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County feels current agreement fair

By Brian Brisendine
SDN Staff Writer

Scurry County commissioners' court this morning authorized County Judge Rod Waller to draft a response to the city council concerning the inter-local agreement between the governing bodies.

The court last week received a letter from Snyder Mayor Francene Noah expressing the city's intent to withdraw from the decade-old agreement.

The shared-services pact, forged in 1993, will expire in 83 days.

Precinct 4 commissioner Chloanne Lindsey said there needs to be a response and also that the current contract is fair.

"I think we've always tried to serve everyone in the county, whether they live in Snyder or not," she said. "What we have now is the most equitable for everyone."

Ralph Trevey, Precinct 1 commissioner, voiced concern over whether or not the two entities could meet, but the judge said the law allows the county to meet in the city chambers.

Waller also said he views the present pact as fair. "It's not great, but it's good and I see no reason to change it."

The judge said he sees little room for improvement and Trevey said the contract has worked well over the years for both sides.

Trevey added that he would like the new contract to allow the city animal warden to work outside city limits.

"It's not often the case, but on occasion there is need for that service in other areas of the county, particularly in the other communities like Fluvanna, Ira and Hermleigh," he said. "I believe that was in the agreement before this one and it was not put in this one because it was a gentleman's agreement that it would continue."

Commissioner Lindsey said all agreements need to put on paper in the future. "The gentlemen that made the agreement didn't stay around."

Precinct 3 commissioner Howard Limmer said an inter-local agreement should match value for value. "If the city wants to take out fire service, then the county would have to take out something of equal value."

Limmer also said the court should work on ideas of what to do if there is no agreement at the end of the 90-day notice period.

Lindsey said the city's fire budget is $600,000 annually compared to the county's jail and dispatch expenses of $700,000 per year — both of which are included in the shared-services pact.

"It pretty well evens out when you step back and look at it," she said. "I think we need to know for sure what the city wants before we meet with them, so we'll have time to consider it."

Waller said there must be some give and take on both entities' parts in order to keep from duplicating any services and costing taxpayers more than necessary.

Lindsey made the motion to authorize Waller to draft a response and also called for a meeting to review the letter before it is sent. The motion was unanimously accepted.

There was no other business before the court.

A line-item transfer in the Parks Department was approved on a 2-1 vote with Trevey dissenting.

The action will transfer $1,000 from the community center line to pool supplies and $15,000 from part-time labor to general payroll.

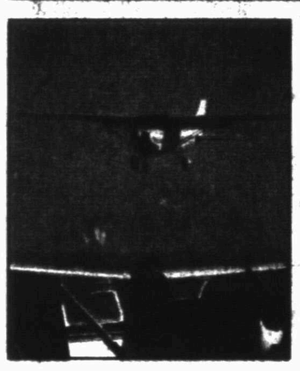
Two budget amendments also were approved, totaling $10,658.19 and bills were paid.

Waller presided over the 30-minute meeting and commissioners present were Trevey, Limmer and Lindsey.

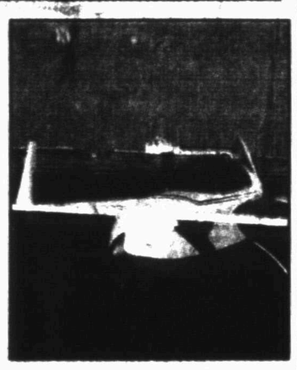
Precinct 2 commissioner Jerry House was absent.

2003 FLY-IN...









FLY-IN — Eight-year-old Dillon Randolph looks over a bi-plane with his father, Craig, at Saturday's Fly-in breakfast at Winston Field. The event attracted some 100 airplanes to Snyder, including a B-52. (SDN Staff Photos and Contributed Photos by Ronny Collins)

Fly-in attracts 100 airplanes to Snyder Saturday morning

Saturday's Fly-in breakfast at Winston Field went off without a hitch, said airport manager Rodger Sullenger.

"I don't know of a problem one," Sullenger said this morning.

As far as the number that attended the show, Sullenger said he felt the attendance was the highest of the three years the fly-in has been held.

Sullenger, and one of the event's organizers, John Rogotzke, both said about 100 airplanes flew into the airport Saturday.

And both were in agreement that members of the Texas Air Museum of Slaton were instrumental in the success of the fly-in.

"They helped make it go," said Sullenger.

Sullenger said the airport sold 1,800 gallons of fuel during the show.

"I think it was very successful and think the community enjoyed it," said Rogotzke.

"More than 600 were served breakfast and we ran out of food," said Rogotzke, adding that a concession stand was in place for those who did not get to eat breakfast.

Rogotzke said pilots gave 57 Young Eagle flights to youngsters to introduce them to flying.

"The Snyder Wheels Car Club had a good show and the antique tractor show also drew good comments," said Rogotzke.

"A lot of people pulled together to put on this show," said Rogotzke. "The chamber did a great job and the folks from Slaton helped immensely."

Rogotzke said 22 volunteers came from Slaton to help with the show, including the Donut Dolls with their World War II songs.

"The Air Force was a big help as they brought in the B-52 from Barksdale Air Force Base," said Rogotzke.

"They did a great job of supporting us with the B-52 fly-over," said Rogotzke.

Store to close Sunday...

IGA nearing expiration date

Snyder will have only one supermarket after Sunday as Davidson's IGA will close its doors and some 25 people will be out of work.

"We've been struggling for quite some time and we tried to work things out with our chief supplier, Fleming Foods," said owner Bill Davidson.

"They declared bankruptcy in April so they are not in a position to help us out," added Davidson.

"We're forced to liquidate and take bankruptcy."

Davidson said his store in Sweetwater also would close permanently on Sunday.

"I appreciate the patronage of the people who stuck with us," Davidson said. "I wish we didn't have to take this route, but it's strictly a business decision."

Davidson said the store will mark everything down 25 percent and the closeout sale will begin at 10 a.m. Wednesday.

The building at 30th and College was built by Furr's Supermarkets and is still owned by one of Furr's German investors.

"Fleming leased the building from them and we sub-leased from Fleming," Davidson said.

Davidson said this morning that he is not aware of any other grocery chain expressing interest in the facility.

More than 250 homes destroyed in Arizona

SUMMERHAVEN, Ariz. (AP) — Firefighters armed with shovels and backed up by slurry bombers and helicopters fought a pitched battle with a wildfire that leapt across treetops and threatened surviving homes in this mountain community.

The Aspen fire has so far charred more than 12,400 acres on Mount Lemmon just north of Tucson and more than 250 homes have been destroyed.

No more buildings were lost overnight, said fire spokesman Gerry Engel, but the blaze was only 5 percent contained early today.

On Sunday, the wildfire was surging into a wilderness area down the north slope of the mountain, and a youth camp and two ranches downhill were evacuated as a precaution.

Engel said firefighters had planned to begin working on digging lines ahead of the fire's northern edge today.

Firefighters said lighter vegetation at lower elevations eventually will help them get a handle on the blaze. Even so, they expect it to take a few weeks to completely contain it.

Around Summerhaven, crews using hand torches, which drip flame to start backfires, and aided by air tankers succeeded Sunday in keeping the fire away from dozens of surviving homes and an observatory. The desperate defense came one day after fire officials said they'd begun to take the offensive against the Aspen fire.

"Firefighting is a job that takes you two steps forward and one step back. Today was one of those days," said Roy Hall, operations chief for the firefighting effort.

The fire, fueled by pine forest ravaged by years of drought and a beetle infestation, roared through Summerhaven on Thursday. The flames soon spread across the top of 9,157-foot Mount Lemmon and headed down the north slope.

The fire's run downhill prompted officials to evacuate the YMCA's Triangle Y Ranch Camp, which had been scheduled to host 250 kids beginning Sunday. The camp was about three miles from the fire's northern edge Sunday night and wasn't imminently threatened, Hall said.

Two ranches also were evacuated, along with horses and cattle, but also weren't imminently threatened, Hall said.

DCOS holds short meeting then recesses

Development Corporation of Snyder directors met in executive session for 12 minutes this morning, but took no action following that meeting.

Chairman Dayton Robertson recessed that meeting until 10 a.m. Wednesday.

The DCOS board has convened four times within the past week, the first last Monday afternoon when it met with three representatives of Snyder Brick and Tile.

Also present this morning were James Brown, Mark Cypert, Roy McQueen and Roy Baze.

Registration to begin for Head Start program

Registration for Scurry County Head Start will be from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday at the Head Start offices at 2800 2nd St.

In order to register, children must be three years old, the family must meet income guidelines or the child must have diagnosed disability or delays in development.

Items needed for registration are the child's certified birth certificate, immunization record, social security card, proof of family income in the form of check stubs, Social Security print out or a letter from a former employer.

For additional information, call 573-7403.

ASK US

Q—When is the Snyder Tigers first football game this season, and who will they play?

A—Aug. 29 at Frenship.

MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR



Jerry Beard...

...has been a TxDOT engineer specialist for 29 years. He has lived in Snyder all of his life except while earning a degree at Texas Tech. His wife, Darlene, is a former teacher. Their daughter, Jennifer, teaches at Western Texas College and son David lives in Colorado City, Colo. Jerry likes to build fish ponds and water gardens.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

Children are a great comfort in your old age, and they help you to reach it faster, too.

—Lionel Kaufman

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WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

Vacation Bible School

Central Baptist Church in Hermleigh is hosting Vacation Bible School daily through Friday from 5:30-7:40 p.m. For more information, call 863-2305.

East Side VBS

Vacation Bible School at East Side Church of Christ is set daily through Thursday from 9 a.m. until noon. Children from kindergarten through fifth grades are welcome. For more information call 573-3583.

Bible study tapes

Bible videos air each week on Channel 2. To be shown at 7 this evening is "What the Devil Wants You to Believe," followed by "When and Where the Church Began."

Hospice care-givers dinner

There will be a dinner for Odyssey Health Care Hospice caregivers, past and present, at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday in the First Presbyterian Church fellowship hall. Harold and Zola Kornegay will furnish the fish.

County child welfare board

The Scurry County Child Welfare Board meeting will be at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday at 3409 Snyder Shopping Center.

Genealogical Society

The Scurry County Genealogical Society will have a work meeting at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the Scurry County Library. Guests are welcome to come with questions.

4-H Horse Club

The 4-H Horse Club will meet at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday for point night at the coliseum annex.

Class of '83 planning meeting

The SHS Class of 1983 will have a reunion planning meeting at 7 p.m. Wednesday at the home of Mark Cypert, 2701 30th St. All class members are invited to participate. For information call Kirk at 573-3204 or Donna Joplin Dupree at 573-0774.

Senior swimnastics

Swimnastics for senior citizens is held from 10 to 11 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays at the WTC pool.

FBC services televised

First Baptist Church services are televised on channel 2 at 3 p.m. each Thursday.

You Can't Take It With You

Tickets for *You Can't Take It With You* will be on sale daily from 2-5 p.m. at the Ritz Theatre box office. Performances are 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 2:30 p.m. Sunday. Tickets are $7 each. Senior citizens and student tickets for Sunday are $5. Groups of 10 or more will cost $5 each. Call 573-8880 for more information.

WTC reunion

A reunion of students of Western Texas College for the years 1971-73 will be held Friday and Saturday. Reunion headquarters will be the Willow Park Inn.

For more information, contact Sharron Autry, 1-806-467-8605, or email sharronautry@yahoo.com, or Sharon Moore Mealer at 1-210-491-9306, or email exsec123.@aol.com.

