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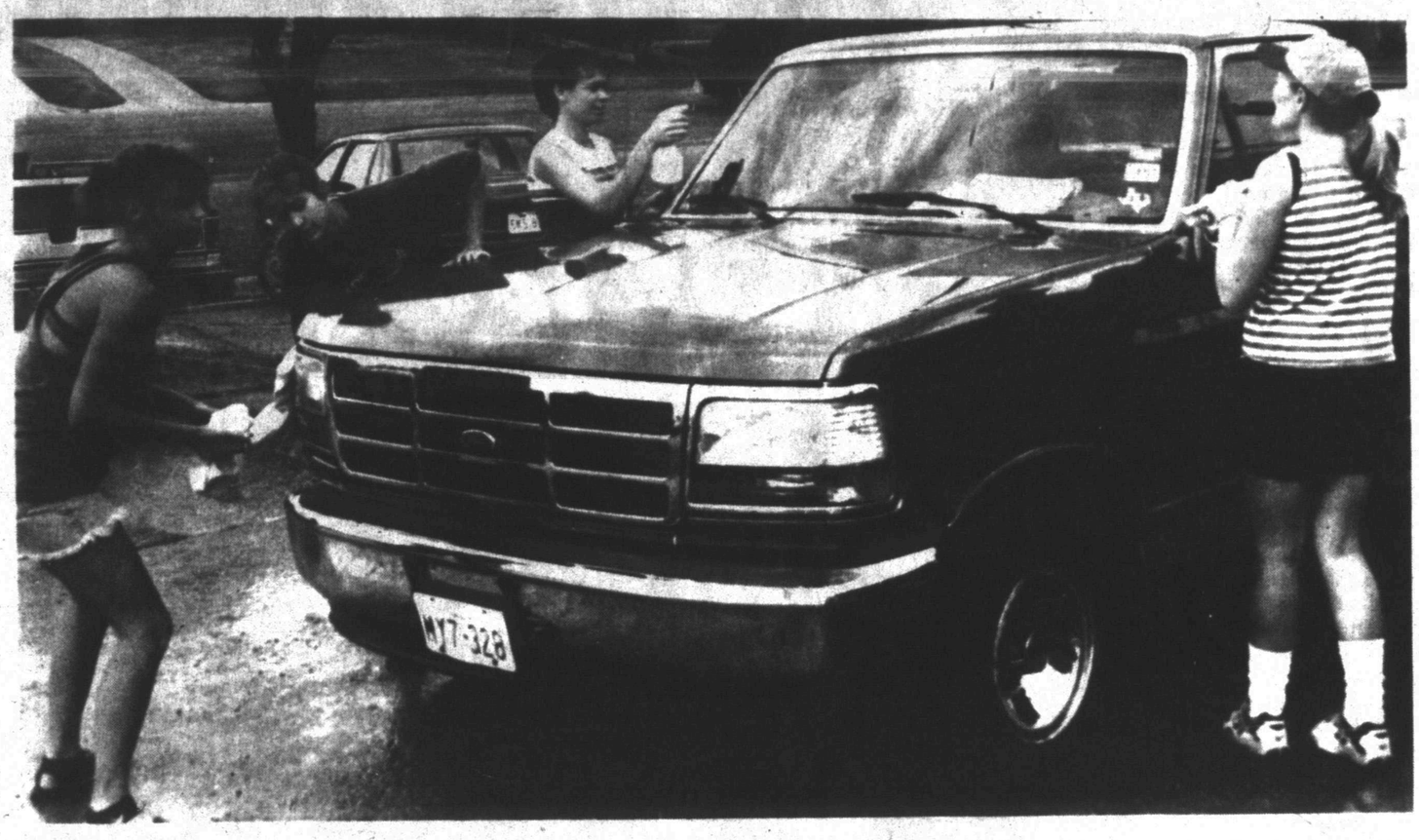
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Home of Miranda Kay Vincent



FUND RAISER — Members of the Snyder High School girls basketball team were washing cars Saturday to raise funds for the upcoming school year. Leslie Daniell, Melanie Kidd, Jodi Dennis and Amanda Scott, from left, were among the team members at the car wash. (SDN Staff Photo)

Zero tolerance legislation ok'd

AUSTIN (AP) — State lawmakers say they've sent a clear message that teen-agers will be punished if they even try to drink alcohol.

A bill raising the penalties for young people under 21 caught trying to buy, in possession of or driving under the influence of alcohol is awaiting Gov. George W. Bush's consideration after lawmakers gave it final approval Sunday.

Sen. Royce West, D-Dallas and sponsor of the bill, said the message shouldn't be mistaken.

"You drink, you drive, you lose," he said.

West said the stiffer penalties will save lives and attract to Texas millions of dollars in federal highway transportation funds.

Under the bill:

— It would be illegal for people under 21 to drive with any amount of alcohol in their blood system.

— Underage drinkers who drive would lose their driver's licenses for 60 days on the first offense, 120 days on the second offense and for six months on the third and subsequent offenses.

— They also would face criminal charges punishable by up to 40 hours of community service and $500 in fines for the first offense and up to six months in jail and a $2,000 fine for third and subsequent offenses.

"There's going to be a new way of doing business," said Rep. Allen Place, D-Gatesville, House sponsor of the bill.

Under current law, drivers under 21 can have a blood-alcohol content up to .07. Older drivers are considered intoxicated at .10.

There also would be new punishments, including driver's license suspensions, for selling alcohol to someone who is under age and for purchasing alcohol for someone under 21.

Congress has mandated that states adopt zero tolerance laws by Oct. 1, 1998, or face the loss of $38.5 million in federal highway funding over the next two years.

If signed by Bush, the measure would go into effect Sept. 1.

Mayor pro-tem election among business for city

Election of a mayor pro-tem and awarding of bids are among the items of business when Snyder City Council meets this evening.

Oaths of office will be administered to Mayor David Holt and council members Dayton Robertson, Terry Martin and Kerry Bredemeyer. The council will also elect a mayor pro-tem. That position is currently held by Vernest Tippens.

The council will consider bids for a fuel management system for city vehicles. Bids received are under the $10,000 budgeted for the equipment.

The council will also consider bids for 119 three-yard and 25 four-yard refuse containers. Those bids have also come in under the $50,000 budgeted amount.

In new business, the council will consider the annual report from the chamber of commerce on hotel-motel tax fund disbursement.

Approval of previous minutes is the only other item on the agenda.

Tonight's meeting will begin at 6:30 in council chambers at City Hall.

Water bill sent to governor

Bill doesn't include new fees for residential consumption

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas has suffered five major droughts in the past 60 years, but after each one, the Legislature was unwilling to do anything to prepare for the next possible water shortage — until now.

One year after a drought that cracked Texas farmland, spurred local water-saving measures and dried up $5 billion from the state's economy, the Legislature on Sunday voted to approve a sweeping water conservation plan.

"This is milestone legislation that will be at the very heart of our legacy," said Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock, who made the bill the Senate's top priority by numbering it Senate Bill 1.

Bullock called the bill protection of "the resource most vital to future generations of Texans," adding that it "signals the beginning of a new era in which vision will prevail over long-standing differences and territorial feuding."

The Senate voted 31-0 and the House voted 140-4 to adopt a compromise bill reached by a committee of members from both chambers. The bill now goes to Gov. George W. Bush, who is expected to sign it into law.

Bill sponsors say the measure isn't so much about the present as it is about the future.

One of the bill's most important provisions is a data collection requirement designed to pinpoint where and how much water the state has in an effort to develop ways to conserve and maximize future use.

A constitutional amendment that will go before voters in November would consolidate $1.2 billion in existing bonding authority under the Texas Water Development Board to help fund local water projects.

"Voters should go to the polls and vote for this because there is not a more important topic than water," said Sen. J.E. "Buster" Brown, the Senate sponsor of the bill. "A predictable water supply is a key element to the economic viability of Texas."

Rep. Ron Lewis, D-Mauriceville, the House sponsor, told that 150-member chamber before the vote: "I truly believe that we have done something that our children will be proud of in the years to come."

For decades, the Legislature has been unable to develop a coordinated water plan, for the most part, because the state is so diverse and the areas that had water weren't interested in agreeing to any regulations that would force them to surrender it.

But last year's drought, combined with the priority given the legislation by Bullock, helped bring all parties together on the bill. Bullock said he was tired of Texas being listed as one of only three of the 12 Western states without a water conservation plan.

The Water Development Board produced a study that said Texas faces urban water shortages by the year 2010 that could result in up to a $40 billion loss to the state's economy.

County approves annual audit

Approval of the 1996 audit highlighted this morning's Scurry County Commissioners Court meeting, following a presentation by Larry Anderson of Mason, Warner & Co.

Anderson told the court that the county ended 1996 with more than $6.6 million in all its funds with $1.9 million in the general fund.

When questioned by County Judge Ricky Fritz about whether or not the county has too much money in reserves, Anderson said he believes the amount ($1.9 million) is not excessive.

"What you have now is about a six-month reserve," said Anderson.

Fritz said that four or five years ago, the reserves had dropped to a little more than a half-million dollars.

In approving the county's audit, the court also accepted the audit of Cogdell Memorial Hospital.

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Malcolm X's widow critical; grandson placed under arrest

YONKERS, N.Y. (AP) — Malcolm X's widow, who watched 32 years ago as her husband was gunned down in a Harlem ballroom, was herself near death today, the victim of a fire allegedly set by her grandson.

Betty Shabazz, 63, a college administrator, was hospitalized in "extremely critical" condition, said Dr. Bruce Greenstein of Jacobi Hospital in the Bronx.

"It does not look good for her," said police Detective Sgt. William Rinaldi.

Police said that the suspect, identified by family lawyer Percy Sutton as Mrs. Shabazz's 12-year-old grandson Malcolm Shabazz, was arrested Sunday, hours after an early-morning fire left her with third-degree burns over 80 percent of her body.

Gasoline was used to set the blaze, police said. They were investigating whether Mrs. Shabazz was injured when she encountered flames in the hallway outside her Yonkers apartment or whether she was somehow set afire, Detective Lt. William Drain said.

The boy was taken into custody on charges of juvenile delinquency and was due to be arraigned today in Yonkers family court, officials said.

"He's a frightened little fellow," said Sutton, speaking outside the courthouse. "I'm here to defend him and from my perspective he's not responsible." Sutton said he would seek to have Malcolm's court appearance delayed until after consulting with a psychiatrist.

Officers had found the boy — who is named after his famous grandfather — smelling of gasoline and ringing doorbells in Mount Vernon at 5:30 a.m. Sunday, police said.

Sutton said the boy is the son of Mrs. Shabazz's daughter Qubilah, who has been embroiled in legal troubles and was living in San Antonio.

She was to arrive in New York today around 5 p.m., he said.

The boy allegedly set the fire because he was angry he had to live with his grandmother, The New York Times reported, quoting unidentified law enforcement sources.

Malcolm was first taken from his mother in 1994 by child-welfare officials in Minneapolis and placed in the custody of relatives, shortly before Qubilah Shabazz was charged in a bizarre plot to kill Nation of Islam leader Louis Farrakhan.

The 1994 child-welfare investigation was reportedly dropped after officials concluded that allegations of abuse or neglect were unfounded. The federal charges against Qubilah involving the Farrakhan plot were formally dropped last month.

High court won't protect parents from testifying against their kids

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court today refused to consider recognizing a legal privilege protecting parents from having to testify against their children.

The justices, without comment, let stand a ruling that said a man in St. Croix, U.S. Virgin Islands, has to answer the questions of a federal grand jury investigating his son, then 18.

The man, a former FBI agent identified in court documents by the fictitious name of Robert Roe, was subpoenaed to testify in 1995 before a grand jury about conversations he had with his son.

Roe sought to have the subpoena quashed, contending that those conversations were confidential and that a parent-child privilege should excuse him from having to testify about them.

Roe said his testimony would "dramatically change ... the closeness" he had enjoyed with his son.

Courts have recognized such privileges between spouses, lawyers and their clients, doctors and their patients, priests and confessors. But nine federal appeals court have rejected the idea of a parent-child privilege.

The 3rd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals became the ninth in Roe's case, stating, "Sympathy alone cannot justify the creation of a new and unprecedented privilege which does not meet the standards set by Congress, the Supreme Court and this court."

Federal court rules of evidence say recognition of a privilege against forced testimony "shall be governed by the principles of the common law as they may be interpreted ... in the light of reason and experience."

The appeals court noted that the nation's common law has never recognized a parent-child privilege.

Idaho and Minnesota are the only states that have passed laws to recognize some sort of parent-child privilege, according to the 3rd Circuit court.

ASK US

Q—Is it still necessary to obtain a health permit to have a food booth at the July Fourth Celebration in Towle Park?

A—Yes.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Saturday, 82 degrees; low, 57; high Sunday, 89; low, 61; 7 a.m. Monday, 63; no precipitation; total for 1997, 12.70 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, mostly cloudy; 30% chance of storms, some possibly severe. SE wind 10-20 mph; low, lower 60s. Tuesday; 30% chance of storms, mainly morning. High near 90. SE wind 10-20 mph.



Chance of rain

Alexander Griffith

Sunset: 8:44 p.m.
Sunrise: 6:39 a.m.
Of 152 days in 1997, the sun has shone 140 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

Free and fair discussion will ever be found the firmest friend to truth.

G. Campbell

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Pastor urges tornado-ravaged town to focus on future events

JARRELL (AP) — A Baptist preacher in this tornado-ravaged town is urging residents to put aside questions of "why" and instead focus on rebuilding their lives.

Max Johnson, pastor of Jarrell First Baptist Church, on Sunday mourned the deaths of 27 tornado victims during services attended by Gov. George W. Bush and more than 135 congregants.

"Why it came our way, no one knows," Johnson told those squeezed into his 73-year-old clapboard church. "It tests us to the core of who we are. It tests our faith in lots of ways. But when it's tested and proved to be solid, then we have room to rejoice."

Among those killed was the five-member Igo family — Larry, Joan and their children Audrey, Paul and John — who sang in the church choir. Larry Igo was the music director.

Johnson called them "the right arm of the church."

"We will miss them, but when we miss them we miss them with confidence that they were ready," the pastor said.

Church members were somber until halfway through the service, when Larry Igo's sister, Linda Cobb, performed a pair of solos.

"If it were not for Him (Jesus), we would not be able to endure the pain," Mrs. Cobb told church members before she began her second solo.

She later said she has tried to find comfort in the fact that her loved ones had strong faith.

"I know that without a shadow of a doubt, that when that last moment came they were instantly in the presence of a mighty God and that's where they are," Mrs. Cobb said.

Another of Larry Igo's sisters, Glenda Maikell, told the congregation it had "become like our family."

"You've helped so much," she said.

The Rev. Johnson used gentle humor to break a week's worth of pain.

"I'd be the first to admit that we're not angels here," Johnson joked. "If you're looking for someone to punish for their sins, I can suggest other communities."

He repeatedly reminded church members of the outpouring of generosity from strangers in Texas and nationwide since the twister struck on Tuesday afternoon.

He and another member held up three piggy banks filled with money donated by children.

"It's amazing how caring and sharing people are," Johnson said.

Bush made no remarks during the hourlong service. After spending several minutes comforting church members, he and his wife spoke briefly outside the building with reporters.

