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Voters to decide emotional issue at the ballot box

Scurry County residents go to the polls tomorrow to decide whether to lease their hospital to a for-profit corporation.

It's been a hotly-debated issue, with complaints of criminal mischief, hints of under the table deals, rumors of employee intimidation and more than a few words spoken in anger.

The issue is relatively simple — Community Health Systems wants to lease Cogdell Hospital for 30 years. In turn, the Tennessee-based firm will pay Scurry County $8 million upfront and agree to spend an additional $3 million in capital improvements over the next four years.

But the answers are not simple, nor clear.

Supporters say it makes sense for a for-profit firm to take over the operations at a time when the future of healthcare is so uncertain. They also cite lower taxes.

Opponents respond that if the future of healthcare is so uncertain, why intrust it to a firm who's bottom line is the dollar. Besides, they say, you cannot put a price on your health.

Reactions have been strong. Early on, some campaign signs were defaced, leading to criminal mischief reports being filed. At least one ad questioned "Are there deals being made under the table?" And last month, the chief of the medical staff at Cogdell said he had been told of employees who felt intimidated when their superiors asked how they were going to vote.

County commissioners have said they will abide by the outcome of the election. If the majority of voters say "yes," a lease agreement with Community Health Systems will be drawn up and finalized. If the majority say "no," the issue is dead and negotiations with CHS will cease.

Also on the ballot is a proposed constitutional amendment — Proposition 1. It proposes to increase the homestead exemption from $5,000 to $15,000, therefore giving taxpayers a break on their school taxes. The state would put $1 billion back into schools to make up the difference.

Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. at various locations throughout the county Saturday.

Below are some, but not all, of the stances expressed by those for and against the lease of the hospital:

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

For: CHS promises to spend $3 million in improvements over the next four years. These are improvements Cogdell needs to draw more physicians and more patients.

Against: Cogdell has recently remodeled the OB area and later this month will install new CAT scan equipment. Cogdell administrators have budgeted $2.5 million in capital improvements over the next three years.

RECRUITMENT

For: CHS plans to recruit new physicians to Snyder.

Against: Earlier this year, Cogdell entered into an agreement with a physician recruitment firm.

TAX ISSUE

For: Due to the future of Medicare and Medicaid, Scurry County residents will have to pay more in taxes to keep the hospital operating.

Against: The hit from Medicare and Medicaid will be incremental, not sudden, and recruitment of more physicians will help offset this by bringing more funds to the hospital.

For: Leasing the hospital will cut taxes. With the interest from the payment to Scurry County, plus the tax money that currently supplements Cogdell, there will be $1 million annually to apply toward lowering taxes.

Against: The health of the citizens of Scurry County is more important than saving tax dollars.

THE BOARD

For: CHS will appoint a board of local residents, including three doctors, to oversee operations of the hospital. Cogdell is already being run by an "outside" board because of the large influence from St. Mary.

Against: CHS' appointed board is actually an advisory board. Ultimately, CHS makes all the key decisions. The local board currently has control and can get out of the contract with St. Mary with a 160-day notice at no cost.

LENGTH OF THE LEASE

For: There is a buy-out clause in the event Scurry County wants out of the contract before the lease is up.

Against: Thirty years is a long time. You might as well say CHS is purchasing the hospital.

THE HUMAN ASPECT

For: Community Health Systems is not paying $8 million so it can provide poor health care and see the hospital close. The way to be profitable is to make the hospital stronger, attract more physicians, and gain the trust of the citizens so that they stay in Snyder for their health care needs.

Against: Community Health Systems is based in Tennessee. What do people in another state really care about the health of folks in Scurry County? CHS' main concern is making a buck.

SDN will hold for election results

The weekend edition of the Snyder Daily News will be published late Saturday, so that hospital election results can be included.

"The widespread interest in the outcome of this special election prompted the decision to delay the weekend press time until after votes are counted," said publisher Roy McQueen.

DEVELOPING CURRICULUM — Lorber Industries' newly-selected plant manager Mike Godfrey, left, and Western Texas College's director of Workforce Education, John Gibson, go over plans for the Lorber training program. Godfrey will be working this month at the college to develop the training program. (SDN Staff Photo)

For tuition, fees...

WTC offers installment plan

The start of the fall term at Western Texas College is just three weeks away, and with that in mind, administrators have announced a new plan that will allow students to pay part of their tuition and fees in installments.

The option was made possible by a change in state law that allows students enrolled in community colleges to pay half of their tuition up front and the second half in two equal payments. Students enrolled at senior colleges have been allowed to use the installment method for a number of years.

The first half is due at registration. The second half is due in equal amounts at the end of the sixth and eleventh weeks of class.

There will be a $10 charge for using the installment method of payment. A late fee of $5 will be assessed for payments received after each of the due dates.

Any questions regarding the new plan should be directed to the business office at Western Texas College.

Orientation — called Success Seminars — for new Western Texas College students is set for Aug. 19 and 21.

The Success Seminars are designed to help new students ease the transition to college life. Students will be given the opportunity to meet the faculty, interact with other incoming students, tour the campus, gain helpful information and register for fall classes.

Academic advisors will be available to help with class selection.

Lunch and entertainment are also a part of each seminar, and parents are welcome to attend.

Registration for either Success Seminar is necessary. Call the Student Services Office to reserve a spot. Cost is $20 for one to three persons, $25 for four or $30 for five.

Students who do not attend a seminar will register Aug. 26. Classes begin Aug. 27.

To reach College Relations, Financial Aid or Student Services, call 573-8511.

Sollis Family to play in revue

The Sollis Family will be included in the Texas Music Revue, which opens tonight at the Ritz theatre.

Wendell plays the fiddle. Dustee works with Sam, the puppet. Their daughter, Jessica, plays the fiddle and piano.

Wendell, an assistant superintendent for Snyder Schools, has been playing the banjo for about 25 years. He is self-taught, playing mostly by ear, and enjoys old cowboy tunes, Civil War and historical military tunes, as well as bluegrass.

He plays the banjo for Texas Sand, also appearing in the Revue.

Dustee is a Snyder High School English teacher who contributes to the humorous side of the group with Sam, a puppet.

Sam had his debut into the world of entertainment about 12 years ago at Trinity United Methodist Church. He was used in Vacation Bible School as a tool to help young people understand Bible concepts.

Sam "plays" the banjo, occasionally sings, and has sage wisdom, right off the ranch, to offer the audience.

Jessica will be a sixth grader at West Elementary. In April, she competed in the Miss Texas Pre-Teen Achievement Program held in Waco and was awarded third place in the talent division. She and her father played a Texas medley of cowboy songs with the fiddle and banjo.

Texas Music Revue shows are set for 7:30 nightly through Saturday and 2:30 p.m. Sunday.

Other performers include magician Reid Johnson and the Praise Music Team.

SOLLIS FAMILY AND SAM — The Sollis Family and Sam will be featured performers during the Texas Music Revue. From left are, Jessica, Dustee and Sam and Wendell. (Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "The most important thing in campaigning is sincerity — whether you mean it or not."

One last thought about the election — vote.

We remember an election a few years ago that was being discussed in the coffee shop.

Finally, someone got the courage to inquire about candidate perference.

The late Howard Gray, a longtime car dealer in Snyder, provided what we considered a thoughtful and classic answer. He said:

"I'm going to vote just like you — like I darn well please!"

So, the last word in the election is VOTE!

A lot of residents have said, "I will be glad when Aug. 9 (election day) gets here."

Snyder's Don Sealy says there has never been so many people looking forward to celebrating his birthday.

Keeping tabs on our neighbors:

Speedy Nieman, in the Hereford Brand, didn't say where his friend had visited.

The man had returned from a trip and was complaining about a $250-a-night hotel room. "And they had the nerve to call me a guest."

Gary Ott, managing editor of the Midland Reporter-Telegram, recently had surgery. He wrote that some pre-op questions got his attention:

--Do you have a living will?

--Are you an organ donor?

--Would you like to see a minister?

"Whoa, now, you want to run those by me one more time?"

According to John Moseley, in the Big Spring Herald, it doesn't pay to try and be romantic.

It was the right diamond ring and box of chocolates, but the wrong gal.

A perfectly planned proposal took a wrong turn in a Boulder, Colo. restaurant when a waiter delivered an engagement ring tucked in a box of chocolates to the wrong table.

The soon-to-be fiancee was facing the table where the chocolates were delivered and watched, unaware of the plan. She saw the woman try on the ring for size. The boyfriend's back was to the table, so he didn't notice.

The other couple paid their tab and left — with the ring. Lawmen used a credit card receipt to track down the couple who explained they thought it was just costume jewelry.

There was a happy ending. The ring was returned and the girl's answer was an emphatic "Yes."

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ASK US

Q—What is done to ensure the integrity of the absentee voting box?

A—The ballot box has two locks. One key is kept by the county clerk and the other by the sheriff's department. A paper seal is placed over the opening and the box is stored in a locked room.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Thursday, 65 degrees; low, 62; 7 a.m. Friday, 63; .11 of an inch precipitation; total for 1997, 20.14 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, partly cloudy. Low around 65. Light S wind. Saturday, partly cloudy, warmer. High 90-95. S wind 10-20 mph.

John Varnell
Partly cloudy

Sunset: 8:32 p.m.
Sunrise: 7:05 a.m.
Of 219 days in 1997, the sun has shone 207 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

Life is a series of collisions with the future; it is not the sum of what we have been, but what we yearn to be.

Jose Ortega y Gasset

Pat Alexander retires as DPS trooper

Simply saying that it's time to do other things, Department of Public Safety Trooper Pat Alexander ended 27 years with the department last week.

A Snyder native, Alexander's first assignment was in Fairfield in 1970. He was later transferred to Ennis, then to Colorado City and eventually to Snyder where he spent 23 years.

Prior to his service with the DPS, Alexander served a stint in the Army and was stationed in Vietnam in 1966-1967.

His first assignment was a busy one as he was patrolling Highway 75 in Freestone County, a main throughfare at that time between Houston and Dallas.

Alexander said it was not unusual to work two or three fatal accidents on that stretch of highway daily.

"Friday through Sunday — it was a race track. We regularly wrote tickets for people going over 100 miles-per-hour."

Alexander said DPS vehicles back then didn't have much trouble catching the speeders.

"Those Plymouths would run 160 miles per hour," said Alexander.

Alexander said the DPS probably had its fewest "fans" when the federal government lowered the speed limit to 55.

"We were pretty unpopular back in 1973 when the speed limit changed. People resented the fact that they had to drive that speed and took it out on us.

"We were just enforcing the law that we had sworn to do."

Alexander said the lower speed limits made CB radios popular.

Alexander related one amusing story concerning a motorist and his CB.

"I was on my way to Sweetwater during a real bad lightning storm. This guy was following close behind me and I could see and hear him chattering on his CB — probably about my location."

"Lightning was everywhere and this guy had a CB antenna on his car that was about twice as high as any I had seen.

"I looked back through my rear-view mirror just in time to see a bluish glow engulf the inside of his vehicle."

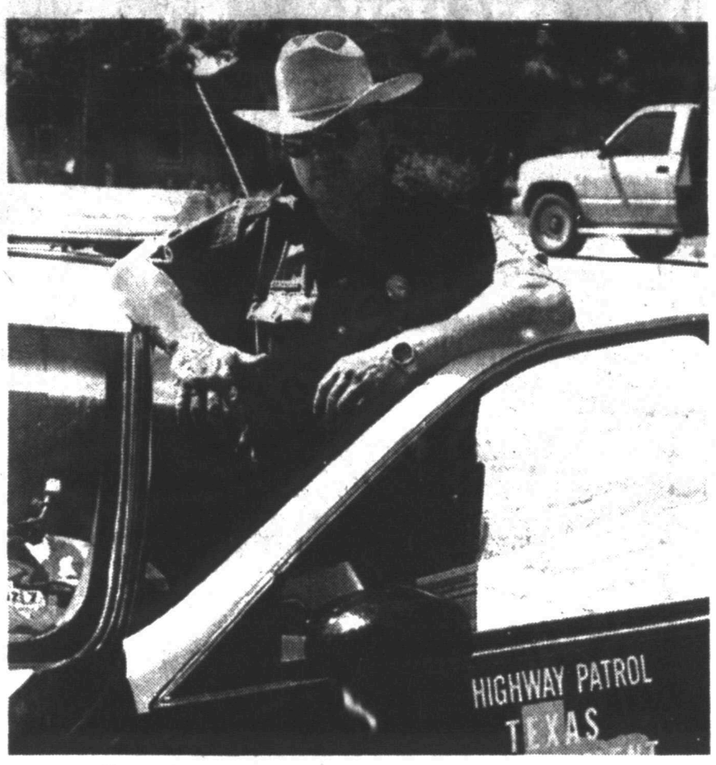
Alexander said lightning had hit the antenna and shorted out everything in his vehicle.

"The guy managed to get the car off the road and after I got to his vehicle to check on him, he stumbled out mumbling lots of things."

"About the only part I understood was that 'it's bad enough that you "&%#*='#&s use radar on us. Now you've started shocking us!'"

Alexander said he has had many people say good things about the department also, including a statement early in his career that stuck with him the entire 27 years.

"It was one of the earlier stops I was involved in. Me and my partner stopped a man and when we got to his car, we discovered he had only one arm. I wrote him a ticket for speeding and when I handed it to him, he said, 'Mr., although you just gave me a ticket, I still respect what ya'll do. I would give you my one remaining arm if I could only be one of you guys.'"



Pat Alexander retires as public safety trooper

Ford recalling 110,300 vehicles

DETROIT (AP) — Ford Motor Co. said Thursday it was recalling 110,300 Ford Taurus and Mercury Sable sedans and Windstar minivans to inspect a transmission part for a potential safety defect.

The recall involves about 63,500 Windstars and about 47,300 Tauruses and Sables. Of those, about 9,000 Windstars and about 1,600 sedans are in Canada.

Ford said the "transaxle servo cover" may break and result in a loss of transmission fluid, causing the transmission to disengage and the vehicle to stop. The fluid also could splash onto the catalytic converter and catch fire.

No fires or injuries have been reported as a result of the problem. Ford has said it has received about 300 reports believed to be related to the cover fracture.

Owners are being notified by mail and asked to take their vehicles to the dealers for inspection and replacement of the defective cover, if necessary, at no cost.

Record amount of restitution is paid to victims in 1996

AUSTIN — Convicted lawbreakers sentenced to community supervision in lieu of being sent to prison paid a record amount of restitution to their victims last year, according to the latest figures compiled by the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

Some 148,000 probationers paid almost $34 million in cash to their victims and put in more than seven million hours of unpaid work in charitable and community service, TDCJ said. Figured at minimum wage, the community service was worth $34.3 million.