Calvary Baptist patriotic service

Calvary Baptist Church, 2403 35th Street, will Celebrate America at its 10:15 a.m. service Sunday. Featured will be the Honor Guard from Dyess Air Force Base, followed by the presentation of *America* by the adult choir. Special music also will be proved by the Calvary Baptist Men's Group.

Brisket dinner

Our Lady of Guadalupe Baile Folklorico will hold a brisket dinner from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. Sunday at the Northeast Elementary cafeteria. Adult tickets are $5, while children tickets are $3. All proceeds will be used to buy costumes.

God and Country Service

Scurry County's annual God and Country Service will be held at 6 p.m. Sunday at Colonial Hill Baptist Church.

SHS football program ads

Advertisements are now being sold for the 2003 football program. Anyone interested in purchasing an ad can call Christy Smith at 573-6301.

Sonshine registration

Sonshine School at 37th St. Church of Christ is currently registering students for the fall semester. For more information, call director Wendy Barnett at 574-1960.

GED registration, test dates

Mandatory pre-registration for the TED test will be Wednesday, July 2, at the GED testing center, Building 7B, at WTC from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. The math segment of the test will begin at 8 a.m. Thursday, July 3. For more information, call Molly Kattes, 573-2919, or Emily Hataway, 573-8511, ext.297, or 574-2112. It is recommended that candidates receive some preparation before attempting the test.

4-H Horse Club fundraiser

The Scurry County 4-H Horse Club is selling whole smoked briskets to be delivered the weekend before July 4th. Cost is $30. To order call 573-3797 or 573-5423.

Gateway Family Services raffle

Gateway Family Services is raffling a 2003 anniversary edition Harley Davidson Road King motorcycle. Only 2,500 tickets will be sold. The raffle will be held July 4th in Towle Park. Tickets may be purchased at D&D Auto, Purple Sage Motel, Ira Pump & Supply and by calling Gateway's administrative office at 573-4351.

Class of 1993 reunion

The SHS class of 1993 is planning a 10-year reunion on July 12. Classmate addresses are needed. Contact Catalina Jones at 573-5045, or e-mail class of 93shs@yahoo.com.

Scores of Marines return home

MARINE CORPS AIR STATION NEW RIVER, N.C. (AP) — An anxious moment came when Carrie Godsoe watched the happy stampede that started when the troops she was watching were dismissed. In the mob of spouses, siblings and strollers, she wanted to see one person: her husband.

"My biggest goal was just to find him in the crowd of guys. I'm glad it didn't take long to see his face," Godsoe said.

Lance Cpl. Christopher Godsoe came home Sunday with fellow members of the 269th Marine Light Attack Helicopter Squadron. The Marines came in aboard 21 helicopters that landed in formation as part of a homecoming of the 2nd Marine Expeditionary Brigade from Iraq.

For his wife, the mayhem was familiar and tolerable.

"It was the same thing at boot camp. I couldn't figure out which guy he was," she said. "You just both start walking and pretty soon, you catch each other's glances. It was all of 30 seconds. It didn't take long."

She brought a welcome-home gift: 3-month-old son Haidyn, born just two days before her husband landed on Iraqi soil. Her husband clutched the baby tight in the sunshine, keeping a tight hold on the emotion of seeing the child he had only read about through e-mails and letters.

"It feels great. It's wonderful. It's an amazing feeling," he said. "I was pretty nervous, thinking he might cry, might not want me to hold him, but he seems to be doing fine. Maybe he recognizes my voice, I think."

About 7,000 ground troops and helicopter crews were expected to return to North Carolina bases by next weekend.

Makeshift posters were everywhere, from the hangars to hotel balconies and chain-link fences along the route to the base. Flags and banners hung from street light posts, as well as yellow ribbons and red, white and blue streamers.

While there were celebrations of life, there also were thoughts about the 23 members of the brigade who died in Iraq as well as those who have died since an end to major combat operations were declared last month.

"It pains me to know we lost Marines," said Sgt. Chad Herlihy, 26, of Pace, Fla. "Now, we're losing more on the Army side."

During the brigade's five months in Iraq, its members helped rescue Army Pvt. Jessica Lynch and captured 1,000 prisoners of war. They also helped liberate the cities of Nasiriyah, Amarah, Diwaniyah and Kut, and controlled an area of 50,000 square kilometers.

"I just hope that we as a nation stay the course and help these people," said Col. R.E. Milstead Jr., commanding officer of the 29th Marine Aircraft Group.

The arrivals started at dawn Sunday as ground troops were ferried ashore at Onslow Beach inside Camp Lejeune. Other Marines and equipment began offloading later in the day at the state port in Morehead City and the New River and Cherry Point airfields.

Committee probing AF sex scandal to meet

DENVER (AP) — Even before its first meeting, the committee created by Congress to investigate the sex scandal at the Air Force Academy has already begun showing its independence.

Committee chairwoman Tillie Fowler, a retired Republican representative from Florida, announced last week that the executive director named by Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld would be replaced by a former federal prosecutor who works with her law firm.

"People who know me know that I do not shy away from any issues," Fowler, who was actively involved in monitoring military affairs during her eight years in Congress, said in a telephone interview.

The seven-member committee was expected to meet for the first time today. The committee has 90 days to complete its work and plans to issue its report on Sept. 22.

The group will meet with any victims who want to talk in private. Some victims have declined to speak with anyone involved in the three separate military investigations of the scandal.

Fowler was one of three members of a congressional commission that reviewed the Army's sex discrimination scandal at the Aberdeen Proving Grounds, finding that women were frequently the victims of sexual discrimination and that rules against sexual harassment were enforced unevenly.

"Everybody was pleased that Tillie Fowler was appointed. This thing does not break on party lines," said retired Navy Capt. Lory Manning, who tracks military issues for the Women's Research and Education Institute in Washington.

On Friday, executive director Anita Blair was replaced. And Amy McCarthy, a committee member who was publicly skeptical of claims of rape by female cadets, resigned.

Women's advocates had criticized Blair, a former vice president of the conservative Independent Women's Forum, for opposing the integration of women in the military.

Fowler made it clear her committee would look into whether any former commanders should be held responsible for the sexual assaults. Dozens of current and former female cadets say they were raped or sexually abused at the academy, and many say they were ignored or punished when they complained.

"We certainly have the flexibility to look at the issue of personal responsibility. I would certainly pass on to the secretary of defense anything we find," she said.

The rest of the committee is made up of scientists, medical personnel and retired military officers. The seventh member, a replacement for McCarthy, was expected to be named today and womens' groups have been pressing for a victims' advocate.

Committee member Laura Miller, a social scientist with the Rand Corp., has done research showing that the integration of women in the military has not harmed its readiness.

Miller expects her experience with methodical research will be an asset, and promises a thorough investigation. "I think I have very high standards for research and I want sure those are upheld," she said, adding, "We wouldn't cover anything up."

Dr. Sally Satel, whose ties to the conservative Independent Women's Forum raised suspicions among some victims' advocates, insists she is open-minded. She said she is not conservative on many issues affecting women, citing her pro-choice stance on abortion as an example.

Other members of the committee include retired Army Maj. Gen. Josiah Bunting; Col. John W. Ripley, director of the Marine Corps Museum; and Michael J. Nardotti, former Judge Advocate General of the Army.

Today's chuckle

Woman's 101st great-grandchild is born

REESE, Mich. (AP) — Family events are a full time job for Angeline DuRussel.

With 101 great-grandchildren and a 102nd on the way, the Bay City-area woman doesn't have time to do much else.



DuRussel, who turned 97 on Saturday, became a great-grandmother for the 101st time after the birth of her latest great-grandchild Sunday. Deborah Shamel, of Vassar, gave birth Sunday morning, according to Becky DuRussel, one of DuRussel's grandchildren.

Now that the latest baby has been born, the family is awaiting the next birth. Baby No. 102 is on the way, with a due date in September.

DuRussel's large number of descendants has not kept her from learning the names of all her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Nor has it slowed her involvement in the family's graduation parties, weddings and reunions, said daughter-in-law Florine DuRussel, 70.

"If someone has a wedding, she is there," said Florine DuRussel. "If there is a baby shower, she is there."

Date Book

Monday, June 23, 2003

Today is the 174th day of 2003 and the third day of summer.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1868, Christopher Latham Sholes patented the "Type Writing Machine."

On this day in 1960, members of the Army Signal Corps carried out the first solar-powered coast-to-coast two-way radio conversation.

On this day in 1968, the war in Vietnam became the longest war in U.S. history.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Alfred Kinsey (1894-1956), entomologist and sexologist; Alan Turing (1912-1954), mathematician; Bob Fosse (1927-1987), director and choreographer; June Carter Cash (Valerie June Carter) (1929-2003), singer; Wilma Rudolph (1940-1994), track-and-field athlete; Clarence Thomas (1948-), associate justice of the U.S. Supreme Court, is 55; Glenn Danzig (Glenn Anzalone) (1955-), musician, is 48.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1981, the longest game in professional baseball ended with Pawtucket defeating Rochester by 3-2 after 33 innings.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "The world is not divided into sheeps and goats. Not all things are black nor all things white." — Alfred Kinsey

TODAY'S MOON: Between last quarter (June 21) and new moon (June 29).

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Congress authorized the Medal of Honor in 1862.

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The Marine Corps was created in 1789 by an act of Congress.

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Saturday's Lottery Numbers Lotto Texas

AUSTIN (AP) — No ticket correctly matched all six numbers drawn Saturday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials said.

The ticket was worth an estimated $8 million.

The numbers drawn Saturday night from a field of 54 were: 9-14-19-21-26. The bonus ball number was 24.

Wednesday night's drawing will be worth an estimated $10 million.

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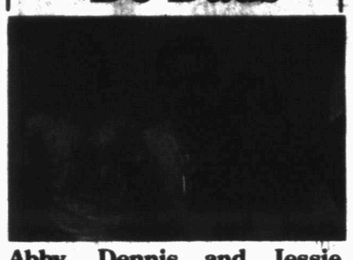
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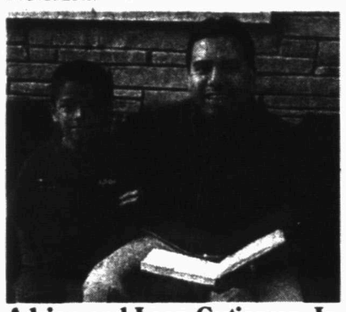
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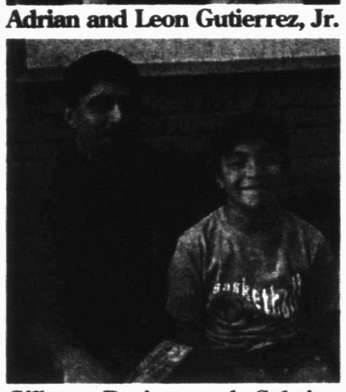
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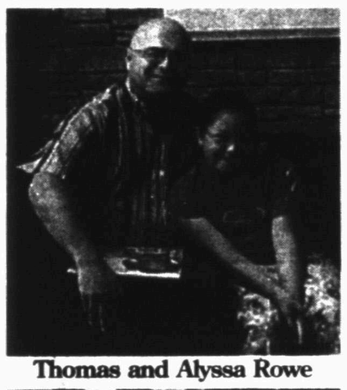
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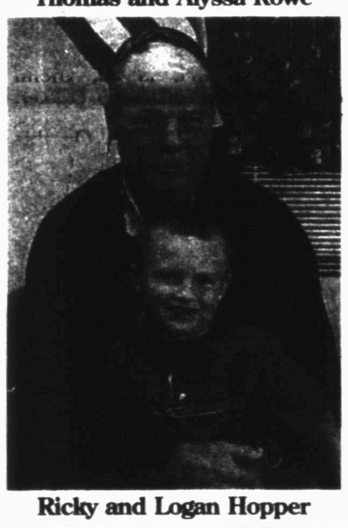
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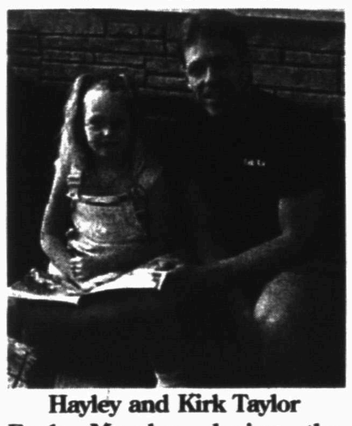
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Thomas and Alyssa Rowe



Ricky and Logan Hopper



Hayley and Kirk Taylor

Each Monday during the 2002-2003 school year, a different dad reads a short story or poem over the public address system. These Do Dads were the final six for the school year. (Contributed Photos)

Communities reviving old concept: Walking to school

ARLINGTON, Va. (AP) — Every weekday, 10-year-old Madeleine Greenfield sidesteps puddles where the sidewalks aren't and braves a dangerous intersection under her mother's supervision.

