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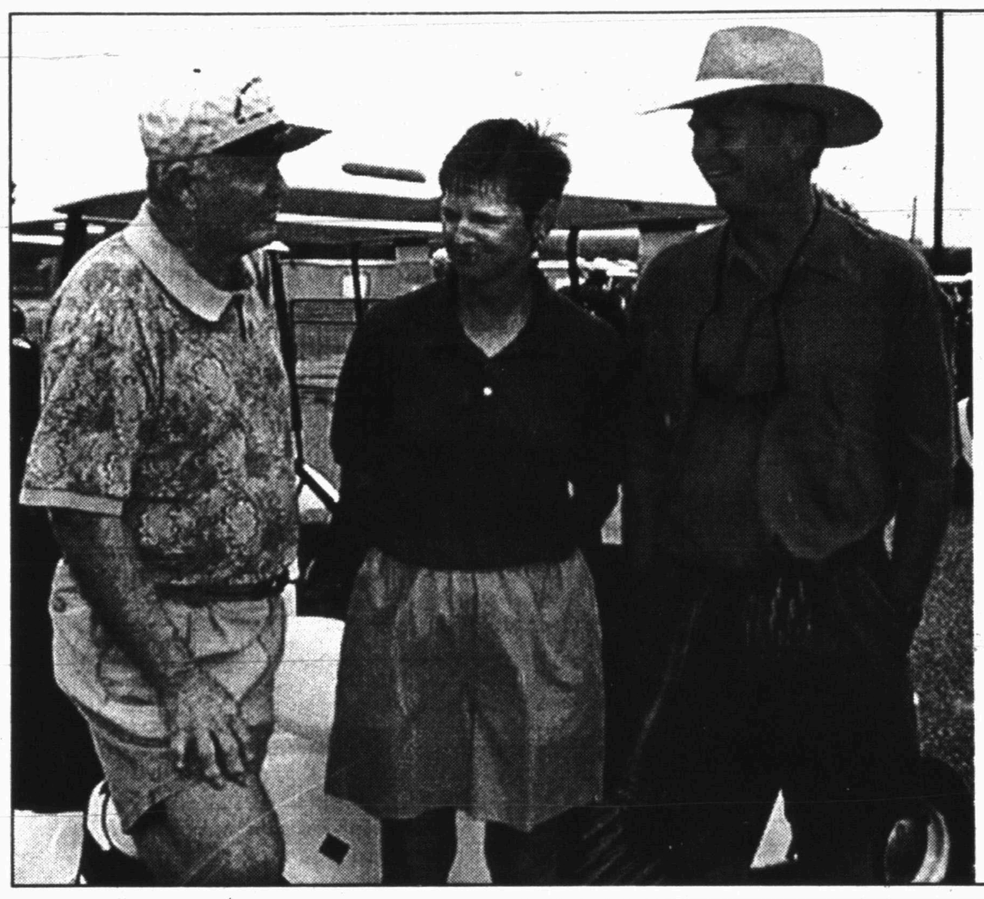


PRE-GAME CHAT — Former University of Texas coach Darrell Royal, Frances White, Sammy Baugh's daughter, and SHS head coach David Baugh, from left, visit prior to teeing off this morning at the Slingin' Sammy Baugh Celebrity Classic. The event is being held today and Saturday on the Western Texas College golf course. (Photo by Katie Bryant, SISD STEPS intern)

Access road work at brick plant to start

First of August completion date is target

Work should begin next week on the road that will provide direct access from Snyder Brick & Tile Co. to Highway 208, according to Precinct 4 Commissioner Chloanne Lindsey.

The commissioner said she is to sign the papers this afternoon to purchase the old RS&P railroad right of way for $12,486.

"The survey has been completed and we'll start clearing next week to start work on it," she said.

As for the brick plant itself, Snyder Brick & Tile Co. should begin hiring the balance of the production workers and office personnel approximately June 29, according to general manager Mitchell Goodger.

Limited production of brick is expected to get underway on July 10. Goodger said he expects the plant to be in full production by approximately August 5.

Equipment is being set in place and the air handling system, which goes into the firing and drying operation, will be installed June 27.

Remodeling of the sales office at 1601 Coliseum Drive will not begin until after the brick plant is brought online.

DCOS board meets

The Development Corporation of Snyder board of directors covered routine business in their monthly meeting Thursday.

The board approved monthly financial statements, and Executive Director John DeLille gave his monthly report.

DeLille told the board that construction on a gas line to the industrial park should start around July 10, with a pre-construction meeting planned for July 7.

DeLille also reported that with the DCOS buying the materials for the pipeline instead of the contractor, the project cost was shaved about $10,000.

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "If given a choice, instead of riding the bull or running with 'em – most people we know had rather shoot it."

How 'bout them cowgals!

A tip of the wide-brim Stetson to the Western Texas College rodeo team.

Their performance in the National Finals Rodeo in Casper, Wyo., last weekend gave both Snyder and WTC national recognition that should be excellent for recruiting.

The WTC women captured the collegiate crown, winning by an impressive 290 points. With a great finish, the WTC men leaped from ninth to fourth place in the final standings.

The effort brought home more than $20,000 to be used in student scholarships. Tain't bad.

The Lady Westerners, who placed in the top ten in all three individual events, were paced by **Jamie Standifer** who captured the women's all-around trophy.

Standifer accounted for 300 of the Lady Westerners' 730 points. Other standout performers for WTC women were **Tibba Smith, Brandee Brock** and **Jill Childers**.

Top performers for the men were **Houston Hutto** and **Rawley McFarland**. WTC coach is **Greg Rhodes**.

After triple digit temps in May, it's hard to believe the fall-like weather the past week. The timely and gentle rains made it doubly nice.

Cotton is starting to pop up, and homeowners are behind on their mowing. But we've heard no complaints.

It's been expecially good for the golf courses, and participants in this weekend's Sammy Baugh Celebrity Classic should find conditions excellent.

There are big sports names in town for the scholarship tournament that benefits Sul Ross State University.

Special thanks go to **Bob O'Day** and to the **chamber of commerce staff** for making all the special arrangements.

Pressure's off...well maybe?

At least the decision is made. SHS senior **Matthew Grimmett** has decided to follow in his dad's footsteps and play football for the TCU Horned Frogs.

Matt will join a long list of Snyder Tigers who have suited out for TCU.

Branch Davidians say feds started fire

WACO (AP) — Survivors and family members of Branch Davidians who died in the 1993 Waco siege say federal agents sparked a fire that destroyed the sect's compound after they fired tear gas inside.

But the government contends the fire that broke out at the end of the 51-day standoff was set by suicidal sect members.

The debate over who sparked the fire was expected to intensify at the $675 million wrongful death trial with planned testimony Friday from Tom Rowan, an FBI agent who helped launch tear gas canisters into the building.

FBI agents, including tank commander Joseph Servel, have said a fire erupted in the kitchen less than 30 seconds after they saw a tank insert tear gas into the room to force out the Branch Davidians.

"We saw smoke within seconds. We saw flames and then the smoke started getting really thick," Servel testified Thursday.

Under cross-examination by government attorneys, Servel said he also observed what appeared to be muzzle flashes from gunfire in several windows before the fire started.

Cult leader David Koresh and about 80 of his followers were killed when fire engulfed the rickety wooden building hours after the tear-gassing began.

Earlier Thursday, former FBI officials testified that the agents who tear gassed the complex strayed from the plan approved by Attorney General Janet Reno when they used tanks to smash gaping holes in the building.

Retired deputy assistant FBI director Danny Coulson said in videotaped testimony he was surprised when he saw a tank penetrating the cult's building on April 19, 1993, the final day of the siege.

"I don't recall that the plan contemplated this activity," Coulson said. "It would appear to be inconsistent."

Coulson said he watched the events unfold on a monitor in Washington, D.C.

It's always safety first during swimming season

By Joyce May
SDN Staff Writer

With summer officially here, temperatures will be climbing and more and more people, especially children, will be heading to pools and lakes to beat the heat.

Mike Harrison, 27-year veteran of swimming pool management, has several water rules to offer to make the splash season fun and safe.

Harrison, who is the current manager of the Towle Park Pool and former Western Texas College swimming instructor, offered these basics:

—No running. This includes the dressing rooms, which can also have slick areas. The rule is to prevent someone from slipping, falling and breaking something.

"The kids get excited and running is a problem," Harrison said. "The kids think we are after them, but we don't want them to get hurt. We are protecting them so they will get to play all summer."

—No pushing or shoving. This can lead to accidents, such as people hitting their heads on the side or bottom of the pool. "We've also had kids pushed in the deep end who couldn't swim," Harrison said.

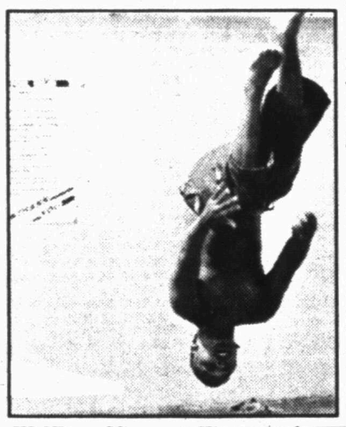
—No diving into shallow water. "Not many people realize it, but the leading cause of head and neck injury every year is diving into shallow water," Harrison said.

This includes diving off docks at the lake, since it is not always clear how deep the water is and whether there are rocks or other unforgiving items in the water.

Towle Park Pool also has additional safety rules.

Floats, including arm floaties, animal shaped floaties and lifejackets, are not allowed at the pool unless an adult is present to supervise the child.

"Every float loses air sometime," Harrison said, referring to floats that may get holes in them or have the valve pop open.



FLIP — Vincent Flores takes a flying upside-down leap off the diving board at Towle Park Pool. (SDN Staff Photo by Joyce May)

Another reason for the float restriction is to prevent children from fighting over them. "Sometimes fights and scuffles go on over the floats."

Swimmers are not allowed to jump off the diving board with lifejackets or floats. In fact, floats are not allowed at all in the deep end of the pool.

Additional rules regarding the diving board include divers are allowed one bounce only and must go straight off the end of the board. "This is to prevent slipping off sideways," Harrison said.

In addition, those jumping off the diving board must be good swimmers. "We require that all swimmers in the deeper water be able to swim, no gutter hangers," Harrison said.

Divers must also make sure the previous diver is out of the way before they go off the board.

T-shirts are not allowed in the deep end of Towle Park Pool. "The reason for this is that once a shirt is soaked it's so much heavier. You also have a hard time swimming with it on because it restricts arm movement."

Swimmers are also not allowed to play on or swing off the ladders. "Ladders are used for getting out of the water," Harrison said.

Harrison also offers these lake safety tips:

—Wear a lifejacket. "I am a stickler for everyone wearing a life jacket at a lake," he said.

—Never try to swim out to a buoy and back. "It is always further than it looks!" Harrison emphasized.

—If you see someone having trouble never come into contact with them — find something to help them with. "Look for something to hand to the person or to pull the person with." This prevents a struggling person from pulling you under the water. Harrison suggests using a lifejacket, shirt, fishing pole (watch out for the hook!) sticks or an ice chest.

Beginning to advanced swim lessons are offered every two weeks at the pool. The classes meet Tuesday through Friday for a two-week period. Cost is $25.

Towle Park Pool is open from 1:30 to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday with family night being Saturday from 6:30 to 8 p.m. The pool is closed on Mondays.

Cost is $1.50 for swimmers 17 and under and $2.00 for those 18 and above. Family night is $4 a family, for immediate family members only.

WTC's swimming pool hours include an open swim period Monday through Thursday from 1 to 5 p.m. at a cost of $3 per person. Membership packets are also available. For more information call the college at 573-8511, ext. 352.

Thursday night is family night at the WTC pool. Cost is $5 a family and the facility is open from 7 to 9 p.m. Lifeguards are on duty at the college pool and all swimmers are required to shower before them swim.

Lap swimming at WTC is available Monday through Thursday from 6:30 to 8 a.m. and from noon to 1 p.m.

ASK US

Q—When are Turner cantaloupes from Colorado City expected at local stores?

