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Crash landing in Little Rock kills 9

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP) — An American Airlines flight with 145 people aboard skidded off a runway while landing during a hail storm, broke apart and burst into flames. Sources familiar with the investigation said nine people were known to have been killed.

The deaths in the crash just before midnight Tuesday were the first on a major U.S. airline in nearly 1½ years.

After sliding down the rain-slickened runway in winds gusting to nearly 90 mph, the twin-engine Super MD-80 slammed into a steel tower, split into pieces, caught fire and wound up on the edge of the Arkansas River.

As flames spread through the plane, some passengers squeezed one by one through an emergency exit while others escaped through openings created when the plane's fuselage fractured. They scrambled away from the plane across lowlands near the river in darkness, rain and hail.

"We grabbed each other and ran away," said Missy Lewis, traveling with her husband and teen-age daughter.

Sources familiar with the investigation said authorities could account for nine deaths in the crash of Flight 1420 from Dallas. The airline said the plane's captain was among those who died.

At least 80 people were injured and taken to hospitals. Fourteen people were not immediately accounted for. Fifty-one others did not require hospital treatment.

"The plane was going so fast, when we hit the ground, we went off the end of the runway," Barrett Baber said at a theater near the airport where survivors were taken to meet with families and friends. "We hit a huge pole, and it split the plane in half. A fire started at the front of the plane and spread back.

Sam Snowden, a district fire chief, said the plane hit a steel tower supporting the runway's approach lights and broke in two. He said firefighters used foam to put out the fire and used chisels to free some passengers from the wreckage.

Airport spokesman Phillip Launius said the plane rotated about 150 degrees as it skidded down the runway, left the pavement and hit the light standard. The plane stopped with its tail facing away from the runway.

"Once the smoke got too thick, there was nothing we could do. People were screaming, 'God, please save us!'" Baber said.

"We landed, the plane started skidding, and then flames, flames," added passenger David Stanley, who wasn't hurt. "I remember flames and flames."

In all, 51 people were taken to the theater. Those taken to hospitals had injuries that included burns and cuts.

"Some of them were limping and had bandages on their heads," said Mark Washington, a security guard at Southwest Hospital. "They looked shocked and dazed ... aviation fuel, I could smell it on them."

The flight had 139 passengers and six crew members and was due to arrive at 9:41 p.m. It was delayed for more than two hours and arrived just as the storm was hitting Little Rock with lightning, hail and high winds.

"I think it was a big cross-wind," said Richard Klamm, 49, of Pine Bluff, a passenger in the first-class section. "I think the pilot just lost control of the plane."

Launius said it was unclear if weather was a factor in the crash. "There was a very heavy storm at the time. We don't know if that was a factor."

The flight data and cockpit voice recorders have been removed from the plane and were being brought to National Transportation Safety Board headquarters in Washington for analysis, a source said, speaking on condition of anonymity.

William Shumann, a spokesman with the Federal Aviation Administration, said there was no distress call from the cockpit before the landing.

Baber, a student at Ouachita Baptist University at Arkadelphia, was on the plane with other members of the Ouachita Singers from a tour of Germany.

Baber, seated in row 30, said the

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School officials doubt tax rate cut possible

While the Snyder Independent School District will lose a large chunk of tax dollars due to a drop in assessed mineral values, the effect on the district will not be as dramatic as first anticipated due to an influx of $133 million in state funds to be spread across the state.

"We first thought our district might lose as much as $1 million due to tax base erosion and loss of funds due to fewer students, but now it appears to be more in the range of $300,000 to $400,000," said Supt. Gayle Lomax.

But Lomax cautioned that the Texas Education Agency has not provided a final funding formula based on passage of Senate Bill 4.

Lomax, along with other West Texas superintendents, are awaiting word on the state's new funding formula which is said to contain a provision that qualifies districts that lose more than four percent of their total taxable valuation to receive additional state aid.

According to the Scurry County Appraisal office, Snyder ISD lost 6.9 percent, or $32 million.

"There is nothing etched in stone, but I still do not believe the bill will allow us to lower the tax rate from $1.50 per $100," said Lomax.

"Our effective tax rate (estimated) is $1.58 per $100, but we can't go that high," said Lomax.

The effective tax rate is the rate needed to raise the same amount of money as was raised the previous year.

"Whatever help we get is appreciated," added Lomax. "Rep. (David) Counts and Rep. (Rob) Junnell are to be commended for their work for schools out here."

Counts is a Democrat representing District 78 that includes Scurry County. Junnell, also a Democrat, is from San Angelo and served as chairman of the House Appropriations Committee.

Lomax said Counts has warned school districts that the additional funding from the state might not be available two years from now.

"There is no guarantee that the state will be in as good as financial shape as it is today," added the superintendent.

Rep. Counts two bills approved will also benefit professional educators. All teachers will receive a $3,000 pay raise from the state, in addition to any salary increase provided by local salary scales. A second bill provides a minimum of a 10 percent boost in retirement benefits.

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "Most people will think you're wise — if you pretend to agree with them."

Ask a West Texan about fine dining, they might suggest Underwood's Barbecue in Brownwood or steak fingers at Buddy's Drive-in in Andrews.

Things that tempt the tastebuds of West Texans brings smiles to the faces of most cardiologists.

Somebody passed along some dining out etiquette. Toothpick before, during or after the meal is optional.

"When decanting wine, make sure you tilt the paper cup and pour slowing so as not to bruise the fruit of the vine.

"If drinking directly from the bottle, always hold it with your fingers covering the label.

"When entertaining at home, a centerpiece should never be anything prepared by a taxidermist.

"Do not allow the dog to eat at the table, no matter how good his manners are."

Dating Etiquette:

"Always offer to bait your date's hook, especially on the first date."

A don't for the theatre:

"Refrain from talking to characters on the screen. Tests have proven they can't hear you."

When attending a wedding:

"Livestock, normally, is a poor choice for a wedding gift.

"Kissing the bride for more than five seconds is bad style — and could get you shot.

"For the groom at least, rent a tux. A leisure suit with a cummerbund and a clean bowling shirt creates a tacky appearance.

"Though uncomfortable, say 'yes' to socks for this special occasion.

"Hats should be removed inside the church. Boots should be removed for the honeymoon."

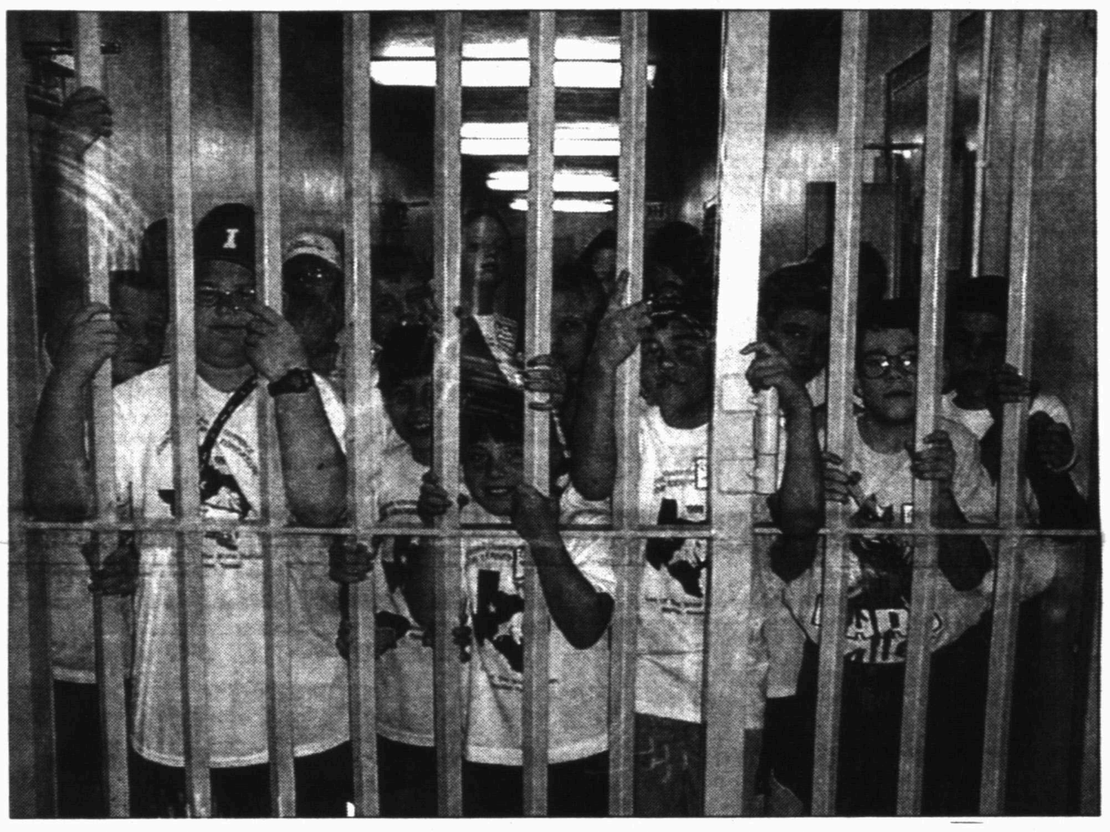
When attending funerals:

"Even if you expect to be included in the will, it is considered poor taste to pull a U-haul to the funeral home.

"Never peel rubber enroute to the cemetery."

Personal hygiene:

"Dirt and grease under nails is a social no-no. They tend to detract from a date's jewelry and alter the taste of finger foods."



JUNIOR LEADERS VISIT JAIL — Members of the Snyder Chamber of Commerce "Junior Leaders of Tomorrow" camp visited the county jail this morning with jailer Bill West, leading the tour. They also observed at juvenile court in the courthouse and visited other departments and historical places. Thursday they will go to Collier Dairy Farms and see the gold DeLoren at Snyder National Bank. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Group urges letters to protest Air Force plan

The opposition to low-level flight training by the Air Force has been relatively silent since a public hearing on the proposal was held on April 7, but now members of the Heritage Environmental Preservation Society (HEPA) are starting a direct mail campaign expressing their opposition to the plan.

"The Air Force will use the letters as evidence of our level of opposition," stated Frank Bond, HEPA attorney.

"Numbers count," said Bond. "The Air Force will use lack of response on our part to show that the citizens in these eight counties are not concerned about the Realistic Bomber Training Initiative (RBTI)."

The proposed flight training covers Scurry, Borden, Dawson, Fisher, Garza, Kent, Lynn and Stonewall counties.

Bond said under the law, the Air Force must address all concerns regarding the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) issued in March.

"Time is running out and we must act now to save our economies and way of life," said Buster Welch, HEPA president. "At the public hearing in Snyder, over 400 people voiced their opposition to this proposal, but the Air Force still believes we don't care what they do."

"If we don't send letters criticizing this proposal, and specifically the DEIS, the Air Force will destroy our land," stated Welch.

HEPA is asking concerned residents and landowners in the eight county area to write the United States Air Force at this address:

Major Brent Adams
RBTI EIS Project Manager
HQ ACC/CEVP
129 Andrews Street
Suite 102
Langley, AFT VA 23665-2769

Letters should be mailed by June 10 to be officially accepted by the Air Force and should specifically refer to the Lancer site (Option B in the DEIS) and specific concerns should be stated.