She's just trying to get to school, all of three blocks away.

"I can't cross at the crosswalk without a light, so it's sort of a pain," the fifth-grader said last week, grabbing her lunch and backpack as her mother picked up her baby sister and herded her out the front door.

Madeleine is in the minority: Fewer than one in 10 children walk or bike to school now, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Thirty years ago, more than two-thirds did.

That's changing in Arlington and in more than 50 cities and towns trying to get their children out of cars and van pools and onto the sidewalks.

Three years ago, parents pressured Arlington County to come up with money and a plan for walkable routes to its 26 schools. Soon, Madeleine will have a sidewalk outside her house and a safer intersection to cross by herself.

Each year, about 175 children are killed by motor vehicles while walking or riding bicycles between home and school, according to a Transportation Research Board report. Per mile, bicyclists have the highest rate of injury or death. Kids on foot are the next highest.

Marin County, Calif., started a "Safe Routes to School" project in 2000 because of massive traffic jams near schools.

Wendi Kallins, the program director, said Marin County did the easy things first: adjusted traffic lighting, put up new signs and painted crosswalks and bike lanes. Kids got prizes when they kept track of miles walked or ridden.

"One of the biggest obstacles we have to overcome is the fear factor," said Kallins. "Parents think if they keep their child attached at the hip nothing will happen to them."

So Marin County parents started "walking school buses," where they convoy groups of kids to school. It's a concept used in Chicago city schools where gang crime is the biggest threat to children.

After two years, the number of children walking or biking to school in Marin County rose to 38 percent from 21 percent. No one was injured or killed.

Elizabeth Stevens, an environmentalist, organized a successful Safe Routes to School program at her daughter's elementary school in Arlington, Mass.

When snow discouraged pupils from walking in February, Stevens formed a polar bear club. Despite 40 inches of snow and subfreezing temperatures, she shepherded about 45 kids walking and talking about polar bears to school every day.

Ingenuity can help get children walking safely, but in the end tax dollars are needed to build speed bumps, extend curbs or install walk signs that indicate how many seconds people have left to cross the street.

When the state of Texas set aside $3 million for Safe Routes to School last year, 277 communities came up with $45 million for projects.

Rep. James Oberstar, D-Minn., recently filed a bill that would spend $1.5 billion over the next six years for Safe Routes to School. Oberstar argues the money will end up widening highways if it isn't set aside for specific safety programs.

The Bush administration rejects that approach, preferring to let states decide how to spend $15 billion for traffic safety over the next six years. That's double the $7.6 billion spent in the past six.

Federal Highway Administrator Mary Peters said the administration is making safety a priority.

"We trust state and local officials," Peters said, suggesting it doesn't make sense to promote pedestrian safety for South Dakota's wide-open spaces or drunken-driving programs in largely teetotaling Utah.

Advocates say walk-to-school programs are gaining new momentum from parents and teachers concerned about a childhood obesity epidemic. With fewer children than ever getting enough exercise, 13 percent of kids between 6 and 11 are overweight.

"Our society is waking up and smelling the lard," said Peggy DaSilva, executive director of Walk San Francisco, an advocacy group.

Teachers say the program has unintended consequences: Children who walk to school are more alert and better behaved than those who ride the bus.

Nancy Burns said she noticed a significant difference in her students who participated in the Safe Routes to School program at the Northstar Elementary School in Minneapolis. "Healthy, alert children would be my No. 1 thing," she said.

Madeleine Greenfield's mother, Star Lanman, said walking makes her feel more connected to her community.

On the Net:

FHWA safety program: http://safety.fhwa.dot.gov/fourthlevel/safer—journey.htm

NHTSA guide to Safe Routes to School: http://www.nhtsa.dot.gov/people/injury/pedbimot/ped/index.html

List of Safe Routes to School projects: http://www.4saferoutes.org/media/SR2S%20Projects%20List.PDF

Perry signs bill to pay for cost of clear air

AUSTIN (AP) — Cleaner skies over Texas and help for consumers to prevent identify theft were among the intended benefits under bills signed into law Sunday by Gov. Rick Perry.

Perry signed 20 more bills into law Sunday, the deadline for a signature or veto. He also could allow bills to become law without his signature. The $117 billion state budget, the only legislation lawmakers are required to pass every two years, was the top priority.

Perry also signed legislation to help the state pay for the Texas Emissions Reductions Plan, a program approved during the 2001 legislative session that targets diesel emissions.

The program is considered essential to cleaning up the air over the Houston/Galveston and Dallas/Fort Worth regions and lawmakers were under pressure to find the money. The bill increases the vehicle title transfer fee Texans pay when they buy new cars. The current fee of $13 will go up to as much as $33 for some parts of Texas.

It also calls for surcharges on on- and off-road diesel vehicles and equipment.

The identity theft bill allows consumers to place a freeze on their credit file and provides for the confidentiality of Social Security numbers.

Identity theft often involves a person using someone else's information — such as a Social Security number — to open bogus credit accounts, often leaving the victims facing bill collectors and trying to clear their name with credit agencies.

More than 14,000 Texans filed complaints with the Federal Trade Commission last year saying their identities were stolen.

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Teen still misses mom in spite of her abuse

DEAR ABBY: I am 13 and couldn't be more mixed up. Mom abused us our entire lives. She lost custody of me and my four younger brothers and sisters last summer. I always thought I hated her for the beatings she gave us.

The truth is, I don't hate her. I miss her so much I don't know what to do. I can't tell my dad or stepmom because I don't think they would understand. Every night I cry myself to sleep because I miss Mom. I'm scared that something bad has happened to her because she hasn't tried to call or see us even once. What should I do? Please help. — **SCARED AND SAD IN THE APPALACHIANS**

DEAR SCARED AND SAD: You're no longer a little girl. It's important that you express your concerns to your father. You need to talk about your mother, how she treated you, and why, and find out where she is. There is a reason why your father was given full custody of you and your siblings. When you're older you will have a better understanding of what happened.

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DEAR ABBY: My sister and I have a dilemma. Our beloved mother passed away three months ago, and both our brothers want Dad to erase her voice from the greeting on his answering machine. The message says, "We can't come to the phone right now, so please leave a message and we'll call you back."

Abby, we love hearing our mother's sweet voice when we call. However, our brothers feel it's "time for a change." Dad seems fine with leaving it as is. Please help settle this dispute. — **TWO DAUGHTERS MISSING MOM IN ILLINOIS**

DEAR TWO DAUGHTERS: Please accept my sympathy for your loss. Grief counseling could be helpful for all of you. Your brothers are probably not the only people who find such a greeting to be off-putting. I'm sure family friends are also disconcerted by it. Since it bothers your brothers, perhaps it's time to transfer the message in your mother's voice to tape — so you, your sister and your father can listen to it when you wish.

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DEAR ABBY: I'm enclosing a wedding announcement my family and I received yesterday. My family and I are shocked and appalled. It reads:

"Dear Family: I am asking for your cooperation and understanding. My wedding will be very costly, and this has caused me to make some unpleasant decisions.

"I hope you will see this as a request for a donation and not a charge for you to attend my wedding. I cannot figure out any way other than to ask each guest to contribute to the cost. If anyone is insulted by my request, I am sincerely sorry.

"Your $330 contribution must be received on or before June 30. Only postal money orders will be accepted. Please purchase it only from a U.S. post office. Thank you for your contribution."

My question is, how should this "invitation" be handled? We don't have this kind of money. Should we tell the bride-to-be what bad manners this is? — **APPALLED IN OHIO**

DEAR APPALLED: No. Please allow me to do it for you. What you received is not an invitation. It is a solicitation. Not only is it tacky; it is unbelievably insulting. When a couple marries, all monetary contributions should be voluntary. To specify that the "gift" be paid via money order implies that there might be insufficient funds to cash the check.

If I received such an "invitation," I would not send a money order. I would send my regrets. I recommend that you do the same. Readers, I challenge you to top this!

