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Midwest and Stamford Co-ops...

Meeting tonight to explain electric co-op consolidation

A community-wide meeting regarding the consolidation of Midwest Electric Cooperative and Stamford Electric Cooperative will be held tonight at 7:30 in Room A of the Scurry County Coliseum.

The purpose of the meeting is to inform cooperative and community members about the proposed consolidation and to allow them to voice any questions, concerns or comments they may have.

The board of directors of both Midwest Electric Cooperative and Stamford Electric Cooperative have said they recommend the merger.

According to information released from the two companies, "consolidation will allow the cooperatives to double their existing size and take advantage of the economies of scale available to larger organizations."

It went on to say, "Many service and operations now being provided by each cooperative can be combined to reduce expenses and provide members with the best possible service at the lowest cost."

Both companies have said that no employees would lose their job as a result of the merger.

The new cooperative will be called Big Country Electric Cooperative and all of the board members of the present cooperatives will be on the 16-member board.

The new enitity will have offices in Roby, Snyder and Stamford, with corporate headquarters located in Roby.

Jerry Stapp, current general manager of Midwest, will be general manager of the new cooperative and Vesta Orr, present interim manager of Stamford, will serve as executive assistant.

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "People who have everything in life usually spend a lot of time helping other people get what they want."

Hey, doc, we've been eating healthy all along.

Thanks to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, we've been consuming more than our share of vegetables. And vegetables are good for you.

Although ketchup didn't cut the mustard as a veggie, salsa — a kissing cousin — did.

We call it hot sauce in West Texas, but the government describes it as low-fat, low-cholesterol food, typically consisting of tomatoes, peppers, onions and spices.

Back in 1981, the Reagan administration was trying to trim $1.5 billion from the federal school lunch program, but backed away from a widely-ridiculed plan to grant vegetable status to ketchup, which includes tomatoes, vinegar and sweeteners.

Now schools can incorporate commercially-made salsas into their menus, and it's reimbursable in the federal school lunch program.

And since it's healthy - we ought to be able to eat more chips.

Progress is wonderful!

The dry weather is anything but humorous. But sometimes you have to laugh to keep from becoming teary-eyed.

The coffee shop crowd tried real hard recently to find something positive about the long, hot, dry summer.

The caffeine philosophers landed on at least three.

--Farmers won't have to worry about the boll weevil this year.

--No water gaps to repair.

--The city hasn't had to spray for mosquitoes.

And speaking of those pesky critters, the drought is threatening to take the bite out of a Texas tradition.

Organizers of the Great American Mosquito Festival in Clute, 55 miles southeast of Houston, are faced with the prospect that the dry spell will mean fewer annoying, buzzing insects that are the lifeblood of the festivities.

There could be no grand prize for the most mosquito bites per leg, and the Official Swatting of the First Mosquito is in jeopardy. The annual mosquito-calling competition also is doubtful.

Unofficially, organizers aren't itching for the return of the pesks. But they would trade a few nibbles for a little rain.

Warehouse addition set for end of month

Temporarily delayed by a bid protest, construction of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice warehouse is still expected to get underway before month's end.

TDCJ received bids on the distribution center warehouse in June with intention to issue a notice to proceed on July 13.

A bid of $4.6 million from Monterey Construction Co. of Wolfforth was protested by another bidder, Baines General Contractors of El Paso.

TDCJ facilities division has notified Baines that the protest had been denied. Ron McGuire, TDCJ contract manager, said necessary documents are being sought from the apparent low bidder in hopes that the contract can be finalized and a notice to proceed can be issued the week of July 20.

The project is a 60,000-square foot expansion to the exisiting 70,000-foot warehouse located on U.S. 84. The addition includes 20,000-square feet of cold storage to house bulk inventories of frozen foods, meats and other perishable goods.

The distribution center was first announced in August, 1996, but the construction delay has not inhibited the growth in the number of employees.

Robin Smauley, manager of the Snyder distribution center, said all truck drivers have been hired, increasing the total number of transportation employees to 34. Smauley said four more warehouse positions, plus a supervisor are still to be employed.

Full employment of 18 in warehouse and 34 in transportation will account for a total of 52 jobs with an increase of more than $300,000 annually in payroll.

The Snyder facility will be the first regional distribution system for the prison system, and will serve 22 units in West Texas. Officials have projected the warehouse will save the state $1 million annually in transportation costs.

Fire in Mitchell Co. is fought by locals

An almost eight-hour blaze kept Mitchell County firemen and several other communities' departments and volunteers up late Wednesday night.

The first call reporting a grass fire came in at 3:45 p.m. near CR 167 in Mitchell County, according to Colorado City Fire Marshal Billy Ray Williamson.

He said the fire burned for a mile and a half stretch before it was finally shut down at FM 1808 around 11:37 p.m., some five miles south of the Scurry County line.

According to reports, the blaze destroyed between 620 and 1,000 acres of land, partly on what is known as the "old Barber ranch".

No injuries were reported.

Five volunteer firefighters along with a brush truck were sent in from Snyder to assist, as well as units from Loraine and Westbrook.

A strikeforce from Abilene, including two units from the Texas Forest Service and three helicopters, also assisted.

"We have a bunch of tired firemen," Williamson said this morning.

Man arrested on jury indictment

City officers arrested a 54-year-old Snyder man at the Pal-O-Mar Motel Wednesday afternoon following a grand jury indictment Monday on burglary charges.

Officer Mike Duddleston took Ramon Castellanes Herrera into custody at 1:10 p.m..

Herrera listed his residence as the motel.

He is charged with the May 24 offense of burglary of a building owned by Hatley Lewis.

MEN AT WORK — Olton Smith (foreground) is shown filling dirt in around a sprinkler head as Juan Ortega (left, background) and Simon Gutierrez prepare to dig a ditch for wiring to the controller box. The three work for the Snyder Independent School District and are part of a crew installing new sprinkler systems at the high school practice field. (SDN Staff Photo)

Defense lawyer: Democrats pushed for case against Tripp

WASHINGTON (AP) — One of Linda Tripp's lawyers said today the Maryland state prosecutor admitted being contacted by Democratic legislators urging that a case be brought against Mrs. Tripp for secretly tape-recording former White House intern Monica Lewinsky. The prosecutor's office flatly denied the lawyer's statement.

Mrs. Tripp returned to Washington today for a fourth day of testimony before the federal grand jury investigating an alleged presidential affair and cover-up involving Ms. Lewinsky. Maryland state prosecutor Stephen Montanarelli announced Tuesday he has opened a grand jury probe of whether Mrs. Tripp violated Maryland law by taping Ms. Lewinsky.

Appearing on NBC's Today show, attorney Anthony Zaccagnini said Montanarelli "advised us" that Democratic members of the Legislature were contacting the prosecutor and "requesting that Linda be investigated and prosecuted."

"That's absolutely untrue," replied Gavin Patashnick, a spokesman for Montanarelli.

Patashnick refused to characterize discussions between the Tripp lawyers and the state prosecutor, except to deny Zaccagnini's account.

"We haven't had a direct order from the Democratic Party or the Legislature or the governor or the president to do this investigation," said Patashnick.

"We have looked through the files and there were no phone calls, no correspondence from any politician urging us to bring this investigation," said Patashnick.

Forty-nine Democrats in the General Assembly wrote a local prosecutor early this year asking for an investigation of Tripp for possible violation of a Maryland wiretapping law. The local prosecutor handed off the matter to Montanarelli, who announced Tuesday he had opened a grand jury probe.

Zaccagnini said the contact as described by Montanarelli "speaks of political motivation."

On Wednesday, Montanarelli's chief investigator, James Cabezas, said "there have been no politicians who have called this office to demand Montanarelli act one way or the other."

Cabezas said his office is not trying to intimidate Mrs. Tripp by launching a state grand jury probe of her in the midst of her testimony as a chief witness in the Lewinsky investigation.

Cabezas acknowledged there had been letters demanding an inquiry, including the one by 49 Democratic members of the General Assembly, which appropriates money for Montanarelli's office.

Asst. Warden arrives here

Bryan native Vernon Pittman will begin his duties Monday as assistant warden at the Price Daniel Unit.

Pittman, 38, last month was promoted to assistant warden from major at the Eastham Unit.

A veteran of over 14 years with the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, Pittman is a graduate of Sam Houston State in Huntsville.

Pittman spent four years at Texas A&M where he earned All-American honors on the Aggie track team.

"I had a different major at A&M," said Pittman. "But I began to develop an interest in some form of law enforcement and A&M didn't offer what I wanted."

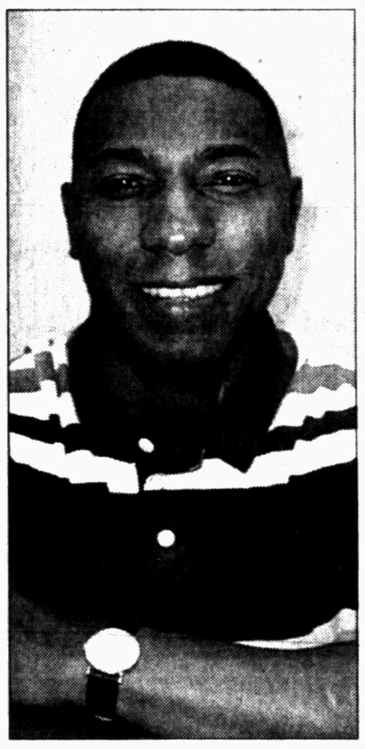
After earning his degree at Sam Houston State, Pittman began working with TDCJ at the Wallace Pack II unit in Navasota where he spent 10 years.

He was named captain of the Boyd Unit in 1994, and six months later, he was transferred to the McConnel Unit in Beeville as a major.

He was then transferred to the Eastham Unit where he served as major until his appointment to the assistant warden position here.

"I am looking forward to my work here at the Snyder Unit and living in the community," said Pittman.

Pittman will replace David Sweetin who was transferred to the Eastham Unit as assistant warden.



Vernon Pittman

ASK US

Q—Who was flying around during the fireworks show Saturday night, and why?

A—Airport manager Rodger Sullenger said it was a private pilot who, he assumed, just wanted a better view of the fireworks.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Wednesday, 103 degrees; low, 79; 7 a.m. Thursday, 79; no precipitation; total for 1998, 5.57 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, fair. Low, mid 70s. SE wind 5-10 mph. Friday, mostly sunny. High around 102. S wind 10-15 mph.

Casey Long
Sunny

Sunset: 8:51 p.m.
Sunrise: 6:47 a.m.
Of 189 days in 1998, the sun has shone 187 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

Don't go through life, grow through life.

Eric Butterworth

JULY 1998

Record-breaking warm weather to continue

DALLAS (AP) — Texas' long, hot summer is straining city-dwellers' air conditioners, electric bills and patience while farmers and ranchers anxiously scan the sky for drought-breaking rain.

Don't expect much relief until September, weather forecasters say.

Electricity usage is already breaking summer records that don't usually fall until August.

Two records were set Tuesday in Texas Utilities Electric Co.'s system, where usage peaked at approximately 20.85 million kilowatts and customers also pulled an all-time load over a 24-hour period.

Before the peak at 5 p.m. Tuesday, the previous record was 20.35 million kilowatts, set Aug. 20.

In the 24-hour period Tuesday, TU Electric customers used 401.36 million kilowatt hours. The previous record of 394.83 million kilowatt hours was set July 1, 1998.

A kilowatt is equivalent to the power drawn by 100 100-watt light bulbs. The average residential demand is about 8,000 kilowatts a month.

"Usually in the past whenever we set a record, it has been a small decimal point forward," Chris Schein, spokesman for Texas Utilities, said Wednesday. "Yesterday, it was a half million kilowatts."

With a 20 percent increase in electrical demand this summer, TU Electric says 15 percent of that is from hotter temperatures. The rest is due to overall growth.

Some 70 daily temperature records were broken last month across Texas.

