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Health insurance cost SISD budget concern

By Wade Warren
SDN Managing Editor

Snyder ISD trustees and administration are wrestling with a staggering 58 percent increase in health care costs for employees as work continues on the district's 1999-2000 budget.

Assistant Supt. Lee McNair told the board Tuesday evening that total costs of the insurance plan at the present time are set at $668,048 more than the present year.

"We had first thought our costs might increase 25 to 30 percent, and with some changes in coverage, we might be able to lower the increase to 10 to 15 percent," said McNair.

McNair said the district is still working with its insurance consultant with hopes of implementing a less expensive plan.

McNair said the district's carrier has incurred claims this year of more than $1.3 million, with three claims over $60,000.

"Our present carrier did not even submit a bid," added McNair.

McNair said the increase in premiums may cause the district to seek higher contributions from employees, or benefits may have to be lowered. "Or we may have to have a combination of both."

The plan the board examined Tuesday reflected an increase from the present $179 monthly costs for employees to $284.

Adding a child to the coverage would increase costs from $63 to $100, and adding a spouse would increase the cost from $213 to $338.

Family rates would increase from $247 per month to $392.

The above rates are based on a deduction of $1,000.

Board president Mark McCormick said the district, obviously, could not absorb this type of increase.

McNair said additional figures on varying degrees of coverage are expected to be available next week.

While the majority of the budget workshop was spent on insurance, trustee Mike Levens questioned the administration's recommendation to give three percent raises to administrators, administrative aides and teacher's aides.

Levens said he did not have a problem with the state-mandated raises, but questioned whether the district could afford $215,000 in other raises.

Supt. Gayle Lomax said he felt raises are deserved for campus principals, and that if they did not receive a raise, some teachers would be making more than their principal.

"I'm of the opinion that the principal should be the highest paid member of a campus," said Lomax.

The superintendent added that the legislature gave teachers raises because of what they had accomplished in the classrooms, and he felt aides should get a raise too.

"Teacher's aides play just as an important part in campus improvements as anyone," added Lomax.

The board is considering a budget for 1999-2000 in the amount of $18,642,527 – up from last year's total of $17,847,134.

It is expected the board will have at least two more budget workshops before the budget is adopted.

In action items Tuesday night, the board approved the district's code of student conduct handbook.

For the coming school year, the district will not allow any student to wear camouflage or military-type clothing on the campus, including students in the STAR Program.

Hair of any unusual color will not be allowed, nor saggy jeans, or the piercing of any parts of the body other than ears for girls will be allowed. Boys will not be allowed to wear ear rings or ear studs.

Students will not be allowed to bring laser pointers to school, nor laser lights.

Each student will be given a copy of the handbook on the first day of school and they must be signed by their parents and returned to their campus.

The board also agreed to contract with the Hobbs Cooperative School for 35 students at $6,000 per student and approved a list of vendors for the school's maintenance department for the coming school year.

The trustees approved the hiring of three teachers, all at Snyder High School.

The board approved the contract of Janell Jones as a special education and vocational counselor, Pedro Lopez as a Spanish and English as a second language teacher and Chad Rogers as a coach and physical science teacher.

Resignations were accepted from Cindy Archer, Matt Gutierrez, Vanessa Gutierrez, Clark Humphrey and Robert Wood.

McCormick presided at the meeting and board members in attendance were Levens, Luann Burleson, Bill Moss, Glenn Clarady and Janet Stribling.

Local blood drive to conclude Thursday

The community-wide blood drive for United Blood Services will be held Thursday at the First Baptist Church Family Life Center from 10 a.m. until 7 p.m.

Appointments for the community-wide drive may be made by calling Bill or Martha Schiebel at 573-8626.

Each participant will be given a free t-shirt and will be eligible to receive coupons from local merchants.

Those merchants include Dairy Queen, Whataburger, Taco John's, Wal-Mart, Long John Silvers, Golden Corral Restaurant, Gill's Fried Chicken, Burger King, Ken's Chicken, The Shack, Jaramillo's, Spanish Inn, Pizza Hut, Rudy's, Subway, Lota' Burger, Rusty Spur Café and Tiger Health and Fitness.

The drive is sponsored by Cogdell Memorial Hospital Auxiliary and Scurry County Advisory Council for UBS.



LIBRARY RECEIVES NEW EQUIPMENT — Scurry County Librarian Noreen Taylor is given a demonstration of the new microfilm scanner 500 received with a grant from the Tocker Foundation of Austin. From left are Jeff Denson and Trent Brisendine of Tascosa Office Machines of Lubbock. (SDN Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Nuclear dump gets Borden County foes

What Envirocare of Texas is offering, Borden County does not want.

The nuclear waste disposal company has identified Borden County, as well as Childress County, as potential assured-isolation sites for a nuclear waste bunker.

Borden County Judge Van L. York said reaction in his county has not been positive.

"All of it is negative. People don't want it here," York said. "People don't believe that this is a technology that needs to be in Borden County."

Safety was another concern.

"The people don't think it is safe and they don't like the idea of turning Borden County into a dump ground," York said.

Envirocare, however, believes that the radioactive waste, considered low-level by the federal government, would pose no threat to the county.

Geological testing, which has been conducted in both counties, show both sites may be suitable for an aboveground concrete bunker to house low-level radioactive waste indefinitely.

Materials that contain fewer than 1,000 curies of radioactivity are considered low-level.

Rick Jacobi, vice-president of operations for Envirocare of Texas, said that 95 percent of waste loads would contain fewer than 10 curies.

The assurances do not change residents' minds in Borden or Childress counties.

Agriculture hearings scheduled Thursday at appraisal office

The Scurry County Appraisal Review Board will hear agriculture property tax valuation protests beginning at 8:45 a.m. Thursday in the Appraisal District Office.

The board is scheduled to hear some 12 cases.

The total is down from 17 original protests as three cases have been settled and two protests have been withdrawn.

Those scheduled to protest include the Charles S. Hardy Trust, Earl W. Hardy and the Hardy Farm & Cattle Co., Marlin D. Terrell, James Davidson, Gerald Springer, Bill Sullenger, Royce K. Summers, Carl and Nona Williams, Sandra K. Browning, Carroll Leech, Lois Leech and Cecil Don and Pat Vineyard.

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McCarroll

The feller on Deep Creek says, "It's not hard to meet expenses, they're everywhere."

Looks like you're just not gonna be part of the in crowd – unless you have a new roof over your head.

June's midnight hail storm has resulted in hundreds of claims. With all the roofer signs in the yards, a visitor might think Snyder is having a special election. Roofing is a wet-dry issue.

We looked the morning after and couldn't see any hail damage, but when everybody in the neighborhood started having people on the roof, having it appraised seemed like the prudent thing to do.

We were actually more concerned about the flowers and tomato plants than the roof.

The flowers didn't make it, and we figured that the tomatoes would soon be history.

It didn't seem possible, but wise-man R.C. Patton predicted the tomatoes would come back with gusto.

We had always heard about beating or thrashing tomato plants – but they seemed so fragile. R.C. was right, those plants may be the most healthy plants in the entire yard.

Now, we can talk roofing with the guys in the coffee shop. About the only thing we know about roofing is that it's hard work – and it's hot, especially this time of year.

Many moons ago, we helped a carpenter roof an addition. We did just fine until he wanted us to bring a bundle of shingles up the ladder using just one hand.

That work is a whole lot like plumbing, it just ain't possible.

We did like one aspect of that summer job. About mid-afternoon each day, he'd send us to the ice house for soft drinks.

That may have been the inspiration for being a go-getter.

R.C. says most wisdom is merely a result of experience.

That reminded us of a story about a banker who told the secret of his success.

"Just two words," said the banker.

He was asked what they were.

"Right decisions," he said.

He was then asked how to make the right decision.

"One word," declared the banker. "Experience."

And how did he get experience?

"Wrong decisions."

Somebody sent us a formula for being happy.

"Work like you don't need the money. Love like you've never been hurt. Dance like nobody's watching. Sing like nobody's listening. And smile at those who frown upon you."

Who knows, it just might work.

Hospital board to meet on Thursday

A number of items are on the Cogdell Memorial Hospital board of manager's agenda for Thursday morning.

The board will hold a budget workshop for year 2000, and hear the annual employee evaluation and performance appraisal report from Human Resource Manager Barbara Parker.

Also, Sherma Barham, R.N., will present the Cogdell Home Health annual report, and will also give the Y2K quarterly update.

Dr. James Burleson will present the monthly medical staff report, and board member Stanley Martin will give the finance committee report.

This report will include the certification of accounts payable and the review of the hospital's accounts payable policies.

The meeting is set for 8 a.m. in the hospital's board room.



SCHOOL MAINTENANCE ACCERLATES — School maintenance picks up pace in order to be ready for school on Aug. 11. Rudy Ubando and Roy Cantu, from left, were cutting grass at the high school Tuesday. (SDN Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Snyder residents improve after motorcycle mishap in Colorado

Two Snyder residents reportedly are showing remarkable improvement from injuries suffered about 6:30 p.m. Monday in a motorcycle accident in Salida, Colo.

Norma Duke and Larry Thompson, both 43, were en route to get married in Colorado and had taken their motorcycle with them.

While stopping for the evening, Duke was the passenger on the motorcycle driven by Thompson, and they had stopped in a left-turn lane approaching the motel.

An on-coming motorist struck them head-on. The injured couple were taken to St. Anthony Hospital in Denver.

Thompson suffered a fractured skull and was initially placed on life support and was listed in critical condition.

Since that time, Thompson has been taken off life support and possibly will be released from the hospital Monday.

Duke suffered a broken hip and underwent surgery. She is scheduled to be released from the hospital Thursday.

Norma Duke, by telephone from the Denver hospital, said the wedding plans are still on and that she and Thompson likely will be married in the hospital.

"I want everyone in Snyder to how much we appreciate their concern," Duke said.

Duke is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M.L. Duke of Snyder, and Thompson is the son of Mutt Thompson, also of Snyder.

ASK US

Q. - Where can we find the petition for toll free calls for surrounding counties?

A. - The petition was never started in Scurry Co. as there was one already circulating in Mitchell Co. to get toll-free calls from Colorado City to Snyder.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Tuesday, 97 degrees; low, 72; 7 a.m. Wednesday, 72; no precipitation; total for 1999, 17.27 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, mostly clear. Low around 70. SE wind 5-15 mph. Thursday, partly cloudy. High, mid 90s. SE wind 5-15 mph. Thursday night, mostly clear. Low around 70.