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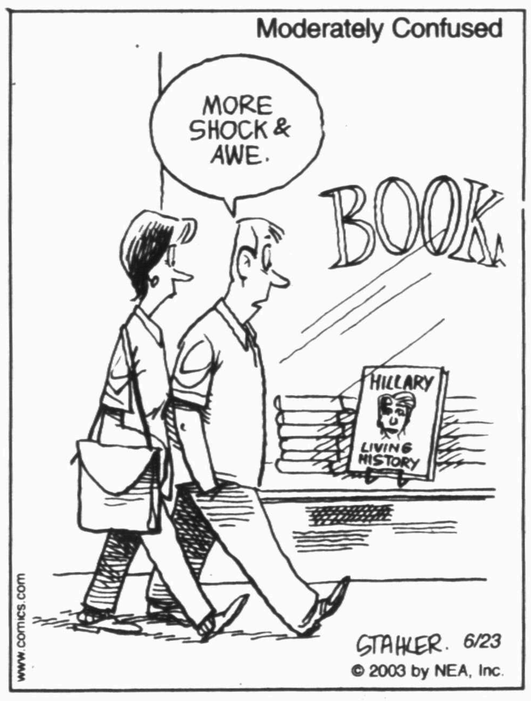
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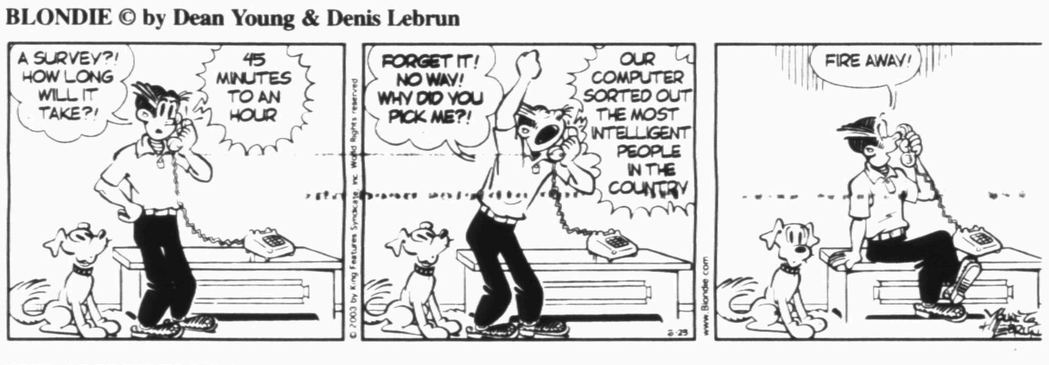
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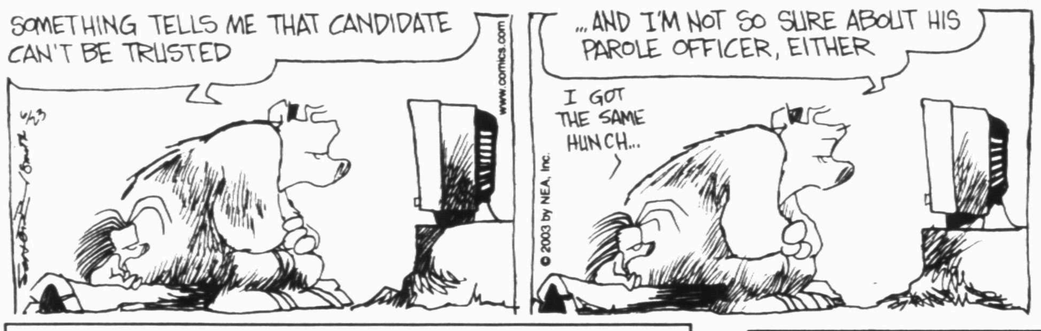
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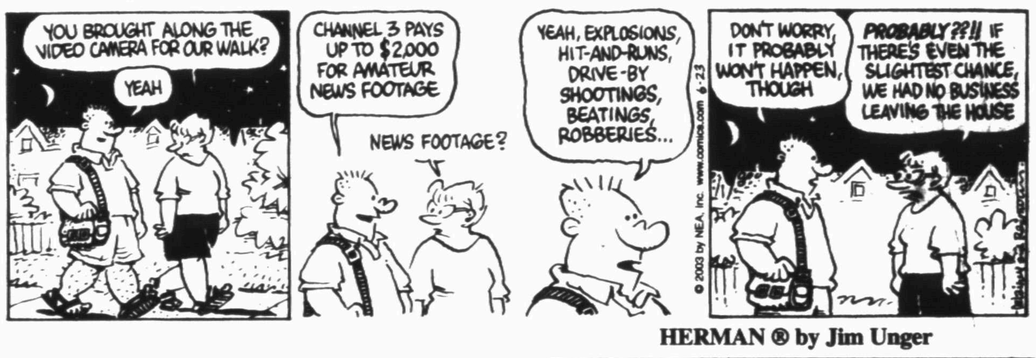
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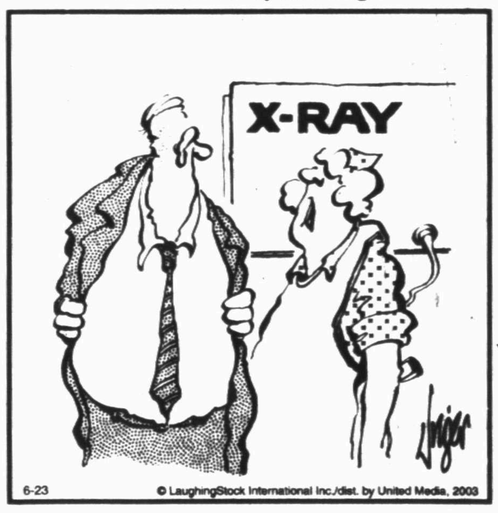
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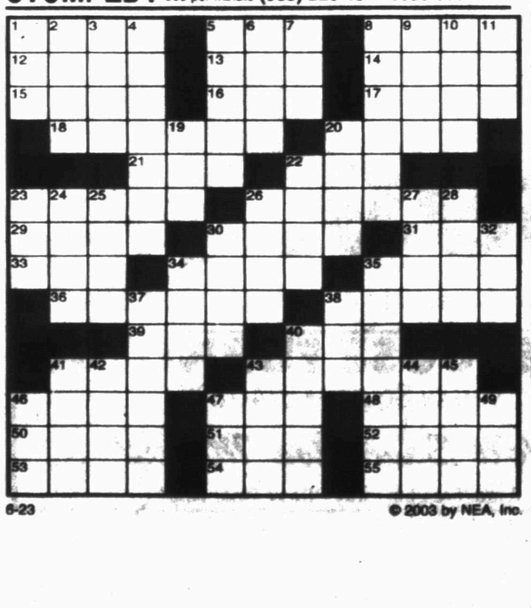
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SPORTS

Astros sweep Rangers

ARLINGTON (AP) — When Houston starter Jeriome Robertson got himself in a bases-loaded jam, Kirk Saarloos ended the threat with two strikeouts.

An inning later, Saarloos needed a helping hand from Octavio Dotel. Then hard-throwing closer Billy Wagner finished off the Astros' 3-1 win Sunday night at Texas that completed a three-game sweep.

"They all picked each other up," Astros manager Jimy Williams said. "It was a team effort, a lot of people contributing."

Lance Berkman hit his 13th home run and later got a more painful RBI when he was hit by a pitch with the bases loaded. Jose Vizcaino hit the tiebreaking RBI triple for the NL Central-leading Astros.

That was plenty of offense for Robertson (5-3) and the three relievers, despite a few tense moments.

The Rangers lost their seventh straight, the longest current streak in the majors, and have lost 19 of 21, their worst stretch since also going 2-19 in September 1972. Texas trails AL West leader Seattle by 21½ games.

"When you are in a funk like we are, everyone's pressing a bit. You can't will it to happen," Texas shortstop Alex Rodriguez said.

Houston was scoreless against Joaquin Benoit (2-3) until Berkman's two-out solo homer in the sixth tied the game. Richard Hidalgo then doubled before Vizcaino's triple chased Benoit.

But in the bottom half of the inning, Robertson needed help after walking three straight batters with one out. Saarloos struck out the next two.

"I came in just trying to get a double-play ball," Saarloos said. "I got two strikes on the first guy and was able to expand the strike zone."

Saarloos got his third straight strikeout starting the seventh when Todd Greene swung at an 0-2 pitch that hit his hand. First base umpire Brian Runge ruled it a swinging strike.

After two singles, Dotel came on and got two popouts to end the seventh. Wagner, hitting 100-101 mph on several pitches, got the last four outs for his 21st save in 23 chances.

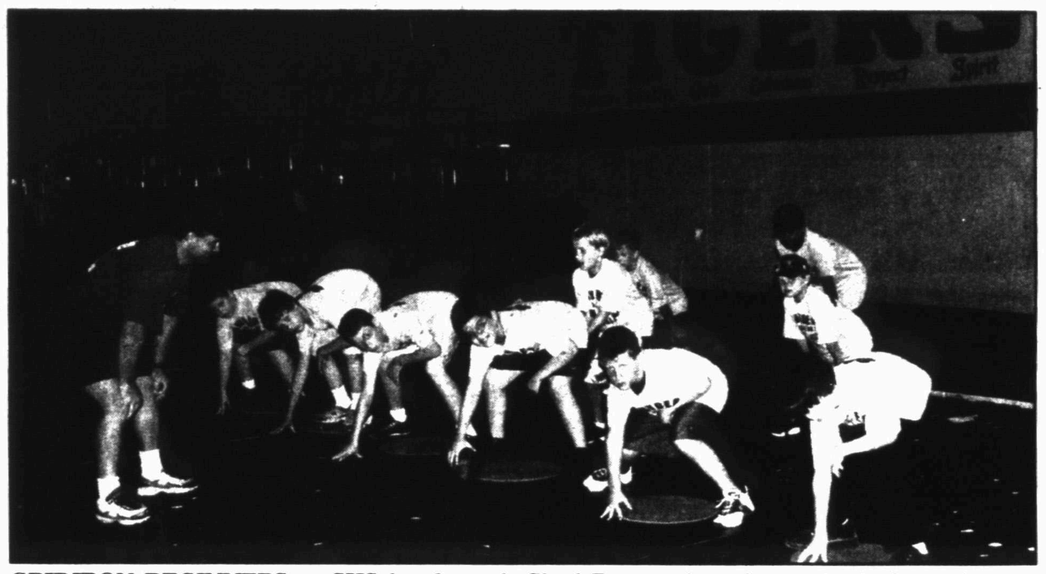
"A great start and then the bullpen kept doing what it does," Berkman said. "That's why we are where we are. I don't think we've been outstanding in any phase of the game except our bullpen, and those guys did it again."

Houston relievers have a 2.73 ERA through the first 75 games. Wagner has allowed just four earned runs (1.35 ERA) and gotten 17 saves in 25 appearances since May 2.

Robertson had a career-high five walks, but allowed just one run on four hits in 5 1-3 innings. He is 4-0 in his last nine starts, his last loss coming April 25.

Benoit was activated from the disabled list (right elbow inflammation) to make the start. He matched a career high with eight strikeouts, and was the first Texas starter since April 23 to make it through the first five innings without giving up a run.

"It think it was one of the best nights I've had," Benoit said. "I left a couple of pitches up, the wrong pitch at the wrong time."



GRIDIRON BEGINNERS — SHS head coach Chad Rogers gives tips on basic formations to incoming fourth through sixth graders during the first day of camp. The camp will run through Wednesday. (SDN Staff Photo)

Marcum, Storm win AFL crown

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — Music blared, confetti dropped from the ceiling and the city of Tampa celebrated another pro football championship Sunday night, saluting the Tampa Bay Storm's 43-29 victory over the Arizona Rattlers in the ArenaBowl.

Reserve quarterback Pat O'Hara threw for two touchdowns and ran for a third as the Storm won its record fifth Arena Football League title.

Tampa became the first city to have the Super Bowl and AFL champions in the same year. The Buccaneers beat Oakland in January to capture the NFL title.

Storm coach Tim Marcum hoisted the championship trophy for a record seventh time. It's his third title with Tampa Bay, which also won under him in 1995 and 1996. The Storm also won championships in 1991 and 1993.

Lawrence Samuels caught three touchdown passes, and the Storm forced five turnovers to frustrate Arizona's offense. The Rattlers entered the game averaging 68.3 points per game in the playoffs.

O'Hara replaced John Kaleo, who left with a back bruise early in the third quarter, and threw TD passes of 9 and 43 yards to Samuels. His 3-yard TD run eliminated any realistic chance for an Arizona comeback, dropping the Rattlers into a 43-22 hole with 10:39 remaining.

Samuels also caught a 33-yard TD pass from Kaleo in the first quarter.

Sherdrick Bonner completed 15 of 31 passes for 164 yards for the Rattlers, but lost three fumbles and was intercepted once.

Arizona's season ended with a championship game loss for the second straight year. Turnovers undermined them a year ago against San Jose and Bonner's mistakes proved too much to overcome this time.

Kelvin Kinney returned one of the Arizona quarterback's fumbles 26 yards for a second-quarter touchdown. Omarr Smith's third-quarter interception set up O'Hara's first TD pass to Samuels, who had five receptions for 109 yards.

The announced crowd of 20,496 was the second largest in ArenaBowl history.

Lewis barely survives for TKO over Klitschko

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Vitali Klitschko sure looked the part of a loser, and technically he was. The left side of his face was a purple pulp, blood streamed from a deep cut over his eye and there were welts everywhere.

Look a little closer, though, and you could see a winner.

Klitschko may not have won the heavyweight title Saturday night from Lennox Lewis, but he emerged from the fight with some new credentials and a lot of new fans.

The heavyweight division suddenly has a giant of a new heavyweight to reckon with.

The ring doctor did stop the fight after the sixth round with Klitschko leading on all three ringside scorecards, and though Klitschko protested he wasn't nearly as loud as the fans who in six brutal rounds found a new heavyweight hero.

Lewis was still the heavyweight champion, and he was left to explain to doubters why he allowed Klitschko to land the heavier and more effective punches through six rounds of a wild heavyweight brawl.