Founded last year, HEPA is a non-profit organization based in Snyder.

Its specific concern is the preservation and protection of the lifestyle of this area, economies, environment and health of all its residents.

HEPA actively opposed the Air Force's intention to establish a bomber training area in the eight counties which includes low-level flight training by B-1 and B-52 bombers.

Membership includes ranchers, farmers, business owners and residents of the eight-county area, as well as all areas of Texas, said Welch.

Brick plant, gas line head DCOS agenda Thursday

Development Corporation of Snyder will consider two items directly related to job creation when it meets at 4 p.m. Thursday.

The board will consider an incentive agreement with Snyder Brick & Tile Co., and an agreement with TXU Utilities for construction of a gas line to the industrial park.

Brick company officials last month outlined a number of "needs," including upgrades to Brick Plant Road.

Charlie Terrell Sr., Snyder Brick and Tile chairman, said the road improvements are needed to handle the volume of trucks on an annual basis.

Terrell suggested provisions could be made for a turning area at the intersection of Brick Plant Rd. and Highway 208.

Terrell also suggested the possibility of property tax abatements, employment creation funds, job training assistance, a local sales tax reimbursement program, plus competitive utility rates.

Plans are for the brick plant to employ 61 with an annual payroll of $1.3 million.

The DCOS is also expected to finalize plans for a six-inch gas line to the industrial park.

The DCOS will serve as the developer of the line with TXU taking over when construction is complete. Cost is estimated at $200,000.

The board also will consider action on a note due from Snyder Senior Citizens Inc. The funds were used in creating the third and fourth senior citizen housing areas here.

ASK US

Q—When does the Snyder ISD administration begin its four-day summer work week?

A—This week with the administration building open from 7:30 a.m. until 5 p.m., Monday through Thursday.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Tuesday, 98 degrees; low, 68; 7 a.m. Wednesday, 70; no precipitation; total for 1999, 6.36 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, isolated evening storms; partly cloudy. Lows, mid 60s. Rain chance: less than 20 percent. Thursday, partly cloudy; 20% chance of storms. Highs, mid 90s.



Rebecca Goolsby
Partly Cloudy

Sunset:
8:44 p.m.
Sunrise:
6:39 a.m.
Of 152 days in 1999, the sun has shone 145 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

"Difficulties mastered are opportunities won.

Winston Churchill

Hospitals sued over woman's death

NEW YORK (AP) — The family of a woman who was pushed in front of a subway train has filed a $70 million lawsuit claiming seven medical facilities were negligent in discharging the man who shoved her.

Patricia Webdale, Kendra's mother, said officials at the institutions released Andrew Goldstein, a schizophrenic who sought their help, even though they knew he was dangerous.

Goldstein, 29, is charged with second-degree murder in the Jan. 3 death of Kendra Ann Webdale, 32, an aspiring screenwriter and freelance photographer from Fredonia, N.Y.

She was killed less than three weeks after Goldstein was released from North General Hospital after a 22-day stay. It was the latest of at least six hospital stays in 1998.

Mrs. Webdale's lawyer, Jay Dankner, said Goldstein voluntarily sought treatment at the institutions and often acted violently against staff members and strangers.

Goldstein's lawyer, Harvey Fishbein, admits his client shoved Ms. Webdale in front of the train, but blamed his mental illness. Goldstein told police and psychiatrists he had gone off his medicine and was hearing voices, and that an irresistible ghost or spirit took control of his body.

Despite Goldstein's psychiatric history, he was found fit to stand trial for murder. This means he understands the charges against him and can help his lawyer present a defense.

Along with North General, the suit names as defendants Brookdale University Hospital, Jamaica Hospital, Long Island Jewish Hillside Hospital, Bleuler Psychotherapy Center, New York Psychotherapy and Counseling Center and the Leben Home for Adults.

Spokesmen for the institutions said they either were unaware of the lawsuit or could not comment because of patient confidentiality requirements.

Blood drive draws more than 144 units

Over 144 units of blood were drawn last week during the Scurry County blood drive held at three separate locations.

At the First Baptist Church Family Life Center on Tuesday, 101 people registered and 82 units were drawn. At the Cogdell Memorial Hospital drive on Wednesday, 46 registered and 38 units were drawn. The Price Daniel employees registered 26, and 24 units were drawn.

Gift certificats were awarded to the following: Bernadine Sealy, Kari Green, Roy Bennet from Burger King; Susan Frazier, Olga Rodriguez, Janet Spence, Tracy McClure from Grandy's; Sandra Barbosa, Rona Sikes, Brandy Hickman, Charles Kittle, Justin Guy, Tabitha Palmer, Jaramillo's.

Also receiving certificates were Hoyle Holliday, Krystal Carroll, Sharon Rodriquez, Norma Butchor, Delwin Bane, Becky Rodriquez, Bobbie Braziel from Pizza Hut; Donald Ray, Faydean Hart, Barney Tate, Shirley Carthel, John Busby, Kandace Gard from Rudy's; Debra Medrano, Joylynn McGrew, Kathy Spoor, Virginia Grimes, Jo Schooler, Richard Schultz from the Spanish Inn; Wanda Kenner, Bill Wood, Bob Travis, James Day, Sherry Early, Lorinda Kenly and Patsy Parham from Subway.

George Adams was awarded a $25 gift certificate from Tiger Health and Fitness Center. Two $12.50 gift certificats were given to Joyce May and Larry Wesson from the Rusty Spur Cafe and two Sunday dinner certificates for two were presented to Susan Frazier and Justin Guy from The Shack.

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Dr. Gott by Peter Gott, M.D.

Ask doctor to justify radiation test

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: My doctor insists that I have a thallium stress test. I understand that I must be injected with radioactive material. Should I be concerned about unnecessary exposure to radiation?

DEAR READER: Yes, you should. Although the type of stress test you mention does require radioactive isotopes, the amount is small and the brief exposure may well be justified by important information the test provides.

Nonetheless, there may be other methods to investigate your heart. Perhaps a standard stress test, without thallium, would suffice. Ask your doctor. I advise patients who may be understandably concerned about radiation exposure to request that their doctors convince them — with sound logic — if X-ray or isotope exams are truly necessary. I believe that patients need to be informed in order to involve themselves in the decision-making. Don't leave it up to the doctor because he or she "knows more." It's your body, and you have a right to decide how it is used and tested.

Most physicians are more than willing to explain why they want special tests. I'm sure yours will, too — if you ask. On the other hand, if your doctor is one of those let-me-make-the-decision types, consider changing to another physician who will be more sympathetic to your concerns. In general, you will receive more satisfactory care from a doctor who works with you and your family as a team.

DEAR DR. GOTT: About once every summer, I get such severe poison ivy that I must take steroids for relief. I am a woman and wonder if these steroids will affect my ability to have children.

DEAR READER: Short, high-dose therapy with steroids (cortisone) will affect neither fertility nor your overall health. Patients get into trouble from chronic, long-term treatment. Cortisone (prednisone and others) given for a few days invariably helps to heal the acute dermatitis of poison ivy or any serious skin allergy. In such cases, the trivial complications of cortisone are more than counter-balanced by the benefits.

DEAR DR. GOTT: What do you think of mixing lard and butter together, serving them with grits or rubbing them on biscuits?

DEAR READER: I don't think much of the idea, although I know that it is fairly standard procedure in certain parts of the South. Both lard (congealed animal fat) and butter are rich in cholesterol. Therefore anybody who gives a dang about heart disease ought to avoid the combination you mention. To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Understanding Cholesterol." Other readers who would like a copy should send $2.00 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to P.O. Box 2017, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to mention the title.

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DR. GOTT



PETER GOTT, M.D.

Explains appeal

NEW YORK (AP) — What explains the appeal of Austin Powers, the swinging secret agent played by Mike Myers?

"Naughtiness," Myers says in the upcoming USA Weekend magazine.

The over-the-top cinema character makes his return appearance this month in "Austin Powers: The Spy Who Shagged Me," and Myers says focus groups could not have predicted Powers' particular brand of repellent-yet-lovable attraction.

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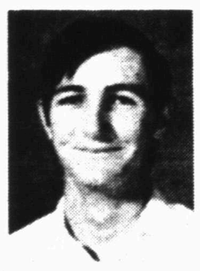
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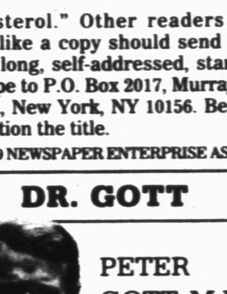
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In each advertisement you will find a face from the past. Identify the faces on the entry blank opposite the name of the sponsoring business. **Bring or mail the entry blank to the Snyder Daily News, 3600 College, PO Box 949.** The deadline for entering is 5 p.m. Monday before the next contest appears on Wednesday. The weekly prize winner will be drawn from all the correct entries. The winner will be notified. This week's faces will be identified in next week's contest. Only one entry per person, and please do not make copies of the entry blank. Employees of the SDN are not eligible to enter.

Last Week's Photos: 1. Jim Shearer 2. Jesse Faulkenberry 3. Barry Elledge 4. Karen Bollinger 5. Johnny Floyd 6. Jimmy Don Everett 7. Dansell Fambro 8. Bill Watkins 9. Kay Price 10. Kathy Hall

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Teens will be tried

PORT HURON, Mich. (AP) — Two 13-year-old boys accused with two other teen-agers of plotting a massacre at their middle school after the rampage in Colorado will stand trial.

Judge James Corden ruled Tuesday that he saw enough evidence of a conspiracy to commit murder and bound over Daniel Fick and Jonathan McDonald for trial. A trial date was not immediately set.

A similar hearing for co-defendants Justin Schnepp and Jedaiah "David" Zinzo, both 14, was held last week. A ruling in their case was pending.

The older boys are charged as adults; the younger two are charged in juvenile court.

All four could face life in prison if convicted. However, because the 13-year-olds are charged in juvenile court, a judge could also decide to sentence them to juvenile detention, where they could be held up to age 21.

The students' classmates said the defendants talked of staging a robbery to obtain firearms, seizing the Holland Woods Middle School office, using the public address system to call an assembly in the gym and then slaughtering students and teachers.

Authorities say they foiled the plot after classmates reported it to school officials.

Community Calendar

WEDNESDAY

Just For Today NA, open meeting; Park Club; for information, call 573-0949 or 573-8018; 8 p.m.

THURSDAY

Al-Anon brown bag; Park Club in Winston Park; for information, call 573-4203, 573-8626, 573-2101 or 573-0695; noon to 1 p.m.

Horseshoe Pitching For Fun; houseshoe courts, located at the coliseum; everybody welcome, for further information, call 573-9762; 3 p.m.

Just For Today NA; Park Club; for information, call 573-0949 or 573-8018; 6 p.m.

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

New Horizons AA, closed meeting; for information, call 573-8626, 573-9458 or 574-1292; 8 p.m.

Nuestra Nueva Esperanza AA; Park Club; for information, call 573-8626, 573-9458 or 574-1292; 8 p.m.

FRIDAY

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

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

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

Cornelius-Dodson House; open by appointment, call 573-9742.

