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Budget down $3 million...

SISD tightens belt for next year

By Wade Warren
SDN Managing Editor

Despite being described as a "work in progress," the 2002-2003 budget for the Snyder Independent School District appears close to being finalized.

Tuesday evening, trustees reviewed budget figures in a 30-minute workshop led by Karen Waller, assistant superintendent for business, and were told there are no capital expenditures planned for the coming year.

"We've said we would have to tighten our belts and that is exactly what we have done," said Supt. Gayle Lomax.

The balanced budget reflects revenues of $17,671,066 — a drop from last year of more than $3 million. The budget for the current year is $20,987,176.

The eye-catching figures in the revenue side of the budget are a decrease in state funds of $2.4 million, and an increase in local revenue of $580,912.

The decline is attributed to a drop in enrollment of 82 students last year, and a projected decline next school year of some 100 students. State funding is based on average daily attendance.

The proposed budget also is based on a projected tax base of $650 million in appraised values.

Waller said this could change some as the county's appraisal review board currently is holding protest hearings. "We don't anticipate any great changes, and expect to have the certified values by the 25th of this month."

Trustee Luann Burleson questioned Lomax about the plan to have Ralph Ramon teach shop part-time and serve as an assistant principal at the junior high, also on a part-time basis.

"Will we be able to provide shop for all the students who want to take it?" questioned Burleson.

Lomax said a recent reassignment within the system has freed monies up at the junior high for a full-time shop teacher, and the job opening has been posted on the regional education center's web site. "Shop teachers are hard to find, but we're looking."

The school chief also was quick to point out that his promotions of industrial arts teachers Ramon and Bill Bell to administrative positions caused the problem at the junior high.

"It's never been my policy to hold back someone because of possible problems that might be created down the line by those promotions."

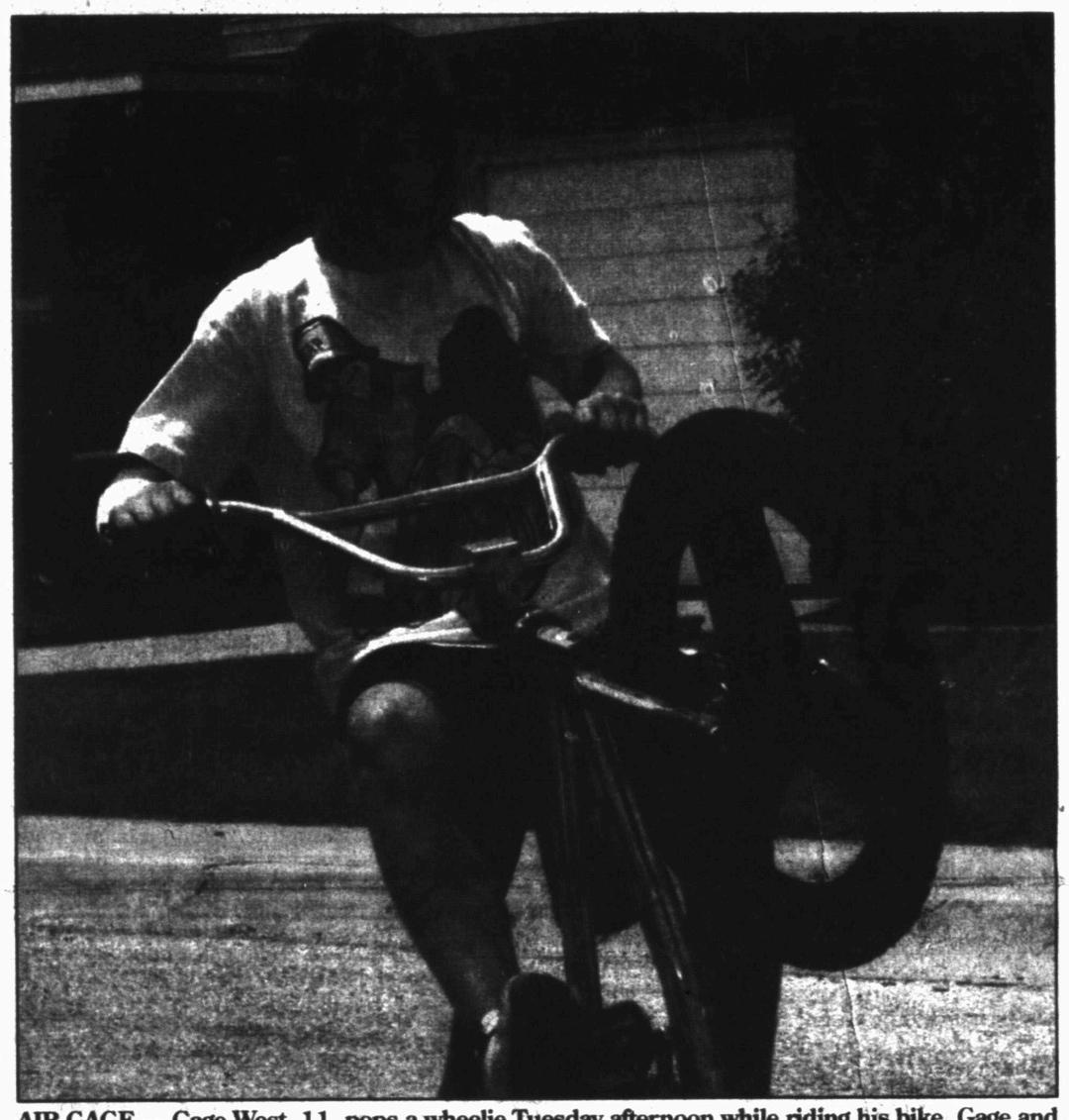
In action items last night, the board approved the audit agreement with Davis, Kinard and Co. for conducting this year's audit, and approved budget amendments in the amount of $11,370.

"We did not actually have an increase in our budget," said Waller. "These figures represent a $2,000 donation from Wal-Mart, and a $9,370 donation from the tennis boosters for a dressing area at the courts."

Resignations were accepted from Anne Adams, East Elementary librarian; Shawn Edwards, SHS special education instructor; Patty Grimmett, SHS health teacher and coach; and Kimberly Thomas, junior high math teacher and coach.

Trustees also adopted the yearly professional development and appraisal system calendar, and tabled action on setting lunchroom prices for the coming year.

Board president Mark McCormick presided. Trustees present were Burleson, Richard Chambers, Glenn Clarady, Mike Levens and Doug Neff. Absent was Cathy Peoples.



AIR GAGE — Gage West, 11, pops a wheelie Tuesday afternoon while riding his bike. Gage and friends ride their bikes and scooters everyday during summer vacation. (SDN Staff Photo by Bobby Allen)

Feds to look at San Angelo PHA projects

SAN ANGELO (AP) — After hearing concerns from the mayor and four constituents about the Public Housing Authority of San Angelo, U.S. Rep. Charles Stenholm has asked the Inspector General of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to audit the PHA.

Concerns ranged from mismanagement of federally-funded projects to employment issues at the PHA, a largely federally-funded agency.

"The bottom line is that we simply want to make certain residents of San Angelo are being treated lawfully," Stenholm.

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "Even if you play bad, you could play worse."

A fellow who believes our game could stand improvement, sent us a list of the "laws of golf."

— If you really want to get better at golf, go back and take it up at a much earlier age.

— The game of golf is 90% mental and 10% mental.

— Since bad shots come in groups of three, a fourth bad shot is actually the beginning of the next group of three.

— When you look up, causing an awful shot, you will always look down again at exactly the moment when you ought to start watching the ball if you ever want to see it again.

— Any change works for a maximum of three holes - or at a minimum of not at all.

— When your shot has to carry over a water hazard, you can either hit one more club or two more balls.

— If you're afraid a full shot might reach the green while the foursome ahead of you is still putting out, you have two options: you can immediately shank a lay-up, or you can wait until the green is clear and top a ball halfway there.

— The less skilled the player, the more likely he is to share his ideas about the golf swing.

— The inevitable result of any golf lesson is the instant elimination of the one critical unconscious motion that allowed you to compensate for all of your many other errors.

— If it ain't broke, try changing your grip.

— Golfers who claim they don't cheat, also lie.

— Everyone replaces his divot after a perfect approach shot.

— A golf match is a test of your skill against your opponent's luck. — It's surprisingly easy to hole a 50-foot putt when you lie 8.

— Counting on your opponent to inform you when he breaks a rule is like expecting him to make fun of his own haircut.

— Nonchalant putts count the same as chalant putts.

— It's not a gimme if you're still away.

— The shortest distance between any two points on a golf course is a straight line that passes directly through the center of a very large tree.

— There are two kinds of bounces: unfair bounces, and bounces just the way you meant to play it.

— You can hit a 2-acre fairway 10% of the time, and a 2-inch branch 90% of the time.

— If you want to hit a 7-iron as far as Tiger Woods, simply try to lay up just short of a water hazard.

— To calculate the speed of a player's downswing, multiply the speed of his backswing by his handicap. Example: backswing 20 mph, handicap 15, downswing 600mph.

— Hazards attract; fairways repel.

— You can put "draw" on the ball, you can put "fade" on the ball, but no golfer can put "straight" on the ball.

— A ball you can see in the rough from 50 yards away is not yours.

— If there is a ball in the fringe and a ball in the bunker, your ball is in the bunker.

— If both balls are in the bunker, your ball is in the footprint.

— Don't buy a putter until you've had a chance to throw it.

And if all else fails, take up eating ice cream and watching the golf channel.

Al-Qaida leaders call for attacks

CAIRO, Egypt (AP) — A key al-Qaida spokesman has made a new threat to attack American targets and urged Muslims the world over to "kill enemies of God everywhere."

"Al-Qaida will organize more attacks inside American territory and outside, at the moment we choose, at the place we choose and with the objectives that we want," al-Qaida's chief spokesman, Kuwaiti-born Sulaiman Abu Ghaith, said in an audio recording aired by an Islamic Web site believed to be close to the terror network blamed for the Sept. 11 attacks.

"We are coming back, God willing, from where you cannot expect us," said Abu Ghaith in the interview.

The new targets, he said, will be "American and Jewish ... our arrogant enemies."

There is no way to verify the authenticity of Abu Ghaith's interview, but U.S. officials said two weeks ago that a recent audio recording by him in which he claimed that al-Qaida leader Osama bin Laden was still alive appeared to be legitimate. Government analysts matched the sound of his voice to previous recordings.

The recording, played on the Web site today, appeared to be the same voice.

The Abu Ghaith interview is the latest in a series of contacts between al-Qaida and the outside world after weeks of silence. These contacts were made on Islamic-militant oriented Web sites whose availability on the Internet has been irregular.

The string of statements coincide with evidence al-Qaida remains capable of planning attacks. Last month, Saudi Arabia announced it was holding 11 Saudis, an Iraqi and a Sudanese man belonging to a failed plot to shoot down a U.S. military plane taking off from a Saudi air base.

News of the Saudi arrests followed detentions in Morocco of three Saudis who were planning to attack U.S. and British warships in the Straits of Gibraltar.

ARB will meet Thursday

The Scurry County appraisal review board will hear real estate valuation appeals when it reconvenes in its annual session at 8:30 a.m. Thursday.

Scurry County Appraisal District chief Larry Crooks said the board expects to hear protests from 10 individuals and firms.

Crooks said appeals hearings are scheduled 15 minutes apart, but could run longer if necessary.

SUMMER FUN — Sixty children enjoyed fun and games recently at the Scurry County Library. Some children dressed up in Western attire and everyone played games. Those dressed as cowboys and cowgirls from left are Isaac Martin, Tessa Holladay, Caleb Martin, Jared Smith and Conner Smith. (Contributed Photo)

ASK US

Q—Who is Towle Park named for?

A—Dedicated July 3, 1953, Towle Memorial Park was named for Mrs. H.G. Towle who donated 97.21 acres for the park.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Tuesday, 92 degrees; low, 69; reading at 7 a.m. Wednesday, 70; no precipitation; total for 2002 to date, 13.09 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, partly cloudy, low near 70, SE winds 10-15. Thursday, partly cloudy, 20% chance of showers. High near 95. SE winds 5 to 15 mph.

Taylor Carroll
Rain Chance

Sunset:
8:51 p.m.
Sunrise:
6:48 a.m.
Of 190 days in 2002, the sun has shone 183 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

The greater part of our happiness depends on our disposition and not our circumstances.
—Martha Washington

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Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

Wife leaves her husband's bed to sleep with her mom

DEAR ABBY: At 48 years of age, I finally need your help in figuring this one out. A year ago, after more than 22 years of marriage, my 58-year-old wife, "Cindy," began sleeping with her 90-year-old mother. Cindy says she does this so she will hear her mother in case she needs help going to the bathroom.