The explanation rang hollow, especially when Lewis claimed he was somehow deprived of a spectacular knockout he was sure would come the next round.

"I really wish the referee wouldn't have stopped the fight. I wanted to knock him out for real," Lewis said.

No matter how hard the Lewis camp tried to spin it, a couple of truths were evident after the bloody brawl that ended prematurely at the Staples Center.

One, Lewis was lucky to keep his heavyweight title against a surprisingly effective and tough Klitschko.

Two, perhaps at the age of 37 Lewis should take notice of his increasingly wobbly legs and weak chin and finally decide it might be a good time to hang up the gloves.

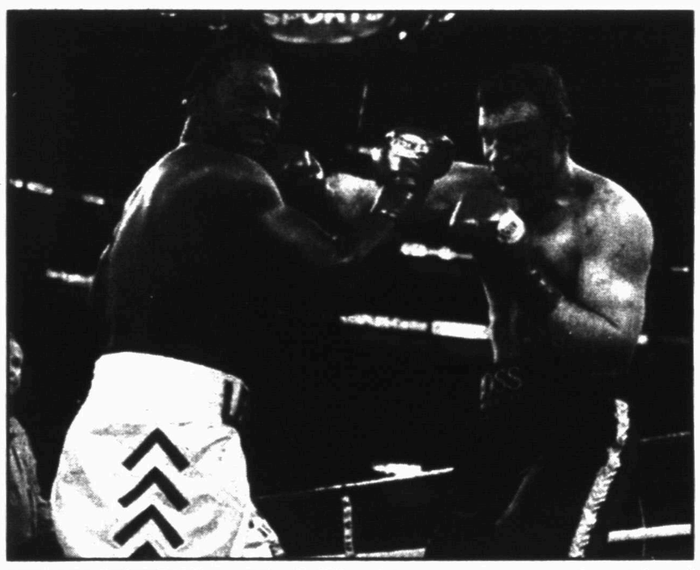
"There isn't anything else for me to prove," Lewis said. "I'm going to go back, talk to my colleagues, look at the tape and decide from there."

What he sees on the tape may frighten him.

Klitschko, who many believed wasn't even the best fighter in his family, rocked Lewis early and often before the ring doctor finally stopped the fight after six rounds because of bad cuts to Klitschko's left eye.

Klitschko's style may have been amateurish and stilted, but the 6-foot-7 Ukrainian hit Lewis with almost every left hand he threw and had the champion exhausted and baffled.

The enthusiastic crowd of 15,939, which cheered wildly at every punch the challenger landed.



HEAVY HITTERS — Vitali Klitschko connects to the chin of champion Lennox Lewis during Saturday's title fight. Lewis won by TKO after the ringside doctor stopped the fight because of a cut to the challenger's eye. (AP Photo)

Kaye conquers Buick for first PGA tour win

HARRISON, N.Y. (AP) — Jonathan Kaye learned a valuable lesson last year in a playoff loss to Chris Riley in the Reno-Tahoe Open.

"I learned that it's really important to hit it in the fairway," Kaye said.

He not only split the fairway Sunday in the Buick Classic, but left himself with a perfect distance for an aggressive approach shot on the par-5 18th.

Kaye's shot from 252 yards settled in the fringe just off the back of the green, setting up the winning 12-foot eagle putt on the first extra hole with John Rollins.

The first-time PGA Tour winner holed a 4-foot putt on the 18th in regulation to match Rollins at 13-under 271 on the saturated Westchester Country Club course.

"That was definitely more pressure. If you don't birdie 18, you're not in the playoff," the five-time runner-up said. "I've had a lot of chances and haven't come through, so it's nice to finally come out on top."

Sports Briefs

Hermleigh athletes need physicals

All incoming 6th, 9th and 11th grade Hermleigh students who wish to participate in athletics are reminded to get a physical. All necessary forms can be picked up at the high school, and all paperwork must be completed prior to the physical.

Ladies play day

The SCGA hosts a ladies play day at 9 a.m. each Tuesday. Format is odd and even.

Softball board meeting

The Snyder girls softball association will have a board meeting from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. Wednesday at the BP Pipeline office. All coaches from all divisions will meet at 8:30 p.m. at the same location for all-star selections.

Charity softball tournament

The 2nd annual Wal-Mart men's softball tournament will be held Friday and Saturday at Winston Park. Entry fee is $110 and the deadline to register is 6 p.m. Thursday. All proceeds benefit the Children's Miracle Network. Contact Veronica Fuentes at 573-1967 or 573-5662 for more information.

Summer strength camp

SHS head football coach Chad Rogers is hosting a free summer strength and conditioning camp.

The camp is under way and will run this week and the week of July 7.

The camp, open to any incoming 9th-12th graders, runs Monday through Thursday, with incoming 10th through 12th graders working from 7:30 to 9:30 a.m., and incoming freshmen going from 10-11:30 a.m.

Weight training, flexibility, speed and agility will be the focus.

Major League Baseball

American League

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	44	29	.603	—
Toronto	43	32	.573	2
Boston	41	32	.562	3
Baltimore	33	39	.458	10½
Tampa Bay	24	49	.329	20

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Minnesota	40	34	.541	—
Kansas City	38	34	.528	1
Chicago	35	40	.467	5½
Cleveland	30	43	.411	9½
Detroit	18	54	.250	21

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Seattle	49	25	.662	—
Oakland	43	30	.589	5½
Anaheim	36	37	.493	12½
Texas	27	46	.370	21½

Sunday's Games

Baltimore 9, Atlanta 3
Toronto 4, Montreal 2
Cleveland 8, Pittsburgh 5
Florida 3, Tampa Bay 2
Philadelphia 5, Boston 0
Minnesota 8, Milwaukee 3
Kansas City 5, St. Louis 2
Chicago Cubs 2, Chicago White Sox 1
Colorado 5, Detroit 3
Oakland 6, San Francisco 5
Anaheim 6, Los Angeles 3
San Diego 3, Seattle 1
N.Y. Yankees 7, N.Y. Mets 3, 11 innings
Houston 3, Texas 1

Today's Games

Detroit (Bonderman 2-10) at Boston (Wakefield 5-3), 6:05 p.m.
Oakland (Zito 7-5) at Texas (Mounce 0-1), 6:05 p.m.
Baltimore (Daal 4-8) at Toronto (Escobar 5-3 or D.Davis 3-4), 6:05 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Clemens 7-4) at Tampa Bay (Zambrano 3-4), 6:15 p.m.

National League

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	48	25	.658	—
Montreal	41	34	.547	8
Philadelphia	39	33	.542	8½
Florida	38	39	.494	12
New York	33	40	.452	15

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	41	34	.547	—
Chicago	40	34	.541	½
St. Louis	39	35	.527	1½
Cincinnati	36	38	.486	4½
Pittsburgh	31	41	.431	8½
Milwaukee	30	44	.405	10½

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	44	30	.595	—
San Francisco	44	30	.595	—
Arizona	38	36	.514	6
Colorado	39	38	.506	6½
San Diego	25	52	.325	20½

Today's Games

Pittsburgh (Suppan 5-6) at Montreal (Vargas 3-3), 6:05 p.m.
Houston (Villone 0-0) at Arizona (Webb 3-2), 8:35 p.m.
Colorado (Chacon 10-3) at San Diego (Jarvis 0-1), 9:05 p.m.
Los Angeles (Ishii 7-2) at San Francisco (Rueter 7-2), 9:15 p.m.

Rice, Stanford will settle CWS tonight

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — Freshman Mark Romanczuk went to Stanford for the opportunity to win a baseball national championship.

The left-hander will play a major role in determining whether the Cardinals (51-17) win their first title since 1988. He'll start tonight's deciding game against Rice (57-12) in the College World Series championship series.

"This is why we get up at 7 o'clock in the morning to run every day," Romanczuk said. "This is why we play all year. This is why I've played baseball all my life."

Romanczuk (12-1) will go against Rice sophomore Philip Humber (10-3) in the final game of the best-of-three series.

The Cardinal kept alive its hopes for its third national title with an 8-3 victory on Sunday. Rice won 4-3 in 10 innings Saturday.

Stanford will become the first team in CWS history to play eight games, but center fielder Sam Fuld said fatigue is not a factor.

"It shouldn't be hard to get up for national championship games," Fuld said. "The coaches keep telling us we have all summer to rest."

Maybe no one in the CWS deserves rest more than Stanford's John Hudgins, who earned his third win in Omaha on Sunday — something no other Cardinal pitcher has done.

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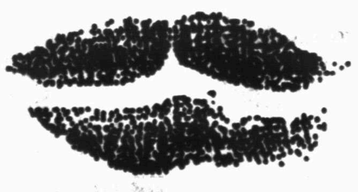
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Fiscal problems prompt cuts to states' Depression-era program

McARTHUR, Ohio (AP) — Dozens of brown and green uniforms, some still in original plastic packages, spill out from a storage closet at the Zaleski Civilian Conservation Corps Camp.

Mud-splattered pickup trucks, bulldozers and backhoes are idled. Mattresses are bare and dressers are empty. The camp has only one remaining employee.

The camp, atop a hill deep in a southeastern Ohio forest, closed June 13 because of state cuts.

"I'm in denial," said Andrea Fiebiger, 20, a corps member from Troy. "I don't want it to close. I have no idea what I'll do. This place has given me so much, especially direction in my life."

Struggling to fill billion-dollar budget deficits, lawmakers in Ohio and several other states are slashing state spending for their versions of a federal Depression-era work program for young adults.

Civilian Conservation Corps programs in 31 states and the District of Columbia enroll people ages 16 to 25 — half of whom don't have high school diplomas and earn less than $15,000 a year — to work on community improvement projects such as building trails and controlling erosion.

Some crews also focus on human service projects in urban areas, such as tutoring children. In exchange for up to two years of service, the more than 24,000 corps members receive a minimum-wage living allowance and help furthering their education.

The state corps were modeled after the now-defunct federal corps that enrolled 6 million young men during the 1930s and 1940s.

"Obviously, state governments have to make very tough decisions right now, but it's flabbergasting to us that they would target these," said Harry Bruell, chief operating officer of the Washington, D.C.-based National Association of Service and Conservation Corps. "In most cases, corps are saving more money through their efforts than they are costing."

Lawmakers say they don't doubt the value of the corps, but they have been forced to look for savings in all areas to ensure essential state services aren't cut.

"Many of us recognize the services that the 3Cs provide and the value of the work," said state Sen. John Carey of Ohio. "But there's just no money."

Ohio is abolishing its $6 million-a-year program, eliminating all 60 staff and 187 corps members at the state's two residential camps and six commuter camps by June 30. Carey and other lawmakers are working on a plan to get community groups to take over some of the camps.

The corps programs affected the most by the economic downturn get much of their money from state operating budgets, rather than nonprofit sources. They include Ohio, Minnesota, California, Wisconsin and Michigan.

Minnesota lawmakers last year cut the state appropriation for its corps in half — by $1.1 million — and had warned that the program would get no money in the next state budget. Corps officials limited the number of projects planned and sliced the typical enrollment in half to 58 members. Then, they began looking for another way to pay for the program.

"The cuts were more or less out of the blue," said Minnesota corps Director Larry Fonnest. "It was either try to fight the tide of economic problems and stay within state government, or look at privatizing the corps, which ended up being the route we decided to go."

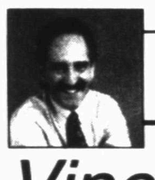
A bill passed in May authorizes the program to become a nonprofit. The program now will get $840,000 in state funds over two years for the transition.

