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Penny increase in taxes proposed...

City Council begins work on 2000-01 budget

Tax-paying citizens of Snyder may see a penny increase in city taxes in the coming year to finance a deficit in the city's proposed 2000-01 budget.

Mayor Dayton Robertson said he felt the increase is necessary to fund a $166,480 deficit in the city's proposed budget of $8,789,745. This spending figure reflects only a slight increase over last year's budget of $8,776,045 – a difference of 0.16 percent.

During a three-hour budget workshop Tuesday night, Robertson proposed a tax rate of 40.35 cents – the current rate is 39.35 cents.

"We have to come up with $160,000 in general funds," said the mayor.

If the council follows the mayor's recommendations, there will not be an increase in water, sewer and sanitation rates.

Presently, residents pay a minimum charge for water of $9.13 for an initial 2,000 gallons, plus $2.54 for each 1,000 additional gallons. The basic sewer rate is $8.21, plus $2.21 per 1,000 additional gallons. The household collection rate for trash pickup is $14.50, while the commercial rate is $28.05.

Capital expenditure requests were heard from only one department Tuesday, the fire department.

Fire Chief Perry Westmoreland presented the department's "wish list" that included a new fire truck.

"We need to replace a 1969 truck that has failing pump parts and we can't get new parts for it anymore," said Westmoreland.

The proposed new truck, fully equipped, carries a price tag of $147,000.

Overall, Westmoreland presented requests totaling $191,000.

One of the requests is for a new Jaws of Life at a cost of $12,000. Other requests included air packs, air bottles, pagers, fire hose and nozzles, and chemical-protective suits, plus new doors for the fire station.

During Westmoreland's presentation, it was noted that in a 10-year period, 1969-1979, the city purchased four fire trucks, and only purchased two more in the next 21 years.

This prompted Mayor Robertson to instruct the city staff to develop a chart of all the city's large capital expense equipment, vehicles, etc., to schedule replacement on a more timely basis.

"We need to balance capital expenditures," said Robertson. "If we had needed a street sweeper this year, along with the fire truck, we would have had trouble."

The council will hold another budget workshop following the regular council meeting on July 10.

Robertson presided Tuesday evening and council members present were Vernest Tippens, David Harrell, James Ashley and I.E. Martin. James Jenkins and Terry Martin were absent.

BUDGET WORK — Snyder City Council members began work on the 2000-01 budget during a workshop Tuesday evening. City Secretary Jeanne Johnson, Fire Chief Perry Westmoreland and Police Chief Steve Warren listen to the discussion. Mayor Dayton Robertson is shown in center of photo. with councilmen James Ashley shown at left and I. E. Martin, right. (SDN Staff Photo)

Oilfield injuries send local man to Lubbock UMC

A Snyder man is listed in serious condition at Lubbock's University Medical Center following an oilfield accident Tuesday afternoon in Kent County.

Kevin Ray Baker, 23, was first taken to Cogdell Memorial Hospital by Snyder EMS before being flown by AeroCare to UMC.

Snyder EMS officials said Baker was struck in the back by the head of a pump jack.

Baker is employed by Leamco, a division of Weatherford Artificial Lift Systems, and the accident occurred approximately 60 miles north of Snyder.

Baker's mother, Moira Lindsey, said doctors were running additional tests on him this morning. She said his arm is broken in two places and they believe his back may also be broken in two places.

Lindsey said she was told the head of the pump jack fell off, almost completely covering Baker's body.

"They said he was in better shape than what they expected. He is very lucky that he is alive."

Lindsey said Baker is conscious, but the doctors are limiting his mobility.

Will re-open with new owners...

Willow Park temporarily closed

The Willow Park Inn has closed for an indefinite period due to new ownership, according to Frank McCoy, vice president for State National Bankshares, the parent company of United Bank and Trust of Abilene, which owned the motel.

McCoy, who is in charge of various property holdings for the bank, said the motel could possibly be closed anywhere from 45 to 60 days.

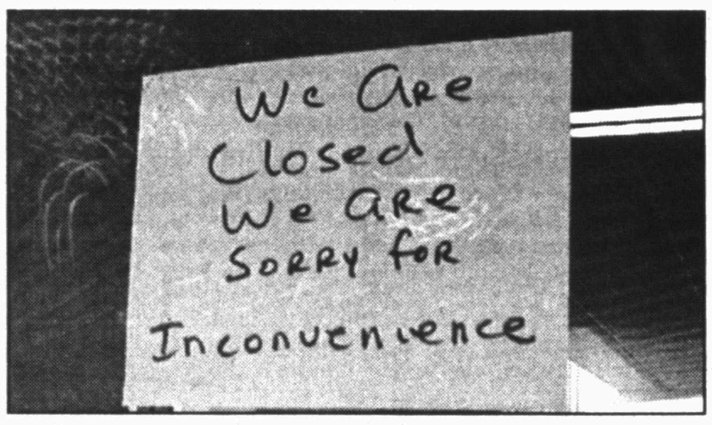
"Once the new owner takes over, there are modifications that need to be made," he said. "The motel will be closed for an indefinite period while those repairs are being made."

The name of the new owner was unavailable as Karlon Cox, senior vice president for United Bank and Trust, was out of the office this morning. McCoy said he did not know the new owner's name.

Song Finger owned the motel before United Bank and Trust took it over.

The closing comes at a bad time as 32 rooms at the facility were reserved this week for those participating in the Slingin' Sammy Baugh Celebrity Classic.

Bob O'Day, an organizer for the event, said he was able to secure rooms at the Days Inn for the celebrities.



CLOSED — The Willow Park Inn was shut down Tuesday morning pending renovations by a new owner. (SDN Staff Photo)

DCOS will meet Thursday at 4 p.m.

The Development Corporation of Snyder board of directors will have mostly routine business to discuss when it meets at 4 p.m. Thursday.

The board will consider monthly financial statements, plus hear reports from standing committees.

Executive Director John DeLille will also give his monthly report.

The meeting will be in the board room at American State Bank.

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "We have the best judges in the country. Sometimes we wish they'd stay there."

After Monday's Supreme Court decision of school prayer, we've had more than one person bring us a copy of the following.

We may have even published it before, but in view of this week's decision, the item is timely.

Now I sit me down in school
Where praying is against the rule
For this great nation under God
Finds mention of Him very odd.
If Scripture now the class recites,
It violates the Bill of Rights.
And anytime my head I bow
Becomes a Federal matter now.
Our hair can be purple, orange or green,
That's no offense; it's a freedom scene.
The law is specific, the law is precise.
Prayers spoken aloud are a serious vice.
For praying in a public hall
Might offend someone with no faith at all.
In silence alone we must meditate,
God's name is prohibited by the state.
We're allowed to cuss and dress like freaks,
And pierce our noses, tongues and cheeks.
They've outlawed guns, but First the Bible.
To quote the Good Book makes me liable.
We can elect a pregnant Senior Queen
And the 'unwed daddy,' our Senior King.
It's "inappropriate" to teach right from wrong,
We're taught that such "judgments' do not belong.
We can get our condoms and birth controls,
Study witchcraft, vampires and totem poles.
But the Ten Commandments are not allowed,'
No word of God must reach this crowd.
It's scary here I must confess,
When chaos reigns the school's a mess.
So, Lord, this silent plea I make:
Should I be shot,
My soul please take!
Amen

Chamber receives audit

The Snyder Chamber of Commerce received a positive year-end financial report Tuesday from its accountant.

Todd Howard, CPA from Lamesa, presented the annual report to chamber of commerce directors during the board's monthly meeting.

In action items, one request for hotel/motel funds was approved, and another one tabled

KAST Productions was granted $150, and the WTC Rodeo Boosters Club request of $2,500 was tabled pending additional information.

KAST productions will present "True West" on July 7-8. Two Snyder High School exes, Stephen Taylor and Kevin Alejandro, are members of the cast.

Chamber Executive Director Donna Fowler requested help in the concession stand and for parking cars for the Slingin' Sammy Baugh Celebrity Classic Golf Tournament Friday and Saturday at Western Texas College.

She also made a plea for help for the July 4th celebration in Towle Park.

Fowler said donations for fireworks received through Tuesday totaled $500. Total cost for the celebration, including fireworks and insurance, is $10,000.

The Scurry County Rodeo is set for July 13-15 and Fowler asked for volunteers to help take tickets, sell programs and park cars.

In Fowler's report on the recent western swing festival at the coliseum, she described it as a success and added she was surprised that it was a break-even event the first year.

Second day of testimony underway in Davidian wrongful death lawsuit

WACO (AP) — The second day of testimony in the multimillion-dollar Branch Davidian wrongful death lawsuit began Wednesday with jurors hearing a 911 recording of a panicked sect member telling authorities he was under fire and that women and children were in the complex.

Wayne Martin's plea to get ATF agents to stop firing on the complex on Feb. 28, 1993 had been heard previously at the 1994 criminal trial, but Wednesday was the first time a jury heard the fist hour of the tape capturing the beginning of the raid and siege.

"I have a right to defend myself! They started shooting first!" Martin yelled in a speakerphone to McLennan County Sheriff's Lt. Larry Lynch as the sounds of gunfire popped in the background.

Lynch spent much of the conversation juggling phones in an attempt to establish communication between the ATF and those inside Mount Carmel.

Other authorities with the sheriff's department expressed frustration at being unable to contact agents on the scene. "No one is responding to the damn radio," one official said in the recording.

At one point, Martin agreed to "pass the word" to others in the complex to cease firing so negotiations could begin — an agreement that immediately was followed by sounds of gunfire.

Martin ultimately died in the fire that engulfed the Mount Carmel complex after a more than monthlong standoff. His widow, Sheila Martin, lost four children in the fire. She sat in the Waco courtroom Wednesday as the recording was played.

The testimony came a day after opening statements began in the $675 million wrongful death lawsuit filed against the federal government on behalf of survivors and family members of Davidians killed in the siege and raid.

ASK US

Q—When will the sales tax holiday be held this year?

A—The holiday, which is designed to aid families as they buy school clothing, will be held the first Friday, Saturday and Sunday of August.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Tuesday, 89 degrees; low, 61; 7 a.m. Wednesday, 73; no precipitation; total for 2000, 11.75 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, mostly cloudy; 20% chance of storms; SE wind, 5-15 mph; Thursday, partly cloudy; 20% chance of storms; S wind, 10-20 mph.

Brian Muniz
Partly Cloudy

Sunset:
8:51 p.m.
Sunrise:
6:41 a.m.
Of 172 days in 2000, the sun has shone 169 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

We are all imperfect. Still, we can be great.

JUN 21 2000

St. Louis shooting sparks outrage in black community

ST. LOUIS (AP) — What began as an undercover drug arrest ended with the deaths of two unarmed men in a hail of 20 police bullets fired into their car. Both men were black. The officers were white.

A race-tinged incident like this sounds familiar to many across the country, but these shootings have stirred such anger that black civic leaders are calling for acts of civil disobedience and the Justice Department has sent a mediator to St. Louis. Attorney General Janet Reno also has agreed to investigate.

"The African-American community is outraged at the vigilante action by undercover guerrilla cowboys," said Tiahmo Rauf, a local leader of the National Action Network, a group founded by the Rev. Al Sharpton.

Rauf led an emotional meeting Monday night of about 100 people at a community center near the fast-food restaurant where Earl Murray and Ronald Beasley were killed June 12.

Police have acknowledged that Beasley was not being investigated. Friends and relatives say he had simply asked his friend Murray for a ride to a friend's house.

Murray, police said, stopped off at the restaurant to complete a drug deal he had made with an undercover officers.

Two officers then arrived in separate cars and boxed in Murray. The officers — who have not been identified — said they opened fire in self defense after Murray furiously tried to ram his way free.

But others criticized the police for alleged racial profiling.

"It's happened time and time again where you have white officers shooting black people, not black officers shooting black people or white officers shooting white people," said James Buford, head of the Urban League of Metropolitan St. Louis.

Racial profiling — the practice of stopping and arresting minorities who fit a general criminal description — has come under increased scrutiny nationwide.

Last week, the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights concluded that the New York Police Department improperly uses racial profiling to stop and question people, leading to racial tensions that can lead to "tragic and unnecessary" incidents like the shooting of Amadou Diallo. The unarmed African immigrant died in a hail of 41 police bullets in February 1999. The four white officers who said they fired because they thought Diallo had pulled a weapon — it was a wallet — were acquitted of all charges earlier this year.

