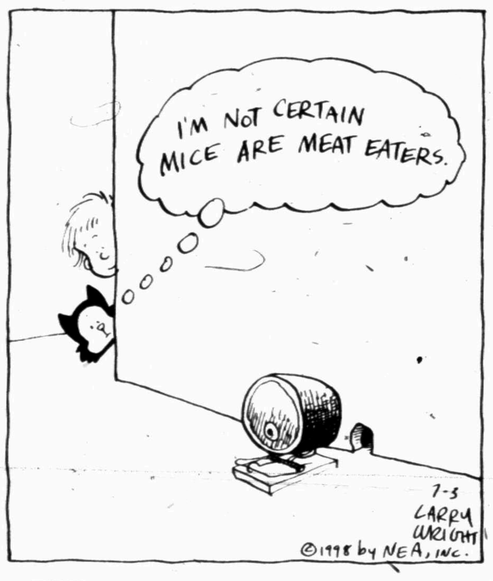

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**ACROSS**

1 It pulls a disabled vehicle (2 wds.)
7 London and Eiffel
13 Not comfortable
14 Concord
15 Afraid
16 Singer Stevens
17 Source of iodine
18 Printers' measures
20 Editor's command
21 Propellant gas
23 Juan's father
27 Aristotle —
32 Some public spaces
33 Coloring substance
34 Sulks
35 Bamboo eater
36 Electric-current indicator
39 Plant disease
40 More foxy
42 Wight or Capri
46 — and downs
47 Egyptian goddess
51 Took a pleasure trip
53 As of now (2 wds.)
55 Kind of tube
56 Bottle-cap remover
57 Affirmed
58 Photographer's tool

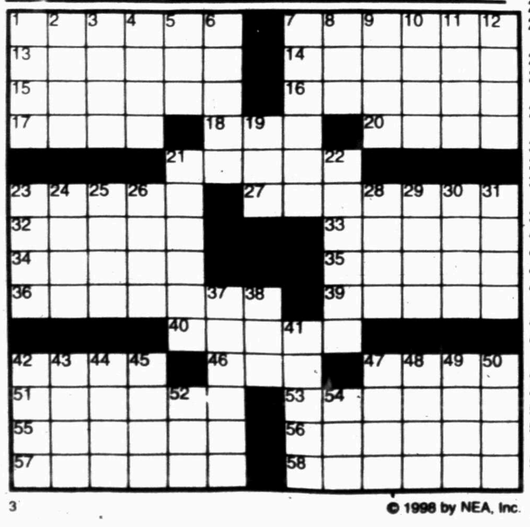
**DOWN**

1 Elephant's tooth
2 Single time
3 Welfare of the community, old-style
4 Complain
5 Ibsen character
6 Actress Winona —
7 City in Arizona
8 Lennon's love
9 Breeze
10 Anglo-Saxon serf
11 Muddy the waters
12 Large knife
19 New (pref.)
21 Repasts
22 Infant, at times
23 Family member
24 Type of bomb
25 Ringo's instrument
26 Ceremony
28 District in Germany
29 Participate in a choir
30 — -China
31 RBI or ERA
37 Avoided adroitly
38 Tear
41 Short sword
42 — -bitty
43 Painful
44 Film director Bunuel
45 Cupid
47 The same (Latin)
48 Rational
49 Roman road
50 Antitoxins
52 Netherlands commune
54 Org. created in 1941

**Answer to Previous Puzzle**

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# SPORTS

## LA completes Texas sweep; Rangers drop fifth straight

ARLINGTON (AP) — Chan Ho Park was so good against the Texas Rangers that he might have thought he was in Dodger Stadium.

Park pitched 8 1-3 strong innings and Charles Johnson hit a three-run homer as the Los Angeles Dodgers beat Texas 4-1 on Thursday night to complete a three-game sweep.

Park (7-5) gave up a run on a bases-loaded balk in the second inning, but shut down the Rangers the rest of the way, not allowing another runner past second base. He allowed seven hits, walked two and struck out four.

The victory snapped a five-game losing streak outside of Los Angeles for Park, who is 4-0 at home this season and 3-5 away.

Park said he gained momentum after working out of second-inning jam.

"When I make the good pitches, I get more confidence and it makes it better each inning," he said.

Dodgers manager Glenn Hoffman said he hopes his club will use the sweep as momentum toward the second half of the season.

"We're still the guys behind," Hoffman said. "The guys are starting to play better. We've got our work out for us."

Texas scored only seven runs in the series.

"The guys showed a lot of character in this series and made the pitches when they needed to," Johnson said of Los Angeles' pitchers.

Scott Radinsky, who had blown five of his last six save chances, got the final two outs for his 12th save.

The Rangers have lost five straight games, their longest losing streak of the season, and have dropped 16 of 22 since May 24.

"Our ball club is a little bit down right now," Oates said. "We're not swinging the bat as well as we have. It's a little bit of a combination of being in a slump and a little bit of facing good pitching."

Will Clark had two doubles for Texas.

The bottom of the Dodgers' order hit Darren Oliver (4-6) hard in the second inning. Paul Konerko, the No. 7 hitter, led off with single and moved to third on Adrian Beltre's double. Johnson followed with his 11th homer, a three-run shot to left.

"I was able to stay back on it because he threw a couple of balls," Johnson said. "Then I got the curveball."

Oliver gave up nine hits and four earned runs in five innings.

Texas loaded the bases with one out in the second, but scored only one run, when the ball squirted out of Park's hand while he was pitching to Fernando Tatis. Clark scored on the balk to make it 3-1.

The Dodgers made it 4-1 in the fifth on Paul Konerko's sacrifice fly.

## Leyland's computer cuts Chicago's rookie pitcher

NEW YORK (AP) — Kerry Wood was a victim of the All-Star numbers game — his numbers weren't good enough for Jim Leyland's computer.

"He would have been a great story," the NL manager said Thursday. "If we had plugged in his numbers from yesterday, he probably would have moved up some."

The manager of the World Series champion Florida Marlins said he used a computer formula to pick his pitchers. The computer took into account wins, losses, ERA, wins against teams over .500, quality starts, games averaging more than one strikeout per inning and games averaging less than one hit per inning.

"Even though Kerry Wood may have been the most exciting to take, according to everything I weighed, it wasn't the right decision to make this particular year," Leyland said.

The Chicago Cubs rookie, who earlier this year tied the record with 20 strikeouts in a nine-inning game, is 8-3 with a 3.38 ERA and 139 strikeouts in 93 1-3 innings.

"I wasn't expecting to make it," Wood said. "Maybe next year."

Leyland's computer had Atlanta's Greg Maddux No. 1 with 34 points, following by Philadelphia's Curt Schilling with 25. Not including Wednesday's victory over Arizona — in which he allowed just three hits and struck out 13 in eight innings — Wood had 18 points, tied with Atlanta's Denny Neagle and the Dodgers' Ramon Martinez.

Five pitchers were tied at 19: Pittsburgh's Francisco Cordova; Houston's Mike Hampton, Jose Lima and Shane Reynolds; and the Cardinals' Todd Stottlemyre. All missed the cut.

"I did not consider the marketing aspect," Leyland said. "I tried to pick the guys I thought were most deserving, and that's what I did."