The payments and service represent a 20 percent increase over the prior year, continuing a trend which has increased every year over the past five years.

The terms of an offender's restitution and community service requirements are set by the district courts where they are convicted and their payments and work are supervised by the 122 local Community Supervision and Corrections Departments (CSCDs) — formerly known as local probation departments.

The state, through TDCJ's Community Justice Assistance Division, annually provides approximately $200 million for operation of the local CSCDs.

TDCJ's Susan Cranford, director of the Community Justice Assistance Division, credited both the courts and the local CSCDs with bringing about the increase in payments and work.

"The courts are ordering more offenders to do public service and the CSCDs have sharpened their focus on collecting restitution," Cranford said.

"Everyone wins in this system," Cranford said. "The victims get the compensation they deserve, the community gets work projects done which it might not otherwise be able to afford and the offenders are given a chance to at least partially redeem the damage their crimes inflicted on their victims and the public."

Cranford said that community services ordered by the courts have included projects as varied as building playgrounds, stocking food bank shelves, picking up highway and park litter, installing home insulation for the elderly and sorting donations to charity groups.

She said that restitution most frequently is used to pay for victims medical expenses and to reimburse property and income losses.

TDCJ compiled the payment figures for 1996 from reports from the CSCDs. In urban areas, a CSCD usually covers only a single county. In rural areas, the CSCDs are multi-county districts. The probation programs are supervised by the criminal district judges in each CSCD and are supported financially by the counties in addition to their state funding.

Woman identified

AUSTIN (AP) — A woman hit by an out-of-control car at a bus stop has been identified as Maria De La Paz Cervantes.

Identification of the 21-year-old Austin woman was made more difficult because after she was hit, her purse was stolen, police said Thursday.

Ms. Cervantes was waiting for a bus Wednesday morning when 18-year-old Jessica Quintanilla lost control of her 1994 Honda, according to investigators.

Police said Ms. Quintanilla had been drinking the night before at an Austin bar and at her home before the wreck. They said she was playing chase with the driver of another car, 22-year-old Robert Cortez, with whom she had been drinking.

Their vehicles collided and Ms. Quintanilla lost control of her car, police said.

"She was not playing chase or any games with Mr. Cortez," said Bobby Taylor, Ms. Quintanilla's attorney.

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VOTE NO ON THE LEASE!

Polls Open 7 a.m. til 7 p.m.

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Bonnie Carroll, R.N.
Cogdell Hospital

What's So Great About Cogdell Hospital?

Known as "mom" to the nursing staff and patients, Bonnie thinks Cogdell is a great place to be.

"I've been here so long that I've seen people fall in love, get married, and start having babies. I love that. Every time I see a new delivery it's just like the first time. I get so excited and it never grows old."

We understand your need for care.

"The most important moment is when the parents get to see the baby. They cry and we cry with them. It's so wonderful because they're so happy."

We understand your need for concern.

"Our nursing staff stays with you whereas in big hospitals they place you on the monitor and leave you alone. We've heard stories from patients who have had babies in other places and they all say that they received the best care right here in Cogdell."

We understand your need for life.

"We're able to take care of you. We really take every patient very personally. The best part for me is that I get to pray for them. At Cogdell, it doesn't get any better than this."

And that's something you can count on for life.

Cogdell Memorial Hospital

Missouri freshman defends farm tax provision

WASHINGTON (AP) — The House author of an agricultural tax break linked to Texas businessman Harold Simmons is asking President Clinton to spare the measure from his veto pen as he combs through the landmark budget agreement for objectionable provisions.

Rep. Kenny Hulshof, R-Mo., defended the provision Thursday after reports surfaced that Simmons, a prominent GOP contributor, would be its primary beneficiary. Hulshof in May announced plans to introduce the break for sales of agricultural processing facilities to farmer-owned cooperatives, a group of farmers who organize to market their products.

Hulshof labeled as "misinformation" published reports that the provision serves Simmons because it would allow deferral of taxes on his sale of sugar beet processing facilities to cooperatives.

"According to some press accounts, this bill is a 'rifle shot' designed to benefit a single individual," Hulshof wrote Clinton. "Nothing could be further from the truth."

Hulshof produced letters from groups including the American Farm Bureau Federation and Mid-America Dairymen pointing out that the same tax breaks already are available for businesses that sell to employee stock ownership plans.

Meanwhile, a spokesman for Simmons-controlled Valhi Inc. in Dallas said Simmons now stands to gain nothing from the bill.

Valhi vice president Steve Watson acknowledged that Simmons pushed for the provision when the company was working to sell four sugar refineries to the Snake River Cooperative in Idaho. But that deal went through in 1996, Watson said, and Simmons would gain nothing from the bill now.

"The bottom line is, there is no revenue impact on our particular transaction, whether it is signed into law or not signed into law," Watson said.

Simmons supported the tax break at the behest of the Idaho cooperative. Watson said.

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The majority of the physicians ARE NOT OPPOSED to leasing Cogdell Hospital!

We, the undersigned physicians, through site visits and telephone calls to Community Health Systems hospitals, have made the following observations:

- Our community must have more physicians to meet our medical needs. A growing group of both primary care and specialist physicians is vital for the well-being of our hospital and the growth of Scurry County. CHS has an excellent track record for successfully recruiting quality physicians, and they have the resources to bring physicians to our community in a timely fashion.

- Cuts in Medicare and Medicaid payments to hospitals are inevitable. Managed care contracts will place more pressure on our hospitals to accept lower payments. The main question is: "how deep will these cuts be?" As we see it, Cogdell's financial future is not secure. We find that CHS is willing to assume this risk.

- In the future, more money from County taxpayers will be required to run Cogdell Memorial Hospital in the quality manner to which we have become accustomed. The offer from CHS solves this problem.

- As yet, no concrete plan to raise $3-5 million to cover renovations, expansion of services, unexpected repairs, and possible future operating losses has been advanced by the hospital board or the Commissioner's Court. Yet, renovation of antiquated and inadequately sized operating room, emergency department, physical therapy, medical records, X-ray, and laboratory areas are long overdue. We are confident that, given sufficient funds and resources, St. Mary Hospital could provide ongoing excellent management of our hospital and these necessary renovations. Otherwise, the CHS offer of $3-4 million in capital inprovements will be a large step in rectifying these problems.

- From our perspective, CHS provides quality service, a good working environment, and well-maintained hospitals. For the most part, CHS employees are pleased and many fine physicians have been recruited to the rural areas which CHS serves. We have found the communities CHS serves also satisfied with the improvements made to facilities, equipment, and services.

- CHS has a reputation (which we have substantiated) for listening to local citizens, community leaders, hospital employees, and physicians as decisions are made, allowing significant local control of the hospital. They have proven that they appreciate the local needs of communities, and they understand they must provide excellent patient care in order to make happy "customers."

- Hospital staffing levels are a significant concern to us. Reduction in staffing may be necessary in the future whether our hospital is not-for-profit or for-profit. Certainly, nurses in our hospital have felt that staffing has been less than adequate at times in the past. The solution? Increase hospital census and expand services, while giving the local administration the ability to develop innovative patient care strategies. This is the approach of CHS; we have visited hospitals where more employees are now on the payroll for CHS than prior to CHS management.

- The for-profit vs. not-for profit does not appear relevant:

  CHS hospitals:

  provide service for their indigent populations; make service decisions based on local needs; plow significant dollars back into operations of the hospital; value the efforts and contributions of auxiliaries and volunteers; pay competitive wages; offer good, solid employee benefits; and generally run their hospitals responsibly and with the same commitment as other corporate citizens.

Therefore, we are NOT OPPOSED to the lease of Cogdell Memorial Hospital to Community Health Systems. Unless new funds are made available, through more tax revenue or indebtedness, we think such a lease makes a lot of sense.

Gary A. Nussey, M.D. — Marcia Odal, M.D.

Kathleen Weaver, M.D.

Based on the information provided by these physicians, we, too, are NOT OPPOSED to the lease of Cogdell Memorial Hospital to CHS.

W.B. McSpadden, M.D.

Robert B. Pierce, M.D.

Nelson Brice, M.D. — Thomas L. Kerr, M.D.

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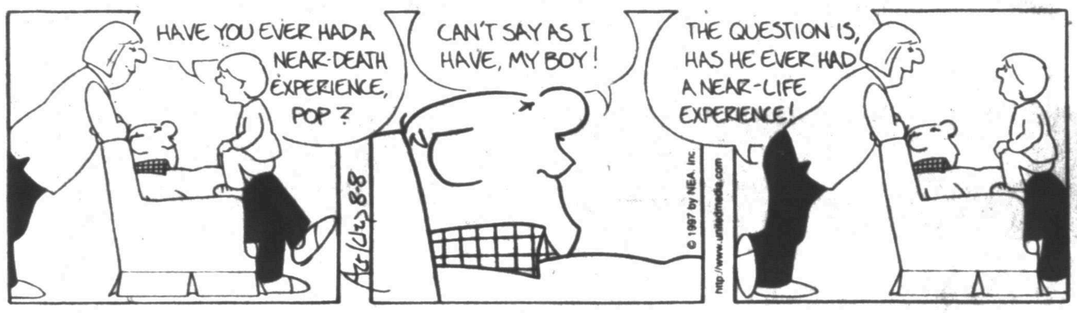

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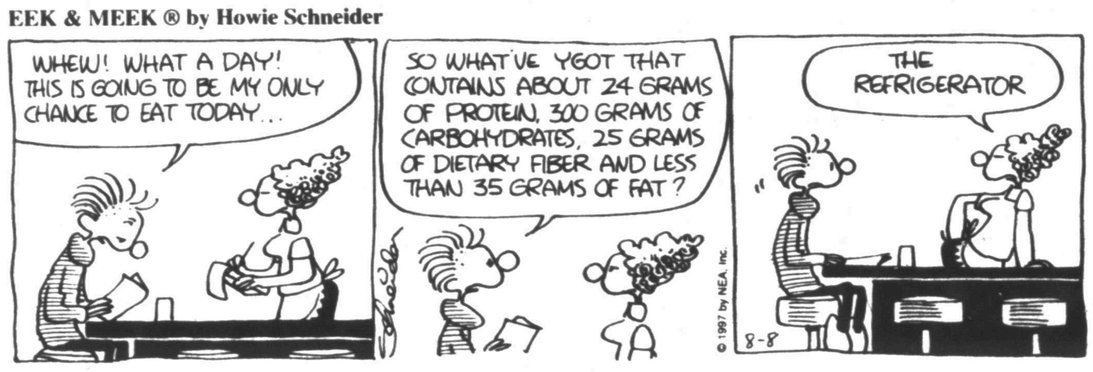

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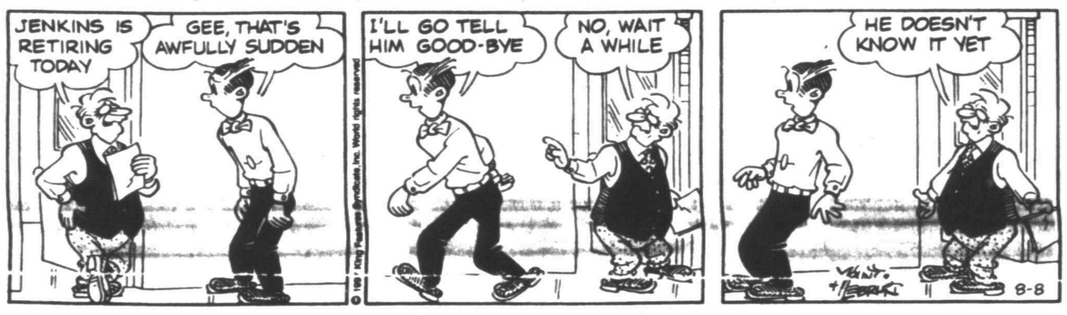

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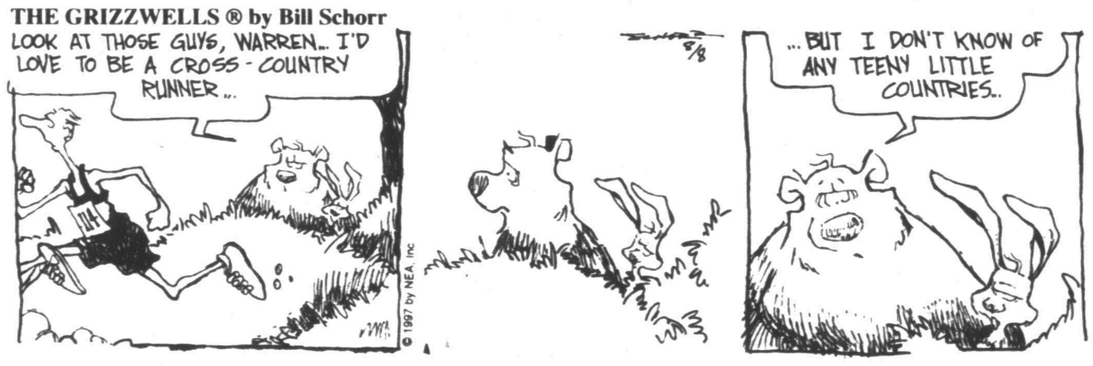

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NEA Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

1 Actor MacLachlan
5 Actress Merkel
8 Smooch
12 Close
13 Apiece
14 S-shaped molding
15 Horse food
16 Type of jacket
17 Skin opening
18 Movie —
20 More likely
21 Rocky hill
22 Opposite of post
23 Actor Tony —
26 Random
30 Comedian Philips
31 Bundles of hides
32 IRS employee, perhaps
33 Dandy
34 Faction
35 Child's game
36 Bridge support
38 Head coverings
40 Dine
41 Coffee container
42 Contesting
45 This evening
49 Rowers' needs
50 Car assemblers' assn.
51 Nautical direction
52 Indian
53 Mother of Mlle.
54 Lofty
55 Companion of odds
56 Golf score
57 Book of Norse myths

DOWN

1 Tie the —
2 Slangy affirmative
3 Tardy
4 Fake
5 Word used before case or class
6 — -do-well
7 Macaw genus
8 TV's Ted —
9 — — Rhythm
10 Dried up
11 Clairvoyant
19 — — tee (exactly)
20 Weapons
22 Type of dream?
23 Dexterous
24 God of love
25 Slangy denial
26 Assistant
27 Opp. of endo
28 WWI plane
29 Droops
31 Scottish skirt
34 For guys only
37 Feels
38 One of Attila's followers
39 Sedative
41 Shrink in fear
42 Viva — (by word of mouth)
43 Tall tale
44 Irritated
45 Writer Janowitz
46 Happy
47 Cradled
48 Layer of tissue
50 Ref's kin

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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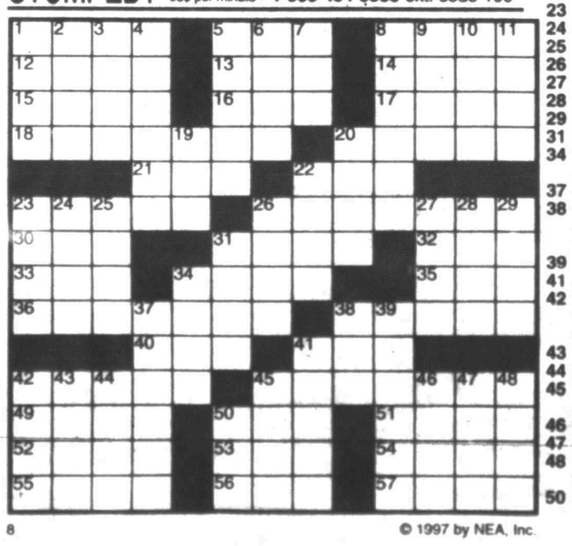

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"BOY! THAT MUSTA BEEN REALLY BAD. I DON'T EVEN GET A CHAIR THIS TIME!"

