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Thousands commemorate D-Day landing

OMAHA BEACH, France (AP) — Aging veterans of the Normandy invasion returned by the thousands today to the windswept, mist-covered coast they stormed 50 years ago on D-Day, solemnly reliving the epic battle and remembering fallen comrades.

On a chill, damp day much like June 6, 1944, presidents and monarchs joined them at crucial invasion sites seared into the memories of those who came back, many probably for the last time.

"I had to come," said Al Frank, 85, of North Miami Beach, Fla., a corporal in the 191st Engineers Special Brigade that landed in the first wave at Utah Beach. "Several of my buddies are gone; this is the last time for me, and this is for them."

President Clinton, Queen Elizabeth II, French President Francois Mitterrand and other leaders paid tribute to the veterans and the war dead at ceremonies along a 60-mile strip of coast, culminating in a multinational commemoration at Omaha Beach, site of D-Day's bloodiest combat.

"I thank you for the world's freedom," French President Francois Mitterrand told the veterans.

"June 6, 1944 marked a signal," he said. "It meant that although nothing was yet won, everything was possible. ... what we won that day on the Normandy beaches was our freedom today."

Squads of soldiers from the Allied nations opened the ceremony by marching across the beach, led by a file of flag bearers. Warships floated off shore.

Earlier, at Utah Beach, Clinton and Mitterrand placed wreaths at a monument to dead U.S. soldiers, then a bugler played "Taps." American soldiers stood in knots of three at different positions on the hill coming up from the beach.

Mitterrand also joined Queen Elizabeth for commemorations at Bayeux, near the beaches where British and Canadian soldiers came ashore. He and the queen walked side-by-side past troops standing at attention, and visited a British cemetery with 3,934 graves and a memorial to 1,807 Commonwealth soldiers whose bodies never were recovered.

"Many of my mates are buried here," said Dai Davies, 69, of Wales, a lance corporal with the Second Battalion, South Wales Borderers, which landed in the first hours of D-Day. "It's very emotional for me."

Clinton began the day at Pointe Du Hoc, where 225 U.S. Rangers used grappling hooks, ladders and ropes to scale a 120-foot-high cliff under German fire in one of D-Day's bloodiest clashes. In two days of fighting, 135 of the Rangers were killed or wounded.

"The most difficult days of your lives bought us 50 years of freedom," Clinton told Ranger veterans. "You did your job, now we must do ours."

Later, at Utah Beach, Clinton paid tribute to members of the French Resistance, saying: "We must never forget how much those who lived under the Nazi fist did to make D-Day possible"

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Ask Us

Q—How is it that TU Electric has mailed customers notice of a decrease when it actually increased the price per kilowatt?

A—In January of 1993, TU Electric filed a 15.3 percent increase proposal with the Public Utilities Commission. In August, TU was allowed to place the increase into effect by putting up a bond, though the PUC had not reached a decision. Then, in May of this year, PUC approved a 9 percent rate increase, not the 15.3 percent requested. TU has dropped the rate hike from 15.3 to 9 percent, but it still represents an increase in your bill.

Local

Family Life

The Family Life segement airing on Channel 2 at 7 this evening is "A Child's Heaven."

VFW 8231

VFW Post 8231 and the Ladies Auxiliary will meet at 7 this evening at the post home.

July 4th

The Fourth of July Committee will meet at 2 p.m. Tuesday in the chamber of commerce board room.

Lions Club

Snyder Lions Club will move its meetings to Martha Ann Woman's Club beginning Tuesday. The Lions Club had been meeting in the First United Methodist Church fellowship hall for 35 or more years.

WTC board

Western Texas College board of trustees will meet at 7 this evening to consider an energy management study from Johnson Controls, Inc.

Weather

Snyder Temperatures: High Saturday, 94 degrees; low, 70 degrees; high Sunday, 98 degrees; low, 71 degrees; reading st 7 a.m. Monday, 72 degrees; no precipitation; total precipitation for 1994 to date, 5.32 inches.

Snyder Area Forecast: Tonight, mostly cloudy with a 40 percent chance of evening thunderstorms, possibly severe. Low near 70. South to southeast wind 10-15 mph. Tuesday, mostly upper 90s. South wind 10-20 mph and gusty. Chance of rain 20 percent.

Almanac: Sunset today, 8:45. Sunrise Tuesday, 6:39. Of 156 days in 1994, the sun has shone 149 days in Snyder.

Council to hear bill complaint, TU rate options

A water bill protest and a request by TU Electric for approval of strategic rate options are on today's Snyder City Council meeting which begins at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall.

The council will consider a letter received from Mike D. Williamson of 1909 23rd St. stating that a April water bill of $287.68 is unreasonable since his average bill is $9.85 per month.

Williamson admitted to a leak at the location, but stated in the letter that the amount of water billed is "physically impossible without leaving evidence."

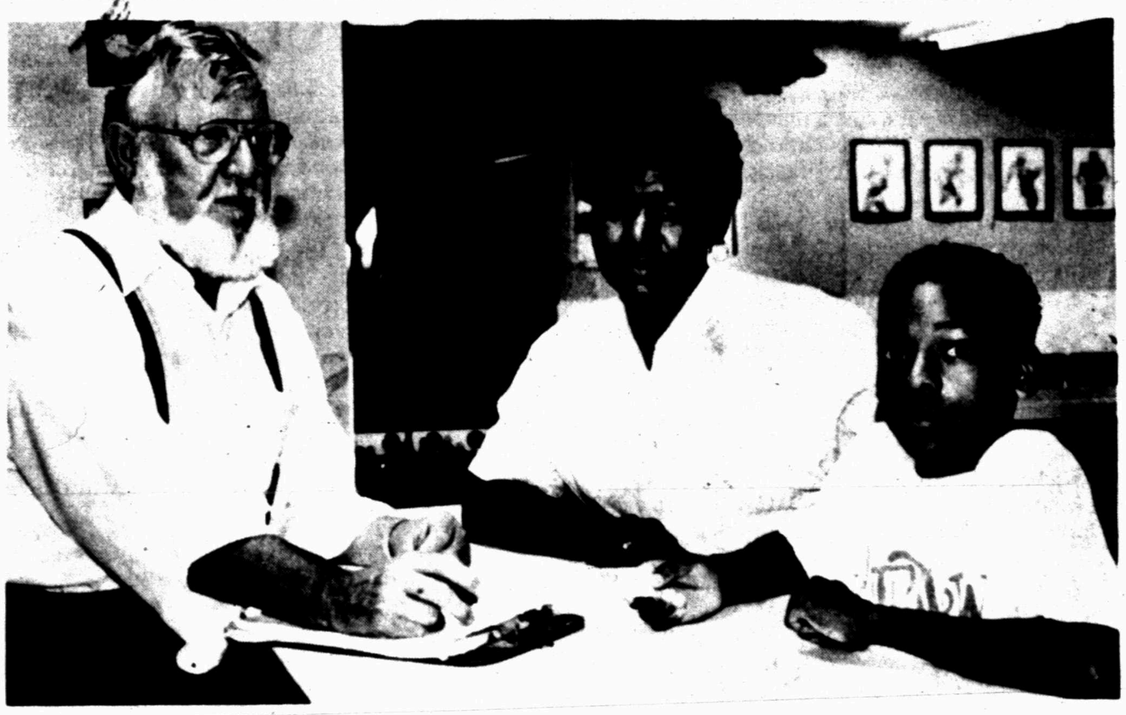
Daryl Thomas, local TU Electric manager, is expected to ask the council to approve rate options which the company can use to be more competitive in business retention and attracting new business.

Thomas said the objective of the proposed rates is to support economic development and job growth. The lower rates would not be available to all customers since certain guidelines are required.

In other business, the council will consider authorizing the staff to seek bids for purchase of a compaction tractor to be used at the sanitary landfill. The council will also consider bids for the purchase of water meters.

An executive session to consider pending litigation with legal counsel is also planned. The city will consider becoming a party to a suit filed by the city of Port Authur agaist Southwestern Bell Telephone Co.

The city has been in negotiations with Southwestern Bell concerning a new franchise agreement. The company has offered a increase in the franchise rate, but requires that the city hold the company harmless for past charges.



CHANGES — Starting Wednesday, girls as well as boys like Brady Cobb, shown, will be able to sign up for activities at the newly renamed Boys and Girls Club of Snyder. Jan McClain, who has been hired as the director for the girls program, is shown with Jack McGlaun, executive director. (SDN Staff Photo)

Incentive rate plan proposed

In an effort company officials say is designed to enhance economic development, improve the environment and encourage further energy conservation by large users of electricity, TU Electric this morning proposed a package of new strategic rates.

The proposal was filed with the Public Utility Commission and cities in the TU Electric service area.

If approved, the new rates will be offered to qualifying commercial, industrial and wholesale electric customers as a incentive to attract new businesses and jobs, to retain existing businesses, or to encourage job creation through the expansion of existing businesses. The package also includes an incentive for qualifying customers who convert to advanced technologies that will conserve energy or improve the environment.

"Every customer of TU Electric will benefit from this package," said TU Electric local manager Daryl Thomas, who will present the plan to Snyder City Council in a 6:30 board meeting tonight. "Over the long term, it will help hold the cost of electricity down by ensuring that fixed costs are spread over a larger number of customers. In addition, all residents of the service area will benefit from a cleaner environment and the conservation of energy resources."

The package consists of two competitive rates for qualifying commercial, industrial and wholesale customers; an Economic Development Service rider to help attract new businesses to the area; and an Environmental Technology Service rider to encourage conservation by customers to more energy-efficient and environmentally beneficial technologies.

"Approval of the strategic rate package will be a vital step in keeping this part of Texas competitive in today's business environment," Thomas said. "We hope it will be approved quickly so TU Electric customers can begin to benefit from it."

TU Electric serves more than 2.2 million customers in 88 counties of North Centeral, West and East Texas.

Club to open its doors to girls on Wednesday

With the hiring of a new director last weekend, the local Boys and Girls Club will be officially open to girls on Wednesday.

The move follows a long-time commitment by the board, and approval of new bylaws earlier this year. Remodeling of restroom facilities and selection of a director for the girls program held up actual admittance of girls until this week, however.

Girls ages 7-18 may begin signing up at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday. To apply for membership, eligible girls, accompanied by a parent or legal guardian, will need to fill out an application at the club, said Jack McGlaun, executive director. Those aged seven will also need to present a birth certificate.

The club is open from 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday during the summer. The $5 fee per-girl will be good until the end of December.

Jan McClain has been hired as director of the girls program.

McClain has lived in Snyder for the past 13½ years. She is married to Lester S. McClain, an employee of Western Texas College. They have two children, a son, L.S. IV, 15, and Kimberly, 13.

McClain currently works as a dorm clerk at the college and is enrolled in psychology and counseling classes there. While living in Lubbock, she served as the recreation director for the city parks for four summers.

In past years, she has taught Bible classes, Vacation Bible School and Sunday morning classes at 37th Street Church of Christ.

The schedule for girls events has not been finalized, but McClain said various table games will be available immediately. Badminton will also be offered.

Other possibilities being considered include a cheerleading camp, exercise class, crafts and cooking classes.

County approves requests

Scurry County commissioners this morning approved a request to shift monies from travel allowances into salary to comply with a state grant, and agreed to allow four area churches to make use of a small park.

When commissioners court established salaries for the county food inspector and county sanitarian under a state grant recently, a $100 a month travel allowance was included for both employees. This morning, County Auditor Eddie McHaney told commissioners that the grant will not pay a set amount for travel allowance. It will pay for an itemized list of travel expenses, he said, or the funds could be considered as salary.

Commissioners approved redesignating the funds as salary instead of travel allowance.

Daniel Ramey, pastor of Fluvanna Methodist Church, came before the commissioners court to ask for use of the park area west of the Senior Center on July 30. The area will be used by Fluvanna, Hermleigh, Ira and Union Methodist Churches for a supper at the end of a week-long revivial.

Commissioners unanimously approved the request.

In other business, Joe Burns was appointed to serve as an alternate to the Scurry County Salary Grievance Committee. His name was drawn from a grand jury list.

The court also approved a line-item transfer request from the county attorney's office of $2,000 from miscellaneous maintenance and repair to equipment.

Present this morning were commissioners C.D. Gray Jr., Roy Idom, Ralph Trevey and Jerry Gannaway. County Judge Bob Doolittle presided.

Ratite breeders meeting tonight

Scurry County Area Ratite Breeders will meet at 7:30 this evening Monday at Union Community Center.

Dr. Linda Hoover of Texas Tech University will be speaking on research she and Dr. Leslie Thompson are conducting involving emu meat. The research is being funded by Emu Marketing Unlimited.

Water district election is Tuesday

Residents of Scurry, Mitchell and Borden counties will go to the polls Tuesday to decide if they want to form an underground water district.

More than 600 people, including 511 Scurry County residents, cast ballots during the Rolling Plains Underground Water District election early voting period, which ended Friday.

Tuesday, the polls will be open from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m. on the first floor of the Scurry County Courthouse, the Mitchell County and Borden County clerk's offices.