Our bedroom doors are side-by-side, and I can hear her mother clearly from our bedroom. When her mother gets up to go to the bathroom, I hear Cindy tell her to "go ahead" and let her know if she needs help. In other words, her mother can do this — and many more things — on her own.

On the positive side, Cindy may make it into the Guinness Book of World Records as the oldest person still sleeping with her mother. What do you make of this? — **NEGLECTED IN GEORGIA**

DEAR NEGLECTED: You have written an unusual letter. The answer to your question lies in whatever happened between you and your wife a year ago that caused her to move out of your bedroom and literally go "home" to her mother. I recommend some truth sessions with a marriage counselor to referee.

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DEAR ABBY: I have been dating a wonderful man for the past four years and have no doubt of his love for me — or the belief that eventually we will be married.

My problem is I'm at the age where most of my friends and acquaintances are getting engaged, married and having babies, so naturally the marriage question comes up all the time.

I don't mind answering questions like, "When are you two going to tie the knot?" However, I need some ideas for a tactful — yet forceful — way to answer those rude and condescending people who ask, "Well, is he EVER going to marry you?"

That question makes me bristle and causes me to feel defensive when there is nothing to be defensive about. I need a ladylike reply that will let the offending parties understand in no uncertain terms that I am taken aback by the phrasing of their question. Thanks, Abby. — **BRIDE-TO-BE (EVENTUALLY) IN OXFORD, MISS.**

DEAR B-T-B (EVENTUALLY): Reply with a smile, "When we make the announcement, you'll be among the first to know."

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DEAR ABBY: I just read the letter from "Concerned Grandfather in Seattle," and I have to warn him that if he chooses to lie to his grandson by telling him that his father is dead, he will only make things worse.

Whether shame or self-involvement was the cause, my family kept the truth from me for 25 years, and it was purely by accident that I finally found out who my real father is. Had I not, I'm sure my family would still be lying to me.

The trust that had been built over my entire lifetime was shattered in an instant. I no longer knew who I was or where I was going.

Eventually I found a degree of freedom in knowing the truth, but it took a long time and many dark days to get to that point.

The feelings of betrayal by my own family still linger eight years later. — **PORTLAND, ORE., SON**

DEAR SON: I believe it. And that's why I say that honesty is the best policy, even if it means opening a can of worms that's difficult or painful to discuss.

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Texas flooding woes mount

TILDEN (AP) — For nearly a week, much of this tiny south Texas town has been underwater, and that doesn't stand to change any time soon.

The ferocious rains that pounded the Hill Country last week are running downhill through the brushy coastal plain toward the Gulf of Mexico, and low-lying spots like Tilden, along the now-bulging Frio River 70 miles south of San Antonio, have suddenly become lakes with inundated homes and businesses sticking up like islands.

In downtown Tilden, population 350, a street sign marked the corner of River Street and Water Street, and the dirty brown water flowing beneath it Tuesday provided the proof.

The Frio has inundated some homes and businesses and left others standing as small islands amid the strong currents.

Tilden has been largely submerged since July 4, and some residents are thinking enough already.

"It's starting to get old," said Nell Hodgin, McMullen County clerk. "You can't get on with things until this goes away."

The high water should start going away soon, albeit very slowly.

The Frio was expected to crest here today at just over 30 feet, more than 8 feet above flood stage. But floodwaters will persist at least through the weekend.

Across Texas, nine people have died and 24 counties have been designated federal disaster areas after a week of severe flooding. Though damage numbers are only just trickling in, Gov. Rick Perry said the losses could be as much as $1 billion.

In Tilden, the Frio is normally about 20 yards wide and in places only a foot deep. Now the river's flow is more than a mile wide, pouring over thousands of normally dry acres of mesquite trees and prickly pears and cutting off roads to the north and west.

Residents slowly drove their cars and pickup trucks through the hub-deep water covering State Highway 72. They picked up their mail as usual at the post office and their groceries next door at Wheeler's Mercantile. Both buildings were just above the waterline.

The high water was all anyone was talking about at Wheeler's, and the exchanges showed that a sense of humor was enduring.

"Oh my God, I'm drowning," a young woman cracked as she burst through the door to get out of a brief thunderstorm passing overhead.

A few minutes later, an older man looked toward the floodwaters and deadpanned, "What's that out there?"

"I don't know," replied store owner Warren Wheeler. "We're going to go investigate."

Officials at the Choke Canyon Reservoir, which the Frio River feeds into, began releasing water Tuesday from the dam at its southern end, near Three Rivers.

The releases were intended to keep the reservoir from overflowing, as happened at several lakes farther north with disastrous results. But some of those living downstream of the dam said they were worried that too much water might be released.

"I'm not going to be able to sleep tonight," said Morgan Stewart, campground host at Tips Park in Three Rivers, on the banks of the Frio. "We don't know how high it's going to come."

Farther downstream, the Frio, Nueces and Atascosa rivers flow into the Lake Corpus Christi reservoir, where about half of 60 flood gates had been opened.

"We haven't seen this much water in a long time," Corpus Christi City Manager David Garcia said in a story in Wednesday's Corpus Christi Caller-Times.

Cleanup continued in the San Antonio and Abilene areas while extensive flooding continued in less-populated counties along the coastal plain.

The city of San Antonio has reported a preliminary estimate of more than $5 million in damages to streets, bridges and other infrastructure facilities; debris removal; evacuation and building damage.

The Office of Rural Community Affairs has joined the team of agencies providing damage assessments.

"Some of the hardest hit areas during the recent floods were our rural communities," Gov. Rick Perry said Tuesday.

Child dies after being left in SUV

FORT WORTH (AP) — A 9-month-old boy left inside his mother's sport utility vehicle for five hours while she worked has died of heat exposure, police say.

The victim, identified as Lorenzo Rueda, was found Tuesday still strapped to his infant car seat in the back of the Chevrolet Blazer where he had been left at 8:30 a.m., police spokesman Lt. Duane Paul said.

The youth was pronounced dead at 1:43 p.m. His 27-year-old mother, an apartment complex assistant manager, told investigators she forgot to drop him off at the baby sitter and inadvertently left him inside the SUV.

Paul said the mother, an assistant manager of Timber Ridge Apartments, was about to go on a lunch break at 1:30 p.m. to pick up another child at a summer school program when she opened her vehicle and realized the baby was still in his car seat in the back.

Since the woman arrived at work, the temperature had soared to the low-to-mid 90s.

Paul said the woman spoke with detectives Tuesday afternoon. Sgt. Dave Stamp, supervisor of the Crimes Against Children Unit, said the mother was not arrested.

But Paul said that, as the investigation continues, she could face a charge of criminally negligent homicide or injury to a child.

Children under 7 may not be left unattended in a motor vehicle, according to Texas law.

Last summer Michel Borg Jr., a 23-month-old child with Down syndrome, died after being left inside a sport utility vehicle by his parents at their Dallas home.

Following an investigation by Child Protective Services, Michel and Marjorie Borg were allowed to retain parental rights over their remaining children.

After studying records since 1996, the National Safe Kids Campaign found at least 150 children have died from heat stroke after being left in a vehicle. Nine out of 10 of the victims were age 3 and younger.

Sextuplets are now breathing on own

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (AP) — Sextuplets born three months premature are growing stronger each day and all six are breathing on their own, a doctor said.

The babies — four boys and two girls — were in serious condition in intensive care but have been taken off ventilator support without many complications, Dr. Namasivayam Ambalavanan said on Tuesday. The babies were born after 26½ weeks; a full-term pregnancy is typically about 40 weeks.

Diamond Harris, a 27-year-old nurse, gave birth to all six children within three minutes of each other on Sunday. They weighed between 1 pound, 3 ounces and 1 pound, 12 ounces.

They were delivered by Caesarean section after about three hours of labor at the University of Alabama at Birmingham hospital.

Doctors still don't know how many of the children are identical twins and how many are fraternal twins. The babies can't yet be held, but doctors have encouraged the parents to stroke or gently touch them.

Harris said she had been undergoing fertility treatment, though there have been twins in both her family and that of her husband, Christopher. The couple also has a 7-year-old boy, Dewayne.

"All he wants to know is how many Pampers he has to change," said Christopher Harris, 28, a third-grade teacher.

Sextuplets are rare. When a Kansas woman gave birth to sextuplets in April, doctors in Wichita said only 96 sets of sextuplets have been born worldwide since recording began in the early 1900s.

All the Harris babies have names beginning with the letter K, after their great-grandmother, Kassie Harris. Their names are Kiera Christine, Kaylynne Antoinett, Kaleb Reddrick, Kobe Byshari, Kieran Anthony and Kyle Jacob.

"I feel good. A little bit sore, but good," Diamond Harris said. "We weren't expecting a bundle.

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RESULTS

Texas Two Step

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Texas Two Step numbers drawn Tuesday by the Texas Lottery:

8-13-19-29, Bonus number 30

Estimated jackpot: $450,000

Cash Five

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

3-11-21-26-37

Pick 3

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

0-4-7

PUBLIC HUNTING ON WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREAS AT O.H. IVIE RESERVOIR

Application for public hunting permits on the O.H. Ivie Reservoir Wildlife Management Areas will be accepted ***by mail only*** beginning July 15, 2002 and ending August 16, 2002, at the O.H. Ivie Reservoir Field Office.

Hunting Permits will be limited, and requests for information and application packets should be made by calling the Colorado River Municipal Water District (CRMWD) at 915-267-6341, or by writing to:

CRMWD
P.O. Box 869
Big Spring, Texas 79721
Attn: Public Hunting

A public drawing for the WMA Public Hunting Permits for the 2002 Hunting Season will be held at 1:00 p.m. on September 6, 2002, at the O.H. Ivie Reservoir Field Office, located near the north end of the dam. All applicants are welcome to attend the drawing, if they desire.

Date Book

Wednesday, July 10, 2002

Today is the 191st day of 2002 and the 20th day of summer.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1890, Wyoming was admitted to the Union as the 44th state.

On this day in 1913, the National Weather Service recorded a record-high temperature of 134 F in California's Death Valley.

On this day in 1962, Telstar I, the first commercial communications satellite, was launched into orbit. It was designed at the Bell Telephone Laboratories and launched by NASA.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: John Calvin (1509-1564), theologian; James Abbot McNeill Whistler (1834-1903), artist; Marcel Proust (1871-1922), writer; David Brinkley (1920-), broadcast journalist, is 82; Arthur Ashe (1943-1993), tennis great; Arlo Guthrie (1947-), singer and songwriter, is 55; Andre Dawson (1954-), baseball star, is 48.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1971, golfer Lee Trevino won the British Open.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Let us be grateful to people who make us happy; they are the charming gardeners who make our souls blossom." — Marcel Proust

TODAY'S MOON: New moon (July 10).

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Trio arrested on terrorism charges

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Three men of Palestinian descent — described by a club manager as "boisterously drunk" — were arrested at a strip club after an employee alleged that they threatened to attack local military bases, according to a police report.

They were arrested late Monday and named in state charges Tuesday with making terroristic threats.

The three — Ribhi Abdalla, 25, his cousin Jadallah Abdallah, 21, both of San Antonio; and Makram Sayel Hijaz, 20, of Mesquite — were being held at Bexar County Jail on bond of $2 million each.

The men did not have any strong political or religious leanings, relatives of the cousins told the San Antonio Express-News for Wednesday's editions. The relatives called the charges baseless.

Charles Jenkins, a federal prosecutor assigned to the terrorism task force in the U.S. attorney's office, said there did not appear to be any basis for federal charges.

Abdalla is an American citizen; the other two are recent immigrants. The men held jobs at gas stations and convenience stores.

The employee alleged the men made remarks about the "holy war and Jerusalem" and that they were going to carry out the work of the Sept. 11 terrorists by attacking local military bases, according to a police report.

The men told the woman, "we are having a good time and spending our money, just the way our others did before 9-11," the report said.

Police confiscated at least 21 bank and department store credit cards from Abdalla and impounded his car, which carried North Carolina license plates and contained a map of Florida.

WOAI radio in San Antonio reported that officers also confiscated three Texas drivers licenses from Abdalla.