"The reason Laura and I came to church today is to remind ourselves and remind people that while we can provide material goods the best healing is for people to realize there is a God in this world," Bush said. "A God that's compassionate and cares."

Bush said there had been no word on the state's application for emergency funds from the federal government.

The governor said he was worried that the Federal Emergency Management Agency might not assist Jarrell.

"There is some concern that the amount of damage may not qualify for the FEMA standards. And we would just hope that the FEMA, the federal government. will be flexible if that's the case," he said. "There is a process and you just got to allow the process to work."

White House spokesman David Johnson said Sunday that federal authorities expected to receive the application for a disaster declaration on Monday.

Johnson added that the financial toll of Jarrell's tragedy is different from that suffered by flood victims in the Midwest and that much of the damage in Texas was covered under standard insurance policies.

Thieves steal tax refund

FORT WORTH (AP) — Police were looking Sunday for a pair of robbers who knocked a man unconscious and stole the $1,400 he had pocketed after cashing his income tax return check.

Juan Garcia was knocked unconscious and robbed late Friday after he stopped on Interstate 35 to change a flat tire.

Garcia told police two men walked up to him and started talking to him in Spanish. When he finished changing the tire, they hit him on the head, Garcia said.

The men took the cash from Garcia's pocket and his 1985 Mercury Cougar. Several cars passed by the unconscious Garcia, but none stopped to help, he said.

Dinosaurs keep replicating; 'Lost World' tops box office

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Dinosaurs showed no signs of extinction at the box office.

"The Lost World: Jurassic Park," the record-breaking sequel to Steven Spielberg's dinosaur thriller, remained atop the box office list on its way to a $32.6 million weekend, according to preliminary figures Sunday.

The Universal Studios picture boosted its overall total to $140 million after its second weekend in release.

The weekend amounted to a 64 percent decline for "Lost World," but a drop was expected because the previous weekend was the Memorial Day period, and the record $90.2 million opening total was counted over four days. The film was showing on 3,282 screens.

A real test for "Lost World" was expected Friday with release of the highly promoted action film "Con Air."

The poorly reviewed "Addicted to Love" stayed in second place with a $6.4 million weekend.

"Gone Fishin'" and "Trial and Error" both opened strongly.

The Everglades fish tale stars Joe Pesci and Danny Glover.

"Trial and Error" stars Jeff Daniels as a buttoned-down lawyer saved in court by "Seinfeld's" Michael Richards. Daniels gets drunk and Richards, an actor, pretends to be an attorney.

Another new comedy, Paramount's "'Til There Was You," opened in 10th place.

Final figures will be released Monday. The top films from Friday through Sunday:

1. "The Lost World: Jurassic Park," $32.6 million.
2. "Addicted to Love," $6.4 million.
3. "Gone Fishin'," $5.5 million
4. "Trial and Error," $5 million.
5. "The Fifth Element," $4 million.
6. "Austin Powers International Man of Mystery," $3.4 million.
7. "Breakdown," $3.2 million.
8. "Father's Day," $1.7 million.
9. "Liar, Liar," $1.5 million.
10. "'Til There Was You," $1.3 million.

Date Book

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Today is the 153rd day of 1997 and the 75th day of spring.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1886, President Grover Cleveland was married in the White House.

On this day in 1946, Italians voted to establish a republic rather than return to monarchy.

On this day in 1986, U.S. Senate proceedings were televised for the fist time.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Marquis de Sade (1740-1814), writer; Thomas Hardy (1840-1928), writer; Hedda Hopper (1890-1966), gossip columnist; Johnny Weissmuller (1903-1984), swimming great-actor; Sally Kellerman (1937-), actress, is 60; Stacy Keach (1941-), actor, is 56.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1925, Lou Gehrig played in his first game for the New York Yankees.

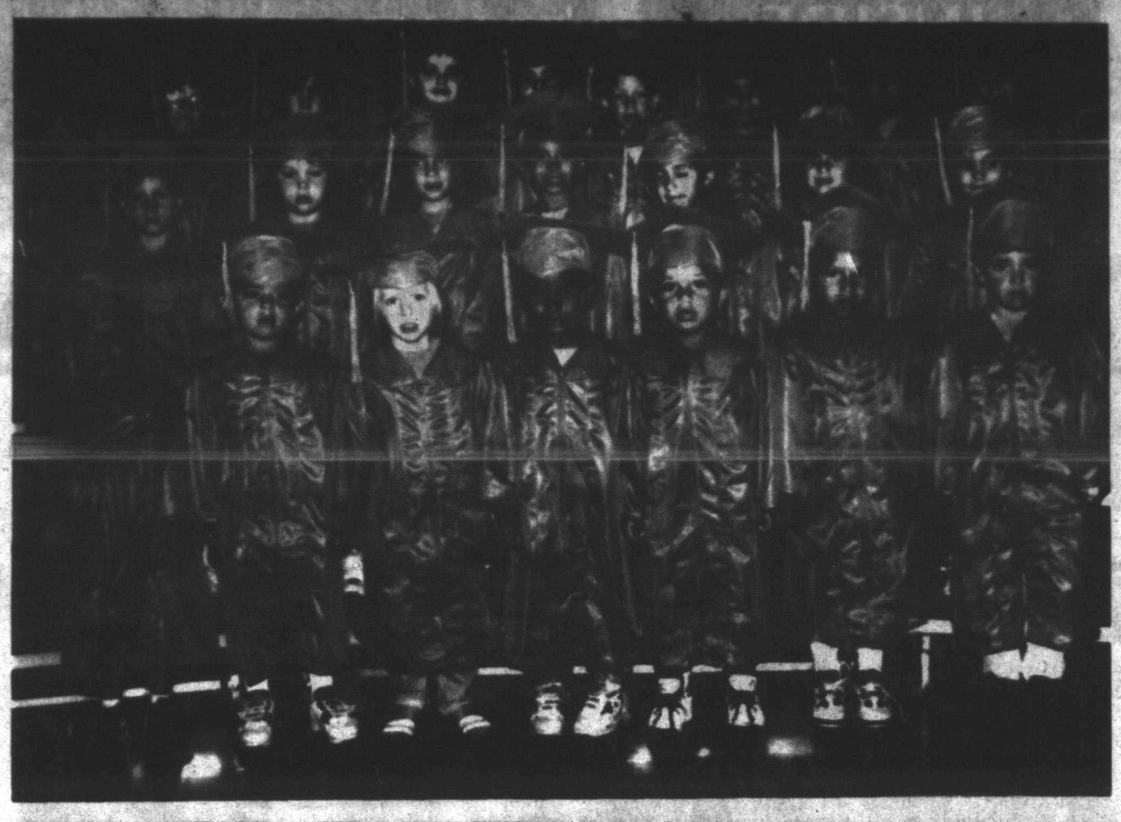
TODAY'S QUOTE: "That man's silence is wonderful to listen to." — Thomas Hardy

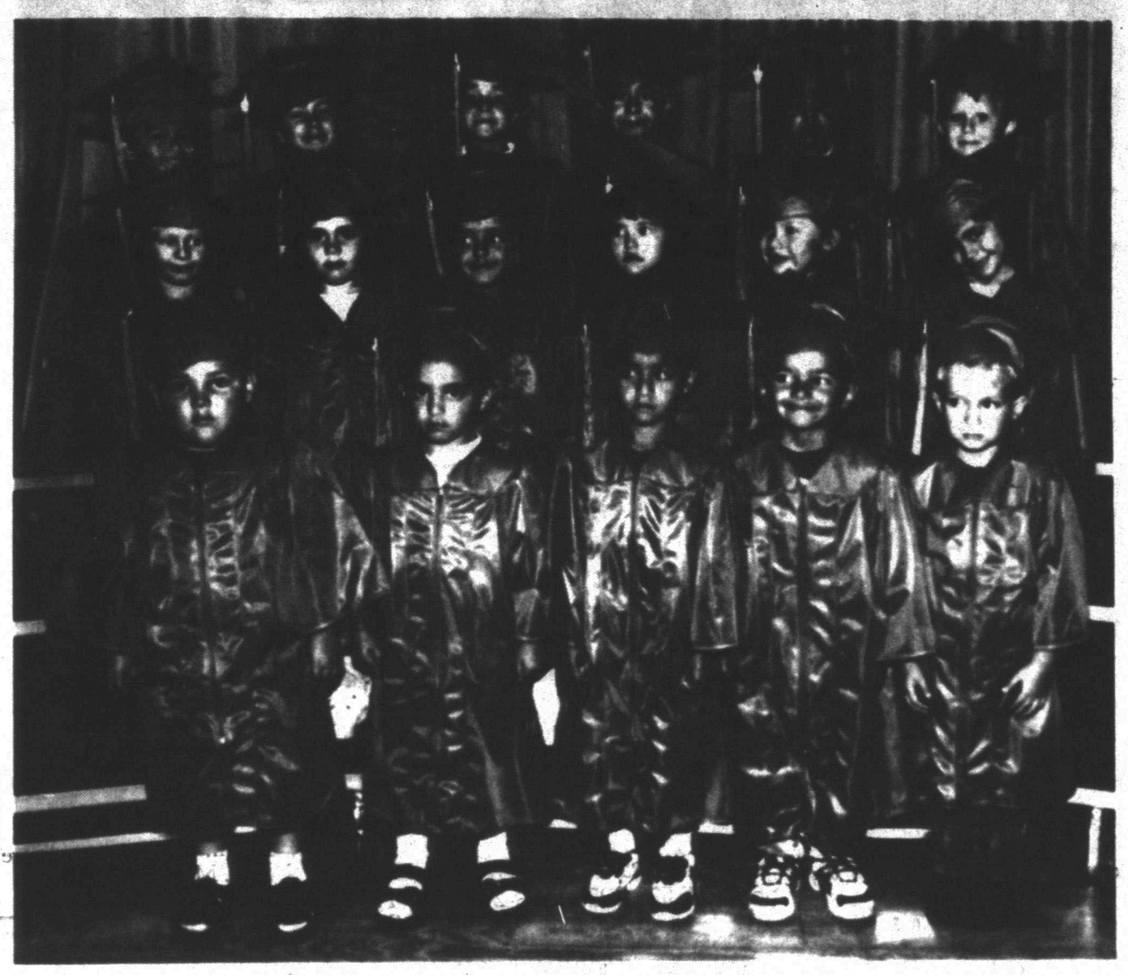
TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1986, four days of heavy rain and flooding began in the Caribbean Greater Antilles; 59 people died.

SOURCE: 1997 Weather Guide Calendar, Accord Publishing, Ltd.

TODAY'S MOON: Between last quarter (May 29) and new moon (June 5).

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PRE-K GRADUATES — Pre-kindergarten graduates in Barbra Jones' class at Northeast Elementary include top photo, (afternoon students) from left, top row, Marcos Aguilar, Alex Alcala, Derek Howell, Jonathan Verduzco, Justin Bell, Samuel Vasquez, L.A. Jaramillo, Samana Arizmendi; second row, Zackery Bell, Heather Rollins, Cassandra Benitez, Christopher Fuentes, Cassie Benitez, Caitlin Whitt, Alicia Chaidez; third row, Joseph Minjarez, Nicholas Morin, Jessica Cooper, R.J. Garcia, Dilland Almanza, Sammy Ruiz, Annie Vasquez. Bottom photo (morning students) from left, first row, Joe Luis Espinosa, Autumn Castillo, Amber Gutierrez, Michael Perez, LaSwann Medina, Chance Kelly; second row, Deanna Mills, Kayelyn Benitez, Shelbi Velasquez, Raven Luna, Monique Torres, Angie Hernandez; third row, Colby Barrera, Brent Cole, Joe Morin, Joe Anthony Alaniz, Jonathan Mills. Martha Arellano is the aide. (Staff Photos By Shirley A. Gorman)

Woman: dead 14-week-old fetus victim of gang violence

CORPUS CHRISTI (AP) — A woman who was pregnant says diving for cover during a gang-related shooting killed her 14-week-old male fetus and she wants the gunman prosecuted for the death.

"It hurts," said Dottie Rivera Cruz. "It would have been my fourth child, after three girls. All my other pregnancies were normal."

The Cruz case comes after the high-profile case of Frank Flores Cuellar who was convicted last fall of intoxication manslaughter in the death of a baby born prematurely after a drunken driving accident.

The 13th Court of Appeals is set Thursday to hear arguments in that Corpus Christi case, which involved a woman who was 7½ months pregnant when she gave birth by an emergency Caesarean section after the car wreck. The baby girl died 44 hours later.

Ms. Cruz said she threw herself from her bed to the floor on Wednesday when she heard gunshots fired into her in-laws' house. Her brother-in-law was hit in the leg during the shooting that police believe was gang-related.

Ms. Cruz said she had cramping and pain, but didn't see a doctor until her obstetrics appointment the next day. The doctor couldn't find a heartbeat and after three sonograms told Ms. Cruz the fetus was dead. On Friday, she had a dilation and curettage procedure to abort the fetus.

"I told the police I wanted them to put me down as a victim (of the Wednesday shooting)," Ms. Cruz said. "It didn't happen to one of my kids, but to the one that was supposed to be born."

Police have arrested Ronnie Joe Peralez, 18, and charged him with several misdemeanors related to the shooting. He's free on $5,000 bond.

Oil Patch News

Scurry County

Anadarko Petroleum has completed the No. 104 Bynum unit in the Diamond M field, 11 miles southwest of Snyder. The well was finaled to produce 27 barrels of oil and 124 barrels of water. Perforations were from 3,188-278 feet, and location is in Section 178, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Kent County

Sojourner Drilling has completed the No. 3 Godfrey in the Maben field, 17 miles west of Girard. The venture was completed to produce 35 barrels of oil and 25 barrels of water. Perfortions were from 5,718-722 feet, and location is in Section 105, Block 1, H&GN survey.

High Island Oil Corp. has completed the No. 3 Godfrey in the Michelle Kay field, 17 miles west of Girard. The well was finaled to produce 23 barrels of oil and six barrels of water. Perforations were from 5,684-725 feet, and drill site was in the H.B. Lewis survey.

Fisher County

Patton Exploration will plug and abandon the No. 2 Thompson, a 4,125-foot wildcat located 11 miles northeast of Rotan. Location was in Section 11, Block 1, H&TC survey.

Nolan County

Walter Exploration Inc. will drill the No. 1 Paige unit in the Sprague field, 12 miles southeast of Sweetwater. Planned for a depth of 4,500 feet, location is in Section 4, Block X, T&P survey.

Sinclair Oil Corp. will drill the No. 1 Adkins-Boyd, a 7,000-foot wildcat located 14 miles southeast of Sweetwater. Drill site is in Section 60, Block 20, T&P survey.

Sinclair will drill the No. 1-70 Caldwell, a 7,000-foot wildcat located 14 miles southeast of Sweetwater. Location is in Section 70, Block 20, T&P survey.

Nike International Inc. will drill the No. 1-WLP Rotan in the E.A. Cook field, three miles southwest of Nolan. Planned for a depth of 4,200 feet, location is in Section 3, Block Z, T&P survey.



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Acquittal could spur alternative medicine

HOUSTON (AP) — Alternative medicine got a shot in the arm from the acquittal of a controversial Houston cancer doctor, advocates and critics agree.