Just For Today NA; Snyder Park Club; for information, call 573-0949 or 573-8018; 6 p.m.

Scurry County AA, closed meeting; Park Club in Winston Park; for information, call 573-8626, 573-9458 or 574-1292; 8 p.m.

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SATURDAY

Just For Today NA, open meeting; Park Club; for information, call 573-0949 or 573-8018; 7 p.m.

SUNDAY

Scurry County AA, open meeting; Park Club in Winston Park; for information, call 573-8626, 573-9458 or 574-1292; 10 a.m.

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

Just For Today, closed meeting; Park Club in Winston Park; for information, call 573-0949 or 573-8018; 5 p.m.

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

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Fiance's Failure to Back His Bride Bodes Ill for Their Future

DEAR ABBY: After reading the letter from "Still Steaming in S.F.," I have to wonder what kind of a man "John" is to have allowed his fiancee to be publicly snubbed at his law partner's dinner party.

"Steaming" should think twice about marrying someone who would do nothing in a situation of this sort, and if she does decide to go through with it, she should exclude the law partner and his wife from the wedding. If she does relent and invite them, the invitation should be addressed to the husband only.

Abby, a marriage should and must come before any business arrangement. If it doesn't, beware the future. It will be filled with similar "snubs" and a husband who sacrifices his life partner's feelings in favor of his working partners'.

BEEN THERE

DEAR BEEN THERE: Although the fiance could have been more sensitive to the treatment "Steaming" was receiving, I'm not sure the incident is a dire preview of her future with the man. The hostess showed appalling bad manners. However, I do not agree that "Steaming" should stoop to the same level by excluding the couple from the guest list, or by improperly addressing their invitation. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: I have the perfect solution for "Steaming in S.F." Of course she must invite that dreadful woman to the wedding! Her husband's career will be the casualty if she doesn't. However, she can get some revenge in a subtle yet satisfying manner if she's having a sit-down dinner at the reception.

At every wedding, there's one table where the hostess seats those guests who just don't seem to fit in with the others. Usually, at least one of the people at this table is a distant relative who never shuts up and has an opinion about everything. Seat "Mrs. X" next to this guest. Maybe she'll even leave early!

NOBODY'S VICTIM ANYMORE, ATLANTA

DEAR NOBODY'S VICTIM: Spoken like a true veteran of the social scene. The name for that table is "Siberia." You're not the only reader who identified with "Steaming in S.F."

Read on:

DEAR ABBY: I agree with your advice to "Still Steaming in S.F.," who was publicly snubbed by the wife of her husband's business partner. I had a similar experience.

The social event at which I was snubbed eight years ago was a lovely outdoor wedding shower that was being held for my fiance and me. The "snubber" fancied herself to be a major mover in local political circles. She was not even on the list of suggested guests we had given the hostess. She was a good friend of the host and hostess, and my fiance was casually acquainted with her. When he attempted to introduce me to this woman, she was extremely rude and acted as if I were invisible. I was shocked and embarrassed.

I later learned that during my fiance's bachelorhood, this woman had tried repeatedly — but unsuccessfully — to fix him up with her various girlfriends. I now realize that the snub had nothing to do with me — and everything to do with her frustration at failing in her matchmaking efforts. She was being a poor loser. "Steaming" might very well find a similar history between her husband-to-be and the law partner's wife.

SNUBBED AND HAPPY IN ST. PAUL

DEAR SNUBBED AND HAPPY: Indeed she might. It's also possible that the law partner's wife was herself attracted to the woman's fiance. However, that's no excuse. It is the duty of the hostess to make sure all her guests enjoy themselves. Not only did she fail at that, she behaved so badly other guests commented on it. That's hardly a social triumph.

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June 2, 1999

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TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1896, Guglielmo Marconi received a patent for radio.

On this day in 1933, the first White House swimming pool was dedicated by President Franklin D. Roosevelt.

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

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Marquis de Sade (1740-1814), writer; Thomas Hardy (1840-1928), writer; Hedda Hopper (1890-1966), gossip columnist; Johnny Weissmuller (1903-1984), swimming great-actor; Sally Kellerman (1937-), actress, is 62; Stacy Keach (1941-), actor, is 58.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1925, Lou Gehrig played for the Yankees for the first time. He pinch-hit for first-baseman Wally Pipp.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "A lover without indiscretion is no lover at all." — Thomas Hardy

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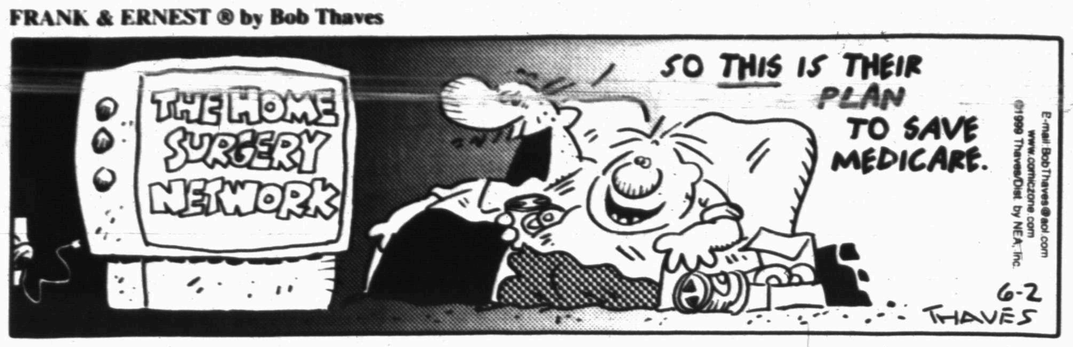
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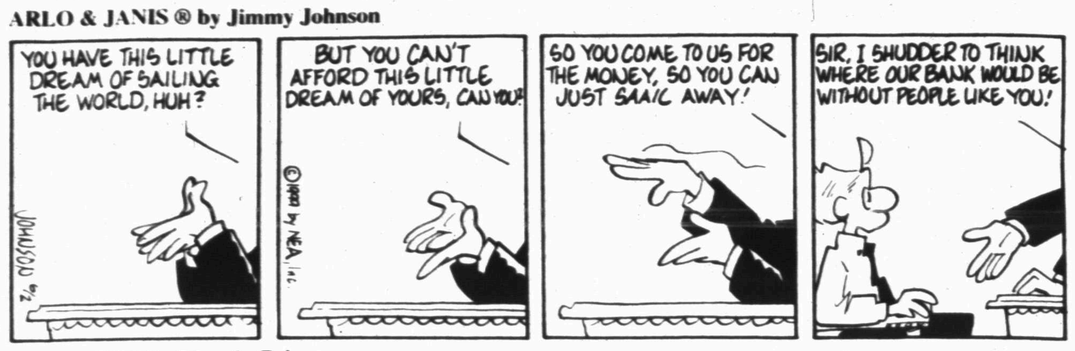
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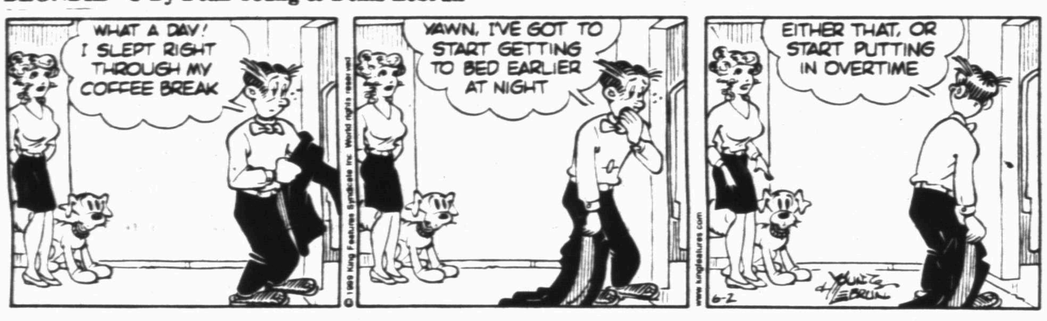


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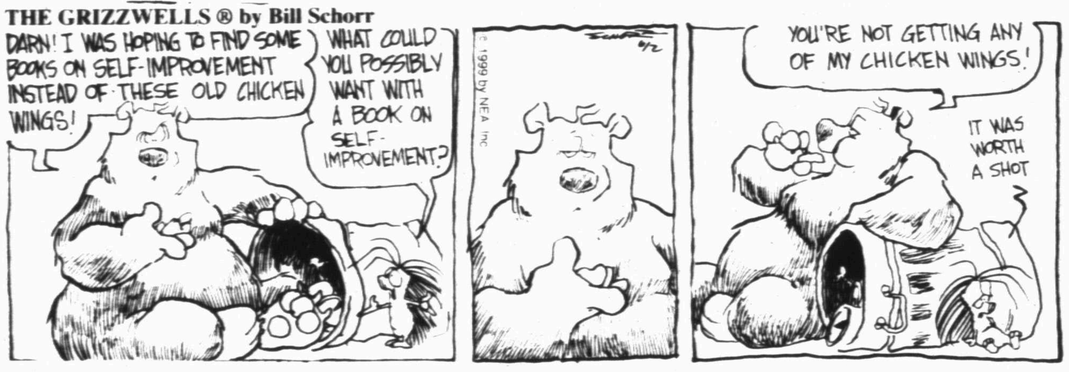
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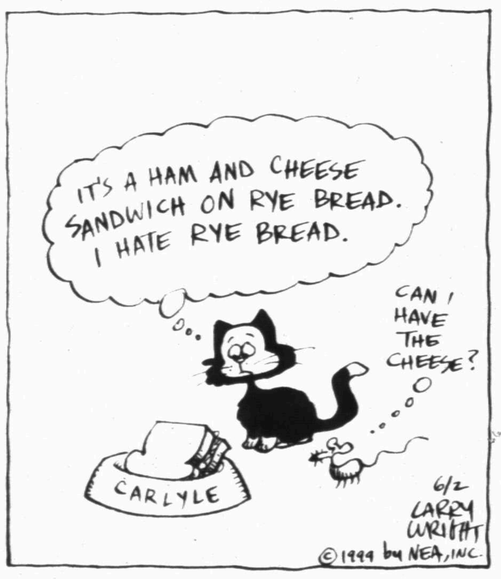
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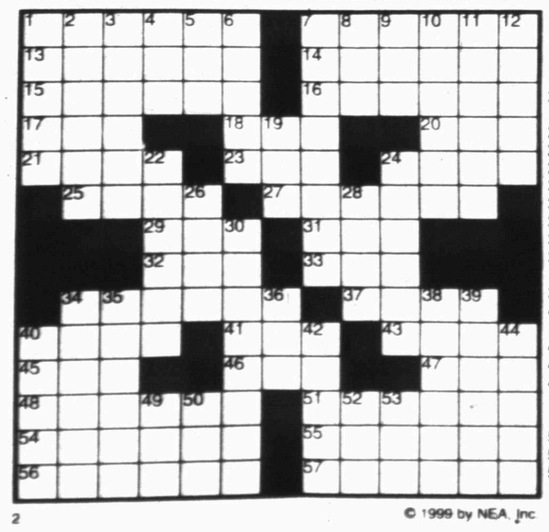
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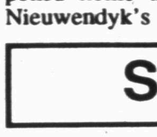


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SPORTS

Stars force decisive Game 7 with 4-1 win

DENVER (AP) — The Dallas Stars aren't finished yet.