FBI Special Agent Mark Rich said the FBI is working with the San Antonio police on the investigation, but he said the case will remain local.

"It's a local matter," he said. "There are no federal charges."

Abdalla's older brother, Maisar, 26, described him as a hard-working family man and said someone must have misunderstood the men. Family members said Abdalla was born in the West Bank but grew up mostly in Dallas.

Abdallah's brother, Shihada, said his brother grew up in the West Bank and dreamed of immigrating to the United States. Shihada said through a family translator that far from embracing militant causes, Abdallah moved here "to get away from the problems," the newspaper reported.

Maisar said his brother called him three times since his arrest, at first "swearing and crying and saying he really didn't remember what happened."

By mid-afternoon, however, his brother felt the charges soon would be dropped.

The club's general manager, Napolean Rodriguez, said he had no regrets about the call.

"Nowadays, you have to take this seriously," he said. "What if I didn't call police and something would have happened?"

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Thursday, July 11, 2002

It behooves you to do some weeding in your life to clear out the deadwood for the year ahead. Doing this will make way for happier activities of higher quality and fewer headaches.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Carelessness on your part today can cause you to lose something you consider dear. It may not be expensive, but rather an item that holds fond memories and can't be replaced. Know where to look for romance and you'll find it. The Astro-Graph Matchmaker instantly reveals which signs are romantically perfect for you. Mail $2.75 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 167, Wickliffe, OH 44092.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Today, what you consider a fleeting comment could turn into a binding commitment. Think twice before making any promises, because your audience will take you at your word.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — What you say and what you do may be two different things today, causing any persons with whom you have dealings to be confused by your behavior. Be consistent in both word and deed.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Before buying or investing today, check the information or the financial tip you receive from a well-intentioned friend against other sources. Don't take anything as gospel, no matter who it's from.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Instead of getting involved in conversations on topics about which you know little, do more listening. Otherwise, you may be tempted to pretend to know more than you do and sound foolish.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Be wary of attempting to give anybody advice today, even about things on which you may possess expertise. It could be misemployed and cause problems, with you taking the blame.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — It is ill advised to share an expensive activity today with someone who is usually reluctant to pay his or her fair share. I'll give you three guesses as to who (as usual) will end up paying the bill.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — If you feel the need to seek advice today, turn to more than one person before making any important decisions. It may take an aggregation of several bits of information to get the whole answer.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Be prepared to exert a second effort in order to accomplish your goals and ambitions today. Achievements may not come as easily as they usually do.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Watch out for an acquaintance with ulterior motives that may be trying to manipulate you today. If you let your guard down, this person will succeed.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — You may overreact today about matters of small consequence. If you do not handle yourself skillfully, you will turn what should be a molehill into a mountain.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Your judgment may not be up to par today, all because you hear only that which you want to hear. In so doing, you'll rob yourself of the chance to grasp the essence of ideas and situations.

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Outrage mounts over teen slammed into police vehicle

LOS ANGELES (AP) — As public outrage mounts, various law enforcement agencies have opened investigations into the arrest of a teenager who was videotaped being slammed onto a police car and punched in the face while he was handcuffed.

Dozens of angry protesters descended on Inglewood City Hall on Tuesday, demanding an end to police brutality and the ouster of Officer Jeremy Morse. Inglewood Mayor Roosevelt Dorn responded by saying that the officer should be fired and charged with assault.

"I will not under any circumstances tolerate the type of conduct I observed in the videotape," Dorn told a packed City Hall news conference. "In my opinion the district attorney's office should act."

Meanwhile, lawyers for 16-year-old Donovan Jackson and his father plan to announce their intent to file a lawsuit Wednesday at the federal courthouse in downtown Los Angeles.

The FBI said it has opened a civil rights investigation. The Inglewood Police Department, the Los Angeles County sheriff and district attorney also are investigating.

Morse, a three-year veteran who was put on leave Monday with pay, could not be reached for comment. Phone messages left for the president of the Inglewood Police Officers Association were not immediately returned.

The incident occurred during a weekend traffic stop just east of Los Angeles International Airport.

A tourist's videotape showed Morse hoisting Jackson to his feet, throwing his body onto a car, then striking him in the face with a closed fist. Two other officers appear to intervene, with at least one trying to pull away the first officer's arm.

Police and sheriff's officials said the teen lunged at deputies and was combative, while the boy's father, the driver of the car that was stopped, said his son cooperated and Morse attacked him unprovoked. The family's lawyer, Joe Hopkins, said the teen is developmentally disabled with no arrest record.

The teen was booked for investigation of assault on a peace officer; his father was cited for driving with a suspended license.

The video was recorded by a man who was staying at a motel across the street.

Oversized passengers told to buy extra airline seats

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — A family from New Mexico was forced to spend the night in Indianapolis after being told by a Southwest Airlines ticket agent that they would have to buy another ticket if they wanted to fly home.

Andrea Kysar of Albuquerque, N.M., and her brother, Marty McLaughlin of Espanola, told television reporters that they were not allowed to board their flight Monday evening because of their size.

Southwest Airlines came under fire last month for charging overweight passengers for two tickets if they spill over into their neighbor's seat.

The Dallas-based airline has said it is trying to provide a comfortable flight for travelers seated next to large passengers. The policy has been in place since 1980.

Kysar said Tuesday she was aware of the policy and checked with the airline when she booked the tickets. She said she was told at the time that she and her brother would not have to buy extra seats because of their size.

Kysar and McLaughlin flew from Albuquerque to Indianapolis without incident Friday. They planned to find another flight to Albuquerque on Tuesday evening.

"No matter what, we will get home and it's going to be OK," McLaughlin said.

Southwest Airlines issued a statement Tuesday, saying the airline "regrets any inconsistency in the application of its Customer of Size policy."

"We have been working hard to give our outstanding customer service employees the information they need to appropriately handle these rare but delicate situations," the statement said.

Woman's body found in desert

TUCSON, Ariz. (AP) — A 35-year-old Mexican woman's body was found on the Tohono O'odham Nation, U.S. Border Patrol officials said.

The woman's name was not released.

Agents learned of the woman's death from an illegal entrant detained Tuesday who said the group left an individual behind, Border Patrol spokesman Rob Daniels said.

The woman's remains were found about two miles southeast of Cowlic, Daniels said.

Prohibition ends

TALLMADGE, Ohio (AP) — Prohibition has finally ended for this Akron suburb.

For the first time in more than 80 years, alcohol sales became legal Monday in Tallmadge, with Mayor Christopher Grimm getting things going by sipping on a microbrew beer at Delanie's Neighborhood Grille.

When Prohibition ended in 1933, Tallmadge refused to allow local sales, fearful of too many taverns.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

North 07-10-02
♠ J 8
♥ K 10 3 2
♦ A Q 10 4
♣ 7 6 3

West
♠ Q 9 6 3 2
♥ 9
♦ 8 3 2
♣ 8 5 4 2

East
♠ A 7 5 4
♥ J 8 6 5 4
♦ 9 5
♣ A Q

South
♠ K 10
♥ A Q 7
♦ K J 7 6
♣ K J 10 9

Dealer: East
Vulnerable: North-South

South	West	North	East
			1 ♥
1 NT	Pass	3 NT	All pass

Opening lead: ♠ 3

The bidding gives the answer

Jean Arp, a highly regarded artist and poet, wrote, "Soon silence will have passed into legend. Man has turned his back on silence."

This could have been an observation about present-day top-level bridge. Young Turks bid whenever they hold 13 cards. Sometimes these subminimum bids work well because they tell partner what to lead, or they enable the YT's side to reach either a makable contract or a cheap sacrifice. However, occasionally deals like this occur, which are carefully swept under the carpet by the YTs.

You are South, playing in three notrump after East opened one heart. West leads a fourth-highest spade three, East winning with the ace and returning the spade four. What would be your plan?

If you attack clubs, you will go down, losing four spades and one club. Instead, you must collect the next eight tricks: four diamonds and four hearts.

Applying yesterday's rule, the normal approach is to play hearts from the top. But since East opened one heart, making him a heavy favorite to hold the heart jack, that probably won't work. You should hope West has a singleton eight or nine.

Go over to dummy with a diamond, then call for the heart 10. If East plays low, you do too. So, let's assume East covers with the jack, and West drops the nine. Play another diamond to dummy and lead a heart to your seven. Cash the heart ace, cross to dummy in diamonds a third time, play off the heart king, and claim your ninth trick in diamonds.

East got what he deserved, opening with neither opening values nor a decent suit.

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Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.

Yet another treatment for tonail fungus

DEAR DR. GOTT: I have been troubled by chronic toenail fungus that is unresponsive to local therapy as well as anti-fungus pills. A few months ago, a friend told me that he had great success with Vick's Vaporub. Of course, I was skeptical. However, I figured: What the heck? I applied the product to my toenails once a day, at bedtime. After two months, my nails grew out clear and strong. The fungus disappeared. I still use the product now and then to prevent a recurrence. I shared this with my physician, who was very surprised and wondered if the camphor in the Vick's could have played a role. Best of all, the therapy is very inexpensive. Have you heard of this?

DEAR READER: Yes, I have. And was, like your physician, surprised to say the least. I have received several letters from delighted readers who touted Vick's for toenail fungus. Apparently, it is an effective treatment. I don't know why, but I would welcome letters from readers (and medical professionals) about this issue. The bottom line is, as you said, safety, convenience and expense. Oral anti-fungals cost hundreds of dollars; whereas Vick's is literally pennies per application.

A NOTE TO READERS: For an updated and revised Health Report on "Diabetes Mellitus," send a self-addressed, stamped envelope and $2 to Newsletter, P.O. Box 167, Wickliffe, OH 44092-0167. Be sure to mention the title. Also, be on the lookout for more updated Health Reports.

DEAR DR. GOTT: My problem is tears. Lots of them. I know that crying is a needed emotional outlet, but I have too many. I am a healthy college graduate, a teacher, mother and take-charge woman with no emotional problems. Yet time and time again, I weep when seeing old friends, when I'm embarrassed or worried, when I'm happy — just about any good or bad emotion brings on the tears. Is there help for me?

DEAR READER: Many normal people have a low threshold for weeping. The tears seem to be an emotional release in response to happiness or sadness, stress or worry. If you are otherwise in good health, both emotionally and physically, I think that you can ignore your tendency to weep at the drop of a hat. This is simply your individual, normal response.

On the other hand, if you are truly concerned about the situation, you might consider an approach — such as counseling, biofeedback, behavioral modification or hypnosis — to increase your weeping threshold. Ask your doctor about this; he or she should be able to refer you to the appropriate resources in your community.

DEAR DR. GOTT: After years of suffering from fever blisters and cold sores on my lips, I finally found a cure. At the earliest sensation of tingling or even if the blister has already broken out, I apply Preparation-H. No more blisters. What do you think?

DEAR READER: I think this treatment is unique, to say the least. I've had no experience with it. Have any other readers tried this technique?

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Saturday, July 13
Under the Tent on the Eckerd's Parking Lot - Snyder
10:00 a.m. - Worship Music, **11:00 a.m.** - Puppet Ministry
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1:30 p.m. - Rock Concert with the band ***Warfare***.
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THANKS!

Historic Scurry County, Inc. wishes to thank all those who helped make our silent auction, July 4th, a success. All those who donated items; those who came and bought; those who donated money. We especially appreciate the ***Snyder Daily News*** for publicity and the ***Chamber of Commerce*** for including us in their publicity. Also thanks to all those who came and worked. Thanks to ***Jess Everett*** for donating the painting to raffle. Tickets will be available until the drawing at the White Buffalo Festival.

PUBLIC NOTICE OF APPLICATION TO ESTABLISH RATES

Pursuant to Section 104.103 of the Texas Utilities Code, TXU Lone Star Pipeline (TXU LSP), a division of TXU Gas Company, hereby gives notice of intent to establish a supplemental rate identified as the "Integrity and Safety Assessment" (ISA) to track and recover costs of implementing its Pipeline Integrity Assessment and Management Plan and costs of system modification required by class location changes. The Pipeline Integrity Assessment and Management Plan is required by the Railroad Commission of Texas (Commission) pursuant to its Pipeline Safety Regulations, Rule § 8.101, while class location changes are necessary to comply with the Federal Minimum Pipeline Safety Regulations, 49 C.F.R. § 192, adopted by the Commission.