Registered voters from all three counties may cast a ballot.

There are two issues on the ballot. One is to form the water district and establish a taxing authority for it; the other is to select a six-member board of directors.

Seven men have filed for six places on the board. They are Tommy Marricle and Bill Eiland of Snyder, representing Scurry County; E.L. Farmer of O'Donnell and Ralph Miller of Fluvanna, representing Borden County; and Ray Ritchey, Robert David Stubblefield and Bruce Earl Rich, all of Colorado City, representing Mitchell County.

If voters approve the water district, one director in each county will serve a two-year term and the others will serve four-year terms.

Proponents of the district say that regulation of underground water will be mandated in a few years and that local citizens should form their own district before the state or federal government does it for them.

Opponents charge that any state or federal government regulations would take precedence over local ones anyway, and, in the meantime, citizens don't need another taxing authority.

The Rolling Plains temporary board has suggested a tax of 1 cent. By law, the district may not tax more than five cents per $100 appraisal of property value.



SESS GIVE SCHOLARSHIPS — Snyder Educational Support Staff scholarship recipients are Valarie Winkles, center, and not pictured, Craig Leatherwood and Amy McDaniel. Pictured with Leatherwood and Amy McDaniel. Pictured with Miss Winlkes are school secretaries, Keta York, left, and Gloria Ball. (SDN Staff Photo)

Some gambling experts think Texas will ok casino version

DALLAS (AP) — Some gambling experts say it's just a matter of time before Texas joins 21 other states with some form of casino gambling.

Texas already sponsors bingo, lotteries and pari-mutuel betting. Bills permitting floating casinos are expected to be filed in next year's legislative session.

In a debate sure to be repeated next year in Texas, casino operators and university researchers from around the country debated exactly what gambling means in America.

Speakers at the last week's International Conference on Gambling and Risk-Taking in Las Vegas split on whether gambling is a panacea or a passing fancy.

They also argued over whether state-sponsored gambling helps turn people into compulsive gamblers.

Larry J. Woolf, president and CEO of the MGM Grand Hotel, Casino and Theme Park where the conference was held, said gambling simply gives the public what it wants.

Family-oriented casinos like MGM are entertainment enterprises that cater to the public's insatiable appetite for the "adrenalin high" they get from wagering, he said.

"Our appetite for adrenalin is increasing and increasing," he said.

However, Vicki Abt, a sociology professor at Penn State University, called gambling "a disaster for human brains."

Sue Cox of Dallas, director of the Texas Council on Problem and Compulsive Gambling, complained that too little is being done in states with gambling.

Ms. Cox called for the federal government to fund a study to determine how many Americans are problem gamblers. She said the last national study was completed in 1974, but that legalized gambling has skyrocketed since then.

Researchers at the conference, which ended Friday, said gambling is one of the nation's fastest-growing industries, and that Texas may add to that growth.

Woolf said Texas is second demographically only to New York as a prime area for casino gambling. Casino operators and consultants said in interviews with The Dallas Morning News that Texas is ripe for casino gambling.

Jeffrey Lowenhar of Cherry Hill, N.J., a management consultant and expert in casino marketing, termed the state a gold mine. He said dockside casinos, if approved, could bring in as much as $3 billion annually.

Lawrence J. Truitt, a political scientist at Southern Illinois University, said floating casinos in Illinois have created more than 10,000 jobs and brought in $226 million in revenues to the state and nine cities in which they operate, he said.

Texas Gov. Ann Richards has said that if casinos are legalized, she wants them land-based with accompanying tourist attractions.

Nelson Rose of Whittier College School of Law at Los Angeles, meanwhile, predicted that the Tigua Indians will win their battle with the state to build a casino on tribal lands in El Paso. And that probably will open the floodgate in Texas, where casino operators have staked out choice locations.

But competition could damage the industry, he said, adding that gambling also could be hurt by a moral revolt like that which swept the nation during Prohibition.

"Unless the feelings were just overwhelming and you ended up with constitutional prohibitions, I think what would happen is that it would simply close down state by state," he said.

Competition already has taken a toll in some casino states, he said. In Colorado, 21 of 68 of the state's casinos were forced to shut down just a year after opening, he said.

Many Texas women continue with study

AUSTIN (AP) — Most of the Austin-area women volunteering for a breast cancer prevention study have continued despite warnings that the key drug used in the survey may have contributed to five uterine cancer deaths.

Only 11 local women have dropped out of the $68 million Breast Cancer Prevention Trial since the spring controversy, said Dr. Charles Geyer, principal investigator for the Central Texas part of the study.

The study, being run by the National Cancer Institute, is designed to determine whether daily doses of tamoxifen can prevent breast cancer in healthy women at high risk for the disease.

Problems arose for the study when reports surfaced about fraud and possible conflicts of interest involving some of the test's leaders at the University of Pittsburgh and in another study in Canada.

Concern peaked when it was learned that leaders waited six weeks before telling fellow researchers that four women died from uterine cancer linked to the use of tamoxifen.

Over that time period, hundreds of women were recruited for the study, thus exposing them to potential danger.

Normal side effects of tamoxifen, which also is used to treat cancer, include hot flashes and slight fluctuations in weight, said Leslie Larson, a registered nurse involved with the study at Austin's Seton Medical Center.

Volunteers have been warned of possible dangers and recruitment is expected to resume later this month.

Carolynn Elmshaeuser, a secretary at the University of Texas is among those sticking with the program.

"My feeling is that nothing is without risk, and the benefits probably will far outweigh the risks," said Ms. Elmshaeuser, 53, who was 19 when her mother died of breast cancer.

In addition to Ms. Elmshaeuser, 123 other area women with family histories of the disease are remaining volunteers.

More than 16,000 women age 35 and older with family histories of breast cancer have volunteered for the study at about 250 medical centers in the United States and Canada.

Geyer, who is based at Scott and White hospital in Temple, said he alerted the Central Texas participants after learning of the deaths in mid-January.

He said consent forms signed by volunteers have been changed to reflect the new information.

Oil Patch News

Scurry County

Sharp Image Energy Inc. will drill the No. 1 Ira South, an 8,100-foot wildcat located 1.5 miles southwest of Ira. Location is in Section 115, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Fisher County

Union Pacific Resources Co. will drill the No. 1 RLF, a 5,900-foot wildcat located nine miles southeast of Sylvester. Location is in Section 12, Block 20, T&P survey.

Union Pacific Resources Co. has completed the No. 2 Harvey, nine miles southeast of Sylvester. The well was finaled to produce 34 barrels of 38.7 gravity oil and 26 barrels of water. Gas-oil ratio was 1,294-1 with perforations from 4,970-5,010 feet. Location is in Section 5, Block 19, T&P survey.

Centaur Petroleum Corp. has completed the No. 1 Headrick in the Swanson field, seven miles south of Longworth. The venture was completed to produce 98 barrels of 49 gravity oil and one barrel of water. Gas-oil ratio was 918-1 with perforations from 6,323-6327 feet. Location is in Block 21, T&P survey.

Lotto Texas

by The Associated Press

No tickets correctly matched all six numbers drawn Saturday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials said.

The numbers drawn Saturday night from a field of 50 were: 16-30-20-36-7-10.

There were 197 tickets sold with five of the six numbers, with each ticket worth $1,190. There were 10,001 tickets with four of six numbers, with each winning $84. And there were 168,654 tickets sold with three of six numbers, with each worth an automatic $3.

Lottery officials estimate the jackpot for Wednesday night's game will be $10 million.

Pick 3

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

3-1-6

(three, one, six)

Officers skeptical of plan

WASHINGTON (AP) — Some major law enforcement figures are skeptical about a proposal circulating in Congress to have the government award college scholarships to people willing to take up police work.

President Clinton likes the notion of a national Police Corps. So do many in Congress, where both the Senate and House versions of pending crime legislation would authorize $350 million over the next two years. But some police spokesmen are dubious.

"We need people who have a true desire for that occupation and are willing to make a commitment to serve a career in it and not just a few years to pay back a debt," said Bob Scully, president of the National Association of Police Organizations.

Under the Police Corps program, 100,000 people could get up to $30,000 each in four-year college scholarships from Uncle Sam in exchange for their agreement to put in four years as police officers after graduation.

In addition, the program would provide grants to police departments of $10,000 per year, per officer, to defray of the cost of the officers' wages.

Scully said such a scenario could lead to a "constant turnover of people. ... That's not what we need in law enforcement."

Said Dan Rosenblatt of the International Association of Chiefs of Police: "The real lunacy associated with this is, four years from now, when these people start graduating from college, the federal funding is going to dry up for the 100,000 cops to be put on the streets."

"Police departments are going to have a hard time hiring these (scholarship) people when they're scraping money together to hire the cops on the beat," said Rosenblatt, the organization's executive director.

The Police Corps does enjoy some law enforcement support, however.

"It's a true opportunity to increase the number of minorities — African-Americans, Asians and Hispanics — to recruit them into law enforcement," said Tony Fisher of the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives.

Don Cahill, the National Fraternal Order of Police's legislative chairman, shares Rosenblatt's concerns that departments won't have the money to hire the new college graduates.

But the FOP supports the Police Corps, with limited funding, to "attract certain inner city people that are looking to get an education and do some type of public service," he said.

Qualified, educated applicants are already flooding departments that lack the money to hire them, Cahill said, but that's not good enough.

"If we continue recruiting the way we're recruiting and do not diversify, we're going to have one class of people policing another class of people," he said. "It's hard to police something if you have not walked that walk."

The National Sheriffs Association, meanwhile, says the Police Corps "is not high on our priority list."

"We're not vehemently opposed to it," said Executive Director Bud Meeks. "We're saying there are other things that we need before we spend money on the Police Corps."

Rep. Dave McCurdy, D-Okla., who sponsored the Police Corps amendment in the House, said, "I believe these law enforcement agencies are going to love these young people when they have them come through."

The Police Corps participants would be in addition to Clinton's plan to put another 100,000 community police officers on the street. Congress is expected to approve the community policing program.

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Dear Abby



Passing the Plate Is Occasion For Giving, Not Grandstanding

by Abigail Van Buren

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DEAR ABBY: You told "Churchgoer in Plano, Texas" "While the person who gives to the church once a year may be very generous, those who see him passing the basket without putting anything in may assume he's giving nothing, which sets a poor example for others."

Without appearing sanctimonious, may I point out how Jesus instructed us to give. "So, when you give to the needy, do not announce it with trumpets as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and on the streets, to be honored by men. I tell you the truth, they have received their reward in full. But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your giving may be in secret. Then your Father who sees what is done in secret, will reward you." (Matthew 6:2-4)

Abby, I am one of the few who count the collection after church each week. We do not care who gives monthly, weekly — or never. The only reason we keep track of how much individuals give is to provide them with income tax statements at the end of the year.

JANET SAULTER-HEMMER,
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH,
BOONTON, N.J.

DEAR JANET SAULTER-HEMMER: You were not the only reader who was critical of my response to "Churchgoer." Read on:

DEAR ABBY: A woman at our church once told the church secretary that "so-and-so" who sat near her rarely put anything in the collection plate. The secretary wisely told her that so-and-so gave monthly — and why did it matter to her?

Abby, I've counted offerings for 25 years and find it pathetic that some people are so intimidated by the opinions of others that I often find empty sealed envelopes in the collection basket.

You blew that one, Abby. Sign me ...

GIVING IS PRIVATE,
GLADSTONE, MO.

DEAR GIVING: You're right. I blew it big-time. Wait — there's more. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: You really missed the point in your response to the letter concerning making change from the collection plate.

I recall my childhood neighbors who had nine ragtag children and not a penny to spare. Yet they attended church regularly and were embarrassed when they had nothing to put in the collection plate.

Giving should be an act of generosity rather than the result of coercion. With self-addressed envelopes handed out at the end of the service, just as much money can be collected without peer pressure. If the answer to this suggestion is, "We'll get nary a penny," then perhaps the clergy should rethink the message that they convey to their flock.

I encourage everyone to change the collection tactics at his or her place of worship so that people can give whatever they can afford, without being embarrassed.

DAVID PATTERSON,
RAMONA, CALIF.

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For Abby's favorite family recipes, send a long, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for $3.95 ($4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby, Cookbooklet No. 1, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, Ill. 61054-0447. (Postage is included.)

Mother of all country music fan gatherings to begin in Nashville

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Country stars are used to singing for their supper. Most are generous after the show with an autograph or two.

But this week — as they meet, greet, sweat with and perform for 24,000 rabid fans who have paid $80 a pop for the privilege — the true stars will be separated from those who can merely carry a tune. A true country star juggles an affinity with common folks with the glamour of fame.

Welcome to International Country Music Fan Fair, where fan and star see the whites of each other's eyes. The first show is tonight, and autograph booths open Tuesday.

It works like this: the exclusive ticket-holders (the event was sold out Jan. 26) have access to the Tennessee State Fairgrounds. There, they can roam exhibit halls where stars, record labels and others have set up booths.