The NHL's top-seeded playoff team made sure there would be a Game 7 in the Western Conference finals, forcing a one-game showdown in Dallas with a 4-1 victory over the Colorado Avalanche on Tuesday night.

Jamie Langenbrunner scored two goals in the final 20 minutes as the Stars, playing more like the team that won the Presidents' Trophy with the best record in the NHL, pulled away in the third period.

Game 7 will be Friday night in Dallas, where the Stars are 6-2 in the playoffs — with both losses coming in this series. Colorado is 3-6 at home but 8-1 on the road.

The Avalanche missed an excellent chance to advance to the Stanley Cup finals for the second time in four seasons. The Game 7 winner will advance to face the Eastern Conference champion Buffalo Sabres.

With the score tied at 1, the third period took on a sudden-death atmosphere, and the Stars applied the pressure when Langenbrunner poked home a rebound on Joe Nieuwendyk's shot from the slot at 6:49.

It was Langenbrunner's seventh goal of the playoffs and the fifth game-winning goal in his postseason career.

Colorado goalie Patrick Roy threw his stick in disgust as the Stars celebrated in front of him.

After failing to convert a breakaway chance 10 minutes later, Langenbrunner added another goal with a wide-open flip on a power play with 2:45 remaining.

Langenbrunner's slap shot came after Colorado's Claude Lemieux drew a penalty for charging into Dallas goaltender Ed Belfour, who landed hard on his back but finished with 26 saves.

Richard Matvichuk, whom the Avalanche have accused of dirty play throughout the series, added his first goal of the playoffs to put the game out of reach with 2:31 left.

The third-period flurry was nothing new for Dallas, which has outscored its opponent 23-9 in the final 20 minutes. The Stars outshot Colorado 15-8 in the last period and 40-27 for the game.

Roy finished with 36 saves.



TEE-BALL CHAMPS — The Tigers won the Snyder tee-ball league this year with a record of 9-0. Members of the team are, front row from left, Gentri Driggers, Max Morin, Chase Price, Paden Kinney and Slade Birkenfield. On the back row are coach Les Rinehart, Kelton Garcia, Robbie Rinehart, Anthony Taylor, coach Kirk Taylor, Lance Morris, Aeric Batchelor, Shade Roemisch and coach Derick Price. (Contributed Photo)

Texas' winning streak continues

ARLINGTON (AP) — Another night, another come-from-behind victory for the Texas Rangers.

Mark McLemore singled to key a three-run rally in the eighth inning, and the Rangers beat the Kansas City Royals 3-1 Tuesday night for their eighth straight victory.

The Rangers' winning streak is their longest since 1989. Kansas City lost its fourth in a row.

Texas won in its final at bat for the fourth straight time. Overall, the Rangers have won eight times in their last at-bat this season and have come from behind to win 14 times.

"We've got a club that doesn't give up," said McLemore. "Every night it's somebody different. It's not just one guy. That's what you have to do if you want a championship caliber team."

The Royals bullpen, which struggled in Monday night's 10-inning, 4-3 loss to the Rangers, faltered again.

Reliever Matt Whisenant (1-1) issued a leadoff walk to Lee Stevens and then hit Jon Shave and pinch-hitter Roberto Kelly with pitches, loading the bases with no outs.

Terry Mathews, the fourth Royals pitcher, gave up a single to McLemore that made it 2-1. Rusty Greer followed with an RBI single.

Stevens hit a three-run homer in the ninth inning Monday night to tie the game. But Rangers manager Johnny Oates said Stevens' walk in the eighth Tuesday night also was important.

"It shows what problems a base on balls can cause," Oates said.

Reliever Jeff Zimmerman (5-0) threw a perfect eighth and John Wetteland pitched the ninth for his major league leading 17th save.

Texas' Ivan Rodriguez extended his hitting streak to a career-high 20 games, four short of the club record set by Mickey Rivers in 1980.

For boys and girls...

Summer hoops tip off on Monday

A pair of Snyder summer basketball leagues get underway Monday evening.

The boys varsity league, comprised of players from Snyder, Ira and Borden County, will play its games at the SHS, Ira and Borden County gyms.

Also on the schedule for this year is 63 games in a girls league. Players from Snyder, Ira, Borden County, Post and Westbrook will be divided into three divisions — jr. high, freshman-junior varsity, and varsity.

The boys league will be run once again by Snyder coaches Bud Birks and Ben Reed, while the girls competition will be headed by new Lady Tiger coach Sam Tipton.

"The girls league was set up to give the girls an opportunity to get on the floor and play," said Tipton. "Winning in the summer isn't the important thing. This is just chance for the girls to play for the fun of it. And I believe anytime a player picks up a ball, it makes them better."

The girls league will hold its games at the SHS and Snyder Junior High gyms.

Sports Whirl

By Eric Drennan
SDN Sports Editor

The game of golf is many things.

It's good exercise. It's challenging. And it's a good opportunity to socialize with friends.

But most of all, it's humbling.

Golf can make even the greatest athletes of other sports look uncoordinated and foolish, at times. But it takes just one great shot a round to keep a person coming back to the links thinking, "I'm going to hit it like that every time."

No other sport is like that. If a person gets on the basketball court and makes just one out of 90 shots, more than likely you won't see them back on the hardwood.

But if that same person, in the course of shooting a round of 90 in golf, has just that one great shot — that one crisp 5-iron that takes off like a rocket and heads for the pin like a laser-guided missile — he'll be back the next weekend to sweat and toil through another 18 holes.

In baseball, a pitcher can throw a perfect game. In football, it's possible for a quarterback to complete every pass he throws on Sunday. And a basketball player can be perfect from the field.

But it's impossible to play the perfect game of golf. There's always at least one stroke that could have been shaved somewhere. There's one drive that could have been longer, one chip that could've been closer, or one more putt that could've fallen.

A round of 72 or 70 isn't perfect, it's only par. And the definition of the word par is "an amount taken as average or norm; an accepted standard." Perfection on any course would be a score of 18.

It's an impossibility — and that is one of golf's greatest drawing cards. In golf, the impossible is not just improbable, but is actually impossible. Yet players work, struggle and compete against the course, to see how close to perfection they can get, knowing they'll never reach it. That is what makes golf great.

When something once thought of as impossible is accomplished, it is magical. But once it's done, the luster fades away. For example, there aren't a whole lot of countries spending millions of dollars to send a man to the moon anymore. And if Mark McGuire surpasses Roger Maris' "impossible to beat" home run tally again, it will be fun to watch, but it won't be anything even remarkably close to what it was like last year.

Golf is different. There will never be a golf score posted which is considered impossible to beat. Because there's always a possibility that, "What if the guy plays just as good tomorrow, but doesn't lip out that putt on 14." There's always that chance.

Following are a few famous and helpful things to remember about golf.

—"Talking to a golf ball won't do you any good. Unless you do it while your opponent is teeing off." — Bruce Lansky

—"There is no movement in the swing so difficult that it cannot be made even more difficult by careful study and diligent practice." — Thomas Mulligan

—"The odds of hitting a duffed shot increase by the square of the number of people watching." — Mulligan's Laws

—"A professional will tell you the amount of flex you need in the shaft of your clubs. The more the flex, the more strength you will need to break the things over your knee." — Stephen Baker

—"If you think it's hard to meet new people, try picking up the wrong golf ball." — Jack Lemmon

—"Golf is a game in which the slowest people in the world are those in front of you, and the fastest are those behind." — Unknown

Sports Briefs

SCC scramble and MGA

A members' scramble is held each Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. at Snyder Country Club. At 5:30 each Thursday, the Men's Golf Association hosts a 9-hole event. Thursday's format varies.

Baseball camp

The three-day Snyder Tiger hitting camp will begin for boys Monday at the baseball practice field, with a girls camp starting June 10. Sessions for both camps are by appointment only and cost is $25.

To make an appointment call Roland Herrera at 573-1355.

WGA couples play

The Women's Golf Association of Snyder Country Club will hold a mixed foursomes event Friday evening at 5:30.

Basketball camps

Two Sam Tipton Basketball Camps will be held at Snyder High School. The first camp will begin Monday and run through June 10 for incoming 3-6 grade boys and girls. The second camp will be June 28-July 1 for incoming 7-9 grade girls only.

Campers can register in person Monday at 8:30 a.m. at the gym.

Instruction will run from 9 a.m. to noon. Cost per camper is $50, which includes a camp T-shirt. For more information, contact Coach Tipton at 573-6301 ext. 30 (work) or 573-4437 (home).

Three WTC Super Shooters camps will be held this summer. The youth camp for incoming 3rd-5th graders will be June 13-18. The camp for incoming 6th-8th grade boys will be June 20-25, with 6th-12th grade girls scheduled for the same dates.

Cost is $100 for commuters and $250 for overnight campers. Overnight campers will be housed and fed in the WTC residence halls.

For more information, contact Valery Jackson at 573-8511 ext. 286.

Volleyball camp

A volleyball camp for incoming 10th-12th grade girls will be held June 14-15 at the SHS gym. The camp will be conducted by Texas Tech coaches Nancy Todd and Greg Nunley. Hours will be from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., with a one-hour break for lunch.

Deadline for registration is Tuesday, and the cost is $50. To register, call Patty Grimmett at 573-9416.

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All Times EDT

East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Boston	32	19	.627	-
NewYork	30	20	.600	1½
Toronto	24	29	.453	9
TampaBay	23	29	.442	9½
Baltimore	20	31	.392	12

Central Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Cleveland	33	17	.660	-
Chicago	23	25	.479	9
KansasCity	23	27	.460	10
Detroit	21	31	.403	13
Minnesota	18	33	.353	15½

West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Texas	31	20	.608	-
Oakland	28	24	.538	3½
Seattle	26	25	.510	5
Anaheim	25	27	.481	6½

Tuesday's Games

Boston 5, Detroit 4
Chicago 6, Toronto 2
New York 11, Cleveland 5
Texas 3, Kansas City 1
Anaheim 5, Minnesota 1
Oakland 5, Tampa Bay 2
Baltimore 14, Seattle 11

Wednesday's Games

Kansas City (Appier 6-2) at Texas (Sele 4-4), 2:35 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Alvarez 2-3) at Oakland (Candiotti 3-5), 4:05 p.m.
Detroit (Thompson 4-6) at Boston (Wakefield 3-4), 7:05 p.m.
Chicago (Snyder 6-3) at Toronto (Carpenter 3-5), 7:05p.m.
Cleveland (Wright 4-3) at New York (Pettitte 3-2), 7:35 p.m.
Minnesota (Radke 4-4) at Anaheim (Finley 3-5), 10:35 p.m.
Baltimore (Mussina 7-2) at Seattle (Halama 3-2), 10:35 p.m.