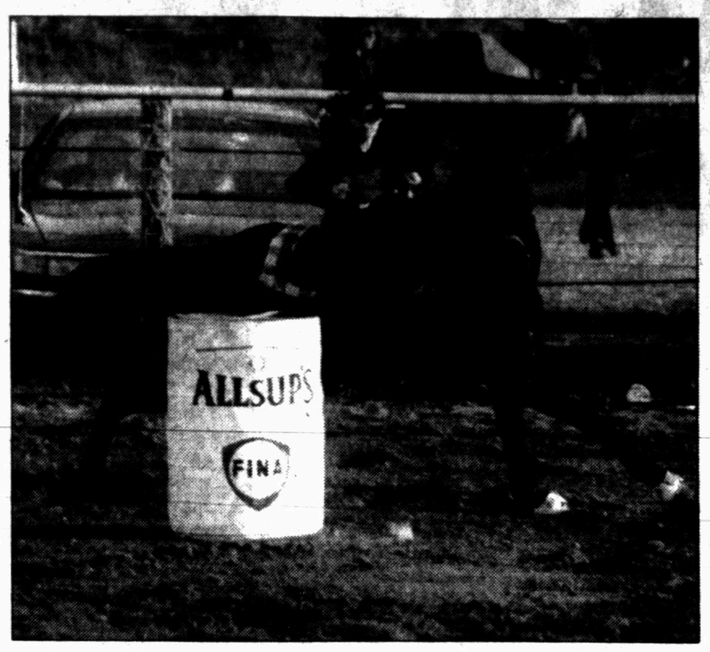
Leyland and AL manager Mike Hargrove said during a telephone conference call they had a difficult time and advocated an expansion of rosters from 28 to 40.

"People are talking about guys who got snubbed," Leyland said. "I publicly apologize — not apologize — but I'm sorry everybody couldn't make it, but that's the way it goes."

Rosters for the 1998 All-Star game at Coors Field in Colorado on July 7 (x-on the disabled list, y-injured, will not play, z-injury replacement):

AMERICAN LEAGUE
STARTERS
Catcher—Ivan Rodriguez, Texas.
First Base—Jim Thome, Cleveland.
Second Base—Roberto Alomar, Baltimore.
Third Base—Cal Ripken, Baltimore.
Shortstop—Alex Rodriguez, Seattle.
Outfield—Ken Griffey, Jr., Seattle; Juan Gonzalez, Texas; Kenny Lofton, Cleveland.
RESERVES
Catcher—Sandy Alomar, Jr., Cleveland.
Infielders—Scott Brosius, New York; Ray Durham, Chicago; Damion Easley, Detroit; Derek Jeter, New York; y-Dean Palmer, Kansas City; z-Rafael Palmeiro, Baltimore; y-Mo Vaughn, Boston; Omar Vizquel, Cleveland.
Outfielders—Darin Erstad, Anaheim; Ben Grieve, Oakland; Paul O'Neill, New York; x-Bernie Williams, New York.
PITCHERS
Rolando Arrojo, Tampa Bay; Roger Clemens, Toronto; Bartolo Colon, Cleveland; Tom Gordon, Boston; Pedro Martinez, Boston; Troy Percival, Anaheim; Brad Radke, Minnesota; Aaron Sele, Texas; David Wells, New York; John Wetteland, Texas.

NATIONAL LEAGUE
STARTERS
Catcher—Mike Piazza, New York.
First Base—Mark McGwire, St. Louis.
Second Base—Craig Biggio, Houston.
Third Base—Chipper Jones, Atlanta.
Shortstop—Walt Weiss, Atlanta.
Outfield—Tony Gwynn, San Diego; Barry Bonds, San Francisco; Larry Walker, Colorado.
RESERVES
Catchers—Jason Kendall, Pittsburgh; Javy Lopez, Atlanta.
Infielders—Vinny Castilla, Colorado; Andres Galarraga, Atlanta; Edgar Renteria, Florida; Fernando Vina, Milwaukee.
Outfielders—Moises Alou, Houston; Dante Bichette, Colorado; Gary Sheffield, Los Angeles; Sammy Sosa, Chicago; Greg Vaughn, San Diego; Devon White, Arizona.
PITCHERS
Andy Ashby, San Diego; Kevin Brown, San Diego; Tom Glavine, Atlanta; Trevor Hoffman, San Diego; Greg Maddux, Atlanta; Robb Nen, San Francisco; Rick Reed, New York; Curt Schilling, Philadelphia; Jeff Shaw, Cincinnati; Ugueth Urbina, Montreal.




**DIGGING IN — Snyder's Whitney Parks rides recently in the barrel racing competition of a High Plains Junior Rodeo. Local riders will compete tonight and Saturday in Muleshoe. (Contributed Photo)**

## Snyder competitors race and rope for top finishes

LOVINGTON, N.M. — At the High Plains Junior Rodeo Association event, held recently in Lovington, N.M., Snyder's top finsher just happened to also be its youngest.

Clayton Hirt tied down fourth place in the 8-under age group of breakaway roping, the best finish of all Snyder riders.

In the 9-12 age group, Hadley Hirt nabbed the sixth spot in calf touching, while Cody Burney secured tenth place in breakaway roping.

The No. 8 slot was the popular place in the 13-15 age group, as Tyler Riggan took eighth in tie down and ribbon roping, with Jessica Bradshaw doing the same in pole bending.

Russell Riggan posted two top-ten finishes in the 16-19 division. Riggan came in sixth in team roping and ninth in tie down roping.

Stoni Riggan registered a seventh place finish in goat tying, while Darcee Purcell nabbed the tenth spot in barrel racing.

The Snyder riders will be back in the arena today and Saturday in Muleshoe.

## Former Spurs owner dishes out $200 million for Vikings

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Red McCombs, former owner of the NBA's San Antonio Spurs and Denver Nuggets, has completed his long-held ambition to own a professional football team.

McCombs was chosen Thursday as the Minnesota Vikings' new owner and promises to keep the NFL franchise in Minnesota.

Vikings co-owner James Jundt said the purchase price is at least $200 million, the same amount author Tom Clancy offered for the team. Clancy pulled out two months ago after he was unable to raise the money.

McCombs, who confirmed Thursday his bid exceeded $200 million, told reporters in San Antonio he'd proposed the purchase several months ago.

"We were not successful at that time and I really thought this opportunity was gone," McCombs said. "It came back around again. We increased our bid. I know the interest will be in how much, and we're not in a position to disclose that."

McCombs, who made his millions from automobile sales, cattle, energy and television and radio stations, said he's happy to be back in the sports business. He plans to visit Minnesota on Tuesday for a meeting with team employees and a press conference.

### July 4th Sports

**Horseshoe pitching:** Registration is at 8 a.m., with the tournament to follow at 9 at the tennis courts.

**Washer pitching:** Registration is at 8 a.m. below Pavilion Hill, with the tourney slated for noon.

**Volleyball:** Tournament begins at 9 a.m. at SHS practice field.

**Tae Kwon Do:** Exhibition is at 11:30 at Cottonwood Flats.

**Tumbling:** Snyder Springers exhibition will be at noon at Cottonwood Flats.

**Home run derby:** Snyder Speed Home Run Derby will begin at 10 a.m. at Cates Field.

DANCE FRIDAY & SATURDAY NIGHT
9-til 1 a.m.
Friday - Silver Creek
Saturday - Texas Drifters
Domino Tournament Every Wednesday Night At 7:30 p.m.
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## Speed nabs fourth place at Midland

Snyder's Speed, the 16-and-under traveling girls softball team, captured fourth place in the three-day Midland tournament that ended June 21.

Speed began the 12-team tournament by upending Midland Extreme, 8-4, in four innings with Kristin Martinez taking the win.