Jacob Hinson
Sunny

Sunset: 8:43 p.m.
Sunrise: 6:58 a.m.
Of 208 days in 1999, the sun has shone 201 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

There is neither good nor bad, but thinking makes it so.
—Shakespeare

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NEW OFFICERS — Snyder chapter No. 450 Order of the Eastern Star recently installed officers for 1999-2000. From left, front row, Blake Walker, Nell Walker, installing marshall; Dorris Martin, chaplain; Dena Stirling, organizast; Mildred Baze, associate matron; Blanche Lane, Martha; Doris Henderson, Adah; Jo Terrell, worthy matron; Jack Martin, worthy patron; Don Keller, sentinel; Lorita Keller, marshall; Sharon Bruns, conductress; Roland Bruns, Warder; Marlin Terrell, associate patron; Jessie Scarbrough, A. conductress; Louis Logsdon, installing secretary; Dora Sutton, installing chaplain; Doug Merritt, secretary; Ann Sims, Ruth; Pauline Boyd, Electra. (Contributed Photo)

'Blair Witch Project' makes audiences seek reality check

LOS ANGELES (AP) — "The Blair Witch Project" is turning out to be a spellbinder that has some moviegoers asking for a reality check.

The film's mock-documentary technique follows three young filmmakers who vanish in the woods near Burkittsville, Md., as they track a 200-year-old legendary witch. It's scary stuff for some — and apparently realistic.

"One guy wrote us to say he went driving around Burkittsvillelicitly states the story is fiction, which it is.

And there's more.

On cable television's Sci-Fi Channel, an "Unsolved Mysteries"-style promotion provides interviews with family and friends of the film's missing characters. A traveling museum making the rounds at theaters exhibits "Blair Witch" lore. And a novel, purportedly written by a private detective who searched for the film crew, includes excerpts from one of their journals.

"The advertising is like a companion piece to this film," said Amorette Jones, a marketing director at Artisan Entertainment. "We never lied to anyone, but we tried to make it scarier by creating an element of truth in the story."

The marketing scheme has resulted in days of sold-out ticket sales at the 31 locations showing "Blair Witch." The film earned $2 million last weekend — only slightly less than the total for "Muppets from Space," which was showing at more than 2,200 locations.

Such breakout success has Sanchez and Myrick wondering just how much the film's legend will spread when "The Blair Witch Project' goes into wide release on Friday.

Already, a fan has written the filmmakers to criticize a purported tale of an 1886 search party that was found murdered after its members apparently fell prey to the forest-dwelling witch.

"That letter started out, 'It's all a lie. It's a big hoax,'" said Myrick, 35. "And I thought, 'Well, this guy figured it out.' Then he went on to say, 'You had it wrong. Here's the real way they were found.'"

Some believers have organized search parties to look for the fictional documentary crew, who vanished in 1994. Still others have ventured into the Maryland woods.

NHTSA's investigation into gas tank leaks said itensified

WASHINGTON (AP) — The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration has upgraded an investigation into millions of DaimlerChrysler minivans and General Motors pickups because of possible gas tank leaks during side-impact crashes.

In a monthly report released Tuesday, the agency said its investigators will examine the fuel tank construction on minivans from model years 1996-1999 and some pickups from model years 1994-99.

There are about 2 million of the minivans and nearly 1.3 million of the pickups on the road, the agency estimates.

Both DaimlerChrylser and GM representatives have said the companies are cooperating in the investigations.

NHTSA opens any safety investigation with a preliminary inquiry in which the government and manufacturer exchange paperwork including any complaints, as in the DaimlerChrysler and GM cases.

The investigation then could be upgraded to an engineering analysis, during which engineers study parts to see if they are defective. An investigation eventually can lead to a recall.

The agency also upgraded an investigation into 85 complaints from motorists of fuel leakage in Ford Motor Co. Mercury Villager cars from model years 1993-1997. The consumers complained of leakage from loose clamps or hoses in the engine's fuel rail assembly, the report said.

The agency also is upgrading these investigations:

—1991-1996 GM S-10 series pickup trucks; 171 complaints that the mechanism fails that holds the spare tire stored underneath the pickup trucks, allowing the tire to fall while motorists are driving.

One injury has been reported and there have been more than 6,000 warranty claims on the parts holding the tire, the report said.

—1992-95 Cherokee and Grand Cherokee sport utility vehicles; 118 complaints that the brake rotors can corrode and crack or separate.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder



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Dealer: South

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2 ♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♠ 5

Hoping partner has the right spots

By Phillip Alder

H.G. Wells claimed, "Human history becomes more and more a race between education and catastrophe."

Well, today's deal from the Spring Nationals in Vancouver developed into a race. And, as in yesterday's deal, the actual spots in one suit — here, clubs — were vital. How could East-West defeat two spades?

South's one no-trump showed 15-17 in tournament style. North's two hearts was a transfer bid, promising at least five spades.

South is hoping to score eight tricks via five spades, one heart, one diamond and a heart ruff in hand. The defenders need to rake in one heart, two diamonds and three clubs. Who will win the sprint?

Not wishing to risk leading away from a king or an ace around to a no-trump opening, West started with trump. Declarer won, drew a second round, then played a diamond. After taking dummy's jack with his king, East found the right continuation: the club *jack*. (If East leads the club eight, declarer can play low from hand, losing only two club tricks. Also, if East switches immediately to a heart, declarer plays low. East cannot get in for the club-jack switch, and in a moment declarer gets one of dummy's clubs away on his diamond 10.)

South covered the club jack with his queen, losing to West's king. Back came the club three (the nine might have been a better choice), East winning with the eight. ("Good card-holding, partner, having the nine!") Now came the key heart switch, establishing the contract-killing trick. The defenders had broken the tape first.

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The mother panda stays with her newborn cub for up to 10 days without eating.

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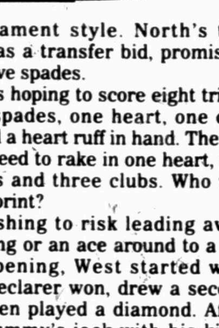
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In each advertisement you will find a face from the past. Identify the faces on the entry blank opposite the name of the sponsoring business. **Bring or mail the entry blank to the Snyder Daily News, 3600 College, PO Box 949.** The deadline for entering is 5 p.m. Monday before the next contest appears on Wednesday. The weekly prize winner will be drawn from all the correct entries. The winner will be notified. This week's faces will be identified in next week's contest. Only one entry per person, and please do not make copies of the entry blank. Employees of the SDN are not eligible to enter.

Last Week's Photos: 1. Jackie McNabb 2. Betty Boren 3. Becky Beaty 4. Jan Vestal 5. Bob Smith 6. Joe Robinson 7. Mary Ann Moffett 8. Nina Proctor 9. Billy Stewart 10. Tommy Shelburn

Dear Abby



By Abigail Van Buren

Man Who Has Lost at Love Tries to Find Some Happiness

by Abigail Van Buren

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DEAR ABBY: I am a middle-aged man in my 40s. I have been married twice. Both marriages ended in divorce. I have a teen-age daughter from my first marriage.

Abby, I have not dated since my last marriage. It's not that I'm ugly; it's just that I was hurt very badly. I do not enjoy life, and I cannot seem to find happiness anywhere.

What can I do to live it up a little and find the happiness that I have been looking for? I don't need someone in my life to be happy, but my life is so routine — I need a *change*. Any suggestions would be helpful.

BORED IN ROANOKE, VA.

DEAR BORED: The best antidote for boredom is to do something for someone else. It's the front-door key to fulfillment!

Explore volunteer opportunities in your city. Look in the telephone directory under the heading of "Volunteer Services," join a service club, or make inquiries at your library, your local hospital or seniors' center.

Another suggestion: Take a vacation and visit someplace you have never been. Travel, even day trips, provides a stimulating change of scene.

Don't forget to tell your friends, neighbors and relatives that you are interested in meeting someone.

Try any or all of the above and you'll be on the road to the happiness you seek.

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DEAR ABBY: I'm sending this in response to "Sad Father in Connecticut." Many of us who have lost a child have felt the sting of insensitive people. The enclosed poem by Rita Moran was printed in "The Compassionate Friends" newsletter in Fort Lauderdale, Fla. Feel free to share it if you wish.

NANCY LEFFEL,
BEREAVED MOTHER,
FORT LAUDERDALE, FLA.

DEAR NANCY: Thank you for sending the poem. Many people feel awkward about expressing their sympathy to families who have experienced a loss. Rita Moran's poem not only contains a strong message, it also offers helpful advice for those who don't know what to say. Read on:

Please, don't ask me if I'm over it yet.

I'll never be over it.

Please, don't tell me she's in a better place.

She isn't here with me.

Please, don't say at least she isn't suffering.

I haven't come to terms with why she had to suffer at all.

Please, don't tell me you know how I feel,

Unless you have lost a child.

Please, don't ask me if I feel better.

Bereavement isn't a condition that clears up.

Please, don't tell me at least you had her for so many years.

What year would you choose for your child to die?

Please, don't tell me God never gives us more than we can bear.

Please, just say you are sorry.

Please, just say you remember my child, if you do.

Please, just let me talk about my child.

Please, mention my child's name.

Please, just let me cry.

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To receive a collection of Abby's most memorable — and most frequently requested — poems and essays, send a business-size, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for $3.95 ($4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby's "Keepers," P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Postage is included.)

Kennedy coverage thought 'excessive'

WASHINGTON (AP) — The news story of the deaths of John F. Kennedy Jr., his wife and sister-in-law drew a huge audience, but many people thought the media coverage was excessive, new polls indicate.

The polls, by the Gallup Organization and the Pew Research Center for the People & the Press, illustrate the mixed public message about tragedies involving celebrities.

"The public tunes in because they want news," said Bob Giles, executive director of the Freedom Forum's Media Studies Center. "But part of the reaction is because the 24-hour news channels and the main networks ... kept that story on even when there was nothing new to report."

News of the plane crash that killed Kennedy, his wife Carolyn Bessette Kennedy and sister-in-law Lauren Bessette was followed closely by 54 percent of the public, according to the Pew poll, while 29 percent followed it fairly closely.

This year, only the school shootings in Littleton, Colo., drew more attention, as 68 percent of the public followed the news closely, and 24 percent followed it fairly closely.