National League
All Times EDT

East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Atlanta	32	20	.615	-
NewYork	27	25	.519	5
Philadelphia	25	25	.500	6
Montreal	19	30	.388	11½
Florida	16	36	.308	16

Central Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Houston	30	20	.600	-
Chicago	27	21	.563	2
Cincinnati	26	22	.542	3
Pittsburgh	27	24	.529	3½
St.Louis	26	24	.520	4
Milwaukee	23	28	.451	7½

West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Arizona	31	22	.585	-
SanFrancisco	28	24	.538	2½
LosAngeles	26	25	.510	4
Colorado	21	28	.429	8
SanDiego	20	30	.400	9½

Tuesday's Games

Pittsburgh 4, Los Angeles 2
Montreal 10, Arizona 8
Cincinnati 4, New York 0
Atlanta 7, Colorado 2
St. Louis 8, Florida 4
San Diego 1, Chicago 0, 5½ innings, rain
Houston 3, Milwaukee 0, 7½ innings, rain
San Francisco 6, Philadelphia 5, 12 innings

Wednesday's Games

San Diego (Murray 0-1) at Chicago (Farnsworth 2-0), 2:20 p.m.
Arizona (Daal 5-4) at Montreal (Vazquez 2-3), 7:05 p.m.
St. Louis (Painter 0-3) at Florida (Dempster 2-1), 7:05 p.m.
Los Angeles (Dreifort 5-3) at Pittsburgh (Ritchie 4-3), 7:05 p.m.
San Francisco (Ortiz 6-3) at Philadelphia (Byrd 6-3), 7:35 p.m.
Cincinnati (Avery 3-4) at New York (Isringhausen 0-1), 7:40 p.m.
Colorado (Brownson 0-0) at Atlanta (O.Perez 3-2), 7:40 p.m.
Houston (Lima 8-2) at Milwaukee (Eldred 1-3), 8:05 p.m.

NBA GLANCE

CONFERENCE FINALS
(Best-of-7)

Saturday, May 29
San Antonio 80, Portland 76

Sunday, May 30
New York 93, Indiana 90

Monday, May 31
San Antonio 86, Portland 85, San Antonio leads series 2-0

Tuesday, June 1
Indiana 88, New York 86, series tied 1-1

Friday, June 4
San Antonio at Portland, 9 p.m.

Saturday, June 5
Indiana at New York, 6:30 p.m.

Sunday, June 6
San Antonio at Portland, 6:30 p.m.

SNYDER WGA RESULTS

May 4 - Low net foursomes: Suzy Reed, Norma Thompson, Gwen Sealy and Donna Stehley, 95. Low putter: Suzy Reed and Becky Knipe, 13.

May 11 - Nassau tournament; Kaye Cypert, front nine, 33.5; Peggy Hardin, back nine, 28.5; Peggy Hardin, total, 65. Low putter: Peggy Hardin, 27.

May 18 - queen of the hill: Anita Talbott, low gross, 76; Anita Talbott, low net, 65. Low putter: Cynthia Jackson, 29.

May 25 - guess your score: Gwen Sealy (110-110), first place; Martha Fagin (92-93) and Cynthia Jackson (80-81), second-place tie. Chip-ins: Kathy Stephens and Cynthia Jackson. Low putter: Vivian Norwood, 29.

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Why are my ears ringing?

By Ed Blonz, Ph.D.

DEAR DR. BLONZ: I have been having ringing in my right ear. It is a low, steady ring that is more noticeable at night when everything is quite. I have not been subject to any loud noises or any colds or sickness. This has been going on for four weeks. The only thing that has been different is I have been taking a prenatal vitamin and iron (150mg). Could the vitamin or iron be causing this? — **D.S., Baton Rouge, La.**

DEAR D.S.: Ringing in the ears, also called tinnitus (tih-NY-tuhs), can be brought about by a number of conditions and it is often accompanied by hearing loss.

Normally, external sound vibrations strike the eardrum, causing the bones of the inner ear to vibrate. This conducts the sound to the acoustic nerve, through which it travels to the brain. With tinnitus, something inside the head causes the acoustic nerve to fire. This "something" might be an inflammation or infection, blockages, malfunctions with the inner ear, otosclerosis (an overgrowth of the inner ear bones), pressure from abnormal tissue or the actions of a toxic agent.

You state that you are taking a prenatal vitamin, so I will assume that you are pregnant. It turns out that there is an increased prevalence of tinnitus in pregnant women. This means that your symptoms may be temporary. It would be in your interest to have this checked by an ear specialist as it may help you better understand what is going on. There may be some intervention that would help prevent matters from getting worse.

Finally, why so much iron? You state that you are taking 150 milligrams. Excessive iron is hazardous to one's health, and this is an extremely large dose — one not to be taken unless specifically recommended by your physician. (The RDA for an adult woman is 15 milligrams per day and rises to 30 milligrams during pregnancy.)

DEAR DR. BLONZ: I realize this is not a nutrition or food question, but I must confess that I am confused as to where to turn, so here it is: I have been hearing a lot lately about sodium lauryl sulfate, an ingredient found in many brands of shampoo and toothpaste. I've heard it causes cancer. Should I be worried? If it's so dangerous, why are shampoo and toothpaste vendors putting it their products? — **C.F. Boonville, Mo.**

DEAR C.F.: What we have here is a scare campaign bred of a number of basic misunderstandings. Sodium lauryl sulfate is one of a group of compounds that have abilities to allow water and oil to remain together in a mixture. Depending on the particular application, it is referred to as an emulsifier, surfactant, detergent or solubilizer. All these job titles refer to different takes on the same basic ability.

The core substance in sodium lauryl sulfate is laurie acid — a short-chain fatty acid found in a number of vegetable oils, but primarily coconut oil. You mentioned this isn't food-related but it turns out that sodium lauryl sulfate is used as an additive in some foods, so there is a food basis for your question.

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

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NUTRITION
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New plan for treating heart attacks could save some lives

DALLAS (AP) — A new regimen for treating heart attacks could save thousands of patients who aren't helped by current clot-busting therapy and could eliminate the need for some angioplasty or bypass surgery, a new study shows.

Doctors added a "super-aspirin" called abciximab, or Reopro, to a standard clot buster, alteplase, also known as Activase. They found it restored normal blood flow in the hearts of more than three-quarters of heart attack victims.

The international study was published in today's edition of Circulation, a journal of the American Heart Association. It was intended to see if abciximab could boost the effectiveness of alteplase. Alteplase and similar drugs such as TPA (tissue plasminogen activator) are already a mainstay of heart attack treatment.

"We demonstrated that a combination of two drugs is better than one drug for opening blocked arteries," said Dr. Elliott M. Antman, director of the Coronary Care Unit at Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston. "We can open up blocked arteries faster and more extensively."

Both drugs are administered intravenously.

Antman said the new therapy could be the biggest advance in heart attack treatment since clot-busting drugs were introduced 15 years ago. But he said that additional research may be needed before the therapy is put into clinical practice.

The drugs are complementary, Antman said, because alteplase dissolves blood clots, while abciximab keeps platelets and proteins from clumping.

Aspirin also blocks platelets. But abciximab is much more potent, which is why the drug is often called a "super-aspirin."

Antman's study included 888 heart attack patients at 63 hospitals in North America, Britain, the Netherlands, France and Germany and examined the ability of the drugs to dissolve blood clots within 60 to 90 minutes.

The study showed that 72 percent of patients who received abciximab plus half the standard dose of alteplase achieved optimal blood flow in their arteries within 60 minutes. Only 43 percent of patients had normal blood flow with TPA alone.

Within 90 minutes, 77 percent of patients treated with both drugs had optimal blood flow, compared with 62 percent with alteplase alone.

The researchers "have made a major contribution" to the management of heart attacks, Dr. J. Ward Kennedy of the University of Washington wrote in an editorial about the research in Circulation.

Subject arrested, theft investigated

One subject was taken into custody and one offense report filed in law enforcement activity Tuesday.

Officers arrested an 18-year-old male at 9:16 a.m. in the 3900 block of College on outstanding warrants for exhibition of acceleration and failure to appear.

Deputies are investigating a theft that reportedly occurred in Ira. Bobby Staton advised of the incident at 8:07 a.m. Tuesday.

Sheriff's department officials said an inventory of what was reported stolen was not available this morning.

A two-vehicle mishap occurred in the Wal-Mart Parking lot at 2:54 p.m. Tuesday. Involved were a 1998 Pontiac Grand Am driven by Shannon Botts, 29, of Ira and a 1998 Chevrolet Lumina driven by Connie Martinez, 34, of 3789 Highland.