A—Depending on the weather, of course, the cantaloupes will be available around July 1. This is about 10 days earlier than last year.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Thursday, 90 degrees; low, 73; 7 a.m. Friday, 75; no precipitation; total for 2000, 11.75 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, mostly cloudy, heavy rain possible, low, upper 60s. S wind 5-15 mph. Saturday, partly cloudy, slight chance of storms, high, mid 90s. S wind, 10-20 mph.



Eric Lindsey
Cloudy

Sunset:
8:52 p.m.
Sunrise:
6:42 a.m.
Of 174 days in 2000, the sun has shone 171 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

Bravery is believing in yourself, and that is something no one can teach you.

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Civil War general's skull said stolen

ROCHESTER, N.Y. (AP) — The skull of a Civil War general known as an "evil genius" was stolen from his grave in a crime authorities believe may be part of a satanic ritual.

The remains of Gen. Elisha G. Marshall were dug up between 8 p.m. Tuesday and 11:30 a.m. Wednesday at the city's Mt. Hope Cemetery, police said. Some bones were found near the grave site along with satanic symbols.

The grave-robbing occurred during the summer solstice — the day with the longest period of sunshine. Police said they typically find evidence of satanic activities on that day.

"We try to do (details at the cemetery) two or three times a year, depending on the satanic calendar," said Sgt. Dan Magill. "I've been there the last five years during the summer solstice. Unfortunately, we were doing something else that night."

Marshall was born in Rochester in 1829 and graduated from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point. He fought Indians in the West and in some of the bloodiest Civil War battles.

When Marshall was trying to organize the 14th New York Heavy Artillery regiment in Rochester later in the war, he managed to divert recruits from another regiment, leading a historian of the other regiment to describe him as an "evil genius."

"This is very unusual," cemetery manager Nancy Hilliard said. "We get vandalism periodically, but it's substantially less than it used to be. This is the first time I've had a grave dug up."

Berry's World



"The mosquitoes seem to be particularly BAD this year."

Defiant and angry, Graham executed

HUNTSVILLE (AP) — A defiant Gary Graham struggled as he went to his death, insisting he was innocent moments before an execution that presented Gov. George W. Bush with the loudest outcry over capital punishment since he began his run for president.

Graham, 36, received a lethal injection Thursday night for killing a man outside a Houston supermarket in 1981. The state parole board and appeals courts rejected Graham's arguments that he was convicted on shaky evidence from a single eyewitness and that his trial lawyer did a poor job.

Bush, the presumptive Republican presidential nominee, said he supported the execution, the 135th during his 51/2 years in office. He said the case had been reviewed by 33 judges in 19 years.

"Mr. Graham has had full and fair access to state and federal courts," Bush said less than an hour before the execution. "After considering all the facts, I'm confident justice is being done."

Gary Graham promised to "fight like hell" before his death and he did. He resisted coming out of his cell and it took five officers to strap him to a gurney.

"This is what happens to a black man — genocide in America," Graham said in the death chamber, almost spitting out and shouting his words. He called for a moratorium on the death penalty in Texas, which leads the nation with 222 executions since capital punishment resumed here in 1982.

"This is nothing more simple than murder, state-sanctioned murder in America," Graham barked. "They know I'm innocent. They won't acknowledge it."

Last-minute court activity delayed the execution for almost three hours as hundreds of demonstrators ranging from socialists to the Ku Klux Klan waited outside behind barricades and guarded by officers wearing riot gear. There were nine arrests.

Graham was pronounced dead at 8:49 p.m., eight minutes after the lethal drugs began flowing into his arms. Afterward, the Rev. Jesse Jackson, asked by Graham to witness his death, said: "They are using him as a political sacrifice."

Graham was convicted of killing 53-year-old Bobby Lambert of Tucson, Ariz., in a holdup outside the supermarket. He pleaded guilty to 10 robberies during a weeklong rampage around the same time but said he was innocent of the murder.

No physical evidence tied Graham to the killing, and ballistics tests showed that the gun he had when he was arrested was not the murder weapon. But the lone witness who identified him, Bernadine Skillern, has never wavered.

Skillern, who was waiting in her car outside the market while her daughter ran inside, saw the holdup from about 30 feet away. She said the lighting in the parking lot was adequate for her to see Graham.

"I don't feel joy and I don't feel sadness," she said after the execution. "I only feel relief. I hope to get back to my privacy, put this incident behind me and now move on."

Graham also argued that his lawyer during the trial, Ron Mock, should have introduced other witnesses who would say he was not the killer. But those witnesses initially told police they couldn't identify the killer, and prosecutors said they were not actual eyewitnesses.

Mock has said Graham gave him no names of alibi witnesses before the trial. The lawyer said Graham told him only that he had spent the evening with a girlfriend whose description and address he could not remember.

The debate over Graham's case came amid growing questions about the death penalty. Illinois Gov. George Ryan has placed a moratorium on executions, and Bush and Vice President Al Gore have been forced to address the issue as they campaign for president.

Graham's case brought the loudest protests since pickax killer Karla Faye Tucker was executed in 1998, the first woman put to death in Texas since the Civil War era. Bush, dogged recently by Graham demonstrators, said he would treat the case no differently than any other he has considered.

Two years ago, Bush told the parole board to review the case of serial killer Henry Lee Lucas because of questions about Lucas' conviction. His death sentence eventually was commuted to life. This month, Bush granted a condemned man a 30-day reprieve so he could pursue DNA tests.

Bush could not stop Graham's execution because the inmate received a one-time, 30-day gubernatorial reprieve from Bush's predecessor, Ann Richards.

Preceding the 11th-hour legal maneuvers, the Texas Board of Pardons and Paroles rejected by a 17-3 vote Graham's request for a 120-day reprieve. The 18-member, Bush-appointed panel, with one member absent from the vote, also voted 12-5 against a commuted sentence and 17-0 against a pardon.

A few hours later, the U.S. Supreme Court rejected Graham's appeal on a 5-4 vote.

New law in Hawaii aims to slow shark finning

HONOLULU (AP) — A new Hawaii law is intended to curtail the state's lucrative trade in shark fins used for pricey Asian soups and touted as medicinal remedies.

The law says shark fins brought to Hawaiian ports must either be on the shark or, if sliced off, the carcass must be stored aboard the ship.

Because relatively worthless shark carcasses would be displacing prized tuna and swordfish in vessel storage areas, the new law essentially bans shark finning by making it uneconomical, proponents said. Gov. Ben Cayetano signed the bill into law on Thursday.

"It shows the rest of the nation and the world that we take our (responsibility) for preserving our natural resources seriously," said Timothy Johns, director of the state Department of Land and Natural Resources.

Finning primarily involves some 100,000 open ocean blue sharks unintentionally caught each year with tuna and swordfish.

The sharks — which grow to about 13 feet and 400 pounds — are hauled aboard, their fins are sliced off and the sometimes still-living fish are then dumped back into the sea, where they are eaten, bleed to death or drown.

After the federal government banned shark finning along the Atlantic and Gulf coasts in 1993, Hawaii became a key Pacific shipping point, with hundreds of thousands of pounds of dried fins passing through docks each year en route to Asian markets, where they fetch as much as $40 a pound.

The Ocean Wildlife Campaign, a coalition of conservation groups, said the number of sharks killed by Hawaiian longline fisheries climbed from 2,289 in 1991 to 60,857 in 1998, with 98 percent of the sharks killed for their fins.

The Western Pacific Regional Fishery Management Council opposed the ban. The council manages fisheries in the 200-mile Exclusive Economic Zone around the Hawaiian Islands and the U.S. territories of American Samoa, Guam and the Northern Mariana Islands.

The council's executive director, Kitty Simonds, said the group already has a plan in place that limits finning to 50,000 blue sharks each year. The council also contends there is no evidence that the population of Pacific blue sharks is declining.

The council last year said the finning industry generated $1.5 million to Hawaii's economy.

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Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



New stepfather gets an eyeful from daughter home on break

DEAR ABBY: I have a beautiful 20-year-old daughter. She's currently home from college for a break. She spends a great deal of time in our back yard sunning by the pool and swimming. This is fine, but my concern is that she's doing it in the nude.

Now I am far from a prude, Abby, nd do most of my own sunning and swimming in the nude as well. My concern is that I am recently remarried, and my daughter doesn't bother to cover up when my new husband is home. She seems just as comfortable nude in front of him as she is in front of me. This seems odd, because this is only the third or fourth time my daughter has met him.

I am further conflicted because my husband obviously enjoys looking at my daughter while she's naked. She has a great body. My husband has been constantly aroused, and this has been leading to some of the best sex I have ever had. When I thought we were falling into a rut, all of a sudden we're making love twice a day. I love it!

My daughter is home for one more week. I'm not sure whether to say anything to her or not. I'm certainly enjoying the side benefit of her exhibitionism. Should I just enjoy this week knowing that she'll be back at summer school soon? — **CONFUSED BUT ENJOYING**

DEAR CONFUSED: Speak up now. By allowing this to continue, you are playing with dynamite. While your daughter has probably learned the habit of swimming and sunbathing in the nude from you, the fact that she is doing this in front of your new husband — whom she has only recently met — is extremely inappropriate.

Consider the future. What if your daughter decides to spend other vacations with you? You won't be able to let your husband out of your sight. And if he surprises you, and turns out to be capable of making love three times a day, it could mean the end of your marriage.

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DEAR ABBY: My husband and I brought his mom to live with us two years ago. She's almost 88 and could no longer take care of herself. This has totally changed our life. She had been living in another state where her other son is. He comes up to see her every month or so — that's all he does for her.

She went to stay at his home last summer for one week so we could get away. We want to go away again this summer and would like for him to take her. He and his wife are giving us excuse after excuse why they can't. We are upset and feel this is unfair.

Abby, they should work it out. We do everything for Mom and brought her back to better health. What do you suggest we do? — **UPSET IN PENNSYLVANIA**

DEAR UPSET: I agree that taking Mom for one week in the summer so that you and your husband can have a week of respite should not be too much to ask. However, since your brother-in-law and his wife have made it plain that they are not prepared to do so, your only other option is to find someone who's willing to come in and be a companion for Mom while you're away.

Consider contacting the National Federation of Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers. Founded in 1987, through a grant from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, NFIVC helps organize human compassion into caring acts of service for anyone who is chronically ill, frail or alone.

The address is: 1 W. Armour Blvd., Suite 202, Kansas City, MO 64111. The phone number is: (816) 931-5442, and the Web site is: www.nfivc.org.

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Date Book

Friday, June 23, 2000

Today is the 175th day of 2000 and the fourth day of summer.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1846, Antoine Joseph Sax patented the saxophone.

On this day in 1947, Congress overrode President Harry Truman's veto of the Taft-Hartley Act.

On this day in 1987, Tiffany kicked off her legendary "Shopping Mall Tour" at the Bergen Mall in Paramus, N.J.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Edward VIII (1894-1972), English king-abdicator; Alfred Kinsey (1894-1956), sex researcher; Bob Fosse (1927-1987), director-choreographer; June Carter Cash (1929-), singer, is 71; Wilma Rudolph (1940-1994), track-and-field great; James Levine (1943-), conductor, is 57; Ted Shackelford (1946-), actor, is 54; Clarence Thomas (1948-), Supreme Court justice, is 52.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1971, Rick Wise of the Philadelphia Phillies pitched a no-hitter and hit two home runs in a game against Cincinnati. Philadelphia won 4-0.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "The vitality of thought is in adventure. Ideas won't keep. Something must be done about them. When the idea is new, its custodians have fervor, live for it, and, if need be, die for it." — Alfred North Whitehead

TODAY'S MOON: Day before last quarter (June 24).

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News Briefs

Sheriff fails to testify about Columbine

GOLDEN, Colo. (AP) — The sheriff accused of mishandling the Columbine High School shootings did not show up to testify before a governor's commission investigating the rampage.

Jefferson County Sheriff John Stone, who has been named in nine lawsuits filed by 15 families of Columbine victims, did not testify Thursday on the advice of county attorney Frank Hutfless.

Instead, the commission heard from several other officers who defended the police response to the April 20, 1999 shootings. Among them was Arvada police chief Ron Sloan, who was not at Columbine.