Dr. Stanislaw Burzynski, a 54-year-old Polish-born physician, was acquitted last week of the last of 75 federal charges against him stemming from the interstate shipment of his experimental cancer drug.

The verdict ended a 14-year-long federal effort to build a criminal case against him.

"This will flash a signal to Congress that government needs to encourage other (nonconventional) healing avenues, not stifle them," said Michael Culbert, chairman of the Committee for the Freedom of Choice in Medicine.

"When orthodox medicine discovers the cure for cancer, they can run the Burzynskis of the world out of town. Until then, they should leave them alone," Culbert was quoted as saying in Sunday editions of the Houston Chronicle.

Meanwhile, William Jarvis of the National Council Against Health Fraud said the verdict "will confer legitimacy on Burzynski, embolden quacks into believing they can flout federal drug laws and divert patients from effective care."

The jury, after three hours of deliberations, rejected federal prosecutors' allegations that Burzynski violated a 1983 federal court order banning out-of-state shipments of a drug not approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration.

Burzynski says antineoplastons "turn off" cancer genes by interrupting signals for cells to multiply. He discovered antineoplastons in human urine and now makes the drug synthetically.

Between the late 1970s and 1995, he is estimated to have prescribed the drug to 2,500 people without government approval. He also became a hero to cancer victims, many of whom demonstrated outside courtrooms where he was tried.

Jurors who acquitted Burzynski said the government's concerns should have been handled in a civil proceeding and called the case an abuse of the criminal justice system.

The doctor said the verdict "gave freedom to the people."

"This sends a message to the government that it cannot show such disregard for the life and welfare of patients," said Burzynski. "People think they should be free to try alternative treatments when the medical community tells them to go home and die."

Some alternative medicine advocates say they hope the verdict enhances the chances of getting the Freedom of Medical Act passed in Congress.

The bill, which died in committee last session and is currently in the House of Representatives, would guarantee people the right to receive any medical treatment they desire and prevent prosecution of doctors as long as there is informed consent and no safety concerns.

Skeptics worry that alternative medicine is operating beyond the reach of the law, placing serious practitioners and scoundrels on the same footing.

But Burzynski said he isn't worried. Practitioners who work with experimental drugs "need to be a doctor, chemist and businessman to do that, and not many people wear all those hats," he said.

Burzynski manufactures his cancer drug at his own plant, which he said will dramatically increase its output as U.S. Food and Drug Administration approval nears.

The FDA has reviewed drugs to ensure their safety since 1938 and reviewed them to demonstrate effectiveness since 1962. FDA officials defend the need to test drugs for both effectiveness and safety.

"You can't estimate the safety of a drug without knowing its effect," said Randy Wykoff, an FDA associate commissioner. "For instance, a drug with a 1 percent risk for serious heart problems might be acceptable for childhood cancer, but it would not be acceptable for the common cold."

Paula Jones case appears headed to trial

WASHINGTON (AP) — Lawyers for President Clinton and Paula Jones say they are nowhere close to a settlement, increasing the possibility of a public trial on her charge he sexually harassed her six years ago.

Clinton's lawyer, Robert Bennett, said Sunday that Clinton was ready to give Jones her day in court and told CNN's "Late Edition" that "when all the questions are answered, the president of the United States will not be embarrassed. I believe Paula Jones will be."

Bennett warned that he would make an issue of Jones' private life if her lawyers try to expand the case into an expose of Clinton's sexual past. At the same time, he proposed settling the matter with a charitable donation made in Jones' name.

Jones' attorneys, Gilbert Davis and Joseph Cammarata, also were combative. "She's had her reputation held in abeyance now for three years," Davis said on NBC's "Meet the Press." "Frankly, the time has come to move this case forward."

The attorneys said they now are recommending to Jones that she seek compensation from Clinton as well as demanding that he acknowledge, and apologize for, his alleged sexual advances in an Arkansas hotel room in 1991.

Jones has said she does not want to profit from the case, but Davis said she is entitled to compensation and "in negotiations sometimes the price of poker goes up."

The White House would not comment on the Jones case Sunday.

In an interview in the edition of Newsweek on newsstands Monday, Jones said she is determined to continue her battle. "I'm not giving up," she said. "I want him to admit what he did."

Jones first made her charges three years ago, but the chances of a trial only became real last week after the Supreme Court rejected Clinton's argument that a sitting president should not be subjected to civil lawsuits when they concern matters outside his official duties. Clinton was governor of Arkansas when the alleged incident occurred.

There was much conjecture after the high court ruling that the two sides would move quickly toward a settlement, but that didn't appear likely from Sunday's statements.

Bennett said on NBC that he had talked to Clinton the previous night and was told to "tell the American people that this did not happen in any manner, shape or form as alleged in this malicious complaint."

He said that Clinton would not agree to any settlement where he had to apologize for, or admit to, actions that did not happen, or to any financial payment that suggested he had done something wrong.

"Then I guess we are going to try the case," Cammarata said on CBS' "Face the Nation."

If the case does go to trial, Cammarata and Davis said, they are prepared to submit testimony to show that Clinton had a history of sexual impropriety. "It's a process that we would be looking at the relationships that President Clinton has had with other women," Cammarata said.

They also said they had an affidavit from Jones in which she claims to identify a distinguishing characteristic on Clinton's genital area.

Bennett said that if Jones' attorneys turn the case into a study of Clinton's sexual past, Jones' sexual history would be fair game.

Community Calendar

MONDAY

Ladies Golf Association; country club; 9 a.m.

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

Storytime for 4- and 5-year-olds; Scurry County Library; 10 a.m.

Bilingual AA meeting; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; 8 p.m.

Snyder Fire Department Auxiliary; Central Fire Station; 7 p.m.

Deep Creek Chapter of ABWA; The Shack; 6:30 p.m.

Narcotics Anonymous; Winston Park Club; for information call 573-2101, 573-0949, 573-3667 or 573-1579; 6 p.m.

573-8971 or 573-2101; 8 p.m.

Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; for more information call 573-9458, 573-8626 or 573-8929; 8 p.m.

TUESDAY

Narcotics Anonymous; Winston Park Club; for more information call 573-2101, 573-0949, 573-3667 or 573-1579; 6 p.m.

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

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

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

WEDNESDAY

Narcotics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-2101, 573-0949, 573-3667 or 573-1579; 8 p.m.

THURSDAY

Al-Anon meeting (smoke free), noon to 1 p.m., brown bag. Park Club in Winston Park. For information call 573-4203 or 573-5525.

TOPS TX56, (take off pounds sensibly); weigh-in and meeting 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.; 2501 35th. For information call Peggy Eubank at 573-6509.

Bilingual AA meeting; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; 8 p.m.

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

New Horizons Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club Addition in Winston Park; for information call 863-2349 or 573-8626; 8 p.m.

FRIDAY

Free blood pressure clinics; Senior Citizens Center, 9:30 to 11 a.m.

Blood pressures will be taken at Cogdell Hospital Home Health Services, 1800 Cogdell Blvd. Suite B; 1-2 p.m.

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

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

NA Anonymous; Snyder Park Club; for information call 573-3667, 573-1579 or 573-0949; 6 p.m.

Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-8626, 573-9458 or 573-8929; 8 p.m., open meeting (last Friday of the month is the birthday meeting, pot luck at 7 p.m.).

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

SATURDAY

Horseshoe Pitching For Fun; Horseshoe Courts located at the coliseum; everybody welcome; 3 p.m.

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

Narcotics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for more information call 573-2101, 573-0949, 573-3667 or 573-1579; 7 p.m.

SUNDAY

Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 863-2349; 10 a.m.

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

Narcotics Anonymous Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-2101, 573-0949, 573-3667 or 573-1579; 5 p.m.

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

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

North 06-02-97
♠ A K J 4 3
♥ 10 8 6 5 4
♦ A 2
♣ 3

West
♠ 9
♥ K J 2
♦ 9 7 6 4
♣ Q J 9 8 6

East
♠ 8 2
♥ 9 3
♦ J 10 8 5
♣ K 10 7 5 2

South
♠ Q 10 7 6 5
♥ A Q 7
♦ K Q 3
♣ A 4

Vulnerable: East-West
Dealer: South

South	West	North	East
1 ♠	Pass	4 ♣	Pass
4 NT	Pass	5 ♥	Pass
5 NT	Pass	6 ♦	Pass
6 ♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♣ Q

It's time to 'fess up

By Phillip Alder

I don't get much mail from readers, so when there is a sudden flood of letters, there is only one reason: I have made a mistake. Last February, I doubled the U.S. Postal Service profit for the year by making an inaccurate comment. This deal isn't an encore — more of an echo. As South, how would you play in six spades after a club lead? Would your line be different if dummy's hearts were the 6-5-4-3-2?

North's four-club response was a splinter bid. It showed at least game values in spades with at most one club. Cheerfully, South launched into Blackwood before settling in six spades.

Clearly, you must avoid two heart losers. Here, the contract is impregnable. After winning the first trick and drawing trumps, cash the three diamond tricks, discarding a heart from the dummy. Then ruff the club four in the dummy.

With your preparations complete, lead a low heart from the dummy (or the 10, if you insist), beating East's card as cheaply as possible. Let's suppose it goes five, nine, queen, king. West is endplayed. He must either lead away from the heart jack or concede a ruff-and-discard.

What if dummy's hearts are much weaker? After eliminating the minors, lead a heart from the dummy. If East plays the lowest missing heart, duck the trick to West. But if East puts in a high heart, win with the ace, cross to dummy with a trump, and lead another heart, planning to play the queen unless East produces the king. You get home any time East has the heart king, or if West has the singleton or doubleton king.

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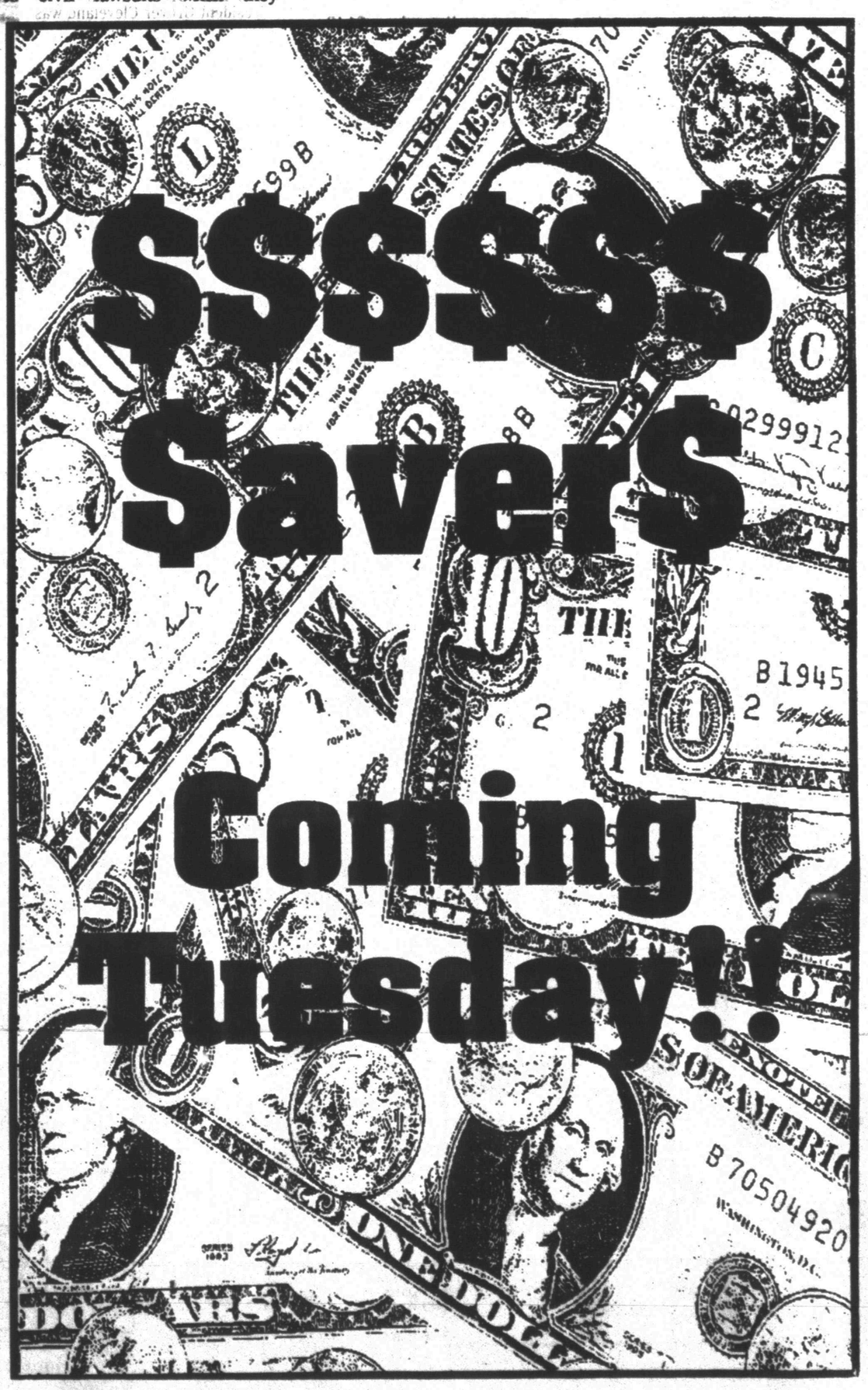
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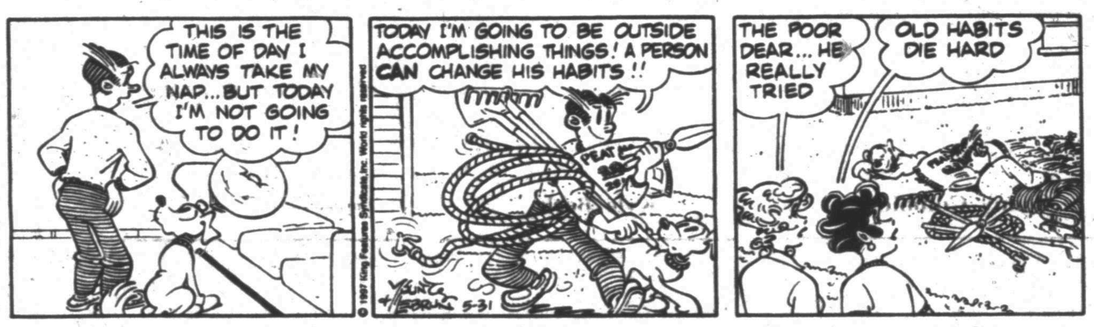
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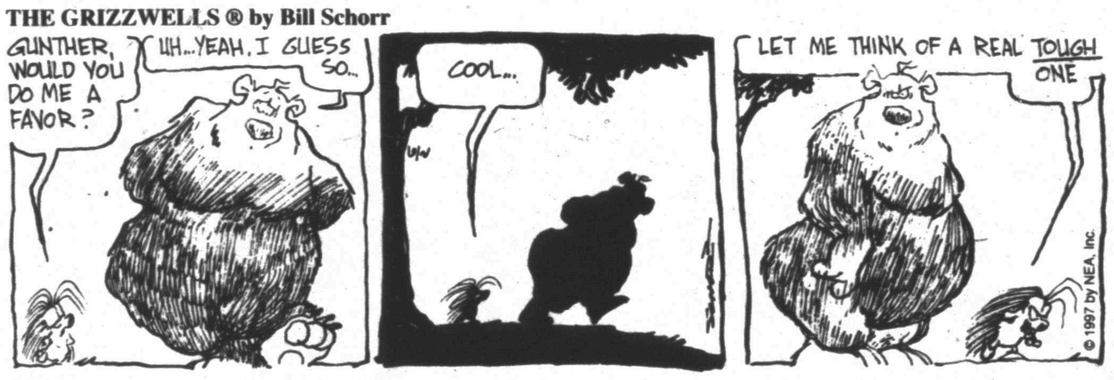
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ACROSS