Last defendant convicted in hijacking of one casino bus

TYLER (AP) — A Fort Worth man who was the last remaining defendant in the November hijacking of a casino shuttle bus has been convicted of federal carjacking and weapons charges.

The federal jury deliberated for more than two hours Thursday before finding Taurus Kartik, 25, guilty of all charges against him. He could be sentenced to as many as 40 years in prison. No sentencing date was set Thursday.

Kartik was one of five Fort Worth area men arrested last November during a manhunt north of Tyler after the driver of a casino-bound bus was shot during a botched hijacking on Interstate 20.

Kartik held a sawed-off shotgun and stood guard at the back of the bus during the robbery.

None of the nearly 60 bus passengers who were robbed of money and merchandise were in the courtroom when the verdict was read, although some testified or watched portions of the four-day trial.

The bus driver, Mike Gibbs, who suffers some disability from the shooting, breathed a sigh of relief when the verdict was read. He declined to comment after leaving the courtroom.

"This has been a real emotional roller-coaster for him," said Assistant U.S. Attorney Jim Middleton. "He goes from glad to sad real quick."

The jury in U.S. District Judge John Hannah Jr.'s court rejected defense contentions that Kartik was forced into the robbery plot by conspirators' threats to kill him and his family.

"We're horribly disappointed," said defense attorney Jeff Baynham, who attempted to show that his client was coerced by a co-defendant linked to a Fort Worth murder. "A real injustice was done today."

Kartik testified Thursday that co-defendant Stephen Henry taunted him continually about a body of a man buried "six feet under."

Henry, 35, of Azle, an unindicted conspirator who agreed to testify against the hijackers, led authorities to Lilly's body in November. Kartik testified Henry warned him that Lilly was killed because he didn't cooperate with a crime plan.

Kartik said he was "threatened constantly ... He (Henry) would have killed my family."

Henry, 35, of Azle, and co-defendant David Akins, 25, of Fort Worth, were named as suspects in the killing of Lilly, whose body was found in a 55-gallon drum buried in concrete in Henry's backyard near Azle.

In return for his cooperation with authorities in locating Lilly's body, Henry was granted immunity from federal prosecution in the bus hijacking case. Akins and three other men have pleaded guilty to federal charges in the bus heist and await sentencing.

"There's been an injustice because he (Henry) should have been the man in here, not Mr. Kartik," Baynham told the jury during closing arguments.

During cross-examination and closing arguments, Middleton reminded the jury that Kartik never confided in his family, friends, police, or anyone else during the two days of planning the hijacking.

"He never took the opportunity to do something to stop it," Middleton said.

BOOSTER SHOT — Andra Lancaster received a booster tetanus and diphtheria shot this week at the Scurry County Health Unit. Stephanie Knipe, R.N. has been giving lots of shots as students get ready for the new school year. States law requires 14-year-olds to receive the shots. (SDN Staff Photo)

Texas man indicted in videotape rape case

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. (AP) — A man accused of using a tranquilizer to sedate and rape women in Arkansas and Texas while recording the acts on videotape, now faces similar charges in southwest Missouri.

Steven Sera, a 39-year-old traveling businessman from Irving, Texas, was indicted in Greene County on one count of sexual assault and three counts of deviate sexual assault, court officials said.

The July 30 indictment alleges Sera drugged then sexually assaulted a former Southwest Missouri State University student in Springfield last September.

He has been charged with similar crimes in Texas and Arkansas.

Rohypnol, known as the date-rape pill, is an odorless and colorless tranquilizer. It is an estimated 10 to 20 times more powerful than valium.

The Texas charge filed July 31 in Tarrant County accuses Sera of committing seven separate sexual acts with a 32-year-old woman in December as he was unconscious in her Colleyville home about 20 miles west of Dallas.

If convicted, he faces a maximum of 20 years in prison on each charge.

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Board won't reinstate doctor blamed for 2 patients' deaths

HOUSTON (AP) — The Texas Board of Medical Examiners has refused for the sixth time in eight years to reinstate the license of a Pasadena doctor blamed for the death of two liposuction patients.

Dr. Hugo Ramirez, 58, said after the board's action in Austin on Thursday that he will file a lawsuit against the medical board unless it grants him a rehearing within 45 days.

Following intense lobbying by Ramirez, the Texas Legislature passed a law in 1993 that enables him to sue the board for denying him his license.

Ramirez claims he has been the scapegoat for a medical board that needed to show it was cracking down on malpractice to receive support from the Legislature.

Being a foreign-trained doctor has made him an "easy target," he said. He earned his medical degree in Colombia in 1964.

In his attempt to regain his license, Ramirez told the board he has received training to correct some deficiencies. Pasadena needs Spanish-speaking obstetrician-gynecologists, he said.

Georgie B. Cunningham, an administrative law judge who recommended Thursday that the board not reinstate Ramirez's license, painted a much different picture.

Five of Ramirez's liposuction patients became ill from complications because of his negligence and two eventually died, she said.

Ms. Cunningham said Ramirez, who lost his state license in 1987, can't prove his claim that he has undergone 1,300 hours of training since losing his license.

He has not received additional training on liposuction, a fat-elimination technique, she said, and he declined to take a medical proficiency test. She said he exaggerated the need for Spanish-speaking Ob-Gyns in the Pasadena area.

Farr is serving as police officer

Ken Farr, a National Merit Scholar, recently graduated from Florida State Univeristy with a bachelor of science degree in English writing and a minor in biology.

He was then accepted into the Austin Police Academy. After seven months of intensive training. Farr graduated from the 89th cadet class on July 25.

He is now employed with the city of Austin as a police officer.

Farr previously attended schools in Hermleigh and Snyder.

He is the son of Larry and Susan Farr of Hermleigh and Jerva Herendeen of West Palm Beach, Fla. Grandparents include Vera Farr and the late Jim Farr of Hermleigh and the late Jervis Bullard of Snyder.

Snyder man given probated sentence

A 19-year-old Snyder man was given an eight-year probated prison sentence Thursday after pleading guilty in 132nd District Court.

Freddie Ray James Jr. of 3208 Ave. L pleaded guilty in District Judge Ernie Armstrong's court. James had been charged with the July 23 burglary of a home owned by Aaron Stevens.

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Saturday, Aug. 9, 1997

Your prospects for success look strong for the year ahead, provided you are consistent. Leaving a string of unfinished projects in your wake yields you only failures.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) This might not be a productive day for you. You will know what needs to be done, but you could be an uninspired starter and never get your rocket airborne. Trying to patch up a broken romance? The Astro-Graph Matchmaker can help you understand what to do to make the relationship work. Mail $2.75 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) It is not what you have that will impress others today, it's what you are that counts. Do not compare material worth to substance.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Be optimistic today, but also be realistic. Try to see things for what they are. If you don't kid yourself or others you'll do okay.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Your hunches could be faulty today and impel you toward unsound judgments. Talk matters over with people whose logic and opinion you respect.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Do not dawdle your time away today on expensive, frivolous pursuits. You could end up spending more than you intend or can afford.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Be cognizant of your behavior at all times today, especially when associating with people who could either help or hurt your career.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Be imaginative today, but also be able to determine which things are feasible. Positive expectations are constructive, wishful thinking is not.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) It could prove wise today to stay out of the confidential affairs of others and also bar them from entering yours.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Do not pretend that you're willing to share something with another if you aren't. People you try to kid will perceive your little deceptions.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Objectives for which you aim today could be illusionary; the prize you are eagerly striving toward might be just an empty package.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Do not speculate financially today in areas with which you are unfamiliar. Your lack of expertise in these venues could cause expensive mistakes.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) If you are responsible for certain household chores today, don't shirk these family duties. Those who depend on you will be severely disappointed.

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NA Anonymous; Snyder Park Club; for information call 573-3667, 573-1579 or 573-0949; 6 p.m.

Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-8626, 573-9458 or 573-8929; 8 p.m., open meeting (last Friday of the month is the birthday meeting, pot luck at 7 p.m.).

Al-Anon; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; for information call 573-3956 or 573-2101; 8 p.m.

SATURDAY

Defensive Driving Course; community room of Snyder Savings & Loan; no reservations necessary but for information call 573-2850; 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Horseshoe Pitching For Fun; Horseshoe Courts located at the coliseum; everybody welcome; 3 p.m.

People Without Partners; Inadale Community Center; games of 42 and dominos; 6:30 p.m.

Rolling Plains Ratite Association; The Shack; 7 p.m.

Narcotics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for more information call 573-2101, 573-0949, 573-3667 or 573-1579; 7 p.m.

SUNDAY

Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 863-2349; 10 a.m.

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

Narcotics Anonymous Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-2101, 573-0949, 573-3667 or 573-1579; 5 p.m.

Beginners Alcoholics Anonymous and Narcotics Anonymous; Park Club at Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; 7 p.m.

Woman slides down Grand Teton snowfield

JACKSON, Wyo. (AP) — A Texas woman suffered a concussion, bruises and cuts when she slid 200 feet down a snowfield in Grand Teton National Park, park officials said.

Park officials said Tarla Peterson, 43, of College Station, Texas, was injured Wednesday in the accident on Teewinot Mountain.

In a news release, officials said Ms. Peterson was descending from the mountain when she slipped.

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Gramm criticized over nomination

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sen. Phil Gramm's opposition to the judicial appointment of a former Democratic officeholder is surprising in light of his past support for politically active Republicans, Democrats say.

Democrats have been seeking to turn up the heat on the Texas Republican, who is blocking the appointment of Fort Worth lawyer Michael Schattman to the federal bench because of his "intense political activism."

Last week, all 17 Texas Democrats in the House warned Gramm that his determination to keep Schattman from becoming a judge had "troubling implications" for the congressional delegation's ability to work in bipartisan fashion for the state's benefit.

Thursday, the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee said Gramm received $2,000 in campaign contributions in 1989 from John McBryde, whom the senator nominated to the federal bench a few months later. Another $1,000 was given by McBryde's wife during 1989 and 1990. McBryde, a federal judge based in Fort Worth, was confirmed by the Senate in 1990.

Texas Democratic Party political director Michael Moore accused Gramm of playing "partisan political games" to delay the seating of judges nominated by President Clinton. "I don't think you can find a better judge than Schattman," he said Thursday.

"The court dockets are just being backlogged right now," Moore added. "And because of partisan politics, Phil Gramm is slowing down justice."

Gramm's office, which has refused to discuss the senator's opposition to Schattman beyond an initial July 22 statement, declined to wade into the fray Thursday.

"Our opposition to Mike Schattman's nomination is spelled out in the (July 22) statement and we don't have anything to add to it," said Gramm spokeswoman Julie Hillrichs.

In that news release, Gramm press secretary Larry Neal said his boss had concluded "that it is simply unreasonable to expect a dedicated activist like Mr. Schattman to abandon a lifelong determination to act on his political convictions."

Schattman, who was a Clinton classmate at Georgetown University, said he renounced politics when he was nominated in 1995. Elected on the Democratic ticket as a county and state district judge, Schattman will not be considered by the Senate Judiciary Committee without approval of his home state senators.

Gramm didn't oppose the nomination when it was made.

Prison inmate's sentence extended for gang activity

VICTORIA (AP) — A state prison inmate who failed to obey a judge's order to stay away from gangs while in prison has had 10 years added to his 10-year sentence.

When Robert Louis Cantu, 19, of Victoria, was sentenced in February, State District Judge Robert Cheshire ordered him not to participate in gang activity or violate any disciplinary rules while in the penitentiary.

Cantu was sent to prison for aggravated assault and for threatening to kill a woman who could have testified against him court.

District Attorney George Filley III said Cantu violated the judge's order by participating in gang-related fights last month at the Garza Unit East in Beeville. Cantu also was caught with a weapon and in possession of unauthorized property, the prosecutor said.

Cantu was returned to Victoria, where Cheshire added 10 years to his sentence. He must serve at least five years before he is eligible for parole.

"'We are asking judges to reach out and control (offenders') behavior in prison ... so that if they participate in gang activity, then we'll bring them back to Victoria County and impose additional time,'' Filley told The Victoria Advocate.

Filley said Cantu is the first offender to receive additional prison time under the new initiative.

David Nunnlee, a spokesman for the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, described the initiative as "certainly a step in the right direction."

"Any time you can prevent a gang member from engaging in gang behavior, you can make it a safer environment," Nunnlee said. "There are a lot of gang members out there. If you can turn one of them around, it's worth it."

There are an estimated 4,000 gang members in the prison system, Nunnlee said.

"One less would certainly be welcomed," he said. "It is not going to solve the problem, but it's a start," Nunnlee added. "The county should be applauded for this."

Couple accused of forcing kids to fight regain custody

MOUNT CLEMENS, Mich. (AP) — The parents who forced their young twins to fight so they'd learn a lesson, then videotaped it, should regain custody of the kids, a judge ruled Thursday.

Probate Judge Pamela Gilbert O'Sullivan said the twins and two older children will stay with Gary and Tealisa Downes pending a Nov. 10 review. The children had been staying with their paternal grandparents.

"This has been a very, very tough year for this family," said Russell Ethridge, Ms. Downes' lawyer. "It's nice that they're reunited."

Authorities said the father videotaped a brawl last year that lasted about 11 minutes, while the mother shouted fighting orders to the boy and girl, now 7, as they screamed and cried.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

Innate or acquired?