"Stone should have been testifying here, not some police chief who wasn't even at Columbine," said Randy Brown, one of the leaders of a recall effort against Stone.

Brown and his wife contend Stone's department failed to follow up on their complaint in 1998 about a Web site on which one of the gunmen, Eric Harris, threatened their son.

"This is the greatest police failure in the history of the United States. If they (commissioners) reach any other conclusion than that, then it's a whitewash," he said.

Commission Chairman William Erickson, a former chief justice of the state Supreme Court, said he will try to change Stone's mind.

Officers who testified Thursday said their job was made harder by the gunmen's determination to kill as many people as they could. Harris and Dylan Klebold killed 12 students and a teacher before killing themselves.

"It broke the rules of police response, because for some unknown reason, with no apparent motive ... their purpose was to exact as much loss of life as humanly possible," Sloan said.

Pentagon won't split fighter contract

FORT WORTH (AP) — The idea of dividing the coveted Joint Strike Fighter contract between defense contractors is being scrapped in favor of a winner-take-all competition between Lockheed Martin Corp. and the Boeing Co., defense officials said Thursday.

At stake is which company will take charge of the $200 billion next-generation fighter program.

Experts said in Friday's editions of The Dallas Morning News said that a competitive scenario might mean the loser of the high-stakes competition is forced out of making fighter jets.

Lockheed Martin Aeronautics Co. of Fort Worth, which employs nearly 11,000, would stand to get a large chunk of the business if its parent wins.

The Pentagon's acquisitions chief, Jacques Gansler, said Thursday that the internal deliberations were resolved in favor of maintaining competition.

"The strategy ... will be a winner-take-all program, which is what we had planned all along and which we still have assessed as the one that seems to make the most sense to us," Gansler said.

The Fort Worth Star-Telegram however reported that a letter to Congress released Thursday by Defense Secretary William Cohen said the Pentagon would continue to evaluate the nature of the competition.

"We will continue to evaluate these options and to develop a comprehensive assessment that our successors can use as they make decisions on the future course of the JSF program," Cohen said in Friday's editions of the Star-Telegram.

Pentagon officials hope to announce the winner in spring 2001. The first phase of the contract is for $19.8 billion, for engineering and manufacturing development.

Program is for nonviolent drug addicts

NEW YORK (AP) — A reform package introduced by the state's top court officials aims to reduce drug addiction and drug-related crimes, saving taxpayers hundred of millions of dollars.

State courts will start using their "coercive" powers immediately to get nonviolent drug offenders into treatment programs, said Chief Judge Judith Kaye, adding that 75 percent of people arrested test positive for drugs.

While accepting treatment is ultimately voluntary, the courts would offer it to every nonviolent drug offender identified, said Jonathan Lippman, the state's chief administrative judge.

The reform package was announced Thursday.

Defendants who opt for treatment would plead guilty and be sentenced for their crimes, then have their sentences deferred pending successful completion of a treatment program. They would then be eligible for a lighter sentence on the original offense.

"For dropouts and failures, there will be immediate incarceration," Lippman said.

The decision comes in response to a 400 percent increase in drug cases over the past 20 years, and is among the recommendations by the state Commission on Drugs and the Courts. Kaye created the 27-member panel last October.

"Drug addicts clog the courts' dockets," the 126-page report said, "and they are often recidivists. An addict who ends up criminally charged is likely to be responsible for multiple drug and drug-related crimes."

The report shows 12 percent of offenders who graduate from drug treatment programs commit more crimes, compared to 35 percent of offenders who test positive for drugs and simply go to jail or are paroled without being treated for substance abuse.

Lippman said the initiative, believed to be the first such statewide program in the country, is expected eventually to cut the recidivism rate by two-thirds and save the state some $500 million a year.

Presbyterians to mull same sex unions

DALLAS (AP) — Members of the Presbyterian Church USA are set to discuss the issue of same-sex unions tomorrow at their national convention in Long Beach, California.

Last month, United Methodists upheld a ban on same-sex commitment ceremonies, also known as holy unions.

However, Presbyterians are in a unique position because their highest court recently ruled that the ceremonies are allowed under the denomination's constitution.

"This is an argument between those who consider purity as the highest virtue and those who consider inclusivity as the highest virtue," The Rev. Blair Monie of Preston Hollow Presbyterian Church in Dallas told his congregation Sunday.

The church court's decision jolted the nation's largest Presbyterian denomination, which has been divided by debate over homosexuality for nearly three decades.

"The fact that the church is even at this point is a sign of our brokenness and fallenness from God," Joe Rightmyer, executive director of Presbyterians for Renewal, a conservative movement in the church, said in Friday's editions of The Dallas Morning News.

Rightmyer said the ruling puts Presbyterians in the position of condoning same-sex relations, which has never been the denomination's stance. He predicted that a majority of Presbyterians won't tolerate the unions.

Opponents of the ruling may try to amend the denomination's constitution to expressly prohibit same-sex ceremonies.

A similar amendment was approved at the 1994 national meeting but wasn't ratified by the required majority of the denomination's 171 presbyteries, or districts.

Millionaire to pay for double transplant

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — An 18-year-old woman with cystic fibrosis will get the double transplant she hopes will save her life. She has a millionaire businessman — and not the state health plan — to thank.

Mark Hemstreet, owner of Shilo Inns, will cover the costs — about $200,000 — for Brandy Stroeder to get new lungs and a new liver.

"He said, 'I'm guaranteeing this kid the surgery,'" David Rogoway, a spokesman for Hemstreet, said Thursday. "He'll cover it, period."

The landmark Oregon Health Plan, which extends Medicaid coverage to about 350,000 low-income state residents, has refused to pay, saying the double transplant is too experimental and too costly. The state did agree last week to pay for an evaluation to determine whether Stroeder is a good candidate for the procedure.

Without the double transplant, Stroeder is expected to die within two years. Hemstreet's offer lifted her spirits.

"That's pretty awesome," she said from her home in McMinnville.

Hemstreet initially proposed paying half the cost of the operation and having the state pick up the other half. He decided to guarantee full payment after the state declined to participate, Rogoway said.

"The state can give money to people with drug problems, pregnant mothers, and such, but this is a human life. Doctors say this could give her quality life for four more years. That's not worth something?" he said.

A spokesman for Gov. John Kitzhaber, a medical doctor who created the Oregon Health Plan, called Hemstreet's offer "a gracious one."

But he also defended the health plan, which made Oregon the first state in the nation to combine state and federal funding to offer health care assistance to the poor.

"It's not within our ability to begin covering experimental procedures even if we're just cost-sharing on these procedures," spokesman Bob Applegate said.

Martin Munguia, spokesman for Oregon Health Sciences University, said the operation costs about $250,000 and Stroeder's family has raised about $65,000 so far.

Stroeder is to be evaluated for a transplant July 17 at Stanford University Medical Center, Rogoway said. The evaluation is a prerequisite for getting on the donor's list.

Michael Gehab, vice president for clinic programs at OHSU, said the average wait for a double transplant could be as long as two years. If Stroeder becomes sicker, she would move up the list to receive organs, he said.

The survival rate for double transplant patients appears to be about 70 percent — similar to the survival rates for lung transplants alone, Gehab said.

Shilo Inns, headquartered in Beaverton, is the largest privately owned hospitality chain in the West. It operates 48 hotels in Oregon, Washington, California, Idaho, Wyoming, Nevada, Montana, Utah and Arizona.

On the Net: Oregon Health Plan:
http://www.omap.hr.state.or.us/clientinfo/3256web0400.pdf

Cable ruling could open competition

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — Despite losing the fight to regulate AT&T Corp.'s cable network, city officials say their battle will nevertheless open up competition among Internet service providers.

The 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in San Francisco decided Thursday that the AtHome cable Internet service offered by AT&T was really a telecommunications service — meaning it is subject only to Federal Communications Commission control, not the city's.

The court rejected a federal judge's ruling last June that Portland had the right to regulate the cable TV system AT&T acquired with its purchase of Tele-Communications Inc., known as TCI.

AT&T had sued Portland, claiming it was still a cable TV service that could close access to competitors because it was simply delivering information. At the time, AT&T was transforming the system to a two-way interactive system that can also accommodate telephone service.

"I think the irony is that AT&T suing us forced open access," city commissioner Erik Sten said. "Had we not stood up to AT&T, competitors probably would not have bothered to come to Portland."

AT&T said it got the ruling it was seeking all along — namely, that cities and counties had no authority to regulate its cable system.

"It simply validates our conclusion about what the law says," said Jim Cicconi, AT&T general counsel. "We won the case."

But Greg Simon, co-director of the openNet Coalition, which was backing Portland, said AT&T was trying to avoid federal regulation and ended up putting itself squarely under the thumb of the FCC.

"If you read their press release they say they won because Portland can't regulate them as a cable company and their stock went up two dollars," Simon said.

"But I don't think their stock will go up when they give the rest of the story," he said. "They lost. The 9th Circuit has said, 'You're open now!'"

FCC Chairman William Kennard issued a statement saying that federal policy will continue to "promote choice" and that consumers "should be able to point, click and choose their Internet service provider."

The FCC has been leery of creating regulations that might stifle this emerging technology. As AT&T argued in its appeal, the FCC has deliberately taken a hands-off approach to regulating cable access to the Internet after the Telecommunications Act of 1996.

On the Net:
9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals:
http://www.ce9.uscourts.gov

Bridge

By Phillip Alder



	North	06-23-00	
	♠ 5		
	♥ A K Q		
	♦ A 10 6 5 4		
	♣ Q 10 9 8		
West		**East**	
♠ K J 9 8 6 3		♠ 10	
♥ J 7 3		♥ 4 2	
♦ K Q 7		♦ J 9 8 3 2	
♣ 3		♣ 7 6 5 4 2	
	South		
	♠ A Q 7 4 2		
	♥ 10 9 8 6 5		
	♦ ---		
	♣ A K J		

Vulnerable: Both
Dealer: South

South	West	North	East
1 ♠	Pass	2 ♦	Pass
2 ♥	Pass	3 NT	Pass
4 ♥	Pass	5 ♥	Pass
6 ♥	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♦ K

Sad news from Down Under

By Phillip Alder

On Feb. 18, Bruce Bell, a long-time friend from New Zealand, died aged 89. He is one of only five people (to my knowledge) who have been decorated by Queen Elizabeth II for services to bridge, winning an MBE in 1979.

He was one of his homeland's best players, but he had one theory with which I do not agree: that every four-club bid in a constructive auction asks for aces. Still, while researching his bridge life, I found two interesting deals, which I will feature today and tomorrow.

Bell was the declarer in this six-heart contract. How would you try to bring home 12 tricks? West leads the diamond king. (Did he have a more effective opening salvo?)

North did well to raise to five hearts, and Bell raced on to six with his good controls, confident he would see strong hearts in the dummy.

With such a powerful spade holding, West should have led a trump. Yet if he had, as someone probably once said, there would have been no story.

After West's diamond lead, Bell ruffed, played a trump to dummy's queen, ruffed a second diamond, led another heart to the dummy, ruffed a third diamond, and crossed to dummy by overtaking the club jack with the queen. The last trump was drawn and the diamond ace taken, Bell discarding the ace and king of clubs from his hand! Dummy's three high clubs were cashed, a spade was led to the ace, and the last trick was conceded. It was a most unusual dummy reversal.