1 Thread (of smoke)
5 Big —
8 Exerciser's concern
12 Type of jerk?
13 Norma —
14 Merest bit
15 Baseball's Nolan —
16 As far — — know
17 Lion's outburst
18 Type of office
19 Pieces
21 Food for Dobbin
23 Sandwich meat
24 Channel for fluids
27 — Lama
31 Kimono sash
32 Spryness
34 Book-covering factories
36 Nothing
37 Actor George —
38 Give one's word
40 Female deer
42 — — even keel
43 Skips
47 By the time — — to Phoenix
50 Cosmonaut Gagarin
51 Nautical rope
52 Poplar or yew
53 God of love
54 Sea eagle
55 Hard to find
56 Photocopy
57 Wide shoe size
58 Esau's country

DOWN

1 — in Cincinnati
2 California county
3 Bringing out the flavor of food
4 Group of five
5 More like a trombone
6 Facility
7 Whinny
8 One who goes to blazes!
9 Crazy bird
10 Rat- — - —
11 Pubs
20 NYC's —Avenue
22 Deciduous trees
24 Corn parts
25 Acting award
26 Jaunt
28 Soviet city
29 Sale words
30 Emerald —
33 Coal oil
35 Follower of a certain art movement
39 — d' (restaurant employee)
41 Business-woman Lauder
43 Rounds skipped in a contest
44 Circular tent
45 South Seas sailboat
46 Bronte heroine Jane —
48 Architect Saarinen
49 Pour

Answer to Previous Puzzle

D	L	O		N	U	B	S		N	U	K	E
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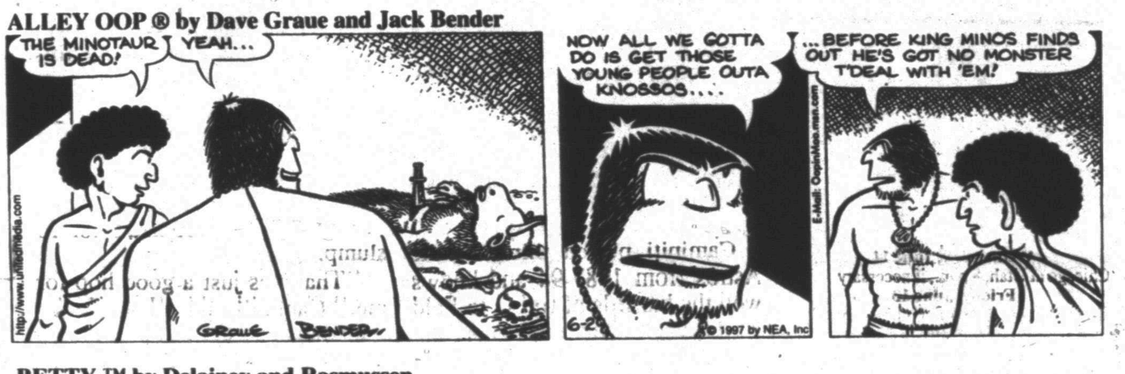


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SPORTS

Jordan gives Bulls one-game advantage

CHICAGO (AP) — Everyone at the United Center knew — the coaches, the players, the fans, the ushers, the ballboys. Everyone watching on television knew — from Chicago to Salt Lake City, from Algeria to Zimbabwe.

With 7½ seconds left in Game 1 of the NBA Finals and the score tied Sunday night, Michael Jordan was going to get the ball.

He got it. He shot it. He hit it. Chicago Bulls 84, Utah Jazz 82.

"I can't really fathom the idea that everybody watching the game ... knows that you are going to get the ball, knows you are going to take the shot, and yet you are able to come through in that situation," said Jordan, whose 21-foot jumper as time expired put the Bulls within three victories of their fifth championship in seven years.

"It is an unbelievable feeling," he said. "I don't want to be put in that situation too often. But when I am, I want to be successful."

Jordan has succeeded so often — last-second jumpers that eliminated Cleveland in both 1989 and 1993 leap to mind, though there have been many others — "it's old hat to see it," Utah's John Stockton said.

Jordan dribbled for most of the final 7½ seconds, thrilled that the Jazz weren't double-teaming him. He went airborne a stride inside the 3-point arc, faded away slightly from defender Bryon Russell, released the ball perfectly and swished his shot through the hoop as the horn sounded. Jordan then raised a celebratory fist into the air, soaking in the cheers.

"He did what Michael Jordan is known for — backbreakers," said Russell, the latest on a long list of players to be victimized by the NBA's supreme clutch performer. "The shot just went down. And that's all."

Now Utah has two full days to think about it before the best-of-7 series resumes Wednesday night at the United Center.

"Anytime you lose a tough game, you want to jump right back into it," Karl Malone said. "Obviously, we didn't do the things down the stretch to win and they did."

Malone, who edged Jordan for league MVP honors this season, missed two free throws with 9.2 seconds left, ruining an otherwise fine performance.

"I'm from Summerfield, La., and we don't have any excuses down there," said Malone, who had a wound on his right hand that needed frequent attention during the game. "I didn't make the free throws. It was just me up there, and I didn't.

Jordan, a four-time MVP, finished with 31 points on 13-of-27 shooting with eight assists and four rebounds. Malone, who had 23 points on 10-for-22 shooting and 15 rebounds, even admitted afterward that Jordan is the NBA's best player.

"What do you want me to say? Obviously, it's Michael Jordan," said the man known as the Mailman.

Until Jordan's shot went in, capping an exciting game in which the Bulls never led by more than three points and never trailed by more than seven, one easily could have argued that Scottie Pippen had been Chicago's MVP Sunday.

NBA playoffs

NBA FINALS
(Best-of-7)
Sunday, June 1
Chicago 84, Utah 82, Chicago leads series 1-0
Wednesday, June 4
Utah at Chicago, 8 p.m.
Friday, June 6
Chicago at Utah, 8 p.m.
Sunday, June 8
Chicago at Utah, 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday, June 11
Chicago at Utah, 8 p.m., if necessary
Friday, June 13
Utah at Chicago, 8 p.m., if necessary
Sunday, June 15
Utah at Chicago, 6:30 p.m., if necessary

Bad hop provides two runs as Houston falls

HOUSTON (AP) — Of all people, Ken Caminiti could empathize with Bill Spiers on Sunday.

Caminiti's grounder to third base in the eighth inning took a bad hop off the lip of the dirt and skipped past Spiers for a two-run double, sending the San Diego Padres past the Houston Astros 6-3.

Caminiti played third for the Astros from 1987-94 and knows well the hazards of trying to field hard-hit balls in that uncertain dirt.

"You can't field that ball," Caminiti said. "Unless you get lucky."

Luck is something that hasn't been going Caminiti's way this season. Last year's National League MVP was on the disabled list with a pulled right hamstring from May 12 until last Tuesday, and entered Sunday's game hitting just .235. Going into the eighth inning, he was mired in a 1-for-15 slump.

"That was just a good hop for me," Caminiti said. "I was lucky it hit the dirt. But I'll take it as bad as I've been struggling."

But he admitted he felt for Spiers.

"It's really bad here," Caminiti said. "The track at third base is bad. The turf is just so uneven, you never know where it's going to hop.

"(Spiers) did everything he could do but the ball just stayed down. The turf's a lot worse now than when I was here. I don't even like to take grounders before the game. I got hit three times before the game today trying to field grounders."

The big hit helped the Padres to their third straight win over the Astros.

"We got a break there," manager Bruce Bochy said. "Caminiti's ball took a tricky hop and opened the door for us."

Cumbie, Berryman named 2-4A first team all-district

Snyder High School placed a junior and senior on the 2-4A All-District team while a junior and a freshman were named to the second team.

Patrick Cumbie, who tied for the league's batting championship with Plainview outfielder Julian Vasquez, was named to the first team as a first baseman.

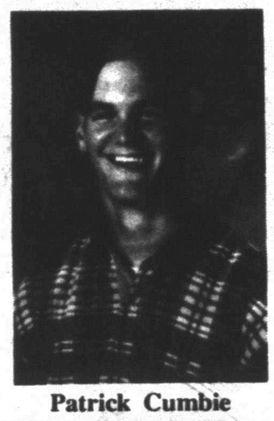
Cumbie had 33 RBIs during the season. In 72 times at bat, Cumbie had 37 hits — including 12 doubles, two triples and five home runs. Cumbie also pitched 45 innings and had a 4.94 earned-run average.

Also named to the first team was Tiger ace pitcher Clay Berryman. The junior pitched 77 innings, giving up 66 hits, fanning 72 and ending the season with a ERA of 1.32, second best in the league behind Chris Glenn of Plainview. Berryman also finished the season with a respectable .447 average at the plate. Berryman accounted for 12 doubles, three triples and three homers.

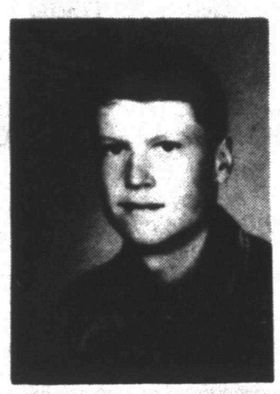
Glenn and Frenship's Duiete Welch were named the loop's co-most valuable players.

Snyder Tigers making the second team were junior outfielder Kyle Beck and freshman designated hitter Sonny Cumbie. Beck finished the year with a batting average of .363. His 28 hits included eight doubles.

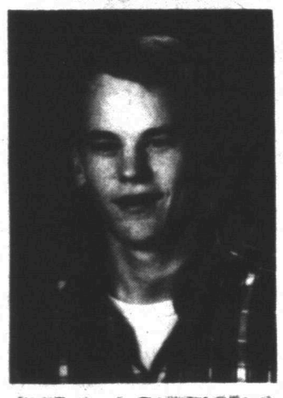
Newcomer of the year was sophomore David Saldana of Lubbock Estacado. Kendall Walling, coach of the champion Plainview Bulldogs, was named coach of the year.



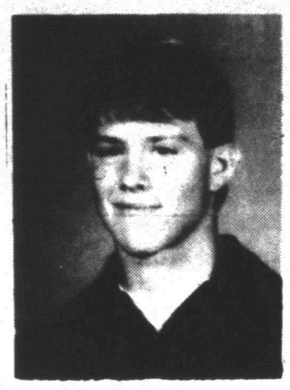
Patrick Cumbie



Clay Berryman



Sonny Cumbie



Kyle Beck

2-4A All District
Baseball Team
Co-MVP: Chris Glenn, Plainview and Duite Welch, Frenship.
Newcomer of Year: David Saldana, Estacado.

First Team
1st Base: Patrick Cumbie, Snyder; **2nd Base:** Jedremy Sepeda, Plainview; **3rd Base:** Trent Riddle, Plainview; **Shortstop:** Robert Dela Cruz, Plainview; **Outfielders:** Julian Vasquez, Plainview; Steven Leist, Frenship; Travis Denson, Plainview. **Pitchers:** Andre Brinson, Estacado; Clay Berryman, Snyder; **Catcher:** Peter Gonzalez, Plainview; **Designated Hitter:** Brian Hutcheson, Frenship; **Utility Player:** Lance McMillan, Plainview.

Second Team
1st Base: Matt Robertson, Plainview; **2nd Base:** Justin Hibbner, Estacado; **3rd Base:** Phillip Hamman, Frenship; **Shortstop:** Robbie Schaffner, Frenship; **Outfielders:** Barry Donham, Plainview; Kyle Beck, Snyder; Larry Reyna, Estacado; **Pitchers:** Jeff Cisneros, Levelland; Jaime Garcia, Lamesa; **Catchers:** Brandon Lancaster, Estacado; **Designated Hitter:** Sonny Cumbie, Snyder; **Utility Player:** Adam Puente, Levelland.

Coach of Year: Kendall Walling: Plainview.

Royals upend Rangers, 6-2

ARLINGTON (AP) — Jose Rosado celebrated a homecoming of sorts Sunday afternoon.

Rosado returned to the state where he first got the attention of major league scouts at Galveston Junior College, allowing two runs and four hits over 5 2-3 innings as the Kansas City Royals beat the Texas Rangers 6-2.

"I wanted to get a win in Texas, where I started my baseball career," Rosado said. "I was feeling pretty good. Every pitch I was throwing strikes. I was getting ahead of every guy, keeping the ball down."

Rosado (4-3) had lost his last three decisions, but was perfect over the first 4 2-3 innings to extend his string of no-hit innings to 11. Dean Palmer, who had two of Texas' eight hits, singled in the fifth for Texas' first hit off Rosado.

Rosado said he had command of all three pitches — his curve, change-up and fastball — in shutting down the Rangers early. But having to go to the stretch after allowing the hit to Palmer affected him.

"In the sixth, the hit made me change my rhythm," Rosado said. "I had to start going from the stretch and it threw me off."

Rosado also had plenty of help from the bullpen, which was struggling entering the three-game series with Texas that concluded on Sunday.

Randy Veres was the relief hero on Sunday, pitching 3 1-3 innings of four-hit shutout relief for his first save.

"The bullpen gave us a semblance of order," said Royals manager Bob Boone after Kansas City took two of the three games from the Rangers.

Royals relievers allowed five hits in 6 1-3 shutout innings over the three games. Entering the series with Texas, the Kansas City bullpen had blown four of its last six save opportunities and had a 7.85 ERA in its previous 17 games.

Kansas City's pitching staff allowed only seven runs over the three games.

Joe Vitiello had a two-run homer, Jeff King homered and drove in two runs, and Jose Offerman went 3-for-5 for the Royals.

Kansas City took a 2-0 lead in the second off John Burkett (4-4) when Johnny Damon walked and Vitiello followed with his second homer.

Kansas City added two more in the third on Damon's sacrifice fly and King's run-scoring single.

The Royals moved ahead 5-0 in the fifth on King's sixth homer and first since May 9.

Meanwhile, Rosado was in control until there were two outs in the fifth when Palmer singled to left. Rosado hadn't allowed a hit over the final seven innings of his previous start, on May 27 against Oakland.

The Rangers knocked out Rosado in the two-run sixth, but the damage could have been worse. Billy Ripken singled, went to third on Domingo Cedeno's double, and both scored on Damon Buford's single.

Helped by two walks, Texas loaded the bases later in the inning, but Veres retired Palmer on a groundout to end the threat.