Women were more likely than men to pay close attention to the Kennedy news, according to the polls. Among age groups, citizens who are 60 and older showed the most interest.

In the Gallup poll, almost six out of 10 thought coverage of the Kennedy crash was excessive, while people were evenly divided almost two years ago on whether the coverage of the death of Princess Diana was excessive.

The Pew telephone poll of 753 adults was taken Friday through Monday and had an error margin of plus or minus 4 percentage points.

12 cases heard in city court

Municipal Judge Ben Smith presided over a total of 12 cases Tuesday, including two involving juveniles, two adult traffic cases and eight adult criminal cases.

In the juvenile cases, a 16-year-old male had a case dismissed concerning no liability insurance when proof of insurance was provided to the court.

A 15-year-old female entered a guilty plea to Class C assault/family violence and was given 39 hours of community service.

In traffic offenses for adults, a 34-year-old female pleaded guilty to no liability insurance and now must serve 35 hours of community service.

A 30-year-old female pleaded guilty to failing to wear a seat belt and received 12 hours of community service.

In adult criminal cases, a 17-year-old female pleaded guilty to selling tobacco to a minor and received a fine and court costs which she paid in full.

An 18-year-old female pleaded no contest to disorderly conduct and failure to appear. She paid her fine and court costs.

An 18-year-old male pleaded guilty to minor in possession of alcohol. He received 39 hours of community service, sentenced to an alcohol awareness course and had his driver's license suspended for 30 days.

A 39-year-old male pleaded no contest to a charge of public intoxication. He paid his fine and court costs by serving one day in jail.

A 24-year-old female pleaded no contest to a charge of Class C assault/family violence and received credit for serving three days in jail.

A 17-year-old male pleaded guilty to minor in possession of alcohol, minor in possession of tobacco and received credit for serving four days in jail. He will also attend alcohol and tobacco awareness class and had his driver's license suspended for 30 days.

A 17-year-old male pleaded no contest to a minor consuming alcohol and two counts of failure to appear. He received credit for serving six days in jail and must pay the difference of $291. He was also ordered to attend an alcohol and tobacco awareness class.

A 17-year-old minor pleaded guilty to minor in possession of tobacco and failure to appear. He was sentenced to 46 hours of community service and ordered to attend a tobacco awareness class.

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Monitoring plan developed

NEW YORK (AP) — The Clinton administration has proposed a plan in which the FBI would oversee a computer monitoring system intended to protect the nation's data networks from intruders, The New York Times reported today.

The Federal Intrusion Detection Network, or Fidnet, would alert authorities to computer attacks that could cripple government operations or the nation's economy, the newspaper said, citing a draft of the plan.

The system, to be implemented by 2003, also calls for monitoring activities on non-military government networks and those in key industries such as banking, telecommunications and transportation.

"Our concern about an organized cyberattack has escalated dramatically," said Jeffrey Hunker, the National Security Council's director of information protection who is overseeing the plan.

He said the concern centers on foreign governments and terrorists.

Details of the system are still being debated, the Times said. But Hunker said data from non-government computer networks would be collected separately from data collected by the FBI.

Officials say the system would be used to look for patterns suggesting illegal activity, not for eavesdropping. But monitoring the data flowing over networks could potentially open access to computer-to-computer communications like e-mail, documents and programs.

Civil liberties groups said they feared the system could be used to snoop into private files and computer documents.

Fidnet "is an ill-defined monitoring system of potentially broad sweep," said James Dempsey, staff counsel for the Center for Democracy and Technology, a Washington civil liberties group.

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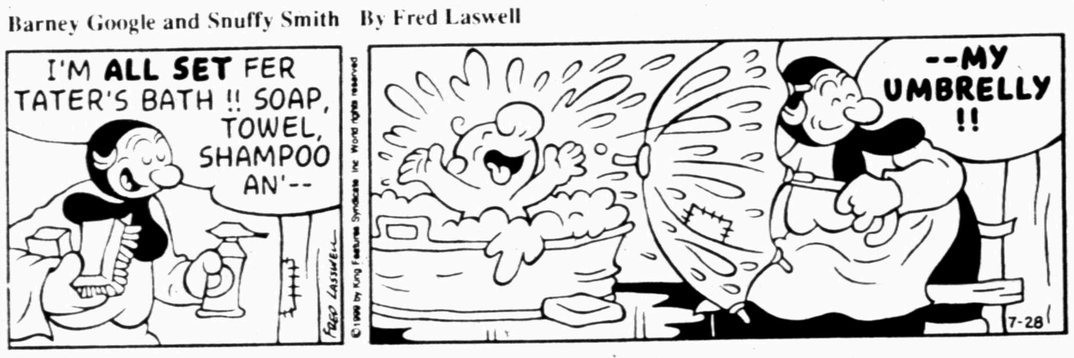
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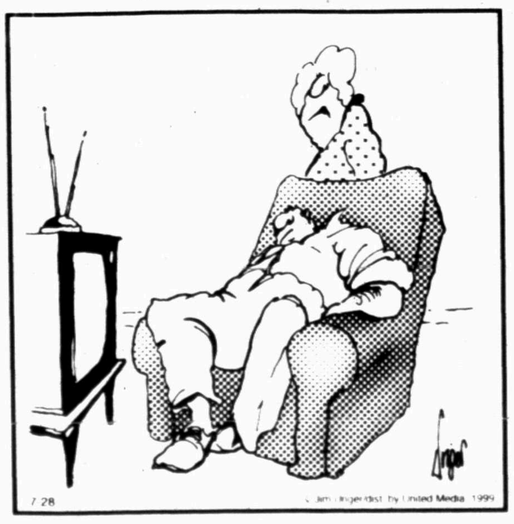


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ACROSS

1 Pedal
6 Greek peak
10 "... Powers — granted"
12 Resident
14 Large lizard
15 Style of type
16 Birthday figure
17 — — fault (overmuch)
19 Commotion
20 Table centerpiece
23 Singer Lauper
26 Drivers' org.
27 Sgt., e.g.
30 Skater Eric —
32 Ceremony, e.g.
34 Concert cry
35 Reunion attendees
36 "The Waste Land" inits.
37 Rotating piece
39 Receded
40 Type of shorts
42 Safety agcy.
45 Poetic time
46 Baby's sitting spot?
49 Fountain treats
51 Ruffle (hair)
54 Driest
55 At a reduced price (2 wds.)
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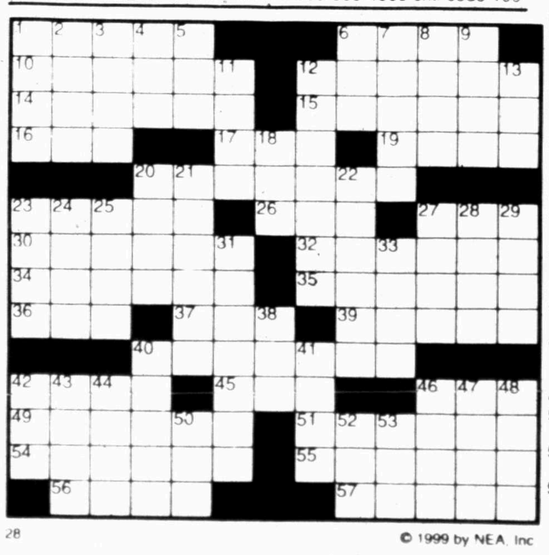
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1 Mexican shrub
2 Safecracker (sl.)
3 Motley — (music group)
4 Grazing land
5 German one
6 Type of bran
7 Wisconsin, e.g.
8 Fodder tower
9 Enthusiastic
11 Basketball's Archibald
12 — Falls
13 Author Umberto —
18 "... man — — mouse?"
20 Taro root
21 Stab
22 Tacked
23 Guitarist Atkins
24 Urges
25 Pleasant
27 Deprived of feeling
28 Walking stick
29 Having an offensive odor
31 Closest
33 Brass instrument
38 Mother of Mlle.
40 Cake maker
41 Preposition
42 CIA predecessor
43 Storage building
44 Mata —
46 Future attys.' exam
47 "— — want for Christmas"
48 Equal
50 Superlative suffix
52 "— — Clear Day"
53 Navy ship pref.

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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SPORTS

Tar Heels team up on Dallas defensive line

WICHITA FALLS (AP) — Ebenezer Ekuban has been testing himself against Greg Ellis for the past five years. Don't be surprised if they keep it up for five more.

The defensive ends started their friendly rivalry as college teammates at North Carolina, first as players who went head-to-head in practice, then as a starter and backup. Now they're reunited as linemates on the Dallas Cowboys.

Ekuban, a first-round pick, signed a five-year, $5.65 million contract Tuesday in time for the first workout of training camp. When he arrived on the practice field at Midwestern State University, he was soon greeted by Ellis, Dallas' first-round pick last year and one of his closest friends.

"At North Carolina, he pushed me and I pushed him," said Ekuban, who as a freshman and sophomore tight end literally tried pushing around Ellis when they lined up against each other in drills.

"Here, he has one year underneath his belt, so he can warn me about what to expect and what to look for. He can tell me the things that are going to come across, how to read plays better, how to talk to the media and everything else. He helps a lot."

Ellis said the Cowboys are going to get their money's worth from Ekuban.

"Eb is big and fast, so I think he's going to help us out a whole lot," Ellis said. "He's also a solid guy, not a guy who is going to get into trouble, or anything like that.

"I think a lot is expected of anybody in the first round, and it's probably not going to be any different with him. But I think he can handle it. I won't say he will, but he has the ability to do so."

The two are such tight friends that Ekuban, who has two older sisters and four younger sisters, says Ellis is like an older brother.

But like any teammates, friends or brothers, each always tries to top the other.

"About three weeks ago, we had 300-yard shuttles and I ran a pretty good time," Ekuban said. "Greg got upset and he beat my time. So I got angry and wanted to go out again, but (strength coach) Joe Jurasek said, 'No, you don't need to do that.' Next year, I'll just nip it in the bud and have a real good time so I know he can't catch me."

Speed is a big part of what the Cowboys like about Ekuban. His time of 4.7 seconds in the 40-yard dash was the fastest among defensive linemen at this year's scouting combine. What's more impressive is that he runs that fast while carrying 281 pounds on his 6-foot-3 frame.

"It's not just flat-out, running-straight-down-the-field speed, it's functional speed at his position," Cowboys coach Chan Gailey said. "He has the ability to turn the corner on a tackle, lower his shoulder and keep his balance."