Speed then crushed Midland Impact, 11-1, in a revenge game from three weeks earlier. Courtney Rinehart chalked up the mound victory. Speed batted for 40 straight minutes and knocked three pitchers off the mound.

Snyder than walloped a first-year Pecos team, 21-1, with Cameron Mackey credited with the win. Snyder then again whipped up on Midland Impact, 12-2, with a victory by Kristin Martinez.

Snyder then dumped New Mexico Lightning, 7-1, chalking up another triumph for Courtney Rinehart. Snyder then was edged by the San Antonio Royals, 4-3. A comeback effort fell short in the final inning with a Snyder runner picked off third base. Martinez took the loss.

Snyder than began double-elimination play with a 5-2 victory over the San Angelo Diamonds. Courtney Rinehart was the winning pitcher.

Martinez suffered her second loss of the tourney against the Oklahoma City Ultimates. Speed committed seven errors, four in the first inning, in the 8-4 loss.

Rinehart put Snyder back on track with a 10-4 drubbing of Midland Impact. Snyder was then eliminated from the tournament after being nipped, 5-4, by Albuquerque Odyssey. Martinez was the losing pitcher.

Snyder Speed will enter the state tournament in Midland July 10-12.

**Speed Batting Averages**
**Courtney Rinehart, .600; Cameron Mackey, .500; Kristin Martinez, .429; Dixie Yandrich, .440; Angie Shoemake, 438; Jennifer Newman, .429; Christy Tomlinson, .409; Mindy Thompson, .400; Amber Haarmeyer, .385; Lisa Hall, .250; Whitney Webb, .222.**

**On Base Percentage**
**Courtney Rinehart, .762; Kristin Martinez, .647; Jennifer Newman, .571; Angie Shoemake, .556; Mindy Thompson, .538; Ambert Haarmeyer, .538; Cameron Mackey, .519; Christy Tomlinson, .458; Dixie Yandrich, .440; Whitney Webb, .389; Lisa Hall, .250.**

## Stars lure Hull from St. Louis

DALLAS (AP) — Brett Hull, the most sought-after free agent in the NHL, is moving to the Dallas Stars, leaving the St. Louis Blues.

"He agreed to terms late last night," said Stars spokesman Larry Kelly. "He's on his way to Dallas this morning."

Kelly said Hull would appear with Stars officials at a 1:30 p.m. EDT news conference today.

Hull reportedly had been seeking up to $8 million a year for at least three years. Kelly would not discuss contract terms.

The team had been negotiating with Hull since the free agency period opened Wednesday, Kelly said.

Hull, a 13-year NHL veteran with 554 career goals, had turned down a $15 million contract in March with the Blues because it did not include a no-trade clause.

The addition of Hull is a big boost to the Stars' offense, which had been the league's third-best but floundered in the Western Conference finals against the Detroit Red Wings.

## MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

| National League East Division | W | L | Pct. | GB |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Atlanta | 56 | 29 | .659 | - |
| NewYork | 44 | 36 | .550 | 9½ |
| Philadelphia | 40 | 42 | .488 | 14½ |
| Montreal | 33 | 50 | .398 | 22 |
| Florida | 30 | 54 | .357 | 25½ |
| **Central Division** | | | | |
| Houston | 51 | 33 | .607 | - |
| Chicago | 45 | 39 | .536 | 6 |
| Milwaukee | 43 | 39 | .524 | 7 |
| St.Louis | 40 | 43 | .482 | 10½ |
| Pittsburgh | 40 | 45 | .471 | 11½ |
| Cincinnati | 36 | 50 | .419 | 16 |
| **West Division** | | | | |
| SanDiego | 54 | 31 | .635 | - |
| SanFrancisco | 50 | 36 | .581 | 4½ |
| LosAngeles | 42 | 42 | .500 | 11½ |
| Colorado | 37 | 49 | .430 | 17½ |
| Arizona | 29 | 56 | .341 | 25 |

**Thursday's Games**
Atlanta 6, Tampa Bay 0
Baltimore 5, Florida 3
Seattle 10, Colorado 3
Boston 15, Montreal 0
Cleveland 7, Milwaukee 2
Chicago White Sox 4, Houston 3
N.Y. Yankees 9, Philadelphia 8, 11 innings
Oakland 7, San Diego 2

**Friday's Games**
Pittsburgh (Cordova 6-6) at Chicago Cubs (Tapani 8-6), 3:20 p.m.
Florida (Sanchez 3-5) at Montreal (Vazquez 2-6), 7:05 p.m.
Milwaukee (Karl 6-3) at Philadelphia (Schilling 7-8), 7:05 p.m.
St. Louis (Stottlemyre 9-5) at Cincinnati (Remlinger 4-9), 7:05 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Yoshii 4-3) at Atlanta (Glavine 11-3), 7:40 p.m.
Arizona (Benes 6-8) at Houston (Reynolds 9-5), 8:05 p.m.
Colorado (Wright 5-8) at San Diego (Hamilton 5-9), 9:05 p.m.
Los Angeles (Valdes 6-7) at San Francisco (Hershiser 6-6), 10:35 p.m.

**Saturday's Games**
St. Louis (Bottenfield 2-5) at Cincinnati (Parris 1-0), 1:15 p.m.
Los Angeles (Mlicki 3-4) at San Francisco (Gardner 7-3), 4:05 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Schmidt 8-4) at Chicago Cubs (Gonzalez 7-5), 4:05 p.m.
Arizona (Anderson 5-7) at Houston (Hampton 8-3), 7:05 p.m.
Florida (Dempster 1-3) at Montreal (Boskie 1-1), 7:05 p.m.
Milwaukee (Woodard 5-5) at Philadelphia (Portugal 3-2), 7:05 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Bohanon 2-3) at Atlanta (Millwood 9-4), 7:10 p.m.
Colorado (Jones 2-2) at San Diego (Langston 2-1), 9:05 p.m.

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

| American League East Division | W | L | Pct. | GB |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| NewYork | 58 | 20 | .744 | - |
| Boston | 50 | 32 | .610 | 10 |
| Toronto | 43 | 42 | .506 | 18½ |
| Baltimore | 38 | 47 | .447 | 23½ |
| TampaBay | 34 | 49 | .410 | 26½ |
| **Central Division** | | | | |
| Cleveland | 48 | 34 | .585 | - |
| Minnesota | 39 | 44 | .470 | 9 |
| KansasCity | 37 | 46 | .446 | 11½ |
| Chicago | 34 | 49 | .410 | 14½ |
| Detroit | 32 | 49 | .395 | 15½ |
| **West Division** | | | | |
| Anaheim | 49 | 34 | .590 | - |
| Texas | 46 | 38 | .548 | 3½ |
| Oakland | 38 | 45 | .458 | 11 |
| Seattle | 36 | 49 | .423 | 14 |

**Thursday's Games**
Pittsburgh 5, Detroit 2
N.Y. Mets 9, Toronto 1
Cincinnati 8, Minnesota 7
St. Louis 3, Kansas City 0
Los Angeles 4, Texas 1
San Francisco 7, Anaheim 4

**Friday's Games**
Tampa Bay (Johnson 2-5) at Toronto (Guzman 4-10), 7:05 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Sirotka 8-7) at Boston (Wakefield 9-3), 7:05 p.m.
Baltimore (Mussina 6-5) at N.Y. Yankees (Pettitte 9-5), 7:35 p.m.
Cleveland (Gooden 2-3) at Kansas City (Rosado 3-5), 8:05 p.m.
Detroit (Castillo 2-5) at Minnesota (Tewksbury 4-9), 8:05 p.m.
Seattle (Fassero 6-5) at Texas (Burkett 4-8), 8:35 p.m.
Oakland (Candiotti 4-10) at Anaheim (Olivares 5-3), 10:05 p.m.