Markets Midday Stocks

NEW YORK (AP)-

	High	Low	Last
AMR Corp s	66	13-16	63 15-16 64⅝— 2⅝
AT&T Corp s	55	7-16	54⅛ 54⅜— 3-16
AirTouch	101	9-16	99 13-16 100⅛— ⅞
Albertsons	54	7-16	54⅝ — 1-16
AlldSignal	60⅞		59⅛ 59⅞+1 1-16
Alltel	71	1-16	70 1-16 70 15-16— ⅛
AmOnline s	112⅛		105 108⅜— 4⅝
AmStores	33¼		33 3-16 33⅜— 1-16
Ameritech	67	3-16	65¾ 66⅜+ ⅛
AndarkPtr s	37⅞		36⅛ 37⅛+11-16
Armcolnc	6	11-16	6 9-16 6⅝
AtlRichfld	84	5-16	83⅜ 84 3-16+ 9-16
ATMOS Egy	25	15-16	25 11-16 25⅞+ ⅛
Aviall	15	11-16	15⅜ 15 11-16
BP Amoco	108	3-16	107 3-16 108⅛+ 1
BakerHughes	31	5-16	30 5-16 31 3-16+ ⅞
Bank of Amer	63¾		61⅞ 62⅛— ⅛
BellAtl	55⅞		54 3-16 54⅜— ½
BellSouth s	47⅛		46 1-16 46⅞— ⅛
BethSteel	8	11-16	8⅛ 8 9-16— 1-16
BurlNoSFe s	30⅜		29 13-16 29⅞— ⅛
CBS Corp	43½		42 1-16 42 5-16— 7-16
Caterpillar	59⅝		58⅛ 58⅞+ ⅛
CenSoWst	25	11-16	25 7-16 25 9-16— 1-16
Chevron	92⅛		90⅞ 91 11-16+ 1⅛
Citigroup s	42	13-16	40⅞ 40 11-16— 2⅛
Coastal	38	5-16	37⅞ 38 5-16+ 5-16
CocaCola	68⅝		68⅛ 68¼— ⅜
ColgatePalm	103	3-16	101⅛ 102 1-16—1 3-16
ComclMetals	24⅛		23 15-16 24 3-16+ 1-16
Cooperln	52⅛		50⅞ 51⅜+ ⅜
CyprusAmax	13⅜		13 3-16 13 3-16— 3-16
DaimlrChry n	86	11-16	85 11-16 86 — 3-16
DallSemicn	44	3-16	43⅛ 43 9-16— ⅛
DeltaAirl s	58		56⅛ 57 1-16— 1⅞
Dillards Inc	35	3-16	34 11-16 35⅛+ 3-16
DowChem	128	3-16	126 5-16 127⅛+13-16
DuPont	67⅛		66 66 7-16— 1⅞
EastmanChem	51⅛		50⅝ 50⅝— ⅛
EstKodak	67¼		65 15-16 66⅜— ⅜
EDS Corp	56	5-16	54⅞ 55 —1 1-16
Entergy	32	13-16	32⅜ 32 11-16+ 3-16
Exxon	80⅝		79⅛ 80⅞+ 1⅞
Flowers	22⅝		22⅛ 22⅜— 3-16
FordMotor	57⅞		56⅛ 56 9-16—15-16
GTE Cp	64⅛		62 13-16 63 1-16— ⅛
GenDynam	67⅛		66 7-16 66 15-16+ ⅛
GenElec	102	15-16	100⅛ 100⅞—1 11-16
GenMills	80⅛		79 15-16 80 1-16— 1-16
GenMotors	71⅞		70 7-16 70⅝— 1-16
GaPacGP	96⅛		93 9-16 94 15-16+ 1-16
GaPacGP wi	47⅞		47⅞ 47⅞— ⅛
GlobalMar	14⅝		13⅝ 14⅛+ ⅜
Goodrich	41	15-16	41 3-16 41 3-16— ⅜
Goodyear s	61¼		60 5-16 60 9-16— 5-16
GtAtlPac	33⅝		33 5-16 33⅜— ⅛
Halliburta	41	15-16	40⅝ 41 11-16+15-16
Hanson ADS	46	3-16	45 13-16 46 + ⅛
HarteHanks	22	11-16	22¼ 22⅜— ⅜
HomeDepot	56⅞		55⅛ 55⅝— 7-16
IBM s	112⅛		109 7-16 109 11-16—2 5-16
IntlPaper	53	7-16	52 1-16 52⅜— ⅛
JohnsonJn	92	15-16	91 11-16 91 13-16—13-16
K mart	15⅝		15⅜ 15 9-16+ 3-16
Kroger Co	58	7-16	56½ 57 1-16— ⅛
Limn	65		9-16 65⅛ 65⅜
LockheedM s	41½		40⅞ 41⅝—11-16
Lowes Cos s	51	49	11-16 49 15-16—11-16
Lubys	17		16¼ 16 9-16— 7-16
LucentTech s	57		3-16 55⅞ 56
MayDeptStr s	42	5-16	41⅞ 42 3-16— ⅜
MediaOne	73	13-16	72⅝ 72 15-16— ⅜
Medtronic	73¼		72⅝ 72 15-16— 1-16
Mobil	102	7-16	100 13-16 102 3-16+ 2⅜
Monsanto	40	13-16	39 15-16 40 1-16— ⅜
MorganJP	131⅜		127⅛ 128⅜— 4⅛
Motorola	80⅝		79 3-16 79 9-16+13-16
NCR Corp	38	9-16	37 13-16 38⅛— ½
Navistar	50	11-16	50 50 11-16+1 3-16
Penney JC	51	11-16	50 5-16 50⅝—1 5-16
PennzEnrgy s	15⅝		15⅛ 15⅝— 1⅛
PepBoys	18⅝		18⅛ 18 11-16+ 1-16
PepsiCo	36	7-16	36 1-16 36 5-16— 1-16
PhelpDodge	56	7-16	54⅝ 55 — 1⅜
PhilipPet	54		52⅞ 53 5-16+ ⅛
PilgrmPrd B	20½		20 5-16 20 7-16+ 1-16
Polaroid	22	1-16	21⅛ 21⅜+ ⅛
Praxair	51	50	3-16 50 5-16—13-16
ProctGamb	96⅝		94⅛ 94 7-16—1 3-16
PubSNwMx	20⅝		20 3-16 20⅛— ⅜
ReliantEngy	30		29 7-16 30 + ⅜
RoyalDut	56	1-16	55 5-16 55⅞— 3-16
SBC Comm	52	9-16	51⅞ 52 + ⅛
SaraLee s	24⅛		24⅛ 24 5-16+ ⅛
Scripps EW	46⅞		46⅛ 46⅛— ⅜
SearsRoeb	50⅜		49⅝ 50 + ⅞
SherwinW	30⅝		30 3-16 30⅜— ⅜
SmithkliBchm	67⅛		65 13-16 66 — 7-16
SouthernCo	28	1-16	27⅞ 28 + ⅜
SwstAirl s	31⅞		30⅞ 31 1-16—1 1-16
SprintFON s	112	13-16	110 13-16 110⅞— 1⅞
SprntFON wi	56⅛		55⅛ 55⅞+ ⅜
SprintPCS s	45⅛		44 44 1-16— ⅜
Sunoco Inc	30⅝		30⅛ 30⅛+ ⅜
TNP Ent	36⅛		35⅛ 35 9-16— 1
Tandy	80	13-16	79 9-16 79⅝—15-16
TempleInland	71⅛		69 13-16 70 — ⅞
Tenneco	23⅛		23⅛ 23⅜+ 1-16
Texaco	65⅜		64⅝ 64⅝— 1-16
TexInd	35⅛		33⅛ 33 9-16—1 9-16
TexasInst	108	5-16	106 7-16 107⅛+ 1⅛
TexUtil	44	3-16	43 11-16 43⅛+ 1-16
Textron	91⅛		88⅛ 89 5-16—1 11-16
TriconGlbR	57⅞		57⅛ 57⅛— ⅜
TrinityInds	32½		32⅛ 32 5-16— 3-16
TritonEngy	11	13-16	11 5-16 11⅜+ 5-16
TylerTech	5	15-16	5⅞ 5⅞
US West Inc	54	7-16	53⅜ 53 13-16+ ⅛
USX-Marathn	29	15-16	29⅝ 29 13-16+ 9-16
USX-USS	28	13-16	28⅛ 28 7-16
UnCarbde	52	50	7-16 50⅝—1 3-16
UnionPacif	58	9-16	57 1-16 57⅝— 1⅛
UnitedTech s	64⅛		63⅜ 64 3-16+15-16
Unocal	39⅛		38⅛ 39 3-16+11-16
Venator Grp	11¼		10⅞ 10⅞— ⅛
WalMart s	43⅛	42	11-16 43 1-16— ⅜
WellsFargo	40	3-16	39⅛ 39 11-16— ¼
WstnGasRs	12⅛	12	3-16 12 3-16— ⅜
WinnDixie	36	7-16	36 1-16 36⅛— ⅛
Xerox Cp s	57⅞		56⅞ 56⅞— ¼

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PTEN	8	-1/16
KMG	46 15/16	+1
WMT	43 5/16	-1/8
CPQ	22 7/8	-3/16
ENE	74 5/16	+1 13/16
SRV	19 7/16	+5/16
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SBC	52 1/16	+3/16
TXN	108 1/8	+1 1/2
UNP	57 1/4	-1 1/8

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Few using $3 billion welfare-to-work program

WASHINGTON (AP) — Ana Osegueda spends her days helping move people in San Francisco from welfare to work, but she sends only a handful of clients through the federal government's welfare-to-work program.

The $3 billion program was meant to help people with the toughest problems — people who may have been left in dire straits by strict new welfare rules. But rigid rules about who is eligible, combined with other problems, have left some 92 percent of the first year's money unspent after a year and a half.

"It's really hard to find someone checking 'yes' in all those boxes," Osegueda said.

That's been the case across the country. Michigan, one of the first states to get its money, hasn't spent a dime due to strict rules. In New York City, where most long-term welfare recipients live, there is no one enrolled.

"This is depressingly slow considering it started so long ago, but usually once these things start moving, they start moving," said John Twomey, who runs an umbrella group for county boards in New York that distribute the federal money.

Clinton administration officials are asking Congress to change the rules so more people can qualify. They also want an additional $1 billion in 2000.

But local welfare directors are urging Congress to spend the money elsewhere. And at least one key lawmaker agrees.

"We're certainly not going to put more money into it, because it's not working," said Rep. Nancy Johnson, R-Conn., who chairs the House Ways and Means welfare subcommittee.

Johnson predicted, however, that Congress will change the rules to make it easier for more people to qualify, particularly low-income fathers of children on welfare.

Officials in the states and at the Labor Department, which runs the program, cite several problems, including bureaucratic delays getting it started as well as the eligibility rules.

To participate, most recipients must have spent at least 2½ years on welfare or must be nearing their lifetime limit for benefits.

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Appeals panel OKs ban on parochial school subsidies

PORTLAND, Maine (AP) — Maine has no constitutional obligation to subsidize parochial schools by paying their students' tuition, a federal appeals court said in upholding a state law that bars such voucher payments.

Maine families who live in towns without public secondary schools may send pupils to any public or nonsectarian private school, with the state picking up at least part of the tuition.

The 1st U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Boston agreed with a lower judge's ruling that the state is not constitutionally required to extend these subsidies to religious schools.

Joseph Conn from Americans United for Separation of Church and State said Tuesday the decision was a major defeat for school voucher proponents.

"This is the highest federal court that has ruled on the school voucher issue," he said from Washington. "Because of that, it's a very important decision."

The American Center for Law and Justice, a group founded by the Christian Coalition's Pat Robertson that is representing the plaintiffs, vowed to appeal to the Supreme Court.

Jay Sekulow, chief counsel for the American Center, said the appeals court ruling creates a conflict with a Supreme Court decision to let stand a Wisconsin voucher program that provides financial help for families whose children attend religious schools.

The plaintiffs had argued the Maine law's exclusion of otherwise eligible parochial schools from the state tuition program violated the constitution by demonstrating hostility toward religion.

The appeals court rejected the claim.

"All it means is that the cost of religious education must be borne by the parents and not by the state," Chief Judge Juan R. Torruella wrote.

The ruling in the Maine case was issued Thursday, but the parties involved did not learn of the decision until after the holiday weekend.



Town & Country Topics
By Kathryn Roberts
County Extension Agent

Flash flooding in Texas

Flash flooding is the number one cause of weather-related deaths in the U.S. and also in Texas.

Most flash flood victims are either motorists trying to cross a flooded low area, or they are children or young adults walking or playing near flooded creeks or streams. Even walking along the bank of a flooding creek can be dangerous. Heavy rain softens the bank soil and makes it unstable. It can give way tossing the victim into the flood.

Flash-flooding occurs most frequently in Texas from the late afternoon into the early morning hours. Often it is too dark to see the danger clearly. Even in daytime, a flash flood is very deceptive. Because light is bent as it travels through water, the flood is nearly always deeper than it appears to be. And, because we must view the flooding from the side, we judge the speed of the water from the edge of the flow.

This water is traveling slower than the water in the middle of the flooding due to friction. Flooding also hides damage to the road beneath it; large holes may have been dug that vehicles cannot cross, or debris may have been placed across the road or street.

The lifting power of a flash flood is hard to imagine. For each foot the water rises, it displaces 1,500 pounds of weight. In other words, for every foot the water rises, a car or truck or bus weighs 1,500 pounds less. As little as two feet of flooding will float most cars. There is only one safety rule in flash flooding ... avoid flooded roads, streets and low areas.

If your vehicle stalls in deep water, you can attempt to move to higher ground, but you may not be able to do safely. In some cases, this has saved lives, but in some cases, it has caused drowning.

The only way to be safe is to stay out of deep water.