Along with high temperatures come higher electric bills. TU Electric said Texans will save almost $200 over the summer months if they set their thermostats at 78 degrees instead of 72.

"Obviously, when you have temperatures this high, people will see an increase in their electric bill sooner than when they usually see it in the summer," Schein said.

The tinder-dry vegetation in many parts of Texas has contributed to more then 4,600 fires burning approximately 230,000 acres.

Dryland crops, including the cotton mainstay, are especially hard-hit. That could prompt farmers to move toward more drought-resistant crops, added Robert Morgan, of the department of agronomy and resource sciences at A&M Kingsville.

Through June, temperature records were unofficially broken in Abilene, Amarillo, Austin, Brownsville, College Station, Corpus Christi, El Paso, Houston, Lubbock, San Antonio and seven other Texas cities.

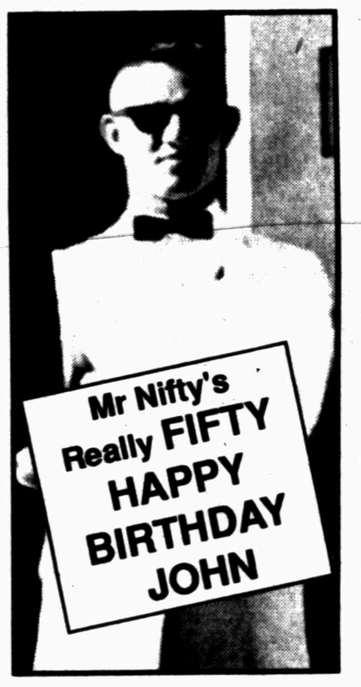
The relentless heat will remain until a high pressure system moves out of the area, said Joe Harris, National Weather Service meteorologist in Fort Worth.

"I anticipate it staying here through August," said Harris. "There may brief periodic relief, but it is a normal summertime feature."

Weather experts said the Bermuda High, the subtropical high pressure system that normally sits over the southeastern United States, has contributed to the hotter weather.

Harris said the system that usually builds westward during the summer months has already pushed its way all the way over Texas and its center is now over Texas.

Professor James Norwine of the department of geosciences at Texas A&M University at Kingsville, said Texas' location also has a role in the heat wave. Gerald North, head of the Texas A&M meteorology department, said the El Nino weather phenomenon is another factor.



Edmiston graduates from Baylor program

Shanna Edmiston

Shanna Edmiston, R.N., graduated from the Baylor University Medical Center Operating Room Intern Program on June 4 in Dallas.

She is a graduate of Eldorado High School and Angelo State University. She will be returning to West Texas this month to accept a position on the surgical team at Shannon Medical Center in San Angelo.

Shanna is the daughter of Marsha and Joe Max Edmiston of Mertzon and the granddaughter of Marge Mathis of Dermott.

At sea level, there are 2,000 pounds of air pressure on each square foot of your body.

NYC police to use controversial bullets

NEW YORK (AP) — In New York City, where the plummeting crime rate has been touted as a key part of the city's revitalization, police officers will soon switch to bullets that expand on impact.

Police Commissioner Howard Safir said the hollow-point bullets to be used by officers within two months are less likely to ricochet, decreasing the risk to bystanders. They are considered more deadly to the target than most bullets.

"They won't travel beyond the individual who is the target," Safir said Wednesday.

Most of the city's nearly 40,000 police officers have been using pointed, full-metal-jacket bullets, which can pass through the target and hit another person. While Safir contends the new bullets are safer, others disagreed.

"For them to put this kind of ammunition in this police department's hands is absolutely frightening," said the Rev. Al Sharpton, a former mayoral candidate who has criticized police for reports of brutality.

Norman Siegel, executive director of the New York Civil Liberties Union, said the city failed to do enough research about the hollow-point bullets before deciding to use them.

The bullets are already used by federal authorities and police in other cities. About 10,000 law-enforcement officers in New York — including federal agents and members of the transit and housing police — have used them since 1990.

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

Middle-Aged Man Can't Break Free of Mother's Lifelong Grip

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DEAR ABBY: I'm 51 and never married. I'm not bad-looking, and I am not gay. I just got dumped by another girlfriend, which is nothing new. What turns women off are the constant demands of my mother. She calls at least once a day, and I go to her home almost every day, especially on weekends. Dad is dead and there are no other siblings, so I'm the one always on call.

"Mary," the lady who just called it quits, says Mother is abusive to me because I have been trying to get her approval all my life and she never gives it.

Mother "almost" gives me kindness and love, but then she manages to say something ugly or belittling that devastates me. I slam the door and leave in a rage. Then I go back and we repeat the same scenario. Every time I go back, I think this time it will be different.

Mary said I act like a battered wife returning over and over to her abusive husband. She said I'm just as addicted to being abused as my mother is to abusing me. At first I was furious and refused to believe it, but now I'm getting scared that she's right.

I've been waiting for Mother to die for the last 10 years. She is not in the best of health and calls me constantly in a panic saying she's dying. Actually, I think she will outlive me.

Abby, do people ever resolve stuff like this? Or are there some people who can't be helped? I'm middle-aged, so what is the point of anything now?

MIGHT AS WELL DIE
IN WASHINGTON STATE

DEAR MIGHT: Your ex-girlfriend gave you some valuable insight before she left.

The hallmark of neurotic behavior is its repetitive pattern. Yes, problems like yours can be resolved; however, the only way to break this painful cycle is professional counseling to help you learn to behave like an adult, instead of a needy child, in the presence of your mother.

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DEAR ABBY: Now that the wedding season is here, many people planning their weddings will be concerned with the issue of guests drinking during the reception and driving home afterward. I'd like to share how my husband and I dealt with this issue when we got married.

We had an outdoor wedding at a winery that could only be accessed through narrow, winding roads. We were concerned about our guests driving home afterward, and we wanted to find an attractive alternative to the fabulous wine that was served.

So, in addition to the coffee service, we rented an espresso cart service so guests could have a choice of (free) coffee drinks. There was a selection of caffeinated and decaffeinated espressos, lattes, cappuccinos, etc. Our family and friends loved it! The espresso vendor eventually ran out of glass cups and had to use paper.

Our excellent wedding consultant, always mindful of our budget, had warned that the espresso cart service would be "a little pricey," but we had saved wedding costs in other areas, and frankly, the enjoyment of our guests and the peace of mind was worth every cent.

SAN FRANCISCO BRIDE

DEAR SAN FRANCISCO BRIDE: That's a practical suggestion, and one I know will be appreciated by many brides-to-be. Thank you for offering it.

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For everything you need to know about wedding planning, order "How to Have a Lovely Wedding." Send a business-sized, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for $3.95 ($4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby, Wedding Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, Ill. 61054-0447. (Postage is included.)

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Friday, July 10, 1998

In the year ahead, keep on the best of terms with people in your field. These individuals will do you the most good with the fewest number of strings attached.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) If you do business today with people you don't know well, proceed with care and don't be afraid to ask questions. Get a jump on life by understanding the influences that'll govern you in the year ahead. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions by mailing $2 to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Consider all of your alternatives before making an important decision today. What initially appears to be the quickest route might take too much time in the long run.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) You'll be disappointed today if you expect others to do things you could easily take care of yourself. Be self-sufficient!

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Be the one who helps bring harmony to a collective endeavor. Avoid adding tension and strife.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Instead of being assertive and demanding today, use your wit and charm to make others cooperate. Pleasant words and courtesy will gain you the support you require.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Even though a companion's faults will be obvious to you today, it's best not to criticize him/her in front of others. Think of how you would feel if the roles were reversed.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) An acquaintance might try to keep you from doing something that would give you an advantage today, because it's not in his/her best interests to do so.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) You may feel like the odds are against you early on today. However, if you think things over again in the late afternoon, benefits will come to light.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) A poorly-managed project will start to come under your control today. You'll be able to do better than your predecessors did.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Someone you know is a "taker" may look upon your resources today as if they were his/her own. Put limits on your generosity.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Objectives can be accomplished today, provided you don't do things the hard way. In order to get on a roll, map out the best routes beforehand.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Someone might offer you advice today that's a bitter pill to swallow. After some thought, you'll see it's for your own good.

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ATTEND CONVENTION — Helen Mock, incoming president; Betty Thompson, first vice-president; and Mary Williams, outgoing president; attended the 69th annual state convention of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International held in San Antonio. Shown in the top photo are Beverly Mayo, president of the Colorado City chapter; Mock; and Charlene Davis, area coordinator.

Mary Williams

Comic's restitution

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Under a court order to be funny, Martin Lawrence obeyed the judge and held a charity show that raised $10,157 for two nonprofit groups.

Lawrence, who starred in television's sitcom "Martin," was ordered to hold the June 21 show as part of his sentence for misdemeanor battery. The money was given to the Hollywood Beautiful Team and another charity on June 29, City Attorney James Hahn said Wednesday.

The 32-year-old comic pleaded no contest to battery in September after a man claimed the entertainer punched him at a Hollywood nightclub in March 1997.

Local DKG officers attend state meet

It's not who wins that counts, but how you play the game. But try telling that to the fans screaming in the stands.

Three members of the local Delta Kappa Gamma Society International were among 1,250 active and retired teachers and administrators recently participating in the 69th annual state convention of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International in San Antonio. Helen Mock, incoming local president; Betty Thompson, first vice-president; and Mary Williams, outgoing president; accepted the awards for the local chapter's yearbook and newsletter.

The organization of key women teachers was formed in Austin on May 11, 1929 by Dr. Annie Webb Blanton with a nucleus of 12 founders.

Membership now includes more than 155,000 members in 14 countries. Some 3,000 of these are expected to attend the international convention in Dallas on July 14-20.

Don't despair, you can buy dirt

POUND RIDGE, N.Y. (AP) — If your soil frustrates you, don't despair. You can buy good stuff. For, as the poet-farmer Virgil said long ago, "not every soil can bear all things."

Soil for sale is a brisk business. Yellow Pages and Web sites offer a galaxy of dirt ranging from potting soil for house plants to truckloads of topsoil that will generate entire gardens.

Wanting to start a vegetable garden, a neighbor of mine found her ground too soggy in an otherwise fine, sunny location. So she decided to buy topsoil and do the garden by constructing raised bed enclosures.

Worried about the kind of soil she might get, she shopped around until she found a purveyor who created an organic blend to her liking. She bought nine cubic yards of it, at a total cost of $279 plus a $60 charge for delivery by truck to her place. She then filled the rectangular enclosures with the soil and sowed her seeds.

A surprising variety of plants may thrive in a seemingly quite shallow raised bed no deeper than six inches. Years ago, my son and I used a load of topsoil and railroad ties to create such a bed atop a hard surface of gravel on a side of our garage.

We intended it just for flowers, but as time went on shrubbery got planted there, too. Now it is home to a sturdy magnolia bush and a 20-foot-tall holly tree as well as seasonal flowers. We surmise the tree roots worked their way downward through the original gravel bed. We keep the surface constantly regenerated by mulching with dead leaves, which decompose into soil.

For smaller jobs, topsoil comes by the bag, too, so you don't need to get a truckload. Just this year, I made a raised bed within my vegetable garden to grow some alpine strawberries from seed. So, at $3.50 per bag, I bought five 40-pound bags of topsoil from a nursery, which amounted to just enough cubic feet to fill the raised bed enclosure.

It's just dirt but merchandisers can get cute in their marketing hype. My bags featured a big picture of a cow and the legend "Green Mountain Moo Dirt, Udderly the Best." Produced by Vermont Natural Ag Products Inc., of Middlebury, Vt., the contents were described as being made from composted cow manure, forest by-products, peat humus and sand.

Starting mixtures are a popular item for gardeners who like to aim for faster starts as they raise things from seed. Most nurseries and catalogs carry them. Gardener's Supply Co. of Burlington, Vt., (800-863-1700) offers a germinating mix composed of sphagnum peat and vermiculite, advertised as "pH adjusted and insect-free," at $4.95 for a nine-quart bag.