**Saturday's Games**
Baltimore (Drabek 5-8) at N.Y. Yankees (Hernandez 2-1), 1:15 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Snyder 0-0) at Boston (Cho 0-0), 1:15 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Springer 2-10) at Toronto (Carpenter 4-3), 4:05 p.m.
Detroit (Thompson 6-8) at Minnesota (Serafini 3-0), 6:05 p.m.
Cleveland (Nagy 7-4) at Kansas City (Rapp 7-7), 8:05 p.m.
Seattle (Moyer 5-6) at Texas (Sele 11-5), 8:35 p.m.
Oakland (Oquist 4-5) at Anaheim (Washburn 4-0), 9:05 p.m.

**Sunday's Games**
Tampa Bay at Toronto, 1:05 p.m.
Chicago White Sox at Boston, 1:05 p.m.
Baltimore at N.Y. Yankees, 1:35 p.m.
Cleveland at Kansas City, 2:05 p.m.
Detroit at Minnesota, 2:05 p.m.
Oakland at Anaheim, 4:05 p.m.
Seattle at Texas, 8:05 p.m.

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| EASTERN CONFERENCE | W | L | Pct | GB |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Charlotte | 7 | 2 | .778 | - |
| Detroit | 6 | 4 | .600 | 1½ |
| Cleveland | 5 | 4 | .556 | 2 |
| NewYork | 5 | 5 | .500 | 2½ |
| Washington | 1 | 8 | .111 | 6 |
| **WESTERN CONFERENCE** | | | | |
| Houston | 8 | 1 | .889 | - |
| Phoenix | 7 | 2 | .778 | 1 |
| Utah | 3 | 7 | .300 | 5½ |
| Sacramento | 2 | 6 | .250 | 5½ |
| LosAngeles | 2 | 7 | .222 | 6 |

**Thursday's Games**
Phoenix 76, Cleveland 61
Utah 58, Los Angeles 57

**Friday's Games**
Washington at New York, 7:30 p.m.
Sacramento at Houston, 9 p.m.

**Saturday's Game**
Phoenix at Charlotte, 1 p.m.

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# Bond denied for men accused of threatening officials with weapons

BROWNSVILLE (AP) — Three South Texas men accused of threatening federal officials with the use of biological weapons were ordered held without bond on Thursday.

Johnnie Wise, 72; Jack Abbott Grebe Jr., 43, and Oliver Dean Emigh, 63, were arrested Wednesday and charged with federal conspiracy to use "weapons of mass destruction."

Prosecutors did not say if the men actually possessed the weapons.

The men appeared before U.S. Magistrate John William Black on Thursday afternoon.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Rick Lara said the men composed and sent a threatening electronic mail message on June 26 to federal officials at the local, state and national level.

He did not identify the officials, but said some of their targets included an IRS director and an FBI director.

Sources also told Fort Worth television station KXAS on Thursday that threatening e-mail sent to President Clinton was traced to the suspects.

Lara said the men met again on June 29 to discuss the threat and the use of biological weapons.

The affidavits on which the case was based remained sealed and Black issued a gag order to attorneys in the case.

Federal officials, in fact, have said little since the three men were arrested at Wise's dilapidated trailer in Olmito, north of Brownsville. Several law enforcement agents and a hazardous material team gathered at the trailer site Wednesday, but it is still not certain if they found any dangerous substances on the property.

The defendants' attorneys described all three as former members of the military who were honorably discharged and did not pose a risk to flee the area.

Attorney Felix Recio told the judge Emigh is a single man with no children who takes care of his elderly sister at their home in Los Fresnos. Recio said Emigh supplements his Social Security income working at odd jobs in Harlingen. He said Emigh has no criminal record and was honorably discharged from the Air Force.

Grebe, a former longtime resident of Pennsylvania, is a single father who raised his daughters alone, said his lawyer, Dan Herink. Herink said Grebe had no criminal record, but had an incident expunged from his record in the past.

Wise's lawyer, Keith Uhles, said his client is not a violent person.

"The man does not even own a gun," Uhles said.

The men's attorneys also argued that with the affidavit in the case sealed and prosecutors tightlipped about details of the conspiracy, the government had not shown that the three men were a threat to society.

"Everything is sealed," Recio said. "Our hands are tied."

# Kotto sets July wedding

BALTIMORE (AP) — Yaphet Kotto, known to TV viewers as police Lt. Al Giardello, and his bride will share their nuptials with family, friends and the police department's youth choir.

Kotto and Tessie Sinahon plan to exchange wedding vows July 12 at The Cloisters, a landmark restaurant. The young singers are to perform at the ceremony.

Kotto plays Giardello on "Homicide: Life on the Streets," which is filmed in Baltimore.

He and Sinahon met in 1983 and tied the knot in a civil ceremony last August. This month's wedding will be a traditional Jewish ceremony.

Kotto said Thursday he and his bride are growing weary of the details of wedding planning.

"We'll both be glad when it's over," he said.

# New asteroid discovered within Earth's orbit

HONOLULU (AP) — An asteroid 132 feet in diameter is circling the sun entirely within Earth's orbit and doesn't appear to pose any threat to the planet, an astronomer says.

Still, it's been difficult to collect enough observations to know for sure whether asteroid 1998 DK36 could collide with Earth, said David Tholen of the University of Hawaii Institute for Astronomy.

Previously, asteroids have been discovered only in orbits farther from the sun than the Earth. Because 1998 DK36 is inside Earth's orbit, the asteroid is always near or behind the sun, making it difficult to see.

The asteroid appears to be passing about 750,000 miles away — nothing to lose sleep over, Tholen said this week.

"It's the ones we haven't found yet that are of concern," he said.

Another astronomer told The New York Times it's possible the object doesn't orbit the sun entirely within Earth's orbit.

"That orbital calculation was based on just two brief observations of the object, one lasting seven minutes on the night of Feb. 23 and the other on Feb. 24 for four minutes," Dr. Gareth Williams of the Central Bureau for Astronomical Telegrams in Cambridge, Mass., was quoted as saying by the Times today.

"Of the solutions we plotted, some showed the asteroid's orbit to be entirely within the Earth's orbit, but others showed part of the orbit outside the Earth's orbit," he said.

Tholen and Robert Whitely observed the asteroid with a specialized camera mounted on the university's 88-inch telescope that sits atop the dormant volcano Mauna Kea in Hawaii.

# UFO fans still interested in Roswell, N.M.

ROSWELL, N.M. (AP) — It may not have the hype of the 50th anniversary, but this year's Roswell UFO Encounter will still feature plenty of talk about what the Air Force really found in the desert in 1947.

The UFO Encounter, Roswell's big Fourth of July holiday celebration, runs through Monday.

The 1998 event includes a UFO Expo, with a variety of science fiction and paranormal items; a musical; planetarium shows; and, of course, tours of the site where a purported UFO went down more than half a century ago.

What has come to be labeled the Roswell Incident occurred in July 1947, when a rancher reported unusual debris on his land. Air Force officials issued a press release claiming to have recovered material from a flying saucer, but retracted it almost immediately.

Over the years there have been claims of a cover-up and tales that the government recovered alien bodies and extraterrestrial materials.

In recent years, the Air Force has said the debris came from then-secret tests of high-altitude balloons.