California reduced funding for its corps program by $23.4 million over the past two years. It also is expected to incur an $11.9 million cut to its $45 million funding in the upcoming budget year.

The corps closed four residential camps, cut 92 staff positions and reduced the number of corps members by 700 to about 1,000. Those who lost their corps slots included 128 trained firefighters who were first responders to wildfires.

"We have taken a significant hit, and it's definitely having an adverse impact. But, here, the deficit is so deep that we're all victims in this," said Wes Pratt, director of California's corps.

Ohio officials said they knew the end was near when Gov. Bob Taft singled out the corps for elimination in his State-of-the-State speech in January because of tight finances.



On Nutrition by Ed Blonz, Ph.D.

Vinegar cure is wishful thinking

DEAR DR. BLONZ: Is there any validity to apple cider vinegar having any effect on lowering cholesterol levels? — M.D., San Diego, Calif.

DEAR M.D.: Perhaps, if the vinegar was used in a healthful salad. On its own, however, apple cider vinegar is of dubious value in lowering blood cholesterol. There is absolutely nothing wrong with apple cider vinegar, but there is a dearth of objective evidence to prove that it has any wondrous medicinal powers.

Vinegars, particularly apple cider vinegar, have been on the folk-remedy circuit for decades. This latest claim for its health benefits seems to come from the fact that apples contain pectin, a water-soluble fiber. There is, indeed, evidence that pectin can help lower blood cholesterol levels. It is extremely unlikely, however, that an intake of cider vinegar could provide enough pectin to have any measurable effect. One study that looked at the effects of soluble fibers on blood cholesterol levels was published in the American Journal of Cardiology (January 1997). This study utilized 15 grams of soluble fibers per day given in the form of a concentrated supplement. One whole apple contains about 4 grams of dietary fiber, less than a gram of which is soluble fiber.

The pectin naturally present in apples gives unrefined apple cider vinegar a cloudy appearance. The typical refined, distilled vinegars on the market are clear, indicating that the pectin has been removed. Even if you opt for an unrefined apple cider vinegar, however, it makes little sense to think of it as a source of soluble fiber to help control blood cholesterol.

Oats are a great source of soluble fiber, which can also be found in rice bran, legumes (beans, lentils and peas), and some fruits and vegetables. In addition to helping with cholesterol, soluble fibers can improve conditions connected with diabetes because they tend to slow the rate at which the body absorbs sugars. Soluble fiber used in supplements include psyllium and glucomannan. These types of fibers dissolve in water, but the body cannot absorb them because of their large size. Soluble fiber doesn't match the ability of insoluble fiber to add bulk to the diet.

DEAR DR. BLONZ: I have some concerns about food and digestion. Why is it that we sometimes see what appears to be a whole food such as corn passing through the body undigested? I happen to love corn, but I am wondering if there are some varieties of corn that are easier to digest than others, or do some people have an easier time with corn than others? — **C.S., Jacksonville, Fla.**

DEAR C.S.: Be assured that corn is a wholesome and digestible whole food.

The point to remember is that each kernel of corn is a seed that has a tough outer shell, called the pericarp, which protects it from the elements. The germ is the nutrient-rich live part of the seed, and the endosperm is the starch that provides food for the sprouting plant. This structure has important implications for seed distribution. Corn, like many other plants, relies on birds and animals to eat the seeds and carry them to new locations, where seeds that remain viable are deposited and grow into new plants. A new stalk of corn can then develop when moisture causes the kernel to swell and break through its outer coat.

The human body has enzymes that can digest the contents of the corn kernel, but to work they need access to the germ and endosperm. The fibrous outer coat of a kernel must be broken through mashing, cooking or chewing for the digestive system to be able to have its way with this whole food.

There are different varieties of corn, and those used as animal feed tend to have a tougher outer coat. This provides more resistance to the elements, and requires the powerful chewing power of large animals to break down the kernels. The corn varieties used in our diets are more tender and flavorful. That said, they still need a good chew to unlock the nutrients inside.

Send questions to: "On Nutrition," Ed Blonz, c/o Newspaper Enterprise Association, 200 Madison Ave., New York, NY 10016. For e-mail, address inquiries to: ed@blonz.com. Due to the volume of mail, personal replies cannot be provided.

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IBM	84.79	83.71	83.73	—1.19
IntlPaper	37.76	36.77	37.09	—.54
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Demos pledge support for affirmative action

CHICAGO (AP) — Democratic presidential hopefuls say they will continue to promote affirmative action regardless of how the Supreme Court rules in a case challenging the constitutionality of programs to help minorities in college admissions.

The court is expected to rule any day whether affirmative action programs at the University of Michigan are constitutional. The case was a main topic of discussion Sunday at a candidate forum sponsored by Jesse Jackson's Rainbow/PUSH Coalition.

"When I'm president, we'll do executive orders to overcome any wrong thing the Supreme Court does tomorrow or any other day," said Rep. Dick Gephardt of Missouri.

Ohio Rep. Dennis Kucinich also made a pledge to put affirmative action into federal law as president.

"If this president doesn't want to let us be one nation, then it's time to elect a president who will let us be one nation," Kucinich said.

President Bush opposes the University of Michigan's policies, and several candidates cited his position as a reason he should be voted out of office next year.

"The president has divided us," former Vermont Gov. Howard Dean said. "He's divided us by race by using the word 'quotas.' There's no such thing as a quota at the University of Michigan, never has been."

Massachusetts Sen. John Kerry said: "We deserve a president of the United States who doesn't call fairness for minorities special preferences and then turn around and give special preferences to Halliburton or to Enron to write the energy policy."

Kerry said he was committed to have minorities in positions of power in his administration, and pointed to diversity in his campaign staff.

Al Sharpton responded that Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas is a black man who may vote against the university's affirmative action program. He said Democrats shouldn't be talking about getting more blacks in high places, but getting the right blacks.

"If we doubt that, just look at Clarence Thomas," he said. "Clarence Thomas is my color, but he's not my kind."

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Tuesday, June 24, 2003

Successful past efforts along with present ones will begin to pay off in the year ahead. You could receive both a promotion and a raise in status that will spill over into your social world as well.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Any time we are willing to share the harvest we can expect a lot of help from others. A personal interest of yours can be successfully promoted today by using this tactic.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — By adopting the idea that it isn't important who gets the credit, only that something important gets accomplished, the results you're hoping for will be realized today.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Before you make up your mind on something you're working on, listen to all suggestions and ideas voiced by associates today. There could be a gem among the submissions.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — This is a day that much can be accomplished and promoted, so it behooves you to focus all your energy on productive involvements that have the potential to be great.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — You need the type of activity today that challenges you both mentally and physically. You'll feel at your best when you can use your mind and your muscles collectively.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Although you're an innovator yourself, today your greatest rewards might come through a situation initiated by another. Jump on board and be a contributor to the project.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Give your pen, telephone or computer a workout today to catch up on all correspondence. Once that's out of the way, you'll be free to move on to more important issues without disruption.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Extra rewards are in the offing today for diligent effort applied to either your own operations or those of someone else. All that's required is motivation and method.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Good for you for being a bit more assertive and direct today in dealing with others. You'll gain both acceptance and respect for being emphatic without being pushy.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Optimism is your greatest asset today, so hold on to the thought that everything will come out well in the long run. It can help you surmount all obstacles either real or imagined.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — When you put your mind to it, you are extremely effective in dealing with people, be it on a group basis or with a one-on-one contact. Today you'll display this talent in spades.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Should bold measures be required to fulfill a material ambition today that you've been nurturing for some time, use them. Others won't hold back, why should you?

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Hearing for plutonium pit facility scheduled

AMARILLO (AP) — A new facility proposed for the Texas Panhandle and several other sites around the country would make components to trigger the country's nuclear weapons, although some environmentalists have said there is no need for such an operation.

Energy Department officials will conduct hearings in Amarillo this week on the department's proposed sites for a proposed Modern Pit Facility to process plutonium for new weapons cores. Public hearings were scheduled from 7-10 p.m. Thursday at the Amarillo College Union Building.

The new plutonium pits would be inspected and prepared for eventual storage at Pantex, where they will be installed in warheads and bombs. Pantex is the nation's primary assembly and disassembly plant for nuclear warheads and currently repackages old plutonium pits to meet new safety standards. Pantex stores more than 12,000 plutonium pits.

Besides Pantex, other locations under consideration for the Modern Pit Facility are the Los Alamos and Carlsbad sites in New Mexico, the Nevada Test site in Nevada and the Savannah River site in South Carolina.

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First infragard conference to open in Oregon

HILLSBORO, Ore. (AP) — Power plants, bridges and buildings aren't the only things vital to national security — computer networks also are crucial. And the FBI can't keep an eye on everything.

So a unique partnership called the Infragard program has developed between the FBI and 8,300 companies to share information about both cyber and physical threats.

Today, experts from around the country were expected to gather for the program's first national conference in Washington, D.C. Some 1,500 people were expected to attend the three-day meetings.

"It's going to be a whole new business growth area," said Paul Bracken, an information technology and security expert at the Yale School of Management.

The program, started in 1996, was growing slowly but steadily until the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, made security the top priority for the FBI.

"When Wall Street was shut down, banking was hit very hard, transportation was hit very hard — they're all part of the infrastructure we're trying to shore up and protect," said Brett Hovington, the FBI's national coordinator of the Infragard program.

"Our economy is still feeling the impact of that," Hovington said.

Unlike World War II, the FBI also must protect the computer networks and telecommunications systems that make up the nation's modern electronic infrastructure, in addition to bridges, roads, buildings and dams.

"I've been preaching that message for a long time — you can't have one without the other," Hovington said.

Banks and brokerages, in particular, are vulnerable and need to take new steps to protect the financial system from computer hackers, electronic thieves and terrorists, Bracken said.

Dave Gulosh, a security manager in Oregon, said Infragard allows government agencies and private companies to share confidential information they would not have shared in the past.

"A lot of companies and agencies are not going to get that information unless you have something like Infragard," Gulosh said. "I think with Infragard the walls are coming down."

Hovington, the program's national coordinator, says the program allows the FBI to detect patterns that could alert the agency to a terrorist threat.

For example, an e-mail to a power plant manager from a worker who notices something minor but unusual in Oregon may be significant when compared to a similar e-mail to another plant manager in Florida or another state — messages that would never have been shared or compared in the past, he said.

"They're our eyes and ears," Hovington said. "Because once we start putting all the pieces together, we can see if this sort of activity is taking place across the country."

Cetin Koc, an Oregon State University electrical and computer engineering professor, said major computer networks are relatively secure but are only as strong as their weakest link — some could possibly be controlled or disrupted with devices as simple as a personal digital assistant, the handheld minicomputers that are increasingly popular.

"I don't really care who the attacker is — it could be a terrorist, it could be a 15-year-old kid," Koc said.

The FBI and companies emphasize that the Infragard program is voluntary and they do not share information such as confidential personnel records protected by privacy laws.

But the American Civil Liberties Union is concerned the program could trample on constitutional rights to block a threat.

"We haven't seen any evidence so far of any deprivation of civil liberties through this program," said Barry Steinhardt, the ACLU's technology director. "But there is the potential that this will allow companies to engage in a form of high-tech vigilantism."

Fifth Potter book all ready a best seller

By The Associated Press

More than 8 million may not be enough.

J.K. Rowling's fifth book in the Harry Potter series is being snapped up at stores across the country and has the possibility of — poof! — making publishing records disappear.

"We expected to sell 1 million copies in the first week and we sold that many within the first 48 hours," Barnes & Noble CEO Steve Riggio said Sunday as "Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix" set records around the world in its first weekend.