The proposed initial rate for the ISA is 2.05 cents per MMBtu, and is proposed to take effect as of July 1, 2002. The rate will be adjusted each year to reflect the change in costs necessitated by the pipeline safety regulations, with an opportunity for those costs to be reviewed by the Commission. The ISA will remain in effect for ten years from its initial effective date. The ISA constitutes a major change as that term is defined in Sec. 104.101, Texas Utilities Code. The proposed rate will increase the total revenues of TXU LSP by 3.7%, representing $4.1 million of additional revenues.

The ISA will apply to the following classes of customers: 1) TXU LSP's customers with gas consuming equipment at an end-use location physically attached to TXU LSP's pipeline system or to the system of a local distribution company physically attached to TXU LSP's pipeline system; 2) entities selling gas to such customers; and 3) local distribution companies served by TXU LSP's pipeline system. The ISA will indirectly affect all residential and commercial customers served by such local distribution customers, including TXU Gas Distribution. At the proposed initial rate of 2.05 cents per MMBtu, the bill of an average residential customer (6 mcf of gas consumption per month) will increase approximately 12 cents per month.

A Statement of Intent to implement the ISA has been filed with the Commission in GUD Docket No. 9304 and is available for inspection at the Commission's office at 1701 North Congress, Austin, Texas, and at the offices of TXU LSP at 301 South Harwood, Dallas, Texas. Any affected person may file written comments or a protest concerning the proposed changes in the rates with the Docket Services Section of the Office of General Counsel, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 12967, Austin, Texas 78711-2967, at any time on or before July 26, 2002. Any person or agency that has a justiciable or administratively cognizable interest in this proceeding who desires to be designated as a party may petition for leave to intervene and request to become a party to this proceeding. The deadline for intervention in this case shall be July 26, 2002.

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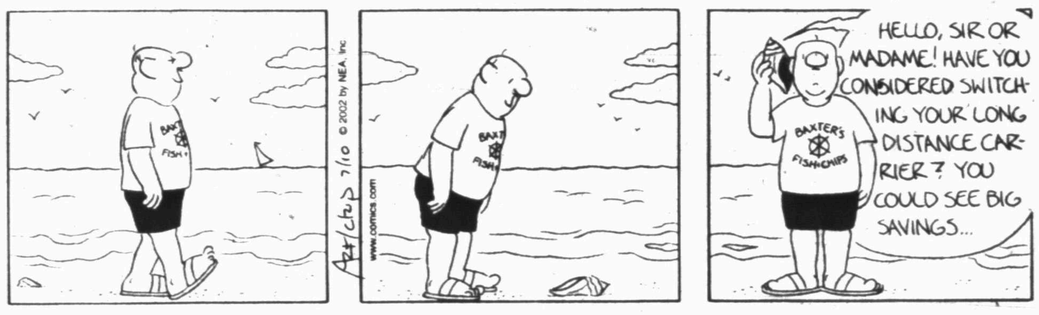

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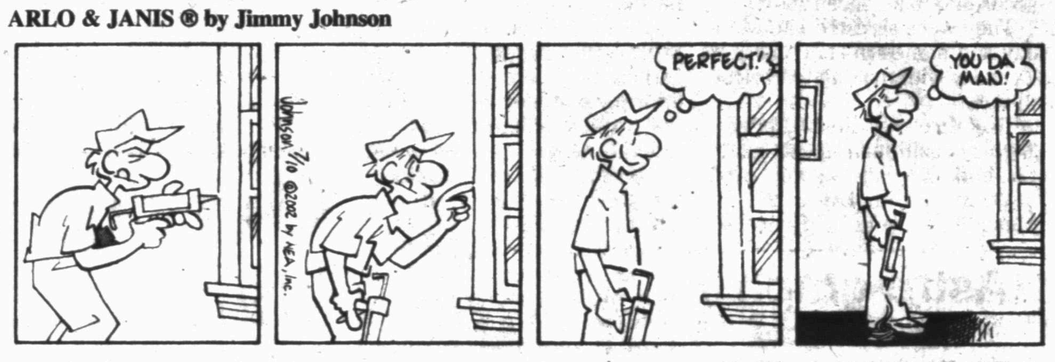

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6 Shaggy flower
12 Picks on
14 Far East
15 Throat appendage
16 Fillet
17 Crimson Tide st.
18 Cookie-selling org.
19 Foot the bill
21 Actor — Majors
23 Balance-sheet guru
26 Clean a fish
27 Abbot
28 Lama's melody
30 Kitchen pest
31 Current meas.
32 Mellower
33 Common phrase
35 Here, to Henri
37 Jacques' pal
38 Plows
39 Be a thief
40 Puppy noise
41 Youngster
42 Slugger — Williams
43 Fond du —, WI
44 Way of Lao-tzu
46 Genetic material
48 Dress trim
51 Made shore
55 Certain grad
56 Edmonton gridder
57 Conical tents
58 Urgency

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2 Prizm maker
3 Newscaster — Rather
4 Term paper
5 Simon or Diamond
6 Avoid
7 Son of Hera
8 Charcoal grill
9 Author — Tolstoy
10 Traveler's stop
11 Packed away
13 Zigzag course
19 Professed expert
20 Hun leader
22 High waistline
24 Yellow fruit
25 Pale
26 Trot or canter
27 River tamers
28 Storage bin
29 Journey
34 Of years past (hyph.)
36 Pamper
42 Forum wear
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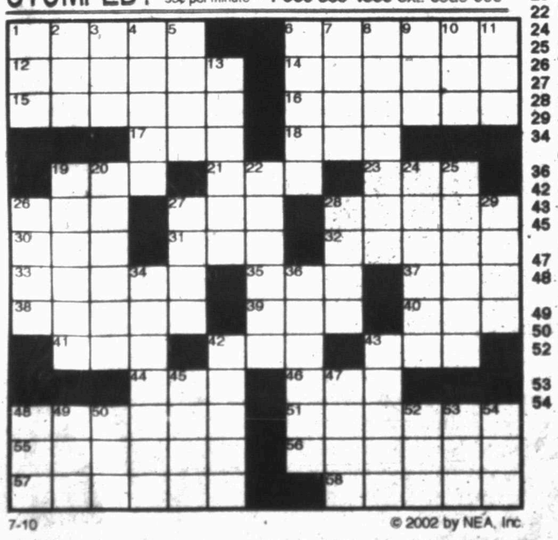

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SPORTS

Tie at All-Star game angers fans

MILWAUKEE (AP) — Willie Mays, Hank Aaron and Cal Ripken helped baseball begin the night by celebrating many of its most memorable moments.

By the time the All-Star game ended, the sport had another — but one it wants to forget.

Despite Barry Bonds homering and being robbed by a spectacular catch from Torii Hunter, fans booed and threw bottles when the game was declared a 7-7 tie after 11 innings Tuesday night because both teams ran out of pitchers.

"I want to take this opportunity to apologize to the fans," commissioner Bud Selig said. "This is a very regrettable situation."

Amid worries about a players' strike and steroids, the bizarre ending may just have been the first work stoppage this season.

"This is terrible. These guys are going on strike and they're doing this now?" fan Tim Dugan of Chicago said. "We've been ripped off."

The sellout crowd of 41,871 at Miller Park loudly chanted "Let them play!" and "Refund!" as Freddy Garcia struck out Benito Santiago to finish it. A few fans in right field tossed bottles to protest the decision, which came after Selig conferred with both managers.

Selig, who lives in Milwaukee and formerly ran the Brewers, had hoped the summer showcase would let baseball take a one-day break from its troubles.

No luck.

And no MVP was picked, either. Bad timing, too, since the award was renamed this week to honor Ted Williams, the Hall of Famer who died Friday.

This was the second tie in All-Star history, the other coming in 1961 when it was stopped by rain.

It also marked the second time in nine years that an All-Star game finished with fans booing. In 1993, the crowd at Camden Yards jeered as AL manager Cito Gaston of Toronto let Blue Jays closer Duane Ward wrap up a 9-3 win while Baltimore's Mike Mussina warmed up in the bullpen.

"The decision was made because there were no players left, no pitchers left," Selig said. "This is not the ending I had hoped for. I was in a no-win situation."

While players said they understood the decision — many games in spring training are stopped for the very same reason — the crowd did not.

"With everything going on in baseball, I'm sure the fans were very upset," Hunter said.

It became apparent that a tie was possible after the top of the 11th when AL manager Joe Torre, NL manager Bob Brenly and umpire crew chief Gerry Davis went over to talk with Selig in the front row next to the dugout.

At one point during the five-minute discussion, Selig threw up his arms.

"I feel bad for Bud," Torre said. "Bob and I had talked. You can't have it both ways. You can't have all the people see all the players."

After Luis Castillo flied out to start the bottom of the 11th, the stadium public-address announcer informed the crowd of the news, saying a tie would be declared if the NL didn't score in the bottom half.

Fans, however, were not told why the game would be halted.

"They treated it like it was a meaningless game," said David Cuscuna of Fort Lauderdale, Fla. "They're telling the fans this game doesn't matter. Not to mention the $175 face value for tickets. It sends a lot of bad messages."

Garcia and Vicente Padilla, who finished for the NL, each pitched two innings. All 60 players — including 10 NL pitchers and nine in the AL — were used, prompting Selig to raise the possibility of increasing future rosters.

"They made the right decision. It's only a friendly game," Milwaukee shortstop Jose Hernandez said. "The fans weren't expecting that ending, but they've got to understand. I know they want to see a great game, but there's no more guys in the bullpen."

The result left intact the AL's five-game winning streak. The NL leads the overall series 40-31 — and now with two ties.

The night got off to an entertaining and poignant start.

Aaron, Mays and Ripken were part of a celebration that honored the sport's past. Then there was a tribute to Williams, featuring his friend, Boston shortstop Nomar Garciaparra, and two other Red Sox players unveiling the No. 9 painted into left field to remember the "Splendid Splinter."

Baseball also paused to remember St. Louis pitcher Darryl Kile and Cardinals broadcaster Jack Buck. Kile's No. 57 jersey hung in the NL dugout and Buck's widow was in attendance.

Bonds' two-run shot off the facade of the second deck gave the NL a 4-0 lead in the third. It was fitting the San Francisco slugger connected on this night — he and Williams are perhaps the two greatest left fielders in history.

"This is great. This is fun," Bonds said when he left after three innings. "What they did with the memorable moments was great."

Bonds also got a firsthand look at Hunter, the Minnesota center fielder known for astounding catches.

With two outs in the first, Bonds launched a long drive to deep right-center field. Hunter glided into the gap, timed his leap and reached far over the fence — his elbow was way above the 8-foot wall — to pull the ball back into the park.

Bonds, who has 594 career home runs, and the fans could hardly believe that he'd been robbed of another shot. As Hunter came jogging off the field, Bonds playfully intercepted the Gold Glove winner in the middle of the field, hoisted the Twins star with two hands and put him over his shoulder.

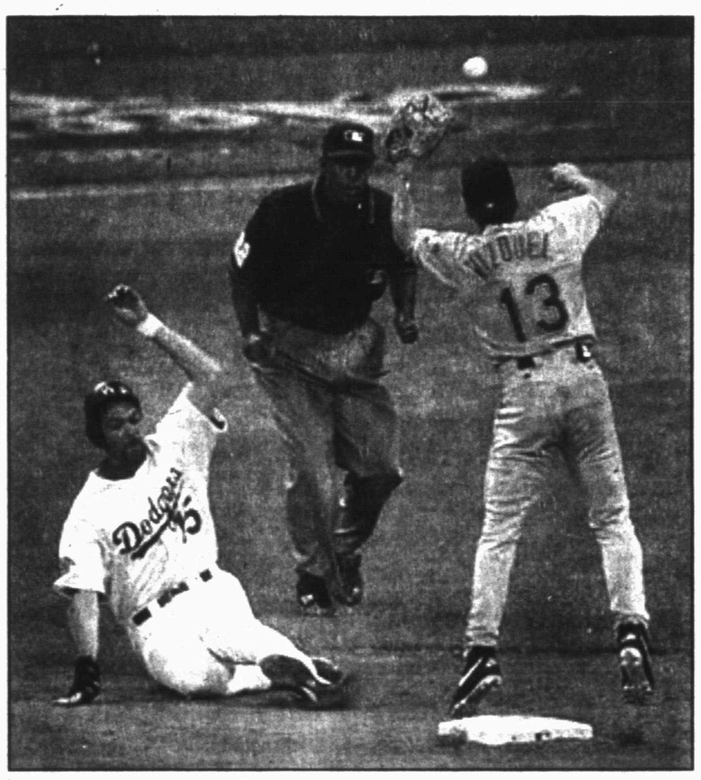
"He said, 'Hey, good job,'" Hunter said. "Then he tried to dunk me, but I wouldn't let him."