# Officers make 2 DWI arrests

Two alcohol-related arrests were made in the past 24-hour period.

Following a two-vehicle accident in the 4200 block of College Avenue at 5:33 p.m. Thursday, officers took a 42-year-old male into custody at 5:48 p.m. on the scene for misdemeanor driving while intoxicated.

Officers took a 25-year-old male into custody seven-tenths of a mile south on Hwy. 350 at 4:17 this morning for misdemeanor driving-while intoxicated.

Three offense reports for Class B theft were submitted at 5:12 p.m. Thursday at Cogdell Memorial Hospital following a report of money missing from employees.

In other activity, officers handled various reports including ones of fireworks, loud music and motorists locked out of their vehicles.

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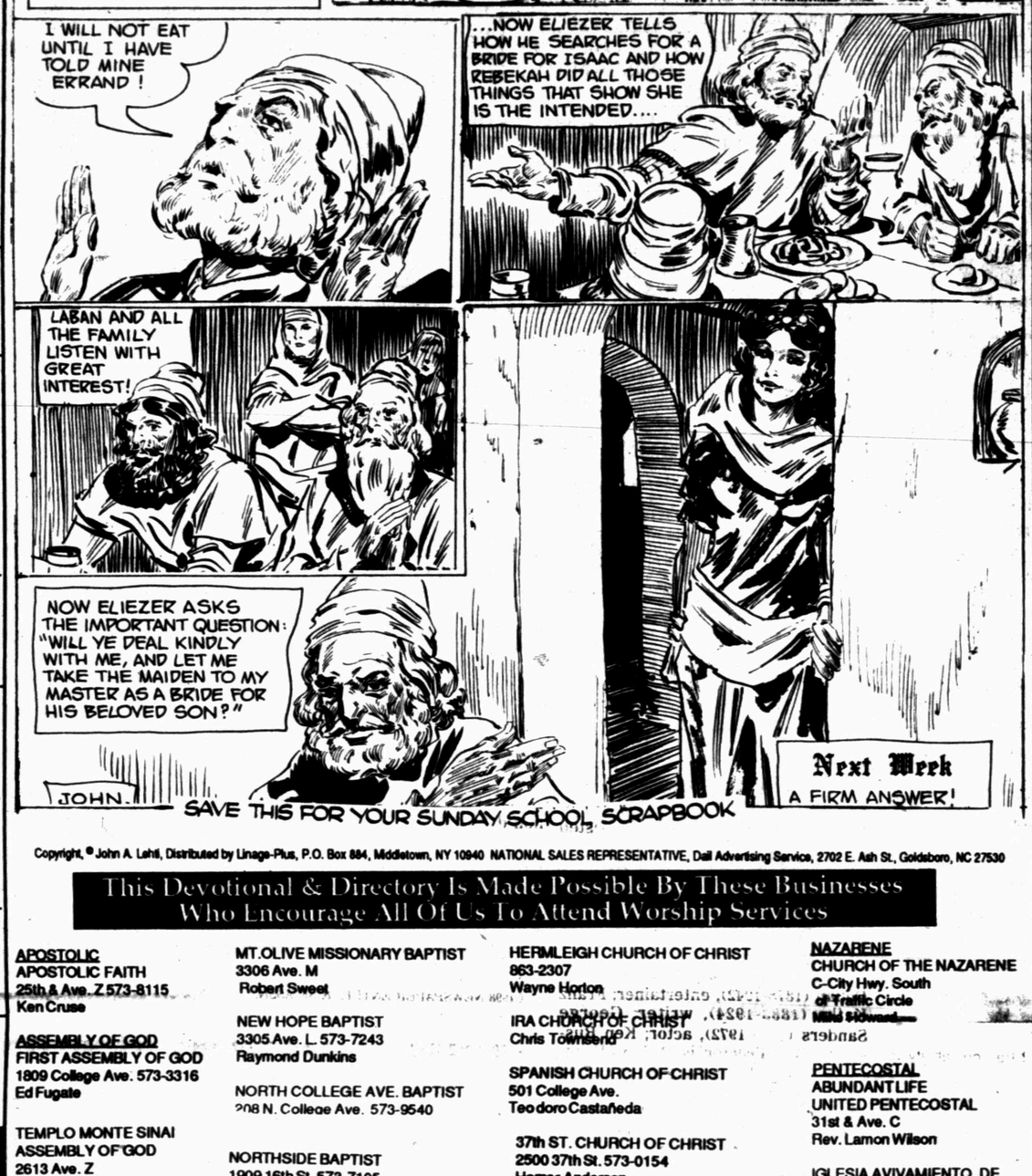
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# Long road to equal rights for women

WASHINGTON (AP) — All men and women are created equal, said the resolution passed 150 years ago this month at the first women's rights convention in Seneca Falls, N.Y. But the laws said otherwise, and women could not even vote to change them.

Today, women's rights advocates can point to major advances, including the right to vote and own property and laws promising equal employment and education opportunities.

"The legal framework of rights for women has been transformed in the last 150 years," said Kathy Rodgers of the NOW Legal Defense and Education Fund. In those days, "when you were married you became one person and that one person was the husband," she added.

"I think (the early feminists) would be thrilled that we've made as much progress as we have and they would be committed to continuing the advance toward true equality," said Susan Deller Ross of the Georgetown law school's sex discrimination clinic.

The challenge in 1848 was a huge one, as spelled out by the convention's Declaration of Sentiments and Resolutions, modeled after the Declaration of Independence.

The document accused men of seeking "absolute tyranny" over women by denying them the right to vote, own property and keep their own wages. Married women had no legal rights, and divorce and child custody laws favored men.

Women were denied college educations and access to "nearly all the profitable employments" and were forced to live under a double standard for moral behavior.

"We insist that (women) have immediate admission to all the rights and privileges which belong to them as citizens of the United States," the document said.

Therefore, the document declared that laws that placed women "in a position inferior to that of man are .... of no force or authority."

In many ways, but far from all, the goals of Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Lucretia Mott and the other women have been reached.

The right to vote came nationwide in 1920. Federal laws barring sex discrimination in employment and federally funded education programs came in the 1960s and 1970s. There is a new emphasis on prosecuting domestic violence cases — an issue foretold by the 1948 convention's complaint that men had the legal right to "administer chastisement" to their wives.

Many rights for women were provided through a patchwork of state laws, not federal laws, including changes in divorce and child custody standards. It was not until 1967 that Texas allowed married women to control their own property or run a business without their husbands' consent.

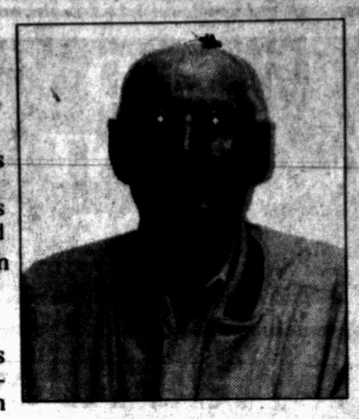
The Supreme Court, which in 1961 let states automatically exempt women from jury duty, a decade later began ruling that a number of laws that treated the sexes differently violated the Constitution's equal-protection guarantee.

But women's rights advocates say they consider the agenda unfinished.

"They've charted a course that we haven't been fully able to complete," said Marcia Greenberger of the National Women's Law Center.

She and others say the best jobs still are dominated by men and there are not enough women in elective office.

Nonetheless, "the progress is real," said Abigail Stewart, director of the University of Michigan Institute for Research on Women and Gender. "The world we inhabit is a different world in regard to gender. It's very important to acknowledge what they did and remember it."