Sanders retires without record

PONTIAC, Mich. (AP) — Barry Sanders is quitting football, despite the near certainty of becoming the NFL's career rushing leader this season.

"My desire to exit the game is greater than my desire to remain in it. I have searched my heart through and through and feel comfortable with this decision," Sanders said in a statement released today.

The Detroit Lions running back arrived in London today on a flight from Detroit and said at Gatwick Airport: "I'm going into retirement and I don't see my plans changing."

Asked why he came to London, Sanders said, "I don't know the right way to retire. This is just my way of doing it."

The 31-year-old star said he would spend a couple days in London before going to Amsterdam and Paris.

He said his retirement statement would speak for him. Sanders' statement was posted on The Wichita Eagle's Web site. Sanders grew up in Wichita, Kan.

A Lions spokesman said general manager Chuck Schmidt had been in contact with Sanders' agents. Sanders retired without speaking to Detroit coach Bobby Ross or anyone else on the team but said he leaves "on good terms with everyone in the organization." The team scheduled an afternoon news conference for today.

Sanders will be put on the Lions' reserve list after notifying the club of his retirement. An NFL spokeswoman said he can be activated any time this season until Dec. 5.

Sanders would be in position for such a return because he stays in top shape whether he is working out with the team or not. Those who know Sanders regard him as a man of his word, and unlikely to waver once he makes a major decision.

Attempts by his agents to talk him out of retiring have been as futile as a defender trying to arm-tackle him.

"I am not involved in a salary dispute of any kind," Sanders said. "If I had played this season, I would have earned a more than satisfactory salary."

Sanders was a training-camp holdout in 1989, 1991 and 1997, all related to contract negotiations. He has played two years on a six-year, $36 million contract.

Sanders is only 1,458 yards shy of breaking Walter Payton's NFL career rushing record. One of Sanders' agents, David Ware, said the prospect of the record was not enough to get Sanders to change his mind.

"Individual accolades have never been the things that motivated Barry," Ware told WWJ radio in Detroit today. "Money has never been something that motivated Barry."

Sanders rushed for 1,491 yards last season, ending a streak of four consecutive 1,500 yard seasons.

"Shortly after the end of last season, I felt that I probably would not return for the 1999-2000 season," he said. "I also felt that I should take as much time as possible to sort through my feelings and make sure that my feelings were backed with conviction."

Speculation about Sanders' reasons for leaving include the Lions' 5-11 finish last season, Ross' temperamental personality and local media reaction when it became known he was contemplating retirement.

Arlington nabs state berth at Moffett Field

With its second straight victory at Moffett Field, Arlington Senior secured a trip to the state tournament.

Arlington finished off Pecos in Game 2 of the sectional finals Tuesday night, 9-5.

The metroplex senior league squad had notched a 15-3 win on Monday. The state senior league event begins Saturday in Waco.

Rangers gun down Orioles, 8-6

BALTIMORE (AP) — Injuries are a part of baseball. How a team deals with them can often mean the difference between success and failure.

The Texas Rangers played Tuesday night without Juan Gonzalez and didn't miss a beat, extending their winning streak to nine by beating Mike Mussina and the Baltimore Orioles 8-6.

Emergency starter Luis Alicea homered and had three RBIs as the Rangers finished with 14 hits despite playing without Gonzalez, the team leader in homers and RBIs.

Two years ago, Rangers manager Johnny Oates and general manager Doug Melvin realized that the team needed a deeper bench to cover for injuries.

"So we went out and signed guys like Roberto Kelly and put some money into our bench," Oates said. "Now a two-run drive in the second inning. He added a sacrifice fly in the third.

"We've got veterans on the bench who can fill in for anybody," said Texas starter Aaron Sele, the beneficiary of the Rangers' outburst against Mussina.

Mussina (13-5), who won his previous four starts, was tagged for 11 hits and seven runs in 4 2-3 innings. It was his second-shortest stint of the season and only his second loss since June 2.

The seven runs he allowed matched the total he yielded in his previous four starts.

"It was just bad pitching. I didn't give us a chance," the Orioles ace said. "I was disappointed in the way I threw, but that's a pretty good club over there. If you don't have your best stuff, they're going to beat you up."

Todd Zeile had four hits for the Rangers, who improved to 11-1 since the All-Star break. Texas' nine-game streak matches its longest of the season.

Brady Anderson homered twice, driving in four runs, and Albert Belle hit his fourth homer in two games for the Orioles, whose six-game winning streak ended. Cal Ripken went 0-for-3 with a walk and stayed 40 hits away from 3,000.

Sele (10-6) allowed five runs and eight hits in six-plus innings. The right-hander has won seven of nine decisions since giving up nine runs in a loss to Baltimore on May 16.

John Wetteland worked the ninth for his major league-leading 30th save (in 37 opportunities). Texas is 7-1 in games decided by one or two runs since the All-Star break, and 30-17 in such games overall.

Pippen wants to return with Rockets

HOUSTON (AP) — Scottie Pippen says he wants to come back for a second season with the Houston Rockets despite speculation since the end of a disappointing year last year that he is on the trading block.

"I look forward to it," he told Houston television station KRIV Tuesday night. "Right here is where I feel like is going to be my home.

"Until that time comes for me to make a decision to do something else, then I'm still a Houston Rocket."

The Rockets have denied wanting to deal the 12-year veteran but the trade talk heightened last month at the time of the NBA draft after Pippen's former coach with Chicago, Phil Jackson, took the coaching job at the Los Angeles Lakers, fueling rumors the two would be re-united. There was talk Pippen would be dealt to the Lakers for Glen Rice and former Rocket Robert Horry.

"Well, that's all speculation," Pippen said. "I haven't sat down and talked with the Rockets organization at this moment. ... When the time comes, we both will sit down and will be fair."

Pippen, who will turn 34 in September, was traded from the Chicago Bulls at the start of last year's abbreviated season but averaged only 14 points in an up-and-down year as he struggled to fit in. The scoring output was the lowest since his second year in the league.

He also ran into trouble with the law, getting arrested in April on a drunken driving charge. The charge eventually was dismissed after prosecutors determined there wasn't enough proof he was intoxicated.

Major League Baseball

American League
All Times EDT

East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
New York	61	37	.622	—
Toronto	56	47	.544	7 1/2
Boston	54	46	.540	8
Baltimore	45	54	.455	16 1/2
Tampa Bay	42	59	.416	20 1/2

Central Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Cleveland	60	40	.600	—
Chicago	46	52	.469	13
Detroit	42	59	.416	18 1/2
Kansas City	41	58	.414	18 1/2
Minnesota	41	58	.414	18 1/2

West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Texas	59	40	.596	—
Oakland	51	49	.510	8 1/2
Seattle	47	52	.475	12
Anaheim	43	56	.434	16

Tuesday's Games

Anaheim 10, Tampa Bay 5
Cleveland 14, Detroit 5
Boston 11, Toronto 9
Texas 8, Baltimore 6
New York 5, Chicago 3
Minnesota 3, Oakland 2
Kansas City 9, Seattle 7

Wednesday's Games

Oakland (Haynes 7-8) at Minnesota (Hawkins 6-8), 1:15 p.m.
Anaheim (McDowell 0-1) at Tampa Bay (Rupe 4-5), 7:05 p.m.
Boston (Rapp 2-5) at Toronto (Hamilton 3-5), 7:05 p.m.
Detroit (Moehler 8-9) at Cleveland (Gooden 2-3), 7:05 p.m.
Texas (Burkett 3-4) at Baltimore (Erickson 6-8), 7:35 p.m.
New York (Pettitte 7-7) at Chicago (Parque 9-7), 8:05 p.m.
Seattle (F.Garcia 10-5) at Kansas City (Rosado 5-8), 8:05 p.m.

Thursday's Games

New York (Cone 10-4) at Chicago (Snyder 7-7), 2:05 p.m.
Seattle (Halama 7-2) at Kansas City (Suppan 5-5), 2:05 p.m.
Texas (Morgan 10-6) at Baltimore (Guzman 5-8), 3:05 p.m.
Only Games Scheduled

National League
All Times EDT

East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Atlanta	62	41	.602	—
New York	60	42	.588	1 1/2
Philadelphia	54	46	.540	6 1/2
Florida	40	61	.396	21
Montreal	36	61	.371	23

Central Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Houston	61	40	.604	—
Cincinnati	57	41	.582	2 1/2
St. Louis	50	51	.495	11
Pittsburgh	49	51	.490	11 1/2
Chicago	47	51	.480	12 1/2
Milwaukee	47	52	.475	13

West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Arizona	56	46	.549	—
San Francisco	55	46	.545	1/2
San Diego	49	51	.490	6
Los Angeles	44	56	.440	11
Colorado	44	56	.440	11

Tuesday's Games

San Francisco 2, St. Louis 1
Chicago 4, Montreal 2
Florida 6, Philadelphia 2
Pittsburgh 5, New York 1
Atlanta 10, Milwaukee 2
Houston 6, Colorado 3
Arizona 4, San Diego 3
Cincinnati 5, Los Angeles 3, 10 innings

Wednesday's Games

Pittsburgh (Ritchie 9-7) at New York (Rogers 0-0), 12:10 p.m.
St. Louis (Oliver 5-7) at San Francisco (L.Hernandez 5-9), 3:35 p.m.
Chicago (Tapani 6-7) at Montreal (Vazquez 3-5), 7:05 p.m.
Florida (Dempster 4-5) at Philadelphia (Schrenk 0-1), 7:35 p.m.
Milwaukee (Pulsipher 2-1) at Atlanta (Chen 1-1), 7:40 p.m.
Houston (Hampton 13-3) at Colorado (R.Ramirez 1-2), 9:05 p.m.
Cincinnati (Reyes 2-1) at Los Angeles (Checo 0-0), 10:35 p.m.
Arizona (Daal 9-5) at San Diego (Boehringer 6-2), 10:35 p.m.

Thursday's Games

Florida (Meadows 8-10) at Philadelphia (Ogea 5-9), 1:05 p.m.
Houston (Holt 2-9) at Colorado (Kile 5-10), 3:05 p.m.
Cincinnati (Harnisch 9-6) at Los Angeles (Dreifort 8-9), 4:10 p.m.
Only Games Scheduled

Astros' momentum continues with 6-3 victory over Rockies

DENVER (AP) — Matt Mieske went 3-for-4 and had three RBIs for the second straight night as the Houston Astros rolled to their 13th win in 15 games, beating the Colorado Rockies 6-3 Tuesday.