The company also offers what it calls a "transplant mix" containing sphagnum peat, perlite and vermiculite, with a coarser texture than the germinating mix. This comes at $6.50 for 30 quarts.

A houseplant gardener who has the time and the interest can create his own mixes. Indeed Elvin McDonald, former secretary of the American Horticultural Society, suggests doing just that.

In his book, The New Houseplant," (Macmillan 1993, $40 hardcover) McDonald says "one reason is that working with your hands in the varied textures of different ingredients is highly satisfying. The other is that by adding certain ingredients to packaged mixes you can get better growth responses."

For begonias one such mix could be three parts commercial organic compost with one each of quarter-inch bark chips, perlite and leaf mold.

You want to kill harmful organisms and weed seed, but you have to be careful with the timing in the oven so that you don't also destroy all the beneficial life.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

North 07-11-98
♠ Q J 9 8 3
♥ ---
♦ 8 7 4 3 2
♣ J 7 4

West
♠ ---
♥ J 9 4 3 2
♦ A K J 6 5
♣ 9 5 2

East
♠ 5 4 2
♥ A K Q
♦ Q 10 9
♣ 10 8 6 3

South
♠ A K 10 7 6
♥ 10 8 7 6 5
♦ ---
♣ A K Q

Vulnerable: Both
Dealer: South

South	West	North	East
1 ♠	Pass	7 ♠	All pass

Opening lead: ♦ A

town in the glens of central Scotland. However, their fathers were competing crofters, or farmers, who hated each other. So, both men were trying to stop this burgeoning romance. The only thing the four had in common was their love of bridge. After much acrimonious discussion, it was agreed that the fathers would play a set game against Allola and James. If the youngsters won, they could be married, but if they lost, they would never see each other again.

Well, when the last hand was dealt, the young couple needed a grand slam to win. So, after James opened one spade, Allola desperately raised to seven.

James ruffed the diamond ace, then carefully cashed his three club winners. When they survived, he breathed a sigh of relief and winked at Allola. He crossruffed the remaining nine tricks: five heart ruffs in the dummy and four more diamond ruffs in hand.

After rushing around the table and kissing James passionately, Allola removed their suicide-pact letter from her pocket and tore it into tiny pieces.

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The Montagues and Capulets return

The Senior Life Master was contentedly sipping a kir when a young man slid into the neighboring chair.

"I'm told you relate tales of how couples have fallen in or out of love over bridge. But has any romance mirrored a fictional story of the same ilk?"

"Well, yes, one did. Get me a top-up and I will describe it to you."

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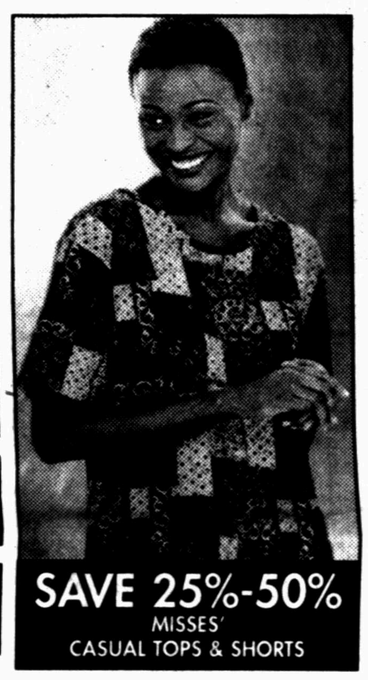

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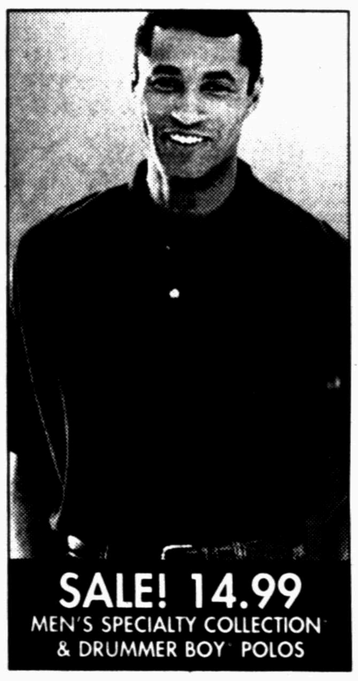

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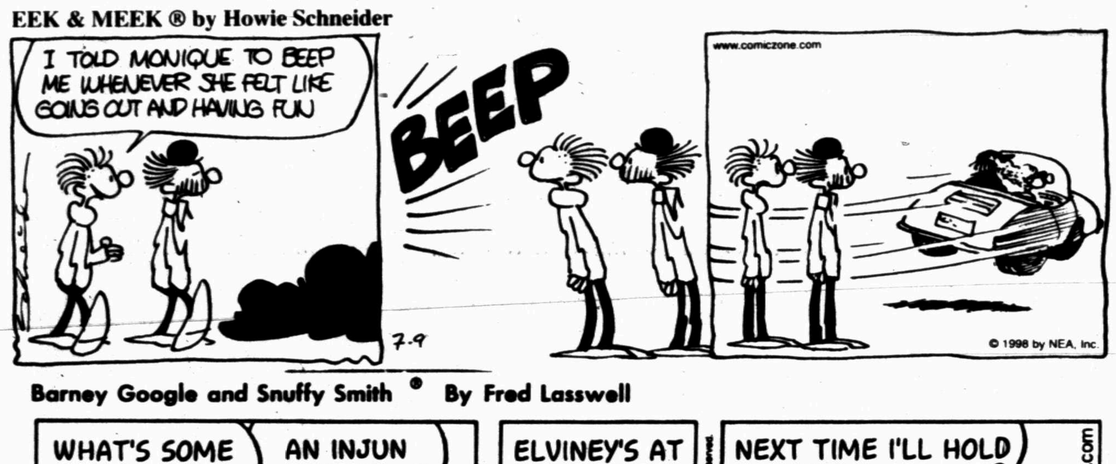

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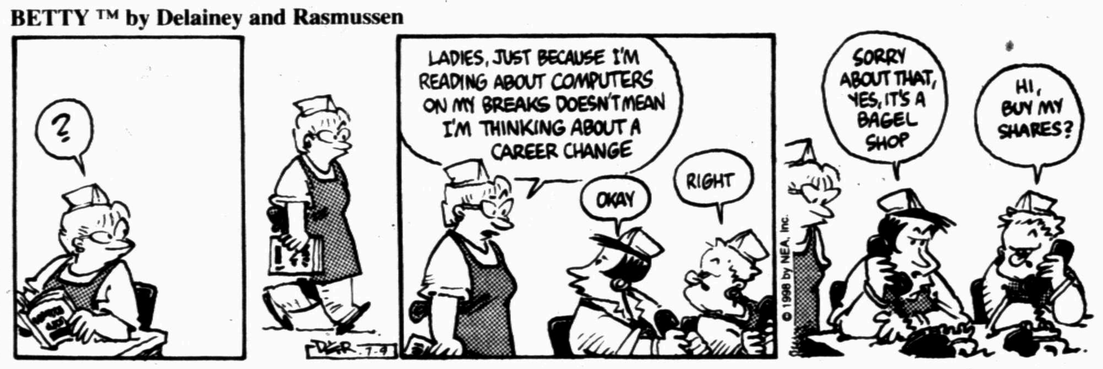

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6 Freshwater porpoise
10 Beneficial
12 Incompetent
14 Landed persons
15 Woman's dress size
16 Hit-show abbr.
17 Thing in law
19 Autocrat
20 Basement opening
23 Aggressive personality category (2 wds.)
26 Tiny —
27 Pouch
30 Polar lights
32 Lack of clothes
34 Hawk
35 Ices
36 Astronaut's ferry
37 Jar cap
39 Occurrence
40 TV series with Joan Collins
42 Author of Picnic
45 Econ. indicator
46 Ungentlemanly one
49 Contemporary
51 Last syllable of a word
54 Actress Bloom
55 Sounded like a lion
56 Heraldic border
57 Play part

DOWN

1 Harbor boats
2 River in Belgium
3 Nevada city
4 Frequently (poet.)
5 Big —, California
6 Chemical suffix
7 Dapper
8 Wading bird
9 Utah ski resort
11 Old musical instrument
12 Positive trend
13 Ending for ballad
18 Dine
20 Vast period of time
21 Infrequently
22 Lucky charm
23 Old Chinese monetary unit
24 Noel
25 Baby carriage
27 Magnitude
28 Egyptian solar disk
29 Vesicle in the body
31 Excited
33 Frontiersman Crockett
38 Actor Duryea
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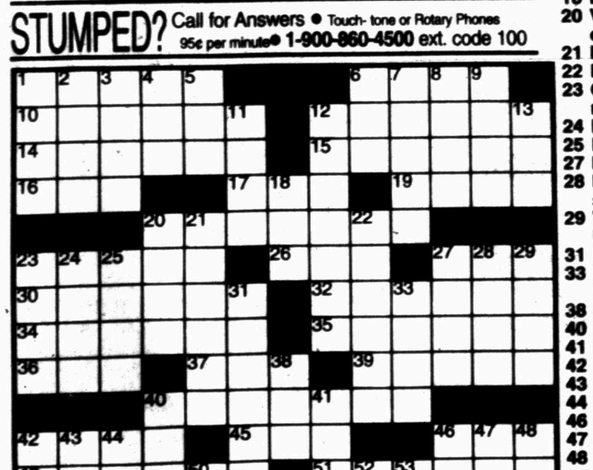

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SPORTS

MLB finally gets new commissioner today

CHICAGO (AP) — For the first time in nearly six years, baseball gets a commissioner today. And the choice won't leave fans surprised or speechless.

Owners love him, because he's one of their own.

Others deride him as Bud Lite.

Instead of being baseball's acting head, he'll be the real thing.

No more independent leader for baseball. The ninth commissioner will be Milwaukee Brewers owner Bud Selig.

"A commissioner is not a czar sitting above the law," Selig said as his election approached. "Yes, a commissioner has a lot of power, but it must be confined to certain areas."

Selig, the owner of the Brewers since 1970, was part of the group that helped force Fay Vincent to resign on Sept. 7, 1992. He was angered that both Vincent and Peter Ueberroth deemed themselves impartial and immune to owners' wishes.

That won't happen with Selig, called baseball's champion vote-counter by several owners. Even though he'll have the title and a five-year term, he'll still rule by consensus.

Don't expect another Kenesaw Mountain Landis. Or even another Ueberroth.

"I don't think people realize how the office of the commissioner has changed since 1921," Selig said.

His term as acting commissioner, which began two days after Vincent's resignation, already has gone on 2,131 days, longer than the span of four of his eight predecessors: William Eckert, Ueberroth, A. Bartlett Giamatti and Vincent.

Selig presided over the start of interleague play, the introduction of three-division leagues and wild cards and vastly increased revenue sharing between the large- and small-market clubs.

And he also was in charge during the 230-day strike that led to a sharp dropoff in attendance and popularity. But with that behind, he hopes the next five years will be calmer than the last five.

Three issues figure to dominate his agenda during the remainder of the year: Marge Schott, the Minnesota Twins and Pete Rose.

Schott, the Cincinnati Reds owner, was forced to give up day-to-day control of the team in the middle of the 1996 season because of inflammatory remarks that angered women, blacks and Jews. The sanctions against her expire after this season, but baseball officials informally have discussed whether the team should continue to operate largely without her influence.

"We'll deal with that in due course," Selig said.

The Twins, angered that Minnesota's government won't fund a new ballpark, have threatened to move to North Carolina, but voters there voted down one stadium proposal and it's unclear if Charlotte will fund a stadium.

Rose figures to be the easiest issue for him. Baseball's career hits leader, banned for life in 1989 following a gambling investigation by Giamatti, has applied for reinstatement, which would make him eligible for the Hall of Fame. Selig shows no inclination to reverse the ban.

"I think Bart did the right thing," Selig said earlier this year. "There's no reason to change that."