Prominent allegations of profiling in other states — including New Jersey, Florida, Connecticut and Illinois — prompted President Clinton to require federal law-enforcement agencies to record race and gender in all stops. At the state level, some police departments are requiring officers to record the race of all drivers they stop.

Earlier this month, Missouri Gov. Mel Carnahan signed a bill that requires local and state police agencies to track whether officers are deliberately targeting members of certain racial groups.

Racial tension has been building in St. Louis for years.

Last year, an officer was charged with second-degree murder after allegedly striking a fatal blow to the head of an alleged burglar, who was black, following the man's arrest.

That came on the heels of an acquittal for an officer accused of attacking a mentally retarded black 19-year-old. The teen suffered head cuts and a broken ankle when he struggled with police after accidentally tripping the burglar alarm at his family's apartment in 1997.

Prosecutor Robert McCulloch pledged a thorough investigation of last week's shooting.

REAL WORLD SKILLS — Chris Dunson (right), United assistant store director, explained the process for applying for a job to these S.T.A.R. bootcamp cadets. Dunson discussed what employers look for when hiring a person as well as what they expect from an employee. The cadets also filled out applications. Clockwise from left around the table are Ashley Gutierrez, Jarrod Tanner, Lupe Jaramillo and Felipe Gutierrez. (SDN Staff Photo)

California ER tech kills her pregnant niece after dispute

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — An emergency room technician killed her pregnant, 17-year-old niece and cut the fetus from her body after a dispute over who would have custody of the infant, police said. The baby boy died a short time later.

Erin Rae Kuhn-Brown, 31, was arrested Monday.

The body of Kathaleena Louisa Draper was found wrapped in plastic Saturday near a dump site in Sacramento. Police found the body of the nearly full-term baby on Tuesday near Fallon, Nev.

Draper moved from Las Vegas three months ago to live with her aunt in Sacramento, and Kuhn-Brown had planned to adopt the baby, police said. But they had argued recently when the teenager decided to keep the baby, Sgt. Lance McHenry said.

Detectives believe that on Thursday, when the two of them were driving to Las Vegas, Kuhn-Brown asphyxiated Draper and surgically removed the baby.

Kuhn-Brown, an emergency room technician at a south Sacramento hospital, sought to deliver the baby alive, but he died a short time later, McHenry said.

Kuhn-Brown will be arraigned on murder charges in both deaths Wednesday, McHenry said.

She does not yet have a lawyer.

No one was home Tuesday afternoon at the mustard-colored home in the Emerald Meadows Mobile Home Court where Kuhn-Brown and her niece lived.

Man convicted of ordering slaying of witness gets life

BRIDGEPORT, Conn. (AP) — A man convicted of ordering the slaying of an 8-year-old witness in a murder trial was spared the death penalty Tuesday after jurors could not agree on a sentence.

Judge G. Sarsfield Ford, refusing a prosecution request for a mistrial, said he would sentence Russell Peeler to life in prison without parole.

Peeler was convicted of killing 8-year-old Leroy "B.J." Brown Jr., who was scheduled to testify against Peeler in an earlier murder case, and the boy's mother, Karen Clarke. The two were gunned down in their Bridgeport home on Jan. 7, 1999.

Prosecutors say Peeler had his brother, Adrian, shoot the mother and son to keep the boy from testifying. Adrian will be tried later.

Jurors had sent Ford a flurry of notes Monday, saying they could not reach an agreement. They had begun deliberating the penalty phase on Friday.

Peeler already was serving a life term in the earlier murder case, and a separate life term for a federal drug trafficking conviction.

At the time of the killings, he was free on bail awaiting trial in the murder of Clarke's boyfriend, Rudolph Snead Jr. Peeler and Snead were partners in a lucrative crack cocaine ring in Bridgeport.

Public hearing sought

FORT WORTH (AP) — A state senator who halted an execution as acting governor and has suggested offering inmates access to post-conviction DNA testing has asked the Texas parole board to hold a public hearing on the fate of Gary Graham.

In a letter obtained by the Fort Worth Star-Telegram, Sen. Rodney Ellis, D-Houston, asked Gerald Garrett, chairman of Texas Board of Pardons and Paroles, for a rare full hearing of the 18-member board to rule on Graham's case.

"Serious concerns have been raised about the Gary Graham case," Ellis wrote. "I believe that these concerns warrant a board hearing to consider all of the evidence in the case before the board makes a recommendation to the governor."

As president pro tem of the Texas Senate, Ellis has served as governor when both Gov. George W. Bush and Lt. Gov. Rick Perry were out of state.

Garrett told the newspaper that chances of holding a public hearing for Graham, scheduled to be executed Thursday for the 1981 shooting death of Bobby Lambert outside a Houston supermarket, were "remote."

"It is probably not going to happen," Garrett said. "At this point, I have had no indication from the members that we need to have a formal hearing to adequately explore this matter."

Bush spokesman Mike Jones said the governor is confident that the board can conduct "a careful, impartial investigation" without a formal hearing.

Typically, the 18 members of the parole board individually review a case, sifting through reams of documents from lawyers, witnesses and crime victim survivors. They then vote without group deliberation, by fax or telephone from one of the board's seven offices across the state.

The Texas Board of Pardons and Paroles said Tuesday it will not issue its recommendation on a 120-day reprieve or a commutation of Graham's death sentence until noon Thursday, roughly six hours before his scheduled execution.

Bush can't halt the lethal injection without a recommendation from the board. The Texas governor has the authority to issue a one-time, 30-day reprieve in death penalty cases. Graham received his last one in 1993 from then-Gov. Ann Richards.

Graham, 17 at the time, pleaded guilty to 10 aggravated robberies during a weeklong crime spree but denies the rampage, which included 22 crimes, began with the fatal shooting of Lambert, of Tucson, Ariz., on the night of May 13, 1981.

Key testimony came from a single eyewitness who identified Graham as the gunman. That witness has never wavered.

Graham and his lawyers say at least two other witnesses never were allowed to testify.

Date Book

Wednesday, June 21, 2000
Today is the 173rd day of 2000 and the second day of summer.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1879, Frank Woolworth opened the first five and dime, in Lancaster, Pa.

On this day in 1948, the 33-1/3 rpm phonograph record was introduced.

On this day in 1977, Elvis Presley made his last television appearance.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Jean Paul Sartre (1905-1980), writer-philosopher; Jane Russell (1921-), actress, is 79; Maureen Stapleton (1925-), actress, is 75; Meredith Baxter (1947-), actress, is 53; Nils Lofgren (1951-), musician, is 49; Tom Chambers (1959-), basketball player, is 41.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1932, boxer Jack Sharkey won the heavyweight championship by defeating Max Schmeling by a decision.

TODAY'S QUOTE: ""Man is not the sum of what he has but the totality of what he does not yet have, of what he might have." — Jean Paul Sartre

TODAY'S MOON: Between full moon (June 16) and last quarter (June 24).

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Funds released for third big bailout of the ag economy

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton released a flood of money to farmers Tuesday, signing a $15 billion package of cash payments and insurance subsidies that represents the third big bailout of the agricultural economy in as many years.

The legislation ignored his administration's proposals to overhaul the market-oriented farm program enacted by the Republican-controlled Congress in 1996.

The bill includes $8.2 billion to expand and cut the cost of federal crop insurance over the next five years and $5.5 billion for payments to grain and cotton growers this fall. An additional $1.6 billion is earmarked for other farmers and lawmakers' special projects.

Agriculture Secretary Dan Glickman said the bailout "was a clear admission" that the 1996 farm law "fails to provide an effective safety net for American farmers."

The money is supposed to compensate growers for depressed commodity prices as well as to encourage farmers to protect themselves in future years by buying higher levels of crop insurance.

The federal subsidy for the most popular level of insurance will rise from 42 percent to 59 percent and coverage will be expanded to crops for which it isn't currently available. The expansion of the insurance system should lessen the need for Congress to pass emergency assistance in coming years, USDA officials said. The changes will take effect for crops planted this fall.

Death penalty protesters heckle Bush

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Death penalty protesters are greeting George W. Bush with angry chants everywhere he's gone in vote-rich California, but the Texas governor has stuck to his script of education reform by day and raising money by night.

"Don't execute an innocent man!" two protesters, nattily disguised as high-dollar donors, burst out shouting as Bush was introduced Tuesday night at a $2 million fund-raiser here.

"Bush says death row; we say hell no!," shouted several dozen picketers outside the Century Plaza Hotel.

Like others who disrupted a smaller fund-raiser the night before, the two inside the ballroom were quickly removed to the applause of real Bush supporters. But outside both events, protesters picketed and shouted slogans that underscored how the scheduled execution of Gary Graham Thursday distracted Bush's effort to loosen Vice President Al Gore's grip on California's electorate.

Graham's supporters say he received an unfair trial and should be spared. But because Graham already received a temporary reprieve from Bush's predecessor, the governor has no power to spare his life unless the Texas Board of Pardons and Paroles recommends a pardon, a reprieve or commutation of his sentence.

Still, the issue weighs on Bush, who has kept updated on the situation during his three-day Western tour.

Bush on Tuesday refused to take a reporter's question about Graham's case, and avoided giving reporters another opportunity to discuss the issue at length with him.

Of the protesters, he joked during a brief visit to the press cabin of his plane: "I thought a lot of them were for me. I'm an optimist."

But Bush also has made clear that the issue is no laughing matter for him, his state or his presidential campaign. On Monday, he said he was "sensitive" about the issue and wanted people to know his motivations.

"I'm gonna stand on principle," Bush declared aboard the plane, defending the system that has executed 131 prisoners he took office 51/2 years ago. "I think it's important that they (voters) know that I'm going to make decisions based on the law and justice and fairness."

Dozens injured when NYC subway derails

NEW YORK (AP) — Subway service in densely populated Brooklyn was delayed early Wednesday after a subway derailment sent jolted passengers skidding along the floors of their cars. Nearly 90 people were injured.

Three of the injuries were serious, but none were considered to be life-threatening, Mayor Rudolph Giuliani said.

"People got shook up pretty badly," Giuliani told reporters at the scene. "Heads were injured and they bounced back and forth."

The first three cars of a southbound "B" train derailed about 10 p.m. Tuesday as it pulled away from the DeKalb Avenue station. The wheels of the third car skipped, causing the derailment, said Richard Sheirer, director of the city's Office of Emergency Management.

"We were just riding along and all of a sudden, the brake went on and we all fell to the floor," said Ursula Janses, 61, standing outside and clutching wet paper towels to her head, where she was struck by a dislodged overhead handrail.

Marsha Charles, who was on her way home after work, said it felt like someone had pulled the emergency brake. Passengers fell to the floor and slid toward the fronts of their cars.

She said the conductor spoke over the loudspeaker, telling passengers he had been injured, and to wait where they were for paramedics. Those on the train remained calm, even though the lights went out and the car doors had opened, Charles said.

"We just waited," she said.

Rescuers carried some passengers in stretchers and helped others to safety. In all, 53 people were treated at hospitals, including a passenger with a heart condition and two with serious head injuries.

Child abuse charges against once-trusted youth rocks town

MIDDLETON, Mass. (AP) — Christopher Reardon was a man children loved, parents respected and residents in this sleepy suburban town trusted, almost without question.

He was a youth minister at a local church, a camp counselor, the man who instructed children on the Catholic faith and how to swim.

Now, residents feel betrayed as Reardon stands accused of molesting young boys in what a prosecutor says could be the largest child-molestation case in Massachusetts history. And many remain anxious, as a big question in a lot of parents' minds — "is my child a victim?" — remains unanswered by prosecutors.

"Two weeks ago the media could have come to this town to do a story on what a great person he was," said Mary Jane Morrin, a Middleton selectwoman. "It's like the flag should be at half-mast. It's like someone died. There's a quiet pall hanging over the town today."

Reardon, 28, oversaw the youth ministry of St. Agnes Church in Middleton and was camp coordinator of the Danvers YMCA Day Camp. He also had volunteered with the Boy Scouts and worked part time as a youth minister at St. Rose of Lima Church in Topsfield.

Investigators say they found a list in Reardon's home with the names of 250 boys, ages 5 to 14, with sexually explicit details of their bodies. Reardon has been charged with 16 counts of child molestation.

Reardon, through his attorney, has maintained his innocence.

The allegations against him have rocked this quiet, close-knit community of about 6,000 residents.

"The town is full of anger and disbelief," said Susan Santa Barbara, the mother of 11- and 15-year-old boys.

Federal Consumer Protection has confirmed that the fuel saving claims of this advertisement are 100% accurate.