Lima (14-5) allowed all three runs and nine hits in eight innings, tying Kent Bottenfield of St. Louis and Curt Schilling of Philadelphia for the NL lead in wins.

Lima struck out four and walked none before Billy Wagner finished with a one-hit ninth for his 27th save in 29 chances, sending Colorado to its fifth straight loss.

Russ Johnson and Craig Biggio drove in a run each for the Astros, who at 61-40 are 21 games over .500 for the first time this year.

Brian Bohanon (9-8), 0-5 with a 9.56 ERA in seven starts since June 20, allowed five runs and 10 hits in 5 2-3 innings.

Larry Walker reached 30 homers for the third time in his career but went 1-for-4, dropping his average .370. Walker had two assists, raising his career total to 101.

Houston loaded the bases in the second with out out, but Tim Bogar flied out to right and Walker threw out Mieske at the plate.

Mieske then hit a two-run single with the bases loaded in the third, and Lima escaped a two-on, one-out jam in the bottom half when Walker flied out and Dante Bichette grounded out.

WNBA Glance

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	W	L	Pct	GB
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Charlotte	10	10	.500	1/2
Orlando	9	11	.450	1 1/2
Washington	6	15	.286	5
Cleveland	5	16	.238	6

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	17	4	.810	—
Los Angeles	14	6	.700	2 1/2
Sacramento	13	8	.619	4
Minnesota	11	8	.579	5
Phoenix	9	11	.450	7 1/2
Utah	7	13	.350	9 1/2

Tuesday's Games

Houston 85, Detroit 46
Phoenix 86, Utah 73
Minnesota 61, Sacramento 59
Los Angeles 81, Orlando 60

Wednesday's Games

Detroit at Charlotte, 7:30 p.m.

Thursday's Games

Houston at Cleveland, 12 p.m.
New York at Orlando, 7:30 p.m.
Washington at Sacramento, 10 p.m.
Minnesota at Phoenix, 10 p.m.

SDN Sports Briefs

Cheerleading camp

Hermleigh cheerleader Brandy Wood will hold a four-day cheer camp at cottonwood flats in Towle Park beginning Tuesday. Camp hours will be from 10 a.m. until noon.

Cost is $25 for one camper, and $15 for a second child. Fees include a camp T-shirt. Registration will be held Tuesday at 9:30 a.m. in the park.

For more information, contact Brandy Wood at 863-2215.

Basketball tourney and dance

The Boys' and Girls' Club will hold a 3-on-3 basketball tournament at 7 p.m. Friday. A sock-hop will following play. All teens are invited.

Athletic physicals

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

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

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

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

SCC scramble and MGA

A members' scramble is held each Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. at Snyder Country Club. At 5:30 each Thursday, the Men's Golf Association hosts a 9-hole event. Thursday's format varies.

Kiwanis golf tourney

The Snyder Kiwanis Club Hubert and Mary Cargile Memorial Golf Tournament will be held Aug. 7 at Western Texas College. All proceeds will benefit the Kiwanis Cargile Scholarship Foundation at WTC.

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Heat-related deaths continue to rise

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Heat-related deaths are continuing to rise in Missouri and across the country, and authorities are encouraging people to watch out for anyone who might be reluctant to use air conditioning.

"I can't imagine living for prolonged periods without air conditioning, but some people did without it all their lives and, for reasons of pride, don't want to change," said Dr. Phillips Burch, deputy St. Louis medical examiner. "Others don't want to spend the money or can't afford it."

Burch said he hopes news of the recent deaths "serves as a warning to friends, family and authorities to take more measures to protect people."

There have been at least 41 heat-related deaths in the past week: 12 in Missouri, 16 in Illinois, 10 in Ohio, two in North Carolina and one in Georgia.

Scattered rain helped cool some parts of the Midwest, including St. Louis, where Tuesday's high of 90 was 12 degrees cooler than the previous day. Highs of 98 are forecast for the city from today through Saturday, with a possibility of 97 on Sunday. Kansas City hit 98 on Tuesday.

In Cincinnati, where 10 deaths have been attributed to the heat, the temperature reached 86 — ending a streak of eight consecutive days of 90-plus temperatures.

There was little relief on the East Coast, where temperatures rose into the 90s again. It was 92 in New York City on Tuesday — the fifth straight day over 90 — and highs around 90 are forecast through the weekend.

That made Tuesday the 12th day of readings in the 90s in New York state this year — that's typically the number of 90-plus readings for the entire summer.

The heat index, a measure of how hot the humidity and temperature together make it feel, was expected to be above 100 for many regions this week.

In Des Moines, Iowa, workers at an air-conditioned shelter were keeping a close eye on the forecast to determine whether to keep the shelter open over the weekend.

"When we get some advice from emergency management about the heat index, then we'll institute the plan," Pat Breckenridge, a disease prevention specialist with the Polk County Health Department, said Tuesday.

Utility companies braced for continued heavy demand to run air conditioners.

Some, including the Tennessee Valley Authority, warned some industrial customers their power could be turned off. These customers receive discounted rates with the understanding that their service could be temporarily interrupted on days of high demand.

No charges likely to be filed in probe

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP) — A special investigator for prosecutor Kenneth Starr has concluded that no charges should be filed in connection with financial assistance provided by conservative activists to Whitewater witness David Hale.

In a letter to Hale's lawyer, investigator Michael Shaheen said Starr's office has accepted Shaheen's conclusion that "no prosecution be initiated." The letter was obtained by The Associated Press.

"This is to advise you that the investigation conducted by the Office of Special Review, Office of Independent Counsel, into allegations that David L. Hale was offered or received a thing of value with the intent that he be influenced as a witness has been completed," Shaheen's letter said. "It is the conclusion of OSR that no prosecution be initiated."

Shaheen's investigation focused on allegations that Hale received money and other benefits from activists working on a project for the American Spectator magazine that was funded by a wealthy critic of President Clinton.

Starr hired Shaheen, a retired Justice Department official, to look into the allegations, first reported by The Associated Press in March 1998.

"The conclusion has been accepted by the Office of Independent Counsel and this matter, consequently, is now concluded," Shaheen's letter said.

The AP reported in March 1998 that Hale stayed rent-free in a fishing cabin, had the use of a car and received other benefits from conservative activists while he was cooperating with Starr's Whitewater investigation.

Gas additive phase-out is not expected to be hard on drivers

WASHINGTON (AP) — Energy experts cautiously predict that Americans are unlikely to see much higher gasoline prices because of the Environmental Protection Agency's wish to curtail use of a common fuel additive.

But confusion about what would replace the methanol-based additive in a federal program that requires "reformulated gasoline" to be sold in areas with the most severe air pollution leaves unclear what might happen at the pump.

An EPA advisory panel, in a report released Tuesday, recognized that reformulated gas has improved air quality in several metropolitan areas. The 1990 Clean Air Act mandates that reformulated gas contain a higher amount of oxygen, and MTBE has become the most widely used oxygenate additive to accomplish that.

The chemical is in gasoline sold in at least 16 states, or altogether in about a third of the nation's motor fuel.

But the panel said concerns are growing about MTBE's appearance in groundwater, where it causes a foul smell and taste while not yet posing a health risk, and recommended its use be substantially reduced.

EPA Administrator Carol Browner responded by saying the agency would work with Congress on legislation to maintain the reformulated-gas program but phase out MTBE. She also promised a crackdown on leaking underground storage tanks.

The panel suggested removing the oxygenate requirement to allow more alternatives to MTBE to emerge and reduce the chances of disruptions in the nation's fuel supply.

But Robert Perciasepe, EPA's assistant administrator for air and radiation, stressed that any changes to the program must safeguard water supplies without sacrificing air quality gains. A reduction in MTBE must also protect consumers from gas price fluctuations and preserve the use of renewable fuels, such as corn-based ethanol, he said.

How the EPA would propose to meet all those goals was unclear.

The panel suggested MTBE use be gradually decreased over four years so refiners could find other ways to reduce toxic chemical releases.

"Given enough time for a transition ... the impact on (gasoline) prices should be very small or not noticeable," said Daniel Greenbaum, president of the Boston-based Health Effects Institute and chairman of the advisory panel.

Energy analysts tend to agree.

"The people who this is really traumatic for are the refiners who've invested production money into MTBE," said analyst Tim Evans at Pegasus Econometric Group.

If many refiners go bankrupt from their investments in MTBE, a reduction in overall production capacity could lead to spot gasoline shortages and higher prices.

Still, Evans said: "I wouldn't expect to see any immediate impact of prices at the pump."

The most obvious replacement for MTBE would be ethanol, but it costs more to make. It also evaporates more readily, particularly in hot summer months, releasing organic pollutants. For that reason, to be used in the summer it must be blended with a more expensive, cleaner-burning gasoline.

And ethanol is primarily manufactured in the Midwest, making it difficult now to get it to key West Coast and Northeast markets.

But Bruce Knight, chief lobbyist for the National Corn Growers Association, said ethanol plants produce enough of the fuel now to meet the needs of the large California market. They could quickly grow their capacity — outside the Midwest, if needed, he said.

Another possible alternative is a blend of alkalytes and aromatics, which are derived from crude oil, though neither is an oxygenate. Aromatics are slightly less expensive than ethanol, but pose risks of increased toxic emissions. Alkalytes, though clean burning, are low-octane and would require pricey capital investment.

Public has right to attend trials

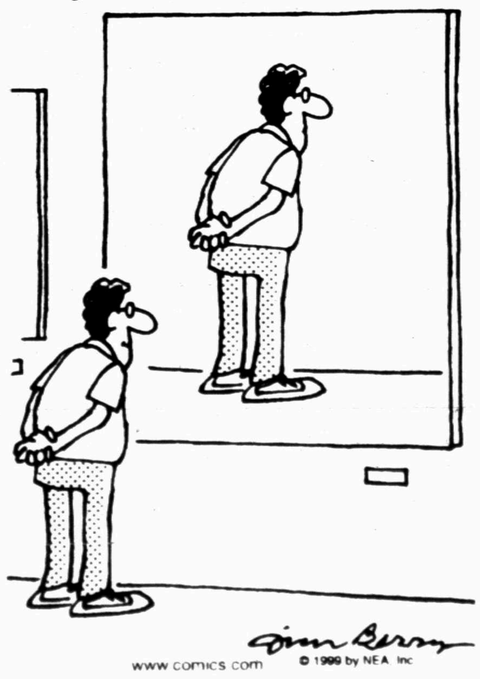
SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — In a ruling said to be the first of its kind in the nation, the California Supreme Court said a judge was wrong to exclude the media and public from parts of a trial over a lawsuit filed against actor Clint Eastwood.