By Phillip Alder

How does that saying go about some men being born unlucky, some achieving unluckiness, and some having unluckiness thrust upon them? Into which category do you think today's declarer falls?

At both tables in a match at the Zone 4 Championships in Cape Town, the contract was seven no-trump. The first pair had the sense to play it by North. East led a heart. Declarer cashed two top spades, claiming when everyone followed. If the spades had broken 4-1, he had squeeze chances as well as the diamond finesse on the back burner.

Our unlucky expert played the contract from the wrong side when his partner (with debatable wisdom) raised spades immediately. There followed two cue-bids and two doses of Blackwood. At that point, North, with such a strong hand, decided that if South could invite seven, he had whatever was needed.

Knowing the ace was in the dummy from the cue-bid, West made the good lead of a diamond. Not having X-ray vision, declarer won with dummy's ace and played a spade to his ace, West dropping the nine. Well, was that a singleton? If so, declarer could finesse East out of his remaining jack and 10. Delaying the evil moment, declarer played a club to dummy's 10. East discarded a heart! Surely the odds of a 1-4 spade break had increased dramatically. (True, they had changed, but a 2-3 break was still about twice as likely as 1-4. And West might have started with J-10-9.) Bravely — or foolhardily, depending on how you view these things — declarer ran dummy's spade eight, going two down when West won with the jack and cashed the diamond king.

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North 08-08-97
♠ 8 6 3
♥ K Q 5 2
♦ A Q 5
♣ Q 10 7

West
♠ J 9
♥ J 8
♦ K 8 7 6
♣ 9 8 4 3 2

East
♠ 10 4 2
♥ 10 9 7 6 4 3
♦ J 9 4 2
♣ ---

South
♠ A K Q 7 5
♥ A
♦ 10 3
♣ A K J 6 5

Vulnerable: East-West
Dealer: South

South	West	North	East
2 ♠	Pass	3 ♠	Pass
4 ♣	Pass	4 ♦	Pass
4 NT	Pass	5 ♦	Pass
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SPORTS

Texas splits with Yanks

ARLINGTON (AP) — David Cone decided he could kill the Texas Rangers with a slowdown game. He was right.

Working methodically, Cone allowed only three hits in seven-plus innings and Derek Jeter and Bernie Williams homered Thursday night as the Yankees beat the Texas Rangers 4-2 to split their two-game series.

"I was trying to make an adjustment to slow myself down, " Cone said. "I've been really rushing and I just wanted to do something to counter that. I needed to worry about being more deceptive than about my velocity."

Cone added "after we got three runs I lost it a little. But in the middle innings I got in a good groove."

Cone (12-5) permitted two singles and a triple and struck out eight. He walked two, both of whom scored.

Yankee manager Joe Torre said whatever Cone did he's glad he did it.

"Cone had one inning he couldn't find the plate but he was allright after that," Torre said. "If you just give up three hits you should be able to enjoy the game. Cone always finds a way to get it done. That comes from confidence in yourself."

Cone was relieved in the eighth by Mike Stanton after allowing a leadoff triple to Domingo Cedeno. Stanton worked out of the jam without allowing a run before Mariano Rivera pitched the ninth and got his 34th save despite loading the bases.

Jeter ended a personal 75-game homer drought by leading off the game with an opposite field drive into the right-field stands. Jeter, who has five homers, hadn't hit one since May 9 against Kansas City.

"I'm not a home run hitter but I guess I was overdue," Jeter said.

The Yankees made it 3-0 in the third inning off Bobby Witt (10-8) on Luis Sojo's single and Williams' 14th homer of the year. Witt went 6 1-3 innings and was touched for nine hits and four runs.

Cone's wildness got him in trouble in the second inning. He walked Warren Newson and Tom Goodwin and then wild pitched them to third and second. Mark McLemore brought them home with a sharp single to center.

The only other Texas hit came on an infield single by Lee Stevens in the seventh.

"We knew Rivera was coming in so we were playing for two runs in the late innings," said Texas manager Johnny Oates. "I thought Bobby did a good job. After nine innings if you've only given up four runs that ought to be enough to win in the modern game unless you're up against a David Cone. "

Witt said "I wish I hadn't given up the homer to Williams. That was a mistake. A slider up. The ball that Jeter hit I really didn't think would go out."

Oates said "Bobby doesn't look as comfortable as he did earlier in the year, but he didn't pitch that poorly. He gave us a chance to to win."

A single by Charlie Hayes, a double by Wade Boggs and a sacrifice fly by Chad Curtis gave New York its fourth run in the sixth.

Houston falls in 11th

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Rex Hudler had a lot to celebrate when he returned to the Philadelphia Phillies lineup.

Hudler, who was activated from the disabled list Thursday morning, hit a game-tying two-run home run in the eighth inning and drove in the winning run in the bottom of the 11th as the Phillies defeated the Houston Astros 6-5.

"I play with a lot of emotion and with my heart and it's been a tough year for me," Hudler said.

Hudler, who had been on the DL since June 12 after knee surgery, singled with one out in the 11th off Tom Martin (4-3) to score Ricky Otero, who doubled.

"It's just great to come back and contribute, even though I loved my time rehabbing in the minors," Hudler said. He played 12 games with Single-A Clearwater and three with Triple-A Scranton-Wilkes-Barre while rehabilitating his knee.

"I told the kids to persevere," Hudler said. "It was baseball in its purest form."

The National League Central-leading Astros lost their season-high fourth straight game. The Phillies, with the worst record in the majors at 38-74, have won eight of 10.

Philadelphia reliever Billy Brewer (1-2) gained his first win since June 22, 1996 — when he was with the Yankees.

Hudler's game-tying blast came off left-hander Mike Hampton, who had won his last six decisions. Hampton gave up three earned runs in seven innings.

The Astros tied it at 5 in the ninth on pinch-hitter Bill Spiers' single as Phillies closer Ricky Bottalico blew his fifth save in 26 opportunities.

FUNDAMENTALS — The Snyder Tigers were working on the basics and conditioning as fall football drills opened Wednesday. The final practice without full gear is set for 8 a.m. Saturday. The Tigers will be in full pads Monday when the whistle for practice sounds at 3:30 p.m. (SDN Staff Photo)

Tonight in exhibition...

Cowboys face New England

SMITHFIELD, R.I. (AP) — Teams don't use their best players much in early exhibition games. The New England Patriots still see this year's warmups against top clubs as a challenge.

Especially since their regular schedule includes only four games against teams that had losing records last season.

Tonight, the Patriots face the 1996 Super Bowl champion Dallas Cowboys after losing their first exhibition game to the 1997 Super Bowl champion Green Bay Packers.

"I think it's fine," New England coach Pete Carroll said Thursday. "We have an extremely difficult (regular-season) schedule and we need all the competition we can get."

The Cowboys won't be at full strength since running back Emmitt Smith and wide receiver Anthony Miller aren't expected to play and cornerback Deion Sanders is still with the Cincinnati Reds.

Quarterback Troy Aikman should play more than he did in the Cowboys' 34-27 loss to Oakland in their exhibition opener. But he only played two series — ending both with touchdown passes — in that game.

Still, using their new defensive system against successful teams helps, linebacker Chris Slade said.

"We're playing four playoff teams right here in preseason," he said, "so it's going to give us a chance to really test ourselves and see where we are right now."

The Patriots last two exhibition games are against Denver and Philadelphia. Their four opponents had a combined record of 46-18 and each won at least 10 games last season.

But the Patriots were 11-5 and made it to the Super Bowl, where they lost to the Packers 35-21.

"The Patriots are the AFC champions so it's a good chance for us lowly Cowboys to try out our skills," Dallas offensive guard Nate Newton said.

It's also a chance for Barry Switzer to coach his first game since being arrested Monday for carrying a gun at Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport. Two days later, he was fined $75,000 by team owner Jerry Jones.

"We've got two games left before we cut 20 players from the team, so this game will be important," he said.

Carroll, who has had to deal with frequent questions about succeeding Bill Parcells, won't even be the most newsworthy coach in the game. He just wishes it happened a different way.

"In the circumstances," he said, "I don't think anybody's going to say that's nice."

But he could joke about the persistent talk of comparisons between himself and Parcells.

"I'd rather have the attention on the game and the players that have to play the game."

Swoopes in WNBA debut

HOUSTON (AP) — Sheryl Swoopes pleased the crowd but Cynthia Cooper got the Houston Comets their victory.

Just six weeks after having a baby, Swoopes made her WNBA debut for the Comets before 10,001 fans Thursday night. Cooper's 34 points led the way as Houston downed the Phoenix Mercury 74-70.

Swoopes entered the game with 9:20 left in the first half and played tentatively for just over five minutes. The 1996 Olympic gold medalist, who played at Texas Tech, touched the ball only once, nearly committing a turnover, and sat out the second half.

"It was important for us to win because of Sheryl's return," Cooper said. "It was important to get her feet wet and eventually get back into game shape. I feel good about things."

SDN Sports Briefs

Women's Golf Association

The WGA of Snyder Country Club will be hosting a mixed foursome event at 5:30 p.m. today and its Tournament of Champions Saturday and Sunday.

The weekly play day will be at 9 a.m. Tuesday. Format will be a flag tournament.

Switzer charged

FORT WORTH (AP) — Barry Switzer was charged with unlawfully carrying a weapon, but not the more serious felony of having a loaded revolver in his carry-on baggage at an airport, stemming from a Monday incident.

Tarrant County prosecutors charged the Cowboys' coach with the Class A misdemeanor for carrying the handgun without a permit. If convicted, he could face up to a year in jail and a $4,000 fine.

Bam's drug case reviewed

ROCKWALL (AP) — Prosecutors reviewing Bam Morris' drug case have requested an NFL report that he tested positive for alcohol, which could lead them to revoke his probation.

One condition of the Baltimore running back's probation following his guilty plea to marijuana possession was that he avoid alcohol. Rockwall County District Attorney Ray Sumrow said he is subpoenaing the league for test results and will review them in a process that could take at least two weeks.

Skinner ties Buick record

GRAND BLANC, Mich. (AP) — Sonny Skinner comes from a small town in Georgia, loves tomatoes and was in the first grade before he learned his real name was Henry.

"My grandmother didn't want my father to name me Henry," said Skinner. "She said we already had enough Henrys in the family. So she started calling me Sonny, and since I had a good disposition, it just stuck."

And now his name is stuck in Buick Open history.

Skinner's 10-under-par 62 tied the tournament record set two years ago by Jim Furyk at Warwick Hills Country Club. It also sent him into today's second round with a comfortable four-shot lead over Nolan Henke, who shot a 66 in near-perfect summer weather.

Eldrick T. Woods, otherwise known as Tiger, was far back at even-par 72 after opening with a five-bogey round over the 7,105-yard layout, about 60 miles north of Detroit.

Two share LPGA lead

AGAWAM, Mass. (AP) — They took different paths: Chris Johnson keeping a tight rein, Joan Pitcock just relaxing and letting it happen.

But they arrived in the same place Thursday, sharing the lead at 4-under-par 68 after the first round of the LPGA Friendly's Classic.

Johnson, who won a major this season at the McDonald's LPGA Championship, said she tried to keep her game in hand and "below the hole."

She succeeded on the sunny, calm day, with wind barely a factor. She twice strung together three straight birdies, first on holes 2-4 and again on Nos. 12-14.

Pitcock also found the feel in a streak as she picked up three strokes in her last five holes.

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

American League
At A Glance

East Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Baltimore	70	40	.636	-
NewYork	66	46	.589	5
Boston	56	59	.487	16½
Toronto	54	58	.482	17
Detroit	53	59	.473	18
Central Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Cleveland	57	52	.523	-
Milwaukee	55	57	.491	3½
Chicago	54	58	.482	4½
Minnesota	50	63	.442	9
KansasCity	47	64	.423	11
West Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Anaheim	65	49	.570	-
Seattle	64	49	.566	½
Texas	52	61	.460	12½
Oakland	45	71	.388	21

Thursday's Games

Detroit 8, Kansas City 4
Oakland 5, Milwaukee 4, 13 innings
Toronto 4, Cleveland 0
Boston 7, Minnesota 6
N.Y. Yankees 4, Texas 2
Seattle 3, Chicago White Sox 2
Only games scheduled

Friday's Games

Kansas City (Bones 2-3) at Boston (Avery 5-2), 7:05 p.m.
Texas (Sturtze 0-0) at Cleveland (Colon 2-5), 7:05 p.m.
Detroit (Blair 11-4) at Toronto (Williams 6-10), 7:35 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Gooden 5-3) at Minnesota (Hawkins 3-7), 8:05 p.m.
Baltimore (Mussina 12-4) at Anaheim (Springer 7-4), 10:05 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Clemons 0-1) at Seattle (Johnson 15-3), 10:05 p.m.
Only games scheduled

Saturday's Games

Texas (Whiteside 1-1) at Cleveland (Nagy 11-2), 1:05 p.m.
Texas (Bailes 0-0) at Cleveland (Juden 0-0), 7:05 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Baldwin 7-12) at Seattle (Cloude 0-0), 4:05 p.m.
Detroit (Sanders 3-9) at Toronto (Carpenter 0-4), 4:05 p.m.
Kansas City (Rusch 3-8) at Boston (Suppan 5-0), 5:05 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Wells 12-5) at Minnesota (Radke 16-5), 8:05 p.m.
Milwaukee (Mercedes 4-6) at Oakland (Adams 3-5), 9:05 p.m.
Baltimore (Kamieniecki 7-5) at Anaheim (Finley 11-6), 10:05 p.m.

National League
At A Glance

East Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Atlanta	73	43	.629	-
Florida	66	47	.584	5½
NewYork	64	49	.566	7½
Montreal	58	54	.518	13
Philadelphia	38	74	.339	33
Central Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Houston	61	54	.530	-
Pittsburgh	57	58	.496	4
St.Louis	52	62	.456	8½
Cincinnati	48	64	.429	11½
Chicago	46	69	.400	15
West Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
SanFrancisco	64	51	.557	-
LosAngeles	62	52	.544	1½
SanDiego	54	60	.474	9½
Colorado	54	62	.466	10½

Thursday's Games

N.Y. Mets 12, Colorado 4
Philadelphia 6, Houston 5, 11 innings
Pittsburgh 5, Florida 1
Chicago Cubs 6, San Francisco 3
Cincinnati 7, San Diego 0
Atlanta 3, St. Louis 0
Los Angeles 9, Montreal 4

Friday's Games

San Diego (Smith 4-2) at Chicago Cubs (Tapani 2-1), 3:20 p.m.
Los Angeles (Candiotti 7-4) at Cincinnati (Morgan 3-9), 7:35 p.m.
San Francisco (Gardner 11-5) at Montreal (Perez 11-6), 7:35 p.m.
Houston (Reynolds 6-6) at N.Y. Mets (Bohanon 2-1), 7:40 p.m.
Florida (Fernandez 13-8) at Atlanta (Byrd 3-1), 7:40 p.m.
Philadelphia (M.Leiter 7-11) at St. Louis (Osborne 1-4), 8:05 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Lieber 6-11) at Colorado (Wright 5-7), 9:05 p.m.