Nobody in the industry had seen anything like it, at least since "Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire," which came out three years ago. Scholastic, the book's U.S. publisher, estimated 5 million copies were sold the first day alone, well ahead of the pace of "Goblet of Fire."

Borders Group reported worldwide sales of 750,000 the first day. Amazon.com shipped out more than a million copies of the new book, making Saturday the largest distribution day of a single item in e-commerce history.

Some retailers had worried that even an enormous first printing — 8.5 million just in the United States — wouldn't last long enough to keep up with demand. A lot of latecomers found themselves settling for a mere preorder in place of a book.

Riggio said many Barnes & Noble stores had run out of copies, but that more would arrive "over the next few days." The Book House in Albany, N.Y., sold out its 1,050 copies of the book, even though it limited purchases to two per person.

A Borders bookstore in Columbus, Ohio, had just enough Potter books for the people who reserved them this weekend, and another shipment was expected by Monday or Tuesday.

Borders store manager Mathew Kowalski said many customers who could not get the new book bought copies of the other Potter novels.

"We sold some other books, but it was mainly Harry Potter sales this weekend," Kowalski said.

In London, the supermarket chain Tesco said it sold 317,400 copies of the fifth in J.K. Rowling's fantasy series in the first 24 hours, seven times the number sold in the first week of Potter IV.

"The book has now broken all our sales records and there is no doubt that this will be the best selling book we have ever stocked," said Tesco book buyer Caroline Ridding.

There were flaws in the Potter master plan. Some stores put the book on sale before its June 21 publication date and a seller in Lynchburg, Va., Givens Books, discovered that more than 40 of its copies were missing 33 pages. Scholastic said the books would be replaced.

Rowling's first four Potter books have sold an estimated 192 million copies worldwide and have been published in at least 55 languages and distributed in more than 200 countries.

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.



Living wills are appropriate

DEAR DR. GOTT: My mother-in-law, age 91, has been in a nursing home for two years. Although she recognizes family members, she doesn't know where she is. She was recently hospitalized for pneumonia complicated by congestive heart failure. She is diabetic and has a pacemaker.

I've lost count of her hospitalizations over the past two years; she continues to pray to die — but cannot. She is wheelchair-bound, tired, worn-out, sore and weary.

The nursing home staff does an excellent job of monitoring her. We visit a couple of times a week. But it's extremely depressing to see the residents and know that this is what we have to look forward to.

There are some things worse than death. This is one. Many of these patients are overmedicated because well-meaning doctors are simply out of ideas. They prescribe one medication to counteract the side effects of another.

I'm in pretty good health at 65, but when I get to the point where I cannot function mentally or physically, I'll be ready to move on. Sadly, we don't get that choice.

What do you think?

DEAR READER: You raise a plethora of questions in your letter, which I have edited because of space restrictions.

Your mother-in-law, with advanced age and multiple medical problems, has expressed a wish to die. Yet her doctors (and family?) persist in admitting her to a hospital for various reasons.

First of all, she needs to sign a legal document that expresses her opinions about advanced life support or "Do Not Resuscitate." Such a form should be available through the office of your family attorney. In the event that she is mentally incapable of signing such a document, the family needs to appoint (through legal channels) a person who can make medical decisions regarding your mother-in-law's health. I encourage you to make every effort to follow your mother-in-law's choices about medical care and quality-of-life decisions.

Second, your experiences should certainly act as a "wake-up call" for you to register your wishes vis-a-vis your own health. You must address topics such as resuscitation, advanced life support and terminal care when you are relatively healthy and free of ailments. If you believe that, at your age of 65, you need to define your wishes about medical care when you "cannot function mentally or physically," do so at once. Plan to meet with your family lawyer, who will lead you through the process. (Because each state has individual requirements, I cannot offer you a generic option.)

DEAR DR. GOTT: Please refer to manic depression as a mood disorder, not a mental illness. That term shames people and prevents them from seeking help.

DEAR READER: Most alcoholics seem relieved when they are told — rightly or wrongly — that their addiction is a disease, not an emotional problem. If you want to categorize manic depression as a mood disorder, fine.

Now known as "bipolar mood disorder," this condition still requires professional help and medication, so for convenience, I usually include it under the rubric of "mental illness."

To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Mental and Emotional Illness." Other readers who would like a copy should send a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope and $2 to Newsletter, P.O. Box 167, Wickliffe, OH 44092. Be sure to mention the title.

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Bridge

By Phillip Alder

North 06-23-03
♠ 7 6 4 2
♥ K 6 5
♦ 3
♣ A 10 8 6 3

West
♠ J 10 9
♥ J 9 8 2
♦ 9 7 4 2
♣ J 5

East
♠ Q
♥ A Q 10 4
♦ J 10 8 6
♣ K 9 7 4

South
♠ A K 8 5 3
♥ 7 3
♦ A K Q 5
♣ Q 2

Dealer: South
Vulnerable: East-West

South	West	North	East
1 ♠	Pass	3 ♠	Pass
4 ♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♥ 2

Monday, June 23, 2003

Try to use all of your assets

By Phillip Alder

Back in 1947, W.H. Auden said, "Why doesn't the United States take over the monarchy and unite with England? England does have important assets. Naturally the longer you wait, the more they will dwindle. At least you could use it for a summer resort instead of Maine."

At the bridge table, whether in Maine or Manchester, it is a good idea to make the most of your assets. In this deal, you are South, the declarer in four spades. After West leads the heart two, what would be your plan?

Since North knows of at least a nine-card spade fit, he adds three points for his singleton. Thus, his hand is worth a limit raise, which promises 10-12 support points and at least four-card support.

Did you waste dummy's heart-king asset at trick one? It is true that West might have underled the ace, but it is extremely unlikely. Underleading a side-suit ace against a trump contract is very dangerous — just picture dummy or declarer with a singleton king. Here, if you do try dummy's heart king, you will lose four tricks: one spade, two hearts and one club.

Even if West has the heart ace, playing low from the dummy almost guarantees your contract. East wins with the heart queen, but what does he do next?

If East cashes his heart ace, you will discard your club loser on dummy's king. Here, you will lose one spade and two hearts. And if East shifts, you can draw two rounds of trumps, then play off your top diamonds, discarding dummy's remaining hearts. You will concede one spade, one heart and one club.

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Scott Joplin opera has been reborn

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — An opera composed by ragtime musician Scott Joplin decades ago has been reborn — despite the loss of the original score.

"Treemonisha," which was composed by Joplin in 1911 and first performed by the Houston Grand Opera in 1975, was performed Sunday at the Stern Grove Festival.

The new production doesn't sound like the Houston version, organizers said. Joplin's original orchestral score was lost, and conductor Rick Benjamin wrote a new version based on the composer's surviving piano-vocal score.

"We want to do it exactly as we think he would have done it in 1911 on tour," said Benjamin, who composed his score for a 12-piece theater pit orchestra like the ones used in Joplin's day.

Benjamin, who lives in Pennsylvania and lectures on music at Bucknell University, said he believes his new version better reflects the style of Joplin's era.

Oil Patch News

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Permian Resources Inc. will drill the No. 8 H.R. Clay in the Howard-Glasscock field, three miles southeast of Forsan. Planned for a depth of 3,300 feet, location is in Section 155, Block 29, W&NW survey.

L.C.S. Production will drill the No. 3035 Texaco, an 8,100-foot re-entry wildcat located seven miles south of Coahoma.

Drill site is in Section 35, Block 32, T1S, T&P survey.

Brigham Oil and Gas will drill the No. 1-31 Shasta, a 11,000-foot wildcat re-completion located two miles southeast of Knott. Location is in Section 31, Block 33, T2N, T&P survey.

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THE SNYDER DAILY NEWS

Nebraska tornado leaves 1 dead, 5 hurt

DESHLER, Neb. (AP) — Up to a foot of rain and at least seven tornadoes pounded southern Nebraska and northern Kansas, killing one person and destroying at least five homes.

Residents of one town reported hail that looked "like someone dropping volleyballs," and some residents were stranded by flooding.

Four tornadoes struck in and around Deshler starting at 6:40 p.m. Sunday, said Todd Holsten of the National Weather Service in Hastings.

One person was killed and five were injured in Deshler, about 75 miles southwest of Lincoln near the Kansas line, said Malisa Sittler, personnel director at Thayer County Health Services in Hebron. It was Nebraska's first tornado death since 1988.

"There's a lot of damage from trees just landing on cars and homes. It's unbelievable," said Bob Reinke of Reinke Manufacturing, a maker of irrigation equipment and flatbed trucks. He said the storm destroyed one building at the factory and the town's lumber yard.

About 20 miles south of Deshler in Kansas, a tornado damaged three houses in a rural area north of Courtland, state officials said, but no injuries were reported. Republic County officials said several people were stranded early today by standing water.

Deshler Mayor Alan Holle said five houses in the town of about 900 people were leveled to their foundations and at least 25 others had extensive damage.

Gov. Mike Johanns planned to tour the Deshler area today, said spokesman Chris Peterson.

The governor also authorized the use of a National Guard helicopter to rescue people stranded by flooding in Hubbell, about 15 miles from Deshler right on the Kansas line.

"It is very serious there," Peterson said.

There were preliminary reports of up to 12 inches of rain in Hebron, about 10 miles east of Deshler. Radar indicated 6 to 13 inches of rain throughout Thayer County, said Jared Guyer of the weather service in Hastings. High water closed a highway just south of Hebron.

One resident of Aurora said hail punched a hole in his roof that was large enough for him to crawl through, said Dale Obermeier, a weather service spotter in Aurora, who said the hail also dug holes in his yard.

"When it came down it looked just like someone dropping volleyballs down," Obermeier said.

The weather service planned to investigate the hail reports, Guyer said.

"That would be record-setting hail size," he said. "We plan to check that out before we call the Guinness (Book of Records) folks."

Woman who left man to die in windshield goes on trial today

FORT WORTH (AP) — A former nurse's aide accused of hitting a man with her car, driving home with him lodged in the windshield and leaving him to die in her garage pleaded guilty today to evidence tampering.

Chante Jawan Mallard, 27, went on trial today, charged with first-degree murder. She pleaded guilty to the lesser tampering charge before attorneys began their opening statements.

She faces life in prison if convicted.

Mallard told police that in October 2001 her Chevrolet Cavalier hit Gregory Biggs, 37, with such force that his head and shoulders jammed into the windshield and his legs were bent over the roof, his pants tearing almost completely off his body.

Instead of stopping, police say, Mallard drove about a mile down a divided six-lane highway, the man still lodged and bleeding in the jagged windshield, then continued through town to her small yellow house in a working-class neighborhood.

She pulled into her garage, lowered the door, then sat in the car and cried, repeatedly apologizing to the man who was moaning, she later told detectives.

"Chante kept going in and out of the garage telling the man she was sorry," the police report states. "She does not know how long it took the man to die; she quit going out into the garage."

Biggs, a former bricklayer who had been living in a homeless shelter, was found dead the next day, his body dumped in a park.

Mike Heiskell, Mallard's attorney, said last year that his client "was simply a frightened, emotionally distraught young woman who had an accident, panicked and made a wrong choice." He said she is guilty only of failing to stop and render aid — not murder.

Two of Mallard's friends, Clete Deneal Jackson and Herbert Tyrone Cleveland, have pleaded guilty to dumping the body to help Mallard.

Jackson received a 10-year sentence for tampering with evidence; Cleveland, nine years. As part of plea agreements, they were to testify at her trial.

Police initially said Biggs lived for several days in Mallard's garage, slowly bleeding to death from his multiple fractures and cuts.