LEAGUE CHAMPS — The Twisters claimed the title of Snyder's 10-under Girls' Softball League this season. Members of the team are, front row from left, Tabitha Jones, Kayla Hartzog, Ashley Barrera, Jada Bilano, Rachel Herrera and Shaela Thompson. On the second row are Carolyn Shaw, Lindsey Morin, Amber Luecke, Bianca Gonzales, Ashley Luecke and Tara Robertson. On the back row are coaches Terry Luecke, Angie Reynolds and Darrell Robertson. (Contributed Photo)

Wylie nabs 6-2 second-round win; Snyder Senior strands 12 runners

Sometimes the difference in a game isn't how often a team hits the ball, but when it hits it.

Snyder Senior matched Abilene Wylie with seven hits Wednesday night but left 12 baserunners stranded, as Wylie claimed a 6-2 decision at Moffett Field.

After Wylie took a 2-0 lead in the bottom of the opening inning, Snyder couldn't capitalize in the top of the second, leaving two runners in scoring position.

Wylie added a pair of runs in the third, but Snyder looked to threaten in the fourth inning.

Singles by Max Blackwell and Wade Pinson, and a walk from Brooks Nunley, loaded the bases with two outs.

But Wylie pitcher Danny Ruth buckled down, getting the ground ball he needed to kill the threat.

Trailing 5-0 in the fifth, Snyder started to get timely hitting.

Jessie Haines led off with a single and was brought home on a Matthew Grimmett double.

Blackwell then slapped his second base hit of the night to drive in Grimmett, trimming the margin to 5-2.

Then Ruth once again worked out of the jam. With Ryan Braziel on third base and Brandon McGuire on second, the Wylie hurler struck out the next batter to end the rally.

Wylie capped the scoring in the bottom of the frame for the 6-2 final.

Ralph Ramon was tabbed with the loss for Snyder in four innings of work. Josh Arizmendi pitched the final two innings in relief.

Grimmett and Ramon both knocked doubles in the contest, while Haines and Blackwell finished the night with a pair of singles apiece.

Snyder will be in action again Friday at 6 p.m. in an elimination game against Abilene North.

In Wednesday's other action, Abilene Southwest shutout Cross Plains, 16-0.

SENIOR ALL-STARS
at Moffett Field

Snyder	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	—	2 7 5
Wylie	2	0	2	1	1	0	x	—	6 7 1

Snyder: Ralph Ramon and Matthew Grimmett, double; Jessie Haines and Max Blackwell, two singles; Wade Pinson, single.

Major All-Stars...

Snyder rally falls short of Hamlin, 10-8

To overcome the powerful Hamlin bats, Snyder Major All-Stars were going to need a Herculean effort.

They almost got it.

Hamlin's John Barrera blasted three home runs Wednesday night as Snyder's rally fell short in an elimination game at Logan Field.

Hamlin's 10-8 victory knocked Snyder from the tournament, but not before six innings of stellar baseball was played.

Hamlin jumped to the early lead on Barrera's first homer of the night, a solo shot in the opening frame for a 1-0 advantage.

Hamlin added a pair of runs in the second on a Jason Hertel home run, pushing the deficit to 3-0.

After Barrera busted his second homer of the game, a two-run blast for a 5-0 tally, Snyder's offense began to rally.

Jed Martin began the comeback with a single and Mikey Martinez kept it going with two-run shot over the outfield fence, trimming the margin to 5-2.

Three consecutive doubles from Isaac Ramon, Blake Grimmett and Teddy Vasquez were followed by a Tanner Reed single and a Jake Barnes double, pushing across two more runs to bring Snyder within one of the lead.

But Hamlin answered back in the fourth inning, sending four runners home to put the deficit back to five. Two Hamlin runs in the inning came on Barrera's third homer of the night.

Trailing 9-4, Snyder's offense wasn't finished. Martin and Cody Wall scored on a Grimmett triple for a 9-6 tally.

Next up, Vasquez slapped a double to drive in Grimmett. Vasquez eventually came home, bringing Snyder back within striking distance at 9-8.

But Hamlin shut the door in the fifth and sixth innings, posting a run of its own for the 10-8 final score.

Grimmett finished the night with a single, double and a triple, as Snyder pounded out 11 hits.

MAJOR ALL-STARS
at Logan Field

Snyder: Mikey Martinez, home run and single; Blake Grimmett, triple, double and single; Jed Martin, double and single; Isaac Ramon, Teddy Vasquez and Jake Barnes, double; Tanner Reed, single.

Hot Merkel hitters top Snyder

ABILENE — Merkel proved Wednesday that it was deserving of its first-round bye.

Merkel posted 12 runs and held Snyder Junior All-Stars to only six hits en route to a 12-1 second-round tournament victory at Abilene Redbud Park.

Snyder, which toppled Sweetwater by an 8-2 score in the tourney opener, registered its only run in the third inning.

Tyler Pollard walked, followed by a Chance Greenwood single. Next up, Eric Dickerhoff lined a shot that was mishandled in the infield, allowing Pollard to cross the plate.

Merkel had jumped to the early lead with four runs in the opening frame. Merkel added another in the second inning, three in the fourth and four more in the sixth.

Dickerhoff finished the night with a pair of hits, including a double. Greenwood slapped two singles in the contest.

Snyder will be back on the field Friday at 8:30 in an elimination game against the winner of tonight's Coleman-Wylie match-up.

In Wednesday's other action, Abilene North notched a 15-0 rout of Clyde.

JUNIOR ALL-STARS
at Abilene Redbud Park

Merkel	4	1	0	3	0	4	—	12	5 2
Snyder	0	0	1	0	0	0	—	1	6 4

Snyder: Eric Dickerhoff, double and single; Chance Greenwood, two singles; Logan Hill, single; Brady Reed, single.

Sports Briefs

Monthly MGA tournament

The Men's Golf Association of Western Texas College will hold its monthly tournament Saturday, with a shotgun start at 8:30 a.m. Format is two-man low-ball. Contact the WTC pro shop at 573-9291 to register.

SCC scramble and MGA

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

Volleyball camp

The four-day Snyder Volleyball Camp for incoming 5th-9th grade girls will be held beginning Monday at the SHS gym.

Cost is $40 per student, which includes a camp T-shirt. Registration deadline is Thursday.

For more information, contact SHS head coach Patty Grimmett at 573-9416.

Athletic physicals

All incoming 7th and 9th graders, and all students new to SISD who plan to participate in athletics must take a physical. Students who did not participate last year, or who answered yes to questions 1, 4, 5, 6 or 7 on their medical history form, will also need a physical.

All appointments should be made prior to Aug. 3. The school will pay for exams through Aug. 3 only.

Participating doctors are Drs. Burleson, Cooper, Thompson, Nussey and Pierce. Anyone not needing a physical must return all completed forms to the athletic office.

Jr. golf clinic

The five-day WTC Junior Golf Clinic for ages 8-16 will be held beginning Monday. Registration is limited to the first 45 entries.

Instruction on swing mechanics, putting, short game and video analysis will be led by WTC pro Rick Kahlich and SHS coaches Matt Glenn and Primo Gonzales.

Cost is $75. To register, call the WTC pro shop at 573-9291.

SCC Memorial Partnership

The annual Golfers' Memorial Partnership will be held July 18-19 at Snyder Country Club. Entry for each two-man team is $150. Saturday's format is a scramble and Sunday is low ball. Shotgun starts each day are 8:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.

Junior Club Championship

The Junior Championship of Snyder Country Club will be July 24. Entry fee is $10. For more information, call the SCC pro shop at 573-7101.

Parent-Child tourney

The Snyder Country Club Parent-Child Tournament will tee off July 25 at 9 a.m.

Entry fee is $20 per team and includes hamburgers following play. Call the SCC pro shop at 573-7101 to register.

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East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
NewYork	61	20	.753	-
Boston	52	33	.612	11
Toronto	46	42	.523	18½
Baltimore	38	50	.432	26½
TampaBay	34	52	.395	29½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Cleveland	50	35	.588	-
Minnesota	40	46	.465	10½
KansasCity	38	48	.442	12½
Chicago	35	51	.407	15½
Detroit	34	50	.405	15½

West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Anaheim	49	37	.570	-
Texas	48	39	.552	1½
Oakland	41	45	.477	8
Seattle	37	51	.420	13

Thursday's Games

Texas (Burkett 4-9) at Oakland (Rogers 8-3), 3:15 p.m.

Toronto (Williams 8-3) at Detroit (Thompson 7-8), 7:05 p.m.

Minnesota (Tewksbury 4-9) at Cleveland (Burba 10-5), 7:05 p.m.

N.Y. Yankees (Pettitte 10-5) at Tampa Bay (Rekar 0-0), 7:05 p.m.

Boston (Saberhagen 10-5) at Baltimore (Mussina 6-5), 7:35 p.m.

Kansas City (Belcher 7-7) at Chicago White Sox (Sirotka 8-8), 8:05 p.m.

Anaheim (Olivares 5-4) at Seattle (Fassero 7-5), 10:05 p.m.

Friday's Games

Toronto (Hentgen 9-5) at Detroit (Greisinger 1-3), 7:05 p.m.

Minnesota (Hawkins 5-8) at Cleveland (Colon 9-4), 7:05 p.m.

N.Y. Yankees (Irabu 6-3) at Tampa Bay (Arrojo 10-5), 7:05 p.m.

Boston (Martinez 11-2) at Baltimore (Erickson 8-7), 7:35 p.m.

Kansas City (Rosado 3-6) at Chicago White Sox (Navarro 6-10), 8:05 p.m.

Anaheim (Finley 8-4) at Seattle (Moyer 5-7), 10:05 p.m.

Texas (Helling 11-4) at Oakland (Candiotti 5-10), 10:35 p.m.

National League

East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Atlanta	59	29	.670	-
NewYork	44	39	.530	12½
Philadelphia	43	42	.506	14½
Montreal	34	52	.395	24
Florida	32	55	.368	26½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Houston	53	34	.609	-
Chicago	48	39	.552	5
Milwaukee	43	42	.506	9
St.Louis	40	46	.465	12½
Pittsburgh	40	48	.455	13½
Cincinnati	39	50	.438	15

West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
SanDiego	57	31	.648	-
SanFrancisco	52	37	.584	5½
LosAngeles	43	44	.494	13½
Colorado	37	52	.416	20½
Arizona	30	58	.341	27

Thursday's Games

San Diego (Langston 3-1) at Los Angeles (Park 7-5), 4:05 p.m.

Atlanta (Smoltz 5-2) at Florida (Hernandez 7-4), 7:05 p.m.

Montreal (Hermanson 6-7) at N.Y. Mets (Jones 7-5), 7:40 p.m.

Chicago Cubs (Tapani 9-6) at Milwaukee (Juden 7-7), 8:05 p.m.

Houston (Reynolds 10-5) at St. Louis (Stottlemyre 9-6), 8:10 p.m.

Friday's Games

Atlanta (Neagle 9-6) at Florida (Sanchez 3-6), 7:05 p.m.

Philadelphia (Loewer 3-4) at Pittsburgh (Cordova 6-7), 7:05 p.m.

Montreal (Perez 6-9) at N.Y. Mets (Yoshii 4-4), 7:40 p.m.

Chicago Cubs (Wood 8-3) at Milwaukee (Karl 6-4), 8:05 p.m.

Houston (Hampton 8-4) at St. Louis (Morris 0-0), 8:10 p.m.

San Francisco (Estes 7-7) at Colorado (Kile 5-11), 9:05 p.m.

Cincinnati (Tomko 8-6) at Arizona (Benes 6-9), 10:05 p.m.

San Diego (Brown 10-3) at Los Angeles (Dreifort 5-7), 10:05 p.m.