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

American League

East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Baltimore	36	15	.706	-
NewYork	30	25	.545	8
Toronto	26	26	.500	10½
Detroit	25	28	.472	12
Boston	22	30	.423	14½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Cleveland	27	24	.529	-
Milwaukee	26	25	.510	1
KansasCity	24	28	.462	3½
Chicago	23	29	.442	4½
Minnesota	24	31	.436	5

West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Texas	29	24	.547	-
Anaheim	28	25	.528	1
Seattle	28	27	.509	2
Oakland	23	34	.404	8

Saturday's Games
N.Y. Yankees 7, Boston 2
Baltimore 8, Cleveland 5
Toronto 13, Oakland 3
Milwaukee 4, Chicago White Sox 3
Detroit 4, Seattle 2
Texas 3, Kansas City 1
Anaheim 5, Minnesota 3
Sunday's Games
Milwaukee 7, Chicago White Sox 4
Kansas City 6, Texas 2
N.Y. Yankees 11, Boston 6, 15 innings
Oakland 8, Toronto 2
Minnesota 5, Anaheim 4
Seattle 4, Detroit 1
Cleveland at Baltimore, ppd., rain
Monday's Games
N.Y. Yankees (Wells 5-3) at Boston (Sele 6-3), 6:05 p.m.
Cleveland (Ogea 5-3) at Baltimore (Kamieniecki 4-2), 7:35 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Alvarez 3-6) at Milwaukee (Karl 2-6), 8:05 p.m.
Minnesota (Radke 4-4) at Texas (Oliver 2-6), 8:35 p.m.
Detroit (Mochler 3-4) at Oakland (Karsay 1-5), 10:05 p.m.
Toronto (Andujar 0-0) at Seattle (Johnson 7-1), 10:05 p.m.
Only games scheduled

National League

East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Atlanta	37	17	.685	-
Florida	31	22	.585	5½
NewYork	31	23	.574	6
Montreal	28	25	.528	8½
Philadelphia	19	35	.352	18

Central Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Pittsburgh	27	27	.500	-
Houston	26	29	.473	1½
St.Louis	24	29	.453	2½
Chicago	22	32	.407	5
Cincinnati	20	35	.364	7½

West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
SanFrancisco	31	22	.585	-
Colorado	30	24	.556	1½
LosAngeles	27	26	.509	4
SanDiego	23	30	.434	8

Saturday's Games
Colorado 8, Florida 4
Chicago Cubs 7, Cincinnati 4
St. Louis 6, Los Angeles 3
Montreal 4, Pittsburgh 2
N.Y. Mets 10, Philadelphia 3
San Diego 12, Houston 5
San Francisco 6, Atlanta 4
Sunday's Games
Atlanta 4, San Francisco 3
Pittsburgh 11, Montreal 2
N.Y. Mets 8, Philadelphia 5
Los Angeles 6, St. Louis 1
Chicago Cubs 7, Cincinnati 1
San Diego 6, Houston 3
Colorado 9, Florida 2
Monday's Games
San Francisco (Gardner 6-1) at Florida (Leiter 4-3), 7:05 p.m.
Cincinnati (Mercker 2-5) at Philadelphia (Schilling 7-4), 7:35 p.m.
Montreal (Perez 4-4) at N.Y. Mets (Clark 5-3), 7:40 p.m.
San Diego (Murray 0-0) at Atlanta (Maddux 6-1), 7:40 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Lieber 2-6) at Chicago Cubs (Mulholland 4-4), 8:05 p.m.
Colorado (Burke 0-1) at St. Louis (Jackson 1-0), 8:05 p.m.
Los Angeles (Nomo 5-4) at Houston (Wall 1-2), 8:05 p.m.

Baseball state tourney

Thursday's Semifinals
Class A
Burger Center
Maud vs. Spurger, 11 a.m.
Claude vs. Fayetteville, 1 p.m.
Class AA
Burger Center
Alto vs. Coahoma, 4 p.m.
Gunter vs. Welmer, 7 p.m.
Class AAA
Nelson Field
Castroville Medina Valley vs. Abilene Wylie, 4:30 p.m.
Hallettsville vs. Lake Dallas, 7 p.m.
Class AAAA
Disch-Falk Field
Nederland vs. Saginaw Boswell, noon.
Austin McCollum vs. Dallas Highland Park, 2:30 p.m.
Class AAAAA
Disch-Falk Field
Lubbock Monterey vs. Sugar Land Clements, 5 p.m.
Round Rock vs. Corpus Christi Moody, 7:30 p.m.

SNYDER YOUTH LEAGUES

Senior Little League
Astros 13, Braves 2
WP: Paddy Vantine.
Astros: Stanley Marech, double and single; Paddy Vantine and Kevin Taylor, two singles; Johnny Alaniz, Sonny Cumbie and LaBow Rivers, singles. **Braves:** Joe Dan Davenport, triple; Davison Burnett, Jerry Jamison and R.J. Hernandez, singles.

Oilers 10, Suns 2
WP: David Sutton; LP: Josh Arizmendi.
Oilers: Russell Wall, triple; Josh Ward, David Sutton, Sammy Avilas and Duane Allred, singles. **Suns:** Josh Arizmendi, triple; Jeremy Bowden, Clay Preston and Jerek Brown, singles.

Buffs 10, Suns 0
WP: Matthew Grimmett; LP: Bebos Martinez.
Buffs: Ralph Ramon, double and two singles; Jared Hester, three singles; Matthew Grimmett, Adam Beck, Patrick McKamie and James Villarreal, singles. **Rebels:** Brandon McGuire and Josh Hall, singles.

Farm League
Athletics 8, Indians 6
WP:Chase Luft; LP: Tanner Bloom.
Athletics: Chase Luft, triple and single; Adam Hopper, two singles; Martin Garcia, Clemente Rodriguez, Eric Martinez and Nathan Picossa, singles. **Indians:** Tanner Bloom, two doubles; Alan Gray, Nathan Wilkins, Cale Lancaster and Casey Burton, singles.

SDN Sports Briefs

Only rain stops Norman

DUBLIN, Ohio (AP) — Greg Norman was like a long-lost relative suddenly showing up for a family dinner, playing with a familiar flair that quickens the heart.

Only the rain could stop Norman at the Memorial Tournament on Sunday.

Taking advantage of saturated greens, Norman splattered iron shot after iron shot right on target and made six birdies in the eight holes he played before rain stopped play and pushed the conclusion to today.

"I was firing at the bottom of the flag," Norman said when forced to stop after 14 holes of the third round at 11-under par, a stroke behind leaders Vijay Singh and Scott Hoch.

"I didn't want to stop," Norman said.

That was a bad feeling to have at Muirfield Village this week. The third round, which started at 7:30 a.m. on Saturday, was finally halted at 4:23 p.m. on Sunday — nearly 33 hours later.

If the third round is finished today — and the prediction is for more rain — it will end as a 54-hole event. If play cannot continue, Scott Hoch, the 36-hole leader, would win.

Frenship Tigers eliminated

Frenship saw a two-run lead evaporate as Saginaw Boswell rolled to a 7-3 victory Saturday in the 1-4A Regional playoffs in Abilene.

Frenship, runnerup in District 1-4A, finished with a season record of 28-10-1. Boswell's season ledger is 24-10.

Coed basketball camp

Coach Rick Archer, SHS girls' cage coach, will hold a coed basketball camp for boys and girls who will be in the 2nd through 8th grades next year. The camp will be July 7-11 at Snyder High School. Cost is $55 per camper and brochures are available at any school. For more information, call Archer at 573-6301.

API golf tourney

The annual API Scholarship Golf Tournament will be held Saturday at Snyder Country Club.

Format will be a four-person scramble with shotgun starts at 7:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Entry fee is $240 per team. Cash prizes will be given for the top three places in each of the six flights.

There will also be door prizes and prizes for closest to the pin and longest drive. There will be a putting contest. Hole-in-one prizes include two pickups and a $10,000 certificate of deposit.

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A volleyball camp for girls in the 5th through 9th grades will be held July 14-17 at the high school gym. Sessions will be from 8:30 a.m. until noon. Cost is $40. For more information, call Coach Patty Grimmett at 573-9416.

Ladies playday Tuesday

The Women's Golf Association at Snyder Country Club will have its weekly playday Tuesday, starting at 9 a.m. Format will be roughing it on the front nine. Tuesday will mark the start of the Ringers Tournament. A luncheon and business meeting will follow.

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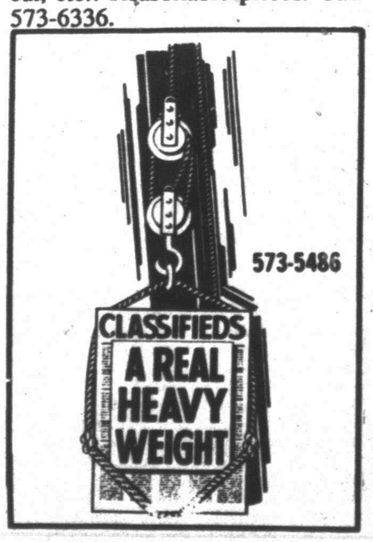
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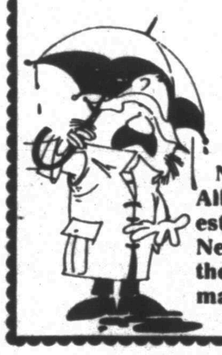
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Jury selection began today in a $5 billion class-action lawsuit filed in 1991 on behalf of 60,000 nonsmoking flight attendants who say smoke in aircraft cabins made them sick. A pool of 250 prospective jurors had already filled out a 32-page questionnaire for attorneys.

At a pretrial hearing this morning, Judge Robert Kaye dismissed defense motions to get rid of the class-action status, which would have forced flight attendants to file individual lawsuits.

"We're ecstatic," said American Airlines attendant Norma Broin, the lead plaintiff, whose lung cancer is in remission. "It's been six long years up to this point."

"Tobacco companies have denied that smoking — let alone secondhand smoke — causes cancer, and the industry has been generally successful in fighting lawsuits seeking money for smoking-related illnesses.

The lawsuit was filed by 26 nonsmoking attendants. Two have died of cancer since the lawsuit was filed. Among the defendants are industry giants Philip Morris Inc., R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Co., Lorillard Inc. and the American Tobacco Co.

Attorneys for the plaintiffs are expected to rely on a number of studies on the effects of smoking, including Harvard University research published May 20 that says regular exposure to secondhand smoke may nearly double the risk of heart disease. The ailment is one of 22, from emphysema to pregnancy complications, referred to in the lawsuit.

The attorneys for the attendants face several legal hurdles.

They must prove that secondhand smoke causes illness, that the industry was aware of a health threat to attendants, that companies fraudulently misrepresented the hazard of secondhand smoke and ultimately that the companies are financially liable.

Unless jurors accept all of those arguments, the attendants lose. Jurors also may get bored or lost in what could be weeks of testimony on the science of cigarette smoke.

Smoking was banned on most domestic flights in 1990, a year before the lawsuit was filed. By last summer, four-fifths of U.S. airline flights to and from other countries were smokeless and more will go smoke-free this year.

The trial begins with the industry on the defensive against federal regulators, who want to curb tobacco advertising and its availability to youths, and 32 state lawsuits seeking compensation for Medicaid money spent on sick smokers.

Although tobacco companies have never paid any damages to sick smokers, they spend about $600 million a year defending lawsuits.

Talks between state attorneys general and tobacco companies have been postponed until at least the end of the week as negotiators try to resolve differences among states over how much protection the industry should have from lawsuits.

Attorneys and cigarette makers are negotiating a megadeal to settle 32 state lawsuits and put unprecedented curbs on tobacco: getting rid of Joe Camel and other ads, virtually banning public smoking everywhere but bars or restaurants and forcing the industry to reduce youth smoking by 60 percent in 10 years.

Area peace officers kept busy during the weekend

Five people were arrested over the weekend, including three on outstanding warrants.

A 37-year-old male was arrested at 5:03 p.m. Saturday in the 2500 block of Avenue M on an outstanding city warrant for no liability insurance and driving while license suspended.

Officers arrested a 23-year-old male at 11:23 p.m. Saturday in the 100 block of North Elm Street on a Scurry County warrant for motion to revoke probation and evading arrest.

At 1:34 a.m. Sunday, offices arrested a 28-year-old male in the 1900 block of 19th Street for public intoxication.

A 23-year-old male was arrested at 1:56 a.m. Sunday for public intoxication.

Officers arrested a 21-year-old male at 12:24 p.m. Sunday in the 2300 block of Avenue E on an outstanding warrant for criminal mischief.

In other activity, Joel Atkins requested to speak to an officer at 5:54 a.m. Saturday in reference to someone stealing a gun from his vehicle. An offense report for felony theft was submitted.

Herbie Thomas requested to speak to a deputy at 3:49 p.m. Sunday in reference to someone breaking into his residence in the 4900 block of West Highway 180. An offense report for burglary was submitted.

Erlene Brooks requested an officer at 3200 Ave. A at 8:34 p.m. Saturday in reference to a window being broken. An offense report for Class B criminal mischief was submitted.

Marshall Burrus requested to speak to an officer at 9:38 p.m. Saturday in reference to a window being broken out of a truck while parked in the 3100 block of Avenue A.

Kim McFatridge requested to speak to an officer at 8:13 p.m. Saturday in reference to a theft from her residence in the 200 block of 34th Street. An offense report for theft was submitted.

Alice Fuentez requested to speak to an officer at 7:12 a.m. Sunday in reference to two tires on her vehicle being punctured while parked at Cogdell Hospital. An offense report for criminal mischief was submitted.

Jimmy Velasquez reported damage to his vehicle at 3900 Eastridge at 3:19 p.m. Sunday. An offense report for Class B criminal mischief was submitted.

Mary Hollis reported the theft of a cellular telephone from her vehicle at 6:01 p.m. Sunday while it was parked at Snyder Oaks.

Jerry Holloway requested to meet with an officer at 7:37 Sunday at 123 30th St. in reference to someone breaking into a house. An offense report for Class B criminal mischief was submitted.

Officers were called to the 1900 block of 29th Street at 10:22 p.m. Sunday in reference to an assault. An offense report for Class C assault was submitted.

A person reported hearing gun shots at 11:59 p.m. Sunday in the 2200 block of Avenue K and a person running from the area carrying a bag. However, officers did not find any evidence of shots being fired.

An offense report for Class A criminal trespass was submitted at 12:22 this morning in reference to someone entering an apartment in the 4400 block of Avenue U.

A report of a possible prowler was made at 1:55 a.m. Sunday from the 2300 block of Avenue M.

Reports of prowlers were also made at 2:29 a.m. Sunday in the 300 block of 36th Street and at 4 a.m. in the 400 block of 29th Street.

A deputy was requested at the Old Timer Restaurant in Hermleigh at 9:59 a.m. Saturday in reference to a disturbance that occurred Friday night.

An offense report for family violence was submitted at 6:38 p.m. Sunday.

Shooting still under investigation

A shooting last Saturday which injured a Snyder woman is still under investigation, police said this morning.

Saundra Jackson of 4400 Ave. U was treated at Cogdell Memorial Hospital after being struck by a bullet fired from a .380 caliber pistol about 1 a.m. Saturday.

She reportedly was a bystander during an argument between two other individuals at 1201 29th St.

Police Lt. Steve Warren said subjects are still being interviewed and the investigation is continuing. No charges have been filed.