Device May Increase Gas Mileage

BOSTON - National Fuelsaver Corp. of Boston has developed a low cost automotive accessory called the Platinum Gas Saver which is guaranteed to increase gas mileage while meeting all emission standards.

With a simple connection to a vacuum line, the Gasaver adds microscopic quantities of platinum to the air-fuel mixture entering the engine.

Platinum has the unique ability to make non-burning fuel burn. With platinum in the flame zone, you increase the percentage of fuel burning in the engine from 68% of each gallon to 90%.

Since unburnt fuel is pollution, this 22% of each gallon would normally burn when it reaches the platinum of the catalytic converter.

Unfortunately, the converter's platinum burns this fuel outside of the engine, where the heat and energy produced from burning this fuel cannot be harnessed to drive your vehicle.

But when the Gasaver adds platinum to engine combustion, 22% more of each gallon burns inside the engine so that, in theory, 22% fewer gallons are required to drive the same distance.

After studying this process for five years, the government concluded: "Independent testing shows greater fuel savings with the Platinum Gas Saver than that claimed by the developer."

In addition to this study, the Gas Saver has received patents for cleaning out carbon and raising octane, making premium fuel unnecessary for most vehicles.

Joel Robinson, the developer, commented: "We have sold over 400,000 Gas Savers. To our surprise, as many people buy the Gas Saver because it extends engine life (by cleaning out the abrasive carbon deposits) as buy it to increase gas mileage or raise octane."

For further information call:
1-800-LESS-GAS
1-800-537-7427

Government Produced Test Data

The government studied fuel saving test data on vehicles made by several auto makers using the Gas Saver. This is the data they produced from a fleet of 15 identical 5-liter vehicles.

Vehicle Number	Miles/gal. without Gas Saver	Miles/gal. with Gas Saver	Percentage Increase
1	12.0	17.8	48.3%
2	11.3	16.6	46.9%
3	14.1	20.7	46.8%
4	13.0	18.8	44.6%
5	12.2	17.1	40.2%
6	9.6	13.3	38.5%
7	13.3	17.9	34.6%
8	9.8	13.1	33.7%
9	14.3	18.4	28.7%
10	10.8	13.9	28.7%
11	14.1	17.6	24.8%
12	15.8	17.5	10.8%
13	14.4	15.9	10.4%
14	13.1	14.0	6.9%
15	12.9	11.3	-12.4%
Average	12.7	16.3	28.3%

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

Husband is caught hiding behind his wife's opinion

DEAR ABBY: My husband, "Jake," and I have been married eight years. We get along perfectly, except for his family. They have conned and cheated us out of thousands of dollars and spread vicious rumors about me.

At one point, the tension and hostility were unbearable, and Jake and I separated. After four months, we realized that we were meant to be together, so we reconciled. We both gave up successful careers and moved 400 miles away from his family. We have been happy here for three years. Aside from yearly holiday get-togethers, we don't see his family — which is great!

About two weeks ago (just when I thought everything was going well), we were walking along the road and found an adorable dog giving birth to puppies. She was dirty, hungry and dehydrated, but she and the puppies survived under our care. After trying to find the owner, we realized that the dog was probably abandoned.

Well, Jake mentioned the pups to his cousin "Cindy" (a woman who has spread rumors about me), and to our horror, Cindy announced she was coming the following weekend to "pick up the cutest pup in the litter." We never offered a puppy to her, and had mutually decided to keep all the dogs so we wouldn't break up the little family.

When Jake returned Cindy's call, I heard him tell her that I wanted to keep all the dogs and was not giving any of them away.

I feel betrayed and hurt. This made me wonder if the reason his family has always disliked me is that Jake plays the "good guy" and blames decisions his family doesn't like on me.

Abby, I am shocked. Why did he sell me out and make me the "evil" wife? — **FEELING HURT IN WASHINGTON STATE**

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DEAR ABBY: My son is engaged to be married. I live several states away from his fiancee and her family. I was informed by the girl's mother that there will be a bridal shower in her state to which I will be invited. She also told me a shower should be given here for the groom's family and friends to honor the bride, and that she and the bride would attend.

No one here has offered to give the bride a shower. Abby, is it proper for the bride's mother to tell me to arrange a shower for the bride, and to invite family and friends who probably won't be able to attend the wedding? Should I be offended or simply confused? — **GROOM'S MOM ON THE FAR COAST**

DEAR GROOM'S MOM: The groom's family is not required to host a shower, and there is no obligation for your friends or more distant family to do so. If someone volunteers to host a shower, it would be a nice gesture. However, since no one should be invited to a shower who cannot attend the wedding, it might turn out to be a very small affair.

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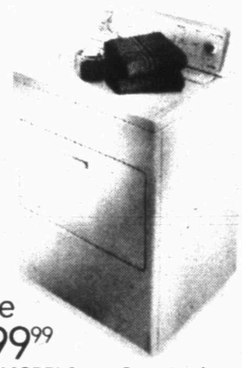

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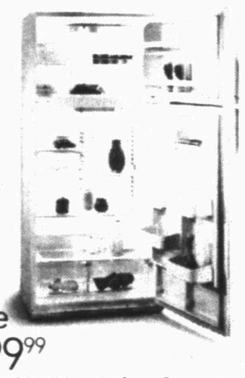

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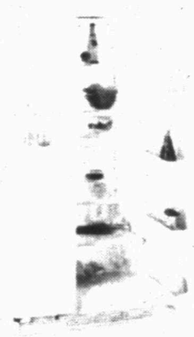

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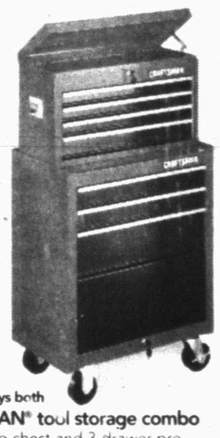

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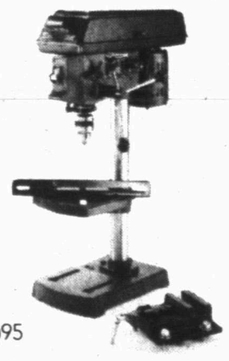

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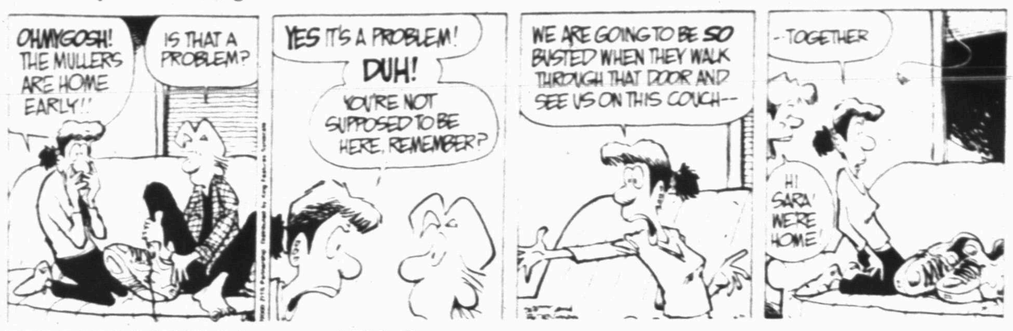

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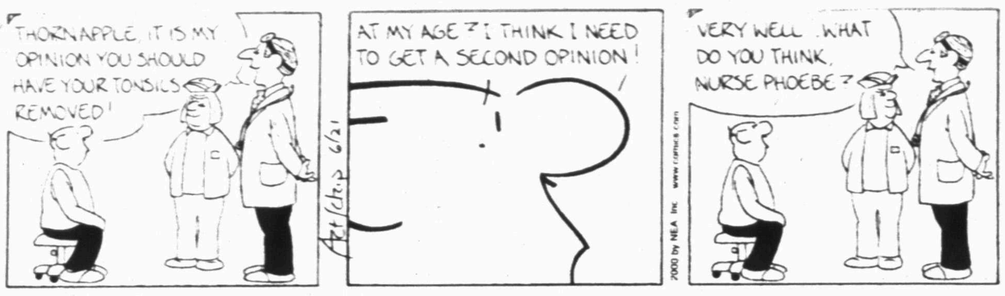

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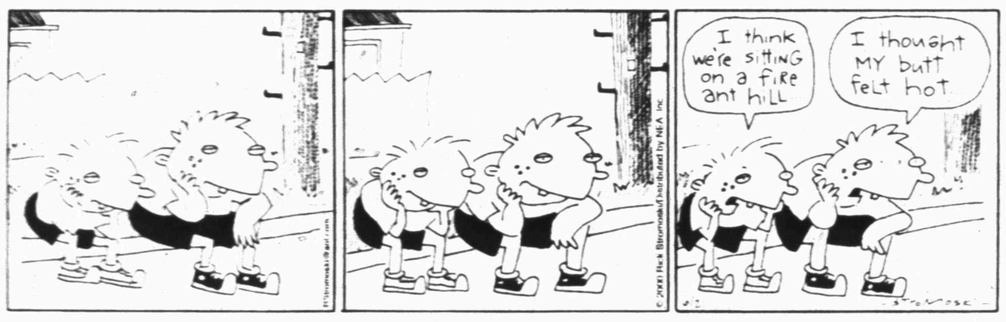

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7 Hidden supplies
13 For each person
14 Whole
15 Movie genre
16 More orderly
17 Reply (abbr.)
18 Author Fleming
20 Ram's mate
21 Pitching style
25 More gullible
28 Comforts
32 Brings in as salary
33 Office worker
34 Get up
35 Wing-shaped
36 Indy 500 competitor
37 Slander
39 Least fresh
41 UK broadcasters
44 Lge. container
45 African antelope
48 Of an artery
51 Easter flowers
54 Theatrical company
55 Develop
56 Part of a circle
57 Took a break

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1 Laughing sounds
2 "Once — a time"
3 Dear — or Madams
4 That lady
5 Author Umberto —
6 Make sport of
7 Hair dye
8 First number
9 One day — — time
10 Ceremony
11 Emulated an artist
12 Dry
19 — Lingus (airline)
21 Feels
22 Advertorial, e.g.
23 Summaries
24 Polo stick
25 Paraphernalia
26 — avis
27 Singer Clapton
29 Char
30 Makes a mistake
31 Type of terrier
37 White vestment
38 Merchant
40 More competent
41 Flying mammals
42 Uninteresting person
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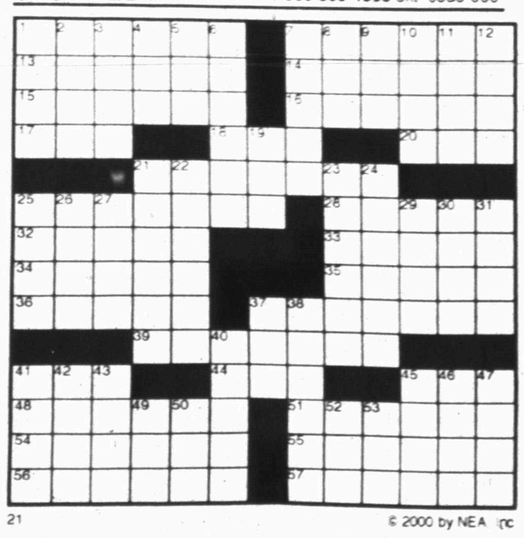

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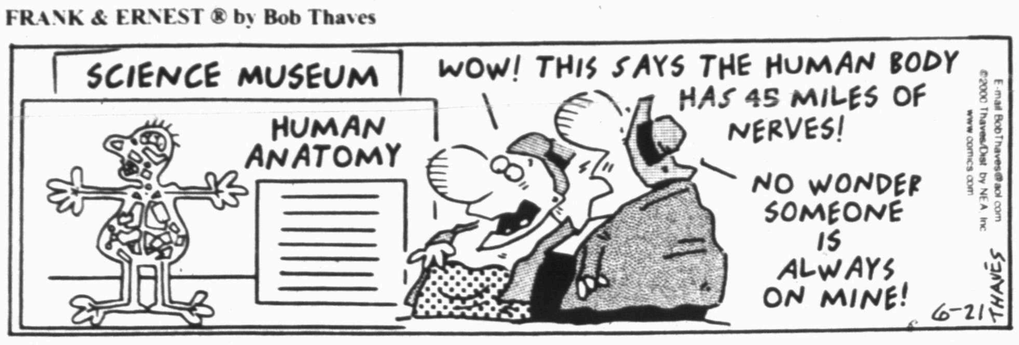