LOCAL GOLF RESULTS

Men's Golf Association of Western Texas College

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NewYork	8	6	.571	2
Cleveland	6	5	.545	2½
Detroit	6	6	.500	3
Washington	1	11	.083	8

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	11	1	.917	-
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Utah	4	9	.308	7½
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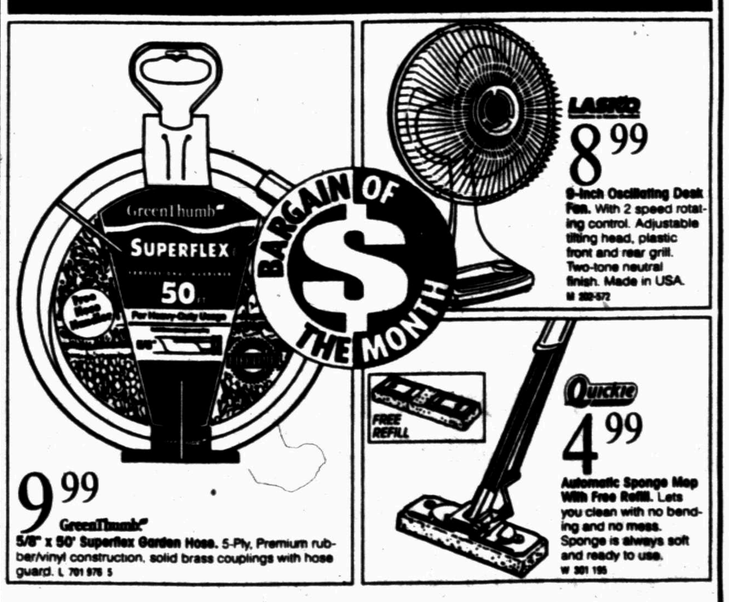

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Hard road ahead before TV reaches digital future

WASHINGTON (AP) — Consumer confusion, expensive equipment and cable incompatibility are dimming hopes for a smooth switch to digital television in the United States.

Digital signals may be the future of television, but getting there won't be easy. Lawmakers and executives with a stake in the changeover by broadcasting and cable from analog to high-quality digital technology laid out the pitfalls Wednesday in testimony before the Senate Commerce Committee.

"It hardly qualifies as a success story in the making," said the committee's chairman, Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz. "It is long past time for the American public to hear about the problems they will experience in the rollout of digital TV."

The problems aren't new, and all the players involved are scrambling to get them fixed. But McCain and others doubted broadcasters would complete the switch to digital by 2006 as required by federal regulators.

For instance, pricey new digital high definition TV sets hitting the stores this November are incompatible with digital cable TV boxes or other electronics equipment. That means cable TV customers would receive signals in both digital and the razor-sharp format high-definition format on their new digital sets, but the shows' highly touted picture quality actually would be no better than that of regular sets. A special device that lets the new digital TV sets talk to cable boxes and other consumer electronic equipment is still being developed.

Sen. Olympia Snowe, R-Maine, said consumers are bound to be terribly confused by all this. "I think we have a major task ahead of us," she said.

Alan McCollough, president of Circuit City Stores Inc., said retailers will make a big push to educate consumers about the new sets, which he expects will sell this fall for between $5,000 and $8,000.

At the same time, broadcasters are having trouble obtaining local authorities' permission to erect towers needed to beam digital signals into people's homes.

And problems already have cropped up with new television sets receiving broadcasters' digital signals with rooftop and indoor antennas. "Recent over-the-air tests in Washington have found that no digital signal was receivable at over 60 percent of indoor antennas," said Sen. Conrad Burns, R-Mont.

With two-thirds of Americans getting their TV via cable, small-market stations spending millions to go digital worry no one will watch their new signals unless they are distributed by local cable systems.

Big-market TV stations have more leverage and worry less about that. Still, the National Association of Broadcasters wants the Federal Communications Commission to require cable systems to carry digital signals, just as they now carry broadcasters' analog ones.

The FCC will open a proceeding on the matter Thursday. The cable industry opposes government requirements, preferring voluntary agreements.

At the hearing, Joseph Collins, chairman of Time Warner Cable, said no matter which method induces a cable company to carry a digital signal, a subscriber without a digital set and cable box would "merely see a blank screen on the channels occupied by the digital broadcast must-carry signals."

Births

Luis Faustino Lara was born to Luis and Belinda Lara of Snyder at 8:28 a.m. on July 8 in Cogdell Memorial Hospital. He weighed seven pounds.

His grandparents include Barbara Wheeler of Fairfield, Calif.; Mr. and Mrs. Joe Lara and Mr. and Mrs. Ygnacio Benitez. His great-grandparents are N.Y. Benitez, Mrs. Delfina Gonzales; and the late Mr. and Mrs. Faustino Torres.

Robbie and Sarah Jamison of Snyder announce the birth of their daughter, Bethany Hope. She was born on July 8 in Methodist Hospital in Lubbock.

Grandparents are Inez Jamison of Snyder and Carl and Sharon Drew of Ohio.

Hospital

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Two arrested Wednesday

Officers arrested two subjects Wednesday, one on several outstanding warrants and one for public intoxication.

A 17-year-old female was taken into custody at 4:48 p.m. at the Adult Probation Office on outstanding warrants for expired driver's license, failure to yield the right of way/turning left and two counts of failure to appear.

At 10:01 p.m., officers arrested a 35-year-old-male in the 1200 block of 20th for public intoxication.

In other activity, an offense report for criminal mischief was filed at 9:14 a.m. at Pal-O-Mar Hotel Flea Market in reference to several doors having been kicked in at the business.

At 11:21 p.m. in the 3000 block of Ave. N, officers filed an offense report for assault and family violence.

Two guilty pleas offered in court

Two probated sentences were handed down Wednesday afternoon in 132nd District Court.

Moses Joe Morin Jr. of 804 27th Street pleaded guilty to burglary of a building owned by Ector Barbosa on Feb. 7.

District Judge Ernie Armstrong ordered Morin, 30, to serve two years in a state jail facility, probated for five years. Morin was also fined $500.

Jenny Orene Bowlin, 22, of 4400 Ave U., Apt. 4C1, pleaded guilty to unauthorized use of a motor vehicle, a Dec. 21 offense.

Bowlin was assessed a two-year state jail term, probated for five years. She was also fined $500 and ordered to make $2,715 in restitution.

Noah Project-West receives donation from foundation

Wright Colonial Funeral Home recently presented Noah-Project West with a $2,000 quarterly grant allocation check made possible by The York Children's Foundation.

The Foundation is a non-profit program managed by casket manufacturer, The York Group, Inc.

York and its distributors make a donation to the Foundation in the name of the deceased every time a York casket is selected.

"Each time a family selects a York Casket, we complete an acknowledgement authorization card that includes the name of the deceased, and send the information to the Foundation," Kent Wright, owner of Wright Colonial Funeral Home, said. "Upon receipt of the information, The York Group and local York distributor make matching donations to the Foundation."

Four times a year, the Foundation's 12-member Board of Trustees, comprised of funeral service industry professionals from across the country, selects the agencies that will receive a grant that quarter.

"Funeral directors nominate eligible children's welfare organizations in their community to receive Foundation funds, or such organizations may contact us direct to request sponsorship," Wright said.

To be eligible, organizations must be sponsored by a funeral director, be registered as a non-profit entity and allocate a minimum of 50 percent of their total annual revenues to the service of children.

The nominated organizations submit grant application forms, which they receive from the funeral director, to the Foundation for grant consideration.

The number of grants made and the total of funds given each quarter is based on the amount of funds received during the quarter in which the applications are reviewed.

Grants generally range from $1,000 to $2,000. Organizations may reapply for repeat funding.

The staff of Wright Colonial Funeral Home include Leslie Wright, Brendon McNeil, Nathan Zalman, Banks Alexander, Sandra Roberts, Marge Anderson and Mel Gilbert.

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AT&T Corp	57 7-16	56¾	57 5-16+ 3-16
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Albertsons	52¾	51¾	52 3-16— ⅛
AlldSignal s	45 1-16	44 5-16	44⅝— 9-16
Alltel	43 5-16	42 15-16	42 15-16— ⅜
AmOnline s	112¾	110	112 7-16+1 11-16
AmStoress	24¼	23¾	24¼
Ameritech s	45⅞	45	45⅞+ ⅛
Amoco s	41¼	41⅛	41 13-16— 7-16
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ArmcoInc	6 7-16	6 5-16	6⅜— 1-16
AtlRichfld	76⅛	75¾	75 15-16— ⅛
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Aviall	13 13-16	13⅜	13¾
BakerHughes	32 7-16	32 1-16	32¼+ 3-16
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BethSteel	12¼	12	12¼+ 3-16
BritPet	87 1-16	86 1-16	86 3-16— ⅜
BurlNoSFe	103⅛	102⅜	102⅜— ⅛
CBS Corp	33 15-16		33⅜ 33¾
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Flowers	20 5-16	19¾	20 — ⅛
FordMotor s	59¾	59 3-16	59 5-16— ⅛
GTE Cp	56 11-16	56 5-16	56 9-16+ 1-16
GenDynam s	46⅝	45¾	46 — ⅛
GenElec	95¾	93¼	95 9-16+ 2¼
GenMills	68¾	68 1-16	68 3-16—11-16
GenMotors	73¾	72 1-16	72⅛—1 1-16
GaPacGP s	58 5-16	57⅞	58⅛—1 1-16
GlobalMar	18 3-16		18 18 1-16
Goodrich	48	47⅞	47 13-16+ ⅛
Goodyear s	66	65 9-16	66 + ⅛
GtAtlPac	32¼	32	32 — ⅛
Halliburtn	43¼	42 9-16	42 13-16— 7-16
Hanson ADS	30 7-16	30 5-16	30 7-16+ 3-16
HarteHanks s	25¼	25⅛	25⅛+ ⅛
HomeDepot s	48	47¼	47 11-16— 3-16
HoustonInds	30 9-16	30⅜	30¼+ 1-16
IBM	118⅛	114¾	118⅛+ 3⅛
IntlPaper	43¾	43¼	43 11-16— 1-16
JohnsonJn	73¾	72 5-16	73 1-16
K mart	19 5-16	18¾	18 7-16— 1¼
Kroger Co	44⅝	43¾	43 13-16— ¾
Litton	61 7-16	61¼	61 7-16+ 3-16
LockhdMart	108¼	107⅜	107 9-16+ 3-16
Lowes Cos s	44 13-16	43¾	43⅝— 1⅛
Lubys	17⅜	17⅛	17 9-16— 3-16
LucentTech s	87⅞	86 1-16	87 5-16+ ⅛
MayDeptStrs	69	68¼	68 7-16— 9-16
MediaOne	44	43¾	44 — 1-16
Medtronic s	68 3-16	66 11-16	68 +1 5-16
Mobil	76 13-16	76 3-16	76 5-16— 3-16
Monsanto	54 11-16	53⅜	54⅝— 9-16
MorganJP	126⅝	124⅝	125 3-16— 1-16
Motorola	52 3-16	51¼	51⅝— 9-16
NCR Corp	32 31-32	32⅜	32 15-16— ⅛
NationsBk	86⅝	85⅝	85 9-16—1 7-16
Navistar	30⅛	30 1-16	30⅛+ ⅛
Norwests	39 1-16	38⅜	38 13-16— 5-16
OryxEngy	22 7-16	21 15-16	21 15-16— 7-16
Penney JC	65⅛	62¾	65⅛—5 15-16
Pennzoil	53¾	52⅛	52 9-16— 1-16
PepBoys			19 5-16 19 19¼
PepsiCo	42 41 9-16 41¾— ⅛		
PhelpDodge	56 3-16	55¼	56 + 9-16
PhilipPet	48 11-16	48¼	48⅜— ⅛
PilgrmPrd B	21 3-16	20⅝	20⅝— ⅛
Polaroid	35⅛	35	35 7-16— 3-16
Praxair	46 15-16	46 1-16	46⅝—11-16
ProctGamb s	92 1-16	91¼	91⅜— 3-16
PubSNwMx	22 11-16	22 9-16	22 11-16— ⅛
RoyalDut	53⅜	53 5-16	53 9-16— ⅛
SBC Comm s	39 9-16	39 5-16	39⅛
SaraLee	57 5-16	56⅛	56⅜—1 3-16
Scripps EW	55 5-16	55 3-16	55⅛— ⅛
SearsRoeb	61 1-16	60 9-16	60⅜— 1⅛
SherwinW	34 15-16	34¼	34½— 1-16
SmthBe ADS s	63⅜	63 5-16	63⅜— ⅛
SouthernCo	27⅛	26 15-16	27 — 3-16
SwstAirl s	30⅜	30⅛	30 11-16+ ⅛
Sprint	74 7-16	73⅛	73⅜—11-16
SunCo	38 13-16	38 3-16	38 5-16— ⅛
TNP Ent	32 11-16	32¼	32 11-16+ 5-16
Tandy s	54⅜	54	54⅜— 1-16
TempleInland	53 15-16	53⅜	53⅜— ⅛
Tenneco	37⅛	36 15-16	37⅛— 3-16
Texaco s	59 5-16	58⅛	58 9-16—11-16
TexInd	54	53¾	53¾+ 3-16
TexasInst s	59⅜	58⅛	59⅛+15-16
TexUtil	42 3-16	42	42⅛+ 1-16
Textron	74⅜	73 5-16	73½+ 7-16
Travelers s	69⅛	68 11-16	69 1-16— 3-16
TriconGlbR n	33 3-16		32¾ 33⅛
TrinityInds	43¼	43	43 1-16—11-16
TritonEngy	36 35 7-16		35⅛— 3-16
Tyler	9 15-16		9⅜ 9¾
US West Inc	50⅜	50	50⅝— 1-16
USX-Marathn	35⅜	35¼	35⅛— ⅛
USX-USS	32⅛	32¼	32⅜+ 1-16
UnCarbde	54 52⅞	53 3-16	—1 5-16
UnionPacif	43	42⅞	42⅝— 3-16
UnitedTech	95 9-16	95	95 5-16— 9-16
Unocal	36⅛	35¾	35¾— 5-16
Venator Grp	18 1-16	17 11-16	17⅞— ⅛
WalMart	63¼	62⅝	62⅝+ 1-16
WstnGasRs	14¼	14⅛	14 7-16— 1-16
WinnDixie	49 3-16	48¾	48⅝— 9-16
Xerox Corp	107⅛	106⅝	107 3-16— 1⅛