When Hunter came to bat in the second, Bonds and several other NL stars stood at their positions and watched the replay on the center-field video board.

Hunter called it his best catch ever.

"I had to go get that," he said.

Lance Berkman, leading the majors with 29 home runs and 81 RBIs, hit a two-out, two-run single off Kazuhiro Sasaki in the seventh.



SAFE — The Dodgers' Shawn Green slides into second base ahead of the throw to Omar Vizquel of the Indians during Tuesday night's All-Star game at Milwaukee. The game was called in the 11th inning with the teams tied at 7-7. (AP Photo)

Sports Briefs

Youth football camp

The free Snyder Tiger Football Camp will be held from 9 a.m. until noon Tuesday. Players from six-years-old through the eighth grade can participate. The camp is hosted by SHS coach Chad Rogers, and $1.00 hot dogs will be served.

Cargile golf tournament

The Kiwanis Cargile Scholarship Foundation benefit Golf Tournament is set for Aug. 10 at Western Texas College. Format is four-person scramble and cost is $30 per player.

Cash prizes will go to the top four teams. Contests for closest-to-the-hole, longest drive and hole-in-one will be held. To register, call the pro shop at 573-9291.

Golf tournament

The Golfers' Memorial Partnership is set for Saturday and Sunday at the country cub. Format is lowball the first day and scramble for the final round. Cost is $150 per team. For more information, call the pro shop at 573-7101.

SISD athletic physicals

Physicals are required for students wishing to participate in SISD athletics. Those needing physicals are all incoming seventh and ninth grade athletes, students new to SISD athletics, athletes in their third year of high school, and all students who answered "yes" to questions 1, 4, 5, 6 or 7 on their medical history form.

The school district pays for physicals through Aug. 2 with the following doctors: Raykov, Burleson, Cooper, Thompson, Wolboldt and NP Beth Ashley. Incoming seventh and ninth graders can pick up physical forms in the doctors' offices.

Tennis events

Snyder Tennis Camp, hosted by SHS coach Ted Phillips, will be held July 22-25. Incoming fourth through seventh graders are eligible and cost is $30. Registration forms can be picked up at the SHS principal's office.

Snyder Tennis Booster Club is hosting a tournament July 19-21. There will be singles and doubles competition in five age divisions, 12-under, 14-under, 16-under, 18-under and open. There will also be mixed doubles in the open division.

For more information on either event, contact Ted Phillips at 573-2525.

Friday swingers

The SCGA Women's Golf Association holds a weekly swingers event at 5:30 each Friday. It is open to all members and prospective members. Cost is $10 per couple and the format is scramble.

Cash prizes go to the top three finishers as well as closest to the hole. For more information, call Barbara Leatherwood at 725-7875.

SCGA weekly events

The Scurry County Golf Association holds a weekly scramble Tuesdays at 5:30. The Men's Golf Association holds an all-day MGA event each Thursday.

A's will stay in Oakland

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — The Oakland Athletics extended their lease at the Coliseum through 2007, likely pushing it further down the list of candidates for contraction.

Owner Steve Schott remains committed to building a baseball-only stadium in the East Bay for the A's, who will pay $500,000 annually in rent over the first three years of the agreement, with increases to $550,000 in 2006 and $600,000 in 2007.

Armstrong slips to fifth place

REIMS, France (AP) — Australia's Robbie McEwen used a closing sprint to win the third stage of the Tour de France, as three-time champion Lance Armstrong slipped to fifth place in the overall standings after finishing in the main pack.

McEwen, of the Lotto-Adecco team, covered the 108.2-mile stage through the flat wheat fields of eastern France between Metz and Reims in 4 hours, 13 minutes and 17 seconds.

Germany's Erik Zabel, a sprint specialist with the Telekom team, finished second and claimed the leader's yellow jersey from Swiss rider Rubens Bertogliati, who had held it for two days.

Augusta chairman critical of pressure from feminist group

By DOUG FERGUSON
AP Golf Writer

In a defiant statement about the privacy of Augusta National, chairman Hootie Johnson lashed out at a national women's group Tuesday for urging the club to have female members before next year's Masters.

"Our membership alone decides our membership — not any outside group with its own agenda," Johnson said in a surprisingly long and angry statement.

The National Council of Women's Organizations, which has about 6 million members from 160 groups, sent a letter to Johnson on June 12 after chairwoman Martha Burk read reports about Augusta National not having women among its 300 members.

Lloyd Ward, the first black CEO of the U.S. Olympic Committee and an Augusta member, said during the Masters that he would lobby to broaden the membership to include women.

"We know that Augusta National and the sponsors of the Masters do not want to be viewed as entities that tolerate discrimination against any group, including women," Burk said in the letter.

In a three-sentence reply to Burk that she received via overnight mail Wednesday, Johnson said he found the letter to be "offensive and coercive," and that there would be no more discussion with NCWO because Augusta membership matters are private.

"The response is insensitive at best and confrontational at worst," Burk said. "I and my groups are making a good-faith effort to urge the club to be fair, to not discriminate against women and basically to come into the 21st century.

"We were trying the olive-branch approach, but he's unwilling to talk."

Johnson had plenty to say in a three-page statement released by the club.

"The message delivered to us was clearly coercive," he said. "We will not be bullied, threatened or intimidated. We do not intend to become a trophy in their display case."

Burk said NCWO's next step would be to contact the sponsors of the Masters — Coca-Cola, IBM and Citigroup — to ask them not to do business with a club that has no female members.

"I hope they'll respond positively," she said. "I find it interesting to think that if the club barred blacks, whether any sponsor would come near it in this day and age. Why should it be different for barring half of the population?"

Augusta National, built on a former nursery in northeastern Georgia, opened in 1932. The Masters was created in 1934 and has become the most famous golf tournament in the world. It usually gets the highest television ratings, too.

Tiger Woods won the Masters this year for the third time.

Johnson said in April that Augusta does not have exclusionary membership policies, although it did not have a black member until 1990 and, as Burk points out, has not had a female member in its 70-year history.

"There may well come a day when women will be invited to join our membership, but that timetable will be ours, and not at the point of a bayonet," Johnson said.

While there are no female members, several women have played Augusta. Johnson recently invited the University of South Carolina women's golf team to play as his guest, and Karrie Webb and Kelly Robbins from the LPGA Tour played the course in May.

Johnson tried to draw a line between the privacy of the club and the public nature of the Masters tournament, attended by some 40,000 people.

Augusta National operates the Masters independent from any other golf organization, such as the PGA Tour. The club gets most of its money from an annual TV contract with CBS Sports and sales from its souvenir store at the course. Weekly tickets cost $125, half the cost of other major golf championships.

"Augusta National and the Masters — while happily entwined — are quite different," Johnson said. "One is a private golf club. The other is a world-class sports event of great public interest. It is insidious to attempt to use one to alter the essence of the other."

Burk suggested that if Augusta National does not have female members, the Masters should move to a club that does.

"The Masters, in my mind, is not tied at the hip to this club," she said. "An event of this profile could be held somewhere else."

The next major golf championship is the British Open.

Major League Baseball

National League
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East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	56	32	.636	—
Montreal	46	41	.529	9½
Florida	45	43	.511	11
New York	43	44	.494	12½
Philadelphia	39	47	.453	16

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
St. Louis	47	38	.553	—
Cincinnati	46	41	.529	2
Houston	41	45	.477	6½
Pittsburgh	38	49	.437	10
Chicago	35	51	.407	12½
Milwaukee	33	55	.375	15½

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	54	34	.614	—
Arizona	51	36	.586	2½
San Francisco	49	38	.563	4½
Colorado	42	46	.477	12
San Diego	35	53	.398	19

Tuesday's Game
National 7, American 7, 11 innings, tie, All-Star Game

Wednesday's Games
No games scheduled

Thursday's Games
Atlanta at Montreal, 1:05 p.m.
Philadelphia at N.Y. Mets, 7:10 p.m.
Cincinnati at Houston, 8:05 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Milwaukee, 8:05 p.m.
Arizona at Los Angeles, 10:10 p.m.
Colorado at San Francisco, 10:15 p.m.

American League
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East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	55	32	.632	—
Boston	52	33	.612	2
Baltimore	42	43	.494	12
Toronto	34	52	.395	20½
Tampa Bay	28	57	.329	26

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Minnesota	50	39	.562	—
Chicago	42	46	.477	7½
Cleveland	39	47	.453	9½
Kansas City	33	52	.388	15
Detroit	31	54	.365	17

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Seattle	55	33	.625	—
Anaheim	51	35	.593	3
Oakland	50	38	.568	5
Texas	39	47	.453	15

Tuesday's Game
National 7, American 7, 11 innings, tie, All-Star Game

Wednesday's Games
No games scheduled

Thursday's Games
Boston at Toronto, 7:05 p.m.
Oakland at Baltimore, 7:05 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees at Cleveland, 7:05 p.m.
Chicago White Sox at Detroit, 7:05 p.m.
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Ag Talk

By Charlie Stenholm, U.S. Congressman 17th District

USDA Emergency Farm Loans

Secretary of Agriculture Ann Veneman named eight counties in Texas as eligible for USDA emergency farm loans due to losses caused by drought, high winds, and excessive temperatures that occurred last year.

Veneman says the emergency loans will help farmers recover from losses due to severe weather conditions.

Haskell County was named as a primary disaster area, while Jones, Shackelford, Stonewall, Throckmorton, Baylor, King, and Knox counties are contiguous, meaning they are eligible for emergency loans.

All qualified farm operators in primary and contiguous disaster counties will be eligible for low interest emergency loans from the Farm Service Agency (FSA).

Farmers in the eligible counties have eight months from the June 21 declaration to apply for the loans to help cover part of their actual losses.

FSA will consider each loan application on its own merits, taking into account the extent of losses, security available, and repayment ability.

In addition to emergency loans, the FSA has a variety of programs available to farmers to help them recover from disasters brought about by drought and high temperatures.

For further information you may contact the local FSA office.

APHIS and the New Department of Homeland Security

This week the House Agriculture Committee held a hearing to get input from the agricultural community regarding the proposal to move the Animal Plant and Health Inspection Service (APHIS) to the new Department of Homeland Security.

A number of folks are concerned about the impact that such a move would have on the ability of APHIS to monitor and eradicate plant and animal diseases, wildlife control, and issues relating to the export of US commodities.

It is clear there is a need to better coordinate the efforts of our government to protect us against the threat of terrorism. This week's hearing is a first step in helping us to develop a solid, common sense proposal.

RMA Provides Relief to Texas Cotton Farmers

The Risk Management Agency (RMA) has issued a manager's bulletin allowing for early-release of dry land Texas cotton acreage that has not emerged due to insufficient moisture.

This bulletin provides that such cotton acreage may be appraised and released as early as June 25 in counties with a June 5 final planting date, and as early as June 30 in the June 10 planting date counties.

USDA to Report on Cattle Market

The USDA is continuing to study the reasons cattle prices have fallen in recent months. Many cattle producers believe the decline has been brought about because of manipulation by large meatpackers.

Secretary Veneman believes there are three more obvious factors that are depressing cattle prices:

- Russian cutbacks on US poultry imports have hurt all US livestock products.
- Japanese fears over mad cow disease reversed the steady growth we had seen in US beef exports.
- The drought in the Midwest has brought more cattle to market.

It has also been noted that the cattle currently coming to market are significantly heavier.

Beef Check-off Ruled Unconstitutional

Last week, a South Dakota judge ruled that the $1 per head nationwide beef check off is unconstitutional and ordered collection of the fee to stop by July 15.

The beef check off program raises more than $80 million a year, with half the money going to the Cattleman's Beef Promotion and Research Board, and the other half to qualified state beef councils.

The National Cattleman's Beef Association says it will appeal the judge's ruling. Secretary Veneman is disappointed with the ruling, and says USDA believes programs like these are effective tools for market enhancement.

Beef & Pork Production at Record High

The USDA has reported that last month's production of red meat was a record high for the month of May.

Beef production for the first five months of 2002 was up four percent from last year. The average weights for cattle headed to market were up 25 pounds. Average live hog weights are up four pounds from last year.

"Robot" Milkers

And in the area of technological developments that none of us could have imagined years ago, the Associated Press has reported that robot milkers may be the wave of the future for dairy farms.