Astro-graph
By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Thursday, June 3, 1999

Because of the influential contacts you're about to make in the year ahead, it looks like you'll be moving up into classier circles of friends. Their associations will prove very helpful to you.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) People who find themselves in your company will be truly blessed today, because your enthusiasm and warmth uplifts the spirits of those who are down and need a note of good will. 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 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Giving and helping others is a natural instinct for you. When you do so today, it'll turn out to be more of a joyous experience than normal as you witness the happy results.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) When others see you are truly serious and earnest about a new endeavor you're undertaking today, chances are they'll jump on board and enthusiastically support your cause.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) When plotting your strategy today as to how to acquire a material objective, be sure to incorporate bold, prompt actions in order to insure success. Your goal can be realized.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) There is far more sunshine in the world than shadows. You'll quickly discover this today by stepping into the light where you can look problems in the eye and watch them be defused.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) If an associate with whom you enjoy a partnership arrangement is doing as good of a job as you could do, don't jump in and rock the boat. Sit back and enjoy the ride.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) What a diplomat you are today! You have the ability to say something painful that needs saying, but you'll do so in a way that'll seem more like a compliment than criticism.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Today is the day to concentrate on a meaningful career goal, because when you apply your efforts and energy on this important target, you won't miss your mark.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) In a social situation where the progress has not been up to your satisfaction, step in and personally take control. You're the one who can bring it all together for everyone.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) If there is something constructive you can do today which would benefit everyone in your family, then by all means do so. Don't be so shy that you don't give it a try.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Act together as a unit today when it comes to deliberations that are important to both you and your mate. When your minds are in harmony, favorable results can occur.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Today's aspects favor financial dealings that are geared towards making a profit. If you get an inkling of yields in the making, do all that is required to earn your fair share.

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On NATO buildup...

Macedonia PM sees Gore, Albright

WASHINGTON (AP) — Bracing for a doubling of NATO troops in Macedonia, Prime Minister Ljubco Georgievski is taking his concern to the Clinton administration that his country could be the staging ground for an invasion of Yugoslavia.

The leader of the tiniest Balkan nation also is expected to make a pitch for financial assistance in meetings today with Vice President Al Gore and Secretary of State Madeleine Albright and later this week with other U.S. officials.

Some 15,000 NATO troops have been stationed in Macedonia for months as potential peacekeepers in Kosovo to protect returning refugees. Currently the troops are helping care for more than 250,000 ethnic Albanians on Macedonian soil.

The allies want to double NATO forces to nearly 30,000, and Macedonia is seeking assurances that the southeast European country will not become the staging site for a ground invasion against its northern neighbor.

NATO is planning to put 50,000 armed troops into Kosovo to keep the peace if Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic agrees to allied demands to withdraw Serb troops from Kosovo and accept the presence of an international force with NATO "at its core," Albright and Defense Secretary William Cohen said Tuesday.

President Clinton, who is delivering a commencement address today at the Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colo., also insists NATO allies won't compromise on having the alliance ensure the safety of returning refugees.

Pentagon spokesman Kenneth Bacon said the United States would provide about 15 percent of the total peacekeeping force, or about 7,500 American troops.

Cohen, reiterating the Clinton administration's long-standing position, said NATO troops would enter Kosovo only after Milosevic ceased fighting ethnic Albanian rebels and withdrew Serb troops. NATO's intent is not to invade and expel Serb forces, he said.

Both he and Albright also made plain that NATO would not compromise on its demand that the alliance must be at the heart of any peacekeeping force in Kosovo.

On the diplomatic front, Russian envoy Viktor Chernomyrdin and Finnish President Martti Ahtisaari were to meet today with Milosevic in Belgrade.

GM autos have 'black box' containing crash information

WASHINGTON (AP) — General Motors Corp. has installed devices in hundreds of thousands of its cars that collect data when a car crashes, much like a black box on an airplane.

Doctors, engineers and government officials say the information can help them better understand how the human body tolerates car crashes. They plan to use that knowledge to construct safer cars, improve the treatment of crash victims and write government auto safety standards that would better protect passengers in auto accidents.

The existence of the so-called auto black box system is raising sensitive privacy questions about whether such information could be used in litigation.

The most sophisticated version of GM's device, known formally as a sensing and diagnostic module, is in hundreds of thousands of GM cars from the 1999 model year: the Buick Century, Park Avenue and Regal; the Cadillac Eldorado, DeVille and SeVille; the Chevrolet Camaro and Corvette; and the Pontiac Firebird.

The module will be in almost all GM vehicles in a few years, the company says.

The module, part of the air bag sensing system, stores information in the few seconds before a car sensor identifies a crash and fires the air bags. The data include the speed of the car, whether the driver was wearing a seat belt, when an air bag deployed and whether the driver used the brakes.

GM quietly installed different versions of the sensing system on some cars throughout the 1990s, but the modules have become more sophisticated. Their existence became public in a paper written by GM and government engineers and presented at a conference last month.

Until now, government crash investigators could only take an educated guess at the speed of a car involved in an accident, based on evidence at the crash scene.

GM is the only automaker that makes such data and a tool to recover it available to researchers, the paper said. GM hopes to have laptops available so government crash investigators can download data independently of the company by the end of the year.

Bob Lange, director of engineering safety for GM, said he wanted to use the device to collect crash injury information from all age groups so that autos could be designed to further "reduce the likelihood of injuries."

The module helped GM figure out last year why some air bags were deploying inadvertently, leading to a recall of more than 850,000 Cavaliers and Sunfires to change a computer software program.

"There's an incredible opportunity to improve safety," said Dr. Jeffrey Augenstein of the Crash Injury Research and Engineering Network. Augenstein said if doctors know more about crashes, they can target their treatment of patients, in some cases including checks for serious injuries they might have missed.

John Hinch, a research engineer at the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and one of the authors of the paper, said he saw "lots of potential" for the module's data.

"If we can understand crashes better, we can have better sensors (in automobiles), better air bags," Hinch said. "NHTSA can build better (safety) rules and have better information for consumers."

Obituaries

Deneva Spartz

1933-1999

ALAMORGORDO, N.M. — A memorial service for Deneva Merrell Spartz is set for 10 a.m. Saturday in the Grace United Methodist Church.

Mrs. Spartz, 65, died April 16 in M.D. Anderson Hospital in Houston following a lengthy illness.

Mrs. Spartz was the sister of the Rev. James Merrell of Snyder.

Born Oct. 10, 1933 to H.S. and Katie Merrell in Midland, she gradauted from Midland High School and attended McMurry University. She was a longtime employee of the Alamorgordo Schools.

She was also preceded in death by two sisters, Alta Merrell and Helen McCord.

Survivors also include her husband, Darrell Spartz of the home; a son and daughter-in-law, Douglas and Janet Spartz of Cypress; two daughters and a son-in-law, Susan and Winston Kensworthy of Odessa, and Ruth Spartz of Columbus, Ind.; two sisters, Minnie McReynolds of Chesaspeake, Va., and Audie Wooten of Abilene; and three grandsons, Matthew Spartz and Clayton and Carlton Kensworthy.

The family suggests memorials to the Grace United Methodist Church or to the Leukemia Foundation.

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Plane tried to land in violent thunderstorm

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP) — Air traffic controllers were warned that a severe thunderstorm was approaching Little Rock National Airport just before an airliner crashed while landing in wind, hail and rain.

The American Airlines plane arrived from the southwest late Tuesday at about the same time the storm blew in from the northwest.

The National Weather Service's severe weather warnings are fed directly to flight controllers, meteorologist George Wilken said today.

"The tower would see our warnings and it would be their decision what to tell the pilot," Wilken said.

The National Transportation Safety Board will have to determine whether the storm was a factor in the deadly crash, airport spokesman Phillip Launius said today.

Wind blowing at a steady 50 mph was recorded about 2 miles from the airport, the weather service said. And just after the crash, a wind gauge at the airport recorded a gust of 87 mph, Wilken said.

Hail fell thickly heavily near the airport, residents said.

"Hail was hitting the house so hard we thought it would crack," said Catherine Jones, who lives about a mile from the accident site. "We looked out the window and things were flying everywhere."

In addition to the wind and hail, up to an inch of rain fell in just a half-hour in parts of the city.

National spelling bee begins in Washington

WASHINGTON (AP) — Harry Altman's first word in this year's national spelling bee made him and the other young contestants chuckle. The definition: a pain in the head.

"C-e-p-h-a-l-a-l-g-i-a," Harry said, slowly emphasizing each letter.

The elimination bell didn't ding. He had spelled it correctly. The boy smiled timidly and ambled back to his chair on the stage of a hotel ballroom here. The 12-year-old sixth grader from Glen Rock, N.J., still had a chance to be this year's champ.

The 72nd Scripps Howard National Spelling Bee began today with "irascible," a word that means marked by a hot temper or resentful anger. Mark Albers, 12, of Reno, Nev., misspelled it with a double "r."

The bell signaling a misspelled word rang. He was out.

The bee began with 249 spellers. Thirty-three spellers were eliminated in the first round, including Shante Lewis, 9, a fourth-grader from Plainfield, N.J., who was the youngest contestant this year. Another 10 spellers misspelled words in the second round and were out of the competition.

Joanna Mann, 13, of San Angelo, Texas, missed her first word — "phugoid." She didn't know what it meant, either. The dictionary says the word represents variations in the longitudinal motion or course of the center of mass of an airplane in flight. Joanna misspelled it "fugoid."

"I got nervous and said 'f' by accident," Joanna said during a break. "I was really nervous on stage. Now I'm calmed down."

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Crash

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flames were within 15 feet of him by the time he got out 30 seconds after the landing. Some passengers getting off the plane found themselves in waist-deep water.

"There was panic, craziness, there were flames," Baber said. "The emergency door was cracked, and people were able to get out only one at a time."

Tom Ashcraft was waiting at the airport for his granddaughters, 13 and 11, to arrive.

"Some people said they saw it come in and (airline officials) announced that the flight was on the ground. The plane never came (to the gate)," Ashcraft said.

A check of the plane's maintenance records revealed no major problems. Twelve years ago, the plane lost power in one of its engines during a landing in Las Vegas because the housing around a part had worn away.

The deaths are the first in an U.S. commercial airline accident since Dec. 28, 1997, when a woman was killed aboard a United Airlines 747 that encountered severe turbulence over the Pacific.

Last year, U.S. aviation officials celebrated a fatality-free year aboard scheduled U.S. commercial flights. U.S. airlines also had one of their safest years ever in 1997, a year after one of the deadliest on record.

Births

Randy and DeLena Fisk of Snyder announce the birth of their son, Joseph Weston, weighing nine pounds, five ounces. He was born on May 26 in Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock.

He was also welcomed by siblings Justin, Jacob and Joshua.

Paternal grandparents are Diane and Ronnie Fisk of Snyder, and maternal grandmother is Jan Speed of Slaton.

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8th grade summer bash

A dance for out-going 8th graders will be held from 8 to midnight Thursday at Towle Park Barn. Music by Mr. Music Man and there will be no admission charged. Call 573-3778 or 573-5996 for more information.

Car wash

The Ira Bulldog football team will sponsor a car wash starting at 8 a.m. Saturday at Wal-mart. Donations will be accepted.