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Scurry County Country

Commodity Roundup

By CLIFF EDWARDS
AP Business Writer

Crude oil futures rose Wednesday on the New York Mercantile Exchange on fears that civil unrest in Nigeria could disrupt the flow of oil from that country just as U.S. inventories are starting to show measurable declines.

On other markets, corn, soybeans and coffee futures advanced.

Crude rose followings reports of 10 deaths in rioting triggered by the apparent heart attack death of jailed Nigerian opposition leader Moshood Abiola. Further uncertainty was added when the country's military ruler dissolved his Cabinet.

The West African nation is one of the 11 members of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries and produces slightly more than 2 million barrels of crude a day under targets approved during meetings in March and June.

Civil war could stop Nigerian exports just as world oil producer cuts appear to be having an effect on the market. The American Petroleum Institute reported late Tuesday that inventories last week grew a smaller-than-expected 684,000 barrels, while the Department of Energy said Thursday that stockpiles actually fell a sharp 2.9 million barrels.

Gasoline inventories decreased in both weeks, while refineries were operating at the same efficiency as a week earlier — indications the flow of crude into U.S. ports is weakening.

Crude for August delivery rose 23 cents to $13.85 a barrel; August heating oil rose .22 cent to 37.82 cents a gallon; August unleaded gasoline fell .13 cent to 46.79 cents a gallon.

Corn and soybean futures prices rose as second day on the Chicago Board of Trade, but finished well off the day's sharp highs, amid conflicting forecasts about the severity of weather next week in major growing areas.

Futures prices rocketed higher early in the day after private forecasts conformed with National Weather Service models calling for above-normal temperatures beginning early next week in the Plains states and moving into Illinois, Indiana and Iowa, which account for the lion's share of the nation's corn and soybean crops. And young plants baking under temperatures well into the 90s were not expected to be relieved by rainfall, according to the forecasts.

But forecasts later in the day predicted the heat would not linger and added rainfall to the equation. The National Weather Service, in an updated forecast released after trading ended, also called for additional rain next week in the western Corn Belt.

The timing of the warm spell is crucial because corn crops in most Midwest growing areas next week will enter the key pollination stage in which they perform best under mild temperatures and ample soil moisture. Sustained hot, dry weather could sharply reduce yields for what the government currently is predicting will be one of the largest crops on record.

Marketing...

Seminar set July 17

JAYTON — The Texas Agricultural Extension Service in Kent County along with the Kent County Crops, Range and Livestock committees will host a wheat production, stocker cattle and commodity marketing seminar. This program will start at 9 a.m. on Friday July 17, and last until 4 p.m. There will be a $5 registration fee payable at the door and a barbecue lunch will be served at noon.

A host of speakers has been lined up for this informative event. The speakers include : Dr. Travis Miller, Extension small grains specialist; Dr. David Worrell, Texas Agricultural Experiment Station, Vernon; Dr. Todd Baughman, Extension agronomist; Dr. Ted McCollum, Extension beef cattle specialist; and Rob Borchardt, Extension risk management specialist.

Through the morning and afternoon sessions the speakers will talk on a wide variety of topics. These topics will include: the importance of fertilization in small grain, wheat and other small grain varieties best suited to the Rolling Plains region for grain and forage production, planting date and their consequences, weed control and new products, receiving stockers and a new products update, video marketing, how to prepare to talk to leaders, futures and options, hedging your commodity, risk management tools and marketing clubs.

If you are interested in attending this seminar or if you have any questions please contact the Kent County Extension office at 806-237-3751. Please RSVP for lunch purposes by Monday.

Certification for applicator license set set in Jayton

If you need your private applicators license, there will be a certification course on Wednesday, starting at 9 a.m. with registration, and the program starting at 9:30 at the Jayton Community Center in Jayton. Keep in mind this is not a CEU course, this is only for those individuals that do not have a license and would like to receive one.

Cost for this program will be $10 for the training materials and $50 for the licensing fee. If paying by check two separate check will be needed.

Lunch will be on you own. If you have any questions and if you would like to take this course please RSVP to the Kent County Extension Office by Friday, at 806-237-3751.

Sweetwater cattle auction

SWEETWATER — The market at Sweetwater had a run of 780 head of cattle for the Wednesday, July 8 sale. Stocker and feeder cattle were 2 cwt lower. All classes of cattle were steady.

Steers:
300-400: 85-92
400-500: 76-86
500-600: 70-77
600-700: 66-72
Heifers:
300-400: 70-78
400-500: 68-75
500-600: 66-73
600-700: 62-70
Bred cows:
Good: 500-570;
Older and Plainer: 375-450
Pairs:
Good: 600-700;
Older and Plainer 400-600.
Packer cows:
Good 36-40
Low Yielding: 30-36.
Packer Bulls:
Good: 46-50;
Low Yielding: 42-46.

Lubbock cattle auction

LUBBOCK — The market at Lubbock had a run of 1,167 head of cattle for the Thursday, July 2 sale. Packer cows were $1 cvheaper. Calves and yearlings were steady. Trading was good and demand fair.

Feeder steers choice:
300-400: 80-100
400-500: 75-85
500-600: 68-75
600-700: 65-71
700-800: 61.50-67.50
feeder Heifers choice:
300-400: 75-90
400-500: 68-75
500-600: 63-72.50
600-700: 63-70
700-800: 55-65.50
Feeder bulls good and choice: 500-600, 64 to 75; 700-800, 60-64.
Cow and calf pairs: Good 500 to 650; Grade 400 to 500.
Springs: 300 to 525.
Baby calves: 75 to 125.
Doodlers 125 to 200.

The basic monetary unit of Japan is the yen, and its chief fractional unit is the sen.

Indiana is the 19th state.

Town & Country Topics

By Katherine Roberts
County Extension Agent

Pickled or non-fermented foods, quick sweet pickles
May be canned as either strips or slices.

Quick Sweet Pickles

8 lbs of 3- to 4-inch pickling cucumbers
⅓ cups canning or pickling salt
4½ cups sugar
3½ cups vinegar (5 percent)
2 tsp celery seed
1 tbsp whole allspice
2 tbsp mustard seed
1 cup pickling lime (optional for use in variation below for making firmer pickles)

Procedure: Wash cucumbers. Cut 1/16-inch off blossom end and discard, but leave ¼-inch of stem attached. Slice or cut in strips, if desired. Place in bowl and sprinkle with ⅓ cup salt. Cover with 2 inches of crushed or cubed ice. Refrigerate 3 to 4 hours. Add more ice as needed. Drain well.

Combine sugar, vinegar, celery seed, allspice and mustard seed in 6-quart kettle. Heat to boiling.

Hot pack — Add cucumbers and heat slowly until vinegar solution returns to boil. Stir occasionally to make sure mixture heats evenly. Fill sterile jars leaving ½-inch headspace.

Raw pack — Fill jars, leaving ½-inch headspace. Add hot pickling syrup, leaving ½-inch headspace. Adjust lids and process according to the recommendations in Table 1 or use the low temperature pasteurization treatment.

Variation for firmer pickles: Wash cucumbers. Cut 1/16-inch off blossom end and discard, but leave ¼-inch of stem attached. Slice or strip cucumbers. Mix 1 cup pickling lime and ½-cup salt to 1 gallon water in a 2- to 3- gallon crock or enamel-ware container. **Caution: avoid inhaling lime dust while mixing the lime-water solution.** Soak cucumber slices or strips in lime water solution for 12 to 24 hours, stirring occasionally. Remove from lime solution and rinse and resoak 1 hour in fresh cold water. Repeat the rinsing and resoaking two more times. Handle carefully because slices or strips will be brittle. Drain well.

Storage: After process and cooking, jars should be stored 4 to 5 weeks to develop ideal flavor.

Variation: Add 2 slices of raw whole onion to each jar before filling with cucumbers.

Table 1. Recommended process time for Quick Sweet Pickles in a boiling-water canner.

		Process Time at Altitudes of		
Style of Pack	Jar Size	0 - 1,000 ft	1,001 - 6,000 ft	Above 6,000 ft
Hot	Pints or Quarts	5 min	10	15
Raw	Pints	10	15	20
	Quarts	15	20	25

1. This document was extracted from the "Complete Guide to Home Canning," Agriculture Information Bulletin No. 539, USDA. Reviewed 1994.
2. For more information on home canning, contact your local Extension Service agent.

Farm Bureau endorses Sharp instead of Perry

LUBBOCK (AP) — Texas Farm Bureau president Bob Stallman vehemently defended his group's endorsement of John Sharp over Agriculture Commissioner Rick Perry in the lieutenant governor's race Wednesday, calling Perry a "dangerously partisan" candidate who doesn't care about farmers.

The verbal assault was a clear step away from the Farm Bureau's earlier statement that Sharp was "the better of two great candidates."

Stallman's stronger comments came in a speech to 200 Farm Bureau members at the group's annual commodity conference in Nacogdoches. He later reiterated the remarks in a telephone interview with The Associated Press.

Stallman told the AP he hadn't wanted to criticize Perry publicly, but the agriculture commissioner forced the issue by claiming that 312,000 rank-and-file Farm Bureau members still support him. Stallman also wanted to shoot down rumors about why the endorsement went to Sharp.

"There are a half a dozen individuals who are being used to give out misinformation as to why we made the endorsement," Stallman said. "Rick has forced us into (this) with his activities through his campaign staff."

The endorsement of Sharp has drawn criticism from some members of the Farm Bureau because the group supported Perry twice in his campaigns for agricultural commissioner.

But Stallman said Sharp is more experienced than Perry, adding that Perry is given to partisanship.

Cotton futures

NEW YORK (AP) — Cotton futures No. 2 were mixed in midday dealings today.