Saturday's Games

Florida (Hernandez 6-0) at Atlanta (Smoltz 10-9), 1:15 p.m.
San Diego (Ashby 6-8) at Chicago Cubs (Trachsel 5-9), 4:05 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Cooke 8-10) at Colorado (Castillo 8-10), 4:05 p.m.
Los Angeles (Valdes 6-9) at Cincinnati (White 0-0), 7:05 p.m.
Houston (Holt 7-8) at N.Y. Mets (Jones 12-7), 7:10 p.m.
San Francisco (Estes 14-4) at Montreal (Martinez 13-5), 7:35 p.m.
Philadelphia (Green 2-1) at St. Louis (Aybar 0-1), 8:05 p.m.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION

Eastern Conference	W	L	Pct	GB
NewYork	15	5	.750	-
Houston	13	7	.650	2
Charlotte	10	9	.526	4½
Cleveland	11	10	.524	4½
Western Conference				
Phoenix	10	10	.500	-
LosAngeles	10	12	.455	1
Sacramento	6	14	.300	4
Utah	6	14	.300	4

Thursday's Games

Los Angeles 87, Cleveland 84, 2OT
Houston 74, Phoenix 70

Friday's Game

Utah at Sacramento, 9 p.m.

Saturday's Games

Los Angeles at Houston, 2 p.m.
Phoenix at Charlotte, 5 p.m.

Sunday's Game

New York at Sacramento, 9 p.m.

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Hillary doesn't recall making fund-raising calls

WASHINGTON (AP) — Hillary Rodham Clinton has no recollection of making fund-raising calls during the 1996 presidential campaign, even though Democratic Party officials prepared for her a telephone list of 12 prospective donors.

The Democratic National Committee drew up 12 "call sheets" — each with one name — and has given the material to Senate investigators, party spokesman Steve Langdon said Thursday.

"There is no indication in our contributor records that the first lady made any calls," Langdon said, while refusing to release the list given to the Senate Governmental Affairs Committee. White House officials said their records also provide no confirmation of any calls during the presidential campaign.

Fund-raising calls could have been a problem if Mrs. Clinton made them from the White House. Former White House counsel Abner Mikva wrote in a 1995 policy memo, "No fund-raising phone calls or mail may emanate from the White House or any other federal building."

However, that memo was aimed at federal employees, and Mrs. Clinton is not a government worker. In addition, Vice President Al Gore, who admittedly made at least 44 fund-raising calls from his White House office, contends the policy does not apply to the president and vice president.

Mrs. Clinton "doesn't have any recollection of being asked to, or having made, any fund-raising calls," spokeswoman Marsha Berry said. The first lady "certainly was proud" of her fund-raising events during the 1996 campaign, and continues to raise money through the DNC's Women's Leadership Forum, the aide added.

The call sheets were among thousands of documents from the files of former DNC finance director Richard Sullivan that the party turned over last Friday to the Senate committee, which is conducting hearings on campaign fund-raising abuse.

Sullivan was the leadoff witness when the committee opened its first round of hearings three weeks ago. The panel's chairman, Sen. Fred Thompson, R-Tenn., was described Thursday by his spokesman as being angry at the delay in getting his files. Under a subpoena, the documents were to have been turned over to the committee April 30.

Thompson expressed similar anger at the White House last week over the administration's tardy surrender of documents on visits to the White House by an overseas business partner of fund-raiser Yah Lin "Charlie" Trie.

"It really begins go look like an obstruction of our investigation," Paul Clark, a spokesman for Thompson, said of the three-month delay in getting Sullivan's files. "Senator Thompson is going to pursue avidly what caused the delay and what we can expect in the future."

Previous news articles have quoted from a Nov. 28, 1995, memo from then-White House aide Harold Ickes. It said that DNC and Clinton-Gore campaign officials believed it was only possible to raise $1.2 million extra in the final month of that year — and that would be possible if the president made 20 phone calls, Gore made 15 and Mrs. Clinton 10.

Lanny Davis, a White House spokesman, has said previously that the president cannot recall specifically asking for contributions during calls that he made to Democratic supporters.

IRS computer glitch getting blamed for false tax warnings

WASHINGTON (AP) — The IRS says will it apologize to the 90,000 taxpayers who got incorrect notices that they could face penalties for not filing proper tax forms for nannies and other domestic help.

"They were sent out by mistake," IRS spokesman Steve Pyrek said. Officials in three of the agency's 10 service centers — Fresno, Calif., Ogden, Utah and Atlanta — were able to catch the erroneous notices before they were sent, he said.

The notices went to taxpayers who paid their employees' Social Security taxes on a Schedule H of the Form 1040.

They asked taxpayers for a Form 940, the old quarterly form for payment of employees' unemployment taxes. Such taxes for domestic workers are now paid by filing the Schedule H. But the IRS' computer program failed to recognize when people had filed a Schedule H form.

The erroneous notices, which read "Request for your tax return," said, "If you haven't filed this tax return please prepare it and send it to us today. Attach your payment for any tax due. We'll bill you for any interest and penalties."

Pyrek said IRS workers handling taxpayer queries were informed of the error and an apology letter would go out as early as today.

The problem dates back to the 1993 "Nannygate" scandal, when a series of Clinton administration nominees admitted that they failed to pay taxes for their nannies.

After the controversy quieted, Congress decided to simplify tax filing for upper-income families with domestic help.

"It's yet another example of why we need to overhaul the IRS," said Rep. Rob Portman, R-Ohio, who served as co-chairman of an IRS reform commission. "I really think it's a classic example of the computer system working inadequately."

The IRS has come under fire in the past year for failing to manage properly a large computer modernization project — which began in 1986 — that seeks to upgrade its 1960-era computer system. The agency has conceded it essentially wasted $400 million over the last decade trying to modernize computer systems to speed up and improve the accuracy of tax return processing.

The General Accounting Office, the investigative arm of Congress, has said the modernization project has been too loosely coordinated without enough attention to whether new computer systems will be able to work together.

Paltrow will be a guest editor

NEW YORK (AP) — Gwyneth Paltrow's face is no stranger to magazine covers. Come December, her name will be on a masthead.

Paltrow, 24, will become Marie Claire's magazine's first guest editor in chief, Hearst Magazines said Thursday. She will oversee the January issue of the beauty and fashion magazine, due out Dec. 9.

"Gwyneth has some great ideas for the magazine," said Editor in Chief Glenda Bailey, without elaborating on those ideas. A spokeswoman said Paltrow would work on story development, cover design and layout.

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Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

Blood Donors Are Also Urged To Join Bone Marrow Registry

DEAR ABBY: Our community is currently rallying support for a 10-year-old who has cancer. We have orchestrated many blood drives in her honor. However, at the City of Hope hospital in Duarte, Calif., and the Red Cross blood donating centers, we've encountered the same situation: Not one person who has donated blood was ever asked if he or she would like to be put on the bone marrow registry. I had to ask the person drawing my blood several times to be placed on this list. It seemed to be a problem for them.

I want your readers to know that if you donate blood, there are no additional needles to get your bone marrow registered. To get on the registry, you must allow them to draw a little more blood — without any additional needles.

Also, while donating blood, it's important to sign up for the blood platelets donation. People with cancer need platelets desperately.

I think it's inexcusable that people who draw blood from other people don't explain how easy it is to get on the bone marrow registry. It's also inexcusable to me that they don't explain the need for platelets.

There's no better charity than donating blood to hospitals that treat children for cancer. You can even receive a $5 gift certificate, which you can then give to any child currently under the care of the hospital. This allows the child to go to the gift shop and purchase a magazine or cartoon coloring book.

Thank you very much, Abby, for your attention to this matter. Please help spread the word about donating blood and the bone marrow registry.

JIM MULLIGAN,
GLENDALE, CALIF.

DEAR MR. MULLIGAN: Thank *you*, for an important letter. After reading it, I made inquiries about it with both the Red Cross and City of Hope. A media representative from the Red Cross informed me that "donors wishing to be placed on the bone marrow registry must have their blood tested for Human Leukocyte Antigen (HLA) type, and sign a consent form allowing his or her name to be placed on the bone marrow registry. This HLA-type testing is *not* performed on *whole* blood donors, which may have been the reason he (Mr. Mulligan) was not made aware of the bone marrow registry at the time. It is performed, however, on apheresis donors.

"Apheresis, available at most Red Cross blood donor centers, is a special kind of blood donation enabling the collection of platelets. Blood donors who want to learn more about apheresis donation should call 1-800-GIVE-LIFE to find their nearest Red Cross Blood Center. Once their blood is HLA-typed, and their consent is given, they will be registered as potential bone marrow donors."

Charles M. Balch, M.D., the president and chief executive officer of the City of Hope, had this to say: "The policy of City of Hope Donor Center is to ask each blood donor if he or she would also like to register with the National Marrow Donor Program (NMDP). This is done when the donor first arrives, and then again during the medical screening. In addition, the donor registration area contains signage with information on registering with the NMDP.

"However, despite efforts to inform blood donors of the NMDP, oversights can happen. If the individual who contacted you was not asked if he wished to join the NMDP registry, it was an oversight on our part. We are currently in the process of taking steps to ensure that our policy is followed without exception. In addition, we're planning to redesign the donor center canteen/waiting area to create a more effective visual presentation of all our donor programs. As a pioneer of one of the world's largest bone marrow transplantation centers, we support the efforts, and understand the importance of the NMDP."

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Today is the 220th day of 1997 and the 49th day of summer.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1876, Thomas Edison patented the mimeograph.

On this day in 1940, Nazi warplanes began bombing southeastern England.

On this day in 1994, Yitzhak Rabin and Crown Prince Hassan of Jordan opened the first border point between Jordan and Israel.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Nathaniel Palmer (1799-1877), American explorer; Matthew Henson (1866-1955), American explorer; Emiliano Zapata (1877-1919), Mexican leader; Ernest O. Lawrence (1901-1958), physicist; Esther Williams (1923-) swimmer-actress, is 74; Mel Tillis (1932-), singer-songwriter, is 65; Dustin Hoffman (1937-), actor, is 60; Connie Stevens (1938-), singer-actress, is 59; David "The Edge" Evans (1961-), musician, is 36.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1931, Bobby Burke pitched a no-hitter as Washington shut out Boston, 5-0.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "If you'd be loved, be worthy to be loved." — Ovid

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1882, six inches of snow and slush fell at night over Lake Michigan.

SOURCE: 1997 Weather Guide Calendar; Accord Publishing, Ltd.

TODAY'S MOON: Between new moon (Aug. 3) and first quarter (Aug. 11).

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I wonder just how many nurses and doctors want to lease Cogdell Hospital - rather than stay under St. Mary's and Methodist?

Thank You,
Montie Ivison
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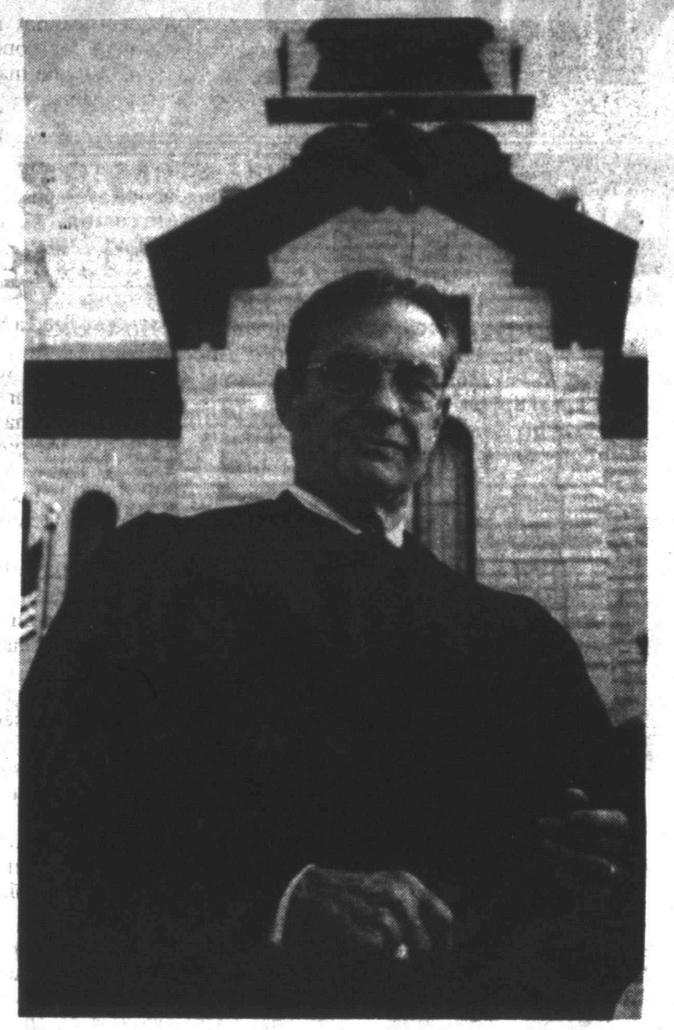
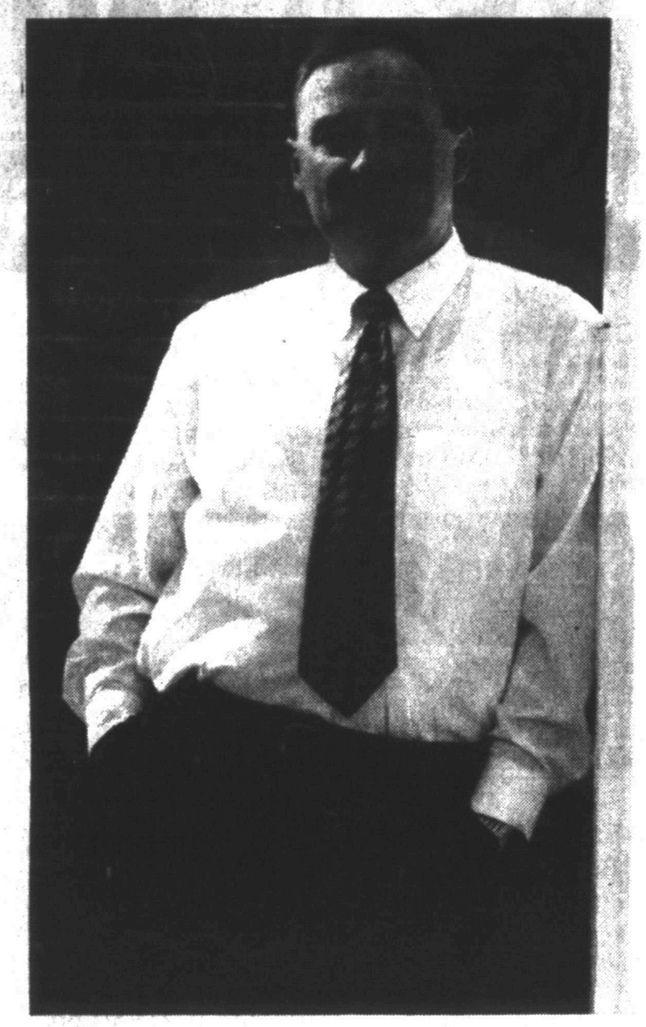


"Community Health Systems has measured up quite well in terms of providing healthcare, enhancing high-tech services and expanding our facility. CHS has lived up to expectations" ... Judge Don Cleveland, Hood County; Granbury, Texas.