Singers meet the faithful at their booths, which have been decorated county-fair style by fan club members. Typical motif: Doug Stone's booth uses mock-stones, a la The Flintstones. Fans line up for hours in advance for a big name like Clint Black, to get something (and they bring just about everything, from CDs to underwear), signed.

What many of them really pay for is that one moment where they have an idol's complete attention. Someone with a marginal singing career can win fans for life with the right attitude and a ready smile.

And, of course, souvenirs of every stripe are available for a price — as are meals ranging from barbecue to corn dogs.

Record labels sponsor performances by some of their most popular acts. Among those set to perform this week are Toby Keith, Marty Stuart, Faith Hill, Waylon Jennings, Martina McBride, Charlie Daniels, John Michael Montgomery and Lorrie Morgan and bluegrass legend Bill Monroe.

Ancillary events have sprung up over the years around Fan Fair. Many fan clubs host meals or picnics for stars and fans. A celebrity softball game is held Sunday. All the regular country music tourism venues also benefit.

The "TNN Music City News Awards" take place tonight at the Grand Ole Opry House, and the "Country Radio Music Awards" debut live Tuesday evening, on radio only.

The 23rd version of the festival arrives during an unprecedented growth for the music genre. Sales of country music has grown from $664 million in 1990 to $1.7 billion last year, according to the Recording Industry Association of America. Concert revenues have climbed to $123 million, from $64 million three years ago, according to Amusement Business magazine.

Limited space at the fairgrounds prevents Fan Fair from growing, but a new downtown area set for completion in 1995 may change that. Fan Fair ticketholders also get admission to the Opryland USA theme park, the Country Music Hall of Fame and the Ryman Auditorium. Two meals are also thrown in.

The success of Fan Fair has inspired two similar festivals in California and Texas. Country Music Fan Jam was held May 21-22 in Ft. Worth, Texas. About 15,000 fans showed up for performances and autographs from stars like McBride, Brothers Phelps, Jerry Jeff Walker and Blackhawk. It was the festival's third year, and tickets cost $10 per day.

The ambitious Fanfest debuted at the Los Angeles County Fair and Exposition Center in Pomona, Calif. May 4-7. About 30,000 came to the event, which included a midway with rides and a rodeo.

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Community Calendar

MONDAY

Tumbleweed Toastmasters meeting; chamber of commerce board room; 6 p.m.

Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park,37th & Ave. M; for more information, call 863-2349, 573-8626, 573-1141; 8 p.m.

Overeaters Anonymous; board room of Cogdell Memorial Hospital; 7:30 p.m.; call 573-8322 for more information.

TUESDAY

Ladies Golf Association; Snyder Country Club; tee time 9 a.m.

Weight Watchers; Trinity United Methodist Church; 5:30 p.m.

TOPS TX56; 5:30 p.m. weigh-in and meeting from 5:30-6:30 p.m.; 2501 35th. For information, call Jean Yearwood at 573-9444.

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

Snyder Police Auxiliary; Snyder National Bank Community Room; 7:30 p.m.

New Horizon Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for more information, call 573-1141, 573-2101; 8 p.m.

Al-Anon; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th and Ave. M; for more information, call 573-3956, 573-2101 573-1141 or 573-8626; 8 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

Snyder Christian Women's Club's "Teacher Appreciation Luncheon;" Martha Ann Woman's Club; prom dress style show; music by Jackie Hackfeld; Karolyn Farmer of Amarillo, speaker; lunch: $5.50, tea or coffee only: $1; for reservations call Georgia at 573-1454 Nan at 573-3440; 12 to 2 p.m.

Narcotics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for more information, call 573-1141; 8 p.m.

THURSDAY

Noah Project Advisory Committee; Martha Ann Woman's Club; noon.

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

Scurry Lodge 706; AF and AM degree classes; 7 p.m.

Codependents Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; 37th & Ave. M; for more information, call 573-7358; 7 p.m.

New Horizons Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; for information, call 573-3308 or 573-2101.

Bilingual Group of Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club Addition in Winston Park; for more information, call 863-2349 or 573-8626; 8 p.m.

FRIDAY

Free blood pressure clinics; Senior Citizens Center, 9:45-11:45 a.m.; Cogdell Memorial Hospital emergency waiting room; 1-2 p.m.

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

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

Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for information, call 573-8626, 863-2349; (Last Friday of the month is the birthday, open, meeting); 8 p.m.

SATURDAY

Defensive Driving; Snyder Savings & Loan Community Room; 27th & College; 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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

Alateen; Park Club at Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; for more information, call 573-8971 or 573-2101; 4:30 p.m.

SUNDAY

Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for more information call 573-1141, 863-2349, or 573-8626; 10 a.m.

Scurry County Museum; Western Texas College; open from 1-4 p.m.

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

Beginners Alcoholics Anonymous and Narcotics Anonymous; Park Club at Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; 7 p.m.

Company tests hair samples for drugs

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. (AP) — Chapparal Steel was dissatisfied with its employee drug testing program. Urinalysis revealed only if drugs had been used within days of the test. And there was always a concern about cheating.

"It got to the point that the guys had to go to the bathroom with a nurse looking through the window," said Victor Swaim, protective services supervisor for the Midlothian, Texas, company.

So it hired Psychemedics Corp., of Cambridge, which uses hair samples to test for drugs. Chapparal could learn if employees had used drugs within the past three months and employees were happy to be spared the humiliation of urinalysis, Swain said.

Drug-testing has become a booming business, with the number of companies testing employees more than tripling since 1987, according to the American Management Association.

And Psychemedics has tried to grab a piece of the action, arguing that hair is better than urine for detecting drugs. But it is a tough market to crack.

Employers are generally satisfied with their drug testing programs and there's little incentive to change, said Eric Greenberg of the New York-based management association.

Hair drug testing cost up to $65, more than double the typical cost of urinalysis.

And hair drug testing is dogged by the criticism that it is unreliable, biased against blacks and an invasion of privacy — all dismissed by Psychemedics' president chief executive officer, Raymond Kubacki.

"There just seems to be a lot of misinformation and that seems to have increased dramatically with our success," he said.

Psychemedics has had some success. In two years it has doubled its number of corporate clients to 350. It reported its first annual profits last year, $953,000, or 5 cents a share. That followed losses of $522,000, or 3 cents a share, in 1992.

Still, hair-drug testing — of which Psychemedics is the leader — makes up only slightly more than 1 percent of the drug-testing business, according to the management association.

Psychemedics, which is traded on the NASDAQ, was formed in 1987. Among its main investors are leaders of Blockbuster Entertainment Inc., including Blockbuster chairman H. Wayne Huizenga, the Florida sports magnate.

Its process is based on the principle that whenever drugs are consumed, traces enter the blood stream and reach the hair. The more drugs consumed, the more will be in the hair.

"You can't bleach it out or dye it out. It's there permanently," Kubacki said.

About 50 hairs — the width of a pencil point — are cut from near an employee's scalp. They are shipped to a laboratory in Culver City, Calif., where they are washed and liquefied, then tested for specific drugs.

Psychemedics tests the 11/2 inches closest to the scalp, representing the most recent three months of growth.

The American Civil Liberties Union, which opposes all such drug testing, argues that employers have no right to know whether workers used drugs three months ago.

What employees do in their own time is their own business, said Milind Shah, a senior fellow for the ACLU.

The ACLU and other critics say hair testing is too likely to detect drugs even if workers didn't use any. Being in a room where drugs are smoked could be enough for a false positive, they say.

Critics also say that drugs are more likely to be detected in dark hair, especially the hair of black people.

The Navy considered using hair for drug testing, but rejected the idea because of concerns about false positives, said David Kidwell, a research scientist at the Naval Research Laboratory in Washington.

Those concerns are echoed by the National Institute of Drug Abuse in Baltimore.

"It's very positive that the hair, being a good filter that it is, will pick up the residues in the air," said Dr. Edward Cone, chief of NIDA's chemistry and drug metabolism section.

But Kubacki said false positives are virtually impossible with Psychemedics' process.

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♦ Q 5
♣ K J 9 8 5

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♥ 8 7 4
♦ A K J 10 4 2
♣ 10 4 2

EAST
♠ K 9 7
♥ A 10 9 5 3
♦ 9 7 3
♣ 7 6

SOUTH
♠ A 6 5 3 2
♥ K 6 2
♦ 8 6
♣ A Q 3

Vulnerable: Both
Dealer: South

South	West	North	East
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Opening lead: ♦ K

The objective vs. the subjective

By Phillip Alder

It seems that everyone — apart from some of the nine judges, of course — thought Jayne Torvill and Christopher Dean won the gold medal in the Ice Dancing at the Winter Olympics in Lillehammer. This disparity demonstrates the subjectivity of skating: Everyone has an opinion. Bridge, however, is objective: Either the contract makes or it doesn't.

Of course, before the final result is known, bridge can be subjective. Players dispute the best way to bid, play or defend a hand.

In today's auction, three diamonds was a weak jump overcall. Against four spades, West led the diamond king: five, three, six. He continued with the diamond ace: queen, nine, eight. West switched to a heart, East winning with the ace and returning the suit. Declarer took two spade finesses through East, drew the last trump and claimed 10 tricks. Any thoughts on the bidding and play?

North was right to jump to game, because in this situation you overbid by one trick. A raise to three spades shows a hand that would have bid two spades without the overcall.

East made the only error in the play. From the point-count, he knows his side has only three defensive tricks. East must try a ruse. He should echo in diamonds, playing first the nine, then the three. West will continue with the diamond jack at trick three. If South believes East, he will ruff with dummy's spade 10. Then East will score a trump trick to defeat the contract.

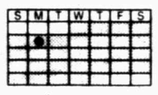
The objective is easier to handle; but it is the subjective that allows the world to go around, creating debates that are stimulating.

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June 6, 1994

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TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1944, Allied forces landed on D-Day at Normandy, France, during World War II. It was history's largest invasion.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Nathan Hale (1755-1776), American patriot; Robert F. Scott (1868-1912), Antarctic explorer; Thomas Mann (1875-1955), writer; Marion Wright Edelman (1939-), civil-rights activist, is 55; Bjorn Borg (1956-), tennis great, is 38.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1896, George Harbo and Frank Samuelson became the first people to have rowed across the Atlantic Ocean.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Time cools, time clarifies; no mood can be maintained quite unaltered through the course of hours." — Thomas Mann

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1984, an unseasonable storm buried portions of the Colorado Rockies under up to 2 feet of snow.

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TODAY'S MOON: Between last quarter (June 1) and new moon (June 9).



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Conservatives revive castration proposal

HOUSTON (AP) — A few Texas conservatives are quietly reviving the issue of castrating some violent criminals three years after the issue caused an uproar in Houston.

The subject stirred controversy in 1991 when State District Judge Michael McSpadden granted a black man's request to be castrated in exchange for a probated prison sentence.

The case sparked an outcry from some black activists, and McSpadden withdrew his approval when a doctor could not be found to perform the procedure.

Now, a few Texas conservatives are embracing a more temperate approach.

Led by Republican state Sen. Teel Bivins of Amarillo, they are pushing castration as optional therapy, not punishment, for imprisoned child molesters, The Houston Post reported Sunday.

Texas prison officials currently refuse to permit surgical or chemical castration of inmates, but Bivins plans to introduce a bill in January that would let inmate child molesters volunteer to be surgically castrated at state expense.

Bivins and McSpadden said they have collected small piles of letters from inmates who believe the surgery will cure their sexual compulsions.

At last count, 7,856 men were serving time for sex crimes in Texas penitentiaries at a cost of more than $350,000 a day.

Dr. Louis Girard, a Houston eye surgeon, has become one of America's most insistent voices on the issue. Girard said the surgery seems far more merciful than locking a man up for many years.

But critics liken the procedure to misguided attempts in the past to cure other human ailments with treatments such as lobotomies. And the very word castration opens old wounds for many blacks, whose forebears were sometimes castrated before they were lynched.

The Rev. Jew Don Boney, McSpadden's leading local antagonist on the issue, argues that many sex criminals are mentally ill or have been neglected and abused themselves as children.

Boney fears that if the judge has his way, America's most disenfranchised people, including a fair percentage of black men, will be systematically sterilized.

But Girard noted that white sex offenders outnumber blacks in the Texas prison system (42.1 percent to 33.7 percent). The disparity is even greater among those who sexually abused children: 49.1 percent are white, compared to 23.4 percent black.

Artist Pablo Picasso died at his home near Mougins, France, in 1973. He was 91.