The average price for strict low middling 1 & 1-16 inch spot cotton advanced 16 points to 77.79 cents a pound Wednesday for the seven markets, according to the New York Cotton Exchange.

Midday prices were $1.50 a bale higher to $2.45 lower than the previous close. Jul 82.70, Oct 80.10, Dec 77.05, Mar 75.60, May 76.00, Jul b75.80, Oct b73.00, Dec b73.00 and Mar b74.00.

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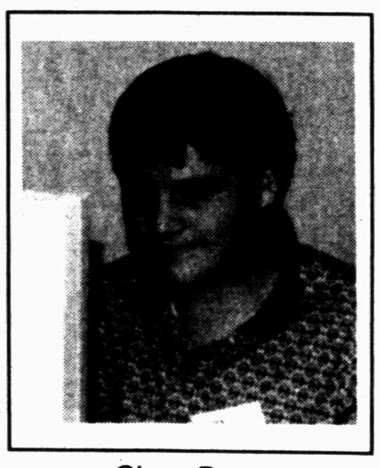

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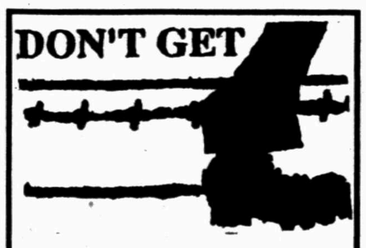

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U.S. Senate panel reviewing hate crimes bill

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate Judiciary Committee will act on an anti-hate crimes bill in the wake of the dragging death of a black Texas man, the panel's chairman says.

"In a country as good as ours, we have too many hate crimes," Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, said at a hearing Wednesday, adding the panel would "move on a hate crimes bill."

The committee heard testimony on a measure that would extend existing hate crimes law to cover offenses based on gender, disability and sexual orientation.

Sponsored by Sens. Arlen Specter, R-Pa.; Edward Kennedy, D-Mass; and Ron Wyden, D-Ore, it also would make it easier for the Justice Department to prosecute such crimes.

Current law applies only to crimes motivated by race, color, religion or national origin.

President Clinton endorsed the hate crimes bill last year. Civil rights groups and organizations representing women, gays, blacks, Latinos, Asian-Pacific Americans also support it.

Law professors, a federal judge and a California state's attorney criticized the bill at the hearing. But Hatch, who voiced concerns of his own, called it a "good step in the right direction."

Francis Renee Mullins, 27, of Lufkin, Texas, the dragging victim's eldest daughter, also lobbied for the bill. Police say her father, James Byrd Jr., 49, was tied to a truck and dragged to his death June 7 after he accepted a ride home from a niece's bridal shower.

"I think there should be federal jurisdiction over crimes so hateful," Ms. Mullins said.

A grand jury in Jasper County, Texas, this week indicted three white men with links to racist groups in the slaying of Byrd, who was black.

"The men who murdered my father had a choice that morning. And they chose violence," a tearful Ms. Mullins said. "Therefore, the laws of the land should punish them."

But U.S. District Judge Richard Arcara, representing the U.S. Judicial Conference's criminal law committee, said the bill would duplicate existing law by federalizing numerous crimes that are handled by the states and increase the burden on the federal judiciary.

Edward Jagels, the attorney for Kern County, Calif., said most states vigorously enforce their hate crimes laws. "There simply isn't a need for this legislation," he said.

Thirty-nine states and the District of Columbia have enacted laws against hate crimes, 22 of which include sexual orientation, according to the Human Rights Campaign, the nation's largest gay and lesbian advocacy group. Eight states have no hate crimes laws,

Lawrence Alexander, a professor at the University of San Diego School of Law, said the proposal could erode the constitutional guarantee against being tried twice for the same offense.

More convictions for Freeman leaders

BILLINGS, Mont. (AP) — A federal jury heaped more convictions on four leaders of the anti-government Montana Freemen for their paper assault on the nation's banking system, while leaving six lesser figures in legal limbo with non-verdicts.

The jury returned 22 more convictions Wednesday, nearly a week after 35 guilty verdicts against the same defendants.

But the panel again declared it couldn't agree on remaining counts, and this time U.S. District Judge John Coughenour declared a mistrial on the unresolved charges. That means half of the Freemen the government put on trial five weeks ago were not convicted of any crime.

Coughenour, who had ordered the jury to try again on the counts it couldn't agree on a week ago, gave prosecutors 10 days to decide whether they will retry those six. U.S. Attorney Sherry Scheel Matteucci said she did not know immediately what the government would do.

"The government made a mistake in charging these people in the first place," said lead defense attorney Tony Gallagher. He said he expects the remaining defendants will face new trials, possibly in smaller groups.

Wednesday's verdicts against LeRoy Schweitzer, Daniel Petersen, Dale Jacobi and Russell Landers came two years after the Freemen's 81-day standoff with the FBI ended without a shot being fired.

The four Freemen, who were among six convicted last week, could face lengthy prison terms and fines when sentenced.

The latest convictions — on counts of conspiracy to defraud four banks — were at the heart of what prosecutors called "a fraud of truly epic proportions."

Jurors heard from scores of witnesses during the trial of 12 Freemen, including an Internal Revenue Service investigator who testified that Schweitzer scattered $15.5 billion worth of his bogus checks — 3,432 of them — to followers around the nation between June 1993 and June 1996.

Defense lawyers argued the Freemen didn't commit fraud because there was no intent. The Freemen, they say, truly believed the thousands of "checks" they circulated were good.

The standoff began after FBI agents arrested Schweitzer and Petersen in a sting operation that lured them from the sprawling foreclosed farm in eastern Montana they called Justus Township.

About two dozen heavily armed Freemen kept hundreds of FBI agents at bay for three months until the standoff ended peacefully as two dozen people inside surrendered on June 13, 1996.

Ramseys maintain innocence in interview

DENVER (AP) — JonBenet Ramsey's parents maintain their innocence in her death and her father gets support from another daughter in videotaped interviews from a documentary to be aired on British television.

In clips from the film shown Wednesday by KUSA-TV, John and Patsy Ramsey repeated their criticism of Boulder police, and each said the other could never have killed 6-year-old JonBenet.

"Patsy would have given her life for JonBenet to protect her. I would have given my life for JonBenet to protect her," Ramsey said. He said neither parent suspected the other "for a microsecond."

JonBenet was found beaten and strangled in the basement of her family's Boulder home on Dec. 26, 1996, about eight hours after Mrs. Ramsey said she found a ransom note demanding $118,000. Ramsey said he found her body.

In the clip, Ramsey said he and his wife began to distrust Boulder police just before JonBenet's funeral, when they were told police would not release her body until they had interviewed them and their son, Burke Ramsey.

"It changed the whole chemistry of how we looked at the police," he said. "They were not there to help us, they were there to hang us. And we became very suspicious, defensive, untrusting.

The documentary, produced by University of Colorado journalism professor Michael Tracey and an independent British production company, deals largely with the John and Patsy Ramsey's treatment by the media. It was to air today.

"What we were primarily concerned to do was to ask the question of 'How did the public come to conclude that the Ramseys were guilty?'" Tracey said.

The Ramseys were interviewed for the documentary in their Atlanta home in February about their daughter's death and other topics. The interview was the first the couple has given together in more than a year.

Ramsey's grown daughter Melinda, JonBenet's half-sister, was also interviewed. She spoke off-camera in comments that echoed her earlier defense of her father.

"He's the most caring father in the world, and he never ever raised a hand to any of his children. He has never ever abused us in any way," she said.

No suspects have been named in JonBenet's death, but Boulder police have said her parents are under suspicion. The police turned the case over to Boulder District Attorney Alex Hunter in June and asked him to send the case to a grand jury, which can subpoena witnesses.

Hunter wants to see unedited videotapes of interviews of the Ramseys for the documentary, but Tracey said he is unlikely to be [illegible]

Date Book

July 9, 1998

Today is the 190th day of 1998 and the 19th day of summer.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1795, James Swan paid off the entire U.S. national debt of $2,024,899.

On this day in 1947, the engagement of England's Princess Elizabeth to Lieutenant Philip Mountbatten was announced.

On this day in 1992, presidential candidate Bill Clinton named Al Gore as his running mate.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Elias Howe (1819-1867), sewing-machine inventor; John D. Rockefeller (1839-1937), financier; Nikola Tesla (1856-1943), electrical engineer; Franz Boas (1858-1942), anthropologist; David Hockney (1937-), artist, is 61; Brian Dennehy (1938-), actor, is 60; O.J. Simpson (1947-), football great, is 51; Jimmy Smits (1955-), actor, is 43; Tom Hanks (1956-), actor, is 42; Courtney Love (1965-), singer, is 33.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1984, the U.S. Olympic basketball team defeated the NBA all-stars, 97-82.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "There is no disguise which can for long conceal love where it exists or simulate it where it does not." — Francois, Duc de La Rochefoucauld

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1995, a strong thunderstorm accompanied by hail caused $50 million in damage in Oregon.

SOURCE: 1998 Weather Guide Calendar; Accord Publishing, Ltd.

TODAY'S MOON: Full moon.

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Berry's World

"Poor kid! I feel really sorry for him. He's got a very slow MODEM."

Dr. Gott by Peter Gott, M.D.

Can skin damage be corrected?

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I am a 71-year-old woman who has spent 25 years golfing and basking in the Florida sun. Predictably, this has caused my face to wrinkle, especially around the lips and eyes. My lipstick leaches into my lip wrinkles and this is an embarrassment for me. Can I do something to correct this?

DEAR READER: The obvious and insensitive answer to your question is: Stop wearing lipstick. However, you have better options for your sun-damaged skin.

I believe that you could be helped by a plastic surgeon. There are several treatments available, ranging from laser therapy to collagen injections. I don't know which would be best for you, but a plastic surgeon can advise you. Remember that your insurance will probably not pick up the tab, because the procedure is for cosmetic (not health) benefits. Also, remember that continued unprotected exposure to sunlight will worsen matters (even if you have surgery) and places you at added risk for more serious consequences, such as skin cancer.

To give you more information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "What You Should Know About Skin Cancer." Other readers who would like a copy should send $2 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to P.O. Box 2017, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to mention the title.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I sent you $2 for a health report but all I got back was a list of health reports, hardly worth the money.

DEAR READER: I hope your money was refunded, because this is standard policy. At present, I offer more than 50 health reports on various diseases. Two (Impotence and The Prostate Gland) were updated this year. I do not offer health reports for all diseases. Therefore, when you send in a request for a nonexistent health report, you're sent back a menu — and your check.

I would be interested in what disorders you would like to see covered. Write to me in care of your newspaper and I will attempt to answer your needs.

DEAR READERS: Here are some new additions to the Hospital Hit Parade.

"What Is This Thing Called, Love?"
"Maim"
"I've Grown Accustomed to Her Facelift"
"Blue Beri-beri Hill"
"These Foolish Slings"
"Isn't It Rheumatic?"
"St. Louis Bruise"
"Liver Come Back to Me"
"You're Nobody 'Til Somebody Admits You"
"I'll Be Down to Get You in Ataxia, Honey"
"Getting to Sew You"
"From Here to Maternity"
"Teeth For Two"
"I Can Scream, Can't I?"
"Moana Lisa"
"Send in the Gowns"
"Moon Liver"
"Relieve Me of All Those Enduring Long Forms"
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U.S. Congress sends IRS bill to Clinton

WASHINGTON (AP) — By an overwhelming bipartisan margin, Congress shipped President Clinton election-year legislation today revamping the IRS and expanding the rights of Americans battling the government's widely unpopular tax collector.

The Senate approved the measure 96-2, just two weeks after the House endorsed it by 402-8. When Clinton affixes his promised signature, it will mark the most profound changes in the agency since 1952.

"Because of this reform legislation, it will mean a new day for the American taxpayer," said one of the authors, Senate Finance Committee Chairman William Roth, R-Del.

"Our purpose was to renew this 19th century agency, to invigorate it and give the employees, the public servants, the respect to which they are entitled," said Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan of New York, the finance committee's top Democrat.