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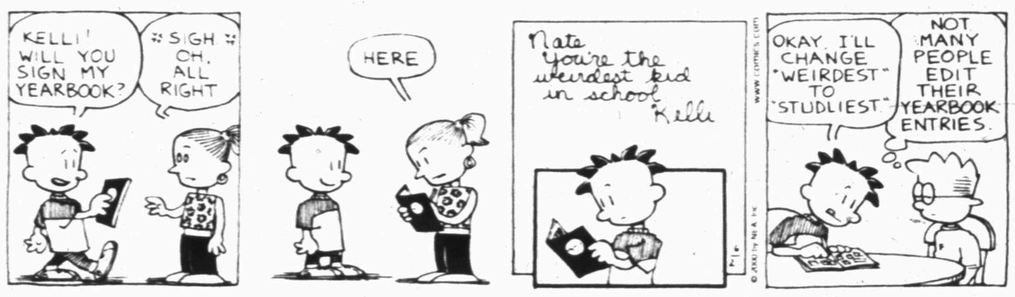

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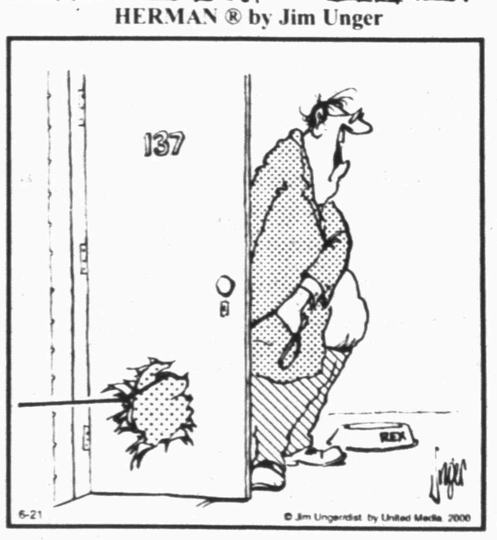

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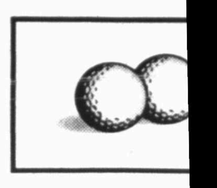

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SPORTS

Home runs prompt study of baseballs

NEW YORK (AP) — Baseballs aren't juiced, just hyperactive.

In response to the record number of homers flying out of parks, balls from this year and the last two were tested by Jim Sherwood, who runs the Baseball Research Center at the University of Massachusetts' Lowell campus.

And while he found the balls didn't exceed baseball's standards for liveliness, they came close.

"The balls today are at the upper end of the spectrum," Sandy Alderson, the commissioner's executive vice president of baseball operations, said Tuesday after meeting with Sherwood.

"We know where we are in the spectrum, but how does that relate to five years ago, 10 years ago?"

When a baseball is fired at a wall made of 21/2-inch thick, northern white ash, it is required to rebound at 54.6 percent of its original speed, plus or minus 3.2 percent.

In addition, a ball must hold its shape within 0.08 of an inch after being subjected to 65 pounds of pressure.

Through Tuesday, there were 2,631 homers in 1,026 games this season, an average of 2.56 per game, matching the average for April. Last season's final average of 2.27 set a record, breaking the previous mark of 2.19, set in 1996.

There have been many theories on why so many home runs are being hit, including smaller ballparks in Houston and San Francisco, more players lifting weights following Mark McGwire's record 70-homer season in 1998, more weak pitchers due to expansions in 1993 and 1998, and juiced balls.

Rawlings, which has supplied all major league balls since 1977, checks to make sure each ball weighs 5-51/4 ounces and has a circumference of 9-91/4 inches — measurements specified in the Official Baseball Rules.

Dodgers erupt in 10th to hold off Astros, 9-6

HOUSTON (AP) — Gary Sheffield capped a four-run 10th inning with his 21st homer of the season, leading the Dodgers to a 9-6 victory over the Houston Astros on Tuesday night.

With the score tied 5-5, Chad Kreuter led off the 10th with a double off Joe Slusarski, and pinch-runner Paul LoDuca scored the go-ahead run on pinch-hitter Jose Vizcaino's single.

After the game, Vizcaino was traded to the New York Yankees for catcher-first baseman Jim Leyritz.

After Todd Hollandsworth singled and Mark Grudzielanek struck out, Sheffield h[illegible]d to left, making it 9-5.

Matt Herges (4-0) picked up the win with one perfect inning of relief. Jeff Shaw blew his sixth save in 18 opportunities this season, giving up Jeff Bagwell's 17th homer leading off the ninth

Chris Truby had an RBI groundout in the bottom of the 10th.

Slusarski (1-4) allowed four runs on five hits in two innings.

Kevin Brown ended a string of three straight complete games, allowing four runs on nine hits and a walk, with five strikeouts in seven innings.

Sports Briefs

Jr. tennis camp scheduled

The Tiger Junior Tennis Camp will begin Monday and run through June 30 at Snyder Tennis Complex behind the junior high.

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

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

Snyder volleyball camp set

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

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

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

Volleyball event set four July 4th

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

Basketball tourney slated

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

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

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

Dates set for basketball camp

The Bubba Edwards Basketball Camp will begin Tuesday and run through June 30 for incoming third through seventh grade boys and girls.

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

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

Ladies' Pumpjack upcoming

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

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

SCC holds weekly events

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

Horseshoe pitching held weekly

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

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

According to 'Texas Football'...

Frenship picked to top 4-4A; Snyder considered underdog

Snyder High School football coach David Baugh knows the new district alignment will be a tough test for the Tigers, in the upcoming year.

The annual publication *Dave Campbell's Texas Football* agrees with Baugh.

The magazine picks Wolfforth Frenship as the district favorite, followed by Plainview and Big Spring. Snyder isn't picked in the playoff race, despite winning the district championship a year ago.

Frenship is ranked third in the state in the magazine's poll, with Big Spring holding down the No. 22 spot.

The Steers are a hold over from Snyder's old district, along with Andrews and San Angelo Lake View. Those four will join Frenship, Plainview, Levelland and Lubbock Estacado in the new eight-team District 4-4A.

Competing in an eight-team district is tough enough, according to Baugh, with the talented Frenship and Plainview squads making it even more of a battle to earn a postseason spot.

"If this isn't the toughest district in the state, then it's certainly one of them," Baugh said. "It's the Big 8. There are eight teams in this district, and truthfully, any of them could make the playoffs."

The Tigers will return five offensive and six defensive starters from last year's 8-3 team that put together a seven-game win streak, before falling to Everman in the bi-district round.

Key starters gone from this year's offense will be QB Sonny Cumbie and C Randy Green.

Senior Jesse Haines is expected to fill the signal-caller's role, with the center's spot still up for grabs.

Defensively, the Tigers will have speed in the secondary, anchored by Matthew Grimmett who moves from cornerback to free safety.

"We're still not sure who's going to fill that center spot," said Baugh. "Robert Early and Josh Knox can both play it, and we can use Max Blackwell there if we need to.

"On the other side of the ball, we'll have as much speed if not more than we had last year. We worked out Grimmett at safety in the spring, and I think when two-a-days start that's where he'll be."

Frenship will be bolstered by transfer QB Kendal Briles. The senior led Stephenville to a state title a year ago, a will help an already strong offensive attack.

Plainview returns only three starters from last year's 8-3 squad, and will be without standout Rod Ansley, who signed with Texas Tech. The Bulldogs also have a new head coach. Mike Speck, who spent the last few seasons as defensive coordinator at Odessa Permian, will replace Tom Ramsey.

Big Spring was ranked as high as 10th in the state last season, before finishing with a 5-8 mark. The Steers return eight defensive starters, with five coming back on the offense, including Jason Woodruff and Colby Ford.

Rogers, Rangers topple Twins

ARLINGTON (AP) — Once Kenny Rogers got adjusted, the Texas Rangers finally had something positive to talk about.

After Minnesota scored in the second, Rogers set the Twins down in order in five of the next six innings. He also retired 13 in a row before the ninth as the Rangers beat the Twins 5-2 Tuesday night.

"Kenny got going really good. We knew that we were in trouble when he got in a groove," Minnesota manager Tom Kelly said.

Rogers (6-5) scattered five hits before giving way to John Wetteland with two on in the ninth as the Rangers returned home with a win after their worst road trip in 14 years.

During the 1-8 road trip, in which Rogers had no-decisions in two of the Texas losses, the two-time defending AL West champions dropped five games under .500 and into last place, eight games behind division-leading Oakland.

"We've dug a hole, but we can get ourselves out of it," said Gabe Kapler, whose first homer since April 18, a solo shot in the second, put the Rangers ahead 2-1.

Texas plays 14 of its 17 games before the All-Star break at home. Nine of those games are against AL West foes Oakland and Seattle.

"Two weeks from now, we'll look back and see where we are," Texas manager Johnny Oates said. "It's nice to be home, but I don't think it matters whether the win is at home or on the road."

Rogers, who got 13 groundball outs, struck out five and walked three. He has allowed just 18 hits in 27 1-3 innings in June.

His streak of 13 outs in a row ended when he walked Matt Lawton to start the ninth and then allowed a double to Butch Huskey. Wetteland came on for his 17th save in 21 opportunities. He allowed an RBI groundout to Denny Hocking that scored Lawton.

WNBA Glance

EASTERN CONFERENCE	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	6	3	.667	—
Washington	5	3	.625	½
Orlando	5	5	.500	1½
Detroit	4	5	.444	2
New York	4	5	.444	2
Indiana	3	5	.375	2½
Miami	3	6	.333	3
Charlotte	2	8	.200	4½
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Houston	9	2	.818	—
Los Angeles	7	2	.778	1
Phoenix	6	3	.667	2
Minnesota	6	4	.600	2½
Utah	7	5	.583	2½
Sacramento	5	4	.556	3
Seattle	2	8	.200	6½
Portland	1	7	.125	6½

Tuesday's Games

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Utah 66, Seattle 63
Charlotte 87, Portland 85, OT
Los Angeles 90, Houston 84

Wednesday Games

Miami at Washington, 7 p.m.
Detroit at New York, 7:30 p.m.
Sacramento at Indiana, 8 p.m.

Slingin' Sammy Baugh Celebrity Golf Classic

Here are the pairings for Thursday's Slingin' Sammy Baugh Scramble at Western Texas College, honoring Southwest Airlines, Walton Construction, United Supermarkets and E-Z Go Golf Carts. The nine-hole event tees off at 4 p.m.

Hole 1: Don Vest, Sammy Baugh, Walt Garrison, Johnny Vaught and Don Pierson

Hole 2: Bobby Lemons, Pete Hart, Hayseed Stephens, Delnor Poss and Wade Lancaster

Hole 3: Rich Haas, Cornell Green, Jerry Norton, Jim Parmer and Frances Smith

Hole 4: Buddy Compton, Don Maynard, Don McIlhenny, Larry Grantham and Dean Weese

Hole 5: Rusty Carter, Spike Dykes, David Parks, Bake Turner, David Baugh and E.J. Holub

Hole 6: Eric Burns, Dick Nolan, Bill Grimes, Mike Tyrrell and Ruffin McNeill

Hole 7: Dalton Walton, Darrell Royal, Bud McFaddin, Hollis Gainey, Dean Smith and Eric Drennan

Hole 8: Bob Landa, Dennis Gentry, Cotton Davidson, Jeff Ireland and Scott Huckabee

Hole 9: Steve Vest, John David Crow, Jack Pardee, Yale Lary and Bobby Joe Conrad

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Here are biographies on some of the celebrities taking part in the tournament Friday and Saturday.

Sammy Baugh was an All-American at TCU before revolutionizing pro football with his passing skills. He led the Washington Redskins to two NFL championships, and still holds the league punting record for highest average during his career. He is the only player to lead the NFL in passing, punting and interceptions in the same season. Baugh was an inaugural inductee in the Pro Football Hall of Fame, and a member of the NFL's 75th Anniversary All-Time Team.

Darrell Royal was the head coach at the University of Texas for 20 years, from 1956-76. His Longhorns won the Southwest Conference 11 times, finished in the top-10 11 times, and won three national championships. His record was 167-47-5, the best mark in the nation at the time. Royal was UT athletic director for three years, and is currently the university president's special assistant on athletics.

E.J. Holub was Texas Tech's first All-American selection in 1959, and his No. 55 is the only one retired at Tech. The linebacker played 11 seasons with the Kansas City Chiefs, appearing in two Super Bowls and seven Pro Bowls.