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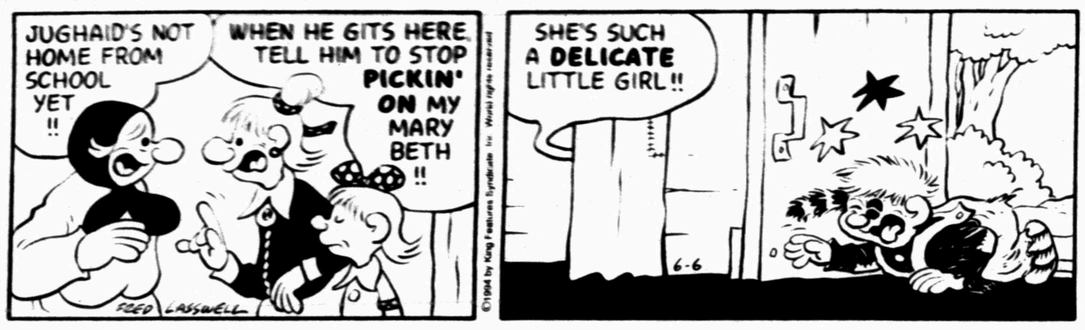
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8 Poetic foot
12 Fleetwood —
13 Legend
14 German river
15 In time gone by
16 Disney classic
18 Meteorological device
20 Spanish gold
21 Abstract being
22 Limb
24 — -do-well
26 Radioactive element
30 Requires
33 Short sleep
34 Future attys.' exam
36 Opposite of ecto
37 Colorless
39 Weary
41 Soft hat
42 Author Joyce Carol —
44 Burros
46 Pork legs
48 34th pres.
49 Summer (Fr.)
51 Goddess of healing
53 Song words
57 Into prominence (3 wds.)
60 WWII area
61 Decorate
62 In this manner
63 Sched. abbr.
64 Parts of circle
65 Observes
66 Smoked salmon

DOWN

1 Dec. holiday
2 Character in Othello
3 Sacred image
4 Endanger
5 Memo abbr. —
6 — — time (never)
7 Prickle
8 Olympic org.
9 Attachment (to a cause)
10 Chicken chow —
11 Sis's siblings
17 Film director Joel —
19 — Quayle
23 Has to
25 Wide shoe size
26 Take apart
27 — avis
28 Listless
29 Servant
31 WWII event
32 Soaks up
35 Stepped on
38 Actress — Arthur
40 Infinite
43 Type of duck
45 Lock opener
47 Examines carefully
49 Singer — James
50 Pressure unit
52 Architect Mies van der —
54 Stagger
55 Leave — — Beaver
56 Wheedle
58 British Navy abbreviation
59 Regret

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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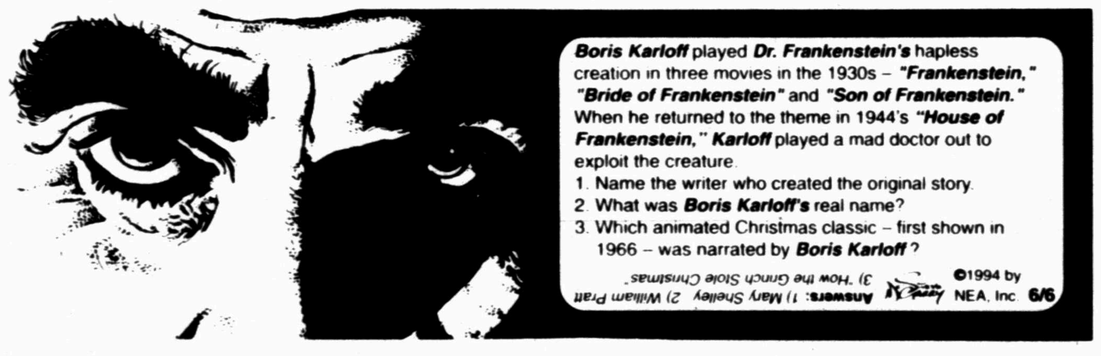
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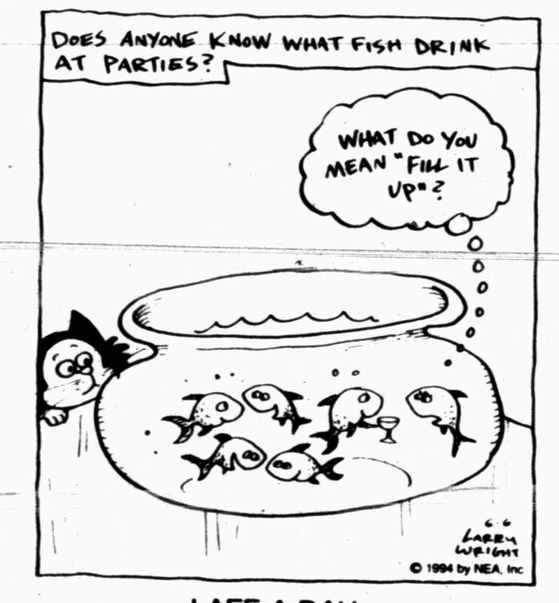
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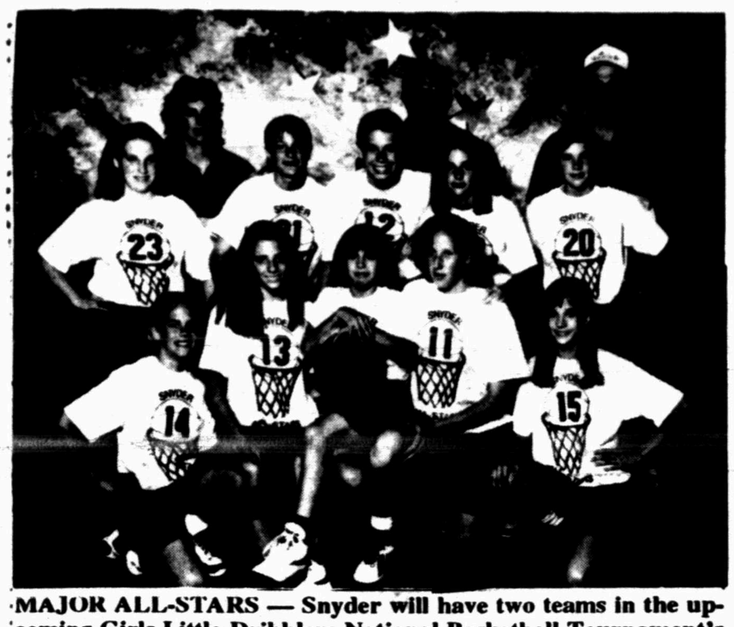


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"HERE'S A JAR OF PEANUT BUTTER. COULD YOU PUT SOME BREAD UNDER IT FOR ME?"



MAJOR ALL-STARS — Snyder will have two teams in the upcoming Girls Little Dribblers National Basketball Tournament's Major Division. Snyder Black, top, will face Plainview at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at SHS. Snyder Gold, bottom, is scheduled to battle Hobbs, N.M. at 11:45 a.m. Wednesday at Scurry County Coliseum. Black team members are, front row from left, Christina Holder, Tessa Hildebrand, Kami Bates, Lexi Beard and Lacey Kidd. Middle row from left, Christy Tomlinson, Kaycee Marricle, Jodi Dennis, Courtney Rinehart and Laura Lewis. Back row from left, coach Kathy Bates, coach Rick Hall and coach Jackie Murray. Snyder Gold team members are, front row from left, Kristen Murray, Shena Callaway, Brandy Wood, Cameron Mackey and Lindsey Nicholson. Middle row from left, Korby Calley, Morgan Clements, Dana McCright, Callie Bane and Whitney Webb. Back row from left, coach Steve Mackey and coach Jerry Webb. Not pictured is coach Vanessa Williams. (Contributed Photos)



Ewing carries NY into Finals

NEW YORK (AP) — Patrick Ewing refused to let the New York Knicks lose.

He refused to fold under the pressure of Game 7 in the Eastern Conference finals.

He refused to let foul trouble bother him in the closing minutes of the biggest game of his NBA career.

He refused to give up when the Knicks, trailing the Indiana Pacers by a point, missed a crucial shot with about 30 seconds left.

When John Starks missed, Ewing grabbed the rebound and dunked it to give New York the lead for good in a 94-90 victory that sent the Knicks to the NBA Finals for the first time in 21 years.

The gigantic jam climaxed a sensational game for Ewing, who had 24 points, 22 rebounds, seven assists and five blocks despite picking up his fifth foul with 4:52 remaining and the Knicks clinging to an 83-80 lead.

"I don't think I've ever seen anyone play a better game at the moment of truth," Knicks coach Pat Riley said.

Twenty-two seconds after picking up his fifth foul, Ewing fed Anthony Mason for a layup that put the Knicks ahead 85-80. With two minutes left, Indiana had cut it to 87-86, but Ewing hit a baseline jumper and New York led by three.

Indiana came back and took a 90-89 lead on a dunk by Dale Davis with 34 seconds remaining. Again Ewing responded, this time with his biggest basket of the game.

When Starks missed a driving shot, the 7-foot center grabbed the rebound above the rim and slammed it home with 26 seconds left.

"Antonio Davis had to come over to pick up Starks when he drove, and no one picked up Patrick," Riley said. "Actually, John missed the shot in a perfect way."

It was a perfect ending for Ewing and the Knicks, who will travel to Houston to play the Rockets in Game 1 of the NBA Finals on Wednesday night.

"He stepped up tonight and that was the difference," Pacers coach Larry Brown said. "As a coach, I'm in awe of him for what he's done."

Despite Ewing's dunk, the Pacers still had a chance to win. But Reggie Miller shot an airball and then was whistled for a controversial flagrant foul against Starks with 3.2 seconds left and the Pacers trailing by one.

Miller, desperate to stop the clock, slapped at Starks and appeared to hit him in the face. Referee Mike Mathis called it a flagrant foul, giving Starks two foul shots and subsequent possession to the Knicks.

NBA playoffs

By The Associated Press
All Times EDT

CONFERENCE FINALS

Tuesday, May 31

Houston 94, Utah 83, Houston wins series 4-1

Wednesday, June 1

Indiana 93, New York 86

Friday, June 3

New York 98, Indiana 91

Sunday, June 5

New York 94, Indiana 90, New York wins series 4-3

NBA FINALS

Wednesday, June 8

New York at Houston, 9 p.m.

Friday, June 10

New York at Houston, 9 p.m.

Sunday, June 12

Houston at New York, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, June 15

Houston at New York, 9 p.m.

Friday, June 17

Houston at New York, 9 p.m., if necessary

Sunday, June 19

New York at Houston, 7 p.m., if necessary

Wednesday, June 22

New York at Houston, 9 p.m., if necessary

Baseball glance

By The Associated Press
All Times EDT

American League

East Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
New York	33	19	.635	—
Boston	31	22	.585	2½
Baltimore	29	24	.547	4½
Detroit	26	27	.491	7½
Toronto	26	28	.481	8
Central Division				
Chicago	32	20	.615	—
Cleveland	30	21	.588	1½
Kansas City	28	25	.528	4½
Minnesota	27	26	.509	5½
Milwaukee	23	31	.426	10
West Division				
Texas	26	27	.491	—
California	24	32	.429	3½
Seattle	22	32	.407	4½
Oakland	16	39	.291	11

Saturday's Games

Texas 10, Boston 4
Minnesota 21, Detroit 7
Kansas City 4, New York 3
Cleveland 8, Oakland 2
Chicago 7, Baltimore 1
Seattle 2, Toronto 0
Milwaukee 7, California 6, 11 innings

Sunday's Games

Texas 10, Boston 7, 10 innings
Detroit 5, Minnesota 3
Kansas City 3, New York 1
Baltimore 8, Chicago 5
California 3, Milwaukee 1
Toronto 5, Seattle 4
Cleveland 8, Oakland 1

Monday's Games

Boston (Hesketh 3-3) at Detroit (Belcher 3-8), 7:05 p.m.
Baltimore (Mussina 7-3) at Kansas City (Gordon 5-3), 8:05 p.m.
New York (Key 7-1) at Texas (Pavlick 1-2), 8:35 p.m.
Minnesota (Tapani 6-2) at California (Leftwich 3-4), 10:05 p.m.
Milwaukee (Eldred 5-6) at Oakland (Van Poppel 1-4), 10:05 p.m.
Cleveland (Grimsley 0-0) at Seattle (Bosio 2-7), 10:05 p.m.
Only games scheduled

National League

East Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Atlanta	35	18	.660	—
Montreal	32	22	.593	3½
Florida	28	27	.509	8
New York	26	28	.481	9½
Philadelphia	26	30	.464	10½
Central Division				
Houston	32	23	.582	—
Cincinnati	31	24	.564	1
St. Louis	28	25	.528	3
Pittsburgh	23	30	.434	8
Chicago	22	32	.407	9½
West Division				
Los Angeles	29	27	.518	—
San Francisco	26	30	.464	3
Colorado	25	29	.463	3
San Diego	19	37	.339	10

Saturday's Games

Montreal 6, Chicago 1
Florida 4, San Diego 3, 10 innings
Cincinnati 8, New York 5
Atlanta 4, Los Angeles 2
Houston 5, Philadelphia 1
St. Louis 2, San Francisco 1
Pittsburgh 4, Colorado 3

Sunday's Games

Atlanta 6, Los Angeles 5
San Francisco 10, St. Louis 3
Houston 4, Philadelphia 2
Cincinnati 9, New York 6, 10 innings
Pittsburgh 4, Colorado 3
Montreal 10, Chicago 5, 13 innings
Florida 10, San Diego 5

Monday's Games

San Francisco (Swift 6-3) at Pittsburgh (Cooke 1-5), 3:05 p.m.
Los Angeles (Candiotti 4-2) at Florida (Gardner 1-2), 7:35 p.m.
Houston (Swindell 5-1) at Montreal (Henry 2-0), 7:35 p.m.
Chicago (Bullinger 3-0) at Philadelphia (Boskie 2-2), 7:35 p.m.
San Diego (Benes 3-9) at Atlanta (Maddux 9-2), 7:40 p.m.
New York (Smith 3-6) at Colorado (Bottenfield 3-0), 9:05 p.m.
Only games scheduled

Volunteers still sought for b'ball tournament

Volunteers are still needed to help out at the upcoming Girls' Little Dribblers National Basketball Tournament, to be hosted by Snyder next week.