"Community Health Systems has invested more than $1.3 million so far in Mimbres Memorial Hospital and they have created a real showpiece. CHS has not only met but exceeded our expectations. They've purchased equipment and started up new services we couldn't offer before. They've cleaned up some of our problems and recruited quality physicians" ... Scott Vinson, County Manager, Deming, New Mexico; Mimbres Memorial Hospital.

"Privatizing our hospital was the best decision our county ever made. Community Health Systems has kept every single one of their promises. I served on the governing board when Edge Regional was a community hospital and I continue to serve since we have privatized. I don't know of anything we have brought to CHS as a board that they haven't endorsed, funded and put into effect": ...Mayor Jimmy Lundsford, Troy, Alabama.

On August 9, the residents of Scurry County will have an opportunity to decide whether they support the lease of Cogdell Memorial Hospital to Community Health Systems. During the last few months, we hope we've provided enough information about CHS, its management philosophy and its commitment to Snyder, Texas, so that you can make an educated decision about Cogdell. Just to summarize, here are some of our promises and pledges to the citizens of Scurry County:

- ☐ **CHS will pay an up front lease payment of $8 million for a 30 year lease of Cogdell Memorial. (Amortized over 30 years, that's about $46 million.) The Commissioners Court will put the money in a county health care fund, and may use the interest to reduce ad valorem taxes.**
- ☐ **CHS commits to an additional $3 million for enhanced services, upgraded technology, building improvements and physician recruitment to expand healthcare in Snyder.**
- ☐ **CHS will focus on the local community and will continue to provide quality care delivered by local healthcare professionals. Services will be expanded and technology will be enhanced.**
- ☐ **CHS has the financial foundation to stand by its commitment to put more money into Cogdell Memorial in order to grow it into a stronger, more full-service hospital so that people in Scurry County don't have to leave town for their acute care.**
- ☐ **CHS will enhance the tax base for Scurry County as it pays local taxes. It is estimated that CHS will pay about $200,000 in annual taxes.**
- ☐ **CHS plans to add services and recruit physicians. Therefore, we expect Cogdell Memorial will need additional staff in the long run.**
- ☐ **CHS values and appreciates the volunteers and auxiliary at Cogdell Memorial and enthusiastically encourages a continued relationship with the hospital.**
- ☐ **CHS will continue to provide medically-necessary healthcare for any and all individuals without regard to their ability to pay.**
- ☐ **CHS will work with a local governing board which has significant power and control. Our relationships with other local boards are excellent because we operate our hospitals at a local level, with local management making local decisions. We absolutely do NOT believe that a hospital can be run from out of town. CHS' benefit to Cogdell and Scurry County is through the economies of scale inherent in belonging to a network of hospitals with combined purchasing power, improved information systems and the opportunity for cross-exchange of expertise and experience.**
- ☐ **CHS believes employee benefits at Cogdell will be similar or improved. Seniority will be maintained. Current salaries will provide the base for future merit increases and the health and retirement benefits are quite attractive.**
- ☐ **CHS specializes in operating non-urban hospitals, and we believe that financially sound hometown hospitals are vital to their communities. It makes good sense to create a healthcare delivery system with updated technology and a wide range of services so that patients don't want or need to travel outside the community. Building a vibrant and strong local healthcare system in Scurry County is CHS' objective. We look forward to the opportunity to create a mutually-beneficial partnership between CHS and the residents of Scurry County.**

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1985 Summerset Buick, gas range, freezer, queen size sofa sleeper & lots of misc. items!

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3009 40th Street
Saturday 8a to 2p
CLOTHES AND LOTS OF MISC. ITEMS!

4 FAMILY GARAGE SALE
411 36th Street
Friday 6-9 pm Saturday 8-noon
VARIETY OF ITEMS: Linens, trampoline, chain saw, bikes, typewriter, weights, jeans, clothes & more. CASH ONLY.

4 FAMILY GARAGE SALE
North on Clairmont Hwy., 5 miles past G&G Grocery, brick house on left
Saturday
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1502 26th Street
Saturday 8:30-1:30
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3758 Avondale
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Girls clothing, luggage, golf shoes, stereo, dishes, blankets, bedspreads & Etc.!

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Friday & Saturday 9-4
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MOVING SALE
1504 Preston Trail (Cedar Creek area)
Saturday 8-?
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Old Lubbock Hwy. (across from Country Club)
Saturday 8-2
Tools, Snap on tool box, & Little of Everything!

GARAGE SALE
4106 Midland Dr.
Friday 2-6 Saturday 7:30-1:00
Antique projectors, pictures, old glass & cookware.

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Saturday 8-1
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GARAGE SALE
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Saturday 8-1
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GARAGE SALE
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010 LEGAL NOTICES

BID NOTICE
Weatern Texas College will be accepting bids on (1) Fairway Mower and (1) portable Multimedia Video Projector until 1:00 p.m., August 20, 1997. Further information concerning the bid may be obtained by contacting the Business Office at Western Texas College, telephone 915-573-8511, Ext. 203.

PUBLIC NOTICE
NOTICE TO BANKING INSTITUTIONS
WITHIN THE CITY OF SNYDER

NOTICE is hereby given that the Governing Body of the City of Snyder, subject to the provisions the Texas Local Government Code Sections 105 and 131 will receive applications from all interested banking institutions within the City of Snyder to serve as prime depository of the City of Snyder and maintain custdy of the funds of the City for a period of one year from October 1, 1997 through September 30, 1998. Any such applications must be mailed or delivered to the City Secretary's office at 1925 24th Street, to be opened publicly at 3:00 p.m., Friday, August 29, 1997. At this time, the contract is scheduled to be awarded by the Council in the September 8, 1997, meeting.

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Lawyers are preparing for Brave New World

By LAURIE ASSEO
Associated Press Writer

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Cloning, the information superhighway and other advances in science and technology will create new legal issues for the next century, and lawyers are being urged to start tackling them now.

"This is a really scary time for us lawyers," Roberta Katz, general counsel for Netscape Communications, told attorneys at the American Bar Association convention.

She and other experts on the law, science and technology — including one of the Scottish scientists who cloned Dolly the sheep — offered a peek at the Brave New World and some of the legal questions it raises:

—If a copyright work is posted on the Internet, is the author owed a royalty every time someone visits that site and reads it? How would that royalty be collected?

—Who will get the patent on new inventions when things are moving so rapidly that people are discovering things almost simultaneously?

—And after all, who would have thought just a few months ago that the United States would need a policy on human cloning?

But after Scottish scientists announced in February they had created a sheep through cloning, President Clinton barred use of federal funds on human cloning. A bill in Congress would make his order permanent.

John Gage, director of Sun Microsystems' science office, said the Internet age is in the same stage of development as the auto age in the 1920s when there were no vehicle codes or traffic courts.

"We've got to build the same legal environment for the Internet in the next few years that we did for cars over 70 years," Gage said.

In addition to copyright issues, he said, long-distance phone companies' legal departments will have to grapple with the fact that the Internet can carry conversations and faxes at much lower cost than long-distance.

"Don't think that what's expensive today will be expensive tomorrow," he said.

Christine M. Grant of Pasteur Merieux Connaught, a Canadian biotechnology research company, said 21st century lawyers will need better science training or in-house experts to stop theft of patented discoveries and to deal with privacy and ownership questions raised by gene research.

"The great gene rush will continue," Grant said.

Keith Campbell, one of the Scottish scientists who cloned Dolly, described the process — including "the Frankenstein bit" in which an electric shock is used to make an egg think it has been fertilized and start to develop.

He said cloning can be used to create stable gene pools to produce pharmaceuticals, genetically modify animals so organs transplanted into humans won't be rejected, and to modify foods — milk, for example — to improve their nutritional quality.

K. Eric Drexler, chairman of the Foresight Institute, spoke of a world in which molecular machines could build objects to certain atomic specifications.

"The world of material things will be very different in the future" and manufacturing costs could drop sharply, Drexler said.

"Do you feel the fear now?" said San Francisco lawyer Raymond L. Ocampo, moderator of the panel.

What might be the downside of such an advance? Drexler was asked. "Everything we value could be destroyed," he said cheerfully, drawing nervous laughter from the audience.

Katz, of Netscape, said the legal world normally moves slowly, but lawyers must be ready to deal with issues raised by rapidly changing technology.

"Don't fear the technology changes, or fear them if you must, but recognize that they're going to happen anyway," she said. "Here's to the future and here's to the lawyers who will help bring it about."

EDITOR'S NOTE — Laurie Asseo covers the Supreme Court and legal issues for The Associated Press.

Dr. Gott by Peter Gott, M.D.

Do power lines increase cancer risk?

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: For years I have read that high-tension power lines are associated with an increased risk of childhood cancer in families who live close to such electromagnetic radiation. Is this true?

DEAR READER: Until recently, I couldn't answer your question with confidence. Several studies, notably one performed in Sweden, had indicated a small but significant risk of childhood leukemia in people who live within 300 yards of high-voltage electrical lines. As you can imagine, these conclusions caused enormous concern among the general population, especially since many people distrust the government and industry authorities who control power lines.

However, an excellent National Cancer Institute study, reported in the July 3, 1997 issue of the New England Journal of Medicine, dispels these concerns.

Using more than 600 children with leukemia and another 600 children without, the researchers meticulously investigated the role of high-tension wires. The results conclusively proved that prolonged exposure to the electromagnetic radiation from power lines was not — repeat NOT — a factor causing childhood leukemia.

In this country, about 2000 children are diagnosed with acute lymphoblastic leukemia each year. Despite remarkable advances in therapy, the mortality rate is still too high. This is a tragedy for the victims and their families. However, it is reassuring to know that the government and the power industry are not to blame.

Surely, we need to know why thousands of children get leukemia; that question awaits further research. For now, we can at least discard one possible cause: If you live near high-voltage power lines, your risk of leukemia and other diseases is not increased.

To give you more information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Viruses and 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 suffer from catarrh. Claritin is no help. Is there a nonprescription drug for this condition?

DEAR READER: Catarrh is an antiquated term for sinus congestion and a runny nose. It is often caused by allergies to pollen, smog and other inhaled substances. In my experience, patients with this condition can often find relief by using nonprescription Chlor-Trimeton, Allerest, Actifed or Benadryl. If these products are ineffective, prescription drugs such as Zyrtec and Hismanal may help. If these fail, consultation with an allergist is the next logical step.

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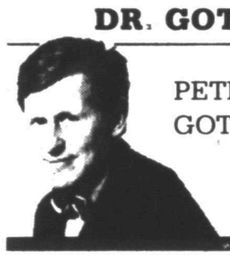

PETER GOTT, M.D.

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CENSUS: 43 (Med., Surg.-13, Long-term Care-30).