Hospital

ADMISSIONS: May 30-none; May 31-Edward Farias, 1206 19th; June 1-Lisa Randolph, 2315 41st; Billie Dupuy, 2408 40th; Alfred Lieb, 3774 Sunset; Marlayna Staton, Hermleigh; Harold Wade, 12257 CR 4109.

DISMISSALS: May 30-Beatrice Bilberry, Margaret Corkran, Jessie Leyva, Betty Monroney, Beetha Moore, Willie Sumerlin; May 31-none; June 1-Durwood Hopper.

CENSUS: 43 (Med., Surg.-10, Long-term Care-33).

Markets — Midday Stocks

NEWYORK(AP)

	High	Low	Last	
AMR Corp	99⅛	98	98⅛— ⅛	
AT&T Corps	36⅛	35⅞	36 — ⅛	
AirTouch		28⅛	27⅞ 27⅞	
Albertsons	33⅛	33⅛	33⅛— ⅛	
AlldSignal	77	76⅛	76⅛— ⅛	
Alltel	32⅛	32⅛	32⅛— ⅛	
AmerOnline	55⅛	55	55⅛+ ⅛	
AmStores	45⅛	45	45⅛— ⅛	
Ameritech	65⅞	65⅛	65⅛+ ⅛	
Amoco	90⅛	89⅛	90⅛+ ⅛	
AndarkPtr	63⅛	63⅛	63⅛+ ⅛	
Amcoinc	3⅛	3⅛	3⅛+ ⅛	
AtlRichfld	145⅝	144⅛	145⅛— ⅛	
ATMOS Egy		23¼	23¼ 23¼	
Aviall		14⅛	14⅛ 14⅛	
BakerHughes	38	37⅛	37⅜+ ⅛	
BellAtl	71	70⅛	70⅛+ ⅛	
BellSouth	45⅛	45⅛	45⅛+ ⅛	
BethSteel	10	9 25-32	9⅝— ⅛	
BritPet	143⅞	142⅛	142⅛—2¼	
BurlNoSFe	83	82⅛	82½— ½	
Caterpillar	98	97	97⅛+ ⅛	
CenSoWst	21½	21	21 — ⅛	
Chevron		70⅛	69½ 70	
Chrysler s	32⅛	31⅛	32 + ⅛	
Coastal	50⅛	50⅛	50⅛+ ⅛	
CocaCola	68⅛	67⅞	67⅞— ⅛	
ColgatePalm s	62⅛	61	61 —1	
ComclMetals	29⅛	29⅛	29⅛— ⅛	
CooperIn	51⅛	50⅛	50⅛— ⅛	
CyprusAmax	24⅞	24⅛	24⅛+ ⅛	
DallSemicn	38⅞	38⅛	38⅛+ ⅛	
DeltaAird	94⅛	93⅛	94 + ⅛	
DigitalEq	36⅛	34⅞	35⅛— ⅛	
Dillards Inc	33⅞	33⅛	33⅛+ ⅛	
DowChem	83⅞	83⅛	83⅛+ ⅛	
DresserInd	34⅛	34⅛	34⅛+ ⅛	
DuPont	109⅛	107⅞	108⅛— ⅛	
DuPont wi		54⅛	54 54⅛	
EastmanChem	59⅛	58⅝	59 — ½	
EstKodak	83⅛	82⅛	82⅛— ⅛	
EDS Corp	37⅛	36⅞	37 — ⅛	
Enserch	21⅛	21⅛	21⅛+ ⅛	
Entergy	26⅛	26⅛	26⅛— ⅛	
Exxon s	59⅛	58⅝	59⅛+ ⅛	
Flowers s	17⅝	17⅜	17⅜— ⅛	
FordMotor	37⅞	37⅜	37⅜— ⅛	
GTE Cp	44⅛	43⅝	43⅝— ½	
GenDynam	74⅝	74⅛	74⅛— ½	
GenElecs	61⅛	60⅛	60⅝+ ⅛	
GenMills	63	62	62⅛—1⅛	
GenMotors	57⅛	56⅛	56⅝—1	
GaPacif	89	88⅛	88⅛+ ⅛	
GlobalMar	22⅜	22⅛	22⅛— ⅛	
Goodrich	43	42⅞	42⅝— ⅛	
Goodyear s	59	58⅛	58⅛— ⅛	
GtAtlPac	27⅞	27⅛	27⅞— ⅛	
Haliburtn	78½	77⅞	78¼+1	
Hanson ADS n	25⅛	25⅛	25⅛— ⅛	
HarteHanks	29⅛	29⅛	29⅛— ⅛	
HomeDepot	63	62⅛	62⅜— ⅛	
HoustonInds		20⅜	20⅜ 20⅜	
IBM s	87⅛	86⅛	86⅛+ ⅛	
IntlPaper	48⅛	47⅞	48 + ⅛	
JohnsonJn	60⅜	59⅛	59⅜— ⅛	
K mart		14⅛	13⅞ 14	
Kroger s	25⅛	25⅛	25⅛— ⅛	
Litton	45⅛	45	45⅛+ ⅛	
LockhdMart	94	93⅛	93½— ⅛	
Lowes Cos	39⅛	39⅛	39⅛+ ⅛	
Lubys		19⅛	19⅛ 19⅛	
LucentTech	63⅛	61⅛	63⅜— ⅛	
MayDeptStrs	47⅜	47⅛	47⅛+ ⅛	
Medtronic	74½	73⅛	73⅜— ½	
Mobil	140⅛	139⅛	140 + ⅛	
Monsanto		44⅛	43⅛ 44	
MorganJP	108⅛	106⅛	106⅝—1⅝	
Motorola	66⅝	66⅛	66⅛— ⅛	
NCR Corp n	32⅞	32⅛	32⅛— ⅛	
NationsBk s	59⅝	58⅛	58⅝— ⅛	
Navistar	16⅝	16⅛	16½— ⅛	
NoramEngy	15⅛	15⅛	15⅛— ⅛	
Norwest	53⅛	52⅛	52⅝— ⅛	
Nynex	54⅜	53⅞	54⅛+ ⅛	
OryxEngy		23¼	23 23¼	
PanEnergy	46⅞	46⅛	46⅝— ⅛	
Penney JC	51⅝	51¼	51⅜+ ⅛	
Pennzoil	55⅛	55⅛	55⅝— ⅛	
PepBoys	31⅛	31⅛	31⅛— ⅛	
PepsiCo	38⅛	37⅞	38 +1⅛	
PhelpDodge	84⅛	83⅛	84⅜+ ⅛	
PhilipPet	43	42⅜	42⅜+ ⅛	
PilgrmPrd		12⅜	12⅛ 12⅛	
Polaroid	51	50⅝	50⅝— ⅛	
Praxair		52⅛	52⅛ 52⅛	
ProctGamble	136⅛	135⅜	135⅝—2⅜	
PubSNwMx		17⅜	17⅛ 17⅜	
RoyalDutch	195⅛	193⅜	194⅜—1	
SBC Comm	58⅝	57⅝	58⅛— ⅛	
SaraLee	41	40⅝	40⅝— ⅛	
SearsRoeb		49⅜	49 49⅛	
SherwinW s	30⅛	29⅝	29⅝— ⅛	
SmthBc ADS	87⅛	86⅛	86⅛— ⅛	
SouthernCo		21⅛	21 21⅛	
SwstAirlines	25⅞	25⅛	25⅝— ⅛	
Sprint	49⅞	49⅛	49⅛+ ⅛	
SunCo		30	29¾ 29¾	
TNP Ent	22	21⅞	21⅞— ⅛	
Tandy	54⅛	53⅛	53⅜— ⅛	
TempleInland	60⅛	60	60 — ⅛	
Tenneco	45⅞	44⅞	44⅝— ⅛	
Texaco	109⅛	109	109⅛+ ⅛	
TexasInds		24⅛	23⅞ 24	
TexasInst	89⅛	87⅞	87⅞—1⅛	
TexUtil	34⅛	33⅞	34 — ⅛	
Textron s	59⅜	58⅛	58⅛— ⅛	
Travelers s	55⅞	54⅝	54⅛— ½	
TrinityInds		30	29⅝ 29⅝	
TritonEngy	44⅛	43⅛	44 — ⅛	
Tyler		1⅜	1⅜ 1⅜	
US WestCm	36⅛	36⅛	36⅜+ ⅛	
USWstMda		19⅛	19⅛ 19⅛	
USX-Marathn	30⅛	29⅝	30 + ⅛	
USX-USS	32⅛	32⅛	32½+ ⅛	
UnCarbde		47⅛	46⅞ 46⅞	
UnPac s	68	67⅜	67⅜— ⅛	
UnitedTech s	80⅝	79⅝	80⅛— ⅛	
Unocal	42⅞	42⅛	42⅛— ⅛	
WalMart	30⅛	29⅝	30 + ⅛	
WstnGasRs	20	19⅞	20 + ⅛	
WestghEl		20⅛	20⅛ 20⅛	
WinnDixie	38⅛	37⅞	38⅛— ⅛	
Woolworth	24⅛	24⅛	24½+ ⅛	
Xerox Corp	68⅛	67⅞	68 + ⅛	
ZenithE	11⅛	11	11⅛+ ⅛	

County official facing new 'paper terrorism'

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — County clerk Karen Mathews has bulletproof glass in her office, and her staff has panic buttons with direct lines to 911 hidden under their desks.

It's been that way since Mathews, who now carries a gun, was beaten and stabbed in 1994 for refusing to file bogus documents from an angry tax protester.

Although such an attack is rare, officials are worried about people who use public offices to take revenge on judges, politicians and others.

So-called paper terrorism is increasingly being used by anti-government factions seeking to advance a cause and individuals who want to make someone's life miserable. Document recorders who spot and reject the bogus documents are sometimes targets as well.

"At first I was perplexed. Who'd want to threaten a recorder?" said Ms. Mathews, the elected clerk-recorder in Stanislaus County, Calif. "But recorders all over the country have become targets of groups ... with misguided patriotism."

Ms. Mathews spoke Friday at a seminar on bogus liens at Philadelphia's International Association of Clerks, Recorders, Election Officials and Treasurers.

Most paper terrorism involves the filing of phony documents making a claim on someone's property because of an alleged debt. Victims of fake liens sometimes don't find out for years, and it can cause headaches.

In most cases a person cannot obtain bank loans or sell property until the filings are removed by a judge, which takes time and can cost money.

"About 75 percent are anti-government protests. The rest are lone-wolf types. For them, it's a personal vendetta," said Ray Speece, a Houston attorney who helped initiate a Texas law increasing the punishment for filing fake liens.

Recent incidents:

—A weeklong standoff last month between members of the separatist Republic of Texas and federal agents was triggered partly by two outstanding arrest warrants for secessionist-group leader Richard McLaren, one accusing him of filing bogus liens.

—A Philadelphia man filed property liens against 10 Pennsylvania judges, some for up to $800 million each, as retaliation for having to serve a year in jail on an assault conviction that was later overturned. The liens were removed six years later.

—Fifteen Missouri men were convicted of filing $10.8 million in bogus liens against a judge who refused to overturn a speeding ticket.

—An Oklahoma City couple wanted for $75,000 in back taxes was arrested last year for filing $7 million in bogus liens against IRS agents assigned to their case.

In Texas, it's often hard to spot false documents in the thousands of daily filings, Speece said. California officials catch about one bogus lien a month, Ms. Mathews said. Telltale signs can alert recorders.

"There's always a word or phrase that tips it off as fake," Speece said.

Among them are no zip codes in an address, "united states" in lower-case, frequent use of Latin phrases or a comma between the first and last name "because they believe the surname is the slave name the government uses to label people," Speece said.

Legislation is pending to increase penalties for filing false liens in several Western states, including Wyoming, Colorado, Oklahoma, South Dakota and California.

In Friday's seminar, about 40 county officials said they were facing lawsuits by anti-government groups whose requests for liens were rejected. A handful more said they had been physically threatened.

Ms. Mathews was targeted by the anti-tax group Juris Christian Assembly after she refused to remove a valid tax lien against a member of the group. Prosecutors said she also angered the group by refusing to file phony liens against IRS workers.

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Tuesday, June 3, 1997

In the year ahead it's best to be secretive about your objectives and discuss them only with people you can completely trust. Otherwise, a pal might unknowingly tip off your competition.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Be cognizant of your financial limitations today. If you aren't, you might be drawn into situations your high-roller friends can handle, but you can't. Trying to patch up a broken romance? The Astro-Graph Matchmaker can help you understand what to do to make the relationship work. Mail $2.75 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Take positive measures to achieve your goals today. Your conversation makes good listening, but it won't earn you the respect of your peers.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Associates will resent you today if you ask them to do things for you that you can obviously do for yourself. Do not be a leaner, stand upright.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) It could prove to be an exercise in futility today if you gamble on something completely controlled by others. Play it safe; bet only on yourself.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Choose carefully when deciding from whom you solicit advice today. Counsel from the wrong adviser could complicate your affairs rather than improve them.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Do not let your focus wander from your work today. Carelessness could generate more costly errors than you can afford to fix.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Subdue inclinations today to grab the tab for everyone, especially if there is someone present who usually looks the other way when the check arrives.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Though you may be clever, it will be difficult to camouflage selfish motives from others today. It is a game you're not likely to win.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Regarding the outcome of events today, do not base your expectations upon a faulty premise when your instincts urge you to be pragmatic.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Treat anything you borrow from a friend today as respectfully as if it were your prize possession. Your carelessness could lead to embarrassment.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) If matters are assessed in an impulsive manner today, it could distort your logical judgment. Be cognizant of details as well as the big picture.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Though you're usually trustworthy, today you could let the cat out of the bag. Take care not to embellish your tale with damaging comments.

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Thousands of minks are turned loose

MOUNT ANGEL, Ore. (AP) — Thousands of mink died in what one fur industry official called the largest act of "eco-terrorism" ever against the fur trade — the release of 10,000 mink from their cages.

At least half of the animals were expected to die from exposure, wounds from fighting with each other or trauma. Many were baby mink that had been separated from their mothers; others had been crushed by human feet.

"The animals have been so traumatized that many won't make it," said Marsha Kelly, a spokeswoman for Fur Commission U.S.A, a mink and fox farming group. "There were thousands of dead mink in the yard."

Rick Arritola said the intruders bypassed an alarm system at his farm early Friday and broke into buildings and cages. He was able to retrieve about 1,300 mother mink, but not enough for cages full of dying babies. There were bags of dead animals piled around the farm 30 miles south of Portland.

The damage was expected be at least several hundred thousand dollars, said Kelly, who suspected animal rights groups were responsible for the "eco-terrorism."

The most costly attack on the industry was a March pipe bomb attack on the Utah Fur Breeders Agricultural Cooperative in Sandy, Utah, which produces feed for mink raised in Utah and southern Idaho. Kelly said damage was estimated at $1 million.

Federal law prohibits "animal enterprise terrorism." FBI spokesman Patrick Geonetta said Sunday there were no suspects in the latest incident.

Wheel thrown from overpass kills man

HOUSTON (AP) — A Houston man returning home with his family from dinner was killed when a truck wheel crashed through the roof of his minivan.