Don Maynard played 17 seasons as wide receiver in the NFL, and was a member of the New York Jets squad that won Super Bowl III. The native West Texan played in four Pro Bowls and is a member of the Hall of Fame.

Spike Dykes retired after this past season as head coach at Texas Tech. Dykes led the Red Raiders to four consecutive bowl games, including their first Cotton Bowl appearance in 56 years in 1994. He was the first ever Big 12 Coach of the Year, after being named SWC Coach of the Year three times.

Jack Pardee was a standout at Texas A&M in the mid-50s, and is a member of the Southwest Conference Hall of Honor. He played linebacker for the Washington Redskins and L.A. Rams, before turning to coaching. His coaching career includes stints with the University of Houston and the Houston Oilers.

Bobby Joe Conrad starred at Texas A&M in the 50s, before going on to a 12-year NFL career as a receiver, defensive back and kicker. He never missed a game during his pro career. Conrad spent the first 11 seasons with the Cardinals, and was a member of the Cowboys in 1969.

Yale Lary was a Texas A&M product in the early 50s, and played 11 years as safety with the Detroit Lions. He was part of three NFL championships, and was inducted into the Hall of Fame in 1979.

Pierce Holt was a three time All-American defensive lineman at Angelo State University, before his NFL career with San Francisco and Atlanta. He started on two Super Bowl championship teams with the 49ers, and was a Pro Bowl starter.

Don McIlhenny was a first-round draft choice out of SMU in 1956. The running back played for Detroit, Green Bay, Dallas and San Francisco. He played on Vince Lombardi's first team, and later on Tom Landry's first squad.

Larry Grantham played at Ole Miss, before starting at linebacker for the New York Jets from 1960-72. He served as team captain for eight years, and started in the Jets' victory in Super Bowl III.

Major League Baseball

American League
All Times EDT

East Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
New York	36	29	.554	—
Boston	35	31	.530	1½
Toronto	37	34	.521	2
Baltimore	30	38	.441	7½
Tampa Bay	28	41	.406	10
Central Division	**W**	**L**	**Pct.**	**GB**
Chicago	45	25	.643	—
Cleveland	36	31	.537	7½
Kansas City	34	34	.500	10
Minnesota	30	41	.423	15½
Detroit	27	38	.415	15½
West Division	**W**	**L**	**Pct.**	**GB**
Oakland	41	29	.586	—
Seattle	38	30	.559	2
Anaheim	35	34	.507	5½
Texas	32	36	.471	8

Tuesday's Games

Oakland 8, Baltimore 5
Detroit 18, Toronto 6
N.Y. Yankees 3, Boston 0
Cleveland 4, Chicago White Sox 1
Texas 5, Minnesota 2
Seattle 4, Tampa Bay 3
Kansas City 8, Anaheim 6

Wednesday's Games

Detroit (Moehler 4-3) at Toronto (Escobar 5-8), 7:05 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Cone 1-6) at Boston (Schourek 2-6), 7:05 p.m.
Cleveland (Burba 7-2) at Chicago White Sox (Baldwin 10-1), 8:05 p.m.
Minnesota (Radke 4-8) at Texas (Loaiza 3-5), 8:35 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Yan 4-4) at Seattle (Sele 7-3), 10:05 p.m.
Baltimore (Mussina 5-6) at Oakland (Prieto 0-0), 10:05 p.m.
Kansas City (Suzuki 3-0) at Anaheim (Washburn 2-1), 10:05 p.m.

Thursday's Games

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

National League
All Times EDT

East Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Atlanta	43	27	.614	—
New York	37	30	.552	4½
Montreal	35	32	.522	6½
Florida	34	37	.479	9½
Philadelphia	28	40	.412	14
Central Division	**W**	**L**	**Pct.**	**GB**
St. Louis	40	29	.580	—
Cincinnati	33	35	.485	6½
Pittsburgh	30	39	.435	10
Chicago	29	40	.420	11
Milwaukee	29	41	.414	11½
Houston	25	44	.362	15
West Division	**W**	**L**	**Pct.**	**GB**
Arizona	40	30	.571	—
Colorado	37	28	.569	½
Los Angeles	37	31	.544	2
San Francisco	33	33	.500	5
San Diego	31	38	.449	8½

Tuesday's Games

Pittsburgh 2, Montreal 1
Florida 8, Milwaukee 2
Philadelphia 3, N.Y. Mets 2, 10 innings
Cincinnati 3, Colorado 2
Atlanta 11, Chicago Cubs 4
Los Angeles 9, Houston 6, 10 innings
St. Louis 7, San Francisco 2, 9 innings, rain
San Diego 3, Arizona 1

Wednesday's Games

Pittsburgh (Cordova 4-5) at Montreal (Armas 2-4), 7:05 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (Wood 2-4) at Atlanta (Glavine 7-3), 7:05 p.m.
Milwaukee (Haynes 7-5) at Florida (Cornelius 2-1), 7:05 p.m.
Colorado (Arrojo 4-5) at Cincinnati (Neagle 5-2), 7:05 p.m.
Philadelphia (Schilling 2-4) at N.Y. Mets (Leiter 8-1), 7:10 p.m.
Los Angeles (Perez 4-3) at Houston (Dotel 1-4), 8:05 p.m.
San Francisco (Rueter 4-4) at St. Louis (Stephenson 9-2), 8:10 p.m.
San Diego (Meadows 5-5) at Arizona (Daal 2-7), 10:05 p.m.

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PUBLIC AD

The West Central Texas Workforce Development Board (WCTWDB or Board) is issuing a Request For Proposal (RFP) to solicit proposals from educational institutions, community based organizations, private for profit and public non-profit organizations, labor organizations and other public and private entities to provide training and employment activities for a Year-Round Youth Program funded under the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) and Year IV School-To-Work activities.

The WCTWDB is comprised of the following 19 county area: Brown, Callahan, Coleman, Comanche, Eastland, Fisher, Haskell, Jones, Kent, Knox, Mitchell, Nolan, Runnels, Scurry, Shackelford, Stephens, Stonewall, Taylor and Throckmorton.

Funding allocations for the WIA Year-Round Youth Program for the period September 1, 2000 to August 31, 2001 are approximately $1,000,000. Funding allocations for the Year IV School-To-Work Program for the period September 1, 2000 to August 31, 2001 are approximately $131,765.00. This RFP is a combination of the two programs but proposers are not required to bid on both. Proposers may respond to one or the other or both.

WIA Year-Round Youth Program will serve youth 14-21 who are low-income individuals and have one or more of the following characteristics: deficient in basic skills; a school dropout; a homeless, runaway, or foster child; pregnant or parenting; an offender; and/or an individual who requires additional assistance to complete educational programs or to secure and hold employment. Proposals should include activities that enhance basic educational skills and promote the attainment of workplace competencies.

The School-To-Work Program will consist of school based, work based and connecting activities for the implementation of School-To-Work in the West Central Texas region.

A copy of the RFP can be obtained by contacting the WCTWDB, (915) 795-4303, attention Karen Spaar, 400 Oak, Abilene, Texas 79602.

A bidders conference will be held Thursday, July 6, 2000 at 1:00PM, room 415 (Taylor Room) at the Workforce Center, 400 Oak, Abilene, Texas. Attendance at the conference is not required to submit a proposal.

Proposals are due Wednesday, July 26, 2000, at 5:00 PM. Submit one original and four (4) copies to:

West Central Texas Workforce Development Board,
STW/WIA/RFP,
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The WCTWDB will not accept any proposals transmitted by facsimile (Fax). Any proposals received after the above due date and time will not be accepted and considered non-responsive.

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Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Thursday, June 22, 2000
There's a strong possibility that several associations could fade from the scene in the year ahead. However, they'll be replaced by new friends who truly have something to share with you.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Try to be cooperative today should others make requests of you, because to do otherwise could set the tone for their future behavior toward you. 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.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) If you are too protective or overly possessive of those you love today, holding the reigns so tightly will strangle those you're trying to shield and kill the relationship. Let go.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) When out in public today, keep to yourself any disagreement you may be experiencing with your mate at this time. Airing them out in public will throw fuel on the fire.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) It's dishonest to advocate a premise you do not sincerely endorse. If today someone tries to get you to sell others on an idea you're not completely sold on yourself, don't do it.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) No matter how anxious you may be today about getting things going, do not launch a new endeavor prematurely. Let propitious conditions dictate your time table, not impatience.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) You of all people should understand that what might be of extreme importance to you may not be to your associates. Don't push for your interests beyond reasonable bounds.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Think before you speak today or you may regret what comes out of your mouth. Unfortunately, upon occasion you can be a bit more blunt or extreme than necessary.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Should a friend whose present affairs are rather traumatic get out of line today, give him or her a wide berth. Blame it on the stress your pal is experiencing and be understanding.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Whether you desire it or not, you could end up being the center of attention today, so be extra mindful of how you behave when out in public.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Being a good listener is good public relations, but keeping sensitive matters that you hear to yourself is even more important. Use discretion about what you tell others.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Before involving yourself in an activity or joint venture with friends today, think carefully about what you may be getting yourself into. There may be consequences if things go wrong.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) If there isn't harmony of purpose today between you and your mate, or between you and important friend, wait until a meeting of the minds can be reached before executing joint plans.

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Schulz gets Congressional Gold Medal

WASHINGTON (AP) — Four months after his death, Charles Schulz is getting an honor he always wanted.

President Clinton signed a bill Tuesday giving the creator of the "Peanuts" comic strip the Congressional Gold Medal, the country's highest civilian honor and the one thing that Schulz — a World War II veteran — had desired.

"Peanuts" fans across the country started a letter-writing campaign advocating the tribute for the artist who brought to life the angst-ridden character of Charlie Brown for nearly 50 years.

Schulz gave the nation "a unique sense of optimism, purpose, and pride. Whether through the Great Pumpkin Patch, the Kite-Eating Tree, Lucy's Psychiatric Help Stand, or Snoopy's adventures with the Red Baron, 'Peanuts' embodied human vulnerabilities, emotions, and potential," the measure said.

Markets

Midday Stocks

NEW YORK (AP) -Morning stocks.