More workers are needed in concessions and ticket and program sales at each of the four tournament sites.

"We've had a lot of volunteers come forward," said Chamber of Commerce Manager Ricky Fritz, "but it's going to take a ton of workers.

"Several senior citizens have said they'd like to volunteer, but they don't know if they can stand up that long at a time. There are a lot of jobs they can do sitting down, though.

"We'll need anybody that'll come out to help."

Volunteers may sign up for as little as two hours from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday.

Workers may sign up by calling the chamber at 573-3558.

The 70-team event kicks off Wednesday with 34 games scheduled at Snyder High School, Travis Gym, Western Texas College and Scurry County Coliseum.

Opening ceremonies, slated for 7 p.m. Thursday at the coliseum, will feature guest speaker former Texas Tech cage star Krista Kirkland Gerlich and a performance by the Snyder CUBS, a youth basketball drill team. The CUBS will also perform at halftime of selected tournament games.

Over 850 players from age 8 to 16 are expected for the tournament, which will include six Snyder teams.

Teams will play in two conferences, National and American, and three divisions, junior, major and senior.

Snyder is represented by two teams in each division in the National Conference.

Championship games in each division will mark the end of the tournament Saturday.

Admission for the national tourney is $2 for adults and $1 for kindergarten-age through children 12 years old on a per-game basis. Day passes, good for any game at any gym for one day, are available for $8 per person, and tournament passes cost $15 each.

TKD students advance to nationals

DALLAS — Four Snyder taekwondo students captured berths at the national championships with top-three finishes at Saturday's state tournament.

Amanda Hicks and Shelley Grinslade each captured gold medals in both forms and free-sparring, while Grant Gonzales and David Richardson collected bronze medals in sparring.

The top three qualifiers in each division earned slots at nationals.

Snyder competitors Bradley Price and Thomas Hefner each received academic recognition at the meet. Other locals competing were Trey Castenada, Andrew Bane and Randy Herrera.

The 12th Annual Texas State Junior TKD Championships featured 1,000 competitors, the largest state meet ever.

The quartet of national qualifiers are instructed by Greg Gafford, this year's tournament coordinator, and coaches Brian Smith and Keisha Gafford.

The national tournament will be held July 14-18 in Chicago.



RUNNERS-UP — The Purple Pros of Snyder came in second at the recent Snyder ASA 10-And-Under girls softball tournament. Team members are, front row from left, Elizabeth Jordan, Casey Kellner, Melissa Jones, Candace Gonzales and Hailey Putnam. Middle row from left, Patricia Hermasillo, Amber Alexander, Joanna Burk, Aaryn Jordan, Katie Voss and Sara Potts. Back row from left, manager Cindy Putnam, coach Dalvin Alexander, coach Rodger Potts and chaperone Carla Alexander. (Contributed Photo)

Rangers complete sweep of BoSox

BOSTON (AP) — One week ago, Texas manager Kevin Kennedy said he felt his team was rolling just in time for a road trip.

He was right.

The Rangers banged out 45 hits this past weekend and outscored the Red Sox 33-13 in completing the first sweep at Boston since 1984.

The finale of Texas' power surge was a 10-7 victory at Fenway Park on Sunday, highlighted by Jose Canseco's fourth home run in three days, a game-winning, three-run shot in the 10th inning.

"It was just a feeling," Kennedy said of his prediction, made the previous Sunday when Texas came back to beat Boston 8-6. Sure enough, Texas won two of three at Milwaukee and then bombed the Red Sox.

"When we came back like we did last week, I could feel the change in the team. I didn't know we'd go 5-1, but I felt we'd feed off that win," he said.

Clark and Canseco did much of the damage. Canseco was 10-for-13, drove in 10 runs and scored 10. Clark was 9-for-15 and drove in eight runs.

The Red Sox, who trailed 6-2 entering the eighth inning, rallied for three runs in the eighth and two in the ninth to send the game to extra innings.

In the 10th, Texas catcher Ivan Rodriguez earned a leadoff walk from reliever Jeff Russell (0-3). After Este Beltre failed to sacrifice, Oddibe McDowell walked. One out later, Canseco sent a towering drive into the left-field screen. It was his 15th homer of the season.

"We tried to throw the fastball by him," Hobson said. "I tried walking him (Saturday) and we got beat, so I wasn't going to walk him again today."

For Canseco, it marked the end of a great performance in a park where he once feared his career had been ruined. Canseco suffered a season-ending elbow injury while pitching relief in Boston during a 15-1 blowout last May 29.

Kile, Astros top Phillies

HOUSTON (AP) — It has been a month that has seemed like a year for Darryl Kile. But Sunday, the Houston pitcher found himself.

And in doing so, he helped the Astros to a 4-2 victory that gave them a three-game sweep of the Philadelphia Phillies. The victory enabled Houston to keep a one-game lead over Cincinnati in the National League Central Division.

Philadelphia struck for two runs on three hits and a walk in the first inning. Doubles by Sid Bream and Kevin Bass in the fourth inning helped give the Astros the lead for good.

"We've been getting behind early a lot lately," Collins said. "It's a pattern I really don't want to keep going. But this team really feels it can score some runs. We're aggressive on the bases."

The Phillies were a little too aggressive on the bases in grabbing that 2-0 first-inning lead. Milt Thompson got caught between second and third on a mental blunder that seriously damaged the Philadelphia offense.

Youth baseball results

LITTLE LEAGUE

Rangers 12, Yankees 8

Jared Hester slammed five hits, two triples, a double, and a pair of singles, to lift the Rangers past the Yankees on Saturday.

Ben Rollins tripled and singled, winning pitcher Ralph Ramon and David Wilson each smacked two hits, and Trey Shirley singled for the Rangers.

The Yankees were paced by Landon Day's triple and double, a three-bagger and a base hit by losing pitcher Paul Camp, two Seth Sterling singles, and a hit apiece from Drew Wall, Rocky Gill, and Ryan Gibson.

White Sox 13, Braves 2

The White Sox broke a 0-0 tie in the top of the third with nine runs on their way to Saturday's Little League victory.

Winning pitcher David Sutton belted a triple and a single, Martin Villarreal doubled twice, Josh Ward slapped a two-sacker, and Sterling Doty and Shade Everton each rapped a single for the Sox.

The Braves finished with three hits, a single apiece by losing pitcher Adam Beck, Nathan Smith and Jared Boyd.

FARM LEAGUE

Yankees 11, Rangers 5

The Yankees scored five first-inning runs, then added six in the second to get past the Rangers on Saturday.

Trey Roland doubled and Zach Starnes, Johnny Munoz and Miguel Infante each thumped a single for the winners.

Johnny Martinez and Josh Levens each singled for the Rangers.

Athletics 18, Giants 1

The Athletics parlayed six hits into 18 runs in Saturday's win over the Giants, a makeup game from the first half of the season.

Daniel Highfield homered and singled to lead the A's. Jeffrey Flentge singled twice, and Eric Dickerhoff, Jeremy Goodlett and Tommy Hull each added a hit.

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Documents say FAA ignored warnings

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The Federal Aviation Administration waited until more than four years had passed and 13 people had been killed in plane crashes before warning pilots about dangerous turbulence behind Boeing 757s, the Los Angeles Times reported.

An FAA expert warned his superiors in 1989 that the agency was advising pilots to fly too closely behind the jetliners, but the FAA didn't alert air traffic controllers until after a crash last December, and didn't change its flying rules until last week, the Times reported Sunday.

"The FAA does not put a significant amount of time and money into something until they have a tragedy," said Robert E. Machol, who retired as the FAA's chief scientist in April.

Machol had discovered that invisible "horizontal tornadoes" emanate from the 757's wings.

The hazard is greatest during takeoff and landing, when smaller planes can suddenly fly into the hurricane-force winds.

According to FAA documents obtained by the Times under the Freedom of Information Act, Machol was told in 1989 to tone down his language, and the agency still hesitated to take action even after he persuaded his superiors to hold a special meeting on the problem on Dec. 7, 1992.

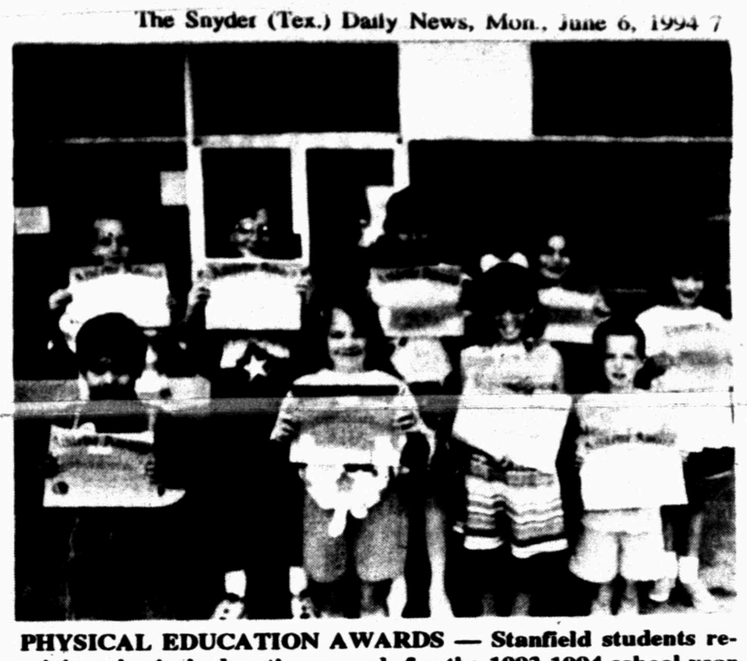
Eleven days later, wake turbulence from a 757 was blamed for the deaths of eight people in a small-plane crash in Billings, Mont.

Tony Broderick, the FAA's associate administrator for regulation and certification, said the agency didn't warn pilots immediately because Machol failed to provide "specific data" to justify the action.

It wasn't until after five more people died in a similar crash on Dec. 15, 1993, in Santa Ana, Calif., that FAA Administrator David R. Hinson ordered air traffic controllers to alert pilots to the threat, the Times reported.

In February, the National Transportation Safety Board recommended that the FAA change its rules for following 757s.

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PHYSICAL EDUCATION AWARDS — Stanfield students receiving physical education awards for the 1993-1994 school year include front row, from left, Jose Perez, Abby Levens, April Lollor, Russell Lee; back row, Justin Boyd, Kameron Harrison, Aleida Arellano, Mandy Bruns, Katie Neves. (Contributed Photo)



MORE PE AWARDS — These Stanfield students also received physical education awards for the just completed school year. Seated, J.J. Mandrell and Chance Tatum; kneeling, Erica Martinez, Sara Thornhill, Roberto Sauceda and Brandi Russell; third row, Kerri McKenzie, Jed Martin, Christy Garcia, K.J. French and Tanner Reed; fourth row, Tiffany Barry, Brock Tyrrel, Ty Collins, Ashley Martinez and Tucker Early; fifth row, Holli Lammert, Blake Grimmett, Erin Burleson, Bryan Huddleston, Katie Chandler and Bradley Price; sixth row, Jill Porter, physical education teacher. (Contributed Photo)

Police arrest nine in weekend cases

Snyder area law enforcement personnel made nine arrests, including two on felony charges, and investigated four burglaries over the weekend.

Snyder police were advised of a possible burglary in progress at 1700 Ave. M at 12:26 p.m. Sunday. Officers arrested 27-year-old Hubert Layefette Newby at the scene and charged him with burglary of a residence.

At 1:26 a.m. Sunday, an officer arrested Bobby Lunn Allen, 36, for felony driving while intoxicated in the 600 block of 19th Street.

Police arrested a 32-year-old woman at 11:13 p.m. Saturday in the 800 block of 27th Street for Class C assault, family violence.

At 12:30 a.m. Sunday, officers arrested a 12-year-old girl in the 2600 block of Avenue J for probation violation. The juvenile was later released to her aunt.

At 11:22 a.m. Sunday, police arrested a 23-year-old man in the 2500 block of 27th Street on warrants for theft and assault.

Officers were notified of a disturbance in the 2800 block of Avenue F at 7:58 p.m. Sunday. A 54-year-old woman was arrested for Class C assault, family violence.