**HONORED — E.J. Richardson of Snyder was honored recently at the Lone Star Federal Land Bank Association meeting held in Weatherford. He is a retired association manager, and has served on the board of directors for 10 years. (Contributed Photo)**

# Did man kill wife after holding her captive?

RINGGOLD, Ga. (AP) — For more than 30 years, Alvin Eugene Ridley said he lived with a broken heart, telling friends and relatives his wife had left him. She had returned home to her parents or gone North, he said.

Authorities now claim the former television repairman kept Virginia Ridley captive in their home for three decades until smothering her to death last year.

Ridley, 56, was charged with murder Monday after a lengthy investigation that began when an autopsy revealed that his wife died from a lack of oxygen.

"It appeared that foul play was involved in her suffocation," Catoosa County Coroner Vanita Hullander said. "Someone could have held the nose and the mouth shut. We don't know. It was by a means other than natural."

Ridley called police Oct. 4 and said his wife — whom he claimed had not lived with him in years — had just died.

Authorities found the woman lying in a bed inside Ridley's fenced-in house with barred windows.

"I'd heard stories that he had a wife, but I'd never seen her. And there she was!" Ms. Hullander said. "We weren't sure if it was her at first. We just had his word that it was her."

Ms. Ridley's body appeared slightly malnourished but showed no signs of physical abuse, the coroner said.

She had suffered from seizures caused by a blow to the head when she was about 9. She required medication and treatment.

Ms. Ridley was last seen outside her home in 1967, when concerned family members obtained a court order to see her, authorities said. Ridley brought his wife to court, where she said she was fine and wished to continue living with her husband, District Attorney Buzz Franklin said.

But the family continued to suspect she was being held captive in the rundown house in this city near the Tennessee line.

"We tried to see her many times and he said we'd be chased out of Ringgold, or if we came back we'd be dead," said a sister, Linda Barber. "He was really a violent person. He kept her locked up in the house, or locked up somewhere."

Neighbors said Ridley became a recluse after his TV repair shop closed 10 years ago. He would hide behind bushes and peek through windows but would let no one inside the home.

Ridley's case is scheduled to go before a grand jury in September.

Authorities also are investigating the death of Ridley's mother, Minnie Sue Ridley.

In court, if the prosecution has a "dream team," the defense has a nightmare.

## Date Book

July 3, 1998

*Today is the 184th day of 1998 and the 13th day of summer.*

**TODAY'S HISTORY:** On this day in 1609, Samuel de Champlain founded the city of Quebec.

On this day in 1886, Karl Benz tested the world's first automobile in Mannheim, Germany.

On this day in 1987, Richard Branson and Per Lindstrand became the first men to cross the Atlantic Ocean in a hot-air balloon.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS:** George M. Cohan (1878-1942), entertainer; Franz Kafka (1883-1924), writer; George Sanders (1906-1972), actor; Ken Russell (1927-), director, is 71; Pete Fountain (1930-), musician, is 68; Tom Stoppard (1937-), playwright, is 61; Betty Buckley (1947-), singer-actress, is 51; Tom Cruise (1962-), actor, is 36.

**TODAY'S SPORTS:** On this day in 1966, Atlanta pitcher Tony Cloninger hit two grand-slam home runs against the San Francisco Giants. Atlanta won the game, 17-3.

**TODAY'S QUOTE:** "Of all the affections which attend human life, the love of glory is the most ardent." — Sir Richard Steele

**TODAY'S WEATHER:** On this day in 1996, an F1 tornado hit a high school in Waterbury, Conn., causing $1 million damage.

SOURCE: 1998 Weather Guide Calendar; Accord Publishing, Ltd.

**TODAY'S MOON:** Between first quarter (July 1) and full moon (July 9).

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## Astro-graph

**By Bernice Bede Osol**



### Your Birthday

Saturday, July 4, 1998

In the year ahead, don't give up on your hopes and expectations. The things you want will be looking for you as hard as you're looking for them. Unusual people will bring about unusual benefits.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)** Others will comply with your wishes and suggestions today. Trying to patch up a broken romance? The Astro-Graph Matchmaker can help you understand what to do to make the relationship work. Mail $2.75 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)** The best way to attract attention today is to do everything in an understated manner. People tend to listen more closely to whispers than shouts.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** You could be lucky today both socially and where your abject interests are concerned. To do well in both areas, you may not have to keep your fingers crossed.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)** Chances are, you'll make your best showing today in competitions. Challenges stimulate your courage and will to win.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)** A lesson you've learned from studying another's experience can be utilized in your own affairs today. Don't be reluctant to imitate.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)** Your greatest benefit today looks like it comes from a development where someone else has done most of the work. This doesn't mean you can't make a contribution.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** This should turn out to be a fun day for you, provided you make an effort to enjoy the people you're with.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19)** Chances for unusual gains look better than ever today, due to the intervention of outside forces.

**PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)** Cupid may arrange something pleasant for you today. Someone you thought never noticed you may let you know how s/he really feels.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)** Step forward if a volunteer is needed to handle the cookout today. You'll do such a good job that your performance will be long-remembered.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)** Your greatest attribute today will be your ability to get along with everyone.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)** You could be fortunate in situations that generate personal gain or contribute to your financial well-being. Look out for your interests without being selfish or greedy.

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## Dr. Gott

**By Peter Gott, M.D.**



### *Can people get heart cancer?*

DEAR DR. GOTT: If people can get malignant tumors in any of the body's organs, why don't they get cancer of the heart?

DEAR READER: They do, but cardiac malignancies are as rare as hens' teeth. The most common are sarcomas, which occur primarily in children and are extremely difficult to treat.

Benign tumors of the heart, such as myxomas and fibromas, occur more frequently. Like their malignant brethren, they usually cause symptoms related to the obstruction of blood flow. Fortunately, such growths are easier to remove than the malignant types.

Having given you a brief overview, I must admit that I, too, have long been puzzled by the rarity of cardiac malignancies. I've never seen a patient with one, and I'll bet that very few physicians in general practice have either. Thanks for your provocative observation.

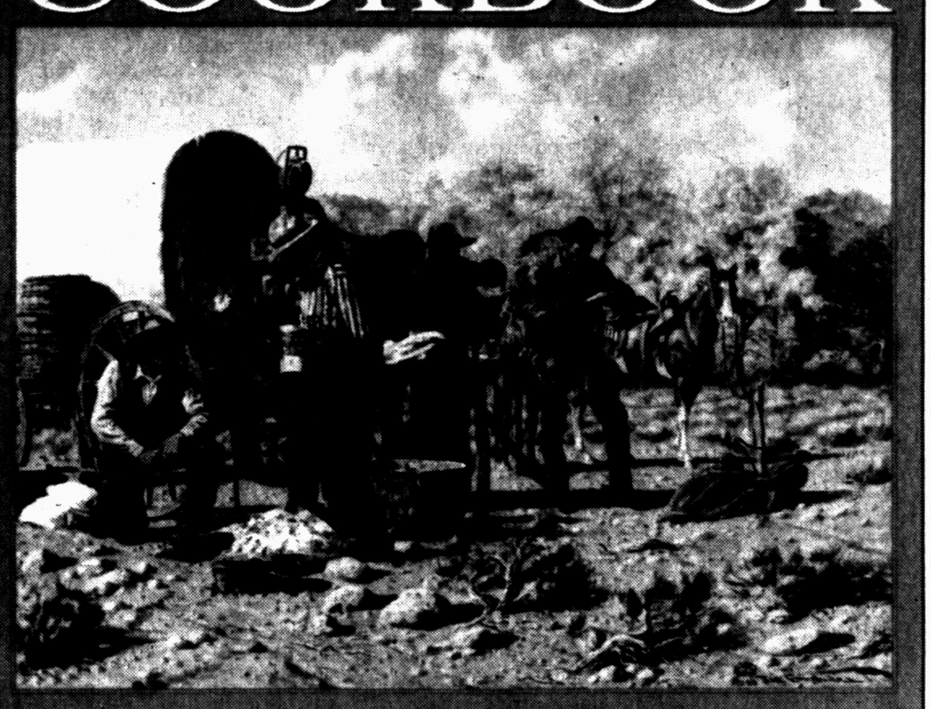
DEAR READERS: You've sent me more letters to add to the Hospital Hit Parade. Here are some of the winners:

"I'll Be Sewing You"
"Red Cells in the Sunset"
"It's Spleen a Long, Long Time"
"It Had to Be Flu"
"On the Bonny Banks of Glaucoma"
"Gonna Take a Sentimental Gurney"
"Yes, We Have No Pajamas"
"Glove Me Tender"
"Stitchcraft"
"The Staphs and Streps Forever"
"The Pill Is Gone"
"Ol' Man's Liver"
"Mammaries Are Made of This"
"Try To Dismember"
"That Old Gangrene of Mine"
"I've Grown Accustomed to Her Brace"
"On the Road to Mend and Lay"
"The Girl From Emphysema"
"Lay That Hypo Down, Babe"
"Secondhand Nose"
"You're Nobody Until Somebody Gloves You"
"Call Me Unresponsive"
"MRI Blue?"
"Let's Cut the Whole Thing Off"
"Some Implanted Evening"
"Blame It on My Tooth"
"My Melancolicky Baby"
"From Here to Maternity"
"Merci, Docs"
"You Broke Your Promise But I'll Get a Lung"

More later...

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# Florida fires force thousands to evacuate

BUNNELL, Fla. (AP) — All people in Flagler County — at least 30,000 — were ordered to leave today as wildfires showed no sign of ending their six-week romp through northeast Florida.

"The fire is north, south and west," said Don North, spokesman for Federal Emergency Management Agency in Tallahassee. "A concern is that they will converge and you'll get one big fire."

Fires burned through the neighboring towns of Bunnell and Palm Coast early today. More than half of Palm Coast, which has a population of 15,000, was already under a mandatory evacuation.

About 200 to 300 people staying in a shelter at Flagler Palm Coast High School cleared the building within 10 minutes after officials from the American Red Cross announced the evacuation.

"Hopefully we'll have a county to come back to," said Roy Pistone, Flagler County schools food service director, who quickly shifted gears from defrosting ground turkey to throwing it out. "We're trying to put everything away and lock things up here."

Residents were advised to head west to the inland city of Palatka. Buses were provided, but the Red Cross recommended people take their own cars.

Pistone needed to head east to pick up his wife and 2-year-old daughter in Flagler Beach before heading to his in-law's house in Gainesville.

Fires are "surrounding the whole populated area," he said. "If the fires start all pushing that way towards the east, they're going to be pinned in."

The fires along the state's ravaged east coast showed no sign of letting up early today, with a smoky haze obscuring the sky as far away as Miami, 250 miles to the south. Firefighters have been stymied by gusty winds and temperatures of more than 100 degrees.

The flames have burned more than 125 homes and blackened more than 425 square miles, twice the land touched by fires in a normal year in Florida. In addition to the Flagler County evacuations, some 40,000 were out of their homes in two other East Coast counties, Brevard and Volusia.

The fires have wrecked many Fourth of July plans, forced the postponement of Saturday's Pepsi 400 stock car race at Daytona International Speedway and closed nearly 100 miles of Interstate 95 before one of the busiest travel weekends of the year.

Many fireworks displays already have been canceled.

# Texas pleads for fire safety over holiday

CONROE (AP) — With Texas conditions the same as those that have fueled uncontrolled wildfires in Florida, Texas Forest Service officials urge caution with fires over the holiday weekend.

But in case any blaze breaks out, 626 people from 28 states are stationed around Texas in an unprecedented accumulation of firefighting forces.

"These people are coming here from their homes, away from their families, to help us Texans help protect our natural resources," said John Ross, a district forester with the Texas Forest Service. "We need to understand all the people making sacrifices so we don't go through what Florida is going through right now.

"We're very similar to Florida only we have six times the area," he said Thursday. "We're a little bit nervous about that and that's why we have all these people coming in."

Most of the more than 3,000 fires since May 1 have been in East and Central Texas, according to state Forest Service statistics.

Ross said South and West Texas, however, also are parched and in extreme danger.

Firefighters said about 50 acres burned Thursday near the Waco Center for Youth, including part of Cameron Park.

Flames as high as 30 feet also threatened several homes during the five hours before it was controlled and black smoke drifted across the city.

But only hot spots remained, Assistant Fire Chief J.D. Johnston said. The blaze began on private property and no determination was made on its cause, although the Waco fire marshal said past fires there have been suspicious.

Another fire in Ennis, about 35 miles south of Dallas, scorched grassland and burned used tires near an industrial park. A blaze overnight burned about 75 acres near Possum Kingdom State Park and another 300 acres were scorched in Nolan County.

More than 200,000 acres have burned statewide, with at least three deaths during that time from heat-related causes.

With daytime temperatures near or over 100 degrees and rain scarce in most of Texas, a federal emergency declaration has allowed extra equipment and personnel to be summoned with the federal government picking up more than half the cost.

East Texas has been assigned most of the extra forces, from Bowie County in far Northeast Texas south to Liberty County near Houston. But other staff and equipment are ready to go from Amarillo, Waco, Abilene, Austin and Round Rock, San Antonio, LaGrange and Grand Prairie and Dallas.

# Linda Tripp continues to testify

WASHINGTON (AP) — Linda Tripp, whose secret taping launched an investigation of President Clinton and a former White House intern, plans to return for a third day of exhaustive questioning before a grand jury probing their alleged affair and cover-up.

Mrs. Tripp's long-awaited testimony signals the start of an end game for prosecutor Kenneth Starr, though legal battles and big decisions still lie ahead.

The 48-year-old former White House staffer, who secretly tape-recorded her conversations with former intern Monica Lewinsky, has spent two daylong sessions testifying. She has said she is at ease laying out the facts as she knows them.

"It's our understanding that Linda will be returning to the grand jury" and she is "very encouraged by the quality and content of the questions presented by the grand jurors and the prosecutors," said one of her lawyers, Joe Murtha.

He told reporters that her testimony "is actually so comprehensive that to release any of Linda's testimony, in fact, wouldn't serve any purpose." Mrs. Tripp had not been told the date of her return, Murtha said.

As she left the courthouse Thursday with a smile, Mrs. Tripp was asked how she was feeling. "Well," she answered.

Mrs. Tripp's motives have been called into question by President Clinton's supporters, who have suggested she had her eye on a book deal, was out to get the president, and tried to lure Ms. Lewinsky, 24, into making damaging statements about Clinton.

Mrs. Tripp says she taped Ms. Lewinsky and took the tapes to Starr to avoid being pulled into a scheme to commit perjury on the president's behalf.

The latest pieces of evidence to emerge are Mrs. Tripp's e-mails to Ms. Lewinsky.

# Newest 737 engines must be inspected

WASHINGTON (AP) — The newest versions of the Boeing 737 are being grounded until their engines can be inspected for signs that a weak part has failed.