	High	Low	Last	
AMR Corp s	28 9-16	27 7/8	28 1-16	— 3/4
AT&T Corp	35 1/8	34 1-16	34 7/8	+ 7/8
Albertsons	34 1/2	34 1-16	34 5-16	— 3-16
Alltel	68 1-16	67 1-16	67 1/8	— 3/8
AmerOnline s	58 1/4	56 3/4	57 5/8	— 1-16
AndarkPtr	49 15-16	49	49 11-16	+ 3-16
ATMOS Egy	20 1/8	20	20 1-16	+ 1-16
Avail	5 15-16	5 13-16	5 15-16	+ 1/8
BP Amoco s	56 3/8	56	56 5-16	— 3-16
BakerHughes	34 5/8	33 3-16	33 1/2	+ 5-16
Bank of Amer	48 9-16	47 13-16	47 15-16	— 9-16
BellAtl	58 1/8	57 1/8	57 11-16	+ 1/4
BellSouth	46	45 3-16	45 5-16	— 5/8
Beth Steel	3 13-16	3 11-16	3 3/4	+ 1-16
BurlNoSFe	22 7-16	21 7/8	22 5-16	+ 1/2
Caterpillar	35 1/2	34 15-16	35 5-16	+ 1/4
Chevron	90 3-16	89 1/2	89 7/8	— 3/8
Citigroup	63 7-16	62 5/8	62 5/8	— 1 3/4
Coastal	57 11-16	57	57 1/2	— 5/8
CocaCola	54 5-16	53 1-16	53 3/8	+ 7-16
ColgatePal	57 9-16	56 1/8	56 1/4	— 1 1/8
ComclMetals	27 5-16	26 3/4	26 13-16	— 1/2
CooperIn	31 13-16	31 1/4	31 9-16	+ 1/2
DaimlrChry	53	52 11-16	52 3/4	— 1 7-16
DallSemicn s	44 1-16	42 15-16	43 5-16	— 3/4
DeltaAirl	50 5/8	50	50 1/4	— 1/4
Dillards Inc	13 7-16	13 3-16	13 5-16	+ 5-16
DowChem s	33 3-16	32 1/2	33 1-16	— 3-16
DuPont	46 9-16	45 5/8	45 13-16	— 1/8
EastmanChem	45 7/8	45 1/2	45 13-16	+ 1/2
EstKodak	58 7-16	57 13-16	58 5-16	+ 5-16
EDS Corp	41 7/8	40 1/8	40 3/8	— 1 9-16
Entergy	30 7-16	29 9-16	30 5-16	+ 13-16
ExxonMobil	82 7/8	81 13-16	82 3/8	— 7/8
FstBksAm	18 1/2	18 1/2	18 1/2	— 1/8
Flowers	19 1/8	18 5-16	19 1-16	+ 3/4
FordMotor	43 13-16	42 1/2	43 7-16	+ 7-16
GTE Cp	70 1/2	69 3/8	70 1-16	+ 5-16
GenDynam	53 11-16	52 9-16	52 11-16	— 1 5-16
GenElec s	50 3/8	49 13-16	50 1/8	— 13-16
GenMills s	38 9-16	38 1-16	38 1/8	— 1-16
GenMotors	62 7/8	61 5/8	62 7-16	+ 3/8
GaPacGP	28 1/4	27 11-16	27 3/4	+ 3-16
GlobalMar	28 15-16	28 5-16	28 7-16	
Goodrich	35 13-16	35 1-16	35 13-16	+ 5/8
Goodyear s	23 7-16	22 3/4	23 3-16	+ 3-16
GtAtlPac	17 3/4	17 7-16	17 11-16	+ 1-16
Halliburtn	48 9-16	47 7-16	47 5/8	— 1-16
Hanson ADS	35 7/8	35 3/4	35 7/8	— 1-16
HarteHanks	25 1/2	24 15-16	25 1/2	+ 3/8
HomeDepot s	48 7/8	48 7-16	48 9-16	— 5-16
Honeywellintl	36 1/2	35 1/2	35 1/2	[illegible]
IBM	115 15-16	114	114 3/4	— 1 1/4
IntlPaper	32 1/4	31 7-16	31 11-16	— 1/8
JohnsonJn	89 3/8	88 3/4	89 1-16	+ 1/2
K mart	7 1/4	7 1-16	7 3-16	— 1-16
Kroger Co	19 15-16	19 1-16	19 9-16	— 3-16
Litton	45 3/4	45 5-16	45 3/4	+ 11-16
LockheedM	24 7/8	24 7-16	24 11-16	+ 1/8
Lowes Cos	41 3/4	41	41 3/4	+ 13-16
Lubys	8 15-16	8 3/4	8 3/4	— 1/8
LucentTech	61 7/8	60 1-16	61 5/8	+ 1 3/8
MayDeptStr	26 5/8	26 1/8	26 3-16	— 1/2
Medtronic s	51	50 11-16	50 13-16	— 3-16
MorganJP	119 3/4	117 11-16	117 13-16	— 2 1/4
Motorola s	35 1/4	33 15-16	34 15-16	+ 13-16
NCR Corp	41	40 1/8	40 1/2	— 1/2
Navistar	32 5/8	31 9-16	31 5/8	— 1 3-16
Penney JC	18	17 3/4	17 7/8	— 1/8
PepBoys	6 13-16	6 11-16	6 3/4	— 1-16
PepsiCo	42	40 7/8	41 1/4	— 7-16
Pharmacia	56 7/8	55 7/8	56 1/8	— 7-16
PhelpDodge	42 3/8	41 15-16	41 15-16	
PhilipPet	54 5-16	53 3/4	54 3-16	— 1/4
PilgrmPrd B	7 1/2	7 7-16	7 7-16	— 1-16
Polaroid	18 7-16	18 1/4	18 5-16	— 3-16
Praxair	38 1/4	37	37 1/4	— 1
ProctGamb	55 7-16	54 9-16	54 3/4	— 1/2
PubS NwMx	16 5/8	16 7-16	16 7-16	+ 1-16
RadioShack	45	44 1-16	45	+ 3/4
ReliantEngy	29 15-16	29 3/8	29 15-16	+ 3/4
RoyalDut	61 9-16	61 1/4	61 1/2	— 1/2
SBC Comm	47 15-16	47 1/8	47 3/4	+ 1/2
SaraLee	18 7-16	18 1-16	18 3-16	
Scripps EW	49 1/4	49	49	— 3/8
SearsRoeb	32	31 3-16	31 3-16	— 1/2
SherwinW	22 3/4	22 3/8	22 7-16	— 1/8
SmithklBchm	64 7/8	64	64 5/8	+ 1
SouthernCo	25 3/8	24 7/8	25 5-16	+ 5-16
SwstAirl s	19 11-16	19 5-16	19 1/2	+ 1-16
SprintFON	60	59 3-16	59 1/4	— 7/8
SprintPCS s	63 3-16	61 5/8	63	+ 1-16
Sunoco Inc	31 7-16	30 5/8	31 3/8	+ 7-16
TXU Corp	33 3-16	32 9-16	33 1-16	+ 5/8
TempleInland	42 3/8	41 3/8	42 1/8	+ 1 1-16
Texaco	56 3/8	55 13-16	56 1/8	— 3/4
TexInd	28 13-16	28 5/8	28 5/8	— 1-16
TexasInst s	88	85 5/8	86 7-16	— 7-16
Textron	54 11-16	53 1/2	54 1/4	— 3-16
TriconGlbR	27 9-16	27	27 3-16	+ 3-16
TrinityInds	19 1/8	18 13-16	19 1-16	+ 3-16
TritonEngy	38 11-16	37 5/8	37 3/4	— 1/4
TylerTech	3 1/2	3 3/8	3 7-16	
US West Inc	85 1-16	83 3/4	84 1/8	— 1 1/8
USX-Marathn	27 7-16	27 1-16	27 1/8	— 1-16
USX-USS	20 1/4	19 3/4	19 7/8	— 3-16
UnCarbde	51 5-16	50 3/4	51 1/4	— 1/4
UnionPacif	39 15-16	39 3-16	39 13-16	+ 5/8
UnitedTech	57 1/8	55 3/8	55 13-16	+ 3-16
Unocal	34 7/8	34 3-16	34 13-16	
Venator Grp	10 1/2	10 3/8	10 7-16	— 1/8
WalMart	54 9-16	53 3/4	53 7/8	— 1/2
WellsFargo	39 1/4	38 3/8	38 7-16	— 11-16
WstnGasRs	21 15-16	21 3/4	21 13-16	— 1-16
WinnDixie	14 11-16	14 5/8	14 11-16	+ 1-16
Xerox Cp	20 7/8	20 1/2	20 1/2	— 7-16

Local Interest STOCKS

Patterson	23 5/8	+1/16
Dell	48 9/16	-1
Wal Mart	54 1/2	+1/8
Compac	27 3/8	-1/16
Dol. Gen.	16 11/16	+3/16
GTE	69 9/16	+1/4
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By Greg Gruben, County Extension Agent

June Garden Check List

*Take a critical look at your landscape while at the height of summer development. Make notes of how you think it can be better arranged, plants that need replacement, overgrown plants that need to be removed and possible activity areas that can be enjoyed by family members.

*Check for insects and diseases. Destroy badly infested plants. Spider mites can be especially troublesome at this time. Select a chemical or organic control, or use insecticide soap.

*Supplemental irrigation is essential for many ornamental plants such as coleus, caladium, geraniums, dahlia, azalea, and camellia during the hot dry summer days ahead. Water lawn and garden thoroughly, but not too frequently. As a general rule, soak to a depth of 8 inches. Finish watering by early afternoon, to lessen the chance of disease.

*During the summer, soil moisture becomes extremely important and essential for good plant production. Because continual watering is oftentimes costly and time consuming, it pays to conserve the moisture around plants. This is best done by mulching. A good mulch will retain valuable moisture needed for plant growth, and improve overall gardening success. Mulches are usually applied 2 to 6 inches deep, depending on the material used. In general the coarser the material, the deeper the mulch. For example, a 2-inch layer of cottonseed hulls will have about the same mulching effect as 6 inches of oat straw or 4 inches of coastal Bermuda hay.

*There is still time to plant some of the colorful heat-tolerant summer annuals. Direct-seed zinnias and portulaca, and purchase plants of periwinkle, salvia, marigold and purslane. Be sure to water transplants as needed until roots become established.

*Remove faded flowers from plants before they are set. Seed will keep them growing and producing flowers. A light application of fertilizer every 4 to 6 weeks will also be helpful.

*House plants can be moved out of doors this month. Sink the pots in a cool, shaded garden bed to prevent them from drying out so quickly; water pots, container plants and hanging baskets often. Monthly feedings with house-plant fertilizer will encourage continuing growth.

*Now is the time to plan for next spring. Consider digging and dividing any crowded spring bulbs. Once the bulbs have matured and foliage has turned brown, it is time to spade them up and thin out the stand. Crowded bulbs produce fewer and smaller blooms. They usually need thinning every 3 to 4 years.

*June is the time to select daylily varieties as they reach their peek of bloom.

*Fertilize roses every 4 to 6 weeks. Apply a high-nitrogen fertilizer immediately after a flush of blooms.

*Continue to spray susceptible roses with a black-spot control such as Funginex every 7 to 10 days.

*Re-blooming salvias, such as salvia greggii and S. farinacea, should be pruned back periodically during the summer. To make the job easier, use hedging shears, and remove only the spent flowers and a few inches of stem below. Fall-blooming petunias, such as Mexican marigold mint (Tagetes lucida) chrysanthemums, physostegia, and Salvia leucantha, should be pruned in the same manner during the summer to keep them compact, reducing the need for staking. This type of pruning should be completed prior to Sept. 1, since flower buds begin forming about that time.

Farmers, ranchers reminded about hay and grazing hotline

Texas Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs reminded farmers and ranchers if they have pastureland with available water supplies for lease or hay to sell to call the department's Hay and Grazing Hotline at 1-877-429-1998.

"We are still receiving calls from ranchers in the Edwards Plateau and West Texas who need grazing acreage as well as hay to feed their livestock," Combs said. "Some areas of the state have not seen rain since early last year and are going into summer with forecasters calling for above-normal rainfall.

"One producer in Concho County said he had never seen it this dry in 50 years," Combs said. "With most of Texas still in moderate to extreme drought and 63 percent of our ranges and pastures rated in fair to very poor condition, the situation is still critical for many producers. We've even heard from one rancher who is looking for 50,000 grazing acres since there is no forage on his land."

Producers in and out-of-state can list their pasture for lease or hay for sale by calling the toll-free Hay and Grazing Hotline 1-877-429-1988 or by visiting TDA's Website at www.agr.state.tx.us. Ranchers or farmers needing a list of pasture for lease, hay suppliers or hay transporter can also call the hotline number or visit TDA's Website to obtain any of these updated lists.

Since a majority of Texas hay is grown in fire ant quarantined areas, hay being transported to or through a non-quarantine county should be stored in a barn or off the ground to prevent the spread of fire ants. Additional information on fire ants quarantined counties and rules are on TTS Website at www.agr.state.tx.us in the 'Producer Information' section under 'Alerts.'

Lubbock auction

The Lubbock Stockyards, Inc. had a run of 359 head of cattle for the Thursday, June 15, sale. Cows were $2 better. Yearlings and calves were steady. Trading and demand were good.

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500-600: 82-86
600-700: 77-84
700-800: 75-80
Feeder Bulls — good and choice:
500-600: 85-100
700-800: 70-77.50
Cow and calf pairs:
Good: 650-775
Grade: 500-650
Springers: 475-650
Baby calves: 100-200
Doodlers: 150-250

C-City auction

The Colorado City Livestock Auction had a run of 470 head of cattle for the Saturday, June 17, sale. Compared to last week: Feeder steers and heifers were steady to $2 higher. Slaughter cows were $1 higher. Bulls were $4 higher. Bred cows were steady and pairs steady to higher. Trading was active and demand good.

Feeder steers:
200-300: 122-127
400-500: 90-99
500-600: 90.50-92
600-700: 86.50-88.50
Feeder heifers:
200-300: 115-121
300-400: 99.50-108
400-500: 89-95
500-600: 85-87.50
600-700: 73-77
Replacement cows:
Young bred cows: 570-650
Aged cows: 460-520
Pairs: 730-890
Aged pairs: 600-720
Slaughter cows: High yielding: 44.25-46.50
Slaughter bulls: High dressing: 55.40-59.50

Nitrogen fertilizer meters work well in recent tests

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — Nitrogen fertilizer is both a bonus and bane to society, improving crop yields to make food more plentiful but also threatening the environment.

If farmers use too little nitrogen on crops such as corn, the harvest is smaller. But too much fertilizer is a waste of money, and excess nitrogen can also contaminate water supplies.

How do farmers know how much nitrogen is enough?

Until recent years, farmers could eyeball their corn fields for signs of nitrogen deficiency: pale green leaves and poor growth.