According to a recent report, even without much training cows appear willing to walk up to a milking station and spend a few minutes munching grain while the robot's quietly moving parts search for the animal's udder.

Apparently the cows are willing to remain there until the robot completes the entire milking process.

This technology is being offered as a tool that may provide welcome relief to small family-owned dairies that are facing long hours and slim profit margins.

It just goes to show folks, if you live long enough, you will see a lot.

Congressman Stenholm represents the 17th District of Texas in the U.S. House of Representatives and is the Ranking Member of the House Committee on Agriculture.

Vice President is being sued for alleged Halliburton fraud

MIAMI (AP) — Vice President Dick Cheney and Halliburton Co., the oil company he ran for five years, are being accused of accounting fraud by a watchdog group.

Washington-based Judicial Watch said it would file a shareholder lawsuit on Wednesday against Cheney and Halliburton.

Cheney was chairman and chief executive of the oil field-services giant from 1995 to 2000. Halliburton announced on May 28 that it received notice from the Securities and Exchange Commission that the commission was looking into Halliburton's accounting methods — adopted in 1998 — for reporting cost overruns on construction jobs.

The SEC has not filed any charges against the Dallas-based services company.

Judicial Watch alleges those accounting practices resulted in the overvaluation of Halliburton's shares, deceiving investors.

"We're seeking actual and punitive damages for allegations of securities fraud, for changing accounting practices and not advising the public of these changes," Judicial Watch chairman and general counsel Larry Klayman said Tuesday night in Miami.

Messages seeking comment from Cheney and the White House were not immediately returned late Tuesday.

"We don't believe that there's any merit to this case," Halliburton spokeswoman Zelma Branch said.

The lawsuit is expected to be filed Wednesday in federal court in Dallas.

Gov. Ventura is hospitalized

ST. PAUL, Minn. (AP) — Gov. Jesse Ventura was admitted to the hospital with chest pains and was given blood thinners to dissolve a blood clot in his lung, the same aliment that ended his wrestling career.

Ventura, who turns 51 on Monday, spent Tuesday night at North Memorial Hospital in Robbinsdale after waking up with chest pains. He canceled his public schedule for the next couple of days, but was in good spirits, his spokesman said.

"He'll be fine," John Wodele said.

Lt. Gov. Mae Schunk was flying back early from California, where she had been attending an education conference, but Ventura didn't immediately plan to hand over power.

"He's in complete control of his faculties," Wodele said.

A blood clot ended Ventura's wrestling career in the mid-1980s. He was hospitalized in intensive care for six days in San Diego, and was treated with clot-busting medication.

In a 1998 interview, Ventura described the experience as the lowest moment of his life, noting that he was forced to miss a big pay day against fellow wrestler Hulk Hogan in Los Angeles.

Ventura, an independent who stunned the political world with his election in 1998, said last month he would not seek a second term this fall. When he made the announcement, the former wrestler said his heart was no longer in the job and that he was tired of criticism of his family.

According to the Mayo Clinic, about 600,000 Americans experience a blocked artery in their lungs each year. Symptoms vary greatly, but common ones include chest pain, bloody cough, excessive sweating, rapid heartbeat, lightheadedness.

Markets

Midday Stocks

NEW YORK (AP)

	High	Low	Last	
AMR Corp	15.45	14.75	15.18	+ .48
AOL TimeWrn	14.35	14.01	14.17	+ .18
AT&T Corp	10.40	10.02	10.21	+ .20
Albertsons	29.73	29.39	29.49	+ .06
Alltel	45.80	44.90	45.57	—.10
AmEl Pw	37.40	35.10	35.30	—1.65
AndarkPtr	48.01	47.52	47.61	+ .45
ATMOS Egy	22.75	22.01	22.14	—.50
Aviall	13.69	13.32	13.36	—.31
BP PLC	50.97	50.07	50.08	+ .13
BakerHughes	32.86	31.85	32.02	+ .09
Bank of Amer	70.68	69.80	70.33	+ .09
BellSouth	31.80	30.80	31.76	+ .79
BurlNoSFe	30.10	29.82	29.95	+ .08
Caterpillar	47.70	46.55	47.33	+ .20
ChevronTex	87.43	86.05	86.26	—.69
Citigroup	38.10	37.02	38.01	+ .44
CocaCola	56.95	56.37	56.77	+ .33
ColgatePal	50.11	49.80	49.81	—.23
CmclMetals s	22.30	22.00	22.00	—.30
Cooper Inds	36.55	35.74	36.06	—.26
DaimlrChry	46.85	46.26	46.56	+ .26
DeltaAirl	18.80	18.05	18.42	+ .15
Dillards Inc	27.14	26.20	27.05	+ 1.04
DowChem	33.11	32.56	32.60	—.44
DuPont	45.26	43.90	44.70	—.15
EastmanChem	46.50	45.63	45.93	—.34
EstKodak	27.65	26.96	27.30	+ .30
EDS Corp	35.10	33.61	34.89	+ 1.06
Entergy	41.30	39.50	39.63	—1.62
ExxonMobil	40.27	39.30	39.45	—.35
FootLocker	13.89	13.52	13.59	+ .09
GenDynam	107.10	105.16	105.36	—1.30
GenElec	28.75	28.14	28.44	+ .14
GenMills	43.85	43.13	43.74	+ .20
GenMotors	50.81	49.65	49.87	—1.27
GaPacific	23.91	23.27	23.76	+ .38
Goodrich	25.05	24.15	24.28	—.68
Goodyear	17.76	17.34	17.48	—.07
GtAtlPac	17.85	17.64	17.73	+ .19
Halliburtn	14.34	13.91	13.98	—.14
Hanson ADS	33.16	33.00	33.06	—.19
HarteHanks s	20.33	20.05	20.30	+ .44
HomeDepot	35.75	35.05	35.50	+ .15
HoneywellIntl	35.25	34.06	34.53	—.31
IBM	71.25	69.71	70.31	+ .64
IntlPaper	43.09	42.40	42.80	+ .20
JohnsonJn	52.10	51.02	51.15	—1.47
vjK mart	.81	.79	.80	—.01
KinderMorg	40.04	39.67	39.95	+ .53
Kroger Co	20.15	20.00	20.10	+ .21
LockheedM	69.50	67.22	67.37	—1.62
Lowes Cos	45.15	44.05	44.93	+ .28
Lubys	6.15	6.10	6.13	
LucentTech	2.14	1.97	2.07	+ .03
MarathonOil	26.19	25.82	25.89	—.04
MayDeptStr	32.70	31.82	32.40	+ .90
Medtronic	39.08	37.55	37.58	—1.83
Motorola	14.60	14.20	14.32	—.28
NCR Corp	33.75	32.96	33.27	—.35
Navistar	32.60	31.65	32.15	+ .17
PNM Rescs	18.77	17.25	18.25	—4.17
Penney JC	20.84	19.30	19.92	+ .78
PepBoys	15.30	14.96	14.96	—.44
PepsiCo	46.13	45.76	45.92	+ .65
Pharmacia	34.29	32.82	32.90	—1.29
PhelpDodge	40.48	39.87	40.09	—.38
PhilipPet	58.70	57.27	57.35	—.81
PilgrmPrd B	13.20	12.90	13.00	—.94
Praxair	52.65	51.42	51.96	—.49
ProctGamb	88.60	87.35	88.49	+ .59
RadioShack	28.89	28.10	28.64	+ .08
ReliantEngy	16.20	15.48	15.63	—.52
RoyalDut	52.50	51.90	52.06	—3.83
SBC Comm	30.95	30.00	30.43	—.15
Sara Lee	19.99	19.75	19.87	+ .16
Scripps EW	78.30	77.55	77.73	+ .33
SearsRoeb	52.05	51.35	51.84	+ .44
SherwinW	28.95	28.26	28.50	—.20
SouthernCo	26.35	25.60	25.67	—.66
SwstAirl	14.93	14.54	14.83	+ .07
SprintFON	12.15	11.45	12.07	+ .67
SprintPCS	6.56	5.42	6.56	+ 1.16
Sunoco Inc	35.35	35.00	35.10	+ .10
TXU Corp	47.57	45.20	45.52	—2.24
TempleInland	55.45	54.80	55.30	+ .10
TexInd	31.00	30.30	30.66	+ .21
TexasInst	23.50	22.00	22.82	—.48
Textron	42.70	41.70	41.90	—.60
TrinityInds	20.08	19.68	19.91	+ .12
TylerTech	5.19	5.02	5.08	+ .05
UnionPacif	62.05	61.30	61.77	—.10
USSteel	19.50	18.85	19.18	—.37
UnitedTech	67.68	66.20	66.48	—.42
Unocal	36.40	35.70	35.98	—.17
VerizonComm	37.75	36.74	37.29	—.07
WalMart	55.60	54.66	55.30	+ .65
WellsFargo	50.55	49.93	50.04	—.22
WstnGasRs	34.80	34.52	34.79	
WinnDixie	16.07	15.98	16.02	+ .02
Xerox Cp	6.17	6.05	6.17	+ .07
YumBrands s	28.24	27.63	28.09	+ .74

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By Greg Gruben, County Extension Agent

Growing Tomatoes
No Quick Gardening Task

To many Texans, gardening means growing tomatoes. Growing tomatoes in the backyard can be fascinating and rewarding venture or it can be a very frustrating one. A sickly tomato plant which produces few, if any, fruit certainly doesn't boost anyone's gardening enthusiasm. For home owners growing tomatoes for the first time, some simple advice might help avoid common pitfalls.

First, home gardeners should not grow tomatoes unless the plants can be placed in an area that receives sunlight for at least six hours a day. Tomato plants placed between tall shrubs, under trees, or between buildings simply will not produce maximum yields.

Second, good soil is essential for good growth and high yields. Often, poor soil can be improved with liberal amounts of organic matter and by proper fertilization. A dark, heavy clay or even a fine sand can be improved by working 3 to 4 inches of decomposed organic matter into the soil where the tomatoes are to be planted.

If only a few tomato plants are to be grown, a space at least 2 feet square should be prepared for each plant. The soil should be worked to a depth of at least 12 inches. Raised beds work well. Liberal amounts of organic matter and a small amount of fertilizer, such as 10-20-10 or 12-24-12, should be mixed into the soil where the plant is to be grown.

Variety selection is of utmost importance and is one of the keys to growing tomatoes successfully. Select varieties that resist many of the common diseases. Look for VFN after a variety name; this indicates that it has resistance to verticillium wilt, fusarium wilt, and nematodes.

'President', 'Celebrity', 'Big Boy', 'Champion' (a good warm-weather producer), or the small-fruited 'Sweet 100' are top producers. The new varieties 'Donna', 'First Lady', and 'Viva Italia' (a paste type) also show promise. Other old-time favorites exist and may also perform well.

Plants can be started at home, although at this time in the season it is best to purchase transplants at local nurseries. When buying plants, the home gardener should look for healthy, vigorous transplants. When the transplants are set in the garden, use a starter solution to assure adequate fertility during the early stages of growth. Starter solutions can be purchased at local garden centers, or they can be made by mixing one tablespoon of a complete garden fertilizer in a gallon of water. About one cup of the starter solution should be applied in the planting hole prior to planting.

For best results, the transplants should be set in the garden on cloudy days or late in the afternoon. The plants should be protected from adverse conditions such as high winds or cold temperatures for a week or so after transplanting. Cages, wrapped in row-cover fabric, can be used to control temperatures for a week or so after transplanting. Covering the plants with milk cartons also works well.

Almost all tomato varieties should be staked, trellised, or caged for best results. Any method is good if it keeps the fruit off the ground. Fruits allowed to contact the soil often develop fruit rot. People who would like to grow tomatoes but lack the space should try growing them in a five-gallon container. 'Better Blush' is a short, stocky variety well adapted to container growing.

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Program helps fill jobs in Vermont

MONTPELIER, Vt. (AP) — Vermont dairy farmers are getting help in finding temporary workers to milk their cows and do other chores.

The Vermont Farm Labor Service Cooperative was started this spring to assess dairy farmers' labor needs and the pool of workers interested in agricultural jobs. So far it has referred temporary workers for 18 jobs around the state.

The program has found that farmers want workers with experience, which many of the temporary workers do not have, and full-time jobs are hard to fill.

"The greatest need is for milkers, for people with experience with milking," said Beverly Bishop, the program's labor service coordinator. "There are more people that are interested than have experience."