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Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Saturday, June 24, 2000

You'll be in a good achievement cycle in the year ahead, so make the most of it. Elevate your objectives and try to improve upon that which you've accomplished in the past.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Don't go to extremes guarding your self-interests today. Keep everything in perspective and don't overemphasize the importance of your affairs. Consider others as well. Trying to patch up a broken romance? The Astro-Graph Matchmaker can help you understand what to do to make the relationship work. Mail $2.75 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Even though something you do might not serve your best interest today and you know it, you may do it anyway. You'll only have yourself to blame for the consequences.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) When it comes to necessities, you're a pretty good manager of your funds today, but where luxury items are concerned, you might be inclined to pay more than they're worth.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Abdicating your right to make an important decision could cause you complications you never fully considered. Don't leave anything up to surrogates.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Be very careful today not to behave in a manner where others might think you're behaving in a superior way toward them. This is a mode you could slip into without realizing it.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) It's essential you have a capable counterpart today should you want to enter into a financial venture with another. The actions of this person will have a profound effect on the outcome.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Take control of developments today where you need to weigh and analyze all of the aspects at your own pace. Under pressure, you may not make the best decisions.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) No one will make you pledge your services today, but you will be the master of your fate should you decide to do so. You're not apt to be forgiven if you then fail to fulfill the commitment.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) This is not one of those days were you can rely on your usual accurate hunches you normally get about things. You could confuse irrational urges with intuitive perceptions.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) By your very nature you are a self-starter who doesn't have to be told what to do, but today someone may think you need a push, causing you to do nothing in defiance. Don't waste precious time.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Your excellent imagination might work against you today by causing you to focus on imaginary wrongs, instead of on what you might, in reality, be dealing with today.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Consider it to be a sacred trust when handling another's resources today. Keep your focus and bend over backward to live up to the faith and obligation placed in your hands.

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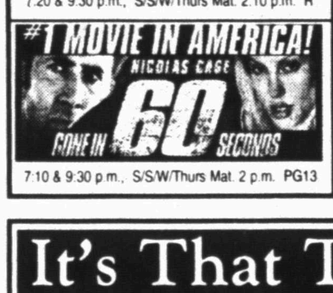

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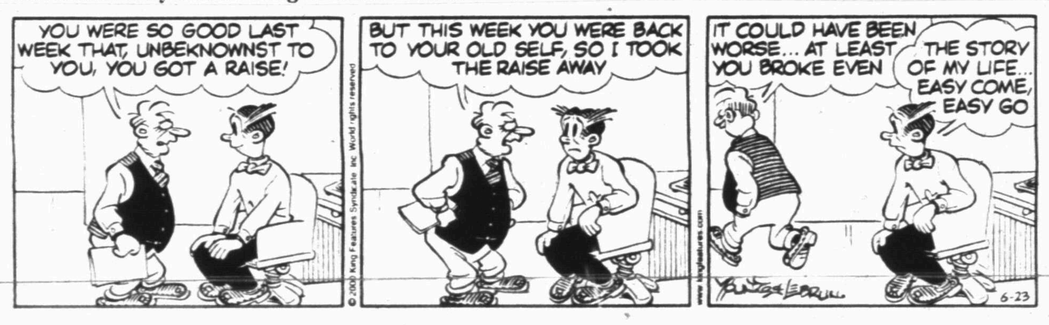

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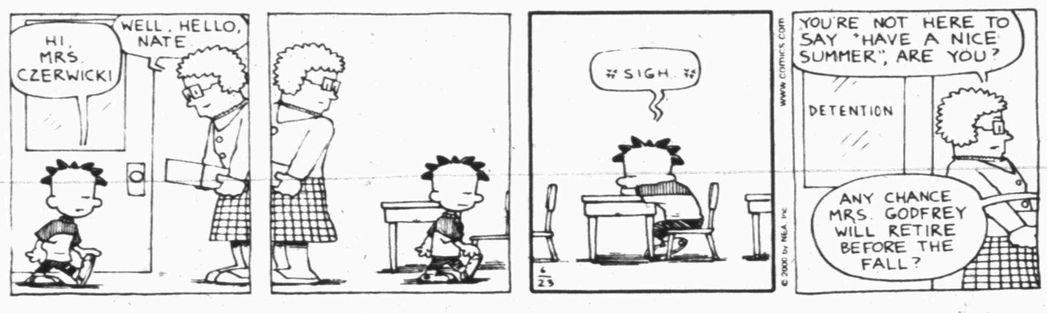

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KIT 'N' CARLYLE ® by Larry Wright



NEA Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

1 Body organs
7 Easter flowers
13 Slow musical movement
14 Rootlessness
15 "The Lives of a — Lancer"
16 Flight to escape danger
17 View
18 Small island
20 After expenses
21 Needing to scratch
25 Some literary devices
28 Tori's dad
32 Houseboat
33 Wedding star
34 Plant firmly
35 High up (2 wds.)
36 Bold
37 Unpaid debts
39 Most concise
41 Mist
44 — out (stretch)
45 Espionage org.
48 Answerable
51 Illuminates
54 United
55 Texas city (2 wds.)
56 Stockings
57 Himalayan cedar

DOWN

1 Science rooms
2 — fixe (obsession)
3 Wind indicator
4 Scramble it!
5 Small inlet
6 Comfort
7 Actress Christine —
8 Like (suff.)
9 Journal
10 "— — the Mood for Love"
11 Ireland
12 Chair
19 Letters on a cross
21 Swallow
22 Fabric-coloring method
23 Actor Jim —
24 January birthstone
25 Wading bird
26 Incarnation of Vishnu
27 Globes
29 Ms. Hayworth
30 Aroma
31 Knots in cotton fiber
37 Request
38 Staggered
40 Orchestra section
41 Custardy dessert
42 Greasy
43 Nerve
45 Actor Lowe
46 "— — Wonderful Life"
47 Hebrew lyre
49 Life story, for short
50 Bernstein, to friends
52 — de France
53 Mail center abbr.

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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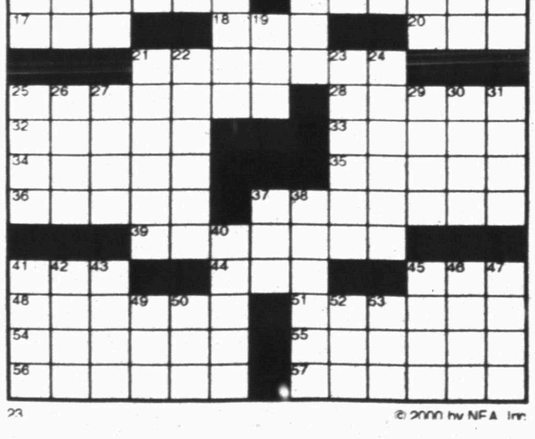

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Snyder Daily News Comics

DENNIS THE MENACE ® by Hank Ketcham



"HE DOESN'T LOOK FULL OF HOT AIR TO ME, DAD."

SPORTS

Rangers let victory slip away

ARLINGTON (AP) — Thanks to Butch Huskey's legs, the Minnesota Twins avoided a series sweep.

Huskey scored from second as a teammate was caught in a rundown in the ninth inning, lifting the Twins over the Texas Rangers 3-2 Thursday night.

After Huskey doubled off Tim Crabtree (1-4) to lead off the ninth, pinch-hitter Denny Hocking walked. Chad Moeller grounded to second base, and Hocking avoided the tag of Frank Catalanotto, who threw to first to retire Moeller. Hocking was then caught in a rundown between Rangers first baseman Rafael Palmeiro and shortstop Royce Clayton.

After Palmeiro chased Hocking toward second, Palmiero threw to Clayton. Huskey hit third just as Clayton received the throw, and once Huskey saw Clayton relay back to Palmeiro, Huskey alertly took off for home.

He beat Palmeiro's throw home by a step and slid under Ivan Rodriguez's tag for the go-ahead run.

"You work on that in spring training," Huskey said. "I just had to make sure Royce gave the ball up. Once he released the ball, I knew it was going to be bang-bang, so I had to slide outside the tag."

Minnesota had lost the first two games of the three-game series to Texas.

"I was shaking hands in the dugout and I said, 'Man, there's a lot of sweaty palms in here,'" Twins manager Tom Kelly said. "Dennis did a good job of avoiding the tag at second base, and Butch did a good job of sliding."

LaTroy Hawkins (2-2) retired the last batter in the eighth, and Eddie Guardado got one out in the ninth. Bob Wells got the last two outs with runners on the corners for his fourth save in six opportunities.

The game turned into a surprise pitching duel when two emergency starters took a 2-2 game into the eighth.

Texas starter Matt Perisho and Minnesota's Joe Mays were forced into duty because of injuries to both scheduled starters.

Perisho, who gave up five hits and two runs in seven innings, replaced scheduled starter Darren Oliver, who was placed on the 15-day disabled list Wednesday because of weakness in his left shoulder. Perisho walked two and struck out four.

"I felt like I did my job," Perisho said. "We made them earn their runs."

Mays held the Rangers to two runs on eight hits before he was replaced by Travis Miller at the start of the eighth. Mays was pushed up in the rotation when scheduled starter Eric Milton was hit in his pitching hand Tuesday while standing the outfield during batting practice. Mays walked four and struck out two.

The Rangers took a 2-1 lead on Rodriguez's 23rd home run, an opposite-field shot in the fifth inning. Rodriguez, the 1999 AL MVP, is second in the league in homers. He trails Toronto's Carlos Delgado, who has 25.

The Twins answered in the sixth when Corey Koskie's bunt single scored Matt Lawton from third. Lawton singled to start the inning and moved to third on two infield groundouts.

Ron Coomer's second-inning homer, his ninth of the year, gave the Twins a 1-0 lead. The right-handed first baseman is 7-for-10 with three RBIs in his career against Perisho.

The Rangers tied it 1-1 in the third when Palmeiro singled home Catalanotto, who singled, stole second and reached third on a throwing error by Twins rookie catcher Moeller.

Berkman boosts Astros in 6-3 win over Dodgers

HOUSTON (AP) — Houston Astros manager Larry Dierker likes what he sees in Lance Berkman this season.

"He looks like a professional hitter, last year he looked like a guy who was just hanging on," Dierker said after Berkman's three-run homer in the first inning helped the Astros to a 6-3 victory over the Los Angeles Dodgers on Thursday night.

"He has a lot of power and is more disciplined at the plate than last year. He is sticking with a plan and trying to get pitches he can hit."

Berkman, who has seven home runs and 23 RBIs since being called up from AAA New Orleans on May 25, agrees with Dierker's analysis.

"It's just part of the maturing process. A lot of it is just getting the at-bats and getting to play every day," Berkman said.

"When you see a lot of pitchers, you learn to make adjustments. This is a game of adjustments."

Berkman was 3-for-3, matching his career high for hits in a game.

Scott Elarton went eight innings, his longest outing of the year, limiting the Dodgers to four hits, tying his season best.

Elarton (5-3) struck out six and walked only one while facing the Dodgers for the first time in his career.

Elarton allowed one earned run, also matching his best of the season, set May 4 at Chicago, as he ran his record to 4-0 at home.

"Outside of the walk and two hits he allowed in the fifth inning, that was about as good as you can pitch," Dierker said. "Elarton was outstanding. He had great command of his fastball and he kept it out of the hitting zone."

The Dodgers were impressed, too.

He throws in the low 90s, but the ball gets on you real quick," Gary Sheffield said.

Sheffield hit his fourth homer in three days against the Astros, raising his season total to 24 and extending his hitting streak to 12 games.

There have been 116 home runs in 34 games at Enron Field, just two short of last season's total in the Astrodome.

"The key is that I have been seeing the ball real good. When you swing at strikes, good things are going to happen. That's what I have been doing. I just want to ride it as long as I can," Sheffield said.

Darren Dreifort (4-6) lost his third straight decision and for the fifth time in his last six. Dreifort gave up five runs and five hits.

Comedian Miller joins 'MNF' booth

NEW YORK (AP) — What's next, Chris Rock at the British Open?

In a bid to reverse sliding ratings, ABC Sports brought aboard Dennis Miller as part of a drastic reworking of its "Monday Night Football" broadcast team.

Yes, THAT Dennis Miller — the former regular on "Saturday Night Live" and host of his own HBO comedy show. The Dennis Miller known for his sarcastic rantings and obscure references.

Hall of Fame quarterback Dan Fouts, a reserved analyst with experience calling NFL and college football, will also join play-by-play announcer Al Michaels — the lone holdover from last season — in the broadcast booth.

Miller's "role will not be to do Xs-and-Os, nor will it be to do stand-up comedy," Don Ohlmeyer, the show's producer, said Thursday. "Our goal was to try and put together a team that has distinctive voices, distinctive personalities, distinctive points of view."

Eric Dickerson, like Fouts a member of the Pro Football Hall of Fame, and ESPN's Melissa Stark join the show as sideline reporters, replacing Lesley Visser.