Or farmers could get their soil tested. The Soil Testing Laboratory at South Dakota State University tested a record 20,000 samples last year. Most soil samples came from farmers, and they paid $10 for each test. Garden samples cost $13 to test.

However, nutrient testing also is possible with instruments that instantly estimate the nitrogen in the tissue of corn plants, allowing farmers to precisely apply fertilizer in response to changing weather and crop conditions during the growing season.

Two such meters were found to work well when tested at the SDSU research farm. One instrument measures plant chlorophyll, or the green pigment in plant cells that is related to their nutrient content. The other meter measures nitrates, or the fertilizer content of plants.

Walt Riedell, an SDSU plant scientist, said the chlorophyll meter worked the best.

"It's a lot easier to use, and it did a nicer job of predicting the nitrogen level in the plants," he said.

"Nitrogen is an important input for corn production, but it's also one of those things that shows up as a pollutant. So it's important to monitor how much nitrogen is put on corn."

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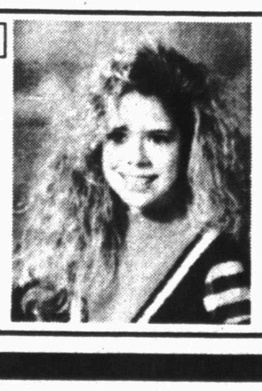
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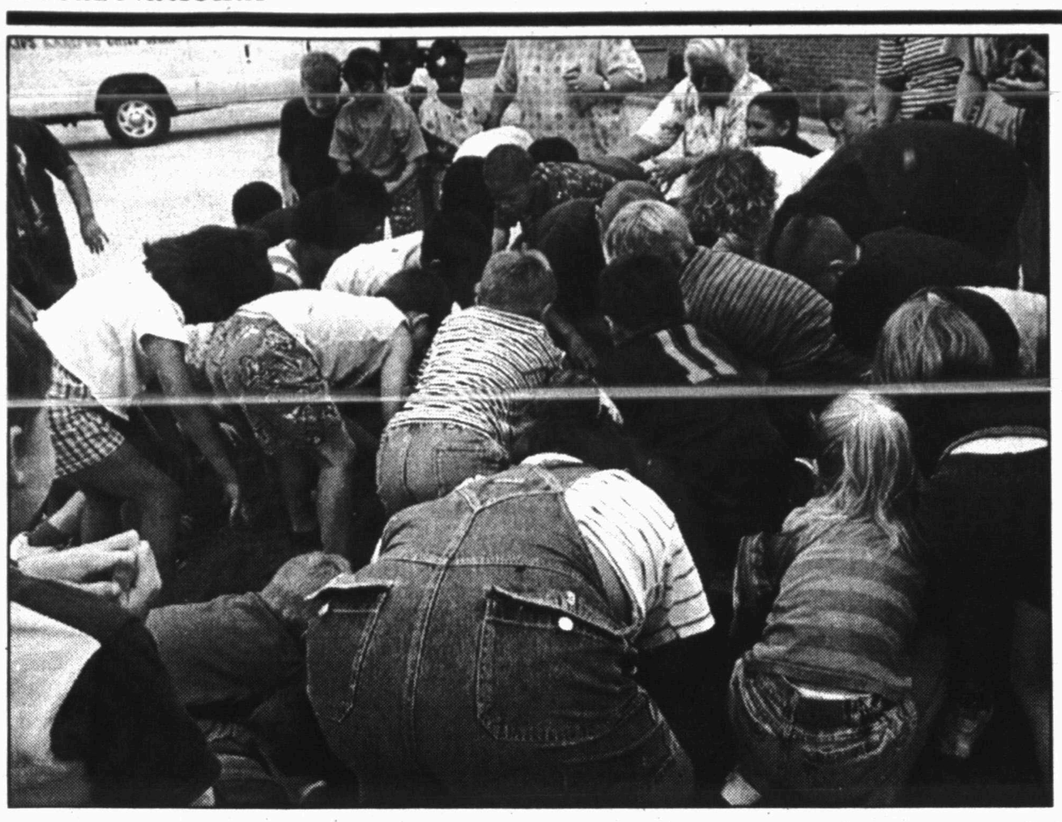

"ARCHAEOLOGICAL" DIG — Children at last Wednesday's Scurry County Library summer reading program enjoyed digging in the sand, during a light rain, for dinosaurs and other surprises. Today Sgt. David Holley presented a bicycle safety program and on June 28, U.S. Air Force Capt. Steven Myers from Dyess Air Force Base in Abilene will present the program. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Gore to sharpen contrasts with Bush as tour resumes

WASHINGTON (AP) — Vice President Al Gore looked to sharpen differences with Texas Gov. George W. Bush as he resumed his "progress and prosperity" tour with a trip to one of the Midwestern battlegrounds that will likely settle the presidential election.

Fresh from spelling out a plan to augment Social Security, the Democratic presidential contender vowed to underscore differences he thinks can be exploited.

"I'll be giving a speech on Social Security and what I propose to protect Social Security and what he proposes that would drain money out of Social Security and empty the trust fund," Gore told reporters aboard his airplane Tuesday.

Gore was headed Wednesday to Iowa to draw those contrasts in a state with a lot of elderly voters that also has voted Democratic in the last three presidential elections.

He has been loath to mention Bush by name, but that could change. Asked whether he planned to name Bush, Gore said: "Sure, but I will never launch a personal, negative attack on him."

Also Wednesday, Gore was scheduled to propose a targeted reduction in estate taxes, a plan costing $7 billion over 10 years, according to Democrats familiar with the proposal. While Bush and other Republicans have called for the estate tax to be eliminated, Democrats warn that doing so would blow a hole in the budget and mainly benefit the very rich.

Under Gore's proposal, which was being previewed to Democratic legislators, the estate tax reduction would be targeted at smaller farmers and businesses while remaining for large operations, said Democrats familiar with the plan.

About two-thirds of the nation's farmers would be affected, those Democrats said. Many family farmers — particularly in the Midwest where Gore is spending the next two days — complain they are forced to sell farms because of the crushing weight of estate taxes.

After Iowa, Gore heads to Minnesota, where he and wife Tipper plan to attend a horse show with Gov. Jesse Ventura and his wife Terry and overnight at the governor's mansion. Gore also planned to hold his seventh "school day" education event in Minnesota.

Next week's topics include the environment.

While Gore has launched the high-profile "progress and prosperity" tour to spotlight and take some credit for the good economy, it's been repeatedly interrupted by outside events.

The most recent pause came Tuesday when Gore raced back to Washington from Kentucky, where he detailed a plan to augment Social Security, to be on hand in case of a tie in the Senate on hate crimes legislation. As president of the Senate, Gore can cast a tie-breaking vote.

The measure passed easily, 57-42, and his vote wasn't needed. But it was the latest instance where Gore has interrupted his campaign to vote on issues playing a role in the presidential campaign.

Asked if Tuesday's return was politically motivated, Gore said: "It's my job."

Senate Democratic leaders said they asked him to return because they anticipated a close vote.

Gore allies think Bush can be hammered on the hate crimes issue because of the 1998 death of James Byrd, a black man who was dragged behind a pickup truck in Jasper, Texas.

"I personally don't understand why it is so difficult to see that these crimes are really different," Gore told reporters as he flew to Washington. "They are fueled by the forces of hatred."

Previously, Gore returned to Washington for possible tie votes on Kosovo, abortion, gun control and the confirmation of two Hispanic judges.

In Kentucky, a key state targeted by Bush and Gore, the vice president described a tax-free savings plan to augment Social Security and help working-class Americans put away money for retirement, a first home, or college tuition.

It is expected to cost $200 billion over 10 years.

"If America doesn't keep making the right choices, we will never be able to give our families the help they need," Gore said.

Pro-gun hacker steals Web domain of gun control group

WASHINGTON (AP) — A nonprofit gun-control group had its Web site defaced and Web address hijacked by a pro-gun hacker, according to the group and independent registration records.

"If you take my guns, I still have my computer. VPC just got shot in the head," the defaced Violence Policy Center site read.

"This is the most readily available public face of the VPC," Josh Sugarmann, the group's executive director, said Tuesday. "Now they're (site visitors) being greeted by a picture of bombs, a skull and crossbones and obscenities."

In addition, all VPC's e-mail was being rerouted to the hacker.

VPC reported the incident, which occurred Monday, to the FBI and asked domain name registrar Network Solutions Inc. in Herndon, Va., to restore its Web site address. Brian O'Shaughnessy, a spokesman for Network Solutions, said the process would take 12 to 24 hours.

On public Internet registration records, the "vpc.org" name is registered to a Ted Torian, which is possibly an alias, at an address in Los Angeles. He said he has no knowledge of that name, and though his group has an office in Los Angeles, it's not at that address. The phone numbers listed on the registration records were disconnected.

When Jeff Cronin, spokesman for the policy group Common Cause, e-mailed a colleague at VPC, the hacker replied to him. Cronin provided the e-mail to The Associated Press.

The reply read, in part: "Just keep the URLs comin dude! Ha ha. I get all mail for this domain." URL, or uniform resource locator, is a Web address.

The person who sent the reply used the anonymous Yahoo! mail service, but an Internet address hidden in the e-mail shows that the person accessed the Yahoo! Web mail account through a computer at the University of Nebraska at Lincoln.

B.K. DeLong, a staff member of Attrition.org, which logs Web defacements, said that it's likely the culprit is at the university, "but it's hard to tell for sure without seeing the logs."

On the Net: Violence Policy Center: http://www.vpc.org
Network Solutions: http://www.networksolutions.com
Attrition.org: http://www.attrition.org

Woman awarded $1 million in lawsuit

HOUSTON (AP) — A Houston jury Tuesday awarded a woman just over $1 million for her claim that she was shot and paralyzed in 1997 because her apartment complex had lax security.

Thao Nhu Quach, 34, was shot in the neck when two men forced her, her husband and two daughters out of their car in the Rosslyn Heights Apartments in North Houston Sept. 12, 1997.

Her lawyer, Mike Moriarty, said she may not have been shot if the complex's managers provided better lighting in the parking lot, patched fences and put up gates or manned booths at the lot's entrance.

A lawyer for the apartment complex said in Wednesday's editions of the Houston Chronicle that the complex only had minor crimes — nothing requiring the installation of gates or guard details.

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PETA parody site must relinquish address

NORFOLK, Va. (AP) — Animal-rights activists know the name PETA is an acronym for People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals. But in cyberspace, the letters briefly stood for People Eating Tasty Animals.

From September 1995 to January 1996, a Maryland Internet entrepreneur used the Web address www.peta.org as the home page of the fictitious group. The site described itself as "a resource for those who enjoy eating meat, wearing fur and leather, hunting and the fruits of scientific research (and more!)."

The animal-rights group wasn't laughing. They took Web site owner, Michael Doughney, to court and last week a federal judge ordered Doughney to relinquish the Web address to PETA and limit his use of domain names to those not "confusingly similar."

"He did a selfish and self-serving thing by trying to profit from the name of an organization that serves to help animals," Lisa Lange, spokeswoman for Norfolk-based PETA, said Tuesday.

PETA accused Doughney of trademark infringement and cybersquatting — registering names of companies or groups in the hopes of selling them to their namesakes.

"Initially it was amusing," Lange said. "But then so many people who were looking for information on animal protection got frustrated that it was obviously not a good thing."

Doughney's attorney, G. Gervaise Davis, said he plans to appeal. He said Doughney was simply parodying PETA, which is protected speech under the First Amendment.

On the Net:
PETA: http://www.peta.com

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.

Pancreatic cancer is a grave disease

DEAR DR. GOTT: My daughter is poised to marry a 40-year-old man who has recently been diagnosed with advanced pancreatic cancer. Needless to say, everyone is quite upset, including my daughter and her two young children. What experimental therapy might be available for her fiance?

DEAR READER: This is truly a difficult and tragic situation. At the very time that a relatively young man has chosen to move on with his life, he has been struck by a disease with a grave prognosis. Cancer of the pancreas, like ovarian malignancies, is very resistant to treatment and is difficult to identify in its early states.

The only recommendation that I can make — and it is painfully inadequate — is that your daughter's fiance should follow the advice of an oncologist, a cancer specialist. With modern therapy, your future son-in-law may be able to halt progression of the disease. However, his chance of cure is small. Therefore, your daughter may — depending on circumstances — opt to forego marriage and continue a supportive and loving relationship, in preference to assuming responsibilities that might be insurmountable, especially with children to support. While I don't wish to sound insensitive, I urge your daughter to seek legal advice about whether her interests would be better served by not marrying at this time. Speaking personally, were I the man in question with pancreatic cancer, I'd want to make absolutely sure that my loved ones were protected — by whatever means — rather than being placed at risk if I were to enter into a legally binding relationship shortly before my death.