Investigators are handling the death of William Jenning Chan, 32, as a homicide. Police suspect the wheel was dropped deliberately about 9:30 p.m. Friday near downtown from the Houston Street overpass on Interstate 10.

The wheel ripped through the driver's side window and roof of his van.

Neither Sonia Chan, his 23-year-old wife, nor their children, ages 2 months to 6 years, were injured.

Mrs. Chan was able to keep the moving vehicle under control by grabbing the steering wheel and jamming the gear shift into the park position, said her stepfather, Tony Villarreal.

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



'Missus' as title misses the mark for this bride

DEAR ABBY: My fiancé and I are planning an August wedding, and we're working on the exact wording of the ceremony. He is a judge and I have a Ph.D. in education. We've worked hard for these degrees and titles and are proud of them.

At the end of the ceremony when the presentation is made, instead of the usual, "I present to you Mr. and Mrs. (blank)," I thought maybe it could be, "I present to you Judge and Doctor (blank)."

My fiancé says this is too pretentious. I agree that it's pretentious, but I prefer to be called "Doctor" rather than "Mrs." Abby, what do you think?

As it is, we'll go with Mr. and Mrs.; but I wonder if you see any other solution here?

DR. D. IN ARCADIA

DEAR DR. D.: I vote with your fiancé. Your friends and family already know that he is a judge and you have a Ph.D.

The wedding is about the two of you becoming husband and wife — not judge and doctor. After the wedding you'll have the rest of your lives to be addressed as judge and doctor.

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DEAR ABBY: I am the director of nursing at a nursing home in Oklahoma City. I recently received a phone call from a woman who asked for the name of a resident who had no family members living. I asked her why, and she explained the following:

Her mother had been in a nursing home for the last few years of her life. The caller had worked in nursing homes and had seen firsthand that many residents had no one to visit or care about them. After her mother died, on Mother's Day, rather than leaving flowers at the grave, she chose to give them to one of those residents in need. She said it had always given her a warm feeling to brighten up someone's life, and she felt her mother would applaud her decision. She never leaves her name; she just signs the card, "Hope you have a great day." The resident never knows who sent the flowers.

I thought this was a wonderful idea, and chose someone I thought would appreciate the bouquet. This gesture so warmed me that I'm sharing it with you, in the hope that you'll share it with others. Please do not print my name.

ANONYMOUS IN OKLAHOMA

DEAR ANONYMOUS: What a lovely idea. I'm pleased to pass it along to my readers.

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DEAR ABBY: In this day of many divorces and remarriages involving children and the attending problems of blended families, I thought you might find a positive note refreshing.

Nine years ago, I married a man who had three daughters from an earlier marriage. I had three sons and a daughter. They were all young adults, and we were a little uneasy about the outcome of the blended families.

I am proud to say that everything has worked out beautifully. Why? Because all our children loved us enough to do everything they could to ensure that we found happiness with our new spouse.

How could we not love each other's children for caring so much? Love begets love when you let it. We feel so rich, not financially, but where it counts the most.

CAROL OSBORNE, DOWNINGTOWN, PA.

P.S. Keep up the good work with your sensible, compassionate and realistic advice.

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DEAR ABBY: Having read your column for many years, I know you have friends in the Roman Catholic hierarchy, so perhaps you could answer this question for me. I am a 77-year-old Baptist and therefore not sure of all Catholic beliefs.

I have queried many Catholics and priests, and no one can give me a straight answer to this question.

I called a local Catholic church one day and posed this question: "When one of your parishioners makes a confession to you, you never reveal what was said in that confessional, do you?" The priest said, "Absolutely not."

I asked: "What would you do in this case? John Jones is scheduled to die in the electric chair within a week for a murder he swears he never committed. The previous Sunday, one of your parishioners says in his confession to you that *he* committed the murder. He gives you every detail, and you are convinced that he is the real murderer. Would you turn him in to the police and violate the sanctity of the confessional, or would you not turn him in and let an innocent man go to the electric chair?"

His answer was, "I would try to persuade my parishioner to confess to the police."

I said: "Supposing persuasion doesn't work? In other words, your parishioner wants to get the murder off his conscience, but he doesn't want to confess to the police and go to the chair."

The priest said, "Well, the best I can tell you is that I would use persuasion." Then he hung up on me.

My question is this, Abby: What is the official position of the Roman Catholic Church on this matter? Does the church violate the sanctity of the confessional, or would it let an innocent man die for a murder he didn't commit? You may use my name.

JOHN W. LETZGUS, PALM BAY, FLA.

DEAR MR. LETZGUS: Your question goes beyond my area of expertise, so I contacted the Archdiocese of Los Angeles, and received the following statement from Cardinal Roger Mahoney, archbishop of Los Angeles:

"Your Baptist correspondent poses a thorny hypothetical moral dilemma, one that every priest hopes he never faces!

"Canon law of the Catholic Church absolutely forbids priests from disclosing information gained during the celebration of the sacrament of penance that might link a penitent with a grave sin. The reason for this is simple: People's confidence in and recourse to the sacrament of penance is based upon the inviolability of the 'seal of confession.'

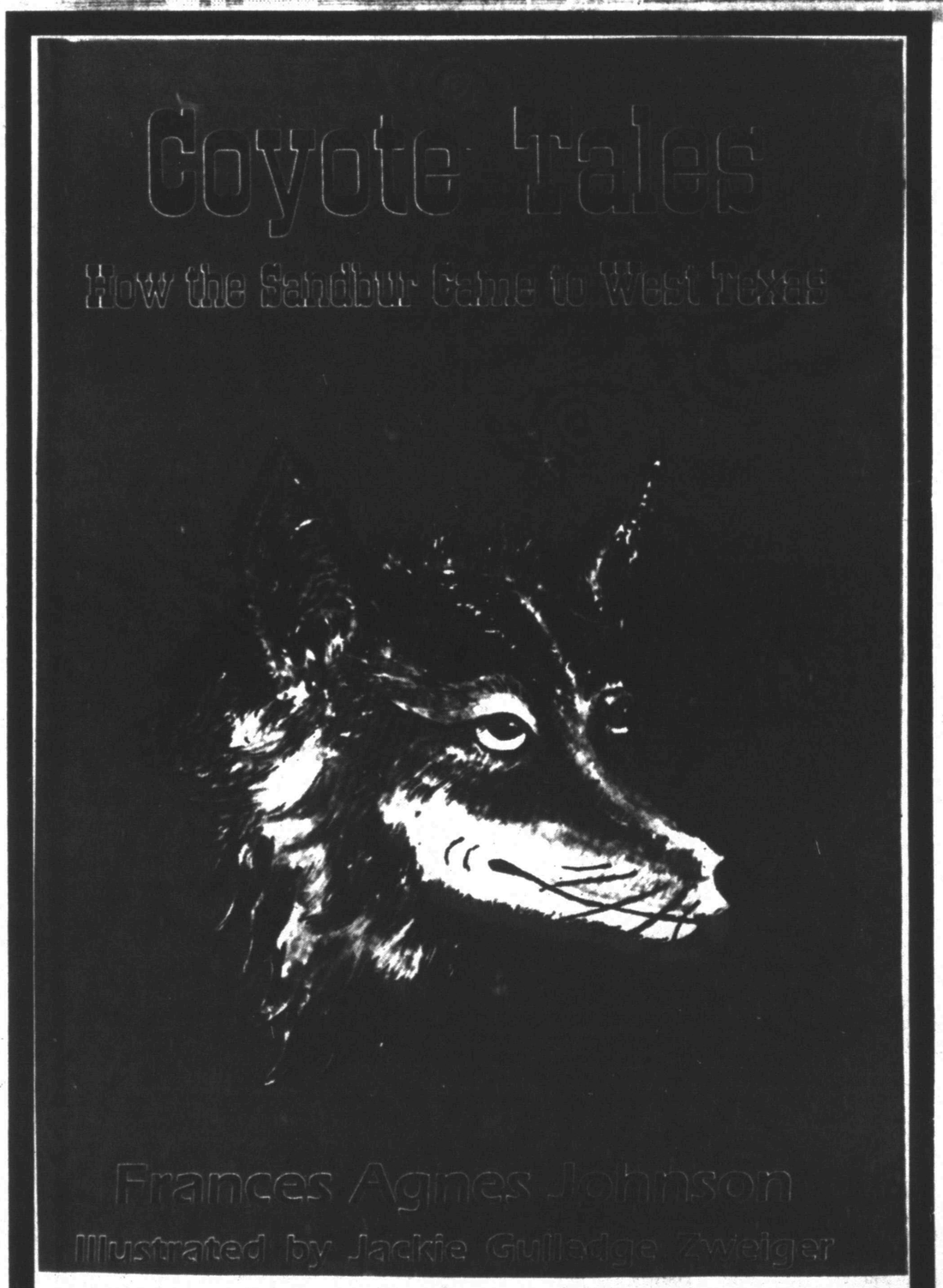
"If people were to lose that confidence and stop utilizing the sacrament, then the will of Jesus Christ in giving his church this means of forgiveness and grace would have been thwarted. Hence, even if it were to result in death for himself or another innocent person, the priest may not identify the real murderer.

"The confessor could refuse to absolve the real murderer, but the contents of his confession must remain sealed. The good of protecting the sacrament's integrity for millions of potential penitents outweighs even the evil of the state executing an innocent person.

"Of course, the Catholic bishops of the United States, as well as Pope John Paul II, oppose almost all instances of capital punishment, but that is a separate discussion."

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Record drop in violent crime said optimistic

WASHINGTON (AP) — A record 7 percent drop last year in violent crimes reported to police and a fifth straight year of decline in serious offenses show that the country is developing real momentum against crime, experts say.

Record declines of 11 percent in murders and 6 percent in aggravated assaults also highlighted the FBI's release Sunday of preliminary figures for 1996.

"The tide is turning, but there's a lot more to do," said James Alan Fox, dean of criminology at Northeastern University.

Taken together, the violent crimes of murder, rape, robbery and aggravated assault had the largest one-year decline in the 35 years since the FBI first reported year-to-year comparisons in 1961.

The far more numerous property crimes of burglary, larceny-theft and auto theft collectively dropped three percent.

The total of the seven serious reported crimes declined three percent, the largest since a 3.3 percent drop in 1982.

"Increased crime rates can be contagious; so can decreasing crime rates. There can be momentum," Fox said. "When we're hopeless, we retreat. But when crime comes down, people feel better and safer. So they get involved with police. They get together to take charge of neighborhoods as opposed to just hiding indoors."

Professor Alfred Blumstein of Carnegie-Mellon University agreed: "This reflects responses by society to the dramatic growth of crime, particularly in juvenile homicide, in the late 1980s and early 1990s. There is some kind of momentum."

The 145 percent surge in juvenile homicide rates in that era was driven by "a contagion — the spread of guns ... to kids who hadn't had them before and didn't have any restraint," Blumstein said.

Along with citizen efforts, Blumstein credited police programs targeted at guns in big cities, including New York, Boston, Houston and Pittsburgh, and even in some smaller ones, like Charleston, S.C.

New York, Houston and other cities used "zero tolerance" policies allowing police to stop and frisk kids in high crime neighborhoods for public order offenses, like playing loud radios. The increased police stops made kids more wary of carrying guns.

Charleston, S.C., offered a bounty for reporting guns, which Blumstein said, "limited the brandishing of guns."

"Aggressiveness in getting rid of the guns produces momentum," Blumstein said, "because kids begin to realize that if the other guy is less likely to have a gun or draw a gun, they are less likely to need one."

President Clinton and Attorney General Janet Reno credited their 1994 crime bill, which toughened sentences and has paid for 57,000 new local police officers in community-oriented programs, the Brady law which has thwarted tens of thousands of illegal gun sales and juvenile-crime-prevention programs.

"The downward trend over the past four years is further evidence we are on the right track with increased community policing, tougher penalties and greater juvenile crime prevention," Clinton said.

House crime subcommittee chairman Bill McCollum, R-Fla., said, "Even with these declines, it is still nearly four times more likely that you are going to be raped, robbed, assaulted or murdered than it was in 1960."

"I don't think guns are a big factor in this. Good community policing doesn't depend on finding contraband guns but the fact that the cop knows the kids and the gangs," McCollum said. He claimed some credit for Republican incentives to build more state prisons and lock violent criminals away longer.

Academics and police chiefs also cited the huge, postwar Baby Boom generation's passage from its crime-prone years into middle age and a decline in criminal turf wars as crack cocaine markets matured.

But Dennis Nowicki, police chief in Charlotte-Mecklenburg, N.C., where murders dropped from 129 in 1993 to 74 in 1996, said, "Our greatest reductions are where there is a strong police partnership with the community."

Nowicki's officers volunteer to help citizens and teachers run 160 "Right Moves for Youth" clubs in every school in the city and county the department serves. Goals are set for each student; kids whose grades rise and behavior improves get rewards.

"We have kids who were beating up other kids and were on track for serious crime but now are on the honor roll," Nowicki said.

"Parents can't always provide all the structure kids need. If we don't help now, the police will have the problem for the next 30 years" at much greater expense for investigations and prisons.



TEACHER APPRECIATION WINNERS — These Stanfield Elementary School faculty winners won prizes in the last two Teacher Appreciation drawings of the year. Front row, from left, are Carolyn Martin, Melissa Rosson, Tracy Munson, Adela Sanchez, Hope Lopez, Margie Martinez, Barbara Gowin; back row, Donna Billingsley, Aleta Long, Lois Boles, Delana Grant. The drawings were sponsored by the Stanfield Parent Council and prizes were donated by local merchants and businesses. (Contributed Photo)

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.



When liver enzyme levels are elevated

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: During a recent exam, I was found to have a slightly elevated liver enzyme. Because I enjoy one cocktail at night and a glass of red wine at dinner, my doctor suggested that I cut out the cocktail. Repeat blood tests showed a normal liver enzyme. Must I also stop drinking the wine I enjoy so much?

DEAR READER: Alcohol is detoxified by the liver. When the amount imbibed is significant (more than one or two cocktails per day), the liver may leak enzymes into the bloodstream. These enzymes can be measured. The amount reflects the degree to which the liver is stressed, or — in heavy drinkers —damaged.

Evidently, you had a mild abnormality that was corrected when you stopped drinking hard liquor. At present, the amount of wine you consume does not appear to be affecting liver function. Moreover, as I'm sure you are aware, a glass or two of red wine a day is believed to confer health benefits, notably to protect against heart disease.

Therefore, I see no reason for you to give up your moderate intake of wine. Remember, though, that drinking more than a glass or two is probably not healthful and may show up in future liver tests. So, continue to moderate your alcohol consumption and follow your doctor's advice with respect to alcohol and related health matters.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I think that I am allergic to Coumadin, which my doctor prescribed because I have atrial fibrillation and a history of "mini-stroke." When I take Coumadin, I get a purplish rash on my body several weeks later. Do I really need the drug?

DEAR READER: Because people with atrial fibrillation (irregular pulse) are at higher risk for stroke, most authorities encourage such patients to take anti-coagulant drugs, such as Coumadin.

In view of your cardiac problem and previous "mini-stroke," I agree with your doctor that this therapy is appropriate and may help prevent a future tragedy.

I have never seen a patient who is allergic to Coumadin. In theory, it could happen but it must be a very rare occurrence.