In a unanimous decision Tuesday, the court said a California judge can close part of a civil trial only if the judge holds a special hearing and finds there is an "overriding interest" supporting closure.

While the U.S. Supreme Court has ruled repeatedly that criminal trials must be open to the public and the media, the courts have not affirmed a similar constitutional right in civil proceedings.

The decision "will really be followed not only in California, but throughout the country," said Erwin Chemerinsky.

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IBM s		128	125 13-16	126⅜+ ⅜
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JohnsonJn		96¼	95⅛	95½— 1¼
K mart		15⅛	14 13-16	14⅞— ⅛
Kroger Co s			28¼ 27	15-16 28 3-16
Litton		70 5-16	69¾	69¾— 9-16
LockheedM s		36¼	35⅜	35 13-16— 3-16
Lowes Cos		53 13-16	53 3-16	53 9-16— ⅛
Lubys			15⅛	1515 — 1-16
LucentTech s		67	65⅛	65 11-16— 1⅜
MayDeptStr s		40 7-16	39⅞	39 15-16— ⅛
MediaOne			74⅛	73 11-16 74¼+ ⅛
Medtronic	73 15-16	72 11-16	73⅛+1 1-16	
Mobil		102 7-16	99¾	102⅛+1 15-16
Monsanto		40¼	39 9-16	39 13-16— 9-16
MorganJP	135⅛	133 7-16	133 13-16	—1 11-16
Motorola		91 13-16	89 13-16	90 — 2⅛
NCR Corp		48⅜	47 11-16	47 13-16— 5-16
Navistar		47 11-16	47⅛	47 9-16+ 1-16
Penney JC			46⅜	46 3-16 46⅛— ⅜
PennzEngy s			15 5-16	1515/64 + 1-16
PepBoys		17⅛	17 5-16	17 7-16+ 1-16
PepsiCo			39¾	39 7-16 39¼— ⅛
PhelpDodge		59 15-16	58¾	59 15-16+ 2¼
PhilipPet			52	51 51 13-16— ⅛
PilgrmPrd B		22¾	22⅛	22 11-16+ 1-16
Polaroid		23 13-16	22¾	23⅛— 5-16
Praxair			47⅛	46¾ 47 + 5-16
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ReliantEngy		28 5-16	28 3-16	28⅛— ⅛
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SBC Comm		58 57⅞	57 7-16—	¾
SaraLee s			22 5-16	2222/64+ ¼
Scripps EW		52¾	52⅛	52¾— ⅜
SearsRoeb		42	41 9-16	41¾+ ⅛
SherwinW		27 11-16	2727/64—	1
SmithklBchm	61 5-16	60 1-16	61	+1 11-16
SouthernCo		27¼	27⅛	27⅛— ⅛
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SprintFON s		51¾	50 9-16	51 + ⅜
SprintPCS n	58 9-16	57 13-16	58 1-16—	7-16
Sunoco Inc		31½	31¼	31¼— 3-16
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TempleInland		66¾	66	66 5-16— 5-16
Tenneco			24 23⅞	23⅞— ⅛
Texaco		61 15-16	61⅛	61⅛+ ⅛
TexInd			36⅞	36⅝ 36⅝+ ⅛
TexasInst		144¾	142¾	144 1-16+1 1-16
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Textron			85 84⅞	84⅞— ⅛
TriconGlbR		43 5-16	42 11-16	42⅞— 11-16
TrinityInds		33 13-16	33 7-16	33 11-16— ⅛
TritonEngy		11	10 13-16	10 15-16+ 1-16
TylerTech			5⅜	5⅛ 5 11-16— 1-16
US West Inc		58¼	57 5-16	58 + 7-16
USX-Marathn			31¼	30⅝ 31 + 3-16
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UnionPacif		56 9-16	55⅝	55 13-16— ⅜
UnitedTech s			69¼	68⅝ 69⅛+ ⅛
Unocal			40 7-16	39⅞ 40 1-16
Venator Grp		10 9-16	10⅛	10⅛— 7-16
WalMart s		45¼	44⅞	44¾— 13-16
WellsFargo		41¼	40⅝	40 13-16— ⅝
WstnGasRs		15 15-16	15¾	15⅝— 1-16
WinnDixie			41⅛	40⅝ 40⅝— 1⅛
Xerox Cp s			49	48¾ 48 15-16+ ⅛

Local Interest STOCKS

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Dell	41 15/16	-3/16
Wal Mart	44 3/4	-13/16
Compac	25 3/8	0
Dol. Gen.	28 1/2	+1/16
GTE	75 1/16	+1/8
SBC Comm.	57 7/16	-3/4
Tx Instr.	143 1/2	+1/2
LU	65 3/4	-1 5/16
Cisco Sys.	61 9/16	-1 3/8

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Stored evidence may contradict FBI report

DALLAS (AP) — Evidence stored by the Texas Rangers may contradict the U.S. government's claim that no pyrotechnic devices were fired into the Branch Davidian compound the day it burned, The Dallas Morning News reported today.

Branch Davidian leader David Koresh and about 80 followers died in the 1993 inferno at the compound 10 miles east of Waco, Texas. Authorities have denied using any incendiary devices during the assault that ended when the compound was consumed by fire.

Investigators concluded that sect members set the fire.

A probe by the Texas Rangers became the backbone of a 1994 criminal trial in which eight Branch Davidians were convicted of charges ranging from manslaughter to weapons violations. More than 12 tons of evidence were gathered and much of it is stored in Waco.

A producer-researcher in a 1997 documentary critical of the government's conduct was allowed access to the evidence last spring, the Morning News reported.

Michael McNulty, who is preparing a new documentary on the standoff, said he found that at least six items listed in Texas Ranger inventories as silencers or suppressors were actually "flash-bang" devices, commonly used by law enforcement to stun suspects.

McNulty said the devices sometimes ignite fires in enclosed spaces because they emit a loud bang and flash driven by a small pyrotechnic charge.

Texas Rangers' evidence logs indicate the devices were found in areas of the Davidian compound in which the fires broke out, McNulty said.

"It's our belief that these pieces of ordnance could and probably did have an impact on the fire on April 19th," he told the Morning News.

Justice Department spokesman Myron Marlin called the conclusion "nonsense."

"We know of no evidence to support that any incendiary device was fired into the compound on April 19, 1993," Marlin said.

The Davidians and authorities became locked in a 51-day standoff after agents of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms were fired upon when they tried to arrest Koresh on Feb. 28, 1993.

The compound erupted in flames April 19 when federal agents punched through the walls and fired tear gas inside.



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Questions surround cops probe

EL PORTAL, Calif. (AP) — Investigators say they have evidence supporting a motel handyman's confession that he killed three sightseers in Yosemite National Park earlier this year.

"We have a good sense of what happened," said Tuolumne County prosecutor Timothy Clancy, adding that for the first time investigators have specific details on how the three were marked for death, killed and disposed of.

Authorities are building a case to charge Cary Stayner with the murders of Carole Sund, daughter Juli Sund and family friend Silvina Pelosso.

Stayner, 37, already is scheduled to be arraigned Aug. 6 in last week's decapitation of naturalist Joie Armstrong, 26.

Stayner, who was arrested Saturday, allegedly told the FBI that he was responsible for all four slayings. He repeated the confession to a television reporter on Monday.

Authorities believe Stayner knows too much and there is too much evidence to back up his statements for him not to be a killer, the San Francisco Chronicle reported today, citing a source close the case.

According to several newspaper reports, Stayner knew information about what was taken from the sightseers' motel room and the conditions of the bodies. Stayner also knew that knives were used in the killings, a detail that has not been released to the public.

Mrs. Sund, 42, Juli, 15, and Silvina, 16, vanished on Feb. 15 from the Cedar Lodge in El Portal, on Yosemite's western doorstep. Stayner had worked and lived at the lodge.

Their bodies were found more than a month later.

Authorities have begun looking into unsolved killings in and around Yosemite. Among them is the slaying of a woman whose headless body was found five years ago in Calaveras County.

Another case being investigated is the 1990 shooting death of Stayner's uncle at his home in Merced.

Date book

Wednesday, July 28, 1999

Today is the 209th day of 1999 and the 38th day of summer.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1866, Queen Victoria conveyed greetings to President Andrew Jackson by means of the first trans-Atlantic underwater cable, which had been completed the previous day.

On this day in 1943, President Franklin D. Roosevelt announced the end of coffee rationing in the United States.

On this day in 1987, attorneys representing the Beatles sued Nike and Capitol Records to stop the use of "Revolution" in sneaker commercials.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Jean Baptiste Camille Corot (1796-1875), artist; Gerard Manley Hopkins (1844-1889), poet; Marcel Duchamp (1887-1968), artist; Rudy Vallee (1901-1986), singer; Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis (1929-1994), first lady; Sally Struthers (1948-), actress, is 51.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1991, Montreal Expos pitcher Dennis Martinez pitched the 15th perfect game in major-league history, as the Expos defeated the L.A. Dodgers 2-0.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "If you don't know where you're going, you will probably end up somewhere else." — Laurence Johnston Peter

TODAY'S MOON: Full moon.

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Hydrogen fuel leak confirmed

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — Hours after NASA's first female commander guided Columbia to a dazzling late-night landing, inspectors confirmed fears that the shuttle had leaked hydrogen fuel during takeoff.

"It looks like several of the tubes are damaged in the nozzle, and it looks like we had a real hydrogen leak there," shuttle manager Bill Gerstenmaier said today.

He described the leak — and an unrelated short circuit that happened just five seconds into the flight — as significant failures. If more hydrogen fuel had seeped out during Columbia's 81/2-minute climb to orbit Friday, the engine could have shut down, forcing the shuttle to attempt an unprecedented emergency landing.

The worrisome news came after Eileen Collins brought the shuttle safely back to earth under a nearly full moon at 11:20 p.m. Tuesday, making her the first woman to land a spaceship of any kind anywhere. During their 1.8 million-mile voyage, the astronauts delivered the world's most powerful X-ray telescope to orbit.