Despite a strong interest in farming, many of the workers only want part-time work.

"One of the things we're finding hard to meet is finding full-time employees," said Rick LeVitre, a farm labor specialist with the University of Vermont Extension in Rutland. "We have a bunch of people who want to learn about farming and only want to work a few days a week."

The program eventually may offer training to prospective employees through existing agriculture programs at technical schools or colleges and universities.

Scurrying Around Snyder

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ROLL OUT THOSE LAZY, HAZY, HEALTHY DAYS OF SUMMER

Warm weather and outdoor activity go hand in hand, but summertime fun can quickly turn sour if you don't take certain precautions.

From sunburn and bug bites to an unforeseen bout of heat illness, a lot can go wring when the temperature goes up.

Being smart about summer and knowing your limits can mean the difference between healthy and not-so-healthy outings. Here are a few summertime traps to avoid so you can beat the heat in the months ahead.

Heat illnesses

Although they're preventable, serious heat-related illnesses land hundreds of thousands of Americans in hospital emergency rooms each summer. Becoming familiar with their warning signs could prevent a hot-weather problem from escalating into a crisis.

*Heat cramps occur after vigorous activity like jogging or tennis. Their signs are painful abdominal spasms and cramps in the major muscles such as the legs and abdomen. Cramps subside with rest, cooling down and plenty of water.

*Heat exhaustion presents an array of symptoms–fever, fainting, rapid pulse, low blood pressure, clammy skin, ashen skin tone and nausea.

Overexertion and not drinking enough water are the usual culprits. To treat it, move indoors or to a shady spot, immediately lie down, prop up your feet, loosen tight clothes and drink cool water or sports beverages.

*Heat stroke can be life threatening and requires immediate medical help. Its symptoms include not only those associated with heat exhaustion, but also rapid pulse and breathing, delirium, fainting and lack of perspiration to cool the body.

Risk factors for heat stroke include: dehydration, age over 65, obesity, consuming alcohol in hot weather, having chronic heart or lung disease, taking medications that interfere with the body's heat regulating system.

To prevent a heat emergency: Avoid the sun from late morning until 4 p.m.; limit vigorous exercise or chores to early mornings or late afternoons; dress in light-colored, loose-fitting clothes; continually drink plenty of water or juice; avoid caffeine and alcohol; and eat light meals.

Food Poisoning

Picnics, camping trips and cookouts mean out-door fun, but they can cause food borne illness more easily, too. Some safeguards for better barbeques:

Wash your hands. Use disposable wipes if soap and hot water aren't available

Keep meats away from all other foods.

Keep raw food apart from cooked food.

Cover your food, Insects can spread salmonella.

Cook meat, poultry and fish completely.

Keep hot food hot and eat it at once. Keep cold food cold and return it to the ice chest after serving.

Use the two-hour rule: Discard food that's been left out longer (one hour in heat above 85 degrees F.)

Another food rule: When in doubt, throw it out.

Make sure food is served on clean plates and eaten with clean flatware.

Keeping nature friendly

With just a little preparation, you can also sidestep other problems that sometimes mar out door fun.

Sunburn: When ever you're in the sun you need to wear sunscreen. Buy a quality product rated at least SPF 15 and apply it liberally to all exposed skin. That way, you'll not only help foil skin cancer but also sun induced wrinkles and age spots.

Too much sun is also a risk factor for cataracts, so use sunglasses that block both UVA and UVB ultraviolet rays. And don't forget your wide brimmed hat.

Plants and bugs: If you're traveling to a wooded area, remember to guard against insects and plants that can spoil your fun, especially:

Poison Ivy, oak and sumac. If your skin touches them, wash the area with soap and warm water to limit its spread. Calamine lotion and hydrocortisone cream can help stop the itch and keep in mind that clothing can harbor the plants residue, so wash them immediately.

Bee, wasp or hornet stings can cause a medical emergency if you're allergic to their venom. Most people, however, only experience a sharp pain that goes away after a few minutes.

It's important to remove the stinger promptly; use a flat edge such as a credit card to scrape it from the welt. Apply ice and cortisone ointment to the sting.

Genetics help to improve breeding

URBANA, Ill. (AP) — Researchers are near completion of a rough map of the cattle genome, an achievement scientists say could eventually help breed healthier cows that produce more milk and the choicest cuts of meat.

The map, which uses the human genome as a key, should be finished by the end of the year and published in early 2003. Scientists hope to eventually use the map as a tool in sequencing the entire cattle genome.

"We're very optimistic about this and what it will mean for bovine research," said Steven Kappes, director of the USDA's Meat Animal Research Center in Clay Center, Neb.

The map will cover about 95 percent of the cattle genome, using the completed human genome as a reference base.

COLORADO RIVER MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT

WEEKLY LAKE AND WATER DELIVERY REPORT

LAKE J. B. THOMAS (200,604 ACRE FEET AT ELEVATION 2258.00 FT.)

	ONE YEAR AGO 7/8/01	LAST WEEK 7/1/02	THIS WEEK 7/8/02
ELEVATION (FEET)	15.24	16.59	17.83
CONTENTS (ACRE-FEET)	16,949	16,950	16,367
PERCENT FULL	8.45	8.45	8.65
RAINFALL (INCHES) *		0.80	1.50
IVIE TO LAKE THOMAS (Gal.)		0	0
SPENCE TO THOMAS (Gal.)		0	0

*RAINFALL MEASUREMENT AT BIG SPRING/ODESSA INTAKE.

E.V. SPENCE RESERVOIR (517,262 ACRE-FEET AT ELEVATION 1898.00 FT.)

	ONE YEAR AGO 7/8/01	LAST WEEK 7/1/02	THIS WEEK 7/8/02
ELEVATION (FEET)	46.84	41.89	42.36
CONTENTS (ACRE-FEET)	70,840	47,536	49,053
PERCENT FULL	13.69	9.19	9.48
RAINFALL (INCHES) *		0.70	6.50

*RAINFALL MEASUREMENT AT SPENCE PUMP STATION.

O.H. IVIE RESERVOIR (554,340 ACRE-FEET AT ELEVATION 1551.50 FT.)

	ONE YEAR AGO 7/8/01	LAST WEEK 7/1/02	THIS WEEK 7/8/02
ELEVATION (FEET)	34.84	29.01	30.40
CONTENTS (ACRE-FEET)	292,560	226,363	241,101
PERCENT FULL	52.78	40.83	43.49
RAINFALL (INCHES) *		0.00	4.73

* RAINFALL MEASUREMENT AT DAM.

2002 INFORMATION BASED ON NEW AREA CAPACITY CURVE DATA

MUNICIPAL WATER DELIVERIES IN GALLONS

	LAST WEEKS DAILY AVERAGE 7/1/02	THIS WEEKS DAILY AVERAGE 7/8/02	THIS WEEKS PEAK DAY 7/8/02
	6/25/02	7/2/02	7/2/02
BIG SPRING	6,892,857	5,897,143	7,580,000
ODESSA	30,482,429	26,405,5719	33,433,000
SNYDER	3,087,714	2,557,143	3,319,000
MIDLAND	29,357,714	27,354,143	30,570,000
SAN ANGELO	16,582,429	13,807,714	17,094,000
STANTON	206,571	167,857	214,000

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$24.8 mil rehab planned after fires

CASTLE ROCK, Colo. (AP) — Federal workers want to lend Mother Nature a hand in healing the blackened moonscape left behind by Colorado's largest wildfire.

Small planes will spread fast-growing rye and barley seed on the barren hills where the wildfire burned 138,000 acres. The $24.8 million plan is designed to prevent erosion in the area southwest of Denver.

Forest Service officials hope the grasses will grow fast enough to prevent rain from washing away the soil. On flatter surfaces, all-terrain vehicles will rake the soil and plant seeds, which should sprout a week after planting.

"It's a race to get this done before the first big storm," said Ken Kenaan, a soil scientist leading the effort. While mulching can begin this week, land that will be raked must first be surveyed for thousands of archaeological artifacts, he said.

The fire, which started June 8, was contained last week after destroying 133 homes and a business. Forest Service employee Terry Barton has pleaded innocent to charges that she started the fire.

The rehabilitation plan could take up to four months. The grasses were selected because they will not sprout next year, allowing the area's natural vegetation to return.

"Mother Nature does a good job. We just need to keep in place that soil we have precious little of," Kenaan said.

Outside Durango, a 50-year-old grocery store worker was being questioned after allegedly setting at least seven small fires near her home even as a 73,000-acre wildfire blaze raged nearby.

Annie Francis Johnson was arrested Saturday on suspicion of fourth-degree arson, said Hollis Holland, La Plata County sheriff's investigator. Officials said they knew of no motive.

The first of the small blazes at the D-Bar-K subdivision began June 9 and the last was kindled July 2. To fight the flames, firefighters diverted resources from the larger wildfire, which ultimately destroyed 56 homes.

In eastern Arizona, remaining firefighters spent Tuesday repairing land in the smoldering interior of that state's largest fire, which burned across 468,638 acres and destroyed 467 homes. It was declared contained Sunday.

Firefighters were planting grass and building dirt barriers along the bulldozed fire lines so water would divert from the bare soil into areas of remaining vegetation. They hope to finish their work before the annual monsoons blow into the state later this month.

The same rain officials worry will erode the land, however, is the best chance firefighters have to put out hot spots still smoldering in the interior, said fire spokesman Bruce Palmer.

"It's going to take a gentle, soaking rain that's spread over several days," he said.

Charges dropped in crackhouse massacre

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Prosecutors today dropped all charges against four men accused in a crackhouse massacre that killed seven, but left themselves the option of rearresting the men later.

After weeks of delays amid reports that the wrong men were in custody, prosecutors announced this week that they needed more time to investigate new evidence that surfaced in a separate case.

Defense lawyers say police ignored another man's confession in the Dec. 28, 2000, shootings that also left three injured.

Common Pleas Judge Gregory E. Smith said he "applauded" the prosecutors' action.

"The only thing you could do is reinvestigate this matter," he said.

It was unclear if the defendants would be released. Three of them have charges pending in separate cases. The judge ordered the defendants to stay away from 143 witnesses who had been prepared to testify and said a gag order would remain in effect.

Defense attorney Nino Tenari said he was pleased with the decision.

"Justice finally will be served, no matter where it (the investigation) goes," Tenari said.

The families of the victims and the defendants, who had gotten involved in a courthouse brawl during a hearing weeks earlier, were let out of the courtroom separately. Neither side had immediate comment.

Jermel Lewis, 25, Quiante Perrin, 20, Hezekiah Thomas, 25, and Sacon Youk, 21, were charged in the mass slaying.

Survivors of the shootings said a group of masked men stormed into a rowhouse that had been taken over by squatters, herded its 10 occupants into a room, ordered them to lie face-down on the floor and opened fire.

The prosecutors' case was partly based on a confession by Lewis in which he allegedly said the four committed the murders to wipe out a rival group of drug dealers. Lewis later said his statement was coerced and that he was innocent.

Defense lawyers say police ignored a confession by another neighborhood resident, Shihean Black. Arrested weeks after the massacre, Black was carrying a gun that ballistics tests showed had been used in the massacre, police said.

Police respond to variety of calls

Arrests

Police responded to a domestic disturbance at 7:20 a.m. Tuesday in the 2000 block of 37th Street. A 34-year-old man was arrested a short time later for Class A assault family violence.

Officers arrested a 43-year-old woman in the 500 block of 29th Street at 12:35 p.m. Tuesday for misdemeanor use of inhalants, no driver's license and no insurance.

Burglary

Nelta Stevens reported at 12:45 p.m. Tuesday undisclosed property missing from her residence in the 1800 block of Ave. T. An offense report for burglary of a residence was submitted.

Thefts

At 10 a.m. Tuesday, Jerry Early reported the theft of checks and money from his veterinary clinic in the 3700 block of Blockline Road.

Randy Davis reported the theft of a fire extinguisher in the 1500 block of 25th Street just after 9 p.m. Tuesday. An offense report for Class B theft was filed.

Close patrols

A man requested a close patrol of his residence in the 1900 block of 31st Street at 9:55 p.m. Tuesday in reference to being harassed by his estranged wife.

A woman requested a close patrol in the 2100 block of Ave. O at 10:17 p.m. Tuesday after reporting seeing a subject in her neighbor's yard.

Police maintained a close patrol of the area of Ave. L and 30th Street after receiving a call about a reckless driver at 11:38 p.m. Tuesday.