Markets

Midday Stocks

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	High	Low	Last	
AMR Corp	108 9-16	106 13-16	106 15-16	— 2 11-16
AT&T	40 9-16	39¾	40⅝	+ ¼
AirTouch	34⅛	33¾	34 7-16	— ¼
Albertsons	36¼	35¾	35 15-16	— ¼
AlldSignal	92¾	91 11-16	91¼	—15-16
Alltel	32¾	32 5-16	32 9-16	— ⅜
AmerOnline	71 5-16	68¾	70	— 1⅛
AmStores	23 15-16	23⅜	23¼	— 1-16
Ameritech	67	66¼	66¼	—13-16
Amoco	95	94⅝	94¾	— ⅜
AndarkPtr	70 5-16	69 1-16	69 1-16	— 1⅜
Armcolnc	5 11-16	5 9-16	5⅝	— 1-16
AtlRichfld s	75 15-16	75¼	75 13-16	— 5-16
ATMOS Egy	24¼	24 1-16	24¼	+ 3-16
Aviall	15 5-16	15¼	15 5-16	+ ¼
BakerHughes	44	43¼	43 9-16	—1 1-16
BellAtl	73¼	73 3-16	73⅜	— 7-16
BellSouth	46 7-16	45 13-16	46 7-16	+ 3-16
BethSteel	12¾	11 13-16	12 3-16	— 3-16
BritPet s	85½	85⅛	85 5-16	— 1¼
BurlNoSFe	95¼	94 13-16	95 1-16	— ⅜
Caterpillar s	60 1-16	58¾	59⅝	—1 5-16
CenSoWst	19⅞	19¾	19 13-16	— ¼
Chevron	77⅞	76¾	77½	— ½
Chrysler	37	36¾	36¾	— ⅜
Coastal	55 5-16	54¾	54¾	— ⅜
CocaCola	65¾	64½	64¾	—1 11-16
ColgatePalm s	71⅛	70¼	71 3-16	—11-16
ComclMetals s	31 9-16	31 7-16	31 7-16	— ¼
Cooperln	57¼	56 9-16	56¾	— ⅜
CyprusAmax	26 9-16	26¼	26 7-16	— ¼
DalySemicn	39 13-16	39 1-16	39⅛	— 9-16
DeltaAirl	90 7-16	89	89	— 1¾
DigitalEq	45 1-16	44 5-16	44½	—13-16
Dillards Inc	39 13-16	39 5-16	39 13-16	+ 1-16
DowChem	94¾	93¾	93 15-16	— ½
DresserInd	41 7-16	40 15-16	40 15-16	— ⅜
DuPont s	68 9-16	67 13-16	67 15-16	—1 1-16
EastmanChem	59 15-16	59⅝	59 7-16	—11-16
EstKodak	67	66½	66 11-16	— 7-16
EDS Corp	37¼	34½	37 3-16	+ 6
Entergy	26 3-16	26	26	— ¼
Exxon s	63¾	62½	62¾	— 1½
FstBksAm	15 15-16	15 15-16	15 15-16	— 1-16
Flowers s	17 11-16	17 1-16	17 5-16	+ 3-16
FordMotor	42 1-16	41 9-16	41⅞	— 7-16
GTE Cp	46 15-16	46 1-16	46 11-16	+ 1-16
GenDynam	85 9-16	85¼	85¼	— ⅜
GenElecs	68½	67 5-16	68 1-16	— 3-16
GenMills	70 1-16	69½	69½	— ⅜
GenMotors	63½	62¾	62 15-16	— 1
GaPacif	94 15-16	94 3-16	94½	— ½
GlobalMar	28 13-16	28 7-16	28 9-16	— 5-16
Goodrich	45 3-16	45	45	— 7-16
Goodyear s	65¾	65	65 1-16	+ 1-16
GtAtlPac	27¼	26¾	26¾	— 7-16
Halliburtn s	46 13-16	46	46 1-16	—15-16
Hanson ADS n	25 11-16	25½	25¾	+ 3-16
HarteHanks	31 11-16	31⅛	31 11-16	+ ⅛
HomeDepot s	49 15-16	49¾	49¾	— ⅜
HoustonInds		21¾	21¾	21¾
IBM s	107⅛	105 5-16	106 9-16	—13-16
IntlPaper	56 11-16	55¾	56 3-16	—13-16
JohnsonJn	60½	59¾	60 1-16	— ⅜
K mart	11⅜	11⅛	11 9-16	— ¼
Kroger s	29¾	29¼	29½	— ¼
Litton	50⅝	49¾	49¾	— ⅜
LockhdMart	105 7-16	104	104½	— ⅞
Lowes Cos	37 11-16	37⅜	37 7-16	— 5-16
Lubys	19⅝	19 5-16	19 5-16	— ¼
LucentTech	87¾	86 9-16	86 13-16	— 1¼
MayDeptStrs	54 7-16	53¾	53¾	— 1
Medtronic	94 15-16	93 9-16	93¾	— 1½
Mobils	74 1-16	73¼	73½	—1 3-16
Monsanto	47⅛	46¾	47	— ⅜
MorganJP	112 7-16	111¾	112 3-16	—1 1-16
Motorola	80 15-16	80	80 7-16	— ⅞
NCR Corp n	34½	33 1-16	34 1-16	—13-16
NationsBk s	67⅞	66½	67	— 1⅜
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Norwest	60¼	60 5-16	60½	— 1
Nynex	56 3-16	55¾	56 1-16	—85-256
OryxEngy	25¼	25 1-16	25 9-16	—13-16
Penney JC	58½	57 7-16	57 7-16	— 1
Pennzoil	76⅞	76¾	76¾	—11-16
PepBoys	33 13-16	33 9-16	33¾	— 3-16
PepsiCo	38 9-16	38	38⅜	— ⅜
PhelpDodge	86 11-16	85¾	86¾	+ 1-16
PhilipPet	48¼	47 15-16	47 15-16	— ½
PilgrmPrd	11 9-16	11¼	11⅜	— 3-16
Polaroid	58	57 11-16	57¾	— 1
Praxair	54 15-16	54 3-16	54⅝	— 7-16
ProctGam	146 7-16	145 9-16	146 1-16	— 9-16
PubSNwMx	18 7-16	18¼	18 5-16	— ¼
RoyalDut s	54 11-16	53 13-16	54½	— 9-16
SBC Comm	58 3-16	57½	57 13-16	— 3-16
SaraLee	43¼	42¾	43¼	— ¼
SearsRoeb	63⅜	62¼	62 13-16	— 1-16
SherwinW s	31 15-16	31¼	31 13-16	+ 1-16
SmthBc ADS	92½	91	92⅝	— 2¼
SouthernCo	21⅜	21 3-16	21⅜	— ¼
SwstAirlines	29⅝	28¾	28⅝	— 7-16
Sprint	47 15-16	47¼	47½	— ¼
SunCo	37½	36¾	37	—11-16
TNP Ent	25 5-16	25 5-16	25 5-16	— ¼
Tandy	63	61 11-16	63	+ ¾
TempleInland	68	11-16	68	68¼
Tenneco	47¼	46 13-16	46 13-16	— ¼
Texaco	115 7-16	114¾	115 3-16	— 7-16
TexasInds	34 7-16	33 13-16	34	— ⅜
TexasInst	126½	124 15-16	125	— 2¾
TexUtil	34 7-16	34	34⅛	— 9-16
Textron s	66¾	66	66¾	— ¼
Travelers s	68½	67¾	68	— ⅜
TrinityInds	39¾	39 9-16	39¾	— ⅜
TritonEngy	39 13-16	39 5-16	39 11-16	— ¼
Tyler	2 7-16	2¼	2¼	— 3-16
US WestCm	37½	37 1-16	37¾	— 5-16
USWstMda	21 13-16	21 7-16	21 7-16	— ½
USX Delhi	12 13-16	12¾	12 13-16	+ 1-16
USX-Marathn	31¼	31¼	31 7-16	— 9-16
USX-USS	36 5-16	35 15-16	36	— 7-16
UnCarbide	56	55¾	55 15-16	+ 1-16
UnPac s	71 11-16	70¾	71⅛	— 5-16
UnitedTech s	84¼	83 13-16	84	— 5-16
Unocal	40¼	39¾	40	— 3-16
WalMart	38	37 5-16	37⅝	— 7-16
WstnGasRs	18	17 13-16	17¾	— ¼
WestghEl	26 5-16	25¾	25 15-16	— 9-16
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Woolworth	28 5-16	27¾	28¼	+ 3-16
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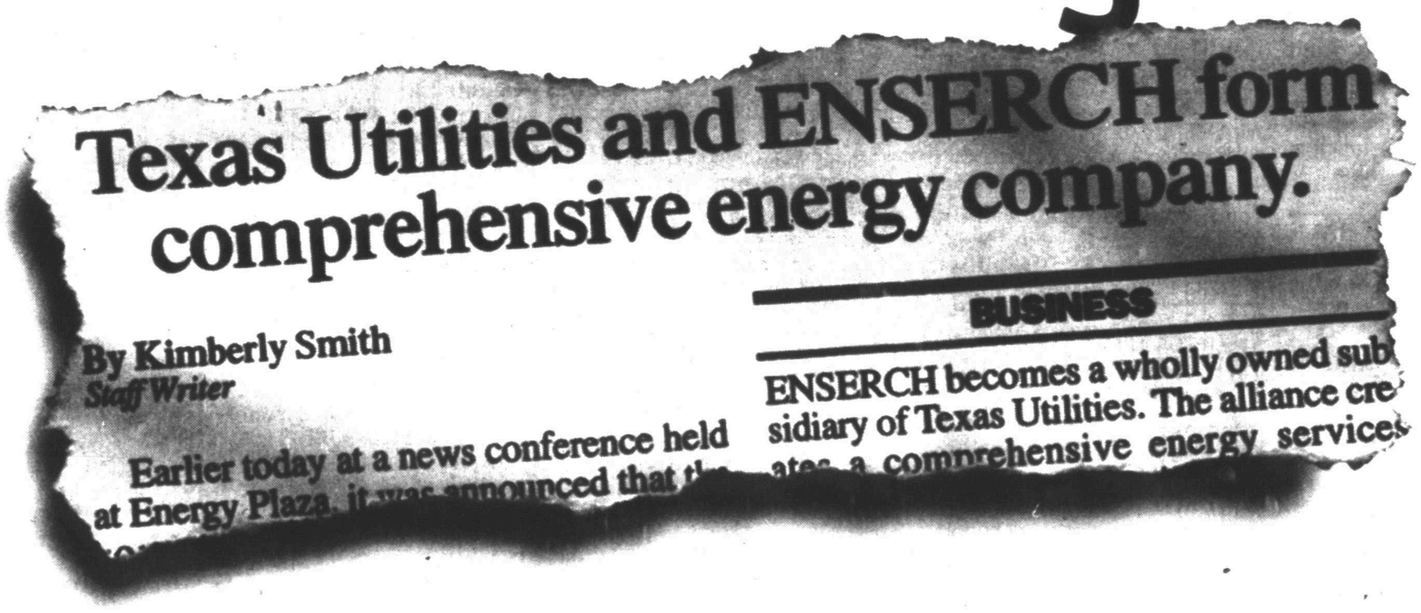
Texas Utilities and ENSERCH form comprehensive energy company.

By Kimberly Smith
Staff Writer

BUSINESS

ENSERCH becomes a wholly owned subsidiary of Texas Utilities. The alliance creates a comprehensive energy services

Earlier today at a news conference held at Energy Plaza, it was announced that the

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Scientists unveil six-month-old cloned calf

DeFOREST, Wis. (AP) — Scientists unveiled a 6-month-old cloned calf Thursday, describing it as a step toward yielding beefier steer and milkier cows as well as new medicines and perhaps transplant organs for people.

The black-and-white Holstein named Gene, which chewed its cud and licked a man's hand as photographers crowded around its pen, was made in a different way than Dolly, the sheep cloned last year by Scottish researchers.

While Dolly was produced from the udder cell of a 6-year-old ewe, Gene's genes originated in a cell from a 30 day-old fetus. Because the bovine genes hadn't developed specific functions the way most adult cells have, they were more amenable to producing an entirely new creature, said Neil First, a professor of animal science at the University of Wisconsin at Madison.

It took at least 150 attempts and an investment of about $15 million since 1987 before ABS Global Inc. scientists successfully cloned Gene, said Marc van't Noordende, the biotechnology company's president and chief executive.

In fact, Gene already has two fellow clones: Gene Two and Gene Three, company officials said.

"We can make an unlimited number of cells, freeze them for any amount of time, then thaw them and make identical animals possessing a desired trait," said Dr. Michael D. Bishop, vice president of research. "Cells from cattle containing unique, favorable traits can be stored indefinitely, essentially preserving them for the future."

Company officials said Gene is a step beyond Dolly, which was the first clone ever made from an adult mammal.

Dolly was a surprise because her genes had already been functioning for years in a mature, specialized cell. They had to be reset in order for Dolly to develop.

"Dolly is cloned from an adult cell," First said. "None of us really thought that would be possible."

But Bishop said that his company had done the Dolly thing too, by impregnating cows with clones made from adult cells.

"We've been able to generate cell lines and initiate pregnancies with them, so we'll see how far they go," Bishop said.

Both animals were produced for essentially the same reason — to improve animal stock and make it possible to make drugs or other valuable biological substances in milk.

In cloning an animal, scientists can also turn it into a living factory by sticking an extra gene into the egg that codes for some desired substance. Then the animal's milk would have the substance in it. It could either be extracted for use or just drunk straight.

"It's a little factory and it's very cheap to maintain," said Jim Robl, a veterinary and animal science professor at the University of Massachusetts-Amherst.

"Certainly the companies that are actively engaged in that area see it as a multibillion industry, and actually there is no question that it is," Robl said.

Jim Gibb, a spokesman for the U.S. Cattlemen's Association based in Denver, said if the technology costs too much or doesn't really improve the quality of the cattle, then the industry is less likely to use it.

"It obviously has a lot of potential," Gibb said. "The bottom line in this technology is what it's going to cost."

Van't Noordende said it would be several years before the first products resulting from the process would be introduced: "It generally takes several generations."

Cloned cattle would be useful in agriculture because they could be genetically manipulated to produce impressive amounts of milk or beef. They also have the potential to be used for organs that humans need for transplants. The genes in an animal could be manipulated so humans won't reject the organ, van't Noordende said.

ABS Global has $65 million in annual sales of bull semen and services such as artificial insemination. The company has customers in 70 countries.

Concert attracts fans to Central Park

NEW YORK (AP) — Garth Brooks had friends from many places as hundreds of thousands turned out for a free concert in Central Park, making the heart of New York City beat country for a few hours.

Fans flew in from Wyoming, hitchhiked from Florida, drove semi-trailer trucks from Kansas and took commuter trains from New Jersey.

"Hello, New York," Brooks — trademark black cowboy hat and all — bellowed after he opened with "Rodeo." Fans sang along as the country singer pounded out his hits, including "Friends in Low Places."

Brooks told the crowd they hit 900,000, and an enthusiastic announcer put the number at 750,000. Police estimated the size of Thursday night's audience at 250,000.

Brooks' show, televised live on HBO, was Central Park's first oversized free concert since the 1993 appearance of Luciano Pavarotti, who drew about 250,000 people. Diana Ross and Simon & Garfunkel have also drawn hordes of fans. Paul Simon's 1991 show was the record-breaker with 600,000, the Parks Department said.

No matter the number, fans had a fever for Brooks.

"We would've crossed the country for Garth," said Bo Williams, who drove 7½ hours with friends from Virginia's Shenandoah Valley. "I don't care if we can see him on stage or not."

Long Islander Billy Joel joined Brooks onstage, playing keyboards and singing along as Brooks ripped out his own "Ain't Goin' Down (Til the Sun Comes Up)."

"At home I've always got you playing, and I'm singing along with you," Brooks told Joel. "So can I sing along with you now?"

Joel crooned out his "New York State of Mind," and returned at the end of the show to sing "You May Be Right," with Brooks.

Even stern-faced city cops mouthed the words when Brooks joined songwriter Don McLean in an almost 10-minute-long rendition of McLean's rock classic "American Pie."

Hundreds camped out overnight to be among the first in when the concert area opened at 10 a.m. Thursday

Flags from Texas, Ireland, Australia, Great Britain — as well as the Confederate South — dotted the audience. "Garth Rocks" proclaimed one banner; another declared the day "Garth-Stock '97."

The crowd sported cowboy hats and cellular phones, calling friends close enough to see but too hard to get to across the packed lawn.

And it was a mellow bunch. Police reported just five arrests, one for assault on an officer and four for disorderly conduct. A crew doused a stage light that caught fire as Brooks left the stage before returning for an encore.

Potato(e) kid gets lessons on family values after five years

TRENTON, N.J. (AP) — William Figueroa was a shy sixth-grader when then-Vice President Dan Quayle urged him to spell potato with an "e" at the end.

The media attention that followed Quayle's gaffe five years ago are long gone. Figueroa returned to live in a poor part of Trenton, learning his own lessons about family values — the centerpiece of Quayle's 1992 campaign.