"It's really just a tremendous feeling," she said today.

Video of the right engine nozzle, taken following touchdown, showed that two, three or possibly even four hydrogen-circulating tubes were ruptured. The slender tubes are made of steel.

Gerstenmaier said it's too soon to know whether the problems will delay the next shuttle flight, a radar-mapping mission by Endeavour in September.

For now, the spotlight is on Collins, a former test pilot and aircraft commander who was the first woman to lead a mission in 38 years of U.S. human space flight.

The 42-year-old Air Force colonel made only the 12th space shuttle touchdown in darkness. The runway was illuminated by xenon lights.

A beaming Collins posed for pictures in front of Columbia about 11/2 hours after landing. "Get over here you guys," she called to her four crewmates, who joined her for the photo shoot.

Later, she told reporters the touchdown was fun but challenging.

"There is a little bit of pressure when you're the first woman who lands the orbiter, because I know that people are watching and want to see how it's going to go," she said.

At five days, it was NASA's shortest planned shuttle flight in nine years. Despite its brevity, the mission to deliver the $1.5 billion Chandra X-ray Observatory to orbit was a plum assignment.

Dozens of NASA officials greeted Collins on the runway following touchdown. Among the welcoming crowd of about 150 were her husband and 31/2-year-old daughter, Bridget.

A far bigger celebration was planned later today in Houston.

Ex-Texas Lottery chief wants to question Bush under oath

DALLAS (AP) — A former Texas Lottery chief is trying to determine whether Republican presidential frontrunner and Texas Gov. George W. Bush received special treatment to gain a spot in the National Guard during the Vietnam War, court records indicate.

Attorneys for former lottery director Lawrence Littwin say they want to question Bush under oath about allegations that former Texas Lt. Gov. Ben Barnes helped him get into the state's Air National Guard in 1968.

Bush, facing questions from political rivals about his service in the reserves, and Guard officials who approved his application have continued to deny allegations that favoritism played a part in Bush's appointment as a Houston-based jet pilot.

In papers filed in a federal court in Dallas, Littwin said Barnes " ... is alleged to have helped the current Governor George Bush avoid active duty during the Vietnam War," The Dallas Morning News reported Wednesday.

Such domestic units were seen by many as way to avoid going to Vietnam.

Littwin's attorneys also have questioned whether Bush allies, in return for the Guard appointment, helped the state's lottery operator, GTECH, fend off efforts by Littwin that might have upset its lucrative contract.

GTECH officials have denied allegations they had a campaign against Littwin or that they were responsible for his firing in 1997, the paper reported. Barnes, an ex-lobbyist for GTECH, has said he doesn't recall whether his office interceded with the Guard on behalf of Bush, whose father, George Bush, was a GOP congressman at the time.

Bush's office told The News that he still denies the favoritism charge and have nothing to add in Littwan's suit, filed last year.

"There is no reason for the governor to go to court because the governor was not involved in the Lottery Commission's decision to dismiss Mr. Littwin," Bush spokeswoman Linda Edwards said.

Littwin said he was let go after five months because of his aggressive investigation of alleged contract violations by GTECH — against the wishes of his bosses on the Bush-controlled Lottery Commission.

He said GTECH also opposed his attempts to encourage competition for the company's $150 million yearly state contract, the paper reported.

GTECH officials have denied that. Commissioners said at the time of his dismissal that they had lost confidence in Littwin.

One of Littwin's lawyers, Scott Levine of Dallas, has twice notified Attorney General John Cornyn of his plans to question the governor in connection with the case, according to Cornyn's office.

Bush hasn't yet been subpoenaed, but a letter was sent saying Littwin's lawyers would like to depose him, sources told The Associated Press today.

"The attorney general's office will challenge any effort to require testimony from the governor," Ted Delisi, a spokesman for Attorney General John Cornyn, said of this effort.

In documents filed with the federal court, Littwin accused GTECH of hiring Barnes to ensure that the company won and kept its contract.

Obituaries

Kathleen Watson

1914-1999

LAWTON, Okla. – Kathleen Watson, a former resident of Snyder, died Monday, July 25.

Funeral service for Mrs. Watson, 85, was set for 11 a.m. today in the Starbuck Funeral Home Chapel in Merkel. The Rev. Jeff Reid was to officiate and burial was to follow in the Rose Hill Cemetery.

Born in the Reynolds Community, she grew up in Troup and graduated from Troup High School and East Texas Baptist College. She was married to Nolan Watson who preceded her in death.

Mrs. Watson was a former school teacher and later worked in banks in Kermit and Snyder. She was also employed by the U.S. Times and by a credit bureau. A member of the Pioneer Drive Baptist Church, Mrs. Watson moved from Abilene to Lawton earlier this year.

Survivors include a son, Nolan Watson Jr. of Cache, Okla; two daughters, Gwindolyn May of Abilene and Nola Kay Watters of Odessa; seven grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

Jack Blanchard

1925-1999

SWEETWATER – Jack Blanchard, the brother of Ross Blanchard of Snyder, died Monday, July 26, in Rolling Plains Memorial Hospital.

Funeral service for Mr. Blanchard, 74, is set for 2 p.m. Thursday in the First United Methodist Church. The Rev. David Edwards will officiate. Burial will follow in the Blackwell Cemetery under the direction of McCoy Funeral Home.

Born June 11, 1925 in Haskell, Okla., he was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II. He married Pamelia Jane Sanderson on April 3, 1953 in Blackwell.

Mr. Blanchard attended Hardin-Simmons University and graduated from Sul Ross State University. A teacher for 35 years, he taught in Fluvanna, Snyder, Christoval and Sweetwater, retiring in 1986.

He was a life member of the Retired Teachers Association and Texas State Texas Association. Mr. Blanchard was district chairman of The Boy Scouts Chisholm Trail Council and served six years as chairman of the First United Methodist Church administrative board.

Survivors also include his wife, Pam Blanchard of Sweetwater; a son, Brent Blanchard of Sweetwater; a daughter, Jana Bentle of Sweetwater; a sister, Marjorie Cox of Muskogee, Okla; and two grandchildren.

Reece Mitchell

1944-1999

ABILENE – A memorial service for Reece Mitchell, a Church of Christ missionary in Argentina for 25 years, will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday in the University Church of Christ. Eddie Sharp, minister, will officiate.

Born Jan. 21, 1944 in Lawrence, Kan., Mr. Mitchell, 55, died July 22 at his home in Nashville after a lengthy illness.

Survivors include his wife, Jacquie Mitchell; two daughters, Laura Tepner and Karen Mitchell; two sons, Jeffrey Mitchell and Marcus Mitchell; five brothers, including Loy Mitchell of Topeka, Kan., and formerly of Snyder; three sisters; and three grandchildren.

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Non-payment causes arrest

Failure to pay child support landed a Brownfield man in jail Tuesday.

Deputies transported 31-year-old Felix Garcia Perez of 503 East Cactus Lane in Brownfield from the Presidio County Jail to the Scurry County Jail for felony failure to pay child support. Perez was booked in at 3:44 p.m.

One other subject was arrested in the past 24 hours.

Officers took an 18-year-old male into custody at 4:38 a.m. today in the 2500 block of College for public intoxication.

Reports of theft and criminal mischief were also investigated Tuesday and early this morning.

Nicole Redman requested an officer in the 400 block of 32nd Street at 10:07 p.m. in reference to the theft of a VCR. An offense report was submitted for Class B theft.

Leona Leatherwood advised officers at 12:48 a.m. today that she had received a call from her son, Brandon, stating someone just shot his bedroom window with a BB gun. An offense report for Class B criminal mischief was filed.

At 3:32 a.m. today, officers submitted an offense report for criminal mischief in reference to a bathroom window being broken out at Victoria Guynes house in the 1600 block of Avenue G.

A minor accident occurred at 9:21 a.m. Tuesday in the alleyway behind 2700 47th Street. Involved were a 1999 Chevrolet C-1500 pickup driven by Penny Rene Perry, 39, of 2706 47th Street and a 1998 Ford Ranger pickup driven by Gary Lynn Scott, 47, of 2204 44th Street.

Two more evenings of pest spraying

Mosquito spraying for the will continue for the next two days.

Sprayers will be in the area north of 30th street and east of College Avenue tonight and in the area south of 30th Street and east of College Avenue on Thursday.

Spraying usually starts about 6:30 p.m.

The city again urges citizens to assist in cutting the mosquito population by cutting weeds, keeping lawns mowed and dumping out any standing water.

Hospital

ADMISSIONS: David Guzman of Hermleigh, Danisha Ollison, Patsy Covey, Christine Hoyle and Ofelia Perez of Westbrook.

DISMISSALS: Zeb Alexander, Melissa Hernandez and baby boy, Tracy Sanders and baby boy, Paul Sawyer, Gerald Tutwiler, Billy Cantrell and Chad Thomas.

CENSUS: 36 (Med., Surg.-10, Long-term Care-24, OB-1, Nursery-1)

Births

Danisha Ollison of Snyder announces the birth of her son at 1:26 a.m., weighing six pounds, six and one-half ounces. He was born in Cogdell Memorial Hospital on July 27.

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Experience revival

Sound of Jubilee, 908 E. Highway 180, will host an experience revival at 7 this evening

Nazarene VBS

First Church of Nazarene will host Vacation Bible School today through Friday from 7 to 8:30 p.m. It is for ages 4-12 and will include puppets, crafts, games and music. Call 573-5601 for transportation.

Seniors swimnastics

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

SHS Quarterback Club

The SHS Quarterback Club will meet at 6:30 p.m. Thursday in the SHS student center for election of officers and discussion of upcoming fundraisers.

Going-away reception

A reception in honor of Scurry County Librarian Noreen Taylor will be held at 10 a.m. Friday at the library. The public is invited. Mrs. Taylor is moving to Amarillo.

Chamber board meeting

The chamber of commerce board of directors meeting has been rescheduled for 11:30 a.m. Friday at the Shack.

Benefit bake sale

A bake sale will be held Friday, beginning at 8 a.m., at Wal-Mart to help with medical expenses for C.R. Perez, manager of IGA, who recently underwent heart bypass surgery.

Boys and Girls Club

Friday night activities at the Boys and Girls Club includes an open gym and game room from 8 p.m. until midnight.

Joy School

Joy School at East Side Church of Christ is now state licensed and will be open five days a week. The school is for ages 18 months to pre-kindergarten and begins Aug. 11. Parents may choose days wanted. Call 573-3554 for 575-1138 for more information.