Forgive me for being frank, but this is what I do with my own patients in private practice. In no way am I attempting to undermine the wonderful relationship that your daughter has with her partner. However, this unusual situation demands creative solutions that will protect her and your grandchildren. Although I have been criticized by some readers by urging them to see their own doctors, in this instance I encourage your daughter to check with an attorney as well as an oncologist.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I am intrigued by the "eat no sugar or flour" Gott diet for weight reduction. However, I have some questions. How do you determine which foods contain flour? What about flour as a filler? Are whole grain cereals OK? Can honey be substituted for brown sugar? Can brown sugar be used in moderation? Does drinking regular soda sabotage the program?

DEAR READER: As I have again and again reiterated, one of the major advantages of my diet is its simplicity. Avoid sugar and flour. Here are the answers to your questions.

1. Read labels. If the product contains flour, don't eat it.
2. Ditto. Even fillers can add unwanted calories.
3. Possibly, providing the whole-grain cereal doesn't contain - let's hear it loudly and clearly! — sugar or flour.
4. No. Honey is a rich source of sugar.
5. Absolutely not. Sugar is sugar, whether it's brown, tan or white.
6. Because most standard sodas contain sugar, they are prohibited. Sugar-free or dietetic is, on the other hand, acceptable.

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

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FTC finds no reason for high gas prices

WASHINGTON (AP) — A preliminary Federal Trade Commission inquiry found nothing to explain why drivers in Chicago and Milwaukee are paying as much as 65 cents more for a gallon of gas than other parts of the country, prompting the agency to open a formal investigation that will involve subpoenaing oil companies.

FTC Chairman Robert Pitofsky told some members of the Illinois congressional delegation Tuesday that the sudden price spikes are "sufficiently questionable" to warrant formal investigation into possible price gouging and collusion.

The agency will being issuing subpoenas by the end of the week, according to the lawmakers who attended the meeting.

An interim report is expected within 30-45 days, said Sen. Dick Durbin, D-Ill.

Meanwhile, ministers from the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Nations were meeting Wednesday in Vienna, Austria, and it was widely believed that some increases in crude oil production would be approved. The Clinton administration has been quietly trying to move OPEC in that direction.

But analysts were anticipating only modest increases that likely would do little to drive down gasoline prices that have reached as high as $2.33 a gallon for regular grade in Chicago.

The Energy Department's weekly survey showed the cost of gasoline nationally increased 5 cents a gallon from last week to $1.68, a record high for a fourth week in a row.

"There is gouging on the part of the large oil companies," insisted Senate Democratic leader Tom Daschle of South Dakota. He and Rep. Dick Gephardt of Missouri, the top Democrat in the House, met with President Clinton last week to emphasize "the seriousness of the matter," Daschle said.

The two leading Democrats reportedly raised concerns that if gasoline prices are not reined in, it could mean trouble for the presidential bid of Vice President Al Gore and for Democratic efforts to regain control of the House in November.

Republicans have lost no time in trying to tar the administration, the Environmental Protection Agency's cleaner gasoline rules and Energy Secretary Bill Richardson — already under attack because of security problems at the Los Alamos nuclear weapons lab in New Mexico — for the gasoline price surge.

"This is the kind of thing people get mad about, and they want action," said Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss.

At the request of the Clinton administration and members of Congress, the FTC has for the past week been conducting an informal inquiry into the steep gasoline prices. Until now the agency's actions amounted to fact-finding, with no threat of subpoenas.

Pentagon will conduct missile defense test

WASHINGTON (AP) — North Korean guarantees and warming relations on the Korean peninsula do not undercut the need for a U.S. national missile defense system, the Air Force chief of staff said Wednesday as the Pentagon prepared for a critical $100 million test of the system July 7.

Gen. Michael Ryan, at the same time, said that while military leaders are concerned about the unknown cost of the system to protect the 50 U.S. states against a limited nuclear missile attack, he believes it will not affect already tight military budgets.

"We all agree that a missile defense system, where feasible, ought to be pursued. But ... it ought to be over and above current needs," Ryan said at a defense writers group.

He said North Korea is not the only nation that could have the capacity in the next 20 years to launch a nuclear missile against U.S. territory.

Earlier Wednesday, North Korea's communist government pledged to continue its moratorium on testing of long-range missiles and proposed a joint meeting of North and South Korean Red Cross organizations. The moves were a followup to a summit between the two countries' top leaders during the weekend and to U.S. lifting of some economic sanctions on Wednesday.

Ryan on Monday told reporters in another forum that he believes missile defense "can be affordable" although there is no good estimate of cost. He told the defense reporters Wednesday that although the military hopes all cost will be "over and above" their planned budgets, there are no firm commitments that it will be.

Cohen, in a written statement Tuesday, left open the possibility he would recommend going ahead with the system even if the July test fails.

The test of an interceptor missile system "will be our most demanding trial to date, he said. It will be the first to incorporate a communications link from ground radar to the missile interceptor in flight. That, Cohen said, would provide "last-minute guidance on where to find the target in space."

Jacques Gansler, the Pentagon's technology chief, acknowledged Tuesday that the Pentagon's scientists and engineers are pushing the envelope of technological know-how in trying to shoot down long-range ballistic missiles in space.

"It's clearly a high-risk overall program," Gansler said, referring to the possibility of setbacks. "And it's not a high probability of being able to precisely get everything to work on this flight" in July.

Microsoft appeal now in the hands of the Supreme Court

WASHINGTON (AP) — The judge who ordered Microsoft Corp. broken up delayed implementing business restrictions against the computer software maker and sent the landmark antitrust case directly to the Supreme Court, where the nine justices are just days from finishing their current term.

With his action, U.S. District Judge Thomas Penfield Jackson bypassed the federal appellate court where Microsoft wants the case to be considered first. The U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia circuit favored the company in a past, related case.

Immediate Supreme Court consideration was in the "general public importance in the administration of justice," Jackson wrote in his widely expected order Tuesday.

But in a surprise twist, the judge delayed implementing various conduct restrictions he imposed in a June 7 decision that also ordered Microsoft to be split into two companies. While Jackson at that time had stayed the actual breakup until all appeals were exhausted, the business restraints he ordered would have gone into effect Sept. 5.

Both Microsoft and the Justice Department applauded Jackson's action, albeit for opposite reasons.

"This decision affirms the department's position that a quick and effective remedy is necessary to resolve this significant case," the department said in a written statement.

Microsoft spokesman Mark Murray said: "We're obviously very pleased that the District Court rejected the government's arguments and stayed the entire judgment."

It was uncertain just how quickly the case could be resolved. The Supreme Court is in the last two weeks of its 1999-2000 term, and it can either accept the case or send it to the appellate court for review.

Unless the high court justices expedite their handling of the case — an action government lawyers may seek — Microsoft will have until Aug. 14 to file an appeal of Jackson's ruling.

That appeal would ask the justices to send the case back down to the appeals court. The government then would have 30 days to respond and explain why the case should be decided directly by the nation's highest court.

Jackson ruled on April 3 that Microsoft engaged in anticompetitive conduct in violation of federal antitrust laws, and, as a remedy, he ordered the company's breakup and a number of business restrictions.

Among those restrictions, Jackson ordered Microsoft to divulge to outside developers technical information about the way Microsoft operating systems interact with its software. Those developers would be able to pick apart the computer code without cost to improve their understanding of it and make their own products.

Microsoft also would no longer control what icons are on the Windows operating screen when a user buys a computer. This means that consumers buying a computer from a distributor such as Dell or Gateway would see a desktop that looked nothing like the Windows desktop they're accustomed to.

The Justice Department and 19 states that successfully sued Microsoft had urged Jackson to skip the appellate court and turn the case over to the Supreme Court because of the high-profile nature of the case and the crucial role technology plays in the new American economy.

But Microsoft, one of the nation's most successful companies whose Windows software operates more than 90 percent of the world's personal computers, pushed to have the case heard in the appeals court.

5 jailed Tuesday, early this morning

Five people were sent to jail Tuesday and early today.

At 8:37 p.m. Tuesday, officers arrested a 37-year-old man in the 2000 block of Avenue O on warrants for no valid Texas driver's license, no liability insurance and two counts of failure to appear.

A 35-year-old woman was taken into custody at 9:05 p.m. by officers in the 200 block of 33rd Street on warrants for speeding and failure to appear.

Public intoxication sent a 36-year-old man to jail Tuesday. Officers arrested him at 11:38 p.m. at the Plaza Truck Stop.

Department of Public Safety troopers took a 23-year-old man into custody at 11:43 p.m. on U.S. Hwy. 84 for driving while license suspended.

An outstanding warrant for purchasing and furnishing alcohol to minors resulted in the arrest of a 21-year-old man. Officers took him into custody at 12:17 a.m. today in the 3100 block of Avenue N.

At 3:05 a.m. today, officers responded to a disturbance call in the 2700 block of Avenue Z. A 24-year-old woman was arrested for Class C assault, family violence.

In other activity over the past 24 hours, deputies filed an offense report for dog bite at 10:46 a.m. in Hermleigh in reference to a 19-year-old female being bitten.

Barbara Owen contacted officers at 12:10 a.m. today in reference to someone taking two English bulldogs from her residence at 3001 Austin. An offense report was taken for felony theft.

At 5:32 a.m., Carol Greathouse reported that someone had cut the screen to her door at 2607 Avenue I. Officers filed a report for Class C criminal mischief.

Obituaries

Chigger Bruton

1926-2000

Chigger Jordan Bruton of Fluvanna died this morning in Scenic Mountain Hospital in Big Spring following a lengthy illness.

Funeral service for Mrs. Bruton, 74, is set for 10 a.m. Saturday in the Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will follow in the Fluvanna Cemetery.

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

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

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Head start registration

Registration for Scurry County Head Start, for children 4-years-old and also 3-years-old before Sept. 1, is being held from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. today and Thursday at the Snyder Day Care Center, 2800 2nd Street. Certified birth certificate, immunization records and proof of income are required. For information, call 573-7403.

Washington trip

The final meeting for students of Snyder Junior High who are going on the Washington, D.C.-New York trip will be at 8 tonight in the SJHS auditorium. Final details are to be discussed.

Tennis boosters

Snyder High School Tennis Booster Club will meet at 7 this evening in the Texas Savings Bank meeting room. Parents of all high school and junior high tennis students are urged to attend.

FBC worship service

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

The Continentals in concert

The Continentals, a Christian music group, will be in concert at 7 p.m. Thursday at Colonial Hill Baptist Church.

Long-term care meeting

Cogdell Memorial Hospital long-term care family members are urged to attend a meeting at 6 p.m. Thursday in the hospital's board room to elect family council officers.

Northeast reading night

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

Queen candidate bake sale

Christina Arellano, Our Lady of Guadalupe Church queen candidate, will have a bake sale starting at 8:30 a.m. Friday at Wal-Mart.

Queen candidate fund-raisers

Bonnie Pesina,Our Lady of Guadalupe queen candidate, will have a tamale sale Friday from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. at Our Lady of Guadalupe Center, 1311 Avenue K. Brisket dinner plates will be sold Saturday from noon to 5 p.m. at the same location. Adults are $5 and children $3.

Ira class reunion

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

Museum exhibits

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

First Baptist VBS

"Ocean Odyssey" is the theme for vacation Bible school at First Baptist Church. VBS will be held from 9 a.m. until noon June 26-30 and is for grades K through 6th. The public is invited to family night on Wednesday.

American Legion officers

American Legion Post 181 will elect officers on Monday.

Volunteer training

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

Bible study tapes

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

Genealogy meeting

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

MAWC game day

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

55 Alive defensive driving

A state certified 55 Alive defensive driving course will be offered at the Senior Citizens Center June 29-30 from 8:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. Call 573-4035 to pre-register.

Rotary installation

Snyder Rotary Club's officer installation and awards banquet will be held at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, June 29, at the Wagon Wheel Ranch.

Joint Masonic installation

All Scurry County Masonic Lodges – Ira, Hermleigh and Scurry – will hold a joint installation of officers at 5:30 p.m. Sunday, July 1. Hamburgers and ice cream will follow the installation at the Scurry Lodge Hall.

LVN class testing

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

Cash Five

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