Now 17, Figueroa is an unmarried father, working for $6.50 an hour. He dropped out of school, in part to steer clear of drugs, then got himself an equivalency degree. He supports his 14-month-old daughter, lives with her mother, and plans for his future.

"There's no such thing as an illegitimate father," he said Thursday. "I will not be a bad father."

Figueroa doesn't really care what Quayle thinks about the turns his life has taken, though he grins when he remembers that day in the classroom.

"I felt bad showing up the vice president," Figueroa said.

Figueroa, then 12, spelled the word right; Quayle, at the school on an anti-drug program, insisted it had an "e" since that's how it was spelled on his flash card. Figueroa hesitated, then changed it — and the nation laughed for months at the Republican vice president.

There were limousine trips to the David Letterman show, a $50-a-day job reporting on the 1992 Republican convention for radio host Don Imus, an invitation to the Democratic convention to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

The celebrity faded, though, and Figueroa went back home to a neighborhood of drugs and violence.

"It was a lot of fun," Figueroa said. "But then everything began to die down in 1993."

A straight-A student, Figueroa had a tough time making the transition to Trenton High School. There were gangs, drugs and he concluded that the teachers didn't care whether students learned. His grades suffered.

"I wasn't going to get anywhere staying in that school," Figueroa said. "So I dropped out" and earned an equivalency degree at a community college.

He also became a father at 16. His 14-month-old daughter, Amanda, lives with Figueroa and his family. Amanda's mother also lives with them.

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Friends of Cogdell Hospital, Carol Davis, Treasurer, Snyder, Texas

Letter to the Editor

Just vote

Dear Editor:

When I arrived in Snyder in March 1952, I was pulling a cotton trailer from Iowa Park with all of our worldly possessions.

There was a parade of elephants lumbering around the brick-paved square — joined trunk to tail. We were in the middle of a blinding dust storm.

With two toddlers in the car, I had come to join my husband who, along with his dad, was founding what was to later become YZ Industries. I believed in "whither thou goest," but — why did God think I deserved this horrible punishment?

Now, forty-five years later, I praise Him for His guidance and direction. This is my home — I am a Snyderite, to the core of my being.

When I hear of all the people who want to discard our government, I am horrified. I am so very proud of Snyder, of Texas, and of the United States, imperfect as they are.

Perhaps growing up during the last of World War II made a difference. Being in the Cadet Nurse Corps gave me a tremendous sense of loyalty to and love of my country. When our flag is raised during football games my pride in my country swells so that I can hardly breathe.

When my retired army colonel husband and I are watching a parade, tears of joy and pride come when our national anthem is played — and even when our high school alma mater, or TCU's anthem is sung. These songs are very precious to me.

My husband and I voted today in the referendum concerning the lease of Cogdell Hospital. I feel very stongly about the stand Bill and I took. But — regardless of the outcome, I will be content.

I don't really enjoy paying high taxes — but, I can't imagine life without the benefits that taxes provide.

These forty-five years have given me many blessings from this tax money — thirty-six years' employment in the school system, years of education for my children and grandchildren and the list goes on.

Last week I was trying to find a cancer patient who needed to go for surgery in Abilene. At 3:30 in the morning, I was driving up and down streets in North Snyder, trying to find what I thought was a non-existent address.

When I called the police dispatcher on my cellular phone, she told me to meet a patrolman at a small grocery store nearby. He led me to the correct house, went up the path with me, and made certain that we were at the correct house.

In 1975 an ex-student, highway patrolman Pat Alexander, stopped me while I was going 88 miles an hour on the Roscoe-Snyder road. I told him that I was just trying out my new T-Bird, but he reminded me that I was truly a menace to other drivers. I was chagrined, but secretly proud that our tax dollars were keeping our highways safe. This is where part of my "abominal" taxes had been spent.

I choose to pay my taxes, even though I may grumble, vote my convictions each election, and abide by the decisions that result.

The Apostle Paul said it so well in Phillipians 4:12 "I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation..." Whichever way the Saturday vote goes, I pray that all of us will respect our system of government and decide to be content with our decision. I pray that Sunday we will all worship in our churches in peace.

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Martha Zeck Schiebel

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Cargo plane crash: 3 dead, 1 missing

MIAMI (AP) — Cars turned to flame and store awnings melted away but patrons and workers in a busy business district were unscathed in a lunch-hour crash of a cargo plane.

Three of the four on board were found dead, and the fourth was missing and presumed dead. Officials said the death toll could have been much worse.

Nearly 70,000 people work in the district on the airport's edge, where the aging DC-8 wobbled and went down sharply Thursday, skidding the length of a football field over 72nd Avenue, which carries 30,000 cars a day.

"The nose of the plane came right through my front door," William Bartomeu, who runs a hobby and collectible shop, told the Sun-Sentinel in Fort Lauderdale. "That was my last customer — a plane that came though my front door!"

At least two people on the ground suffered minor injuries. Panicked workers ran screaming from warehouses and small businesses in the area known as Airport West.

"We were very, very lucky," Metro-Dade Mayor Alex Penelas said. "This could have been a much worse incident for this community."

Among the relieved witnesses was Bruce Fish, the owner of the small business complex where the plane came to rest, the International Airport Center.

"When I first saw it, I thought 20 people, minimum, were killed on the ground," he said. "There's a lot of business out here. This is always very busy."

"You could hear the shuddering of the engines like it was trying to gain power and it couldn't," he said. "The next thing I knew, it hit and I saw a huge fireball. You have to imagine when you see a plane that close. It's really scary."

Investigators sent flight recorders to the Washington headquarters of the National Transportation Safety Board, which is considering mechanical problems, pilot error or shifting cargo as potential causes.

This morning, NTSB spokesman Robert Benzon said the recorders were yielding good information that was still being analyzed.

Investigators had conflicting reports about the jet's load, which may have been too heavy or shifted and made the plane difficult to control, Benzon said.

Korean Air jet pilot was in control at time of accident

AGANA, Guam (AP) — The pilot of the Korean Air jet that crashed in Guam was in control of the plane and the crew sent no panicked messages to the control tower in their final seconds, investigators said today.

A preliminary examination of evidence at the crash site and the plane's data and voice recordings also showed no sign of mechanical failures that could have downed the jet, said George Black, a member of the National Transportation Safety Board.

Black said some sort of error caused the crash, but he refused to assign blame, saying "it's too early to talk about what or who that was."

Investigators, in Guam since Thursday, said they would have to sift through more evidence and receive a full transcript of the "black boxes" to get a better idea of what mistakes were made.

Black dismissed as unlikely an NBC report that the pilot confused two navigational beacons, which could have led him to try to land the plane on the hill thinking it was the runway.

"This is not the sort of mistake you normally make," Black said, adding that even if the pilot had confused the beacons it would not have led to Wednesday's crash.

NBC reported Thursday evening the pilot could have set the airplane's navigation equipment to home in on a navigational beacon 3 miles from Guam International Airport instead of the runway itself.

The Boeing 747 was carrying 254 passengers, including 13 Americans, when it crashed into the dense jungle of this U.S.-governed Pacific island. More than 200 people died.

South Korean officials said there were at least 28 survivors. One of them, 11-year-old Rika Matsuda, her small face bruised and puffy, visited a hill near the wreckage today to lay a bouquet of yellow flowers in memory of her mother, who died in the crash.

Later, Buddhist monks in orange and black robes led a memorial service on the hill. About 50 mourners, mostly relatives, bowed their heads and wept quietly as the monks chanted prayers, rang chimes and burned incense.

The plane's pilot also died in the crash, and NTSB officials were looking into his condition before the flight. A South Korean newspaper reported Thursday that the pilot had clocked too many hours and was fatigued.

"We will be asking the family of the pilot how late he was up before the flight and so on," said Matt Furman, an NTSB official.

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6	Union Community Cntr
7	County Library
8	SISD Ad. Building
9	Ira Community Cntr
10	Towle Park Barn
11	Dunn Community Cntr
12	South Side of Coliseum
13	Hermleigh Community Cntr
14	Northeast Community Cntr
15	North Side of Coliseum

Obituaries

Lewis Helm

1928-1997

Service is set for 10 a.m. Saturday in the Ira First Baptist Church for Lewis "Boodles" Helm of Ira. The Rev. Mark McMillan and the Rev. Steve Long will officiate. Burial will follow in the Ira Cemetery, under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Mr. Helm, 68, died Wednesday, Aug. 6, after a lengthy illness in Lubbock's Methodist Hospital.

Born on Oct. 23, 1928 in Haskell, he married Margie Ruth Gray on April 8, 1949 in Albany. He had lived in Lueders, Stamford, Cross Plains and Baird before moving to Ira in 1953 with his family to work in the Sharon Ridge Field as a pumper. He retired from Newmont Oil Co. as production foreman.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Agnes White.

Survivors include his wife, Margie Helm of Ira; one son and daughter-in-law, Jerry and Pam Helm of Ira; four brothers, Herbert Helm of Roscoe, Milbert Helm of Monahans, Robert Helm of Coahoma and Albert Helm of Childress; one sister, Willie Helm of Coahoma; and one grandson, Jeremy Helm of Ira.

Doris Richardson

1924-1997

ABILENE — Doris M. Richardson, the mother of Jim Richardson of Snyder, died Thursday, Aug. 7, in an Abilene hospital.

A wake for Mrs. Richardson, 73, is set for 7 p.m. today in the Elmwood Funeral Home Chapel. Mass will be said at 10 a.m. Saturday in the Holy Family Catholic Church. Burial will follow in Elmwood Memorial Park.

Born in Texas City, Mrs. Richardson was the widow of Tom E. Richardson.

Survivors also include two daughters, Nancy Kendall of Bridge City and Louise Frazier of Kingwood; and eight grandchildren.

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Reno opens two probes

WASHINGTON (AP) — Attorney General Janet Reno is ordering twin investigations into why a Middle Eastern man charged with plotting a terrorist bombing in New York City was allowed to enter the United States and live here for several months.

Gazi Ibrahim Abu Mezer, 23, was released from U.S. detention in Washington state in February after sneaking across the U.S.-Canadian border. He subsequently filed an asylum claim acknowledging that Israeli authorities once accused him of being a terrorist.

He and Lafi Khalil, 22, both from the West Bank, were arrested and wounded during a July 31 raid at their Brooklyn apartment.

"What I have done in response to that whole chronology is, first of all, ask for a complete report on it so I understand just what was done," Reno said Thursday. "The inspector general is also reviewing the process."

Reno said she's also asked the FBI and the Immigration and Naturalization Service to looked at their procedures to see if anything should be done to improve the exchange of information between the two agencies.

Quiet day for officers

Thursday was a relatively quiet day for law enforcement agencies as no arrests were made.

However, offficers were called to the Scurry County Clerk's office at 8:58 a.m. in reference to a person causing a disturbance. A test run on sample ballots was being conducted and the person caused a disturbance by interfering with the employees by hollering and screaming, according to police reports. The person was asked to leave the courthouse and did so without causing any additional problems.

A person requested to speak to a deputy at 7:24 p.m. at a residence in the 900 block of North Avenue N in reference to a trailer being stolen. She was to get more information on the trailer and then file a report.

Officers responded to a possible prowler at 1:02 a.m. today in the 3300 block of Gary Brewer Road. A person said his doorbell had been ringing for some 45 minutes but no one was at the door. While the officer was at the location, the door bell started ringing and it was determined the residence had a faulty door bell.

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August 9th

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What's Up?

Blood pressure clinic

Interim Healthcare is sponsoring a free blood pressure clinic from 2-4 p.m. Saturday at Eckerd Drug.

Bible study videos

Another series of Bible study video tapes is airing on Channel 2. The second tape, "A Mother's Gift to Her Children," will air at 7 p.m. Monday.

Health clinic hours extended

Scurry County Health Unit/Wic will hold an extended clinic for immunizations Tuesday. Hours will be 8:30-11:30 a.m. and 2-7 p.m. A breastfeeding support class will be held at 6 p.m. the same day. All interested persons may attend.

DL office to be closed

The Department of Public Safety driver's license office at the Law Enforcement Center will be closed Aug. 21-27.

Boys & Girls Club

The Boys & Girls Club board will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the club building, 1500 28th Street.

End of summer dance

Junior varsity cheerleaders will sponsor an End of Summer Slam at the high school student center from 9 p.m. to midnight next Friday. Admission will be $2 per person. Ninth graders and above are welcome. DJ will be Corey Knipe.

Union Methodist Church concert

Three Hearts of Lubbock will present a Christian music concert at 6 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 24, at Union United Methodist Church. There is no charge, but a love offering will be taken. Fellowship will follow and desserts will be available.

The Three Hearts — Tanya Crump, Sue Key and Teena Beadles — will sing a mix of old hymns and more contemporary music.

School supplies

There are a limited number of school supplies left for Stanfield kindergarten through second graders and Central third graders. To purchase the Stanfield supplies, call 573-4261; to purchase the Central supplies, call 573-2159.

Junior High registration

Registration for new 7th and 8th graders continues daily at the junior high school. Students and their parents need to bring a birth certificate, Social Security card and report card from their former school. Students enrolled in SISD last spring are already registered and do not need to re-register.

Church building fund

Garage sale items are being accepted by the Lighthouse Assembly of God for their church building fund. Call 573-5124 for more information.

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.

Canyon Community reunion

The Canyon Community reunion will be held Sept. 20 at the Ira Community Center. For more information, call 573-3825 or 573-3093.

Cash Five

AUSTIN (AP) — Results of the Cash 5 drawing Thursday night:
Winning numbers drawn: 1-8-11-28-36.
Number matching five of five: four.
Prize per winner: $33,511.
Winning ticket(s) sold in: Houston (2), Pampa, Mesquite.
Matching four of five: 389. Prize: $517.
Matching three of five: 12,743. Prize: $26.
Next Cash 5 drawing: Friday night.

Pick 3

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Thursday by the Texas Lottery, in order:
2-8-3
(two, eight, three)

Davis' attorney says he did not authorize letters' release

BARKSDALE AIR FORCE BASE, La. (AP) — An attorney for a female Air Force lieutenant says he did not give permission for the military to release letters written by his client to his lover's wife.

Attorney Louis P. Font said Thursday the military would have needed a written authorization by First Lt. Crista Davis before releasing the correspondence, which includes details surrounding an affair Davis had last year with Maj. Greg Russell.

The letters, which are explicit, were used against Davis in charges that she conducted herself in a manner unbecoming of an officer.

An administrative hearing to discuss the charges was held Monday in the Barksdale office of Lt. Gen. Phillip Ford, commander of the 8th Air Force. Ford hasn't determined what punishments will be imposed against Davis.

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