Housecleaning at "Monday Night Football" began in March, when color analyst Boomer Esiason was fired after two seasons, and Ohlmeyer, the show's producer in the 1970s, was brought back.

Ohlmeyer, who hand-picked the new crew, had vowed to get viewers talking about the show the way they did when Howard Cosell and Don Meredith were on ABC's NFL team.

Miller's selection might do just that — at the risk of alienating viewers who prefer their football announcers with a background in the game.

"We want a telecast that's relevant, successful and unpredictable," Ohlmeyer said. "If it doesn't work out, no amount of buzz will save us."

The Nielsen ratings for "Monday Night Football" have decreased each of the past five seasons, from an average of 17.8 with a booth of Michaels, Dan Dierdorf and Frank Gifford in 1994, to last season's record-low for the program of 13.7 with Michaels and Esiason. A rating point represents 1 percent of U.S. TV homes.

"'Monday Night Football' was not as special as it used to be and that's why we've taken the dramatic steps we've taken," ABC Sports president Howard Katz said. "We wanted to remove some of the sameness. We wanted to reinvent a little bit."

About 20 people were in contention for each of the new spots in the booth, and auditioned by "calling" a tape of last year's AFC playoff game between Buffalo and Tennessee with Michaels.

Bombastic talk show host Rush Limbaugh was "seriously considered," Ohlmeyer said, adding, "I'm hopeful that Rush will do some appearances for the show in some capacity."

Miller insisted he would not try to dominate the air time.

"I'm going to try to stay in the background and ask questions a fan would ask," Miller said. "The rants are my HBO show and I won't try to recreate that. I'm going to try to integrate myself in a three-man scheme."

The new trio will start working together next week, Ohlmeyer said, and the show returns to the air Sept. 4, with Denver playing Super Bowl champion St. Louis.

Sports Briefs

Jr. tennis camp scheduled

The Tiger Junior Tennis Camp will begin Monday and run through next Friday at Snyder Tennis Complex behind the junior high.

All incoming sixth through ninth graders are eligible to participate, and cost of the camp is $100.

For more information, call Brad Wikse at 573-5420.

Snyder volleyball camp set

Snyder Volleyball Camp will be held July 17-20 at the SHS gym. All incoming fifth through ninth grade girls are eligible.

The camp will meet from 9 a.m. until noon each day, and will cover technique, drills and team volleyball skills.

Cost is $40, and includes a camp T-shirt. Registration deadline is July 15. To sign up call Patty Grimmett at 573-9416.

Basketball tourney slated

The Boys and Girls Club will host a 5-on-5 basketball tournament July 14-15. Incoming seventh, eighth and ninth graders are eligible to participate.

Format will be double elimination, with teams divided into boys' and girls' divisions. Entry fee is $100 per team. Registration deadline is Tuesday.

For more information call the boys club at 573-3344.

Dates set for basketball camp

The Bubba Edwards Basketball Camp will begin Tuesday and run through next Friday for incoming third through seventh grade boys and girls.

The camp will meet from 9 a.m. until noon each day at the Ira High School gym. Cost is $40 and includes a camp T-shirt.

For more information, contact Coach Edwards at 573-2628 or 573-2227.

Ladies' Pumpjack upcoming

The Ladies' Pumpjack Golf Tournament will be Tuesday at Snyder Country Club.

To register call the SCC pro shop at 573-7101, or Martha Fagin at 573-2545.

SCC holds weekly events

The Men's Golf Association of Snyder Country Club will hold a Tuesday evening scramble and a Thursday MGA event. Play starts at 5:30 both days.

Horseshoe pitching held weekly

Snyder Slingers Horseshoe Club has league play at 7 p.m. Thursdays at the courts adjacent to the coliseum.

For more information, call T.C. Nunn at 573-6710 or Terry Duncan at 573-5589.

Volleyball event set four July 4th

A co-ed volleyball tournament will be held on July 4th. Teams will consist of eight players, and entry fee is $70 per team. For more information, call Louis Alaniz at 573-7321, or Chad Welch at 573-6058.

Bird turns down front office

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Already off the court as coach, Larry Bird said he had turned down a front-office job with the Indiana Pacers and would not take any other job in the NBA for at least a year.

Players withdraw from draft

NEW YORK (AP) — Freshmen Jason Kapono of UCLA and Kenny Satterfield of Cincinnati were among seven college players who have withdrawn their names from the early entry list for the NBA draft.

Juniors Brian Merriweather of Texas-Pan American and Jeryl Sasser of Southern Methodist were also on the list released by the NBA. The others were sophomores D.A. Layne of Georgia, Karim Shabazz of Providence and Joe White of Texas A&M.

Rios won't make Wimbledon

WIMBLEDON, England (AP) — Marcelo Rios withdrew from Wimbledon with a reported upper leg injury. Rios, runner-up in the 1998 Australian Open, withdrew from Wimbledon last year with a last-minute injury.

Major League Baseball

American League
All Times EDT

East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Boston	37	31	.544	—
New York	36	31	.537	½
Toronto	39	34	.534	½
Baltimore	30	40	.429	8
Tampa Bay	28	42	.400	10

Central Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Chicago	46	26	.639	—
Cleveland	37	32	.536	7½
Kansas City	34	36	.486	11
Minnesota	31	42	.425	15½
Detroit	27	40	.403	16½

West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Oakland	42	29	.592	—
Seattle	40	30	.571	1½
Anaheim	37	34	.521	5
Texas	33	37	.471	8½

Wednesday's Games

Toronto 6, Detroit 0
Boston 9, N.Y. Yankees 7
Cleveland 8, Chicago White Sox 6
Texas 7, Minnesota 5
Seattle 8, Tampa Bay 5
Oakland 10, Baltimore 3
Anaheim 3, Kansas City 1

Thursday's Games

Toronto 7, Detroit 4
Boston 4, N.Y. Yankees 2
Chicago White Sox 6, Cleveland 0
Minnesota 3, Texas 2
Seattle 11, Baltimore 4
Anaheim 4, Kansas City 3

Friday's Games

Detroit (Blair 3-1) at Cleveland (Navarro 0-0), 7:05 p.m.
Boston (Wasdin 0-2) at Toronto (Castillo 3-5), 7:05 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Ford 0-0) at Chicago White Sox (Parque 7-2), 8:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Lidle 0-2) at Texas (Helling 7-6), 8:35 p.m.
Baltimore (Erickson 3-4) at Seattle (Meche 3-4), 10:05 p.m.
Kansas City (Durbin 1-2) at Oakland (Appier 7-3), 10:05 p.m.
Minnesota (Ryan 0-0) at Anaheim (Etherton 2-1), 10:05 p.m.

Saturday's Games

Detroit at Cleveland, 1:05 p.m.
Baltimore at Seattle, 4:05 p.m.
Kansas City at Oakland, 4:05 p.m.
Boston at Toronto, 4:05 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees at Chicago White Sox, 7:05 p.m.
Detroit at Cleveland, 7:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Texas, 8:35 p.m.
Minnesota at Anaheim, 10:05 p.m.

Sunday's Games

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

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East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Atlanta	44	28	.611	—
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Montreal	36	33	.522	6½
Florida	35	38	.479	9½
Philadelphia	29	41	.414	14

Central Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
St. Louis	41	30	.577	—
Cincinnati	34	36	.486	6½
Pittsburgh	31	40	.437	10
Chicago	30	41	.422	11
Milwaukee	30	42	.417	11½
Houston	26	45	.366	15

West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Arizona	41	30	.577	—
Colorado	38	29	.567	1
Los Angeles	38	32	.543	2½
San Francisco	34	34	.500	5½
San Diego	31	39	.443	9½

Wednesday's Games

Pittsburgh 8, Montreal 3
Chicago Cubs 8, Atlanta 1
Florida 5, Milwaukee 4
Colorado 6, Cincinnati 4
Philadelphia 10, N.Y. Mets 5
Los Angeles 7, Houston 6
San Francisco 4, St. Louis 1
Arizona 11, San Diego 8

Thursday's Games

Atlanta 6, Chicago Cubs 4
Montreal 6, Pittsburgh 5
Milwaukee 6, Florida 1
N.Y. Mets 5, Philadelphia 4
Cincinnati 5, Colorado 3
Houston 6, Los Angeles 3
St. Louis 11, San Francisco 10

Friday's Games

Philadelphia (Coggin 0-0) at Montreal (Vazquez 6-3), 7:05 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (Lieber 5-4) at Florida (Penny 3-6), 7:05 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Arroyo 0-0) at N.Y. Mets (BJ Jones 1-3), 7:10 p.m.
San Diego (Eaton 1-0) at Cincinnati (Bell 4-6), 7:35 p.m.
Milwaukee (Bere 4-6) at Atlanta (Burkett 5-3), 7:40 p.m.
San Francisco (Hernandez 5-6) at Houston (Lima 1-10), 8:05 p.m.
Los Angeles (Park 9-4) at St. Louis (An.Benes 7-3), 8:10 p.m.
Colorado (Bohanon 3-4) at Arizona (Anderson 6-2), 10:05 p.m.

Saturday's Games

Los Angeles at St. Louis, 1:15 p.m.
Philadelphia at Montreal, 1:35 p.m.
San Francisco at Houston, 4:05 p.m.
Chicago Cubs at Florida, 7:05 p.m.
San Diego at Cincinnati, 7:05 p.m.
Pittsburgh at N.Y. Mets, 7:10 p.m.
Milwaukee at Atlanta, 7:10 p.m.
Colorado at Arizona, 10:05 p.m.

Sunday's Games

Chicago Cubs at Florida, 1:05 p.m.
Pittsburgh at N.Y. Mets, 1:10 p.m.
Milwaukee at Atlanta, 1:10 p.m.
San Diego at Cincinnati, 1:15 p.m.
Philadelphia at Montreal, 1:35 p.m.
Los Angeles at St. Louis, 2:10 p.m.
San Francisco at Houston, 3:05 p.m.
Colorado at Arizona, 8:05 p.m.

Sanders moved off disabled list

CINCINNATI (AP) — Deion Sanders has been moved off the Cincinnati Reds' disabled list, officially ending his latest flirtation with baseball.

General manager Jim Bowden said Thursday that Sanders has been shifted to a restricted list, which maintains the team's rights to the outfielder. Sanders was on that list before he decided to try to resume the baseball career he abandoned in 1997.

The move means that Sanders no longer gets paid his baseball salary. Sanders also would miss out on a $500,000 buyout tied to the rest of his contract.

Sanders' contract included a $300,000 salary as long as he remained on the disabled list, jumping to $600,000 if he was activated and added to the Reds' roster.

The contract also included mutual options for each of the next three seasons. If Sanders wanted to continue playing and the Reds agreed to let him, he would have made $3 million in 2001, $4 million in 2002 and $5 million in 2003.

If Sanders wanted to play but the Reds didn't want him, the club would have had to buy out the option for $500,000. The move to the restricted list makes the buyout a moot point.

Sanders, 32, quit playing for the Reds in 1997 to become a full-time cornerback with the Dallas Cowboys. The Reds kept him on a restricted list and gave him the chance to resume his career this spring.

He signed a minor league contract on Jan 20 and had arthroscopic knee surgery four days later to repair torn cartilage, an injury resulting from his football career.

Sanders couldn't run when spring training began and started the season on the disabled list.