But Tarrant County Medical Examiner Nizam Peerwani later said Biggs, whose left leg was nearly amputated, probably lived only a few hours after he was hit. He could have survived if he had received medical attention, Peerwani has said.

Police, prosecutors, defense attorneys and others involved in the case have not commented about it publicly.

Births

Angelica Vargas and Roberto Jaramillo of Snyder announce the birth of their son, Michael Leon Jaramillo, at 11:35 p.m. on June 22 in Cogdell Memorial Hospital. He has two sisters, Zalyn and Alex.

Paternal grandparents are Juana Jaramillo of Muleshoe and Lawrence Jaramillo of Snyder. Maternal grandmother is Omega Vargas and his great-grandparent is Mercedes Vargas.

Officers arrest seven in Snyder

•Arrests

Snyder officers contacted four subjects on Old Post Rd. at 6:30 p.m. Saturday after detecting the smell of marijuana.

One juvenile male was taken into custody for public intoxication and another was arrested for possession of marijuana. The juveniles were issued citations and released to their parents.

At 1:54 a.m. Sunday, officers arrested a 35-year-old man in the 300 block of 26th Street for Class A assault, family violence.

Deputies arrested a 28-year-old man for misdemeanor driving while intoxicated in the 1100 block of College Ave. and a 31-year old woman or public intoxication.

A 43-year-old man was arrested in the 3500 block of Ave. E at 3 a.m. today for public intoxication.

•Thefts

Brandy Rodriguez reported a break-in at her apartment in the 4400 block of Ave. U Saturday afternoon. Officers submitted a report for burglary of a residence.

At 9 p.m. Saturday, Kristy Kincaid reported that someone broke a window on her vehicle and had stolen her purse. A report for burglary of a vehicle was filed.

A Cogdell Hospital employee reported the window of a van in the parking lot had been broken. A burglary report was submitted.

Will Senn reported the theft of some saddles from the tack barn at the Covered S Ranch north of Snyder. An offense report for burglary of a building was submitted.

Bobbie Stevens reported the theft of some property she had left at a friend's mobile home at Royal Trailer Park. A Class B theft report was filed.

•Disturbances

At 2 p.m. Saturday, a woman reported that she was assaulted by her husband. The man had left when officers arrived and an offense report for assault, family violence was submitted.

Officers and deputies responded to a residence on 48th Street at 10:40 p.m. Saturday after a woman reported that her husband was intoxicated and destroying property. A report for family violence was filed.

9-1-1 operators received a call at 11:30 p.m. Saturday from a woman in the Coleman Apartments reporting that her 14-year-old daughter was assaulted by a 16-year-old male and also that he was threatening to commit suicide.

Officers responded and escorted the juvenile to meet with MHMR representatives and also advised reports would be filed for Class C assault and threatening suicide.

At 1:30 a.m. Sunday, a woman reported a disturbance on 26th Street. Officers advised a physical altercation had occurred and a report of family violence was submitted.

A man reported a property dispute with his ex-girlfriend. Officers advised an assault had occurred and an offense report for assault, family violence was submitted.

•Criminal mischief

A man reported damage to the door of a storage unit at Williams' U-Rent. A criminal mischief report was submitted.

•Gas drive off

A clerk at Town and Country East reported a gas drive off worth $20.08 at 11:30 a.m. Saturday.

A drive off in the amount of $11.69 was reported from United Fuel at noon Sunday.

Obituaries

David Petersen

1952-2003

David G. Petersen, a petroleum engineer, died Sunday, June 22, in Cogdell Memorial Hospital after a lengthy illness.

Funeral service for Mr. Petersen, 50, is set for 11 a.m. Tuesday in the Word Is Life Church. The Rev. Tony Wofford, pastor, and the Rev. Walter McCall, Odyssey Hospice chaplain, will officiate. Interment will follow in Hillside Memorial Gardens under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Born Oct. 11, 1952 in Elk City, Okla., he graduated from Reydon High School in Oklahoma in 1970. He earned his B.S. and M.S. degrees in agricultural engineering from Oklahoma State University and in 1976 became a licensed pilot.

He worked in engineering research at Kansas State University then worked for Phillips Petroleum as a environmental engineer.

In 1981, Mr. Petersen enrolled in the University of Oklahoma where he obtained his degree in petroleum engineering in 1982. While at OU, he worked as a research assistant.

He then worked as a field engineer for Gulf Oil in Vernal, Utah, and then as production engineer in Rangely, Colo., for Chevron.

Mr. Petersen transferred to Snyder in 1990 and continued with Chevron and Pennzoil until 1998 when he became a engineer for Primrose Inc. until 1999.

He married Dorothy Gauss Fisher on May 24, 1990 in Snyder.

Survivors include his wife, Dorothy Petersen of Snyder; a daughter and son-in-law, Sarah and Brian Fields of Fort Worth; a son, Bryan Fisher of Phoenix, Ariz.; a brother and sister-in-law, John and Teresa Petersen of Pawnee, Okla.; and three nieces, Tracy, Jill and Christy Petersen.

The family suggests memorials to the American Cancer Society, Box 1356 in Snyder, 79550.

Visitation will be held from 7 to 8 this evening at Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

John Voelkel

1941-2003

John Andrew Voelkel Jr., 62, died Saturday, June 21, in Cogdell Memorial Hospital after a brief illness.

Funeral mass for Mr. Voelkel was set for 2 p.m. today in St. Elizabeth Catholic Church with Fr. Roy Badillas, pastor, officiating. Burial will follow in Hillside Memorial Gardens under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Born June 1, 1941 in New Orleans, Mr. Voelkel was disabled and had lived in Snyder since 1961. He had previously lived in Perryton and Premont.

Survivors include his father, John A. Voelkel of Snyder; and two sisters, Sylvia Voelkel of Snyder and Judy Green of Midland.

O.K. Fletcher

1915-2003

ARLINGTON — O.K. Fletcher, a former Snyder resident, died Friday, June 20, in Fort Worth.

Graveside service for Mr. Fletcher, 87, is set for 1 p.m. Tuesday in Lawnhaven Memorial Park in San Angelo. The Rev. Miller Robinson of Snyder, retired Baptist minister, will officiate.



O.K. Fletcher

Visitation will be held from 6 to 8 this evening at Arlington Funeral Home.

A World War II veteran, Mr. Fletcher was a longtime superintendent for Sun Oil Co. before retiring and moving to Arlington.

Mr. Fletcher was a 32nd Degree Mason and a member of the Hope Lodge No. 471 in Rio Grande City. He also was a member of the Tate Springs Baptist Church in Arlington and a former member of Colonial Hill Baptist Church.

Survivors include a son O.K. Fletcher II and his wife Carolynne of Arlington; a stepson, Benjamin Franklin of Dillon, Colo.; and a grandson, John Eastman of Keller.

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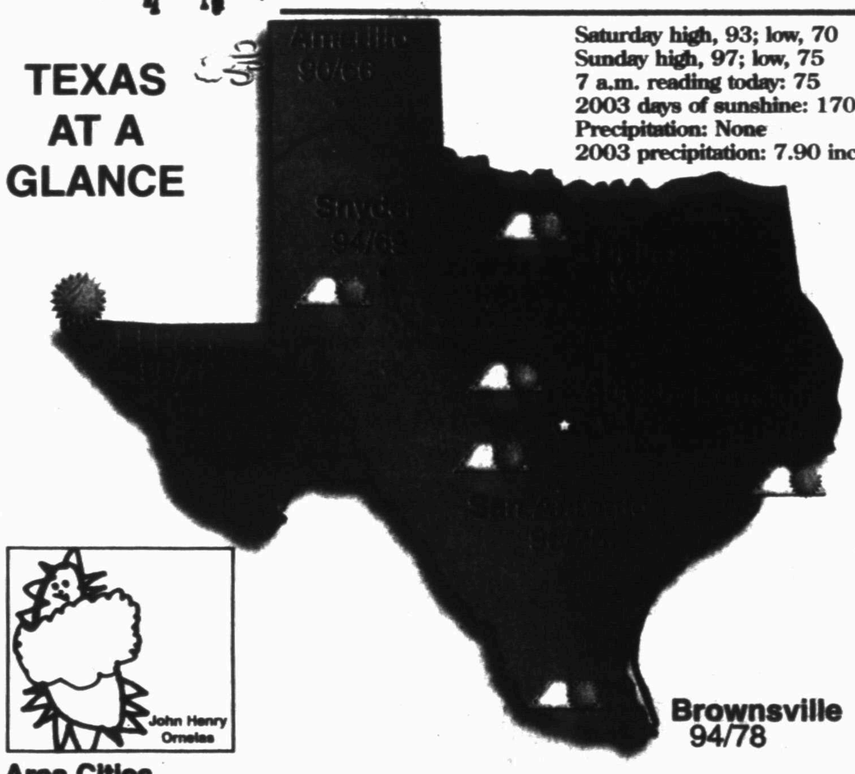
Today's Weather

Local 3-Day Forecast

Tue 6/24	Wed 6/25	Thu 6/26
94/69	95/69	91/62
Intervals of clouds and sunshine. High 94F. Winds S at 10 to 20 mph.	Partly cloudy with a stray thunderstorm.	Isolated thunderstorms. Highs in the low 90s and lows in the low 60s.
Sunrise 6:37 AM, Sunset 8:55 PM	Sunrise 6:37 AM, Sunset 8:55 PM	Sunrise 6:37 AM, Sunset 8:55 PM

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Saturday high, 93; low, 70
Sunday high, 97; low, 75
7 a.m. reading today: 75
2003 days of sunshine: 170 of 177
Precipitation: None
2003 precipitation: 7.90 inches

Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond
Abilene	95	73	pt sunny
Amarillo	90	66	windy
Austin	94	72	pt sunny
Beaumont	92	74	pt sunny
Brownsville	94	78	pt sunny
Brownwood	97	72	pt sunny
Corpus Christi	93	76	pt sunny
Corsicana	95	74	pt sunny
Dallas	96	77	pt sunny
Del Rio	97	78	pt sunny
El Paso	98	72	sunny
Fort Stockton	94	71	pt sunny
Gainesville	95	73	pt sunny
Greenville	95	73	pt sunny
Houston	94	75	pt sunny
Kingsville	95	74	pt sunny
Livingston	94	71	pt sunny
Longview	93	72	pt sunny
Lubbock	92	69	pt sunny
Lufkin	93	73	pt sunny
Midland	95	72	pt sunny
Raymondville	97	75	pt sunny
Rosenberg	94	74	pt sunny
San Antonio	96	75	pt sunny
San Marcos	95	73	pt sunny
Sulphur Springs	95	73	pt sunny
Sweetwater	95	71	pt sunny
Tyler	94	75	pt sunny
Weatherford	95	73	pt sunny
Wichita Falls	96	72	pt sunny

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond
Atlanta	88	66	sunny
Boston	80	63	pt sunny
Chicago	92	70	pt sunny
Dallas	96	77	pt sunny
Denver	83	54	pt sunny
Houston	94	75	pt sunny
Los Angeles	89	57	pt sunny
Miami	87	76	t-storm
Minneapolis	85	66	t-storm
New York	87	67	mst sunny
Phoenix	103	77	sunny
San Francisco	72	56	windy
Seattle	73	53	pt sunny
St. Louis	94	74	mst sunny
Washington, DC	92	72	mst sunny

Moon Phases

Last	New	First	Full
Jun 21	Jun 29	Jul 7	Jul 13

UV Index

Tue 6/24	Wed 6/25	Thu 6/26
Extreme	Extreme	Extreme

The UV Index is measured on a 0-11 number scale, with a higher UV index showing the need for greater skin protection. 0 — 11

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