1974 SHS reunion

The SHS Class of '74 will hold its 25th reunion Saturday at Snyder Country Club. Class pictures will be taken at 6 p.m., and the meal served at 7 p.m. Reservations should be made by calling 573-7014. Friends and former teachers are invited to visit after 8 p.m.

Camp Springs homecoming

Camp Springs homecoming will begin at 10 a.m. Sunday in the Northeast Community Center. For more information about the pot lunch luncheon, call 573-8948.

Lighthouse Assembly revival

The Lighthouse Assembly of God will conduct revival services Sunday through June 11. Sunday services are at 10:45 and 6 p.m. Weekend services are at 7 p.m. Evangelist is Lonnie Fortner and a nursery will be provided.

Vacation Bible School

First Presbyterian and First Christian Churches will have a joint Vacation Bible School Monday through next Friday. Sessions featuring stories of David for pre-school through sixth grade will be held from 9 a.m. to noon at the First Presbyterian Church. Everyone is welcome.

Hermleigh ISD pictures

Hermleigh students who purchased photographs — group and individual — may pick them up in the Elementary building.

Boys and Girls Club fundraiser

The Boys and Girls Club will sponsor a trash-to-treasure sale June 18-19. There will be a silent auction, antiques and collectibles, food booths, arts and crafts and garage sale items. Call 573-3344 for additional information.

LVN registration at WTC

Students wishing to enroll in the September class for Licensed Vocational Nursing at Western Texas College need to contact the counseling office to arrange to take the pre-entrance exam. Tests will be given through July 27, and interviews will be scheduled through Aug. 9. For more information call 573-8511, ext. 313 or toll-free at 1-888-GO TO WTC (468-6982)

Bible study tapes

Bible study video tapes air weekly on cable TV channel 2. The tapes to be shown at 7 p.m. Monday are "Why Did God Give The Law to Isreal?" followed by "When Parents Fail."

Financial security for seniors

Financial Security for the Senior Citizen will be the topic of a program by Bill Guilley to be presented at 7 p.m. Tuesday at Snyder Oaks Care Center. The program is free to the public.

Public reception

A public reception in honor of Bill Hale, Abilene District Engineer for the Texas Department of Transporation, will be held from 10 to 11 a.m. Monday, June 14, in the offices of the Development Corporation of Snyder. The reception is being hosted by the City of Snycer, Scurry County, Chamber of Commerce and DCOS.

GED testing dates announced

The GED Testing Center on the WTC campus will administer exams at 8:30 a.m. June 26. Any person who is not enrolled in high school, has not graduated from high school, is at least 16 years old, and meets other requirements may be tested for a high school equivalency diploma. The battery of five GED tests costs $60 and takes 7½ hours to complete. Examinees need not take all tests in one sitting. For pre-registration and more details call 573-2973 or 573-8511, ext. 246.

Pick 3

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

4-4-2

(four, four, two)

Cash Five

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

7-8-13-17-38

(seven, eight, thirteen, seventeen, thirty-eight)

Bridge By Phillip Alder



Bridge is an unusual game in that the players don't know the exact situation. In other sports, everyone knows the score, so participants can adjust strategy in "real time." Bridge players cannot always be certain who's ahead.

However, if there is a Vu-Graph, which displays the deals on a screen, the spectators can live through the tension of a photo finish.

This deal was the final one in this year's Junior Camrose, an under-25 event between England, Ireland (Eire), Scotland and Wales. (Northern Ireland didn't compete for some reason.) With one round to go, the scoreboard read like this: England 98, Scotland 97, Wales 95, Ireland 30. Wales won 18-2 against Ireland, so England needed 16 for victory, Scotland 17. This was the final deal, at which point England had a small lead.

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

Vulnerable: Both
Dealer: West

South	West	North	East
	Pass	Pass	4 NT
5 ♠	Pass	Pass	5 NT
Pass	6 ♣	??	

Opening lead: ??

The English East-West pair had bid and made six clubs.

On the Vu-Graph, the auction began as shown. East's four no-trump asked for specific aces. (For example, a reply of five diamonds by West would indicate the diamond ace.) Five no-trump described the big minor two-suiter. Now North, Jon Green, started to think. Three times the commentator said that North was doing the right thing in taking his time. As you can see, if he had passed and led the "obvious" (according to the reporter) ace and another diamond, he would have beaten the slam. But taking the prudent course, he sacrificed in six spades. East doubled and scored both his aces: one down.

This favorable result allowed England to eke out a two-point victory.

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Federal prosecutors subpoena records of AG in tobacco case

DALLAS (AP) — Federal prosecutors have subpoenaed Texas Attorney General John Cornyn's records relating to the involvement of a Houston lawyer involved in the state's tobacco case, The Dallas Morning News reported today.

The subpoena is the first public confirmation that federal officials are investigating efforts by former Attorney General Dan Morales to have attorney Marc D. Murr paid hundreds of millions of dollars for his role in Texas' historic $17.3 billion settlement.

Sources speaking on condition of anonymity told The Associated Press last month that the FBI has been comparing computer hard-drive data to papers to determine whether Morales backdated four contracts and letters to make it appear Murr was involved in the case longer than he really was.

However, federal authorities continue to refuse to publicly confirm or comment on their investigation.

The subpoena was issued May 20, but not released until Tuesday in Austin. A public records request brought the document to light, the paper said.

Also on Tuesday, tobacco industry officials said they received an $82,000 check from Murr, reimbursing the companies for money they've paid him as part of a $1 million award from a national award panel last year.

The check was accompanied by a one-page letter stating that Murr now waives any claim to the money, which was set to be paid out during the next 30 years, the newspaper said.

Murr's lawyer, Austin attorney Roy Minton, told the newspaper a subpoena is a routine development in any federal investigation, but declined to comment further.

Accident studied

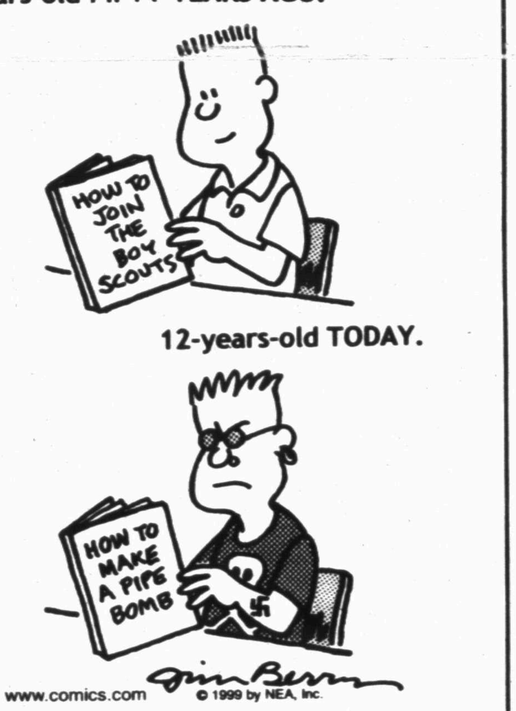
FORT WORTH (AP) — Fort Worth police on Tuesday were trying to determine the speed an officer was traveling when her squad car collided with another vehicle, killing a 41-year-old man.

Officer Kathleen Bratt was responding to a disturbance call when she struck Bobby Wesley's car at an intersection about 1:20 a.m. Monday. Bratt's lights and siren were not activated at the time. According to department policy, officers are required to turn on their lights and siren only when they exceed the posted speed limit.

Lt. Ric Clark, a police department spokesman, said investigators still have not determined Bratt's speed along the route, which is posted at 35 mph.

Bratt suffered minor injuries in the crash and was released from Harris Methodist Fort Worth. Wesley, a father of two, was killed instantly.

The accident was the second fatality involving a police officer in a week.



Locals' son gets first VP position

FORT WORTH — Rodney Gray, son of Paul (Dick) and Alice Gray of Snyder, has recently joined Dain Rauscher as first vice president and branch manager of the firm's Fort Worth office.

In addition, Gray is also an investment officer.

Gray, who has more than 25 years experience in the securities industry, had been first viee president and branch manager at Morgan Keegan in Houston.

Prior to that, he was vice president and resident manager at Salomon Smith Barney. Gray has a bachelor's degree in business administration from Texas Tech University.

As branch manager, Gray is responsible for overseeing the office's daily operations, sales activities and adherence to compliance standards.

2 graduate from Tech

LUBBOCK — Two Snyder residents have graduated from Texas Tech University.

Ann Christine Trevino, daughter of Albaro A. And Linda C. Trevino, received an MD degree from TTUHSC's School of Medicine.

Robin Belle Cave, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Cave, received an MPT from TTUHSC's School of Allied Health.

Gregory Mark McAden, son of Rev. and Mrs. Larry McAden, is expected to receive a BSOT from the School of Allied Heath in the fall.

Two on LCU Dean's List

LUBBOCK — Two Snyder residents have been named to the Dean's List at Lubbock Christian University for the spring semester of 1999.

They are Jenise Judah, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Judah; and Monica Rosson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Rosson.

In order to be considered a part of the Dean's List, a student must be taking a minimum of 12 semester hours and achieve a 3.5 grade point average or better for the entire semester.

Judah earned a perfect record of 4.0.

Basic training over for Marine

Marine Pvt. Eric Childress, son of Elida V. Chavez, recently completed basic training at Marine Corps Receuit Deport, San Diego.

He is a 1997 graduate of Snyder High School.

SHS grads get BU scholarships

WACO — Baylor University has announced the recipients of merit scholarships for the 1999-2000 academic year.

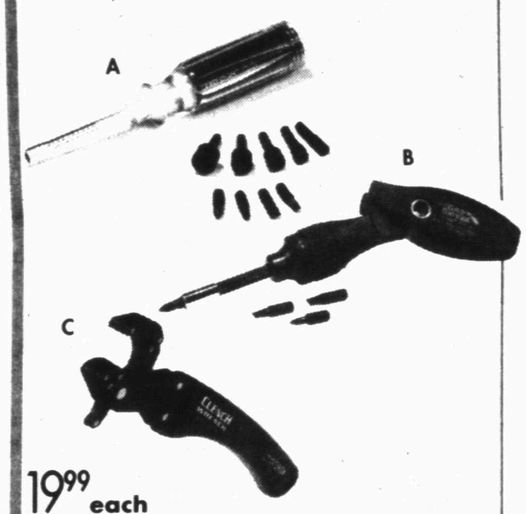
Two from Snyder are Brett Gibson and Nickolas Means, both 1999 graduates of Snyder High School.

More than 1,500 recent high school graduates have received one of four scholarships.

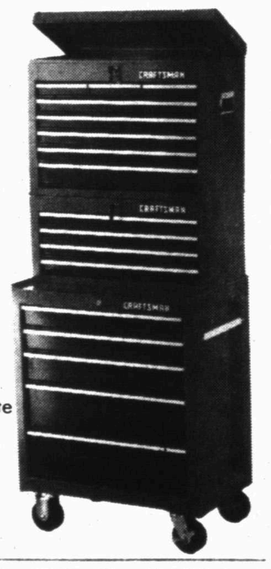
Gibson and Means have each received the President's Baylor Scholarship which provides up to $1,300 for four years

Scholarships were awarded on the basis of class rank and SAT/ACT scores.

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