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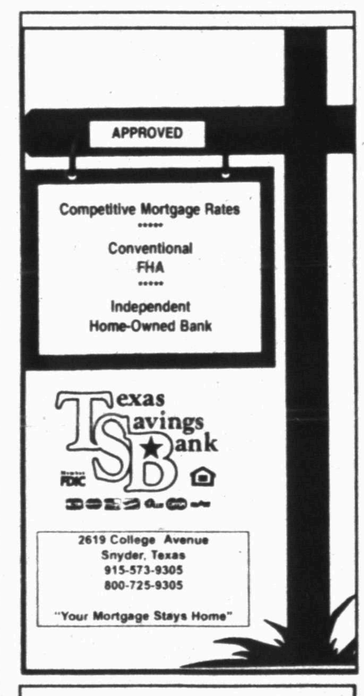

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AMR Corp s	28 1-16	27 3-16	27 7/8 +	1/4
AT&T Corp	35 3/4	34 3-16	35 3-16—	13-16
Albertsons	36 1-16	34 15-16	35 7/8 +	5/8
Alltel	67	66	66 1/2 +	9-16
AmerOnline s	56 11-16	54 3/4	54 7/8—	1 3/8
AndarkPtr	50 11-16	49 9-16	50 1/2 +	3/4
ATMOS Egy	19 7/8	19 3/4	19 3/4—	1/4
Aviall	5 7/8	5 3/4	5 13-16	
BP Amoco s	58 3-16	57 3/4	58 1/8 +	3-16
BakerHughes	35 1-16	34 1-16	34 11-16 +	5/8
Bank of Amer	48 1/2	47 3/4	48 1/8 +	1 1/8
BellAtl	58 1/4	57 1/8	58 3-16	
BellSouth	44 15-16	44 3/8	44 13-16—	5-16
Beth Steel	3 3/4	3 11-16	3 3/4 +	1-16
BurlNoSFe	22 5-16	22	22 3-16 +	1/8
Caterpillar	35 1/8	34 1/2	34 9-16 +	1/8
Chevron	90 1/2	89 7-16	90 1/4 +	11-16
Citigroup	62 3/4	61 7/8	62 3/8 +	3/8
Coastal	58 1/2	57 3/4	57 13-16 +	3-16
CocaCola	57 1-16	55 3/4	57 +	3/8
ColgatePal	56 1-16	55 3/4	55 9-16—	7-16
ComclMetals	25 3/4	25 5-16	25 11-16—	5-16
Cooperin	32 3/4	31 15-16	32 1-16 +	1/8
DaimlrChry	52 11-16	52 3/8	52 7-16 +	1/8
DallSemicn s	42	40 11-16	41 —	1/2
DeltaAirl	52 3-16	50 3/4	52 +	3/8
Dillards Inc	13 1/4	13 1/8	13 1/4 +	1-16
DowChem s	33 3-16	32 3/8	32 3/4—	3/8
DuPont	46 1/4	45 1/8	45 9-16 +	1-16
EastmanChem	46 5-16	46 1-16	46 3-16 +	1/4
EstKodak	58 7-16	57 3/8	58 3/8 +	1/2
EDS Corp	39 11-16	38 3/4	39 1-16 +	1-16
Entergy	29 11-16	29 3-16	29 1/4—	1-16
ExxonMobil	83 3/4	83	83 1/2 +	13-16
Flowers	19 1/2	18 13-16	19 1/4—	3-16
FordMotor	44 1/4	43 11-16	44 3-16 +	1/2
GTE Cp	70 3/4	70	70 9-16—	7-16
GenDynam	53 15-16	52 3/4	53 3/8 +	13-16
GenlElec s	49 1/2	48 9-16	49 1/2 +	3/4
GenMills s	38 3/8	37 13-16	38 1-16 +	1/8
GenMotors	61 3/8	60 3-16	61 3/8 +	1 3/8
GaPacGP	27 5-16	26 7-16	26 13-16 +	9-16
GlobalMar	29 15-16	29 1/8	29 3/8 +	3/4
Goodrich	33 15-16	33 1/8	33 15-16 +	5-16
Goodyear s	23	22 1/4	22 1/8 +	1/2
GtAtlPac	18	17 13-16	18 +	3-16
Halliburtn	49 1/4	47 3/8	48 3/4 +	1 3-16
Hanson ADS	36 1/8	36 1-16	36 1-16—	5-16
HarteHanks	25 1/4	25 1-16	25 1/8—	1/8
HomeDepot s	48 1/8	47 1/4	47 11-16—	3-16
HoneywellIntl	35 7-16	34 9-16	35 1/4 +	1/4
IBM	113 3/4	112 9-16	112 13-16 +	1 5-16
IntlPaper	31 3/4	31 1/8	31 1/8—	1/2
JohnsonJn	89 7-16	88 11-16	89 3/8 +	13-16
K mart	7 1/8	7	7 1-16 +	1/8
Kroger Co	22 1/8	20 7-16	21 11-16 +	1
Litton	44 1/8	43 7-16	44 +	3/8
LockheedM	23 15-16	23 11-16	23 15-16 +	1/4
Lowes Cos	42 3/8	41 1/4	41 11-16—	7-16
Lubys	8 3-16	7 13-16	7 15-16—	1/4
LucentTech	61 7/8	61 3-16	61 9-16 +	1-16
MayDeptStr	25 7-16	25 1-16	25 3/8 +	3-16
Medtronic s	48 1/2	47 1/2	48 1-16 +	1-16
MorganJP	118 3/8	116 7-16	118 3/4 +	2 11-16
Motorola s	33 11-16	32 13-16	33 3-16—	3/8
NCR Corp	40	39 7-32	40	
Navistar	30 11-16	30 7-16	30 3/8 +	3-16
Penney JC	17 3-16	16 3/4	17	
PepBoys	6 9-16	6 1/4	6 1/4—	1/4
PepsiCo	42 3-16	41 9-16	41 11-16—	1/4
Pharmacia	53 1/2	52 1/8	53 5-16 +	1 9-16
PhelpDodge	40 11-16	40 1/4	40 7-16	
PhilipPet	55 1/8	54 5-16	55 1-16 +	3/8
PilgrmPrd B	7 1-16	6 3/4	6 3/4—	1/8
Polaroid	18 1/4	17 13-16	17 7/8 +	1-16
Praxair	38 5-16	37 5-16	37 3/4 +	7-16
ProctGamb	55 7-16	54 1/4	55 1/4 +	1 1/8
PubS NwMx	16 1-16	15 3/4	16 1-16 +	5-16
RadioShack	46	45 1/4	45 1/8—	1/4
ReliantEngy	30	29 3/8	29 15-16 +	3/8
RoyalDut	62 7-16	61 9-16	62 1/4 +	1 3-16
SBC Comm	49	48 1/2	49 —	1/8
SaraLee	18 3/8	18 1-16	18 3-16—	1-16
Scripps EW	48 1/2	48 1/8	48 1/4—	7-16
SearsRoeb	31 13-16	31 5-16	31 3/4 +	7-16
SherwinW	22 9-16	22 1/8	22 3-16—	1/8
SmithkiBchm	63 3/8	62 1/2	63 3/8—	1/4
SouthernCo	25	24 11-16	25 +	1/8
SwstAirl s	19 7-16	19	19 1-16—	1/4
SprintFON	60 3/4	59 1/2	59 13-16 +	3-16
SprintPCS s	62 3/4	61 3/4	62 +	3-16
Sunoco Inc	31 15-16	30 15-16	31 13-16 +	1 1-16
TXU Corp	32 1/2	31 3/8	32 7-16 +	9-16
TempleInland	42 1/4	41 13-16	41 7/8 +	1/4
Texaco	57 1-16	56 1/8	56 3/4 +	1/2
TexInd	29	28 13-16	28 13-16—	3-16
TexasInst s	79 1/2	77 1/2	77 3/8—	1 1/8
Textron	55 11-16	54 3/4	55 1/4 +	1 3-16
TriconGlbR	27 1/4	27 1-16	27 1/4 +	1/8
TrinityInds	19	18 11-16	19 +	5-16
TritonEngy	37 3/4	37 1/4	37 11-16 +	7-16
TylerTech	3 1/2	3 3/8	3 1/2 +	3-16
US West Inc	87 1/8	85 11-16	86 3/8—	9-16
USX-Marathn	27 13-16	26 15-16	27 3/4 +	9-16
USX-USS	19 3-16	18 7/8	19 +	3-16
UnCarbde	51 9-16	50 7-16	50 13-16—	7-16
UnionPacif	39 3-16	39	39 3-16 +	1/4
UnitedTech	56 15-16	55 13-16	56 13-16 +	5-16
Unocal	35 9-16	34 13-16	35 7-16 +	5/8
Venator Grp	10 5/8	10 9-16	10 5/8—	1-16
WalMart	53 3/4	52 7/8	53 3/4 +	1 5-16
WellsFargo	40 5-16	39 3/4	39 7/8	
WstnGasRs	21 3-16	21 1/8	21 3-16 +	1-16
WinnDixie	14 7/8	14 7-16	14 1/2—	3/8
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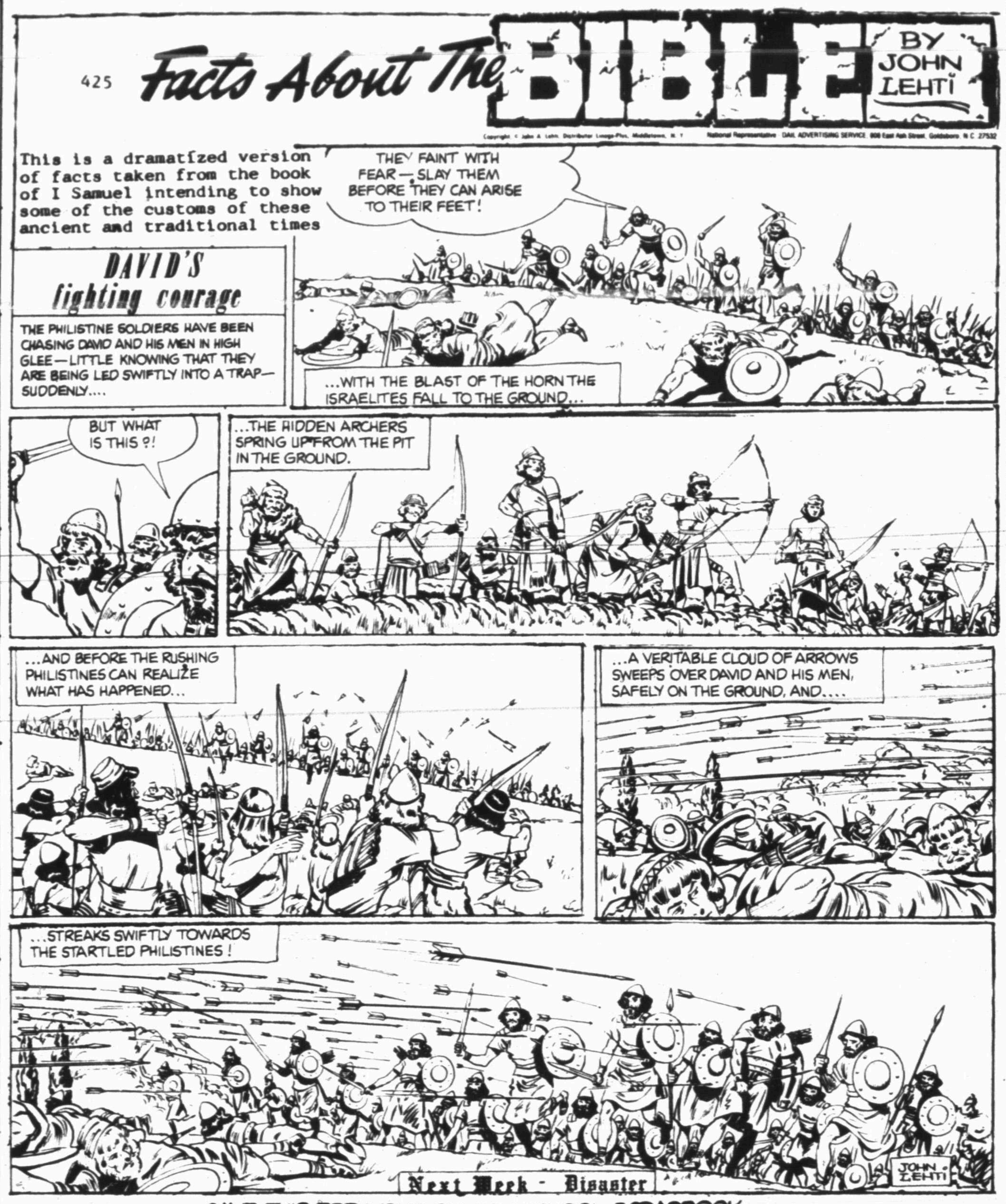

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Death penalty to follow Bush through campaign

AUSTIN (AP) — Gary Graham may be dead, but debate over capital punishment will shadow Texas Gov. George W. Bush's White House bid because his home state is scheduled to execute an average of one man a week through Election Day.