Praise also flowed from Clinton, who had resisted congressional attempts to overhaul the agency until after Roth's committee held hearings last September. Those televised sessions featured taxpayers and IRS employees who wove tales of abusive agency conduct, creating unstoppable political momentum for change.

"This reform will help my effort to create an IRS that respects American taxpayers and respects their values," Clinton said in a statement. "I look forward to signing it into law."

Voting against the measure were Sens. Paul Wellstone, D-Minn., and John D. Rockefeller IV, D-W.V., who complained about provisions easing capital gains taxes for some investors and cementing cuts in veterans benefits that had been made in an unrelated bill. GOP Sens. Jon Kyl of Arizona and Kay Bailey Hutchison of Texas did not vote.

The bill would shift the burden of proof from the taxpayer to the IRS in many tax court cases, and make it easier for someone winning a tax case to have their costs reimbursed by the government.

Criticism came from a few Democrats.

Consumer group says banks are hooking credit customers

WASHINGTON (AP) — When the limits on her multiple credit-card accounts kept getting raised every six months or so, 23-year-old Amy Rose felt as though she'd reaped a windfall.

"You get excited ... because I knew I had the power to buy more," she recalled.

Ms. Rose, of Smithfield, R.I., recently struggled with excessive credit card debt but still has a $5,500 limit on her platinum card. It's an "insane" level for someone her age, she said.

A consumer group complained Wednesday that banks are aggressively enticing customers like Ms. Rose with high spending limits on credit cards even as they push legislation to make it tougher for Americans to sweep away their debts in bankruptcy.

The banking industry rejected the hypocrisy accusation on grounds that consumers benefit from the choice and convenience of credit cards. With personal bankruptcy filings at an all-time high of 1.3 million a year, the banks' main trade group said the industry worries about excessive consumer debt and has been tightening its credit card lending standards.

The debate comes as Congress weighs the most far-reaching overhaul of the nation's bankruptcy laws in 20 years. A bill passed last month by the House, on a 306-118 vote, would establish for the first time a "needs" test for people filing with bankruptcy courts for protection from creditors.

Opponents charge lawmakers bowed to the banking and credit card lobbies at the expense of honest working people hit by job losses, medical crises and impending financial disaster. The banking and retail credit industries spent millions of lobbying dollars campaigning for the legislation.

Prospects are unclear for a milder measure pending in the Senate.

"Banks are hypocritical to seek bankruptcy restrictions when their irresponsible marketing and extension of credit card debt has been an important cause of rising personal bankruptcies," Stephen Brobeck, executive director of Consumer Federation of America, told a news conference.

In a market increasingly dominated by a few big banks, Brobeck maintained, unused credit lines for bank cards totaled $1.8 trillion at the end of March, and bank card debt reached $425 billion.

Albright asks Congress to extend China's access to U.S. markets

WASHINGTON (AP) — Secretary of State Madeleine Albright today asked Congress to extend China's access to American markets. "The case for doing so now is stronger than ever," she told the Senate Finance Committee.

Sen. William V. Roth Jr., R-Del., the committee chairman, readily concurred. "Normal trade relations are the key to our continued dialogue with China," he said.

While Sen. Connie Mack, R-Fla., acknowledged "we do not have the votes" to stop the Clinton administration, Mack and several other committee members criticized Chinese policies on several fronts — and jabbed at the administration, as well.

Mack said "we are falling all over ourselves" to please Beijing even though it played a pivotal role in helping Pakistan develop nuclear weapons.

And Sen. Kent Conrad, D-N.D., said China had reduced imports of American wheat from 3 million tons a year to 400,000 tons in the past four years while wheat farmers in North Dakota were facing disaster.

Conrad also cited the enormous gap in U.S. trade with China. The United States imports $62 billion a year in goods while China takes in $13 billion.

The gap, he said, will widen this year to about $60 billion,

Albright said China cannot be blamed for Pakistan's nuclear program. She said it stemmed from a half-century territorial dispute with India over Kashmir and from India's nuclear program.

U.S. trade representative Charlene Barshefsky, meanwhile, said China was reducing wheat imports from Australia and other countries, as well as the United States, because its own production of wheat was on the rise.

China is America's fourth-largest trading partner but screens out many American goods. Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan, D-N.Y., cited as an example barriers to American fiber-optics products.

Also, Moynihan said, "The Chinese worked intimately with Pakistan in its development of nuclear weapons."

And, he said, "The prospect of an Islamic bomb is very great."

Federal government to spend $195 million on anti-drug messages

ATLANTA (AP) — Remember that old fried-egg ad with its warning, "This is your brain on drugs"? It's going big time this year, with the federal government spending $195 million — rivaling the advertising campaigns of American Express, Nike and Sprint — to plaster the airwaves with anti-drug messages.

The ad campaign, a five-year project given a bipartisan send-off today in Atlanta by President Clinton and House Speaker Newt Gingrich, could turn into a $1 billion government investment in stopping teen drug use.

"These ads were designed to knock America up-side the head and get America's attention and empower all of you," Clinton told an audience of mostly children, clusters of them sporting Boy Scout and Girl Scout uniforms.

He recalled his own brother, Roger, battling a cocaine addiction. "What kind of fool am I that I didn't know what was going on? ... There's somebody like my brother back at your school who's a good kid, just a little lost," Clinton said.

Retired Gen. Barry McCaffrey, who heads Clinton's drug-control policy office, called the unprecedented federal campaign "an effort to talk to a generation that started to get the wrong message." In a 1997 national survey, half of high school seniors and nearly one-third of eighth-graders reported using illegal drugs at least once.

Today's unveiling marked a brief cease-fire in election-year squabbling between Clinton and Republican leaders on everything from drugs to foreign policy.

"I wanted to come here today to stand with the president. ... We're all trying to reach out to every young American and say, 'Don't do it,'" said Gingrich, R-Ga., who rearranged his schedule to make today's announcement.

Congressional Republicans are committed to financing the campaign for its full five-year run, Gingrich said.

Politics would be on only a temporary hold. From today's ceremonies in the Georgia World Congress Center, Gingrich was headed to a Republican fund-raiser in New York, Clinton to Democratic events in Atlanta and Miami that would raise $1.3 million for the effort to oust the GOP from control of Congress. The president also was stopping in Daytona Beach, Fla., to meet with those who have been fighting the state's raging wildfires.

A one-year campaign is worthless, Dnistrian said.

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Obituaries

Betty Stone

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1940-1998

Betty Dean Stone, 58, died Wednesday, July 8, in Cogdell Memorial Hospital.

Graveside service was set for 2 p.m. today in the Pyron Cemetery. The Rev. Larry Van Hook, pastor of the Ira Baptist Church, was to officiate with arrangements under the direction of Wright Colonial Funeral Home.

Born Jan 26, 1940 in San Angelo, she married Billie Joe Stone on June 14, 1957 in Nolan County.

Mrs. Stone was owner of Merle Norman Cosmetic Studio and Boutique in Snyder.

She was preceded in death by her father, Elias Brown Creech Jr.

Survivors include her husband, Billy Joe Stone of Ira; two sons, Billy E. Stone of Ira and Bobby J. Stone of Lamesa; her mother, Jerry Horner of Waco; a brother, Eugene Creech of Wichita Falls; two sisters, Louise Parten of Kissimmee, Fla., and Peggy Encinia of Conroe; and two grandchildren, Samantha Ann Stone and Billy Don Stone.

Anna Lovell

1908-1998

RISING STAR — Anna Lovell, a former Scurry County resident, died Monday, July 6, in a Rising Star nursing center.

Funeral service for Mrs. Lovell, 90, was held Wednesday in the Higginbotham Funeral Home Chapel. Burial followed in the Rising Star Cemetery.

Born in Culbertson County, she married Charles E. Baker in 1923 in Scurry County. After his death, she married U.D. Lovell in 1983 in Eastland County.

A homemaker, Mrs. Lovell had lived in Eastland County since 1960, moving from Odessa. She was a member of the First Baptist Church.

Survivors include a son, Harold E. Baker of Odessa; a daughter, Lenora Speegle of Cisco; a sister, Dora Smith of Norman, Okla.; three grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

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events WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

Support group ministry

Support groups for divorce recovery, cancer/grief and caring for aging parents are available to adults and will meet at 6:30 this evening at First Baptist Church. L.I.F.E. (learning to improve the family experience) is for teenagers and parents. Child care will be provided.

Bob Hand reception

The public is invited to a reception honoring Bob Hand at 7 p.m. Friday at the Towle Park Pavilion. Hand has resigned as Snyder High ag teacher and will be a principal in the Motley County school district.

Car wash and bake sale

The Snyder Boxing Club will sponsor a car wash and bake sale beginning at 8 a.m. Friday at Wal-Mart.

Avenue D Baptist VBS

Friday is the final day of Vacation Bible School at Ave. D. Baptist Church, beginning at 9 a.m. for grades K through 6. Theme is "Star Quest: A Galactic Good News Adventure."

National MS Society sets meeting

The National Multiple Sclerosis Society has set a fact-finding meeting at 7 p.m. Saturday at East Elementary School. Persons in the Snyder area who have MS are encouraged to attend and share their ideas and suggestions as well as questions about the organization, its programs and operations. For more information, call 1-800-FIGHT MS.

Bible study tapes airing

Bible study video tapes air weekly on cable TV Channel 2. The next set of tapes, "Attitude of Obedience," followed by "Excellence in Leisure" is set for 7 p.m Monday.

Ira Baptist VBS

A week-long Vacation Bible School will start Monday at Ira Baptist Church for ages four years through the sixth grade. Time of VBS is 6- 9 p.m.

Workforce Education classes

Western Texas College is offering two workforce education classes the next two Tuesdays and Thursdays through its continuing education division: Introduction to the Internet and Microsoft PowerPoint 97, Basic. The Internet course's LRC Computer Lab will be from 2-4 p.m. Microsoft's Workforce Computer Lab, LRC 101, will be from 4:30-6:30 p.m.

Terri Racher will be the instructor. Each course will cost $49. Pre-registration is required. To pre-register or for more information, call 573-8511, ext. 390.

Children's Day Out

Registration for the fall semester of Children's Day Out at First United Methodist Church will be held Thursday, July 30. Classes are for ages 1-4, and are held on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Call 573-4770 for more information.

FBC kids programs

First Baptist Church has two programs: King's Kids Preschool on Mondays and Wednesdays and Mother's Day Out on Fridays. Extended care is available. Register now for the 1998-99 school year. For more information, call 573-7401.

'Furry Tails! Funny Tales!'

Registration for summer reading and read-to-me programs for children is underway at Scurry County Library. There are two age groups — preschoolers and non-reading children and youngsters who have completed K through 6th grade. Registration will continue through July 24 during normal library hours.

Road to Recovery program

Volunteers are needed to take patients to Abilene or Lubbock one day a week for cancer treatment. Following approval by the American Cancer Society, drivers will be provided liability insurance and can be reimbursed for fuel expenses incurred for the trip. For more information, contact ACS Road to Recovery volunteer coordinator Martha Schiebel at 573-8626 and leave a message, or Sammie Jarrell at 573-5993.

Oil photographs needed

Old photographs of oil scenes or events in Scurry County are wanted by the Scurry County Museum in conjunction with an Oil Appreciation Day observance on Oct. 17. The photographs will be copied and returned.

Pick 3

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

5-7-6

(five-seven-six)

Lotto Texas

By The Associated Press

No ticket correctly matched all six numbers drawn Wednesday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas, state lottery officials said.

The latest lottery was worth an estimated $4 million.

Numbers drawn Wednesday from a field of 50 were: 4-7-9-22-28-36.

If sales continue as expected, Saturday night's drawing will be worth an estimated $7 million.

'American' flight lands in Puerto Rico

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico (AP) — With one engine on fire, an American Airlines jet made an emergency landing at San Juan's international airport Thursday.

Two passengers were treated for unspecified injuries after the plane landed and firefighters extinguished the flames.