Officers reported an open window at Pizza Hut at 3:34 this morning. Officers closed the window and maintained a close patrol.

Minor accident

A minor two-vehicle accident was reported at the Texas Department of Corrections warehouse at 3:50 p.m. Tuesday. Involved were 2001 GMC pickup driven by Stephen Whittenburg, 45, of 3100 42nd Street and a 1995 Dodge pickup driven by Elton Beck, 54, of 207 Hickory. There were no injuries.

Obituaries

Forrest Beavers

1915-2002

Forrest Wright Beavers, a longtime Scurry County resident, died at Tuesday, July 9, in Cogdell Memorial Hospital of an apparent heart attack.

Forest Beavers

Funeral service for Mr. Beavers, 87, is set for 2 p.m. Thursday in the East Side Church of Christ with Tom Holcomb, minister, officiating. Burial will follow in Hillsite Memorial Gardens under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Born May 19, 1915 in Hope, Ark., he married Martha Elizabeth Copeland on Sept. 3, 1938 in Snyder.

A resident of Scurry County since 1923, Mr. Beavers graduated from Snyder High School in 1936 and earned his physical education and history degrees from Abilene Christian College in 1940. His first job was coaching and teaching at Hermleigh.

Mr. Beavers served in the U.S. Army Air Corp from 1940-45. He returned home to run for county school superintendent, a post that he had for three terms.

Mr. Beavers entered the real estate business in 1959 and remained in that profession until his retirement.

A member of the Lions Club, Mr. Beavers was active in organizing and coaching the Pony League and he remained an active sports fan.

He was involved in the planning of his 50th high school reunion, was a 30-year member of the "coffee klatch," a member of the VFW and American Legion and was a past-president of the Snyder Board of Realtors. A member of the East Side Church of Christ, he was active in the Colorado River water conservation district and was an active supporter of Lake J.B. Thomas.

He was preceded in death by a sister and two brothers.

Survivors include his wife, Elizabeth Beavers of Snyder; a daughter and son-in-law, Marty and Craig Botkin of Austin; four sisters, Estha Lee Haney of Snyder, Darlene Ramage and Mary Lou Booth of Carthage, and Betty Brown of Kent, Wash.; four grandchildren, Melody Botkin, Ashley Botkin, Preston Botkin and James Botkin, all of Austin.

Family will greet friends at Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home from 6:30 to 8 this evening.

The family suggests memorials to the Children's Home of Lubbock, P.O. Box 2824, 79408.

Troy Adams

1924-2002

SHALLOWATER — Troy Adams, a native of Scurry County, died Monday, July 8.

Funeral service for Mr. Adams, 77, is set for 2 p.m. Thursday in the Shallowater First Baptist Church with the Revs. Mitch Wilson and Wayne Williams officiating. Burial will follow in Resthaven Memorial Park under the direction of Franklin Bartley Funeral Home.

Born Sept. 23, 1924 in Scurry County, he was reared in Shallowater and was a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II. He married Melba Dean Potter on Sept. 23, 1950 in Shallowater.

After living in Arizona, El Paso and Dumas, Mr. Adams returned to Shallowater.

Survivors include two sons, Roger Adams of Dumas and Brantley Adams of Tullahoma, Tenn.; two daughters, Shelly Martin and Denise Adams, both of Shallowater; two brothers, Travis Adams of Phoenix and Bobby Adams of Claremore, Okla.; a sister, Doris Clark of Chino Valley, Ariz.; and six grandchildren.

Reception set for Borden County retiring educators

Mickey and Shirley McMeans will be honored at a reception at 7:30 p.m. Saturday in the Borden County school cafeteria. The McMeans are retiring.

Together they have served as educators to the community for 80 years.

Mr. McMeans taught at Borden County and was principal for 46 years and his wife taught 34 years at Gail. The public is invited to attend.

Births

Jonathan Tyler Rangel was born to Abby Helm at 9:40 a.m. on July 8 in Cogdell Memorial Hospital. He weighed seven pounds, three ounces.

His grandmother is Anna Rangel of San Antonio.

events WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

Museum exhibit

A special exhibit of Harley-Davidson, Indian motorcycles and Cushman motor scooters continues through Aug. 22 at the Scurry County Museum on the Western Texas College campus. The free exhibit is entitled Ready To Roll and all bikes are owned by residents of Scurry County.

Medical fund

A medical fund has been established for James Weldon Buchanan at American State Bank to help with cancer treatment expenses. The account name is James Weldon Buchanan Medical Fund, #4802659.

Discovery School registration

Fall registration for Discovery School will be from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. daily through Friday. The fall session begins Aug. 1. For more information, call 573-4770.

FBC support groups

Support groups dealing with divorce, death, cancer or caring for elderly parents meet at 6:30 p.m. the second Thursday of each month at the First Baptist Church educational building. A special group for students facing these problems is held at the same time.

FBC services televised

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

Street rally

Tell the World street rally is Saturday under the tent in Eckerd's parking lot. There will be worship music at 10 a.m., followed by puppet ministry at 11, and hot dogs at lunch. Warfare will give a concert at 1:30 p.m. There will be surprises and fun for kids, adults and rock 'n rollers. Sponsored by the Army of the Lord ministry and the Word is Life Church. Call 573-8015 for more information.

Country and gospel music

Country and gospel music will be played at the Scurry County Senior Center beginning at 6:30 p,m. Saturday.

Bible study tapes

Bible videos air each week on Channel 2. To be shown at 7 p.m. Monday is "Love That Serves God," followed by "Mother."

Gateway Family Services

Gateway Family Services has a parenting discussion group from 10:30-11:30 a.m. every Tuesday, focusing on parenting issues and special challenges. The family violence support group also meets from 6:30-7:30 p.m. every Tuesday.

Desert Reign Ministry

Desert Reign Ministry will perform at 7 p.m. next Wednesday at Trinity United Methodist Church. The public is invited to hear country gospel music with a southwestern flair.

Girl Scout swim party

A Girl Scout swim party will be 5-7 p.m. Saturday, July 20, at Towle Park pool, followed by a hot dog supper in the park. Girl Scout membership card is required for admittance. There will be a leader meeting during the party. Contact your leader or call 573-3926 for more information.

Adventures with Paul VBS

Adventures with Paul Vacation Bible School will be from 9 a.m. until noon July [illegible] at 37th St. Church of Christ. It is for ages two years through the sixth grade. For more information, call 573-0154.

SHS class of 1992 reunion

The 1992 class of Snyder High School needs addresses for classmates. Call Melanie at 573-4022, Julie at 573-1634 or Amy at 573-4793. The reunion will be held July 20.

Cancer treatment transportation

Transportation for cancer patients to Lubbock, Abilene or Midland is available free of charge. Call Sammie Jarrell at 573-5993 or Blakey Fargason at 574-8041. If not home, leave message on answering machine.

Researcher says Hussein is dangerous personality

WASHINGTON (AP) — Jerrold Post, a former CIA specialist on what makes foreign leaders tick, has been studying Saddam Hussein for years. It doesn't matter that Saddam has never been on Post's couch. Enough is known about Saddam, he says, to draw certain conclusions.

Saddam is not insane but "represents the most dangerous personality," says Post, who directs a political psychology program at George Washington University.

He says Saddam is narcissistic to an extreme, regards everyone as a potential enemy and is incapable of feeling remorse for the suffering of others.

Saddam, Post says, was raised from age 9 by a maternal uncle who instilled in him the dream of following in the path of Saladin and Nebuchadnezzar and other long departed radical Arab leaders. Saddam took the advice to heart.

His mindset is on the minds of Bush administration officials these days as they contemplate ways of evicting the Iraqi leader from power for his refusal to comply with U.N. Security Council resolutions.

President Bush believes Saddam has the means and the motives to attack the United States with weapons of mass destruction and must be dealt with before he strikes. The timing of U.S. action is unclear.

"I'm a patient person," Bush said at a White House news conference Monday. "But I do firmly believe that the world will be safer and more peaceful if there's a regime change in that government.

"It's a stated policy of this government to have regime change. And it hasn't changed. And we'll use all tools at our disposal to do so," he said. "I'm involved in the military plan, diplomatic planning, financial planning — all aspects of — reviewing all the tools at my disposal."

Post has been studying foreign leaders for more than 35 years, 21 of them at the CIA where he became known for his psychological profiles. He founded the CIA's Center for the Analysis of Personality and Political Behavior.

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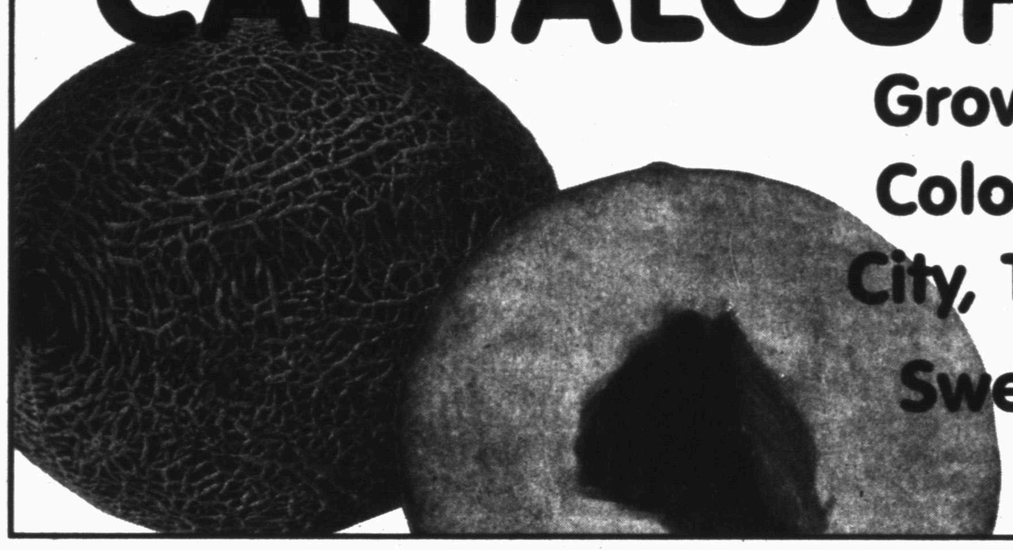

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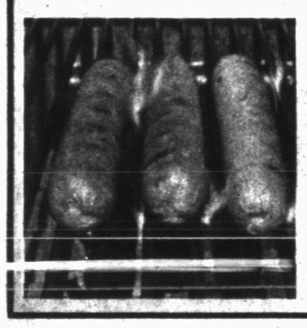

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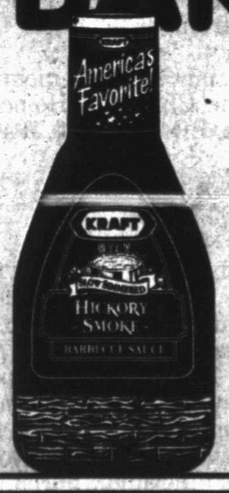

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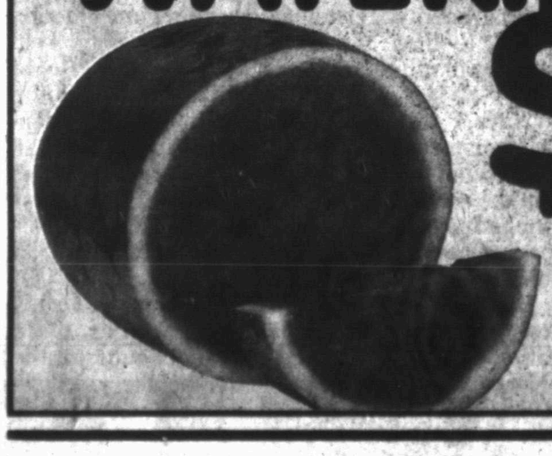

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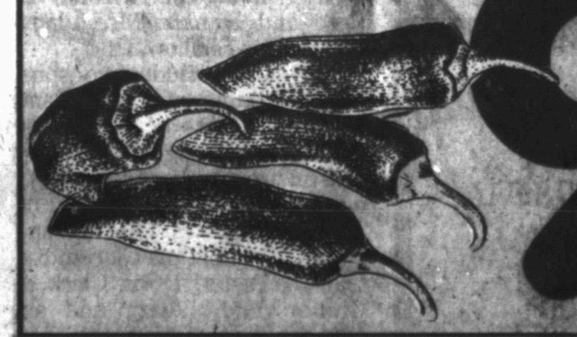

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