Bush has shrugged off doubts about the fairness of the justice system, saying he knows of no innocent person executed in the state. And he attributes the case's international attention to the "emotionality" of the issue.

"I recognize there are good people who oppose the death penalty. I've heard their message and I respect their heartfelt point of view," Bush told reporters in a statement near his suite in the Capitol, as Graham was being removed from his cell and prepared for execution in Huntsville.

The governor was resolute in his support of the execution.

"After considering all the facts, I am confident justice is being done," he said. "May God bless the victims, the families of the victims and may God bless Mr. Graham."

Graham at that point had minutes to deliver an angry diatribe against capital punishment before being put to death by lethal injection. At 8:49 p.m., his case was over.

But as Bush runs for president, he remains governor of a state that has put more people to death in the last two decades than any other.

His handling of the furor over how the death penalty is meted out in Texas is a window into his personality, giving voters a preview of how he might deal with the nation's weightiest public policy decisions, if he wins the White House, political analysts say.

"Someday, he might have to push a button that doesn't just fry an individual but says, 'We are at war,'" said Marc Landy, chairman of Boston College's political science department. "The issue with Bush is not does he have the guts to do it but is he a judicious, thoughtful, mature leader?"

Bush's body language, rhetoric and demeanor in dealing with the case gives voters a glimpse of his personality and character, added Benjamin Page of Northwestern University. Bush was criticized for laughing during a televised debate when asked about a pending execution.

"It's the question of basic brainpower but also the question of basic humanity and depth of feeling," said Page, a political science professor. "This issue is a keyhole into his character."

Death penalty protesters dogged Bush during a three-day swing through Washington state and California this week, but he didn't flinch. On Friday, Bush returns to the campaign trail for a day trip to Alabama to raise money and tout his education proposals.

Thursday, Bush waited until Graham's appeals were completed before commenting.

He's said repeatedly he believes none of those put to death on his watch were executed in error. But a majority of Texans believe an innocent person has been put to death, according to a poll published Thursday.

The Scripps Howard Texas Poll found that 57 percent believe someone has been mistakenly executed. Also, 87 percent said death-row inmates should have access to free DNA tests to try to prove their innocence.

Texans, however, continue to strongly support capital punishment, with 73 percent of those surveyed favoring the death penalty. A recent Gallup Poll showed that support nationally for capital punishment has fallen to 66 percent, its lowest level since 1981.

Despite those numbers and a moratorium on executions in Illinois, Bush is sticking to his belief that executions "save lives" as a deterrent.

Vice President Al Gore, a death penalty supporter and Bush's Democratic presidential rival, declined to comment on the Graham case, saying he did not know the details. But he renewed his praise of Republican Gov. George Ryan for imposing the moratorium in Illinois.

Gore fund-raising problems revived

WASHINGTON (AP) — Al Gore's political fund-raising problems were revived with a vengeance on Thursday as government officials confirmed that the most recent prosecutor to question Gore about his 1996 fund raising is recommending a special counsel investigate whether the vice president lied.

The recommendation came weeks ago from Robert Conrad, supervising attorney for the Justice Department's campaign finance task force. Conrad interviewed Gore on April 18 and questioned him about a Buddhist temple fund-raising event he attended, as well as other topics.

Two government officials said that a central issue for the task force is whether Gore gave accurate answers.

The Democratic presidential candidate, in the middle of a "prosperity tour" already dogged by distractions, was wrapping up an otherwise picture-perfect day of campaigning with Minnesota Gov. Jesse Ventura when the news broke.

"You're privy to news I don't have," Gore told reporters.

A senior Justice Department official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said, "It's a preliminary recommendation" that Conrad and other officials are reviewing before a final decision by the attorney general.

A Democratic senator familiar with the task force said it unanimously rejected an oral recommendation by Conrad weeks ago. Conrad resubmitted a written recommendation this week, the senator said on condition of anonymity. Reno, outraged it leaked, will launch an internal investigation likely to include polygraph tests of the task force's 12 lawyers, the senator added.

Republican presidential candidate George W. Bush has made Gore's veracity a campaign issue. "The American people are tired of all these scandals and investigations and the best way to make them go away is to elect someone new and different," said Bush spokesman Scott McClellan.

Thursday brought other menacing news for Democrats. Independent Counsel Robert Ray reported "substantial evidence" Hillary Rodham Clinton played a role in White House travel office firings, contrary to her denials, but said he would not bring charges against her.

At Gore's Nashville, Tenn., campaign headquarters, advisers eager to focus Gore's message on economic good times took a wait-and-see approach and referred press calls to the White House.

There, spokesman James E. Kennedy emphasized Gore's cooperation with the investigation and suggested Sen. Arlen Specter, R-Pa., was trying to stir trouble.

"What we have heard is a Republican senator making his own announcement about the investigation," Kennedy said.

Sen. Robert Torricelli, D-N.J., who sits on the Senate Judiciary Committee with Specter, said there's no evidence Gore committed any wrongdoing.

"The untimely release of this information to a partisan opponent of the vice president is likely to make it very suspect in the minds of the American people," Torricelli said in an interview with The Associated Press.

Specter told the AP: "I have reason to believe that Mr. Conrad has made a recommendation that an independent counsel be appointed as to matters related to Vice President Gore."

On CNN, Specter said he would call Attorney General Janet Reno to testify Tuesday before his Judiciary subcommittee on administrative oversight.

Conrad interviewed Gore and President Clinton in April. Testifying Wednesday before Specter's subcommittee, Conrad signaled activity in the investigation when he said he didn't "feel comfortable discussing" any recommendation.

On April 21, three days after Gore was questioned for four hours at the vice presidential residence, he held what was, at that time, a rare press conference aboard Air Force Two. He said he answered Conrad's every question but declined to comment on topics.

Aides hastened to add that Justice officials assured Gore's attorneys he was not a target of the investigation.

Sources familiar with that session say Conrad did delve into Gore's visit to a campaign event at a Buddhist temple in California. The vice president has denied that he knew it was a fund raiser.

It could not be learned from the officials whether Conrad wants a special counsel to investigate the temple issue or other topics.

Justice Department spokesman Myron Marlin refused comment on the substance of the report. "It is inappropriate to comment on ongoing matters or internal deliberations."

Specter told the AP that Reno "has done a great disservice to Vice President Gore because these matters should have been investigated a long time ago."

Reno twice rejected an independent counsel to investigate Gore — once for fund-raising phone calls from his White House office, the second time for possible false statements about those calls.

Recommendations from Conrad and others go to Reno, who alone decides to appoint a special counsel.

The special counsel process was set up inside the Justice Department after the independent counsel law expired in June 1999.

Justice requires divestiture before approving merger

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Justice Department approved the $15 billion merger of JDS Uniphase Corp. and E-TEK Dynamics Inc. after the two leading fiber optic manufacturers agreed to a divestiture to resolve concerns the deal would lead to higher prices or reduced supply for a key component of communications networks.

The government said Thursday that, without the divestiture, the two companies would have controlled 80 percent of the world's output of thin film filters by combining both of their production facilities with E-TEK's contracts to buy thin film filters from several suppliers.

The companies agreed to the department's demand that they cancel rights to buy thin film filters, which the government said are in short supply. These contracts affect the ability of other producers to compete, the department said.

Thin film filters are critical components in dense wavelength division multiplexers (DWDMs), which JDS and E-TEK produce for communication networks. DWDMs separate the light in a fiber optic strand into multiple wavelengths, or colors, with each wavelength capable of carrying a separate communications channel.

DWDMs allow fiber optic networks to transmit voice, data and multimedia over long distances and enable them to simultaneously transmit multiple channels on a single strand of fiber.

The government filed a lawsuit Thursday in U.S. District Court in San Francisco to block the original deal. At the same time, it filed the agreement with the companies in the form of a court order which would resolve the lawsuit, if the court approves it.

"Without the modification, telecommunications companies would have faced reduced output and higher prices for DWDMs, an important component to their fiber optic networks," said Assistant Attorney General Joel I. Klein.

The government said the original deal would have given the combined company about 70 percent of the world market for DWDMs with 16 or fewer channels. Other producers of DWDMs have been producing at or near their capacity which the government attributed largely to restrictions on their access to thin film filters.

The agreement prohibits the merged company from enforcing:

—Contractual rights of first refusal on thin film filters manufactured by merchant suppliers.

—Contractual rights to repayment of money E-TEK advanced to those suppliers.

—Security interests in coating chambers on the premises of those suppliers.

Thin film filters are made in a vacuum chamber by coating pieces of polished glass with thin alternating layers of material.

The agreement also bars the merged company from reacquiring any right of first refusal over any coating chamber on the premises of those suppliers for three years.

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.



Sleepiness may be drug-related

DEAR DR. GOTT: Our 30-year-old son, who works and does not use alcohol or drugs, lives with us. I understand such an arrangement has become quite common and we don't object to it, except that we really would like to see him exercise more independence and get his own apartment. The problem we have is this: we have great difficulty waking him up in the morning; we literally have to push him out of bed to get him to his job on time. Once awake, he is fine for the rest of the day. He takes Tegretol and Primidone. What else can we do?

DEAR READER: Some people are simply sound sleepers and have great difficulty "getting in gear" in the morning. However, your son's situation may be more complicated than this.

Tegretol, a potent anticonvulsant and specific treatment for a nerve disorder called trigeurinal neuralgia, can cause drowsiness. Primidone, also an anticonvulsant, can as well. Perhaps the combination of the two drugs is severely sedating him.

From the limited information in your question, I conclude that your son has a seizure disorder under treatment. I suggest that you bring his sleepiness to his doctor's attention. Perhaps a change in medication or a reduction in dosage would solve the problem — and still keep him seizure-free.

DEAR DR. GOTT: My mother is 78 and, up until three months ago, was a very active and vibrant person. Now she cannot walk or stand alone, has lost bladder control and is experiencing weight loss, dry mouth and watery eyes. Strangely, her mind is as alert as ever and the strength in her hands remains normal. For example, she can wring out a washcloth but can't bring it to her face. She has had nerve conduction studies, MRIs and ultrasound testing, but her caring doctor cannot figure out what's wrong. Could this be dystonia?

DEAR READER: Your mother's progressive and disabling nerve disease doesn't sound like dystonia, a rare genetic disorder marked by uncontrollable muscle spasms that contort the body and is more common in Ashkenazie Jews, in whom the disorder usually appears before age 15.

I'd worry more that your mother has an age-related neurological disease, such as multiple sclerosis, that may be affecting the motor nerves in her brain or spinal cord. At this point, attention by specialists is a must. Ask her doctor to refer her to the neurological clinic at a teaching hospital, where specially trained physicians have the experience and sophisticated equipment to diagnose her condition. To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Multiple Sclerosis." Other readers who would like a copy should send $2 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to P.O. Box 2017, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to mention the title.

DEAR DR. GOTT: You have written that Vaseline can cause lipoid pneumonia if inhaled. Is there a similar risk if it is applied to the intact skin of the scalp? My husband uses the product for dry skin.

DEAR READER: Vaseline and other products made with mineral oil are not absorbed through the skin; therefore, such use does not constitute a health hazard. On the other hand, inhalation of such products — for example, in the form of nasal applications — may be associated with lung problems.

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Pilot error blamed for Kennedy crash

WASHINGTON (AP) — Nearly a year after John F. Kennedy Jr.'s plane spiraled into the ocean, killing him, his wife and her sister, federal investigators have concluded what they suspected from the start: The son of the late president became disoriented in the night sky and lost control of the aircraft.

The National Transportation Safety Board, in a report that may be released as early as next month, is expected to conclude that pilot error caused the July 16, 1999, crash off Martha's Vineyard, Mass., according to government and industry sources with close knowledge of the investigation.

The wording in the report is expected to blame the crash on "spatial disorientation," confusion in the brain that results from a loss of balance in the inner ear, said the sources, all of whom spoke on the condition of anonymity.

Killed were Kennedy, 38, his wife, Carolyn Bessette Kennedy, 33, and her 34-year-old sister, Lauren Bessette.

"I think it's pretty much what we had been thinking," one source said of the findings.