King's Kids registration

First Baptist Church is currently registering for King's Kids, ages 1-5, and for Mothers' Day Out, six months to five years old. Call 573-2631 for more information.

Sunday lunch fundraiser

Martha Ann Woman's Club will host a fundraising luncheon from 11:30 to 1:30 p.m. Sunday. Tickets are $8.50 for adults and $4 for children under 10. Reservations must be made by noon Friday by calling 573-3427, 573-6443, 573-5586 or 573-6717.

Video available

A video of the SHS 1989 class reunion is availble for $15. Call 573-8392.

Rock and roll quilting club

The quilting club meets every Monday from 8 a.m. until noon at Hermleigh Community Center for free quilting lessons. Everyone is invited. Call 863-2426 for more information.

Bible study tapes

Bible study video tapes air weekly on cable TV channel 2. The tapes to be shown at 7p.m. Monday are "How the Gospel Addresses Sin," followed by "Thoughts About Heaven."

Garage sale items needed

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

Support groups

Four different support groups meet at 6:30 the second Thursday of each month at the First Baptist Church. The groups include divorce recovery, cancer support group, grief support and adult children caring for aging parents. Child care is provided.

Road to Recovery program

Volunteers are needed to take patients to Abilene or Lubbock one day a week for cancer treatment. Following approval American Cancer Society, drivers will be provided liability insurance and can be reimbursed for fuel expenses incurred for the trip. For more information, contact ASC Road to Recovery volunteer coordinator Martha Schiebel at 573-8626 and leave a message, or Sammie Jarrell at 573-5993.

Cash Five

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

2-10-11-32-35

Pick 3

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

9-1-4

Einhorn jury deliberations underway

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Jurors began deliberations today on a lawsuit demanding that the fugitive convicted in absentia of killing his girlfriend pay at least $4.28 million in damages to counter whatever profits he could make from selling his story.

A judgment against Ira Einhorn "has got to be so substantial that it will be a shot heard around the world," attorney James R. Beasley said this morning in closing arguments before the case went to the jury.

Beasley represents the family of murder victim Helen "Holly" Maddux in a wrongful death lawsuit against Einhorn, a former counterculture guru who is fighting extradition from France.

Einhorn did not send anyone to defend him against the lawsuit.

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House GOP figures mask proposed spending

WASHINGTON (AP) — House Republicans are using accounting devices that mask proposed spending that threatens to eat into Social Security surpluses, though GOP leaders say that in the end they won't touch that program's money.

"Certainly there is no way that we would ever find ourselves willing to go beyond" spending the non-Social Security part of the surplus, House Majority Leader Dick Armey, R-Texas, told reporters Tuesday.

Of the $161 billion budget surplus the Congressional Budget Office projects for next year, all but $14 billion is supposed to come from Social Security. But budgetary techniques the GOP is using in its initial plans seem to eat up more than $14 billion of the surplus already, analysts say.

"It looks like if the bills go through the way they're currently drafted, the $14 billion has already been committed to these various uses," said Susan Tanaka, associate communications director for CBO, Congress' official budget scorekeeper.

And that excludes an emergency bill to help cash-strapped farmers that both parties concede will become law later this year. Democrats want it to cost nearly $10 billion, and Republicans are expected to propose at least $7 billion.

Also excluded are costs for whatever natural disasters may occur this year, such as earthquakes or hurricanes.

Leaving Social Security surpluses untouched has been a defining political pledge for both parties this year. GOP leaders insist that by the time their spending bills are finished, they will not use any Social Security money.

"It is my intent to keep us from doing that," said House Budget Committee Chairman John Kasich, R-Ohio.

Democrats and some moderate and conservative Republicans have criticized the accounting techniques used to spend the surplus funds. With support uncertain, some GOP leaders are trying to pare them back.

To abandon some of the budget devices and avoid spending Social Security money, however, Republicans might have to cut spending further, which they may not have the votes to do. Armey said Republicans would not shrink their tax cut.

Almost everyone expects that at year's end, Congress and President Clinton will negotiate spending bills that are more expensive than the ones Republicans are now writing. And the bargainers may figure out a way to avoid spending Social Security money.

Even if they do, the budget devices Republicans are using let them claim right now that they are living within spending limits set two years ago, while they are actually exceeding them.

Clinton did the same thing in his budget earlier this year. He proposed spending $30 billion above the spending limits, but claimed to honor them by proposing to pay for the extra spending with cigarette tax increases and other proposals Congress steadfastly opposes.

Large asteroids could threaten Earth

WASHINGTON (AP) — Even though the chances of a collision are extremely remote, astronomers say up to 1,000 asteroids are large enough and close enough to pose a potential risk to Earth.

Researchers attending a conference on asteroids and comets said Tuesday that new data suggests there are 500 to 1,000 nearby asteroids big enough to cause planet-wide damage if they collided with the Earth.

David Rabinowitz of the Jet Propulsion Laboratory said there are probably 2,000 to 4,000 asteroids of about one-third of a mile in diameter that cross the orbital path of the Earth. These would be big enough to cause extensive regional damage if they hit the Earth, but probably would not have the planet-wide effects of the larger space rocks.

Asteroid impacts have scarred the Earth and moon for billions of years, but the impact of very large asteroids are extremely rare. The last major extinction, which killed off the dinosaurs, occurred 65 million years ago when an asteroid five to eight miles in diameter smashed the Earth.

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.



Coumadin can cause bruising

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: Since having had open-heart surgery and receiving an artificial aortic valve three years ago, my father has been taking Coumadin. His health is good but he bruises easily. Is this normal?

DEAR READER: Yes, it is. By interfering with the body's natural coagulation system, Coumadin prevents the development of clots on the artificial valve. Such clots, if present, could be carried to the brain and cause a stroke. For this reason, Coumadin is universally prescribed for patients who have had certain types of cardiac and vascular surgery.

The drug is safe, as long as a periodic blood test (the prothrombin time) shows that the medicine is in a proper therapeutic range. The ideal level of Coumadin causes the blood to clot in about twice the time that normal blood would; that is, the clotting time is substantially prolonged. Thus, patients on Coumadin often have a tendency to bruise easily. Warning signs of over-treatment include nosebleeds, bleeding gums or blood in the urine. Most authorities recommend that patients taking Coumadin have prothrombin determinations every four to six weeks.

To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my new and completely updated Health Report "Understanding Heart Disease." Other readers who would like a copy should send $2 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to P.O. Box 2017, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to mention the title.

DEAR DR. GOTT: On a recent blood test, I was found to have an elevated glycohemoglobin level — about three times the norm — yet no diagnosis or treatment was given. What could cause this?

DEAR READER: Glycohemoglobin is a molecule formed by the combination of blood sugar and hemoglobin, the red pigment in blood cells. It reflects, in a general way, the average sugar level in your system for the past several weeks. Thus, a high level indicates excess blood sugar — that is, diabetes.

Like any laboratory test, glycohemoglobin shows biological variation: false positives and negatives. In addition, certain drugs can interfere with normal laboratory values by disrupting the chemical analysis performed in test tubes.

I am tempted to conclude that you have diabetes, but I suggest that you address the issue with your doctor. By questioning and examining you, your doctor will be able to confirm my suspicion. As a general rule, it's prudent to avoid placing too much emphasis on a single abnormal laboratory test without correlating it with other factors relating to your state of health. For one thing, you should probably have another glycohemoglobin determination made, in conjunction with a fasting blood sugar and, perhaps, a glucose tolerance test. I predict that they will be abnormal, too, establishing that you do have diabetes, a disease that should be immediately addressed with diet, and perhaps medication.

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With few natural enemies, the life span of giant pandas in the wild is thought to be twenty-five years or more.

Giant pandas are classified as bears by most scientists. Until recently, giant pandas were grouped with raccoons and lesser pandas.

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Tuesday, July 27, 1999

Confronted with several choices as to which path will lead you to prosperity in the year ahead, it'll be the one that offers you safe, albeit slow, steady growth. There's danger lurking down risky roads.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) It's easy for any of us to fall in love with our ideas or the sound of our voice, but rarely do our listeners feel the same way. Be careful this isn't your downfall today. Major changes are ahead for Leo in the coming year. Send the required refund form and for your Astro-Graph predictions by mailing $2 and self-addressed stamped envelope to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to state your Zodiac sign.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) No matter how important it is for you to expedite a critical matter today, do not take any shortcuts. Chances are, they'll prove to be counterproductive instead of helpful.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Don't assume or rely on friends to go along with whatever plan you come up with today without first discussing it with them. They might not be available to comply with your wishes.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) By giving people with whom you're involved more authority than they actually possess, you open yourself up for someone to take advantage of you today.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) You can easily go off on tangents today and forget about the real priorities at hand, unless you lay out a game plan regarding the objectives you'd like to achieve. Don't play it loose.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Listen to what others have to say, but don't easily leap. Someone with whom you're closely involved may offer you advice that turns out to be hair-brained.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Although you might normally be able to make sound judgments when under pressure, this is not apt to be one of those days. Take the necessary time to contemplate important decisions.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Forego experimenting with complicated methods or today and think long and carefully before you turn the first crank. There's a big difference between creativeness and productiveness.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Generally you're a pretty good communicator, but not today. If you realize your remarks are being misunderstood, rephrase your comments immediately.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Complications can quickly develop if you try to take on more than you can competently manage today or wander too far afield from your area of expertise. Stay within your abilities.

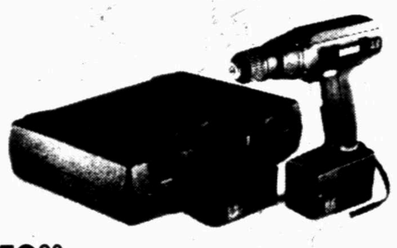
GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Just because most of the time you can bounce things around with unerring accuracy doesn't mean you can do so all the time. Today, impulsiveness can lead to wrong conclusions.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Be wary of signing any types of documents today without fully understanding what you're getting yourself into. This advice holds double where money is involved.

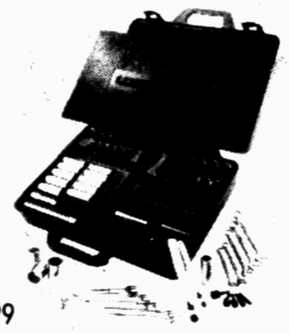
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