Police arrested a 23-year-old man on a DPS warrant for rider not secured with a safety belt at 11:32 p.m. Sunday at Varsity Square.

At 12:17 a.m. today, police arrested a 28-year-old man along Coleman Street for public intoxication.

At 1:57 a.m. today, officers arrested a 30-year-old woman in the 1900 block of Coleman for public intoxication and disorderly conduct.

Kim Merritt contacted police at 3:20 p.m. Saturday in reference to the break in of a vehicle. A report for burglary of a motor vehicle was filed.

Doug Merritt contacted police at 5:58 p.m. Saturday in reference to the theft of some yard decorations from the 500 block of 30th Street. A report for Class B theft was filed.

A man came to the sheriff's office at 11:20 p.m. Saturday in reference to someone in a pickup throwing a bottle at his vehicle and breaking the windshield. A report for criminal mischief was filed.

Diana Cole contacted police at 4:52 a.m. Sunday in reference to a break-in at 408 35th St. Taken were some household items. A report for burglary of a residence was filed.

Sam Arizmendi contacted police at 10:51 a.m. Sunday in reference to the theft of some items. A report for Class A theft was filed.

A woman came to the police department at 2:25 p.m. Sunday in reference to her son being assaulted. A report for Class C assault was filed.

At 2:40 p.m. Sunday, Petra Vasquez contacted police in reference to a ring that had been stolen. A report for felony theft was filed.

Tommy Campbell contacted police at 6:05 p.m. Sunday in reference to the theft of some building material. A report for Class B theft was filed.

At 6:51 p.m. Sunday, Larry Boulware contacted police in reference to a burglary at 1504 Ave. R. Some tools were missing and a report for burglary of a building was filed.

Police responded to a family disturbance in the 2600 block of Avenue U at 7:27 p.m. Sunday. A report for Class C assault, family violence, was filed.

At 1:10 a.m. today, a man contacted police in reference to an assault at Allsup's. A report for Class C assault was filed.

In one other weekend report, a man contacted officers at 2:04 p.m. Sunday to complain that he had seen an unclothed manriding a bicycle along U.S. Highway 84 near Rip Griffin's Truck Stop. Officers were dispatched but were unable to locate the subject.

Vince Gill sings duet with his daughter

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Country music star Vince Gill surprised a national radio audience with a new duet partner — his 12-year-old daughter Jennifer.

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Against North Korea...

Clinton supports economic sanctions

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton played down talk of war from North Korea, saying he would stand firm on his call for economic sanctions and remains committed to defending South Korea if necessary.

North Korean officials have said they would consider economic sanctions to be "a declaration of war." But Clinton predicted North Korea would not risk an invasion of the South that would provoke U.S. military action.

"I don't think that they would risk the certain terrible defeat and destruction that would occur if they did that," he said in an interview Sunday on ABC. "But I don't want any war talk. I want this to be about peace talk. What happens in North Korea and to North Korea is a function of what North Korea does."

Clinton said he expected the United Nations to approve sanctions that would pressure North Korea to allow inspections to determine whether it is making nuclear weapons.

The United States is prepared to join with other willing nations to put economic pressure on North Korea if the U.N. does not act, Clinton added.

"We are going to proceed firmly on this," he said on NBC. "I hope and believe the U.N. will do it. If it doesn't then we'll look at who else wants to do it and what else we can do. But we can't turn away from this."

As he discussed North Korea in a round of television interviews from Europe, where he is attending D-Day anniversary ceremonies, Clinton sought to keep the rhetoric cool.

But North Korea repeated its warning today. "Sanctions means outright war," North Korea's chief organization overseeing inter-Korea affairs said in a statement.

Defense Secretary William Perry said Sunday he did not believe a military showdown was imminent over the North's refusal to allow inspection of its nuclear facilities.

Unilateral cease fire announced

SAN'A, Yemen (AP) — Northern Yemen announced a unilateral cease-fire today in its month-old war with the secessionist south.

"We have informed the secretary-general of the United Nations and the secretary-general of the Arab League that a cease-fire will start from midnight tonight" (5 p.m. EDT), said the northern foreign minister, Mohammed Salem Bassandwah.

"It's an open-ended cease-fire," he told reporters. "We are abiding by the United Nations resolution," adopted Wednesday by the Security Council.

The Security Council called for a cease-fire and an end to arms shipments to combatants in the civil war, which broke out May 4 after months of skirmishes.

Bassandwah said the cease-fire would last as long as the south respected it.

Yemen was formed when the conservative north and socialist south merged into a single state in May 1990. The fragile union was beset by cultural and ideological differences and a power struggle between President Ali Abdullah Saleh, a northerner, and Vice President Ali Salem al-Beidh, a southerner.

Beidh declared the south's independence May 20. The breakaway state has not been recognized internationally.

Earlier today, oil industry sources said northern warplanes trying to hit a southern army base accidentally struck tanks at Yemen's only sizeable oil refinery.

All 160 on board killed...

Jet crashes in northern China

BEIJING (AP) — A Chinese jetliner crashed shortly after takeoff today in northern China, killing all 160 people aboard in the country's worst reported air disaster.

The official Xinhua News Agency confirmed everyone on board the domestic flight from the popular tourist city of Xian to Canton was killed in the crash.

Nine foreigners were among the 146 passengers, Xinhua said. It did not give their nationalities.

"The bodies lay one after another," Dr. Zhang Jiexiong said by phone after returning to the Xian Emergency Center. "It was hard to take."

The Soviet-built TU154, operated by China's Northwest Airlines, crashed in a rural area of Changan County, directly south of Xian and about 600 miles southwest of Beijing.

The national television news broadcast video showing the fuselage lying on its back, uncharred, in a field. What appeared to be one wing lay some distance away in a shallow stream. The footage did not show bodies.

Also today, a jet with 148 people on board made an emergency landing at Hong Kong's Kaitak Airport because of trouble with its wing flaps. Seven people were slightly injured, officials reported. The Airbus 320, belonging to Hong Kong-based Dragonair, arrived from the central Chinese city of Nanking.

And a China Southern Airlines jetliner on a flight from Fuzhou to Canton was hijacked to Taiwan, according to Taiwan's official Central News Agency. The plane, with 139 people aboard, landed safely in Taipei.

Today's crash of Flight 2303 occurred at 8:20 a.m., less than 10 minutes after takeoff, said L.Y. Wang of the Civil Aviation Administration of China, which oversees airline operations.

Chinese officials blame an alarming increase in the number and seriousness of accidents over the past two years on the rapid growth in air traffic, which is exhausting the supply of experienced pilots, air traffic controllers and ground crew.

Markets Midday Stocks

NEW YORK (AP)

	High	Low	Last	
AMR Corp	565/8	563/8	565/8	-1/8
AT&T Corp	561/8	557/8	557/8	
AirTouch n	26	253/4	257/8	+1/8
Albtsn s	28	271/2	275/8	-1/8
Alldsignal s	355/8	353/8	351/2	+1/8
Alltel s	27	265/8	267/8	+1/8
AmStores s	241/2	241/8	241/8	-1/4
Ameritech	40	393/8	393/4	+1/4
Amoco	581/4	58	581/4	+5/8
AndarkPtr	543/8	533/8	543/8	+3/4
ArmcoInc	6	57/8	6	-1/8
AtlRichfld	1011/4	1001/4	1011/4	+3/8
AtmosEgy s	19	187/8	19	+1/4
Aviall n	15	147/8	147/8	
BakerHughes	201/4	193/4	197/8	+3/8
BancTexas	13/8	13/8	13/8	
BellAtl	547/8	541/2	543/4	+3/4
BellSouth	601/4	593/4	601/8	+1/2
Beth Steel	191/4	191/4	191/4	
Borden	131/2	131/4	131/4	-1/8
Brit Pet	693/8	691/4	691/4	+1/4
Caterpllr	1081/8	1073/4	108	+1/2
CenSoWst	223/8	221/8	223/8	+1/8
Chevron	89	881/2	885/8	-1/8
Chevron wi	443/4	443/4	443/4	+1/2
Chrysler	481/8	473/8	471/2	-1/4
Coastal	29	287/8	287/8	-1/8
CocaCola	421/8	415/8	42	
ColgatePalm	58	571/2	573/4	+1/8
Cooperln	371/4	371/8	371/8	
CyprusAmax	287/8	285/8	285/8	+1/8
DallSemicn	20	193/4	197/8	+1/8
DeltaAirl	45	447/8	447/8	+1/8
DigitalEq	207/8	201/8	203/8	-1/2
Dillard	311/2	307/8	311/4	+1/4
DowChem	683/4	68	681/4	-5/8
Dresserlnd	221/8	217/8	217/8	-1/4
DuPont	62	615/8	613/4	-1/8
EastmnCh n	48	473/4	473/4	
EstKodak	47	461/2	463/4	
Eljerlnd	63/8	61/4	63/8	
Enserch	14	137/8	137/8	
Entergy	301/4	30	301/8	+1/4
Exxon	617/8	615/8	615/8	+1/4
Flowerlnd	18	177/8	177/8	-1/8
FordMotor	571/4	561/2	565/8	-1/4
FordMotor wi	283/4	281/2	281/2	
GTE Cp	317/8	315/8	313/4	+1/8
GenDynam s	44	431/2	435/8	+1/4
GenElec s	495/8	491/8	491/4	-1/8
GenMills	565/8	561/4	563/8	
GenMotors	523/8	511/4	511/2	-1/2
GenMotors E	351/4	341/2	347/8	-3/8
GaPacif	647/8	645/8	643/4	
GlobalMar	43/8	41/4	43/8	+1/8
Goodrich	453/4	455/8	453/4	+1/4
Goodyear s	38	375/8	373/4	+1/8
GtAtlPac	241/8	241/8	241/8	+1/8
Haliburtn	32	313/8	317/8	+1/2
Hanson ADS	191/2	193/8	193/8	+1/8
Houstlnd	331/2	331/8	331/2	+1/2
IBM	615/8	611/8	611/2	+1/2
IntlPaper	707/8	701/2	707/8	+3/8
JohnsnJns	44	431/8	431/8	-5/8
K mart	16	151/2	155/8	-3/8
Kroger	241/8	24	24	-1/8
Litton	303/4	301/2	305/8	-1/8
Lowes s	323/4	317/8	323/4	+1/2
Lubys	233/4	231/2	231/2	+1/8
Maxus	45/8	41/2	41/2	-1/8
MayDeptStrs	39	385/8	383/4	
Medtronic	837/8	831/4	833/8	-1/2
Mobil	823/8	811/4	811/2	-3/4
Monsanto	13/4	807/8	81	-3/8
Motorola s	48	471/2	475/8	
Nationsbk	573/8	563/4	567/8	-1/8
Navistar s	171/8	17	171/8	+1/8
NoramEngy	6	57/8	57/8	-1/4
Nynex s	373/8	371/8	373/8	+1/4
OryxEngy	171/4	167/8	167/8	
PacTelesis	305/8	303/8	301/2	
PanhECp	20	197/8	20	
Penney JC	485/8	473/4	485/8	+3/8
Penzoil	497/8	491/2	495/8	+3/8
PepBoys	30	297/8	30	
PhelpDodge	553/8	551/8	551/8	
PhilipPet	331/2	331/8	333/8	
Polaroid	313/4	313/4	313/4	
Praxair	203/4	201/2	203/4	+1/4
ProctGamble	573/8	57	571/8	+1/4
PubS NwMx	12	117/8	117/8	-1/8
RoyalDutch	1067/8	1061/2	1061/2	-1/8
SFePacCp	227/8	225/8	223/4	+1/4
SaraLee	233/8	23	233/8	+5/8
SearsRoeb s	511/2	493/4	511/2	+1/2
SherwinW	323/8	317/8	321/4	+11/8
SmthBchADS	30	293/4	30	+1/4
SmthBc eqt	271/4	267/8	267/8	-3/8
SouthCo s	191/4	187/8	191/4	+1/2
SwAirlines s	263/8	257/8	257/8	-1/2
SwBell	423/4	421/8	423/4	+1/2
Sprint	381/4	373/4	38	-3/4
SterlingChm	9	87/8	9	
SunCo	281/2	283/8	281/2	-1/8
TNP Ent	155/8	151/2	155/8	+1/8
Tandy	371/4	363/4	37	-1/8
Templlnl	485/8	473/4	473/4	-3/8
Tenneco	491/8	483/4	49	-1/4
Texaco	631/2	633/8	631/2	
Texaslnd	347/8	343/4	343/4	-3/8
Texaslnst	83	821/4	825/8	+3/4
Tex Util	325/8	321/4	321/2	+1/4
Textron	543/8	541/8	541/8	-3/4
Travelers s	333/8	323/4	331/4	+3/8
Trinty s	381/4	375/8	381/4	+1/2
TritonEngy	341/4	335/8	335/8	-3/8
Tyler	51/2	51/2	51/2	
US West	411/8	403/4	41	+3/8
USX Delhi	157/8	155/8	155/8	-1/8
USX-Marathn	17	167/8	17	
USX-USS	341/2	343/8	343/8	-1/8
UnCarbde	27	267/8	267/8	+1/8
UnPac	59	583/4	59	+1/4
UnitedTech	657/8	651/2	655/8	
Unocal	271/2	271/8	271/4	-1/4
WalMart	247/8	241/8	241/2	+5/8
WstnGasRs	295/8	291/4	293/8	-1/4
WestghEl	13	127/8	13	+1/8
WinnDixie	453/4	451/2	455/8	+1/4
Woolworth	153/4	151/2	155/8	
Xerox Cp	1043/8	1031/2	1041/4	+1/2
ZenithE	10	97/8	97/8	

Markets Midday Stocks

ADMISSIONS: Carolina Boyer, 3210 Ave. K; Betty Crabtree, 2800 Ave. F; Carol Schattel, 3474 S. Hwy. 84, Bianca Silva, 1011 21st St.