Federal investigators found no problems with Kennedy's Piper Saratoga II, and autopsies on all three victims found no abnormalities.

Contributing to Kennedy's disorientation, said the sources, were the night sky, a lack of visible horizon over the open water and a haze that blanketed Kennedy's flight path from New Jersey over Long Island Sound to the Vineyard.

House okays extra funds for lawsuit

WASHINGTON (AP) — Dealing a blow to the tobacco industry, the House voted Friday to let the Justice Department have the extra money it says it needs to pursue the huge federal lawsuit against cigarette-makers.

With a potential settlement worth billions of dollars at stake, the House voted 215-183 to let the Justice Department accept $12 million from other agencies to help foot the bill for the tobacco action. Without the money, Attorney General Janet Reno has said her agency would have to drop the suit, which it filed in September.

The government filed the suit in hopes of recovering the enormous costs the government says it has incurred over decades of coping with millions of senior citizens, veterans, low-income people and others who have suffered tobacco-related illnesses. Those costs surpass $20 billion a year, federal officials have said.

The drive to deny the extra funds for the department's legal bills was led by a coalition of Republicans and tobacco-state Democrats. Thirty-five Democrats joined 147 Republicans in voting against the money, while 55 Republicans and 159 Democrats voted for it. The House's two independents split.

Even had the House voted to block the money, the drive would have faced a questionable fate. President Clinton had called on lawmakers to keep the litigation alive, and had threatened to veto the spending bill containing the tobacco provision. In addition, it is unclear whether the yet-unwritten Senate version of the spending measure will contain a similar provision.

Even so, the issue was fought so hard that Friday's vote was the third on the matter in the House this week.

"I think this settles the issue," said Rep. Henry Waxman, D-Calif., leader of the fight against the effort to deny the extra money.

The election-year vote had political overtones as it forced lawmakers to go on record about an industry that is unpopular among many voters, but treasured as a major part of the economy in tobacco-growing regions of the Southeast.

Pentagon report says China is unlikely to attack Taiwan

WASHINGTON (AP) — A new Pentagon assessment of China's security strategy concludes that Beijing in unlikely to attack Taiwan because the Chinese believe war would jeopardize their economic growth and world standing.

The report, months in the making and long overdue to Congress, says that although China is strengthening its military power on a broad front and is gradually closing a qualitative gap with Taiwan's smaller military, it would face "significant shortcomings" in a conflict with Taiwan even a decade from now.

The report says China's resolve to use military force under certain circumstances "should not be discounted."

Over the coming five years, the People's Liberation Army will have "only a limited capability" to conduct offensive operations against Taiwan in a way that effectively combines air, sea and land forces, the report says. It says the PLA's naval, air and ground troops are not fully integrated into a cohesive combat force.

"This weakness would contribute to Taiwan's ability to sustain air, sea and ground operations in the face of a PLA attack in the short term," the report says, even though China has a far larger armed force.

In the longer term, China could gain a greater edge over Taiwan in both the quality and quantity of its military forces, the report said. At that point Taiwan's success in deterring Chinese aggression will depend on its ability to acquire and operate modern arms and technology.

The Pentagon released its report Friday shortly after Secretary of State Madeleine Albright completed a hastily arranged visit to Beijing. On Thursday she made a fervent pitch to President Jiang Zemin to hold at least low-level talks with Taiwan in an effort to defuse tensions.

The communist government in Beijing views Taiwan as a renegade province and insists it not seek international recognition as a separate state.

Obituaries

Chigger Bruton

1926-2000

Funeral service for Chigger Jordan Bruton of Fluvanna is set for 10 a.m. Saturday in the Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will follow in the Fluvanna Cemetery. Roland Bruns, pastor of the Fluvanna United Methodist Church, will officiate.

Mrs. Bruton, 74, died Wednesday, June 21, in Scenic Mountain Hospital in Big Spring following a lengthy illness.

Born Feb. 26, 1926 in Cherokee, Okla., she married Allen Bruton on June 26, 1952 in Lovington, N.M. She was a Methodist.

Survivors include her husband, Allen Bruton of Fluvanna; a daughter, Lana Renee Harden of Amarillo; a son and daughter-in-law, Greg Allen and Lisa Bruton of Bangkok, Thailand; three sisters, Lou Etta Turner of Fluvanna, Lee Anna Schaper of Carlsbad, Calif., and Jeanene Carmichael of Georgetown; a brother, Bob Jordan of Fluvanna; and a grandson, Cody Bruton of Bangkok.

Alma Newman

1922-2000

ROBY — Alma Jeroline Newman of Roby, former Snyder resident, died Wednesday, June 21, in Abilene Regional Hospital following a lengthy illness.

Funeral service is set for 2 p.m. Saturday at the Menard Church of Christ in Menard. Burial will follow in the Menard Cemetery.

Born April 21, 1922, near Whitney, she was preceded in death by her parents, Wylie and Myrtle Parham of Menard. Mrs. Newman had also lived in De Leon.

Survivors include her husband, Floyd Newman of Roby; two daughters- and sons-in-law, Kathleen and David Davis of Giddings and Jeanie and Johnny Pilgrim of Mustang, Okla.; a son and daughter-in-law, Bucky and Lynda Crisp of Sour Lake; one stepdaughter and her husband, Patsy and Leon Ashworth of Snyder; two stepsons and their wives, Donnie and Shirley Newman of Snyder and Floyd Wayne and Nancy Newman of Dallas; a brother and sister-in-law, Marshall and Sue Parham of Snyder; 18 grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

Alberta Dennington

1912-2000

CLOVIS, N.M. — Funeral service for Alberta Pearl Sheridan Dennington, grandmother of Barbara Eicke of Snyder, is set for 2:30 p.m. Saturday at W. 21st St. Church of Christ. Virgil Webb will officiate, assisted by Hoyle Welch and Sam Billingsley. Burial will follow at Melrose Cemetery, Melrose, N.M., under the direction of Steed-Todd Funeral Home.

Mrs. Dennington, 87, died Thursday, June 22. She was born Dec. 29, 1912 in Greer County, Okla., and married Joe Phil Dennington on Nov. 11, 1929. He died in December 1982.

She was also preceded in death by her parents, Walter and Pearl Stout Sheridan.

Survivors include a son and daughter-in-law, Joe Carrel and Murl Dennington of Clovis; a daughter and son-i law Wenona and Roy Martin of Warner, Okla.; two brothers, Floyd Sheridan of May and Garland Sheridan of Killeen; two sisters, Fannie Anderson and Bertha Welch, both of Clovis; 9 other grandchildren, 22 great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren.

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Law enforcement officials arrest six

Local law enforcement officials made six arrests in the past 24 hours, including two on felony charges.

Department of Public Safety troopers took 41-year-old Gregory David Heber of Waco into custody at 9:39 a.m. Thursday on U.S. Hwy. 84. Heber was wanted on an outstanding warrant for parole violation.

At 1:25 p.m., officers arrested an 18-year-old man in the 600 block of 24th Street on a warrant for minor in consumption of an alcoholic beverage.

A variety of warrants, including a felony drug charge, sent a 19-year-old man to jail at 12:32 a.m. today.

DPS troopers arrested Branden Anderson of The Woodlands on U.S. Hwy. 84 on Montgomery County warrants for possession of a controlled substance, probation violation, misdemeanor possession of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia, speeding and no liability insurance.

A 25-year-old female was taken into custody at 2:37 a.m. today in the 2100 block of 26th Street on Abilene DPS warrants for speeding and failure to appear.

At 3:11 a.m. today, officers took two subjects into custody in the 4400 block of Avenue U for public intoxication. Arrested were a 32-year-old female and a 17-year-old male.

In other activity Thursday, officers issued citations to two juveniles at Snyder Junior High School for possession of tobacco.

Zurn Jenkins requested an officer at his 708 19th Street residence at 5:48 p.m. in reference to someone breaking into his home. Several household and sporting goods items valued at over $600 were taken. An offense report for burglary of a residence was filed.

An offense report for burglary of a vehicle was submitted at 8:24 p.m. Antonio Torres reported tools stolen from his 1986 Ford pickup while it was parked at his 1405 23rd Street residence.

An offense report for family violence was filed at 1:41 a.m. today.

Officers investigated two accidents Thursday.

At 12:37 p.m., officers took a report for hit and run at the United parking lot. Involved were a parked, unattended 1998 Chevrolet Suburban owned by Ronald Jay Butler of 817 East Hwy. 180 and an unknown vehicle that left the scene.

A two-vehicle accident occurred at 4:17 p.m. in the 400 block of Coliseum. Involved were a 1996 Chevrolet pickup driven by Billie Dian Norwood, 24, of 2209 Avenue K and a 1999 Jeep Wrangler driven by Brian Carl Spence, 24, of 4456 CR 254.

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Ira class reunion

Ira's classes of 1954 through 1957 will have a reunion today and Saturday. The exes will meet this evening at the Lota' Burger and at the Ira school at noon on Saturday. For more information, call Carolyn Cox at 573-7577 or Franklin Bryant at 573-2008. All exes and friends are invited to attend.

Museum exhibits

Scurry County Museum will display the Von Roeder African exhibit as well as Kids College projects Sunday through Wednesday night. A reception is planned Sunday afternoon from 1-3 at the museum.

First Baptist VBS

"Ocean Odyssey" is the theme for vacation Bible school at First Baptist Church. VBS will be held from 9 a.m. until noon Monday through Friday and is for grades K through 6th. The public is invited to family night on Wednesday.

American Legion officers

American Legion Post 181 will elect officers on Monday.

Volunteer training

Gateway Family Services will be offering a volunteer training class from 6-9 p.m. Monday at Gateway Family Service (formerly Noah Project). Please RSVP at 573-1822.

Bible study tapes

Bible study tapes air each week on Channel 2. To be shown at 7 p.m. Monday is "Bearing One Another's Burdens," followed by "Jews and Gentiles are One in Christ."

Genealogy meeting

The Scurry County Genealogy Society will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the Scurry County Library.

MAWC game day

Martha Ann Woman's Club luncheon and game day will be held Wednesday. Serving will begin at 11:30 a.m. and games of choice will follow. Reservations are needed by Tuesday. Call 573-3427.

FBC worship service

The First Baptist Church Sunday morning worship service airs at 3 p.m. each Thursday on TV Channel 2.

Northeast reading night

Northeast Elementary will host a parent-student reading night from 6:30 to 8 each Thursday throughout the summer. There will be refreshments and door prizes. Spanish classes also will be available. All students and families are welcome.

55 Alive defensive driving

A state certified 55-Alive defensive driving course will be offered at the Senior Citizens Center Thursday and Friday from 8:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. Call 573-4035 to pre-register.

Rotary installation

Snyder Rotary Club's officer installation and awards banquet will be held at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, at the Wagon Wheel Ranch.

Joint Masonic installation

All Scurry County Masonic Lodges – Ira, Hermleigh and Scurry – will hold a joint installation of officers following a 5:30 p.m. meal of hamburgers and ice cream on Saturday, July 1. The installation will be at the Scurry Lodge Hall. All Masons, family and friends are invited to attend.

LVN class testing

Students wishing to enroll in the fall Licensed Vocational Nursing class at Western Texas College should contact the counseling office to arrange for the pre-entrance exam to be given through July 25. Interviews will be conducted through Aug. 7. For more information, call the counseling office at 573-8511, ext. 313.

GED exams

GED examinations will be administered Thursday in the testing center at WTC. Call Emily Hataway at 574-2112 or Molly Kattes at 573-2919 for more information.

Computer courses

A variety of computer courses will be offered this summer by the Continuing Ed division of WTC. Call 573-8511, ext. 390, for a list of classes.

WTC basic education classes

Adult basic education classes at Western Texas College are taught Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 8 a.m. until noon during June. Classes include G.E.D., E.S.L. and refresher courses. For additional information, call 573-8511, ext. 322.

Cancer treatment transportation

Transportation for cancer patients is available every day free of charge to Lubbock, Abilene or Midland. For more information call Martha Schiebel at 573-8626 or Sammie Jarrell at 573-5993. If not home, leave message on answering machine.

Pick 3

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

2-5-6

Cash Five

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