The Federal Aviation Administration ordered the action Thursday after learning that broken engine parts prompted two in-flight engine shutdowns last week.

A "telegraphic airworthiness directive" from the agency, second only in urgency to an emergency directive, ordered immediate inspections on 46 engines installed on 23 U.S. airliners, 13 of which are owned by Southwest Airlines. Nine others are owned by Continental Airlines; one is owned by Eastwind Airlines.

The directive also stated that the engine part in question, the accessory gearbox starter gearshaft, had to be replaced on all of the aircraft by Sept. 1 or within the next 750 flight hours, whichever comes first.

The action followed two incidents on June 26 involving the latest versions of the world's most common airliner, the Boeing 737-700 and -800 aircraft. They are equipped with CFM International CFM56-7B turbofan engines, made by a joint venture of General Electric and the French company Snecma.

The pilots for two jets flown by Russia's Transaero Airlines and Norway's Braathens Airlines had to shut off one of their aircraft's two engines after a gearshaft broke. No one was hurt in either incident.

Subsequent investigation determined that the shafts cracked because of high stresses during manufacturing. The process since has been changed.

Boeing spokesman Russ Young said his company, which does not manufacturer the engines, had no comment on the order.

The directive orders the immediate inspection of the magnetic chip detector aboard the right-hand engines on all 737-700 and -800 aircraft.

# Festivities begin

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parking lot at 9 o'clock.

The bicycle-decorating contest will be held again this year with judging beginning at 9:30. First through third place prizes will be awarded in four age categories: 5 and under, 6-8, 9-11 and 12 and older.

Those who plan to ride horses are advised the animals must have had a recent Coggins test. No roller blades will be allowed and go-carts must be driven or accompanied by an adult.

The Scurry County Museum, located on the Western Texas College Campus will be open from 10 a.m. until noon with several special exhibits.

Activities throughout the day include volleyball, horseshoe and washer pitching tournaments.

Entertainment will begin in the Cottonwood Flats area directly following the singing of the National Anthem at 10:50 a.m. with programs from the Joy Ministry Clowns, West Texas Tae Kwon Do, and Snyder Springers. Reid Johnson will also be performing a magic show.

Various bands and singers will play throughout the day and a schedule will be posted on the stage located in the Cottonwood Flats area.

Towle Park Pool will be open from 1:30 to 5 for celebration-goers wishing to take a break from the heat and booths throughout the park will offer iced drinks, ice cream and snowcones.

The Dodson House located on the Scurry County Coliseum grounds will open at 2 o'clock and The Halbrooks will take the stage in the Cottonwood Flats area again at 8:30.

Highlighting the event will be the annual fireworks display, set to begin at dark.

# Hospital

ADMISSIONS: Ruby A. Anderson, Anson B. Martin of Hermleigh.

DISMISSALS: Misty Burch, Carmen Sanchez of Hermleigh, Michael Velasquez.

CENSUS: 41 (Med., Surg.-14, Long-term Care-25, CCU-2).

# Park safety

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drinks, ice cream and snowcones throughout the park to help beat the heat.

Celebration-goers are encouraged to enjoy the day's festivities, and the following are tips to help ensure a safe and happy Independence Day.

•Drink plenty of water.

•Wear sunscreen and a hat or visor.

•If you feel weak, shaky, dizzy or if you stop sweating, get out of the sun and get some water.

•If you see someone who appears to be suffering from heatstroke, remove them from the sun, put cool towels on their head and call an ambulance.

•Wear loose-fitting, cool clothing, especially when participating in athletic activities.

•Look for shady areas. If you think you are too hot, you probably are.

•Parents are reminded to cover their babies and to keep them out of the direct heat. Also, never leave a child unattended in a vehicle.

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# WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

## Ice cream social

Historical Scurry County and the Historical Commission will host a homemade ice cream and cake social from 7-9 this evening at the Dermott School on the coliseum grounds. This is a combined fund raiser for the repairs to the school and the Dodson House. Donations will be accepted.

## July 4th Prayer Breakfast

Dr. Craig Curry, pastor of Snyder's First United Methodist Church, and Jack Gorman Sr. will be speakers at Saturday's Prayer Breakfast at the Towle Park Pavilion. Cost for the breakfast which starts at 8 a.m. is $3 per person or $5 for a couple. The program begins at 8:20 and there is no charge to attend the program only.

## Snyder High Class of 1968

The Snyder High School class of 1968 will have a Hospitality Awning at Towle Park Saturday. Members of the class of 1968 and and all others exes are welcome to stop and visit. For information, call 573-2400.

## Ira cheerleaders

Ira cheerleaders will have a car wash at the Cross Roads service station from 8:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. Monday. Donations will be accepted.

## Church of Nazarene film

Snyder's First Church of Nazarene will present the film, "I Just Saw Jesus," at 6 p.m. Sunday. The church, located on the Colorado City Highway, invites the public to attend.

## Color TV drawing

Snyder Healthcare Center is taking donations for a drawing for a 19-inch color TV to be given away Saturday in Towle Park. For more information, call 573-6332.

## National MS Society sets meeting

The National Multiple Sclerosis Society has set a fact-finding meeting at 7 p.m. Saturday, July 11, at East Elementary School. Persons in the Snyder area who have MS are encouraged to attend and share their ideas and suggestions as well as questions about the organization, it programs and operations. For more information, call 1-800-FIGHT MS.

## New programs at FBC

First Baptist Church has two programs: King's Kids Preschool on Mondays and Wednesdays and Mother's Day Out on Fridays. Extended care is available. Register now for the 1998-99 school year. For more information, call 573-7401.

## 'Furry Tails! Funny Tales!'

Registration for summer reading and read-to-me programs for children is underway at Scurry County Library. There are two age groups — preschoolers and non-reading children and youngsters who have completed K through 6th grade. Registration will continue through July 24 during normal library hours.

## Oil photographs needed

Old photographs of oil scenes or events in Scurry County are wanted by the Scurry County Museum in conjunction with an Oil Appreciation Day observance on Oct. 17. The photographs will be copied and returned.

## Support group ministry

Support groups for divorce recovery, cancer/grief and caring for aging parents are avalable to adults and will meet at 6:30 p.m. the second Thursday of each month at First Baptist Church. L.I.F.E. (learning to improve the family experience) is for teenagers and parents. Child care will be provided.

## Avenue D Baptist VBS

Vacation Bible School at Ave. D. Baptist Church will be held from 9 a.m. until noon starting Monday and ending next Friday for grades K through 6. Theme is "Star Quest: A Galactic Good News Adventure." For more information call 573-0971.

## Bible study tapes airing

Bible study video tapes air weekly on cable TV Channel 2. The next set of tapes, "What Happens After Death," followed by "Surviving Prosperity?" is set for Monday evening at 7.

## Workforce Education classes

Western Texas College is offering two workforce education classes through its continuing education division: Introduction to the Internet and Microsoft PowerPoint 97, Basic, on Tuesdays and Thursdays, July 14, 16, 21, 23. The Internet course's LRC Computer Lab will be from 2-4 p.m. Microsoft's Workforce Computer Lab, LRC 101, will be from 4:30-6:30 p.m.

Terri Racher will be the instructor. Each course will cost $49. Pre-registration is required. To pre-register or for more information, call 573-8511, ext. 390.

## Cash Five

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

18-19-22-32-35

(eighteen, nineteen, twenty-two, thirty-two, thirty-five)

## Pick 3

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

6-6-2

(six, six, two)