DISMSSALS: Donal Fisk, Kathy Elston, Carol Schattel, Patricia Amanza and baby, Lorenza Chavez, Betty Crabtree, Arcilia Torres, Carmen Romero.

Census: 54 (Med.-13, Long-Term Care-35, OB-3, Nursery-3).

Births

James and Carolina Boyer of Snyder announces the birth of their son born at 3:03 a.m. on June 4 at Cogdell Memorial Hospital.

Head Start

Registration for Head Start is being held today through Friday from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. at Snyder Child Day Care Center.

Classes will be for children who are 3 before Aug. 14, and for 4-year-olds. Birth certificates and proof of family income will be required.

Appreciation

Snyder Christian Women's Club is hosting a teacher appreciation luncheon from noon until 2 p.m. Wednesday at Martha Ann Woman's Club.

Lunch is $5.50. For reservations, call 573-1454 or 573-3440.

Lodge 706

Scurry Lodge 706 will have a meeting to elect officers Tuesday evening. A fajita meal will be served at 6:30, followed by the meeting at 7:30.

Prayer

The July 4th Prayer Breakfast Committee will meet at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday in the chamber of commerce board room.

March

A "March for Jesus" organizational meeting will be held at 7 p.m. Tuesday at Trinity United Methodist Church.

One killed outside cafe

DALLAS (AP) — A 32-year-old man was killed and a companion was critically wounded Sunday after a shoving match with their assailant erupted into gunfire outside a busy East Dallas restaurant.

Jose Bautista was shot in the head and died Sunday night. Alfredo Amaro, 21, was listed in serious condition today in the intensive care unit of Baylor University Medical Center, a hospital official said.

Investigators said they didn't know what prompted the argument that preceded the shooting outside the Annis Restaurant. The gunman got a .22-caliber rifle from his car and opened fire in front of about a dozen people before driving off, witnesses said.

Dallas resident Melvin Wynn heard three men shouting at each other at the cafe's entrance.

"It sounded like it started because they bumped into each other or something," Wynn said. "One of the guys said, 'What are you going to do about it,' and this guy goes to his car and pulls out a .22 rifle."

Obituaries

Roger Fry

1943-1994

Funeral service is set for 10 a.m. Tuesday in the Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home Chapel for Roger Gary Fry, 50, who died Saturday night in Cogdell Memorial Hospital following a brief illness.

The Rev. Miller Robinson, pastor of Colonial Hill Baptist Church, will officiate, and burial will follow in Hillside Memorial Gardens.

Born and reared in Roscoe, Mr. Fry served for four years in the U.S. Air Force. He then earned a bachelor's degree from Texas Tech University.

He attended graduate school at The Thunderbird in Phoenix where he studied international management. He had been employed for the past 17 years with Nations Bank and for the past 4½ years was district manager of military banking operations in Okinawa. Prior to moving to Okinawa, Mr. Fry was vice president in charge of international operations for Nations Bank in San Antonio.

He and his family lived in San Antonio for 10 years and he was a Methodist.

Survivors include his wife, Sharon of the home; a daughter, Erin Brooke Fry; and a son, Arthur Shane Fry; a sister Fairy Beth Houser of Fayetteville, Ga.; a brother, Ronnie Fry of Lubbock; his in-laws, Katherine and A. A. Ervin of Snyder; and his sister- and brother-in-law, Toni and Darrell Callahan of Snyder.

FD responds two 2 fires

Snyder Fire Department responded to a couple of minor fires over the weekend.

Firefighters were dispatched to the Joe Thompson residence at 2511 30th St. at 9:50 p.m. Saturday where a dishwasher had caught fire.

At 6:33 a.m. Sunday, firemen were dispatched to Cogdell Memorial Hospital where a small grill in the kitchen area had caught fire.

Both fires had been extinquished by the time firemen arrived.

3 from Snyder attend workshop

Three Snyder residents are in Robert Lee today, attending a District 8 Garden Club workshop. They are Billie Jean Sterling, Mary Ann Key and LaVerne Hood.

Patti Ivie of Robert Lee is the chairman of the workshop. Agenda items will include the president's report, horticulture report, petals project update and duties of new officers.

Following a Dutch Treat lunch, those attending the workshop will tour the Morning Glory Spillway of Lake Spence.

Cease-fire talks may finally begin

GENEVA (AP) — The Muslim-led Bosnian government today said all Serb troops had withdrawn from the U.N.-protected town of Gorazde, clearing the way for cease-fire talks to finally start.

Bosnian Vice President Ejup Ganic said reports from a joint U.N.-Bosnian mission this morning showed all armed Serbs had withdrawn from the 1.9-mile weapons exclusion zone around the eastern Muslim enclave.

Bosnian Serbs finally "did something they were supposed to do a long time ago," Ganic said upon entering a meeting with U.N. envoy Yasushi Akashi.

Gorazde, which came under fierce Serb assault in April, was supposed to be cleared of Serb forces by April 23 under the terms of a NATO ultimatum.

Akashi said some progress had been made at separate sessions today with Bosnian government and Bosnian Serb representatives.

But he said there was no consensus on proposals for a four-month truce. He was cautious about chances for an accord by the scheduled end of the talks Tuesday.

Two killed in shooting

SAN MARINO, Calif. (AP) — A group of youths at a poolside end-of-school party got into an argument and left angry, then came back with guns and opened fire, police said. Two teens were killed and seven others were wounded.

A dozen youths apparently left the backyard party in this affluent Los Angeles suburb only to return to the house around 1 a.m. Sunday.

At least two people began spraying bullets from semiautomatic handguns into a crowd of about 100 young people, said Deputy Britta Tubbs of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department.

"We heard between 10 to 12 gunshots at one time," said partygoer Margarita Aguilar. "It was a very loud blasting sound and after that I just heard a lot of people screaming."

Police said David Heng, 15, of San Marino, and Dennis Buan, 18, of South Pasadena were killed. Seven others were hospitalized in stable condition with gunshot wounds.

No arrests had been made as of early this morning

Norma Newton

1927-1994

SEMINOLE — Services are set for 11 a.m. Tuesday in the Ratliff Funeral Home Chapel for Norma Jean Newton, 66, who died Saturday in Andrews' Permian General Hospital. Cremation will follow.

A former resident of Snyder, Mrs. Newton moved to Seminole in 1985. Born in Pauline, Neb., she was a retired nurse and a member of the First United Methodist Church.

Mrs. Newton was preceded in death by her husband, James B. Newton, in 1992.

Survivors include three daughters, Debbie Cowden of New London, Conn., Diane Woods and Dawn Helsel, both of Denver; a son, J.N. Newton of Seminole; a sister, Lola Marie Tucker of Santa Barbara, Calif.; five grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Grace W. Frazier

1898-1994

WICHITA FALLS — Services will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday in the chapel of Lunn's Colonial Funeral Home for Grace Walls Frazier, 95, who died Saturday in the University Park Manor in Wichita Falls. The Rev. Howard Chapman, pastor of the First Baptist Church, will officiate.

She was the mother of G.W. "Pinky" Ferguson of Snyder.

Mrs. Frazier, a retired realtor, had lived in Wichita Falls since 1916. A past Worthy Matron, she had been a member of The Order of the Eastern Star for over 50 years. She was owner of Frazier Real Estate and a member of Wichita Falls' First Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, James W. Frazier.

Survivors include another son, John Ferguson of Taos, N.M.; and four grandchildren; and several great-grandchildren.

Al Johnson

1927-1994

ABILENE — Services were set for 3 p.m. today in the Elliott-Hamil Funeral Home Chapel for Alton Eugene "Al" Johnson, 66, who died Saturday in an Abilene hospital. Burial was to follow in the Elmwood Memorial Park Mausoleum.

He was the step-father of Randy Reeves of Snyder.

Born in Kaufman County, Mr. Johnson attended school in Terrell. He served in the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers and then with the Naval Reserves.

Mr. Johnson moved to Abilene from Long Beach, Calif. in 1967. He was a route salesman for Abtex Beverage for 25 years, retiring in 1992. A member of the Faith Tabernacle Church in Tye, he was preceded in death by his wife, Dorothy Cummings Johnson, whom he married in 1967.

Survivors include two step-daughters, Dorothy Rozneck of Lake Ivie and Mary Jo Messier of Abilene; another step-son, Danny Reeves of Abilene; three sisters, Clara Cleer of Marshall, Vivian Gregory of Milan, Ill., and Roxie Hill of El Rancho, Calif.; two brothers, Euil Johnson of Mesquite and James Johnson of Wills Point; nine grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Texas Utilities Electric Company (TU Electric), in accordance with the Public Utility Regulatory Act (PURA), publishes NOTICE of its Statement of Intent to implement the following four proposed tariffs throughout its service territories:

1) Rider ED - Economic Development Service;
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A complete copy of the proposed tariffs and TU Electric's application is on file with the Commission and at each of TU Electric's business offices.

Persons who wish to intervene in or comment upon these proceedings should notify the Commission as soon as possible, as an intervention deadline will be imposed. A request to intervene or for further information should be mailed to the Public Utility Commission of Texas, 7800 Shoal Creek Boulevard, Austin, Texas 78757. Further information may also be obtained by calling the Public Utility Commission's Public Information Office at (512) 458-0256, or (512) 458-0221 for text telephone. The deadline for intervention in the proceeding is 45 days after the date the application was filed with the Commission. The application was filed with the Commission on June 6, 1994.

TU ELECTRIC

Western Wilderness Bill stirring up controversy

WASHINGTON (AP) — Rep. Carolyn Maloney's Manhattan constituents live in the most urbanized stretch of the American landscape, but a major item on her legislative agenda is saving the Rocky Mountains.

The freshman Democrat has been called a meddling, know-it-all Eastern liberal do-gooder by westerners who resent Maloney's aggressive push on a bill to protect mountain lands in five states.

Republican Sen. Malcolm Wallop of Wyoming was so outraged at the lawmaker's interest in his territory that he suggested her Manhattan congressional district be returned to its original owners — the Indians.

Rep. Larry LaRocco, D-Idaho, was so incensed that he drafted mock legislation to designate Central Park and Manhattan's ritzy Upper East Side as protected wilderness.

But to others, as The Arizona Daily Star put it, Maloney sees "what Western politicians sometimes do not see in a lifetime — the unique treasure of wild beauty that transcends all state borders and belongs to all Americans."

At the center of all the hullabaloo is Maloney's Northern Rockies Ecosystem Protection Act of 1993, a controversial proposal to protect some 16 million acres of federally-owned land in Rocky Mountain high country.

"These are federal lands that belong to every single American. And we are taking taxpayer dollars to destroy these lands," Maloney said.

The proposal has been discussed in Washington for a number of years, but even many environmentalists widely viewed it as too idealistic, broad and politically charged to really go anywhere.

Last year, before environmentalists enlisted Maloney's help, Rep. Joseph Kennedy, D-Mass., signed on as the bill's sponsor.

In what he now considers a chapter in his political education, Kennedy quickly abandoned the legislation when a fellow Democrat, Sen. Max Baucus of Montana, threatened to block money for the Boston Harbor cleanup.

Maloney, who's rounded up some 60 cosponsors, says Western lawmakers have pressured her to drop the bill, but she shrugs it off.

"I didn't come to Congress to be pushed around," she said during a recent interview.

The key provision of the legislation would ban commercial logging on the designated land in five Western states in the northern Rockies — Idaho, Montana, Wyoming, Oregon and Washington.

Maloney's out-West foes back a much more modest wilderness bill drafted by Rep. Pat Williams, D-Mont., which recently won House passage.