In your case, the cause of the "rash" may actually be an improper dose of Coumadin. Some patients on anticoagulants develop large skin bruises when the dosage of Coumadin is excessive and the blood is excessively anticoagulated.

This is the reason why physicians order periodic blood tests, called "prothrombin times," to assess the degree of anticoagulation and make adjustments in the amount of medication. You could be especially susceptible to the effects of Coumadin and may require daily doses well below the average of 5 milligrams.

In any case, you must work closely with your health provider to discover the dosage that is right for you: One that will effectively anticoagulate your blood without causing bruising.

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

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THE BEAUTIFUL HILLSIDE MEMORIAL GARDENS — Snyder's perpetual care cemetery, is located on the Colorado City Highway. (SDN Staff Photo)

Aspiring screenwriter sues actress

DETROIT (AP) — An aspiring movie screenwriter says Michelle Pfeiffer stole his ideas and used them in the movie "Dangerous Minds."

Lawrence Booker, 38, contends portions of a story he wrote about inner-city high school students appeared in the 1995 film. The story was called "Barrio Kids."

He is seeking $75,000 in damages in a lawsuit filed May 14 in U.S. District Court in Detroit.

The movie's credits say the film is based on the book, "My Posse Don't Do Homework," by Marine-turned-teacher LouAnne Johnson, portrayed by Ms. Pfeiffer, who finds a way to reach underachieving high school students.

Booker said he is the father of the little girl the actress adopted four years ago in an "open adoption" arrangement that lets birth parents stay in touch with their children.

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Tobacco peace talks postponed

WASHINGTON (AP) — Tobacco peace talks have been postponed until at least the end of the week as anti-smoking negotiators try to resolve disagreements among a growing number of states over how much protection the industry should have from lawsuits.

The dispute could derail what would be a landmark settlement with the $45 billion industry.

Last week, a core group of negotiators representing 32 states that have sued the industry withdrew some of the most controversial proposals that would have limited cigarette makers' legal liability. The proposals would have made it much harder for sick smokers and people exposed to secondhand smoke to sue and would have denied all punitive damages.

Now the question is whether all the peacemakers involved — all 32 states and attorneys whose private lawsuits would also be part of the deal — will accept that position. The states will hash that out this week.

No date has been set to resume talks with the industry, although Mississippi Attorney General Michael Moore hopes that can happen by the end of the week or June 9 at the latest, his spokesman said today.

Richard Scruggs, a private attorney who represents 20 of the 32 suing states, told the Wall Street Journal that a majority of states would sign a deal banning punitive damages in exchange for a settlement to help them recover Medicaid costs of treating sick smokers.

"Punitive damages could torpedo this deal; in order for the settlement to work, the majority of states ... have to work their will on the minority," he told the Journal.

Connecticut Attorney General Richard Blumenthal, who leads a subcommittee in charge of defining anti-tobacco forces' liability position, told The Associated Press on Friday that he would not accept any limitations on sick smokers' ability to recover damages.

"The rights of individuals to seek just compensation cannot be abridged," negotiator Matthew Myers of the Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids agreed today.

"Despite reports to the contrary, the attorneys general continue to present a consensus position in support" of that principle, added Myers, one of two public health officials taking part in the negotiations.

Minnesota, Iowa, Wisconsin, Maryland, Missouri, Pennsylvania and Arkansas also have publicly stated opposition to a deal that protects cigarette makers from legal liability.

The nation's top cigarette makers have been negotiating since early April to pay over $300 billion and agree to unprecedented curbs on advertising and other smoking issues. In return, they want protection against the estimated 500 lawsuits pending against the industry, and future suits.

Bill would require same GPA for athletes and non-athletes

AUSTIN (AP) — The Texas House on Sunday sent to Gov. George W. Bush a bill requiring universities that use grade-point averages in admissions to set the same standard for athletes and non-athletes.

In approving the bill on a voice vote, the House sent conflicting messages about which schools would be subject to the bill.

Rep. Ron Wilson, D-Houston, the House sponsor of the measure, said the state's biggest public universities — Texas, Texas A&M and Texas Tech — would be required to adhere to the legislation.

"They definitely are, absolutely, without a doubt," Wilson said.

Rep. Tom Uher, D-Bay City, a member of the Senate-House conference committee that came up with a compromise on the bill, said those schools wouldn't fall under the measure.

Uher said he didn't know of any schools that had a minimum grade point average as part of its admissions criteria.

"Texas and Texas A&M use class rankings, test scores, essays and other factors in its admission of students," Uher said. "They would not fall under the bill."

Wilson said it might take a lawsuit to determine which schools would be affected. He contended that if a school used class ranking as a criteria in admissions, it would have to consider a student's GPA because rankings are based on grade point averages.

Bush initially said the bill was a bad idea and wouldn't pass. He later backed off, saying he wouldn't make a decision until he had seen a final version of the bill.

Senators who approved the same bill on Saturday also questioned its impact.

Obituaries

Elizabeth Bode

1916-1997

Committal of the cremains of Elizabeth O. Bode, 80, is set for 3 p.m. Tuesday in the Snyder Cemetery. The Rev. Ron Brewer, Methodist minister, will officiate, and Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. Bode, a long-time Snyder resident, died Friday, May 30, in Cogdell Memorial Hospital.

Born July 20, 1916 in Loraine, she married Clifton Bode in February, 1980 in Clovis, N.M. Mrs. Bode had also lived in Clovis and Eula.

Survivors include her husband, Clifton Bode of Abilene; a stepson, Clifton Bode Jr. of Abilene; and two nieces, Ann Martin of Abilene and Kim Smith of Eunice, N.M.

Mary Hinojosa

1947-1997

SWEETWATER — Mary Louisa Hinojosa of Sweetwater died Sunday, June 1, in Abilene. Funeral service is set for 2 p.m. Tuesday in the chapel of Cate-Spencer & Trent Funeral Home. Burial will follow in Sweetwater Cemetery. Reyes Franco will officiate.

Rosary will be held tonight at 7:30 in the funeral home chapel.

Mrs. Hinojosa, 50, was the sister of Sylvia and Cindy Torrez, both of Snyder.

Born on April 10, 1947 in Sweetwater, Mrs. Hinojosa was a Baptist. She was employed by Day Cleaners.

She was preceded in death by her father, Regino Alvarado on Nov. 10, 1993.

Survivors include her husband, Patricio Hinojosa of Slaton; one daughter, Gloria Dye of Sweetwater; her mother, Rosa Alvarado of Sweetwater; three other sisters, Eva Gomez of Arlington, Lupe Martinez and Angela Palafox, both of Sweetwater; two brothers, Jimmy Alvarado and David Alvarado, both of Sweetwater; and three grandchildren.

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FDA proposes crackdown on ephedrine-laced supplements

WASHINGTON (AP) — The government moved today to crack down on the marketing of ephedrine-laced pills, tablets and teas that promise to help people lose weight, build muscle and get an energy boost.

Some 800 injuries and at least 17 deaths have been linked to dietary supplements containing the herbal stimulant, the Food and Drug Administration said.

So the agency announced plans today to limit how much of the stimulant can be put in any dietary supplement, force the bottles to warn that taking too much can kill and ban any claims that ephedrine supplements help people lose weight or build muscle.

"Consumers should be aware that just because a product is labeled 'natural' or from an herbal source, it is not guaranteed to be safe," said the FDA's acting commissioner, Dr. Michael Friedman.

The FDA last year moved to curb one counterculture segment of the ephedrine supplement industry — pills like Herbal Ecstacy that promised Generation Xers a "natural high."

Today's proposed regulation would cover traditional dietary supplements sold in health food shops, convenience stores and gyms.

Ephedrine is also sold under the names Ma huang, Chinese ephedra and epitonin. It is a compound extracted from plants and used for centuries by Chinese practitioners as a medicine.

The American Herbal Products Association and the Council for Responsible Nutrition, which represent supplement makers, declined immediate comment because they had not yet seen the proposal.

Among the proposed rules is to ban any supplement that provides more than 8 milligrams of ephedrine or related alkaloids per serving, and to warn users not to ingest any more than 24 milligrams a day.

An FDA survey last year uncovered some supplements that called for users to ingest up to 109 milligrams of ephedrine alkaloids in a single sitting.

3 injured in accident

A 48-year-old Whitney man is in Lubbock's University Medical Center in critical condition following a one-vehicle rollover Sunday night around 8:30 on U.S. Highway 84 near the Halliburton offices.

Robert Curtis was driving southbond on Highway 84 when his 1988 Ford pickup overturned. The Jaws of Life were needed to free Curtis from the wreckage. He was first taken by Snyder EMS to Cogdell Memorial Hospital and later transferred to Lubbock by Flight for Life.

His 16-year-old son, Vance Curtis, was also injured in the accident as was another passenger, Donna Mooney, both of Whitney.

The son was also transferred to UMC while Mooney is hospitalized at Cogdell. Both were listed in satisfactory condition this morning.

School choice bill on Bush's desk

AUSTIN (AP) — It's not quite the tax-funded voucher system some advocates would like, but students will have more public school choices under a bill approved by lawmakers amid sharp criticism from some.

Jimmy Mansour of the pro-voucher Putting Children First, meanwhile, said the measure "moves Texas one step closer to having a true school choice program — where students and their parents have every opportunity for quality education."

A 1995 state law allowed 20 open-enrollment charter schools, which operate independently of local school districts, may be run by private entities and don't have to follow numerous state regulations.

The State Board of Education has granted all 20 of those charters and has received more than 360 requests for applications for more.

The bill sent to Gov. George W. Bush by lawmakers Saturday would allow up to 100 new charter schools over the next two years under existing criteria.

County approves annual audit

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Much of the discussion at this morning's meeting centered around the operation of the hospital.

Anderson said the hospital is not in jeopardy as far as its long-term longevity is concerned, but said the county must continue to make it viable.

Anderson also touched on the Aug. 9 vote on the possible lease of the hospital to Community Health Systems.

"When a company puts out that kind of money for a lease (approximately $12 million), they will want a return on their investment," said Anderson.

"And where that money is coming from, there will have to be some cost-cutting somewhere."

Anderson pin-pointed salaries as one place to find cuts, as salaries and benefits make up more than half of the hospital's expenses.

"Profit will be the driving factor for them," said Anderson. "I'm not saying you shouldn't lease it. With that amount of money — you have to look at it."

Anderson added that his company has a vested interest in the lease, as Community Health Systems would probably not use Mason, Warner & Co. to perform the annual audit.

In one other item of business, the court agreed to accept bids on a sheriff's department vehicle, with bids to be opened on June 16.

Fritz presided and all commissioners were in attendance, to include Howard Limmer, Roy Idom, Ralph Trevey and Jerry Gannaway.

What's Up?

Bible study video tapes

Bible study video tapes are airing on TCA Cable TV Channel 2. They are followed by a new series of tapes titled "The Seven Churches of Asia." The second Bible tape, "Judas and the Great Betrayal," will air at 7 this evening. It will be followed by "Smyrna, Thyatiara & Philadelphia."

Tiger Moms to meet

An organizational meeting for varsity football Tiger Moms for the 1997-98 season will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday at 4513 Fredonia.

Dermott school reunion

The Dermott school reunion will be Saturday at the Dermott School on the county coliseum grounds. Notices have been sent to all out of town residents. Schedules and activities will be announced later. For questions or information, call Sonny Greenfield at 573-6866.

IA Club needs donations

SHS Industrial Arts Club is in need of donations for its garage sale Saturday. All proceeds will help with the cost of the trip to the national convention in Washington, D.C., June 23-27. More than $3,000 is needed. Please drop off donations at 1634 N. Ave. O or call 573-6105 or 573-5088 for more information.

Quilt objects sought

Scurry County Museum is looking for items made from old or new quilts. Examples would include jackets, pillows, Christmas stockings, doll blankets, hats and toys. The museum wishes to display the items from June 9 through Aug. 22. Individual quilt blocks are also needed for the display.

Help is also needed in presenting the history of quilting and its importance. Call 573-6107 if you can assist the museum with any aspect of this display project.

Writing contest

West Texas Poets, Etc. is sponsoring a writing contest through June. There are three catagories: poetry, short stories and children's stories. Adults within a 50-mile radius of Snyder are eligible. For information, call 573-2008, 573-3437 or 573-7369. Entries must be mailed by June 30 to Helene Tutt, 13525 U.S. 180 East, Hermleigh, 79526. Prizes will be awarded July 17.

Class of '87 reunion

Registration forms are being sent out for the SHS 1987 Class Reunion to be held Aug. 2. Anyone not receiving a registration form by mail should call Robyn Pambro Wilson at 915 368-4583. RSVPs due July 1.

Adult education classes

GED and ESL classes are available at Western Texas College. Times are 8-11 a.m. Tuesday through Thursday. Contact the college continuing education department for more information.

Vacation Bible School

Morning Side Baptist Church
- June 2-6, 6-8:30 p.m., ages 5 to teen. For transportation, call Tom Atwell at 573-2711.

St. Elizabeth & Guadalupe
St. Elizabeth Catholic Church and Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church will hold Bible School at St. Elizabeth's from 8:30-11:30 a.m. June 9-13.

No PFP this month

People For Progress will not be at the Park Club June 10-11 to take applications for weatherization and other assistance. Representatives plan to return July 15-16.

Pick 3

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Saturday by the Texas Lottery, in order:
3-7-8
(three, seven, eight)

Lotto Texas

AUSTIN (AP) — Results of the Lotto Texas drawing Saturday night:
Winning numbers drawn: 17-21-24-27-31-41.
Estimated jackpot: $4 million.
Number matching six of six: none
Matching five of six: 94. Prize: $1,594.
Matchihg four of six: 5,663. Prize: $95.
Matching three of six: 103,286. Prize: $3.
Next Lotto Texas game: Wednesday night.
Estimated jackpot: $9 million.

Flash floods plague Ohio, W. Virginia

CLEAR CREEK, W.Va. (AP) — Drenching rain sent flash floods down creeks and rivers in Ohio and West Virginia, forcing hundreds of people to flee their homes. Two people drowned after being swept away by a swollen creek.

As much as 7 inches of rain fell on Ohio, West Virginia and western Virginia on Sunday. Most streams were receding today but more rain was forecast.

Belinda Dunbar and her family fled their Clear Creek home late Sunday as soon as they heard the flood warning. The water was already up to her ankles by the time she got outside.

"I've never seen it like it is now. It came so fast," said Ms. Dunbar, who has lived near the creek 40 miles south of Charleston for 26 years.

Searchers today found the bodies of Susan Shea, 34, and 15-year-old neighbor James Stover in southern West Virginia's White Oak Creek, about three miles from where they fell in Sunday night, said Beaver Fire Capt. Sterling Lewis.

The two were walking home from church in Artie, about 30 miles southeast of Charleston, when they were caught by the raging water, said Shea's aunt, Martha Williams.

Births

Anthony and Hayley Taylor announce the birth of their brother, Stephen Hayden, at 9:15 p.m. on May 27 in Cogdell Memorial Hospital. He weighed seven pounds, 12 ounces. Parents are Kirk and Jodi Taylor.

Grandparents are Tony and Josie Hayley of Snyder, Jan Ramirez of San Antonio, and Ronnie and Barbara Alexander of Kermit.