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Tuesday, June 7, 1994

Your best possibilities for success in the year ahead might come from enterprises where you are free to call the shots yourself. Partnership arrangements might limit your area of operation.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) You might have to contend with limitations on your freedom of action, owing to responsibilities you failed to take care of earlier. They could put the squeeze on you today. Know where to look for romance and you'll find it. The Astro-Graph Matchmaker instantly reveals which signs are romantically perfect for you. Mail $2 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 4465, New York, N.Y. 10163.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) If you do not feel at ease in a social arrangement today, keep your thoughts to yourself, because your comments could spoil the fun for others.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Be prepared to bear down today if you hope to satisfy your ambitious objectives. Goals are achievable, but they may not come easily.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Keep the mood and interests of your listeners uppermost in your mind today, so you that don't expound upon topics about which you feel strongly, but about which they couldn't care less.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Make a conscientious effort to take care of obligations that are due today. If you don't, there's a possibility that they might begin to press you into a corner.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Be careful today not to dwell too heavily upon negatives and thus block out positive alternatives. Remember, there are two sides to every coin.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Be realistic regarding your limitations today, or else you might take on more than you can comfortably manage, leading to your own undoing.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Someone whose political views diametrically oppose yours might be walking around with a chip on his or her shoulder today. Don't let this individual coerce you into a debate.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) If you do not pace yourself properly today, there is a chance you might run out of steam before you fulfill your intentions. Don't feel you have to race against the clock.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Angry verbal exchanges can be avoided today if you keep your opinions to yourself regarding volatile issues. In debate, your emotions might distort your logic.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) In your commercial involvements today, do everything in accordance with sound, ethical business procedures. Terms should be in writing; insist upon receipts.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Try to avoid involvements today with individuals who have caused you discomfort in the past. Don't put yourself in a position where you require their support.

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CENTRAL PERFECT ATTENDANCE — These Central students received perfect attendance awards for the entire 1993-1994 school year. From left, front row: Yuliana Arellano, Kirsten Courtney, Cody Johnston, Leslie Dean, Rigo Gonzalez, Ray Perez and Cynthia Arellano; second row: Michael Hill, Aaryn Jordan, Bobby Sands, Romana Zamora, Horacio DePaz, Courtney Nabors, Hailey Putnam, Wendi Whittenburg and Kristina Mayer; third row: Dara Chambers, Zachary Starnes, Matthew Stokes, David Arizmendi, Jason Guynes, Tressie Martin, Cindy Nachlinger, Patricia Pena, Brady Reed and Felicia Riggins; fourth row, Corell McKinney, Felipe Olivarez, Austin Rinehart, Tiffany Craig, Cory Lyons, Brandy Shafer, Kyle Bartels, Ashley Blevins, Taylor Cotton, Zipporah Peoples and Enrique Perez; back row, Jacob Macias, Alberto Perez, Jacinda Judah, Rumaldo Martinez, Billy Pena, Chris Thames, John David Chandler, Monica DeLao, Irasema Gonzales, Britt Harbin and Chrissy Hernandez. (SDN Staff Photo)

New laser treatment studied

AUSTIN (AP) — Standard treatments for carpal tunnel syndrome, including anti-inflammatory drugs, splints or surgeries, may soon be discarded in favor of a low-intensity laser being manufactured by a Texas company.

Michael Barbour, president of Lasermedics Inc. of Stafford, manufacturer of the Microlight 830, said the laser already has been approved for human use in Canada, Europe and Mexico. It sells for $8,000.

"We're selling them there, and we would anticipate (U.S.) approval by latter 1994 or early 1995," Barbour said.

Carpal tunnel syndrome is a debilitating, repetitive-motion wrist and hand injury. It occurs when overworked tendons forming the carpal tunnel in the wrist swell and painfully pinch nerves into the palm. The injury normally afflicts office, garment and assembly line workers.

Researchers say the laser's infrared light fights carpal tunnel syndrome by stimulating activity in cells, releasing pain-numbing endorphins in the nerves, opening blood vessels and reducing swelling in the tendons to let them move freely.

So-called hot lasers have been used in medicine since the 1960s, mainly to cut, burn and vaporize undesirable tissue. But the Microlight 830, which resembles a small, thin flashlight, produces a low-intensity, cool beam that penetrates tissue without destroying it.

The Microlight 830's light comes from a galium-aluminum arsenide diode, similar to those used in laser printers, laser-disc players and television remote controls.

American veterinarians have used the Microlight 830 since December to reduce inflammation in soft animal tissue and help wounds heal.

Thirty doctors, physical therapists, chiropractors and dentists are testing the lasers on humans for the U.S. Food and Drug Administration. They are treating about 200 patients each with carpal tunnel syndrome, tennis elbow, rotator cuff strains, or jaw and facial pain.

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.

Use drug reference as a guide

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: How do you view "Worst Pills, Best Pills"? I suffer from arthritis, heart problems and diabetes. When reading about my medications, the book indicates that certain drugs should be taken with extreme caution.

DEAR READER: Like any reference manual, "Worst Pills, Best Pills" (1988, Public Citizen Inc., $12 paperback) should be used as a guide — not as a bible. Many people are quite correct to be concerned about their medicines, both singly and in interaction. For these patients, "Worst Pills, Best Pills" can provide really useful information; I encourage my own patients to read the book and use it as a resource to ask me questions.

However, I don't advise patients to take as gospel everything they read in that (or any other) book. For one thing, some drugs are necessary, despite their dangers. For another, reference books deal with general, theoretical information, not with specific patients and their problems.

So, before chucking your medicine out, use "Worst Pills, Best Pills" to formulate questions about the drugs you are taking. Then meet with your doctor to review your concerns. In short, use the book AND your doctor to sort out and clarify issues.

To give you more information, I am sending you a free copy of my Health Report "Consumer Tips on Medicines." Other readers who would like a copy should send $2 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to P.O. Box 2433, New York, NY 10163. Be sure to mention the title.

DEAR DR. GOTT: A retina institute in Florida has indicated through studies that the use of an aspirin a day greatly increases your chance of blindness due to macular degeneration. If this is true, it seems to me it would be publicized by all physicians.

DEAR READER: I agree. However, I do not believe that this finding is necessarily valid. One aspirin a day, an extremely low dose, has been shown to protect against second heart attacks and second strokes. In fact, aspirin therapy is now considered mandatory for most patients who have had heart attacks or strokes.

On the other hand, medical authorities do not recommend daily aspirin for the general population, because it is not necessary and can cause bleeding and stomach upset in some patients.

If the retina institute's findings are corroborated by other scientists, they will be publicized and reported in the medical literature. But, before that time, the relation between aspirin and macular degeneration remains speculative.

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Rules announced for complaints

CORPUS CHRISTI (AP) — Representatives from United Methodist Churches have decided to ask individual churches to adopt policies for dealing with allegations of sexual harassment and abuse within their congregations.

A task force began drafting the comprehensive document two years ago after the General Conference of the United Methodist Church passed a resolution seeking clear directives on the subject.

The agreement calls for consultation with the superintendent of the district where the complaint is filed and the use of a mediation team.

If the matter remains unresolved, the church can begin a grievance process that may lead to filing a formal complaint and a church trial, said Robert C. Schnase, a McAllen pastor.

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Cox, Times Mirror approve agreement

ATLANTA (AP) — Cox Enterprises and the Times Mirror Co. are joining forces to create the nation's third-largest cable system.

In a $2.3 billion deal announced Sunday, the companies said Times Mirror would merge its cable system into Cox Cable.

The resulting system, called Cox Cable, will have about 3 million subscribers. Only Tele-Communications Inc., with 10 million subscribers, and Time Warner Inc., with 7 million, are larger.

A formal announcement of the deal was scheduled for today.

"We're trying to put together a bigger, larger and better company," James C. Kennedy, Cox's chairman and chief executive officer, said Sunday.

"We have created a powerhouse cable television operating company for the turn of the century," said Larry W. Wangbert, president of Times Mirror Cable Television.

Though both companies are perhaps best-known for the newspapers they publish, each is a sizable cable operator.

Atlanta-based Cox is the nation's six largest cable company, with 1.8 million subscribers and systems in San Diego, Virginia and the New Orleans area. It also has investments in cable systems in Britain and Denmark.

Times Mirror is the nation's 11th largest cable company, with 1.2 million subscribers. It has systems in San Diego and Orange counties in California as well as in 11 other states.

Last Friday, Times Mirror disclosed that it had reached a tentative agreement for the merger and Cox confirmed that day it was in "serious discussions" about a cable deal.

The companies also announced a partnership to develop and invest in cable programming. Times Mirror will manage the partnership and invest up to $200 million. Cox Cable will invest up to $100 million.

"With this merger, we have committed our future to the content side of the information highway," said Robert F. Erburu, chairman and chief executive officer of Times Mirror.

The announcement said Times Mirror shareholders will receive about 20 percent of Cox Cable's common stock, valued at about $932 million.



BOSS OF THE YEAR — Snyder Educational Support Staff members honored their bosses recently at a luncheon at the Snyder Country Club. Northeast Elementary principal Lee Presswood was named Boss of the Year by the group. Northeast secretaries nominating him are Carolyn Cox, left, and Cheryl Winkles, aide. (SDN Staff Photo)

'Carmel' cleanup to begin

WACO — State officials say they hope to start a cleanup of Mount Carmel soon after a court-imposed moratorium ends.

Terry Hadley of the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission said his agency hopes to get the site cleaned up quickly.

"But, as you know, this thing has taken so many twists and turns, nothing is guaranteed," Hadley said Friday.

Visiting Judge Frank McDonald's 60-day delay in the cleanup expires on June 15.

Attorney Gary Coker requested the extra time on behalf of a Houston law firm so independent arson investigators could examine the ruins of the former compound.

The law firm represents the relatives of Branch Davidians suing the federal government in connection with the failed raid at Mount Carmel on Feb. 28, 1993, and the fire that killed cult leader David Koresh and as many as 80 followers April 19, 1993.

Federal officials maintain that the Branch Davidians set the fire.

Surviving Davidians, however, say that tanks piercing the compound to inject tear gas may have knocked over lanterns that started the fatal fire.

Investigators still haven't visited Mount Carmel. The Houston law firm has notified him that their arson investigators plan to inspect the Mount Carmel site on June 12, Coker said.

Rio Grande not as polluted as believed

LAS CRUCES, N.M. (AP) — A report due later this month is expected to show that the Rio Grande isn't as polluted as people have been led to believe, a retiring international water commissioner said.

Narendra Gunaji, a former Las Cruces city councilor who retired from the International Boundary and Water Commission last week, said the commission performed a multiyear study of the Rio Grande that tested the water for about 170 pollutants.

He said the study will refute claims made last year by a national rivers protection group that the Rio Grande is the most endangered river in North America.

"So far, our experience shows that the Rio Grande is not as much polluted as (the public) has been led to believe by other people, and the report that we have will indicate that extent," said Gunaji, who was appointed commissioner by President Reagan in 1987.

The study was done to set quality standards for the Rio Grande, he said.

"We will improve the quality of the river considerably by not allowing many of the chemicals (that currently are) entering the river system, but to get there we need to first find out what is there, then we can find out where they're coming from, how to reduce them and to what degree," Gunaji said.

The commission, with headquarters in El Paso, Texas, and Ciudad Juarez, Mexico, has been criticized by environmentalists for not doing enough to protect the Rio Grande and the border region from industrial and urban pollution. Environmentalists say such pollution will be aggravated by the North American Free Trade Agreement.

Gunaji said the commission became more active in environmental protection during his term and that the debate over NAFTA has made the United States and Mexico more aware of border environmental problems.

"When NAFTA came along the focus was on the environment," he said. "Environmentalists thought NAFTA would bring in more pollution, so all of a sudden NAFTA gave some of the things I was doing more importance and they became a focal point."



Business and Industrial News



Countryplace stocks variety of items

Countryplace, owned and operated by Glenda Glasscock and Clara Tate, offers a wide selection of reasonably priced, quality gifts along with an infant and bride and groom registry for your convenience.

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Aspen spiced tea, pecan honey butter and Texas honey are always available at Countryplace for your own enjoyment or perfect gift giving.

For avid or would-be collectors, you'll find a large selection of "All God's Children" collectible sculptures by Martha Holcombe and Glynda Turley prints in beautiful wines, hunter greens and blues.

The linen and bath department features the Rug Barn throws in patterns such as, my country and others. You will find crochet rugs, Cannon royal family towel sets in a large selection of colors, shower curtains, and plush Regal bath sets in 18 different colors. These bath sets come in two sizes of lid covers and rugs. Brass bath accessories by Style Built and acrylic accessories by Oxford are also available in clear and cobalt blue Blinco glass can be found at Countryplace.

To keep your home smelling wonderful all the time, Countryplace carries those ever popular Yankee Candles. They come in two jar sizes, housewarmer gift boxes and small sampler candles. If you prefer potpourri and sprays, you will find nature scents in a variety of scents such as blackberry, mulberry, vanilla, magnolia and peach.

There's a special department at Countryplace you won't find anywhere else. It's called the Victorian department and it features beautiful Victorian prints, fans, flue covers, mirrors, postcards, magnet calendars, gift bags, trinket boxes, miniature tea sets and Jan Haggard potpourri envelopes, cards and candle tins.

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Actor plays Buddhism's founder

LOS ANGELES (AP) — There's nothing like a few weeks in Nepal to give Keanu Reeves the munchies.

Reeves says he meditated, fasted and expanded his mind during the filming of "Little Buddha," in which he plays Buddhism's founder.

But all that spiritual growth left his belly out of the picture.

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